

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

Jan	Sun	Tides
1 Wed	4.47	9.08
2 Thur	4.45	10.02
3 Fri	4.40	10.54
4 Sat	4.30	11.45

The time used Atlantic standard.

VESSELS BOUND FOR ST. JOHN

Steamer	Destination	Departure
Alceda	21st, sid Greenock, Dec. 21	
Empress of Britain	20th, sid Liverpool, Dec. 27	
Isleworth	20th, sid Avonmouth, Dec. 24	
Kathinka	25th, sid Jamaica, Dec. 21	
Milwaukee	4th, sid Antwerp, Dec. 22	
Monmouth	26th, sid Avonmouth, Dec. 24	
Mount Royal	4th, sid Antwerp, Dec. 24	
Pomerania	27th, sid Havre, Dec. 21	
St. John City	1st, sid London, Dec. 22	
Trinitia	27th, sid Glasgow, Dec. 28	

PORT OF ST. JOHN

Arrived today	No. Tons	Gross Tons	Net Tons
Schr Lucia Porter (Amr)	284	48	34
Lynn, Mass., P. McNeil	1	12,777	7,555
Coastwise—Stur Wilfred C. 48, Dixon	1	1,110	1,110
Moncton; and cleared—Nelle D. 20, Thompson	1	11,890	1,108
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Cutters	5	317	317
Dredges	2	2	2
Total	415	21,290	11,993

DOMINION PORTS

Port	Arrival	Departure
Halifax	Jan 1—Artd, str Manchester Exchange, Manchester, Bktn Glenville, New York	Jan 1—Str A W Perry, Hawes, Boston.

BRITISH PORTS

Port	Arrival	Departure
Port Natal	Dec 31—Artd, str previously, str March (Br), Clare, Montreal and Sydney, CB, via Cape Town.	
Liverpool	Jan 1—Sid, str Evangeline, Halifax.	
Southampton	Jan 1—Artd, str Majestic, New York.	
Southampton	Jan 1—Sid, str Oceanic, New York.	
Glasgow	Dec 30—Artd, str Kastalla, Black, Stobbs, Aberdeen, Montreal, Halifax.	
Port Spain	Dec 5—Artd, str Lillian Blauvelt, Goodwin, St John; 6th, str Nanette, Hunter, Norfolk; str Palma, Shanklin, Shelburne.	

FOREIGN PORTS

Port	Arrival	Departure
New York	Jan 1—Cld, bark John S Bennett, Frith, Halifax.	
Portsmouth	Jan 1—In port, str Isiah K Stetson, St John for Washington; Abbie Keas, do for Weymouth.	
Boothbay Harbor	Jan 1—Artd, str Rebecca W Huddell, Boston.	
Rockland	Jan 1—Sid, str Sallie E Ludlam, St John.	
Havre	Dec 23—Artd, str Sardinian, Henry, St John for London.	
Baltimore	Dec 23—Artd, str Cuzana, Starry, Tampa via Lewis (Del).	
Brunswick, Ga.	Dec 30—Artd, str Hartney W. Wason, Havre.	
Charleston	Dec 23—Artd, str Albusa, Lockhart, Bremen via Harry.	
Calcutta	Dec 27—Artd, str 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).	
Pasadena	Dec 30—Artd, str Chas I. Jeffrey, Rickerson, Clenague; Susie B. Montreuil, Delhoff, Vera Cruz; Lady Shea, Diaz, Nassau.	
Calais	Jan 1—Artd, str Corinto, Parrsboro.	
Sid—Sch St Anthony, Parrsboro.		
Norfolk	Jan 1—Cld, str Garibaldi, Amherst.	
New York	Jan 1—Artd, str Adriatic, Southampton.	

REPORTS AND DISASTERS

Vineyard Haven, Jan 1—Sch Romeo, Norfolk for St. John, broke machine over and 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 when in sight.

London, Dec 31—Wellington, NZ, telegraphs that ship Loch 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 Farmer at 4 p. m.

SPOKEN BY WIRELESS

Cape Race, Jan. 1—Stur Empress of Britain, Liverpool for Halifax and St. John, in communication with the Marconi station 170 miles east at 6.30 a. m.

IMPORTS

From Liverpool and Belfast, ex str L. C. W. 19	From Liverpool and Belfast, ex str L. C. W. 19
13 pkgs; 13 pkgs, a C. W. Adams; 1 bale leather, J. D. & S.; 13 pkgs, a C. W. Adams.	

EXPORTS

For Bristol and Liverpool, per steamer	For Bristol and Liverpool, per steamer
Montana; Canadian goods—370 pkgs paper; 1380 bushels wheat; 653 boxes cheese; 92,083 bushels wheat; 15,566 bushels barley; 48 bags clover seed; 330 sacks flour; 1224 bales hay; 447 sheep; 740 cattle; 1 horse; 180 bbls Matte; 400 cases rolled oats; 2800 sacks linseed cake and a lot of sundries; 81 pkgs leather; 571-276 feet spruce deal; 209,010 feet hardwood; 20,561 pine staves. Value, \$258,275.	

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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 the time he saw mails carried by postmen on horseback, by stage coach and by railway train. He saw his post offices 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 cut in two corners, half of it being used for three-cent, 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 cent issue succeeded the penny. 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 warty 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 host perching 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, straggling about the streets of Yarmouth, a young moose, 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.

MARINE NEWS

The schooner Maple Leaf Prudent, Athol and Effort have been laid up at Parrsboro for the season.

The tern schooner M. J. Taylor, 377 tons register, built at Spencer's Island in 1901, and registered at this port, has been sold to Mobile parties for the hard pine trade.

The following is a statement of the total number of steamers and vessels with their tonnage remaining on the register book, at the port of Halifax, N. S., on the 31st December, 1907:

Steamers	No. Tons	Gross Tons	Net Tons
Abbie & Eva Hooper, 275, R C Elkin.	1	1,110	1,110
Arthur M. Gibson, 296, J W Smith.	1	12,777	7,555
O B Wood, 224, Stetson, Cutler & Co.	1	1,110	1,110
Dora, C. 402, A W Adams.	1	11,890	1,108
Elma, 259, A W Adams.	1	108	108
Evolution, 173, J W Smith.	1	317	317
E. Merrin, 231, P G Heatley.	1	2	2
F & E Givan, 39, C M Kerrison.	1	2	2
Garfield White, 39, C M Kerrison.	1	2	2
Georgia, 28, J W Smith.	1	2	2
Harold B Cousins, 305, P McIntyre.	1	2	2
Hugh G. 420, J W Smith.	1	2	2
Harry, 122, C M Kerrison.	1	2	2
I. M. Barton, 102, J W McAlary.	1	2	2
Jennie A. Stubbins, 139, master.	1	2	2
John C. Walters, 209, master.	1	2	2
Lake Champlain, 488, O P R Co.	1	2	2
Marion, 242, G L Purdy.	1	2	2
Nettie Shtpman, 237, A W Adams.	1	2	2
Onward, 32, C M Kerrison.	1	2	2
Princess, 242, G L Purdy.	1	2	2
R. Bowers, 347, R C Elkin.	1	2	2
St. Bernard, 123, J W Smith.	1	2	2
Theresa Wolf, 24, Stetson Cutler & Co.	1	2	2

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 Stanton has decided to repeat the same bill tonight. There will be new pictures and Frank Austin will be heard in his song successes. Brayley, Twitner 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 most successful of the new 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 the 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 cost of 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.

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LOCAL WEATHER REPORT AT NOON.

Highest temperature during last 24 hours, 39
Lowest temperature during last 24 hours, 18
Temperature at noon, 28
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.
Lowest, 28. Clear. No snow on ground.
D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director.

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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 Report 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	45 1/2
Am. Sugar Refs.	28 1/2	28 1/2
Am. Steel & Rgn.	70 1/2	70 1/2
Am. Car Foundry	30 1/2	30 1/2
Atchafson	68 1/2	68 1/2
Am. Locomotive	14 1/2	14 1/2
Brook. Rfd. Trst.	28 1/2	28 1/2
Balt. & Ohio	81 1/2	81 1/2
Ches. & Ohio	30 1/2	30 1/2
Canadian Pac.	153 1/2	153 1/2
Chi. & N. W.	118 1/2	118 1/2
Great Northern	118 1/2	118 1/2
Eric	16 1/2	16 1/2
Louis. & Nashville	92 1/2	92 1/2
Mexican Central	14 1/2	14 1/2
Missouri Pacific	45 1/2	45 1/2
Nor. Western	94 1/2	94 1/2
N. Y. Central	94 1/2	94 1/2
Ont. & Western	32 1/2	32 1/2
Fresh Water Steer	95 1/2	95 1/2
Reading	30 1/2	30 1/2
Sloss Sheffeld	33 1/2	33 1/2
St. Paul	104 1/2	104 1/2
Southern Ry.	13 1/2	13 1/2
Tenn. Coal & Iron	8 1/2	8 1/2
Southern Pac.	73 1/2	73 1/2
Northern Pac.	118 1/2	118 1/2
Union Pac.	117 1/2	117 1/2
U. S. Rubber	20 1/2	20 1/2
U. S. Steel	26 1/2	26 1/2
U. S. Steel	27 1/2	27 1/2

Total sales in New York Tuesday 423,000 shares.

CHICAGO MARKET REPORT.

May Corn	69 1/2	69 1/2
May Wheat	107 1/2	107 1/2
May Oats	56 1/2	56 1/2
July Wheat	98 1/2	98 1/2

MONTREAL QUOTATIONS.

Twin City	85
Toronto St. Ry.	85 1/2
Detroit United	32 1/2
Ches. & Ohio	30 1/2
Toledo Ry. & Light.	33 1/2

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

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

THE LIMERICK FOR JANUARY.

A weak but ingenious young guy Was induced to believe he could fly, So he built a machine That required gasoline—

THE PRINCE'S BEACH LIMERICK.

Other prizes will be added to the above, provided the public patronizes the Limericks to such an extent as will permit of our receiving for our land the very low values we have established on it.

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	
SECOND " 1 LOT " " 100.00	
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:

1 Half-Tone of the "Prince of Wales Elm."

WE GIVE YOU WITH SAME:

1 Coupon entitling you to participate in the Limerick.

1 Plan of the Prince's Beach Property, showing the Lots to Be Given Away during the month, in which you secure the Half-Tone.

1 Descriptive Leaflet, explaining our reasons for starting these Limericks, and our intentions regarding the continuance of same and the aggregate prizes.

For every Half-tone purchased, the purchaser is entitled to participate in the Limerick for the month in which the Half-tone was purchased.

For every Half-tone purchased, the purchaser, whether successful or not in the monthly Limericks, has a chance for the aggregate prizes.

A Limerick will be published every month, if the public patronage warrants it, until all the lots at Prince's Beach are disposed of, and the awards of the judges will be published on the 4th Day of the Month following each Limerick.

JUST THINK OF IT--A Cottage Lot containing Over One-Half an Acre for 25 cents and an opportunity to compete for the following aggregate prizes:

1 HOUSE AND THREE LOTS OF LAND VALUED AT \$2,500.00
1 OIL PAINTING VALUED AT - - - - - 500.00
1 OIL PAINTING " " " " " 300.00

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BUGS AND WORMS IN BREAKFAST FOODS

Samples of the Articles Sold in Pennsylvania Are Anything But Pure.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 2—According to the report of an analytical examination of 83 breakfast foods sold in Penna, made under the direction of State Dairy and Food Com. Foust, numerous worms and bugs were found in the samples. The examinations were made by Prof. Wm. Frost of State College, who arrived here last night to take up with Commissioner Foust the matter of prosecuting of firms which sold misbranded and unfit goods.

The result of the examination tends to show that the claims of many manufacturers are "highly colored" and sometimes absolutely false.

BANK OF ENGLAND

LONDON, Jan. 2—The rate of discount of the Bank of England was reduced from 7 to 6 per cent today.
LONDON, Jan. 2—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes:
Total reserve increased £1,729,000
Circulation increased 6,000
Bullion increased 1,707,819
Other securities increased 7,773,000
Other deposits increased 9,151,000
Public deposits increased 1,133,000
Notes reserve increased 1,843,000
Government securities increased 1,500,000

The proportion of the bank's reserve to liability this week is 35.62 per cent, compared with 39.99 per cent last week.

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 not 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-