

Local News

AT THE ALMS HOUSE.

His Worship Mayor Mitchell will provide a Christmas dinner for the inmates of the Municipal Home.

WEDDING BELLS.

Mr. William H. Harris of McAdam, Junction, and Miss Orla M. Brown of Bloomfield, were united in marriage at St. Paul's Manse on Tuesday by Rev. Dr. Smith.

A COLD SNAP.

Last night was the coldest of the season. The thermometer fell to within a degree of zero, but a strong wind which prevailed made the cold very intense.

TRAIN DELAYED.

The C.P.R. express was delayed some hours yesterday by an accident, near Megantic. Two freight trains met in a head-on collision and a fireman named Jones was killed. It was nearly midnight when the passengers and freight reached this city.

PROVISIONAL SCHOOLS.

Provisional schools of instruction for unqualified subalterns were held recently at the various camps of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, Salisbury Plain. Lieut. J. A. Winslow of this city, took a course at one of the schools.

ANNUAL MATCH.

The annual match between rinks chosen by the Presidents and the Vice-Presidents will be played at the Curling Rink on Christmas Day morning and afternoon. There is a splendid sheet of ice and the curlers are looking forward to some good sport.

TO HAVE FIFES AND DRUMS.

It is reported from Salisbury Plain that the 12th Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force is organizing a fife and drum band among the buglers of the battalion. The corps already possesses a brass band, the 71st Regiment of this city, belonging to the battalion.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS.

The men of the 23rd and 24th Field Batteries were paid off yesterday and today, and about one hundred of them, belonging to different parts of the three provinces, will leave for home tomorrow to spend Christmas. A number of men of the Ammunition Column will spend Christmas at St. John.

WITH ADVERTISERS.

Attention is called to the advertisement of the Palmer-McLellan Shoe-pack Company in another part of this issue. This concern manufactures a superior grade of oil-tanned footwear, which finds a ready sale. The most useful Christmas present for a boy or girl is a pair of children's shoe-packs of this concern's make.

RUSH AT POST OFFICE.

There has been a big rush at the post office this week and the members of the staff, the postmaster excepted, have been kept on the jump. As usual during the Christmas season the mails are usually late and this entails considerable inconvenience for the staff, but they are doing their best to make the service satisfactory to the public. During yesterday afternoon the lobby of the office was crowded with people who were sending parcels to distant friends. At one time fifty people were in line waiting to be served with postage stamps.

STARTED HOUSECLEANING.

Premier Clarke, who, when he took office, promised some of his friends that there would be a house-cleaning, has already commenced operations. He has a force of men at work renovating the executive council chamber. The carpet has been taken up, the paper stripped from the walls and an effort will be made to rid the place of microbes that have accumulated during the six years of Tory misrule. A wheelbarrow and shovel, used by Sir Edmund Head in laying the first sod of the European and North American Railway, will likely be removed from the ante-room of the council chamber to new quarters. The outfit may be presented to ex-Premier Flemming.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Washington's Cafe has been beautifully and tastefully decorated for the Christmas season. The interior of the building looks very nice and Christmas-like while the windows are very nicely dressed, with the different dishes that are served on the inside. Tomorrow, Christmas Eve, Mr. Washington has a special menu for his guests, as follows:—Chicken soup, baked halibut, roast turkey, roast chicken, roast beef, cold tongue, chicken salad, lobster salad, wine, jellies, pickles, creamed potatoes, French Peas, scalloped oysters, mixed pastry plum pudding, ice cream. Dinner served from seven to twelve o'clock. A twelve-piece orchestra will furnish music from 8.30 to 12.30.

Make the youngsters happy with useful High Cut Storm Shoes

Boys Storm Shoes with Buckle Tops

Be sure Santa brings your boy a pair from

McMANUS'

and the lad will be "in right" for winter

Tan Grain High Top . . . \$3.00 and \$3.20

Black High Top . . . \$3.00 a pair.

McMANUS & Co.

NATURAL HISTORY SPECIMENS FOR THE UNIVERSITY

Government Will Hand Over to the U. N. B. the Splendid Collection of Birds and Animals Now in Legislative Building

It is understood that the splendid collection of mounted specimens of birds and animals now stored in a room of the legislative building will shortly be handed over to the University of New Brunswick for safe keeping. This collection was purchased by the government from the Boardman estate about fifteen years ago at a cost of \$10,000. The mounted birds and animals in the Crown Land Office will be disposed of in the same way. The collection of birds and animals belonging to the government is said to be the finest on the American continent except that to be seen at the Smithsonian Institute at Washington. Prof. Boardman, who achieved continental fame as a naturalist, secured during his lifetime a most complete collection of the fauna of North America. It consists chiefly of game heads, birds, skins of animals and eggs of all kinds. The specimens are attractively arranged and are in a good state of preservation.

The Crown Land collection includes mounted moose, caribou, deer, bear, fox, lynx, wild cat, otter, seal, fisher, squirrels, rabbits and many varieties of birds peculiar to New Brunswick. A short time ago the senate of the U.N.B. made application to have the government collection of natural history specimens transferred to the college building and the executive at the last meeting, decided to comply with the request. Lack of space for the proper storing of the specimens in the legislative building was one of the reasons for handing them over to the university authorities.

INTERCOLONIAL TO OPERATE VALLEY ROAD

Premier Clarke Effects an arrangement With General Manager Gutelius-- Freight Service for Fredericton-Gagetown Section

After an unreasonable delay an arrangement has at last been made with the Intercolonial authorities for the operation of the St. John Valley Railway. General Manager Gutelius and Mr. F. P. Brady were here yesterday and had a conference with Premier Clarke when the matter was fixed up. The government will begin the operation of the road on January 1st and will for the present continue the daily service inaugurated on Thursday last by the St. John and Quebec Railway Company.

Premier Clarke is an interview with The Mail this morning told of the arrangement made with the I. C. R. authorities. He said that for the present trains would be run between Centreville and Fredericton, but he hoped before long to have the Fredericton-Gagetown section in operation. In the meantime an arrangement had been made by which freight would be handled on the lower section. While the Intercolonial authorities have undertaken to operate the road the term will not be so advantageous to the provincial government as stipulated by the act of legislature.

MAY GO AS A VET.

Ex-Ald. D. J. Stockford of this city, has offered to go to the front with the second contingent in the capacity of veterinary surgeon and has written the authorities at Halifax to that effect. Mr. Stockford, besides being a skilful veterinary, has had considerable experience, having served in the Northwest Mounted Police.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT

That any girl will prize

A Watch Bracelet

Can you imagine a more charming Christmas gift than one of these beautiful Watch Bracelets? Every girl would like to possess one, and here is the opportunity of getting a fine Bracelet Watch, less our special Xmas discount of 15 per cent. discount for cash. All goods sold for cash, less a special discount of from 25 per cent. to 10 per cent.

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Remember, this is a big store and a big stock, comprising all wanted apparel for Men, Women and Children.

All our Handsome Suits, up to the last minute in style are now reduced in price to less than we could buy them at ourselves.

Winter Coats for Women and Children have all been marked down the same way. Our record breaking prices should be an irresistible inducement to all lovers of bargains.

House Dresses from . . . \$3.75 to \$8.90
Kimonas and Bath Gowns from . . . \$1.25 to \$10.00
Our new Petticoats are going fast. Are you going to have one? What about a pretty Waist for Xmas? Dainty Tea Aprons in Xmas boxes. This is an easy place to buy Handkerchiefs; just come to the booth and select. Dressy Neckwear, Silk Hosiery, Ribbons, Suit Cases and Shopping Bags, Toilet Sets, Cut Glass, China and Fancy Goods.

To see our Linen Display is to see the finest ever shown to Fredericton Buyers.

Glove Sale

Our special sale of Fine Kid Gloves for Xmas buyers is now in full swing

Price 78c.

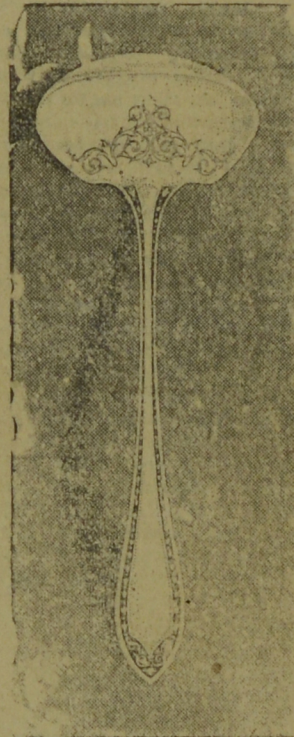
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