

TONIGHT'S ATTRACTIONS.

Meeting of 5000 African veterans at 8 o'clock.  
Carnegie entertainment at St. James Sab-  
bath school.  
Lobby Stock Company at the Opera  
House at 8 o'clock.  
Vaudeville at Y.M.C.A. Theatre.  
Senior Hockey League match at Queen's  
rink, Monahan vs Neptunes.

Local News.

The regular monthly meeting of the King's Daughter's Guild will be held this afternoon.

Battle line steamship *Deetria* from Java for Delaware Breakwater, put into Bermuda last Wednesday for coal.

There will be a meeting of the South African veterans tonight at Breese's corner. A large attendance is requested.

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Stephen's church auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign missionary society will be held in the Ladies' room, this evening at 8 o'clock.

The lady curlers of the Thistle Curling Club played a scratch match this morning. The ladies are rapidly getting into shape and some interesting matches will probably be arranged in the near future.

Sisters, bring your brothers, or somebody else's brother. Boys, bring your mothers, fathers, grandfathers, grandmothers. Tell everybody about the concert on Jan. 17th in Saint John Presbyterian church.

The yacht *Astoria*, owned by W.B. Gammon, was sold at auction on Wednesday by Sheriff Sterling to satisfy a judgment held by a St. Stephen man and was bid in by Mr. Joseph McPeake for \$19.—Fredericton Herald.

The Times has received handsome calendars from the Keystone Fire Insurance Co. A. Gordon Leavitt secretary, and from the Northern Life Assurance Co., of London, Ont., F. S. Bonnell district manager at St. John.

The Star last evening published an account of the marriages for the past year. The Star stated that 403 marriages had taken place, the least in many years. He was not correct as the number was 430, the most that Register Jones has ever recorded.

W. A. Cowan, the former manager of the Singer Sewing Machine Co., in St. John, has been appointed, general supervisor for New Brunswick. W. McDonald of Fredericton will be Mr. Cowan's successor in this city. G. Williams has been appointed assistant manager.

Michael McCollum, Union street, was reported for keeping a beer shop, which is partitioned off from his liquor shop, open after prohibited hours. He appeared in court yesterday afternoon, and as he agreed hereafter to comply with the regulations, the case was dismissed.

Robert Aiken, who has been in the Aroostook woods superintending his lumbering operations for some time past, returned to Fredericton on Monday. He says the season has been favorable so far and his crews have made good progress. When he started for home there was about thirteen inches of snow in the woods.

THE COUNTRY MARKET.

There was a good supply of produce in the country market this morning. Poultry of all kinds can be obtained at reasonable prices. There is a good stock of beef from the west and from the Maritime provinces. The prices this morning are quoted as follows: Turkeys, 22 to 24 cents a lb.; ducks, \$1.50 to \$2 a pr.; chickens, 50c to \$1.50; fowl, 50c to 75c; geese, \$1.40 to \$1.75 each; black ducks, \$1.85 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, 15c 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, 3c. lb.; celery 12c.; lettuce, 6c.; parsley, 5c.; tomatoes, 30c. lb.; cucumbers, 20c. each; mushrooms, 48c. can.

Butter in tubs, 18c.; to 20c.; roll do. 20c. to 23c.; case eggs, 20c. to 23; henry do., 35c.

WINTER PORT NOTES.

Donaldson line steamer *Alcides* which arrived in port yesterday is in command of Captain Fraser. Captain Horsburgh has been given the command of steamship *Orthea* now trading between Baltimore and Glasgow.

Royal mail steamship *Sicilian* arrived at Monville last Tuesday from this port for Liverpool.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of Dr. Jacob D. White, took place this afternoon, from his residence King street, west end. Rev. H. D. Marr, and W. H. Sampson officiated. Interment was at Cedar Hill. There were no pall-bearers.

THE ART ASSOCIATION.

The ladies of the Art Association are busily preparing for a social reunion of members to be held in the new studio, McLaughlin Building, 100 Union street. A paper on Art read at 4.30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

The first of the series of Art papers which proved so instructive and interesting last winter will be repeated on Monday, the 9th inst. at 4 o'clock by Miss M. Barry Smith—Subject, The Beginning of Art. Members are privileged to invite friends.

CHIEF MAKES SOME CHANGES.

New Appointments to Fire Department Announced --- A Change of Drivers.

Chief Kerr has recommended the following alterations in the staff of the fire department.  
Geo. T. Hay, to No. 1. Co. in place of W. G. Kee, resigned; E. Palmer to No. 2. in place of John Shaw resigned; A. L. Winchester to No. 3. in place of N. McLaughlin, resigned; W. Walker to No. 3. in place of Jas. Lutz, resigned; S. Speight to No. 5. in place of Thomas Agler, resigned.

He recommended that Robert H. Rubins be dismissed and W. H. Bradshaw appointed.

To No. 1. H. & L., E. D. Ring in place of R. Nichol, resigned, and W. Grantin place of T. O'Leary, resigned. H. B. Alward, driver of No. 3. hose wagon to be driver of No. 1. and John B. Day of No. 1. to No. 3. Mayor John A. Lindsay of Woodstock, is seeking re-election and is opposed by Coun. A. E. Jones.

Y. M. C. A. ATHLETICS.

Very Interesting Competition To Begin Next Week.

The Junior gymnasium class of the Y. M. C. A. have an interesting athletic contest commencing next Thursday afternoon. The class is divided into three teams, each having a distinguishing color, such as red, yellow and blue. Each Thursday afternoon two events will be run off, one team and one individual. The winner of the team event counts 25 points for the team, the second place counting 10. In the individual events such as running, jumping, etc., every boy's score counts for his team. In a prominent place in the gymnasium are the banners of each team which indicate their standing, the one with the highest score being on top.

JUNIOR ATHLETIC TEAMS.

BLUES—J. Carritte, N. Bensinger, F. Smith. (Captains.)  
H. Rowley, R. Raymond, R. Doherty, E. Whittaker, L. Whittaker, R. Hawker, A. Farren, C. Nobles, C. Teed, T. Gorman, C. Peters, F. Dick, K. Davis, C. Burton, G. Smith, R. Driscoll, H. Everett, A. Kerr, H. Humphrey.

YELLOWS—R. McLaughlin, H. Lawton, G. Golding. (Captains.)  
D. Saddler, H. McLean, F. Boyer, J. Morrison, J. Steele, P. Simms, C. Burnett, H. McHugh, W. McIntyre, P. Short, G. deForest, D. Cameron, J. Brickle, M. Beaman, C. Dean, R. Machum, J. Humphrey, H. Caldwell, F. Dick.

REDS—F. deForest, B. Miller, D. Skinner. (Captains.)  
C. Climo, C. Short, C. Cudlip, R. Gilmour, G. Melrose, F. McAvity, R. Simms, R. Haley, R. Melrose, J. Bates, Fred Smythe, S. Collins, A. Gantner, C. Armstrong, W. Belyea, A. Finn, P. McAvity, G. Scovil, R. Foster.

LIST OF EVENTS.

Jan. 12. Battle Ball 50 Yard run.  
Jan. 19. Relay Race Standing long jp.  
Jan. 26. Club Hustle..... Squat.  
Feb. 2. Baseball.  
Feb. 9. Tug o' War Back Jump.  
Feb. 16. Obstacle Race..... Fence Vault.  
Feb. 23. Club Race Running High Jump.  
Mar. 2. Ball Hustle..... 100 Yard Run.  
March 9. Basket Ball.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

That well known and always popular comedy, Christopher J., was presented at the Opera House last night by the Dailey Stock Co. The leading roles were well taken by Homer Mullaney and Miss Helen Ray, who did full justice to the parts. Jack Young as Major Hedway surpassed himself, his make-up and acting as an Anglo-Indian officer being exceptionally fine. Charles Barringer as usual was good and portrayed the role of Mr. Simpson admirably.

Mr. O'Malley, as Geo. Gibb, gave a good rendition of the part. The other members of the company all looked after their parts in good shape.

FLYERS WILL COMPLETE.

All the local flyers will be seen for the first time in a skating contest this season at the Policemen's Sports in Victoria Rink next Friday. Billy Merritt, Jimmy Price, Dalton et al are in to be in the bunch, for the prizes to be offered are far above anything offered for such contests in many years. Besides these real speedsters there will be the cops' struggles, the amateur efforts of other local would-bes and some humorous social features.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Victoria—C. F. White, Sussex; T. F. Jamieson, Chatham; P. T. Ritchie Moncton; E. Graves, Montreal.  
Royal—G. MacCallum, Toronto; M. J. Harrison, Yarmouth; J. A. Lovitt Yarmouth; L. P. Farris, White Cove; J. L. Winslow, Fredericton.  
Dufferin—J. W. Edwards, Houghton Mich.; J. B. Black, Windsor; S. D. Simmons, Fredericton; Fred Dayton, Edmundston.

FEAST OF EPIPHANY.

Today being the Feast of the Epiphany, masses were sung in the different Catholic churches of the city. Masses were sung at the Cathedral at 7 and 9 and high mass at 11. Vespers were sung at 3.15 this afternoon.

In the Mission church of St. John Baptist, the services for the Feast of the Epiphany were as follows: Matins, at 9, Holy Eucharist 9.30, Evensong tonight at 8 o'clock.

NEW FRENCH TEXT BOOKS.

Committee From Maritime Provinces to Prepare Them for Schools.

Moncton, Jan. 6.—(Special).—The report on French text books from the committee which met at Moncton, a few days ago, was approved by the Board of Education at a meeting held in Fredericton on Tuesday.

Those who will form part of a committee to prepare the manuscript for the four French readers are: For Nova Scotia, Rev. H. M. Dagnand Superior of Ste. Anne College, Church Point; Jules M. Lano, M. L. of Halifax and Doctor McKay, Chief Supt. of Education, Halifax. For New Brunswick, Rev. Professor Ph. F. Bourgeois, M. A., St. Joseph's College, Memramcook, Charles D. Herbert, Inspector of Schools, Dupuis Corner, Westmorland Co.; Dr. J. R. Inch, Chief Supt. of Education, Fredericton. Dr. Alexander, Chief Supt. for P. E. I., will be invited to co-operate on behalf of his province. Hon. C. H. Labllois, Chief Commissioner of Public Works of New Brunswick and Hon. A. H. Comeau, M. P. P., Digby, will be honorary members of the committee. The committee will have power to consult literary and pedagogical authorities when deemed necessary.

"EVANGELINE" ANTI BRITISH?

Longfellow's Masterpiece to be Banished From School Readers in British Columbia.

Vancouver, Jan. 6.—(Special).—"Evangeline" has been banished from the British Columbia schools. Superintendent Robinson, of the Board of Education informed the Coast Teachers Institute, last night, that Longfellow's poem is to be replaced in the school readers by Scott's "Lay of the Last Minstrel". Lamb's "Tales from Shakespeare" is also to be cut out of the readers. Two reasons were urged by the teachers against the unhappy "Evangeline". One was that the poem was tainted with anti-British spirit and the other that "Evangeline" was becoming stale. As for Lamb's "Tales" it was stated that these had been found literally of no use to children as an encouragement to read Shakespeare.

KIDS WILL WIN IN ANY EVENT.

Ontario Enthusiasts Make a Remarkable Bet on Election Results.

Sudbury, Ont., Jan. 6.—(Special).—A remarkable bet on the result of the Ontario elections has been made here between a prominent contractor and a merchant. Should Mr. Whitney carry the province, the contractor will sit all day in an open store window to be shot at by all the children in town with peashooters. In the event of Mr. Ross winning the merchant is to undergo a like penalty. Each party has put up \$100 as a forfeit.

ON A LONG JOURNEY.

Moncton, Jan. 6.—(Special).—Jos. Hamad, an Assyrian, left here today on a long journey. He is returning home to Beyrouth, Assyria, and takes the C. P. R. steamer at St. John today.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

Greenland, N. H., Jan. 6.—James Brackett, 76 years old, was found frozen to death yesterday near his lonely home in this town.

DESPONDENT, SHE DRANK ACID.

Bellefontaine, Ohio, Jan. 5.—Despondent because of poor health, Miss Lydia Haupt, a government nurse during the Spanish-American war, committed suicide tonight by swallowing carbolic acid.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Sadie Trask to Bernard Outhouse, of Little River, Digby Neck, which takes place on January 11.

Miss Katie McCaffrey, who has been spending the Christmas vacation at her home here and with her brother, J. J. McCaffrey, of the Queen hotel, Fredericton, left this morning for Melrose (Mass.), to resume her training work as nurse in the hospital there.

Rev. J. Roy Campbell, Dorchester is in the city visiting his son, J. Roy Campbell.

Miss Maud Wright, of Halifax, daughter of the late Hugh Wright, and Miss O. A. Smith, of the Truro Normal School, are the guests of Mrs. C. S. Everett, 116 Wentworth street.

Dr. John McDonald, of Chatham, is ill with pleurisy and yesterday was reported as being in a very serious condition. Dr. Emery has been in consultation in the case.

LECTURE ON JAPAN. Dr. Hannah Delighted a Large Audience in Trinity School Room Last Night.

Dr. Hannah, president of Kings College, Windsor, delivered an illustrated lecture on Japan, in Trinity church school-room last night, before a large and deeply interested audience. He sketched the island empires of the past, related traditions, and spoke at some length of the characteristics and customs of the people. He reviewed briefly the growth of Russia's influence on the Orient, and discussed Corea, which, he said, was the virtual cause of the war.

Dr. Hannah travelled extensively in the east about eight years ago, and became familiar with many of the features which he so ably described Japan although an ancient nation looks to the future with the hope and zest characteristic of a British colony. While the oldest of the present nations, she is in reality a new land. Up to a few years ago the Japs were regarded by the casual European as barbarous. They were skilled in the creation of beautiful works of art, but nevertheless, were savages. Then came war with a mighty power, and when it was seen that Japan was equally skilled in the ability to kill and mutilate thousands, she was hailed on having attained a most gratifying degree of civilization.

The fusion of the Mongolian and Polynesian, said the speaker, resulted in the Japanese, but between the latter and the Chinese exists a very sharp contrast.

While eastern countries looked upon an ideal past, the western mind looked to the future. In this respect the Asiatic and Caucasian are quite distinct. They are intensely patriotic, and no sacrifice is too great that the Empire may be served. They are very receptive and glad to learn anything their neighbors are willing to teach them. The Japs secured their ideas of architecture from the eastern islands, but improved upon it.

Regarding the doctrine of Buddha, Dr. Hannah treated of the Jap as a person whose conscience was curiously elastic. It could be adjusted presumably to comply with the commands of the deity and also suit, with the remarkable precision, the convenience or whim of the believer.

GLOUCESTER HAS PAID HEAVY TOLL.

The Fishing Fleet Was Unfortunate Last Year---Lives and Vessels Lost.

(Bangor Commercial Jan. 5.)  
The annual report of the losses of life and property during the herring season just closed has been completed. The loss of property in the fisheries includes ten vessels with their cargoes and outfits, and while the number is smaller than the average, many of the vessels among the finest and largest of the fleet so that the pecuniary loss while slightly less than last year, is yet in excess of the average for many years.

The vessels lost in the fisheries had a total tonnage of \$50.95 tons gross and \$20.60 tons net, and an average tonnage of \$5.69 tons gross and \$2.06 tons net, and were valued with their outfit at \$88,900 having an insurance of \$64,812, most of which, as usual, was placed with the local company.

Five of the vessels lost were employed in the Newfoundland herring fishery, two were engaged in mackerel sailing, two in shore cod fishing and one in mackerel netting.

One vessel was also lost in the stone carrying trade, a sloop of 63.99 tons gross, 60.73 tons net, valued at \$2500 and uninsured.

For the first time since 1892 and the second time since 1883 and for many years preceding no vessel has sailed from port and never been heard from or has been lost during the year with her crew, and the loss of life from other causes, although slightly larger than the preceding year, has been very small.

The total number of men lost including men belonging in Gloucester, but sailing from other ports, deaths on shipboard or in hospitals and sailors drowned at the wharves has been 32, being the smallest number recorded since 1886, leaving five widows and 21 children.

Of the men lost eight were drowned by the capsizing of their dories on the Banks, two were drowned by their dory being run down by the vessel, six were washed overboard and three fell overboard from their vessels, two went astray from their vessels on the Banks and were never heard from, two died on shipboard, three died in hospitals, one was killed by falling from the wharf to the vessel and five were drowned at the wharves in attempting to board their vessels.

Wallace Forbes, of the I. C. R. accountant's office at Moncton has accepted a position in the Auditor general's office at Ottawa. He leaves for the capital next week.

George H. White, of Sussex is in the city to-day.

MACAULAY BROS. & CO. 1905 New Goods Now Ready.

Every novelty of the season in Black Dress and Costume Material including the new and most popular Black Mohair Material for Shirt Waist Suits, House Gowns, etc. Write for samples of New Black Dress Goods for winter and spring wear, 1905.

Hamburg Embroideries. Now on display the finest collection of White Cambric, Swiss and Lawn Embroideries ever put on sale by us. See the new 12 to 16 inch wide ones for Slip Waists, the one width makes the waist. Many of the widths for trimming underwear are in the English Eyelet Design. Every width of Beading for draw Ribbons.

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January Sale, Big Opportunities in Ready-to-Wear Clothing, But Come Quickly.

Overcoat wearing time for three months yet---more winter after Christmas than before it, and prices at the lowest ebb. We could well enough afford to carry these over to next season, but such is not our policy; we carry over just as little stock as we possibly can. You will find here genuine price reductions on reliable clothing---our policy is to handle the best ready to wear clothing that is made in Canada. We have a stake in the community and are here to stay; it would be folly for us to go back on our honorable record of 63 years to catch a few of your dollars.

Men's Overcoats, sizes 35 to 44. Regular prices \$10 to \$15. Now \$6.90, \$7.90, \$8.90.

Men's Suits---Can you wear 34, 35, 39 regular; or stouts, 36 to 44? If so there are special bargains for you,---\$3.95, \$4.90, \$5, \$7.50. Broken lines in other sizes, too, \$7.50 and \$10.

20th Century Suits---Except Blue and Black---new goods, 20 per discount---very stylish.

Trousers---except Blacks, \$3.

All regular Stock, not cheap grades bought for a sale.

A. GILMOUR, FINE TAILORING and CLOTHING, 68 King Street. Close at 6; Saturday, 10.

Boys' 2-Piece Suits Prices Greatly Reduced.

We want to clear these lines to make room for Spring stock soon to arrive, and have cut the price without regard to cost, and now we have the greatest Boys' Suit Bargains yet offered.

Boys' 2-Piece Suits, formerly \$1.85 to \$4.75, Now 98c, \$1.69 and \$1.98.

J. N. HARVEY, Men's & Boys' Clothier, 199 and 201 Union St.