

HALIFAX MUST FEEL VERY SORE

Empress Landed Her Mails Here Yesterday Quicker Than the Others Come From Halifax by Rail---A Sad Jolt to Halifax Hopes.

The boast made by the Halifax Chronicle a few days ago that St. John received the British mails quicker, coming via Halifax than if they were landed in St. John, was hardly borne out by yesterday's illustration. The Empress of Ireland which docked shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, discharged the mails for the Orient and they were speeding on their way to Vancouver half an hour before the mails arrived here from Halifax. It will thus be seen that had the mails been brought here direct on the Empress, instead of losing over three hours by calling at Halifax they could have been

landed here and the local mail delivered to the merchants early in the day, while the letter carriers could have delivered it yesterday afternoon instead of today, as is the case under the existing arrangement.

Some of the merchants who have boxes in the post office were not able to get their letters last night but the majority had to wait until this morning. The C. P. R. Overseas Limited train which left the west end at 4 p. m. reached Megantic at 11:05 p. m. which gives an average of nearly forty-four miles an hour for the 360 miles.

JAIL DELIVERY FOR CHRISTMAS

An Interesting Nova Scotian--- Mother and Son Disagree--- Bibulous Sailors.

Bransford Carroll, charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct in R. E. Coupe's drug store, Main street, north end, and destroying property to the value of \$10, was remanded, and it is understood an effort will be made to send him to Halifax, for which place he has a ticket. There seemed to be some doubt about admitting him to the jail, as he appeared to be a twin for Alphonse Wanger, the Frenchman, who has figured prominently in police circles of late.

Mr. Coupe was even told of Carroll's disorderly actions and stated afterwards that some of the drugs he could only replace by sending to New York. He added also that Carroll's actions were downright dangerous.

"Do you wish to ask any questions?" asked his honor, addressing Carroll.

"For what?" asked the prisoner, staring.

"Don't you understand English?" asked his honor, repeating his query.

"Why don't you put me on the right track?" asked Carroll, "instead of driving me around."

"Where do you belong?"

"To Lowell, I told you and I'm not going to tell you again."

Carroll was very stubborn in refusing to answer questions, and was not inclined to talk.

When searched he was found to possess \$16.85 in cash, a watch and chain, a spirit level and a razor, besides transportation to Halifax from Boston.

Another case of interest was that against Leonard Frame, of Harrison street, who was given in charge by his mother on charge of assaulting her and breaking windows in her house last night.

Mrs. Frame swore that the youthful prisoner had acted badly since his father died, some two years ago. She had sent him to a farm on Mahogany road last summer, but he had returned in a month and showed no inclination to work. Last night, she added, he struck her and broke three windows in the kitchen.

She stated also that she kept boarders as a means of livelihood.

Young Frame stated that he had not been well used at home since his father died. His brother had made him do work that a horse would do, and he did not get a fair show, and was not going to stand for a beating. He admitted breaking the windows, but said it was during a scuffle with his brother. He had worked with Hilyard Bros. at his uncle's farm on Mahogany road, and in the Maritime Nail Works, and could get good references. He had paid his mother on an average of \$4.50 a week within the past year. His honor told him he would be liable for a long term, and remanded him. An effort was being made to settle the matter quickly.

James Devine, of the Empress of Ireland, was fined \$8 or twenty days for drunkenness, but was allowed out on suspended sentence. He said he had been drinking, but possessed his faculties and had merely slipped on the icy streets.

Michael Flanagan and John Harley, also of the Empress of Ireland, were fined \$8 or thirty days each for drunkenness and threatening language in the east side ferry house. They will probably be taken back aboard the steamer.

Seventeen of the jail prisoners, all simple drunks, have been recommended by the jail officials to be released on Christmas eve.

W. H. TRUEMAN'S CRITICISM

The Mirror, published by F. C. Cooper, is again in the field as a weekly journal. The chief article in today's issue is one by W. H. Trueman, on St. John and its future. Mr. Trueman thinks there is too much talk about the harbor and the steamship business, too much "dependence on the paternal care of the Dominion government," and not enough about "business and industrial development." "By the grace of God," he says, "we have other assets than the harbor."

FUNERALS

Henry E. Dawson, of 41 Brooks street, an employee in Haley Bros. factory was called upon last evening to mourn the loss of his little daughter, whose death occurred from diphtheria. The funeral was held this afternoon at the Church of England burying grounds, Rev. Mr. McLaughlin officiating.

The funeral of Mrs. T. Alfred Buckle was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her late residence, 61 St. Patrick street, to Cedar Hill cemetery. Revs. W. O. Raymond and L. A. McLean officiated.

Miss C. Pauline Quinlan returned today from Shediac, where she has been visiting.

COURT LA TOUR I. O. F. WINS PRIZE OF GOLD IN THE TIMES CONTEST

The Times Will Also Present \$50 Each to the Scots Boys Brigade and St. Mary's Band, in Recognition of the Splendid Work Done by Them --- Official Standing of the Leaders.

THE WINNER.
Court La Tour I. O. F., - 100,895.
OTHER LEADERS.
St. Stephen's Scots Boys Brigade, 94,365
St. Mary's Band, - - - - 84,072
St. Rose's L. A. D. Society, - - 31,258
High School A. C., - - - - 23,133
Neptune Rowing Club, - - - - 18,435

The Times voting contest has ended and passed into history and Court La Tour, I. O. F., wins the \$200 prize offered by this paper.

On Monday the gold pieces will be presented to the winners.

At the same time, in consideration of the magnificent showing made by the St. Stephen's Scots Boys Brigade and St. Mary's Band, the Times will present the sum of \$50 in gold to each of these popular organizations. While no such action was contemplated at the outset, the Times feels that the splendid work done by the members of these two organizations deserves special recognition.

About The Winner

Court La Tour which, on the result of the contest stands today, as the most popular organization in St. John, was organized in 1883. It was the second court of the Independent Order of Foresters to be organized in St. John. Court La Tour started with a charter list of 30, and had rather a checkered career until 1888, when it experienced a sudden boom and has since been in a very flourishing state, its membership now being about 200.

The principal executive officers who took a great interest in the contest are:

M. E. Grass, C. B.
H. H. Pickett, C. D. S. C. R.
Alex. Neil, V. C. R.
J. H. Bond, R. S.
F. T. Murphy, F. S.

Among the Past Chief Rangers of the court are Archibald Bance, Dr. George A. Hetherington, Ernest J. Todd, Thomas Ready, M. Guillard, J. E. B. McCready (Charlottetown); E. R. Chapman and A. W. Macrae.

The court has produced three High Chief Rangers, Messrs. McCready, Chapman and Macrae and has for years been represented at the supreme and high courts as well as on the executives of both those bodies. The court has also produced some splendid forestry workers. In fact Court

La Tour is in every way one of the most up-to-date and flourishing organizations in St. John. The members and friends of the court certainly put up a splendid fight for victory and they doubtless feel highly gratified at their success.

A Strenuous Day

It was a strenuous day in the Times office yesterday anyway you take it. From 9:30 a. m. until after 11 o'clock last night the counting and sorting of the coupons went on without cessation.

It was a tired half dozen of men who left this office near midnight last night, and the Contest Editor looked as if he never wanted to see another ballot. He was heard to mutter 23, 23 in a sort of a sub-conscious tone and his meaning was hardly clear until it became known that he was leaving at once on his Christmas vacation. He certainly needs one.

The rush to deposit ballots yesterday was something unprecedented in the newspaper history in St. John although the number of ballots polled was hardly a surprise to the Contest Editor, or his aides. In the early stages of the contest it soon became apparent that the big rush would come at the end, and as time went on and the difference between the great number of copies of this paper printed and sold and the number of coupons received and acknowledged daily became larger, it was evident that a vast number of coupons were being held back by the various organizations until the closing days. Consequently there was expected there would be a landslide for someone.

And the outline given by the Times last night was almost exact. It was said that Court La Tour would have about 100,000 votes and the official count gives them 100,895. The nearest vote polled for St. John was by the Foresters who deposited 54,106 ballots. The Scots Boys' Brigade came next with 94,365 while St. Mary's Band had 84,072. The High School although far behind the leaders put up a very plucky fight and yesterday increased their total by 677 votes. St. Rose's Literary and Dramatic Club deposited 4,900 while the Neptune Rowing Club did not figure yesterday at all. It was impossible, however, to overcome the majority of Court La Tour and from the time Ernest J. Todd, who has labored indefatigably for the success of his court, arrived at the office yesterday morning with his huge load of votes for Court La Tour, their victory was practically assured.

Nevertheless in face of almost overwhelming evidence of a Forester's maj-

ority the Kilties and St. Mary's Band labored hard for the gold pieces.

All Were Satisfied

Representatives of the leading organizations remained in this office until the ballots were counted last night and all expressed complete satisfaction with the spirit of fairness which dominated the contest.

During last evening the office where the ballots were being counted was thronged with visitors. Light refreshments were provided by the Times management and sandwiches, coffee and cigars were served.

After the counting was over Ernest J. Todd of Court La Tour, spoke a few kind words of the enterprise of the Times in organizing the contest and carrying it to such a successful completion. He moved to a resolution to this effect, which was seconded by Col. Buchanan, of the Scotch Boys' Brigade and unanimously carried. Henry O'Brien replied briefly for the Times.

A resolution of sympathy with Col. Buchanan in the death of his daughter Miss T. Alfred Buckle, was moved by M. E. Grass, seconded by E. J. Todd and carried. The crowd then dispersed and all was over.

A Letter of Thanks

The following from St. Mary's Band is self explanatory:

St. John, N. B., Dec. 22, 1906.
Editor Daily Times:

Sir---The members of St. Mary's Band desire very sincerely to thank their friends known and unknown and from far and near, who so loyally supported them in the "Times Contest." The number of votes that were recorded for them was far in excess of anything that they anticipated at the outset, and considering their small membership and their own youthfulness they are proud of the vote they received.

It was their wish on entering the contest to obtain the prize, with the view of aiding the members to procure suitable uniforms. Although they failed in this they are glad to feel they have made new friends and made as plucky a contest as they could, and they may add, that their bank account remains intact. They hope to have the new uniforms yet, and that their music will be a source of pleasure to their friends in the days that are to come. Signed on behalf of the Band,

RICHMOND DOOE, Band Sgt.
HERBERT J. BARTON, Sect-Treas.

CHAMBERLAIN AS SANTA CLAUS

Over \$8,000 in Wages Paid Out to Civic Employees Today

The hearts of the civic employees were made glad today, as they received their monthly salary in advance, instead of waiting until after the fifth of the next month, which is the usual pay day.

The men will thus be able to make their Christmas purchases with a "fat wad," and the pleased expressions on their faces this morning must have warmed the heart of Chamberlain Sandell. The payroll amounted in all to \$8,138.33, divided as follows:

Officials \$2,434.69
Police 2,593.15
Fire department 1,625.00
Ferry 1,049.81
Public works 433.15
Market 184.59
Salvage Corps 100.00

NEW STREET CARS

Two of the six new cars ordered by the St. John Railway Company have arrived. They reached here on Thursday and have been taken to the car sheds where they will be fitted with motors and trucks. They will probably be ready to go on the route before New Year's day. The other four cars ordered will arrive in a short time.

The St. John Railway Company will on Monday following their usual custom, give each employee a turkey, as a Christmas gift. This year the railway company have purchased two hundred of the festive birds for this purpose.

Ten deaths are recorded on the books at the board of health office during the past week, from the following causes: pneumonia, 2; senility, 2; inanition, 1; pneumonia, 1; heart failure, 1; acute bronchitis, 1; paralysis of brain, 1; anæmia and cardiac disease, 1 each.

MR. EMERSON'S PLANS

OTTAWA, Dec. 22 (Special).--Hon. H. R. Emerson left last night for the Christmas holidays at his old home in Dorchester, N. B. He will be present at the liberal convention in St. John on the 29th and will return here to attend a council meeting on the 31st inst.

James Driscoll, proprietor of the Hotel Edward, and Charles Wilkins, night clerk, who are suffering from wounds inflicted by the negro, Michael O'Garra, in yesterday's row, are reported by the attending physician as doing nicely.

HOTEL MINTO FINED \$200

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 22 (Special).--The Hotel Minto this morning was fined two hundred dollars or thirty days in jail for violating the Liquor License Act by selling liquor to a minor.

The extremely mild weather has resulted in the office in the price of Christmas fare in the Moncton market. The prevailing price has been 18 and 20 cents, but the thaw has brought in a large stock with a reduction of the price to from fifteen to eighteen cents.

The Maritime Express arrived this morning in two sections, traffic being exceptionally heavy. The minister of railways, in his private car, was aboard, en route to Dorchester to spend Christmas.

TRINITY'S RECTOR

The congregation of Trinity church has been called together for Jan. 17 to consider the matter of rectorship. The names that stand out most prominently among those mentioned as probable successors are Rev. Canon Richardson, now co-adjutor bishop of the diocese are, Rev. P. S. Boyle, rector of Wingham, Ont., and formerly of Christchurch Cathedral, Montreal; and Rev. S. J. Woodruff, now rector of St. Paul's, Charlottetown, P. E. I., and formerly of Sydney, C. B.

WEST SIDE WORK

As a result of the mild weather today there was no scarcity of men for the work of rebuilding Union street on the west side. The C. P. R. had a large force at work and expect to have their rails fixed up so that they can run cars over them tomorrow.

Very good headway is being made by the city workmen in building the road-way across the sunken portion of the thoroughfare. Men from the water and sewerage department are also engaged in repairing the broken water pipes.

Mrs. John Donovan, of Simonds street, left by the S. S. Gov. Cobb for a visit to Boston and Fall River.

Miss Minnie F. Quinlan arrived home from Yarmouth.

THE MOROCCAN TROUBLE AGAIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.--A dispatch to the Times from Paris says:

"It is announced on good authority that General Picquart, the minister of war, is about to make a visit to Algeria. His departure will take place as soon as the war budget is voted. In view of the preparations which France is making in conjunction with Spain to suppress disorders in Morocco, this visit has important significance."

AN EPIDEMIC OF INFLUENZA

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.--A London despatch reports that influenza of a particularly virulent type is raging there. The lord chancellor and the Archbishop of Canterbury are barely convalescent, while Arthur Balfour and Speaker Lowther are seriously ill.

N. Y. BANK STATEMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.--Reserves on all deposits, inc. \$4,979,350.
Reserves, other than United States, inc. \$2,910,000.
Loans, dec. \$483,000.
Specie, inc. \$4,657,500.
Legal tenders, inc. \$1,439,000.
Deposits, inc. \$4,287,400.
Circulation, dec. \$25,500.

WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.--Wall street. No price changes of importance resulted from the opening dealings in stocks. Transactions were insignificant, and most of the market leaders were unchanged from last night. The rise of a point in Bellows and Hudson and a decline of 1/4 in Canadian Pacific were the only fluctuations of any importance. The market opened steady.

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.--This is a holiday on the cotton exchange.

The royal mail steamer Empress of Britain, which left this port Friday, December 14th, arrived in Liverpool at 4 a. m. today. The Britain, it will be remembered, had over 1,300 passengers on board going to the old country for Xmas.

JOHN D. SPEAKS OF CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Rockefeller Delivers Himself of a Christmas Greeting --- Good Will to Men and Gratitude to God Should be Sentiment From All.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.--John D. Rockefeller, in a conversation on Seasonable Topics yesterday, said:

"Good will to all men and gratitude to God, that, I should say, should be the Christmas sentiment from everyone."

Referring to large fortunes, he said:

"Great wealth is a burden, a great responsibility. It invariably proves to be one of two things, a great blessing or a great curse. We are only stewards, but every man has to give an accounting of his stewardship and those who possess great wealth should have to show that they are competent to use it properly, should pass an examination and be judged, perhaps by what they do with their money."

Asked if he would go to court whenever the government desired him to do so, he said: "It will be a sorry day for the country and for all of us when our courts are not respected or we cannot respect them, and our laws are not upheld. We must have law and order and we must have courts to enforce them. What else can I do but go to court when summoned?"

MAY PURCHASE THE PARK HOTEL

Former Liverpool Inkeeper Looking Over Situation in St. John.

J. Harris and wife are registered at the Grand Union Hotel, and there is a possibility of Mr. Harris purchasing the Park Hotel, which is at present owned by Charles Danvers.

Mr. Harris, in conversation with a Times man this morning, stated that he formerly conducted a hotel business in Liverpool, England, and about three years ago came to Canada with the view of locating in this country. He has been travelling throughout the west and visited Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, Vancouver and other places. He also visited Quebec. Mr. Harris stated that he considered that Edmonton would be an excellent place to start a hotel business.

He stated that he had viewed the Park Hotel this morning, and had held a private interview with the proprietor, Chas. Danvers. He had not yet decided, but had arrived at no definite conclusion, as he had not obtained sufficient knowledge of the prospects in this city.

Mr. Harris intends going to the old country to see the family, and he stated this morning that he would return in the spring and start a hotel in the west. In the meantime he will weigh in the balance the question of starting one in this city.

HE SUCCEEDS MR. LEONARD

Joseph Green Transferred to No. 3 Fire Station and Will be Supt. of Alarm System.

As a result of the recent investigation into conditions at No. 3 engine house, Joseph Green, who has been in charge of No. 2 engine and who acted as superintendent of the fire alarm system during the illness of E. P. Leonard, was today transferred to No. 3 station, where he will discharge the duties of superintendent of the fire alarm system and have charge of No. 3 engine.

Mr. Leonard has been transferred to No. 2 engine at the Hook and Ladder station on King street east.

The change was made by Chief Kerr, in whose hands the matter was left by the investigating committee. As Mr. Leonard's health is not of the best, it is thought the change to less arduous duties will be beneficial for him. The appointment of Mr. Green will, it is thought, be a popular one with the fire laddies.

THE CASSANDRA SAILS TOMORROW

The new Donaldson line steamship Cassandra, Captain Mitchell, will sail at an early hour tomorrow morning for Glasgow, via Liverpool. She has on board a large outward cargo which will include 818 cattle and 505 sheep. The Cassandra will have as cabin passengers, Miss Mary W. Cameron, Mrs. A. S. Baillie, Master Baillie, Angus Cameron, E. J. McIntyre, Thomas Taylor and wife, William Hamilton, Mathew Meek, W. E. Buller, A. S. Storey, Charles Dickens, Walter Stark, Miss C. Stark, Mrs. Olga Clavering, Frank Patterson, G. S. Warrington and John Williamson, also thirteen steerage passengers.

The C. P. R. steamship Lake Erie, Captain Evans, will sail tomorrow morning for Liverpool.

Donaldson line steamship Lakonia will be due to arrive tomorrow from Glasgow. Furness steamship Evangeline, Captain Healey, left London this morning at 10 o'clock for this port.

Mrs. Thos. Jardine

REXTON, N. B., Dec. 22 (Special).--Mrs. Jardine, wife of Thomas Jardine, sr., passed away at an early hour this morning, after a lingering illness. The deceased, whose maiden name was Miss Agnes Orr, was born in Scotland seventy-three years ago, and was a lady who was loved and respected by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. She is survived by her husband, Thomas Jardine, sr., of the firm of J. & T. Jardine, and nine sons and two daughters. The sons are James, John and David, of Rexton; and William and Alexander of Jardineville; George of Kouchibouguie, Thomas of Vancouver, B. C.; Hugh of Moncton, and Dr. Robert of Edinburgh, Scotland. She also leaves one sister, Miss Orr, who resided with her, and one brother, George Orr, of Jardineville.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

THE WISH OF MR. BINKS.

Mr. Peter Binks was in a pensive mood this morning, and to the query of the Times new reporter thus replied:

"I have just been thinking, in spite of the boasted prosperity of the country, how many fathers and mothers with large hearts but small purses are looking over their little flocks these days and wondering where they can pinch themselves a little more to give the children a merry Christmas."

"This is certainly a time when thoughts of that sort are due," said the new reporter, "but I heard a man say just now that if parents were as thoughtful all the



year round they would have plenty of fat stockings at Christmas."

"I won't deny that," said Mr. Binks, "at least so far as some parents are concerned, but I won't consider it at Christmas. And I know, and you know, that there are too many cases where the rule doesn't apply at all. Heigh-Ho! It's good that children are made happy by little things, and that a small boy can get more solid enjoyment out of a tin horn than out of a banjo or violin. It really takes so little to make a happy day that I'd like to think there wouldn't be in this city next Tuesday a single home unvisited by that age-long benefactor of the human race who wears the Russian whiskers."

"Amen!" said the new reporter.