

**DOWLING BROS.** The Largest Retail Distributors of Ladies' Coats, Skirts and Blouse Waists in the Maritime Provinces.

**SCORES OF USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

May Be Purchased Here at Extremely Low Holiday Prices

**Ladies' Christmas Coats**  
Very Dressy Coats at \$7.50, \$10.00 and \$12.50. These are certainly wonderful values.

**Christmas Waists**  
In Silk, Net and Lawn. In dainty gift boxes.

**Christmas Aprons**  
White, Colored and Embroidered.

**Christmas Umbrellas**  
For Ladies and Gentlemen. Ladies' \$1.50 to \$4.50. Gentlemen's \$1.00 to \$4.50.

**Ladies' Christmas Neckwear**  
All marked at holiday prices. New Collar and Jabot combined. Dainty Bows and Jabots.

**Christmas Gloves**  
Very special value at \$1.00 and \$1.25. Other prices 90c, 75c, 60c.

**Christmas Handkerchiefs**  
Real Lace Hdks 40c. to \$1.25. Hdks in Gift Boxes.

**Ladies' Christmas Belts**  
**Men's Christmas Neckwear**  
Special value at 35c. and 50c.

**Christmas Dresses, Handsome Parisian Evening Gowns.**

**DOWLING BROTHERS**  
95 and 101 King Street

A Customer's Reasonable Wish Is This Store's Pleasure.

**DYKEMAN'S**

Children's Sailor Dresses that so many have been waiting for, have arrived. They are the same as the last lot that we sold at \$2.98. Sizes run from 6 to 16 years.

A few items for Christmas presents that might have escaped your notice:

Three pair of Silk Gauze Hose, in a dainty box for \$1.00, in tan and black.

Or Two Pair of very much finer quality in pretty box, for \$1.15, in tan or black.

A lot of Linen Bureau Sets, consisting of runner and three small mats, buttoned and lined, to be sold at just half price.

\$1.50 quality for 75 cents.

\$1.00 quality for 50 cents.

Ladies' Umbrella Bargains. Regular \$5.00

Umbrella, silk covered, with silk case, roll very close and has a silver disc and knob handle, price \$3.75.

Also a Silk Gloria Covered Umbrella, worth \$2.00, on sale at \$1.25.

**F.A. DYKEMAN & CO.**  
59 Charlotte St.

**Do You Know**

We Have Fine Gift Umbrellas For Ladies and Gentlemen

Ladies' and Men's Fur Coats.

Rich Furs in Mink and Alaska Sable.

Children's Furs, Coats, Sleigh, Robes, Etc.

AT SPECIAL PRICES FOR THE HOLIDAY.

**J. L. THORNE & CO.**  
55 CHARLOTTE STREET.  
Hatters and Furriers. Open Evenings.

**The Gift of Linen Should Be Well Chosen**

Because it carries with it a vast deal of the charm of fine old times and manners.

People gave linens long before advertising was. That is why it needs no advertising to make people choose their gift linens where the old time standard of pure flax is coupled with a new and unique standard of economy.

**Table Cloths \$1.75, 2.00, 2.35, 2.65, 3.00, 4.25.**

**Hemstitched Towels, 14c to 75c Each.**

**Napkins, Hemmed, 90c to \$4.25 Doz.**

**Bleached Table Linen, 35c, 40c, 50c, 70c, 85c, \$1.10 yd.**

**S. W. McMACKIN, 335 Main St.**

**You and Your Wife Are Both Invited Here To See Our \$3.00 Shoes**

Perhaps you'll be surprised to see the Shoes we are selling at \$3.00. We believe you will. Our great \$3.00 Shoe is our Regent Shoe—it's our leader. It's made in a Ladies' Shoe and Gentlemen's Shoe, and if there is a better shoe on earth sold for \$3.00 tell us about it and we will throw this shoe out and sell the better one, but until we do find it we'll stick to the Regent Shoe. The winter styles are here, made from the best stocks and on the new lasts. All sizes and widths, and on the foot you can't tell our \$3.00 Shoes from a \$5.00 pair.

**D. MONAHAN, 32 CHARLOTTE ST.**  
The Home of Good Shoes  
Repairing New Shoes From Old Ones. Phone 1802-11

**THE ENGINEER APOLOGIZES**

Sends Letter to Ald. Keirstead Deeply Regretting His Action in Corey Affidavit Matter

Alderman J. W. Keirstead today received a complete apology from the city engineer for the conduct of that official in making counter charges against Mr. Keirstead and circulating the affidavit of Louis Corey. Mr. Murdoch says unreservedly that he was entirely mistaken, that he regrets having taken the action he did, and that he is convinced that the alderman is entirely innocent. The letter of the city engineer is as follows:

City Engineer's Office,  
St. John, N.B.  
December 20th, 1911.

Ald. J. W. Keirstead,  
City.

My Dear Sir:—

Now that the investigation which has recently been held has been concluded, I think I ought to state to you that I realize that I have acted under an entirely mistaken view as to your motives in connection with the investigation of the department of which I am an official, and I deeply regret having circulated the affidavit of Louis Corey containing charges of which I am now convinced you are entirely innocent.

Trusting that you will receive this apology in the spirit in which it is offered, and assuring you that you are at liberty to use it in any way which your judgment may dictate.

I remain, yours very truly,  
WM. MURDOCH,  
City Engineer.

The committee of aldermen appointed to consider the connection of any civic official with the attack upon Alderman Keirstead has completed its labors and will make a report to the council next week. It is believed that the committee will again commend Mr. Keirstead completely, and it is believed that the committee persuaded the engineer that it would be necessary for him to make some reparation. Whether or not he was told that by doing so he would escape further consequences is a matter not yet clear.

So far as Alderman Keirstead is concerned, it will be seen that he has now been vindicated in the fullest and clearest manner possible.

**FAREWELL ON NEXT SUNDAY**

Plans of Rev. J. T. Tucker and His Successor as Congregational Pastor

Rev. J. T. Tucker, who has occupied the pulpit of the Congregational church for several months, will deliver his farewell sermon on Sunday next. He will leave on Monday for Toronto to confer with the missionary executive of the Congregational Union and with Dr. Patton of the American board of foreign missions. Dr. Patton has just returned from Chisamba, Africa, to which country Mr. and Mrs. Tucker are going as missionaries. Until the time of his departure, Mr. Tucker will visit the churches in various parts of the country to speak in the interests of missions.

The new pastor of the local church will be Rev. H. S. Mahood, who has been pastor of the Congregational church in Paris, Ont., and who visited St. John in February last. Mr. Mahood will begin his ministry on Sunday, January 7 and on the intervening Sunday Rev. Harold Rowe of Mansfield, England, will preach.

**LOCAL NEWS**

**COACHMEN REPORTED.**  
Charles Gamble and George Capson have been reported by I. C. R. Policeman Smith for going beyond the stand allotted for coachmen at the Union depot.

**ARTILLERY.**  
No. 5 Battery, 3rd Regiment, will meet this evening at eight o'clock in the new low street quarters for return of clothing and to receive pay.

**FOR THE POOR.**  
A committee of ladies from the W. C. T. U., North End, will be in attendance in their parlor, Union Hall, Main street, on Saturday from three to five p. m., to receive Christmas donations for the poor and needy ones in that end of the city.

**SOCIALIST OFFICERS.**  
The Socialist party elected officers for 1912 last evening at a business meeting at 36 Dock street. The results followed: F. Hyatt, organizer, third term; A. Taylor, secretary-treasurer, second term; S. Arrowsmith, recording secretary, first term. The presiding officer is elected at every meeting.

**TWO SHOPPING DAYS.**  
There are only two more shopping days left for those who are going to buy Xmas gifts. The stock-taking furniture sale at Amland Bros' is still the chief topic in many homes and there is nothing more appropriate to give at this festive season than a piece of furniture. The Messrs. Amland Bros have their entire stock marked down at greatly reduced prices.

**STEAMER NOTES.**  
The C. P. R. liner Montfort which was scheduled to sail yesterday afternoon did not get away until this morning at ten o'clock, having been delayed at Sand Point waiting for some cargo. She will proceed to Antwerp via Halifax and London. Besides her cargo she carried 120 passengers.

The S. S. Empress of Britain is due to reach Halifax at midnight, and is expected to dock at Sand Point tomorrow evening.

The S. S. Manchester Corporation arrived at Halifax last night on her way to this port.

The S. S. Rappahannock left Halifax this morning at seven o'clock.

**THIS EVENING**

Motion pictures, singing and orchestra at Nickel.

Motion pictures, and vaudeville at the Lyric.

Pictures, orchestra and singing at the Gen.

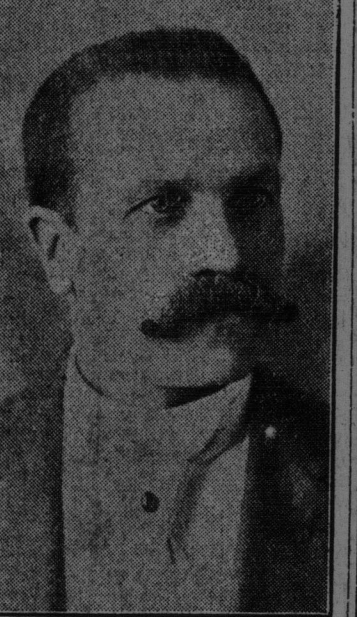
Moving pictures and singing at the Unique.

Motion pictures and singing at the Star.

**H. A. DOHERTY OF ROYAL IS DEAD**

Sudden Passing Away of Widely Known Hotel Man — Rose From Bell Boy to Proprietor

Henry A. Doherty of the Royal Hotel, died suddenly this morning and the news came as a shock to many friends. Mr. Doherty had just recovered from an illness of ten days' duration and his death was entirely unexpected. He had not been feeling well last evening and so spent the night in the hotel, but came down stairs about halfpast seven to take up his duties as usual. At a few minutes after eight o'clock he was taken ill, and sat down in his office chair. Thomas U. Mowry, a clerk who was with him in the office at



HENRY A. DOHERTY

the time, heard him gasping for breath and seeing that his condition was serious, sent for doctors and had Mr. Doherty taken upstairs. Dr. T. D. Walker and Dr. Emery responded, but were unable to do anything, and he expired in a few minutes.

On Tuesday last Mr. Doherty returned to the hotel after having been laid up for ten days with acute indigestion, and it is believed that his death was due to a sudden return of the trouble.

Mr. Doherty was a native of St. John and had lived here all his life. During his career he had earned an enviable reputation both personally and as a business man. He was of pleasant and genial disposition, strict integrity and upright character, and proved a very successful business man. He was known from one end of the dominion to the other, and through the United States as one of the best hotel managers in Canada, and it was largely due to his constant and careful attention to the business that the Royal Hotel has attained the position it now occupies.

He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Miss Edith, and one son, Henry A. Jr. He also leaves four sisters—Mrs. Edith MacLachlan of Beverly, Mass.; Mrs. John W. Dickie, of Gagetown; Miss Annie Doherty, of Gagetown and Mrs. Ring, of Boston.

Mr. Doherty was prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of Albion Lodge, Carleton Chapter, St. John Encampment and Luxor Temple. He was also a member of the St. John Golf Club and was an ardent follower of the game. He was a member of the Canadian Club. In religion he was a Presbyterian, and a regular attendant at St. David's church.

He was born in St. John fifty-five years ago, and entered the hotel business at an early age. He was first with the Stubb's Hotel, opposite the Customs House, and when it was purchased by Thomas F. Raymond and its name changed to the Royal, he continued with the new owner. This building was destroyed by fire in 1877, and the Continental Hotel, now the Park Hotel, was purchased. In 1881 they moved to the site in King street, where they have continued, with considerable extensions, to the present. Mr. Doherty became associated with W. E. Raymond in the firm of Raymond and Doherty in 1884. The business was incorporated as The Raymond & Doherty Co., Ltd., last year and Mr. Doherty became president of the company.

**A GOOD XMAS SEASON**

Stores Busy and Holiday Trade Declared Excellent — Turkeys Dearer Today

The weather man has been exceedingly good to the Christmas shoppers this week and as evidence of the fact that they are taking advantage of it, one has but to take a stroll through the principal business streets and visit some of the stores. From about ten o'clock in the morning until the same hour at night the streets are black with people hurrying here and there to get their Christmas shopping done before the final crush now setting in.

The merchants all say that, if the present fine weather continues, this will be a record-breaking season. The absence of much snow is a drawback, as the farmers and countrymen find it difficult to get to town. Most of the stores are keeping open in the evenings now until ten o'clock to accommodate those who cannot do their shopping in the day time, and it is safe to say that the clerks will be glad when the rush is over, as they are kept continually on the go all day long.

There remains but two shopping days before the holiday and store keepers are looking for one grand big rush to wind up the week.

Thinking of the Christmas dinner, it may be remarked that turkeys have taken a flight and are selling at twenty-eight cents a pound today.

**WINTER PORT STEAMERS ON THE WAY TO ST. JOHN**

Rappahannock, London, Dec. 6.  
Manchester, Liverpool, Dec. 8.  
Kastalia, Glasgow, Dec. 8.  
Sardinian, London, Dec. 8.  
Manchester Corporation, Dec. 9.  
Mount Temple, Antwerp, Dec. 13.  
Empress of Britain, Liverpool, Dec. 13.  
Manchester Importer, Manchester, Dec. 16.  
Imishowen Head, Glasgow, Dec. 16.  
Manchester Exchange, Manchester, Dec. 17.

**SENSIBLE GIFTS FOR MEN!**

One of the many sensible gifts is a sweater coat. We have them in a good variety of plain colors and combination of colors. He's sure to appreciate one as a gift. Sweater Coats 75c to \$3.75 each

**ANOTHER SPLENDID SUGGESTION.**

A Suit Case. Any man is sure to be pleased with a good suit case. Our prices on suit cases range from \$1.60 to 10.00.

Travelling Bags. Just the thing for week end trips. Prices \$2.00 to 9.50 each.

Men's Gloves. Both lined and unlined 75c to \$2.00 a pair.

Men's Fancy Vests from \$1.50 to 3.00 each

Men's Shirts. In the very newest patterns, 50c to \$1.50 each.

Men's Caps, made with knitted or fur band, 50c to \$1.50 each.

Men's Suspenders, in fancy boxes, 25c to 75c pair.

Xmas Neckwear, in fancy boxes, 25c and 50c each.

Men's Combination Sets, including garters, armlets and suspenders, \$1.25 and 1.50 per set. Also linen handkerchiefs, silk handkerchiefs, fancy armlets, cuff links, etc.

**H. N. DeMILLE & CO.**  
199 to 201 Union Street Opera House Block

**If You Are Looking For Good, Useful Christmas Presents**

for the home, come and see our line before making your selection. We have just opened a fresh shipment of Nickel-Plated ware in Tea Kettles, Tea Pots, Coffee Pots and 5 O'clock Tea Sets, that make ornamental and useful Christmas Presents.

We also have the Asbestos and Nickel Plated Sad Irons, Bread Boxes, Cake Closets, Meat Choppers, Child's Sets, Cash Boxes, Lanterns, the Patented Potato Pot, and the Model Tea Kettle, all of which will be found very useful.

When you are doing your Christmas shopping, come and examine the Celebrated GLENWOOD Ranges and Heaters, whether you intend to purchase or not.

**McLEAN, HOLT & CO., 155 Union Street, Phone 1545.**

**LEATHER GOODS FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING**

A gift is doubly appreciated if it fits. And the sensible gift is by all odds the gift for a man. Does he go about much? Give him travel helps—a Leather Roll for his brushes and things, may be a Bag or a Suit Case with the toilet helps fitted right in.

Study him a bit—you'll select then, a gift that will fit.

Our stock of Leather Goods is chosen from the best makers and the values are unequalled.

- Suit Cases at a special price, \$1.25.
- Leather, \$5.00 to \$18.00.
- Travelers' Stationery Cases, \$4.00 to \$8.50.
- Fitted Suit Cases for men and ladies, \$10.00 to \$25.00.
- Japanese Suit Cases for ladies, \$2.50 to \$3.50.
- Traveling Bags for men and ladies in all leather, some lined, others silk or leather lined, \$4.50 to \$25.00.
- Fitted Club Bags for men and ladies, \$15.00 to \$33.00.
- Military Brushes, \$1.50 to \$5.00 per pair.
- Shaving Sets, \$2.00 to \$5.00.
- Shaving Mirrors, \$1.25 to \$4.00.
- Smokers' Trays, \$1.00 to \$3.50.
- Card Cases, 50c. to \$1.50.
- Music Cases, \$2.50 to \$4.50.
- Leather Collar Bags, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50.
- Travelers' Fitted Rolls, \$1.50 to \$12.00.
- Cigar Cases, 50c. to \$3.00.
- Tobacco Pouches, \$1.00 to \$2.00.
- Cigarette Cases, 75c. to \$1.50.

**KING STREET COR. GERMAIN GREATER OAK HALL**  
SCOVIL BROS. LIMITED, St. John, N.B.

**We Will Not Carry Any Fancy Xmas Goods Over the Season if Prices Will Sell**

See the Special Prices on them for the next two days. Big reductions consisting of Work Box, Toilet Sets, Shaving Sets, Blotters, Card Albums, Candlesticks, Dinner Gongs, Smokers Sets, Ash Trays, Dolls, Toys, Hdks and Glove Box, Puff Box, Jewel Caskets, Hair and Hat Pin Holders, Vases, Hand Mirrors, Shaving Glasses, Ink Stands, Necktie Holders, Music Rolls, Games, Small Clocks and many other goods too numerous to mention.

**FRASER FRASER & CO.**  
27 and 29 Charlotte Street. Robert Strain, Manager.

**Sable, Ermine and Mink Furs**

In our show-room we are displaying some beautiful Stoles, Scarf and Muffs in Sables, Ermine and Mink, and invite your inspection. These are pieces which will make excellent gifts.

- Every article is our own reliable make and is finished in the best possible manner.
- Russian Sable Ties and Stoles \$125.00 to \$400.00
  - Hudson Bay Sable Ties and Stoles 125.00 to 350.00
  - Ermine Ties and Stoles - - - 25.00 to 90.00
  - Mink Ties and Stoles - - - 20.00 to 150.00
  - Russian Sable Muffs - - - \$250.00
  - Hudson Bay Sable Muffs - - - 250.00 to \$300.00
  - Ermine Muffs - - - 40.00 to 75.00
  - Mink Muffs - - - 20.00 to 110.00

**D. MAGEE'S SONS, Ltd. Manufacturing Furriers 63 King St**