

ST. JOHN STAR, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1905.

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Great Alteration SALE of CLOTHING!

To Begin SATURDAY NEXT, DEC. 16th,

On account of the Changes we propose making in our Business, the NEW LINES we intend adding, and the EXTENSIVE ALTERATIONS it will be necessary to make in both Stores, in order to carry out the proposed Changes, we will begin a Big Clearance Sale on Saturday next, in order that our Stock may be CUT DOWN TO THE LOWEST POSSIBLE POINT, while the ALTERATIONS are being made.

Anyone who has had experience in Alterations on Store Premises knows that it is almost impossible to make alterations of any extent without Damaging the Stock on hand. We make this Sale now so that the Stock will not be here to be damaged when we begin the work of the New Year, and so that

The PUBLIC can have the ADVANTAGE during the HOLIDAY SEASON.

when they are spending money more freely.
This year they can Spend it to Great Advantage, at our Store, in Buying

Useful Sensible CHRISTMAS GIFTS, Gifts that will bring lasting Comfort and Pleasure. Remember SALE Begins SATURDAY NEXT, DEC. 16.

Watch Papers THURSDAY, for Large ADS., with PRICES!!

J. N. HARVEY, Clothing, Furnishing, Hats and Caps,
199 - 201 - 207 UNION ST., OPERA HOUSE BLOCK.

RECEIVER ASKED FOR YORK LOAN AND SAVING CO.

The Plaintiffs Allege It Is Insolvent—
Enormous Extent of Company's Operations
—St. John Sent \$800 Weekly

TORONTO, Dec. 12.—It is difficult to realize the extent of the operations of the York County Loan and Saving Co. or the number of people whose fortunes are bound up with it at this juncture. Officials of the company at first said that they had 50,000 shareholders; now they have raised it to 70,000, and then there are those who estimate that 100,000 would probably be nearer the mark than 50,000.

The magnitude of the figures can be appreciated by the fact that most of the banks and large financial institutions number their shareholders by hundreds rather than by tens of thousands.

The York County Loan Co. made its appeal to the masses. The exceedingly modest sum of 25 cents a week was its minimum collection.

York Loan agents worked the whole Dominion from the Atlantic to the Pacific. There are probably 1,500 shareholders in the cities of Halifax, and quite probably 250 in Vancouver, B. C. Between these two extremes there is not a city or town of any importance that has not its quota of York Loan shareholders. If it has not been canvassed because it has not been canvassed.

There is a collector in each place, and each week he turns in his share to the head office in Toronto, twenty-five cents for every unexpired share outstanding in his locality.

A gentleman who was formerly in the employ of the company says that these weekly receipts a few months ago were approximately as follows, from different points in Canada:

Toronto, \$5,000;	Montreal, \$2,500;	Ottawa, \$2,000;	Winnipeg, \$1,000;
Vancouver, \$1,000;	Hamilton, \$1,000;	London, \$800;	St. John N. B., \$800;
Halifax, \$800;	Peterboro, \$800;	Bellefleur, \$400;	Moncton, N. B., \$400;
Brantford, \$500;	Fredericton, N. B., \$100;	and other towns and cities in proportion.	

Centre of population supplied its little rivulet to swell the mighty stream that had its outlet in the offices in West Parkdale.

A petition to wind up the company was filed at Osgoode Hall on Saturday by Scott and Scott, acting on behalf of C. J. Parsons and Miss M. O'Neill, of Brampton. Both parties state that they have demanded payment, but have been refused. They say the company is insolvent. The petitioners both say that the company for some years had exceeded its powers and used the funds of the subscribers in speculation. For these reasons the request is made to wind up the company and appoint a liquidation. This will come up Friday.

Strong expressions of opinion uttered at a mass meeting of the shareholders of the York County Loan and Saving Co. in the hall of the West End Y. M. C. A. on Saturday night against the action of a number of agents of the company in inducing persons who were entitled to withdraw their savings to invest them in stock. The hall was thronged and the greatest attention was given the speakers throughout. Resolutions were unanimously carried instructing the secretary to make a written request to the attorney general for an official investigation into the business of the company in question, and instructing the committee, which was appointed to enquire into the standing of this company and of the Dominion Permanent and to report the results.

AUNT BELINDA'S IDEA.

It was Aunt Belinda's first ride on a steam road and she was very much interested in the interior of the coach. "Freakish," she whispered, pointing above, "why do they carry that saw and ax in a glass case?"

"To be used in case of a wreck," replied the old man at her side, as he solemnly took a pinch of yellow snuff from a leather box. The old lady toyed with her corkscrew curls for a moment as if in deep thought and then said: "Well, I always heard that these new-time surgeons were brutal, but I never thought they would go so far as using a regular saw and ax on people."

KING'S BROTHER IS COMING TO CANADA.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—Prince Arthur of Connaught will visit Canada very soon. The prince is on his way to Japan on a mission from the king to deliver to His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan the insignia of the garter. The prince will return by way of Canada.

The dominion government sent an invitation to his royal highness to visit Canada on his way home. A cable has been received from the colonial office accepting the invitation. The prince will be accompanied by about fifteen of a staff.

The arrangements for receiving the prince and looking after his interests during his trip across the continent have not yet been made. It is understood, however, that a special train will be in waiting at Vancouver to convey the prince and party to Halifax. That he will receive a royal welcome it is needless to say.

The party, in addition to the prince, comprises Lord Redesdale, Sir Edward H. Seymour, General Sir T. Kelly-Kenny, Col. A. Davidson, enroute to the north; Captain Wyndham, enroute to his royal highness, and W. Lampan, of the foreign office. Sir Edward Seymour is an admiral of the fleet and General Kenny's name was prominent at the time of the South African war.

NOVA SCOTIA GIRL COMMITTS SUICIDE.

AMHERST, Dec. 12.—Word was received here this evening from Middleboro, about six miles from Wallace, of the death of Jennie Canfield, daughter of James Canfield, of Middleboro. The deceased was only about twenty-three years of age, and during the past five months has been suffering from nervousness and mental trouble.

She left the house yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock and was seen by some of the neighbors going in a straight course to the river. When her absence from home was discovered a search was at once instituted, but the body was not recovered from the water until about 5 o'clock this evening. The doctor did not consider an inquest necessary.

NOT WELCOME.

The fat-hunter timidly entered the modern apartment house. "You have apartments to let?" he ventured. "We have," replied the big janitor, with a searching glance. "And do you allow dogs?" "Yes, sir." "And birds?" "All but one." "Ah, the parrot?" "No, the stork."

RECENT DEATHS.

EDWARD ATKINSON.

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—Edward Atkinson, the aged economist, publicist and statesman, died this noon at the Massachusetts General Hospital, whither he had been hurried unconscious from a fatal attack of acute indigestion with which he was seized while driving from his Brookline home to his Milk street office. After first aid had been administered by physicians hastily called to the lobby of 31 Milk street, into which Mr. Atkinson was taken from his carriage as soon as his condition was discovered, he was sent in an ambulance to the hospital, where his death soon followed. Mr. Atkinson was in his seventy-ninth year.

MRS. GEORGE WILSON.

Mrs. Wilson, wife of George Wilson, of Britain street, died on Monday. The funeral will take place on Thursday. Wilson is survived by one son, Stanton, in Chicago, and three brothers in California.

Magistrate (to prisoner): "You say that you took the ham because you are out of work and your family are starving. And yet I understand that you have four dogs about the house." Prisoner: "Yes, but I wouldn't ask my family to eat dogs, yer washin'."

NOTED U. S. CRIMINALS ARRESTED IN PANAMA.

COLON, Nov. 13.—On board the Panama steamship Havana, which sailed yesterday for New York, were Mr. Price, a special agent of the Santa Fe railroad, and Matthew Kenny, a detective of Kansas City, having in charge a man named Fuller, who for the past eight months has been station agent and postmaster at Pedro Miguel, in the canal zone, but who, it is now alleged, is a well known criminal. It is charged that the man, among other aliases, is known as Armstrong, Lediz and McGee, but that his right name is Letts. It is alleged that he already has been convicted of larceny, burglary and arson and that he has escaped from prison three times. It is further alleged that he has been accused of attempted murder, bigamy and forgery. Fuller, it is said, married his third wife, Anna Lassen, of St. Louis, at Cristobal a month ago.

A despatch from Kansas City, Dec. 11, reported the arrest at Panama of M. M. Letts, former station agent for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe R. R. at Princeton, Kansas. Letts is charged with stealing \$70,000 worth of railroad material in 1905 and then burning the depot to hide the theft. He escaped from Ottawa, Kansas, in a sensational manner some time ago, after being convicted of arson and robbery.

CHINESE IMMIGRATION INTO CANADA

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 12.—Mr. Sargent, head of the United States immigration bureau at Washington, and Mr. Clark, United States immigration inspector at Montreal, were in town today and had an interview with Parmelee, controller of immigration. The United States officials have conceived the idea that many Chinese are entering the States from Canada by an underground passage and their object in visiting the capital was to ascertain how far this surmise is correct. Parmelee was able to assure them that since the imposition of the \$500 head tax in January of last year on Chinese immigrants, practically no celestials have entered the dominion and so far as the department is aware, there is no movement of Chinese to the States. The government has made a formal application through the imperial government to be included within the terms of the Anglo-Japanese treaty of 1894, as a result of which Canada will get a favored nation treatment in the markets of Japan.

The impression seems to prevail that advertised goods cost more than those not advertised. The very opposite of this is true. Why? Because the larger the quantity of goods produced, the cheaper they can be produced.—Hon. Elijah A. Morse, "Rising Sun Stove Polish."

ALDERMEN WILL LET LAKE LATTIMER ALONE.

After All Its Talking Water and Sewerage Board Decides to Leave Matter to the Contractors.

The water and sewerage board held an adjourned meeting yesterday to consider the Lake Lattimer outfall section of Messrs. Mooney's contract and resulted in no action being taken. The mayor pointed out the two propositions to cut this out of the contract or to leave the contract as it is. Ald. Macrae understood the Mooney tunnel was finished to the edge of the lake, and to keep this clear of water it costs them \$50 per day. The tunnel is ten feet below the level of the lake and the water from the lake runs in. Ald. Christie—Does that necessarily follow? The superintendent said it was not lake water soaking in; the lake bottom is sealed. The water was running out into the lake.

Ald. Frink said there was great discrepancy between the views of the engineers. Engineer Murdoch said the water was running out of the tunnel into the lake, and Engineer Barbour said the level of the lake must be lowered to keep the lake water out of the tunnel.

Engineer Murdoch repeated that at the lake a hand pump was sufficient to control the seepage. At 300 feet from the lake there was necessitated the use of a large steam pump.

All resolutions made at Monday's meeting were withdrawn. A bill of ninety dollars from Mr. Hunter for stable and office rent was laid on the table.

A communication from T. McAvity & Sons for the installation of a large service pipe at their foundry was filed. The Dominion Coal Company asked for fire protection for the new coal pods. The engineer showed that it would cost \$1,500 for new pipes and hydrants and the matter was laid over. James Brady asked to be placed on the same footing as steam mills in regards to the water rate. No change was ordered.

Superintendent Murdoch reported 1,488 feet water pipe had been laid on Marsh Road and the work is closed for the winter.

TARIFF COMMISSION TO VISIT THE SOO

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., Dec. 12.—The dominion government tariff commission will hold a session at the Soo December 21. Word to this effect has been received by J. B. Way, secretary of the board of trade, from Hon. W. S. Fielding.

One of the most important matters to be brought before the commission when it visits the Soo, will be a request for the removal of the duty on soft coal to be used for cokeling purposes.

If the request is granted it doubtless will result in the establishment by the Lake Superior corporation of a large coke plant here.

PRINCE LOUIS FLAG—SHIP BROKE RECORD.

HALIFAX, Dec. 12.—News from Gibraltar is to the effect that Prince Louis of Battenberg's flagship, the Drake, made the voyage from New York to Gibraltar in seven days, seven hours and ten minutes, the average speed of the vessels having been 18.54 knots an hour. This beats all records for warships by an average of half a knot an hour. The Bedford broke down in crossing and is believed to have put into the Azores.

The steamer Amethyst arrived here this morning with decks swept, rails smashed and otherwise damaged. She encountered a gale about 100 miles east of Halifax. She was loaded with pulp wood, bound from St. Anna, Cape Breton, for Portsmouth, N. H. She lost

How did our colleague acquit himself during the trial? Inquired Sen. Siva. Oh, he acquitted himself all right, replied Sen. Snitkins. It was the doctored jury that convicted him.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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ST. JOHN N.B.

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Therefore the Age of Writer Must Be Mentioned in the Letter

Write Santa Claus a Letter--Care of the St. John Star--And If You Are A Smart Little Boy or Girl, You Will Get What You Want on Christmas Day.

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You Can Start Right Away To Get Your Letters Written,

and be sure to have them in before DECEMBER 20th, for upon that date Santa Claus will gather up what we expect will be several bulging mail bags full of your communications, all addressed thus--"SANTA CLAUS, Care of ST. JOHN STAR." No favoritism or partiality will be shown, but each letter will be judged wholly on its merits.

We will guarantee that the writers of the Three Best Letters from children between the ages of 10 and 7, and the Three Best from Children under 7 will get what they ask Santa Claus for.