

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

CONAN DOYLE STORY AND "BEATRICE FAIRFAX" IMPERIAL TONIGHT
The Firm of Girdlestone, which is to be the Imperial's feature tonight and Saturday, is A. Conan Doyle's remarkable mystery which constitutes one of his most popular fictions and has been read by millions all over the world.

COME TO THE GEM

It's a very entertaining programme at the Gem tonight, vaudeville and pictures. A fine bill for Saturday, Christmas day and Tuesday will be announced tomorrow. The Gem plans to treat its patrons well in holiday entertainment.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brimstin and the daughter of 10 Wentworth street, will leave today to spend Christmas in Toronto.
Mrs. C. W. Joy of Rosindale, Mass., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Minihan, Coldbrook.

NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 50c.

BIRTHS

McALONEY - At Coldbrook to Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. McAloney, a son, December 19, 1916.

DEATHS

FARNHAM - In this city on the 21st instant, at his residence, 194 Charlotte street, Charles E. Farnham, aged 64 years, leaving a loving wife, four sons and three daughters to mourn.
Funeral on Saturday, the 23rd instant, from his late residence. Service at 2:30 o'clock.

IN MILITARY CIRCLES

Since the announcement that Lieut.-Colonel A. H. H. Powell, A.A.G., of the New Brunswick command was likely to succeed Lieut.-Colonel Thompson, A.A.G., of the 6th division at Halifax, who has received a staff appointment overseas, there has been much talk in military circles as to who will succeed Col. Powell in the New Brunswick command.

LORD AITKEN

A few days ago, in a prophetic mood, we elevated Sir Max Aitken to the peerage. But the king failed us—he made our young-old friend only a baronet. In making this announcement we predicted that the peerage would come, and now it has come. Max has been raised to the peerage, probably as a baron, and will sit in the House of Lords for the rest of his life.

PARLIAMENT PROROGUED

London, Dec. 22.—Parliament was prorogued this afternoon without the members being given any further information regarding President Wilson's note or what action the government contemplated with respect to it.

A BRITISHER SUNK

London, Dec. 22.—Lloyd's reports the sinking of the British steamer Itonus, 6,540 tons gross. She was owned in Melbourne and was in the service of the British government.

Colds Cause Headache and Grip

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature is on box. 25c.

LOCAL NEWS

PHONE M. 1782. For an assorted case of Blue Ribbon aerated beverages. Besides the popular fruit flavors, this assortment includes the celebrated City Club ginger ale. 12-24

Great bargains in fancy handkerchiefs, neckwear, waists, sweaters, tea aprons, etc., at C. J. Bassen's, corner Union and Sydney streets. 12-24

TURKEY, 40 CENTS PER POUND. Go to Tobias Bros., 71 Elm street, and buy your turkey at 40 cents per lb.; also all kinds of poultry at reasonable prices.

The Two Barkers, 100 Princess street, are making big cuts in fancy goods, friction toys, books, sleds, skates, etc.

Barley toys, 16c. lb., 5 lb. box 50c. chocolates, \$1.25 at the Two Barkers', 100 Princess.

OUR SPECIAL XMAS NUMBER. Ten K. gold eyeglass chain for \$1.25, very useful to those who wear glasses.—K. W. Epstein & Co., 188 Union street. See our adv. on page 1.

You can buy a good strong well made suit for your boy for \$4 at Turner's, out of the high rent district, 440 Main. 12-24

Special sale of dolls for balance of the week at Chas. Magnusson & Co.'s, Dock street. Prices 25c to \$2.99 for regular 25c to \$8.50 dolls. 12-24

CHEMICAL ICE MAKING. Chemicals used in Queen's rink guaranteed not to hurt finest skates. Always open. Christmas morning children free. Afternoon and evening skating and band concerts.

NOTICE. The regular meeting of the Railroad Freight Handlers' Union will be held in their hall, Market Place, West St. John, Friday evening, at 8 o'clock. All members are cordially invited to attend. By order of the president. 12-23

HOCKEY BOOTS. This year more than ever people are buying useful gifts. Anticipating this, we purchased early a large supply of skating boots and what better present for a boy or girl—Wizel's Cash Stores, 94-97 Union street.

GOOD CHEER THROUGH THE YEAR. The useful and reasonable presents in rubber boots and shoes "double the wear in every pair" and tweed and rubber surface clothing for all ages, at Estey & Co's, Dock street—give good cheer all through the year.

A BUSINESS CHANGE. A business change of interest is announced today in the dissolution of the firm of John Hopkins, continued since the death of Mr. Hopkins by his three sons. The present change involves the retirement from the firm of one member, G. A. Stanley Hopkins. His two brothers, Messrs. Aquila D. and Frank B. D. Hopkins, continue this well established business at the old stand and hope to merit the continued support of their many friends.

HERE'S A SAVING FOR YOU. A dollar saved is a dollar made. For you can buy one peck of choice Delaware potatoes, 35c; one pkge. rolled oats, 25c; three corn flakes, 25c; one can tomatoes, 17c. Regular price for this lot, \$1.20, so you can save 20c. Five gallons best American oil, 80c; 5 pounds American onions for 25c; turnips, 15c peck. All other goods at equally low prices. Orders delivered.—J. A. Lipsett, The Blue Store, corner Brussels and Exmouth street, Phone M. 1402. 12-23

Everybody Needs Pure, Rich Blood

Pure blood enables the stomach, liver and other digestive organs to do their work properly. Without it they are sluggish, there is loss of appetite, sometimes faintness, a deranged state of the intestines, and, in general, all the symptoms of dyspepsia.

Pure blood is required by every organ of the body for the proper performance of its functions. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes pure blood, and this is why it is so successful in the treatment of so many diseases and ailments. It acts directly on the blood, ridding it of scrofulous and other humors. It is a peculiar combination of blood-purifying, nerve-toning, strengthening substances. Get it today.

If in doubt as to what to buy for Christmas either for a Lady or Gentleman, drop into THE ROYAL PHARMACY 47 King Street. We will be pleased to show you our stock of High-Class Goods at right prices.



ESTABLISHED 1874. LORGNETTES for Xmas. A lorgnette is useful to almost any eyeglass wearer. We have them in gun metal and sterling silver of various designs.

Price, complete with the required lenses, from \$8.00 to \$10.00. Come in and see them.

D. BOYANER TWO STORES: 38 Dock Street, 111 Charlotte Street.

THE BEST QUALITY AT A REASONABLE PRICE

The Ideal Gift For Father

A Howard Watch means more to a man than any other gift you could choose for him. Every man knows the Howard Watch and its reputation of being one of the finest practical time-pieces in the world.

It is an ideal gift, because it is a source of pride to any man among his friends—not alone in its accuracy and reliability, but because of its distinctive position among time-pieces.

Come in and see these Quality Watches. Prices range from \$40 to \$150.

L. L. Sharpe & Son, Jewelers and Opticians, 21 KING ST., ST. JOHN, N. B.

ORANGES 25c. to 60c. a Dozen. BANANAS 25c., 30c. and 35c.

GRAPE FRUIT 10c., 3 for 25c. 15c., 2 for 25c.

Large Stock of Candy For This Christmas Season. Gilbert's Grocery

MARCUS' The Practical Gift Shop. In just a very short time you will be eating that Christmas dinner. Surely there must be something that you need to make your home complete for the observance of this most joyful holiday; and if so, why not visit our store NOW and give us an opportunity of showing you our beautiful assortment of Furniture Gifts for the Entire Family. Our prices will be an agreeable surprise to you. Store Open Evenings Until Xmas. J. MARCUS 30 Dock Street. "LOOK FOR THE ELECTRIC SIGN"

PATRIOTIC FUND. Monthly: J. M. Humphreys & Co., \$50; R. E. and Mrs. Crawford, \$2; Thos. Nagle, 6 mos., \$60; Rev. J. A. MacKeigan, 2 mos., \$6. Single: "A. B. C.", \$5; Boys' Bible Class, Holy Trinity Sunday School, St. Martin's, N. B., \$1.90.

PATRIOTIC CAUSES. For Soldiers in Hospital. The following additional donations have been received for soldiers who will spend Christmas in the hospitals in this city: Mayor Hayes, \$10; Women's Civic Council, Sackville, \$5; St. Andrews, N. B. Women's Canadian Club, \$5; St. Andrews, N. B. Red Cross, \$5; St. Andrews, N. B. Girls' Recruiting Committee, \$5; Chamcook Girls, \$5; collected by Miss Pike, West St. John, ten packages cigarettes and \$8.85; Mrs. W. Frank Tait, Dorchester, plum pudding; Mrs. J. J. McGaffigan, fruit, nuts, dates and candy; Miss Munro, box of candy and cigarettes; Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. O. E., ten turkeys; Brunswick Chapter, I. O. O. E., one turkey; Mrs. R. F. Church, three balls gazing; Edna Austin, Quartermaster V. A. D., 87 Mecklenburg street.

WANTED—General Girl to go to Boston; good pay. Apply 158 Union St.

Please leave your order at once for our best Christmas Fruit Cakes, Plum Puddings, Mince Pies, Special Cakes, Fireless Cooked Ham, etc.

Woman's Exchange Tea and Lunch Room

Make a Christmas Gift of a Ticket to our Library. We have the latest books. You save money by renting our books at 2 cents a day. You only read them once. Yearly tickets, \$5. 12-25.

MATTER DROPPED. A deaf mute faced Acting Police Magistrate Henderson this morning in the police court on a drunkenness charge. It was said he belonged to Hampton. He was sent below in an attempt to find out who supplied him with liquor, as it is against the law. On information he gave the police the proprietor of Brennan's saloon in Water street was summoned to court. However, an exact story could not be learned and the matter was dropped.

The one absolutely satisfactory Christmas gift is a good selection of Victor Records. They are the only records chosen by the world's greatest artists and should be chosen by you who wish your gift to be esteemed for its intrinsic worth. But be sure. Look for "His Master's Voice" trade mark. It is your guarantee and protection. Here are some new records sure to please. Ten inch, double-sided at 90 cents for the two selections: The Melody of My Dream, Morton Harvey; I'm Going Over the Hills to Virginia, M. Harvey; Ma Li'l Starlight, Lillian Davis-Geoffrey O'Hara; I'll Make You Want Me, Davis-O'Hara; Babes in the Wood (Duet), Howard-Macdonough; Bachelor Girl and Boy, Alice Green-Ray, Dixon; Today, Elsie Baker; The Melody of Home, John Barnes Wells. "Hear them at any 'His Master's Voice' dealers". Be sure to get a free copy of our 450 page Musical Encyclopedia listing over 6,000 Victor Records. BERLINER GRAM-O-PHONE CO., LIMITED 18 LENOIR STREET, MONTREAL. DEALERS IN EVERY TOWN AND CITY. ONE PRICE FROM COAST TO COAST. VICTOR RECORDS—MADE IN CANADA. LOOK FOR "HIS MASTER'S VOICE" TRADE MARK. "HIS MASTER'S VOICE" ST. JOHN DEALERS: C. H. TOWNSEND PIANO CO., King Street; AMDUR & CO., King Street, West St. John; JOHN FRODSHAM, Royal Hotel, King Street; ALLAN'S PHARMACY, King Street, West St. John; J. & A. McMILLAN, Wholesale Distributors, Prince William Street.

GOOD WILL AND GOOD SENSE BOTH EXPRESSED IN A GIFT OF FOOTWEAR. Our Stock is Particularly Well Assorted For The Holiday Season And Our Policy of Lower Prices is an Added Attraction For Most Discriminating Buyers! MERRY CHRISTMAS. To all friends and patrons who have made the three years of our business career such a consistent success, we extend heartiest greetings for a Merry, Merry Christmas, and express the hope that many more Yuletide seasons will find us in circumstances that will call forth similar sentiments of best wishes. P. M. LEVINE. Children's Felt Slippers—A great variety, different colors, 38c., 48c., 65c., 95c. Girls' Skating Boots \$1.98. Boys' Skating Boots \$1.98 to \$2.95. "WHERE THE SAME COSTS LESS" LEVINE'S TWO SHOE STORES 8 1-2 Brussels St. 96 Charlotte St.