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There is no shoe repairer who cannot fully satisfy at a price. Apply. Will you not come here and see for the Superiority and Excellence of our shoes, and a sign of Good Shoes?  
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"The Home of Good Shoes,"  
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IN having a set of new sign markers, I have just received. Print your own Christmas cards and price tickets. No retail business can afford to be without them; saves you all kinds of money. Also everything in rubber stamps, daters, automatic numbering machines, stencils, high class brass sign work. R. J. Logan, 73 Main street, opp. Canadian Bank of Commerce.  
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Beef, Pork and Provisions  
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We have a large assortment of MOULDING, CASING and FINISH always on hand. Also SASHES, DOORS, ETC. We can supply anything in the wood line for buildings at short notice. Prices right.  
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**Medicated Wines**  
In Stock—A Consistent of Jerez-Quna Medicated Wines  
Indorsed by the Medical Faculty.  
Prepared with the most select wines from the Jerez district, Spain. Calceola and other herbs which contribute towards its effect as a tonic and appetizer.  
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**RICHARD SULLIVAN & CO**  
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Direct Importers and dealers in all the leading brands of Wines and Liquors. We also carry in stock the best Wines in Canada very old Rye Whisky, Ales and stout. Importers and Dealers. CIGARS.  
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WILLIAM A. WILLIAMS, successor to M. & T. McGuire, Importer and Retail Wine and Spirit Merchant, 10 & 12 Prince William St. Established 1877. Write for family price list.  
**Winter Overcoating**  
Latest Styles and Newest Cloths.  
J. S. MacLENNAN, 73 Union St. W. E.

**A Leap Year Tip--Methods Queens Have Adopted in Proposing**



QUEEN VICTORIA. QUEEN WILHELMINA. Pictures of Queen Wilhelmina and Queen Victoria, taken about the time they proposed.

Of the famous women of history who have proposed marriage, few have taken advantage of the leap year privilege of womankind. Although tradition credits several notable women with tales of how they proposed marriage to men in some cases rejected and in others accepted them, the more gallant facts of history give credit only to royalty for the exercise of the prerogative. Among the queens who proposed were:  
Marie Therese, empress of Austria and queen of Hungary, was sole heiress to the Austrian dominions when she met the Archduke Francis Joseph of Lorraine, in 1735. With the imperiousness that characterized her, she chose Francis for her husband and ordered the ministers of her father, Charles VI, to notify him of the honor. Francis was, fortunately for her, enamored of her wonderful beauty. He accepted formally, but their marriage proved remarkably happy for a royal one. Marie Therese made Francis her coregent in 1740 and empress in 1750.  
Elizabeth of Russia, daughter of Peter the Great, dispossessed of her rights by the Regent, Anna Leopoldovna and her son Ivan, came back to the throne of her father through the conspiracy achieved by Alexis Razumovsky. After her accession to Russia's throne, Elizabeth proposed marriage to Razumovsky, a request equitable to a command, and married him nuptially in the palace chapel. Although Elizabeth had one daughter, she made Peter of Holstein, husband of the famous Empress Catherine, her heir. The marriage of Elizabeth and Razumovsky was not happy.  
Elizabeth of England in the thirteenth year of her reign found her kingdom in such a perilous crisis that she sent an ambassador to the Emperor Maximilian at Spire, informing him that she would be willing to make alliance with his brother, the Archduke Charles. The emperor replied

that his brother "had turned his thoughts on another match and was now engaged to a princess with whom there could be no disputes on the subject of religion." Elizabeth naturally grew wroth over the ungracious refusal of her proposal, declaring "that the emperor had offered her so great an insult that if she had been a man instead of a woman, she would have defied him to single combat."  
Catherine Parr, stepmother of Elizabeth and widow of Henry VIII, proposed to Thomas Seymour, brother of the Earl of Hertford, shortly after Henry's death and before the reading of the dead king's will. Seymour was declared to have been in love with the Princess Elizabeth, and to have become betrothed to Catherine simply for ambition, hoping that she would be made regent during the minority of her stepson Edward. But the Earl of Hertford had been designated for that office. Seymour and Catherine were married in the chapel with Elizabeth for a witness, 30 days after Henry's death, but Catherine died, heart broken by her husband's neglect and coldness, a few years later.

Victoria, of England, proposed marriage to Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha in 1829, a year after she had been crowned queen of England, succeeding her uncle, William IV, and when she was but 20 years of age. The Princess Victoria had been raised in retirement by her mother, the Duchess of Kent, and her aunt, the Duchess of Northumberland, and was out any expectation of the necessity of asking one of the royal gentlemen of Europe to become a prince-consort. Upon her accession to the throne however, the slight royalties of Europe were diplomatically brought to her attention. Her interest, however, was won by the obscure prince of Saxe-Gotha. The story goes that Queen Victoria made her proposal to the prince with incident, with a copy of the public view of Kensington Gardens! Their marriage was one of the most domesticated placid in the history of royal families.  
The most recent marriage consummated through the known proposal of the woman was that of Queen Wilhelmina, who has ascended the throne as a child with her mother as regent, and an experience very similar to that of Queen Victoria. With the eligible royalties of Europe at her disposal she selected a prince whose principal diplomatic claim was his ability to do the duties of a diplomat in method more carefully studied than those of her predecessors in the art, but the Dutch people greeted their queen's betrothal with acclamation.

**SCENES OF ENTHUSIASM MARKED NEW YEAR RALLY**

**Methodist Sunday Schools Gathered in Centenary Church Yesterday Morning and Opened the New Year with Most Successful Service - Greetings Exchanged.**

The fourth annual New Year's rally of the Methodist Sunday schools of St. John and district, held in the Centenary church yesterday morning was a success in every way. Although the weather looked somewhat threatening the attendance was much larger than in previous years. The children of the Silver Falls Sunday school came to the city in bookboards, and there were large representations from the Sabbath schools of Centenary, Queen Square, Exmouth, Portland, Carleton, Carmarthen, Zion, Fairville as well as from the Marsh Bridge Mission and Glad Tidings Mission in attendance.  
Among the features of the proceedings was the ceremony of saluting the flag, and the enthusiasm which marked the reception of a personal telegram from the Governor-General, conveying New Year greetings to the gathering.  
The meeting convened at 10.30 a. m., with Rev. G. A. Ross in the chair. E. E. Thomas officiated as conductor. M. L. Harrison acted as leader of the orchestra, and Miss Alice Hea presided at the organ. After a short service of song, Rev. Wm. Lawson read a lesson from the Scriptures, and Rev. J. J. Pinkerton offered a prayer.  
An impressive exercise called saluting the flag, was then performed. At its conclusion the choir, one being the Canadian flag, appeared on the platform, and the gathering rising came to the salute, and solemnly chanted the union.  
"I promise to be loyal and true to my flag and to the Empire real and ideal, it stands." Then all present joined in singing "My Own Canadian Home." After this pleasing function Rev. H. E. Thomas of the Carleton Methodist church delivered an interesting address, dealing with the responsibilities and opportunities of Sunday school work.  
He was followed by His Worship Mayor Frink, who spoke briefly, extending greetings on behalf of the city to the gathering.  
The chairman then asked that delegates be named to convey the greetings of the Methodist gathering to the rally of Presbyterians and Congregationalists being held at St. David's church, and Rev. Wilfred Gaetz and F. S. Thomas were selected for this duty. At this point Rev. Gordon Dickie and D. McArthur appeared and spoke briefly, conveying the greetings of the Presbyterian-Congregational rally to the gathering.  
Telegrams of Greeting.  
F. R. Murray then read the following telegrams of greeting sent from the St. John gathering and the replies which were returned.  
St. John, N. B., Dec. 30th, 1911.  
Dr. Frank Woodbury, Halifax, N. S.  
Eleven Methodist Sunday schools of this city and vicinity will meet on New Year's day in fourth annual gathering. Please convey to the Sunday schools of our sister city best wishes that nineteen twelve may be the happiest and most useful of all. Read twentieth Psalm, verses one to five.  
G. A. ROSS, Chairman Gathering.  
F. R. MURRAY, Chairman Executive.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 30th, 1911.  
His Royal Highness,  
The Governor General,  
Ottawa, Ont.  
Eleven Methodist Sunday schools, with total membership of three thousand six hundred, meet in annual gathering on New Year's Day. On behalf these schools, wish their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught a most happy New Year. We assure you that the King and his representatives in Canada have our love and patriotic devotion.  
G. A. ROSS,  
Chairman Gathering.  
F. R. MURRAY,  
Chairman Executive.

F. R. Murray,  
St. John, N. B.  
I thank you and the Methodist Sunday schools for your very kind telegram and the Christmas telegram which I wish you every possible happiness in the new year.  
ARTHUR.  
An Enthusiastic Scene.  
Before Mr. Murray started to read the telegram from the Governor General, signed with his own name. Instead of the name of the secretary as were telegrams received on former occasions from the Governor General, the chairman asked the gathering to rise when the telegram was being read as a mark of respect to the representative of the King. This request was complied with, and after the message had been read, the great concert of the people sang enthusiastically the National Anthem.  
After some more singing the chairman adjourned the meeting and the children and their teachers filed out by schools, each pupil as he passed the door being presented with a stick of chocolate. Outside the church they formed up four deep and marched to King Square where they were joined by the Presbyterian and Congregational schools. The combined schools sang a hymn. Then D. McArthur, called upon his followers to give three cheers for the Methodist church, and done with a will. Then F. R. Murray called upon the forces from Centenary to return the compliment and they in turn gave three rousing cheers.  
After this the whole gathering cheered the King and the Governor General and dispersed.  
The arrangements for the rally in Centenary church were in charge of a committee consisting of the superintendents of all the Methodist Sunday schools. Of this committee F. R. Murray was chairman, Alfred Burley, secretary and R. D. Smith treasurer.  
School Statistics.  
According to a statistical report submitted to the gathering, the total enrollment of pupils in the Methodist Sunday schools in 1911 was 3,697, while the officers and teachers numbered 285. The various amounts raised by these schools last year was \$3,414.88. The Portland school, with 35 officers and teachers, and 923 scholars is the largest.

**WHITE'S COVE NEWS.**  
White's Cove, Jan. 1.—Mrs. L. P. Farris came home on Thursday from Montreal and is much improved. Mr. Farris, who is at Chipman, is expected home today.  
Scott Orchard, who spent a few weeks at Portland, Maine, came home for Christmas. He was taken very ill but is now slowly improving.  
Miss Lou Reardon who spent her vacation at home leaves this morning for Fredericton to resume her studies at Normal School.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Young are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.  
The ice in Grand Lake is not yet fit for teams.  
**Shiloh's Cure**  
quickly stops coughs, cures colds, heats the throat and lungs. — 25 cents.

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BILLETTS  
IT'S 100% PURE  
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Grace, beauty and quality are all combined in silver articles marked 847 ROGERS BROS.  
This brand, known as "Silver Plate that Wears" is made in the heaviest grade of plate. There are many designs from which to choose.  
Sold by Leading Dealers

**OXO Cubes**  
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Exact—convenient—indispensable in the kitchen.  
4 Cubes—10c.

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After years of experience in Ladies' Custom Tailoring, and having been caterer to a most exclusive class, I am in a position to guarantee absolute satisfaction as regards the price, quality and workmanship of my goods. Your inspection and patronage is respectfully solicited.

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**But Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Cured Her.**  
Upper Sandusky, Ohio.—"Three years ago I was married and went to housekeeping. I was not feeling well, and could hardly drag myself along. I had such tired feelings, my back hurt, my sides ached, I had bladder trouble awfully bad, and I could not eat or sleep. I had headaches too, and became almost nervous wreck. My doctor told me to go to a hospital. I did not like that idea very well, so when I saw your advertisement in a paper, I wrote to you for advice. I have done as you told me. "I have taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills, and now I have my health. "I stick and cling to your medicine, they would get relief."—Mrs. BENJ. H. STANBERRY, Route 6, Box 18, Upper Sandusky, Ohio.  
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—APIOL, Chemist, SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND.  
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**Mail Contract**  
Sealed Tenders addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, 2nd February, 1912, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for four years and 6 lines per week each way, between Beltsville, Hoyt Station and Juvenile Settlement (Rural Delivery) from the Postmaster General's pleasure.  
Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Hoyt Station and Royal office and in the office of the Post Office Inspector at St. John, Post Office Department, Mail Service Branch, Ottawa, 15th December, 1911. G. C. ANDERSON, Superintendent.

**SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST LAND REGULATIONS.**  
Any person or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter section of available Dominion land in the Territories, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any Royal office, on certain conditions by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister intending to reside on the land.  
Duties—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within five miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres, the time required to work the land by him or his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.  
In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section along the railroad homestead. Price \$30 per acre.  
Duties—Must reside upon the homestead or pre-emptor must live within six miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres, the time required to work the land by him or his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.  
A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption in certain districts, may pre-empt in certain districts. Price \$30 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth \$300.00.  
By Order of the Minister of the Interior, N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be tolerated.

**Assessors' Notice**  
The Board of Assessors of Taxes for the City of Saint John hereby require all persons liable to be rated for the year 1912 forthwith to furnish to the Assessors true statements of all their property, real, estate, personal estate and income, which is assessed under "The Saint John City Assessment Act, 1909," and hereby give notice that blank forms on which statements may be furnished can be obtained at the office of the assessors, and that such statements must be perfected under oath and filed in the office of the assessors, within thirty days from the first day of January, A. D., 1912.  
ARTHUR W. SHARP, Chairman.  
URIAH DRAKE,  
TIMOTHY LANTALUM,  
JOHN ROSS.

**Public Notice**  
THE UNDERSIGNED having been appointed by the common council of the city of St. John a committee of the said council for conducting the sale of the fisheries for the ensuing year, pursuant to law, hereby give notice that certain Fishery Lots along the East side of the Bay River and Harbor heretofore enjoyed and possessed by the inhabitants on the East side of the harbor, with those in and surrounding Navy Island, and also certain Fishery Lots on the Western side of the harbor, will be sold at public auction on TUESDAY, the SECOND DAY OF JANUARY, NEXT, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in the city of St. John, for the fishing season of the ensuing year, to end on the 15th day of December, 1912.  
Dated the 15th day of December, 1911  
JOHN McLEOD,  
A. O. H. WILSON,  
RUPERT W. WETMORE  
EDWARD C. ELKIN,  
W. A. CHRISTIE,  
J. W. KIESTAD,  
FRANK H. ELLIOTT,  
WM. E. SCULLY,  
NORMAN P. MACLEOD.

**NOTICE.**  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that under Chapter 84 of the Consolidated Statutes of New Brunswick, 1902, License to transact business in this Province has been granted for one year from the first day of December A. D. 1911 to The Canadian Home Investment Company, Limited.  
M. O. EMACK,  
Manager.  
Dated the 29th day of November, 1911.