

LOCAL NEWS

TO ADVERTISERS.

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Hear good singing, reading and The Silent System! Opera House, Dec. 29. Seats on sale at Ryan's Drug Store.

GEM

The program at this popular theatre is a fine one. Her Father's Sin is one of the best ever shown. Matinees every afternoon.

ANEW ARRIVAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry O. Anderson, of Vancouver, B. C., formerly of this city, are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy at their home a few days ago.

CHRISTMAS ARRIVAL

Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. George Winter are receiving congratulations from their many friends on the arrival of a baby girl at their home on Christmas morning.

WINNING NUMBERS

The winning numbers in the contest for dolls which has been conducted by F. S. Williams & Co., at St. Mary's are as follows: 1st, No. 275; 2nd, No. 3401; 3rd, No. 2519

PRESENTED WITH PURSE

Rev. W. R. Robinson, formerly of Gibson and now pastor of the Ludlow Street Baptist Church, St. John West, was presented with an address and a purse of \$115 by the members of his congregation Sunday.

BASKET BALL AT STANLEY

The Fredericton High School basketball team will leave this evening for Stanley where they will play the Stanley quintette. The Fredericton team is made up of Atkinson, Jago, Burns, McAdam and Burden.

BIJOU TODAY

Hundreds enjoyed the superior program at the Bijou yesterday and the show was great. See today, "The Zoological Gardens at Antwerp," "Washington Under British Rule," "The Mountains of Kentucky" and others—these are all star features. Bijou every afternoon and evening.

A NICE ONE

Mr. A. C. M. Lawson, inspector for the North American Life Assurance Company, has The Mail's thanks for a beautiful calendar. Mr. Charles S. Everett of St. Andrew's is the provincial manager of the North American which has long been recognized as one of the leading companies of Canada.

DELIGHTED AUDIENCES

Large and delighted audiences at the Unique yesterday afternoon and evening witnessed an Edison feature, "The Stolen Claim." It is a story enacted in British Columbia and is undoubtedly a decided feature. The Unique are running daily matinees at 3 and 4 p. m.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT GIBSON

The Sunday School concert and Christmas tree in the St. Mary's Gibson United Baptist Church was held last night and was a great success. A packed house greeted the children. Miss Alice Atkinson and Miss Grace Babbitt who have been most painstaking in the work of preparation deservedly received great praise. Supt. Lint presided. Rev. W. H. Jenkins, pastor of the church delivered a short address.

MARY EDITH JARVIS.

The death occurred on Sunday evening of Mary Edith, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Jarvis, aged eight years, from an attack of paralysis of the brain. Besides her sorrowing parents, she is survived by four brothers, William, of Perth, N. B.; Robert, of Sackville, and Theodore and Goodridge, at home, and four sisters, Mrs. George Grant, Lily, Constance and Lucy, at home. The funeral was held this afternoon. Rev. Canon Cowie conducted the services and interment was made at the Rural Cemetery.

SHOPPING UNDER DIFFICULTIES

The heavy rain fall on Saturday afternoon and evening was quite unprecedented for the Christmas season and merchants say that it put something of a damper on trade. It rained steadily all the afternoon and evening and snow and ice on the streets gave place to mud. Belated Christmas shoppers moved about under difficulties, but the duty was one which they could not very well neglect or postpone rain or no rain—they had to make ready for the annual visit of Santa Claus. On Sunday night there was a sudden change in the weather, the thermometer dropping to six degrees below zero. This made good ice for skaters and curlers and gave the horsemen a chance to disport themselves on the river.

POLICEMEN HAD
A VERY BUSY
CHRISTMAS EVE

Squaw From St. Mary's Reserve Supplied With Clothing by Police—Scott Act Cases.

Christmas Eve proved a fairly busy night for the police, five drunks being gathered in Saturday night or early Sunday morning. One of the five was a squaw from the St. Mary's Indian reserve, who stated that she always observed Christmas by taking too much fire-water. She was arrested on the reserve by Sol Brooks, the Indian policeman, who brought her to the local police station in the heavy down-pour of rain early Sunday morning. The woman was allowed to go at daylight. Her clothing was not fit to be used on account of being soaked with rain. Special Policeman Gunter supplied clothing for her and she was sent home much happier than she was when she arrived at the police station. Of the other drunks two were Fredericton men now resident in St. John, who had come home to spend Christmas. Three of the four drunks made deposits and the other was allowed to go.

SCOTT ACT ACTIVITY

This afternoon conviction was obtained against Wm. McAllister for violation of the Canada Temperance Act. A fine of fifty dollars was imposed. Saturday afternoon a witness for the prosecution swore that he had bought liquor from the defendant. This afternoon Special Policeman A. D. Gunter was called by the defence as a witness.

A case against a Regent Street hotel for violation of the Canada Temperance Act was heard this morning. It was adjourned until Thursday morning to get witnesses.

LAKEVILLE FARMER HAS
PAIR OF HORSES DROWNED

Walter S. Hargrove and Arthur Randall of Lakeville, had a narrow escape from drowning Saturday afternoon at Barker's Wharf when the team of horses that they were driving went through the ice together with the load of oats and other supplies that was on their sled. The horses, when the ice broke went to the bottom. The pole of the sled was driven into the river-bottom and the animals were held under the water. The load on the sled slid in on the horses making it impossible to get them out. Fortunately both Mr. Hargrove who owned the horses and Mr. Randall were able to get clear of the sled. They were on their way home after making some purchases in Fredericton. The team was a valuable one and the drowning will mean a heavy loss to the owner. It is said that a short time ago he refused an offer of \$350 for the pair. By the assistance of neighbors and other friends the harness and part of the supplies that were in the sled were recovered.

The early reports of the accident which reached the city were to the effect that it was Thomas Fulton, who had lost the horses. It was learned however that Mr. Fulton had left this city early in the day in company with four other Sunbury County farmers and had reached home safely. The spot where the horses went through is always dangerous and was doubly so on Saturday on account of the heavy rain that had fallen all day.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Mail is in receipt of handsome Christmas cards from Rev. Canon Cowie and the Royal Bank of Canada.

GIFT MUCH APPRECIATED

The members of the city police force wish to thank Mr. J. D. Black for a generous Christmas present of cigars, etc. The gift was very much appreciated.

SNOW AT LAST

There was quite a heavy fall of snow here this morning and the indications are that there will be sleighing before the end of the week. The city is suffering from a wood famine and sufficient snow to make sleighing will be a boon in more ways than one. The North Shore towns have enjoyed good sleighing for over a month but Fredericton seems to have been singularly unfortunate this year in that connection.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A Christmas concert in the Brunswick Street Baptist Church on Sunday took the place of the regular service, and proved very enjoyable. Mr. J. W. Spurden, superintendent of the Sabbath School, presided and a very appropriate program was carried out by the children. Vocal solos by Master Cedric Cooper and Miss Phillips, and a reading by Miss Mildred Wallace were the outstanding features.

Mr. D'arcy McGrath of Moncton is in the city.

GIBSON BOY RUN OVER BY
SLEIGH YESTERDAY AND KILLED

Alex. Robinson Son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Robinson Fell Trying to Get Out of Way of Racing Horse and Was Fatally Injured—Another Similar Accident Narrowly Averted.

The Christmas Day horse racing on the river had a fatal ending, which has thrown a deep gloom over the city, and which has plunged one family into mourning in the midst of the festive season. Henry Alexander Robinson, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Robinson, of Gibson, was struck by the runner of a sleigh and had his kidneys crushed. Internal hemorrhage resulted and caused the lad's death, which took place about seven hours after the accident. Coroner Wainwright today investigated the circumstances surrounding the accident and decided that an inquest would not be necessary, the fatality having been the result of an accident, and blame attaching to no one.

BOY WAS CONFUSED.

The accident took place at about three o'clock in the afternoon. There was a large crowd on the ice watching the races. Some of those in the crowd were on skates. Little Alec Robinson was one of them. On one of the heats, Kate Willard, driven by Mr. Albert C. Smith, came down on the inside quite close to the spectators, who showed a tendency to crowd in on the course. Young Robinson was some distance out on the ice. When he saw Mr. Smith's mare coming down on him he grew confused and acted as though he did not know which way to turn. When he finally did make an effort to skate out of the way he slipped and fell on the ice. One runner of the sleigh struck him and passed right over his middle. He was picked up by Mr. Harry Pond, of Gibson, and carried up the bank of the river to the office of Dr. W. J. Weaver, where he was examined. It was seen at once that the boy had suffered serious internal injuries. His pain was relieved to some extent and he was taken to his home in a sleigh. Death took place at ten o'clock at night.

FUNERAL TOMORROW.

The victim of the accident was the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Robinson, of Gibson. He was eight years and nine months of age and was an exceedingly bright boy. He is survived by his parents, and by three brothers, Walter, LeRoy and Frederick. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at two

o'clock. There will be service at the house conducted by Rev. Thos. Stebbings. Interment will be made at Marysville.

The family, which has been bereaved in a manner so tragic, has been unfortunate in regard to accidents. Mr. Robinson, while in the employ of the Intercolonial Railway, had his hip injured in an accident and never completely recovered from the injury.

ENTIRELY AN ACCIDENT.

The bereaved family has the sympathy of the entire community. It is felt that the accident was one for which no one can be blamed. The parents of the dead boy particularly desire to relieve Mr. Smith of responsibility in connection with it. It was reported that Mr. Smith's mare was unmanageable at the time of the accident. This, however, is not correct. The mare had broken and her driver was endeavoring to get her back into her stride. After the accident, however, the animal became frightened and bolted, not stopping until she reached the stable.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE.

Mr. Harry W. Cox, clerk for McManus & Co., had a narrow escape from injury in an accident similar to that which resulted fatally in young Robinson's case. He was playing hockey and reaching for the puck, lost his balance and fell right beneath a horse driven by Mr. John Carten. Fortunately he slid right under the animal, which was walking at the time, and was not touched by either the animal's hoofs or the sleigh. His escape from injury seemed almost miraculous.

BOSTON EXCURSION RATES

This is the first year excursion tickets from Boston to points in the Maritime Provinces have been issued by the railways. Saturday's east-bound Boston express had six pullman cars. The travelling public appreciates the reduced rate.

ARCTIC RINK OPENED

The Arctic Rink opened for skating last night. There was a large crowd in attendance. The ice was in good condition and all enjoyed the skating.

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