

FOR THIS WEEK ONLY:

1 quart Bean Pots, 7c.
1-2 Gal. Bean Pots 10c.
3-4 Gal. Bean Pots, 12c.
1 Gal. Bean Pots, 14 cents.

G. F. BROWN, 501-5 Main Street.

FAIRALL'S BIG SALE

DRY GOODS ALMOST GIVEN AWAY!

Stock going at ridiculously low prices.

We are getting rid of our stock, but not rapidly enough to suit our requirements.

The store must be vacated and the goods sold. Consequently we have made another big cut in prices, so that in many cases goods are sold at less than one third the cost price. Among the big reductions is a fine line of Dress Goods marked extremely low.

PLENTY OF HOSIERY—Ladies' and Children's, Cotton, Cashmere and Merino. Sold at less than they cost to manufacture.

GOLF CLOTHS—New Stock, at one-third the regular price.

It is difficult to quote prices; but all lines of goods are selling Away Below Cost. As an example of this we are offering Ladies' Long Silk Evening Gowns, very fine quality, at 25c. per pair, and hosiery at five cents.

All the Shop Fixtures, including Counters, Shelving, Stands, Racks, Show Cases, etc., at a Bargain. Fine Combination Safe also for sale. Boiler and Sixteen Horse-power Engine will be sold cheap.

Buyers should avail themselves of these great bargains as the sale will not last much longer. Store Open Every Evening until further notice.

W. H. FAIRALL,

17 Charlotte Street.

RIVER STEAMERS PREPARING.

Carpenters Getting the Queen and the Weston Ready for Traffic.

The clang of hammers, the rasp of saws, and the crisp cutting of many axes about the wharves at Indian town yesterday, gave evidence that the steamboat men, aroused from their winter somnolence by the warm weather of the first of April, were entering into active preparations for the summer's campaign. Everything points to an early opening of navigation, and even allowing for inevitable cold snafus during the coming month, all river men predict the freshets and the discharge of the ice before the first of April.

Work was begun yesterday on a thorough overhauling which will be given to the str. May Queen before she starts out on another season's work. Boilers and woodwork, without and within, will undergo extensive repairs at the hands of the gang of mechanics who have the work in charge. Work has also begun on the David Weston, on which the repairs will consist in part of new guards, new covering board, new bulkheads, and other work inside. Preparations are being made for a thorough repainting, which will begin next week.

Bicyclists and all athletes depend on BENTLEY'S Liniment to keep their joints limber and muscles in trim.

SUPERANNUATION FOR I. C. R. MEN.

Terminal Superintendent Robert Ross, accompanied by J. Rafferty, E. Allingham and G. Milligan of the local I. C. R. service, attended the semi-annual meeting held in Moncton yesterday morning of the executive of the Railroad Insurance Association. Delegates were present from Montreal, Quebec, Halifax and other points. The matter of obtaining a system of superannuation for I. C. R. employees of over forty years' service, similar to that which prevails in the civil service, came up for discussion and the committee which has had the business in hand for some time reported progress. It is understood that the government is considering the proposition favorably and that details will be completed and the superannuation go into force at an early date.

Coughs, colds, soreness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Vapo-Cresolene tablets, ten cents per box. All drug stores.

MEDICAL SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the St. John Medical Society, last night, the following resolutions, moved by Dr. Melvin, and seconded by Dr. Inches, were unanimously adopted, ordered to be entered in extenso on the minutes, and given to the press:

Resolved, that this society learns with regret of the contemplated removal from the city for a time, and the absence from the society, of Dr. C. N. McLean; that during the time of his membership he has enriched the society with his genial presence, his unremitting attendance and his valuable contributions to its discussions; and further, that this society trusts Dr. McLean's absence may be but temporary, and that the city and society may soon again have the benefit of his valuable presence.

To cure a Headache in ten minutes use KUMFORT Headache Powders.

PARLIAMENT.

The minister of finance laid on the table of the house of commons at Ottawa, yesterday, the correspondence between the government and William Marconi, by which the government agrees to contribute \$30,000 for the erection of a wireless telegraph station in Nova Scotia. The necessary stipulations are made with respect to the sending of messages to the end that the Marconi company, if successful, shall not charge exorbitant rates.

SPORTING NEWS.

HOCKEY.
MONTREAL, Feb. 27.—The Montreal A. A. team won the hockey league championship tonight by defeating the Victorias by a score of 3 to 0.

YACHT RING.
LOS ANGELES, Calif., Feb. 27.—The Century Athletic club of this city has decided to make a bid of \$20,000 for the Pittsburg-Jeffries contest, to take place during the festa celebration in this city on May 1, 2 and 3.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 27.—The News says the Colorado Athletic club will offer a purse of \$10,000 for the Carpentier-McGovern fight. The bid will be forwarded to the Cincinnati Enquirer today.

PORTLAND, Oreg., Feb. 27.—Before a crowd of 2,000 people at the Pastime club last night Tom Tracey of Australia was given the decision over Rube Ferns of Kansas at the end of the 20th round.

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.
Arrived.

Str. Ocampo, 1,172, Fraser, from Demerara; Schofield and Co., gen. car. and pass. Coastwise—Barge No. 3, 431, McNamara, from Parrsboro.

Cleared.
Str. St. Croix, 1,064, Pike, for Boston. Sch. Elwood Burton, 34, McLean, for City Island, N. Y.

Coastwise—Barge No. 3, 431, McNamara, for Parrsboro.

British Ports.
QUEENSTOWN, Feb. 27.—Arrived, Str. Germanic, from New York.

LATE SHIP NEWS.
Domestic Ports.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 26.—Arr. str. Karlsruhe, from Rotterdam for Bremen, with disabled steamer Neckar in tow; Main Head, from New Orleans for Havre.

BOSTON, Feb. 26.—Str. Caledonia, for London.

British Ports.
RATHLINE ISLAND, Feb. 26.—Pd. str. Ionian, from St. John and Halifax for Liverpool.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—Arr. str. Bellona, from Portland.

HONG KONG, Feb. 26 (via C. P. R.)—Str. Athenian left here for Vancouver at 12.30 p. m. today.

Y.N.S., Feb. 22.—Str. Lake Michigan, Jones, from St. John.

Foreign Ports.
BALTIMORE, Feb. 26.—After a battle with adverse winds and heavy seas which has seldom been equalled, the schooner Maud Palmer came into port this morning from Boston. It required all four days for the vessel to make the run, although seven days is considered the average time for the voyage.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Feb. 26.—In port, sch. Winnie Lawry, from New York for Portland.

CALAIS, Me., Feb. 26.—Str. s.s. Sarah R. Read and Annie Gus, for New York.

GENOA, Feb. 26.—Arr. str. Commonwealth, from London and Alexandria and Evansville and Terrehaute rose a point, but reacted 1/2. Otherwise changes were small. The stock market opened firm.

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BANK OF ENGLAND.
LONDON, Feb. 27.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes:

Total reserve, increased, £397,000; circulation, decreased, £54,000; bullion, decreased, £31,500; other securities, increased, £23,200; 600 other deposits, increased, £2,500,000; public deposits, increased, £1,200,000; notes reserve, increased, £274,000; government securities unchanged. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability is 45.64 per cent; last week it was 47.18 per cent.

BANK RATE.
LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Bank of England rate of discount was unchanged today at 3 per cent.

COTTON.
NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Cotton—Futures declined 1/4 cent. March, 8.61; April, 8.65; May, 8.68; June, 8.71; July, 8.74; August, 8.77; September, 8.80; October, 8.83.

DAILY QUOTATIONS.
Furnished by W. S. Barker, Banker and Broker, Palmer's Building.

Feb. 27, 1902.

Names of Stock. Ctg. Op'n. Cl. m. Noon

Amal Copper . . . 71 1/2 71 1/2 71 1/2

Am Sugar Ref . . . 12 1/2 12 1/2 12 1/2

A. T. and S. G. . . . 75 1/2 75 1/2 75 1/2

Ball and Box . . . 10 1/2 10 1/2 10 1/2

Brooklyn R. T. . . . 64 1/2 64 1/2 64 1/2

Canadian Pacific . . . 115 1/2 115 1/2 115 1/2

Chesapeake and Ohio . . . 24 1/2 24 1/2 24 1/2

C. M. and St. Paul . . . 163 1/2 163 1/2 163 1/2

C. R. and Pac . . . 160 1/2 160 1/2 160 1/2

C. O. and N. Y. . . . 100 1/2 100 1/2 100 1/2

Consolidated Gas . . . 219 1/2 219 1/2 219 1/2

D. and R. G. . . . 44 1/2 44 1/2 44 1/2

Electric . . . 293 1/2 293 1/2 293 1/2

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BRUCE HAMILTON.

Achievements of Youngest Major General in Army—His Work in South Africa.

When the time comes to appraise the reputations of our generals in South Africa it will, without doubt, be found that Major General Bruce Hamilton will come out pretty near the top in point of continuous hard work and excellent results achieved. It may be put forward by some that the general has been lucky; that he has reaped where others have sown; that he has simply swooped down on laagers and gathered up the Boers in centuries after other generals (French, Smith-Dorrien, and his namesake, Ian Hamilton, to wit) had done the rough spade work. To accept this assertion would be to argue a very imperfect knowledge of Bruce Hamilton's operations since he went out to South Africa as chief of General Clery's staff. The general has worked with a feverishness, a tireless activity, and, withal, a thoroughness as to give him the sobriquet of "Brute" Hamilton.

Not that the "brute" was meant unkindly. It was used by his men in the same way as we speak of a man achieving things by brute force and stubbornness alone. The view which Mr. Thomas Atkins holds of the general is that he "just works 'isself to a skeleton, that there ain't no stopping for him, he does a heap of strange things at once, starting a march when his blokes have made up their minds to sleep. He's a hot 'un, is the general, and no mistake."

Then he served with the Burmese expedition in 1885. A ten years' respite from active service, and then the Ashanti expedition, under Sir Francis Scott, from which he emerged as lieutenant colonel. He did excellent work in the Benin campaign of 1897, was mentioned in despatches, and received the brevet of colonel.

As to his work in South Africa. In considering his brilliant achievements during the last two months, one is apt to lose sight of his earlier work, which, as a reference to the official despatches shows, was arduous all through. Let it not be forgotten that General Bruce Hamilton achieved big things from the time that he got his baptism of fire in the campaign in Natal. He fought with the same dash and eagerness there and in the Orange River Colony as have marked his doings in the Eastern Transvaal in these latter days and the nation may well rejoice that the would he received at Venter's Spruit was but slight.

In the Orange River Colony he led long and tedious marches, many of which, though not characterized by large captures, such as we have been accustomed to read lately, were eminently successful. To mention only a few of his undertakings before proceeding to more immediate statistics: it was the splendid march of Bruce Hamilton which saved 250 Yeomanry and 25 Infantrymen from being overwhelmed in August, 1900, near Windburg. Not satisfied with saving the Yeomen from the strong force of Boers who besieged them, he took the bull by the horns, engaged the enemy, and captured General Olivier (who is now in Ceylon) and his three sons.

But, of course, it is in the Eastern Transvaal, to which Botha and the residue of his army have held fast during the last few months, where Bruce Hamilton has gained most of his laurels. The capture of one laager after another, the incessant night marches, often undertaken in pouring rain, have told a tale on the Boer remnant. His operations have been watched with the keenest interest by students of war, and public satisfaction was great when the general, after making three noteworthy hauls in a week, received the special thanks of the government for his brilliant work.

He must have accounted for at least 1,000 Boers in less than two months, for he is remembered that unofficial telegrams from the front have reported a number of small captures which Lord Kitchener, probably deeming them too small to chronicle, has not sent to the war office.

A BOER TRAVELS AS LUGGAGE.
(London Express.)

A most remarkable story has been furnished to an express representative by the second officer of the R. M. S. Goth, which lately arrived home from the Cape.

On the Goth's arrival on Christmas morning at Ascension Island on the homeward voyage, a Boer commandant was discovered on board in a large wooden case forming part of the cargo.

The "consignment" had been received on board at St. Helena, and shipped as a box of Boer curios for England. The measurements of the case were: Length 4 feet 3 inches, breadth, 2 feet 4 inches, and height, 2 feet.

When the box was opened the contents proved to be a live Boer commandant, who gave his name as Smoenerburg, and owned that he was a prisoner of war on parole.

Standing over six feet in height, he was helped out of his cramped "room" in a weak and exhausted state. He had been there crissed, cabined and confined for five days.

Enough food was stored to last him for his voyage to England, but in being stowed away in the hold his water bottles had been broken.

He was eventually landed at Ascension under an escort, to await reshipping on a man-of-war for St. Helena, where he will join his brother Boers in captivity.

The box in which the prisoner was found, a most clever contrivance, apparently of Boer carpentering, with sliding panels. It contained clothing, biscuits, potted meats, books and a candle and matches.

Such is the strange story of the officer and describes one of the most remarkable of the many Boer subterfuges recorded during the present war.

THE HON. MR. BLAIR.

OTTAWA, Feb. 26.—Another cabinet change is anticipated in the near future. Hon. Mr. Blair is a very sick man and has gone to New York to consult a specialist. It is said his doctors have advised him to withdraw from public life altogether, and although he may worry through this session, the condition of his health will necessitate his retirement shortly.

MORNING'S NEWS.

LOCAL.

Serjt. Instructor Moore is in the city, recruiting men for the Halifax Garrison.

The relatives of the missing Miss Emma Sullivan offer a reward of \$50 for the recovery of her body. The Donaldson str. Indrani, from Glasgow, is expected to reach this port Friday or Saturday.

The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners at its regular meeting last night initiated 24 new members. Very encouraging reports were received from various points in North America. The brotherhood will meet next Wednesday evening in Sons of England hall.

The Furness line have made arrangements for securing a new steamer of 7,150 tons dead weight capacity. She will be placed on the St. John-Halifax and London route. The intention of the line is gradually to increase the steamers on this service till it becomes a weekly one.

To two Nova Scotia girls, Miss Ellen Alkman of Parrsboro and Miss A. M. Hlop of Onslow, was entrusted the task of nursing President Roosevelt's son through his recent critical illness at Groton, Mass. The president and Mrs. Roosevelt expressed themselves highly pleased and grateful to the two nurses for the care given their son.

Charles H. Nelson, son of Robert Nelson, Main street, died yesterday of consumption, at the age of twenty-six years. His parents, two brothers and three sisters survive. He was a Knight of Pythias.

Notice is given in the Royal Gazette that application will shortly be made to the governor-in-council for letters patent to incorporate "The New St. John Foundry Company, Ltd." with capital stock of \$6,000. The list of applicants includes John E. Wilson, Robert Maxwell, Richard Hatchford, James Keenan, Joseph Sliney, Joseph Mitchell, Charles Cobban, Edward McLaughlin and Katherine Hatchford, all of St. John.

The contract for heating the immigration building at Sand Point has been awarded to R. E. Fitzgerald, Dock street. The building will be heated by hot water.

PROVINCIAL.

Mr. Emmerson presented to parliament yesterday a petition from the Baptists' Union of the maritime provinces, praying that the Canada Temperance Act be amended in certain particulars, principally in regard to more clearly defining what are intoxicating liquors and to enable the government to appoint inspectors to have the act enforced.

Mr. Stephen Moore, of Waterside, Albert Co., is authorized to solemnize marriage.

The Woodstock and Centreville Railway Company give notice that they will apply to the legislature at the approaching session for an act reviving and extending their charter.

BALLAST IN BUSINESS.

In a recent number of Success there appeared a paper written by Amelia A. Barr with the caption "Ballast in Business." Here is what this author says:

"Many good qualities go to the making of a genuine success: a strong, hopeful heart, industry, patience, perseverance, a largeness of aim and view, tenacity of purpose, power to control the tongue, swift precision of mental action, a clear view into the future, reticence concerning plans, the subordination of the body to the will, and, as a prime factor, that peculiar virtue which, for want of a specific name, may be called 'ballast.'"

"Ballast is really many virtues, in nice proportion. It is to know ourselves, our position, and the power we possess for any task to be done. It is the making for a desired point, with the steadiness of a locomotive, and as directly as a crow flies. If we accuse a person of wanting 'ballast,' we think of him blown about by every wind of circumstances, and of wavering among a variety of ends. This is the great commercial sin. No one in the business world is held more cheaply than the man without ballast. He is like a ship, leaving port with colors flying, and not a pound of ballast in her hold."

GRIZZLY KILLED TWO AND DIED.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 26.—The steamer Lees has arrived from the north with news of the killing of two men by an enormous grizzly bear at Rivers Inlet. One of the men was a white trapper and the other an Indian. Their bodies with that of the bear were found together within a few feet of each other.

The Indian had apparently taken a shot at the bear from his muzzle-loading rifle and wounded the animal. The infuriated beast had run toward him and then killed him. The white man then came to the rescue and drove a long knife into the bear's breast, the point penetrating his heart. Then the bear turned and killed the white man.

By this time the grizzly was dying from his wounds and fell over dead a few feet away.

KILLED TEACHER—THEN HIMSELF.

DECATUR, Ills., Feb. 25.—Fletcher Barnett, a school teacher, Tuesday, entered a schoolhouse one mile from Camargo and without warning, shot and killed Miss Eva Wiseman, the teacher in charge. He then shot at Albert Hopewell, a pupil, who attempted to interfere, but missed him. Barnett then shot himself, but apparently without serious injury. He rushed out of the building and shot himself again, but still not fatally. He then jumped into a well and was drowned.

Barnett had been a suitor for the young woman's hand. Both were highly connected.

NEW THEATRE FOR QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, Feb. 26.—The building of a new Grand Theatre in the City of Quebec is now definitely decided upon. On Saturday last, A. J. Small, of Toronto, the famous lessee and manager of Western Canadian theatres, arrived in the city, accompanied by W. S. Painter, of New York, the great American theatrical architect, to look at the site and proceed with the work at once.

W. S. Painter, who is looked upon as the most successful theatrical architect in the United States, had charge of the plans and construction of the Russell Theatre at Ottawa.

It is proposed to build a four story building having a seating capacity of 2,000 finished in the most modern and improved style.

The building will be fireproof, fitted up with ample exits and in connection with the theatre there will be a foyer on the same plan as the promenade in conjunction with the Grand Opera House of Paris, France, where the audience can enjoy themselves between acts without having to leave the building. The frontage of the new theatre will run on the line of St. John street, annexed to the Young Men's Christian Association buildings to the city fortification.

Mr. Painter will at once proceed on the work of the plans, which he says will be completed by the first of April.

STEAMER NECKAR.
Disabled at Sea, Reached Halifax Last Night.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 26.—With nearly 550 passengers on board two steamers of the North German Lloyd line, the Neckar and the Karls Ruel, arrived this evening. The Neckar in tow of the Karls Ruel. To safeguard life and property, those two steamers were accompanied by the Main Head. The rudder of the Neckar was broken, so that she was helpless. The steamers left Bremen together on the 8th February, the former being for New York and the latter for Baltimore. The Neckar passed Prawl Point on the 10th inst. The weather was stormy throughout the trip, but especially so on Monday, 17th, when a heavy north-east gale prevailed. It was during this gale that the Neckar was disabled. Her rudder was broken between the main post and the rudder box. The damage to her rudder left the Neckar in a helpless condition, and she was tossed about by wind and sea until the 15th day, when the Karls Ruel came up and took her in tow. The next day the Main Head, from New Orleans for Havre, came up and with the Karls Ruel stood by the Neckar till she reached Halifax.

MEETING AND ENTERTAINMENT.

The regular monthly meeting of Salvage Corps No. 1 will be held on Monday evening next.

Rev. G. M. Campbell of Centenary church will deliver an address tonight in Gurney Division hall on Prohibition and Political Economy. All Sons of Temperance are invited to attend.

CENSUS OF RELIGIONS.

OTTAWA, Feb. 26.—A bulletin was issued by the census department today giving the religions of the people. The number of specified denominations and sects is 143, embracing a population of 5,328,716. There are 30 other sects represented by one or two individuals each—in all 149 persons.

For the province of New Brunswick the religions are:

Denominations. 1901. 1901.
Anglicans (Ch. of Eng.) . . . 1,124 715
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Baptists . . . 65,444 54,960
Baptists (Free Will) . . . 15,628 26,714
Brethren . . . 1,000 224
Congregationalists . . . 1,033 1,036
Disciples of Christ . . . 1,644 1,005
Friends (Quakers) . . . 8 17
Jews . . . 370 73
Lutherans . . . 266 377
Methodists . . . 35,972 35,504
Presbyterians . . . 39,424 40,629
Protestants . . . 180 226
Roman Catholics . . . 125,689 116,961
Salvation Army . . . 600 993
Thinkers . . . 15 15
Unitarians . . . 147 147
Universalists . . . 170 279
Various sects