

We Will Pay \$50 in Cash for the Best Answer to Three Questions

You can help us determine just which part of our plan is the part on which we should concentrate. You can do it and at the same time earn one of our cash prizes.

Which point of superiority do the purchasing public seek above all others when they buy the goods we are offering?

To the person who most clearly expresses the leading reason why everybody in St. John should make their purchases at the Asepto Store we will pay \$15.00 in cash. For the next best reply \$10.00. For the next best \$5.00, and for the next twenty, each a bright new one dollar bill.

Meantime an examination of our store, a small purchase, a talk with our clerks, a look over our lines and a general sizing up of our whole business will be of service to you in earning one of the prizes.

The Facts in Brief

For years we have been offering premiums on goods of our own manufacture.

For the past few years we have given the premium plan our special attention, the outcome of which is the Asepto Store, Corner Mill and Union streets.

It has been our constant aim to give a better premium than offered by any other concern. You do not have to take an article of our selection for your coupons.

Every article in our store is for sale and the price is marked in plain figures.

Also every article is a premium and is given you at the same price for coupons as if you paid cash.

The plan that we follow is the only one of its kind in Canada, and even competitors are compelled to remark that we have the finest line of premiums ever brought together under one roof.

The Asepto Plan

The Asepto plan of doing business is the only plan of its kind in Canada.

It works itself out in this way: If you spend five cents you get a check worth one cent; if you spend ten cents you get one worth five cents; if you spend \$1.00 you get one worth twenty cents; if your purchase amounts to \$5.00 you get one worth \$1.00, and so on.

These goods we sell to you at the same price you would pay for them at any other store in the city. Instead of giving you a small cash discount, we give you a check worth twenty cents for every dollar you spend. We make profit on the goods you purchase and pay you back while the goods you purchase afterwards with our checks are given you at the wholesale prices. To get you to make the first purchase, we cost something while the second purchase with our checks you are bound to make from us. There is no selling expense attached to the latter.

These Are the Three Questions That You Are Requested to Answer

FIRST—What in your judgment is the feature in the Asepto plan that has made our store do a volume of business in less than six months that other stores have not been able to get in years?

SECOND—What was the most important feature that first induced you to buy at the Asepto store?

THIRD—Which of these four vital points—Asepto Quality, Asepto Service, Asepto Store Location, or Asepto Premiums—would you advertise with the conviction that when people knew that fact they would go to our store and take advantage of our whole plan?

Answers to this advertisement must not exceed five hundred words.

The best replies will be used for advertising purposes. The names of writers will not be published unless requested.

A box will be placed in our store on Wednesday morning, January 3rd, 1912, at eight o'clock, where replies may be deposited at any time until the close of the competition. If you live outside of the city limits, you will be allowed to place or person in any way connected with our business will be allowed to compete.

All letters should be addressed to Dept. 99, ASEPTO LIMITED, Cor. Mill and Union Streets, St. John, N.B.

Our Stock Includes

- BOOTS AND SHOES
CROCKERY
CUT GLASSES
WATER BAGS
BROTHERS' BATS
PENDANTS
HAT PINS
MAGIC LANTERNS
SLIPPERS
SMOKERS' BETS
DOLLS
TOYS
UMBRELLAS
RIVINER SETS
SILVERWARE
WORK BASKETS
SLIPPERS
CLOCKS
STATUARY
CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS
TEA SETS
DINNER SETS
LIMOGES CHINA
(Hand Printed)
SCISSORS
BON-BON DISHES
PEARL HANDLE
PICKLE FORKS and BUTTER KNIVES
CAKE BASKETS
CAKE PLATES
CHINA SUGARS and CREAMS
PAPERIES
BOOKS of All Kinds
COMPANION SETS
LEATHER GOODS
BOYS' and MEN'S CLOTHING
SUITS and OVERCOATS
WRITING CASES

SCOTCH CURLERS GUESTS OF LOCAL CLUBS AT A SMOKER

Function in Keith's Assembly Rooms, Last Evening, One of Most Enjoyable Ever held in City—Visitors Welcomed in Hearty Style

Scotch songs, the skill of the pipes and address by the visitors were the features which marked the smoker given by the local curling clubs at Keith's Assembly Rooms last night in honor of the visit of the Scotch curlers to the metropolis of the Maritime Provinces.

Col. J. B. M. Baxter presided, and on the platform with him were His Worship Mayor Frink and Col. Robertson Alkmen, president of the Scotch curlers who are visiting Canada.

During the evening there were added a musical programme, including Scotch songs by D. B. Pidgeon and F. C. McNeill, which aroused especial enthusiasm among the visitors.

Mayor Frink, in opening, extended a hearty welcome to the curlers on behalf of the city and citizens. He said an order had gone forth to extend the keys of the city to the visitors from the Motherland. But he was able to carry away the trophies of victory. He thought the visitors would deserve well of everybody if they trimmed the local curlers to a finish, because they were puffed up with their own importance.

E. N. Smith then spoke some words of welcome, and recited the following verses:

A song to the land o' cakes
A seith to her brow laddies
Who'll drain a Droch and Deuch
Of which they are the daddies.

They've braved the stormy seas
To face our wintry weather.
Now we're a welcome give
To the besom-swing
While merry shouts are pealing.

We'll play the game like men
With friendship's hearty feeling.
To spartan and to thistle
Let's drain a Droch and Deuch.

And bravely toot the whistle,
"We're a' John Samson's bairns"
As comrades hand in hand
We'll drink a Droch and Deuch.

A solo was then sung by Fred McKeen who was given a hearty encore.

Hon. Robert Maxwell, M. P. P. Hon. Robert Maxwell then extended a welcome on behalf of the government of the province. He said that he had been commissioned to express the regret of Premier Fleming at his inability to be present.

The mayor had said he hoped their Scotch friends would trim the local curlers. All he had to say was "Trim them here while they are here. New Brunswick can depend on to put up a sturdy fight. They had Scottish blood in them vitalized by Canadian skies and Canadian climate."

Continuing, Mr. Maxwell said that he could wish the curlers no better fate than to be kept in the Province of New Brunswick. There were plenty of curlers here and here. New Brunswick was a country of great farming and fruit raising possibilities and was on the eve of great development.

In the next few years \$20,000,000 would be spent to establish lines of communication and open up the resources of the country.

After a selection by the orchestra, Andrew Blair, secretary of the Scotch curlers, presented Mr. Blair with silver and enamel souvenir shields bearing the arms of the province. He said that he expressed the hope that his expression of the people of the province in the smaller towns, which were not prepared to admit that St. John had anything on them. However, if the Scots could not come to them, the curlers in the other towns were glad to come to them.

New Brunswick might be, as Mr. Maxwell remarked, a small province, but it was an important one, furnishing the winter gateway of the Dominion.

Continuing, he said he hoped the visiting curlers would not only find their visit one of pleasure, but of education, and that it would enlarge their outlook in regard to the overseas dominions, and their importance to the Empire.

He had endeavored to discover the origin of the curling game, but had got lost in the mists of antiquity. He supposed the Scotch had appropriated the game like they had everything else worth having.

Referring to the Mayor's statement, that he hoped the Scots would take the scalps of the local curlers, he said that if they failed to do so the curlers from the other towns of the province would be glad to stop over for another day, and take their scalps.

In conclusion, he said that he was supposed to have a falling, but on the present occasion, he would not inflict a long speech.

A. E. MacNeil sang a Scotch song.

Dr. J. W. Daniel, who was then introduced, said the visitors would find that Canada was a younger Scotland. If they were looking for Scotchmen they should look in high places and not the low places. The Scotchmen by their industry and intelligence had come to occupy the high seats in the synagogues in Canada as elsewhere.

Canadian, as well as other people, had to look to Scotland for examples in municipal administrations as well as other political activities.

The Mother Country as everybody knows was in the forefront of progress, an example to Canada as well as to other countries.

In conclusion he expressed the hope that the visit of the Scotch curlers would help to promote the great ideal of Imperial Federation and that greater ideal of the federation of the world and the parliament of man.

At the conclusion of Dr. Daniel's speech Premier Ross played a Highland reel which stirred the blood of Dr. McLaren and others and made them dance a Highland reel. After this Thomas Murray of Sackville sang a Scotch song, and he sang "Scots wha' hae" as an encore.

D. B. Pidgeon sang a number of Scotch songs and made a great hit with the gathering. He was followed by Fred McNeill, who sang Scotch songs and evoked a great deal of applause.

Col. Robertson-Alkmen then made a brief speech, expressing the thanks of the visiting curlers for the welcome accorded, and giving utterance to the hope that Canadian curlers would visit Scotland next winter where he was assured they would meet with a royal welcome.

Ald. McGoldrick was also heard in a characteristic speech.

During the evening D. Arnold Fox presided at the piano.

The gathering dispersed at an early hour with the singing of the National Anthem and Auld Lang Syne.

THE C. P. R. MEN LOST ALL FOUR

In the Commercial league fixture on Black's alley last evening Brock & Paterson took four points from the C. P. R.

Ryan .. 80 90 77-247 82 1-3
Henderson .. 72 89 72-233 77 2-3
McMichael .. 82 96 85-273 91 ..
Paterson .. 77 83 88-248 82 2-3
Masters .. 87 79 95-261 87

408 437 417 1262
C. P. R.
Griffith 73 82 80-235 78 1-3
Johnson .. 89 96 101-286 95 2-3
Jack .. 78 83 76-237 79
Colburn .. 72 79 72-233 74 1-3
McKeen .. 82 89 79-250 83 1-3

394 429 408 1231
T. McAvity & Sons will bowl Barnes & Co. in the Commercial league this evening.

CHARGED WITH FRAUD IN USE OF MAILS, PLEAD NOT GUILTY

New York, Jan. 5.—On indictments, the existence of which was made public this afternoon for the first time, pleas of not guilty were entered in the United States District Court this afternoon by Julian Hawthorne, journalist promoter; Josiah Quincy, a former assistant secretary of state, ex-mayor of Boston, and at present a member of the Transit Commission of Boston; Albert Freeman, a promoter; John McKinnon, treasurer and secretary of the Hawthorne Mining Company, and Dr. Wm. J. Morton, a nerve specialist of this city. All are charged with misuse of the mails in a scheme to defraud investors in the stock of mining enterprises.

Ball in the case of Freeman was fixed at \$25,000; the others were required to give bonds of \$10,000 each. All have until next Wednesday to withdraw or change their pleas.

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HAY, 162 Union St.

THE SECRET OF A GOOD COMPLEXION

This is the season for evening parties, social events, etc. Why not look your best? Why let your complexion suffer by contrast with other ladies? Why not ensure a good complexion? You can do this on sound, natural lines by using Zam-Buk, nature's herbal balm.

Zam-Buk is a skin food; and complexion is purely a matter of skin health. Zam-Buk smoothes lightly over the face each night, acts as a skin tonic. It stimulates the cells beneath the cuticle to healthy action, makes the capillaries and blood vessels work, and the vigorous circulation thus started carries away secreted impurities. Waxy, oily deposits are thus removed. Hard, pimply growths are softened and disappear. That yellow tinge gives place to the pink of health and the white, velvety "look" and "feel" which healthy skin alone has.

Isn't this wiser than relying upon talcum powder and cosmetics? These only put on a "complexion" from the outside. It doesn't last. Zam-Buk helps nature to build up a complexion from blood and tissue. It lasts.

Zam-Buk also cures skin diseases, pimples, ulcers, abscesses, blood-poison, eruptions, cuts, burns, scalds, chapped places, scalp sores, piles, etc. 50c. box all druggists and stores, or Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, but beware of harmful substitutes and imitations.

COMBINES CREATING MONOPOLY OF THE CAB BUSINESS IN LONDON

London, Jan. 5.—Another step has been taken in the direction of creating a monopoly of the transportation of London. The Tube Railway and the General Omnibus Company are to combine, and now the Central Omnibus Company has undergone a reformation and has made a working agreement by which it gives the General Omnibus Company a monopoly, for a radius of eight miles from Charing Cross. The Central Company will serve the suburbs.

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THE LATEST ST JOHN MARKET QUOTATIONS

COUNTRY MARKET
Beef, western, @ 0.10 1/2
Beef, butchers, @ 0.08
Beef, country, @ 0.06
Mutton, per lb., @ 0.08
Pork, per lb., @ 0.05
Native cabbages, @ 0.70
Spring, lamb, per lb., @ 0.10
Veal, per lb., @ 0.08
Potatoes, per bbl., @ 0.75
Eggs, hen, per doz., @ 0.40
Eggs, case, per doz., @ 0.20
Tub butter, per lb., @ 0.20
Roll butter, per lb., @ 0.23
Creamery butter, @ 0.25
Boston Lettuce, doz., @ 1.10
Carrots, per bbl., @ 1.25
Hides, per lb., @ 0.11
Wool, washed, @ 0.00
Wool, unwashed, @ 0.00
Lamb skins, per @ 0.45
Hides, per @ 0.00
Beets, per bbl., @ 0.00
Fowls, per pair, @ 0.90
Spring Chickens, @ 1.30
Turkeys, per lb., @ 0.24
Lettuce per doz., @ 0.00
Celery per doz., @ 0.00
Turnips, @ 0.75

FRUITS, ETC.
New walnuts, @ 0.12
Green walnuts, @ 0.14
Marbot walnuts, @ 0.14
Almonds, @ 0.15
California prunes, @ 0.03
Filberts, @ 0.12
Brazil, @ 0.15
New dates, per lb., @ 0.05
Peanuts, roasted, @ 0.11
Bag figs, per lb., @ 0.04
Lemons, Messina, box @ 6.50
Coconuts, per doz., @ 0.50
Coconuts, per sack, @ 3.75
Bananas, @ 1.20
Val onions, case, @ 2.75
American onions lb., @ 0.75

PROVISIONS.
Pork, Amer. mess., @ 22.75
Pork, domestic, mess 25.50
Pork, Am clear, @ 20.00
Amer. Plate Beef, @ 18.00
Lard, pure, tub, @ 0.12 1/2
Lard, comp. bbl., @ 0.10 1/2

FLOUR, ETC.
Oatmeal roller, @ 5.75
Standard oatmeal, @ 6.00
Manitoba high grade, @ 6.25
Ontario full patent, @ 5.50

CANNED GOODS
Salmon, cookee, @ 7.00
Herring, @ 8.00
Kippered herring, @ 4.25
Clams, @ 4.00
Oysters, @ 1.25
Corned beef, @ 2.00
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Peaches, @ 1.95
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Pineapples sliced, @ 1.40
Pineapples, grated, @ 1.70
Singapore pineapples, @ 1.50
Lambard plums, @ 1.10
Raspberries, @ 1.45
Curr, per doz., @ 1.35
Strawberries, @ 1.85
Tomatoes, @ 1.45
Pumpkins, @ 1.05

TO PICK MEN TO MEET AD. CANADIAN ATHLETES TRAINING

New York, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Jas. Johnson, manager of Owen Moran's curling lightweight, received and accepted today the proposal of Jas. Coffroy the San Francisco promoter, that Moran enter elimination bouts in California next month to find a suitable challenger for Ad Wolgast, the lightweight champion. Coffroy proposed that One Round Hogan and Tommy Murphy enter the elimination contest to be of 20 rounds each, to pick the best man of the three to challenge Wolgast.

A SPORTING VOLUME.

The sporting editor of The Standard wishes to thank James M. Power of 13 Buckingham street, Halifax, for the World's Annual Sporting Records, received yesterday. This volume is complete, concise and authentic and is a pocket edition taking in all records up to December 31, 1911. It is compiled by Thomas S. Andrews, a sporting writer in Milwaukee, Wis., and on the first pages are Maritime Provinces Aquatic Notes, compiled by James W. Power, sporting editor of the Acadian Recorder.

String beans, @ 1.07 1/2
Baked beans, @ 1.00

GROCERIES
Choice seeded Raisins 0.10
Fancy do, @ 0.10 1/2
Malaga clusters, @ 0.09
Currants, clean 1's 0.08 1/2
Cheese, new, per lb 0.15
Cheese, per lb, @ 0.15
Rice, per lb, @ 0.03 1/2
Cream Tartar pure bx 0.22
Bicarb soda, per keg 2.10
Molasses, fancy bar, @ 0.35
Beans, hand picked, @ 0.40
Beans, yellow eye, @ 2.60
Split peas, @ 0.60
Pot barley, @ 0.75
Granulated cornmeal, @ 3.70
Liverpool salt, per sack, @ 0.70

SUGARS.
Standard gran., @ 5.90
United Empire gran., @ 6.00
Bright yellow, @ 5.80
No. 1 yellow, @ 5.40
Paris lumps, @ 6.40

FISH
Large dry cod, @ 6.25
Medium dry cod, @ 5.50
Small dry cod, @ 4.25
Pollock, @ 3.75
Gd. Manan herring bbl 0.00
Gd. Man. herring bbl 0.00
Fresh cod, per lb, @ 0.25 1/2
Blond, per box, @ 0.85
Halibut, @ 0.10
Finan haddies, @ 0.05
Kippered herring, per ds 0.30

GRAINS.
Middlings ear lots, @ 30.00
Mid. small lot bgs, @ 30.00
Bran, ton lots bgs 26.00
Cornmeal in bags, @ 2.65

OILS
Frost's Astral, @ 0.00
White Rose & Chester, @ 0.16 1/2
High grade Sarsin and Aro, @ 1.90
Light, @ 0.00
Silver Star, @ 0.00
Lined oil, bottled, @ 0.55

CANADIAN ATHLETES TRAINING

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 5.—The Canadian Olympic Committee, are completing plans for the selection of the best possible representation of the Dominion at the Olympic games, at Stockholm next summer. The selection of rowing entries has been delegated to the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen, and that body has appointed a special committee to cooperate with the Canadian Olympic Co., in the matter.

The Canadian Amateur Swimming Association has been asked to handle the possible swimming entries. It athletes the provincial branches of the Amateur Athletic Association of Canada have been requested to submit the best material available in their particular sections, and if deemed advisable by the Canadian Olympic Committee to hold a trial.

As evidence of the interest aroused in the Swedish games, the Canadian Committee are already in receipt of individual applications from athletes from nearly all over Canada. The committee are particularly anxious that no athlete, Canadian, who desires consideration as a probable candidate be overlooked and will be glad to receive any names, which should be submitted at once, to Norman H. Crow, secretary, Canadian Olympic Committee, 22 College street, Toronto.

The selection of the best trainers and coaches is also engaging the attention of the committee and applications are invited for these positions.

FIFTEEN MILE RUN ARRANGED

London, Jan. 4.—Kohelmainen, winner of the Powder Hall Marathon last week; Holmer, last year's winner, and second this year and Tom Longboat, have been matched to run fifteen miles for £75 at Edinburgh on February 3rd.

FOOTBALL FASCINATION.

(From the New York Tribune) Edgar M. Church, the football veteran of Philadelphia, was talking at Franklin Field about football's charm. "When I was playing in '91's class games," said he, "there's a '91 chap who lost a dear relative. The funeral took place the day we played '92, and at the game's end as I was crossing over to the college the funeral procession filed slowly past. 'All of a sudden a head was thrust out of one of the mourning coaches and a voice said: 'Have you heeled 'em, Churchy?' 'Yes,' said I. 'Hurrah!' shouted my classmate, and he drew in his head again and drove on sorrowing."

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