

Dick Allen's Merry Christmas.

Concluded.

'O Squire, read that!' putting into his hands poor Dick's broken-hearted scrawl.

The Squire read, and gasped out:—'Good God! My poor boy, my poor boy! What is to be done? If I had only known!'

The father and daughter stood for a few moments, as it were, overcome with a great feeling of powerlessness to avert the calamity that was evidently foreshadowed in the letter. Suddenly the same thought struck both, and they looked at the clock.

'O father,' cried Kate, 'couldn't we stop the night-mail at Knockrath? They'll do it for you.'

'God help us,' said the Squire; 'the mail passes at five minutes to two, and if it's more than half-past one already. Stay, though,' he handed, after a moment; 'there's just a chance.'

He opened the door, and went at once into the kitchen, followed by Kate.

'Quick,' said the Squire to the servants, who were all at high-jinks, some of you fetch Jim Cassidy!'

In a minute came Jim, a fine specimen of a young Irishman, the rough-riding and trainer of the establishment, who had carried the Squire's colours to victory on more than one steeple-chase course.

'Jim,' said the Squire, 'I want you to ride for your life to Knockrath, and tell the station-master for me to stop the up-mail and keep it a few minutes; we'll be after you. Look alive, man, you've seven miles to go, and scarcely twenty minutes to do it in. Take Saucy Kate; she's about the fastest.'

'Is it the chaser—?' Jim was beginning, in anything but a satisfied tone, when Kate said,

'O Jim, it's for me; and do ride fast.' 'For you, miss!' cried Jim. 'Then, bebad, if the gray mare doesn't put her best leg foremost, you may say I'm no horseman.'

In a minute or two the gray mare was at the back door, and Jim Cassidy booted and spurred, and in the saddle; then with good wishes from all, he was off, taking the mare down the back avenue at a steady canter. In an almost incredibly short space of time (though it seemed long enough to Kate) the mail-pleat was brought around, and Kate, muffled up to her eyes in furs and with a driving cloak of her father's outside of all, was seated in it, and in a moment more the Squire was driving as if he meant to overtake Jim on the grey steeple-chaser. Suffice it to say Jim did his work like a man; got up just in time to have the signals set for stopping the train.

While they are coming to him as fast as steam can bring them, let us take our storyteller's privilege and fly swifter ever than that to poor Dick's cheerless chamber. There he lay sleeping peacefully, heedless of the bitter cold and the fast expiring fire, heedless of the miseries of yesterday, heedless of the certain awakening to the miseries of to-morrow. Another hour passes, and Dick still sleeps on; and the mail has reached Dublin, and Kate and his father are hastening to him through the gloomy streets. But gradually under the restoring power of sleep, the care-worn look has faded away from the lad's face; and now, as he is nearing the waking hour, he begins to dream. He dreams that he is going home for Christmas as he used to go. He gets out at the well-known station; there is old Tom Ryan waiting for him with the dog-cart. Now he is up and has the reins in his hands, and he is off along the old road to Allestown; and Tom is explaining to him that Miss Kate would have come to meet him, but has to entertain the people on her birthday; but sure he'll be home in time for lunch. A moment more and he is in the hall, and there is father and Kate. But what is this? The sleeper is dimly conscious of some break in his dream; there is a moment of vague bewildering effort to wake; and then Dick struggling to sit up, finds his hand clasped in his father's, and he hears the well-known voice, 'My poor Dick, my poor Dick!' When he was fully awake and realized the whole scene, he fairly broke down and burst into tears; and there was a queer huskiness in the old Squire's voice (he had seen the laudanum bottle on the table) as he said, 'Dick, old fellow, we've both been hosty; but we'll say no more about that. Come along; there'll be just time to get some breakfast at the Groesham, and then we'll catch the 8.30 and be at home for luncheon.' And so Dick was in time for luncheon, and spent a fairly merry Christmas; and I have never heard that Kate caught a cold or other ailment from her mid-night trip to Dublin.

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Diphtheria.

SOME ACCOUNTS OF THE TERRIBLE DISORDER—PERILS OF FILTH.

Diphtheria is believed to have originated in Egypt more than 2000 years ago. It prevailed in Egypt and Asia Minor, to which latter country it extended during the first 500 years, and was called the Egyptian or Syrian ulcers. Having invaded Spain, Italy, Sicily and other European countries, the disease appeared in Rome A. D. 334, and being highly contagious, rarely appearing as a sporadic disease, more frequently in an epidemic form; in its 1,500 years' transit on the continent of Europe, it effected mainly rural districts and garrisoned towns; sometimes it has prevailed so extensively that distant countries have been simultaneously or successively visited by it. It extended to Holland, in which it was epidemic in 1387, to France in 1818 and in 1835, and in England, the United States and Canada from 1856 to 1860, and more or less since. As to the prevention of this formidable disease, some very excellent suggestions can be advanced. It has been noticed that where diphtheria has occurred, after thoroughly investigating the premises, sufficient cause has been discovered to produce it, either in a neglected cellar, cesspool, or in deficient trapping of sewer pipes. All these should be carefully inspected, and if the cellar should be found damp and badly ventilated, and containing vegetable matter of any kind, all articles that might possibly become putrid or decayed should be removed at once, the cellar thoroughly ventilated, the walls and ceilings whitewashed, and disinfectants liberally scattered over the floor. Chloride of lime is the best one for this purpose. Next, the water closets should be looked after; if they are located in the house, they should be examined by an honest and experienced plumber, to see if they are properly trapped, and one half pound sulphate of iron (copperas), dissolved in two gallons of hot water thrown into them at least twice a week. If there are any cesspools in the yard convenient to the house, a pipe should be arranged to carry off the impurities; they should be at least three inches in diameter, and high enough to carry off effluvia above the dwelling house. If there are any stationary washstands in the house they should also be examined by a competent plumber as to the traps being safe. As to the treatment, quite a variety of plans have been pursued; so much interest has been taken throughout the world to make the treatment more successful that almost all the European countries and the United States have offered premiums for the most successful mode of treating this terrible disease. As an example, Her Majesty the German Empress and Queen of Prussia offers a prize of 2,000 reichmarks for the best essay on the essence of diphtheria, and the result of treatment of the disease, based on the knowledge of the nature of the affection.

The Finance Minister in New Brunswick.

Sir Leonard must have been greatly gratified at the reception given him at Fredericton, by men who have known him so long and so well. The address presented to him was judiciously drawn up, and was creditable to all concerned. It gave merited commendation to Sir Leonard's painstaking efforts to render himself familiar with the condition and requirements of manufacturing industry throughout the country, and expressed just pride in his general political career.

Sir Leonard's speech in reply contained many points of interest. We note two of them especially. One of them is a prophecy that before the end of the coming twelve months even they who now complain of the National Policy will acknowledge that the country is on the high road to prosperity. May he prove a true prophet. Another point is involved in the declaration, "Life is too short for me to be at enmity with any of my fellow men." In one sense this may be a truism, but in another it is highly significant. There is not, perhaps, another prominent politician in Canada who has so fully lived in the spirit of this declaration as Sir Leonard. He is to be envied in the possession of a remarkable temperament and disposition, which have enabled him to mingle in the hottest political contests without personal asperity. —St. John News.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 1879
SUN RISES, 7.47 | HIGH WATER, 4.10 am
SUN SETS, 4.11 | FULL MOON 28, 0, 3.1 m

Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces.

TORONTO, Dec. 20, 10 a. m.

Rising, followed by falling temperature; cloudy weather with snow areas.

MARRIED.

At Mrs. McDonald's Hotel, the bride's residence, Georgetown, on the 17th inst., by the Rev. John McKinnon, Mr. G. W. Hibbitt, Conductor P. E. I. Railway, to Annie, the youngest daughter of the late Captain John McDonald.

At Annandale, on the 12th inst., by James Johnston, J. P., Mr. Peter Lawless, to Miss Betsy Wilt, both of Little River.

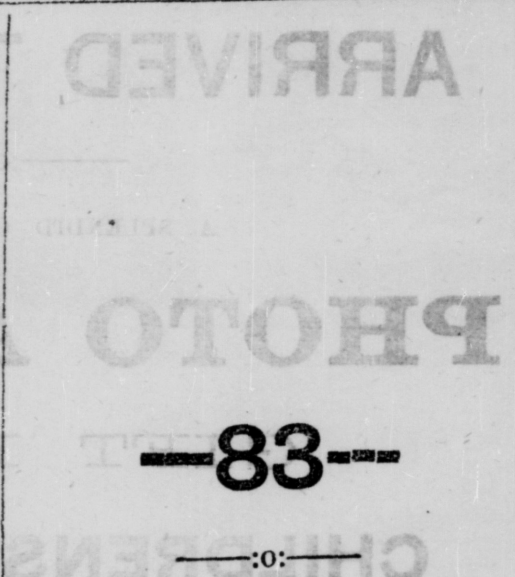
At Little River, Lot 56, on Saturday, the 13th of December, inst., by J. C. Underlay, J. P., Mr. Robert Swallow, of Little River, to Miss Mary Jane Toel, of Annandale.

DIED.

In this city, on the 18th inst., of inflammation, Clara Georgina, infant daughter of William and Dorothea Taylor, aged 5 months.

And He took them in His arms, put His hands upon them and blessed them.

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TO BE SOLD by Public Auction, at the Court House, in Charlottetown, in Queen's County, on WEDNESDAY, the Seventh day of JANUARY next, 1880, at the hour of Twelve o'clock, noon, under and by virtue of a Power of Sale in an Indenture of Mortgage dated the Twenty-third day of February, 1872, and made between John Balls and Eliza his wife, of the one part, and Archibald McArthur, of the other part, and which said Mortgage was assigned by indenture dated the second day of May, 1878, to the undersigned—

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TIME TABLE NO. 13.

Winter Arrangement.

TO COME INTO FORCE

TUESDAY, December 2nd, 1879.

TRAINS GOING WEST.

STATIONS.	Nos. 1 & 3, Mixed.	No. 5, Mixed.
Georgetown	Dp 8.20 a. m.	
Cardigan	" 8.46 "	
Mt Stew't Junc.	Ar 10.15 "	
Royalty Junction	" 11.27 "	
Charlottetown	Ar 11.50 a. m.	Dp 3.00 p. m.
Royalty Junction	" 8.22 "	" 3.23 "
North Wiltshire	" 9.14 "	" 4.15 "
Hunter River	" 9.30 "	" 4.30 "
Breadalbane	" 10.07 "	" 5.08 "
County Line	" 10.17 "	" 5.18 "
Kensington	" 10.55 "	" 5.55 "
Summerside	Ar 11.30 a. m.	Ar 6.30 p. m.
Wellington	Dp 1.30 p. m.	
Port Hill	" 2.19 "	
O'Leary	" 3.00 "	
Alberton	" 4.17 "	
Tignish	" 5.17 "	
	" 6.10 "	

TRAINS GOING EAST.

STATIONS.	Nos. 2 and 4, Mixed.	No. 6, Mixed.
Tignish	Dp 6.30 a. m.	
Alberton	" 7.25 "	
O'Leary	" 8.25 "	
Port Hill	" 9.40 "	
Wellington	" 10.22 "	
S'mm'side	Ar 11.10 a. m.	Dp 7.30 a. m.
Kensington	Dp 2.36 p. m.	Dp 8.05 "
County Line	" 3.05 "	" 8.44 "
Breadalbane	" 3.43 "	" 8.54 "
Hunter River	" 4.30 "	" 9.30 "
North Wiltshire	" 4.46 "	" 9.43 "
Royalty Junction	" 5.37 "	" 10.33 "
Charlottetown	Ar 6.00 p. m.	Ar 11.00 a. m.
Royalty Junction	Dp 2.30 p. m.	
Royalty Junction	" 2.53 "	
Mt. Stw't Junc.	Ar 4.10 "	
	Dp 4.15 "	
Cardigan	" 5.35 "	
Georgetown	Ar 6.00 p. m.	

SOURIS BRANCH.

Trains Going West.

STATIONS.	No. 7, Mixed.
Souris	Depart 7.15 a. m.
Harmony	" 7.37 "
St. Peter's	" 8.55 "
Morsell	" 9.28 "
Mt. Stewart Junction	Arrive 10.10 a. m.

Trains Going East.

STATIONS.	No. 8, Mixed.
Mt. Stewart Junction	Depart 4.15 p. m.
Morsell	" 4.58 "
St. Peter's	" 5.30 "
Harmony	" 6.48 "
Souris	Arrive 7.10 "

ALEX. MACNAB,

Sup't and Engineer.

Railway Office, Ch'town, Nov. 28, 1879.

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MAIL NOTICE.

MAILS for Great Britain will close every WEDNESDAY afternoon at 4.30 o'clock.

Mails for the other Provinces, and for the United States of America will close daily at 4.30 p. m., and be forwarded to Georgetown by special train, leaving every evening to connect with the steamer Northern Light. This train will also take a mail to Georgetown.

Mails for the regular train going east, will close daily at 2 o'clock p. m.

Mails for Postal Car going west, will close daily at 7.30 a. m.

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