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DIAMONDS, WATCHES, JEWELRY Ebony and Silver Toilet Sets and a large stock of useful goods for the holidays.

DAVIS BROS., Reliable Jewellers, 63 Charlotte Street, St. John, N. B.

THIS EVENING

"Why he divorced her," at the Opera House, by Jere McLaughlin Co. Dramatograph pictures and songs at the Nickel.

LATE LOCALS

The Antikamnia Tablet Calendar for 1909, sent out by the Antikamnia Chemical Co. of St. Louis, is a gem of art and real value. Members of the Every Day Club who desire to see their new ball ready by New Year's are urged to lend a hand this evening.

John A. McAllister, who underwent an operation recently in the hospital for appendicitis, will be confined to his home for some time yet.

Stowmer Calvin Austin, Captain Pike, arrived last night from Boston and landed 88 passengers, many of the number coming home to spend Christmas.

Mrs. John Doyle, Monday a victim of carbolic acid, will be buried from the residence of her husband, 111 Westmoreland Road, tomorrow at 2.30 p. m.

All members of St. John Lodge, No. 7, C. B. P. O. of Elks, are requested to be at their rooms at 8 o'clock this evening as business of a special nature will come before the lodge.

A young lady, who received a Christmas present of a box of confectionery from Yarmouth yesterday, found that the contents had been destroyed by rats en route.

Auctioneer Lantulum held an auction sale of unclaimed goods at the Customs House today. There was a large crowd present, some of the purchasers got good bargains.

S. P. C. A. agent Wetmore will probably prosecute a local milk dealer for driving a lame horse. The vendor has been before the magistrate on several occasions for the same nature of alleged ill-treatment of his horse.

Beverly Heams, a wood turner in Haley Street factory, met with a painful accident yesterday. A piece of wood he was turning broke, striking him in the face. He was taken to "Addy's" office, where he received the necessary aid.

S. C. Landry, of Calgary, passed through this city yesterday on his way home to Glace Bay, N. S. He represents the Calgary Milling Company. He is also purchasing South Africa and wheat for Hansen Brothers, financial agents, Montreal. After spending Christmas at home he will return to the west.

The choir and music committee of the Tabernacle church gathered at the home of Thomas Owens last night and on their behalf Rev. J. W. Keirstead, the pastor presented to Miss Mary Owens, the organist of the church, a special watch in appreciation of her faithful services during the past year.

About five o'clock yesterday afternoon a horse attached to C. F. Francis & Co.'s delivery team took fright near Portland street, North End, during the absence of the driver, and dashed down Main street. Near Paradise Row he slipped and fell and Patrolman Semple grabbed him before he could rise. Not much damage was done to the rig.

The sub-committee of the Sunday School Association appointed to prepare plans for the taking of a religious census of the city next month, met yesterday afternoon. The members present were David Lang, Rev. S. W. Anthony and Rev. G. B. Ganong, president of the S. S. Association. Mr. Lang presided and considerable preparatory work was accomplished. It was decided to have cards printed for taking statistics and work will be commenced shortly.

The regular monthly meetings of the various civic boards and committees which are usually held during the last week of the month, will be postponed from next week until the week following, and the regular monthly council meeting will be held on Monday, January 11. A special meeting of the council will be held on Monday evening next to receive the report of the committee on reorganization.

Various articles lost by the owners were found on the streets yesterday afternoon and last night by the police and returned to their owners. The articles included a watch, a pair of men's woollen gloves on Sydney street, and a kid glove. Two doors of business houses were secured by the police last night also.

THE BLOOMFIELD STATION

Bloomfield Station, Dec. 22. Editor Times: Sir—I would like to ask through the columns of your paper why it is that Bloomfield Station, which, in the past, has been open from 7 o'clock in the morning until 2.30 at night, is now closed at 10 o'clock. This is a great injustice to the public, as now we cannot obtain tickets, check baggage, obtain our parcels or ship goods to market by express, or our milk to the dealers in St. John. I understand that this is an order issued by the superintendent of the Halifax and St. John Division.

In your past, the service rendered has been of the best, and we cannot understand why the public and the milk producers should be deprived of the privilege of using the station so long. Hoping that the present condition will not exist long and that the station will again be opened for business.

Yours truly, A PATRON OF THE ROAD. PROBATE COURT Estate of John Edgar March, Physician. Petition of the administratrix to pass the accounts. Citation issued returnable on Monday the 29th day of January next. L. H. D. Tilley, proctor.

Mrs. D. L. Hamilton went to St. John last week and is visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. G. Reed—Sackville Post.

IN MEMORIAM In loving memory of Ruth Evelyn McLeod, youngest daughter of Mrs. B. H. and Linda McLeod, only sister of Mrs. Ed. Warren, who died May 11th, 1908. Being of a beautiful disposition she was greatly loved by young and old. Her loss in the home circle this Christmas time is her gain of a heavenly home.

WILL CLOSE SATURDAY

T. H. Estabrooks Will Give His Employees an Extra Holiday—Other Firms May Do the Same.

Considerable talk is heard regarding the suggestion that the stores in the city might close on Saturday as well as Christmas day and so give people a double day of rest. The matter was referred to recently by a letter to the Times from A. G. Skinner. This morning T. H. Estabrooks announced that he would close his place of business for the two days, so that employees could be free from Thursday night until Monday morning. Other places of business may follow Mr. Estabrooks' example.

OBITUARY

Mrs. James D. Lynds Hopewell Cape, N. B. Dec. 22.—Intelligence has been received here of the death at Ann Arbor, Michigan, of Mrs. Lynds, wife of Dr. J. D. G. Lynds, formerly of this village. The deceased lady, who has been ill for some weeks, was a native of Ann Arbor. In company with her husband she spent several weeks visiting the latter's relatives here during the past summer and her death has occasioned much regret to the community. E. W. Lynds, brother of Dr. Lynds, left this morning for Ann Arbor.

Joseph Kerr The death of Joseph Kerr, of Summer Hill, took place on Dec. 21. He died suddenly after a short illness. He was eighty-seven years of age and leaves his wife, five sons and one daughter to mourn their loss. The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Mr. Kerr was a life long resident of New Brunswick, being born at Harnstead. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and was highly esteemed for his many good qualities. He leaves a large circle of friends.

Capt. Jos. McDonald News has been received in Halifax of the death of Capt. Jos. McDonald, a native of Washabuck, Victoria county, N. B., who for some years sailed out of Nova Scotia ports. It is now about thirty years since the late captain left Cape Breton, at that time going to Carleton, N. B. For four years he sailed from St. John, after which time he removed to Boston. For the past twenty-six years he had commanded vessels from the Hub and had visited nearly every port in the world. During a recent voyage Capt. McDonald contracted a severe cold which finally developed into pneumonia and ended fatally. While at Carleton, Capt. McDonald married a New Brunswick lady who with four daughters and two sons, survive him. One brother and one sister reside at the old home at Washabuck. Officer Angus McNeil of the Sydney police force, is a nephew of the deceased mariner. The late Capt. McDonald had reached the age of 72.

A. B. COPP, M.P.P., ON THE STAND THIS MORNING

Continued from page 1. Witness produced letters he had received from Mr. McAvilly in connection with these works. He had received in all \$1425 for his services in Ottawa at that time the government owned the railway and that Senator King and Mr. McAvilly were commissioners for the government.

Before going to Ottawa he had consulted the attorney general. He had given him no statement of the cost of the 15-mile section.

Witness said he possessed a general knowledge of the affairs of the road. Mr. McAvilly was in Ottawa at the time, went with him to interview Mr. Shannon, accountant in the railway department. Mr. Pugsley had a statement of the cost of the road.

Mr. Powell asked witness what statement he had to support his claim for a subsidy of \$48,000 from the federal government. Witness replied that he had relied on Mr. Pugsley to present the statement of cost.

The claim of J. J. F. Winslow, secretary of the company was one of those submitted to Mr. Copp. The balance Winslow claimed was \$1,837.96, after payment had been made at that time. The account was settled, he thought, for about \$950 or \$958.

An item of \$800 in the receiver general's account paid to J. J. F. Winslow on Oct. 15, 1906, he thought would be the settlement of this claim.

Mr. Copp stated he had visited Ottawa several times, "two Norton and Ambrose" he thought, as a result of his visit to Rhodes Curry & Co. at Amherst, their account had been settled for about \$5,000.

The claim was for \$22,000 and it had been settled for \$10,000. Mr. McAvilly had induced them to take that much less in consideration of the account being paid in cash.

Witness said that was hardly correct. He had arranged for certain charges of interest, etc., to be cut out.

To Mr. Powell witness said he kept books such as a lawyer usually keeps, but he did not think he had made any entry of his payments from railway as they were made to him personally, and not to his legal firm.

After July 1, 1905, all amounts paid by the commissioners came out of the government.

Asked by Mr. Powell if he thought he had done his duty as a member of the Legislature in contemplating the payment of these large sums of money, witness said he did not think his record as a public man had anything to do with the inquiry. His constituents were the ones to judge as to whether he had done his duty.

The question was dropped. Asked if he had consulted any books of the company in settling the claims of Barnes and others, witness said he thought he had looked over some books, but could not remember what they were. There was some discussion as to whether certain items of charges against the company would appear in the books. Mr. Barnhill claimed they would not appear.

After some further discussion and questioning as to the books he had examined Mr. Copp was excused and adjournment was made until 2.30 this afternoon, when J. Howe Dickson and G. N. Babbitt will be called. Hon. William Pugsley is also expected to give evidence.

THE CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Christmas market in most lines is well supplied, and the assortment quite extensive. The extreme cold weather, however, has tended to stiffen prices in proportion.

Turkeys appear to have an upward tendency. Fresh birds are scarce and bring retail from 23 to 25 cents; the frozen bringing 20 to 23 cents; chickens, fresh, are scarce, though the frozen stock are quite plentiful, prices range from 80c to \$1.50. Geese are fairly scarce, and retail at \$1.50 to \$1.75. Ducks are bringing \$1.25 to \$2.00. Western and Nova Scotia beef are selling fairly high. Lamb and mutton are quite plentiful. The city market looks well, the exhibit of stock being very attractive.

In Every Department

We find broken sizes and small lots of goods too small to put in stock at regular prices. We have reduced the prices on these lines below of recent sale prices, so they must go. Many of them would make most acceptable Christmas Gifts. The lots are too small to advertise, but you will find them in our

Shoe Department. Clothing Department. Men's Furnishing Dept.

C. B. PIDGEON, Corner Main and Bridge Sts. Clothing. Tailoring. Shoes.

For Christmas Gifts In Ladies' Dressy Waists

YOU CAN BE WELL LOOKED AFTER HERE. A lot of Ladies' Sample Waists in Net Lace, Silk and Lace, and Silk and Applique, sizes 30 and 38, all at the manufacturer's price. White, Cream, Ecru, Brown and Sky shades among this lot. Our two special Lawn Waists at \$1.00 and \$1.30, long or short sleeves; always a BARGAIN. Other prices up to \$4.00 each. Silk Waists in Black, Navy, Brown and Green from \$3.75 to \$7.00, long sleeves made in up-to-date style.

ROBERT STRAIN & COMPY 27 and 29 Charlotte Street

Useful Gifts for Men and Boys

Boys' Reefers Coats, \$1.75 to \$3.75 Boys' Overcoats, \$2.75 to \$8.00 Boys' Suits, - - - 95c. to 7.50 Men's Suits, - \$5.00 to \$20.00 Men's Overcoats, - - \$3.00, \$6.50, \$7.50 to \$18.00

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BUY CHRISTMAS GIFTS HERE.

The closing days of Christmas shopping at M. R. A.'s will be fresh with surprising money-saving "snaps" waiting to be picked up by the fortunate purchasers. Every department is fairly humming with business activity, and the many opportunities to save will be apparent to each happy gift seeker.

In the Silk Room

Ladies' New Umbrellas for gifts, covered with durable Brown, Black and Navy Blue silk. Late designs in fancy handles, Natural Wood and Fancy Horn, with Gold or Silver Mounts, Pearl Handles, Pearl and Silver Handles, Ebony Handles, etc. We are showing a special line of umbrellas at \$1.10, \$1.35, \$1.50, \$1.75 upward.

In the Art Room

Decided reductions have been made on Pictures, Art Pottery, Odd Pieces of China in Limoges, Dresden and Austrian, Sterling Silver Ware, Deposit Ware, Green Mat Ware, Cerise Ware, Busts, Boys' and Girls' Diabolo Sets, and on a wide range of Christmas Novelties. Great Values for Gift Seekers.

The Furniture Dept.

Children's Desks with Blackboard Inside, \$1.50, \$1.90, \$2.35. Children's Desks with drop front, \$2.50 and \$2.90. Revolving Chairs in Oak to suit Child's Desk, \$2.25 and \$2.50. Swing Chairs, very safe and strong. Beds and Frames, from \$6. up. Snow Shovels for Little Tots, strong and light, 15c.

The Clothing Dept.

MEN'S FUR-LINED COATS—Marmot lined German Otter Collar \$10. Marmot lined Persian Lamb collar \$20. Marmot lined Otter Collar \$25. Marmot lined Natural Otter Collar \$37.50. Another at \$70 and another very handsome coat at \$125.

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