

GRAND OPENING OF HOLIDAY GOODS

DECEMBER 5th, '07
and following days

GREETING: Christmas again.

Year after year it comes upon us with an almost startling suddenness and we can scarcely realize that another twelve months has passed by. This is the time of year above all others when good will and love pervade the very air and when deeds of kindness and generosity show up as bright lights in the regular routine of the daily world. It has been the custom at this season for many long ages to express good fellowship in a practical manner by the giving and receiving of gifts. But the happiest task and perhaps the hardest task of all the year is the selecting of suitable gifts. We know that, and for this reason we have prepared this advertisement full of suggestions from our own specially bought XMAS STOCK, from which we believe you will be able to make the choicest selections in your gift-giving, if not in one line, then in another. Many things we have not listed here, but enough to illustrate the immense variety of holiday goods we have in stock.

Fancy and Useful

There is a world of variety in our Fancy Goods lines for Xmas and every piece picked and purchased with some one in view as a prospective buyer. In looking around through this Department you will see pretty things in French Gilt, Brass Novelties, Mirrors, Photo Frames, Work Baskets, Writing Desks, Manicure Sets, Bead Bags, Purses, Brush and Comb Sets, Clocks, Ink Stands, and a hundred and one things more to delight the eye, please the taste, fit the purse, and be a daily reminder of the honor.

Books

Never tire giving Books. A good book for the boys and girls is the choicest of gifts; and among the holiday publications are to be found some of the daintiest gems in an artistic way we have yet had to offer.

Calendars and Xmas Cards

We are this year making a special feature of Souvenir Calendars printed with Bear River Views. Our stock in this line is sure to please everybody's taste and pocket. We have Xmas Cards in endless variety, little reminders of the season, such as everybody is looking for.

Holiday Stationery

One cannot imagine the gift of a box of Stationery of a tasteful design ever being amiss. We have a particularly choice selection this year, embracing every possible design, colour, shape, price.

Fountain Pens

A Fountain Pen is a very practical present to give to some friend to whom you know it would be useful. If you make such a present be sure you buy a reliable kind. We sell the Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens in a number of styles with plain or chased handles or with gold bands. Every pen guaranteed.

Holiday Jewelry

We have a special showing of Xmas Jewelry imported direct from the best makers, consisting of Locketts, Brooches, Collar Pins, Neck Chains, Rings, Ladies' Watches, Cuff and Collar Buttons, etc. and you will find these goods displayed in the show case in centre counter. The interesting part of it all, however, is the exceedingly low price we've placed on every piece.

Silverware

Among the most pretty novelties for Xmas, giving there are scores of dainty things in Silverware which not only add attractiveness to the table, but in themselves are serviceable. Our stock of Flat and Hollow Ware is very complete, all in the new patterns and prices below competition.

Novelties, In Dry Goods.

Pillow Shams, Bureau Scarfs, Sofa Cushion Tops, Tray Cloths, Ladies' Fancy Neckwear, Gloves, Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, all make appropriate Xmas presents.

Dress Goods

Nothing appeals more to a woman than a handsome dress or skirt pattern. For that very reason we have paid special attention to our Dress Goods Department which is well assorted with seasonable shades for the Xmas trade. We invite you to this Department when visiting our store.

Gifts for Men

Ties, Gloves, Boots, Handkerchiefs, Slippers, Mufflers, Suspenders, etc. etc.

Soliciting your Holiday trade and wishing you a Merry Xmas,
We are, Yours very truly,
CLARKE BROS'.
BEAR RIVER, - - Nova Scotia

The Perils of the Sea.

Wreck of Largest Schooner Afloat.

HUGH TOWN, December 14.—After successfully riding out a succession of gales which she encountered all way across, in which she lost all of her lifeboats, the American seven-masted schooner Thomas W. Lawson, captained in Broad Sound, where the captain sought shelter from the fierce storm raging along the English coast last night.

Of the crew of eighteen, including Pilot Hicks, who boarded the ship from a lifesaving boat during the night, only three were rescued. These were Captain G. W. Dow, of Melrose, Mass., Edward Rowe, the engineer, of Wiscasset, Maine, and George Allen, of Bradford, England. The schooner left Philadelphia November 19 for London, with a cargo of oil. When she entered the Broad Sound, her captain, knowing the danger of the coast, threw out his anchors. Later, in answer to his signals of distress, the life savers put out two lifeboats and found the Lawson anchored in a dangerous position off Gunner's Rock. The sea was running high and the gale was increasing, and the life savers found that their efforts were fruitless. One of the boats returned for a tug and the other was compelled to put back to shore because of the exhaustion of the men.

In this interval the Lawson turned turtle. Allen is not expected to live. Captain Dow is suffering from a fractured arm. His rescue was effected only through the superhuman efforts of the life savers and the gallantry of Frederick Hicks, son of Thomas Hicks, who accompanied them on their second trip in the hope of finding his father. Late yesterday, after a long search, Captain Dow and Engineer Rowe were seen alive on the Welwelter Rocks, to which they had clung for fifteen hours, the tremendous waves preventing their landing. Young Hicks plunged into the boiling seas and swam ashore carrying a life line by which he and the captain hauled back to the boat the engineer who was practically uninjured. After assisting Captain Dow, Hicks reached the boat unaided, but the effort exhausted him and the doctors ordered him to remain quiet to-night.

Captain Dow told the life savers that when he found his vessel was doomed, he, the engineer and the pilot lashed themselves to the mizen rigging. The mast fell, the vessel was hoisted, the engineer managed to get clear. They jumped to the deck, but were washed overboard and carried by the current to the rocks, where they were found. Pilot Hicks, however, seemed to be entangled in the rigging.

Fight for Life By Four Barge Crews.

CHARLESTON, R. I., December 14.—Tossed helplessly about in angry seas off Block Island Sound, the crew of the four barges which formed the tow of the Hercules, bound from Newport, for New London, faced death for hours to-night while the crews of two life-saving stations battled with the storm, the seas and a biting north-east wind, in an effort to rescue them. The crew of the tug which was beached in a sinking condition escaped in their lifeboat, and aided the life savers in their endeavors to get off the crews of the barges. On account of the violence of the storm the lifeboats could not be lowered, although the crew of the Quonochontaug life station tried for several hours to do so. It was not until the gale had driven the four imperiled craft from their anchorage toward the shore that it was possible to make use of the breeches buoy and extend hope of rescue. By this method the life savers took off the only man on the barge Elk, during the evening, and several hours later they were still at work trying to shoot their life lines across the other barges.

HERCULES STRUCK WRECKAGE.
The tug Hercules struck a piece of sunken wreckage believed to be a part of the Joy line steamer Larchmont, which was wrecked in Block Island Sound last February. Finding that bottom, Captain Stevens cut his tow line and ordered the boat headed for the beach. Although filling rapidly she managed to reach shallow water and grounded while the captain and his crew of ten men took to the lifeboats and landed safely on the beach. They had struck at a point about half way between the Watch Hill and Quonochontaug life saving station, and on a stretch of beach about a mile in length, which is not patrolled by the crew of either station. In the blinding snow storm, they picked their way along the shore until they met Patrolman Herbert Greenwood, of the Watch Hill station and guided by him, they reached that station.

SENT OUT ANOTHER CREW.
Captain Davis, of the Watch Hill station, decided that as the wind was from the northeast, it might be possible for the crew of the Quonochontaug station to go to the assistance of the barges, but it seemed a hopeless task to try to reach the barges from his own station, as the crew would have

to row in the teeth of the sixty mile gale. Word was sent to the Quonochontaug station, and the crew of that station under command of Captain Wilson, launched their self-bailing surf boat and pulled out towards the point where the barges were anchored, about 1,000 feet from shore, while the Watch Hill crew and the crew of the Hercules took their breeches buoy off shore to enable the short line to reach her, but at a late hour the life savers were still on the beach, hoping that this barge also would drag its anchor and come within helping distance. One man only was on board the J. C. Wyman, the five rescued from the other barges were taken to a cottage, called "Driftwood," near by. This is a summer cottage, and was unoccupied, the life savers forced their way into it and soon had a roaring blaze in the fire-places for comfort of rescued men, who were almost exhausted from their long exposure to the cold and the sea, which dashed over the decks of their vessel.

NO FURTHER SURVIVORS YET DISCOVERED.

The search up to noon failed to discover any further survivors. The number of drowned is said to be eighteen. Allen, who was very seriously injured and may not recover. From what has been learned from the semi-conscious man, it seems that the Lawson encountered prolonged bad weather and lost all her boats on the trip out from Philadelphia. She sighted the Solity Island yesterday afternoon, and finding herself in a dangerous position, dropped both anchors in the hope that the weather would moderate. The captain thought it wise to send back one of the life boats that came out to secure the assistance of a steam tug. The St. Agnes life boat crew continued to stand by the straining schooner until the exhausted condition of its crew made it absolutely necessary to seek the shelter of a harbor. At midnight the wind rose to hurricane force and the vessel, battered by the waves, turned over. Allen says that he last saw the captain and mate of the Lawson and the pilot lashed to the rigging.

Fierce Gales on the English Coast.

LONDON, December 14.—The fierce gales which have raged on the coasts of the United Kingdom for the past few days show little signs of abating and the heavy rains have flooded almost all the inner lowlands. Communication generally is much hampered. The harbors and bays are crowded with vessels that have run in for shelter. There have been many small accidents. The American schooner Thomas W. Lawson, the fatalities thus far reported are not numerous. The most serious wreck happened near Sheerness this morning, when the cutter, the "Hesperus," struck by a heavy sea and went down. There were thirteen liberty men on board at the time, and only five of them were rescued. The entire Thames valley is a huge lake. The river is out of its banks and rising rapidly. The great floors of scores of Riverside residences are uninhabitable.

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