

**LOCAL ADVERTISING.**

Hereafter the following charges will be made on reading notices inserted in The Standard:  
 Church Notices, Sunday Services, 5c. per line of six words.  
 Church Concerts, Church Festivals, Lodge Concerts and Notices, and all other notices of meetings, 10c. per line of six words. Double rates for back page.  
**NO MORE FREE LOCALS.**

**AROUND THE CITY**

**Carleton Band Meeting Postponed.**  
 The meeting of the Carleton Band to have been held this evening has been postponed until next Friday evening.

**Horse Dies.**  
 A valuable horse owned by Harry McBeath, the Charlotte street grocer died Wednesday night after a few weeks' illness.

**Mrs. Campbell's Condition.**  
 Mrs. T. Wilfred Campbell, who underwent an operation in the private hospital yesterday, is doing as well as can be expected.

**Church Union in Norton.**  
 The Presbyterians of Norton, N. B., have returned their ballots on the question of union. Forty voting for union and seventeen against.

**Pleasant Drive.**  
 A large party of ladies and gentlemen enjoyed a sleigh drive out the Westmorland Road last night and on their return to the city were all entertained at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grey on St. Patrick street.

**Police Station at Home.**  
 The visitors to the central police station last evening were given a pleasing surprise when Officers McLaren and Gosline were the entertainers and served the guests with steaming hot clam bouillon.

**Many Coasters.**  
 Policeman Gosline was called to Sewall street last night by a citizen to scatter a crowd of young people who were having an enjoyable time coasting down the hill. There was quite a crowd on the hill, but when the brass buttons put in an appearance the street was soon deserted.

**Will Rebuild Woodside Refinery.**  
 Advice from Halifax yesterday stated that the directors of the Acadia Sugar Refining Company had decided to rebuild the Woodside refinery immediately. The new refinery will have a capacity of 3,000 bbls. per day. The company's refinery at Woodside was burned a few days ago.

**It is Cold Weather.**  
 The prisoners in the County Jail should have no complaint to make as regards the comforts provided as far as the heating is concerned. Wednesday afternoon the chain gang were at work putting in 40 tons of coal and this makes no less than 50 tons of coal that has been hauled to the jail so far this winter.

**Petitioning Against Ferry Rates.**  
 Petitions in opposition to the increased rates of ferry tolls have been prepared and will be presented to East and West End citizens for signatures. A large committee has volunteered for this duty. Petitions have also been placed in the Union Foundry's office and in W. H. Fowler's office on Rodney wharf, where they may be obtained by persons willing to sign or help circulate them. When signed the petitions will be presented to the Lieutenant Governor in Council and will probably be supported by a large delegation from this city.

**WOMAN LIVING IN ABJECT POVERTY**

Yesterday afternoon an entry was made on the books at the Central Police Station which told a pathetic story. The report was to the effect that Jane Lyons, an aged woman, was living in one room of the house 103 Pond street, and was in a destitute condition, having neither food nor fuel beyond what is supplied by neighbors.  
 A reporter made some inquiries last night, and it appears that the report is not only entered from a sympathetic standpoint, but also, perhaps, aid a constable in performing a duty assigned to him. The old woman is living in abject poverty, and also is in debt. Constable Godfrey has been holding a distraint warrant against the woman for some time, and on each occasion that he has tried to enter the house to serve the warrant the woman refused him admittance and could not be persuaded to open the door. Yesterday morning he called on S. M. Wetmore, secretary of the S. P. C. A., and reported the destitute condition of the woman, and Mr. Wetmore will look into the case today.

**LABOR COUNCIL IS ANNOYED AT CITY**

A meeting of the trades and labor council was held last evening, but the business before it was mostly of a routine nature. A sub-committee reported that they had waited upon Premier Fleming and Hon. Robert Maxwell and laid before them the views of the council regarding the desired amendments to the workingmen's compensation act and factory act, and urged upon the premier the need of appointing a commissioner of labor with a portfolio in the cabinet.  
 A resolution was adopted condemning the action of the city council in awarding the contract for the city printing to a non-union shop. It is understood that the labor men will ask the city council to provide that when it gives tax exemptions to companies in the city, a clause shall be inserted in the agreement obliging said companies to pay the union rate of wages to their employees.

**EMPERESS OF IRELAND TO BE HERE TONIGHT**

**Big C. P. R. Liner Brings the Largest Number of Passengers of Season—List of Saloon Passengers.**

The Royal mail Canadian Pacific Railway steamship Empress of Ireland will dock at her berth tonight from Liverpool. She has on board over 1,100 passengers, the largest of her season. The following is the list of her saloon passengers:  
 C. Baby, Greencourt, Alta.; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brittain, London; C. Wentworth Clarke, Regina; F. Collins, Toronto; James Dickinson, Redruth, Eng.; G. Drummond, Liverpool; Arthur N. Fielden, London; Miss E. J. Fourley, Harrogate, Eng.; O. V. Girdsick, Winnipeg; A. J. Hamblin, Beckley, Eng.; J. C. Harvey, Mrs. Harvey and infant and nurse, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson, Sunderland; Major A. Heneage, Miss Heneage, H. Hichling, London; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Holden, Bolton; H. Jackson, Manchester; A. G. Kearney, Belfast, Ire.; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Lecky, infant and maid; Miss Margaret A. S. Ley, London; H. C. McCulliskey, Carlisle; Mrs. G. W. Morrison, Manchester; Mrs. C. P. S. Morris, London; Miss Frances Panter, Miss Grace Panter, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Pearce, London; Rev. and Mrs. Richard Rowley, D. D., Chicago; R. Simms, London; Mrs. J. Steadman, Miss Steadman, Vancouver; Mr. A. Stowell, London; Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Theed, Summerland; Harry K. Todd, Montreal; Mrs. Wallace Watson, Manchester, Eng.; Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Wreen, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wright, Crossmaglen, Ire.

**HOTEL PROPRIETORS IN POLICE COURT TODAY**

**Cases Where They Have Neglected to Install Fire Escapes will be Taken Up this Morning.**

The cases against the Park, Windsor St. John, and Adams' hotels charged by the factory inspector with failing to comply with the provisions of the act regarding fire escapes will come up in the police court this morning. Since notice was served on them two of the hotels have put in the ropes in the sleeping chambers and tried to comply with all the provisions of the act, but as the act is not very specific on some points, they have not put in attachments for the ropes to the satisfaction of the inspector.  
 The owners or proprietors of hotels are liable to a fine of from \$20 to \$200 for failure to comply with the act. Quite a number of hotels throughout the province have not yet complied with it and they will be proceeded against as fast as the factory inspector can get round to them. Hotel proprietors who get busy putting in the necessary apparatus may avoid being called upon for large fines.  
 Apparently the great majority of hotel proprietors throughout the province are hardworking, stay-at-home people, and have not learned how the sleeping room ropes are installed in other places. A good many have with the intention of complying with the act, failed to affix the ropes in a proper manner. What is wanted is a ring bolt screwed into a joist near the top of the window with the end of the rope slipped in the eye.

**WORKERS MAY ASK FOR HIGHER WAGES**

**Advances in Cost of Living May Lead Mechanics and Artizans to Demand Higher Wages this Spring.**

Some of the results of what Mr. Burditt, speaking before a meeting of the city council, called the exploiting of the anticipated development work in St. John, are not likely to prove very satisfactory to several classes of citizens. In spite of the increases in rents during recent years there is likely to be a sharp and pretty general advance again this spring; carmen are cited of very sharp advances asked by landlords, affecting more particularly the professional and moderately well to do class. The advance in rents is also affecting the workers, and this combined with the general increase in the cost of living is causing great activity in labor circles. The plumbers who are now receiving from \$2.00 to \$2.50 a day have notified their employers that they want \$3.00 a day after May 1st, and it is expected that quite a number of other trades will demand higher wages this spring. A great deal of organizing work has been done this year and the number of organized workers in the city is much greater now than at any previous period. In many trades wages here are said to be lower than in other Canadian cities of similar size, and the workers are generally determined to take advantage of the boom to secure better returns for their labor.

**LARGE GANG WILL BE NEEDED ON WHARF**

Mr. Charlson, engineer in charge of the construction of the new government wharf at Sand Point, arrived from Ottawa yesterday. Speaking of the programme of the contractors he said that they expected to have the work in full swing by the middle of May. Very little, he said, could be done until the timber for the wharf was brought out, except to prepare the foundation. Contracts for sufficient timber to keep the contractors busy during the season had been let, and the reports indicated that the timber would be out in good time. When the work is well under way a large gang of men will be employed, and an effort made to complete the construction of the wharf well within the time specified.

**Dry Bundled Kindling.**

All the leading wood merchants now handle our kindling. Ask for it when sending in your orders. It's the best on the market. Wilson Box Co., Ltd., Phone West 99.  
 You'll have more money for other things if you wear Humphrey Solid Footwear, because it lasts longest.  
**New Spring Dress Goods.**  
 This year's designing of ladies' wool fabrics has brought forth such materials as stand for comfort, reliability and satisfaction. Serges, Tweeds, Broadcloths and Venetians are the lines that will be used and they will take their place in popularity in the order named above. F. A. Dykeman and Co. have received their new spring stock and it consists chiefly of the above named goods, all of them at the attractive prices usually found on goods at this store.

**First Showing Spring Costumes.**

F. W. Daniel and Co., corner King street announce their first showing of spring costumes and coats today and Saturday. They have secured the goods of one of the most renowned makers this season, and have some wonderful attractive costumes, each with a little distinctive touch. Those coming to see these goods may have the greatest confidence as the fitting in every case is guaranteed. There is also special provision for stout figures.  
 Maurice Costello at Nickel.  
 The Vitagraph's universal favorite and matinee hero, Maurice Costello, the society-financial drama, A Romance of Wall street, at Nickel today and Saturday. Read the advt.

**Bank Clearings.**  
 Clearings for week ending 15th February, \$1,402,992, corresponding week last year, \$1,176,036.



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 Teeth filled or extracted free of pain by the celebrated "HALE METHOD."  
 All branches of dental work done in the most skillful manner.  
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**\$1.18 a Pair**  
**King Street Store**  
 Women's fine quality of Vici Kid, One Strap, Slippers, military heels, hand-turned soles. Our regular \$1.50 and \$1.75 slippers. We have placed this lot on sale at  
**\$1.18 a Pair**  
 At Our King Street Store  
 Ladies will find this a good chance to obtain a real nice house slipper at low price.

**Waterbury & Rising, Ltd**

King St. Union St. Mill St.  
 The Best Quality at a Reasonable Price  
**Are Your Eyes Worth The Best Glasses?**  
 You can buy glasses at almost any price, and you will pay just about the value of the glasses.  
 If you think that the glasses that cost but a few cents are good enough for your eyes, it is perhaps wise that you should buy that kind and put away the money saved for the time when no glasses will be of any service to you.  
 But if you consider your sight a priceless treasure, then the best will be none too good.  
 We make high-grade spectacles and eye glasses exclusively and turn out a product not found in the ordinary shop, every pair being fully guaranteed.  
 If your eyes are worth this kind come in and let us make up for you what your eyes require.

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 SOLD IN  
**2 1-2 lb. Packages at 25c**  
**5 lb. Packages at 50c**  
 Never Sold in Bulk  
 A 5 lb. package will cover 50 square yards. Call and get the decorators and see the beautiful color combinations.  
**W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd.**  
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**Special Prices at the Right Time**  
 Just When You Need Them Most We Are Offering  
**SPECIAL PRICES ON OVERSHOES**  
**Men's Four Buckle Jersey Overshoes, \$2.45**  
**Women's One Buckle and Two Strap Jersey Overshoes, \$1.98**  
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**Men's One Buckle Jersey Overshoes, \$1.65**  
 These are all Maltese Cross Brand Overshoes, the best made.  
**E. G. McColough, Limited**  
 THE SLATER SHOE SHOP 81 KING STREET



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 WEARS LIKE IRON  
 A HIGH GRADE VARNISH AND STAIN COMBINED  
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 OAK, DARK OAK, WALNUT, MAHOGANY, CHERRY, MALA CHITE GREEN, OX BLOOD RED, ENAMEL GREEN, ENAMEL RED, BRILLIANT BLACK, DEAD BLACK, NATURAL, GLOSS WHITE, GROUND, BLUE, GOLD AND ALUMINUM.  
 Prices 18c to 90c per Tin  
**EMERSON & FISHER, LTD.**  
 25 Germain Street

**Only Two Days More For Free Hemming**  
**A Sale of New Style Blouse Waists and Odd Lines and Sizes**  
 This is a pleasing array of the new season's models together with a few desirable odd lines and sizes which are to be offered at very tempting figures.  
**COMMENCING THIS MORNING**  
 At 95c Each—BLOUSES in fine quality white lawn, trimmed with heavy lace insertion and edgings; others with Val. lace and insertions. High and Dutch necks, kimono sleeves. Sizes 34 to 40.  
 At 95c Each—BLOUSES in white lawn, tailored, with clusters of fine tucks, breast pocket, new set-in sleeves; laundered collars and cuffs. Sizes 34 to 42.  
 At \$1.25 Each—BLOUSES in extra fine quality white lawn, handsomely embroidered in all white and in colors, including the new rose and blue shades; Dutch neck, kimono sleeves. Also very pretty all-over Blouses, trimmed with Cluny lace insertion; kimono sleeves, high neck. Others trimmed with insertion and lace medallions, high neck and set-in sleeves. Sizes 34 to 40.  
 At 75c Each—BLOUSES in striped Madras, grey and blue with soft finished collars and cuffs; also Colored Cotton Blouses in black and white stripes and white with black spots.  
 At 95c Each—PETER PAN BLOUSES of white cotton Duck, collar and tie of Rose Chambray, two breast pockets. Sizes 34, 36, 38.  
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**Come For These Great Values In Boys' Three-Piece Suits**  
**TWEED SUITS**, good strong materials in greys and browns; bloomer pants. Ages 12 to 16 years. Sale prices ..... \$3.10  
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**EXTRA VALUE TWEED, WORSTED AND SAXONY SUITS**, stripes, checks and mixtures in browns, greys and greens. Double-breasted coats; bloomer and straight pants. Ages 12 to 16 years. Sale price ..... \$4.50  
**A SPECIAL LOT OF THESE SUITS** in Tweeds, Worsteds and Cheviots, several shades of grey, brown and green in stripes, checks and mixtures. Some of the Suits have two pairs of bloomer pants. Ages 12 to 16 years. Sale price ..... \$5.00  
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**BOYS' STRAIGHT PANTS**, a limited number of pairs in good stout Tweeds; medium and dark colors. All sizes. Sale price, pair ..... 50c.  
 Everything in our large stock of Men's and Boys' Clothing is offered now at February sale prices.  
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