

THE STUBBORNNESS

of the MULE is proverbial. Though not proverbial it is a well-known fact that millions of housewives who have tried SUNLIGHT SOAP stubbornly refuse to use any other. These housewives, with

Sunlight Soap

as their ally, can look forward to wash-day without dread, for they are assured of a quick despatch of all dirt.

TRY IT IN YOUR NEXT WASH.



Their Opening Act

Will be all the Old Favorites. Manager Kely has acceded to popular request, and has decided that the opening act of Franklin and Hiatt, at the Casino Theatre on Christmas afternoon, will be a revival of all the old favorites in which they scored their inaugural success in St. John's. We feel sure that this is a happy decision, for an opening offering of the "Midnight Song," "The Shore-ditch Handicap," and other English numbers in which the team excel would be an advantage, as well as the presentation of songs with which we are more or less familiar and have all heard in vogue since the first visit of the Klark-Urban Co.

Although Franklin and Hiatt are featured on the Casino programme for the Christmas Festival, it must not be thought that the entertainment is entirely dependent thereon, for an excellent selection of screen subjects has been made and the programme of motion pictures will maintain a high standard. Mr. P. J. McCarthy will present the musical programme, and the whole entertainment seems excellently balanced. In passing, we might say that there are two shows Christmas afternoon and two at night.

Mid Week Show

At The Nickel Theatre. There is another attractive entertainment at the Nickel Theatre to-day. The Gaumont Special:—"The Vengeance of Egypt" which is in three reels will be presented. There is also a two reel story entitled "Chains of Bondage" by the Esenay actors.

"A Romance of the Rural Route" is a dainty drama and "All on Account of a Hat" is the comedy.

A big show is being prepared for Christmas Day—three sessions, morning, afternoon and evening. Special pictures—the best ever given in St. John's. Miss Margaret Ayer, the new vocalist, makes her first appearance. She has had several years experience and comes highly recommended. Everyone will be going to the Nickel Friday, you should go, too.

Earshall's Quick Trip.

The barq. Earshall, Capt. Coward, which sprung a leak outside the Narrows an hour after leaving port, arrived at Pernambuco on the 9th inst. after an excellent run of 24 days from here, word to that effect having been received by Messrs. Job Bros. and Co. yesterday.

CARTHAGINIAN LEAVES.—The Allan Liner Carthaginian is set down to leave Philadelphia on Saturday next for here.

Direct from the Orchards, to the Consumer.

GEORGE KNOWLING has just received a car of very choicest **Desert & Cooking Apples**, the very finest that can be imported. For sale at his **EAST, WEST & CENTRAL GROCERY STORES.**

Extraordinary Low Prices.

GEORGE KNOWLING

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Sealing Commission.

(Tuesday, Dec. 22.) Dr. L. E. Keegan, sworn, examined by Dr. Lloyd, is Physician and Surgeon, and Medical Superintendent of the General Hospital. Witness received the survivors from the Newfoundland after they were landed from the ship. Names of patients were read, together with the ailments of each. One of the patients, John Keel, died; he suffered from frost-burn and also pneumonia. The others suffered from frost burn and snow blindness. In all cases of slight frostburn the patients recovered without amputation; in other cases amputation was necessary. The physical condition of the patients when they entered the Hospital generally was fairly good, with three exceptions. The mental condition of the majority was also good. There was nothing to indicate starvation, but exhaustion was plainly visible. Witness detailed the value of various foods to the Commission. He considered that upon the diet outlined as provided on a sealing steamer, men might get along very well on board. He thought hard bread alone for men at work on the ice or facing bad weather, was entirely inadequate. Cheese with buttered biscuit is fairly strong food, or beef biscuit. Other concentrated foods might be used. Oatmeal and raisins, and sardines would be fairly valuable as food.

To Mr. Fenelon.—Witness had no experience with Pemican, but knows it to be highly nutritious, but expensive. Either meat biscuit or cheese would be, perhaps, the best food for men to take on the ice, where cooking conveniences were not available. There was nothing on any of the patients to seem to indicate lack of food or nourishment.

To Judge Johnson.—Witness said he saw no clothing worn by patients at the ice. He was surprised that men were not frozen about the nose and face. The little finger was in most cases burned. There was nothing in the frost burns to indicate special deficiency in either foot, head or hand wear. There was no physical sign of starvation in the men witness saw, but there were distinct symptoms of nervous exhaustion. Witness thought there should be a medical inspection of sealing ships from the standpoint of health, and to ensure proper drugs and dressings. The inspection of men might be attended with difficulty. "Sick bays" would be desirable, if possible.

Joseph Fernandez, sworn, examined by Dr. Lloyd, is Chief Engineer of s.s. Stephano, and was at the ice in her last spring. Log produced as kept, in which was recorded the daily work. The records are necessarily different at the ice and, during an ocean voyage. The times of working of the engines on March 31st, April 1st, April 2nd, April 3rd, were detailed to the Commission from the log. The log contains nothing to indicate the courses taken by the ship. Witness heard the Newfoundland's crew were on board, but did not see them; was not on deck. Had no conversation with regard to the crew of the Newfoundland, but heard a remark here and there that it was a stormy night for any one to be out. Did not hear the captain was searching for any men. The whistle was blowing, but did not pay particular attention to it.

The Commission sits on Tuesday next.

Woman Injured.

An aged woman named Ratchford, met with a serious accident yesterday evening. While passing in Howley Avenue she slipped on the icy surface and fell heavily. As a result she broke her hip. She was picked up and brought to her home on Prescott Street where she was examined by Dr. Anderson who ordered the injured woman to hospital, where she was immediately conveyed in a sleigh, accompanied by Constable Tobin.

Here and There.

LOADING SALT.—The s.s. Nasople is now loading salt at Torrevieja for here.

STAFFORD'S ESSENCE OF GINGER Wine makes 3 quarts. Only 10c. a bottle.—dec9,1f

REACHED CATALINA.—The scho. A. H. White reached Catalina yesterday to load codfish for Lunenburg.

TABASCO OFF.—The s.s. Tabasco sailed last night for Liverpool taking as freight a large quantity of fish.

ADVENTURE GOES AGAIN.—The s.s. Adventure leaves here on January 2nd for Naples with a cargo of cod fish.

FARMER DEAD.—Yesterday the death occurred of Mr. Michael Aylward, a much esteemed and well known farmer of Kilbride.

Only One "BROMO QUININE" Whenever you feel a cold coming on, think of the full name, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. Grove on box. 25c. dec2,11f

Our Volunteers

Received Their First Pay Yesterday. Nine young men for the Second Newfoundland Regiment were sworn in yesterday. Thus far the total force is 193 members. A considerable number is yet required to complete the necessary contingent and those who have passed their medical examination should report as soon as possible. Yesterday afternoon the volunteers who were in training received their first instalment of pay. They were paid at the rate of \$1.60 per day (Sunday included) from the time they reported for drill up to 6 o'clock Monday evening. This morning the squad went for a march countrywards, after which they were granted leave until 2.30 p.m. on Monday next when they will report again for drill.

W.P.A.

FOR THE RELIEF OF THE WOUNDED AND FOR OUR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

Subscriptions may be sent to the following members of the Financial Committee: Lady Davidson, Mrs. John Ayre, Miss Browning, Mrs. Garrett Byrne, Mrs. T. J. Duley, Mrs. T. J. Edens, Miss Hayward, Mrs. A. Macpherson, Mrs. H. Rendell.

The Treasurer begs to acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following subscriptions to date:

Amount acknowledged	\$8,728.50
Collected by Mrs. Myrick from the women of Cape Race and remitted by Margaret Murphy	35.00
From Port Saunders, per Mrs. C. J. Goff, as follows:	
Proceeds of Patriotic Concert	25.00
Alfred S. Darby	5.00
N. Breton and family	5.00
Bertram Farrell	3.00
Bertram Harris	1.00
Abram House	1.10
Capt. Evans	1.00
Mrs. T. A. Hall	20.00
Mr. S. T. Harrington	5.00
Proceeds of Supper given by ladies of Spruce Bay, B.B.	9.82
	\$8,840.22

KATHERINE EMERSON, Treasurer.

W.P.A. 2nd Shipment.

By the S. S. Tobasco which sailed yesterday, the second shipment of articles made by the women of Newfoundland for those who are in the service of the Empire. Through the courtesy and generosity of the Furmen, Withy Co., the goods have been taken free of freight charges. The shipment consisted of thirty-four cases, twenty-six of which are for the men at the front, four for hospital and four with cardigan jackets, mufflers, mitts, etc., for the Newfoundland Regiment.

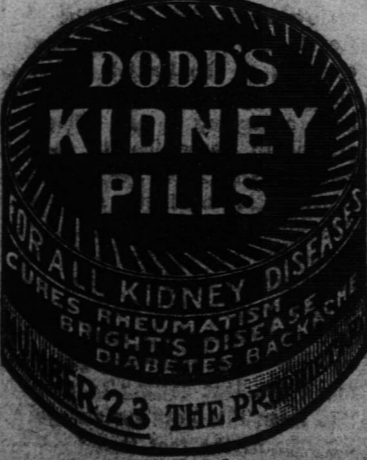
Among the articles sent forward were:—

440 Pillow Slips	164 Pillows
464 Handkerchiefs	726 Day Shirts
423 Pairs Mitts	120 Pairs Cuffs
5276 Pairs Socks	24 Pairs Bed Socks
6 Pairs Surgical Socks	100 Body Belts
110 Suits Pyjamas	30 Bed Jackets
7 Undergarments	9 Scarfs
76 Helmetts	

Meigle's Report.

The s.s. Meigle, Capt. Gooble, which arrived at Humbermouth at 3.30 p.m. yesterday, reports to the Reid Nhd. Co. as follows: "Reached as far north as Ferrole and landed freight, passengers and mail, could not enter Brig Bay nor Currant Island owing to ice. Crossed to Blanc Sablon, but found the place filled with ice, and returned to Port Saunders. Met heavy westerly gales with snow storms, and intense frost during the whole trip."

Preparations are now being made by the members of the B. I. S., under the direction of Mr. J. L. Slattery, for the concert which will be held at their Hall on New Year's night. An elaborate programme is being drawn up and will be contributed to by the leading musical talent in St. John's.



Miner's Ointment Cures Diphtheria, dec2,11f

THIS IS HIS PICTURE!



Take a good square look at him. This is the picture of the man who will give on to-day and to-morrow, absolutely free of charge, all the Toys you require for your family. You only need to buy one dollar's worth of any of the serviceable goods represented in this advertisement and you can have free a Toy or Toys to the value of 10c. to every dollar purchase, and the Toys are marked away down because they were bought at an auction sale and can never be sold so cheaply again. You get a Toy really worth 40c. for 10c. now, and when you buy one dollar's worth of goods at Devine's you get thrown in free the Toy that was forty cents. Mothers and children are coming all the week from all parts of the city for the free Toys. Lots of them thought this Xmas they would not be able to get Toys for the little ones they love so dearly, but Devine's plan has changed the whole thing, and no child need go without Toys for Xmas now. See the window. See the great display that is to be given away free. Children and mothers will keep Devine's busy to-day and to-morrow. They love to buy at Devine's—there is something of the Xmas atmosphere around the place. The salesmen smile, the salesladies smile, the proprietor smiles. There is no grouch. There will be a merry lot to-day and to-morrow, because the prices have practically been removed altogether. Devine's always had a marvellous capacity for bringing the crowd. When Devine's started some few years ago at the foot of Stephen and New Gover Sts. in the dry goods business, some wise ones said there never was any dry goods sold there before. People won't go there for dry goods; but they did buy dry goods there, and bought so much that Devine's had to move to Water Street and get a larger store. Then again some wise ones said he has a poor stand, there on the north side of Water Street; but the crowd found him out there and kept coming. Then in the Fall of 1911, when Devine's moved East into the Woods' building, the crowd rushed there in their thousands and the same loyal crowd hung right on to Devine's in spite of the fact that a few thought it was too far East. Now in August, when Devine's moved into their new and spacious store, corner Water and Adelaide Streets, and where you will come to-day and to-morrow, their customers are more than ever. They are coming in their scores, and what is the answer to all this? One word—Service. Devine's are giving service, and the people are convinced they cannot do better at any other store. Read the bargains below and come to Devine's, where goods are cheap and Toys are free.

GAITERS ARE DOWN.

Come and buy a pair of Gaiters for the old lady you have known so many years and you did not know what to give. All prices, **\$2.00**

RUBBERS—THE BEAR BRAND.

For the man who has been working with you day and night all through the year, doing odd jobs, messages, etc., give him a pair of Bear Brand Rubbers and he will have foot comfort all the winter. Prices from \$1.20 to \$1.40 for men. We have them for women, too. Come to Devine's.

SWEATER COATS.

There is nothing more serviceable than a Sweater Coat. We have them in Light Blue, Brown and Grey, Maroon, from \$1.00 to \$5.00.

OVERCOATS—AT HALF PRICE.

After reading this, three or four thousand young men will know something they did not know before—that is, the right place to get a Xmas Overcoat. All our Overcoat prices are cut in two. You can now get a regular \$15.00 value Overcoat for \$7.50. Why? Because Newfoundlanders don't wear Overcoats in summer and we want to sell them all now. Excellent goods. Tailored in latest English fashion, strapped on sleeves, and that dash which always distinguishes the British made article. Nice shades of Brown, Dark Green and Grey. Put \$7.50 in your pocket and head for Devine's, corner Water and Adelaide Streets, and get inside of a \$15.00 Overcoat.

UNDERWEAR.

You all know, of course, we supplied the 1st Nfd. Regiment; whatever about the second, of course we get a fair shake for it—the same as the first. We'll supply that, too—but that's another matter. What you want to know is the place to buy Wool Underwear. Well, we have all Wool Underwear here from \$1.00 per garment up; and bear this in mind, Wool Underwear is the only Underwear fit for this climate. Come in and examine.

All Flannelettes, Flannels and General Dry Goods are Reduced.

DENT'S GLOVES.

Gloves are suitable at all times, and you cannot make a mistake when you give Dent's Gloves. They are the best. We have them for men and women.

READ THIS!

We are offering at half price all the goods we bought at auction sale and they are these. Take our word, no store in the town can touch these goods for the prices:

Handk. Boxes & Tie Boxes, formerly 70c. Now 40c.
Photo Albums, formerly \$1.00. Now .50c.
Post Card Albums for .15c.
Blotters from .10c. up
Scrap Albums .10c.

Tie Racks, Fruit Dishes.

Shaving Sets at .50c.

Music Cases, Best English goods, silver clasp. Regular \$2.50. Now \$1.50

Dolls from .10c. to \$3.50

Side and Back Combs and Barrettes.

Pin Cushions from .15c.

And other useful goods.

Handkerchiefs and Toys.

Safety Razors at .50c.

(With 3 blades.)

Ink Stands for .15c.

Paper Presses, Dogs, Donkeys, Horses.

Yachts, Rattles, Trumpets, Counters.

Noah's Arks, Guns,

and hundreds of other Toys that will be given away free. Come and get your share.

YOUR XMAS HAT.

This must appeal to all of you. Throw aside that "worse for the wear" that you have had so long and come in and get one of our regular \$1.50 Black Hard Felt Hat for **\$1.00**

Do you want a real classy Hat? Well, we have it—regular \$2.50. To-day and to-morrow **\$2.00**

Soft Felt, too, in Green, Bronze Green and Grey, from \$1.00 up.

One touch of frost and Wool Wearable Surely win.

BLANKETS.

Yes, Blankets! Lady of the home, we are here with a large stock and a large slice cut from the price. A regular \$3.00 Blanket now **\$6.50**

A regular \$5.00 Blanket **\$3.50**

for **\$2.00**

A regular \$2.80 Blanket **\$2.00**

for

These are all wool. What better present for some old friend of yours than a pair of Wool Blankets.



SLIGHT FIRE THIS MORNING.

At 2.30 a.m. to-day an alarm of fire summoned the Central and East End companies to Churchill's grocery store, at the corner of Dick's Square and Theatre Hill, where some goods in a bin had ignited. The alarm was sent in by Mr. Lannon, who lives over the store. The blaze was quickly extinguished by the use of the chemical before much damage was done. The origin of the fire is unknown.

TRADE SLOW.—The Christmas trade along Water Street this week and last is said to be the worst in corresponding periods for the past quarter of a century.

G. BROWNING & SON

Wish to announce that they are now in a position to deliver their full line of **PLAIN and FANCY BISCUITS.**

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