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Thursday, Dec. 24.

	Yesterday's Close	Today's Opening	Noon.
Amalgamated	87⅝	87⅝	88⅝
Am Car & Foundry	71½	71¼	71¼
Am Locomotive	60	60	60
Atchison	121⅜	121¼	121⅛
Am Smelteers (xd)	102⅜	101¼	102¼
Anaconda	50½	50½	52
Brook Rapid Trst	79½	79¾	79⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	118	117⅞	118
Can Pac Ry	179½	179½	179½
New York Central	123⅛	123¼	123⅜
Chesapeake & Ohio	83¾	87⅛	86¾
Colorado F & I	49¾	49¾	49⅝
Den & Rio Grande	52	52½	52
Delaware & H C	185½	186½	186½
Erie	33⅛	33⅛	33⅞
Erie 1st Pref	49⅛	49½	49½
Consolidated Gas	158½	158½	158½
General Electric		159½	159⅛
Gt North Pref	143¼	143⅜	143⅜
Kansas & Texas	48¾	49¼	49
National Lead	88½	88¾	88½
Misouri Pacific	71⅜	71¼	71
Northern Pacific	145⅛	145	145
Norfolk & Western	89¼	89¼	89¼
Pennsylvana	137¼	137	137⅜
Reading	171⅞	171⅞	171⅝
Peoples G & L Co		115¼	115⅝
Rep I & Steel		45½	45½
Rock Island	48¾	48½	49⅜
Rock Island Pref	92⅜	92¼	92
U S Rubber	53⅞	53½	53¼
Soo Railway	139¾	139¾	139¾
Southern Pacific	133⅞	134¼	134½
St Paul	157⅜	157⅜	157½
Southern Railway	31½	31⅝	31¾
Union Pacific	201⅝	202⅛	202½
U S Steel	90¾	90⅞	91⅝
U S Steel Pref	125⅛	125¼	125¼
Western Union	76¾	76⅝	76⅝
Wabash Ry	21⅞	22	21⅞
Wabash Ry Pref	61½	60¾	60⅜
Wis Cent Pref		92¾	92⅞

Sales—11 o'clock, 115,000.

Sales—12 o'clock, 218,600.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

(Closed.)

CHICAGO MARKET.

Wheat—			
December	116¼	116	116½
May	111⅜	111	110⅜
July	101¾	101⅞	101½
Corn—			
December	62½	63	62⅜
May	66⅜	67¼	66⅞
July	66⅛	66⅝	66½
Oats—			
December	44⅛	44½	44½
May	45⅜	45⅝	45⅜
July	43⅛	43⅜	43⅜
Pork—			
January	21.62	21.75	21.80

WALL STREET NOTES.

New York, Dec. 24—American stocks in London firm, ¾ to ⅞ above.

Bank statement today after 3 o'clock.

No supreme court session next Monday.

Special meeting of Utah copper stockholders January 17.

B. F. Yoakum asks Texas Railroad Commission for authority to increase St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico bond issue to $12,000,000.

Chicago Board of Trade closes at noon today.

U. S. Steel Corporation allows employes only forty-eight hours for Christmas holiday.

Judge Gary finds conditions ideal at Tenn Coal & Iron plant and says district will eventually become a great shipping centre for sales to foreign countries.

General London market quiet.

London settlement begins today, quotations for the new account.

London Exchange closed Monday for boxing day.

Arrangements completed to merge Mechanics' National and National Copper Banks.

Switchmens' strike approaching settlement.

Rumored Central Trust Co and Union Trust Co. may be consolidated by absorption of latter by former, with Judge Jallaco as head.

Government may issue Panama bonds.

Total value of operative and non-operative property of Brooklyn, $103,000,000.

Twelve industrials declined .29.

Twenty active railroads declined .12.

London, Dec. 24, 2 p.m.—Cons 82¾, Anc 50⅜, Acp 87⅞, Atch 121½, Bo 118, Co 86⅜, Ca 180⅜, Den 52¼, Er 33½, Ef 49⅝, Ils 146¾, Kt 49¼, Np 145¼, Cen 124, Ow 49¼, Pa 137¼, Rg 172⅛, Ri 49⅜, Sr 31¾, Sp 134⅝, St 158¼, Up 202¼, Us 91⅛, Ux 125.

WINNIPEG WHEAT QUOTATIONS

The Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Limited supply the following quotations of the Winnipeg Wheat Market, Dec. 23: Dec., 101 1-8; May, 104 3-8.

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MONTREAL STOCKS.

Montreal, Dec. 24—(Special)—The tone of the stock market was strong again today, but the list was somewhat narrow. Richilieu was a buoyant feature, moving up to 94. Other features were: Toronto Ry., 127; Power, 133 1-4; Shawinigan, 102 1-2; Street, 218; Steel, 71 1-4; Pfd., 137; Scotia, 69 Lake of Woods, 144.

LOCAL NEWS

Band on Carleton rink Christmas afternoon and evening.

Boys Own Annuals; Girl's Own Annuals; Chums, for sale at the 2-Barkers Ltd.

Turkey dinner at Wanamaker's restaurant on Christmas Day from 12 to 2 o'clock, price 25 cents.

What is more suitable for Xmas than a barrel of apples. The 2 Barkers Ltd., have them from $1.00 barrel up.

Oranges from 10c. up; green grapes, 17c.; 2 pounds mixed nuts for 25c., at The 2 Barkers Ltd.

Nine marriages and twenty-seven births—seventeen girls and ten boys—are reported by Registrar John B. Jones this week.

C. P. R. steamer Lake Champlain, Captain Webster, is scheduled to sail from this port tomorrow for Liverpool.

You really do not know how much money you can save in having your clothes renovated or recolored at Ungar's. Tel. 58.

Do you want a winter overcoat? Let us get together and save you a five dollar bill on it. C. B. Pidgeon, cor. Main and Bridge streets.

Hand made barley toys only 10c. a pound, candy canes only 10 cents a pound. Fruit syrup and cordials only 19c. bottle at The 2 Barkers Ltd.

REALLY BEAUTIFUL

The line of brilliant set hat pins just received and opened for special delivery, prices from $1.25 to $3.75, at 77 Charlotte street. W. Tremaine Gard.

Several express wagons are being utilized today to assist the mail carriers in distributing the large number of parcels that have been received, containing Christmas gifts from all over the country.

Dolls, games, books, toys, at less than wholesale prices. Magic lanterns from 15 cents up; steam engines from 25c. up; large moving picture magic lanterns for $1.75, at the 2 Barkers Ltd.

Our free holiday offer is good until January 1st. The studio will be open on Christmas Day to accommodate those who have not the chance to sit during the week. The Conlon Studio.

An Ottawa despatch says: "The first sailing under the new steamship service between St. John and Cuba will take place on January 5. The steamer Bencliffe has been engaged for the service."

For a nice present for your mother or sister, go to Marr's and buy a Marabout turban, an ostrich willow feather, a beaver hat, an elegant hat pin, a doll hat, a jetted hand bag, an elastic belt.

There was a fire in No. 2 hold of the Cuban line steamer Bertha lying at No. 1 berth about 3 o'clock this morning. It is supposed to have caught from an oil stove. The damage was slight, the blaze being easily extinguished.

The St. John Business College completed yesterday its forty-second year, and one of the most successful of its forty-two. Classes will re-open Jan. 3, with arrangements already made which assure a large attendance.

The St. John agents of the Pickford & Black steamers are Wm. Thomson & Co. They advise us that the ships of this line call at Bermuda, St. Kitts, Antigua, Dominica, Monserrat, St. Lucia, Barbados, Demerara. The round trip takes 38 days, and the ticket costs $130.00. It is a most delightful voyage.

An application was made before His Honor Judge Forbes in county court chambers this morning to set aside the appearance and plea in the case of the Canada Paper Co. vs. the Advocate Publishing Co., of Newcastle. C. S. Hanington appeared for the applicant and Mr. Whalen of Newcastle opposed it. The application was granted in part.

The fourth young stowaway was arrested this morning, and remanded to jail until the steamer Sardinian sails. He gave his name as Alphonso Bresilio, and his age as 21. He escaped from the steamer about 2 o'clock yesterday morning, but was recaptured today. He does not understand English, but was very voluble in his explanations in French.

Joseph Dever, of Fredericton, manager of the college football team last year, and formerly the team's star half back and captain, passed through the city at noon en route to Moncton, where he will spend Christmas. Both the city and college will be to the fore with hockey teams this year, he announces, but the rink proposition is to be a hard one, and any hockey that is played will have to be on the Marysville rink.

Liberty silks, dyed in shaded tones of red and blue, are in great favor for first season girls.

With the re-entry of long sleeves, bracelets are being worn outside.

Boil vinegar in the fish kettle or pan to destroy the fish odor.

McGOLDRICK CASE IN POLICE COURT

Police Beats Short of Men Because of Arrests—Eight Prisoners on Bench Today

Eight prisoners lined the bench in the police court this morning, all of whom had drunkness charged against them and one of the number, John McGoldrick, had the additional charge of assaulting his wife preferred against him.

Two of the number had a fine of $8 struck against them—two old offenders, Thomas Davis and Archibald Quinn, while the penalty was $4 in the case of John Latham, Joseph Cunningham, Emmett Landy and William O'Neil. A colored woman, arrested on a charge of drunkenness, pleaded not guilty and she denied that the name ascribed to her on the books, Ada Gloss, was hers.

Policeman Clark said he found the woman in Brussels street between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning in company with a man named Kenneth Hammond. She was drunk, and so he arrested her. She was remanded today.

John McGoldrick pleaded not guilty to drunkenness and assaulting his wife. Daniel Mullin, K. C., appeared for him. Policeman Silas Perry said that a little before 10 o'clock last night he and Policeman Scott went to the McGoldrick house, in Prince William street, as they had been told a disturbance was in progress there. Later in the evening the witness arrested the prisoner in Brittain street. The man was drunk, the witness said.

To Mr. Mullin, Perry said that he saw the efendant in Brittain street, apparently intoxicated, and he followed him along the street with the intention of arresting him, as he did not wish to be called to the house in Prince William street every little while, and also because the man's wife had said she feared for her safety while her husband was at large.

Perry said that because he made an arrest and Policeman Linton did likewise, only one man, Policeman Sheehan, was compelled to patrol two beats for a few hours in Lower Cove—two of the hardest to cover—Sheffield street and Reed's Point beats. On account of arrests the city was deprived of the services of five policemen in the early hours of this morning. This left only one on duty in the districts south of Duke street.

In answer to Mr. Mullin, the policeman said that he would not swear that McGoldrick was drunk at 3 o'clock this morning when he was brought to central police station from the Lower Cove lock-up. Drunkenness, however, was the charge against the defendant, preferred by Perry.

Mrs. Anne McGoldrick, wife of the defendant, said that he came home last night drunk and abused her, using vile language and also threw her out into the street. They had been married about seventeen years and had had frequent quarrels.

John Richards said he saw the woman thrown into the street and heard McGoldrick use abusive language to her.

The defendant said he was not drunk when "his learned friend" arrested him, but was earlier in the evening. For the past eight weeks he had not been on friendly terms with his wife.

The case was set down for hearing at 11 o'clock on Monday, when Policeman Scott will be called.

HOLIDAY SEASON ONE OF WORK FOR THE ALDERMEN

The aldermen will have a busy time between Christmas and New Years; as the various boards and committees will meet in monthly session. It has usually been the custom to postpone the meetings until the following week, but this year, owing to the new assessment act being in force, which makes it necessary to pass the estimates before January 15, it is considered advisable to hold the meetings at the regular time so as to allow more time for dealing with the estimates.

On Monday next at 3 o'clock a special meeting of the water and sewerage board will be held to deal with the account against the city sent in by Engineer F. A. Barbour. Mr. Barbour will be present. In the evening the safety board will meet as usual.

On Tuesday evening the board of works will meet at 8 o'clock and the harbor board at 9. The water and sewerage board will hold its monthly session on Wednesday at 5 p. m., and the treasury board is slated for Thursday at 8. Meetings of the appeals and ferry committees will also be held, although the time has not been fixed.

The monthly meeting of the council will take place on Monday, January 3, and a special meeting may be called later to take up the estimates.

CHURCH SERVICES

Zion Methodist church—Rev. James Crisp, pastor—Sunday 10 a.m., Men's Class-meeting; 11, Public service. Rev. T. Spencer Crisp will preach, subject, Christmas Theme. Sunday school and Bible class at 2.30. Evening service at 7, subject, "God Manifest in the Flesh." There will be special Christmas music at both services. The choir, lately reinforced by several additions, have been making special preparation for the festive season.

Christmas Sunday Services Germain Street Baptist Church (Rev. M. L. Gregg, B. A., of Laconia, N. H., preacher. Morning service at 11 o'clock; evening service at 7 o'clock; Men's League Class at 12.15; Sunday School at 2. 30 p.m. Mr. Gregg's sermons, especially at the morning service, will be adapted and appropriate for the day. The choir will render special Christmas music. The Sunday school has arranged an interesting programme of music, readings and addresses. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited.

St. John Presbyterian Church, King street east, Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, B. D., minister. Sabbath services: Public worship 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; special Christmas services in the Sabbath school at 3 p. m. Rev. G. M. Campbell, D. D., will deliver an address. Y. P. S. C. E., Monday, 8 p. m., subject, "Dr. Robertson—stories from his life." Midweek service, Wednesday, 8. p. m.; a cordial welcome to all.

HOW TO SUCCEED

Run, says the sprinter,
Study, says the teacher;
Ad. says the printer,
Pray, says the preacher,
Fight, says the fighter,
Sail, says the sailor;
Write, says the writer,
Sew, says the tailor.

Hunt, says the hunter,
Bake, says the baker;
Kick, says the punter,
Bite, says the fakir,
Drum, says the drummer,
Speed, says the chauffeur;
Plumb, says the plumber,
Loaf, says the loafer.

Boston Herald.

XMAS PRESENTATIONS MARKING THE SEASON'S GOOD SPIRIT

A number of Xmas presentations have already marked the joyous season.

The Simonds Canada Saw Company presented to every man on the staff, from apprentice to superintendent, a $5 bill; no doubt a useful gift and one much appreciated.

The general freight foreman of the I. C. R. department, J. W. Rusk, was made the recipient of a handsome smoking set from the members of his staff last evening. The presentation was made by J. C. Robinson and Mr. Rusk made a suitable reply, thanking the employes.

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E. J. Robertson, physical director of the Y. M. C. A. received a handsome copy of the Statue of Mercury from the intermediate "gym" class, prior to his departure for his home in Fall River, (Mass.) to spend Christmas.

The members of the C. P. R. passenger department in King street last evening presented to W. B. Howard, the genial D. P. A., a handsome suit case fitted with toilet articles. The presentation was made by C. D. Strong in a neat speech. Mr. Howard, who was taken by surprise, heartily thanked the donors. The occasion afforded an opportunity for the head of the department and his staff to attest to the happy relations existing between them.

Last evening the banquet of the Victoria street Baptist church brotherhood, the pastor Rev. B. H. Nobles, on behalf of the orchestra presented to Howard Holder, the leader of the orchestra, a music rack and leather music case.

The iron moulders of the J. E. Wilson Ltd., foundry, after completing their work today, presented to their foreman, Walter Thompson, a handsome solid leather English traveling bag, as a token of their esteem and respect for his thoughtfulness at all times.

The presentation was made by James Holt in a neat speech, on behalf of his fellow employes. Mr. Thompson, although taken completely by surprise, made a fitting reply, trusting that their relations would be as kindly in the future as in the past. J. E. Wilson also expressed his high appreciation of Mr. Thompson, and said that the success of his foundry and of his business was due to the good qualities of Mr. Thompson. No business could be made a success unless the man in charge had the confidence and respect of the men under him, and Mr. Thompson had this.

The tin and sheet metal workers at the Sydney street store, presented to J. E. Wilson a beautiful electric lamp. The presentation was made by Jacob Brown in a few well chosen words. Mr. Wilson thanked the men for their gift as a token of their goodwill towards him. Each of the men in his employ received a turkey and a pair of gloves.

The regular weekly meeting of the A. O. H., Division No. 1, was held in their rooms in Union street, last evening, the president, John C. Ferguson, in the chair. After the regular business had been transacted the election of officers for the ensuing year took place as follows: President, Frederick L. Barret; vice-president, J. J. Donovan; recording-secretary, J. J. McDermott; financial secretary, W. H. Coates; treasurer, J. R. McCloskey. The newly elected president, on behalf of the members of the society, presented a gold headed cane with an accompanying address to John C. Ferguson. Mr. Ferguson, who was greatly surprised, made a brief reply thanking the members for their kindness. Mr. Ferguson is one of the oldest members of the society, having joined it at its organization sixteen years ago. Since that time he has twice held the office of president.

In the Times composing room today, the good qualities of Henry McEachern, the junior member of the staff, were subscribed to by all on the floor and he was made the recipient of a handsome watch and chain. Henry had a good deal of hustling today in the Christmas rush, but when it was over and the presentation made he forgot it all and was the happiest member of the Times staff as he left for home. All hands wish him a Merry Xmas and many happy years.

In the different hotels about the city the employes have been handsomely remembered by the proprietors, either with money or with articles of use. In the Royal, the employes were each given a gold piece by the management and they in turn presented to their employers beautiful and costly silver candelebra. The presentation was made by the clerk, Thomas Reynolds.

The members of the staff of the J. M. Humphrey Co. presented to Wm. Humphrey, a fine set of pipes, as a token of their esteem.

In a number of the large factories, turkeys were distributed among the employes. The members of the Globe reportorial staff and the mechanical staff received turkeys from the management. The same was the case in the firm of Murray & Gregory, who gave turkeys to their mill employes. The married men of T. S. Simms & Co., also rejoiced in a present of nice large turkeys.

In the different branches of the street railway company's employ more than a ton of turkeys was distributed. The exact number was 223 and the aggregate weight was 2044 pounds.

The employes of the "twisting room" of the Cornwall cotton mill presented a watch and chain to their foreman, John T. Nuttall.

John Keefe, local manager of the James Robertson Co. was pleasantly surprised this afternoon when the members of the office staff and the travelling staff presented to him a complete set of ebony brushes. The employes in turn were suitably remembered.

In the Dufferin hotel the members of the firm were pleasingly remembered by their employes, J. H. Bond, J. H. Doody and F. H. Foster each received a handsome cut glass water set from the employes, who were also remembered with cash presents from the management.

DIGGS' WHITE COLLAR STARTED KNIFE TROUBLE

Hearing in the case of Mary Rombley charged with cutting Joseph Diggs with a knife some weeks ago, was commenced in the police court this morning. Two witnesses were examined, and the case was postponed until 10 o'clock on Monday.

Henry Thompson said he lived at Willow Grove, where Joseph Diggs had rented a house from him. The woman came into the house and said: "Good mawnin', Mr. Diggs, you got on a nice white collar. You goin 'out this mawnin'?"

Diggs said, "Dat's none o' you' business; it didn't cost yo' nothin'."

At that she got angry, he said, and Diggs called her some "horrible language." They then went outside to the hallway "to have it out." The first he knew of the cutting was when he saw Diggs with his legs cut and bleeding.

Thompson said he left the Grove at 3 o'clock this morning in order to be in time for court, but he seemed more contented when told that his expenses would all be paid by the crown.

John Thompson said he was not in the house when the fight occurred, but when he came in he saw Diggs and the Rombley woman in a clinch. He had hold of her hair.

ANOTHER KNOCK AT THE ENGLISH

A Predjudiced American Paints a Very Dismal Picture and Applauds Germany

(Boston Transcript.)

Great Britain was contrasted most unfavorably to Germany in an address by Dr. David Snedden, the new commissioner of education in Massachusetts, at the December meeting of the Wellesley Club in the Copley Square Hotel, last evening. The commissioner stated, first of all, that he was merely giving his own opinions and was not sure that they would be his final judgment, but, as he sees things now, he anticipates the decline of England and the relative rise of Germany.

Speaking of England he said that the people are "a physically broken population, and the country is apparently falling to produce any large number of great leaders. "Although Great Britain is still enormously wealthy," he continued, "I did not see such abject poverty in any other part of Europe as in England. She is today making desperate efforts to remedy these evils, but it is hard to guess whether or not she will succeed. England sincerely believes that within a few years the German navy is going to try conclusions with Great Britain for the supremacy of the seas.

"Germany, although unfortunately situated as regards natural resources, has 64,000,000 people on a high level of happiness. There we see no poverty, relatively little criminality, and cities which are the cleanest, best governed and best planned of any in the world. The Germany of today is magnificent from a social point of view. The practically compulsory insurance system is the most important social fact in Germany in preventing poverty and promoting thrift."

The speaker contrasted the splendid physique of the people of Germany with the broken physique of England's population.

"Germany has," he said, "a splendid mass of peasantry to draw upon and her leaders are willing to serve their country. Germany is, in fact, one great army of industry, nearly perfect because of its splendid rank and file. The one precarious point is that the leadership may not be of the present class."

The separate waist is more in favor than for several seasons past.

MANY ATTEND FUNERAL OF HENRY HILYARD

The funeral of Henry Hilyard was held from his late home, Douglas avenue, this afternoon at 2.30 to St. Luke's church, where service was conducted by Rev. R. P. McKim, assisted by Ven. Archdeacon Raymond and Rev. J. E. Purdie. The cortege was lengthy and was representative of all walks of life. The large business interests in the city and province were represented in the long procession. The pallbearers were John E. Wilson, M. P. P., Dr. W. W. White, Jr. J. Boyle Travers, C. P. Baker, W. Malcolm MacKay and A. P. Barnhill.

The floral offerings were magnificent, including the following:—Large wreath of pink and white roses, lillies of the valley, carnations and hyacinths from Mr. and Mrs. William Murdoch; basket of pink carnations and white roses from Dr. and Mrs. J. Boyle Travers, crescent of carnations and pink roses from James Holly & Sons, bouquet of carnations and pink roses from Mr. and Mrs. Nevins, crescent of pink and white roses, The St. John River Log Driving Company, wreath of pink and white roses from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McDonald, pillow of white carnations and white roses, Roman hyacinths and narcissus with a base of maiden hair fern, with the words "Father," from the family, wreath of solid white roses and violets with the word "Brother" from Mr. Hilyard's sisters; large standing anchor and star from St. Luke's church, the star of pink carnations and white roses, and the anchor of white carnations and pink roses, the base being of ferns; crescent of white roses and carnations from Thomas Nagle, spray of pink carnations from Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Peters, spray of carnations and roses from A. R. Campbell.

The service at the church was intoned. The following were the hymns "Now the Laborer's Task is O'er," and "Lead Kindly Light." Interment was made in Fernhill.

The funeral of John Ward was held from the Mater Mesericordiae Home this morning at 8.30 to St. Peter's church, where requiem high mass was sung at 9 o'clock by Father Holland. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery at Sand Cove.

The funeral of Mrs. Lillian Moore Trites, wife of George P. Trites, was held from the residence of Thomas Bell, Rothesay, at 2.30 this afternoon. Service was conducted by Rev. A. W. Daniel and interment was in Fernhill.

PERSONALS

R. D. Baldwin, one of the high officials of the Simonds Manufacturing Co., Fitchbury (Mass), arrived in the city today on a visit to the St. John Works.

Garnett Benson, of the staff of Robertson, Foster & Smith, will leave for his home at Bear River, N. S., today to spend the holiday season.

Hon. J. K. Flemming, provincial secretary, arrived in the city at noon yesterday from his home in Hartland, and left on the evening train on his return.

Mr. Clarke, of Horton & Son's, will leave by tonight's train to spend Christmas with his family in Woodstock on return the family will live in St. John.

Allan line steamer Tunisian sailed this morning for Liverpool via Halifax, with six saloon, fifty-sexen second cabin and ninety-nine steerage passengers.

Thinking What to Give?

Why, nothing more appropriate than a pair of eyeglasses for elderly people. D. BOYANER, Optician, will sell you a pair of glasses fitted with plain lenses, including a guarantee for a thorough eye-test at any time after the holidays, and the supplying of proper lenses. Call at 38 Dock street. Store closes 9 p. m.

IMPORTANT M. P. A. A. A. MEETING ON JAN. 5

Proposed New Additions to Bye-Laws of the Sport—controlling Association

A. W. Covey, secretary of the Every Day Club, has received a letter from L. B. McMillan, honorary secretary of the M. P. A. A. A., stating that there will be a special meeting of the association in Pictou on Wednesday evening, January 5, 1910, for the purpose of considering the proposed additions to the by-laws regarding registration and also for the purpose of receiving the report of the delegates to the A. A. U. meeting. The matter of awarding the M. P. A. A. A. skating championships will be decided. All bids for these championships must be in the hands of the secretary not later than Jan. 1, 1910.

Another local man who was suspended last summer for playing base ball and who is now seeking reinstatement is Arthur Mahoney, who was one of the St. Peter's twirlers. Mahoney is at present attending St. Francis Xavier College and as this institution's hockey team, of which Mahoney is a valued member, intend going to Boston this season to play Harvard, they are anxious that he be reinstated. He has already forwarded a sworn affidavit to the association, but nothing has been done in his case yet.

The additions which the M. P. A. A. A. propose to add to their by-laws re registration of athletes is as follows:

"No one shall be eligible to compete in any athletic meeting, game or entertainment given or sanctioned by this association unless he shall be a duly registered athlete, a member of the organization from which he enters or competes for, and shall not have competed from or for or registered as a member of any other club during a period of three months next proceeding such entry or competition nor shall any member of any club in the maritime provinces be allowed to compete in case he has within one year competed as a member of any other club within the maritime provinces, except with the consent of such other club, which consent shall be filed with the secretary of this association prior to such competition, unless such other club shall have disbanded or practically ceased to exist; provided that the requirements of this section shall not apply to any athletic meeting, game or entertainment the entries for which are confined to the club or organization giving such meeting or entertainment.

"Any athlete registered from a club may, while a student in actual attendance at any college or university, compete for such college or university if he so desires.

"Persons changing their residence may be released by the club through which they were registered providing such change of residence was not brought about by their athletic prowesses. Such release to be granted by the association only upon the written recommendation of the officers of the club under which he was registered.

"Every athlete requiring registration shall apply for same through the secretary of his club and shall neither be allowed to change his club nor compete unattached during the term of registration without the consent of his club.

"Unattached men and members of unaffiliated clubs must before registration be recommended by the sub-committee of the district in which they reside.

"Registration cards are good for one year from date of issue.

"All applications for registration (unless otherwise provided) must be accompanied by a fee of twenty-five cents."

It will be seen by these additional rules which the association propose adopting that all athletes must be registered with some one club and cannot devote his services to any other club. This will hit some of the smaller clubs in the city rather hard as a good many of them depended on some of the members of the larger clubs to aid them in some one branch of sport.

STORE AND BAKERY, IN HAMPTON WERE BURNED EARLY TODAY

Hampton, N. B., Dec. 24—The two-story building occupied as a store and bakery, by William D. Baizley, Main street, was destroyed by fire about 5.30 o'clock this morning. A barn in the rear was also destroyed but the two horses and vehicles lodged there were safely removed. Several nearby houses were threatened but were saved through the efforts of the firemen.

Mr. Baizley had $600 insurance on the bakery and $200 on the barn in the Ontario Company.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES

The exploding of an oil tank in a house at Hillsville, Pa., early today caused the death of eight persons and destroyed the building.

Two firemen were killed and three severely injured at Lewiston, (N. C.) today at a fire which destroyed a three-story wooden block.

William L. Davis, former vice-president of the defunct Canton State Bank was found guilty today of embezzlement of $350,000.

Louis Holm, employed as a watchmaker in a Philadelphia factory was found early this morning hanging from a rope attached to an elevator door. It is thought to be a case of suicide. The body was found by a son.

Princess Louise, eldest daughter of the late King Leopold, has refused to resume her place as a royal princess and has elected to rejoin Count Mattachich at Budapest.

WEDDINGS

McBeath-Leonard.

In the parsonage of St. Luke's church yesterday afternoon, Charles Victor McBeath and Isabella Annie Leonard, both of Westfield, were united in marriage by Rev. R. P. McKim. The newly wedded couple went to Westfield on the 5 o'clock train.

London, Dec. 23—It is officially announced that the writs for the general election will be issued January 10.

SHIPPING

MINIATURE ALMANAC

1909 December	Sun Rises	Sun Sets	Tides High	Tides Low
23 Thurs.	8.08	4.41	8.21	2.45
24 Fri	8.09	4.41	9.19	3.44
25 Sat	8.09	4.42	10.14	4.38

ARRIVED TODAY.

Stmr Glenarm Head, 2527, Orr, from Ardrossan, Wm Thomson & Co, ballast.

Stmr Dominion, 2581, Norcott, from Sydney, R P & W F Starr, coal.

Coastwise—Schrs Stanley L, 19, Lewis, Apple River.

CLEARED TODAY.

Stmr Athenia, 5523, McNeill, for Glasgow, R Reford Co.

Stmr Lake Champlain, 4714, Webster, for Liverpool, C P R Co, pass and mdse.

SAILED TODAY.

Stmr Tunisian, 6802, Fairfull, for Liverpool via Halifax.

DOMINION PORTS.

Hawkesbury, Dec 22—Dredge Cape Breton and scows came up last evening in tow of tugs Merrimac, E M Cates and Iona. The dredge is to winter here.

In port, schrs Mysostis, B G. Anderson and John M Plummer, for Halifax.

Passed north this afternoon, stmrs Bonaventure ad Renwick.

Shelburne, Dec 22—Ard, stmrs Etta Vaughan, Thorburn, Jordan Bay; Kestrel, Swaine, St Martins.

Mulgrave, Dec 22—Psd north, stmr Bonaventure and stmr Kilkeel.

Wind north, snowing.

Yarmouth, Dec 17—Ard, stmrs Boston, Simms, Boston; La Tour, McKinnon, Barrington; Gertrude M. Banks, Cape Island; 21st, schr Princess of Avon, Walsh, Boston.

Cld, 17, stmr Boston, Simms, Boston; 20th, stmrs La Tour, McKinnon, Barrington; Gertrude M Banks, Clyde; schr Basile, Comeau, Belliveau's Cove.

Tusket, Dec 22—Ard, schr Emily F Northam, Calais, to load spruce scantling for New York.

BRITISH PORTS.

Delagoa Bay—Ard, Dec 18, stmr York Castle (Br), NY via Cape Town, etc.

Sld, Dec 3, ship Berengere (Fr), Adelaide (for orders).

REPORTS AND DISASTERS.

San Francisco, Dec 13—Barkentine Benicia, from Willapa Harbor for Guaymas, before reported in distres, arrived at Crescent Dec. 13th in tow.

Marcus Hook, Dec 20—British stmr Aral went aground below, floated and arrived here for cargo.

Boston, Mass, Dec 20—Fishing schr Sqanto, from Brown Bank for this port, went ashore on Ram Head Bar and was floated later by tugs.

MARINE NEWS.

Donaldson line steamship Lakonia, now on her way to Glasgow from St. John, took away a cargo worth $176,314. She had, among other things, 96,000 bushels of wheat.

British schooner Rescue, Captain Weldon, cleared yesterday afternoon for New York with 1,753,100 spruce laths, shipped by Thomas Bell & Co.

The Norwegian steamer Alabama arrived at Liverpool, N. S., on Sunday from New York to load 1,000 tons of pulp for Preston, England, direct.

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FUNERAL OF MRS. ALTERTON TODAY

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 24—(Special)—The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Alterton, widow of Wm. Alterton of Jacksonville and a sister of the late Sir Leonard Tilley, who died at her home on Tuesday, aged ninety years, was held this morning. She is survived by three daughters and four sons—Mrs. Alice Jewett, Mrs. Chipman Tilley and Mrs. Samuel Harper, and Messrs James, Leonard, Charles and Ansley Alterton. All her children are living except Mrs. Herbert Harper, who died last February, and all were present at the funeral with the exception of James Alterton, who resides in Butte, Montana.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Bridget McCambly

The death of Mrs. Bridget McCambly occurred at her home on Friday last in East Cambridge (Mass.). She was formerly a resident of the North End and went with her family to Boston about twenty years ago. Her maiden name was McCullough. Two daughters and five sons survive; also one sister, Mrs. Wm. Maloney, of Clarendon street.

John S. Burns

John S. Burnes, a resident of Sussexfi, died in the Geenral Public Hospital yesterday. He had been ill for some days with chronic nephritis. The body was taken to Gagetown in the afternoon, for interment.

In the St. John Municipal Home dinner will be served on Christmas Day. There will be a Christmas tree and entertainment on Monday afternoon, the 27th inst., from 2.30 to 5 o'clock. It is hoped by the commissioners that the general public will be sufficiently interested as to avail themselves of this oportunity of inspecting the home, particularly those who are connected with charitable institutions or organizations.

CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENTS

Too Late for Classification.

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