

LOCAL NEWS

WEATHER

Maritime—Fresh to strong northwest winds and colder. Sunday, northwest winds, fair and quite cold.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

In several of the evangelical churches of the city, the Christmas services took place yesterday. Special Christmas music was rendered.

SUNDAY EVENING FIRE.

A burning chimney at the residence of Mr. N. C. Dougherty Sunday evening gave the fire department a run. There was no damage.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bird wish to thank Chief Rutter and members of the fire department for the valuable assistance rendered by them at the fire Friday night.

TO RE-VISIT OLD HOME.

Mr. J. J. Harris of Vancouver, arrived in the city today and registered at the Barker House. He is on his way to his former home at Blackville to spend Christmas.

ORDINATION AT ST. PAUL'S.

Ordination was held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Sunday morning. Those ordained elders were Jas. M. Thompson, Prof. J. A. Stiles, J. A. McKinnon and Bedford Green.

FIRE IN GIBSON.

Fire broke out at the residence of Walter Wilson, Gibson, last evening. The Gibson fire department extinguished the blaze before much damage was done. A hole was burned through the roof of the ell, however.

COMING EVENT.

Miss Sadie Barton, daughter of Mr. Charles Barton of Gibson, and Mr. Edgar Banks of St. John, are to be married Tuesday at 7.30. The ceremony is to be performed by Rev. W. H. Jenkins.

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY.

Friday was the 28th anniversary of the ordination of Rev. F. L. Carney, rector of St. Dunstan's church. There was no formal celebration of the event, although Father Carney received many congratulations and there was informal observation at Mass in St. Dunstan's yesterday.

OPENING OF LEGISLATURE.

It is understood that Thursday, February 13th, has been tentatively agreed upon as the day for the opening of the legislature's next session. The New Brunswick Farmers and Dairymen's Association will meet here the same week and the York & Sunbury County's Poultry Association will have their annual show at the same time.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS.

A nice fur coat or a piece of fur for a lady or gentleman would make a nice gift. Edgecombe's fur department is a busy place these fine days. What about a nice silk waist or evening dress or shopping bag or pretty piece of neckwear, a pair of kid gloves or dainty, white-wear or some of those exquisite fancy, linen pieces in linen booth.

RETURNING TO OLD COUNTRY.

General Bramwell Booth of the Salvation Army, has appointed Colonel Joseph Pugmire, field secretary for Canada, to an important position at the International Training College in Clapton, England, and he will leave for the Old Country in a month. Col. Pugmire, then Major Pugmire, was formerly stationed at St. John, and has visited here several times since. He is a talented musician.

ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY.

County Constable David McAleese of Blissville, went to St. John Saturday morning to take into custody Frederick Goodine, aged nineteen, who was arrested there Friday night on the charge of breaking and entering the store of Mr. S. D. Alexander, at Fredericton Junction. The robbery occurred on the night of December 13. Goodine was employed in the Canadian Hotel at the Junction. When arrested he had over \$33 in his possession.

PRICE WEBBER AT OPERA HOUSE

The ever popular and old favorite H. Price Webber, supported by his able and excellent company, will appear at the Opera House on Christmas night, in the great drama entitled "The Female Detective," on which occasion Miss Gray will be seen in five different characters in which she has appeared many times before and in which she is unsurpassed. Everybody should visit the Opera House on Christmas night as this company will only play for one night.

FIRST SHIPMENT
OF PERMANENT RAILS
FOR VALLEY RY.

Steel for St. John & Quebec Railway Being Unloaded at Victoria Mill

---More is Expected

The first shipment of permanent rails for the St. John & Quebec Railway arrived here via I.C.R. on Saturday. Today they are being unloaded at Victoria Mills, this city. The rails were manufactured by the Dominion Steel Corporation at Sydney, N. S. The first order was for 8,000 tons only a portion of which have been delivered. The balance will be unloaded upon the right-of-way west of the C.P.R. station.

The rails weigh eighty pounds to the yard and are to be laid as early in the spring as the weather will permit. They are to be laid on those parts of the line nearest Fredericton and as laid will be used for the transportation of material to the ends of steel. A considerable position of the right-of-way near this city will be in condition in the spring for track-laying and it is the intention to rush that work as fast as possible. With this in view rails are being ordered in advance.

On certain parts of the line of the St. John & Quebec Railway the work of construction is to be carried on during the winter as the weather permits. So far the winter has been open enough to enable work to be carried on.

WILL WED TOMORROW.

Mr. Hanford McDonald of Marysville, and Miss Carme Clark of Gibson, formerly of Marysville, are to be united in marriage tomorrow morning.

Mr. M. D. Emack of St. John, is at the Queen.

Mr. C. Sutherland of North Sydney is registered at the Queen.

ENGLISH LUMBER
MARKET SHOWING
ENCOURAGING SIGNS

Prices For Spruce Deals Offered This Month the Best on Record--

A Small Cut Expected

A most encouraging outlook for 1913 is the outstanding feature of the English lumber market. A prominent lumberman stated recently that there was every prospect of a record price for spruce being offered in the near future. At present spruce-deals are bringing the highest in years. Stocks in Great Britain are low and the United States market is taking practically all offerings at good prices. During the past year operators of this province devoted more attention to the American market than formerly on account of the slump in the English market. It is probable that the United States will continue to take that increased share of New Brunswick lumber export.

EXPORTS NOW LIGHT

Exports of lumber is now light steamers now sailing from St. John taking only small parcels. This will have the tendency of keeping stocks light in Great Britain. In certain lines of lumber the local market is clear.

ST. JOHN CUT LIGHT

On the St. John River the cut during the present winter is to be light conditions so far being very unfavorable and very little lumber being got on the yards so far. Absence of snow is the chief trouble. In other parts of the province conditions are better and the cut about the average.

Mr. W. A. Bird of Napudogan, is at the Barker House.

Mr. H. A. Brennan of St. John, C.P.R. claim adjuster, is at the Barker House.

THE TIME HAS COME

To buy your Christmas Gifts. Be sensible this year. Buy serviceable presents and Jewellery is the one thing that appeals to everybody. People like to wear the Jewels that come from our store, because they know our goods are correct, up-to-date and reliable. We put every article in a box with our name embossed on it and even if the article is a small piece of Jewellery at 50c., 75c. or \$1.00 the receiver of the gift knows that the little piece of Jewellery is not the shoddy, cheap stuff obtained at a departmental store but is a gift of quality and represents the BEST THAT CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE PRICE.

SILVER THIMBLES from 35c. to 75c.
SILVER CUFF LINKS from 50c. to 75c.
VEIL PINS, from 50c. to \$2.00
GOLD FILLED LOCKETS and CHAINS from \$1.50 to \$5.00
SOLID GOLD LOCKETS and CHAINS from \$2.50 to \$15.00
SOLID GOLD CUFF LINKS from \$2.50 to \$12.00

REMEMBER! We give a Cash Discount of 10 per cent. on all goods purchased for Cash between now and Christmas with the exception of Howard Watches, Thermos Bottles, Caudon and Crown Derby China, Auto Strop Razors and Waterman's Fountain Pens.

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Percolators, Coffee Machines, Chafing Dishes, Hot Water Kettles, Teapots, Smokers Sets, Candlesticks, Desk Sets, Jewel Cases, Toilet Cases, Manicure Sets, Fancy China, Dinnerware, Electric Portables and Domes, Lamps, Etc.

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The Home Furnishers

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-: AT :-

EDGECOMBE'S

The Holiday Season is here and so are the seasonable goods—useful or fancy—suitable for oil or young, men, women or children. We can suit you in any line of goods at money-saving prices.

Come and let us help you make your Christmas selection.

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FOR LADIES

STYLISH GARMENTS in the Ready-to-Wear Dept.
FUR COATS—VELVET COATS
BERLIN WOOL SWEATERS
SKIRTS—BATH ROBES
PRETTY SILK KIMONAS
WARM VELOUR KIMONAS
LACE and SILK WAISTS
DAINTY EMBROIDERED LINEN WAISTS, put up in Christmas boxes
SILK PETTICOATS in all colors
EVENING COSTUMES
OPERA COATS and SCARFS
DENT'S and PERRIN'S KID GLOVES
SHOPPING BAGS, TOILET SETS, etc.
SOFA PILLOWS—LAUNDRY BAGS
UMBRELLAS and RAINCOATS, etc.

Everything that is pretty for Children. Sleigh Robes, Fur Sets, Coats and Dresses, Caps, Berlin Wool Goods, Gloves and Handkerchiefs, etc.

FOR MEN and BOYS

STYLISH OVERCOATS
SUITS and PANTS
SWEATERS—A Big Range to Select From
FUR COATS and CAPS
FUR-LINED GLOVES
FINE KID GLOVES
SILK and WOOL MUFFLERS
FANCY VESTS, etc.
INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS
HANDKERCHIEFS in Boxes
TOILET and SHAVING SETS
TOBACCO JARS—ASH TRAYS
A Beautiful Assortment of STYLISH NECKWEAR in Fancy Boxes
SUIT CASES and BAGS with Initial Letters
SILK UMBRELLAS, etc.

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THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPER

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Bon Bon Dishes, Picture Frames, Olive Dishes, Sugars and Creams, Shaving Sets, etc., etc. Also Silver Plated Tea Sets, Servers, Sandwich Plates, Baking Dishes, Trivets, Entree Dishes, etc.

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