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MONDAY	10,677
TUESDAY	10,602
WEDNESDAY	10,229
THURSDAY	10,899
FRIDAY	11,890
SATURDAY	15,181
TOTAL	69,478
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AFTER THE HOLIDAY

Not for years has money been as freely spent by all classes in St. John at Christmas time as during the last week. This is the statement of a merchant who speaks from experience, having his finger on the pulse of trade in every holiday season. He says he noted two facts which were very apparent this year; one was that the people had the actual cash in hand, and the other was that they wanted a better class of goods, an indication that they felt they could afford a larger expenditure. What this merchant says is corroborated by the testimony of others. The Associated Charities state that while there is less poverty than for many years the response to the appeal of those who are in need has never been more general and generous. Another, but far from pleasing evidence of "easy money" is submitted by the police who say they cannot recall having ever seen as much drunkenness within a limited period as was witnessed between Monday evening and this morning. Those saloons which were open yesterday were at times packed to suffocation, as the passing citizen could see when the doors were opened. The spirit which finds pleasure in contributing to the happiness of those in need, rather than in the gratification of one's own appetites, is not yet universal, even on Christmas Day. It is none the less cheering that times are good, that comparatively few are in great poverty, and that the appeal of these meets with a generous response.

LOOKING FORWARD

An indication of the immense development in railway building in Canada is found in the statement that 3,114 miles, to cost \$82,000,000 for construction and equipment, is under contract. With increased facilities for transportation in the west, and the rapid settlement of new country, the need for better seaboard facilities for handling export and import business will become more and more urgent. The statement quoted makes clear the significance of the recent declaration by Mr. Arthur Piers that the seaboard facilities cannot be enlarged too soon. This is something St. John must keep ever in mind, looking to the continued growth of business through this port in the winter season. It is also important that lower province manufacturers get in close touch with the new west, and share the business which year by year will develop so rapidly in all that territory west of the great lakes.

MONTREAL AND GAS

The members of the city council of Montreal are receiving a good deal of attention from the press of that city, because of the attitude of some or all of them, in relation to the gas company. It is openly charged that the aldermen are too eager to renew a gas contract with the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Co., which ought to be discontinued. For example, so conservative a journal as the Shareholder asserts that there are unrighteous influences at work, and its remarks may be quoted as an illustration of the general attitude.

"The contracts between the city of Montreal and the Montreal Gas Company, and the Royal Electric Light Company, both of which are now merged in the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company, have some years to run before their expiry. The city has the right to acquire the works and plant of the former company, but instead of taking steps to exercise that right, its aldermen are laboring hard to renew the contract for twenty years, as also that for the supply of electricity for light, heat and power purposes. There is no need whatever to extend those contracts. The Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company has not openly asked for any extension, especially when the proposed extension is on terms which meet with strong opposition from those who will have to pay the piper. The council of the Montreal board of trade and the executive of the Montreal branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association have put themselves on record by protesting against the carrying out of the proposition. Why should the aldermen go on their knees to the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company? They are not acting in the interests of the citizens, but are betraying them. There is underhanded work going on. Contracts of such a nature should be open to competition. The contention that contractors can be bought out is worthy only of the most narrow-minded. Free competition should be encouraged and monopolies should be annihilated. Those of the aldermen, the consideration of whose private interests occupies a higher place than that of the taxpayers generally, should realize that the

time has come when they should be relegated to private life. The council chamber should not be made a gambling room, but everything should be honest, straightforward and above board. Monopolies which will rob the citizens of their just rights should receive no encouragement there."

DR. PUGSLEY'S STATEMENT

The clear statement by Hon. Dr. Pugsley relative to the carriage of the mails direct to and from St. John by the Empress steamers should impress the public men of this province with a deeper sense of their duty in the matter. The coming liberal convention will doubtless embrace the opportunity to consider this subject. With regard to the outgoing mails, even if they were brought over the I. C. R., why should they not come on to St. John and join the steamer here, instead of going on to Halifax and compelling the steamer to submit to the delay of a call at Halifax? Dr. Pugsley very properly disposes of the absurd contention of the Halifax Chronicle that the mails going west should not be permitted to pass over the C. P. R. through a corner of the State of Maine. The government subsidised the line through Maine, to get a short line, and it would be folly not to utilize that route. The whole argument against it is purely sectional and against the best interests of Canada. If St. John is as good a mail port as Halifax, a test would prove the fact. If St. John is as good or a better port, what Canadian public man dare say that Halifax should still be retained as the exclusive mail port? Who is afraid?

Touching railroad legislation at Washington, a despatch to the New York Journal of Commerce says: "When congress reassembles after the holiday recess an effort will be made to force upon its attention further railroad legislation. This legislation will be pressed in the senate and in the house, and it will be sought to at least lay a foundation for the campaign against the roads which is to be carried on not only in this but in succeeding congresses. The bills now pending are of several different kinds, but they all have in view the same object—that of reducing the profits of the roads and compelling them to give up a share of their earnings to the public or to their employees."

The arrest of a number of negro soldiers in Leavenworth, Kansas, following the discharge of three companies at Fort Reno recently, and the Brownville, Texas, affair, seems to indicate growing trouble for the United States government, arising from race hatred. The despatches today tell of a threatened race war in a section of Mississippi, where many persons have already fallen victims. American papers and magazines are discussing the problem in a manner which shows that its seriousness is recognized, but no satisfactory solution has been suggested.

The difference in the feeding of the poor in New York yesterday by the Salvation Army and the Timothy D. Sullivan Association was in the motive. The former had the welfare of the poor at heart; the latter wanted to be sure of more votes, though doubtless a measure of real generosity was inspired by the pitiful aspect of the recipients of Christmas cheer.

The stock market continues to waver between confidence and panic. Business conditions are sound, the industrial outlook was never better, but the demand for money to finance great enterprises and meet large obligations is so great and so world-wide that the fear of a scarcity of the commodity is never far from the thought of the shrewd banker and the cautious speculator.

The death of County Auditor Magilton on Christmas even cast a shadow on the brightness of yesterday's pleasure for many who had been his warm friends, and who could scarcely realize that he had passed out of life.

The policy of closing French churches where compliance with the new law is not agreed to by the ecclesiastical authorities has begun. In some portions of the country there may be serious disorders before the controversy is ended.

Smoke is again issuing from the fire department. There are smouldering embers of trouble even at the season of peace and good will.

SHEFFIELD

SHEFFIELD, Dec. 24.—The many friends of William H. Harrison will be sorry to hear he is in poor health again. Misses Eva and Margaret Whyte have arrived home to spend their Christmas vacation with their parents at Sheffield Academy.

Miss George Byno, of Lakeville Corner, purpose having a bean supper at her residence on Thursday evening, Dec. 27th.

M. P. Reid of Marysville and Miss Reid of Lincoln were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. W. Bridges, Sunday.

Foster Camp, eldest son of Dr. George Camp, of Taylortown, is home for his vacation.

Miss Ethel Coy is the guest of Miss Sadie S. Bridges.

Capt. C. C. Taylor has arrived home from a trip to British Columbia.

W. McDonald, of Sussex, was registered at the Victoria yesterday.

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St. John, Dec. 26, 1906.

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(By H. L. Spencer.)
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Across the vapor-clouded bay
Across the hills so dark and brown
To the pleasant streets of Eden Town.
And there among the boys am I—
The boys I knew in days gone by,
And spite of Time, and care and pain—
Behold, I am a boy again.
You sneer; your lips all scornful curls—
I see again the rosy girls,
The girls whose beauty charmed all eyes
In that dear, old-time Paradise.
Hold up the mirror! Yes, I'm old;
My pulse beats slow; my blood is cold;
There is a bald spot on my crown—
Folly to dream of Eden Town.
1906.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

PROBABLY GOT FULL OPTENER

They were speaking of a hard drinker, and saying that when he was drunk he was at his cleverest.
"Yes," said a man present. "Like the moon, the fuller he is the more he shines."

WORKING FOR THE GOVERNMENT

Student—Why do you not read your newspaper?
Government Clerk—Oh, I keep them for the office, otherwise I should have nothing to do.

ONLY WAY TO SAVE IT.

"What, Maria, in bed at this hour?"
"Alas, yes!"
"Are you ill?"
"Oh, no; but I must remain in bed or my husband will carry it and the mattress to the pawn shop."

HIS ONLY CHANCE.

"Enrico, do you know that for some time you have talked in your sleep?"
"Well, what of that? Won't you let me talk even in my sleep?"

WHY WE SHOULD HAVE THE MAILS

Dr. Pugsley States Several Reasons Why Halifax Should Not Hamper Business.

Speaking yesterday on the attitude of Halifax with regard to the British mails being landed in St. John, Attorney-General Pugsley ridiculed the idea that objection should be taken to the C. P. R. carrying the mails by the short line through Maine. St. John, he said, was in the business to stay and he believed that the attempt by Halifax to hamper the business must fail in the end.

The attention of Dr. Pugsley was called to the contention that Canadian mails must be carried by an all-Canadian route, and not through Maine by the C. P. R. It should be remembered, he said, that the C. P. R. were assisted in building this road by the government of Canada in order to secure a short line to Montreal and, having got the route, it was absurd not to take advantage of it and send the mails as direct as possible. He thought it was too late to raise any question of that kind.

"I have always felt," Dr. Pugsley continued, "that the proposal of the Allans and C. P. R. to land the mails from the turbines at Halifax and bring those on the Empress steamers direct to St. John was the best arrangement in the interests not only of St. John but of Halifax as well. The mere landing of the mails cannot be of any benefit, whereas if two of the best Allan steamers made Halifax their terminus that city would get some advantage from the freight business. As it is, the Allan turbines are now out of commission or they would have to come to St. John."

"One cannot wonder at the people of Halifax getting excited (although it is quite unnecessary) because for years since confederation they were led to believe by many public men that their city was the only winter port of Canada, while St. John had to struggle for a long period for recognition.

"The geographical position of St. John and the splendid results of the efforts of the C. P. R. to develop traffic through this port ought to convince the people of Halifax that St. John is in the business to stay. Halifax should recognize this, and be prepared to work with St. John in the effort to divert all Canadian winter business from the United States ports of Portland, Boston and New York to the ports of the maritime provinces. With the rapid and enormous development of the west there will soon be all the business St. John and Halifax can take care of. The sensible course to take now is to work in harmony for the development of the trade of both ports and for neither to seek to hamper the business of the other.

"The efforts of the people of Halifax to compel the C. P. R. steamers to call at that port and thus hamper the business of the company and prevent them making the fullest success of the carriage of the Canadian and overseas mails, although temporarily successful, must fail in the end."

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

The Day Well Spent in Various Institutions Yesterday.

The Christmas festival was duly observed throughout the city yesterday, and those blessed with full and plenty cared for the less fortunate, into whose homes well filled baskets were taken and everything done to make the festival a bright spot in their lives. The Salvation Army, local institutions provided right royally for those under their care, as stated in Monday's issue of the Times.

There will be Christmas festivities at the Wiggins Male Orphan Institution also on Thursday evening.

The Sunday school of St. John's (Stone) church will give a Christmas tree and entertainment for the poor children of the parish on Friday evening.

The Seamen's Mission Society will entertain the sailors in Calvin church school room this evening.

Christmas Day was duly observed in all the city hotels, and those who were obliged to spend the day in town enjoyed excellent repasts.

Aboard the Empress of Ireland, the feast was celebrated in good old English fashion, and officers and crew spent a right royal day of it.

In taking his seat at the head of the table, Captain Forester, R. N. R., received

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