

HOLIDAY TRADE  
IN FREDERICTON  
WAS VERY HEAVY

The City Crowded All Day on Monday with Christmas Shoppers—Many Automobiles in Evidence.

On the whole Christmas trade in this city has been highly satisfactory and merchants are naturally very much pleased over it. Both Saturday and Monday were record breaking shopping days, but there is some difference of opinion as to which was really the best. Many people from outlying districts came in on Saturday to market farm produce, but on Monday they apparently came in to do their Christmas shopping as there was no market worthy of the name.

All day Monday, Queen street and York streets which are the leading shopping centres were a moving mass of humanity. It was a good natured and orderly crowd bent on making purchases with which to fill the Christmas stockings. They had money to spend and they spent it freely and got good value for it.

A Record Breaker

Mr. F. B. Edgcombe head of the F. B. Edgcombe Company, who is now the dean of local merchants said today that Saturday was one of the best shopping days he had ever experienced and he added that in the matter of cash purchases it was a record breaker. He said that Monday was also a banner day and his staff of salesmen had a very busy time of it. Other merchants share the opinion of Mr. Edgcombe.

Autos Galore

The fine weather and the splendid condition of the highway roads were important contributing factors to Fredericton's mammoth holiday trade, on Monday traffic was almost wholly by automobile and the turnout of cars was as great as during the busy days of summer. Hundreds were parked along Queen street and Phoenix Square, during the afternoon while the occupants were on the hunt for holiday bargains. Saturday and Monday were certainly big days for the merchants of Fredericton.

CITY AFFAIRS  
Significant.

A back street merchant who specializes on antiques, has recently added eggs to his stock in trade.

To Take a Cruise

Mr. R. B. Hanson, K. C., M. P. and Mrs. Hanson are to leave on January 8th, on a West Indies cruise to be absent about a month. They plan to sail from New York by the C. P. R. liner, Duchess of Bedford on January 10th.

Two Dismissals.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to order: Charles N. Begin be dismissed as Police and Stipendiary Magistrate for the Town of Edmundston in the County of Madawaska; Guy McNeil be dismissed as Provincial Constable.

Had a Good Time.

The occupants of the Children's Home, sixteen in number, were made happy on Christmas Day by generous gifts of candy, fruit, etc. An excellent dinner was served to them at noon. The children were also the recipients of many toys.

A Family Reunion

Mr. Charles E. Neill of Montreal general manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, who arrived here on Monday to spend Christmas returned to Montreal by last evening's train. A pleasant reunion of the members of the Neill family was held yesterday at the home of Mrs. James S. Neill.

Heard on the Air.

Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera H. M. S. Pinafore sung by the United Opera Company was broadcast last night by station WABC, of New York City. H. M. S. Pinafore retains its old time popularity and last night's broadcast was greatly enjoyed by local radio fans.

ALD. D. W. ROSS  
PASSES AWAY  
SUDDENLY

A Prominent Physician Who Took an Active Interest in the Affairs of the Community—Native of Carleton Co.

Stricken at his home on Saturday with an attack of pneumonia complicated with heart trouble, Dr. D. W. Ross, alderman for Carleton Ward and prospective candidate for the mayoralty, passed away unexpectedly at eleven o'clock Christmas Eve. The news of his death spread quickly and was a very painful shock to the community. The deceased had been about the city last week and on Saturday morning visited the country market where he chatted with numerous friends. Upon returning home at noon he was taken ill. A sudden change for the worse in his condition on Monday night resulted in his death. The deceased had not enjoyed good health for several years.

Funeral Tomorrow

The deceased was the first member of the city council to die in office for many years and the city hall flag is flying at half mast today out of respect to his memory. The funeral will take place at 2.30 (Continued from page five.)

CAPT. PERKINS  
PASSES AWAY  
AT SUSSEX, N. B.

Deceased Was a Former Resident of This City—Long Connected With the Militia and a Crack Rifle Shot.

Many friends in this city where he made his home for many years will regret to learn of the death at Sussex on Christmas day of Capt. James D. Perkins, at the age of 81 years. The deceased had been in failing health for nearly a year, and his death did not come as a surprise to members of his family.

The late Capt. Perkins was for many years janitor of the Post Office and Customs House in this city. He was a carpenter by trade and followed that occupation after his removal to Sussex about twenty-five years ago. For many years during his residence here he commanded a company of the 71st Regiment.

The deceased was a crack rifle shot and was a charter member of the Provincial Rifle Association and probably the last surviving charter member. He commenced shooting 61 years ago and qualified for the Bisley team on six occasions, but only crossed the ocean once, in 1884, the Canadian team winner. (Continued from page five.)

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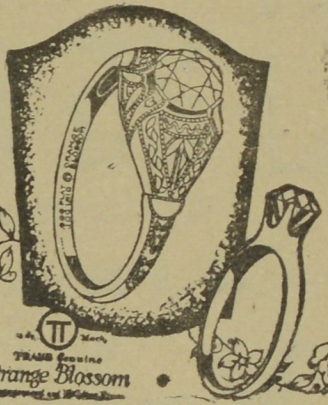
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