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Ladies' fine beaver jackets in fawn shades and black, lined with satin or taffeta silk. From \$7.00 to \$12.00.

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GRIPPE EPIDEMIC.

Unseasonable Weather the Cause Throughout New England.

The Sea Coast Cities and Towns are Suffering the Most.

Lewiston, Bangor, Augusta and Portland Among the Maine Cities Invaded.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—The prevalence of unseasonable weather throughout New England the past week has produced a widespread ailment, which is not unlike the influenza which proved so widespread and fatal in its epidemic form a few years ago.

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HEADQUARTERS FOR GUNS AND SPORTING GOODS.

Dayton Single Barrel Breech-loading Guns, Belgian and English Double Barrel Guns, Winchester and Marlin Rifles, Hazard's Celebrated Black Powder, Eley's Job, Brown, and Green Cartridge Cases, Caps, Wads, Dominions, Trap Shells, Winchester Blue Rival Shells, Schultze Smokeless Powder, Shot Cartridges of all kinds, Shells filled to order with Hazard's Celebrated Powder, Gun Tools, McEwan's Scotch Golf Clubs, Silverton Golf Balls.

W. H. THORNE & CO. Limited, MARKET SQUARE.

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

Mulock Will Issue Penny Postage Proclamation Saturday.

Customs Department Working Overtime to Get Trade and Navigation Returns Out.

Hudson Bay Navigation Sufficiently Long for Commercial Purposes—G. T. R. Telegraphers.

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—The imposition of newspaper postage on the 1st of January has induced the post office department to increase the denominations of the present issue of postage stamps uniformly with the jubilee issue, that is up to 5¢.

THE LOST PORTLAND.

Doubt Expressed That She Broke the Anglo-American Cable.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The London office of the Anglo-American Cable Co. has been informed by the local superintendent of that company as to the operations of the Minia and the theories ascribing the breakage of the cable to the wrecked Portland having fouled it when she sank.

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AN ALLIANCE

Such as the Earth's History Has Never Seen.

England, Russia and China, or Two-Thirds of the Entire Human Race, Will Jointly Throw Open the Markets of Central Asia, and Give Peace to the World for Centuries.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—John W. Bookwater of Ohio, who has just returned from a three months' journey through Russia, told the correspondent of the Associated Press in an interview today that he enjoyed unusual facilities for observing what is going on in that country.

GUBA'S NEW TARIFF

Will Greatly Increase Canada's Trade With the Island.

What Prominent Halifax Business Men Say About Its Bearing on Maritime Provinces.

HALIFAX, Dec. 22.—Your correspondent asked Geo. Mitchell, M. P., what he thought of the new Cuban tariff as it would affect Canada.

MILLIONS FOR SCIENCE.

Lord Iveagh's Magnificent Gift to the Jenner Institute and His Generosity to Dublin.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Lord Iveagh has presented the Jenner Institute with the sum of £250,000 in aid of scientific research in bacteriology and other forms of biology.

SHARP'S BALSAM

OF HOREHOUND AND ANISEED FOR COUGHS AND COLDS.

OVIER 50 YEARS IN USE.

PRICE 25 CENTS A BOTTLE.

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population has been drilled and disciplined to military work.

NOVA SCOTIA NEWS.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 20.—The Liberal Conservative Association of Halifax county held its annual meeting tonight.

WOLFEVILLE, N. S., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Aubrey Brown of Digby arrived on Monday, having been called home by the serious illness of Mrs. Ernest Brown.

FRANK STARR OF MAIDEN, MASS., IS SPENDING A FEW WEEKS IN TOWN.

Mrs. Arthur Calhoun has gone to St. John, where she will spend Christmas at the home of her father, J. V. Ellis, M. P.

Merchants' day in Wolfville was a grand success, the business places being crowded all day.

The exhibition of china and art posters, given by the Acadia Seminary and Wolfville Art Association, in the Union hall, was exceptionally good.

Nearly 200 pieces of beautiful hand-painted china were artistically arranged on tables, 60 of which were painted by Miss Minnie Chipman, principal of the art department, and her pupils.

BRIDGETOWN, N. S., Dec. 20.—An effort is being made by Curry Bros. & Co. to form a joint stock company to take over their present business.

O. S. Miller has been retained by T. T. Messenger to bring an action against the town of Bridgetown for injuries received by Mr. Messenger, which it is alleged are traceable to a heap of earth left in the road by parties pulling down a water pipe.

Mr. Messenger was driving into town one dark night and his horse stumbled in the street and fell, throwing Mr. Messenger out of the wagon.

Mr. Miller has assumed Mr. Rocco with him in the conduct of the mill.