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THE DAILY EXAMINER.

DECEMBER 24, 1878.

CHRISTMAS.

"Once more the herald angels sing
The old, old song of Heaven;
Once more the gathered nations bring
The glits of men forgiven!
Once more the hoary earth is thrilled
With the old glorious strain,
That erst the plains of Bethlehem filled—
'Peace and good will to men!'

"Peace and good will! oh blessed words;
We need their spirit still
In stricken homes—by empty boards—
Where want has worked its will!
Let us our gifts in blessing bring,
And make their darkness light—
So shall the herald angels sing
In every home to-night!

"Yes! there are angels with us still—
The children and the poor;
Then let us do our Father's will,
Nor close his open door.
'Glory to God and peace on earth,'
So first the message ran;
We answer back from shrine and hearth
Good will from man to man."

No festival in our time is looked forward to with brighter hopes or more joyous anticipations than Christmas. The word requires only to be mentioned to be fully understood by everyone—from the baby scarcely yet able to lisp, to the old sire bending to the grave. The children, especially, look forward to this as the day of days. Long before it arrives, instinct seems to teach that something good is in store for them, and hence little boys and girls are invariably seen, for weeks beforehand, counting on their fingers, and hotly contending with each other as to the number of days till Christmas. When the pantry begins to receive its supply, and their nasal organs, ever quick and sensitive, assure them that baking has commenced—that pan cakes, fruit-cakes, mince-pies, plum-puddings and custards are being prepared, they go into raptures and clap their hands impatiently for the arrival of the day over which the genius of Santa Claus is to preside. The imaginary sight of father's table groaning beneath a dead weight of mutton and beef, goose and turkey, duck and fowl, partridge and pigeon, as well as apples, figs and grapes, increases their joy. Let no rigorous parent then attempt to control or check this outburst of nature in children; but let all give encouragement by participating therein themselves. All then seem to become glad at the annual occurrence of Christmas. Few know or care to inquire about its origin. It is enough for most people that good-fellowship prevails once a year—good-fellowship, a principle in the human mind sufficient to account for all the happiness Christmas brings—the reconciliations and reunions which are brought about under every roof the closer ties that are formed between the rich and the poor, the tendency to put a rein for a few days on scandal and miserable gossip, and the breaking down of those barriers which the bigotry and sectarianism of a few construct, and which, unhappily, divide the different religious bodies in our midst. But there are those who are unwilling to leave the origin of Christmas so unsatisfactorily explained. Some will tell you that it is another name for the festival, by the ancient Germans and Scandinavians, called "Yule;" while others, with very good intentions, would like to connect it with the birth of Christ at Bethlehem, and make it a day commemorative thereof. There is no doubt that the word Christmas itself arose from the latter supposition, but that the festival known as Christmas is historically connected with the birth of our Saviour is very questionable. I would be inclined to consider as impracticable any effort to trace Christmas to its inception. The better way would be to place it, with the Drama, as a something without any historical origin. The Saturnalia so reverently kept amongst the ancient Romans, seems most like its prototype. Among the Romans the merry-making lasted seven days, while in these degenerate times the mawkishness of some and the utilitarianism of others would have us continue this, with every other good old custom. Such people love to be known and read of among men as scientific and progressive! but, thank God, their numbers are few. Christmas is also the great family day in this, as in the old country, when those from home at other seasons return heavily laden with toys and trinkets to add to the joy and scampering of their younger brothers and sisters. Home is the altar round which our affections cluster on this day. Absence from the sport and hilarity of the little ones is the greatest of punishments. Few think of going to church, although some are disposed to be obstinate and will attend to sing praise to God in celebration of the birth of the Holy babe at Bethlehem, and thereby endeavor to give the festival a religious rather than a secular

side. I think, however, that the secular side will this year, as in the past, remain uppermost, and tend to obscure the strictly religious idea. Most of us, I fancy, on Christmas day think more of St. Nicholas than St. Peter or St. Paul. Let, then, our coming Christmas be "our happiest and our best." Let it be observed as a day of absolute relaxation and merriment. Let no business, public or private, be transacted. The public schools will have their holidays. The bells will ring out a merry peal and happy and rosy faces will make home a paradise and earth a place to be desired. But the rich and charitable of our city must do their part. Let want and discomfort be in abeyance for one day at least. Let no family suffer for want, or no child go without a good stuffing of goose and plum pudding, and the blessings of Him who feedeth the hungry and clotheh the naked are promised to you and yours forever.

W. S. S.
Charlottetown, Dec. 24, 1878.

The "Northern Light."

THE Northern Light made her first trip yesterday—from and to Georgetown. She brought a large number of passengers and freight. Among the passengers were the Hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Mr. Leith Brecken, Mr. George Ings, and other young Islanders studying at King's College, Windsor. The first trip of the Northern Light was a very successful one—we hope it was ominous of successful performances throughout the winter. She will, we learn, ply daily from and to Georgetown—leaving Georgetown at six a. m. and Pictou at half-past one, p. m.

City Council.

THE City Council met last evening. Present His Worship Mayor Dawson, Recorder Haviland, Councillors Morris, Byrne, Koughan, Stumbles, Davy, Peake, Beer, Jorne and Crabbe. The report of the Finance Committee was read and the bills unexecuted ordered to be paid.

Councillor Koughan, Chairman of the Committee on Tenders, reported as follows:

The Tender Committee met in the Council Chamber on Saturday, 21st December, and opened the Tenders received by the City Clerk from parties willing to rent for a term of years the City Weigh Scales. The names of the Tenderers with the amounts offered and their sureties are as follows:—

Henry Sellar, \$400; Archd. White and John Weir, sureties.

J. J. O'Reilly, \$330; Patrick O'Donnell, surety.

Daniel McRae, \$400; G. W. Milliner and John Quirk, sureties.

The Tender Committee would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Tender of Henry Sellar, offering to rent the scales at \$400 per annum, be accepted.

W. KOGGHAN,
W. W. STUMBLER, jr., } Committee.
EDWARD DAVY,

The tender of Henry Sellar was—after the adoption of the report—accepted for a term of three years.

The Tender Committee further reported that, at the same time and place, they opened tenders received for the Market Tolls and Rents, and the following names, amounts and sureties for the same, are as follows:—

Patrick A. Hughes, Alison Strong, \$2,100; Felix A. Hughes, Robert A. Strong, sureties.

James Brown, \$1,815. No sureties.

J. J. O'Reilly, \$1,700; Ed. Mullin, Joseph Egan, sureties.

John Lewis, \$1,800; D. R. M. Hooper and Benj. Rogers, sureties.

Philip Mahar, \$2,025; Patrick Kelly, surety.

Peter O'Reilly, \$1,850; Patrick O'Donnell, surety.

Henry Coombs, \$2,800.

WM. KOGGHAN,
W. W. STUMBLER, JR., } Commit'ie.
EDWARD DAVY,

The matter of letting the Market Tolls and Rents, created a brief discussion. It was moved by Councillor Stumbles, seconded by Councillor Davy and carried unanimously that—

Whereas tenders have been received in accordance with advertisements in the city papers asking tenders for the privilege of collecting market tolls and rents, and it has been found that it is inexpedient to change the present system.

Therefore resolved, that the present method of collecting the market tolls be continued.

A letter was read from Mr. Galbraith asking permission of the Council for the Volunteer Band to practice in one of the upper rooms of the hall tower. Permission was, on motion, granted.

A letter was read from a special committee informing the Council that the contractor for reprinting the codified by-laws had failed to perform any of the work up to the present. It was moved by Councillor Beer and carried unanimously, that he be instructed that his contract is no longer recognized by the Council, and that means be taken to have the work completed at once. Councillor Davy gave notice that at next meeting of Council he would bring in a by-law for the regulation of billiard tables and bowling alleys.

A petition was read from the inhabitants of upper Prince Street, asking that three lamps be placed on parts of the street named in the petition. It was resolved that two lamps be placed on the street named—one at or near the new Methodist Church, and the other near Mr. McKechnie's.

Councillor Koughan called the attention of the Market Committee to the table of Market Tolls, and requested that the Tolls which the table requires be duly exacted from vendors.

Councillor Peake, Chairman of the Finance

Committee, reported that several thousand dollars worth of debentures have matured, and have been paid, thus encroaching on the available income, and it now becomes necessary to issue new debentures to the amount of \$9,000, to be disposed of to the best advantage.

It was moved by Councillor Horne, seconded, and carried unanimously:

Whereas, Mr. Egan's tender for repairing pumps and wells expires on the 1st of January;

Resolved, That new tenders be called for the performance of the said work. Council adjourned.

The Arson Case.

FURTHER EXAMINATION.

MONDAY, Dec. 23.

WILLIAM McNEVIN, sworn—Rapsom was in the same room with me for ten days. We used to be talking about different things. One night we began talking about the Dockendorffs. I said the boys are pretty wild. We talked further about the matter, and he told us of his setting fire to Sellar's house the first time, and said that it did not burn very well. It was put out by some of the parties about the place, who discovered the fire before it went too far. He then told us of stealing the wool from McKinley's, and how he and William Dockendorff took it to town and sold it to a person named Hooper and got \$80 for it. He got \$16 as his share of the spoils. He then went to Shediac and stayed a month. He came back and went to live with John Rodd. He said it was when he was living there he set fire to Sellar's house the second time. He told us how he went with William Dockendorff and set fire to the place. He said that while he was in setting the fire, William Dockendorff stayed on watch with a pistol for fear anyone would come along. He said the second time it burned well, as there was a good breeze. Next morning he told us that, while he was living at the Royalty, he and another chap named McQueen went one evening with two axes and tore up two rails on the railway track. They then lay in the woods to see the smash, but, before the train came along, the Section man, whose name was Heckbert, discovered the break, and repaired it before the train passed. He said to me if the train had to run off and there was any money around, he knew what he would do. Heckbert, he said, afterwards went to him and asked him about the matter, and he said he did not know anything about it. I (McNevin) am sure that he was in earnest when he told us, and believed the whole story.

TUESDAY, Dec. 24.

IN the case of George Dockendorff, William Dockendorff and Abraham Rapsom, charged with burning the premises of Mr. John Sellar at North River, Messrs. Charles Palmer and F. L. Hazzard appear for the Crown and Mr. R. Shaw for the defence.

The first witness called was JOHN T. RODD.—He identified Abraham Rapsom, and said he was with him two months all but two days and a half. He left on the 12th of last September. That would be about the 15th of July he came to me. He was with me previous to that and left on the 26th of May. During the second time he was away over a night about the 15th of August. He was in the settlement three days after he left me. When he left my house he said he intended living without working. I remember hearing of Mr. Sellar's fire shortly after Rapsom left.

JACOB CUMMINGS, sworn—Live at North River. My wife could not come to Court. She is a sister of Charles Herrol. She is indisposed and unable to come here. George Dockendorff and Charles Herrol boarded with me in September last. I remember the fire at Mr. Sellar's place in September last. I woke George Dockendorff up, and told him that Sellar's place was on fire. I did not wake Herrol up that night. It was D. Moorside woke him up. I went to bed on the night of the fire a little before ten. There was a party at our place that night, and the party dispersed a little before nine o'clock. I was asleep that night but a short time when Dan Moorside came to my window and told me that Sellar's place was on fire. I swear to the best of my knowledge that Herrol or Dockendorff did not leave my house on the night of the fire till Moorside came, and I woke them up. I am not positive that they were not out while I was asleep. One night in January last there was a load of hay brought to my barn from McKinley's. My cattle did not eat it. Herrol's horse did. The hay was put into a shed at the end of my barn. Herrol was accused for stealing the hay.

I believed, when McKinley told me that the hay was stolen, that it was Herrol stole it. I might have told Alex. McKinley that Herrol and others were locked in the church after the hay was stolen. They went to the church to warm themselves. I had not the keys of the church that night. I fancy I gave the key to Herrol to go to the church to warm himself. Donald McKinnon was with Herrol that night. McKinnon was accused of stealing the hay in company with Herrol.

McKinnon was identified in the Court, brought forward and examined.

DONALD MCKINNON—I know Charles Herrol. The hay was taken by Herrol and myself from McKinley's to Jacob Cummings'. The sleigh we took the hay from McKinley's with was got on the side of the road, about forty yards from a house there was no person living in. It was near Jacob Cummings', but it was not his sleigh. We hauled the hay to Cummings' late at night. There was no light in Cummings' when we got there. We stayed in the Church all night. I was in bed at 8 o'clock the night of the fire. I did not hear of the second fire till 7 o'clock next morning. I was at Jacob Cummings' on the night of the second fire. I left Cummings' that night about half-past

nine, and went to bed as soon as I went in. I know nothing about shaving the horses tails. I was not mixed up in the cutting of the horses' tails. I was not with Herroll before the Grand Jury for that offence.

The prisoner is held in custody.
[TO BE CONTINUED.]

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The O. Y. B's of Summerside will take part in the programme. A good time may be expected. Admission 15 cents. Doors open at 7 1/2 o'clock, p. m. Entertainment to begin at 8.

WM. D. TANTON, Chairman Com.
Dec. 24—21 Tues



IN consequence of the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice, the Grand Duchess of Darmstadt, His Honor the Lieutenant Governor will not hold a Levee on the first day of January next.

J. LONGWORTH,
Lt.-Col. and Aide-de-Camp.
R. R. HODGSON,
Lt.-Col. and Aide-de-Camp.
Government House,
23rd December, 1878. } city papers li

TENDERS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.,
Dec. 24th, 1878.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at this Office until the noon of TUESDAY, the 31st day of Dec., from persons willing to keep in repair the Pumps of the City of Charlottetown, according to Specification to be seen at the City Council Chamber.

The Council is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender. By order.
W. B. MORRISON,
City Clerk.

Ch'town, Dec. 24—till 31st



S. S. NORTHERN LIGHT

WILL MAKE DAILY TRIPS, until further notice (Sundays excepted), leaving Georgetown at SIX a. m., and leaving Pictou at HALF-PAST ONE, p. m., weather permitting.

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Agent of Department.
Ch'town, 24th Dec., 1878—

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Ch'town, Dec. 24—tf

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ALEX. MUNN.
Southport, Dec. 24, 1878—1m cod

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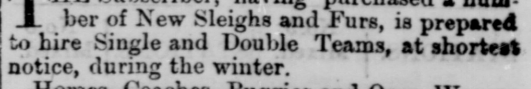
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Nov. 30, 1878—2aw tf

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