

Local News.

O. S. Crockett, M. P., for York County will address the Borden club on Thursday evening.

The body of D. A. McEachern, of Antigonish, who died recently in Boston, passed through the city Saturday.

In Brussels street Baptist church yesterday morning, three candidates were baptized by the pastor, Rev. A. J. Roboe.

The brigantine Ohio, Captain Cook, put into this port today, for harbor from Hantsport for New York with a cargo of lumber.

Rev. S. Howard has decided to remain in the pastorate of Portland St. Methodist church on the invitation of his congregation.

Thos. Sullivan who was reported missing from his home Marshall Road, has returned. He had been spending New Year's with a friend.

E. R. Machum and W. D. Foster have formed an insurance partnership. They will be the agents for the Law Union and Crown Insurance Company.

The body of Mrs. Sarah J. Dickson whose death took place at her home in Brooklyn, Wednesday, reached the city Saturday night, and was taken to Sackville for burial.

A number of St. John people left today for Moncton to attend the ball which will be held tonight under the auspices of the A. O. Hand auxiliary in Castle hall.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will hold a prayer meeting in their rooms, Germain street, at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The meeting will be led by Mrs. Seymour.

The steamer Pretorian is expected to arrive at Halifax tonight or tomorrow. Ivar Sherman representing the Allan line passed through today. He says about 350 passengers are expected on the vessel.

The Littlejohn-Jordan got into town this afternoon. Jack Power the referee has obtained the permit for the hall and no doubt the go will be clean. The men are to spar for points.

It was reported sometime ago that the through C. P. R. dining service would be put into effect today. However, certain other arrangements, it is learned, has prevented the carrying out of the proposal for the present.

For the past few weeks there has been splendid skating at Marble Cove. Many boys and girls have been enjoying the good ice, but the recent thaw has spoiled the skating for the holiday, and the cove presents a lonely appearance.

Baird and Peters announce that beginning with the new year their tin tea business will be carried on under the name and style of The Van Tea Company. The growth of the business has been such, the firm writes, as to make the change necessary.

The funeral of Michael Murphy, took place this morning, at 8.30 o'clock, from his late residence, 94 Harrison street to St. Peter's church where high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Father White. Interment was at Sand Cove cemetery. Relatives acted as pall bearers.

At St. Andrew's rink this morning, only scrub games were played. All the old warhorses were on hand putting in practice for future games. A. O. Skinner played against Jack White and Willie Stewart played against Dr. Magee. At the west end rink. A good morning's sport took place, and this afternoon the boys are all enjoying themselves.

THE METROPOLE.

Adjutant Thompson, of the "Metropole" and "Traveller's Home" acknowledges with thanks the following donations.

Jas. F. Robertson, \$30; St. John Presbyterian Church, \$2; Miss Eva M Edget, fruit; G. S. Williams, roast of meat; O'Neil Brothers, goose; S. Z. Dickson, turkey; E. P. Sturdy, fruit; Robert Thompson, coffee; J. Hunter, white fruit; Geo. E. Barbour, 4 brl. oranges, candy and nuts T. H. Estabrooks, 10 lbs. tea; Mr. Jas. Harding, brl. of flour; C. F. Crandall, old clothing; Mrs. Crosby, literature; Geo. Ewing, old clothing; Mrs. M. Woodman, literature; Miss M. Wesley, literature; Capt. Riley, literature; Mrs. McAvity, old clothing; Mr. McAlpine, directory; Vasey & Co., parcel of new clothing.

Dennis Driscoll.

Yesterday morning Dennis Driscoll, a well known member of the O. R. C. and the B. of R. T., died at his home in Fairville, after a lengthy illness from Bright's disease.

Mr. Driscoll was for some years a brakeman on the C. E., but about a decade ago, resigned and took a similar position on the New Haven & Hartford railway. In the course of time he was promoted to the conductorship. Six months ago he took ill and returned home, gradually fading away. He leaves a wife and two children. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

IN OLD KENTUCKY.

The Dailey company will present "In Old Kentucky" at the Opera House this evening. It is a creditable performance, and is enjoyable, not alone from its intrinsic and artistic merit, but from the clever stage effects that are used. The reserved seats for this evening's performance have been selling with a rush throughout the day and the indications are that hundreds will be turned away. It will be advisable to secure seats early. Christopher J., will follow for the latter half of the week.

CONDENSED ADVERTISING.

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ANNAPOLIS PROSPERED.

A Review of the Year 1904 in That Town.

NO FAILURES.

The Town's Financial Position --- Victoria Beach Railway --- Lumber Trade Active --- Apple Shipments Direct.

Annapolis, Dec. 31.—The year 1904 has been prosperous in the town of Annapolis. The merchants and business men have done fairly well and the town enjoys as good a record for substantial business prosperity as any town in the provinces. There has not been a business failure of any kind during the year. The financial condition of the town is unparalleled in its history. The rate of taxation has been somewhat lessened, and the end of the year will find it with a substantial credit balance on general account. The water system is in first class condition, and not only self-sustaining, but will show a substantial surplus. Building operations have not been carried on the past year to any appreciable extent.

Shipbuilding, which formerly proved a profitable business, has not been carried on largely during the year, as only a few schooners have been built in this vicinity but in other parts of the country there has been a number of vessels built, which have proved a source of profit to those interested in their construction.

During the early part of the summer season, a new steamer was placed on the Annapolis, St. John route, by the Valley Steamship Company, which gives increased facilities for the carriage of passengers and freight.

During the year the Middleton and Victoria Beach Railway, on the other side of the river, has been pushed rapidly forward, the road bed completed and track laying commenced, and its operation is only a question of a short time. When the project materializes in the near future, of placing fast steamers on the route between Victoria Beach and Eastport it will give quicker transportation to Boston and other places in the United States, than at present exists.

In the lumber trade, the year has been one of great activity, consequent upon the increased demand in the markets of South America, Cuba and the West India Islands. The lumber industry in western Nova Scotia is commencing to be appreciated by investors, and is forging rapidly to the front. It is one of the wonderful resources of the province and in a few years will prove to be one of the leading industries.

During the early part of the year, one of the most enterprising citizens of Annapolis passed away, in the person of Thos. S. Whitman, who was universally respected and beloved. The business of the firm is still carried on and continues to prosper. This firm during the season, chartered steamers for the carriage of fruit from Annapolis to the English market, which was a boon to the fruit growers giving them direct transportation and placing their apples on the market in the best condition.

One of the most important events of the past year, was the celebration of the tercentenary of the founding of Port Elgin (now known as Annapolis Royal) by De Monts, and the laying of the foundation stone for a monument to commemorate the memory of its discoverer, by the Lieut. Governor of the province, which drew a large number of distinguished visitors to this historic town, as well as warships representing England, France and the United States.

What Annapolis most needs to conduce to her prosperity, is more manufacturing industries. The place possesses many natural advantages in which capital could be profitably invested. In this capitalists would receive the support and encouragement of the town Council and Citizens.

WINTER PORT NOTES.

The Allan liner, Ionian, Captain Brown, sailed for Halifax and Liverpool about 7.30 o'clock yesterday morning with a good general cargo and about 100 passengers. Among the saloon passengers were Mrs. Harvey, wife of Captain Harvey, of the steamer Etolia; Mr. Bartlett, of P. E. Island, and W. E. Mallory, of St. Andrews, the latter en route to Pretoria, South Africa.

The Donaldson liner Hestia, Captain Ferguson, arrived at Partridge Island last evening about 6.30 o'clock from Glasgow, with about 1,000 tons of general cargo.

The C. P. R. steamer Montcalm sailed from Avonmouth Saturday for this port.

The C. P. R. steamer Montrose sailed from Antwerp on Dec. 29 for St. John, with passengers and general cargo.

The West India liner Oruro, Captain Seelye, arrived in port last night from Halifax, with general cargo.

The C. P. R. steamer Lake Manitoba, Captain Murray, sailed for Liverpool yesterday morning at 7 o'clock. She had a large general cargo, ten saloon, thirty second cabin, and 100 stowage passengers.

The C. P. R. liner Mount Temple, from London and Antwerp, is due tomorrow. The C. P. R. steamship Lake Champlain is due from Liverpool the last of the week. The Donaldson line steamer Tritonia, Captain Abernethy, sailed last evening for Glasgow with a good general cargo, including 781 head of cattle and 267 sheep.

THE BIRTH OF THE YEAR FITTINGLY OBSERVED.

Today Was a Public Holiday When All the Places of Amusement Were Well Patronized --- The Curlers Somewhat Hampered by Soft Ice.

The old year was hustled out and the New Year ushered in Saturday night with appropriate services, band music, bells and guns. Watch night services were held in Centenary, Portland, Exmouth and Carleton Methodist churches and Zion Lutheran in King square, the "Vic's Own Band" played a number of selections, and quite a crowd gathered to join in cheering for the birth of 1905. In Carleton the Cornet band cheered the assembled crowd with a number of appropriate airs.

Yesterday in the churches, services appropriate to the New Year were conducted. Today is being generally observed as a public holiday and all places of business are closed. In the curling rinks some very interesting matches are being played, and this afternoon and evening both the Victoria and Queen's rinks will probably be attended by large crowds. The management of the York Theatre have provided a good vaudeville entertainment and will give a performance both afternoon and evening. In the Opera House the Dailey company will present "Old Kentucky" a southern play in which horse racing and good comedy work predominate. There is a large advance sale of seats for the matinee and evening performance. As the roads are in fairly good condition, there will probably be a large number of teams on the road, and some very interesting brushies may be expected, among

the speedy ones on the marsh. This afternoon in Carleton City Hall, the Littlejohn-Jordan boxing contest will be conducted, and a good clean exhibition may be expected. In addition to the main bout, a number of preliminary contests are advertised. The second game of the Presidents vs. Vice Presidents which was to have been played this morning, in the Thistle rink, was postponed, owing to the condition of the ice. Scrub matches were played in the different rinks.

Yesterday in the Oddfellows of the city held their usual New Year gathering in Oddfellows' Hall, Union Street, at 10.30 o'clock this morning. Quite a large number availed themselves of the opportunity to meet, and pass the usual greetings. Addresses were made by the following members of the order—Rev. Mr. Walker, C. B. Allan, Dr. A. D. Smith, Dr. Christie, M. B. Brown, C. A. Skinner, and W. Frank Hatheway. The speakers remarks were confined mainly to matters pertaining to Oddfellowship and the hope expressed that the order would prosper in the New Year as it has in the past. Vocal numbers were rendered by H. Deig, J. A. Murdock, C. D. Fowler, and Geo. Disheart, J. H. Mosher, District Deputy Grand Master, presided.

YORK THEATRE SEASON WILL END ON SATURDAY.

Manager Hyde May Take the Management of a Theatre in New York State---Will Probably Return Easter Monday---The Daileys Will Also Close.

This is the last week of vaudeville at the York Theatre. Manager Robt. B. Hyde expects to leave Saturday night for New York State, to take over the management of a Theatre there. He expects to return about Easter Monday, when he will reopen the York with the same kind of a show, and will continue to run it on that line until some time in the summer. About July he may open the Victoria rink as a Palm Garden along the lines suggested in an article in the Times a few weeks ago. He also has a scheme in view of running a vaudeville show in Seaside park. Mr. Hyde's object of closing the York at this time is twofold. In the first place, the artists which he has been bringing down here, have been secured at considerable expense, and now that the weather here is colder, the majority of them object to taking the long trip, and in most cases demand higher salaries. They claim they can get positions which are just as remunerative, without putting up with

the discomforts of the colder climate. Then again as rinks are now opened up it is expected that a large crowd will patronize them instead of the theatres.

The York has been opened as a vaudeville theatre, there has been an excellent patronage, and Manager Hyde feels justly proud of the success which has attended his venture. When he returns in the spring he will have a first class show, and expects that after the way he has conducted the entertainments in the past, the public will assist by patronizing the show as liberally as they have already done.

The Dailey Company also will leave the city for a short time at the end of the present week. They go to Halifax where they will fulfil a four weeks' engagement, after which they return to this city. During the time the Dailey company are away, the Bandmann Opera Company which was so successful here last season, will present a large repertoire of plays and operas, commencing January 9th.

CABOT HOTEL BURNED TODAY.

Sydney Has a Fire Believed to be of Incendiary Origin.

Sydney, Jan. 2.—(Special)—The hotel Cabot, W. A. Blair, proprietor was almost completely destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning.

When the fire was discovered it had worked its way through the entire basement up through the ground floor of the building. It took firemen over two hours to gain control. The fire is believed to be the work of an incendiary. Two men were seen in the vicinity about two hours before the fire broke out. Almost the entire stock of liquors in hotel bar was found to have been taken away, several bottles being found outside in the snow. Dennis Hogan, late of the Queen hotel, and formerly of Moncton, lost about \$8,000 worth of liquor, which he had stored in the basement. Mr. Blair's loss will be upwards of 24,000, partially covered by insurance.

R. C. Johnston, of the firm of Nicholson, Bain & Johnston, of Calgary, is in the city en route to Moncton, where at an early date he will be wedded to Miss Mable Schwartz, daughter of W. O. Schwartz, of that city.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Ralph A. Clark, who was recently appointed to a position on the travelling staff of Chase and Sanborn, Boston, will leave tonight for Montreal, en route to the Pacific coast, which will be his territory. Mr. Clark's many friends wish him success.

Wm. O'Keefe, who has been confined by illness to his room in the Hotel Ottawa, was improved yesterday and expects to be about in a few days.

C. B. Foster, of the C. P. R., came home Saturday for the holiday from Toronto where he is engaged in the work of his new position. He was given a hearty welcome.

W. P. Lantulum is home for the holidays, from Little River (N. S.). Miss E. P. White, of the McAdam school staff, is spending the holidays with Mrs. T. A. Stephenson, Stanley street.

Mrs. Thomson and Mrs. Butcher, Newcastle, are the guests of Mrs. W. E. Stavert, Mt. Pleasant avenue.

Hon. James Holly, who has had a slight attack of diphtheria is progressing rapidly toward recovery.

John McLaren, district secretary of the I. C. R. insurance at Moncton spent Sunday in the city, and returned home to-night.

H. H. Parles, barrister of Sussex, is at the Victoria.

Joseph Barton, foreman of the I. C. R. repair shop at Moncton, who has been visiting friends here, returned home today.

Miss Jennie Richardson of Sackville, is the guest of the Misses Sprague, Charlotte street.

Coun. J. W. Carter, of Salsburg, passed through to his home today, from a visit to his son, who is located at Boston.

W. B. Tennant returned at noon today from a trip to Toronto.

Harvard Theodore, the C. P. R. interpreter, returned on the Atlantic express from a holiday trip to Montreal.

J. C. Cousens, of the firm of McIntyre & Cousens, left today on a business trip to Sydney, C. B.

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SERMONS BY NEW PASTORS.

St. David's, St. Stephen's and Carleton Presbyterian Congregations Heard Their New Leaders.

The congregations of three Presbyterian churches listened to first sermons from their new pastors, yesterday—Rev. E. A. Wicher, at St. Stephen's, Rev. Angus Graham, at St. David's and Rev. H. R. Reid at Carleton Presbyterian church. All are comparatively young, and are pleasing speakers.

Rev. Mr. Graham was born in Glencoe, Ontario, and entered McGill university in 1890 taking his degree four years later. In 1897 having graduated in theology, he was ordained in Petrolia where he was pastor for seven years and four months. He came direct from Petrolia to St. John.

Rev. Edward A. Wicher also comes from upper Canada, having been born near Toronto. He graduated in arts from the university of Toronto, having been gold medalist of his class. He purchased his theological studies at Knox college. Mr. Wicher also spent a year in post-graduate work at Halls university, in Germany. He was pastor of the Presbyterian church at Claude, Ontario, after which he went to Japan.

where he took charge of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Wicher is also prominent in literary circles, having contributed to several periodicals. He has completed a work which will be called Holiday Rambles in Japan, and which aims to give an interpretation on life in Japan.

Rev. H. R. Reid was born in Athol, Cumberland county, N. S., in 1872. He received his preliminary education at the Pictou Academy. He took his arts course at Dalhousie college, and graduated in theology from the Presbyterian college at Halifax where he also took his B. D. degree. Since 1900, he has had charge of a congregation in Bathurst. There was a large congregation at St. David's church when Rev. Angus A. Graham preached. He took as his text Acts X 20, "Therefore came unto you without guising as soon as I was sent for, I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me?" These words were addressed by the apostle to a new congregation. The chapter contained not only the question of the apostle, but also the answer of the people and showed that the Spirit of God had prepared both preacher and congregation that one might minister to the other. The speaker said that he had come to preach the gospel and realized the responsibility. He was convinced that he had been called by Christ to take up the work of the ministry. One day he had been called aside by an elder of his church who asked him if he intended to enter the ministry. With some hesitation he admitted that he did, but feared he would not be able to carry out the duties of a minister successfully. The elder inquired how he had come to this decision, and he had answered that he had been called by God. His aim would always be to present our Lord—Whom he believed had called them together—in His most beautiful form. He asked for the sympathy and prayers of the congregation, and said that he did not believe in the advertising methods adopted by some congregations today. They were, in his opinion, a flag of disgrace. At St. Stephen's church Rev. Mr. Wicher prefaced his sermon with an appropriate address in which he referred to the kindness of the congregation. It was his prayer that he would be made sufficient for the work he had been called upon to perform. He would make it his aim to identify himself with the congregation and enter into their joys and sorrows. He would interest himself in St. John, and all institutions of the province, religious, social, and educational. He then took for his text 1 Corinthians III, 11, "The Church is Our Foundation." In the service in the Carleton Presbyterian church Rev. H. R. Reid took for his text the 8th chapter of the gospel according to St. Luke, 15th verse, "But that on the good ground are they which in an honest and good heart hear the word, keep it and bring forth fruit with patience."

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