

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Beer Bros. For Dress Goods

A MERRY CHRISTMAS to all our readers. The EXAMINER will not be issued to-morrow.

Put Him on the List.—J. D. Taylor is being connected with the telephone exchange.

HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.—There are 174 patients in the hospital for the insane at the present time. The building is over-crowded.

Telephone.—To-morrow being Christmas Day the Telephone office will only be open from 9 to 10 a.m.; 1.30 to 2.70 p.m. and from 9 to 10 p.m.

Closed Last Evening.—The Social and Bazaar in aid of the new St. Dunstan's Cathedral closed last evening. We have not heard the amount realized, but it must total up a snug sum.

The Merry-go-round.—Messrs. McKinnon & Murray have taken their steam merry-go-round to Charlottetown, and will operate it in the Lyceum till further notice. They are fixing it up to-day.

Mission Band Meeting.—The Mission Band in connection with the Upper Merit Church had a most interesting and profitable meeting last evening. The programme included singing and recitations and an address by the chairman.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.—The C. E. Society of the Christian Church will hold their meetings hereafter on Friday nights, commencing at 7.30. A good meeting is expected tomorrow night. A cordial invitation given to all to come and spend a pleasant hour.

CHILDREN FREE.—Adams & Sons, 11 and 13 Jarvis Street, Toronto, Ont., are sending out some very handsome paper dolls with movable heads and bodies. They send a set of sixteen for one cent in stamps, or a sample one for the children free.

Ma. Ross' Lecture.—Please remember Mr. Ross' lecture in the basement of Zion Church next Tuesday evening, 29th inst., on the "Wanderings of the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel from the Assyrian Captivity until their arrival in the British Islands as Anglo-Saxons." Lecture begins at 8 o'clock. Admission 10 cents. A lively discussion will take place after the lecture.

St. Dunstan's Cathedral.—There will be no Midnight Mass in St. Dunstan's Cathedral this year. The services to-morrow will be at the same hours as on Sunday. At the last of ten services Monday's 12th Mass will be sung. The choir will be assisted on the occasion by an orchestra. A silver collection in aid of the new Cathedral fund will be taken up.

Manitoba Crops.—The Manitoba government has just issued the final crop bulletin for the season of 1896. It places the yields of the year as follows: Wheat, 14,000,000 bushels; Oats, 12,400,000 bushels; Barley, 3,100,000 bushels; Flax and rye, 300,000 bushels. The total grain crop of Manitoba was exactly 30,412,552 bushels. There were also raised nearly 4,000,000 bushels of potatoes and roots. These figures do not include any portions of Northwest Territory.

Skaters.—An impression is abroad that the managers of the Skating Rink intend charging an admission fee to regular subscribers on Christmas and New Year nights. This is an error as all subscribers will be admitted free on these two nights which of course are extra nights. In this way subscribers have the benefit of three rink nights and one land afternoon of this week and three land nights of next week.

An Islander Killed.—Mr. Isaac Bagnall, of Bedouque, was killed at Kalamazoo, Michigan, a short time ago. Mr. Bagnall was up at the top of a thirty-foot ladder trimming the branches of a tree when the ladder slipped, and he fell the whole distance to the ground, and only lived three hours afterward. The deceased, who was about 45 years of age, has been away in Michigan about fifteen years, and was a contractor and builder.

Police Court.—There were four Scott Act cases on the docket this forenoon. Catherine Collins was sentenced to two months' imprisonment for a third infraction, and William Macdonald, for a first infraction, was fined \$50 and \$5.75 costs or two months' imprisonment. The case against William E. Barron was dismissed, Barron proving a lease of the bar to a young man named Malone. The case against Patrick McAleer was adjourned for one week.

Masonic.—The brethren of St. John's and Victoria Lodges, A. F. and A. M., in celebrating St. John's Day (27th) by attending divine service in the First Methodist Church, where a sermon suitable to the occasion will be delivered by Bro. Rev. G. M. Campbell. A Masonic "At Home" will be held in the Lodge Room on Dec. 28th. The brethren can procure tickets from the following members of the committee: Brothers T. A. McLean, H. W. Anderson, W. A. Weeks, Jr., W. P. Dault, R. M. Johnson, B. Rogers, Jr.

Special Sale.

\$1.75

One hundred pairs heavy all wool pants, worth, \$2.50, now selling for \$1.75. See this lot; new goods only opened yesterday.

PROWSE BROS

Wonderful---\$4 75

Opened yesterday, 33 Youths' Ulsters, worth \$7.50, now selling for \$4.75. This line will fit young men from 14 to 20.

PROWSE BROTHERS

JUST OPENED.

53 pairs odd Pants worth from \$2.75 to \$4.75, no two pairs the same pattern; we will clear this lot at \$1.75, 2.75 and \$3.75.

PROWSE BROTHERS

BOYS' ULSTERS

169 Children's Ulsters bought at a sacrifice, will be cleared out this month at a bargain. Those coats fit boys from 4 to 12 years.

PROWSE BROTHERS.

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A GOOD STORY.—Read the story by George Du Maurier on our last page.

VERY CREDITABLE INDEED.—The Xmas number of the New Glasgow, N. S., Leader has been received. It is in book form, and is very creditable to Mr. Albert Dennis, the enterprising publisher.

MAGIC LANTERN SERVICE.—At the Salvation Army meeting at 8 o'clock to-morrow night, Ensign Perry will give a Magic Lantern Service, one of his very best. Admission 10c. children 5c. This will be a treat. Be sure and come early.

QUITE A SIGHT.—One of the unusual sights on Salem's streets yesterday was Hon. J. H. Fletcher the well-known newspaper man and mayor of West Salem, carrying two mattresses over his shoulder and several feet of small iron cable in his hand.—Salem, Oregon, Statesman, Dec. 13, a pleasant hour.

MORE ABOUT DUNS.—The Halifax Chronicle says:—Joseph Dunn, the young man in jail awaiting his trial for breaking into A. J. Grant's hardware store, has been in the city about four months. He married a Cape Breton girl some time ago, and for the past eight weeks he has resided on Grafton street. Since his residing there he has not, so the Chronicle is informed, done any work, and his means of existence was a mystery all along.

ASOTHER NEW COURT.—Court Petrel I. O. Foresters was organized at Tryon on the 19th inst., by L. U. Fowler, an officer of the High Court. Although there are a dozen of Foresters in Tryon who are members of the Courts at Crapaud and Cape Traverse, Court Petrel starts with a good membership, sixteen applicants. The officers are:—

C. Deputy.—D. J. Thompson. C. Ranger.—John H. Lea. Rec. Sec.—J. A. Chisholm. Fin. Sec.—E. M. Hall. Treas.—John Gamble. Chap.—Philip Simmons. S. W.—Will A. Howatt. J. W.—M. Quigley. S. B.—I. D. S. Wood. Physicians—Dr. Roberts and Doug. herty.

MERRY, MERRY XMAS. To all Slaughter Sale of Xmas PERFUMES TO-NIGHT.... ALL MUST GO Johnson & Johnson. Perfumes a Specialty.

Xmas Eve Our stock, clerks and teams are all at your service to-night. Lots of nice things left.

MERRY XMAS to all our customers. If you are not with us this year, you will be next.

MARK WRIGHT & CO., LTD For FURNITURE.

From Now Till XMAS

It is only a few days, but each of them is worth any two ordinary days. All the Great Bankrupt Stock



Must be disposed of. The Jackets, the Furs, the Corsets, the Dress Goods, the Cloths, the Underclothing, the Gloves, the Blankets, the Flannels, etc. All must be sold; we carry nothing over. In this Bankrupt stock are many things for Xmas presents, and in many cases 50c will buy a \$1.00 worth some cases more.

Is it Handkerchiefs?

Nearly 1,000 elegant Silk Handkerchiefs White, cream and colored at any price. Also embroidered and Linen plain and hemstitched

IS IT GLOVES?

A full line of Perrin's Celebrated French Kid Gloves, black and colored, Ladies and Gents. Also special bargains in Linen Gloves in Bankrupt stock.

IS IT FURS?

If it is Furs, Collars, Muffs, Ruffs, Jackets, or any fur goods, the People's Store is the spot. Buy your Furs from us as we are anxious to clear all Furs. Special Bankrupt Lines.

IS IT GENTS' WEAR?

Collars, 4 ply, 4, 8 and 9; and best 15c. Cuffs, 22c. Neckties, Cardigan J. Coats, Bankrupt Stock, Underclothing, Kid Gloves, Braces.

IS IT JACKETS?

Don't want a jacket yet and don't think we will when we are selling the Bankrupt ones at \$1 to \$3.25, worth \$5.50 to \$14, and latest style, imported this year, at \$2.10 to \$4.75, cheap at \$3.25 to \$7.25.

Is It Furs, Coats or Caps?

Sleigh Robes, Ladies' Astrakan Jackets. The Bankrupt stock had a lot of this class of goods, and for presentation to pastors or others, don't forget these goods are selling cheap.

Bankrupt Stock Bargains.

Our Umbrella Stock, Our Linen Stock, Our Black Dress Goods, Our Colored Dress Goods.

See how satisfactory you will be served.

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Don't Forget

to call and get some of our Xmas Cakes, Doughnuts, Scotch Cakes, Patties, Tarts, Pies, Oat-cakes, Ginger Snaps, or German Buns. We would name many other good things to you but space will not permit.

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ECLIPSE BAKERY, Bakes Best Bread.

"PATIENT CONTINUANCE."

The world is wide in time and tide, And God is guide; then do not hurry. That man is best who does his best And leaves the rest; then do not worry. —Dr. Diems.

Bargains to-night at Watson's.

A nice Xmas present for your boy would be one of those small shovels, and for your girl a little hair broom. They are 10c serviceable and cheap at Beer & Gott's.

Great reductions to-night at Watson's.

Great reductions to-night at Watson's. Special values in gentlemen's handkerchiefs—25c, 29c, 35c, 58c, 65c, and 75c—Moore & McLeod.

Violet's French Perfumes boxed from 25c up at central Drugstore—Roger & Gallet's 40c and up.

NOTHING TOO GOOD FOR MOTHER.

(Written for The Mail and Empire.)

Three little to's on shopping bent, Their thoughts on Christmas gifts intent, Were standing in a crowded store, And counting all their pennies o'er.

Two little lads with curly hair, And eyes of blue and faces fair, And a little maid who scarce had seen More than ten short years, I ween, They chattered on in childish glee, And wondered what mother's gifts should be.

"Isn't it good she is not here? 'Twill be a 'prise for mother dear. I wonder what she'll ever say When she gets our presents on Christmas Day? I hope she'll like them, and think them good, And she'll know we did the best we could."

"I know what I'll get," said the youngest boy, And his eyes were dancing with very joy, "A bottle of perfume, so nice and sweet, And mother will think it's a lovely treat."

Said the little girl who was standing near, "You have only fifty cents, my dear, And that costs a quarter. 'Tis half, you know, And the other half will quickly go. Isn't it too good?" "Why," said her brother, "Nothing could be too good for mother. And, his bright face beaming o'er with pleasure, He clasped in his hand the priceless treasure.

How I envied the mother of that little man, Who's willing to do the best he can To please her always, and let her see That no one loves her more than he. As I heard his words I breathed a prayer For the little lad so bright and fair. That the tears to come might never smother The love he showed that day for mother. —N. M. Q., Toronto, Dec. 11th, 1895.

Bargains to-night at Watson's.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY. Christmas is at hand. It would be well for those who have plenty, to pause in their eager rush of money spending and gift giving, and ask themselves these questions: Upon which class do we generally bestow our gifts, and heavy handshakes at Christmas time? Is it not mostly upon each other? How often do we step outside our own pet circle to drop a word of greeting, or to spend a paltry dollar upon some starving mother and her babe? What is the real want of gifts? Their wardrobes and pantries are groaning beneath their burden of luxury and plenty.

It would be well to make this a Happy Christmas by hunting out the wretched hovels of distress and misery, and trying to bring a smile to the wan pinched faces of the inmates, by handing in, if only a baker's loaf, with the accompaniment of a hearty handshake. True, there is a great deal of work done, but not enough.

With the thought of Christmas, it is natural for the children to feel elated and joyous,—at the prospect of plenty of good eatables, and an abundance of toys. But how much better would it be to teach them to be happy in the thought of carrying, if only the half treasure, to some half-naked, hungry, cruelly-treated child, who dare only peep at and smell the good things of this life?

We older ones too are made happy by similar thoughts of the coming season. But I often think that the truly charitable and pitying nature, who is less favored with the means of doing good, than those seasons bring, and rather than giving thought for when they think of the many homes where poverty, cold and hunger exist, with no means of amelioration and then on the other hand see extravagances and unnecessary indulgences so excessive among the richer classes, it ought to make them feel sad and troubled. Let us begin now to make the best use of the remaining week of the old year by searching in our memories for any who may not occupy a warm place in our hearts and when the first opportunity presents itself return—not the stiff formal courteous touching of hands which causes more coldness between acquaintances than harsh words—but the warm loving handshake and a lingering look from eye to eye that will make us love each other.

Ours for the forgiving spirit! What a heavenly spirit it is! and when it comes from the core of the heart, and truly shows itself in work, what can be more noble, and pure, and deserving of a richer reward than this world can bestow.

CHARITY.

Come on, Come on, to Santa Claus' Headquarters to-night. Carter's Bookstore.

TEMPERANCE NOTES.

Union Division, Sons of Temperance, held their thirty-fifth anniversary last evening in Summerfield Hall. The evening was pleasantly spent in music and song, with addresses by John Anderson, G. W. P., and Hon. Peter Sinclair on the temperance question, in general, and also bearing on the enforcement of the C. T. A. Hon. Mr. Sinclair claimed that many of our temperance friends were too extreme and did more harm than good. He also defined the action of the Government in appointing a vendor in Summerside, taking the ground that they were legally bound to do so. Mr. Anderson suggested that if vendors must be appointed that they be appointed at a fixed salary and be compelled to sell the liquors at cost, which would remove the necessity of doing a certain amount of business to make it pay, whether that business was legitimate or not.

Mr. Sinclair took the ground that all vendors will make all the money they could regardless of restriction, and consequently the Government has increased the license to \$150, presumably that they might as well get a larger amount out of it.

The literary part was followed by a well provided and well arranged spread, and after full justice had been done the meeting dispersed.

Great reduction in Calendars and Christmas numbers to-night. Come and see—Carter's Bookstore.

Store open this evening.—Moore & McLeod. Twenty-five per cent. off our whole stock of Fancy Goods today.—Moore & McLeod.

These Are Bright Busy Days At Our Store

Everybody invited to come and see our Grand Christmas Display.

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SILVERWARE

and JEWELRY.

Enjoy yourselves looking over these pretty lines, they're at your service. Don't overlook the little price tag on each article, the figures on it will interest you.

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JEWELER.

Store open evenings.

Busy Bees.

Com to the bargain hive. All FANCY GOODS

Must go. Xmas greeting to all.

Haszard & Moore.

Notice.

All persons having accounts against the City of Charlottetown are requested to present the same at the Office of the City Clerk on or before Saturday the 26th inst.

By order H. M. DAVIDSON, City Clerk.

City Clerk's Office, Dec. 22, 1896.

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We do this to show our appreciation for our very prosperous year.

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All sizes of this celebrated Corset kept by us. Prices \$1.25, \$2.25, \$3.00

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LONDON HOUSE

Overcoats, Reefing Jackets,

We have about one hundred and fifty. Not all sizes, but on these we have you can save a lot of money.

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A Xmas Gift To Your Wife

Hand her a Policy on your life in the Sun Life Assurance Co., of Canada,

E. R. BROW,

Charlottetown. AGENT

DON'T

...PASS

For your own sake don't do it. What?

Great Bankrupt Slaughter sale

Boots, Shoes and Rubbers, Overshoes, Men's and Boys' Clothing.

50 Horse Rugs at Lowest Prices you ever heard of. Come with the crowd!

J. B. Macdonald's Old Stand,

Directly Opposite the West End of the Market House

OUR STORE WILL BE OPEN THIS EVENING

Silk Handkerchiefs 14c For Men,

That's pretty cheap, isn't it? Then we have nice qualities in fancy brocades, 22c and 25c.

Three Grand Values

Three assorted lots, each including white and colored brocades, and plain Japanese hemstitch; prices are

Lot 1—29c each.

Lot 2—35c each.

Lot 3—58c each.

Lots of other kinds at other prices.

More here to choose from than anywhere else in the city, lower prices here than anywhere else in the city.

Moore & McLeod.

Its One Thing

To get a suit that fits you, but its another thing to get a suit combining style, fit and gracefulness, without which no garment can show to advantage. The above advantages are obtained here, with best values in the market for Ulsters, Suits and Overcoats. Being near the Holidays we are giving special values in the above suits.

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Great CLEARANCE To-night

THE USEFUL ONES

and that is just why our store is such a useful one at this season of the year (as it always is we hope).

For LADIES. For CHILDREN. For MEN.

Fur Collars Handkerchiefs Fur Gloves Hosiery Hosiery Fur Caps Gloves Silk Hdk's Tams Silk Mufflers Caps Dresses Ulsters Fur Coats Ruffs Ulsters Kid Gloves Cloaks Fancy Handkerchiefs Gaiters Silk Blouses Gaiters Fats Overalls Purses, &c. Aprons, &c.

We are closing out all Fancy Goods at Greatly Reduced Prices

BEER BROS.

THE WEATHER.—Fresh west to north west winds; fair, and decidedly cold to-day and to-morrow.