

LOCAL NEWS

TO ADVERTISERS.

To insure prompt change of ads., copy must be in this office not later than 8 a.m. on the day they are to appear

A BIG LIST

The I. C. R. express which did not arrive until 3.30 o'clock brought over two hundred passengers to the city.

RINK OPENING

The Arctic Rink will open on Monday, afternoon, Dec. 26th (weather permitting) The rink wicket will be open on Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 for the sale of tickets.

A LAND MARK

Jim Pinkey, who has been hibernating in Whitechapel for several months past was out today making his annual Christmas calls. Jim predicts a mild winter.

PLASTER FELL

The police-court room presents a rather dilapidated appearance today as the result of a fall of plaster from the ceiling. It is thought the plaster was loosened by water which came from leaking pipes.

WILL GO ON ROAD

Mr. Fred Mellick has returned from a business trip to Providence, R. I. Early in the new year he will take a position as commercial-traveller with Munson & Fisher of St. John.

FOR HOLIDAYS GREETINGS.

The Western Union Telegraph here has received a supply of special blanks to be used in the exchange of Christmas greetings. They are printed in three colors and the design is both handsome and appropriate.

GEM

The Gem has secured the Reliance Film direct from New York and all lovers of the Biograph actors will see them tonight in the Reliance Firm changing skys. "The Way of the West," the name is enough to convince you. Daily Matinees next week starting at 2.30.—d.

MATINEE TOMORROW

An entire change of program at the Unique tonight including a Biograph photo play "A Child's Stratagem" also an Edison feature "A Daughter of the Mines." A special matinee will be given tomorrow at 2.30 and daily next week 3 and 4 p. m.

TO BE ENVIED.

Some of the market prices at Perth and Andover this week are reported in The News as follows:—Turkey, per lb., 18 and 20c.; geese per lb., 12 and 14c.; ducks per pair, 50c.; beef, 5 and 6c.; potatoes, per bbl., \$1; chickens, per lb., 10 and 12c. The provision dealers of Fredericton should send a representative to Perth to corner the market.

NEEDS A REVIVER

Montreal Herald—We would respectfully call Mr. J. W. McConnell's attention to the price of Toledo Railway's and Light common stock—7 bid 8 asked! Perhaps he can do something for it these cold winter days. After that we may find a few more in the public utilities hospitals.

(Several Fredericton investors, who at one time considered Toledo a good ground floor proposition, would no doubt be pleased if Mr. McConnell would apply a restorative.)

BAGGAGE-CAR BURNED

There was excitement at Fredericton Junction last night when the baggage-car of Fredericton Branch train was burned to the trucks. When the fire was first observed it had gained tremendous headway. The car was backed under a stand-pipe, and water turned on but without avail. A safe belonging to the Dominion Express Company was in the car and also some property of Conductor McGovern, all was destroyed. Fortunately baggage and express matter had been practically all removed before the fire.

DEATH OF VETERAN.

John Chidlow, a South African War Veteran, died this morning at the Victoria Public Hospital, of tuberculosis. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from Christ Church Cathedral. Service will be conducted at the Cathedral at 2.30, by Rev. Dean Schofield. The funeral will be under the auspices of the Veterans' Association which has been taking care of the deceased for some time. He was placed in the hospital a week ago Sunday. Interment will be made at the Rural Cemetery. The deceased was forty-eight years of age and was a native of England. He came to this country some years prior to the South African war, and enlisted in the Royal Canadian Regiment, serving with that corps in South Africa.

Mr. R. A. Marshall, of Ormococt, is in the city.

GIBSON SCHOOLS HAD INTERESTING CLOSING EXERCISES

Very Attractive Program Carried Out This Morning in the Presence of Many Visitors.

The public closing exercises of the Gibson school took place this morning and were of more than usual interest. There was a good attendance of visitors and Principal Burns and his efficient staff of teachers came in for many well deserved compliments. The following program was carried out in Principal Burns' room: Chorus—"Merry Xmas Bells." Recitation—"The Bridgekeeper's Story." Exercise—"Christmas Star." Chorus—"O ring glad bells." Dialogue—"Welcome to Xmas." Recitation—"Farmer Ben's Theory." Chorus—"Exulting Tribute." Dialogue—"How the Girls Study." Chorus—"Sledding on a Starry Night."

Recitation—"Kentucky Philosophy." Chorus—"The Air is Filled With Echoes." Recitation—"How to Cure a Cold." Chorus—"Ring Sweet Bells." Recitation—"Davy's Promise." Physical Drill. Chorus—"Hurrah for Xmas Time." God Save the King. During the same time the remaining grades had united for a Christmas Concert. These were 3rd and 4th enrollment, 49 under Miss Marjorie Titus; part of the 1st and 2nd under Miss Edith Edgecombe, enrollment 68; part of the 1st and 2nd, under Miss Bessie McElveney, enrollment 59.

The programme of this section was as follows: Song—"Once there lay a little baby." Recitation—"Welcome." Dialogue—"We are Merry Children." Song—"Merry Christmas." Recitation—"A Boy's Letter." Recitation—"Merely a Boy." Song—"Beautiful Star of the Morning." Dialogue—"The Way to Spend Christmas." Song—"O Canada." Recitation—"The Mousie's Trick on Santa." m Recitation—"Baby's Christmas Prayer." Dong—"O Jolly old St. Nick." Recitation—"Helping Santa." Recitation—"The Two Stockings." Dialogue—"The Doctor." Song—"O'er the Earth." Recitation—"Little Chick." Recitation.

Dialogue—"Xmas Wishes." Song—"Hurrah." Recitation—"Going on an Errand." Dialogue—"Polly and Peggy." Song—"The Moon." Recitation. Dialogue—"Blue Eyes." Song—"Someone is Coming Tonight." Recitation. Dialogue—"The Dollies." Recitation—"Christmas Wish." Song. Recitation—"Just 'fore Christmas" Recitation. Dialogue—"Santa Claus' Helpers." Dialogue—"Alphabet." Song—"Goodbye." At the close of the exercises of the advanced grades speeches were made by Trustee Wm. Jeffrey, Mrs. A. H. Barker, and Mrs. Benj. Haynes, former teachers; Robert Henry, Esq., and Revs. Murray and Jenkins, two of the local pastors. These all spoke in high appreciation of the work done by the efficient teaching staff, of the splendid record made by the school, and the excellent Christmas exercises. Messrs. Partelow Pickard and Fred Titus did the Santa Claus act much to the delight of all. The distribution of Christmas presents from the trees closed the entertainment.

A large attendance of the parents and friends was noted.

PERSONALS

Mr. Sterling Thompson, who has been studying at Pine Hill College, Halifax, arrived in the city last evening to spend Christmas.

Mr. A. R. Babbitt left this morning for St. Andrew's, where he will spend Christmas with friends.

Miss Neva Clements has arrived from Portland to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. W. H. N. Clements, at Clarmont.

The Rev. William Aitkin and family of Newcastle, have arrived in Montreal to spend the Christmas holidays at the residence of Mr. Max Aitkin, and will later go South for the winter.

Miss Lillie Niles and Mr. Earle Niles of Gibson, left this morning for Sussex to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Perkins.

Mr. J. C. Risteen has gone to Woodstock to spend Christmas with his son Mr. Fred Risteen.

Mr. J. Bacon Dixon who is attending Dalhousie Law School arrived home this morning for the holiday

Mr. John L. Brewer left this morning for Woodstock, where he will spend Christmas.

POLICE SEARCHED AND FOUND TWO BOTTLES OF LIQUOR

Wm. McAllister Will Be Charged To-morrow with Violation of Canada Temperance Act.

The police armed with a search warrant visited the pool-room of Wm. McAllister on Regent Street shortly after five o'clock yesterday and searched the premises for liquor. Their efforts were rewarded by the discovery of two small bottles of liquor which were hidden behind a mirror. Information has been laid against McAllister and he will appear before the Police Magistrate to-morrow charged with violation of the Canada Temperance Act.

The raid was made by Chief of Police Hawthorne, Special Policeman Gunter and Policeman Hartt. The warrant was read by Policeman Gunter, who, when he asked the proprietor if he had any liquor on the premises told him to search. The police searched for some time and finally found the liquor. The proportion claimed that it was for his own personal use.

It is understood that the search was made on account of information furnished by parties outside the police force.

POLICE COURT TODAY

This morning two drunks appeared before Police Magistrate Marsh. An old offender was fined five dollars and a young man who appeared for the first time was allowed to go.

Mr. Samuel T. Wilson, of Chatham, is registered at the Barker House.

Mr. C. J. Crohan, of New York, is at the Barker House.

Mr. Roy McLean, of St. John, is registered at the Queen.

HOCKEY MEETING TONIGHT

President G. Fred Baird of the City Hockey League has called a meeting of all interested in hockey to be held at the Arctic Rink this evening at 7.30

WILL GO TO ENGLAND

It is understood that Lieut. Costin, of "H" Company, R. C. R., will leave shortly for England to take a course of special military training.

BIJOU TODAY

Another good program that you will like to see. The Bijou will run special matinees at 2 p. m. Saturday and Xmas Go early as there is sure to be a crowd.

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BREAD DISPUTE IS REFERRED TO ALD. MITCHELL

Committee Heard Statements of City Marshal and of W. R. Dunbar Last Night.

The evidence with regard to the trouble between Mr. W. R. Dunbar, who conducts a bakery on Regent street and City Marshal Roberts, was heard by a special committee last night, and the matter was referred to Ald. Mitchell, chairman, to report back. The investigating committee consisted of His Worship the Mayor, Ald. Mitchell, Ald. Vanwart, Ald. Osborne, Ald. Harrison, and Ald. Clark. Both parties to the dispute were heard. Mr. Dunbar's charge was principally that the City Marshal had been impertinent to him and that his method of bread-inspection would do injury to complainant's business.

MR. DUNBAR'S STATEMENT

Mr. Dunbar informed the committee that the City Marshal had come to his place of business to inspect it. He made the inspection and then said he wanted to weigh the bread. The City Marshal weighed two loaves together and the witness told him that he was not weighing it properly. The City Marshal replied that he could seize the bread. The witness had told him that he was overstepping his duty and had no right to make an inspection in the way he did. Roberts told him he wanted no "cheap talk." Witness did not order him out of the shop or try to put him out

CITY MARSHAL'S STATEMENT

The City Marshal's statement was to the effect that he had inspected the bread on account of complaints of short weight. He had found the loaves at Dunbar's of short-weight. Mr. Dunbar had told him to get out and attend to his duty. He had replied by saying that he could lock Dunbar up and seize the bread. At the time there were no customers in the shop. It is expected that the trouble will be settled amicably.

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