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DAILY HERALD.

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THE LATE MR. PREFONTAINE.

News of the sudden death of Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, minister of marine and fisheries at Paris, while on an important mission for Canada, will be received throughout the country with genuine sorrow and regret at the passing of so eminent a Canadian and so popular and efficient a public servant.

Mr. Prefontaine has been a conspicuous figure in public life for many years. He was mayor of Montreal from 1898 to 1892, a member of the Quebec legislature from 1875 to 1881, and of the House of Commons from 1886 until his death. He was sworn in a member of the federal government in November, 1902, taking the portfolio of marine and fisheries, which he administered with singular industry and intelligence and success.

He was an attractive public speaker with plenty of vigor, and as a campaign manager had few superiors, and the Liberal party will feel his loss, especially in the province of Quebec.

Some weeks ago Mr. Prefontaine left for Europe on an official mission and it has been announced that as a result of his conference with the British Admiralty, the navy yards at Halifax and Esquimaux are to be turned over to Canada as a free gift. At the time of his death he was visiting Paris to confer with the French government respecting a steamship line to this country, and fell in the discharge of his public duties.

The deceased minister was a native Longueuil, Quebec, and was 55 years old. He was a lawyer by profession, with a large practice at Montreal before removing to Ottawa as a minister of the crown. He represented Chaudiere both in the Quebec Legislature and the House of Commons for many years, but in 1900 was returned for Maisonneuve, one of the Montreal districts, and re-elected in the last general election.

The colleagues of the deceased at Ottawa, and indeed the whole country, are greatly shocked at his very sudden demise, and the hearty sympathy of the country will be extended to the grief stricken widow.

The announcement of Rev. Father Carney that he proposes with the aid of his parishioners to commence at an early date the erection of a new St. Dunstan's church in this city to replace the present insufficient church edifice, is creditable to pastor and congregation. The old church, while kept in a good state of repair, is inadequate to present need—and no doubt its successor will be a credit to the Roman Catholic people and to the city.

LUMBERING NOTES.

Mr. Robert Aiken, the well known lumberman is home for a few days from his lumber camps on the Aroostook. He reports that his crews are making very satisfactory progress with their work. When he started for home there was about seventeen inches of snow in the woods.

Mr. William J. Noble, who lumbers for Cushing & Company on Baker Branch in Northern Maine, arrived home on Saturday to spend Christmas. He says the present season is one of the most favorable for lumbering in his experience.

GOOD CHRISTMAS TRADE.

Christmas trade picked up wonderfully here during the latter part of last week, and merchants all agree that Saturday was one of the best days for business in the history of the city. The streets were crowded with people from early morning until late in the evening, and they all appeared to have plenty of loose cash. The merchants, without exception, express themselves as being well satisfied with their Christmas trade.

RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.

A horse attached to a sleigh containing an employee of the shoe factory ran away on Queen Street yesterday afternoon and created some excitement. The young man was thrown out and partially stunned, but his companion escaped without injury. The young man was taken to the residence of Postmaster Hilliard, where he soon rallied.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

The services in the churches of the city on Sunday were of a character appropriate to the festive Christmas season and attracted very large congregations. Special musical programs, consisting of Christmas hymns and anthems were carried out by the several choirs in a manner that reflected great credit on all concerned.

CHARLES LESSE DEAD.

Well Known British Veteran Passed Away at the Victoria Hospital.

Mr. Charles Lesse, an old British soldier and pensioner, died at the Victoria Hospital Saturday night after a lingering illness from Bright's disease and heart trouble. He was well known in the community and news of his death has occasioned much regret. He had reached the advanced age of 82 years, and is survived by a widow, formerly Miss Ryan of this city, but no children. He has no other relatives in this country, but a brother in some part of England.

The deceased was a native of England, but has been a resident of this city for the past thirty years. When a young man he entered in the Royal Garrison Artillery, and served as a gunner for a period of 23 years and 6 months, retiring at the end of that time with a pension. His corps were stationed at different times at Malta, Gibraltar, Quebec, Halifax, Kingston, Toronto and this city. While at Malta, Gunner Lesse gallantly rescued a comrade from drowning and for that act of bravery was awarded a silver medal. The impression has long prevailed that Mr. Lesse was a veteran of the Crimean war, but this is incorrect, as the only active service he ever saw was during the Fenian raid of 1866. He was then attached to the Ganoque Field Battery, as servant to Major William McKenzie, a brother of Capt. McKenzie of this city. This corps was engaged on the Upper Canadian frontier during that memorable campaign.

When the Crimean war broke out, Mr. Lesse was stationed in Fredericton with a detachment of his corps, and was soon afterwards transferred to Halifax.

The deceased was the possessor of three medals, one being for long service and good conduct, another for saving life and the third for services rendered during the Fenian raid. He was very proud of his medals, and invariably wore them on the Queen's birthday and other public holidays. When the detachment of the R. C. R. left this city for South Africa, Mr. Lesse was on hand to see them off, and by courtesy of Col. Dunbar was allowed to briefly address the troops on parade.

During his residence in the city Mr. Lesse worked as a gardener, and was widely known and respected as an honorable and upright citizen. By his death a familiar figure is removed from the city.

The deceased was a member of Graham Lodge, L. O. L., and the funeral took place on Monday afternoon under the auspices of that organization. The body was taken to the Cathedral where services were conducted by Rev. Dean Partridge and Rev. Sub-Dean Street. Interment was made at Forest Hill Cemetery, Grand Master H. F. McLeod reading the Orange burial service at the grave. The 71st regiment band led the procession and the turnout was a large one. The procession was marshalled by Mr. Edward Langille. Undertaker John G. Adams had charge of the arrangements.

THE PRESIDENT WON.

Christmas Curling Match a Rather One Sided Affair.

The curlers had fine ice for the Christmas match, president vs. vice-president for the Coleman Cup, and the former won by 34 points in the day's play. The possession of the Cup however, depends on the result of the return match on New Year's day—the totals in the two matches being added to decide the ownership for the Cup for the next year.

The rinks and scores Christmas were as follows:

MORNING.		President.	Vice President.
Neill, Stewart	Howie	McLellan	Porter
Caldwell	Settle	Macnutt, skip	12
Barker, skip	16	Neill, John	Dr. Crockett
Dr. Hamay	Limerick	Dr. Bridges	Babbitt, H. R.
Loggie, skip	12	Allen, skip	10
Ryan, A. J.	Belyea	Winstow, F. E.	Reid
Randolph, C. F.	Peters	Campbell, sk.	12
Tibbitts, 13.			
AFTERNOON.		Beil	Blackmer
Damon	Richey	Walker	Edgewood
Simmons, S. D.	Randolph, R. F.	skip	11
Johnson	Shea	Bruce	Dr. Irvine
Boran	Thomas, F.	Weddall	Hall
Wetmore, sk.	14	Wilson, skip	11
Croft	Thomas, C. H.	Dr. McNally	Dr. McGrath
McFarlane	Ferguson	Hawthorn, skip	9
Rutter, skip	8		
EVENING.		Merrison, Guy	Vandine
Babbitt, S. W.	Dr. Ryan	Dr. Scott	Walker
Hatt, skip	14	Simmons, C. J. B.	skip
McKay	Everett	Crowe	Page
Foster	Winstow, J. A.	Bridges, H. V. B.	Massie, skip
12	5	Harrison	McKee
VanWart, F.	Brook	Punbar	Dr. Atherton
Kiaghorn	Bridges, H. H.	skip	19
9			
Total	119		85
Majority for president.	34.		

Rev. Henry Dickie, formerly pastor of Windsor Presbyterian church, has accepted a call to Chalmers church, Woodstock, Ont. The call was unanimous. He succeeds the late Dr. McKay who died about Dec. 1st.

KINDLY REMEMBERED.

Mr. Jas. Magee of Fickler & Company's Store Presented With a Purse.

Mr. James Magee of the shoe department in M. Fickler & Co.'s departmental store, who has resigned his position and will leave next week for Moncton, where he has accepted a position, was on Saturday evening presented with an address by the staff, accompanied by a well filled purse. The address was as follows: Fredericton, N. B. Dec. 23, 1905.

Mr. James Magee, Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Sir.—It is with much regret we learn that you are tonight severing your connection with the firm of M. Fickler & Co. And we the more deeply regret that it is because of precarious health that you find such a step necessary. During the seven years that you have been employed in a responsible position with the Messrs. Fickler, we, your employer and fellow employees, have ever found you assiduous in attention to the interests of your employer, faithful in the discharge of all duties assigned to you and worthy of all confidence reposed in you and courteous alike to ourselves and patrons of the store.

In bidding you good bye, will you allow us to extend our most sincere wishes for your speedy restoration to health?

As a token of our esteem we ask you to accept the accompanying purse, and we unite our wishes for a joyous Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year to yourself and your esteemed family.

M. FICKLER & CO. AND STAFF.
Mr. Magee was much surprised but made an appropriate reply referring to the kindly relations which had always existed between himself and Mr. Fickler and members of the staff. He regretted having to depart from Fredericton, but his health and other reasons made it necessary. He would always have a warm spot in his heart for the city where he had spent so many years and those present could rest assured that he would never forget Mr. Fickler and the staff of his departmental store.

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December 23rd, 1905

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Merrie, Christmas.

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A bottle of Colgate's Violet Water,
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A bottle of Colgate's Perfume or any popular make,
from 10c. to \$3.00
A cake of Toilet Soap, Colgate's, Roger & Gallet or Piver's,
from 10c. to 75c.
A box of Lowney's Chocolates,
from 35c. to 75c.

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