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CANDY SHOP

**We Have a Complete Showing of DOLL'S SHOES AND STOCKINGS**

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There is a short list of articles you will find at our stores at these popular prices. There are many others not listed, and others at higher prices.

**\$1.00**  
Women's Moccasin Slippers.  
Men's Silk Hose.  
Women's "Holeproof" Stockings.  
Men's Silk and Wool Hose.  
Girls' Felt Slippers.

**\$1.25**  
Women's Boudoir Slippers.  
Children's Socks.

**\$1.50**  
Men's Kid Slippers.  
Women's "Holeproof" Hosiery.  
Men's Felt Slippers.  
Women's Moccasins.  
Women's Felt Slippers.

**Make This a Practical Christmas—Give Useful Articles**

**Waterbury & Rising, Ltd.**  
61 King Street 212 Union Street 677 Main Street

**W. H. Hayward Co., Limited**  
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**CORRECT TABLE SERVICES**

Now is the time for the prudent housewife to prepare for the holiday festivals. We will gladly fulfill your requirements.

**The Christmas Store**  
OPEN EVENINGS TILL CHRISTMAS

**A CHEST OF TOOLS**  
For Father or Brother this Christmas will be much appreciated by them. We are showing some very fine sets of **GENUINE STANLEY TOOLS**. This Year, Priced From \$16.50 to \$37.50. Better visit our Tool Department and see them. Other Tool Sets we are showing in our Toy Department are priced at 75c. to \$8.00.

**TOY BLOCKS**  
Embossed and Illustrated

**SET OF TEN PINS**  
50c., 70c., \$1.00, \$1.25

**TABLE CROQUET**—a game for the table \$4.00, \$8.50

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**PEGGY**—will amuse players of all ages \$1.75

**CAMP FIRE GIRLS AND CHECKERS**—two games in one \$1.50

**SEWING SETS** 45c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25, \$2.25

**GAME OF HOUSE HOUSSIE** 75c.

**MECANNO** \$3.00 to \$9.00

**A CHRISTMAS GIFT**  
of a Sheffield Steel Pocket Knife. We have a wonderful assortment of Christmas Pocket Knives this year, ranging in price 30c. to \$3.85, in Stag, Pearl, White and Wood Handles.

Eversharp Pencils and Waterman Fountain Pens.

**W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd.**  
KING STREET AND MARKET SQUARE  
Store Hours 8.30 to 6. Open Saturday Till 10 p.m. Phone Main 1920

## BUSY TIMES LOOKED FOR IN STORES TONIGHT

**People Advised That Christmas Buying Time Fast Draws to Close**

A busy time is anticipated into the stores tonight, the last Saturday for shopping before Christmas. The merchants are prepared to give good service, with plenty of assistants to serve buyers from the extensive, varied and attractive stocks carried. After tonight there will be but five shopping days. Further suggestions will be found in the following reports on visits to city stores.

### ALEX LESSER

Alexander Lesser's, 26-28 Charlotte street, is a shop of original modes of beautiful and distinctive ladies' wearing apparel. Values that will attract the holiday shoppers are featured in the ultra-smart, elaborately trimmed coats of fur trimmed garments, in the season's most favored fashions, each of distinctively different design. All the new colors are included. Exclusive features in ladies' and misses' dresses, frocks, afternoon and evening gowns are shown. They come in stunning style, design and coloring, in both plain and fancy Georgesques, metalized with embroidery, varied to harmonize with hat and shoe ensemble. Also there are the simple satins, sequined flat crepes, moire silks, chiffons and velvets in alluring combination of style and coloring. Fur coats of fine quality at moderate prices are also displayed. The window showing is artistic and attracts to the values offered. In men's ready to wear department practical suggestions for those seeking gifts in that line, are many.

### T. RANKINE AND SONS LTD.

T. Rankine and Sons Ltd. are kept busy supplying a variety of dainties for Christmas. Their biscuits and fancy cakes in complete assortment are very much in demand at this time of year. The retail department in Mill street is overflowing with toothsome delicacies. English plum-puddings are featured in special holly boxes. Fruit-cakes, pound-cakes, maddera and sultana cakes that are artfully re-lished at this season are to be found in abundance. Cooked by experts, they relieve the women-folk of a good deal of work in a hot kitchen and give them more freedom for other activities at this particular season. The dainties are always delighted with the animal biscuits manufactured by this concern. They are made with the purest ingredients and are very wholesome. Parker-house and cinnamon rolls are also specialized at this time and it's a difficult task to make the supply meet the demand, which speaks for itself.

### J. PERCHANOK.

J. Perchanok, 88 Dock street, has his store filled with many beautiful gifts for the women folk. This store specializes in women's coats, and many beautiful designs are on display. Most of these have just arrived, having been ordered especially for the holiday season. Needle-points, sweaters and dainties with suitable trimmings of natural fur are featured. At this time of year, when social engagements are so numerous, afternoon and evening dresses in the latest vogue are very essential. These are featured here in the newest colors and fabrics. Afternoon dresses are shown in crepe back satin, cut-velvet and flatterings, while for evening wear dresses of taffeta and georgettes are most popular. To complete this stock of wearing apparel, many accessories have been added. These include silk hosiery, lingerie, gloves and scarves. Handkerchiefs attractively boxed also make welcome gifts.

### MARY ANN'S BAZAAR

To those who seek table delicacies for Christmas Day and during the holiday week, Walter George's, 21 Charlotte street, extends a tempting window display, portraying the finest of delicatessen stock, and canned specialties which are always looked for by the kiddies. This exceptionally fine assortment of delicatessen, imported from Melis of London, Halton's Toffee, direct from Scotland, caramelized fruit, and other specialties, dainty packages, from Spain and Smyrna; dates from Sahara, in miniature packets, are Helmi biscuits, from Fren & Co., London, put up in special novelty tins, as marzipan, Mrs. Noah's arks, etc. Fresh fruits, jellies, cassagues, málaga raisins and many other articles, too too numerous to mention, are in this store to choose from.

## Extension of Y.M.C.A. Building Considered By House Committee

A committee of the Y. M. C. A., which has under consideration the matter of an extension of the building, met last night to look over proposed plans and estimates of possible extension schemes. Due consideration was given to all of the information that had been procured and the committee also took into consideration the city's prospects with regard to maintaining an extension if decided upon. The subject was thoroughly discussed and the committee will take back to the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Y. M. C. A., the facts of the matter as discussed. The Board meeting will be held on Jan. 6. The members of the committee on the proposed extension are as follows: W. R. Pearce, chairman, T. H. Estabrook, A. F. Blake, W. C. Nicholas, F. W. Coombe, W. H. Golding, John MacKinnon and J. W. Brittain.

## SEWING CIRCLE ENTERTAINED

Mrs. George Merryweather, president, entertained the Roxborough Sewing Circle at her home last evening. After quilting the ladies enjoyed a social hour when the hostess served dainty refreshments. Those present were: Mrs. F. Blizard Mrs. W. B. Nice Mrs. Albert Evans, Mrs. S. Carvell, Mrs. Vernon Pitt, Mrs. H. V. Currie, Mrs. L. Melvin, Mrs. James Donner, Mrs. Percy Bosence, Mrs. B. A. Edwards, Mrs. Ernest Milson and Mrs. Clifford Price.

## Local News

### WINS QUILT

The drawing for a quilt, which has been conducted by the East Saint John Tennis Club, took place last evening and the lucky number was Mrs. W. J. Crawford, who held ticket, 684.

## MANY ARE EXPECTED AT MILITARY BALL

### Encouraging Reports Presented at Meeting of General Committee

The military ball to be given at the Armory on New Year's eve promises to be completely eclipsed by the very successful and enjoyable balls that have been held in previous years. The general committee of the Saint John Fusiliers, which has in hand all of the arrangements for the ball, met last evening at the Armory with Lt.-Col. George Keefe, presiding. The various sub-committees had each a very gratifying report to present. It was announced by the music committee that the Fusiliers' band would furnish the music and that many new pieces of dance music had just been purchased, some of them not having yet been introduced in Saint John. The ticket committee reported that the sale of tickets was very brisk, a considerable number more tickets having been sold at the present time than had been sold at the corresponding date of last year. The N. O.'s will assist as usher and attendants, directing the guests, it was announced, by the traffic committee. The supper committee could not make any announcement regarding the catering but had the matter well in hand and expected to report at an early date. The design of the printed programs was reported on and these lengthened, while the planning of the decoration committee had many new suggestions and fully expected that the decoration scheme this year would be by far the best yet.

## TREAT ENJOYED AT MUNICIPAL HOME

### Children Take Part in Interesting Program For Closing Exercises

The children in Municipal Home took part in a very nice rendered program at the closing of the school yesterday morning. The program was carried out under the direction of the teacher, Miss Edna Wintley, through which nine pupils took part. Other numbers of the program were as follows: Song, "The Song of the East"; recitation, "The Christmas Tree and Enough For All"; dialogue, "The Christmas Tree"; recitation, "Crippled Doll"; song, "Jolly Old St. Nicholas"; song, "The Song of the Christmas Eve Adventure"; What Mother Goose's Children Want for Christmas; and "Song of the Christmas Eve Adventure".

## HEALTH BOARD CUTS ESTIMATES FOR 1927

### Amount Asked For From City \$334 Less Than Last Year

The Saint John sub-district Board of Health, after estimating for 1927 at a special meeting yesterday afternoon and will ask the Municipal Council for \$334 less this year than the estimates of last year, which were \$25,229.

## NAMES TO BE LAID ON TOMB IN ROME

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## As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times-Star reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbake, "I would like to hear you talk to you this morning."

"You'll hear to see Hanner," said Hiram. "She told me that end of the business. She says if I brought her to the market 'nd give 'em out me fer most 'entim' while they was tellin' me what a great feller I am—what a lot I've done fer the Settlement. She says they're just layin' fer feller like me—but they wouldn't dare try to soft-soap her."

"Why not assert your manly authority?" queried the reporter.

"He?" said Hiram. "You don't know Hanner, she's the best cook in fifteen counties—but when she gets her mind set on anything I gin'ally go 'way back 'nd set down."

"You may be right at that," said the reporter.

"I didn't take me all these years to find it out," quoth Hiram.

## GOOD SEASON OF SPORT AT LILY LAKE ASSURED

**Geo. Lawson Has Speeded Work—Ready For Christmas**

Formation of a ski club in the city to use two large slides at Lily Lake this winter, in addition to repairs to the toboggan slide, skating rink and club house, under direction of George Lawson, local contractor, ensure for Saint John's unrivalled beauty spot, Lily Lake, a program of winter sports for 1927 unsurpassed for many years. Remarkably quick work in repairs to the burned down plant makes certain a real start on outdoor sports before Christmas.

Mr. Lawson started clearing up debris and erecting a new structure two weeks ago. He now has a new building up, including check room, boiler room, bandstand, lighting arrangements and repairs to the toboggan slide. "I expect to start making use on Monday noon," said Mr. Lawson today, "and by Wednesday we will be ready in all departments."

### NEW TOBGOGANS.

"We have ordered," he says, "twelve new toboggans with runners, to prevent slewing, and are having new cushion seats made in Saint John. These we will rent for a nominal sum. Some of these days we are going to have a double toboggan slide, down one side and up the other, just like at Quebec. Although only a temporary structure, the building to replace the burned one has been built for warmth and convenience. The checkrooms can now accommodate 1,500 people. In the ladies' room, park benches have been installed and extra seating provided. The refreshments counter has been lengthened, while a convenience that will be appreciated is the installation of two service telephones."

### BUS SERVICE.

Mr. Lawson also has practically completed arrangements for a bus service to the lake with the local "bus company." The powerful sweepers of this company will be employed during the winter and a big bus placed in service. Mr. Lawson advises that he would like to see those who go to the lake bent on getting at the instrument. Powerful lighting fixtures are being erected, including a 1,000 candlepower spotlight, in addition to two others of smaller range. The road to the lake is excellently lighted.

Mr. Lawson has taken over the lease for only a short term, but he is convinced that development of Lily Lake as a recreational centre both for winter and summer would be a civic project that would amply repay the city in catering to tourists. He consulted the men behind the ski club for branching out in this direction.

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### NAMES SENT TO ROME

Last week these names were sent to Rome to the office of the central committee in charge of the Aloysian celebrations. This office is at the University via dei Seminieri, 120, Rome. All the names of youth, from the entire world, will be placed in the Church of St. Ignatius on the altar under which lie the bodies of St. Aloysius and the other saints.

## Novelty Shower For Miss Viola Parker

Miss Viola Parker was the guest of honor at a delightful novelty shower last evening when about 80 of her friends gathered at the home of Mrs. F. P. Rowley, 63 Celebration street. During the evening Miss Katherine Rowley led into the room a heavily-laden and beautifully-decorated carriage containing a most attractive array of appropriate gifts for the guest of honor. Miss Parker suitably expressed her thanks. A very pleasant evening was spent in dancing, music and games, and at the close the hostess served delicious refreshments.

### A. O. H. AUXILIARY CARDS

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the A. O. H. held their weekly card party in their rooms in Union street last evening, with a good attendance. The prize winners were: Ladies, first, Mrs. Bertha Loper; second, Mrs. N. Buckley; consolation, Mrs. Denison; gentlemen, first, Walter McNeil; second, John P. Kelly; consolation, Thomas York. The door prize was won by Mrs. Robert McCann.

**Carvers!**  
The Very Article

New type Carvers at that. Father will feel twice as proud as he presides over the Turkey with a set of Carvers, the like of which Mother never saw before. His Gift to Her—and a dandy because bought at McAvity's, where there is the best of stainless Sheffield.

Pictured here are the McAvity combination Carvers at \$6. Just look at the Fowl Knife and the Roast Knife in the set. Look at the handles—French Ivory—and then note price. The place for Cutlery is decidedly and absolutely McAvity's. Anything you ask for they have aplenty in these reassuring qualities.

**McAvity's**  
Open Evenings Till Christmas

**Open Every Night till Xmas**

**GIVE HER**

GLOVES—Never were gloves so attractive as this season, and never was our women's Shop so well prepared to supply your Christmas requirements. There're Kid Gloves from \$2.75 to \$3.95; Leather Gloves from \$2.00 to \$4.25; Chambray gloves from 50c. to \$1.45; Silk Knitted Wool Lined Gloves from \$1.25 to \$2.00; Wool Gloves from 85c. to \$2.75 to 3/5; Leather Gloves \$2.25.

LINEN—You'll be more than safe in selecting a place of beautiful Madeira, Italian Hand Embroidered Towels, etc.

ROSEMARY—Always acceptable and pleasing. Here you'll find a most complete assortment in full-fashioned Silks, Chiffons, Wool, Silk and Wool, ranging in price from \$1.00 to \$4.75. Women's Shop, 3rd Floor

**Big Xmas Shirt Special**

Excellent quality Broadcloth Shirts in holly gift boxes. Fancy Stripes and Checks. Soft collars to match \$1.95

Boys' Shirts, - - - 4th Floor

**Give Him SLIPPERS**

A cosy and comfortable gift.

Woolen Slippers, \$1.65 to \$3.25.

Boudoir Slippers in brown or black kid and novelty leathers, \$2.65 to \$3.25.

Travelling Slippers in brown and black kid, \$2.75 to \$4.00.

Opera and Everett Style Slippers, brown and black kid, \$2.75 to \$4.75.

Romeos, flexible sole, brown and black kid, \$2.95 to \$4.

Boys' Slippers, - - - 4th Floor

**Ladies' Handbag Special**

\$2.95 Pouch and Underarm Bags in Grey, Brown, Black, Green, Fawn, Blue, fancy grained leather, with Moire lining, inside frame, change pocket, polished brass frame. You save considerably at this price and will please her greatly.

Street Floor

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