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—SUNDAY SERVICES—It has been decided that the regular services will be held in Princetown United Church on Sunday, Jan. 2nd at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

—WESTERN AGENT—Mr. Cyrus J. Gallant is now Guardian Agent in Howland and will receive news items, advertising and renewal subscriptions.

—ENTERTAINED—Mr. J. O. Claire Campbell and bride, who returned from their honeymoon, celebrated their wedding anniversary with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Campbell, Summerside, last Thursday for Charlottetown to take up their residence there. On Tuesday evening a large number of young people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell where an enjoyable farewell social was held for the young married couple.

—CALENDARS Are being distributed at the Western Office of the Guardian in the MacNeill Building, Summerside. Subscribers or renew your subscription to the Guardian and get one.

—CURLING—A curling Club has been formed in Summerside and it looks as if there would be big crowds enjoying the "roarin' game" this year. The curlers will use the Crystal rink at certain times during the week.

—SUDDEN BEREAVEMENT—The death occurred in Summerside on Tuesday of Mrs. Judith Arsenault at the ripe age of 91 years. Her husband predeceased her many years ago. She is survived by her three sons Moses, Lemang and Miction. The funeral took place Thursday morning to St. Paul's Church, Rev. J. MacDonal officiating, interment in the R. C. cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Joseph Richard, Jos. T. Gallant, M. Blaquiere, F. T. Gallant, A. Blaquiere and Joseph Gaudet.

—PROPERTY SALE—The property of the late Mr. William Abbott, Malpeque, was held by auction on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 29th, Mr. Hugh Morrison being the auctioneer. There was a fair number in attendance and the house, hold effects, the house and the land adjoining it realized a considerable sum. The house and land were purchased by Mr. Fred Champion of Sea View who purposed residing in Malpeque. M.

—KENSINGTON PRESBYTERIAN S. S. CONCERT—A very successful Xmas entertainment was held in King George Hall, Thursday evening, 23rd, inst., the hostesses being the Superintendent and teachers of Kensington Presbyterian Church Sabbath School, and the program being attended to by the Mission Band. Needless to say, the hall was filled with an expectant and excited throng of little children ably supported by their seniors. The excitement was caused by the fact that it was rumored abroad that Santa Claus was to pay a surprise visit. The following took part in the various items: Opening Chorus by Band; Scripture Reading—Kenneth MacPherson; Prayer, Reading by Marjorie Kennedy; Exercise 3 girls; Reading—Marion Bernard; Dialogue—"Old folks at Home"; Reading—Lorne MacKay; Duet—Thelma Semple and Ruth Hiltz (offering); Reading—Rena Kennedy; Exercise "Christmas Wishes"; Reading—Zina Chisholm; Duet—Grace Semple and Marjorie Kennedy; Reading—Thelma Semple; Dialogue—"Tired Out"; Reading—Glennie Bernard. At the conclusion of the concert Santa Claus appeared and was greeted by wild hilarity on the part of the children who were heavily laden. Santa Claus expressed the pleasure it was to him to come to Kensington and proceeded to distribute the gifts. There wasn't one disappointed person in the whole hall not even the minister was forgotten, as this opportunity was taken to present Rev. Fred Williamson with a handsome fur coat, a gift of the congregation.

—GREAT SERVICE—One of the hardest works branches of the public service at all times is the express and more particularly so at the Christmas season. We are very fortunate in Summerside in having an extraordinarily obliging and courteous staff. The same excellent and quick delivery service was maintained during the Christmas rush and even if a customer phoned when the regular delivery was out a special truck was put into service and the goods delivered by the genial delivery man Mr. Claude Kenny.

—SUDDEN ILLNESS—A message received by Mr. George MacPherson, caretaker of the Dominion Public Building, Summerside, conveyed the sad news that his brother, Mr. John A. MacPherson, of Maynard, Mass., was stricken with a paralytic stroke on Wednesday evening, Dec. 22nd, while waiting on a customer in his store at Maynard. Mr. MacPherson was conveyed to the hospital where he lies in a precarious condition. The doctors hold out hope that he will survive this shock for a while at least.

—WEEK OF PRAYER—The Evangelical Churches of Summerside are again uniting with our neighbors in the week of prayer services, Jan. 3rd to 9th, inclusive. Monday evening the meetings will open in the Salvation Army Hall at 7.30 p. m. Capt. Hamman will preside, Rev. A. A. MacLeod will speak, Tuesday evening the meetings will be continued in the Presbyterian Church at 7.30 p. m. Rev. W. H. Harding will preside, Capt. Hamman will speak, Wednesday evening in the Church of Christ, Central Street, Rev. R. L. Morton will preside, Rev. M. C. MacDonald will speak, Thursday evening in the United Church, Rev. M. C. MacDonald will preside, Rev. R. L. Morton will speak, Friday evening in the United Baptist Church, Rev. A. C. MacLeod will preside, Rev. M. C. MacDonald will speak, Sunday evening, Jan. 8th, there will be the usual exchange of pulpits, Rev. Morton conducting services in the Salvation Army Hall; Capt. Hamman in the Church of Christ, Central Street; Rev. MacDonald in the Baptist Church and Rev. MacLeod in the United Church. The people of the town are urged to contribute to the success of these services by faithful attendance at all of them. Let us give God thanks.

—PERSONELS—Mr. Thos. Ronaghan, Fernwood was a visitor to Summerside yesterday. The many friends of Mr. Charles Cahill are glad to welcome him to Summerside for the holiday season. "Charlie" will leave the first of next week for Quebec. Miss Elizabeth Keir and Miss Murie McNeill, Malpeque, are spending a few days in Summerside, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Campbell.

—COUNCIL MEETING—At a special meeting of the Town Council in Summerside on Tuesday night the contract for printing the Town Accounts was awarded to the lowest tenderer Messrs Gallant & Doucette. The tender of Messrs Thomas Johnson & Co. for a new boiler for the Town Hall at \$637.83 was accepted as it was the lowest of the two tenders received. The report prepared by the expert sent to Summerside from Vickers, Ltd. in connection with breakdown at the electric Light Plant some time ago was submitted as follows:—"The overhauling of the boiler and pistons was probably due to using lubricating oil not suitable for these engines, combined with a slight shortage of cooling water. The Summerside Town Council have been advised to use D. T. engine oil, as specified for Vickers' motor engine. It is recommended that the connecting rod crank pin bolts be annealed every three years and then replaced after ten years continuous service; also the purchase of a spare cylinder liner, piston and two crank pin brasses complete with bolts and nuts; a general overhaul of pistons, crank pins and piston pins to be undertaken every six months."

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—ALFONSO THE LUCKY—The recent plot to kill the King of Spain by placing a bomb in a tunnel through which the royal family were to travel is only one of a great many dastardly attempts which have been made on this monarch's life during the course of his reign. A king for the very day he was born, he has all the more enemies in spite of his popularity which has been the result of his Spanish people. Fortunately however, he seems to bear a charmed life. It was while he was still in the cradle that the first of these attempts which have occurred intermittently throughout the forty years of his reign, took place. A plot was formed to poison the milk in his bottle, but was found out just in time. Then, when he was still a boy, an attempt was made to stab the king in the palace at Madrid, and he was shot at in 1917, the bullet only missing his head by the fraction of an inch. Twenty years ago, while he was driving through Paris, a bomb was thrown into the carriage in which he was seated with the French President but was removed before it exploded. On his wedding-day, in 1906, the most horrible of these plots was staged. The king was driving through the streets, with the young queen by his side, when a bomb was suddenly launched from one of the houses. Although twelve people were killed, the royal pair happily escaped unhurt. Living thus continually in the shadow of sudden death has in no way weakened King Alfonso's spirit. Not content with taking risks which are a necessary part of his existence, he has done as under-secretary of state for dominion affairs. He has had a distinguished military career being mentioned in despatches in both the great war and the South African war.

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—LORD LOVAT, mentioned as the possible successor of Lord Clarendon as under-secretary of state for dominion affairs. He has had a distinguished military career being mentioned in despatches in both the great war and the South African war. In the wild country between the Congo and Senegal there still remain a few tribes where slavery and cannibalism still reign supreme. A white mission is engaged to emancipate the last of the slaves.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Wills That Worry Lawyers

A recent case in the Pottle Court in England concerned a will written on an egg-shell. It purported to be the last will and testament of a Manx chester-ship Canal pilot who died last year. The egg had been blown and the will written on the empty shell in indelible pencil.

was found dead upon a couch. Upon his shirt front, written in ink, a will was discovered, and was alleged to be against certain individuals who, he said, had contributed to his death. A wealthy testatrix, suffering from a paralytic stroke which had deprived her of speech, had dealt to her by her solicitor a pack of cards bearing the names of her various relatives. On another pack were the names of her properties. The solicitor dealt her a card with the name of a person, and she played to it a card with an item of her estate on it. The solicitor "gathered the trick" and put it in the will.

One of the most curious wills on record was filed at Somerset House not long ago. It is in the form of a Royal Navy identification disc about the size of a quarter dollar, and bears on one side the name, number, rating, and religion of the man to whom it was issued. On the other side, by all of a microscope, can be seen some carefully engraved words. This document is the will of a plumber of H. M. S. Indefatigable, who was lost with his ship in the Battle of Jutland on May 31st, 1916.

The disc was recovered from the sea and cleaning revealed its secret. Some years ago a Parisian newspaper published the late Count Tolstoy's will, which was written in 1910 on the stump of a tree a few miles from Yasnaya Polyana. The first clause says: "Bury me where I die; if in town, then in the cheapest cemetery; if in the country, in the cheapest cemetery. No flowers, no wreaths, no speeches, and no music."

The Cocoanut In Ceylon

Who introduced the cocoanut—the "Consols of the East"—to Ceylon? asks a writer. Considering the manifold use of this extremely valuable palm, its present commercial importance and the part played by it in the daily life of the Sinhalese, the question is not without interest. The ancient historical chronicles of the island, like the Mahavamsa, are however, silent on the subject. At Weligama, in the Southern Province of the island, on the high road between Colombo, is an immense granite boulder (known as Kusta Raja Gala or "the rock of King Rukma") on which is sculptured in high relief a single figure of a singularly dignified and curious mitered headgear. Sinhalese traditions say that the figure represents the Indian prince, who, in the dim past, first brought the cocoanut to Lanka, and a grateful people thus perpetuates the memory of the beneficent prince. The rock is one of the principal sights of the ancient seaport town of Weligama—perhaps the pre-



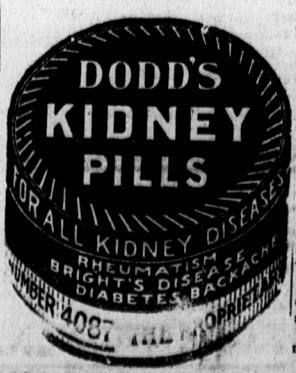
Donat Raymond, Montreal hotel proprietor, appointed to the dominion Senate.

tiest spot on Ceylon's southern coast—and known to most as the place where the late Prof. Ernest Haeckel established his headquarters for his researches in marine biology during his visit to the island in the early nineties.

According to another legendary version, a prince from India who was suffering from a grievous skin disease (kusta roge), having obtained a marvellous cure by the application of coconut oil, carried the rock to celebrate the remedy. The first is the more popular belief. But the association of the mysterious belief with the cocoanut palm is undisputed.

Hyacinths In The Garden

There is no more delightfully fragrant flower of the year than the hyacinth. The common use of the hyacinth in glasses has given rise to a widespread belief that it is a tender bulb. It is as hardy as the tulip and narcissus and as fine material for the open garden as it is for the house and a clump of a dozen bulbs in bloom in late April will scent up the atmosphere for yards around them. The hyacinth deserves a wider use in the small garden as a small group will more than repay the rent for its ground space and beds of them are every year's prin- ciple of their admirability for formal beds near the house. The bulbs will ripen placed by canna, dahlias or caladiums and other summer bedding plants. They are the finest in groups of single colors planted with some other combination. The pale blues and pinks with the whites, the yellows and pale blues, the deep blues and roses and a number of similar combinations are popular and striking. The finer hyacinths are grown for "nose culture" and it is not necessary to buy the most expensive named varieties for the garden although they make a most magnificent showing. Second-sized bulbs for bedding are sold and mixtures to colorate also offered which are the most economical and give a beautiful display. A bed of 100 is a magnificent sight in early spring. The bulbs should be planted six inches deep and six inches apart for a fine mass effect. The Roman hyacinths are not hardy in the North and should be used only for house culture. The hyacinths should be given a good mulch in the fall and there should be no great rush to remove it in the spring until the blunt noses have been thrust well through the ground. The hyacinth is an early riser in the spring and sometimes when tempted forth too quickly and opening its leaves spring rains fill the leaves and then a freeze may damage them slightly.



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