

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.

CHURCH ENTERTAINMENT.

The Junior League entertained the Senior Epworth League in the vestry of the Methodist Church last evening.

SATISFACTORY PROPOSITION.

Edmund S. Ritchie, the assignee of J. Everett Watters, druggist, St. John West, has further postponed the sale of stock, etc., a proposition satisfactory to the inspectors having been made yesterday.

HOLIDAYS PROCLAIMED.

Christmas and New Year's Days have been proclaimed public holidays in the Province of New Brunswick. The proclamation was contained in The Royal Gazette issued today.

BUY NOW.

Buy Now and buy at Edgecombe's big store, where shopping is easy. What about a nice Silk Umbrella or Suit Case to give some one. They have a fine stock to select from. See their mark down garments for ladies—very stylish, at bargain prices.—d.

PRESENTATION OF HOLLY.

Friends of Miss Ada M. Schleyer today are receiving gifts appropriate to the Christmas season, which take the form of boxes of holly from Miss Schleyer's conservatory. The gifts are much appreciated. The Mail takes the opportunity to express thanks.

ORDAINED AT CORK.

Rev. Walter Donohoe was ordained today at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Cork. His Lordship Bishop Casey conducted the ordination. Among the clergymen present at the ceremony was Rev. Father Carney, rector of St. Dunstan's Church.

COURT MARTIAL TODAY

Col. Humphrey, D. O. C. and Capt. Moore, D. S. A. arrived in the city this morning to attend a court martial held in connection with the attempted desertion of two members of "H" Company R. C. R. which was frustrated by Sergt. Major W. J. Duncan. Lieut. Costin is the other member of the court. Major Doull is conducting the prosecution.

UNIQUE TONIGHT.

A special Biograph feature "Sunshine Sue," will be shown at the Unique tonight. The balance of the program, "The Song That Reached His Heart," (Edison), "A Trip Through Saskatchewan," and "The Muleter's Revenge," make an interesting program. Daily matinee next week, 3 and 4. Special matinee Saturday.—d.

EN ROUTE HOME.

Hattie LeBlanc, the Cape Breton girl who was recently a quitted in the Glover murder case at Cambridge Mass., passed through St. John yesterday en route to her home at West Arichat, Cape Breton. She told a reporter of The Times that she would probably accept an offer to go on the stage at \$500 a week.

Try Marven's Havelock Lunch, Fig Bars, Social Teas, and White Lily Cream Sodas. They satisfy. Sold by all dealers.

Cleanliness is insisted upon in the factory where White Lily Brand Biscuits are manufactured. Ask your grocer for White Lily Brand. They satisfy.

White Lily Biscuits are sold in five and ten cent packages, in dinner pails and in bulk. They won the gold medal at the recent Dominion fair in St. John.

HOCKEY MEETING TONIGHT

A meeting of all persons interested in the formation of a Fredericton hockey team is to be held at the Arctic Rink tonight. The Marysville team is already organized and will be entered in the New Brunswick Hockey League which will be organized at St. John tomorrow night. There is some good hockey material and it is likely that a team will be organized and entered in the provincial league.

A GREAT MEDIUM.

That classified ads in The Mail bring results, is amply attested by the experience of a merchant who recently advertised in these columns for a girl. "For goodness sake," was the way he expressed himself over the telephone, "take that ad of mine out of the paper. I have been besieged with applications; they come at the rate of two and three a day and the total must be at least forty. I had no idea there was so many girls out of a job. Have mercy on me and drop the advertisement." It pays to advertise in The Mail.

His Lordship Bishop Richardson arrived home this morning.

WEALTHY BRITISH COLUMBIAN
REVISITS HIS OLD HOME

Mr. Otis Staples of Wycliffe, B. C., Now in City to Spend Christmas—Talks of Conditions in West—Native of Douglas.

Mr. Otis Staples, of Wycliffe, B. C., arrived in the city yesterday to visit his step-mother, Mrs. John Staples, of Brunswick Street, West. Mr. Staples is one of the numerous New Brunswickers who have "made good" in the West and is at present conducting a large lumbering business at Wycliffe, B. C., a place near Cranbrook. He will remain in Fredericton until after Christmas and from this city will go to the Southern States, where he will spend a portion of the winter. Mr. Staples is one of British Columbia's millionaires, and although a great portion of his life was spent in the United States, he has returned to Canada, the land of his birth, confident that it offers better chances to all than does the Republic.

Mr. Staples was born in Douglas, but lived in boyhood at St. Mary's Ferry. He left this province in July, 1869. He went to Minnesota, and there entered the lumbering business, residing some years at Stillwater. When Washington came into prominence as a lumbering region, he removed to that territory and made some very successful purchases and miles of timber limits, and in other ways followed his chosen business. He was attracted by opportunities in the Western provinces and invested in farming-lands there. Afterward he went to British Columbia, and was so impressed with the possibilities of the country that he bought timber limits near Wycliffe and proceeded to erect a mill. Since he went to British Columbia some seven years ago, Mr. Staples has found that his business has expanded with the growth of the country and he expects that the expansion will continue. The new

provinces of the Canadian West at the present time furnish the market for the greater portion of the output of British Columbia saw-mills.

POPULATION NEEDED.

In an interview with a reporter of the Mail today Mr. Staples stated that the great need of British Columbia was population. The province on account of its mineral wealth has in the past attracted a class of men who do not furnish labor as it is needed to carry on great industries.

With regard to Asiatic labor Mr. Staples said that his own experience had been that Chinese were the most satisfactory workmen. Japs and Hindoos were not successful as laborers.

GREAT FRUIT COUNTRY

He stated also that shortly British Columbia would be discovered as a fruit-growing country, with the present time districts suited to fruit culture had been opened but development was not what it would be in a few years. Mr. Staples said he considered that fruit farming in British Columbia would offer the greatest opportunity for a man with a large family. @

OPPOSED TO RECIPROCITY

With regard to reciprocity Mr. Staples takes the negative. "You cannot expect," he said, "to give the Americans all you have and get an equal return. I came back to Canada on account of the chances here. Others are doing the same. Reciprocity would spoil those chances. I know political conditions in the States very well. The American farmer will never admit Canadian wheat." Mr. Staples is a half-brother of Miss Ida Staples of this city and a cousin of Mr. Alonzo Staples.

IS KNOWN HERE

The three masted schooner Preference, Capt. Gale recently lost in the Bay of Fundy was in Fredericton last spring with a cargo of hard coal.

THE GEM.

A dare devil picture at the Gem tonight and tomorrow night, entitled, "The Plucky American Girl," and one of the biggest Indian features ever shown, and one other picture. There will be matinees every afternoon next week, starting 2.30.

DIAMONDS ARE POSITIVELY
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ST. JOHN ROMANCE
ENDS IN WEDDING
AT CATHEDRAL

John J. English and Miss Jean A. Steven Married This Morning—Other Weddings of Interest.

Mr. John J. English, of Haverhill, Mass., and Miss Jean Alice Steven, of St. John, were united in marriage at Christ Church Cathedral this morning. Rev. Canon A. W. Smithers performed the ceremony. The bride was handsomely attired in grey chiffon broadcloth with hat to match, and wore a pearl and amethyst pendant, the gift of the groom. Rev. Sub-Dean T. W. Street gave the bride away.

Mr. and Mrs. English will leave this evening for Boston and from there will go to Haverhill where they will reside.

Mr. English is a native of Albert County and resided for some years at Hillsborough. He was afterward connected with The Sun and The Standard in St. John. At present he is on the staff of The Haverhill Record. Mrs. English is the daughter of the late William and Elizabeth Steven, of St. John. The groom arrived from Boston last night and was met here this morning by the bride, who came from St. John. The announcement of the marriage will come rather as a surprise to the friends and relatives of the contracting parties. The marriage took place in this city on account of a friendship existing between the groom and Rev. Canon Smithers, who was formerly a resident of Albert County.

MANZER—PURVIS.

The marriage of Rev. Harry M. Manzer of Port Medway, N. S., to Miss Nellie Purvis, of this city, took place at four o'clock this afternoon at the George Street Baptist Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Waldo C. Machum, of St. Mary's, assisted by Rev. Joseph C. Wilson, pastor of the church. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. Thos. Purvis, of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Manzer will leave this evening for Millville, the home of the groom. They will afterward go to Port Medway, N. S., where the groom is pastor of the United Baptist Church.

The bride is a very popular young lady of Fredericton and the groom is also well known here, having attended the U. N. B. from which he was graduated in 1906. Rev. Mr. Machum was a fellow-student at the U. N. B.

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BOYS' SHIN PADS

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