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CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1900.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

## HALIFAX ST. JOHN

### At Which Port Will the Troops Land?

### EXPECTED JANUARY 7.

### Garrison Chapel Destroyed, Earncliffe Damaged by Fire—Troops Praised.

#### WILL THEY LAND AT HALIFAX?

OTTAWA Dec. 14—(Special.)—There is no word yet whether the S. S. Lake Champlain will land Col. Otter and men at Halifax or St. John.

#### TROOPS TO REACH HOME JAN. 7.

The troops and nurses which left Cape Town on the Roslyn Castle will reach Halifax about January 7th.

#### COMPLIMENTS FOR COLONIALS.

CAPE TOWN Dec. 14—(Special.)—The citizens today gave a public farewell to 1,800 Canadians and Australians leaving for home and many compliments were bestowed on the Colonials.

#### GARRISON CHAPEL BURNED.

HALIFAX, Dec. 14—(Special.)—The historic Garrison Chapel caught fire from the furnace today and was burned to the ground.

#### EARNCLIFFE DAMAGED BY FIRE.

OTTAWA, Dec. 14—(Special.)—The interior of Earncliffe, the late residence of Sir John Macdonald, was badly damaged by fire today.

### "Evil Dispositions Are Early Shown."

Just so evil in the blood comes out in shape of scrofula, pimples, etc., in children and young people. Taken in time it can be eradicated by using Hood's Sarsaparilla, America's Greatest Medicine. It vitalizes and enriches the blood.



### THIS IS THE SEASON —FOR—

## RUBBERS

### —AND—

## OVERSHOES

We have the largest stock in the City, made by the Granby Rubber Co. They are the best.

Men's Overshoes,  
Ladies' Overshoes,  
Misses' Overshoes,  
Boys' and Children's Overshoes.

Men's Rubbers,  
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Granby's wear like iron.

## GOFF BROS.

## MUSIC

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## LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL

THE annual meeting of the Maritime Commercial Travellers' Association was held at the Halifax Hotel Tuesday evening. The President and Directors submitted their nineteenth annual report as follows: The year just closing has been a prosperous one for the Association, the membership having increased from 355 in 1899 to 421 for 1900, a gain of 66, of which 18 joined at Halifax and 31 at St. John. The Nova Scotia membership now stands at 203 and New Brunswick at 118. After transacting other important business the election of officers was proceeded with.—Halifax Chronicle.

AN Islander residing in Jamaica Plain, Mass., sends us the following account of Thanksgiving Day in that city. The morning was somewhat cold, and cloudy, and about eleven o'clock snow began to fall thickly and fast, but only lasted for a short time when the delightful sun shone forth in its splendor, making the remaining part of the day a pleasant one. As a visitor passed by he may have noticed that most of the stores shops and fills were closed which indicated that every working man and woman were to enjoy a holiday in this portion of Uncle Sam's Dominion. To the casual observer the day seemed to be thoroughly appreciated as in many parts of the city the thoroughfare was almost impassable on account of the crowds of men, women and children swaying to and fro participating to their hearts content of the cool fresh air which to them was a benefactor and a relief from the confinement necessary in prosecuting their daily duties. In the evening a number of relatives and friends assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Matheson, where an elaborate tea was served after which the company adjourned to the parlor where games and social and instrumental music, of a high order, served to while away the evening hours. Refreshments of candy, nuts and fruit were passed around to which all did ample justice. At a seasonable hour the company bade farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Matheson, intimating that they would call on them at an early date, and expressing their hope of spending next Thanksgiving evening with them. The company then joined in singing "God be with you till we meet again" after which they betook themselves to their respective places of abode. Among those that were present in the occasion were Messrs. Holam Matheson, John Macdonald and Mr. Spikes and Miss Hannah Hiscox (sister of Mrs. Matheson) Rosie Fisher (formerly of Compton N. S.) Mary E. Campbell and Mary Bearsto (formerly of Freetown P. E. I. but now of Watertown, Mass.) A regrettable feature of the evening's amusement was the suddenly taking ill of Miss Minnie Hiscox who was thus prevented from taking part in the general enjoyment. The Mr. Matheson referred to above is a son of Mr. George Matheson of Tatamagouche, N. S. and Mrs. Matheson is a daughter of Mr. James Hiscox, Freetown, P. E. I.

THE serious illness is reported of John McLean, driver P. E. I. R. and C. F. Clarke, a section foreman of same. Their friends hope that the attacks are only temporary and that they will soon be convalescent.

AMONG those of G. Company returning with Col. Otter on board the Lake Champlain are: W. M. Harris, R. W. Cameron, W. E. Coombs, D. R. Kennedy, G. A. Arbuckle. The Champlain will reach Halifax early in January.

For the masses, not the classes  
Bentley's Liment is the fam'ly  
medicine chest. Price 10 and 2c.

### ATTEND HAZARD & MOORE'S BIG CHRISTMAS SALE

### Store open until 9 o'clock each evening.

Where does Santa Claus live?—Santa Claus used to have no home, but carried his stock of Christmas goods in a sack on his back, so he could not bring everybody presents; and as he grew older he was unable to walk and carry his great load. He got a team of reindeers and sleigh, so he could gladden the hearts of a greater number of

children than in the old way. But Santa is now too old to ride in all kinds of weather, so has brought all his Christmas gifts and has presents now for old and young. Below he gives you a list of his mammoth stock.

Everything in the shape of Toys, Dolls, Games of all kinds, Sleighs, Horses, Tin Whistles, Guns, Soldiers of the Queen, Building Blocks, Tin Buckets, Drawing Slates, Sets of Dishes, Magic Lanterns, Jumping Jacks, Steamers, Rubber Balls, Banks, Trains etc., etc.—Jas. Paton & Co. 15th St.

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### GRIP THE EDITOR'S MAIL.

### Swearing Voters.

SIR.—Wednesday was election day. A notable feature of the day's proceedings was the swearing of electors who dared to vote opposite to their former, so-called, side of voting. Surely, it is a regrettable state of affairs where free born British subjects have to undergo such persecution because they dare to exercise the right of their franchise. Why call an election at all if the electors cannot vote as they will without fear or favor.

Why Sir we would be quite as well living under despotic tyranny, as in a land where such inexcusable means are adopted to thwart an honest verdict from a free thinking people.

Now, Sir I think it is high time a crusade was commenced against this obnoxious custom of swearing electors and a statute going away with the curse made the law of the land as the whole tendency of it is to corrupt the electorate and sink men's souls into perdition.

Yours etc.  
REFORMER.

Freetown Dec. 13th 1900.

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### Monday Evening, the 17th inst.

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MR. S. N. EARLE

PROGRAM.

1 Instrumental Duett—Overture to Pot and Peasant.  
Miss Lyon and Prof. Earle.

2 Quartette—England.  
The Misses Earle and Messrs. Earle.

3 Reading.  
Miss Rattary.

4 Vocal Solo—Across the Sea.  
Miss Ethel Stewart.

5 Cornet Solo—Ah Che Le Morte from Il Trovatore.  
Mr. Brown.

6 Song—A Warrior Bold.  
Mr. C. Hermans.

7 Whistling Solo.  
Mr. Barlow.

8 Cornet Duett.  
Rev. Mr. Fullerton.

9 Reading.  
Vocal Solo.  
Ballad and Quartette.  
Solo.  
Miss Florence Earle and Quartette.  
13 Volin Solo.—Gavotte  
Mr. Vinnicombe.  
14 Vocal Solo.  
15 Piano Solo—Cachouche.—by Raff  
Miss Lyon.  
16 Reading.  
17 Comic Duett.  
18 Song—The Colors.—By Request  
Mr. Chas. Earle.  
19 Grand Choruses—Rule Britannia and  
God Save the Queen.  
Session 20 Cents. Concert at 8.  
No Encores.

## NEW YORK STOCK LIST

Com'g. prices	Dec. 14.
American Sugar	124 1/2
American Steel and Wire	44 1/2
American Tobacco	108 1/2
Brooklyn Transit	74 1/2
Burlington	138 1/2
Continental Tob.	36
Federal Steel	52 1/2
Federal Steel Pr'd	77 1/2
Louisville and Nashville	84 1/2
New York Central	142 1/2
Rock Island	116 1/2
St. Paul	130 1/2
Tennessee Coal and Iron	62 1/2
Union Pac Pr'd	82
United States Rub'r	29

In cases of Catarrh Hood's Sarsaparilla hails the tissues, builds up the system, expels impurities from the blood and cures.

### SWEARING VOTERS.

Some verbal complaints have reached THE GUARDIAN, and we have the indignant letter of Reformer, which appears in another column, in regard to administering oaths to voters at the polls. For some reason not fully explained, there appears to have been more of this sort of thing at the recent polling, or at least more in some localities than has been usual at elections. The general subject is one that is worth considering and it is by no means so simple or one-sided as our correspondent Reformer appears to think. The election law provides some six forms of oath, one or more of which may be administered to any person claiming to vote and whose right to vote may be challenged.

Thus a person claiming to vote may be asked to attest that he is a British subject, 21 years of age, that he is qualified to vote, that his qualifications to vote are true and so, that he has not already voted, or that he has not received or been promised a bribe. The theory of the law is that the elector must have certain qualifications and be free from certain possible disabilities, that he must of himself know that he is qualified and not in any way under disability to vote, and shall if required attest on oath that he is entitled to vote. We need not here discuss the necessity of these provisions. No one will contend that minors, or citizens of a foreign state, or bribed persons ought to be permitted to assist in the election of members of Parliament.

There are certain things which all members of a community know about each other and their qualifications to exercise the voting privilege. There are other things which are known only to the individual himself, and the law provides an oath as the means by which the individual's conscience may be searched as to certain things either known only to himself, or better known to him than to other men. If he is under the prescribed age, or has not the required property, he probably knows it, though other men may not. If he has been bribed, he certainly knows the fact. It may be said that a man who will take a bribe will also take the bribery oath and so perjure himself. But this is not always true. We are informed that at a single poll in the election just passed, as many as 17 persons who claimed to vote refused to take the bribery oath. But for that obstacle they would have voted. It was a good thing and not a bad thing that they were thus prevented from voting.

There is no doubt, and the fact is a regrettable one, that these election oaths are sometimes administered not only unnecessarily, but with the intent to cause annoyance to voters who are well-known to be in possession of good qualifications and to be entirely above suspicion as to their personal integrity. This practice cannot be too strongly condemned. It is also true that the candidate or party who causes the oath to be administered thus unnecessarily, or with the purpose of annoyance, usually suffers from such action. But we think a qualified elector ought not to be unduly sensitive in the matter of being sworn. We recall an instance in which a venerable man, well known and fairly wealthy, was thus confronted with the bribery oath. He replied, "I will take the oath most cheerfully, and I will add to it that I have been a voter for sixty years and at no election during that time did I ever receive a bribe."

We do not think the repeal of the oaths as to qualification and bribery would tend either to the improvement of public morals or the greater security of the state. There are, unfortunately, too many cases in which the necessity for such checks exists. The parties who object loudest are usually those who have certain scruples of conscience best known to themselves. The oath test no doubt causes annoyance to some honest, sensitive natures but no duly qualified and unbribed elector ought to be deterred by motives of delicacy or irritation from taking the oath and voting for the candidate of his choice.

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