

THE EVENING TIMES AND STAR, ST. JOHN, N. B., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1923

WOMEN SMOKERS ARE CARELESS

Tremendous Increase in Fire
Losses Reported by
Underwriters with Use of To-
bacco by Women.

New York, Feb. 6.—Smoking by women is suggested as the cause of the tremendous increase in fire losses from "matches-smoking," as listed by the National Board of Fire Underwriters in its report for 1922. The losses for the year are put at the unusually large total of \$400,000,000, every group of losses having increased except those from electricity.

"Can the more general use of tobacco by women during the past few years be the reason for the startling advance in the fire losses from the twin hazard of 'matches-smoking,' which in 1921 amounted to \$28,992,000?" asks the report.

"Insurance men are asking themselves this question as they contemplate this record total, which compares with \$16,433,000 for the same cause in 1918. For the six years ended with 1921 the total for the cause amounted to \$116,268,967.

"The destruction resulting from the misuse of electricity amounted to \$12,723,209, as against \$20,780,907 in 1918, showing how the element has been forced out of first place by the other hazard. Electrical fires result from improper wiring and from defective and

carelessly used flat-irons, toasters and other small heating devices.

"The aggregate destruction from all causes is startling enough in itself. It reached the huge sum of \$495,400,000 (\$4.54 per capita) in 1921, which was more than any other previous annual toll with the exception of that recorded during 1906, the year of the San Francisco earthquake and conflagration. Five years ago, in 1916, the corresponding sum was \$335,876,876.

"The Actuarial Bureau statistics show losses of \$386,324,810 actually recorded, 25 per cent. being added to allow for unreported fires and those involving uninsured property. This gives the national fire waste total.

"The six other leading causes of fire and their proportionate amounts during 1921 were as follows: Spontaneous combustion, \$20,146,292; defective chimneys and flues, \$14,801,081; stoves, furnaces, boilers and their pipes, \$18,910,831; electricity, \$12,723,209; lightning, \$12,383,222; sparks on roofs, \$11,468,230.

"All of these figures represent increases, except in the case of 'electricity,' which displayed an improvement of nearly \$8,000,000, which no doubt is attributable in part to the educational efforts of the electrical merchandising concerns."

RECENT WEDDINGS

Cantley-Gray.

In St. John's (Stone) church yesterday morning, Rev. A. L. Fleming officiated in marriage Miss Margaret Robertson Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gray, of Keith, Scotland, to James Cantley, of Montreal. Miss Gray arrived in the city on the Montcalm and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fleming over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Cantley left for a wedding trip to Quebec and will reside in Montreal.

Hovey-Byron.

Yesterday morning at the Cathedral Rev. W. M. Duke united in marriage with nuptial mass Miss Bertha E. Byron, 28 Peters street, to Alva F. Hovey of Fairville. Miss Hazel Bagley was bridesmaid and Leo W. Byron supported the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Hovey left for a trip to Halifax. They will reside in West St. John.

RECENT DEATHS

Charles John Izard.

The death of Charles John Izard occurred yesterday in this city in his seventy-second year. Mr. Izard had retired from active life five years ago and for the last year had been in failing health. He is survived by his wife, three sons, a daughter, a son-in-law, and four daughters. Mrs. William Thompson and Mrs. William Thompson, of this city, Mrs. Benjamin Hicks, of Vancouver, B. C., and Mrs. Melvin Lawrence, of Revere, Mass. The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon from his son's residence, 142 Victoria street.

Joseph Hill.

Mrs. J. Golding, 55 St. James street, received the sad news yesterday from Newfoundland of the death of her aged father, Joseph Hill. He was in his eighty-sixth year and leaves a large family circle to mourn.

Mrs. Emma DeForest.

The death of Mrs. Emma DeForest, widow of George A. DeForest, occurred at Elizabeth, N. J., on Thursday at the age of eighty-six years. Mrs. DeForest was formerly a resident of St. John, being a daughter of the late

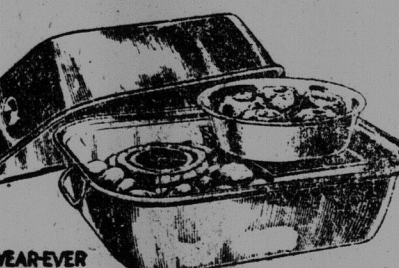
Annual Clearance Sale

Decorated Pitchers and Teapots Less Than Half Price

\$1.20 Values	For 50c each
\$1.00 Values	For 40c each
80c Values	For 35c each
60c Values	For 25c each
50c Values	For 20c each

For This Week Only

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85-93 Princess St.



All Roasts

gain in flavor and tenderness when cooked slowly. Slow roasting is best accomplished in a genuine "Wear-Ever" Seamless Double Roaster. The meat rests on the detachable rack and the juices drop through the perforations, preventing any sootening of the underneath part of the roast, and facilitating the making of the gravy. This useful "Wear-Ever" Roaster, which will last your lifetime, comes in several different sizes. Ask your dealer.

Northern Aluminum Co., Ltd., Toronto

"Wear-Ever"

John and Elizabeth Ross, Mrs. A. W. Baird, of St. John, is a sister.

Clifton Muckler.

At the St. John County Hospital on Sunday evening the death of Clifton Muckler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Muckler, of Plaster Rock, occurred following a lengthy illness. He was a returned soldier and had suffered greatly with bronchitis.

SHOES \$1 A PAIR, PIANOS \$160 IN THE COBLENTZ AREA

Coblenz, Feb. 6.—Many of the Americans here, as well as the Germans, are engaging in a new spending orgy as a result of the low prices of merchandise, although a number of the stores have been closed.

Grand pianos are selling for \$160, shotguns cost only \$7, bicycles \$10, phonographs \$4 and shoes \$1 a pair. Automobiles cost only a few hundred.

N. S. Captain Dead.

Bridgewater, N. S., Feb. 6.—Captain Josiah Oakes, a well-known figure in the South Shore water transportation trade, died at his home here yesterday. In 1888 he brought out the steamer Bridgewater for the coastal route. He was eighty years of age.



The story of foot comfort is spreading everywhere.

You too, will become enthusiastic when you wear—



Sold exclusively in St. John by Waterbury & Rising, Limited.

Bargains For Men

In Our Clearance Sale

Nearly all sizes.

Sale price \$1.15

Men's Best Quality Rubbers

Heavy soles; all sizes.

Sale price \$1.10

Men's One-Buckle Overshoes

Sizes 7, 8 and 9.

Sale price \$2.05

Men's Two-Buckle Overshoes

Size 11 only.

Sale price \$2.75

Men's Four-Buckle Overshoes

Size 11 only.

Sale price \$2.55

Men's One-Buckle Lumbermen's Rubbers

Size 11 only.

Sale price \$1.25

Men's Five Eyelet Lumbermen's Rubbers

Sizes 10 and 11 only.

Sale price \$3.00

Boys' Best Quality Rubbers

Heavy Soles.

All sizes.

Sale price 80c

These and many other bargains in our windows and on our bargain table await your inspection.

McROBBIE

Foot St. John 50 King Street

BRAGER LEAVES IN 10 DAYS

As we told you last Friday we're forced to vacate these premises by February 15th. We can't take our stock with us so we must sacrifice it for whatever it will bring. Some of the prices here are way below cost; others are just about cost. No matter what you purchase here during this vacating sale you will get quality merchandise at a lower price than any place else in St. John and we believe lower than any place else in New Brunswick.

SHOP EARLY AND SAVE MONEY



Ladies' Cloth Coats

Warm, cozy, comfortable Winter Coats of the better sort. The popular mannish Raglan model—regular plaid backed beauties—some with belts and some without; pleated backs, known silvers. A coat you'll be proud to wear. Regularly selling from \$25 to \$45.00.

Vacating Price \$9.98, \$14.98

Separate Skirts

Tweed, Prunella, Serges in styles and colors that you only see in stores of the better sort. Some are plain, some pleated. Sport models in the popular plaids and checkers are just the thing for skating, tobogganing, snowshoeing. Get yours at a sacrifice price in time for the Carnival.

Regularly selling from \$5.00 to \$15.00.

Vacating Price \$2.98, \$6.98

To the Public:

During the first few days of this sale, our store has been crowded with thrifty shoppers and our sales force taxed to utmost capacity, but every customer served. We have given our entire stock a further drastic cut. Come here this week and you will not be disappointed at the bargains we offer. We have a large assortment of stock to choose from. So don't delay, but come.

BRAGER'S
L. A. BRAGER, Prop.

Silk Dresses

A special lot of silk dresses have been grouped for your approval. Never have you seen or will you see again dresses like these sold at such low prices as these. You may have your choice at this sale at a special

Vacating Price \$3.98



Canton Crepe Dresses

In all the desirable shades attractively trimmed with dashes of contrasting color so popular this season. Some are trimmed with beaded patterns. These will go to you below actual cost. Regularly selling from \$20.00 to \$40.00.

Vacating Price \$11.00, \$23.00

An Array of Small Furs

Wolf Scarves in Natural and Taupe, Red Fox, Raccoon, Opossum. Every fur that goes out of this store is guaranteed. When you see them you'll know that the actual value is far more than the prices you pay for it. Regularly selling from \$10.00 to \$25.00.

Vacating Price \$6.98

185-187 - BRAGER'S - Union St.

Stores open 9 a.m.; close 6 p.m.
During winter months

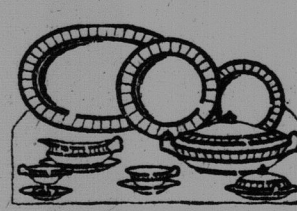
China Sale On Wednesday

Odd Pieces of Many Patterns and Varieties Greatly Reduced

For Immediate Clearance.

China and Semi-Porcelain Ware Both Included

Among them are: Tea Pots, Chocolate Pots, Hot Water Pots, Coffee Pots, Pitchers, Sugar and Creams, Muffin Dishes, Tea Caddies, Cake Plates, Cups and Saucers, Tea Plates, Tea Sets, etc.



Prices Have Been Greatly

Lowered for This Sale

If your China Supplies are in need of replenishing, you'll find this a very opportune time to buy new pieces.

2 Only China Tea Sets

21 pieces in each. Very dainty floral pattern. Regular value \$10.00. For this sale \$5.75 each

(Art Dept., Germain street entrance.)

Many Beautiful New Frocks at This Store

The different gaieties of carnival week will call for Frocks of various kinds. Our stocks are ready to supply your immediate needs.

Evening Dresses Are Supremely Attractive

A New Evening Dress will add much to your enjoyment of the dance.

Here you will find a nice selection for your choosing.

Dainty flower-dusted affairs; bright striking colors; blacks, white, or soft subdued shades you will admire.

Among the newest style features are: Draped skirts, beque waist, wide bertha, elaborate beading; and distinctive touches added by the clever arrangement of dainty French bouquets or ribbon streamers.

Many of these dresses are very moderately priced.

Fine Tricotine Dresses—A Brand New Assortment

Unusually Smart Styles. Only \$24.25 each.

If you were told these dresses were double the price you might reasonably believe it. Some have the new flaring skirts; others are in the popular straight line effect. The quality of material is exceptionally fine. Dresses are elaborately beaded and some are enlivened by vests and other touches of contrasting color. Practically all sizes in the assortment.

Afternoon Frocks of Unusual Charm

Plenty of misses' and juniors' sizes among them.

One very charming dress of black crepe-backed satin has wide flaring sleeves opened on the side showing a bright lining of American beauty shade. The skirt has four narrow panels that fall below the regular hem. A beaded girdle in bright Oriental colors lends just the wanted touch of originality.

The price is \$47.50.

Another distinctive dress is fashioned from navy crepe backed satin. Bottom part of the sleeves is of Georgette in shade to match, trimmed with narrow rows of grey squirrel fur. A handkerchief drapery on the left side of skirt is held in place by means of a stunning buckle made from metallic spiky beads edged with squirrel. This dress is a copy of a French model.

The price is \$48.50.

There are many more equally attractive styles. (Costume Dept., 2nd floor.)

Manchester Robertson Allison Limited
KING STREET - GERMAIN STREET - MARKET SQUARE.

MEN EXCEL WOMEN IN NIMBLE HANDED FEATS

Neatness of Touch Shown in Filling Pipe and Lighting Cigarette.

London, Jan. 15.—(By Mail)—E. V. Knox, writing in "The London Daily News," contradicts another popular notion.

"I am happy to see that many honest persons are now coming forward to point out what I have all along contended to be the truth, namely, that men as a sex and on the whole are far more neat-fingered than women," he says.

"Here and there, of course, may be found a woman who by reason of exceptional ability, dexterity and fineness of touch, is superior to her class, but that is nothing. That is the exception which proves the rule."

"How many women, may I ask, in genuine fact, and putting aside the absurd imaginings of our novel writers, can accurately fill and pack a pipe? I do not know one. Nay, more, there are ridiculously few women who are capable with a single swift motion of lighting a cigarette so that it burns evenly and not with a great black mark all down one side. Ridiculously few."

"A woman can tie up parcels? Very possibly. A mere matter of muscular force and mechanical routine. But can she tie a fishing fly? Rarely, I think, if ever."

"Take cards, again. How many women shuffle and deal with the same precision as a man?"

AMDUR'S, LTD.

No. 1 King Square

Announce a Grand Re-Opening Carnival Week

Painters and decorators are completing work on the interior of the Amdur section which was damaged by fire and this week will commence doing the interior of the remainder of the Amdur store.

Business will be continued as usual and patrons are requested to pardon any inconvenience that may result from the renovating operations. It is planned to have all work completed by the end of this week.

Amdur's, Ltd., No. 1 King Square

Grand Carnival Torch Light Parade

WEDNESDAY EVENING,
FEBRUARY 14TH.

PRIZES

\$25.00—To the organization making best turnout.

\$15.00—To the best private turnout.

\$10.00—To the most ridiculous turnout in the parade.

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