CHRISTMAS RUSH OF DOMESTIC MAIL BEGINS AT POST OFFICE

Bulk of Overseas Matter from St. John Now on the Atlantic.

ONE CHANCE REMAINS FOR BRITISH MAILERS

Complete Arrangements Made to Handle Big Business Here — Augmented Staff

The postmaster of St. John and his staff do not like to contemplate the possibilities which would be associated with a "standing room only sign" next week. They prefer to rely on the polite warning "come early and avoid the rush." At least that was the impression which a Journal representative received yesterday when he called at the big, busy stone structure where His Majesty's mails are handled. Yes, the rush—the Christmas outgoing domestic traffic—has begun, following closely upon the disposal of the enormous amount of parcels, packages and cards, now on the ocean bound for Great Britain and other European countries. It is true that a limited amount of holiday mail for abroad is still going into the post office, but it will not reach the old country before Christmas Day—perhaps the bulk of it being too late for delivery until Boxing Day, the day after the feast of the Nativity.

When asked yesterday as to the volume of the holiday mail going overseas from St. John, J. S. Flaglor, the postmaster, said that undoubtedly it had been greater this year than any since the war. For instance the steamship Melita carried thirty sacks of parcel mails, sent from the St. John post office, in addition to hundreds of sacks from other parts of Canada.

The Montcalm took away eighteen sacks of parcel mails from the local office and other steamships smaller amounts. The last chance to get holiday parcels to Great Britain will be by the Canada which will sail from Halifax on Dec. 16. The mail for the Canada here will close at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

Increase In Staff

To meet the domestic rush between now and Christmas, Postmaster Flaglor has taken on extra clerks and extra carriers, all of whom are returned war service men and highly recommended. They receive forty cents an hour. Extra teams have already been put on, and next week there will be five teams delivering parcels instead of three. There will be teams almost constantly going the rounds collecting packages, and the number of wagons will only be limited by the size of the volume of the business offering. Seven transfer men will be on duty at the Union Station during the busy season, several already having been added.

There will be an extra window in the post office next week for the weighing of parcels and giving information. There will be three persons selling stamps.

For years the St .John post office has been clogged at times during the Christmas rush, a great delay being caused by foreign bound matter, which requires declarations with each parcel, but last year the office was not swamped. The entire postal system here has been thoroughlyy systematized. Each member of the efficient and carefully trained staff, knows his or her work well and all preparations have been made to keep all the machinery moving. There is only one danger and that is by flooding the office with calendars, circulars and souvenirs within the few days of Christmas and by tiny envelopes and cards which are a source of considerable delay, the result being that the Christmas trade patrons at both ends are the sufferers.

Orders for the Holidays

The following order was issued yesterday for Christmas and New Years:

The letter carriers will make one delivery in the forenoon.

The money order branches will be closed.

The general delivery, registration and stamp windows will be open from 9 to 10 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m.

The street letter boxes and parcel receptacles will be collected by team as usual.

Mails will be despatched at the regular hours.

On Saturdays, December 16, 23 and 30, and January 6 all branches of the office will be open at the usual hours, and the leter carriers will make the afternoon deliveries.

Mail early, it is better to deliver a few days before Christmas than several days after. Calendars and advertising matter should be mailed this week, if possible.

Best Cough Mixture Is Home Made

Acts With Speed—Loosens the Phlegm Stops the Irritation and Coughing Ceases

Fine for Chest Colds Too and Is Cheaply Made at Home.

When you can make, in two minutes, a world beating remedy that acts directly on the membrane and often overnight causes stubborn coughs and even hard chest colds to disappear, why trifle with things that will probably disappoint?

Hawking and snuffling and also soreness of the mucous membrane go and you will feel fine in almost no time.

Just get one ounce of Parmint (double strength) add to it a little sugar and enough hot water to make a half pint and you've got an inexpensive remedy better than you can buy ready mixed.

Its soothing, healing action on the membrane is the reason so many people use it for Catarrh and acute nasal colds.

Visits Harding

Major Mite, considered the world's smallest man, is shown here leaving the White House after visiting the president. Major Mite is 28 inches tall, weighs 22 pounds and is 18 years old

A CHEERFUL CHRISTMAS AT HOSPITAL

Woman's Aid Plans Much More Good Work—Miss Howe Complimented.

At a meeting of the Women's Hospital Aid, yesterday afternoon, in the Board of Trade rooms, tribute was paid to the work done by Miss Belle Howe, the Social Welfare worker for the General Public Hospital, who never fails in reporting special cases to the various denominational vice-presidents. Mrs. J. H. Doody, the Roman Catholic vice-president made special reference to Miss Howe in her report, which was one that showed vital interest in cases that needed following up, after the patients left the hospital.

The members said they were glad to have the president, Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, again in her place, and much business was transacted, and many reports given by the committees Mrs. F. Leonard, Anglican vice-president, told of follow-up cases from one of the steamers coming from England and of the completion of the alotment of the bathrobes that were taken by her committee. The St. James' ladies have visited during the past month, every Tuesday, the patients in the hospital. Mrs. T. H. Carter reported that the Baptist ladies, whose vice-president she is, are active ,though some of the churches are not organized for visiting, while giving some support to the society.

Mrs. Robert Sime reported for Mrs. George Ewing, Presbyterian vice-president. Bathrobes have been sent in by her committee, and she had one follow-up case. Miss Frances Gilbert reported for the Jews, and Mrs. H. E. Thomas, Methodist vice-president, encouraged the meeting by announcing an increase in her membership of 37 and that Centenary had supplied the flowers for the past month. Mrs. Ralph Robertson, in her report of the magazines, paid a compliment to Mrs. Thomas for her energy and interest in assisting in, not only securing the magazines, but in having them delivered without ay delay.

The Salvation Army did not have any representative present, but the president assured the meeting that the Army was doing its share and was always on hand on Tuesday, which is Hospital Aid day.

Notes of thanks were requested to be sent to Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Reid, who donated flowers to the hospital last month, the report being sent by Mrs. W. E. Morris and read by Mrs. Lester Mowry; to Mrs. A. S Stackhouse, of the Tabernacle church, who has, with her Sunshine class, raised sufficient funds to furnish a room in the Nurses' Home.

Father Cronin's Good Work.

Father Cronin of Holy Trinity has taken toys and books to the children who are confined in the Isolation Hospital, working for Mrs. Doody's committee. Mrs. Robert Sime has been successful in disposing of $936 worth of cook books. Letters were received from Ralph H. Gale, superintendent of the hospital, thanking the Aid for attention to patients and for gifts in which the board of commissioners joined with an appreciative message. Miss Murdoch acknowledged the gift of flowers sent during her convalescence, and Mrs. Alfred Estey, for the wreath of sympathy in her bereavement.

Mrs. E. A. Young paid a tribute to the Hospital, to the men of the police force who have charge of the ambulance and to the staff of the hospital in general for the care that she received during her recent illness.

The following ladies have received word from Santa that he wishes them to carry out his wishes in the manner as directed: Mrs. J. H. Doody and Mrs. L. Owens are to be in charge of the greening; Mrs. Lester Mowry and Mrs. T. H. Carter, of the fruit and candy, bonbons, etc.; Miss Maud Addy, Miss Mary White and Mrs Ralph Robertson, the tree for children's ward; Mrs. H. E. Thomas, 150 stockings, to be made by Mrs. G. F. Cuthbertson and her Glen Falls Community Club; Mrs. A. C. Skelton and Mrs. J. Boyle Travers, greetings to the patients, individually. Toys and books will also be included in the order sent from headquarters, and the Nurses' Association will take charge of the filling of the stockings With new bath robes on 12 grown-ups and twice as many children, new bookcases, bull of books, and all the cheer that Santa Claus has ordered, the prospects are that the hospital may be rather popular for the Christmas season.

A FEW "DON'TS" FOR THE PUBLIC DURING THE HOLIDAY RUSH

DON'T wait until the last minute to mail your packages and cards.
DON'T use tiny envelopes and cards. They are a nuisance.
DON'T forget to affix customs declarations on all parcels mailed to countries other than the United States and Canada.
DON'T wait until the last gun is fired before you buy postage stamps and then blame any long wait in line on the stamp sales people.
DON'T forget to affix your name and address on all packages.
DON'T short pay your parcels and thus tax the recipients.
DON'T use a poor quality of wrapping paper.
DON'T fail to tie parcels and packages securely.
DON'T forget to have patience with the mail carriers. They are not on their holidays now.
DON'T clog the post office with calendars during next week's rush. The year does not end until a week after Christmas.

IMPOSSIBLE TO COLLECT UNDER PLAN OF FRENCH

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declaration that the Balfour note no longer existed so far as the present British government was concerned and that it would not consider itself bound by it, feels impelled to the same policy as the previous government.

The remainder of Mr. Bonar Law's speech was clearly addressed to both the French and the United States—it was a plea for moderation in dealing with Germany, on the ground that that country is already on the verge of collapse; to the United States a call for help and co-operation in settling the difficult problems of reparations and inter-Allied debts.

Another important phase of his speech was the dark picture drawn of England's economic and industrial future should the much hoped for improvement in trade not materialize.

Allies Must Pay Up

Bonar Law emphatically argued the impossibility of Great Britain paying the United States debt while receiving nothing from Germany, France or Italy. He said he was convinced such a policy would reduce the standard of living in this country for generations. It would be a burden upon Great Britain of which those who suggested it had now no conception, he believed.

The premier said public opinion abroad "assumes that we are able to meet our obligations and help our friends."

"In reality," he insisted, "we are in no such position. We are paying 100,000,000 pounds yearly to the unemployed."

Mr. Bonar Law outlined the British policy thus:

"We do not think of past mistakes or of enmity toward Germany. We only desire to find the best method of ascertaining the amount Germany ought to pay. There, differences of opinion arise, but if Germany ever does recover she will be in a far better position to pay these indemnities than we should be to pay our debt to the United States. That is a fact."

Love on Trial

Peggy Marsh, who sued the estate of the Chicago millionaire Marshal Field in the interests of her small son and later married Albert Johnson, has put her husband on probation for six months. She announces from London that at the end of that time she will either divorce him or resume their interrupted honeymoon. This is the latest photo of Peggy and her husband.

IF SKIN BREAKS OUT AND ITCHES APPLY SULPHUR

Just the moment you apply Mentho-Sulphur to an itching, burning or broken out skin, the itching stops and healing begins, says a noted skin specialist. This sulphur preparation, made into a pleasant cold cream, gives such a quick relief, even to fiery eczema, that nothing has ever been found to take its place.

Because of its germ destroying properties, it quickly subdues the itching, cools the irritation and heals the eczema right up, leaving a clear, smooth skin in place of ugly eruptions, rash, pimples or roughness.

You do not have to wait for improvement. It quickly shows. You can get a little jar of Rowles Mentho-Sulphur at any drug store.

Obituary

Mrs. Charlotte Mason.

Apohaqui, Dec. 14.—The death of Mrs. Charlotte Mason occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John J. Hayes at Head of Millstream, on Tuesday after a lingering illness, partly due to the infirmities of age, she being 81 years old. Her long life had been entirely spent at Head of Millstream where she was highly respected and was a member of the Baptist church. Two sons, Frank Mason and Harry Mason, of St. John and one daughter, Mrs J. J. Hayes, of Millstream, survive.

Mrs. Julia Burdock.

Mrs. Julia Burdock died on Tuesday at the residence of Mrs. John Goggin, Moncton, aged 84 years. Mrs. Burdock was formerly a nurse, and prior to taking up her residence in Moncton lived in the United States. There are no surviving relatives in Moncton vicinity.

Mrs. Edward Watson .

Apohaqui, Dec. 14.—The death of Mrs. Edward Watson occurred at her home on Kierstead Mountain at midnight Tuesday. Deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Schofield, of Pleasant Ridge and was 33 years of age. When very young she became the wife of the late George Chittick, who only lived a month after their marriage, and in fact she was a wife widow before she had attained the age of 15 years. Some time later she married Edward Watson, by whom she is survived, also six children—three girls and three boys—the eldest 12 years and the youngest 9 months old. One sister Mrs. Charles Steen, and one brother, George Schofield.

Child of H. Hurder

The death occurred at Randolph yesterday morning of Donald Frederick, only child of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hurder of that place. Donald had been ill only three days. He was an exceptionally bright lad and was beloved by all who knew him. Mr. and Mrs. Hurder will have the sympathy of a large number of friends in their bereavement.

"Dad, Read Us A Burgess Story."

Somehow or other "Dad" has monopolized his Daily Journal almost to the exclusion of the other members of the family. It's going to be different after Saturday.

So "Dad"—get ready for "Petey Rabbit," "Johnny Chuck," "Reddy Fox," "Uno Billy Possum" and all the rest of the tribe. You will enjoy the stories too.

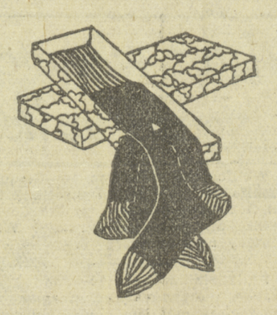
This is what a reader of seventy-six writes of the Burgess stories:

"Your very delightful stories are elevating and humorous. My two sons and daughter look forward to them with genuine pleasure. We once lived in the heart of Kentucky with blue grass and woods to roam through, and we are intimate friends of the little people of the forest. I want to tell you, Mr. Burgess, of the wonderful and interesting work you are doing."

ORDER THE DAILY JOURNAL NOW—THE STORIES START SATURDAY.

Died

HURBER — The death occurred at Randolph yesterday morning, 5.30 o'clock, of Donald Frederick, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Hurber, of that place.
Funeral Friday morning at 10.30. Interment in Cedar Hill cemetery.



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You will surely be satisfied your selection was timely when he tells you "they're great!"
By the box of 3 pairs
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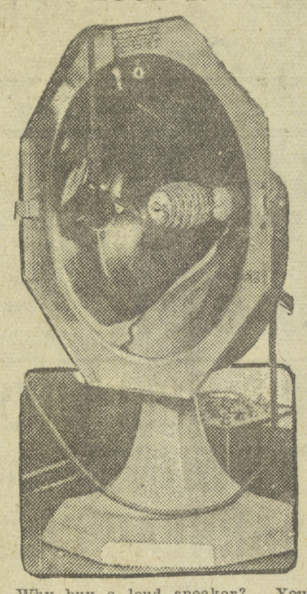

Why buy a loud speaker? Your electric heater will do. An amateur fixed his up as shown above and was surprised by the results. Just place the earphone opposite the center and tune in.

Mail 'Em Early, Prayer Of Postal Officials

Ottawa, Dec. 14—"Mail your Christmas parcels early, and for goodness sake put on stamps and an address," may be taken as the hopeful prayer of His Majesty's Canadian Post Office Department during this festive season. Because the latter part of the supplication was not answered last season 59,984 parcels were not delivered.

These gifts were either insufficiently addressed, parcelled so that they came apart, or made up contrary to regulations. Some idea of the Christmas rush in the post office may be gleaned from the fact that during December last year total stamp sales amounted to $3,400,000 as compared with approximately $2,000,000 during July of the same year. And $1,400,000 being the difference, will mail an amazing lot of gifts and greetings.

Funerals

The funeral of Charles Edward Haley took place yesterday morning at 8.45 o'clock from his late residence 106 Dorchester street, to the Cathedral, where requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. J. Roy McDonald. Relatives were pallbearers. Interment in the new Catholic cemetery.

The body of Daniel S. Byron, Peter street, was taken to Millstream yesterday morning. Requiem high mass was celebrated there by Rev. W. Mallette. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery, Millstream.

Oatmeal —a "new dish"

This has solved the oatmeal problem in thousands of homes.

Stew raisins and mix with the cereal after it is cooked. Add the raisin juice also.

The raisins furnish mineral salts and valuable food-iron.

But best of all, they make oatmeal *attractive* with the lure of healthful sweets.

Ask merchants for

Sun-Maid Raisins

Charles Robinson returned from Moncton yesterday.

Rely on Cuticura To Clear Away Skin Troubles

Soap, Ointment, Talcum, 25c. each. Sold everywhere. Can. Depot: Lymans, Limited, St. Paul St., Montreal.

A Gift of Useful, Necessary Footwear

LINGERS IN THE MEMORY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Skating Boots

Boys,' $3.75, $3.85, $5.50.
Men's, $4.50, $4.90, $5.50, $6.00, $7.00.
Ladies' Tan, $4.50, $6.50.
Ladies' Black, $3.75 $4.95.
Ballard Skates, Hockey and Racing Models for Men and Women, $7.00 per pair.

Sporting and Ski Boots

Men's, $5.75, $9.75 and up.
Ladies,' $11.75, $16.50.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' HIGH CUT STORM BOOTS with Buckles

Sizes 4 years old and upwards, $2.95, $3.35, $3.95, $4.35, $4.50, $4.95.

Rubber Boots

Men's, $3.48 up to $7.00.
Boys,' $1.98, $2.48, $3.50, $4.95.
Ladies,' $2.75, $3.95.
Child's, $2.25 to $3.65.

Men's Kid Slippers

$2.25, $2.50, $2.85, $3.50, $3.95, $4.50
Black Romeos, $2.95, $3.50, $5.95.
Brown Romeos, $3.50, $5.25.

Men's Kid Boudoirs

$2.25 to $3.25
In Kid Case, $2.95, $3.25.

Boys Kid Boudoirs

$1.65, $1.95.

Men's Felt Coseys

$1.75, $1.85, $2.25.

Men's Woollen Slippers

$1.65, $1.95, $2.35, $2.75, $2.95.
"Jaeger's," $3.25.

Men's Street Boots

"Hartt," "Derby," "F. & V." Special.
Any shape,
Any width,
Any weight,
$5.00 to $12.50.

Men's Felt Boots with Felt Soles

All plain, $3.85 Rubber Soles, $4.25
Heather, $4.95, boxed.

Men's Dancing Oxfords

Patent, $5.50, $6.50, $7.85.
Dull Calf, $6.95, $7.50.

Evening and Dancing Pumps

in the advance 1923 styles.
$4.95 up to $11.75.

Black, Brown and Grey Suede, Black Satin, Black Kid and Patent. Beautiful new Buckles and Rhinestone Buttons, 50c. to $6.00.

Ladies' Street Oxfords and Strap Pumps

"Smardon," "Onyx," "McPherson," "F. & V." Special; AAA to E widths. Sizes, 2 to 8. $3.95 up to $12.50.

Ladies' "Arch Preserver Shoes"

"Hi-Arch" Laced Boots and Oxfords. "Tarsal Ease" Laced Boots and Oxfords, $7.75 up to $15.00.

Ladies' Stylish Stouts

Laced Boots and Low Shoes, to fit women with oversize ankles, yet a graceful, comfortable style. These are made with Arch Supporting shanks that cannot be pressed out of shape. Sizes, 2 1-2 to 11, widths, AAAA to EEEE, and combination widths.

Gaiters and Spats

Fawn, Brown and Grey in 12, 14, 16 and 18 Buttons, from $1.95 to $5.00. Our Gaiters come in widths and combination width; we can fit any size foot and ankle.

Overshoes

have taken the country by storm. They are dainty and light, 4 and 5 Buckles; three shapes to fit your shoes perfectly, $4.75, $5.50, $6.00 and $6.50.

Felt House Shoes

The old style Fur Trimmed above the ankles, $2.25
Juliet styles, Black, Brown and Grey, $1.95, $2.25, $2.50.

BOUDOIRS in the pretty colors, $1.50, $1.75, $1.95, $2.25, $2.75.

FELT COSEYS, Red, Blue, Brown, Grey, Fawn, Light Blue, Green and Black, $1.25 up to $2.25.

"Albert" Slipper.

Woollen Slippers

$1.25 to $2.75.
"Jaeger's," $3.00.

Infants' and Children's

"Hurlbut Welts," "Skuffers," "Classics," Play-Mates," "Pussy Foots," "Packards" Soft Soles.

Dolls' Shoes, 25c. per pair.

We will exchange or refit any article purchased during December, up to January 15, 1923.

FRANCIS & VAUGHAN - 19 King St.