

**Possibility of War.**

No modern nation possesses a great seaborne commerce can afford to neglect its interest upon the high seas. Heaven forbid that in this country we should add or abet any warlike or aggressive tendencies. This Empire will never undertake any war of aggression and all the influences of Canada will be assuredly be exerted to restrain any such course; but we know that war has come many times within the past 50 years without warning, like a thunder bolt, from a clear sky, and thereby the power, the influence and the destiny of men, that our nation has been so profoundly affected on many a memorable

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LIMITED  
Wholesale Dry Goods and Woolen Merchants  
**ST. JOHN, N. B.**

## "V. C." Ladies' and Men's Furnishings

**Highest Quality Drug Store Goods At Lowest Possible Prices**

# "Get Ready for Xmas" S A L E

For two days—**TODAY AND SATURDAY**—we will hold a sale of medicines, drugs and Christmas goods, offering special lines at a great reduction in price in order to get **READY FOR CHRISTMAS**. The goods in this Special Sale we are unable to properly display owing to our limited show room, so we have put the prices away down and give you, too, an opportunity to get ready for Christmas.

**Wasson's sales are always Money-savers**

**This Sale is on at all Three Stores Today and Saturday**

**See Last Night's Times for Complete List**

# WASSON'S

**100 King Street**

**579 Main Street**

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# Xmas Suggestions

## It May Be a

## Fine Diamond, Gold Watch

### Gem Set Necklet

## It May Be a

# Thimble,

## Nail File

## Handy Pin

**I**N BUYING our Xmas stock we believe we have covered the whole list. The many compliments received so far have gone far to convince us of our success.

This store has had the most rapid development of any in St. John's recent history. / This fall it has been refitted and is today ready for your inspection.

This store handles the most reliable makes only, and is second to none.

Our **DIAMOND VALUES** are our biggest advertisement.  
They save you about 15 per cent.

The entire stock of **GOLD, GOLD FILLED, CUT GLASS, STERLING AND SILVER PLATE, MANICURE AND TOILET ARTICLES** are new and up-to-date.

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IN THE CITY, FINE MONOGRAM OR OLD ENGLISH  
LETTER ENGRAVING FREE

**ALLAN GUNDRY, DIAMOND IMPORTER 79 KING ST.**

terror in a foreign city a Canadian religious community remained unafraid. "Why did you not fear?" they were asked; and unhesitatingly came the answer "the Union Jack floated over us."

I have alluded to the difficulty of finding an acceptable basis upon which the great Dominions co-operating with the Mother Country in defence can receive and assert an adequate voice in the control and moulding of foreign

pitfalls were brought closely into the British Government's attention by the Committee of Imperial Defence. That committee is peculiarly constituted in its judgment very effective. It is composed of the First Ministers of the Great Britain and of such persons he may summon to attend it. Practically all the important decisions from time to time attended its deliberations and usually the more important members of the cabinet are present. The committee is composed of the experts and technical officers of the various departments concerned are in attendance. A large number of the committee work is carried on by sub-committees which are often composed in part of persons who are not members of the committee itself, and who are selected for their special knowledge of the subjects to be considered and reported upon. The committee has met frequently and has performed during the past five or six years in particular is astonishing and largely to the safety of the whole Empire.

pire in time of peril.

The committee is not technically or constitutionally responsible to the House of Commons and thus it is not supposed to concern itself with public opinion. The members of the committee are summoned to attend the committee its conclusions are not subject to a vote of the House, and thus command the support of a majority of the House of Commons. While the committee does not control the Government, it is not to undertake to do so as it is not responsible to Parliament, it is necessarily and constantly in contact with the Government in foreign relations for the obvious reason that defence and especially naval matters are necessarily connected with such considerations.

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— I am assured by His Majesty's Government that pending a final solution of the question of voice and influence they would welcome a representative in London of a Canadian Minister during the whole or a portion of each year. Such Minister would be regularly summoned to all meetings of the Committee of Imperial Defence and would be regarded as one of its permanent members. No important step in foreign policy would be undertaken without consultation with such a representative of Canada.

This seems a very marked advance both from our standpoint and from that of the United Kingdom. It would give to us an opportunity of consul-

tation and therefore an influence which hitherto we have not possessed. The conclusions and declarations of Great Britain in respect of foreign relations could not fail to be strengthened by the knowledge that such consultation and co-operation with the Overseas Dominions had become an accomplished fact.

### A Complex Problem.

No thoughtful man can fail to realize that very complex and difficult questions are involved in the decision that we must find a basis of permanent cooperation in naval defence and in the maintenance of the Empire. The Overseas Dominions an adequate voice in the moulding and control of the Empire's policy have been made to expect, and indeed, we did not expect, to reach in the few weeks at the disposal of the Government, a decision of a final solution of that problem which is not less interesting than difficult. The destiny of the Empire and which is fraught with even greater significance than the future of the British Commonwealth. But I conceive that its solution is not impossible; and however difficult it may be, it is a duty of wisdom or of statesmanship to evade it. And so we invite the statesmen of the world to consider, in this, the real problem of Imperial existence. The next ten or twenty years will be pregnant with great issues for this Empire and it is of infinite importance that questions of purely technical detail should not be allowed to prevent any of us from rising to the height of this great and

But today while the clouds are heavy and we hear the booming of the distant thunder and see the lightning, we cannot wait. We cannot wait and we will not wait and deliberate until any impending storm shall have burst upon us in fury and with destruction. Against the motherland, not for herself alone, but for us as well, is sustaining the burden of vital imperial duty and confronting the overwhelming necessity of national unity and singleness of assistance that we may in the urgency of the moment, we come thus to her aid in token of our determination to stand by her to the very end, the integrity of this Empire, and of our resolve to defend on sea as well as on land our flag, our honor and our

## IN THE COURTS

PROBATE COURT.

Estate of Nathaniel W. Brennan.  
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funeral director: At a will proved,  
whereby deceased gives his two sons,  
Louis N. and William E. the business  
carried on by him and the equipment  
in connection therewith, and to pay  
out of the profits of the business to  
his two daughters, Charlotte Wynona

and Reta V. 20 per cent; the son, Louis N. to retain 45 per cent, and the son William E. to retain 35 per cent. The rest of his property he gave to his executors in trust to pay the income to his said two daughters and on the marriage or death of both the daughters all his estate to be divided equally among his sons and daughters and their representatives, and he nominated his two sons as executors and his daughters executors who are accordingly sworn in as such. Real estate \$3,500; personal estate, \$17,500, and some life insurance payable to the daughters. J. King Kelley, C. C., prob.

**Estate of W. Rupert Willet.**  
Estate of W. Rupert Willet, merchant: Deceased died intestate, leaving him surviving a widow, Ada G., and one son, John G. Willet. The widow renounces in favor of the son, who is accordingly sworn in as administrator. No real estate. Personal estate \$3,000. J. King Kelley, K. C., proctor.

Estate of John A. Howe, grocer. Last will proved whereby the deceased gives his estate to his wife, C. A. Ann Howe, and to his daughter, Leah H. A. Howe, and nominates his said wife as executrix, who is accordingly sworn in as such. No real estate. Personal estate \$1,200, besides \$1,000 life insurance in the Independent Order of Foresters. Edward P. Raymond, executor.

**Estate of Margaret Dunphy.**  
Estate of MARGARET Dunphy, widow of Leonard Dunphy: atst will proved whereby the deceased gives all her estate to her nieces, Margery and Elizabeth McLean, whom she nominates as executrices, and who are accordingly sworn in as such. No real estate. Personal estate under \$500. C. Herbert McLean.

**Estate of Rosanna Browne.**

Estate of Rosanna Browne, widow of James Browne, rigger: Last will proved whereby the deceased gives her property to her daughter, Elizabeth, wife of Michael Haggerty, of Montreal, sexton; her grandson, Walter Browne, gas company employe, and her two grand-daughters, Edna Dwyer and Alice Robertson Browne, daughters of her son, James A. Browne, share and share alike, and she appoints her said son, James A. Browne, executor, who is accordingly sworn in to such. No real estate. Personal estate, \$600. Beverly R. Armstrong, probator.

**PILES** Do not suffer another day with itching, bleeding, or protruding Piles. No surgical operation required.

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