

George Knowling

has just received the following:

- 1750 bushels CHOICE P. E. I. POTATOES.
- 500 barrels TURNIPS.
- 76 bushels P. E. I. CARROTS.
- 100 bushels P. E. I. BEETS & PARSNIPS.

Also by Furness Steamer:

- 10 cases COLMAN'S AZURE BLUE.
- 5 cases Crosse & Blackwell's VINEGAR.
- 5 cases PURE MALT VINEGAR.
- 50 kegs GROUND GINGER.
- 5 cases Brown & Polson's CORN FLOUR.
- 69 kegs GRAPES.
- 5 cases Spratt's BIRD FOOD & PARROT FOOD.
- 5 barrels LINSEED MEAL.
- 1 bag LINSEED.
- 5 barrels SULPHUR.
- 5 kegs TARTARIC ACID.
- 3 cases Cadbury's BOURNVILLE COCOA.
- 1 barrel MANHU DIABETIC FLOUR.
- 1 case MANHU DIABETIC BISCUITS.
- 50 sacks UNCOATED RICE.
- 100 bags CURRANTS.
- 3 cases CITRON.
- 2 cases LEMON PEEL.
- 5 cases small tins SARDINES.
- 10 cases LUX WASHING POWDER.
- 2 cases NONPARELS.
- 40 cases ORANGES.

For sale at our usual Low Prices.

George Knowling.

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Evening Telegram

W. J. HERDER, - - - Proprietor
H. A. WINTER, B.A., - - - Editor

FRIDAY, December 29th, 1916.

The Position of the United States.



From recent Canadian and American exchanges now reaching us it is possible to unravel a little the tangle of the diplomatic events that have just occurred, which the cabled despatches that have reached us only half narrated and did not attempt to explain. The sequence and nature of these events make an astonishing story. It now appears that Mr. Wilson's note, or the conception of it, comes chronologically first in order. He had it in his mind before the Berlin and Vienna notes were despatched; it was ready for transmission before Lloyd George's speech, in which he replied to them, had reached America. This explanation may serve to remove many of the suspicions that naturally were aroused by his note, but it only makes the more extraordinary its publication at such a time. What else could the Allies think than that, as the Daily Chronicle puts it bitterly, "the note is, in effect, however different be its intention, an appendix to that lately received from Berlin." It was calculated to arouse, and did arouse, the most intense resentment in every circle in Britain, a result foreseen by the British Government when it wisely forbade its publication for twenty-four hours in order to allow the resentment to cool. The inopportune time chosen for its delivery was enhanced in its effect by its unfortunate phraseology, for what roused the indignation of the British public to the highest pitch was the insistence, expressed or implied throughout the whole note, that both sides appeared to fight for the same objects. This has been an exasperating feature of the President's attitude from the beginning. He has acted consistently upon the strange notion that the neutrality of action imposed upon his country necessitated a neutrality of judgment as well. Not neutrality neither, but a sort of inability of judgment. He has been like the sanctimonious individual who calls all fighting sinful and condemns policeman and footpad alike when they come to blows. This would be

very well if his judgment were not asked for, but his whole note is based upon it. Then comes his benighted Lansing and tells an amazed world that the real reason of the note was in the increasingly critical and intolerable condition of America herself and her interests, that she was, as it were, on the verge of war. As the Montreal Star well puts it, imagine Holland or Sweden making such a statement! Both sides would immediately prepare for the entry forthwith of those countries into the war. He issued another statement almost at once explaining that this was not what he meant. Everyone that knows America is willing to believe it, but it is open to anyone to explain exactly what he did mean. We are not surprised that both President and Secretary are now reported to have decided upon complete silence upon the whole subject. They have said their say, been sat upon and now retire in a huff. It is the best thing, for their action was ill conceived, ill framed and most ill timed. The faculty of it is apparent in the fact that Berlin itself in its reply, while professing to entertain the greatest friendliness for America as the result of the note, politely refuses to answer the gist of its inquiries in any way. But can it be, after all, that Mr. Lansing only spoke the truth? Is not America being drawn reluctantly into the vortex of the war? She can only fear a quarrel with one side, Germany, and on one issue, the submarine question. Germany has been rebuffed in her insincere overtures, and she will be desperate. Without the slightest shadow of doubt she will re-commence her piracy with all the ferocity with which she can invent it. To be convinced, we have only to read the Admiralty's statement to-day concerning the sinking of the Westminister and the butchery of her crew. This will almost certainly be extended to include all ships, of every nationality, approaching the waters of the Allies. Germany already despairs of winning, forbodes losing the war. There can be nothing worse than the worst. Why not do the utmost she can, even if it means war with the United States? She cannot lose much more by it and fondly thinks she can gain much. All this, we may be sure, is known to President Wilson, and perhaps with a knowledge that few others possess. If it is so, Mr. Lansing's statement, however great a diplomatic irregularity, may prove to be a most illuminating document. The Trepassey train reached the city at 11.45 a.m. to-day.

IRISH BACON and HAMS

Just received ex "Durango," from LUNHAM BROS., Cork,

IRISH HAMS & BACON.

The last for the season.

J. D. RYAN.

Tablet Photo on Exhibition.

There is now on exhibition in the window of Mr. Mark Chaplin's store on Water Street a splendid photograph of the tablet, which bears the names of 119 of the Newfoundlanders who enlisted in Montreal for Overseas service and which was unveiled there by the Newfoundland Society on the night of December 14th. The present tablet, though beautifully executed and inscribed, is only temporary, owing to the difficulty experienced in getting the names of all Newfoundlanders who enlisted with Canadian Regiments, but at the close of the war it is the intention of the Nfld. Society to get the names of all who have suffered casualties and have the tablet struck in bronze.

Obituary.

MR. RICHARD HOPKINS.

There passed peacefully away last evening at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. W. Thompson, Cherry Hill, Portugal Cove Road, a well known shipwright in the person of Mr. Richard Hopkins, at the ripe age of 71 years. Deceased was born at Heart's Content, but for many years resided in this city where he was well known and respected by a large number of citizens. Left to mourn are one daughter, Mrs. W. Thompson, and three sons: Augustus, at Carbonear; Robert, of this city, and a third in New York, to whom the Telegram offers sympathy.

We regret to record the death of Bridget McGrath, the beloved wife of Mr. William Howlett (shoemaker), which sad event took place on Dec. 19th at her late residence, 383 Wellington Street, Montreal. The deceased was a native of this city but spent the greater part of her life in that city. She is survived by her husband, three daughters, Mrs. M. J. Birdwhistle, Ottawa; Mrs. M. J. Morey, Miss Katherine and James Howlett, of Montreal, who are left to mourn their loss. Her many friends in this city will be sorry to hear of her passing and the Telegram extends its sympathy to them.

McMurdo's Store News

FRIDAY, Dec. 29, '16.

We have still a pretty wide selection of Perfumes and Chocolate, such as are suitable for New Year Gifts, as well as some other apposite articles. If you need anything of the kind, you would do well to give us a call. We can help you to make your selection. The Menthol Inhaler and Pencil combined is one of the most convenient things of the kind we know. This combination is put up in a neat metal holder, and in cases of headache or cold in the head can be used without any preparation to draw menthol vapor which is soothing and pain relieving, into the head. Price 50c. ea.

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram. CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind N. W. fresh, weather clear; several schrs. and S. S. Fortia passed west yesterday afternoon; nothing sighted to-day. Bar. 28.72; therm. 30.

Here and There.

WEATHER REPORT.—The weather across country is strong N.E. wind and snowing.

POLICE COURT.—Two devoted adherents of Bacchus appeared for the seventh time this year. They were given their liberty on payment of \$1.

BOWRING'S SHIPS.

The Prospero sails north this afternoon taking a full freight.

The Fortia left St. Mary's at 9 a.m. to-day, going west.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—The Hon. Treasurer of the Church of England Orphanage begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of cheque for (\$20) Twenty dollars from the P. G. Lodge of Newfoundland L. O. A., per Jordan Milley, Esq., Secretary.

KYLE'S PASSENGERS.—The S.S. Kyle's reached Port aux Basques at 8.30 a.m. to-day with the following first class passengers:—V. Blochard, P. F. James, A. Gray, C. M. Ward, R. Rose, S. A. Hiesler, E. Maddock, H. A. Saunders, L. Duchaine, W. A. MacKay, R. Courser, J. Cahlin, W. H. Hynes, P. Kempf, H. Bartlett, Mrs. Koster, Mrs. Gillam, Mrs. M. W. Furlong and 4 children.

HONOURABLY DISCHARGED.—Pte. Gideon Ellsworth, who for one year and nine months has been attached to the orderly department of the Newfoundland Regiment, has received his honourable discharge, and is now looking out for a position. Owing to the nature of an operation which he underwent sometime ago he is prevented from performing extra heavy work, but his experience as a warehouse man or clerk. He is a married man, formerly belonging to Clarenville, but now resides in the city.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR SALE EVERYWHERE.

Royal Bank of Canada.

BANK ENJOYS MOST NOTABLE YEAR IN ITS HISTORY.

The Annual Statement of the Royal Bank of Canada indicates that the Bank has, during the past twelve months, made the greatest strides in its history. For some time past the Royal has established new records but the progress and expansion during 1916 have been of such unusual proportions that it is difficult to appreciate that they have all occurred during so short a period. The important consolidations it has effected has given it a strong foothold in many new sections of the Dominion. While recently the purchase of the Quebec Bank by the Royal was sanctioned by the shareholders of the former institution, this undertaking only comes into effect on December 31st, and does not in any way affect the statement just given out, this being for the fiscal year to November 30th only.

The Royal is evidently steadily benefitting from the confidence its conservative banking policy has inspired and this is, perhaps, more strikingly shown in the big gains made in the deposits bearing interest. A gain of over \$25,000,000 in them and an increase in deposits of over \$45,000,000 during the twelve months is especially gratifying.

An idea of the expansion the Bank has enjoyed during the year under review may be gathered from the following:—Total assets show an increase of over Fifty Five Million Dollars and now exceed \$263,000,000 as compared with approximately \$198,000,000 last year and \$179,000,000 at the end of 1914. In keeping with the policy of being continually prepared owing to the large business it is at all times handling, a considerable portion of these assets are being maintained in liquid form; the liquid assets being represented by \$121,127,563, equivalent to over 53% of the total liabilities to the public and compare with \$84,894,462 at the end of 1915 and \$71,244,877 at the end of 1914. The larger business the Bank is now handling is reflected by the increase in notes of the Bank in circulation to \$18,178,223 up from \$14,224,866, and total current loans and discounts of \$124,864,658, an increase of approximately \$18,000,000. The handling of a largely increased amount of business has evidently had its usual satisfactory effect on earnings, as the profits for the year amounted to \$2,111,307.65 equivalent to 17.87% on the average paid up capital, against \$1,908,578.87 or 16.48% in 1915. With the balance carried forward from the previous year, the total amount available for distribution was \$2,787,779, and this was appropriated as follows:—Dividends at the regular rate of 12% per annum, \$1,417,207; transferred to Officers' Pension Fund, \$100,000; written off Bank premises account, \$250,000; war tax on Bank note circulation, \$118,228; Contribution to Patriotic Fund, \$50,000, leaving the balance to be carried forward to profit and loss of \$852,346.28 as compared with \$676,472.16 at the end of the previous year.

Here and There.

Ayrshire Bacon and Scotch Beef Ham at ELLIS'.

CALENDAR.—We thank the Bank of Nova Scotia for a very useful wall calendar.

Turkeys, Ducks, Geese and Chicken at ELLIS'.

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HEAVY OUTGOING MAIL.—Close on 300 sacks and hampers of mail matter were despatched by yesterday's express, most of which was at the G. F. O. on account of the railway wash-out.

Only One "BROMO QUININE." To get the genuine call for full name LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day. 25c. dec15,16

WITH THE VOLUNTEERS.—Yesterday the volunteers were engaged at indoor drill, and at night, a squad had rifle practice at the Highlanders' Armoury. Owing to the high wind a squad that visited the South Side range had to cancel their shoot.

A MOTHER'S TROUBLES

A mother's unending work and devotion drains and strains her physical strength and leaves its mark in dimmed eyes and careworn expressions—she ages before her time. Any mother who is weary and languid should start taking Scott's Emulsion of cod liver oil as a strengthening food and bracing tonic to add richness to her blood and build up her nerves before it is too late. Start Scott's Emulsion today—its name is world-wide. Scott & Sewell, Toronto, Ont. 15-22

KNOWLING'S.

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Special

Showroom Offerings.

Starting THURSDAY, 28th, and continuing to JANUARY 3rd, we are now offering in our EAST, WEST and CENTRAL SHOWROOMS, all our Stock of

Trimmed Hats

— AND —

Fur and Fur-Lined Jackets

ONE-QUARTER or 25 PER CENT

OFF

REGULAR PRICES.

We are also offering

NINETEEN Heavy WINTER COATS

prices ranging from \$18.00 to \$30.00, at a reduction of

Twenty-Five per cent. or One-Quarter Off Regular Prices.

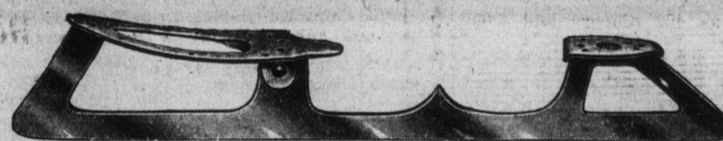
REMEMBER, for five days we will keep this offer open.

EAST, WEST, CENTRAL

Showrooms G. KNOWLING

Showrooms EAST, WEST, CENTRAL

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SKATES, SLEDS, SLEIGHS.

We have on sale this week some few lines

LADIES' and GENTS' SKATES at Reduced Prices.

BOYS' and GIRLS' SLEDS, high and low runners, round and flat shoes, ranging in price from 55c. to \$1.10.

BABY SLEIGHS.

Upholstered in Crimson and Pale Blue Plush. Other qualities in prices from \$3.75 and up.

AYRE & SONS, Limited.

The White Shirt Week.

This week we are offering exceptionally fine value in

Stiff Bosomed White Shirts,

—at—

75c., \$1.00, 1.20 & 1.60 each.

We can highly recommend their wearing and good fitting qualities, for they are BRITISH MADE SHIRTS.

A. & S. RODGER.

War News

Messages Received Previous to

RUSSIANS' STUBBORNANCE.

PETROGRAD. Stubborn resistance is shown by the Russians and the efforts of the Teutonic allies. To-day's war office says the enemy south of the Dnieper has been repulsed. Attacks yesterday were repulsed with great losses. To-day's war office says the enemy south of the Dnieper has been repulsed with great losses. To-day's war office says the enemy south of the Dnieper has been repulsed with great losses. To-day's war office says the enemy south of the Dnieper has been repulsed with great losses.

ORDERED TO LEAVE

LONDON. A telegram has been received from Salonika by the League, to the effect that the division which surrendered to King Constantine at Kavala, Germany, who intended to fight against the Allies. Recent despatches from Greece and the Entente composed, but its acceptance by the despatch of Hellenic League. At occupation of Eastern part of the Kavala garrisons surrendered to and Bulgarians, and moved to Entente who surrendered to the Bulgarians were transferred for internment. We were given as 400 of men.

RUSSIAN SUCCESS

PETROGRAD. A Russian success in the neighborhood was announced to-day. We occupied the summit south of Atan Van the Turks have in direction of the Villages.

AIRPLANES AND BOMBERS

LONDON. The British official day a squadron of bombers enemy camp on the Gallipoli Peninsula. On the Gallipoli Peninsula, a squadron of bombers destroyed Chiodar east of Adana, Asia.

EFFECT OF PRESS

ATLANTA. The Government is pointing out the great sentiment against the press, urging mutual with a view to clear. It says that unless taken shortly, Greece to seek advice respecting the course.

PRESS COMMENT

LONDON. An official order by Emperor Nicholas time has not arrived. Both in the news. Some of the members of the Russian terms. The Star cordially welcome and war aims considerable membership. It would do no harm some good if other clear once and for now be no question of the status quo. Too much inclination to treat mere territories as a German's part. In his reply to the Emperor, they might point has broken faith that there is ever treachery. Our