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THE STAR, ST JOHN, N. B. THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1908

## WILCOX BROTHERS. Bargain List for Friday and Saturday

If you want any of the Lines Advertised in this List Now is Your Chance to Get Them.

150 doz. Men's 10c white handkerchiefs.	Sale price,	3c
200 " 15c braces.	"	9c
48 " 25c ties.	"	13c
60 " 35c ties.	"	19c
50 " 35c black cashmere hose.	"	19c
200 " 60c white dress shirts.	"	42c
20 " 25c Bal'n shirts and drawers.	"	19c
Men's 65c Duck working shirts.	"	48c
" 65c soft front.	"	48c
" \$1.00 " "	"	69c
" 1.50 " "	"	98c
" 15c linen collars.	3 for	25c
" \$1.75 Canadian Tweed Pants.	"	\$1.24
" 3.00 Hewson " "	"	1.98
" 5.00 English Worsted " "	"	3.48
" 8.50 Canadian Tweed Suits.	"	6.48
" 10.00 " " "	"	7.75
" 12.00 English Worsted.	"	9.98
" 14.00 " " "	"	11.48
" 16.00 English Clay Worsted—blk. or blue.	"	11.98
" 10.00 Short Toppers.	Sale price,	7.48
" 10.00 Long Showerproof Overcoats.	"	6.48

### In Boys' Department--

Boys' \$3.00 two-piece Suits.	\$1.98
" 3.00 Buster Brown Suits.	1.98
" 4.50 three-piece Suits.	2.98
" 6.00 " "	4.98
" Fancy Top Overcoats.	\$2.98 to 7.00
20 dozen Boys' 65c Knee Pants.	Sale price, 48c

### Men's Hat Department--

Men's \$2.00 Hard Hats.	\$1.48
" 2.00 Soft Hats.	1.48
" Straw Hats.	95c to 1.98
Every well dressed man wears the King Hat.	\$2.50

### In Shoe Department--

Men's Tan Oxfords.	\$3.48 up
" Patent Oxfords.	2.98 up
Women's Tan " "	1.48 up
" Patent Oxfords.	2.48 up

### Ladies' Clothing Department--

Ladies' \$9.00 White Allover Silk Lined Waists.	Sale price, \$6.48
" 7.50 " " " "	5.48
" 6.50 " " " "	4.48
" 5.25 " " " "	3.98
" 4.50 " " " "	3.25
" 3.75 " " " "	2.98
" 8.50 White Silk Waists.	6.48
" 7.00 " " " "	5.48
" 6.25 " " " "	4.98
" 4.75 " " " "	3.98
" 2.75 " " " "	1.98
50 doz. Ladies' 95c White Lawn Waists.	"
25 " 75c white and cold waists.	48c
5 " White Lawn Waists—samples.	75c to 3.00
Ladies' \$1.25 " "	98c
" 2.25 " "	1.75
" 3.25 " "	2.75
" 4.75 " "	3.75

Ladies' 50c P. C. and D. & A. Corsets.	sale price	39c
Ladies' 75c P. C. and D. & A. Corsets.	sale price	.68
Ladies' \$1.00 P. C. and D. & A. Corsets.	sale price	.78
Ladies' 1.50 P. C. and D. & A. Corsets.	sale price	1.18
Ladies' 50c Fancy Lisle Hose, black or tan.	"	.39
Ladies' 25c Fancy Lisle Hose, black or tan.	"	.19
Ladies' Black Cotton Hose.	2 pairs	.25
Ladies' 50c Hose Supporters.	"	.36
Ladies' 25c Hose Supporters.	"	.19
Ladies' 15c Hose Supporters.	"	.05
Ladies' Fancy Lace Collars.	15c to	.75
Ladies' 50c black and tan Leather Belts.	"	.30
Ladies' 75c black and tan Leather Belts.	"	.50
Girls' Fancy Sunshades.	49c up.	
Children's Dresses, worth from 75c to \$1.00, your choice.	"	.58
Children's Dresses, worth from \$1.00 to \$1.25, your choice.	"	.75
20 dozen Ladies' \$2.25 Undressed long Kid Gloves.	"	1.48
Ladies' \$2.50 long black or tan gloves.	"	1.98
Ladies' short Kid Gloves.	from 75c to	1.50
Ladies' \$12.00 Tweed Costumes.	sale price	6.98
Ladies' 18.00 Costumes, black, blue or brown Venetian.	"	14.98
Ladies' \$15.00 Costumes, black or blue Vicuna.	"	11.98
Ladies' 30.00 Costumes, black, blue or brown Panama.	"	25.00
Ladies' short Box or tight-fitting Coats.	\$2.98 to	14.00
Ladies' long loose Coats.	7.98 to	15.00

## WILCOX BROS

### BAD SEASON FOR THE SEAL FISHERIES OF NEWFOUNDLAND

New Methods Have Been Adopted — Sir William Whiteway  
Seriously III.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., May 19.—The sealing voyage of 1908 will be a memorable one, and will probably prove a parting of the ways, the losses to our present sealing fleet, the damage done to other vessels, and the success achieved by the "Adventure," all pointing to new methods of conducting the fishery.

The history of sealing in Newfoundland dates back for very many years. During the last eighty years or so statistics have been preserved, whilst during the past two score years, these statistics may be regarded as accurate. Half a century ago there were not less than 400 schooners engaged in the business. Each of the schooners carried a large crew, whilst the work of preparation was shared amongst the schooner builders, sail makers, dealers, carpenters, blacksmiths, coopers and laborers, in almost every hamlet in the island. In those days the seal fishery was a blessing in every community.

scarcer and scarcer, and today it is safe to say that there are not half-a-dozen sailing vessels engaged in the work during any season. The steamers, on the other hand, have increased, and in 1882 there were 25 at the icefields. Last year there were 23 and this year 21, and there is every probability of an increase in coming years, owing to the substitution of a new and improved class of steamer.

Last year the "Adventure," commanded by Captain Robert Bartlett, of Arcle Zone was lost on March 7th during a heavy snow storm off the southeast coast of the island, whilst the Greenland, Captain Bragg, was abandoned 125 miles E. S. E. of Bonaville. There were few who were sorry to see the end of the Greenland, because it was from her were lost 48 sealers in the great snowstorm ten years ago.

THE "ADVENTURE" A SUCCESS.  
The "Adventure" is a new type of vessel, 820 tons net. She was introduced as an experiment, and the experiment has proven very successful. Last year she brought in about 25,000 seals, and this year 27,000, being the first arrival. It is now probable that several others of the "Adventure" class will be introduced, and that the eighteen steamers still existing will, in consequence, be decreased in number. Vessels of the "Adventure" type can easily carry about 50,000 seals, so that with a new class of vessels a further

contraction of the advantages to the fishermen must follow, fewer men being employed. Already the prospect of two new "Adventures" coming parties have been issued, and the stock will be readily subscribed in the local market.

The manufacture of the oil is practically in the hands of three firms, the old Liverpool houses of Job Brothers & Co., and Bowring Brothers & Company, Ltd., and the Scotch house of Murray & Crawford. As new developments in the direction of sealing steamers will mean the formation of joint stock companies it may be that a wider interest will be created, the dollars of the small investor sharing in the profits of the voyage.

Another serious feature is that, with vessels of the "Adventure" class it is not unlikely that the history of the whale fishery will be repeated, and that the extermination of the mammal will result. The law of retribution applies in things material, as well as moral and physical, and just as the oak-shedded tree of the 70's and 80's snatched from the sailing vessels their livelihood, so a fleet of "Adventures" may thrust them into obscurity and uselessness.

The catch for 1908 was valued at \$207,000, and for 1907 at \$156,000. It is thought that the total catch this year will be considerably under \$200,000, or very much below the average in weight and value.

THE GULF FISHERY.  
Only two vessels prosecuted the Gulf fishery this year, the other nineteen being at the front, to use the name generally given to the icefields on the northeast coast. Captain Bartlett, of the Viking, is the father of Captain "Bob" Bartlett, the commander of the Peary Arctic Expedition ship Roosevelt. Last year Captain "Bob" lost the Leopard, and this year went with his father. It is generally noticeable that when the Gulf fleet is successful the front fishery is below the average, whilst when the fishery at the front is large the Gulf fishery is a blank.

good condition and fifty of them have been taken to Lord Northcliffe's pulp and timber properties at Grand Falls. Not one of the 300 has been missed since its arrival, and the latest news from St. Anthony shows that the deer are doing well. Early in March a man drove out with a team of dogs to inspect the herd. The dogs broke loose, with the result that one stag was crippled, and a doe in fear was badly injured. Probably in a month or so the remainder will be taken inland with a view to cutting off a lot of the wild caribou of which there are thousands in the neighborhood. The exact cost of each of the 300 deer landed at St. Anthony was \$50.68.

SIR WILLIAM WHITEWAY ILL.  
The veteran Sir William Whiteway, who was Premier of Newfoundland for so many years, and our first Privy Councillor, is in a critical condition. On the first of April he attained his 80th year. During the past two years he has met with a series of bereavements, two sons and a daughter having passed away, as well as his intimate and confidential friend, the late Inspector-General McCoven. It is no matter of wonder that under the accumulation of sorrows and the burden of years his splendid constitution has at last given away. Although of recent years Sir William has not been prominently connected with public affairs in Newfoundland, his name is inextricably imprinted upon the colony's history. When, over sixty years ago, he came to the country, Newfoundland was little more than a fishing station. It was largely due to his splendid optimism and abundant faith that Newfoundland was raised out of the ruins and placed on the highway of progress. To him was due the Railway Policy, and, indeed, almost every progressive measure of the last thirty years. He still retains to the full the affection of the fishermen of the island, who are watching with sympathetic interest the progress of his illness.

Early this week the announcement of the resignation of the Rev. Canon Pilot, who is a nephew of Sir William Whiteway, suffered from a paralytic stroke some months ago. He has done splendid service in educational matters, and his withdrawal will be a distinct loss. W. W. Blackall, B. A., of Bishop Field College, has been appointed in his place. Recently Mr. Carnegie awarded a pension to Canon Pilot, and has since granted a pension to Mr. J. W. Nichols, who for the past thirty-five years, has been engaged as Art Master in the leading schools of the colony, and for the past quarter of a century has been principal of the School of Art.

FIRE IN MANITOBA  
RUSSELL, Man., May 20.—The west side of Main street for over a mile was wiped out by fire last night. The loss is approximately one hundred thousand dollars, and it is not half covered by insurance.

### YEARLY FIRE LOSS IS \$251,000,000

Average for Past Five Years  
—Bad Beginning for 1908

Two Fires at Atlanta and Chelsea Already  
Exceed in Magnitude Those  
of the Past Year.

NEW YORK, May 18.—President George W. Burchell, of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, in his review of the year, presented yesterday at the annual meeting of the board at 34 Nassau street, pointed out that there had been but two fires with losses exceeding \$1,000,000 during 1907 and 25 fires with losses of half a million or over, there had already been two fires since January 1 which exceeded in magnitude those of 1907. This, he said, emphasized the importance of the work the board seek to perform in minimizing the fire risk.

The two big fires since January 1 were those at Chelsea and Atlanta. The insurance at Chelsea was \$8,816,879. The total property loss in the United States for 1907 was reported as \$199,323,300. The tables for the last five year period show the destruction of property by fire in the United States to be \$1,257,716,555 or an average of 251 millions each year. The underwriting profit in 1907 is given as 114-100 per cent. of premiums with a loss of 4-5-100 per cent. for the ten-year period from 1885 to 1907, inclusive.

The report of the committee on incendiary fires and arson, showed that only one reward for conviction had been claimed during the past year. The decrease in rewards claimed did not indicate a decrease in the number of incendiary fires, on the contrary, the percentage of such fires was still large.

The attempt to tabulate the causes of fires, the committee on statistics reported, had not gone on long enough to make it worth while to publish reports. So far as the work had gone, however, the report showed that the greater number of fires came from preventable causes, such as defective chimneys, flues, fireplaces and heating and lighting apparatus.

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