

## News Briefs

### TRIED THIS AFTERNOON

Freddy Atherton appeared before Magistrate Walter Limerick at 2:30 this afternoon to be tried on charges of attempting to break and enter the Yerxa Grocery Store on York street last week. He pleaded not guilty at his preliminary hearing the day following his arrest, and elected trial by magistrate.

### ACCIDENTAL ALARM

Men working on the wires of the fire alarm system accidentally rung an alarm from Box 14 at the corner of Brunswick and Smythe streets at 2:30 this afternoon. A street alarm came in from the home of Mrs. G. Craig, near that corner, this morning. The chimney fire which occasioned the alarm did no damage.

### FORM MINING COMPANY

Letters, patent for the formation of a mining concern to be known as the Tetagouche Exploration Co., Ltd., have been issued to C. F. Inches, K.C., D. King Hazen, K.C., and Hilda L. Carpenter, all of Saint John, according to notice appearing in the current issue of The Royal Gazette. The capital stock of the concern will consist of 100,000 shares of \$1. each. The chief privilege of the company is to operate mining, milling and reduction plants and to explore and prospect for gold, silver and other metals.

### Asa Perley Whitehead Passey Away at Home Yesterday Afternoon

Many friends will regret to learn of the death of Asa Perley Whitehead, aged resident of this city, which occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank T. Pridham, 244 Saunders street yesterday afternoon. A resident of this city for the past twenty years, the deceased had reached the advanced age of 91 years.

The late Mr. Whitehead, who had suffered from a lengthy illness, was well known in this city, having formed many friendships during his residence here. For many years he was an employee of the J. B. Snowball Lumber Company at Chatham, and was one of the last employees of the firm when it was sold. He was also a member of the Artillery Garrison, Chatham. Highly esteemed and respected, his passing will be felt as a loss by all who knew him.

He is survived by three sons, Chas. of Lynn, Mass.; Asa P., of Waterloo, Ont.; and Joseph B., of Florida; also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. F. T. Pridham of this city, and Mrs. Mabel Myron, Lynn, Mass.

A funeral service will be held at the home, Saunders street, at six o'clock this evening. Rev. Dr. J. W. Bartlett officiating. The remains will be taken to Chatham tomorrow morning where the funeral will be held in the afternoon, with service at St. Andrew's United Church at 3 o'clock. Interment will be made in the family plot, Chatham.

## XMAS MARKET IS LARGEST IN WEEKS

Hundreds in Phoenix Square This Morning; Turkeys and Other Poultry Large Items

Chilling weather did not prevent the biggest market of weeks when hundreds of farmers and producers, and busy shoppers, thronged into Phoenix Square to attend the mid-week Christmas market this morning. A large number of sleds and trucks each filled with market produce, surrounded the square, while the market quarters in City Hall were filled to capacity.

Turkey, geese, chickens and ducks were the large items, and all on hand in good quantity, while meats of all kinds followed close behind poultry in supply. The prices of meats was about the same as last week but turkey dropped 5 cents per pound, while chicken also was slightly cheaper. Butter and eggs each fell three cents.

Demand on the market for poultry especially turkey, was high, but well taken care of in supply. Butter was plentiful, while eggs were also on hand in good quantity. Vegetables were almost totally absent from the market.

Butter, 22c per lb.  
Eggs, 35c per doz.  
Head cheese, 15c per lb.  
Lamb, 15c, and 20c per lb.  
Beef, 6c and 9c per lb.  
Pork, 10c and 12c per lb.  
Chicken, 28c per lb.  
Fowl, 20c per lb.  
Live chickens, \$1.00 each.  
Duck, 28c per lb.  
Turkey, 35c per lb.  
Wood, \$7 and \$8 per cord.  
Cord wood, \$6.50 per cord.  
Yarn, 90c per lb.  
Christmas trees, 50c each and up.  
Christmas wreaths, 20c each.

# Begin Payments of Blind Pensions at End of This Month

## RECONSTRUCTION OF TWO BRIDGES IS COMMENCED

New Jewett's Mill and Waterloo Bridges Replace Old Structures

Work on the reconstruction of two bridges, one across the Macnaquac River near Jewett's Mill and the other on the St. George road, called the Waterloo Bridge, has been begun under the direction of the provincial highway structural superintendent. Both jobs are in creosoted wood, the reason why the work is being done in the winter rather than next summer, and both completed structures will replace antiquated and worn out bridges.

The Jewett's Mill bridge will replace an old cribwork and small span structure. An entirely new bridge, it will have a 114-foot creosoted Howe truss span. There will also be a slight change in the alignment of the bridge. The new Waterloo Bridge is necessary because the very old structure which it replaces has become inadequate for present day loads. It will consist of a number of creosoted pile trestle bents and stringer spans. Each job is expected to take slightly over a month for completion.

## Hospital Grant Plebiscite Not to be Considered at Meeting

The question of a plebiscite on the proposal of guaranteeing bonds for \$150,000 and financing \$100,000 for the erection of a new hospital building, will not be considered at the special meeting of the City Council tomorrow afternoon, it was stated by Fred I. Haviland, city treasurer, this morning.

The meeting will be for the sole purpose of considering a plebiscite on the matter of daylight saving time. If the Aldermen decide in favour of the plebiscite it will be held at the same time the election for the new council and mayor is held in January.

The Aldermen are not entitled to take a plebiscite on the Police Commission which is under provincial jurisdiction in the same sense as is the liquor commission.

## N. B. Becomes First Province to Begin Blind Payments

9 Pensions Granted

Physicians Appointed by Domin. Start Examination Applicants

With the commencement of the payment of pensions for the blind at the end of this month, New Brunswick will become the first province in the Dominion ever to assist its blind citizens in this manner, it was stated this morning by Hon. W. P. Jones, K.C., chairman of the Old Age Pensions Board.

Only a few of the 400-odd applications for blind pensions can be paid this month, Mr. Jones said, because of the fact that so little time remains in December for examination of the applicants by the physicians recently named by the Federal Department of Pensions and National Health.

To Determine the Fact of Blindness Dr. R. A. Hughes, departmental specialist at Saint John; Dr. R. T. Hayes, Saint John, and Dr. W. A. Pullen, Moncton, have been appointed by the Dominion Director of National Services as oculists authorized to make the necessary examinations, he said. "It is expected that a fur-

## May Postpone Sittings

"It is very probable that we will not be ready for a hearing before the Rowell Commission by February, and that the sittings of that body in Fredericton may have to be postponed until March or even April," stated Hon. W. P. Jones, K.C., who is preparing the brief for New Brunswick to be presented to the commission on Dominion - provincial relations. "We feel that in matters of so great importance we should investigate all possible channels before finally completing our brief," said Mr. Jones, who is leaving for Ottawa on Monday to examine important documents relating to New Brunswick's position in regards to Confederation. He expects to return to this city on New Year's Day.

ther appointment will be made of a physician in the upper part of the province, but we have not been advised as to his name as yet," he added (Continued on Page Five)

## MERCHANTS PLAN NON-OBSERVANCE OF BOXING DAY

Old English Holiday, Dec. 26, Will Pass Unnoticed

Stores in this city will not observe "Boxing Day" this year generally, it was learned this morning. Most of the stores will be open, only one chain store closing, according to present information. Although employees of the Provincial Govt. buildings and Dominion Government officials last year were given the holiday, no order has come through from Ottawa for the observance of the day, and it was stated this morning by A. W. Barbour, deputy minister of public works, that the holiday will be kept by the Provincial Government offices.

J. C. Veness Dominion Forestry official of this city, stated that they have no orders concerning the day. It is understood that Federal Government officials in Ottawa, however, are given the day off—the day after Christmas.

"Boxing Day" originated in England, and is a tradition there. On that day the postman, the grocery delivery boy, the telegraph messenger—all of whom have given good service during the year—call at the homes of the people they have served for gifts which the lady or man of the house is always prepared to give.

In Canada, however, where the day is kept it is observed only as an act of courtesy on behalf of the employer to the employee in appreciation of the good service given during the year—the rushing Christmas season especially. Various local ladies, who were tem-

## TO DISTRIBUTE 134 XMAS MEALS TO POOR OF CITY

Countess of Ashburnham Will Provide Prisoners' Dinners

One hundred and thirty-four families, comprising 534 people in all, will receive Christmas dinners this year through the work of the Welfare Bureau in co-operation with the various churches and societies in the city, it was stated this morning by Major E. E. Armstrong, city poor commissioner, and chairman of the special committee on Christmas baskets.

It is believed that the number of baskets is about the same as last year, and if anything, a few more. The finest co-operation has been given by the different bodies, Major Armstrong stated, practically every church and society in the city taking a proportionate number of families for the distribution.

The baskets will be quite uniform, it was stated, made up of sufficient food for a chicken dinner with all the fixings, it was stated. Toys will also be included, and in some cases where the conditions warrant, clothing will be included.

The Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., and the Rotary Club are handling a greater number of cases than the other societies.

Observance at County Home The Christmas at the Municipal Home is expected to be the biggest it has been for some time. Presents will be distributed from the Christmas tree on Christmas eve, and Santa Claus come to the children in the morning.

The Christmas dinner will take place in the evening, composed of a chicken dinner with the usual vegetables, nine kinds of cake, two kinds of pie, and two kinds of pickles as well as the usual foods.

On Sunday the thirty children at the home will be taken to this city by the Rotary Club, taken for a sleigh (Continued on Page Five)

# GIVE USEFUL GIFTS

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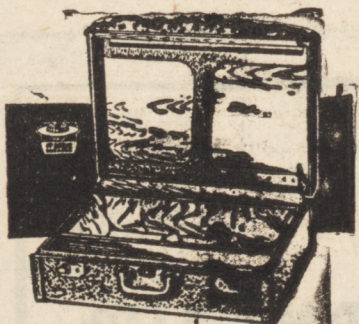
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