

EIGHT YEARS IN KLONDYKE

Fred Carman is Visiting His Father After a Lengthy Stay in the Land of Gold---He Tells the Times an Interesting Story.

To leave his native city and to go and reside in the far-famed "Klondyke" for over eight years was the experience of J. Fred E. Carman, who is at present visiting the home of his father, C. Carman, 30 Charles street.

In talking with a Times man last night Mr. Carman said that he left Vancouver on February 19th, 1898, and went to Atlin, B. C., where he remained an entire season; and in 1900 he landed in the famous city of Dawson, and since the day that he first set foot upon the "land of gold" he calculates that he has travelled on foot at least 5,000 miles.

Mr. Carman at first had to go through the same experience as the majority of miners, viz that of working inside and outside and doing all the little incidents that are usually the work of women in this country.

He stated that the Klondyke, to his mind, was the best place on earth, and the climate is one of the finest in the world. The coldest day on record was one last January when the thermometer registered 99 1/2 degrees below zero. He has also seen 10 degrees in the shade in June, when the gardens were blooming and nature was clothed in all splendor and beauty.

HIS NOSE FROZEN OFF.

Mr. Carman in way of comparison said that he felt the cold along the Pacific coast more than he did in the "Klondyke" but there you freeze so quickly that you would not know it, "and although," said he, "many people will doubt the veracity of this story, yet it is absolutely true that I know of a man who was walking down along Bear Creek one day, and his nose became so cold that he put a red handkerchief about it and tied the handkerchief behind his head. The breath moistened the handkerchief and the latter froze solid to the nose. He walked a considerable distance and when he took the

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CITY SCHOOLS CLOSED TODAY

Appropriate Programme Carried Out in High School and Medals presented.

School children are today rejoicing in the knowledge that they are free from their tasks until January 9th. The programme as published in the Times yesterday, was carried out in the High School this morning and Robert Maxwell, M. P., P., in the absence of Judge Treuman, presided. The chairman made a few remarks at the opening of the exercises, and introduced Mayor Sears who gave the scholars some practical advice. The five medals were then presented and each of those who made the presentations said a few complimentary remarks to the winner. The Ellis medal was presented by Mrs. E. C. Skinner.

The exercises came to a close about 1.30 p. m.

JAPS FEAR REPETITION OF THE MAIN DISASTER

Therefore the Fleet Now En Route to Honolulu Will Not Visit 'Frisco.

HONOLULU, Dec. 21.—The Japanese consular here says that the visiting squadron, which will arrive in Honolulu in February, will not proceed to San Francisco, as originally intended, because a repetition of the Maine disaster is feared owing to the alleged overworked condition of American feeling.

ASKS AN INVESTIGATION

Roosevelt's Summary Dismissal of Negro Troops to be Enquired Into.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Senator Foraker occupied the attention of the senate in his last session before the holiday recess today in an extended criticism of the basis of President Roosevelt's action in discharging the negro troops of the 25th infantry, on account of the Brownsville raid. He was replied to by Senator Lodge while Senator Scott sustained the demand of the Ohio senator for a full investigation of the matter by the senate military committee. A resolution directing such an investigation is before the senate for action at its next meeting. The senate adjourned at 2.45 p. m. until January 3, 1907.

CHILD KILLED BY TRAIN

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 21.—Tracy Crist, 17 years old, was killed, Rachel Shaffer, 18 years old, was seriously injured, and five other young persons had narrow escapes last evening at Windsor, Pa., when the party was run down by a Pennsylvania train.

Two party was on its way to Windsor to buy a Christmas present for its teacher.

Presy in a mail box caused considerable amusement at Brown's pharmacy, at the corner of Union and Waterloo streets this morning. Police Sergt. Campbell in company with another officer, was standing at the corner when they were attracted by the cries of a cat. They could not see the animal, until finally the Sergt. pulled down the corner of the large mail box for newspapers and found that someone had put the cat in the box. They communicated with the post office authorities, who sent a man to release the kitten.

CHAS. WARD FINED \$100

Proprietor of One Mile House Pleads Guilty to Sunday Liquor Selling.

The case against Chas. J. Ward, proprietor of the "One Mile House," for selling liquor on Sunday last, contrary to law, was heard in the police court this morning, and on Mr. Ward pleading guilty he was fined \$100.

The case has awakened considerable interest, as Mr. Ward claimed that the charge was made by a member of the Gentlemen's Driving Club, out of spite.

It had been stated that it was owing to information given by Mr. Ward that the recent suspension of two or three members of the driving club resulted this morning and told of having received information about Mr. Ward having sold liquor on Sunday last. In the cross examination by J. B. M. Baxter, who represented Mr. Ward, the inspector appeared unwilling to tell the name of his informant, but on being pressed he said it was Dr. Johnson.

Mr. Jones went on to say that Dr. Johnson had told him he could bring forward two witnesses, D. Mullin, K. C., and stated that he was acting for Dr. Johnson. He said he thought it was impossible for the inspector to give the name of an informant to the court.

The inspector said Dr. Johnson was apparently not particular as to whether his name was used or not. He had not asked him to keep his name secret, but had done so, he would probably not have given it. After some further discussion Mr. Baxter said he would enter a plea of "guilty, through an agent." The court would not accept this, however, and a plea of guilty was entered.

No attempt was made to prove the sale of goods on the Sunday mentioned. A fine of \$100 was then imposed on Mr. Ward.

MAILS NOT HERE YET

Empress of Ireland Got Here Quicker Than the Mails She Landed at Halifax Did.

Although the Empress of Ireland is now at her dock in the west end, the English mails for St. John, landed at Halifax from her, have not yet reached this city.

COUNTRY MARKET

The country market supply is good today, and Saturday shoppers will find no difficulty in securing a choice. The only scarcity is in ducks, which are high. Game is all done, by order of Game Commissioner Knight.

Prices range as follows:—Roast beef, 10 to 18 cents; beef steak, 12 to 22c; turkeys, 22c; fowl, 50 to 75c; geese, \$1.50 to \$1.75; ducks, \$1.80 to \$2.00; chickens, 75c to \$1.50; lamb, 10 to 15c; mutton, 8 to 15c; pork, 10c; celery, 10 to 12c; Brussels sprouts, 15c; lettuce, 6c; parsley, 5c; mushrooms, 35c. The figures on eggs and dairy products are much the same.

TO TAKE OVER THE DOCK YARDS

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Col. Gourdeau and Captain Spain leave for Halifax on Sunday to take over the Halifax dock yard from the imperial authorities on Jan. 1. At noon on New Year's Day the officers and crew of the government cruiser Canada will come ashore and occupy the naval barracks. The Canadian ensign will be hoisted over the dock yards whenever they are taken over.

OVER 150,000 BALLOTS WERE POLLED TODAY IN TIMES VOTING CONTEST

Contest Closed at Noon and Votes Were Poured in All Morning---They Came in Suit Cases, Boxes, Parcels and Baskets---End of Greatest Newspaper Contest Ever Known in St. John.

All roads seemed to lead to the Times office this morning. The voters for the most popular organization in St. John in which \$200 in gold was offered as a prize, closed at noon and the day was certainly a strenuous one.

It was a stormy, rainy morning, and the walking was treacherous, but this combination did not prevent the enthusiasts from flocking to the Times office, and they came in wet bedraggled streams, raining ballots in apparently greater numbers than the real rain drops falling outside. The Contest Editor stood it bravely for the first hour, but as whole battalions of ballots poured in, he was obliged to call back and wait for reinforcements. The whole circulation staff of the Times and Telegraph was pressed into service and although eight strong men worked with their fingers to sort and count the ballots, they were totally unable to keep pace with the bundles of coupons coming in. They bore the strain well, even though the Contest Editor did threaten violence to a member of the writing staff who invaded his sanctum and innocently asked him if he expected to get home for his Christmas dinner.

A Storm of Ballots

The storm of ballots commenced to break yesterday afternoon, when two large baskets full of mail were received for the Contest Editor. This was but the beginning for the mail pouring in was so heavy that it required an extra visit to the post office to collect it all.

Before the counting of the ballots coming by mail from all parts of the province was well under way this morning the stream of callers at the office commenced. "Here's a couple of boxes," said one diminutive youngster, who placed a fat envelope on the Contest Editor's desk, and quickly got out of the office. But the depositing of even the fattest envelopes was soon sidetracked by the bearers of parcels. The representatives of the Scotch Boys' Brigade brought their ballots in in shirt boxes, each box being about two feet long, eight inches wide, and eight inches deep. There were about a dozen

of these boxes, and, apparently, they contained votes enough to carry off the prize in any ordinary voting contest.

Great Enthusiasm

But the Times contest has not been an ordinary contest, even from the beginning. It has evoked more enthusiasm than any similar undertaking ever carried out in St. John, and the fact that over 33,000 copies of the people's favorite evening paper were printed and sold last evening shows how intense the enthusiasm has become.

The St. Mary's Band boys appeared this morning with their ballots in boxes, parcels and even suit cases, but the climax was reached when a team stopped at the door and a well known Forrester came in with a huge wicker basket piled as high as he could reach with parcels. "A few votes for Court La Tour," he announced pleasantly, "would you mind helping me with them?" Two members of the staff carried the votes into the office, while the Contest Editor gave one gasp and fell in a heap.

The St. Rose's Dramatic Club were also heavy voters but as it gradually became apparent that some of the other contestants would secure a heavier vote than the Fairville boys, they turned their strength in the direction of St. Mary's Band and made a mighty effort to help the band boys win. Just a few minutes before twelve o'clock delegates from the band appeared with suit cases filled with ballots, which they deposited for their organization.

Many Votes Lost

About a quarter to twelve one of the band representatives (who was watching the contest, in company with representatives of the other leading organizations, in the office of the circulation department where the ballots were being received) was summoned to the telephone. An instant later he announced that a package containing 12,000 votes for the bandmen had just been left at the band room. The package was opened and the ballots were taken to this office and then it became a race against time. At twelve o'clock, however, when the poll closed, the package had

not reached the office, so the band boys unfortunately lost 12,000 votes. The St. Rose's Dramatic Club also reported the loss of 16,000 ballots which had gone astray. The boys, however, bore their losses philosophically and have no complaint to make.

When the hour for closing the poll arrived the interest became intense. Belated bearers of votes were hustled on their way and there was many an exciting race with time. Several packages received a few minutes after twelve were, in accordance with the terms of the contest, rejected.

Meanwhile the circulation office was crowded with members of the leading organizations and the telephones were kept almost constantly ringing by inquirers who wanted to know who would win the gold pieces. As the counting of the ballots will probably not be completed before tomorrow it was impossible to make any definite announcement.

150,000 Votes Polled

From an unofficial canvass of representatives of the different organizations it is estimated that in the vicinity of 150,000 ballots were personally polled this morning by committees of the different organizations.

E. J. Todd, who represents Court La Tour, said that society had deposited enough votes to bring the total in the vicinity of 100,000. As Court La Tour's standing yesterday was 46,789 it will be seen that on Mr. Todd's estimate about 54,000 votes were polled today.

The representatives of St. Mary's Band claimed to have deposited about 35,000 ballots today while the Boys' Brigade had accounted for 41,895. Of course, these estimates take no account of the many votes which were received by mail or voted by the many unattached supporters of the leading organizations, and it is impossible at present to name the winner.

Altogether it was a grand finish to the greatest newspaper contest ever instituted in St. John.

The result and the standing of the different competitors will be published tomorrow.

THE EMPRESS HAS ARRIVED

Empress of Ireland Docked at Two O'clock---Had a Boisterous Passage.

The steamship Empress of Ireland, Canadian mailer, arrived here late afternoon on her second trip of the season. The steamer was in wireless communication with Cape Race at 11.30 o'clock Wednesday and has since been in touch with Cape Sable and Partridge Island stations. The steamer sailed from Halifax last night at 9 o'clock, and arrived off the Island at 12.15 o'clock. The Empress docked at No. 2 berth at 2 o'clock. Her daily runs from Liverpool to Halifax were: Saturday, Dec. 15--238 miles; Sunday, Dec. 16--228 miles; Monday, Dec. 17--416 miles; Tuesday, Dec. 18--376 miles; Wednesday, Dec. 19--428 miles; Thursday, Dec. 20--434 miles.

The passage out to Halifax was a very boisterous one, the big ship met with high seas and heavy head winds. The C. P. R. people have their trains all ready to start for the west as soon as possible. The Empress of Ireland has on board 490 passengers, 65 saloon, 82 second cabin and 343 steerage, most of them for the west.

A BIG ROCK SLIDE

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The World today says: Just before midnight last night, thousands of tons of rock slipped from the top of Dunbar Mountain, opposite Peekskill, and covered the west shore railroad tracks completely. From present indications it will be at least a week before the tracks can be cleared.

FUNERALS

The funeral of the late Mrs. O'Brien was held this afternoon from her late residence Chesley street, at 2.30 o'clock. Rev. P. J. Stackhouse conducted the burial service, and interment was made in Fernhill cemetery.

The body of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Clarke, who died at the Convent on the 18th inst., was taken by the L. C. R. early train to Cambridge, Queens Co., this morning, where interment was made.

Two drunks were dealt with at this morning's session of the police court.

TOWN TOOK A HOLIDAY

Mrs. Walton, of Connelville, Pa., Had Triplets and the Whole Town Celebrated.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 21.—The birth of triplets, to Mrs. J. A. Walton, of Connelville, Pa., yesterday, was made the occasion of a town holiday. Visitors from all over the place came to the Walton home to offer congratulations, and a local movement is on foot to remember the triplets substantially at Christmas.

A WATER SUPPLY FOR SUMMERSIDE

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—James A. McNeill, T. P. Grady, and J. S. Hinton were elected water commissioners of Summerside. The installation of the water works will shortly be started, the big fire last autumn being a strong incentive.

RESCUED AFTER THIRTEEN DAYS

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Dec. 21.—Hicks, the miner who has been entombed in the Edison Tunnel for thirteen days, was reached by his rescuers at 1 p. m., when it was announced he would be speedily released. His rescuers were talking to him and had passed a basin of water with which to bathe his face.

THE WAR CLOUD

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The militia department has wired Col. White to reconnoitre the Marathons' position at active hostilities may be suspended until after Christmas, it is believed an early attempt will be made to dislodge the enemy. The activity of Mayor Sears at the Wellington Lot is regarded with some misgiving, and as the mobilization of the forces on Dec. 27th a special envoy may be sent to demand an explanation of his recent movements.

Mr. Peter Binks informed the Times newspaper this morning that one evening this week on the 11.15 trip of the ferry boat, coming over from the west side, after a call on a sick friend, he encountered a party of prominent citizens whose breath was above proof by the Cabaret on west, and who wanted to smoke cigars in the cabins of the Wun Lung. Mr. Binks says it beats all how invigorating and exhilarating the winter port atmosphere is at times.

ALMOST MURDER IN KING EDWARD HOTEL

James D. Driscoll Beaten Into Insensibility by Michael S. O'Garra a Negro---Charles Wilkins Also Badly Hurt---O'Garra Under Arrest.

James D. Driscoll, proprietor of the King Edward Hotel, King Square, is lying seriously ill in his bed in the hotel as the result of an assault committed by Michael S. O'Garra, a West Indian negro.

The affair was undoubtedly premeditated, as O'Garra locked the doors of the hotel office, and then proceeded to batter Mr. Driscoll and the clerk with bottles and earthen jars, at the same time making frantic efforts to stab them with a carving knife, which he had secured from the kitchen. Finally, after Mr. Driscoll had been beaten insensible by the infuriated negro, Mr. Wilkins managed to escape from the hotel and notified the police, who arrested O'Garra.

It seems that O'Garra, who had been employed as night porter at the King Edward, had said something of an insulting nature to Mrs. Driscoll yesterday afternoon. The matter was reported to Mr. Driscoll, who called the negro to task. O'Garra swallowed the rebuke for the time being, but informed some of the help that he would not stand for it, and intended getting square with his employer.

Nothing was thought of his threats, as, according to accounts, he was inclined to be saucy about the house.

The whole thing was evidently premeditated, for O'Garra, during the evening, had collected a number of empty bottles—some of which he filled with water, and a large stone jar, and then armed himself with a long keen carving knife, which he secured in the kitchen.

He then locked the office doors and awaited developments.

CONSTABLE WAS BEATEN

Moncton Constable Roughly Handled While Attempting to Execute Scott Act Commitments.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Constable Duncan Stevenson returned last night from Cape Tormentine after a fruitless attempt to arrest one, Arthur Allen, wanted on Scott Act commitments. According to the constable's story he had a rough time.

Armed with three old Scott Act commitments given him by the sheriff, the constable and his son laid for the man wanted. When he came along the constable confronted him and a hard fight ensued. After a fierce struggle, in which many hard knocks were given Allen escaped, after a policeman's hard work, but had been broken over his head, the constable even fired revolver shots, but Allen wasn't to be frightened. In the fight the Moncton constable had his hands bitten by Allen and came home badly used up, and without his prisoner.

The sheriff says the commitments will be executed and another effort may soon be made with reinforcements.

In the police court this morning Stipendiary Kay fined Blair LeBlanc \$200 or one month in jail for Scott Act violation.

MILLS CASE HEARD AGAIN

Some Evidence Was Taken and Case Stands Over Until Tomorrow.

The case of the Merchants' Protective and Collecting Association against the F. E. Williams Co., Ltd., was resumed before Judge Ritchie this morning.

Mr. Mills' examination was concluded and R. C. White, secretary of the defendant company, was sworn.

Mr. White stated that he was secretary for the defendants and had no authority from the defendants to sign the contract, but that Mr. Mills had told him that Mr. Williams had let it with him (White) to make the agreement, if so he desired. Mr. White stated also that \$12.88 was all they had collected and of this amount they had paid out half to the plaintiffs. He also said that the contract was in two documents, only one of which had been left with the defendants, and the other, letting the defendants in for a second year's subscription fee of \$20, was not left.

His effort, he added, was misrepresented to him by Mills.

They had also sent a list of their debtors to the plaintiffs and had received no reply and no results.

The case stands for further hearing.

All men interested in hockey are requested to meet at 8.30 tonight in the Y. M. C. A. rooms, King street, to talk over matters.

Short after five o'clock Mr. Driscoll, came to the office and ordered the negro to do some work, and he refused. So words followed and O'Garra, going to the store room in the rear of the office, picked up some of the bottles and then the row began. The irate black man rushed at his employer and succeeded in hitting him some ugly blows on the head with the bottle, causing nasty bruises and bringing blood. He then attempted to stab him with the knife and finally Mr. Driscoll became unconscious. Wilkins received bruises on his head and shoulder from a huge earthenware jar, which would have shot a gallon. Mr. Driscoll and his clerk were sent busy in their endeavors to avoid further injury and when the latter finally succeeded in opening the door he rushed up the street in search of a policeman, closely followed by O'Garra with the carving knife.

A telephone message to central station brought Police Constables McCollum and Hughes to the scene of the disturbance, and O'Garra was soon under lock and key. He was brought into court this morning, but no action was taken in the matter and he was sent below.

Dr. Berryman, who attended the injured men said that the bruises were not serious, but that Mr. Driscoll was badly shaken up.

To quote the arrest book at central station, O'Garra was "given in charge by James D. Driscoll, for assaulting and beating him with a bottle on the head, in Hotel Edward on the north side of King Square."

It is said that about a year ago, O'Garra was arrested for having participated in a row and Mr. Driscoll got him out of jail and gave him employment.

INVADDED A BAR-ROOM

Angry St. John Woman Played Carrie Nation With Considerable Effect.

A case of illegal liquor selling with some dramatic incidents thrown in may be heard in court within a few days. The affair was reported to Inspector J. B. Jones this morning, but owing to his having to attend the police court at this morning's session he has been unable to investigate it.

It is stated that on Saturday evening last about 7.15 o'clock, on 15 minutes after all saloons are supposed to be closed on Saturday, a woman entered the front door of a saloon in the central portion of the city and advanced to the swinging doors inside, asking as she threw them back why the proprietor did not leave his doors open for her. She then advanced to the bar where her husband and a number of other men were drinking and picking up her husband's glass of liquor throw it against one of the mirrors back of the counter. She then proceeded by sweeping her arms in both directions to demolish glasses and bottles on the bar, remarking as she did so that she was a "Carrie Nation."

STRUNG UP AND SHOT

What Happened to a Southern Negro Who Committed Felonious Assault.

ANNAPOLIS, M. D., Dec. 21.—Henry Davis, alias "Henry Chambers," colored, who committed a felonious assault on Mrs. John Reid of Annapolis, five miles from Annapolis, last Friday, was taken from the jail here this morning by a mob of about 60 masked men, and lynched. He was strung up and his body was riddled with bullets.

A TURKEY SUPPER

The Mission Band of German street Baptist church entertained the children of the Protestant Orphanage with a turkey supper last night in the Sunday school room. The children did full justice to a bountiful repast, after which each was presented with a doll and various other presents from a heavily laden Christmas tree.

During the evening the orphan children rendered a really excellent programme of songs, choruses and recitations, greatly to the delight of all present.