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Well known by all blacksmiths to be of the finest quality. Plain and Tanged Rasps, Farriers' Hammers, Ball Cross and Pien Hammers, Hoof Testers and Parers, Pincers, Hot and Cold Chisels, Creasers, Tongs, Clinchers, Buffers, Hardies, Knives and Extra Blades, Horse-Tooth Rasps and Floats.  
W. H. Thorne Co. Ltd.  
MARKET SQUARE, ST. JOHN, N. B.

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ALL AGREE THAT  
ANDERSON'S HATS ARE IT!  
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WE have the style and finish not often found in hats at this price. We have them in all colors, \$2.00 and \$2.50. Also the latest in Soft Hats. Call and see ours and be satisfied.  
P. S.—Some new things in Silk Hat Boxes.  
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Special Sale of  
Men's Trousers.  
Prices Range from \$1.00 to \$4.50  
The whole of our immense stock of Trousers—about a thousand pairs—are included in this sale. You will find here the very best values in up-to-date Trousers.  
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The Best \$2.50  
Stiff Hat Made  
The equal of any \$3.50 Hat sold.  
Fast Colors, Easy Fitting, Latest Shapes, in Brown, Black and Sage Green.  
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Largest Hat Makers  
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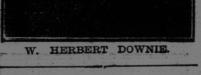
MEET AT  
J. N. HARVEY'S  
8th ANNIVERSARY SALE TONIGHT.  
BRAND NEW SPRING  
Clothing, Hats and Furnishings.  
At Greatly Reduced Prices  
Read large advertisement and price list on page 10  
J. N. HARVEY, Clothing & Tailoring, Opera House Block

DOWNIE SENTENCED TODAY  
BY JUDGE MCLEOD TO THREE  
YEARS IN DORCHESTER

Sentence Was as Light as the Judge Felt It Could be Made in the Interests of Justice—Short Given One Month for Assault

When the Circuit Court resumed this morning standing room outside the hall was at a premium, and every seat was taken, as it was known that W. Herbert Downie was to be sentenced. Shortly after eleven o'clock His Honor, Judge McLeod, took his seat on the bench, and at exactly fifteen minutes to twelve Downie was sentenced to a term of three years in Dorchester Penitentiary.

Before sentence was passed, His Honor asked J. M. Price, Downie's counsel, if he wished to ask for a case reserved. Mr. Price expressed his intention of doing so after sentence had been passed, but was informed by His Honor that unless moved for a case reserved before sentence he could not do so afterward. At the request of Mr. Price, His Honor retired to his private room and there engaged in a private conversation with him. After His Honor came back into court he ordered Downie to be brought in. The prisoner was exceedingly pale and



W. HERBERT DOWNIE

stood the ordeal well. His Honor in passing sentence said: "There is undoubtedly a good deal of discretion left in my hands as to the sentence that shall be imposed. The crime is of a very serious nature. It is more serious to steal from your employer than from an outside person. The reason of this is that the employer has to trust his employees and it is therefore of a more serious nature to make a breach of trust imposed in you. I have had a number of representations made to me in your behalf, and therefore I shall not impose as harsh a sentence as I could, but as light as I feel I can in justice to the public. The sentence of this court is that you be imprisoned in the penitentiary at Dorchester for the period of three years."

Just before His Honor pronounced the sentence some one in the audience fainting and had to be carried from court. William Short was sentenced to one month in jail for common assault on the Crocker-Hanson incident of Thursday. The Crocker-Hanson incident of Thursday is still much discussed about the city and is not likely to die out. Mr. Hanson published over his own signature in the Herald last evening a letter in which some reflections were made upon Mr. Crocker. This morning the announcement was made that Mr. Crocker would institute proceedings for libel.

ERNEST McELMAN, AGED 33, SHOOTS  
HIMSELF THROUGH THE HEART AFTER  
ATTEMPTING TO MURDER HIS WIFE

Tragedy Occurred at 11.30 Today in the Ferris Hotel, Main Street—Couple Had Been Separated—He Wanted the Woman to go to Fred-erickton With Him.

After an unsuccessful attempt to murder his wife, Ernest McElman committed suicide in the Ferris Hotel, Main street, at 11.30 this morning. McElman was about thirty-three years of age and formerly belonged to Gibson, N. B. His wife was, before her marriage, Miss Helen Hargrove, of Lakeville Corner, Sunbury county. For some years they have not been living together, as McElman was of a roving disposition and seemed to find it impossible to settle down in any one place. At intervals he worked in the lumber woods and mills around the Province and in Maine. In consequence of this his wife has been forced to support herself and since last November she has been working as kitchen girl in the hotel. Her husband visited her on two occasions since, once in January and again early in February. On these occasions their relations were apparently perfectly amicable.

THE READING OF DIME NOVELS, AND  
THEIR EFFECT ON THE JUVENILE MIND

Startling Statements by One Who Knows the Extent to Which This Evil Prevails in St. John.

The Star presents today an article on the dime novel evil, which should be read by everyone who feels even a mild interest in the younger generation. It has been contributed by a St. John man who through baneful influences in his younger days gave himself over to a career of crime. He speaks of the effect of dime novel reading, of parental neglect, and of prison associations with the authority of one who has experienced them all. His words should be a warning.

"It seems to me that you newspaper people should do something to prohibit the unrestricted sale of dime novels, which is playing such havoc with the boys and young men of St. John and other cities. No doubt the reason, a strong agitation against this evil has not been carried on in that few people outside those directly interested, realize how great and how widespread is the harm resulting. I know all about it. I've been there and the bitter personal experience has taught me what thousands of lads are today experiencing, what fatal dangers are lurking in wait to be through the indifference of those who should act. I have done time; I have mixed and associated with criminals of every class and description and you may be sure that what I tell you is not in any way overdrawn. I say these things in the hope that they may be instrumental in rousing public sentiment against an evil which has so far received little or no attention, but which is perhaps responsible for the production of more criminals than any other condition found in our society."

NEGRO AND WHITE GIRL  
IN THE POLICE COURT

Charged With Lurking About the Wharves—Male Prisoner Remanded.

It was a disgusting sight in the police court this morning when Rita Green, a pretty young white girl, 17 years of age and a big black West Indian named Loui Marret, aged 21 years, were charged with lurking and lurking on the Government pier last night. The girl arrived in the city about a week ago from Bathurst. The magistrate asked the black prisoner if he could not find colored girls to walk about with and with a grin Marret said he could.

His Honor told the prisoner that he should not walk around with a white girl. The latter smiled and said he did not see why he shouldn't, but the smile left him when the magistrate asked him how he would like to receive twenty lashes on the bare back. "That is what you mean," said His Honor, "and some good big fellow like Sergeant Baxter to give it to you."

LIBEL ACTION ARISES FROM  
THE FREDERICK FRAGAS

FREDERICKTON, N. B., March 20.—The Crocker-Hanson incident of Thursday is still much discussed about the city and is not likely to die out.

The Pitt property at Bellisle was sold to R. M. Pitt for \$600. The property at Woolstock was not put up, having been disposed of at private sale. Four shares of the stock of The Jas. Pender Co. Ltd., par value \$100 was sold to W. B. Tennant at \$200 each. Another lot of ten shares of the same stock was withdrawn at 12 1/2.

EMPRESS ARRIVES;  
BRINGS BIG CROWD

Landed 1485 Passengers Here This Morning

Passed Several Icebergs on the Way Out—Four Special Trains Left This Forenoon.

The C. P. R. Royal Mail Steamer Empress of Britain, Capt. J. A. Murray, from Liverpool via Halifax, arrived here this morning at 8.30 and docked at No. 3 berth. She left Liverpool March 11, carrying 1,485 passengers, including 81 stow, 475 second class, 3,000 tons of general cargo, and a heavy mail. Coming across the Atlantic the weather was fine until the last couple of days, when strong gales were encountered with high seas. The British came the southerly course and passed three large ice bergs on March 17 in latitude 44.5 N. longitude 45.45 W. The steamer reached Halifax on Friday afternoon, a day late. Two thousand bags of mail were landed and the steamer left for St. John on Friday night. The Empress had the largest number of passengers brought by one steamer this season. The passengers are mostly Scandinavians and Britishers bound for the west.

INSANE PATIENT CHARGED  
WITH DRUNKENNESS

Allegation Found Him in Court—Assault Case Between Hotel Runners.

In the police court this morning Harry McDonald was fined \$5 or two months for drunkenness. Shortly after he was found an attendant arrived from the provincial hospital and said McDonald had escaped from the institution yesterday. Louis Fada was charged by John Cahari with assault. Cahari claimed that the defendant struck him three times and knocked him down on the street. Fada was represented by H. J. Smith and said that both were runners for boarding houses. He had twenty immigrants from the train and Cahari sang out to them that they would be robbed if they went to Fada's house. The defendant then gave Cahari a gentle push and he fell to the ground. Fada was told he must get take the law in his own hands and was fined \$5.

WEEK'S DEATH RATE HIGH

There were seventeen deaths in the city during the past week due to the following causes: mania, 1; tuberculosis and heart disease each two, paralysis, pneumonia, peritonitis, heart failure, ruptured aorta, broncho-pneumonia, cerebral tumor, diptheric croup, congestion of the lungs, carcinoma of the pharynx, accident (run down by engine) one each.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

JOSEPH CAREY.

The funeral of Joseph Carey took place at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. Father Duke conducted the services at the Cathedral and interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

MOSES CUNNINGHAM.

At an early hour this morning Moses Cunningham died at the residence of his son-in-law, D. H. Higgins, Hickey Road. Deceased leaves one son, George and four daughters, the latter being Mrs. D. H. Higgins, Mrs. Wm. MacRie, Mrs. George Gallagher, of this city, and Mrs. David Waddell, of Reed's Point, Kings Co. One brother, John, of this city, and one sister, Mrs. Hainesworth, of Pennsylvania, also survive. The funeral will be held on Monday.