

# The Asepto Store Block Has Been Sold!

This necessitates our removing to other quarters. Owing to the large stock we carry and the fact that our new quarters would have to be exceptionally large and as we are unable to locate, at the present time, a building large and convenient enough for our business, we are forced to rent a smaller store. It will be centrally located, and our regular plan will be carried on there as soon as the stock has been sufficiently reduced. We are therefore going to offer

## \$15,000 Worth of Boots and Shoes at Cost

These are all up-to-date goods and have not been in stock more than three months.

## This Tremendous Reduction Sale Starts Today

and will continue daily and nightly until a sufficient reduction in stock has been made. Store open daily from 8 a. m. until 10 p. m.

## Crockery Prices Smashed!

Some of the choicest crockery will be found here. Complete Tea Sets, Dinner Sets, Odd Pieces, Limoges China, Tumblers, etc. These goods are to be sold at one-half the price you would pay elsewhere.

## Ready-to Wear Clothing at Cost

Every Suit and Overcoat must be sold as we will positively not have room for them in our new quarters.

## Silverwear, Cut Glass, Clocks

and thousands of other articles too numerous to mention will be sold at prices that will astonish you.

No coupons will be given with goods purchased at this sale.

Holders of coupons may redeem them in the usual way but not at reduction sale prices. There is no necessity of redeeming them now because our regular store plan will be adhered to when we get into our new quarters.

## Watch This Space Tomorrow for Prices

Call today and get first choice before the crowds take the best.

# THE ASEPTO STORE

Cor. Mill and Union Streets - St. John, N. B.



# Whyte & Mackay's

A Whisky you will be proud to know---proud to order and proud to serve---a pure, honest Scotch

Sold by All St. John Dealers

### Fresh Boiled Lobsters

Chicken and Rabbit Pies, Fried Oysters and Clams, Steamed Clams, Beans, Sandwiches and Coffee.

J. ALLAN TURNER, 12 Charlotte St.

**"Hartt" Waterproof Winter Calf Bellows Tongue Laced Boots**  
Reduced To Clear  
Formerly \$6.50 Now \$5.50  
Black Formerly \$6.00 Now \$5.50

These are the most satisfactory, most comfortable and best fitting boots obtainable to wear without rubbers.

Come While the Sizes Last

Francis & Vaughan  
19 King Street

## Daisy Flour

Is Sold in Barrels, Half-Barrels and 24 1-2 lb. Bags.

D. BOYANER  
Optician  
38 Dock St.  
Close 6 p. m. Sat. 9.30

## Fresh Fish

Fresh Codfish, Haddock, Halibut and Herring.

JAMES PATTERSON,  
19 & 20 South Market Wharf,  
ST. JOHN, N. B.

## MURPHY BROS.,

15 City Market  
TURKEYS, CHICKENS, GEESSE,  
WESTERN BEEF, HAMS and BACON.  
Everything Best Quality.

## GUNNS LIMITED. Beef,

Pork and Provisions  
Meat and Dairy Products  
All Goods Government Inspected.  
467 Main St. Phone Main 1670

## NEW STORE 90 Wall St.

CAKE, PASTRY, BREAD  
Fresh Daily

ROBINSON'S Phone 1161

## A.C. SMITH & CO.

WHOLESALE  
Hay, Oats  
AND  
Millfeeds

Choice White Middlings and Manitoba Oats Now on Hand  
Telephones West 7-11 and West 81  
West St. John, N. B.

## Oranges Oranges Oranges

Landing each week, One Car Sunkist Oranges  
A. L. GOODWIN,  
MARKET BUILDING.

At the Concert.  
Yonkers System:—Belle—The idea of that Miss Holter singing yet! Belle—Yes, she's at it yet. Belle—She's no right to sing. Her voice has given out.  
Belle—Oh, well, she won't stop trying to sing until her nerve gives out.

# GRATE CHARGE AGAINST FORMER STATE SENATOR

## F. J. Gardner Accused of Conspiracy to Swindle an Aged Recluse.

### OUT ON BAIL NOW

Acquitted of Charge of Attempted Bribery Year Ago—Story Told by Male Nurse Responsible for Present Case.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Former State Senator Frank J. Gardner, who was arrested and locked up late last night on the charge of conspiracy to gain control of the half million dollar estate of Samuel E. Haslett, an aged recluse, through a power of attorney which Haslett is said to have repudiated, was released on \$3,000 bail today. Gardner who a year ago was acquitted of a charge of attempting to bribe Senator Otto G. Foelker, in connection with the anti race track legislation in this state in 1909,

pleaded not guilty and said that he had no doubt of his ability to clear himself.

Gardner's examination was fixed for tomorrow when it is expected that George H. Decker, who in a remarkable story of the alleged plot told to Magistrate Kemper, involved Gardner in the case will also be examined.

Decker was employed as nurse for Haslett, when the elderly recluse was taken ill two weeks ago. Haslett at tomorrow's hearing will be represented by John B. Lord, his counsel for the past 15 years. In his affidavit to the court, Lord recites that Decker "did call said Frank J. Gardner to the Haslett residence," that "the said Gardner did prepare a power of Attorney giving to the said Frank J. Gardner full power and authority over the persons and property of said Samuel E. Haslett," that "the signature to said power of attorney is not in the handwriting of Samuel E. Haslett," and that "said Samuel Haslett stated to deponent in the present of said George Decker and other persons that he did not sign said power of attorney."

The document in question was extremely broad in its powers, authorizing Gardner to draw checks, pay bills, and care for Mr. Haslett's money and interests in almost every conceivable way, and containing a provision expressly revoking all other powers of attorney. Decker's testimony tomorrow is expected to throw more light upon another feature of the case involving an alleged will executed by Haslett in which, according to Decker's story, as told by Magistrate Kemper after his examination of the nurse, Gardner was made sole executor and Decker residuary legatee.

# PYTHIANS HOLD AN ANNIVERSARY

## Impressive Service Held in Centenary Church Yesterday Marks 48th Year of Existence of the Order.

The 48th anniversary of the institution of the Pythian order was observed in fitting manner yesterday by the local Knights of Pythias. At 3.45 o'clock an impressive service was held in Centenary church to mark the occasion.

Long before the hour for the service the spacious edifice was crowded with a vast congregation. In the centre aisle of the auditorium, seats had been reserved for the members of the order. Over 300 knights from the different divisions attended the service.

The service which was most impressive was followed with close attention by the congregation. Rev. Charles Flanders, D.D., pastor of Centenary church presided. On his right was Rev. H. D. Marr, and to his left, Rev. H. R. Read.

The musical portion of the service was a feature. The male choir of over 100 voices rendered several numbers, and helped to make the service most enjoyable. The choir was under the direction of A. Chip Ritchie, and the perfect blending of their voices made the music of the service the most beautiful ever heard in the city. In the musical service, the Pythian quartette, S. C. Young, Wm. Bambury, Kenneth Bonnell and Edwin Bonnell, lent valuable service.

D. Arnold Fox presided at the organ. The service was opened with Taubman's Pilgrim Chorus, as an organ prelude, played by Mr. Fox. The Lord's Prayer led by Rev. H. D. Marr and recited in unison by the members of the order. The order of service was:

Hymn—O God, our Help.

Prayer—Rev. C. R. Flanders.

Anthem—Gracious Spirit, Love Divine.

Hymn—Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow.

Hymn—Thou Gracious God, Whose Mercy Leads.

Offertory—Overture La Sirene (Auber).

Solo—If With All Your Heart, (Ellis)

Knights Chas. A. Munro.

Sermon—Rev. H. R. Read.

## ART UNION SHOWS INTEREST IN ST. JOHN

The Art Union has again shown its interest in St. John and the gratification at the large list of subscribers sent in for last year by sending to E. T. Sturdee, the hon. agent, five very fine water color paintings, and which he has again presented to the subscribers by lot. The pictures are all gems in their way and are characteristic of the beautiful English scenery. The drawing was held Saturday morning by M. V. Paddock and R. W. W. Frink acting for the subscribers, with the following result:

At Wilmington, Sussex, by Pinhorn Wood, won by H. C. Rankine.

Corusfield, West Ham, by Pinhorn Wood, won by H. C. Page.

Evening Near Eitham, Kent, by H. C. Jarvis, won by H. V. McKinnon.

In the Cuckmere Valley, by H. C. Jarvis, won by J. E. Petrie, Fredericton.

In the Lambourn Valley, by H. C. Jarvis, won by E. A. Goodwin.

Both of the above artists are well known as rising men in England, and some of their paintings are owned by St. John parties.

### Anthem—Art Thou Weary, Art Thou Languid.

Prayer—Rev. H. D. Marr.

Hymn—Fight the Good Fight.

Prayer—Rev. H. R. Read.

Organ Postlude.

The sermon of the occasion was given by Rev. H. R. Read who delivered a scholarly oration taking as his theme friendship, friendship founded on material prizes and he finds too little time to lend any of his energy to the welfare of his fellows.

How often in their quest of what seem the prizes in life, men come into most violent and hurtful collision. When their struggle has ceased, the treasure has often vanished, while neither combatant sees in the other a face of a brother.

Pythianism teaches that the supreme treasure in life is love. This is the ideal of the order, not to snatch a prize from the hand of his fellow man, but to peer earnestly into his face in the hope that the recognition of a brother may be found there.

Such an ideal is commendable. History is replete with incidents of men and women winning immortal crowns of glory by the constancy, faithfulness and unwavering friendship. Scripture, too, reveals this.

Pythianism pleads for inner friendship. The preacher then made a strong plea for a wide and ever-widening friendship, a friendship non-circumscribed by the boundaries of the order, but extending to all humanity. Any order which tends to make men separatists under the disguise of cultivating the grace of friendship is a menace to society.

The Pythian order teaches its members cannot be a true friend to one man without being a friend to all men. Pythianism teaches that its first members are members of the society first, and Pythians second, and that they are separated from their fellowmen, that they may learn and cultivate the virtues and graces which the order wishes to impart to all men and which it desires all men to know and to cultivate.

Rev. Mr. Read then dealt on the power of friendship, and in closing commended the good work of the members of the order.

for so many years from the Province of New Brunswick.

The presentation picture given to subscribers this year is a very handsomely colored print entitled Timber Haulers, from the original painting by the late C. Wellington Purse, A. R. A., and is one of the best ever given by the Art Union.

At the Every Day Club.

The Sons of England Brass Band made their first public appearance last night when they played six numbers at the Every Day Club. Three of the numbers were marches and the other three were hymns. The band was 16 members strong and the music was highly complimented on.

The speaker of the evening was Postmaster Sears who in his address made reference to the war which abolished slavery in the Southern states; also the awakening in China and other events throughout the world, showing that the people were looking forward to liberty. His address was most interesting and was listened to attentively.

Successful Meetings.

A delightful temperance meeting was held in the Seamen's Mission on Saturday night under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. The Rev. L. A. McLean gave a stirring address and a fine musical programme was provided. Miss Gaetz sang two solos, which were greatly enjoyed. On Sunday evening after song service the Rev. Gordon Dickie conducted the service and gave a very helpful address to the sailors. The choir of St. Stephen's church sang some beautiful quartettes and duets which were greatly appreciated and enjoyed.

At the Vic. Tonight.

Two bands and a big carnival at the Vic. tonight. 10 prizes to lucky ticket holders and 11 prizes to skaters.

Shiloh's Cure

# DICKENS THE FRIEND OF ALL HUMANITY

## Rev. Gordon Dickie Pays Tribute to Britain's Greatest Novelist—Lessons from His Writings and Life.

In the St. Stephen's Presbyterian church last evening Rev. Gordon Dickie delivered a sermon on Dickens and handled his subject in a very interesting and instructive manner. Rev. Mr. Dickie said in part: You will generally find two types of reformers in the world. One is the optimist who has, perhaps, too much faith in humanity; the other the pessimist who has too little. Sometimes the optimist goes as far as to say that reform is needless, while the pessimist would say that reform is hopeless. But the best results come from the two combined. This was the attitude of Dickens, and entitles us to speak of him as a true apostle of humanity.

In the days of Dickens men were more pious than philanthropic. They were devout rather than practical. Dickens gave religion a human touch. He encouraged the common place man to be something. Instead of pressing down upon those who have the burden of life to bear already, he helped them bear their burdens and led them to a higher life.

In several of his writings he shows the extravagance of philanthropic institutions. Oliver Twist is chiefly a protest against the horrors of the work house. It is not so much a tirade against law, but a picture of ridicule against its working principle, which was, perhaps, the most effective sort of argument.

But best of all was his work for children. He was their friend and helper. It was through him that the first child's hospital was founded in England, and since that time thousands of these institutions have been founded which owe their very life to his appeal.

If Dickens' sympathy is sometimes overdrawn let us remember that Jesus Himself had what might be called an exaggerated confidence in man. He said to the simple woman, "neither do I condemn thee." He was the friend of publicans and sinners.

Dickens had the same overweening confidence in humanity. It is true he worked with common clay. He adopted some heroes and heroines that we accept under protest, yet they were heroes after all. The world will never have the same horrible despair for the weak and heavy laden since Dickens lived and wrote, for he is the man who pleaded with God for man as only the true man can.

## INSTRUCTIVE TALK IN C.M.B.A. ROOMS

In the C. M. B. A. course, the lecture last evening delivered by J. Louis Slattery, M. A., proved a decided success. Although making his debut as a lecturer, he received a cordial greeting, and his lecture was received with marked appreciation by the large audience. Mr. Slattery chose as the subject of his lecture, Longfellow and Tennyson, touching on their lives as men and as poets, a critical analysis of their chief works with citations from a number of them. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was moved by Frank Casey and seconded by H. Bridge who was tendered the lecture by the chairman, Richard J. Walsh.

Saturday Night Drunks. The police arrested seven drunks on Saturday night.

### AMUSEMENTS.

## OPERA HOUSE ONE SOLID WEEK OF AMUSEMENT

YOUNG-ADAMS COMPANY TONIGHT, TUESDAY and TUESDAY MATINEE

COUNT LEO TOLSTOI'S RUSSIAN DRAMA: "UNDER THE BEAR'S PAW"

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PRICES: Evenings, 15, 25, 35, 50c. Matinees, 15 and 25c

### EXTRAORDINARY ADDED ATTRACTION.

ITALIAN OPERATIC SINGERS RAMBOLIA TRIO  
Late of the Milan Opera Company in Italy. First six weeks in this country. Their equal not heard in St. John outside of standard operatic productions. Entire change of programme.

### A CONTINUATION OF OUR LITERARY FEATURES

NICKEL—"A BLOT ON THE 'SCUTCHEON'"  
ROBERT BROWNING'S TRAGIC POEM-STORY.  
—Powerful Lesson on the Follies of Vanity—  
TWO WHOLE REELS BY THE BIOGRAPH CO.

MISS PEARSON. In Bright New York Popular Hits —In Spotlight.

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