

### 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.

#### Our Stock Includes

- BOOTS AND SHOES.
- CROCKERY
- CUT GLASS
- WATER BAGS
- BROOCHEES
- PENDANTS
- HAT PINS
- MAGIC LANTERNS
- INK STANDS
- SMOKERS' SETS
- DOLLS
- TOYS
- UMBRELLAS
- CARTON SETS
- SILVERWARE
- WORK BASKETS
- SLIPPERS
- CLOCKS
- CHRISTMAS TREES
- ORNAMENTS
- TEA SETS
- DINNER SETS
- LIMOGES CHINA (Hand Painted)
- SCISSORS
- BON-BON DISHES
- PEARL HANDLE
- PICKLE FORKS and BUTTER KNIVES
- CAKE BASKETS
- CHINA PLATES and CREAMS
- PAPETRIES
- BOOKS of All Kinds
- COMPANION SETS
- LEATHER GOODS
- BOYS' and MEN'S CLOTHING
- SUITS and OVERCOATS
- WRITING CASES

#### The Asepto Plan

The Asepto plan of doing business is the 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 twenty-five cents you get one worth five cents; if you spend \$1.00 you get one worth twenty cents; if you purchase amounts to \$5.00 you get one worth \$1.00, and so on.

These goods are sold 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 cash for, while we give you checks for the goods you purchase on credit. Our checks are given you at the wholesale price. To get you to make the first purchase costs us something while the subsequent purchases will not cost you a thing. 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, but 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 send your reply by mail. No employee 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.**

## PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY SOGES

Interesting Gathering in St. David's Church Yesterday Morning—Greetings Sent by Scholars and Expressions of Good Will Received.

The New Year Sunday School rally, held yesterday by the Presbyterian and Congregational Sunday schools, was also a striking demonstration. The attendance was large, not only the children, but adults as well joining in the services. The service was carried out enthusiastically. It is estimated that over four hundred children participated in the rally.

The rally began at 10.30. Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, moderator of St. David's, presided. The following Sunday schools were represented: St. Andrew's, St. Stephen's, St. John's, St. David's, Calvin, Carleton, Fairville, St. Matthew's and Congregational.

Following the singing of the doxology a song service was carried out. Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, Mayor Frank, Rev. H. R. Read, all of whom conveyed greetings.

The greetings from the Methodist rally in Centenary church were then received, being conveyed by Rev. W. Gaetz and E. Thomas, a delegation from St. David's in turn tendered greetings to the Methodist schools, Rev. Gordon Dickie and Douglas MacArthur, being the nucleus.

The readings of replies to greetings sent by the rally were then followed. Those to whom the rally sent telegrams were, H. R. H. the Governor General, Lieut. Gov. Tweedie, Rev. J. P. McKay, Toronto; Rev. Frank J. Robertson, Toronto.

The following were the messages of good will sent out by D. McArthur, chairman of the executive, with their replies:

**His Royal Highness, The Governor General of Canada, Ottawa, Ont.**  
The St. John Presbyterian and Congregational Sabbath schools in New Year's Day rally and greetings, and pledge their loyalty to their King and Empire.  
**D. McARTHUR, Chairman Executive.**  
Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 31.  
McArthur, St. John, N. B.  
In thanking you for your good wishes, I send warm greetings for new year.

**ARTHUR.**  
To the Hon., the Lieutenant Governor, of New Brunswick, Chatham, N. B.  
The united Presbyterian and Congregational Sabbath schools of Montreal, send best wishes.  
**FRANK J. DAY.**

#### OFFER BOUNTIES FOR BROWN TAILS

Department of Agriculture Plans to Determine Area Infested and Facilitate Work of Destruction.

Fredericton, Dec. 30.—The Provincial Department of Agriculture is sending out circular letters to school teachers throughout the province offering bounties for brown-tail moth nests.

In this manner it is hoped to define the extent of the area infested by this pest and thus facilitate the work of destruction now being carried on by the party of experts engaged in the work for the Provincial and Dominion Governments jointly.

The bounty being offered is \$1 for the first nest found in any school district and 5 cents each for every subsequent nest in a district. The number of nests of brown-tail moths already found in New Brunswick now amounts to five hundred and seventy-five.

Most of the nests thus far found have been located where the crew of destroyers working under the direction of Mr. J. D. Tottill, of Ottawa, has an official of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, have been working. It is expected that in about ten days time Mr. Tottill and his assistants will have completed their work in Charlotte county for the present and will come to Fredericton and commence work in the St. John river valley district.

#### FIGHTING IN CHINA RENEWED—CONTINUES THROUGHOUT DAY

Hankow, Jan. 1.—Fighting between the revolutionists and the imperialists was renewed this morning, twenty miles up the river, by the Republicans, who had not yet received notice of the promulgation of an armistice. The Republican commander ordered the fighting to cease, but a desultory gun fire was heard throughout the day.

LYNN, MASS., Jan. 1.—The national headquarters of the United Shoe Workers of America, which the last national convention of that body voted their headquarters should be removed from Lynn, will continue in this city for some time to come as a result of the inability of the executive board of the organization at its semi-annual meeting here today, to agree on the city to which the headquarters should be moved. It is understood that Chicago, St. Louis and Cincinnati were the places which figured most in the two hours' discussion.

#### LAMY SHOWS MARKED DISREGARD FOR ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS

Sarnac Lake, N.Y., Jan. 1.—Edmund Lamy, former amateur skating champion, covered a hundred yards on the lake today in nine seconds from a standing start, in an exhibition trial. The record has been 93.5 seconds, made by Morris Wood in 1903. Lamy's feat is remarkable because he skated around a circular track and was paced by another exhibition he beat all former barrel jumping records by leaping seven barrels ends up and twelve on their sides, one more in each case than he ever did before.

Lamy entered the professional skating ranks this winter, having lost his amateur standing by playing professional baseball.

#### OTTAWA DEFEATED BY BOSTON TEAM

Boston, Jan. 1.—The Intercollegiate seven of Boston, defeated the University of Ottawa team at the arena tonight, 7 to 1. Although the game was not so one-sided as the score would indicate. At the end of the first period the score was 2 to 1, and it was only during the last few minutes of the game that the home team secured a commanding lead. The game was marked by many penalties, both cover points being put out of the game for slugging.

#### DAISY FLOUR

In 24 1-2 Lb. Bags

**DIED.**  
**GAULTON**—At her husband's residence, 95 Moore street, Martha, beloved wife of George Gaulton, leaving a husband, one son and four daughters, also two sisters and three brothers, asleep in Jesus.

Funeral from her late residence, Wednesday, Jan. 3rd. Service at St. Paul's church at 2.30 (Halifax, Newfoundland and Brooklyn, N.Y. papers please copy.)

**DUNLAVY**—In this city on Dec. 31st, Jane Dunlavy, widow of the late Thomas Dunlavy, of Union street, West End, in the 71st year of her age.

Funeral today from her late residence at 2.45 p. m. Service at the house at 2.30 p. m.

**D. BOYANER**  
Optician and Optometrist  
28 Dock St.  
Office Exclusively

#### Fresh Air Sunshine Scott's Emulsion Happy Thoughts

Let these Vitalizing Elements into your home; they are the simple means of keeping Nerves, Brain and Body strong, active, enduring.

There is no substitute for Fresh Air, Sunshine, Happy Thoughts or **Scott's Emulsion**

ALL DRUGGISTS 21-43

#### ONE WIFE PIECE NOT ENOUGH FOR KIDNUS IN CANADA

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 1.—Dominion immigration agent, J. H. Macgill, in discussing the agitation to allow wives and children of the Hindus now in British Columbia to come from India, calls attention to the fact that many of the polygamists, among the Hindus here are fifteen hundred Jats and seven hundred Mohammedans, all of whom practice polygamy, and might wish to bring in two or three wives apiece, if the immigration bars were lowered. Large numbers of Hindus have been rejected at San Francisco because of polygamy.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 1.—"Hav'n't you made a mistake?" asked Judge A. W. Frater, as Mrs. Nellie Jane Peterson, weighing eighty pounds, climbed into the witness chair in the divorce court.

"No, Your Honor," replied the plaintiff. "I want a divorce, and I have been told this is the place to get it."

"Oh, very well," said the Court. "I thought it was the Juvenile Court you were looking for."

The child was thirteen when she was married to Byron Peterson, and she retains her childish appearance at unadvised. She alleged that Peterson hired a man and woman to masquerade as her parents and give their consent to her marriage. Divorce was granted because of non-support.

#### "SALT RHEUM" HAD IT ON HANDS FOR TWO YEARS.

ITCHED SO DID NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO.

Tried Three Doctors and Went to Hospital.

All skin diseases are more or less occasioned by a bad state of the blood, and no one can expect to be free from some form or other of skin trouble unless the blood is kept in good shape. All skin diseases can be very easily cured by wonderful blood-cleansing properties of Burdock Blood Bitters.

This is due to the unrivaled purifying action of Burdock Blood Bitters on the blood, coupled with the thorough manner in which it cleanses and expels the impurities from the body.

Mrs. Richard Coutine, White Head, Que., writes:—"I have been bothered with salt rheum, on my hands, for two years, and it itched so I did not know what to do. I tried three doctors, and even went to Montreal to the hospital without getting any relief. I was advised to try Burdock Blood Bitters, so I got three bottles, and before I had the second used I found a big change, and now to-day I am cured."

Burdock Blood Bitters has been on the market for about 35 years and is manufactured only by The T. Milbark Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

#### XMAS CAKE AND GANY

RICHMOND'S STORES

173 City street, in street,  
78 City Road, in street,  
50 Celebration st.

#### ONIONS

Onions, 100 pound bag special price while unloading.

**A. L. GOOWIN,**  
MARK BUILDING.

#### ONIONS

One carload AMERICAN ONIONS, 75 good bag, American Onions, 100 pound bag special price while unloading.

**A. L. GOOWIN,**  
MARK BUILDING.

#### OBITUARY

**Mrs. Jane Dunlavy.**  
An estimable and highly respected resident of the West End passed away on New Year's eve, in the person of Mrs. Jane Dunlavy, widow of the late Thomas Dunlavy, whose death occurred at her home in Union street, the 71st year of her age. Mrs. Dunlavy had been ill but a short time and previous to her last illness had enjoyed good health for one of her years. Consequently her passing was a sad shock to her many friends. She is survived by three sons and two daughters. The sons are, William, James and John, all of this city, and the daughters are, Mrs. F. J. Keane, of St. John and Mrs. William Moran, of San Francisco. She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith and a brother, Thomas McAuley, both of whom reside in Colchester Co., N. S.

The funeral will be held this afternoon from her home. There will be service at the house at 2.30 and the funeral will be held at 2.45.

**Mrs. George Gaulton.**  
The death of Mrs. George Gaulton occurred at 7 o'clock yesterday morning after a lingering illness. She leaves a husband and five children to mourn. The children are, Elizabeth, Ella, Stella and Frederick, at home, and Mrs. P. Cunningham, of the city, also two sisters and four brothers. The funeral will be held from her husband's residence, 95 Moore street, tomorrow afternoon at 2.30, to St. Paul's church in Cedar Hill.

**County Liquor Licenses.**  
It has been decided to consider the applications for county liquor licenses on Jan. 15th, the same date as that set by the city.

#### DENNING HAS BEST OF BOUT

New York, Jan. 1.—Jack Denning, the middleweight pugilist of this city defeated Marcel Mareau, the French champion, in a ten-round bout this afternoon at the Fairmont Athletic Club. The bout was a fast one, in which Denning had the better of it all the way, except in the first round.

#### COHEN IS WINNER ON POINTS

Ptica, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Young Cohen of England and Kid Julian of Sagreus fought ten fast rounds before the Oneida County Athletic Club here this afternoon. Cohen floored Julian in the third round, but the latter came back strong and forced the Englishman to extend himself every minute in order to win on points. It seemed that Julian's blows were more effective though fewer landed.

#### FISHERY SALES TODAY

The annual sale of the fishing privileges controlled by the city will take place at the court house at 10 o'clock this morning. P. L. Potts will be the auctioneer. The privileges include the fishing lots along the east side of the bay, river and harbor, as well as on the western side of the harbor, the leases of which expired on the 15th day of December. Owing to the fact that the fishermen enjoyed a fairly successful season last year, it is expected the bidding will be keener than usual. An effort has been made by certain parties to secure the right to erect fish wharves on Partridge Island and at Battery Point, but it is said the city has no authority to grant such privileges.

#### DIED IN ST. STEPHEN.

Special to The Standard.  
St. Stephen, Jan. 1.—Mrs. Frank T. Ross died this evening after a protracted illness of Bright's Disease and valvular disease of the heart. Mrs. Ross who was aged 51 years, and eight months is survived by a husband and two sons, Kenneth and Walter, all of this place. The remains will be taken to Skowhegan on Thursday morning for interment. Mrs. Ross was a prominent member of the Methodist church and a lady of exemplary character. She will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends.

**A Sailor's Funeral.**  
The funeral of Wm. Annan took place yesterday afternoon at 2.30 from the Seaman's Mission. Rev. L. A. McLean officiated at the grave and the interment took place in the marine lot in Fernhill. The deceased was a seaman on the Allan liner Hesperian and on the last trip he was taken sick with pneumonia and removed to the hospital where he died. As the Allan liner Grampian is now in port, she supplied the following pallbearers under the second officer, J. Burns, Captain, Hulse, Calland and McAdam.

**First Meeting of Commission.**  
The International Waterways Commission recently named for the purpose of studying the waterways of the St. John river in the Dominion of New Brunswick and in the State of New Brunswick, met today in Montreal. The commissioners will get together for the purpose of talking over matters, as they have no business to take up at present, so that the meeting will be merely for organization. H. A. Powell, K. C., left last evening by the Montreal express to be present at the meeting. The other members of the commission are T. Chase Casgrain, K. C., Montreal; and C. A. McGrath, Leithbridge.

#### HOLIDAY CABLE MESSAGES.

Yesterday the reduced cable rates to England, Ireland and Wales, went into effect, but the local offices were not overburdened with business on that account. Under the new rates messages of 20 words can be sent across the ocean for \$1.50, on the condition that the cable company has three days in which to deliver them.

During the holiday season the local telegraph offices have handled a large number of night letters. Most of the Christmas and New Year messages sent out from St. John went to Upper Canada and the Northwest, though there was a goodly number sent to the States.

#### FIRE FIGHTERS CALLING DAY.

The fire companies in the city paid their annual New Year's calls yesterday afternoon and had a most enjoyable time. Some of the companies used sleds while the majority of them used buck boards. It was the same old story. All the companies exchanged with their stations and there was singing and speech making. The West Side firemen started out for the first time and paid a visit to the stations on the East Side, while the firemen on the East Side of the harbor went to the West Side.

#### BURIED YESTERDAY.

The funeral of Joseph P. Bardsley took place yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence, 72 Esplanade street and was largely attended. The body was taken to the Cathedral and services were conducted by Rev. A. W. Meahan. The pall bearers were Frank O'Regan, A. Dean, W. P. Fitzgerald, B. Cronin and Wm. McQuerry. The interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

#### A MODERN MIRACLE

He Had Eczema 25 Years and Doctors Said "No Cure."

Yet Zam-Buk Has Worked Complete Cure.

This is the experience of a man of high reputation widely known in Montreal and whose case can readily be investigated. Mr. T. M. Marsh, the gentleman referred to, lives at 101 Desorimier Avenue, Montreal, and has lived there for years. For twenty-five years he has had eczema on his hands and wrists. The disease first started in red blotches, which itched, and when scratched became painful. Bad sores followed which discharged, and the discharge spread the disease until his hands were on raw, painful mass of sores. This state of affairs continued for twenty-five years!

In that time four eminent medical men tried to cure him, and each gave up the case as hopeless. Naturally, Mr. Marsh tried remedies of all kinds but he, also, at last gave it up. For two years he had to wear gloves day and night so terrible was the pain and itching when the air got to the sores.

Then came Zam-Buk! He tried it just as he had tried hundreds of remedies before, but he soon found out that Zam-Buk was different. Within a few weeks there were distinct signs of benefit, and a little perseverance with this great herbal balm resulted in what he had hoped up all hope of—a complete cure. And the cure was no temporary one. It was permanent. He was cured nearly four years ago. Interviewed the other day, Mr. Marsh said: "To cure which Zam-Buk worked has been absolutely permanent to the present moment I have had no trace of eczema, and I feel sure it will never return."

If you suffer from any skin trouble cut out this article, write across it the name of this paper, and mail it, with one cent stamp to pay return postage, to Zam-Buk Co., Toronto. We will forward you a free trial box of Zam-Buk. All druggists and stores sell this famous remedy, 50c a box or three for \$1.25. Refuse harmful substitutes.

#### A.C. SMITH & CO. WHOLESALE Hay Oats AND Millfeeds

Choice White Middlings and Manitoba Oat Now on Hand

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For the Christmas Table

We have selected large assorted stock of ONTARIO NOVA SCOTIA BEEF; also PERKES, GESE DUCKS, CHICKEN and a full line of VEGETABLES

Our Christmas display

Brand of Ham and Bacon is complete and shall be pleased to have you inspect our display.

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Potatoes, Hay, Farm Produce.

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#### ONIONS

One carload AMERICAN ONIONS, 75 good bag, American Onions, 100 pound bag special price while unloading.

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#### XMAS CAKE AND GANY

RICHMOND'S STORES

173 City street, in street,  
78 City Road, in street,  
50 Celebration st.

#### FIRE IN A

About 5.30 o'clock a fire in a coal barge near the ferry side and an alarm on dock 21. The fire quickly extinguished and the damage slight.

**LATE**  
Saw  
Manchester, J. J. Manchester  
Importer, St. John  
New York, J. J. Manchester, Nettin  
Shipman, St. John, J. Stern  
Ing. do; Eva C.