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THE NEWS IN SHORT METRE.

The Minister of Agriculture intends sending about 1,000 samples of Canadian wheat to British millers, so that they may see for themselves the excellence of Canadian grain.

The Countess of Warwick is taking great interest in the founding of an Agricultural Training College for Women, to educate farmers' daughters in scientific and commercial dairying, poultry raising, etc.

The unanimous award of the Behring Sea seizure commissioners, Judges King and Putnam, has been handed to Sir Julian Pauncefote and Secretary Sherman. The amount is not stated.

Lieut. Peary, previous to leaving England for the United States, was presented with models for flying machines, submarine boats, and other devices supposed to be likely to facilitate his exploration of the polar regions.

A well-known diplomat says that Greece was involved in the war with Turkey owing to the endeavor of King George to bluff the Czar into hurrying the marriage of Princess Marie.

It is understood that the Duke of Norfolk, one of England's most influential peers, has approached Lord Salisbury with a view to obtaining the admission of Cardinal Vaughan into the House of Lords.

The postal revenue continues to increase, the November returns showing an increase of \$70,000 over the same month last year. A big demand has set in for sets of the old issue of postage stamps. Several denominations are already disposed of.

The great fire in Melbourne, Australia, on November 22nd, resulted in a loss estimated at \$7,500,000. The wholesale district was completely wiped out. Two thousand people were thrown out of work.

Rev. Dr. James N. Farrar, pastor of the First Reform Church, Brooklyn, in receipt of \$6,000 a year, has determined to follow the example of the Keswick Brethren and preach without pay in a poor community.

A representative sent to the Klondike by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics has been so long without reporting that fears are entertained for his safety. It is to be hoped he has merely changed his occupation and embarked in the digging of Canadian gold.

Three men have arrived at St. John's, Nfld., from British Columbia, in search of Newfoundland dogs trained for hauling purposes, intending to use them on the Klondike trails during the coming spring. The men expect to purchase a thousand suitable dogs. Such animals are obtainable there in unlimited numbers.

The general opinion at Kiel regarding the German occupation of Kiao-Chau bay is voiced by a diplomat, who says it is a great pity that Germany, having an easy, safe, and simple, though slightly piratical, piece of work, should not be able to perform it without setting the whole world laughing.

A Montreal despatch reports that a gentleman from Rome closely connected with Mgr. Bruchesi states that there is every reason to believe that his unexpected return is certainly in connection with the Manitoba school question, and some important step which the Holy See contemplates taking. When the cablegram announcing the archbishop's return was received at the palace, its contents were at once communicated to the other bishops, who all declared that they had received no intimation of any kind of the reason of the archbishop's return. The bishops have been invited to meet at the palace in January, shortly after the return of the prelate, when a requiem service is to be celebrated for the late Archbishop Fabre. There is no doubt but that the decision of the Holy Father will then be communicated to the prelates and if Mgr. Bruchesi has received instructions to promulgate the encyclical it will be accompanied in its publication by a collective letter of the bishops, which will then be drawn up.

BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boyce, Bonshaw, on the 15th inst., a son.

DIED.

At Orwell Cove on Saturday the 18th inst. after an illness of some months, Katie E. McDonald, youngest and dearly beloved daughter of Alexander D. McDonald in the 27th year of her age, leaving a father, three brothers and three sisters to mourn the loss of a kind and loving sister and an obedient daughter. The deceased was highly esteemed by all her acquaintances for her kind and amiable disposition, and the many good qualities which she possessed. She was fortified by the last sacraments, and strengthened for the final struggle by the consolations of our holy religion. Her funeral to Vernon River took place on Monday the 20th. The funeral services were performed by Rev. Dr. Doyle, P. P. After the last sad rites the mortal remains of the respected dead were laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery. May her soul rest in peace.

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THE NEW ST. DUNSTON'S.

The Work Progressing Rapidly—Musical Programme for Midnight Mass.

The work of preparing the new St. Dunstan's Cathedral for the opening service on Christmas eve is being pushed with all possible despatch. The decorations received some additional touches last night, and the other work has also been materially advanced.

The work of removing the large organ from the old Cathedral and placing it in the new one has been successfully accomplished in a comparatively short time by Mr. Vinnicombe. The work throughout has been performed in a first-class manner, indicating that Mr. Vinnicombe's hand has lost none of its cunning as well as demonstrating the fact that it is not necessary to send abroad for men to do this class of work.

The Pontifical Mass at midnight on Christmas Eve will be celebrated by His Lordship Bishop McDonald. The musical portion of the service on the occasion will be as follows:—

- Processional March.....Orchestra
- Trois—Puer Natus Est.....Pustet.
- Kyrie & Gloria }.....Van Brees.
- Graduel—solo, Ave Verum.....Millard.
- Credo—chorus.....Van Brees.
- Et Incarnatus est—solo and quartette.....Van Brees.
- Et Resurrexit—chorus.....Van Brees.
- Offertory—solo and chorus, Adeste Fidelis, Sanctus—chorus.....Novello.
- Sanctus—chorus.....Van Brees.
- Agnus Dei—solo, quartette and chorus.....Van Brees.
- Trio—Jesu divi Dei.....

Every number on the programme will be accompanied by a full orchestra under the leadership of Mr. Vinnicombe. Professor Theodore Gallant, of St. Dunstan's College, will preside at the organ, and the whole will be under the direction of Mr. S. Blanchard, the efficient leader of the choir.

A sermon appropriate to the occasion will be delivered. An admission fee of twenty-five cents will be charged at the midnight mass.

A mirror could not lie if it wanted to. The glass has nothing to gain by flattery. If the roses of health and plumpness and beauty are leaving your face, your mirror will tell you so. Health is the greatest beautifier in the world. When a woman sees the indication of ill health in the face, she may with almost absolute certainty look for the cause in one or both of two conditions—constipation and derangement of the organs distinctly feminine. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will cure permanently and positively any so-called "female complaint." Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets will cure constipation. There is no reason in the world why a woman should not be perfectly healthy. She will gain health, strength and flesh. Hollows and angles will give place to fullness and grace. She will be that noblest and most beautiful of all creation—a perfect woman.

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Tradesman—And who, for instance, have you worked for?

Applicant—Well, er—faith, now, whin I do be t'inkin it over, it's mostly mosilf, sor.—Richmond Dispatch.

Other People's Children.

A man may have an intense love for children, but it all departs for a time when he clutches the aftermath of molasses candy on the doorknob.—Roxbury Gazette.

Great Practice.

Quizzer—How did General Guzzle get to be such a skillful strategist? Guyer—Getting to bed without waking his wife.—New York Journal.

CITY-TOWN MARKETS.

THURSDAY DEC. 23

Butter, fresh, per lb.....	0 15 to 0 21
Butter, tub, per lb.....	0 17 to 0 18
Beef per quarter.....	0 04 to 0 06
Beef small per lb.....	0 06 to 0 10
Cabbage, per head.....	0 02 to 0 04
Cheese, per lb.....	0 12 to 0 14
Cabbage, per doz.....	0 30 to 0 40
Carrots per bush.....	0 25 to 0 30
Celery.....	0 05 to 0 08
Calf Skins.....	0 07 to 0 08
Ducks, per pair.....	0 50 to 0 60
Eggs.....	0 13 to 0 16
rows.....	0 30 to 0 40
Flour, per cwt.....	0 63 to 2 25
Ceese.....	0 50 to 0 75
Hides, per.....	0 04 to 0 07
Hay.....	0 35 to 0 50
Lamb, per lb.....	0 05 to 0 06
Lettuce, new per bunch.....	0 00 to 0 05
Mangels.....	0 12 to 0 14
Oats.....	0 28 to 0 29
Oatmeal per cwt.....	2 00 to 2 25
Potatoes.....	0 00 to 0 25
Pork, per lb.....	0 40 to 0 45
Sheep pelts.....	1 25 to 2 50
Straw, per load.....	0 10 to 0 12
Turnips per bushel.....	0 60 to 2 00
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LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS

YOUR CHANCE.—To-morrow will be the last day for receiving answers to the question in James Barrett's ad. Try it again. No one barred from competitors. Fountain pen and inkstand will be awarded on Monday. Send answers in sealed envelope to Guardian Office.

STEAMERS MOVEMENTS.—Navigation between Summerside and Point Du Chene is closed for the season, and the last mail by that route was brought over by the Northumberland last evening. After landing passengers and freight at Summerside the Northumberland left for Charlottetown arriving about half-past nine o'clock. The Northumberland made her last trip last year on the 16th of December.

The Princess left for Picton this morning as usual, and will return this evening. The Princess made her last trip last season on the 21st December. There is a good deal of ice in Charlottetown harbor today which a stiff frost would speedily cement and thus close navigation for the season.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Mathew, of Souris, is reported "better" to-day.

Mr. Geo. A. Roome, the popular representative of Caverhill & Kiscock, Montreal, is in the city.

John A. Matheson, Esq., and Mrs. Matheson, of Campbellton, are visiting Charlottetown.

Mr. John Burns, the well-known contractor, of Ottawa, arrived in Charlottetown last evening.

Mr. Grierson, of Halifax, for many years travelling secretary of the Nova Scotia Provincial Sunday School Association, will address a meeting of all interested in Sunday School work in the Baptist school-room this evening at 8 o'clock.

Registered at the Queen: Mrs E. McBride, Souris; W. K. Rogers, Summerside; A. F. McArthur Conway; H. L. Middleton, Jack Isbell, St. Louis; H. Sutherland Merrell; Rev. J. M. Fisher, Malpeque. At the Hotel Davies: J. McL. Fraser, Halifax; G. A. Freeze, St. John; Wm. Welsh, Keppoch; C. Fawcett, Sackville; G. A. Roome, Montreal; John Burns, Ottawa; J. A. Matheson and wife, Campbellton, Lot 4.

The latest rumor about the Senatorship is to the effect that it is likely to call Mr. Ben. Rogers, of Alberton. He has, it is said, the support of Mr. Perry and Rev. Father Dugald, besides many other prominent men, and leaves for Ottawa at once to press home his claims.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mills, of Summerside, will be absent from the Province during the winter. They left for Washington a few days ago and will visit several other important cities en route. From Washington they will proceed to Southern California where they will remain till the spring.

THINGS TO MAKE A NOTE OF.

SCOTTISH SONGS, Scottish readings, Scottish music, in the basement of Zion Church Tuesday evening, Dec. 28th.

Spend Xmas afternoon in the rink. If you cannot come in the afternoon come at night. Band on both occasions.

Bugle calls, cornet solo, autoharp selections, also songs and recitations at the Temperance Crusaders concert on Christmas night. Don't forget.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT.—Public concert by the Temperance Crusaders in Wright's Hall. Tickets 10 cents, children 5 cents. Come and hear the bugle calls by bugler Wakefield, cornet and autoharp selections, songs and recitations. Doors open at 7, concert at 7.30

Prince Edward Island Illustrated. Price 25c, for sale at all the bookstores.

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.

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