

Financial and Commercial.

CUSTOMS REVENUE.

Table showing Customs Revenue for 1903 and 1904. Columns include 1903, 1904, and a difference column. Items include Flans and seizures, Steamboat inspection, S. M. fees, Warehouse fees, Registry of shipping, etc.

PLASTER SHIPMENTS.

Table showing Plaster Shipments from April to December. Columns include Month, Tons, and a difference column.

A BANK CLOSED.

New York, Jan. 3.—The banking house of the United States Loan and Savings Association in West Brighton, Staten Island, was closed this afternoon by Bank Examiners.

\$2,000,000 MINING SYNDICATE.—Joseph M. Pushe, the well known mining engineer, has arrived back from Boston and New York, and is confident that the big gold mining syndicate, upon the formation of which he has been for two years at work, is now a certainty.

The holders of the preferred stock of the United States Steel Corporation will this year receive in dividends a grand total of more than \$25,000,000. This sum will be divided among about 43,000 shareholders.

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PROGRESS IN TRURO.

New Houses to the Value of \$75,000 Erected in 1904.

A HUNTER AND CROSSLEY

A \$100,000 Round House—New Factory—New Coal Mine—Wholesale Trade—Church Music.

Truro, N. S., Jan. 3.—Old "Nineteen Four" has been a good year for Truro. The town has not made rapid advance strides, but has pursued an even tenor of progress.

Especially is this noticeable in residential building operations. It is conservatively estimated that homes ranging from \$1,500 to \$5,000 each, amounting to a total of something like \$75,000 have been built.

The building of a new \$100,000 Round House here, work on which has just been started, means a large expenditure of money for a town of about 6,000 population.

A new factory is starting in here with 1905; it is the Eastern Hat & Cap Co. with two of the most influential capitalists of the town backing it.

New Years Day, the celebrated Angelists, Hunter & Crossley opened a month's campaign in Truro.

The wholesale houses in Truro, sending travellers over all of the maritime provinces, are not looking forward to a brisk year in the trade; in fact a difference has been noticeable since last August.

The Colchester Coal and Railway Company are progressing with the development of the DeBert Coal Mines ten miles from Truro town, and the directors expect to have the DeBert Coal on the market early next summer.

Music in Truro churches is improving. Two churches, Pleasant St. Methodist and the First Presbyterian, have lately put in modern pipe organs, and there are now five pipe organs in little Truro.

Paris, Jan. 2.—The cross of the Legion of Honor has been conferred on Seymour Thomas, the American portrait painter.

Edmonton, N. W. T., Jan. 4.—(Special)—An agreement between this city and the G. T. R. by which Edmonton becomes a divisional point with shops and terminals, has been signed. The city pays the company \$100,000.

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London, 2 p. m.—Aitch 85 1/2, Aitch 86 1/2, BO, 105 1/2; CO, 49 1/2; GW, 29 1/2; CA, 114 1/2; Erie 89 1/2; EF, 76 1/2; IL, 157 1/2; LN, 141 1/2; N. 80 1/2; Cen, 144 1/2; OW, 41 1/2; Pa., 129 1/2; RB, 80 1/2; SR, 32 1/2; SP, 17 1/2; UP, 116 1/2; US, 90 1/2; USQ 93 1/2; WZ, 42 1/2.

NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS. Chicago Market Report and New York Cotton Market. Furnished by D. C. Cline, Banker and Broker, For Saint John Times.

CHICAGO MARKET. May Corn 44 1/2, 45 1/2; May Wheat 114 1/2, 115 1/2; May Pork 12.80, 12.80; July Corn 45 1/2, 46 1/2; July Wheat 98 1/2, 99 1/2.

MONTREAL QUOTATIONS. Dom Coal 62, 61 1/2; Dom Iron & Steel 184, 183 1/2; Dom. I & S, pfd 62, 61 1/2; Nova Scotia Steel 67 1/2, 67; C. P. R. 133 1/2, 133; Twin City 109, 108 1/2; U. S. Steel 82 1/2, 82; U. S. Steel pfd 93 1/2, 93; Western Union 94 1/2, 94; Total sales in N. Y. yesterday \$71,300 shares.

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THE WORLD OF SHIPPING.

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LATE LOCALS.

C. P. R. steamship Tartar, arrived at Yokohama, on Jan. 1st, from Vancouver.

The meeting of the St. John Primary Union which was to have been held this afternoon was postponed on account of the storm.

Manifests for the following United States products were received at the Custom House to day, viz., eight cars pork provisions, 13 cars cattle, two cars doors, one maple flooring, one car deals, one car lumber.

Inspectors, Isaac, J. Olive and Charles Dalton returned last night by steamer St. Croix from Boston. They have both been on official business inspecting the above named steamer.

DIED FROM WOLF BITE. Vancouver, B. C. Jan. 4. (Special).—James B. Colvin, a pioneer of White Horse, died yesterday of hydrophobia caused by the bites of a wolf three months ago.

ANOTHER PLUM GONE. Ottawa, Jan. 4.—(Special)—Senator Dandurand or Senator Gasgrain, will be the speaker of the senate. The likelihood is that it will be Senator Dandurand.

Cold Snap in Paris. New York, Jan. 4.—A Paris despatch to the Herald says: "With the temperature falling slowly, skating was general in the suburbs. Yesterday's frost was the severest for many years. The streets were sheeted with ice and the cab service in a great measure was suspended.

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FEMALE HELP WANTED. WANTED—A pantry girl one who understands cleaning silver. Apply Stewart, Union Club.

SITUATION WANTED—By a young lady of several years experience, for general office work. Address Y. B. care of Times office.

SITUATION WANTED—Position wanted by young lady as bookkeeper or for general office work, has had almost two years experience. Address D. M., Times office.

LOST. LOST—In the vicinity of Morrison's warehouse, Smythe street, a pair of gloves. Will finder please leave at the warehouse.

On an Errand of Mercy. Wei Hai Wei, Jan. 4.—9 a. m.—The British steamer Andromeda (which sailed this morning for Port Arthur with medical supplies etc.) had on board two surgeons, nearly the entire staff of the government hospital and eight hundred tons of stores including 350 beds and one hundred thousand pounds of provisions. Her cargo was shipped aboard last night, following the receipt of official permission to sail on the errand of mercy.

E. E. BECK & CO., Commissioner, Stock Broker, Correspondents of W. B. SMITH & CO., Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Cotton, FOR SALE AT

J. V. RUSSELL'S Main Street Store and Brussels St. Store, and SMITH & SKELDON Bakery, 122 Charlotte Street. Tickets, 15cts.

C. E. DOWDEN, Manager. Telephone 900.

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Times' WANT ADS readily secure for mistress and maid Servants and Service.

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Branches in St. John: 29 Prince William Street, Corner Union and Sydney Streets.

A general banking business transacted and highest current rates paid on deposits.

It is proposed to open the Union Street Branch on SATURDAY EVENING, from 8 to 10, for the accommodation of customers who find it inconvenient to do their banking during regular hours.

AMUSEMENTS

YORK THEATRE. Farewell Week OF Vaudeville THIS WEEK. Great Show.

ALLEN DOONE & CO., in the Irish Piper. PHIL MORTON King of Irish Comedians. LAWRENCE & THOMPSON, Comedy Cyclists. CHADWICK TRIO, in Hank Hoovers. RENA ARNOLD, Comedienne. SORAKER BROTHERS expert Dancers.

Matinee Daily. PRICES. Night—15, 25, 35, 50c. Matinee—15, 25c., any seat. Secure seats at box office. Phone 1852.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES. \$20.00 EARNS \$1000.00 IN ONE MONTH. This represents average profits for past six months. In six weeks recently \$1,562.00 was earned on a \$20 investment.

OPERA HOUSE. The Dailey Co. Special Matinee Today 2.30 and Tonight, 8.15

In Old Kentucky. LATTER HALF OF WEEK. Christopher Jr. Popular Prices.

MATINEES Monday, Wednesday, Saturday.

GRAND CONCERT. TUESDAY EVENING, Jan. 17th, in the St. John Presbyterian Ch. School Room.

The Best Local Talent has kindly consented to take part. Tickets, 15cts.

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ROBINSON'S 173 Union Street, Will Save You the Trouble. Phone 1161.

QUEENS' SKATING RINK. Season 1904-5. Grand Opening Christmas Day.

Gentlemen's Tickets, \$4 Ladies' Tickets, \$3 Children's Tickets, \$2.50

F. G. SPENCER, Manager. House Telephone 1505.

Holly and Mistletoe for Christmas! Choice Roses, Carnations, Hyacinths, Narcissus, Violets, etc., etc.

HOLLY FOR XMAS. SHAND'S unequalled Roses, Carnations, Hyacinths, Violets, etc., etc.

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