

TONIGHT'S ATTRACTIONS.

Watch night service in Portland Methodist church, 11 o'clock.
Trinity at 10.45. The congregation of Queen Square and Carmarthen will unite with Centenary. Collection for the P. O. asylum.
Time watch night meeting in Exmouth street Methodist at 10.30. Offering for supernumerary ministers' fund.
Carleton Methodist at 11.15.
Zion church at 10.30. Rev. Dr. Wilson will speak on A Review of 1904, with a glance at the future.
Dailey stock company at the Opera House in Tess of D'Urbervilles.

Local News.

The Times will be issued as usual on Monday.

Registrar Jones reports four marriages for the past week, also fifteen births, 11 boys, 4 girls.

Tickets are selling rapidly for the grand concert Tuesday evening, Jan. 17, in St. John Presbyterian church. See adv. for prices.

The arrest book at the central police station showed a clean sheet today, and there was only one case before the magistrate.

The Carleton Cornet Band will play on the band stand, Carleton, at the close of the old year. Members of the band will please attend W. J. Irons Mgr.

The Canadian Oil Company's large delivery wagon upset at the corner of Kind and Charlotte streets, this morning, about 11.30. Beyond the loss of oil no damage was done.

Gilmour's Annual sale of fine made ready-to-wear overcoats, etc., announced today, will be interesting news to thrifty buyers and no doubt prove as successful as in former seasons.

Work on the new ferry steamer is progressing rapidly. About forty men are now employed and the work of preparing the deals for use on the deck, and wheel houses is now being done.

The Atlantic express is over five hours late this afternoon. The delay is due to detention of the western connections at Montreal. The Boston express was also about one hour behind time.

At the meeting of Court Log Cabin I. O. F., last evening it was decided to withdraw from the central committee. A committee was appointed to consider the question of celebrating the anniversary of the court on Feb 12th.

A. C. M. Lawson, the well known temperance worker, will address the Gospel Temperance meeting in Union Hall on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The address will be specially for young men. J. King Kelley will preside, and a large attendance hoped for. All are welcome.

One of the most taking calendars of the season is that issued by the popular south end druggist, P. J. Donohoe. It has a fine full tone portrait of Mr. Donohoe's dog "Soop," standing in an eager attitude, evidently eying his master while the photographer did the work. A pretty fringe of autumn leaves surrounds the picture.

John A. Dougan and Willard Slipp of Hampstead, are in the city today. They drove down the river yesterday to Gondola Point. Mr. Dougan told a Times man that there is now excellent sleighing at Hampstead. Duncan Slipp of that place is getting out a considerable quantity of cordwood for the St. John market. George Rathburn is engaged in lumbering.

Much interest is being manifested in the police sports. The men are putting in some good training, and it is expected that this season's sports will be far ahead of those of last year. Tickets are selling rapidly, and as the number is limited, all who intend taking in the sports should secure them as early as possible.

The regular monthly meeting of the Natural History Society of New Brunswick will be held on Tuesday evening January 3rd. Papers will be read by A. Gordon Leavitt on "Birds that Hunt and are Hunted"; by Dr. G. U. Hay on "Additions to the list of New Brunswick Plants"; also a paper from Prof. W. F. Ganong on "A Curious Forest Fire Phenomenon near Neguac Northumberland Co. There will be a meeting of council at 7.30 p. m.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of Miss Jane McGarrigle, took place at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon, from the residence of T. D. Downey, 97 Brussels street, to the Cathedral, where services were conducted by Rev. Father Holland. Interment was in the old Catholic cemetery.
The funeral of James Murphy, took place this morning at 9 o'clock from his late residence Queen street, to St. John Baptist church, where high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Father Cleaman. V. G. Interment was in the old Catholic cemetery.
The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth O'Mahoney, took place this morning at 9 o'clock from the residence of her niece, Miss Moriarty, 65 Douglas avenue, to St. Peter's church, where solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated. Rev. Father Scully being the celebrant. Rev. Father Rozman, the deacon, and Rev. Father Maloney the sub-deacon. There were no pall bearers. Interment was made in the old Catholic cemetery.

HE LIKES CANADA.

N. Sorenson, a native of Walberg, Denmark, is registered at the Grand Union and will sail for his old home on the Ionian, which sails tomorrow. Sorenson, in conversation with a Times reporter said that this is his first trip home in nine years. On coming to Canada he worked for some years for the C. P. R. and was three years ago transferred to Winnipeg, where he has been engaged as fireman for that company. He says he is perfectly satisfied with this country and has accumulated enough to the where-withal to visit his parents in their old home, and give them a surprise, as they do not expect him. He will return to Canada in the course of a few months.

YESTERDAY'S FIRE.

M. V. Paddock's Valuable Library Almost Completely Destroyed.

The houses of Messrs. Paddock, Munro and Fairweather presented an uninviting appearance this morning. Owing to the cold weather the large quantities of water poured into the premises froze everything solid, and the ceilings were hung with innumerable icicles.
The fire seems to have done the most damage in the front and upper portions of Mr. Paddock's house, and on the top floor of the Fairweather building. The library in Mr. Paddock's residence is almost completely destroyed. The 600 or 700 volumes which comprised the greater part of his scientific and general library are a total loss. Those which were saved were so scorched and water-soaked as to be almost useless.
The furniture of Jas. Munro was pretty well covered by the Salvage corps and the loss will be confined mainly to what was broken or damaged by water. In the Fairweather house the conditions are much the same.

The buildings are in such a condition that it is improbable that they can be put in habitable shape again until the spring.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Some of the Attractions For the Holiday on Monday.

On Monday business will be suspended by the majority of the business houses of the city, and the day will be generally observed as a public holiday.

At the Opera House the Dailey Company will present "In Old Kentucky," a southern play that has been seen here before and which should draw good houses both afternoon and evening.

Manager Hyde will present an entirely new company of vaudeville artists and no doubt will be greeted with large audiences at both the matinee and evening performances.

In the rinks, good skating may be expected as owing to the cold weather of the past few days the ice will be in splendid condition. At the Queens rink, the Artillery band will furnish a programme of music both afternoon and evening, and at the Victoria, the Vic's own band will officiate.

The curlers of the St. Andrews, Thistles and Carleton clubs will "goop her up," as in all three rinks the ice is in excellent shape. Many will probably take advantage of the good sleighing to enjoy a drive on the roads and about the city, and the usual number of New Year's calls will be made, and good cheer partaken.

In St. Andrews church the pastor Rev. David Lang will preach a New Year's sermon in the morning, and in the evening, Rev. Prof. Fraser will conduct the services.

OBITUARY.

Isaac Arseneau.

Isaac Arseneau, one of the oldest residents of the parish of Balmoral, Restigouche county, died at his home at a late hour last night, at the age of seventy four years. Mr. Arseneau, was among the first to open a tract of country that is now in a flourishing parish of 150 families. He is survived by a widow, several sons and daughters, and a large circle of relatives. His son, Warden Arseneau, of Restigouche county, and his daughter, Mrs. William Dorely, of Woodstock (N. B.) were present at his death.

John Ultican.

John Ultican, of Jacquet River, died in Montreal of appendicitis and his body was interred at Jacquet River on Thursday morning. The deceased was a son of Patrick Ultican, a prominent merchant and farmer of Belledune. He leaves a widow, daughter of John Culligan, a prominent lumber merchant, one child, three sisters, a brother, father and mother. He was a popular and industrious young man and general sympathy is felt for the bereaved family.

Mrs. James Sullivan.

The death of Mrs. James Sullivan occurred at her residence, 83 Marsh road, last night. Her husband, three sons and three daughters survive. Mrs. Sullivan has been ill for a long time, and her death was not unexpected. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

THE DAILEY'S OFFERINGS.

A souvenir matinee performance of Tess of D'Urbervilles was given this afternoon in the Opera House by the Dailey company. It is an artistic and finished production, and serves to bring out in a proper manner the inherent talent of the leading lady, Miss Helen Ray. The final performance will be presented this evening.
On Monday afternoon the Daileys will give Charles T. Dazey's story of southern life. In Old Kentucky, with its racing scene and scenic effects. This play has an aroma of Dixie Land about its make-up that leaves a lasting impression on one's mind.

It certainly has a strong hold on the American public, as it is the only play written by an American author which has played ten consecutive seasons, and at advanced prices.
The full strength of the company will be seen in this play. Miss Ray will play Madge, the girl who rides the winning horse. Miss Carr also is happily cast, and Miss Hartley and Miss Blissett will be seen in congenial roles. George Robinson will be Zeb, the old negro dandy, and Homer Mullaney will be the colonel. Mr. Barrington and the others have good allocations.

THE FISHERY LOTS.

The fishery commission met this morning and considered the question of the appointment of an auctioneer to conduct the sale of the fisheries on the eastern side of the bay, river and harbor of St. John, and of the fisheries on the western side of the harbor. The session was a short one, and T. T. Lantulum, who was appointed auctioneer, will sell the fishing rights at public auction on Tuesday, January 3rd, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon in the court house.

CANON RICHARDSON ON POVERTY IN ST. JOHN.

The Rector of Trinity Talks Interestingly of Many Pitiful Cases of Which the Public Seldom Hears--Remarkable Instance of Civic Greed.

There has been a good deal of poverty in St. John during the past year," said Rev. Canon Richardson to a Times' reporter last night.
"We had some very cold weather last winter, and the advanced price of coal undoubtedly added to the sufferings of the poorer classes. Provisions, too, are higher than in past years and the price is advancing all the time. Take, for instance, flour, butter, eggs, and meat.

"We have had a great many calls for assistance, not only from our own people, but from a number who have come here from the other side of the Atlantic; most of whom were good respectable people, and willing to work. The great difficulty is to obtain employment; you know that outside of the steamers there is very little employment for unskilled labor in St. John. Take for instance, the city corporation, the work is pretty well shut down during the winter and except after a snowstorm the men are idle the greater part of their time. Even those who obtain a trade find it difficult to obtain work. Among the strangers who have asked me for assistance I have met a number of iron moulders--mostly Englishmen--who tell me they could not find employment in any of the city foundries.

"Nobody can work on the steamers who is not a member of the union, and a great many cannot afford to pay the fee. Another difficulty is the tax bill. I remember quite distinctly a case that came under my notice shortly after my arrival here. A man called on me one day, and asked me if I could help him.

"Are you not employed?" I asked.
"Yes, I work for the corporation sometimes."

"Well," I said, "You should get enough from that to support yourself."

"How much do you think I made last month?" he asked.

"Oh, I don't know," I replied.

"Five dollars and sixty cents, and I worked every day after my arrival here. A man called on me one day, and asked me if I could help him."

"That man told me," said Canon Richardson, "that when he went to the office to draw his pay, he was presented with a receipted tax bill for \$5.10 and fifty cents in cash. They had really taken advantage of the poor wretch, to get his taxes out of him in that way."

ST. JOHN TEACHERS

Present an Address to John Montgomery of Carleton.

At three o'clock this afternoon a committee from the St. John Teachers' Association consisting of Frank Owens, Miss Clara Fullerton, and W. M. McLean, waited upon John Montgomery, the venerable late principal of Albert school, Carleton, and presented him with the following addresses:--

John Montgomery, Esq., Late Principal of "Albert" School.

Dear Sir.--The officers and members of the Saint John Teachers' Association have heard with much regret, that, owing to illness, you have resigned the principalship of the Albert school, which position you have held since the inception of the present school system, and thus have severed your connection with the teaching staff of the city.

You have been associated with the educational interests of this city for the last forty-three years, and during that time you have always occupied a prominent place among those to whom the education of the youth has been entrusted, and many owe their prosperity in after-life to the training and instruction received by them while under your charge.

Nor did your earnest desire for your pupils' progress cease with their school-life, but there was always displayed in after years the same kindly interest in their welfare that characterized your work in the school-room.

Your long experience and ripe judgment qualified you to give valuable advice and encouragement to your fellow teachers, and these were always freely and candidly given. Our institutes and other meetings, in which you always took a prominent part, enabled us to become better acquainted with you, and appreciate your ability as a teacher and your sterling worth as a man.

We sincerely hope that you will soon recover from your present illness, and that you may be spared many years to enjoy that rest, which your long and faithful services in the school-room has merited.

At Chubb's corner today, Auctioneer Lantulum sold at auction two lots on the Strait Shore, north end, for taxes. They belonged to the late William Hazen estate. No. 1 lot was sold to J. King Kelly, for \$125; No. 2 lot sold to Patrick McGoldrick, for \$320.

The leasehold property situated at 668 Main street, corner Long wharf, owned by Miss Harris, was sold to James Kelley for \$2,500.

Mrs. F. H. Lingley and Mrs. W. Allan Black have returned from a visit to Moncton.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard M. Mitchell left today for Kentville to spend a week.

Rev. S. H. Rice, of Vernon River Bridge (P. E. I.), has been forced temporarily to give up his work on account of ill-health.

Mrs. and Miss Fahut of Calgary are at the Victoria. They will sail by the Ionian for England.

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"You know, too, that unskilled laborers are always poor! Take a man who has a wife and a couple of children to support. His wages I think, are not more than a dollar and a quarter a day. Suppose that he lives only in a couple of rooms, you will find that by the time he pays his rent, buys his provisions, coal and oil, to say nothing of clothing--he can hardly make ends meet, and is living absolutely from hand to mouth."

Women, as a general rule, stand a better chance than men, for they find employment in the way of house work. Then, there are many old people seeking assistance. Most of them, however, live with families and are not in desperate straits. We have had children come to us for help, but not very often.

"While it is quite true that we have comparatively few cases of poverty that are really desperate, it is equally true, that there are many requiring assistance."

"I don't think that drunkenness is always the cause of poverty, but I do believe that poverty is very often the cause of drunkenness. The home surroundings of many a laboring man is not such as to encourage him to stay home at night; and he resorts to the tavern, not so much on account of the drink, but because it is a place where he can meet his friends, smoke his pipe and pass an evening in a social way. It is the social atmosphere of the tavern that attracts a great many men, and drink is only a secondary consideration."

In my opinion the coffee tavern system would work admirably in St. John; and there is little doubt that if they were nicely fitted up and made attractive they would be well patronized.

I am strongly in favor of the government controlling the sale of liquor, as it does in some parts of the old country. Under this system, the lessee is obliged to sell tea, coffee, cocoa, and other soft drinks besides eatables, as well as liquor. On the former he is allowed a profit, but as he gains nothing in a financial way from the sale of liquor, he will quite naturally influence his customers to use temperate drinks. The coffee tavern has done a good work in England and I believe that such places would be very beneficial to St. John."

WESTERN UNION.

Will Tell the Provinces the Exact Time this Evening.

The Western Union Telegraph Company will at six o'clock this evening send out over their lines in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and through the cable to P. E. Island, a time signal giving the exact time. The clock in the government observatory here will be connected by wire direct to the western union office and the signal will go out from thence over all the wires. This will enable caretakers of public clocks, watch-towers throughout the maritime provinces to have the exact time so that the precise moment of the birth of the new year may be known.

THE CIVIC BOARDS.

The first week in the new year promises to be an interesting one in civic circles. On Tuesday the board of works meets, on Wednesday the water and sewerage, on Thursday the safety board, and on Friday the treasury board. General business will be considered. On next Monday week the monthly meeting of the common council will be held, and the matters discussed by the various committees dealt with.

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PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Hon. L. J. Tweedie went to Moncton last evening.

Miss Margaret Powers left last evening for Hartford (Conn.) to study nursing.

Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Prosser will leave for a week's holidays at Mr. Prosser's home in Kemptville (N. S.), on Monday morning, returning next Saturday.

Harrison Kinnear has returned to Sydney. Mrs. Kinnear will remain until next week.

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After one of the best year's business we ever had. Next Tuesday, January 3rd, 1905, we begin our regular

January Sale of Winter Overcoats, Suits and Trousers.

MEN'S OVERCOATS,

Medium length and long; regular prices \$10.00 to \$18.00. Reduced to \$6.90, \$8.90, \$10, \$12, etc. Do not compare these overcoats with ordinary ready-made, but with custom made. They are well tailored, sewn with silk thread, silk velvet collar, well lined, and the "insides" are the same as good custom made. All sizes from 35 to 44.

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As small as 34 and as large as 44, but not in every size. Regular prices \$10 to \$15; Reduced to \$3.95, \$5, \$7.50.

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(Same size waist and breast) from 36 to 44. Regular prices \$10 to \$16. Reduced to \$4.90 and \$7.50.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., DEC. 31, 1904.

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