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# THE ST. JOHN EVENING TIMES

WEATHER---Fair, and decidedly cold today and tomorrow.

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ONE CENT.

## PREMIER TWEEDIE

### Presents Prizes at Carnival and Presides at Church Meeting.

## NEWS OF CHATHAM.

### A Delightful Evening at the Rink---St. Andrew's Church Had Good Year---Town Teachers Meet---Paper by Dr. Cox.

Chatham, Jan. 12.—The first skating carnival of the season was held tonight and was an unprecedented success. There were a very large number in costume, the ice and music were excellent and between eight and nine hundred spectators were on the promenade. Among so many attractive and original costumes, it was difficult for the judges to decide upon the prize winners, but the following impartial choice was commended by all present:—Miss Mackenzie, girl's prize, night; Miss Della Ullock, gentleman's prize, I'll paddle my own canoe; Fred Carvell, boy's prize, young Indian braves, Howard and Charlie Vanstone; most original costume, Punch and Judy, Laurence Snowball and Flossie Heckbert. The presentations were made by Premier Tweedie, after which P. Curtis of Quebec, delighted the spectators by an excellent exhibition of fancy skating, including waiting, frontwards and backwards and jumping over a wheelbarrow.

The regular monthly meeting of the town teachers was held this afternoon. Among other matters brought before the meeting Dr. Cox read some of his observations made during the grading and visiting of the different school rooms, and in some cases suggested remedies.

The annual congregational business meeting of St. Andrew's church was held last evening. There was a large attendance and Premier Tweedie was appointed to the chair. Encouraging reports were submitted, showing that the church had prospered during the year. The membership has been increased and although the outlay had been great, the expenses had all been paid, leaving a fair balance on hand. A creditable amount had also been collected for the schemes of the church, and the collection at regular services had never been so large. The following trustees were re-appointed:—John McDonald, A. A. Anderson, Robert Murray, William Scott, George Dickson, George Stothard, D. P. MacLachlan, Charles Robinson, Daniel Dickson, Alexander Watling and Howard Flieger.

The chairman referred in eulogistic terms to the very excellent pulpit supply given by Rev. W. W. Rainnie of St. John, who has been occupying the pulpit since last June, during the leave of absence on account of ill-health of the pastor, Rev. Duncan Henderson.

H. H. Gunter of Boiestown, visited Chatham this week. Miss Bessie Robinson has returned to St. John to resume her studies at Kerr's Business College.

## SCHOONER ALMOST A MONTH OVERDUE.

### She Sailed From Louisbourg for Halifax With Coal.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 14.—(Special).—The captain and four of the crew of the Buckport, Me., schooner Landsker, sunk at Bay of Islands, Nfld., arrived here today and leave for Boston this afternoon.

The schooner Omega, with cargo of coal from Louisbourg for Halifax, has not been heard of for a month.

## A LONESOME PRINCE.

### Prince Carl Alexander Who Died Yesterday Was Possessed of Many Whims.

Detmold, Principality of Liepzig, Jan. 14.—Prince Carl Alexander of Liepzig-Detmold who died yesterday in an asylum at St. Gilgenburg, near Bayreuth was surrounded by all the forms of royalty, by gentlemen-in-waiting and servants who showed him the most exaggerated respect and kept up the illusion that he was indeed a sovereign. He took much pleasure in the maintenance of severe etiquette, read the newspapers daily and seemingly kept track of the world's affairs and those of his own little principality, but he never permitted anyone to speak of them. He played chess often and was fond of music and theatrical productions. The prince was a calm-faced, handsome man, usually dressed in military uniform and except for certain excess of stateliness gave no outward indication that he was weak-minded. He lived, owing to his punctilious regard for his rank, in practical mental solitude as it was unbefitting to his rank to exchange ideas with inferiors. The succession to the principality of Liepzig-Detmold is in process of adjustment by an arbitration court. The death of Prince Carl Alexander does not affect the situation unless the Liepzig-Detmold diet interposes.

## CROWN CASE HAS CLOSED.

### Defence Opens in Oscar Wright Trial at Hampton.

## MR. CURREY TALKS.

### He Objects to Newspaper Report of the Case and Outlines Course Defence Will Take---Miss Mowatt Taken Ill.

Hampton, Jan. 14.—(Special).—The Oscar Wright manslaughter case was resumed this morning.

About 11.30 o'clock, Miss Mowatt official court stenographer, was taken slightly ill and had to leave the court room.

Dr. Pugsley made reference to a report in today's St. John Sun. There was a big headline on the article stating that McKnight had used a knife. No such evidence said Dr. Pugsley, had been given. He could not see how such a report could have been put in print. The Sun reporter attending the trial did not make any such report in his story. Anybody reading the report could not tell exactly what it meant.

Mr. Currey made reference to a statement in one of the papers that the prisoner was sullen and Mr. Currey did not like the use of that word. The remarks of Mr. Currey also referred to the Sun although he did not say so in many words. Outside of these two instances the newspaper reports were accurate.

The case for the prosecution ended this morning. The last witness for the prosecution was Chipman-Keith.

Then Mr. Currey addressed the court for some time. He told that the defendant would bring evidence to show that McKnight attacked Wright.

He also referred to the seriousness of the charge and regretted very much that human life had been taken. He went on to say that it had been proven that Wright had gone down to his house to get his property, because he had a right to do so.

He would also show how Oscar Wright had been attacked and pierced at by the crowd. Mr. Currey spoke along this line at some length.

Then Mr. Currey stated that he would prove how McKnight, had run up with a club and struck the prisoner, and he asked the members of the jury to believe the evidence that would be submitted to them by the defence. Then he said it was possible that the prisoner would be put on the stand in his own defence.

The first witness for the defence was Ira Wright, brother of the prisoner. Examined by Mr. Currey he told of the part he took in the row and how he was severely handled. He also pointed out how a number of people tried to get the best of Oscar.

He swore that McKnight ran up with a club and used it on either the prisoner's head or shoulders, and he further referred to the arrest of his brother after the row. The witness said that he and Oscar were always of peaceable disposition.

The witness was subjected to searching cross-examination by Dr. Pugsley. No important points were brought out.

Walter Mitton swore that he did not strike a blow either with his fist or a club. He was drawn into the fight and got a blow on the head, which laid him up for three days. Fred Perry hit him.

When Dr. Pugsley started to cross-examine the witness the judge adjourned for recess.

It is thought that the evidence for the defence will be finished tonight and that the case will be concluded on Tuesday.

Mrs. Olive Wright and other Havelock witnesses went to Havelock this morning.

# CZAR'S MESSAGE TO HIS TROOPS.

## He Praises Their Bravery and Expresses Belief That Russia Will Triumph Yet ---Russian Press Takes Hopeful View ---Japan Criticizes Action of France ---Strange Report From Chinese Sources---Stoessel at Nagasaki.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 14.—Emperor Nicholas has addressed the following rescript to the army and navy:

Port Arthur has passed into the hands of the enemy. During eleven months the fight had been going on in its defence. More than seven months its noble defenders had been cut off from the rest of the world. Without any positive assurance of relief they continued to fight and did everything in their power to check the progress of the enemy sparing neither life nor heart's blood to uphold the honor of the Russian people.

Russia, with pride and admiration, followed each move in the contest. The whole world was astounded at their gallantry, but daily their ranks were thinned, their powers of resistance diminished, and under repeated attacks by the enemy, they were obliged to give way.

My gallant troops and sailors, do not let this sorrow dismay you. Our enemy is strong and daring. This fight against them occurs 7,000 miles from our home, but Russia is powerful. In the thousand years of its existence there have been heavier trials, worse and more threatening dangers, but Russia ever arose from trial with renewed force and strength. Do not let your souls be troubled by lack of success and heavy losses. Russian strength grows with adversity.

With all Russia, I join in the belief that the time is coming when God will give strength to our glorious army and navy to arise and break the force of the enemy."

"Peace and honor be your portion. Always will you be so held in our hearts and memory.

"Honor to the living, may God restore you to health and strength and give you patience to face this disaster with which you are confronted.

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Views of the Press.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 14.—New Year reviews by the various papers admit frankly that the Japanese have had the better of the war so far, but the whole tone of the press is summed up in the following statement in the Russ:

"They have done well but not well enough. They have entrenched themselves in Korea as though they were at home, have captured Port Arthur and made conquest of most of Southern Manchuria. They are face to face to a Russian army of equal numbers and they are checked. The New Year will show the Russian flag raised again along the borders of the warm water.

The Novoe Vremya alone, comments on the Russian reports regarding Chinese neutrality and says it reveals a serious situation that Secretary Hay's diplomacy, well conceived at the beginning of the war for the limitation of the field of hostilities has broken down under the test of actual trial. China cannot or will not preserve her neutrality and Russia has been confronted time and again, the article says, by the way in which Wei Hai Wei and Che Foo have been used as Japanese bases. In conclusion the Novoe Vremya says it is a situation wherein Russia must no longer rely upon international diplomacy, but must take steps for her own protection.

Russian vessels must be considered a serious breach of neutrality."

A Chinese Report.

Huanshan, via Mukden, Jan. 14.—Chinese who arrived here from Hinkow report that Field Marshal Oyama has been there since December inspecting troops. They also report that a Japanese military base has been established on the Island of Liuka and that army troops are arriving there who do not resemble Japanese. According to the Chinese, the troops at Yinkow are being drilled and as soon as they are trained, they will be sent to the front. It is said there is a concentration of troops at Uomitan, east of the railway and that large bodies of troops are forming on each flank of the position. The Japanese are building numerous armoured trucks for the railroad and armoured wagons for automobile quick fliers. The Japanese are also buying large quantities of wire and grind-stones all of which are being moved to the front. Drilling is proceeding at all parts of the Japanese lines.

Russian Loss Heaviest.

Tokio, Jan. 14.—The Japanese casualties in the recent fighting at New Chwang and other places involved in the Russian raid are estimated at one killed and fifteen wounded, all non-commissioned officers of privates. The Russian total losses are estimated at over three hundred. The Japanese report that the supplies and ammunition stored at New Chwang and Niuchiatun were not damaged.

Germany is Neutral.

Berlin, Jan. 14.—The Japanese government, taking cognizance of an impression that Germany has not observed strict neutrality, has sent a formal despatch of thanks to the German government. It expresses the conviction that Germany has fulfilled her duties as a neutral throughout the war with exactness and especially during the recent events in the war zone.

Jap Press is Critical.

Tokio, Jan. 14.—Noon.—The French are sharply criticised for permitting the ships of the second Pacific squadron of the Russian navy to make a prolonged stay at Madagascar. Here the Japanese press and people, realizing the peculiar position in which France was placed, were not disposed to judge her actions too severely but the Asahi today says:

"It is no longer possible to overlook the French non-observance of neutrality nor her disregard for the obligations of a neutral nation.

"Coaling the ships of the second Pacific squadron in French ports has culminated in allowing Rear-Admiral Rojestvensky to remain for twelve days awaiting reinforcements and in the use of Madagascar as a base of operations against the Japanese fleet now reported in the Indian ocean.

"Such action is little less than hostile and if France is sincere in her promise of strict neutrality, the ships of the second Pacific squadron ought long ago been sent away or disarmed.

"Further temporizing for the purpose of rendering assistance to the

## BAD FIRE IN SYDNEY.

### Blaze Started in Large Building in Business Centre.

## \$45,000 DAMAGE.

### Walter Hall, Stationer, Formerly of St. John, Among the Losers --- Building Gutted, Stocks, Furnishings and Offices Destroyed.

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 14.—(Special).—Shortly before twelve o'clock fire broke out in the Royal Hotel, on Charlotte St., one of the principal business blocks in the city, and some ten minutes later the fire, with huge tongues of flame shooting out its way up the elevator shaft, with huge tongues of flame shooting out in all directions.

The fire department reached the scene a few minutes after the alarm but so sudden did the fire spread that it was nearly an hour before they got it under control.

The fire started in Redding's store, by one of employes tramping on a safety match which ignited some inflammable material lying about. The spread of the fire was remarkably quick. The occupants of several of the offices in the building had narrow escapes in making their way out, having to resort to fire escapes and firemen's ladders coming from the third story. Even this means was attended with great danger.

The following are burned out:—A. W. Redding, boots and shoes, J. Fisher Grant, gents' furnishings, and Langille and Madden, hatters. The following stores are badly damaged through fire and smoke. A. C. Ross, real estate; A. M. Crofton, insurance; M. G. Honiggar, civil engineer; York County Loan & Savings Co.; Mullin's and McQuarrie, real estate; Moseley & Duchem, hatters. Rev. J. A. Greenlee, clerk of the Sydney Presbytery, and the offices of the United States consul. Little or nothing of the contents was saved from most of these offices.

The damage to buildings will be about \$15,000 and the loss to occupants will probably amount to over \$30,000, making total losses of some \$45,000.

Ross, Ross and McLeod, had about the finest law library in the city. All of which is destroyed, except a few volumes. Mr. Greenless had rooms adjoining his office. He loses practically everything.

The fire was under complete control shortly after one o'clock.

## FROM THE WEST.

### One on a Visit and the Other to Remain in England.

Rev. W. Wood, of Phoenix, B. C. is at the Royal and sails on the Lake Champlain for his old home in Dublin.

In conversation with a Times reporter this morning, although somewhat reticent as regards an interview, Mr. Wood said that he has been in Canada for the past few years and recently has been invited to Phoenix, B. C. He speaks in eulogistic terms of the different parts of the west, which he has visited, and the object of his trip home is to visit his parents and renew old-time acquaintances.

He says that the Canadian Northwest is a grand country and affords every possibility for success for an enterprising young man.

Rev. Mr. Wood has for the past two years been pastor of the Anglican church at Phoenix, and he intends returning at an early date to resume this pastorate.

Another gentleman who leaves on the same steamer is J. M. Richardson, who hails from London. Asked by a Times reporter as to where he was located in the northwest he replied: "I have been in the farming business about seventy miles from Calgary."

"What do you think about Canada generally?" "Well to be frank with you," Canada is all right. I have nothing to say about it, but old England is good enough for me. I am returning home and as far as I know at present will remain there."

## APPEAL DISMISSED.

Halifax, Jan. 14.—(Special).—The supreme court today dismissed the appeal from the decision of the judge setting down for a hearing the preliminary objections in Cumberland, Pictou, Colchester and Cape Breton election cases. The objections will be heard Tuesday.

## CHATHAM HAS IT COLD.

Chatham, Jan. 14.—(Special).—The government thermometer registered twenty-one below zero last night.

Dr. John McDonald passed a good night and is resting comfortably.

## PIETY AND PLEASURE

### Divide the Honors in the Town of Truro.

## SPARE THE MOOSE.

### Vigorous Action to Prevent Slaughter of Big Game---Want Better Assessment Law and Provincial Hospital For Harmless Insane.

Truro, Jan. 14.—(Special).—The two centres of attraction in Truro this month are the Crossley and Hunter Evangelistic meetings and the Metropolitan Rink. The rink began a very early season, and the Evangelists have been at work since Jan. 1st. The latter have nightly audiences ranging from 700 to 1,000 but the rink went above this, the night of the Amherst-Truro hockey match claiming 1,300. There is a usual rink attendance of about 800 to 400.

Every night since the start from a half dozen to nearly twenty have made some start in the evangelistic meetings. The religious interest is deepening, and indications are that the revival will be a sweeping one. Among the converts of last week were a well-known railway conductor and also a brakeman.

E. C. Crabb, game commissioner for Colchester, has received a petition for circulation in Colchester for presentation to the local legislature, that is of interest. The petition deprecates the great slaughter of moose in Nova Scotia forests the season opened last October, and asks the legislature to pass an act forbidding the sale of moose-meat. It is believed that if the element of gain from the sale of the meat is removed, that the slaughter will be reduced, and the kingly game left to breed and grow plentiful for the glory of sportsmen. The petition is receiving much support where ever circulated, and it is expected that those supposed to be informed that it will be received.

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## TURNED BACK AT EASTPORT.

### Young American Taken Off the Steamer St. Croix by an Immigrant Officer.

Eastport, Jan. 13.—On the arrival of the steamer St. Croix from St. John on Thursday, Immigration Inspector Gould arrested a young Armenian who was on his way to Boston. Inspector Gould took the man in charge and escorted him to Calais from which place he will be deported to St. John. Undesirable immigrants have but little success in evading the vigilance of Inspector Gould at this port.

## FREDERICTON NEWS.

### Valuable Hackney Stallions Imported---Thermometer 26 Below Zero --- Mr. Hawthorne's Promotion.

Fredericton, Jan. 14.—(Special).—Harry C. Jewett has imported two young hackney stallions from Illinois to replace those lost by him in the fire which lately destroyed his stables. They were on the freight train which was wrecked near Megantic but fortunately they escaped without injury.

The thermometer last night dropped to twenty-six degrees below zero.

Dr. Samuel Rabinowitz, rabbi of the Jewish synagogue, St. John, performed the rite of circumcision on the young son of Louis Lavine, here this morning.

James H. Hawthorne, is being warmly congratulated on the promotion to the rank of major in the seventy-first Regiment.

## DEATHS.

McCarthy.—In this city on the 13th inst., Dennis McCarthy, in the 49th year of his age, leaving a wife, four sons and seven daughters to mourn their sad loss. (Boston papers, please copy.)

Funeral from his late residence 343 Union street, at 8 o'clock, Monday. Requiem high mass at church of Immaculate Conception at 8.30 o'clock (a.m.) Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

# THE TIMES' NEW REPORTER.

Editorial note.—The Times has engaged the services of a new reporter. He is a young man of great and varied talents, but a remarkably vivid imagination, as will be seen from the following items which he handed to the news editor this morning.

Mr. Jamesey Jones's condition is unchanged today. The boil on his neck is still very painful.

Although flour has advanced, a prominent baker said today that there would be no change in the price of sour bread.

Ald. Christie inspected the Salvation Army Travellers' Home this morning, and expressed his warm sympathy with the good work done.

A singular incident occurred in a city boarding house at supper time last evening. One boarder asked another to pass the butter. The butter moved across the table itself, and a voice that seemed to come from the plate, made this remark:—"Maybe you think I can't walk." The incident was the subject of much wondering comment.

Next summer automobiles will only be permitted to scare horses and kill people at the rate of ten or fifteen miles an hour.

The rumor that a well known King street merchant had suddenly left the city, arose out of a misapprehension.

He is an enthusiastic curler, and when a friend asked him to attend a social function on Thursday evening he replied:—"I can't. I'm going to skip tonight."

There was more than the usual amount of sulphur at the end of the policeman's sporting match last evening.

The solemn silence around City Hall these days is not funereal. The aldermen are lost in meditation.

## CIVIC POLITICS.

The Times had an interesting talk today with Mr. Josh Jenks, the popular Duke ward citizen. The rumor that Mr. Jenks will be a candidate for the city council is premature. Mr. Jenks has prepared a requisition and has had it signed by a large number of our leading citizens, but he is not seeking a nomination. Mr. Jenks has peculiar notions with regard to representative positions. He believes that the office should seek the man. He desires us to state that if he is unable to present the requisition to all his friends for signature it will be because of the shortness of the time. He has no desire to be a candidate. If pressed

very hard, however, he might be induced to offer. The petition will be found at his office, ready for signature. It is men like Mr. Jenks, who do not seek office, that we need at the council board. As already stated, he is not after the honor. It is after him, and frequently keeps him awake at night.

"What we want at the council board," said Mr. Jenks, "is good men—the best men—not men with an axe to grind.

Mr. Jenks uses a hucksaw.

## AN EXPLANATION.

The spring poet of this paper had his hair cut yesterday. Such was not his intention, but as he stood on a street corner glancing a couplet on the glistening gliter of the snow fields on "the broad white reaches of the far away a lady approached him and said:—"My poor young friend—I think we have some clothes at our house that would fit you."

"Madam," he said, with the air of a young prince, "I am not a Russian immigrant."

The lady apologized, and our spring poet, seeing other ladies approaching, withdrew into a barber shop. The world has lost a poem on the snow.