

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Owing to the heavy advertising in Saturday's Times we are compelled to ask those who require advertisements changed Saturday to send copy in before 6 p. m., Friday. *The Times cannot guarantee the insertion of any regular change in Saturday's paper, that is not handed in Friday Afternoon.* We trust that advertisers will co-operate with us and prepare Saturday advertisements early, thus enabling us to work our composing room Friday night, if necessary, to properly handle all changes.

THE WORLD OF SHIPPING

MINIATURE ALMANAC	Sun	Tides
January	Rises Sets High Low.	
1 Wed.	8.11 4.47 9.08 3.26	
2 Thur.	8.11 4.48 9.02 3.21	
3 Fri.	8.10 4.49 8.54 3.15	
4 Sat.	8.10 4.50 8.45 3.08	
The time used Atlantic standard.		

VESSLS BOUND FOR ST. JOHN

Steamers.	Destination.	Dec. 21.	Dec. 22.	Dec. 23.	Dec. 24.	Dec. 25.	Dec. 26.	Dec. 27.	Dec. 28.
Alcedo, 2181, old Greenock.	Dec. 21.								
Empress of Britain, 3024, old Liverpool.	Dec. 27.								
Isleworth Head, 1882, old Adrossan.	Dec. 30.								
Kathinka, 725, old Jamaica.	Dec. 31.								
Milwaukee, 4784, old Antwerp.	Dec. 22.								
Monmouth, 2689, old Avonmouth.	Dec. 24.								
Mount Royal, 4596, old Antwerp.	Dec. 7.								
Pomeranian, 2700, old Havre.	Dec. 21.								
St. John City, 1432, old London.	Dec. 21.								
Trinitia, 2720, old Glasgow.	Dec. 28.								

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived today.	No. of tons.	Gross tons.	Net tons.
Schr Lucia Porter (Am), 284, Spragg, from Lynn, Mass., P. McIntyre, master.	84	12,377	7,555
Coastwise—Stur Wilfred C. 48, Dixon, Moncton; schrs Carrie H. 20, Thompson, fishing, and cleared; Nello D. 22, Beaver Harbor, and cleared.	1	1,110	715
Sailed today.			
Stena Calva Austin, 2853, Pike, for Boston and Maine ports.	415	21,290	

DOMINION PORTS

Steamers.	Destination.	Dec. 21.	Dec. 22.	Dec. 23.	Dec. 24.	Dec. 25.	Dec. 26.	Dec. 27.	Dec. 28.
Halifax, Jan 1—Ard, str Manchester Exchange, Manchester, Bkln Glenville, New York.									
Sid—Str A W Perry, Hawes, Boston.									

BRITISH PORTS.

Steamers.	Destination.	Dec. 21.	Dec. 22.	Dec. 23.	Dec. 24.	Dec. 25.	Dec. 26.	Dec. 27.	Dec. 28.
Port Natal, Dec 31—Ard, str previously, strm March (Br), Clare, Montreal and Sydney, CB, via Cape Town.									
Liverpool, Jan 1—Sid, str Evangeline, Halifax.									
Southampton, Jan 1—Ard, str Majestic, New York.									
Southampton, Jan 1—Sid, str Oceanic, New York.									
Glasgow, Dec 30—Ard, str Kastalia, Black, St. John, and cleared.									
Port Spain, Dec 5—Ard, str Lillian Black, Goodwin, St. John; 6th, str Nanette, Hunter, Norfolk; sch Palma, Shanklin, Shelburne.									

FOREIGN PORTS.

Steamers.	Destination.	Dec. 21.	Dec. 22.	Dec. 23.	Dec. 24.	Dec. 25.	Dec. 26.	Dec. 27.	Dec. 28.
New York, Jan 1—Cld, bark John S Bennett, Prith, Halifax.									
Portsmouth, Jan 1—In port, schs Isiah K Stetson, St. John for Washington; Abbie Keast, do for Weymouth.									
Boothbay Harbor, Jan 1—Ard, sch Rebecca W. Huddell, Boston.									
Rockland, Jan 1—Sid, sch Sallie E Ludlam, St. John.									
Havre, Dec 23—Ard, str Sardinian, Henry, St. John for London.									
Baltimore, Dec 24—Ard, str Cuxana, Star-rail, Tampa via Lewis (Del).									
Branswick, Ga, Dec 30—Ard, sch Hartney W. Wason, Havre.									
Charleston, Dec 20—Ard, str Albusa, Lockhart, Bremen via Barry.									
Calis, Dec 27—Ard, schs St Anthony, and Bessie A. Parrsboro.									
Sid—Sch G M Porter, Vineyard Haven and Nantucket.									
Newport News, Dec 30—Cld, str Garibaldi (Nor), Engl, Norfolk and Amherst (N S).									
Pascegonia, Dec 30—Ard, schs Chas I. Jeffrey, Rickerson, Glenfuegos; Susie B Montre, Delhott, Vera Cruz; Lady Shea, Danz, Nassau.									
Calis, Jan 1—Ard, sch Corinto, Parrsboro.									
Sid—Sch St Anthony, Parrsboro.									
Norfolk, Jan 1—Cld, str Garibaldi, Amherst.									
New York, Jan 1—Ard, str Adriatic, Southampton.									
Vineyard Haven, Jan 1—Ard, schs Manuel R. Cruz, South Amboy for, Boothbay (toe forecast last night); Rome, Norway for St. John; J Arthur Lord, South Amboy for Rockland; Clifford I White, Port Reading for Kittery; Roger Drury, Newport News for Portland; Edith, from Guttenberg for Halifax.									

SPOKEN BY WIRELESS.

Steamers.	Destination.	Dec. 21.	Dec. 22.	Dec. 23.	Dec. 24.	Dec. 25.	Dec. 26.	Dec. 27.	Dec. 28.
Cape Race, Jan. 1—Stur Empress of Britan, Liverpool for Halifax and St. John, in communication with the Marconi station 170 miles east at 6.30 a. m.									

REPORTS AND DISASTERS.

Steamers.	Destination.	Dec. 21.	Dec. 22.	Dec. 23.	Dec. 24.	Dec. 25.	Dec. 26.	Dec. 27.	Dec. 28.
Vineyard Haven, Jan. 1—Sch Rome, Norfolk for St. John, broke main boom off Sea-net during westerly gale last night and is being repaired here.									
Sandy Hook, Dec 31—Chadwick life saving station reports a two-masted schooner 12 miles off shore was in the night.									
London, Dec 31—Wellington, NZ, telegraphs that ship Look Gave (Br), Wiley, from Melbourne, is said to be ashore, but the report needs confirmation. A steamer has gone to her assistance.									
Baltimore, Md., Jan. 2—Captain Delaney, of the steamer Porto Rico, which arrived here this morning from New York, reported passing the schooner Elizabeth Palmer at 4 p. m.									

WILL NOT ENTER INTO ANY CONTRAVERSY

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan 1—Dr. Herman V. Hilprecht, the noted Assyriologist, whose standing as a scholar and author has been questioned and who was yesterday asked by the Society of Biblical literature and exegesis to make a reply to charges affecting his discoveries at Nippur, has issued a statement in which he says he will not enter into any controversy with the Society of Biblical literature and exegesis. He said: "I have read in the newspapers, the resolution presented yesterday at the afternoon session of the Society of Biblical literature and exegesis. 'My reply to the charges preferred against me by Dr. John P. Peters was

THE OLDEST IN CANADA

A. J. Hood, of Yarmouth, N.S., Who Died Monday, Was Canada's Oldest Postmaster

The Montreal Star publishes the following sketch of Alexander J. Hood, postmaster of Yarmouth, N. S., who died on Monday last:

Mr. Hood was the oldest employee of the post office department in Canada, and probably the dean of Dominion public servants, having been a postmaster since five years before Confederation. During that time he saw mails carried by postmen on horseback, by stage coach and by railway train. He saw his post office develop from a shelf in his back shop to a big brick and stone building with all modern improvements. Postage stamps had only been in use, in what is now Canada, for a few years when he took office and he handled the first issue of perforated stamps put out in this country. In his early days, postage stamps were still scarce and people would cut them up in odd pieces to make up the right "change" to put on a letter. A sixty-cent stamp, for instance, was cut in half of it being used for threepence, was among the commoner fractions, but combinations of several pieces were not unknown and are greatly prized now by philatelists. The practice of putting fragments of stamps on letters continued even after the cents issue succeeded the pence. In Mr. Hood's time, too, the envelope came into general use. The custom before that had been to fold the letter, fasten it with a wafer and write the address on the back. Envelopes were luxuries, only used by dwellers in the larger cities. Even money letters were often sent in this way, marked on the back as money letters, and each bearing six and threepence postage, instead of threepence, because of the greater care supposed to be exercised in delivering it.

Mr. Hood was connected with the famous sailor family of Hood, of Devonshire, who numbered two admirals at the beginning of last century, and who are still keeping up their supply of officers in the British navy. The venerable postmaster was a picturesque personage. With every white beard and hair, he was, up to the time of his last illness, as bright of eyes, as erect and vigorous as a man of forty. He dearly loved birds and animals, and they seemed to know it. The pigeons and sparrows followed him in the streets, fluttering around him, a living feathered household perched on his shoulders, eating from his hand. He invariably carried in his pocket a bag of rice or corn for the birds. At one time there might be seen, strolling about the streets of Yarmouth, a young mouse, which was one of his pets. A hunter had brought it to town as a calf, and it was at once purchased by Mr. Hood, to prevent it falling into hands that might ill-use it.

GOOD SHOW AT THE CEDAR

Holiday Bill Will Be Repeated Tonight—Big New Show Tomorrow.

The holiday bill at the Cedar proved a very attractive offering and the theatre was packed at all performances. So thoroughly satisfactory was the entertainment provided that Manager Stuart has decided to repeat the same bill tonight. There will be new pictures and Frank Austin will be heard in his song successes. Bravely, Twitter and Twinkle and Miss Twilight will appear as usual, and by request Miss Twilight will dance the Highland Fling. Watch tomorrow's papers for the announcement of a big new show.

AT THE PRINCESS

The New Year's attractions at the Princess are proving the ability of the management to interest and amuse their patrons. The theatre was crowded at every performance yesterday. A Night in Dreamland, which relates the adventures of a child who visited the fairy realms of old Santa Claus, and saw real live dolls and other delightful toys is a feature which will delight the youngsters. The Clown's Love Story has a pathetic touch to it, and is full of interest. The mysterious Thief is a clever motion picture showing how a wonderful scene comes to be depicted on the walls of the man's cell. Madam's Fancies is a farce comedy uproariously funny and incidentally giving the ladies a peep at the latest models in Parisian hats. A new illustrated song completes the well arranged programme.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO CLOSE AT 6 O'CLOCK. Beginning Monday next, J. N. Harvey will close his clothing and furnishing stores at 6 o'clock every evening, except Saturday.

The skating season commenced last evening at the "Vic," the attendance being large. The patrons of former years were largely in evidence as well as numbers of new faces. The band will be in attendance again tonight, as well as Saturday afternoon and night.

Gilmour's January sale of fine, ready-to-wear overcoats begins today. Large discounts and costs the perfection of style and fit are the attractions which annually induce many men to make genuine savings. In addition to other makers' productions this store has the agency of the celebrated 20th Century Brand clothing which is so popular on account of its almost absolute perfection of fit, style and workmanship.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS—Fresh westerly and north-westerly winds; fair today and on Friday; not much change in temperature. SYNOPSIS—The barometer is high over the gulf part of the coast and is rising slowly in the Maritime Provinces, with westerly winds. The weather continues fairly cold in Manitoba. To Banks and American ports, fresh westerly and northwesterly winds.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORT AT NOON.

Highest temperature during last 24 hours, 39. Lowest temperature during last 24 hours, 18. Temperature at noon, 34. Humidity at noon, 73. Barometer readings at noon (sea level and 32 degrees Fahr.), 29.85 inches. Cloudy. Wind at noon: Direction, W; velocity, 16 miles per hour. Same date last year: Highest temperature, 40; lowest, 28. Clear. No snow on ground. D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director.

COAST DEFENCES

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 2—The Oregonian today will say that the adjutant general of California, Washington and Oregon have been invited by the war department to Washington for a conference on coast defences at the earliest possible date. It is assumed that the meeting will result in the assignment of national guards to coast artillery work.

BURIED GOLD AND NEARLY LOSES IT

Old Man Who Feared Banks Awakes To See Robbers At His Cache.

LONG BEACH, Mo., Jan. 1—Because he was afraid of the banks and preferred to bury his money, Josiah Merritt, an elderly man living alone in the northeastern part of the town, came near losing what little he had last night. During the forenoon yesterday he had received by express quite a large sum in gold from an Eastern city. He admits that he had intended placing it in one of the banks, but because of the financial talk he concluded to bury it in his backyard for a while.

He dug a hole under the corner of an outbuilding not far from his bedroom window, and placed the box of money in it, carefully covering it again and laying a heavy stick of timber on it. He did not think anyone knew of his receiving the money, but his actions must have been watched by someone for late that night he was awakened, and, on looking out of the window, saw two men just commencing to dig where the money was hidden. The old man immediately jumped out of bed and ran out of doors, scaring the men away, so that they were seen no more. Merritt thereupon dug up his gold and took it to the house, watching it carefully the rest of the night, and early this morning taking it to a trusted neighbor to care for until Monday, when he will deposit it in a bank. He claims that he got a good look at one of the men's faces and is sure that he saw him in Los Angeles the day he got his money.

N. Y. STOCK MARKET

January 2, 1908. New York Stock Quotations, Chicago Market rates and New York Cotton Market. Furnished by D. C. Clinch, Banker and Broker.

Tuesday's Closing	Today's Opening	Neon
Amalg. Copper	45 1/2	46 1/2
Anacosta	28 1/2	29 1/2
Am. Sugar Ref.	99 1/2	100 1/2
Am. Smelt. & Rg.	70 1/2	71 1/2
Am. Car Foundry	37 1/2	38 1/2
Atchafalaya	69 1/2	70 1/2
Am. Locomotive	34 1/2	35 1/2
Brook. Rfd. Trst.	28 1/2	29 1/2
Cal. & Ohio	81 1/2	82 1/2
Ches. & Ohio	30 1/2	31 1/2
Canadian Pacif.	153 1/2	154 1/2
Chi. & N. W.	118 1/2	119 1/2
Great Northern, pfd	118 1/2	119 1/2
Erie	16 1/2	17 1/2
Louis. & N. E.	92 1/2	93 1/2
Mexican Central	14 1/2	15 1/2
Missouri Pacif.	40 1/2	41 1/2
Nor. Western	63 1/2	64 1/2
N. Y. Central	91 1/2	92 1/2
Ont. & Western	32 1/2	33 1/2
Reading	94 1/2	95 1/2
Sloss Sheffield	33 1/2	34 1/2
St. Paul	104 1/2	105 1/2
Southern Ry.	13 1/2	14 1/2
Southern Pacif.	73 1/2	74 1/2
Northern Pacif.	117 1/2	118 1/2
Union Pacif.	117 1/2	118 1/2
U. S. Rubber	20 1/2	21 1/2
U. S. Steel	26 1/2	27 1/2
U. S. Steel, pfd	37 1/2	38 1/2
Total sales in New York Tuesday 429,200 shares.		

CHICAGO MARKET REPORT.

May Corn	69 1/2	69 1/2	61
May Wheat	110 1/2	109 1/2	104 1/2
May Oats	54 1/2	55	53
July Wheat	98 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2

MONTREAL QUOTATIONS.

Twin City	85	85	85
Toronto St. Ry.	85 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2
Detroit United	34 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Illinois Transfer	78 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
Toledo Ry. & Light	33 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

January	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
March	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
May	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
July	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2

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January, 2—Consols money 84 1/16 is 3/8 above close on Tuesday, account up 1/4 at 84 5/16.

Americans show advances 1-2 to 1-3 in Canadian Pacific.

Bank of England today reduced its minimum rate of discount 1 percent to 6 percent.

The 7 percent rate has been in effect since Nov. 7th. Last, Proportion of bank's reserve to liabilities is now 35.50 percent against 40 last week, and compares with a decline from 37 1/4 to 33 1/2 in this week last year.

Earnings—Chesapeake & Ohio, for November, gross increase, \$346,784; net increase, \$149,490, from \$1,187,181 last, gross inc. \$2,302,210, net inc. \$881,208.

LONDON, 2 p. m.—Exchange 484.15; London 28.58, Amalgamated Copper 47, Atchafalaya 60, Baltimore and Ohio 82, Chesapeake and Ohio 30, Chicago and G. W. 81.4, Canadian Pacific 155.14, Erie 10.34, Erie preferred 35, Kansas and Texas 25.38, Louis and Nashville, 93.14, Northern Pacific 118.12, N. Y. Central 91.14, Ont. and Western 33, Pennsylvania 110.18, Reading 95.14, Rock Island 15.18, Southern Railway 13.18, Southern Pacific 74.14, St. Paul 105.12, Union Pacific 118.94, for St. Steel 26.58, U. S. Steel preferred 80, Wabash preferred 18.12.

Summary—Governor Hughes' message makes important recommendations, especially in connection with state banks.

Banking Superintendent Williams, in his report, says institutions not in clear financial condition are compelled to furnish supplementary reports.

Transactions in stocks in 1907, 100,000,000 shares less than 1906, and smallest in three years.

Light demand for stocks in loan crowd. Manitoba government has purchased Bell telephone system in its entirety for \$3,300,000.

Receivers appointed for Chicago and Milwaukee Electric R. R. Co. nearly \$300,000 said to be involved.

Reported at Washington on good authority that suit will be instituted by the government this month or early in February for dissolution of the combination between the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific.

Ex-dividend today Southern Pacific, 1 1/2 and Atchafalaya pfd. 2 1/2 percent.

LONDON, 2.30 p. m.—Americans have turned weak led by Union Pacific and Southern Pacific which show losses of a point and more. The movement in these stocks is based on a revival of the rumor of a hostile government suit. Atchafalaya is also specially weak on its bad track showing for November.

CRITICIZES SIR WILFRID

(New Glasgow Chronicle.)

It may be conceded that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is the greatest parliamentary leader that Canada has yet produced. His replies to and counter attacks on Mr. R. L. Borden bear the stamp of genius. We would say, however, that he is as able a parliamentary debater as Sir John A. Macdonald. If he were he would not have opened Colchester and Centre York. The premier has evidently yet to learn that when a parliamentary supporter be-

ALL ABOARD FOR THE PRINCE'S BEACH LIMERICK

We Start January 2, 1908.

SIX SUMMER COTTAGE LOTS, Valued at \$400.00, To Be Given Away to the Successful Competitors in the JANUARY LIMERICK.

FIRST PRIZE, 1 LOT VALUED AT \$100.00	1 LOT	"	"	100.00
SECOND " 1 LOT	"	"	"	50.00
THIRD " 1 LOT	"	"	"	50.00
FOURTH " 1 LOT	"	"	"	50.00
FIFTH " 1 LOT	"	"	"	50.00
SIXTH " 1 LOT	"	"	"	50.00

Total, - - - \$400.00

These are not City Lots in size, but each lot is 100 ft. wide and from 250 ft. to 300 ft. in depth, with each lot having the right to the whole beach line, nearly two miles in length. The location is one of the most beautiful on the St. John River, and formerly known as the Harding and Sand Points, but now called Prince's Beach.

WE SELL YOU FOR 25 CENTS: