

MARRIED.

At Montague, on the 24th ult., by Rev. W. H. Spencer, John James Sorrey, to Katie Ann Godwin, both of Commercial Cross.

At Commercial Cross, on the 14th inst., by Rev. W. H. Spencer, Daniel Maclean, to Lauer Jenkins, both of Lot 53.

At Boston, Mass., on the 24th ult., by Rev. Jas. T. Black, assisted by Rev. T. McD. Campbell, John T. Stewart, formerly of New Argyle, to Miss L. Sophie Campbell, daughter of Capt. G. Campbell, of Summerside.

Hon. John W. of Port Hill, was in town last night.

Rev. D. B. Reid, of Kelly's Cross, is in town.

Mr. James Clow, ex-M. L. A., is visiting the city.

Mr. G. A. Freeze, the energetic representative of the Boston and Maine Railway is in the city on official business.

Mr. D. A. Lawson, the popular station agent at St. Peter's Bay, is in the city. His daughter is with him.

Mr. J. M. Lyons, of the I. C. R., who went east yesterday with Superintendent Sharp and other officials of the Island railway, left this morning on return to Moncton.

Registered at the Queen's: James Clow, Murray Harbor North; D. A. Lawson and daughter, St. Peter's Bay; D. C. Morson, Cardigan; W. H. Pearson, Toronto; S. L. Faler, Halifax; Artemas Moffatt, New Glasgow; Miss Jennie French, Boston; W. C. Kennedy, city; James Laird, New Glasgow; P. Sinclair, Summerfield.

KINDERGARTEN.—The Christmas closing of the W. M. Kindergarten and primary school will take place tomorrow, between the hours of 10 and 12 a. m.

PRINCE OF WALES COLLEGE.—The Prince of Wales College closes tomorrow for the Christmas holidays. The papers for license commenced today and will be concluded tomorrow.

The mission of Hood's Sarsaparilla is to cure disease, and thousands of testimonials prove it fulfils its mission well.

Furs for gentlemen. Persian Lamb Collars or Persian Lamb gloves, and in Astrakan and Baltic seal at Weeks & Co's. Ladies fur gloves and mitts at Weeks & Co. 31

Read Paton's offer on all jackets. It ought to make you visit their mantle department.

Half price sale now on at Paton & Co's. A big loss on over 200 ladies jackets. We take the loss, you take the jackets. The department has to be cleared out at once. No reserve. \$2.50 jackets \$1.25, \$3.00 jackets for \$1.50 and so on. Come early.—Jas. Paton & Co.

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A SCOTCH NIGHT.

If you chance to strike a gathering of half a dozen friends Where the drink is Highland whiskey or some chosen "Border Blend," And the room is full of "sperin," and the "gruppin" of brown hair, And the talk is all of "tartans" and of "plaidies," and of "clans," You can take things done and easy, you can judge you're going right, For you've had the luck to stumble on a "wee Scotch night."

When you're pitchforked in among them in a sweeping sort of way, As "another mon an' brither" from the Tweed or from the Tay, When you're taken by the oater and you're coup'd into a chair, While someone slips a whiskey in your tumbler unaware,

Then the present seem's less dismal and the future fair and bright, For you've struck earth's greatest treasure in a "guid Scotch night."

When you hear a short name shouted and the same name shouted back, Till you think in the confusion that they've all been christened "Mac," When you see a red beard flashing in the corner by the fire, And a giant on the sofa who is six feet three or higher, Before you've guessed the color and before you've caught the height, You'll have jumped at the conclusion it's a "braw Scotch night."

When the red man in the corner puts his strong voice to the proof And he gives the "Hundred Pipers," and the chorus lifts the roof, When a chiel sings "Annie Laurie" with its tender, sweet refrain, Till the tears are on their eyelids and—the drink comes round again,

When they chant the stirring war-songs that would make the oward fight, Then you're fairly in the middle of a "wee Scotch night."

When the plot begins to thicken and the band begins to play, When every tin-pot chieftain has a word or two to say,

When they'd sell a Queensland station for a sprig of native heath, Where there's one "Mac" on the table and a couple underneath,

When half of them are sleeping and the whole of them are tight, You will know that you're assisting at a (hic) Scotch night.

When the last big bottle's empty and the dawn creeps gray and cold, And the last clan tartan's folded, and the last big lie is told, When they totter down the footpath in a brave unbroken line, To the Peril of the passers, and the tune of "Auld Lang Syne," You can tell the folk at breakfast as they watch the fearsome sight, "They have only been assisting at a "braw Scotch night." —Glenrowat Australia.

THE NEWS IN SHORT METRE.

English Presbyterians are celebrating the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the completion of the shorter catechism by the Westminster Assembly of Divines.

From present appearances the next meeting of Parliament will not be at all early. There is a disposition on the part of most of the Ministers to delay the session until the tenth of February.

Mr. Berthiaume, proprietor of Presse, has entered an action of twenty thousand dollars damages against Hugh Graham, proprietor of the Star. The action is based on alleged false representations made by the Star concerning the circulation of Presse.

LADIES.—Our Miss McKenna, who has had charge of our Mantle Department for the last few years has resigned her position. She has been a most successful saleslady. Her resignation was unlooked for. The department is stocked with reasonable goods at popular prices. There are about 200 high-class beaver jackets, black and colored, that were specially imported this season and as an inducement, the management of the Big Store has put a farewell price on each garment. Strictly one-half price. So come at once to get the best Xmas gift you ever got. "Two for the price of one." When we cut we cut. —JAS. PATON & CO.

FOR DEMERARA.—The schooner Delight is being loaded at Georgetown for Demerara by Carvell Bros. She will take a full cargo of oats and a deckload of sheep. It is expected that she will sail on Friday next.

ST. DUNSTON'S CATHEDRAL.—The work of decorating the new St. Dunstan's Cathedral for midnight mass began last evening. The altars are being fluted up, the pews placed in position and other arrangements made for the opening.

COMMITTED TO THE ASYLUM.—Daniel Fisher, who figured at the police court yesterday morning, has been committed to the Hospital for the Insane.

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Sovereign Flavoring Extracts

have won on their own merits. They advertise themselves by their excellence for every housekeeper wants the "LIFE" and knows it when she sees the "VEREIGN" brand.

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RAILWAYS.

Sir William Van Horne and the Traffic of the G. T. R.

Sir William Van Horne writes as follows: "I can only speak concerning the Canadian Pacific Railway. Since the opening of spring its business has been most satisfactory on all its lines, and since these lines extend through nearly all of the provinces this is a pretty good indication of the state of trade in the country generally. I can see no reason why the present favorable conditions should not continue indefinitely, and a large trade next year seems almost a certainty."

Mr. G. B. Reeve, general traffic manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, gives his views as follows:

"The year opened with a continuance of the general depression that had been in force for the previous three years, which depression continued until the latter end of May, when a gradual improvement was noticed, and I am glad to say that this improvement has continued up to the present time. Owing to the hard times that existed for so long, retail merchants, and in many cases the large wholesalers as well, had been buying from the hand to the mouth principle, and, therefore, when the revival in business set in, there was an extra impetus, due to the necessity of a larger supply in order to stock up to even their normal requirements."

"We have fortunately been favored with a good crop in Ontario, and the crops in Michigan, Illinois and other western states are also considerably in excess of those of the previous year. A good demand in Europe has existed, and for the last two months, so far as the Grand Trunk Railway system is concerned, our business has been curtailed to the limit of the car supply."

"The lumber trade, however, has not participated to any great extent in the revival, on account of the duty imposed by the United States."

"The improvement of business through out the country has been reflected in our traffic returns, which have been published from time to time, and our earnings have shown a substantial increase over last year."

"With regard to rates, which is the absorbing topic in railroad management, I am sorry to say that they have been anything but satisfactory on through business from the Western States. For the last four months, notwithstanding the increased volume to be moved, the charges have shown a decided tendency downwards and the roads that have participated to any extent in the carriage of thorough business from the territory referred to have on several occasions paid for the privilege of hauling the traffic. I mean by this that there has been an absolute loss in operation. The reason is the overbuilding of railroads. The volume of traffic has not increased proportionately with the increased number of miles of track laid down, and consequently a great many railroads have passed into the hands of receivers. These lines, together with the roads that have hordered on receivership for some time, find it so difficult to meet their obligations that, spasmodically, they make a scramble for all the business in sight in order to get sufficient revenue to pay the wages of their hands."

"With regard to the prospects for the year 1898, I may say that the indications are very bright—in fact, I have not seen them more so for a great many years."

RUSH.

There's a top notch in the public favor that we try hard to reach. Good goods, plenty of them, low prices and prompt attention are the means used. Nearly a thousand customers by actual count bought goods here yesterday. Such a rush? But we have plenty of goods and enough clerks to wait on everybody, and "all went merry as a marriage bell." Bargains all over the store. Wonderful bargains in fancy goods, cheap bargain tables, amusing toys, all the leading games. We can but hint at the thousand and one attractions. Come and see—Geo. Carter & Co., headquarters for Xmas presents.

THINGS TO MAKE A NOTE OF.

SOCIAL.—Anyone desirous of spending an enjoyable evening should attend the entertainment and banquet social to be held in Crowl Hall by Exco. for Lodge I. O. G. T., on Wednesday, Dec. 29th, Admission 10c; ladies with basket-free.

SAVATION ARMY.—A Xmas tree and entertainment will be held in the Barrack on Thursday evening, Dec. 23rd, at 8 o'clock. The children will give an interesting programme. Admission silver collection.

XMAS NIGHT, Saturday Dec. 25th at 8 o'clock. Ensign Perry, will give a Lantern Service, subject, "Flowers of Faith." Admission 10c; children 5c. The Ensign will also take part in the Xmas Service Sunday.

THE CITY SCHOOLS close to-morrow, instead of Friday as previously stated.

POLICE COURT.—This forenoon the case of George Offer, charged with selling intoxicants during the prohibited hours, was further adjourned until Monday next for judgment.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA.—Good music at the Cantata Christmas night. Come and bring the little ones and enjoy a pleasant evening. The Sunday School children hope to see a large number present at the church, upper St. George St., Christmas night.

A GOOD CALENDAR.—One of the finest calendars yet received comes from Bruce Stewart & Co., engineers and machinists. The design is large, in good colors, and what is more it is a good advertisement, something that most calendars fall short of being.

MONEY TO LEND

J. J. JOHNSTON Barrister at Law, Stamper Block, Charlottetown.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS

WINDOW DECORATING.—In one of the windows of Stanley Bros. store may be seen a very timely and appropriate bit of holiday decoration. The design shows Santa Claus landing in Charlottetown, and the arrangement throughout is in keeping with the occasion.

CAPTAIN KIDD'S TREASURE.—The Halifax Herald says: Mr. Putnam, of Oak Island treasure fame, is in town arranging for machinery with which to carry on the work. To a reporter he expressed every confidence in his ability to locate the wealth of Captain Kidd. He showed a piece of parchment taken on the end of one of the big drills. The writing is almost like copper-plate, and it is well preserved. Handed to an expert it was identified as similar to the make of paper a number of years ago. The manager has negotiated some stock since he arrived here. He is purchasing heavier pumps to place in the pits, as those now in use have been found unequal to the task of keeping the pits dry. Work will be resumed as soon as possible.

ANOTHER I. O. F. COURT.—A new court of the Independent Order of Foresters, to be known as Court Mount Stephen, was instituted in the city last evening by Messrs. F. S. Jost, L. U. Fowler and John D. Bell, officers of the High Court.

The new Court starts with a charter membership of twenty eight, and will meet in the Foresters Hall on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The following members were appointed and installed as the officers for 1898: Court Deputy—John M. Duncan. Chief Ranger—Richard M. Johnson. Vice Chief—John W. Sutherland. Past Chief—Edward E. Jordan. Chaplain—Rev. W. J. Kirby. Physician—D. H. D. Johnson. Recording Secretary—J. Franklin McMillan.

Financial Secretary—J. Edwin Bell. Treasurer—Charles McGregor. Sr. Woodward—Arthur Gates. Jr. Woodward—E. H. Duchemin. Sr. Beadle—Lionel J. Peake. Jr. Beadle—Wm. H. Ball. Trustees—T. J. Morris and John A. Moore.

PERSONAL

Rev. Alexander Sutherland, who at one time labored in this province, died at Hearnly, Nebraska, recently.

Hotel Davies: John Richard, Bidford; John Yeo, Port Hill; G. A. Freeze, St. John.

Messrs. Geoffrey, Frank and Fred. Bayfield are expected home tomorrow night for the Christmas holidays.

The many friends of Mr. John A. McLaren, of the firm of James Paton & Co., are glad to see him out again after his illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie, of Pictou, are visiting Charlottetown. They will be the guests of Mrs. Mackenzie's parents until after the Christmas holidays.

Miss E. la Beers, who has for several years been connected with Messrs. W. A. Weeks & Co's establishment left this morning for Boston where she will remain until April next.

Mr. J. S. Lewis for some time in the Bank of Nova Scotia here, and who has been in the St. John office for about six months, has been transferred to the Sussex branch.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. A. J. Macneil, of Stanley Bridge, who has been in the Victoria General Hospital Montreal with typhoid fever is recovering and will be able to leave for home shortly.

Mr. Angus Macdonald, of Springton, will leave after Christmas for Scotland, where he will pass the winter. Mr. Macdonald is a native of Uig, in the Isle of Skye, and it is fifty-six years since he left the old land.

Mr. W. E. Scott, who has been for many years identified with the business of Miller Bros. in this Province, left this morning for Halifax, where he will be employed in future by the same firm in connection with their Nova Scotia branch. Mr. Scott's wife and family accompany him.

Miss Annie McKenna, for three years past employed in James Paton & Co's store, left this morning for Boston on an interesting mission. Previous to her departure she was presented with a handsome coat by the firm and a purse of gold by her associate employe.

Sir Robert Kitchener, sirdar of the Egyptian army, which is slowly approaching Khartoum, was born in 1850, being the eldest son of the late Lieut.-Col. H. H. Kitchener. He was educated at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich and entered the Royal Engineers in 1871. He has spent a great deal of his time in the east, being connected with the Palestine survey and the Cyprus survey. He commanded the Egyptian cavalry for two years and served in the Sudan campaign two years, and was Governor of Suakin for two more years. He was created Major-General in 1896.

Perfume and Perfume Atomizers

are selling fast with us. Our low prices and the delightful odors we sell, are daily pleasing scores of intelligent buyers. What nicer present could be given to a friend than a bottle of fragrant perfume, or a nice atomizer?

HUNDREDS OF BARGAINS

are in store for our customers who call before the best are gone. When we say discounts it means more than when some people say it. Call and get our meanings. Perfumes all prices, from 10c a bottle up to \$3.00 a bottle.

Johnson & Johnson Graduates in Pharmacy.

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KID CLOVES

We show you a stock which for variety and style is unapproached in the province.

Special values at per pair

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LADIES

Handkerchiefs

Hemstitched, Embroidered and Lace edge, in endless variety. Special 1/2 dozens and 1/4 dozens in Fancy boxes, at 60c and 75c a box.

FURS...

Muffs, Boas, Collars, Caps, Jackets, Cape Gloves and Mitts.

FOR GENTLEMEN

Silk Mufflers, Neckwear, Braces, Umbrellas, Silk Handkerchiefs, Linen Handkerchiefs, Underwear, Shirts, Collars, Cuffs, etc., etc.

STANLEY BROS.

THE ALWAYS BUSY STORE

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Poultry Wanted

300 to 500 Turkeys, Geese and Ducks, for which we will pay the highest price.

CRANT & CO.,

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Pretty Gifts For Xmas. Our holiday stock in its variety, warrants us in saying that in all the maw presents collected for the holiday season, none are Cheaper Rarer Richer Choicer. Than are offered in our splendid stock of Watches Jewelry Cut Glass Novelties Sterling Silver Novelties Fancy Clocks. Specially selected for the holiday season. Something For Every Line Every Person. W. W. WELLNER Jeweler.

For Xmas. Nice Juicy Oranges, 20c a doz. Northern Spy Apples, from 10 to 24c. New Dates, 10c lb. Mince Meat, 16c lb. Pure Mince Candy, 16c lb. Cream Mixture, 16c lb. No. 1 Chocolate Drops, 20c lb. Xmas Mixture (Large), 15c lb. French Cream Mixture, 25c. Nuts, Figs, Layer Raisins, etc., at BEER & GOFF