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Bargains

Are now being offered in Ladies' Kid Gloves, Ladies' and Men's Umbrellas, Black Dress Goods in all makes and prices, Colored Dress Goods, Cloths and Friezes, Cream Lustres, Cashmeres, Nun's Cloths, Bedford Cords, Voiles, Etc., Velvets, Lace Curtains, Hamburgs, Ladies' Handkerchiefs and Belts, Ladies' Undervests and Drawers, and Men's Underwear. We have also Smallwares, limited in quality and consequently not listed in our advertising columns, but a walk around the salesroom will reveal these at every turn. We have also marked at extremely low prices our stock of

Christmas
Fancy
Goods

And altogether you will see that the greatest values of this sale are being offered during this Christmas week.

Salesroom Open
Every Night .
ntil Christmas.

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Entrance: 101 King St.

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THE RIVER SERVICE.

The Fredericton Gleaner declares that the determination of the Star Line to attempt to continue the Fredericton service with the steamers Victoria and Majestic will ruin the tourist business on the river next season and send American travellers home disgusted with the backwardness of our people. It demands that unless the Star Line amends the proposition, some other company or individual be induced to provide a better service.

The Gleaner's stand is worthy of endorsement. In the St. John River, with its magnificent scenery, the province has an attraction for tourists which if properly used would increase the number of visitors a hundred fold. The service between here and Fredericton has never been an adequate one and has been so managed by the monopolizing company as to make it the reverse of popular with the travelling public, and with the farmers along the route who have produce to ship. The replacing of the David Weston by a boat so small and unsuitable for the purpose as the Majestic is rightly resented by all who have any interest in the development of river traffic as another injury to the service.

Though the lower river may be somewhat overcrowded for any to profit greatly, it is certain that, under a management energetic enough to provide attractions and pleasant accommodations for passengers and obliging enough to win the good will of the public, a capable through service from St. John to Fredericton would pay. It is in the interests of St. John and Fredericton to see that measures toward the establishment of such a service are taken.

CANADIAN STEEL.

The attempt to establish an iron and steel industry at the Soo failed. The enterprise at Sydney, though still going on, is by no means as prosperous as it should be. The reasons for these conditions are in dispute. The manufacturers themselves say the fault lies in the tariff which exposes them to ruinous competition from the protected American trusts. The matter is one that demands immediate investigation and if the manufacturers' claim is correct, immediate remedy.

The building of the Grand Trunk Pacific will create a demand for millions of dollars' worth of steel rails, which under present conditions will come from the United States and Germany. Canada has as many facilities for producing steel rails as any other country and if it is at all possible to utilize them in time to keep some of those G. T. P. millions in Canada, the benefit to the country will be enormous. The matter demands the immediate attention of the government if it really has the interests of Canada at heart.

THE CRISIS.

When Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved the Grand Trunk Pacific bill in parliament he spoke movingly of some great crisis with which the country was confronted and which this railway proposition was to meet. He also prayed earnestly that the remedy might not be too late. Later it was announced that the construction of this crisis-averting road would take at the least calculation five years.

Now that an unexpected hitch in the proceedings has shown up in clearer light the weaknesses of the contract and brought forward the possibility of still more delays in the building of this road, more prayers seem to be in order that the culminating of that mysterious crisis may be further postponed.

It may also be remembered, in this connection, that during the debate on the transcontinental railway question, Mr. Borden, leader of the opposition, offered a plan, which if properly carried out would provide that desperately needed extra communication with the west, inside of a year at a cost trivial in comparison with the Cox-Hays \$120,000,000 scheme. In the light of recent developments, the relative fitness of the two policies to meet the demands of the country's growing trade is again commended to the consideration of an anxious electorate.

CONSERVATIVE NOMINATIONS

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—The conservative convention for the new riding of South York was held on Saturday, and resulted in the unanimous choice of W. F. McLean, M. P.

ST. THOMAS, Ont., Dec. 20.—The East Elgin conservatives have chosen A. B. Ingram, M. P., as their candidate for the elections to the dominion house.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20.—The conservatives of Marquette have nominated Dr. Roche, the present member, as their candidate in the coming general elections.

A SAD CASE

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 20.—A sad fatality at Sydney, Mines occurred yesterday, resulting in the death of Ross Ferguson. One of the men regularly employed in a certain line of work asked to be relieved of duty for the day. Ferguson took his place. During the afternoon he was crushed to death by a fall of coal and stone. He leaves an aged mother, a brother, who is dying of consumption, a widow in delicate health, and two little children.

Won't You Come and See
What We Have for Xmas?

Manicure and Shaving Sets,
Leather, Combination, Odor Jewels,
Handkerchiefs and Glove Cases,
Rosewood, Military Oval Brushes,
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The Telegraph this morning publishes an interview with Attorney-General Fugatey regarding the G. T. P. deposit. It is remarkable how nearly that interview coincides with an editorial in Saturday's Gazette on the same subject.

FROM SAPPHO.

Softly the first step of twilight
Falls on the darkening dial,
One by one kindle the lights
In Mitylene.

Noises are hushed in the courtyard,
The busy day is departing,
Children are called from their games—
Herds from their grazing.

And from the deep-shadowed angles
Comes the soft murmur of lovers,
Then through the quiet of dusk
Bright, sudden laughter.

From the hushed streets, through the
portal,
Where soon my lover will enter,
Comes the pure strain of a flute
Tender with passion.

—Bliss Carman.

LOCAL NEWS.

The oil steamer Suwanee, Capt. Gray, which left here Saturday morning for Halifax, reached that port yesterday. A private lecture was delivered before the Father Mathew Society in St. Malachi's Hall yesterday afternoon by Dr. H. S. McDonald.

C. L. Harrigan, a St. John boy who went out to California 14 years ago, is in town visiting relatives. Mr. Harrigan is the proprietor of the Sequia Hotel at Fresno, California.

There was trouble in the Tufts residence on Brussels street Saturday night, and the police were invited to drop in to quiet matters between the captain and his wife.

Rev. J. Harry King, a St. John man who now resides in Digby, was in town the past few days. Mr. King preached in the Coburg street church at both services yesterday.

Policeman Henry was called into Mrs. Harper's house, Sheriff street, Saturday night to prevent a breach of the peace while James Clark was removing his son from the house.

Rev. Dr. McLeod of Fredericton, arrived in the city Saturday and preached a special Christmas sermon in the Congregational church yesterday morning from Titus ii. 14. In the evening Dr. McLeod preached in the North End Free Baptist church.

In one of the city churches yesterday morning the congregation numbered eighteen. Notwithstanding the fact, however, that for the most part he was talking to empty seats, the minister preached an excellent sermon.

The funeral of the late Miss Mary Faulkner took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of Harry Lee, Watson street, Carleton Place. Rev. Mr. Sampson officiated. Interment was made in Cedar Hill cemetery.

W. L. Lambkin of the senate staff, Ottawa, is in town, the guest of his nephew, Bert Lambkin of the Dufferin Hotel. Mr. Lambkin, who went to South Africa during the war, was injured out there and is now on his way to Florida, where he will spend a short time.

Prof. W. H. Clawson of the University of New Brunswick lectures this evening in Centenary school room on the poet Wordsworth. Prof. Clawson is a Centenary boy, and the Epworth League of Centenary and other churches are cordially invited. The chair will be taken at 8 o'clock.

MARINE MATTERS.

The steamer Lakonia has been chartered to call at Halifax on her outward trip to Glasgow from this port, early in January.

The steamer Salerno, Capt. Olsen, arrived yesterday from Newfoundland and was docked at the Pettigill wharf.

The Fergusson liner Dalton Hall, which had to return to St. John the other day on account of the severe storm, sailed again Saturday for Brunswick, Ga., to take in cotton for the U. K.

BIRTHS

JOHNSTON—In this city, on Dec. 20, to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Johnston, a son.

DEATHS.

REID—On Saturday, Dec. 19th, Thomas Reid, aged 60 years.

FRASER—Monday, at 2.30 p. m. from his late residence, 64 Pitt street. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

HANDY—At St. Andrews, N. B., Dec. 17th, Levi Handy, aged 81 years and 4 months. McFARLANE—At Norton, Kings Co., Dec. 18th, Mabel C., eldest daughter of Thos. A. and Loretta McFarlane.

MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON
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THE GRAND RUSH

IS ON!

As was expected, Saturday proved the banner day of the holiday season so far, but it only marked the commencement of that final grand rush—that crowd of people who have for various good reasons had to postpone their shopping until the last.

Furs at
All Prices!

Seal Jackets, Persian Lamb Jackets, Russian Lamb Jackets, Grey Lamb Jackets, Astrachan and Raccoon Jackets, also Men's Fur-lined Coats, Men's Persian Lamb Caps and Astrachan Caps, ranging in price from \$3.35. Chinchilla, Seal, Ermine, Red Fox, Grey Fox, Black Fox, Sable Fox, Mink, Thibet, Seal and Opposum Muffs and Ties in Mink, Black Marten, Stone Marten, Thibet, Opposum, Bear, Goat, Electric Seal. Children's Grey Lamb Collars, Gloves, Tams, Muffs, Boas. Little Children's White Mongolian Furs very cheap. In the Silk Room, second floor, main building.

Here's a
Line of
Bargains!

All the pretty DRESSED AND UNDRESSED DOLLS on special display in the Carpet Department have been marked at 25c. There is a Special Sale of FLANNEL WAISTS, all sizes, colors and patterns, in the Linen Room. Only \$1.35 each. SLIK STOCKS in blues, pinks, black, white, etc. All 50c. gorgeous goods. REMNANTS OF CLOTHS in the Cloth Department, suitable for pants, suits, pants and vests, vest and pants, etc. New and fashionable cloths very cheap. SATENE AND MOREEN UNDERSKIRTS from \$1.95 to \$4.25. Clock Department.

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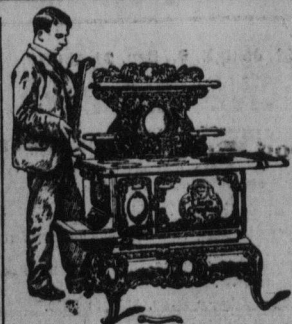
Great Values in Christmas Novelties
OF ALL KINDS.

Our New Show Rooms filled with new goods of all kinds. Great Bar gains in Bibles, Pocket Books and Bound Books, Albums and Leather Goods. Our Dolls—all marked down to clear. Come and see the largest and best assortment of Toys, Dolls and Fancy Goods ever offered in St. John.

McARTHUR'S, 84 King St.

J. S. Fleming, station master at Newcastle, died suddenly yesterday morning. The deceased was a native of St. John and was fifty-one years old. He had been station agent at Newcastle for over twenty-five years. A widow, three daughters and two sons survive.

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