

Holiday Goods

A LARGE STOCK OF
FINE BROOCHES,
RINGS, SLEEVE LINKS,
SCARF PINE STUDS,
LOCKETS, CHAINS,
PENDENTS, ETC.

New goods for the Holiday Season.
Call and see them at

FERGUSON & PAGE,
At 41 King Street.

Acme Skates 39c.

DUVAL'S

Chair Caning and Umbrella Shop.
17 WATERLOO STREET.

HARD WOOD

\$2.15 to \$2.50.

SOFT WOOD

\$1.25 per Load Del'd.

J. S. FROST, 11 Union Street.

Telephone 250

MINUDIE HOUSE COAL

WOOD: Rock Maple (cut) \$2.50 per load. Mixed Hardwood (cut) \$2.25 per load. Kindlings.

Free delivery. Good careful drivers.

LAW & CO.,

Office and Yards: Foot Clarence St.

SCOTCH and AMERICAN HARD COAL.

All sizes.

Special sale of HARDWOOD. Sawed.

\$2.25 Split, \$2.50 per load, delivered.

GIBBON & CO'S.,

(Near N. Wharf), 6-1-2 Charlotte St.

LIST OF RACES

At the Policemen's Sports in Victoria

Rink, Friday, 23rd.

Small boys' race.

Junior boys' race.

Boy's race.

220 yard race.

440 yard race.

580 yard race.

One mile race.

Quarter mile hurdles.

Police race, Class 1.

Police race, Class 2.

Patrolmen's race, one-half mile.

Snow shoe race. (Open to police and

firemen.)

Pat man's race.

Race for men over 60 years old.

Consolation race.

Entries will be received by George R.

Baxter, police secretary, or at the

office of the rink.

GOOD IMMIGRANTS SCARCE

Orders for immigrant farm labor are

pouring in fast at the Ontario Immi-

gration Bureau, says Friday's Mail

and Empire, but the right kind of men

are not arriving, and few are expected

until the opening of spring. A party

of twenty-five Hebrews of the ragged

wilderness and peddle's pack variety

arrived at the Union station yesterday

and for Toronto and other western

towns. Few of them speak English,

and their advent was not hailed with

enthusiastic delight by the immigration

office.

AMHURST GETS ANOTHER.

J. T. LePage, of the Dominion Wreap-

per Co., Woodstock, was in the city

yesterday and left for home this morn-

ing. He has been in Amherst, where

the company has secured options on a

site for its plant, which it intends re-

moving from Woodstock. The com-

pany employs upwards of fifty hands.

PARIS, Jan. 18.—Henry George Stephen

Adolphe Oppor de Blowitz, for many years

correspondent of the London Times in Paris,

died here this evening. Mr. de Blowitz ex-

perienced an attack of apoplexy a few days

ago. He was born in 1822.

F.R. PATTERSON
Cor. Charlotte and
Duke Streets.

HOSIERY

We only sell the
best

STORE OPEN EVENINGS

THE WEATHER.

Forecast.—Decreasing wind, fine and
very cold until Tuesday forenoon, then
gradually moderating.

Synopsis.—The severe cold wave
which has spread rapidly over Canada
is now centered in the Ottawa Valley.
The excessive cold now prevailing in
the Maritime Provinces promises to
moderate again tomorrow morning. The
winds are likely to be moderate vari-
able on the New England coast and
decreasing northwest to west to the
Banks.

LOCAL NEWS.

A quantity of cents can be had at the
counting room of this paper.

The municipal council of Colchester,
N. S., have decided to spend \$300,000 on
the erection of a new court house in
Truro.

A letter picked up on King street be-
tween twelve and one o'clock today,
and addressed to Mrs. V. B. Wilson,
Houlton, was mailed by the finder.

Rev. A. White, of Main Street Bap-
tist church will lecture this week in
Sussex on "An untrammelled interpre-
tation of the Bible a Baptist Principle."

An operation for appendicitis was
performed at the General Public Hospi-
tal last night on Miss Minnie Brooks
of Gagetown. She was taken from her
home to the hospital on Thursday last.

S. Herbert Mayes has been engaged
as leading bass in the choir of Germain
Street Baptist church, and sang there
last evening. Mr. Mayes is a well
known singer and will prove a valu-
able addition to the choir.

WILL SPEND \$25,000.

Hospital Will Be Improved as Recom-
mended by Commission.

The remodelling and refitting neces-
sary to make the General Public Hospi-
tal a thoroughly modern institution, are
practically assured. The finance
and accounts committee of the muni-
cipal council in session in the county
secretary's office this morning agreed
to recommend to the council the issue
of debentures for \$25,000 to carry out
the improvements suggested by the
board of hospital commissioners.

The improvements to be made with
this fund are the erection of a new
roof for the hospital; the enamelling
and painting of all the interior walls;
the altering of the windows for the
improvement of the system of venti-
lation; the installation of a new heating
apparatus for the epidemic building;
the appointment of a medical superin-
tendent and a head nurse to take full
charge of the institution and patients,
and an enlargement of the building to
accommodate nine nurses in addition
to the seventeen now employed.

PERSONAL.

Judge Gregory and Mrs. Gregory,
of Fredericton, are in St. John today.

W. M. Hand, of Woodstock, is in the
city.

Rev. J. J. Teasdale, of Fredericton,
preached in Grafton street and Brun-
swick street Methodist churches in
Halifax yesterday.

Miss Belle Sinclair, of St. John, is
the guest of Mrs. L. McElhinney in
Truro.

Mrs. Daniel O'Day, of New York, is
visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.

M. Page, of Boston, N. B.

Sisiboo Echo: It is reported that E.

C. Bowers, ex-M. P. of Westport, has
sold out his business at that place and
will retire from active business life.

Arthur Gorham, of Digby, is at the
Dufferin hotel, where he is receiving
treatment for ear trouble from a city
specialist.

Murray McNaughton and Andrew

McNaughton, who have been visiting

Mrs. J. H. Murray of this city, left

Saturday night for Lennoxville, where

they will resume their school studies.

Rev. W. G. Fisher, of Moncton, was

in town Saturday, with his son, Stanley

of Montreal, who is on his way to

England.

Fred C. Macneil, of J. H. Scamell &

Co., arrived home Friday after a vaca-
tion to Liverpool, London and New

York.

A. G. Bullock, of Amherst, registered

at the Dufferin Saturday.

Rev. Mr. Haslam, formerly curate of

St. John's (stone) church, arrived in

the city on Saturday afternoon.

L. W. Powers, who has been trans-
ferred to the C. P. R. transportation

office, Montreal, leaves for that city

tonight.

C. B. Foster goes to Montreal this

evening.

C. E. Macpherson, of Winnipeg, who

has been visiting in St. John, leaves for

his home this evening.

Are you using Red Rose tea? It's

good tea.

THE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

The school of instruction of the 62nd

will have the final class for non-com.

officers this evening, when every

member is expected to be present.

Tomorrow evening all the officers of

the 62nd will attend for exercise in

company drill by Sergt. Major Fowle,

and the school then closes for the

present.

PROBATE COURT.

In probate court this morning ac-

counts were passed in the estate of

Chas. H. Leonard. Geo. E. Fairweath-

er, proctor.

The last will of Janet Barber was ad-

mitted to probate and letters testa-

mentary granted to her husband

James Barber. Estate amounts to \$200

personality, \$1,600 realty. J. R. Arm-

strong, K. C. proctor.

THIS EVENING.

The Octoroon at the Opera House tonight.

Lecture on the Oxford Movement by Rev.

C. D. Schofield before St. Stephen's Church

tonight.

Annual meeting of the Union Club tonight.

Annual meeting of St. Paul's Ladies'

Neighborhood Society at 7:30 p. m., 127 Para-

disse Row.

Lecture by Dr. Grenfell of the Labrador

Deep Sea Mission in St. John's (Stone)

church school room at 8 p. m.

Opening A. O. H. Bazaar this evening at

64 King street.

Installation officers Court Epping Forest,

followed by dinner at White's.

Special meeting N. B. Poultry, Kennel and

Pet Stock Association to Market building.

MAY GO FREE.

Goodspeed May Profit by
Mayor's Refusal to
Sign Warrant.

Possibility of His Lawyer Demand-
ing His Release From Unreason-
able Detention in Jail.

There is now a possibility that as a
result of the deadlock in the Good-
speed case, the prisoner's luck
which has so favored him all the way
through may lift him from the jail
where he now is and set him free.

The situation as it now stands is
of unprecedented peculiarity. Good-
speed at the opening of his trial stood
charged on two burglary counts in
addition to the graver charge of being
an accessory with Higgins after the
murder. On this count the jury dis-
agreed and the crown through the
chief justice formally announced its
intention to proceed against the pris-
oner no further on this charge. So as
far as being an accessory goes, Good-
speed is in the eye of the law, blame-
less.

On the burglary charges he was con-
victed and sentenced to thirty-nine
months in the reformatory. For ad-
mission to that institution a warrant
signed by the chairman of the manag-
ing commission is necessary and Mayor
White, who holds that position, has re-
fused to sign the warrant. In so do-
ing his worship is acting for what he
believes to be the best interest of the
city. The best interest of the city is
in basing his action upon an ambiguity
in the clause in the act governing the
institution which says, that the chair-
man "may" sign such a warrant.

Now, if the mayor holds out—and his
dedication is that he will not sign un-
til forced by process of law—the possi-
bility of complications may develop.
If the chairman of the reformatory
commission cannot be forced to commit
the prisoner, Goodspeed cannot be sent
there, as his sentence directs. He can-
not be re-tried on the charge for which
he has been committed, nor on the ac-
cessory charge and since the law re-
fuses to sign the warrant he cannot be
sent anywhere else. So he must be
kept here in jail until the warrant com-
mitting him to the reformatory is
signed. But under the law a prisoner
who is kept detained an unreasonable
time in jail may, under the Habeas
Corpus Act, demand an examination
by a judge into the cause of his de-
tention, and if no sufficient cause can
be shown for his continued imprison-
ment he may be set at liberty. If the
legal steps necessary to force Mayor
White to sign the warrant—if he could
be so forced—occupy an unreasonable
time, it is doubtful if this could be con-
sidered a sufficient reason for Good-
speed being kept in jail.

If it is decided to force the mayor to
sign that paper the process would cer-
tainly consume a considerable time, as
he would be able to contest in order
from a judge of this court and carry it,
or the point of the ambiguous clause
in the act relative to the institution,
as far as the Supreme Court of Cana-
da.

Should the mayor persist in his re-
fusal to sign, it is not probable that the
prosecution would take this measure to
let Goodspeed into the reformatory.
A member of the government told the
Star this morning that there was an
easier way. Both the managing com-
mission and chairman of the institution
are appointed by lieutenant-govern-
ment-in-council. The mayor of St.
John was not chairman ex-officio, he
said. So if he persistently stood in the
way of the execution of justice, the
government could remove him and sel-
ect another chairman.

His worship this morning was asked
to call a meeting of the commission im-
mediately to decide the matter. The
commission consists of Hon. A. T.
Dunn, Mr. Justice Barker, John E.
Irvine, Mr. E. Estabrooks, Lady Tilley
and Mrs. T. A. Smith.

WOW! IT WAS COLD.

The Temperature at St. John and Else-
where Today.

The real thing came out of the north
last night. It may not be followed
Dr. Grenfell from Labrador, but it was
Arctic and no mistake. It came with
a wind that took your breath and chill-
ing you to the bone. About midnight
the slumber of the plumber became
uncanny, and soon he was wide awake,
for his house had cracked.

Wow! It was cold. There was a
vapor on the harbor and a frost in the
air and a hardness on the icy streets
suggestive of the polar regions.

The highest temperature today was
1 above zero, the lowest 12 below. At
noon it was 3 below. The wind at noon
was N. W., 20 miles per hour.
At other places the temperature at
8 o'clock this morning was:—Montreal,
16 below; Quebec, 22 below; Chatham,
16 below; Charlottetown, 10 below;
Sydney, 2 above; Halifax, 2 below; Yar-
mouth, 2 above; Grand Manan, 2 above;
Portland, Me., 6 below; Boston, zero;
New York, 10 above.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY.

The property on King street compris-
ing Nos. 22, 24 and 26, and owned by
Mrs. C. L. Richards was purchased for
\$14,500.

Chief Kerr enters a strong report on

the inefficient condition of the fire de-

partment.

The ship Edymon from St. John to

Liverpool was reported abandoned at

sea.

There was a fire in the house on

Main street occupied by James Bourke.

Another fire occurred in the building

on Brussels street, occupied by Kelly

& Green as a carriage factory. The

building was badly damaged.

At a concert given in Union Hall,

Portland Masters Harry Wisely and

Frank Watson sang a duet. This

juvenile talent received well merited

praise.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Abram S. Howitt,

former mayor of New York and representa-

tive to congress from 1871 to 1887, died

Monday.

THE NEW BUILDING.

Progress of the Y. M. C. A. Building
Fund Canvas.

The canvass for the Y. M. C. A.
building fund last week realized \$1,425,
leaving \$10,458 yet to be raised before
the building can be proceeded with.

The association has issued the fol-
lowing facts in the consideration of
possible subscribers:

1. The desired goal is an \$80,000
building, which will include among its
appointments ample social rooms, gym-
nasium, swimming, shower and needle
baths, educational class rooms, a
large auditorium, separate wing for
boys' work, bowling alley, secretary's
office, special room for special games,
a study room, large reception room,
dormitories, and stores for revenue
purposes—these will be an endowment
for the work.

2. The present status of the fund is
\$50,000. Amounts are being paid in and
over \$3,000 is now in the bank at in-
terest. The arrangement made was
that nothing definite in the way of se-
curing a site or plans for a building
should be done till the \$80,000 mark was
reached.

3. With \$10,000 more now secured the
association and building committee
would be in a position to make some
advance. At present things are tied
up waiting for this \$10,000. A commit-
tee is making an effort now to secure
this amount.

4. The Young Men's Christian As-
sociation is nobody's pet. It has
proven its right to be and to a large
place in the confidence and generosity
of the people. It has wrought for the
last ten years with an inadequate
equipment and other heavy handicaps.
The young men of this city are dear to
its citizens and it would be an over-
whelming expression of interest if this
\$80,000 building should be put up and
equipped without any encumbrances,
and dedicated to its grand mission as
an agency in the making of men. The
young men themselves have given \$9,
000.

5. Every man, woman or child that
gives now is helping to secure the ful-
fillment of this worthy desire in the in-
terest of the young men and boys. It
means sacrifice—but it will mean hap-
pier homes and better lives and great-
ly increased material prosperity. It is
worth in money ten times what it will
cost, apart from its moral and spiritual
significance and value. "The explosive
power of a new and good institution"
and the fact that we should "overcome