

Today's Probabilities.

Toronto Dec. 23 (Sp) Unsettled with light falls of snow or sleet.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Cresolene tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

\$1 Given Free

On our Xmas Confectionery counter will be found a number of 10 cent boxes Choice Mixed Cream Confectionery and one contains a Dollar Bill. The lucky purchaser gets the box and the Dollar Bill for only 10 cents. A Genuine Offer. Some one is going to get it. Why not you?

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Sleigh Bells

Body Straps with brass or nickel bells as low as 90 cents

Back Straps as low as 40 cents

Saddle Gangs. Shaft Bells.

Wholesale and Retail.

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Why Wait

Xmas is Past

Try us to-day for after Xmas bargains.

Hundreds of left overs that we are going to put out this week at prices much less than their value.

We know that this week must take away all our Xmas things so now you

Can Buy Cheap

Such things as Silk Handkerchiefs, Gloves Fur Caps, Fur Collars, Mitts, Ties, Underwear, and Caps. We are making a special drive in these goods during this week.

Don't Wait

You won't find the prices as low after New Year's, just an after Xmas snap and if you are quick you'll get a share.

Prowse Bros.

The Wonderful Cheap Men.

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CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

Prof. Robertson, Commissioner of Agriculture and Dairying, recently visited this town to inspect the working of the consolidated school system there. The section of country visited, and where the new system was in working, is a level region where dairy farming is the chief occupation of the people, who are fairly prosperous. Six years ago five schools were consolidated in one and a new building erected at a cost of \$3,000. There is a principal in charge at a salary of \$65 per month and four assistant teachers at \$40 to \$38 per month. Nine nice looking vans are used to convey the children to and from their homes. These school vans have comfortable seats running lengthwise, waterproof coverings and spring gearings. Before the consolidation the average attendance at the schools in the township was 154. On the day of Prof. Robertson's visit there were 143 present out of an enrollment of 162. The year before consolidation the cost of maintaining the nine schools was \$2,960. Four years afterward the cost of the central school and conveying the pupils was \$3,156, showing an increase of \$200. But as the attendance was so much larger there was a decrease of \$1.50 in the cost per pupil.

DESPAIRED OF BEING CURED.

Mrs. W. E. Jeffries, 44 Hicks Ave., Kingston Ont., states: I suffered agonizingly with itching piles. I don't believe that any person who has not had the piles can realize what I endured. The first application of Dr. Chase's Ointment brought relief and has since entirely cured me. I hope that the testimonial will be the means of bringing comfort to other sufferers by making known the great power of this ointment.

Following the consolidation in the one township referred to, five adjoining townships also consolidated their schools with like favorable results. The schools open at 9 and close at 3.30 o'clock. The vans, which carry from 15 to 25 children each, are timed to arrive at the school some minutes before the opening. The children are in the vans ready to start for home at five minutes after the closing. The vans cost from \$100 to \$135 each. The average cost of operating the vans is about \$1.25 to \$2 per day. The drivers conversed with knew of no child being injured in the conveyance. They are obliged to wait at any house not more than two minutes, and found it rare to be detained more than one minute. Children very seldom missed the conveyance. The longest route traversed was about six miles. Contracts for conveying the children were only given to responsible persons. Younger children attend the school than under the old system, and especially is the attendance of small children more regular during unfavorable weather. As far as could be learned Prof. Robertson found the parents almost unanimous in favor of the new system.

Professor Robertson sums up the advantages afforded by the consolidation of rural schools and the free transportation of pupils as follows:

- (1) It results in the attendance of a larger number of the children in the locality, particularly of those under the age of eight years and of those over fifteen years.
(2) It brings about a more regular attendance of pupils of all grades of advancement.
(3) It ensures the engagement and retention of some teachers of higher qualifications and longer experience in rural schools.
(4) It creates conditions for a proper classification of pupils to be placed where they can work to the best advantage for their own improvement.
(5) It permits the time table to be so arranged that teachers can give each class and every pupil in the class more direct help and supervision.
(6) It provides the beneficial influences of fairly large classes of pupils of about equal advancement (a) by more companionship (b) by friendly rivalries to excel; (c) by children learning from each other, and (d) co-operating under careful discipline, and (e) by class enthusiasms.
(7) It makes it convenient for boys and girls in rural districts to obtain a high school education without leaving home.
(8) It leads to the erection of better school buildings and more satisfactory equipment in all the requisites of a good school.
(9) It makes it practicable for rural schools to enrich their courses for all pupils by nature study, manual training and household science, as well as by better music, and for advanced pupils by instruction in agriculture, horticulture and allied subjects.
(10) It stimulates public interest in the schools and brings to the pupils of a township an institution in which all can have an equal interest and a worthy pride.
(11) It may lead to an improvement of the public roads in the country parts.
(12) It would facilitate the rural free delivery of the mail.

FEAR OF THE FUTURE.

Most people who dread the future are victims of some terrible disease. Mrs. W. Francis, 204 Colborne St., Kingston, was in a bad state with kidney disease. She had severe pains in back and legs, was gradually losing flesh and felt a dread of the future. A friend recommended Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills and the result was a complete cure. There is no medicine more reliable, none so certain to produce a thorough cure. One pill a dose, 25 cents a box.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

We are now established in our new store, Terlizick's corner, opposite City Building with our full and complete stock of all kinds of meat. We will be pleased to meet all our old customers and the public generally, and guarantee the same satisfaction as in the past. Telephone orders promptly attended to. Delivery to all parts of the City. Phone 81.

SAUNDERS & NEWSOM

Dec. 18 d 11 The genuine Boker skates, fully warranted at Dodd & Rogers. 24 31

We Thank Kind Friends and Patrons

For their generous patronage and extend to them our best wishes for happiness and prosperity. Whilst wishing them a bright New Year we trust we shall still merit their patronage by having our store one of the best to deal at. Sincerely AVW. Reddin. Plm B., Sunnyside.

The Cattle Commissioners of the State of Maine have notified C. C. Gardiner of this City by circular of the action taken by their Board on December 6th in ordering strict cattle quarantine of that state. The importation of cattle, sheep and swine is prohibited during the prevalence of the foot and mouth disease in other New England States. As Maine is a border State, adjoining both New Brunswick and Quebec, it is interesting to know that the disease has not yet obtained a foothold there and that great care is being taken to exclude it. We are indebted to Mr. Gardiner for the information. He has long held close relations with the New England stock-breeders and as our readers know was for years one of the principal Judges of live stock at their annual fairs.

By an error of the types in our issue of yesterday Messrs Farquharson and Mc. Kinnon's telegram was made to read "Must have special Tormentine or here." Instead of "Tormentine and here" as it was written. While regretting the error we may say that it had no bearing upon what we objected to in the telegram. We objected that our members had given in the telegram referred to no indication as to which route they decided mail to be sent by. This objection does not depend upon "and" or "or" in order to make this perfectly clear we reproduce the telegram in its correct form: Stables waiting for regular morning train to use, as she will not wait at Tormentine to bring return mail. Must have special Tormentine and here or send mails by Georgetown. Better send Armstrong here. Give us special in mean time.

Church Services.

METHODIST. Prince Street. Prayer and Praise Service at 10.15. Rev. J. W. McConnell at 11. Rev. G. M. Young at 7. Sunday School at 2.30 p.m. Strangers welcome and provided with comfortable seats. ST. JAMES' CHURCH. Prayer Meeting at 10 a.m. Rev. G. M. Young at 11. Rev. J. W. McConnell at 7. Sunday School at 2.15. Strangers always welcome and provided with comfortable seats. ST. JAMES' CHURCH. Prayer meeting at 10. Rev. T. E. Pullerton at 11 and 7. Sunday School and Bible class at 2.30. ZION. Prayer meeting at 10. Rev. J. D. B. McLeod at 11 and 7. Sabbath School and Bible class at 2.30.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

St. Paul's—Services at 11 and 7. All welcome. ST. PETER'S CHURCH. Holy Communion at 8 and 10.15. Matins at 10.15 and Evensong at 7 p.m. All seats free and unappropriated.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. G. P. Raymond at 11 and 7. Sunday School at 2.30 p.m. All welcome. Visitors provided with seats by courteous ushers.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Rev. H. W. Stevenson at 11 and 7. Sunday School at 2.30. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Seats free and unappropriated.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

The Church of Christ will meet for the public worship of God on Lord's day Dec. 28th at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the SUNNYSIDE CATHEDRAL. First Mass at 7.30, second Mass at 9 and High Mass at 10.30. Reports and Benediction at 7 p.m. Catechism at 2 p.m. SALTATION ARMY. Meetings at 7.30 p.m. Sunday Services at 7.11, and at 7.30 p.m. Week night Service—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8.

JUDGEMENT HAS BEEN DELIVERED

By thousands upon thousands that the only cure for corns and warts that act without pain in 24 hours is Putman's Patent Corn and Wart Extract. Try Putman's. It's the best.

TRURO MERCHANTS' DAY

Truro, Dec. 23.—The second attempt of Truro merchants to have a shoppers' excursion over the Midland railway from Windsor to Truro has proven quite a success, notwithstanding the fact that it has been raining all morning. The excursion train arrived here sharp at 10.20 with 200 passengers on board.

Particular folks are the best friends of the Duke Laced Boot simply because they are particular about the fit, wear and general get up, always to be found in the Duke, price \$4.50. Sold by Wm. Conroy, Pownal St. \*

Commercial Cafe

QUEEN'S REEF TABLE D'HOTE DINNER During Christmas week we will serve special dinners at the above Cafe, from 12 o'clock to 3 p.m. consisting of Soup, Fish, Roast Meat, Pie and Pudding, Tea, Coffee or Milk for 25c or a 15 cent dinner. Lunches all day from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Oysters in every style. Home made bread and pastry for sale. Give us a call. JAS LONERGAN

NOW FOR NEW YEARS. You'll want something in our line. Sunnyside Grocers. Fancy Biscuits, English and Canadian Flour Assortment. Our prices always suit. SANDERSON & CO., Sunnyside Grocers.

FURNITURE BARGAINS. To wind up a big year's trade. We will make very close prices to any one requiring FURNITURE in this the last week of 1902.

MARK WRIGHT & CO. SUNNYSIDE PRICES

NOW READY FOR FALL. We have made our stock more attractive than ever before by large importations of the most popular makes of cloth in suiting, overcoating, etc. And are prepared to give our customers nobby garments that cannot be surpassed in style, quality manufacture. We invite inspection of our large and select stock.

John McLeod & Co.

List of Rate Payers for the City of Ch'town.

In default for Assessment due on Real Property, for the year ending 31st December, 1902, containing names of all such defaulters, and the amount due from them respectively, with a statement with the Number of the Town, Water Lot, and Common Lot upon which or any part thereof such Assessment is in default. Ayward, Mary A. Spinster. House and Land on Town Lot, No. 64 First Hundred \$ 8.77 Coyle, Philip, Seagr. Brick House and Land on Town Lot No. 33, Second Hundred 23.00 Egan, Patrick. House and Land on Town Lot, No. 39, Fifth Hundred 5.84 Hughes, Bridget, (widow). House and Land on Common Lot No. 23 4.50 Hughes, Peter. Third of House and Land on Common Lot, No. 22 4.66 McNeill, Mary, (widow). House and Land on Town Lot, No. 64, 65, First Hundred 2.35 Mungford, William G. House and Land on Common Lot No. 22 2.00 Purdie, Jane, W. A. O. Morson. House and Land on Town Lot, Nos. 97, 98, First Hundred 35.00 Peedles, George. House and Land on Town Lot, No. 83, Second Hundred 3.00 Roberts, Beekie, Kinkora. House and Land on Town Lot, No. 83, Fifth Hundred 2.57 Smith, Henry. Vacant Land on Town Lot, No. 100, First Hundred 1.00 Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of the Statute, 31 Victoria, Cap. 36, Section 97, after 30 days publication of the above list, being a list of the Ratepayers of the City of Charlottetown, who have failed to pay within the time prescribed the Assessment, I, the Stipendiary Magistrate of said City, for judgment against each and all of the lands above described for the respective amounts so levied against them, and that upon such judgment being duly entered, I will further apply for a warrant for the sale of such land. Dated this 22nd day of December, A.D., 1902. ROBERT VAN DER BRUGGE, City Collector.

THE RICHEST, DAINTEST EFFECTS IN PHOTOGRAPHIC PORTRAITS. Are to be found in our New Style, Up-to-date ARISTO PLATINO PRINTS WITH FOLDER COVERS. These folders made of heavy dark colored material, give to a portrait a style and dignity that add greatly to its attractiveness. OUR HOLIDAY SPECIALTY. This year will be ARISTO PLATINO PRINTS WITH FOLDER COVERS. They individualize a picture and place it in class by itself—an artistic class that has only to be seen to be appreciated. The popularity is increasing, because it is based on quality. We are always glad to welcome visitors to our studio. GEO H. COOK.

WANTS, LOSTS, FOUND, ETC

WANTED.—A book-keeper; one who has had experience in a hardware store. Apply to F. O. Box 445. 19 d & w 11. WANTED.—A teacher for the primary department of the Cape Traverse School. Apply to Major Clarke, Secretary. 19 d & w 11. HOME work at existing given to honest industrious families in Charlottetown. Good wages. Ten dollars outfit required. No risk Write Glasgow Woolen Company, Toronto. Nov 15, Sat 31. WANTED.—A TRUSTWORTHY GENTLEMAN or lady in each county to manage business for an old established house of solid financial standing. A straight bona fide weekly salary of \$15.00 paid by check each Wednesday with expenses direct from headquarters. Money advanced for expenses.—Manager, 250 Canton St., Chicago. 12 d & w 11. WANTED.—A maid for general household work with good references. Apply to box 6 Charlottetown. 17 d & w 11. Retains 25 in a... WANTED.—A... Ladies over gaiters from 25c a pair up... We have a... lowest prices you have ever seen for like quality.—J. E. Macdonald & Co. 27 d & w 41. Wet feet are the quickest step to the doctor's bill. Granby waterproof overshoes for men and women and children are cheaper than medicine. \*