

Local News

POLICE COURT.

A solitary Christmas drunk, belonging to Finland, forfeited a deposit of five dollars at the police court this morning.

SERIOUSLY ILL.

Sir Charles Tupper, the veteran Canadian statesman, is critically ill at his home at Hexley Heath, England. He is now in his ninety-fourth year.

NEW MEDICAL OFFICER

Surgeon Lieut. W. H. Irvine, who has been acting as medical officer to the troops here has been officially notified that his duties will be taken over this week by Surgeon Lieut. W. H. Eagar of the A.M.C.

FROM THE WOODS.

Mr. John Kilburn returned from the Quebec lumber woods to spend Christmas with his family. He reports ten inches of snow at the St. John headwaters. Everything is frozen up hard and the men are making satisfactory progress.

EMPLOYEES REMEMBERED.

Mr. W. O. Fenety, proprietor of the Grand Theatre, entertained his employees to a turkey supper at Washington's Cafe on Christmas Eve. To each male employee he gave a box of cigars and to each lady a box of chocolates.

WAS WELL KNOWN.

Mr. LeBaron R. Thompson, agent for the Eastern Steamship Company, died suddenly at his home in St. John on Saturday from paralysis. He was fifty years of age and was one of the best known men in the province. He is survived by his wife, two sisters and two brothers.

A KINDLY ACT.

Mr. H. L. Spencer, the veteran poet and journalist of St. John, was waited upon by friends Christmas Eve and presented with a purse of \$50. Mr. Spencer is now in his eighty-sixth year and is becoming quite feeble. He has many warm friends on the press of St. John.

TWO LIVES LOST.

Fire at Dalhousie on Christmas Eve resulted in the loss of several buildings and two deaths. Mrs. Ann McDonald was burned to death in her apartments and Mrs. Joseph Winchester died from shock while returning from midnight mass. The Campbellton fire department was called upon for assistance and succeeded in extinguishing the flames.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

There will be a special program of Christmas music at the Methodist Church tomorrow. In the morning there will be Christmas carols and an anthem entitled, "Glory to God in the Highest." In the evening the choir will sing "And the Glory of the Lord" and the Halleluiah chorus from the Messiah. There will be a vocal solo by Miss Gibson entitled, "Holy Night" by Joseph Adam.

A COLD SNAP.

Christmas was ushered in by the coldest weather experienced in Fredericton this season. On Thursday night the thermometer registered twenty-five degrees below zero and last night it went down to sixteen. There was little or no wind, otherwise the cold would have been much more severe. Many citizens were caught napping, with the result that plumbers were kept busy on Christmas morning thawing out water-pipes.

BANKER TRANSFERRED

Halifax Chronicle.—Mr. D. R. Clarke, Maritime Superintendent of the Bank of Montreal has been appointed superintendent of the British Columbia Division for a while, and leaves shortly to take up his new duties. A farewell luncheon to Mr. Clarke was given yesterday at the Halifax Club. Among those present were Premier Murray, Hon. A. K. MacLean, F. B. McCurdy, M.P., Hector McInnes, A. E. Jones, J. Walter Allison, Michael Dwyer, Col. B. A. Weston, R. E. Harris and George S. Campbell and others.

CLERGYMAN SHOT.

Rev. J. McP. Scott, pastor of St. John's Presbyterian church at Toronto, was shot and seriously wounded on Wednesday by Harry Asher, a Roumanian mission worker from Montreal. Asher fired six shots at the minister, one of which struck him in the hip. Asher's motive was revenge. He is a converted Jew and a member of Mr. Scott's church. He was anxious to engage in mission work but Mr. Scott decided that he lacked the qualifications. Rev. Mr. Scott is a close personal friend of Mr. Donald Fraser of this city, and was the latter's guest here a little more than a year ago. While here he occupied the pulpit of St. Paul's church.

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**LOCAL MERCHANTS
ENJOYED BRISK
CHRISTMAS TRADE**

**Record Breaking Rush of Shoppers to
the City on Thursday Afternoon—
Volume of Business Quite up
to Previous Years.**

That the Christmas trade in this city was quite up to that of last year seems to be the general verdict of local business men. The rush of shoppers to the city on Wednesday and Thursday was quite unprecedented. They appeared to have plenty of money and spent it freely. The Valley Railway, which has been in operation a week, proved quite a factor in stimulating Christmas trade. There is no doubt that had the section between Gagetown and this city been in operation the result would have been even more satisfactory.

Queen street on Thursday afternoon and evening reminded one of New York's Great White Way. There was a steady stream of people moving up and down and in and out of the shops. It was an orderly and good natured crowd and thoroughly imbued with the Christmas spirit.

Several merchants interviewed by The Mail this morning spoke in cheery optimistic tones of the Christmas trade and business outlook for the coming year. They had heard so much of dull times that the big rush of business came to them in the nature of a surprise.

Mr. F. B. Edgcombe of F. B. Edgcombe & Co., said that his firm's Christmas trade had been very satisfactory. On Wednesday his staff of clerks were unable to handle the customers and a few got away without being served. On the whole the Christmas trade was better than last year.

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**CHRISTMAS WAS
OBSERVED IN
USUAL MANNER**

**Cold Weather Interfered with Racing
Program—Military Men Had a Good
Time—Services in City Churches
Pleasant Family Reunions.**

Christmas Day was observed in this city in the usual manner. Following a highly successful holiday trade there was a general suspension of business. Appropriate services were held in several of the churches and attracted large congregations. A number of Frederictonians domiciled in other places, including several who are serving with the military forces at St. John and Halifax, were here for the holiday and participated in pleasant family reunions.

There was the usual match at the Curling Rink between the Presidents and Vice Presidents. The ice was in splendid condition and all enjoyed the sport.

The men of the 23rd and 24th Batteries, quartered at the Exhibition Building, were served with a splendid Christmas dinner at the expense of Lord and Lady Ashmunham. The bill of fare was very complete and the boys did ample justice to the repast. Mr. J. J. McCaffrey of the Queen Hotel, kindly remembered the boys in khaki with a gift of two hundred cigars.

The men of the Ammunition Column who remained in the city were served with a splendid Christmas dinner at the Soldiers' Barracks. The menu included roast turkey, plum pudding and ice cream.

At the Municipal Home the inmates were provided with a splendid Christmas dinner by His Worship Mayor Mitchell.

At the county jail a Christmas din-

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A CHRISTMAS GIFT

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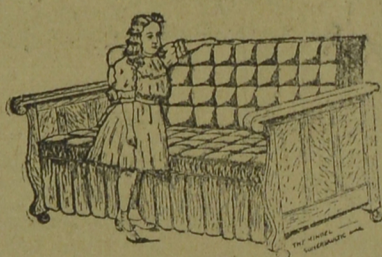
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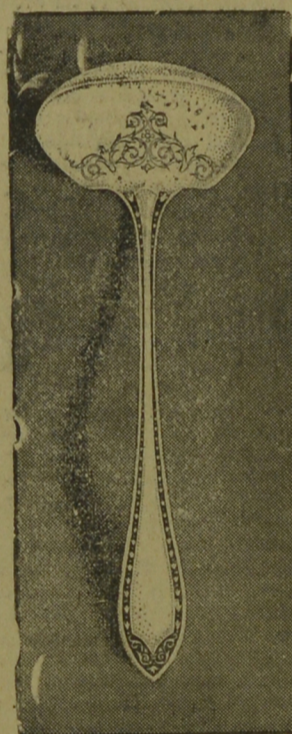
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