

The Daily Mail.

VOL. XVI NO. 298

FREDERICTON, N. B. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 1912

TWO CENTS PER COPY

FREDERICTON MERCHANTS HAD BIG XMAS TRADE

A Great Rush in all Lines During the Three Shopping Days Before Christmas ---Monday and Tuesday the Greatest Days for Business in the History of the City---Shops Were Thronged From Morning Until Night and Clerks Had a Busy Time

Although handicapped by lack of snow Christmas trade in this city seems to have quite up to the average in all lines of business. The influx of visitors to the city on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday was very heavy, and they came from all points of the compass. While a good many travelled by horse and vehicle the majority on the two days preceding Christmas made the trip by train. All passenger trains coming into the city on Monday and Tuesday had an enormous traffic.

Although the city was thronged with visitors on Monday and Tuesday good order was maintained and there was less drunkenness than usual at this season of the year.

The stores along Queen Street presented a busy scene all day Tuesday, and it was well on to midnight before the merchants and their staff of clerks were able to take a breathing spell. In most of the large establishments extra clerks were employed, and the service given the public was prompt and very satisfactory.

A number of merchants interviewed by The Mail were in the best of humor and expressed themselves as well pleased with the business done during Christmas week. They had not only disposed of a large amount of stock, but the proportion of cash sales had been much larger than in former years. Several made the statement that their volume of business on Monday broke all record.

Mr. F. B. Edgcombe of the F. B. Edgcombe Company Limited, dry goods merchants, said that Monday was the biggest day he had experienced in his long business career and he added "Tuesday was almost as good. Our Christmas trade has surpassed our most sanguine expectation."

Mr. W. E. Farrell, of the Broadway Store, the leading dress furnisher of the city said: "I did not think it was possible for us to improve on our volume of Christmas trade last year, but we surpassed it by 15 per cent. Tuesday was the best day I ever had. I never saw anything like it in my life. Thank the people for me."

Mr. R. L. Black, ladies furnisher, York Street, says that his Christmas trade this year was the best ever. He was kept busy all through the month, and during Saturday, Monday and Tuesday there was an exceptionally heavy rush at his store.

Mr. C. W. Holder, of Tennant and Holder, dry goods, said that his firm had a splendid trade. Tuesday, he said was the best day for business he had seen since coming to Fredericton. "We also had a big run on Saturday and Monday and wish to thank the public for their liberal patronage."

Mr. John J. Weddall of John J. Weddall & Son, dry goods, said: "Our Christmas trade was positively the best we ever had and we established a new record. Our staff worked hard and we think gave the public a good service."

Mr. J. T. Jennings of Colwell & Jennings, house furnishes, said: "Our Christmas trade has been very satisfactory. Monday was a big day and Tuesday was a better one. We have enjoyed a splendid business during the whole year."

Mr. George Y. Dibble, druggist, said: "We have had a fine Christmas trade but it would have been better had there been snow for sleighing. With the railway development now going on in this section the outlook for the future is very bright."

Mr. Alonzo Staples, druggist, reports having done a splendid Christmas trade. Mr. Staples has been in the drug business here for over forty years and he says that trade this week was the best in his experience.

The big establishment of J. Clark & Son, King street, was a busy place during the week preceding Christmas. The members of the firm report an enormous Christmas trade.

Mr. J. M. Lemont of Lemont & Sons, house furnishes, reports that Christmas trade was highly satisfactory.

He said there was a big rush at the store on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday and a large volume of business was transacted. "We have been in business," he said, "for sixty eight years and while I would not say this was the best Christmas we ever had I am justified in saying it was one of the best."

Mr. R. T. Mack, druggist and chemist, said: "It was the best Christmas trade I ever had. It was away ahead of last year."

Mr. J. A. Lawlor of Lawlor & Cain, hardware merchants, said: "I believe there was more business done on Tuesday than on any other day in the history of the city. Our Christmas trade was away ahead of last year."

Mr. H. S. Campbell, shoeman, said: "Our Christmas trade was splendid; never saw anything like it. Had there been snow it would have been almost impossible to have handled the business. The merchants of Fredericton have no reason to be discouraged over the outlook. We are coming into our own."

Mr. J. S. Neill Jr., of J. S. Neill & Sons, Ltd., said: "It has been a great Christmas for business. We have established a new record. We have doubled our last year's figures."

Mr. R. B. Vandine, boot and shoe dealer, said: "Our business is away ahead of last year. December has been a banner month."

Mr. W. T. Chestnut of R. Chestnut & Sons, hardware merchants, said: "Christmas trade has been splendid with us. Tuesday was the busiest day we have ever experienced."

Messrs. Peter Farrell & Co., dry goods merchants, report their Christmas trade as having been very satisfactory.

Mr. W. Lasky, manager for Hunt & McDonald, druggists, reports Christmas trade away ahead of last year.

Mr. C. Fred Chestnut, druggist, said that he disposed of more goods on Tuesday than in any one day since he started business in 1889.

Mr. A. J. Ryan, druggist, said his trade was away ahead of last year. He said "We had three big days but Tuesday was the biggest of all."

Shute & Co., jewellers, report the best business season in all their experience. "We have disposed of an immense quantity of goods," is the way they expressed it.

Mr. C. W. Whelpley, wholesale and retail grocer, transacted an enormous business during Christmas week. The store was thronged on Tuesday and the staff of clerks were kept on the jump. Mr. Whelpley enjoys the biggest grocery trade in the city.

Mr. George W. Hodge, wholesale grocer, says lack of snow interfered somewhat with the wholesale trade in the rural districts. Still, he says that the volume of business for December was quite up to that of previous years. Country merchants are running short of heavy goods but will stock up just as soon as snow comes.

Miss McManus of McManus & Co., boot and shoe dealers told The Mail that trade at their establishment had been better than last year. Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, she said were all big days and would have been better had their been snow for sleighing.

LATE CHARLES CHASE
The funeral of the late Charles Chase took place this afternoon from his late home Marysville, and was largely attended. The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Williams. Interment was made at Marysville.

UNSUCCESSFUL RAID.
Provincial Constable John B. Hawthorn visited Canterbury on Tuesday in search of evidences of violation of the Canada Temperance Act. The suspect had been "tipped off" however, and cleared out before the constable arrived.

ADMIRAL DEWEY HONORED

Hero of Manila Celebrates His Seventy-Fifth Birthday

Many Distinguished Men Called at His Home to Tender Their Congratulations

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25—An almost continuous stream of messengers climbed the stone steps of a handsome residence at the corner of 16th and K Streets today, while through the portals of the big house there passed at frequent intervals men whose furrowed brows and dignified bearing stamped them as diplomats, judges, senators or high officers of the army or navy.

The house, as described by the megaphone men on the "rubber-neck" wagons, is "the home of Admiral George Dewey, hero of the battle of Manila bay." Admiral Dewey reached his seventy-fifth birthday anniversary today and was the recipient of a flood of congratulations, oral and written, from his many friends in official as well as private life. The Admiral and his family remained at home the greater part of the day, and gave a cordial welcome to the many friends who called to pay their respects.

Admiral Dewey is in good health, considering his years and arduous services, and is still able to attend to his duties as president of the naval general board. He is rather proud of the fact that he is seventy-five years old, for few men have reached his age retaining their good looks, the vigor of mental and physical youth, and, last, but not least, the natural optimism of a school-boy.

The Admiral is a native of Montpelier, Vt. He began his remarkable career early, and could he live his life over again, he says, he would not change the course it has taken. After a course at the Norwich Military Academy, supplementing the valuable personal instruction of his father, who was one of the best known physicians of his day, the future sea-fighter entered the Naval Academy at the age of sixteen. Immediately upon leaving the academy, four years later, in 1858, he was ordered to active service, and, lacking only a few months' space of time, he has now been fifty-eight years in the navy. For the Admiral is still on the active list of the navy and will remain so until the end of his days. This is in virtue of the act of Congress creating him a full admiral, the only officer of his rank in the American navy, and which insures him the full pay of his grade, \$13,500 a year, during his lifetime.

(Continued on page five)

LATE DANIEL HATCH

The funeral of the late Daniel Hatch who met his death recently in the lumber woods near Bayfield, Wis., took place at West Oromocto yesterday afternoon. The service was conducted by Rev. T. D. Bell.

THEY COST MONEY

It is estimated that nearly one thousand turkeys were brought to the city and disposed of during the three days preceding Christmas. The average price paid was twenty-seven cents per pound and the birds would average about twelve pounds each. This means that over \$3,000 changed hands on the item of turkeys alone.

LATE ETHEL MANZER.

The funeral of the late Ethel Manzer, whose death occurred recently in Boston, took place Christmas afternoon from the home of Mr. James Estabrooks, Marysville, and was largely attended. Interment was made at Marysville.

INDIANS ENTERTAINED.

Policeman Sol Brooks of the St. Mary's Reserve, entertained a number of his friends at Christmas dinner at his home yesterday. A feature of the occasion was the singing of Indian songs. Frank Sapier, formerly a member of the Indian choir at French Village, proved an excellent soloist in the Melicite tongue.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE

Outlook for Settlement is Not Regarded as Bright

Turkey Not Likely to Agree to the Terms Proposed by the Balkan States

London, Dec. 25—The expedition with which the Turkish government has decided upon counter peace proposals leads to the assumption that they will be equally wide from what are likely to be the eventual terms of the peace treaty as were the demands of the allies and that there still is a prolonged process of bargaining to be gone through before the conference is ended.

Austria's failure to demobilize however, is a greater source of disquietude to all concerned that the task of arranging peace. This is more especially the case with the Montenegrin delegates, who today were considerably excited over the rumor that now that Austria has obtained what she wants from Serbia, she wishes either to prevent Mobtenegro from taking Scutari by incorporating it in Albania or to make the Montenegrin occupation of Scutari the price of Austrian occupation in Mount Lowehen.

Constantinople, Dec. 25—The Porte today telegraphed to Rachad Pasha at London counter peace proposals as decided upon by the council of ministers. The exact nature of the proposals has not been revealed, but the official views of the situation is still hopeful.

The Turkish press is unanimous in declaring that the allies' conditions are not acceptable and that the Turkish delegates were not sent to London to commit suicide.

The Porte has repeated to the powers the demand made a month ago for a consular inquiry respecting the atrocities alleged to have been committed by the allies in the occupied territories.

ADAM J. BEEK DIED FROM INJURIES

**Injured by Falling Tree in Pokiook Woods
---Died in Hospital---Funeral at Doaktown**

Adam J. Beek of Doaktown, died in the Victoria hospital Christmas morning as a result of injuries received on Saturday last in the lumber woods near Pokiook, York county. He was injured internally by a falling tree and since being brought to the hospital on Sunday, did not regain consciousness. He was twenty-eight years of age and unmarried. His mother, Mrs. Benjamin Betts, widow, survives, in Doaktown. Other surviving relatives residing in the same place are one brother, James Beek; one sister, Mrs. Miles Storie; two half sisters, Mrs. Howard Lyons and Miss Lizzie, and two half-brothers, Gordon Storie and Stillman Storie. The body was sent to Doaktown by I.C.R. last evening. The funeral will take place there Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, interment will be made in the Church of England burying ground.

NEVER TOO LATE

A resident of Boiestown, eighty-four years of age, visited the city last week settled up his business affairs, and received the rite of baptism.

WEDDED THIS AFTERNOON

Rev. Frank L. Orchard of Worcester, Mass., and Miss Leota Machum, daughter of Mr. J. C. Machum of St. Marys were married this afternoon, Rev. J. E. Wilson assisted by Rev. J. H. MacDonald performing the ceremony. Both bride and groom are well known here and have many friends. Rev. Mr. Orchard was graduated by the University of New Brunswick in 1909. He is a clergyman of the Baptist Church.

Mr. A. W. Fraser of St. John is in the city. He is registered at the Queen.

REVENUE OF PROVINCE LARGEST IN ITS HISTORY

Receipts Last Year Were Close to a Million and a Half Dollars---Increase Over 1911 Amounts to Seventy Thousand Dollars---By Skillful Juggling with the Accounts a Surplus of Eight Thousand Dollars is Shown---Large Capital Expenditure Also Shown

The financial statement of the province for the fiscal year ending Oct. 31st, is published in this week's Royal Gazette. Following is a statement of the expenditures and receipts of the province for 1912 as compared with those of 1911:

EXPENDITURES		1911	1912
Administration of justice	\$	18,568.91	\$ 18,924.02
Agriculture		46,624.04	41,745.69
Auditor General		2,800.00	3,100.00
Boys' Industrial Home		1,500.00	1,500.00
Campbellton relief		5,000.00	5,000.00
Colonization roads		939.25	311.77
Coronation expenses		2,500	
Cont agencies		19,346.71	20,171.16
Exhibitions		2,334	14,625.68
Executive government		46,086.65	39,107.32
Education		270,655.78	272,679.32
Election		1,211.26	11,826.95
Factory Inspection (Inspector)		1,162.50	1,381.22
Factory Inspection (board examining Engineers)			796.92
Free grants		791.03	924.29
Fish, forest and game		30,353.61	33,059.73
Guarantee bonds (of officials)		899.90	886.14
Interest		245,193.33	258,352.97
Immigration		9,566.40	11,384.77
Jordan Memorial Sanitarium		3,008.75	8,925.99
Legislative assembly		28,876.25	28,742.96
Legislative library		708.40	574.77
Liquor license fund		28,257.01	28,049.74
Mining		1,848.30	994.74
Natural History Societies		650.00	650.00
N. S. Coal and Railway Investigation		448.74	
N.B. Historical Society		125.00	125.00
N.B. Rifle Association		300.00	300.00
Public Health (smallpox)		5,694.21	3,738.80
Public Health (hospitals)		9,700.00	10,000.00
Public Health (salaries etc.)		2,532.69	2,596.46
Probate fund fee		13,063.03	12,977.26
Printing		13,798.92	17,549.31
Provincial Hospital (maintenance)		83,942.30	85,212.05
Pensions, teachers		3,674.41	4,225.00
Public Works		415,761.49	373,286.46
Public Works, motor vehicle law		503.32	1,238.49
Refunds		1,542.32	1,261.00
Revisors		1,832.64	1,795.64
Roads, settlement lands		255.79	1,015.49
Surveys and inspections		4,682.14	5,509.25
Stampage collection		30,855.62	30,818.44
Succession duties collection		277.56	1,757.02
School books		18,853.31	17,465.85
Sinking funds		25,306.50	25,000.00
Superannuation		2,450.00	2,250.00
Tourist Association		2,000.00	2,000.00
Utilities commission		600.00	600.00
Unforeseen expenses		2,417.16	3,500.76
Total ordinary expenditure		\$1,408,546.85	\$1,409,049.38
Permanent bridges		156,027.20	152,281.91
Permanent bridges (special)			26,341.32
Wharves, etc., St. John		2,500.00	2,500.00
International Railway subsidy		56,300.00	
N. B. Coal and Railway		102,763.36	
Jordan Sanatorium buildings			4,000.00
Bishopcote property			12,000.00
Agriculture, Dominion grant			6,725.13
St. John valley survey		8,816.01	1,518.87
Contractors deposits refunded		8,161.38	8,408.99
Commuted pens ons withdrawn		7,775.64	1,348.34
Debentures redeemed		87,500.00	3,500.60
Supreme Court deposits withdrawn			46,936.12
Probate Court deposits withdrawn			599.55
Southampton Railway interest on deposit			760.00
Sinking fund crown lands invested			78,653.43
Temporary loans repaid		268,314.26	980,692.02
St. John Valley survey loan repaid			29,832.53
Balance		184,060.60	15,969.86
Total		\$2,285,766.30	\$2,781,112.55

RECEIPTS		1911	1912
Balance from previous year		\$ 96,652.71	\$ 184,060.60
The balance from the previous year is not included in the above total, but in the grand total at the end of the statement.			
Dominion subsidies		621,360.96	646,289.76
Territorial revenue		528,439.04	522,399.66
Territorial settlement lands		1,221.50	1,195.25
Fees, Prov. Secretary's office		19,820.90	23,922.15
Taxes, incorporated companies		48,278.03	47,058.49
Private and local bills		2,270.00	3,823.33
Succession duties		5,720.60	44,857.35
King's printer		2,434.19	2,409.05
School books		16,209.05	15,613.15
Liquor licenses		46,631.07	45,056.54
Probate fee fund		15,027.51	16,143.91
Supreme Court fee fund		1,995.13	2,341.40
Provincial Hospital		25,089.63	22,794.19
Sales live stock		1,402.00	
Jordan Memorial Sanitarium		1,784.38	1,155.72
Potato warehouse		1,462.80	
Motor vehicles		4,046.00	8,443.00
Wharves, half cost from Dominion			5,071.67
Utilities Commission advance return			1,200.00
Factory Inspector			2,068.00
Miscellaneous receipts		3,884.26	5,585.55
Total ordinary revenue		\$1,347,077.05	\$1,417,732.17

(Continued on page four)