asters Now Before the Mast.

slump in the export trade of States has virtually smashed dividing line of the sea ic gap between a man and

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anker cleared the other day Atlantic port with three captains aboard, in addition man on the bridge in the posiquartermaster. There are record of mates who have s bosuns and able seamen. take jobs as coal passers not sullenly, but with

ed States able seaman finds a sad plight. Not only have materially reduced and ratch system been restored, re difficult to find. Dozens av be seen lounging hopee Shipping Board employday in, and day out. No the job, they snatch at ess are the instances of en, sailing shipmen, with before the mast experience, as deck boys and ordinary

agster whose fancy leads to the shipping has no opworth mentioning with these ed seamen bidding for the significant jobs. Sometimes a pantry or in the mess falls but there, too, competition is nd if he gets the job it is beis there when the others, ed, have gone away.

n Seamen Up Against It. reign seamen is up against arder. He is handicapped nality, a handicap which face even in the offices of rivate ship lines of the United at the Seamen's Church Inthey can be seen any day in nt there are never enough

are other ways of getting than stading about offices. A rets a ship by tramping along rfront asking skippers, "Howand whereabout and how soon go?" But it is a wearisome here are numerous private agents who represent private in addition, sign crews for ips vachts and tugs. Busire is at a standstill. An infeature is the fact that no ship goes abegging for sailors days. The amount of sailing we afloat, however, is decreasthat even this type of job is

There are probably ilors sponging on their comaday than there have been in years. Particularly pathetic is light of the licensed men who, tomed to large earnings, and in cases possessing dependent ers . . . 10c. s, are forced to draw on their s and to take whatever offers, fer painful it be to their pride. their treatment of their mates has been rough in their of command, they are almost to be subjected to an un-

> her factor which bears upon b shortage is the fact that do not change with the freof old. A sailor is usually at the end of a voyage if he to sign on for the next voyrequest is being answered in the affimative, and such usually receives preference e time for signing the articles w voyage arrives.

re-Walkers of Fiji.

laring feats of the fire-walkers have hitherto been wrapped tery, but at last an explanation trick has been given to Major pple, who has written a book

an island in the Pacific the only place where fireknown. The natives dig which is filled with alterof wood and big flat re is applied to the wood, he stones are red-hot the s are pulled away and the ed round the edge of the rcle. The natives then and walk rapidly over the n their bare feet.

Chapple examined some of nd found that their feet in it of the ordinary, and that either burnt nor even hot. lation is that the foot is contact with the red-hot ently long to dry up the ture and burn the foot. ward was persuaded on one put his finger into a en lead. If the finger is and withdrawn quickly, it burnt, since the steam round the finger forms a pour, and the finger does contact with the boiling

AE BALSAM.—The following sts at Balsam Place:—Miss enny, Carbonear; Mr. and Mrs.

Mames Raird INKLINGS this STORES DOINGS James Baird



NOTABLE VALUES FEATURED for the WEEK-END

Economical Shopping for yourself and for those for whom you may have to do the purchasing for.

You will find this Store the most accommodating along the street—the one that best suits you, when meagre means restrain your shopping allowance. Every twist and turn in the Store nowadays reveals Rock Bottom Prices displayed for your

Come to Baird's



COME TO BAIRD'S for

SCHOOL BAGS Half Price

Large Waterproof Leather Bound School Bags, with leather shoulder strap and buckle, two coments, double strapped from Friday, Saturday and Mon- \$1.25 partments, double strapped front. Were \$2.50

LITTLE BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOL BAGS-3 dozen of these strongly made Brown and Dark Plaid School Bags, 2 compartments, leatherette bound and should Mon- 45c. leatherette bound and shoulder strap. Reg.



COME TO BAIRD'S for EXTRA SPECIAL **VALUES WHITE QUILTS**

LARGE WHITE HONEYCOMB QUILTS-A clearing line of large White Honeycomb Quilts, offering absolute value to purchasers. We have gone through all our Quilts and selected these 42 for clearance. Friday, Saturday 33.80

: FRIDAY, SATURDAY and MONDAY:

COME TO BAIRD'S for RUBBER Values



WO'S RUBBERS-Here is another special in good-wearing low cut Rubbers for Milady; extra heavy quality, yet neat in shape, medium heel and medium width toe, heavily scored sole and heel. Our Spe- 89c.

MEN'S STORM RUBBERS—A long season of usefulness ahead for these superior quality Rubbers—"Merchant's" Brand of good live rubber. Reg. \$1.80. Friday, Saturday and Monday.

he wants them most. Reg. \$4.60. \$3.98 Friday, Saturday and Monday ...

COME TO BAIRD'S

for these Values.

Monday

Cases, are splendidly finished, real

good material; the end shows a

prettily embroidered spray and

heavily button hole stitching all

around. Excellent value for \$1.00.

Friday, Saturday and Mon- 79c.

BOLSTER CASES—A serviceable size Bolster

for children's beds, as they are not large enough for the ordinary bed. Were 75c. each. Friday, Saturday and Monday.

COME TO BAIRD'S

for these

Dress Serges and Caps

COLOURED DRESS SERGES-54 inch English

Dress Serges of exceptionally good quality; shades of Brown, Navy, Saxe, Grey and Myrtle; suitable for suttings, dresses or skirts. Reg. \$4.00 yard. Friday, \$2.38 KIMONO CREPES—30 inch Jap patterned Kimono Crepes, in Pink, Rose and Fawn chade of grands; uncommon looking pat-

Products

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PILLOW CASES-"Victoria" Pillow

COME TO BAIRD'S for POUND TOWELS

Just open, two large hampers of White and Coloured Turkish Towels of every size. This opportunity offers you good-wearing family Towels—considerably less than you have been buying them for lately.

Prices 15c. up 75c.

GLASS TOWELING-20 inch Blue cross-barred English Linen Crash Glass Toweling; made for service. Reg. 55c. yard. Friday, Saturday and Monday..... 35c.

COME TO BAIRDS SALE OF WASH SILKS

Very pretty Striped White Wash Silk; the stripes are coloured and nicely assorted. You could use them for Blouses, Shirtwaists or Gent's Shirts; 36 inches wide; clearing this week. Reg. \$3.00 yard. Friday, Sat- \$1.89 urday and Monday

THE SHOWROOM'S VALUES

this week make an irresistible appeal to MILADY .



LADIES' DRESS SKIRTS-Fashionable. easy hanging Skirts in Serges, Gabardines, Plaids and Stripes, etc.; shades of Navy, Brown, Saxe, Grey, Black, Black and White and Fancy Plaids; an unusually good offering—avail of Note the value. Regular \$6.00.

Friday, Saturday and Mon- \$1.98

HEMSTITCHING (by the yard)—Very handy for finishing off Ladies' or Children's Underwear and Blouses, etc.; shades of Navy, Tan, Pink, Champagne, White and Black. Regular 53c. dozen. Friday, Saturday and 23c. Monday, the dozen

CHILDREN'S CORSET WAISTS - Grey "Freedom" Corsets in assorted sizes; laced and buttoned front, shoulder straps, corded make, buttons for bands and suspenders. Reg. 85c. pair. Friday, Saturday and Mon- 74c.

MISSES' GEORGETTE PARTY DRESS-ISSES' GEORGETTE PARTY DRESS-ES—Only 6 of them, beautiful styles for evening or party wear; short sleeves, V neck, Rosebud trimming, wide ribbon girdle, 3 wide frills at skirt; shades of Nile Green and Maize; to fit 16 to 20 years. Regular \$15.00. Friday, Saturday and Mon-day.

HAIR NETS—"Willowee" Hair Nets, cap shape; real hair, sterilized and sani-tary; shades of Medium and Dark Browns. Reg. 20c. each. Friday, Saturday and Monday ... 15c.

STAIR OIL CLOTHS

These are new arrivals; heavy White Duck back and soft pliable pebble finish; some bor-

dered; the quality is excellent; full 18 inches wide. Friday, Saturday and Monday, 47c.

SHEET WADDING-In Cream, White and

Black, suitable for muff filling, cushions, quilts or coats. Friday, Saturday 18c.

TOWFT S An assortment of Unbleached Turk-

ish Towels; very strong make and very serviceable size. Friday, Saturday & 47c.

JERSEY UNDERSKIRTS-Heavy Grey Jersey Underskirts; shaped band, scalloped and button hole edged; made in fulli fitting sizes; the value is ceptionally good. Reg. \$3.00. \$1.98 Friday, Saturday & Monday

JERSEY BLOOMERS-Ladies' fast Black Jersey Bloomers, elastic at waist and knee: heavy weight: sizes 38 and 40 Friday, Saturday and Mon- \$1.38

INFANTS' WRAPPERS - Fine White Ribbed Wrappers, buttoned front, long sleeves, crochet edge around neck; assorted sizes. Reg. 70c. Friday, 59c. Saturday and Monday Saturday and Monday

CHILDREN'S BLOOMERS-Cream Jersey knit Bloomers for girls from 6 to 12 years; elastic at waist and knee; extra good quality. Regular Dollar value. Friday, Saturday and 87c. Monday

Large Damask TABLE CLOTHS

A clearing line Fancy Blue and White and Red and White Check Damask Table Cloths; they make the most serviceable of Breakfast Cloths and an ideal cloth for the kitchen; full size, hemmed read for use. Were \$3.75 each. Friday, Saturday and Monday. \$1.70

COME TO BAIRD'S for these

WHITE LACE CURTAINS-Large scroll patterns and well covered, like the old-fash-ioned curtains; two and a half yard size, suitable for any room in the house. Reg. \$4.80 pair. Friday, Saturday & \$3.65

ish Toweling, with a nice soft finish; for hand towels or roller. Reg. 35c. 25c. yard. Friday, Sat. & Monday 25c.

Curtains and Towelings

Monday ... HUCK TOWELING—Real good quality White Huck Towelings, 20 inches wide; unequal-led for wear. Reg. 80c. Friday, 49c.

Pond's High-Grade

COME TO BAIRD'S SALE OF Gorgeous Georgette Silk



Come and select one of these handsome Georgette Waists in White and Rose; V neck square collar, embroidered front; sizes 38 to 46 inch bust. Reg. \$4.50. Friday, \$3.89 Saturday and Monday

A SNAP! MEN'S 16.00 BOOTS

5.98 Come and have a look at this line, gentlemen, it's some time since you have struck such excellent value in smart well made Footwear. Your choice of Vici Kid, Box Calf and Gun Metal Leather. Reg. \$16:00 and associate prices. Friday, Saturday & \$5.98

Bellows Tongue; sizes 1 to 5; high laced-up style; a sturdy boot for now and for spring wear. Were \$8.00 pair. Friday, \$5.98

heavy weight Black Wool Socks, of best English quality. Worth \$1.80 pair.
Friday, Saturday and Monday.

BOYS' BOWS—Spring Clip Bows in quite an assortment of fancy mixtures; easy fitting for double collar or soft collar. To Clear Friday, Saturday and Monday, 19c.

each ... WORKING HANDKERCHIEFS Khaki shade

WORKING HANDKERCHIEFS—Khaki snade Handkerchiefs; very useful for the working man. Friday, Saturday and Mon- 13c. WHITE HANDKERCHIEFS—Full size Hemstitched White Handkerchiefs, full bleach Irish Lawn. Friday, Saturday and 23c.

MEN'S RUBBER COATS—Men's Black Rubber Coats, buckle fastened front with tan canvas lining; strongly finished and tight seams; assorted sizes. Special, \$6.95 Friday, Saturday and Monday. S6.95 BOYS' TOP SHIRTS—Striped Flannelette Shirts with attached collar, buttoned oints, pocket, neat patterns; in all sizes. Reg. \$2.00. Friday, Saturday and Monday.

Men's "Sea Brand" LONG RUBBERS

The popular "Sea Brand" Long Rubbers, knee length. They offer the best value yet in Long Rubbers. Try a pair. Our Special Friday, Sat. & Monday'..... \$6.19

Masonic Dance.

ST. VALENTINE CELEBRATED.

St. Valentine's Night was fittingly celebrated by the Masonic Entertainment Committee, who held the most enjoyable of all their many successful dances. Tuesday's dance was the fourth of the season, and it was impossible owing to the limited space, to supply one half the demand for tickets. The floor of the spacious banquet room was in excellent condition for dancing. The decorations consisted only of multi-coloured balloons, which were suspended from the ceiling, and were later allowed to float down among the dancers. The orchestra was delightful and played the most intricate selections in excellent time. All the dances were loudly encored and in many cases, two and three encores had to be given. The Valentine dances were especially popular, and largely contributed to the amusement of the dancers. In the first, the men had to find their partners by matching a symbol on the backs of their programmes. The second was an elimination dance. In this dance, too, the men did not know who their partners would be. Prizes were offered for the winners of this dance and were awarded to Mr. Cyril Duley and Mrs. W. D. Gunn. 'A Valentine was pres sented to Mrs. Tasker Cook, President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, by Mr. D. McFarlane, on behalf of the Entertainment Committee. Supper was served in the billiard room by the Ladies' Auxiliary, whose catering has con well merited praise. The Masonic Crchestra under the direction of Mr. E. Fox, and the Entertainment Committee, and particularly Messrs. F. H. Ellis, F. J. Wornell and J. Cocker, flour managers, are to be congratulated upon having added one more success to their already lengthy

Championship Ice Sports

EVENTS WELL CONTESTED.

Every event in the Championship Ice Sports held at the Prince's Rink on Tuesday night was well contested. over 2700 were present. The championship races were especially interesting, and although there were only two entrants for the veterans' race, this too, created considerable enthusiasm. The affair was carried out under the management of Mr. A. H. Thomas, who was assisted by Messrs. G Marshall M Churchill J C Parsons, P. Dobbin, E. Churchill and C. Hall. The following was the list of events and the winners: -

3 Mile (Open) Championship-1st. G. Squires; 2nd, J. Jacobs. Time, 12.13. Inter-Collegiate Relay Race-1st, St Bon's College; 2nd, B.F.C. ½ Mile (15 and under)—1st,

2nd, Monohan (Mount Cashel). Time 2.13. 1 Mile (Open) Championship-1st, P. Coxworthy; 2nd, W. Coultas. Time

4m., 1-5 sec. Carnival Competition-Won by Mr. J. Conway, Miss F. Conway. Mercantile Relay Race-1st, Reid

Nfid. Co.; 2nd, Royal Stores. Race For Men (40 years and upwards) - Won by M. Marshall. Time 5 Mile (Open) Championship-1st,

G. Squires; 2nd., J. Chancey. Time 21-12 1-5 sec. The prizes have not arrived, but

will be presented to the winners as soon as received.

Social and Concert.

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild a delightfui entertainment was held in George Street Methodist Church school room last evening. High tea was served at 6 p.m., and at its conclusion a splendid concert was given. The following is the programme:-Pianoforte Duet:-Miss Oates and

Mr. Lee.

Solos by Mr. W. A. Tucker, Mr. H. T. Courtenay, Mrs. G. Christian. Recitation:-Mrs. Mews.

Duet:-Messrs. Pittman. Piano Solo:-Miss T. Power. Duet:-Mrs. Garland and Maunder.

Violin Solo:-Mrs. B. E. S. Dunfield. Another pleasing feature of the evening was a magic lantern exhibition, showing some very fine local views. The show was given by Rev. Mr. Fairbairn and included sceles from his last circuit in Nova Scotia, together with photos taken by himself on his way down from Halifax to St. John's by the S.S. "Rosalind." The ladies of the Guild and the joint chairman, Rev. Mr. Fairbairn and Mr. R. F. Horwood, are to be congratulated on the success of the affair.

Dinner and Smoker. CITY CLUB WILL ENTERTAIN

MASONS. The winners of the recent Masonic vs. City Club Billiard Tournament are being dired to-night at the Osborne Restaurant by the City Club players. Following the dinner which takes place at 7.15, a smoker is being held

at the City Club, and members of both Clubs are invited. A splendid programme of music under the direction of the Masonic Orchestra has been prepared and the affair promises to be