

Local and Other Items.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL. INVITATION.—All persons are requested to call for their presents at the Diamond Bookstore to-night. IMPORTANT.—The Special Train from Charlottetown to Summerside will not leave tomorrow night. XMAS DAY.—As Christmas Day is to be observed on Monday, THE EXAMINER will not be issued on that day. Y. M. C. A.—Service in the Hall to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon, at 4 o'clock. Subject, "Glad Tidings," Luke 2, 8-20. GEN. CLUB.—The Belvidere Gun Club meets at the residence of A. B. Warburton, Esq., on Monday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. GET ONE.—The Young Ladies Journal for January is an excellent number. It can be obtained at the Diamond Bookstore. XMAS MARKET.—The Christmas Market was marketed to-day. There was a small attendance. No material change in prices.

STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE'S COURT.—At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court this forenoon James Currie, drunk, was fined \$2 or 8 days. SPECIAL MEETING.—The members of Silsby Engine Company are requested to meet at their Room this evening, at 8 o'clock, sharp. CHRISTMAS GIFTS.—Messrs. LePage and McLeod, Prince of Wales College, received very handsome presents from their respective classes. LECTURE.—Dr. McLeod's lecture will be delivered in St. James' Hall, on Tuesday evening next. Subject: "The Evolution of Medicine." HOLIDAY NUMBER.—The holiday number of the Pictou Standard is to hand. It is printed on tinted paper, and is well-filled with seasonable articles. POTATO SHIPMENTS.—Advices from Cardigan report that potato shipping is the order of the day there and that the river is still clear of ice. MORE LIGHT.—Two additional electric lights were placed to-day in the Diamond Bookstore. The brilliancy of the effect will be noticed to-night. CHILDREN'S DINNER.—The ladies and gentlemen of the Y. M. C. A. treat the poor children of the city to a dinner in the Market Hall on Monday afternoon. CIVIC POLITICS.—The names of several gentlemen are mentioned as candidates for civic honors at the forthcoming election, but the reports lack confirmation. PRAYER MEETING.—Railway men's prayer meeting to-morrow at the usual hour. Lesson: Luke 16-19. A full attendance is requested. All friends are cordially invited. AUCTION SALE.—At Stevenson's Building this evening (Saturday) from 7 until 10 o'clock; large and choice albums and oil paintings, a specialty.—A. McNeill, Auctioneer. SLEIGHING.—The sleighing is very good at present. If this fine clear weather continues until after Monday, the usual amount of Christmas Day driving may be expected. XMAS SERVICE.—There will be an interesting Xmas service to-morrow at 2 p. m. in the Upper Methodist Church. Parents of scholars and all interested are invited to attend. OFF AGAIN.—The potato-laden barkentine Oreala, which was ashore on the flats near Rosebank, was towed off by the tug W. H. Aitken yesterday afternoon, and has proceeded to Boston. LITERARY.—"Boy Life on the Prairie—The Huskin'," in the January number of The American Magazine, will be the first of a series of crisp descriptive sketches, drawn by Hamlin Garland from his youthful experiences as a farmer's boy at the West. THE WRITS ISSUED.—The writ for the election in Queens, N. B., has been issued. Nomination January 11th, polling 18th. Joseph Hoben, of Gagetown, is returning officer. The candidates will be Messrs. Baird and King, as at the general election. THE QUEEN IRRITATED.—The Liverpool Post says the Queen is greatly irritated by remarks in the newspapers over the tacit approval of pugilism shown by the Prince of Wales in his visit to Sullivan. Her Majesty has expressed annoyance in a letter to His Royal Highness. METHODISTS IN COUNCIL.—Two hundred Methodist ministers met in Boston the other day and discussed the present mode of making appointments in the Methodist Episcopal Church. They decided that the mode could be improved. The most popular remedy suggested was that the churches invite to be their pastors what preachers they please. A CURIOUS CASE.—The ten-year-old son of William McMaster, Peterboro, Ont., was found hanged in a vacant house a few days ago. He had evidently stood on a step-ladder in the cellar, and with his head forced up some heavy loose planks which formed the floor of the room above, when the ladder fell over and he was caught by the neck by the planks. THE STEAMERS.—The Lansdowne left Point du Chene for Summerside at 4.30 yesterday afternoon, and reached there about 8.30. The mails arrived in the city about 11.30 last night. The Lansdowne left Summerside for Point du Chene this morning at 7 o'clock; and left Point du Chene for Charlottetown direct at 2. The Princess of Wales arrived from Pictou at 2 o'clock this morning, and sailed again at 7. CLAIRVOYANCY.—Owing to the sudden illness of the Clairvoyant at the Osborne House, the present week, she was unable to see those who wished to consult her. She wishes to state that she will be here another week only, and all who desire can see her. This is the only opportunity you will have of consulting this gifted lady. "A word to the wise," &c. Call early and avoid the rush in the evening, Dec 24-11.

A TOTAL WRECK.—An exchange reports that "the schooner R. Bask, from P. E. Island with a cargo of oats for Port Hawkesbury, struck on the ledges at Cape Jack, N. S., during the gale on Monday night, and has become a total wreck. Owing to the roughness of the sea the crew were unable to land until 8 o'clock Wednesday morning when they were rescued from their perilous position.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER. Illicit Whiskey Still Seized. Officers of the Law Successful They Make a Big Spill. SOURIS, Dec. 24. Excise officers J. C. Nash and T. Moore, Customs officer M. J. Foley, and constable Lavie raided McCarthy's illicit distillery at daylight this morning, and found all in readiness for an operation. The officers seized still, still head, worm and two goose-necks, and furnace door, and brought the articles into Souris station. They also stove in two puncheons and ran off 180 gallons of fermented wash, ready for distilling. They found and seized a barrel of wash, also in readiness, in the upper part of the house, and emptied it out the doorway. The distiller, however, got away before the arrival of the officers, through some secret information. Part of the apparatus was found in a barn under the straw on another man's property, and was evidently nearly new, having been used but once or twice since the last August seizure by the same officers. A barrel of molasses was also found, and an ullage jar of Jamaica rum, which the officers did not feel justified in seizing for want of proof. No home-made spirits were found on this occasion. A neighbor's team was pressed into service to convey the seized articles into town, about five miles.

Horrible Accident. TRURO, N. S., Dec. 23. About 7 o'clock this morning a horrible accident occurred at McDonald's lime rock mine, at Graham's siding, near Brookfield, by which four persons lost their lives and two received injuries. Preparatory to commencing work, a quantity of dynamite was taken into the cook house where the men got their meals, and where the cooking is done, to warm. It became overheated, and exploded with terrible effect, shattering the building. Alex. McDonald, the owner of the mine, James Hoffman, Edward Vessel and Finlay McDearmid were instantly killed. Two others who were in the cookhouse at the time were both badly wounded. The bodies were scarcely recognizable, McDonald's head and legs being visible.

Commercial Union. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. Among the bills introduced in the House under the new rule yesterday by Representative Boatelle, of Maine, appropriating \$80,000 for the construction of four bridges across the St. John and St. Francis rivers, where they form the boundary between Maine and New Brunswick, provided the Government of Canada appropriate a like sum.

Great Railway Strike. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 23. Over 1,000 men employed by the Reading Railroad Company struck this afternoon. It is said upon authority that work has been passed along the line of the entire Reading system, and 30,000 or 40,000 men refuse to work to-morrow, and remain out until the trouble is over.

Terrible Collision. PICTOU, Dec. 23. It is learned that a terrible collision occurred this morning between Valley and Union Stations, on the Pictou Branch of the I. C. R. The report is that James Hill, a brakeman, was very badly injured and may die.

A Robber Arrested. HALIFAX, Dec. 23. Frank C. McNeally, who robbed the Savings Bank at Saco, Me., of \$279,000 in cash and securities, was arrested here this morning.

Weather Bulletin. TORONTO, Dec. 29-10 a.m. Moderate to fresh winds, fair cold weather. Local Notices. FLETCHER'S Music Store will be open till half-past 10 o'clock this evening. PERFUMES for the million—all the favorite makers.—Reddin's Drug Store. A NEW lot of silver watches, silver brooches and rolled plate alberts received to-day at W. N. Tanton's, Queen Street.

Season's Greetings TO ALL KIND PATRONS. WOODILL'S & GERMAN BAKING POWDER. Dec. 24, 1887. THE BEST BOOK for Engineers and Machinists, and a complete guide to p.s. for Marine Engineers' Certificates, is the "Manual of Engineers' Calculations" By D. McLAUGHLIN SMITH. Reduced in Price to \$3.00. —AND FOR SALE BY— J. & A. McMillan, Prince Wm. street; Barnes & Co., Prince Wm. street; Douglas McArthur, King Street; Morton L. Harrison, King Street; Watson & Co., Charlotte Street; George D. Smith, Engineer, Eagle Foundry, St. David Street; Wm. M. Smith, Consulting Engineer, 141 Water Street.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 23, 1887.

OVERCOATS OVERCOATS! BARGAINS! BARGAINS! AT MILLER BROTHERS, QUEEN ST., IN Pianos, Organs, Sewing Machines, Small Musical Goods, such as Accordeons, Violins, Concertinas and in Music Books (all kinds.) During the Holiday Season the above goods will be Sold at Reduced Prices. Intending purchasers in our line will do well to call and inspect our large and varied stock. MILLER BROTHERS. Ch'town, Dec. 20, 1887—wky 3mos

DIED. In this city, at the residence of Frederick McLeod, Euston Street, on the 22nd inst., John Kennedy, formerly of Wapod Islands, aged 84 years. At Beach Point, Murray Harbor South, of diphtheritic croup, on 14th inst., Elsie, aged 3 years and 7 months; and on the 15th inst., Arthur Edward, aged 5 years and 8 months, children of John and Bessie McKenzie. "Of such is the Kingdom of God." At his residence, Argyle Shore, on Sunday, the 4th Dec., Donald McLean, in the 79th year of his age. He leaves eight children to mourn the loss of a loving father. He will be much and deservedly regretted by a large number of friends and relatives. Deceased was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and emigrated to this Island in 1819.

APPLES, &c. IN SEORE— 360 Barrels Choice, No. 1 Winter-keeping APPLES. —ALSO— Onions, Oranges, Lemons, &c. in boxes and cases. Terms—Cash on Delivery. A. McNEILL, Auctioneer. Dec. 22-11

WHOLESALE RETAIL. I HAVE on hand the very best lot of Confectionery, Pastry Cake & Fruit in the City. I have from the Finest Lily Chocolate and French Cream Candies, down to the old-fashioned Molasses Candy. Try our "Carrots", Molasses Chewing Cream, Fiz Cream and Chewing Candies—they are new and fine. Pastry, Fruit and Plain Cake, Cookies and Pies. FRUIT, in Apples, Oranges, Lemons, Grapes. NUTS—Assorted kinds. Barley Sugar Toys in great variety, at W. F. CARTER'S. Dec. 22, 1887.

HEADQUARTERS FOR CONFECTIONERY, Fruit, Nuts, &c. B. BALDERSTON is having a large quantity of PURE CONFECTIONERY made up for the Xmas Trade. Adulterated Candy is still made in Montreal and Quebec, so do not risk giving it to children, but get Pure, Home-made Candy, which contains nothing but pure sugar and choice flavorings. Choice Groceries of all kinds. COLGATE'S Superior Toilet Soaps, &c. B. BALDERSTON, QUEEN STREET. Dec. 22, 1887-31

BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AT WATSON'S REDDIN'S DRUG STORE. Headquarters for XMAS GOODS. MEERSCHAUM and Briar Pipes, Gentlemen's Leather Cases, Ladies' do, Plush Goods, N. B.—The best Essences, Peels, &c. D. O'M. REDDIN, JR. Dec. 15, 1887—11 d31

TENDERS. TENDERS will be received at the City Clerk's office up to noon of SATURDAY, the 7th January next, 1888, for Heating New City Building with hot water system, according to plans and specifications to be seen at the office of Phillips & Chapple, Architects. A certified cheque of 7 per cent of the estimate to accompany each tender. The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender. By order. A. H. MACPHERSON, City Clerk. Dec. 15, 1887-41 51 w 11 11 11

CITIZENS' SKATING RINK. THE RINK, under the management of the Artillery Band, will open for the season as soon as weather permits. Tickets for this season will be issued at the following reduced prices: SEASON TICKET. Ladies' Tickets.....\$1.50 Gents' ".....2.00 Children's " (afternoon skating).....1.25 Admission to skate......15 Promenade......10 Rink open Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 2.30 to 5; and Saturday afternoons from 4 to 6; also Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Band will also be in attendance on other occasions, of which due notice will be given. Tickets for sale at the Apothecaries Hall. J. DOWLING, Secretary. Ch'town, Dec. 19, 1887-41 eod

SLEIGHS. PARTIES wishing to purchase would consult their best interests by examining my stock of New and Second-hand Sleighs, which will be sold cheap to suit the times. Repairing of Carriages and Sleighs promptly attended to and satisfaction guaranteed. N. B.—Carriages wanting repairing, painting or trimming, stored free for the winter. Factory and Show Rooms Upper Prince Street, opposite Baptist Church. J. J. SEAMAN. Dec. 13, 1887—eod & wy tl feb 1

P. E. ISLAND RAILWAY. CHRISTMAS EXCURSION. RETURN TICKETS at one first-class fare will be issued to and from all Stations on this Railway, on DECEMBER 24th and 25th inst., good to return up to and on JANUARY 3rd, 1888. J. UNSWORTH, Acting Superintendent. Railway Office, Ch'town, Dec. 19, 1887. ex pat eod wky prs 11

HAVE THE KHEEL PLATE PUT ON YOUR RUBBERS AND THEY WILL WEAR TWICE AS LONG. The above Plates can now be had and put on at R. K. JOST'S, NORTH SIDE QUEEN SQUARE. A nice assortment of Slippers for Christmas. Ch'town, Dec. 12, 1887.

WANTS, LOST, FOUND &c. PRIVATE LODGINGS.—The undersigned would be glad to receive a few additional Boarders on reasonable terms at her Private Boarding House, opposite Baptist Church, Prince Street.—MRS. S. R. STUMBLE, eod-dec24 3. STRAYED—From the premises of James B. McKenna, Spring Park, Malpeque Road, on the 20th inst., a Jersey Cow, yellow or brick color, short, thin horns, four years old, supposed to be closed in some yard or stable. The finder will be rewarded. dec21 11. LOST—On Friday afternoon, a purse containing a sum of money and several other articles. The finder will be rewarded on leaving same at THE EXAMINER office. dec24 3.

WANTED—A Cook. Apply to Mrs. R. K. Fitz-Gerald, Mount Edward Road. dec 21. FOR SALE—At a bargain, a first-class family sleigh in perfect order. Also, a box sleigh, price \$3.—Jos. Knight. dec21 31 p4. WANTED—A servant to do general housework in a small family, no washing. Apply at this office. dec 20 31n. FOR SALE—A good Milch Cow, newly calved. Apply to Horace Hazard. dec21 11.

TO LET.—The Surgery and Consulting Room in the City Hotel, Great George Street, hitherto occupied by Dr. Warburton. Apply at the London House or to Daniel Davies, Dundas Street, nov 18. BOARDERS ACCOMMODATED—At Mrs. McLean's, Hillsborough Street, between Dorchester and King. eod 11 eod 11. WANTED—A cook; references required. Apply to Mrs. F. L. Hazard, Euston Street. eod 11

GET SUITED. WHEN you have read the advertisements over, DON'T FAIL to come to D. A. BRUCE, and be convinced that his Stock of WINTER CLOTHS is not surpassed by any house in the trade. We have a large range of Naps, Meltons, Suitings, and Pantings, which are offered at prices that will suit you; —IN— Gents' Furnishings, Fur Caps, Fur Coats, Sleigh Robes, Hats, Gloves, Neckwear, &c. GENUINE BARGAINS OFFERED. Before purchasing your winter OVERCOAT come and see our stock. D. A. BRUCE, CUSTOM TAILOR. Ch'town, Dec. 2, 1887—eod & wky 60,000 Feet American and Canadian Frame Mouldings. BRING along your Pictures for Frames, and if we cannot suit you in price we will make you a Xmas present. Twelve Dozen (144) Boys' and Girls' Sleighs, all sizes and shapes. This lot is offered During the Holidays to Clear at Cost. We have a fine stock of Fancy, Useful and Durable Goods, very suitable for Xmas Gifts. Call and inspect. MARK WRIGHT & CO. Ch'town, Dec. 13, 1887.