

DYKEMAN'S

SOLE AGENTS FOR
STANDARD OIL CO.

**The Great Fire
Smoke Sale now go-
ing on at our store
will be continued all
this week.**

Crowds of people are taking advantage of this sale to secure Christmas presents for friends at a great reduction in price. The dress goods and cloth department offer some very special bargains during this sale. Lengths suitable for suits, skirts and waists can be had at extremely low prices, simply because the goods smell slightly of smoke, but it is impossible to detect any discoloration or injury to the eye.

IN THE READY-MADE DEPARTMENT UPSTAIRS can be found blouses, coats, skirts, capes, tailored suits, children's dresses, ladies' underwear, corsets and all such goods all at smoke sale prices.

F. A. DYKEMAN & CO.

Buy Your
Presents Early

We have just added six cases of Toys and Novelties to our stock per S. S. Loyallist, imported direct.
30 doz. Child's Tees-a-tete Suits, 5c. to \$2.00 per set.
3 doz. Rubber Dolls, 5c. to 50c.
1 Case Fancy Baskets.
1 Case Christmas Tree Ornaments.
100 doz. China Cups and Saucers, 5c. to \$1 each.
Toys and Games in good variety.
Picture Books and Calendars.
We have three special values in Kid Body Dolls at 5c., 7c. and 8c. Also a large Dressed Doll, 50c.
Hosiery and Gloves.
Our store will be open every evening until Christmas.

Arnold's Department Store,
11 and 15 Charlotte St.

WOOD.

DRY HARD WOOD CUT.
DRY HARD WOOD SPLIT.
DRY ROSE MAPLE.
SOFT WOOD AND KINDLING
M. NUDIS COAL.

LAW & CO., [Phone 1346]
OFFICE AND YARDS: Foot Clarence St.

CODFISH!

FOR SALE BY
JAMES PATTERSON'S,
10 and 20 South Market Wharf, St. John, N. S.

Yorkshire Bar.

English Silver not defaced worth its full value. Hot Ale a Speciality.
EUROPEAN PLAN.
J. RHEA, 20 MILL ST.

COAL!

By the Barrel; Good Quality
and Low Price.

HORACE HOYT, 195 Charlotte St.

PIOTOU ROUND COAL LANDING.

This superior Soft Coal, which usually sells from 50c. to 75c. higher than Cape Breton Coal, can be purchased, while landing, at \$7.50 per chul., \$1.75 per load delivered.
J. S. GIBSON & CO., Smythe St.
(near North Wharf) 5-1-2 Charlotte St.
March St. (near Gilbert's Lane).

Valuable Freehold Property

BY AUCTION
At Chubb's Corner on SATURDAY, Dec. 19th, at 11 o'clock (noon).
The Freehold Property fronting on Clifton street, West End, and 100 feet deep, with dwelling and store on premises. Good investment. Messrs Rustin and Porter, Solicitors.
T. T. LANTALUM, Auctioneer.
Office Chubb's Corner.

All members of the Scots Companies are requested to meet at their rooms tonight.

Fancy China,
Dolls, Crockery
Silverware.

Xmas Goods arriving daily.
Auction sale every night. Come for bargains to the Central Auction Rooms, 14 Charlotte Street.

Walter S. Potts
Auctioneer.

LOCAL NEWS.

Band on the Carleton open air rink tonight. Ice in excellent condition.
Celebrated Broad Cove coal, \$7.00 per chaldron delivered, at Watters', Walkers' wharf. Tel. 612.

Mrs. J. G. Armstrong will continue her sale of art and fancy work at her house, 128 St. James street, until Christmas.

The correspondent who writes concerning fatal accident at the Provincial Chemical Fertilizer Co.'s works and signs himself "Fair Play" is informed that such communications must be accompanied by the name of the writer.

There cannot be a better addition to the home for Xmas than an artistic Nordheimer Piano, the standard piano of Canada. Booklets mailed on application to John White's, 38 Charlotte street. G. A. Prince, representative.

D. McArthur, bookseller, 84 King street, has opened a very large assortment of fine leather pocket books for ladies and gentlemen; also cigar cases, music rolls, glove and handkerchief boxes, and a great variety of pocket and family Bibles. These goods are all marked low for the rush sale.

The members of the Scottish concert party, who have just concluded their tour in these parts, yesterday afternoon presented F. O. Spencer, under whose management they were touring, with a morocco pocket-book suitably inscribed.

Buyers of Christmas gifts for men would do well to see the assortment of House Coats and Fancy Waistcoats at A. Gilmour's, 68 King street. Ladies describe them as the most desirable patterns in town and at the most reasonable prices.

The Furness line of Gulf of Venice Capt. Cook, comes to St. John to load general cargo for Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and Durban. She takes the place of an Elder-Dempster steamer. The Gulf of Venice has large coal storage space. She is scheduled to leave here on January 18th.

J. H. Crockett, editor of the Fredericton Gleaner, recently gave all his employees an unsolicited increase of 20 per cent. in their wages, as an appreciation of their co-operation in making the Gleaner one of the most up-to-date and successful newspapers in the province. The thanks of the staff was heartily tendered Mr. Crockett yesterday in the shape of an address.

D. McArthur, bookseller, 84 King street, has already found the value of his new showrooms in greatly increased trade. Those of his customers who have been shopping there are very much pleased with the fine display of Christmas novelties he is showing in the new rooms over the store. Give him a call.

Miss Christina E. Butterfield, eldest daughter of Mrs. Rebecca Butterfield, of Mountville, Albert Co., was united in marriage last Saturday evening to Norman Kierstead of Bangor, formerly of Kings Co. The ceremony took place at 5 p. m. at the residence of the bride's mother, in the presence of relatives and intimate friends of the contracting parties, Rev. Dr. Brown, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating.

Harry Mackie, son of Conductor James Mackie, of the P. E. Island railroad, who has been travelling for the past year for Emerson & Fisher, has severed his connection with that firm. Mr. Mackie has accepted a good position in the furniture department of James Faton & Co.'s store in Charlottetown, and will make his home in that city. He has been with Emerson & Fisher for about a year.

Golden Eagle makes white bread.
Golden Eagle makes light buns.
Golden Eagle makes spongy cake.
Golden Eagle makes flaky pastry.

PERSONALS.

The engagement is announced of Miss Louise Morse, daughter of L. E. Morse, Digby, inspector of schools, to J. E. Allen of the Bank of New Brunswick staff of this city.

Fred L. Bowman is sick with typhoid fever at his home, No. 115 Leinster street.

Mrs. G. M. Young, who has been visiting her father, H. D. McLeod, returned to Charlottetown yesterday. Miss E. Q. Vall is in the city, the guest of Mrs. J. S. Ford, Gernah street.

Mrs. Gordon Graham, of North Sydney, is registered at the Royal. George Gray and wife, of Stellarton, N. S., came to the city on this morning's express.

Miss Mayne McConnell, of Marysville, is the guest of Mrs. Dr. Crockett, King Square.

Miss Annie R. Peck, of Hopewell Hill, Albert Co., is home from St. John, where she has spent the past week. Mrs. John Lyons and Mrs. Corey, of Wolfville, have gone to St. John, where they will join Rev. G. W. Corey and go to Winnipeg, where they expect to settle.

Fred Secord, local manager of the Sun Oil Company, returned this morning from Pennsylvania, where he had been on business.

His Lordship Bishop Kingston came to the city this morning from Fredericton.

SUCCESS CONTINUED.

The Harkins' Company continued their success last evening in the presentation of The Professor's Love Story. In this two features were prominent. One is the remarkable similarity of Mr. Galbraith's manner and voice to that of "Red" Ellis, of the Baker Stock Co., and the other the marked improvement in Miss Raffetto's work over any she has yet done. The part of the professor's secretary was not one in which Miss Deane was seen at her best, but she made the most of it. In minor parts other members of the support were good. The piece itself was thoroughly pleasing.

As usual, during the first act the late arrival divided the attention between the performance in the aisles and that on the stage. The latter was the more interesting.

It is to be noted, too, that the music by the orchestra was of a rather better class than that of the company's repertoire.

Still further improvement might be made without injury to the reputation of the musicians.

Each evening The Railroad of Love will be presented. This is pronounced one of the best pieces in the company's repertoire.

MORMONISM UNVEILED.

Rev. J. L. Batty, of Halifax, lectured last evening in Centenary church on "Mormonism Unveiled." The lecture embraced the observations of Mr. Batty while recently passing through the land of Mormonism.

The lecturer dwelt on the evil of polygamy among the Mormons. It is part and parcel of the faith of the Mormon, and though the federal government of the United States has passed a law making it criminal, it will probably never be eradicated.

The lecturer showed that the Mormons were an industrious and thrifty people, and were rapidly gaining ground outside of their own state. He mentioned in or near Ansonst, N. S. A short distance from St. Croix is a Mormon temple.

Rev. Mr. Batty returned last night to Halifax.

IMMIGRANTS HELD UP.

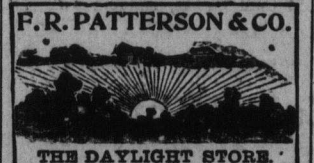
The passengers from the Allan liner Tunisian were sent forth to their destinations about four o'clock yesterday afternoon. They numbered upwards of two hundred and were a good class of people. Out of those arriving on the Tunisian, sixteen were held by the medical examiners for trachoma. These are now in the detention houses on the West Side.

Among those going West yesterday was a happy youth named Solomon Sibelius, the only immigrant who has as yet been sent to the General Public Hospital. This boy had a sore face and had been in the hospital for some weeks. The hospital authorities now refuse to treat patients suffering from trachoma, on the ground that it is a contagious disease.

BOER GENERAL IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—General Benjamin Viljoen, a Boer commander, arrived on the Umbria from Liverpool today to arrange for an exhibition of Boer life at the St. Louis exposition.

The Boston express this morning was crowded with provincials returning from the States for Christmas.



F. R. PATTERSON & CO.

THE DAYLIGHT STORE.

Our 50c.

Initial Silk

Handkerchiefs

For Men,

Make a

Suitable

Christmas

Gift.

Large Size.

Good Quality

Cor. Duke and Charlotte Sts.

Store Open Every Evening.

CIVIC TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

Plans for N. S. Telephone Co.'s Competitor About Completed.

The promoters of the proposed new telephone company have now all the information they require for the purpose of placing their plans before the common council. For some months prominent business men have been canvassed in support of the scheme and the whole there has been a willingness to adopt it. This arises not from any ill-feeling toward the New Brunswick Telephone Company, but rather from motives of economy. There is an impression that the rates charged now are excessive and those who have to use the instruments will be most willing to patronize any company offering lower rates. In several instances those who added their names to the list of subscribers had complaints to make against the present company, but on the whole the ready support of Ald. Macrae's scheme arises from motives of economy, and very little difficulty was found in securing the thousands of names required to guarantee the success of the plan.

Ald. Macrae has for some time been acquiring information and is now prepared to give fair estimates of the cost of installation and maintenance. According to the plans already in mind, the wires will be erected or wires run through the streets in the business portion of the city. The wires will be laid underground.

WORK IT OUT.

One Whose Slumbers Have Often Been Disturbed Submits to the Star the Following Problem. The Star Hasn't Time to Work It Out. Have You?

St. Andrew's church bell rings one stroke every 2.14 seconds. David's bell one stroke every 2.13 seconds, and the Cathedral bell one stroke every 2.14 seconds. A person stands on King Square, 420 yards from St. Andrew's church, 300 yards from St. David's church, and 720 yards from the Cathedral, in calm weather. Provided the bells start ringing together, each striking the first stroke at the same instant, and continue to ring for five minutes, how often will the listener receive the three strokes sounding as one?

French Briar Pipes, in cases with a three inch pure amber mouthpiece, guaranteed, 95c. each at Louis Green's.

POLICE COURT.

This was a busy day in winter port business at the police court. There were four arrivals and four departures, but no wharves were paid to the court. James Joyce was found occupying free lodgings in a C. P. R. passenger car at Sand Point, and finished the night in No. 8 berth. James Starwood, John Hunter and Patrick Henry the latter from England—were ordinary drunks. All had excessive all wanted chances. The magistrate was in good humor and not inclined to be harsh, so each man in turn was sent away with the promise of a double penalty if he came back.

Choice Havana Cigars, in all size boxes, fancy, for Xmas, from 75c. a box upwards at Louis Green's.

SAFETY BOARD.

A special meeting of the board of works was held yesterday afternoon to inspect the new fire alarm system. Director Wisely reported that he had had repairs made on the exhibition building, which was damaged in the recent storm. The recorder submitted an opinion to the effect that the city had no power to build a fire station on Market Square, West End. The matter was referred to the Mayor, Maxwell, Macrae and Chief Kerr. The aldermen visited No. 3 fire station and inspected the new system. According to contract power is to be supplied by a water motor and dynamo. The batteries are now being charged by the street railway. No action was taken.

Amber and Meerchaum Cigar and Cigarette Holders at Louis Green's.

Robert Perry, of Carleton, was taken to the hospital this forenoon. He is suffering from pleurisy.

French Briar Pipes, in cases, with a THREE INCH PURE AMBER MOUTHPIECE, 95c. Every pipe guaranteed at Louis Green's.

Mrs. R. T. Worden has accepted the position of leading soprano in St. Stephen's church choir. Mrs. Prosser, who was formerly leader, resigned a week or two ago.

Friends in St. John of Oscar O. Tanner learned the other day with pleasure of his re-election to the mayoralty of Williamstown, Conn. Mr. Tanner spent some time in St. John in recent years.

Officer George Earle has again reversed his decision in the matter of the Brennan affair in the police station yesterday morning. Today he laid information against James Brennan for assault and a warrant will probably issue this afternoon.

In the matter of the expropriation of land belonging to the Peacock for Rockwood Park, argument was concluded yesterday afternoon. The arbitrators will give their decision at a later date. J. D. Hazen, K. C., appeared for the Horticultural Association; Dr. A. A. Stockton, K. C., for Mr. Peacock.

Passenger traffic on both the C. P. R. and I. C. R. took a sudden spurt yesterday and is now quite brisk. For two days there had been scarcely anything doing, but now there are many persons moving. Quite a number of these are students returning from colleges for Christmas, but in addition to this there is a heavy business out of St. John.

The death occurred at his residence at Margerville on the 12th inst., of James McLean, aged 71 years, who for the past 51 years had been a foreman for D. D. Glazier & Sons. Deceased leaves a family of four boys and four girls, who have the sympathy of the community at large in their sad bereavement.

Great variety of good quality pipes at 85c. each, regular 90c. and 75c. lines, at Louis Green's.

The retail grocers' union held an ordinary business meeting last night. Early in January a mass meeting of grocers will be held when it is expected some very important matters will come up for consideration.

THE FIRE ALARM.

To the Editor of the Star.

Sir:—From the published account of our new fire alarm system, it would seem that the new is a great improvement on the old, but there are some changes which would make the present system far more efficient.

Many of the boxes are placed on buildings, and in some instances on the darkest sides; there is nothing special to attract attention, and much valuable time might be lost in cases when fires were discovered by persons not familiar with the location of the boxes.

It is a pity that when this modern, expensive system was being installed, all boxes were not moved to poles on which were electric lights, when the shade of the lights could be banded with red, this giving either by night or day the exact location of the boxes and enabling anyone discovering a fire to at once send in an alarm.

No one will object to the cost of the new system, nor should they find it been far greater, for the old one was often for a considerable time useless, but it seems a shame that when any expenditure is made by our city fathers no one seems to have any idea of getting the best value for the money.

With the present modern system and the boxes all on poles (the latter having electric lights with shades banded with red, the greatest possible value could be obtained as in no case, day or night would there be a moment's delay in calling a box.

It might be interesting to property owners in the vicinity of Pitt or King street east to know that box 31 has no key attached, and that there is no card or anything else to indicate where the key is—surely such cases of neglect or carelessness greatly interfere with the advantages that would otherwise be obtained by the introduction of our new system.

AN OBSERVER.

THIS EVENING.

Harkins' Company at the Opera House in The Railroad of Love. Special meeting time burners and quartermen's union at their hall. All are requested to attend, as important business is coming up.

Teamsters' meeting in Labor hall.

Rehearsal Yeomen of the Guard in Mission church.

Smoker in St. Andrew's rink.

Love Mission at home in Fairville Methodist Church.

THREE BURNED TO DEATH.

BIRDWOODS, Ills., Dec. 15.—Mrs. J. Messersmith, her daughter and Frank Smith, a clerk, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the meat market and residence and the dry goods store of J. Simon here today.

Officer Scott was last evening called to select two men who were creating a disturbance and refused to leave Edward Hogan's saloon.

Father and Son
BOTH CURED OF
KIDNEY TROUBLE

BY
Doan's
Kidney Pills.

Mr. Benjamin Brooks, a well-known farmer of West Cape, P.E.I., tells of how his son was cured of Kidney Disease, and how he was cured of Backache.

The First Sign of Kidney Trouble.

He says: "Our little boy was troubled with kidney disease. We had tried many kinds of kidney pills but they only helped for a time. We got Doan's Kidney Pills and one box effected a perfect cure. About six weeks after this I caught a very bad cold that settled in my kidneys. My back was so sore I could hardly walk. I went to the drug store and got a box, took them according to directions and the result was that my back was completely cured. I believe they are the best kidney pill on the market to-day."

There is not a kidney trouble from Backache to Bright's Disease that Doan's Kidney Pills will not relieve or cure. The price is 50c. per box, or 3 boxes for \$1.50 and may be procured at all dealers or from

THE DOAN KIDNEY PILL CO., TORONTO, ONT.

Henery Eggs.
BONE MEAL
FOR HEN FEED.

S. Z. DICKSON
Country Market.

THE KLONDIKE
Kandy Kitchen
33 Charlotte St.

We have just completed our Christmas stock of Candies and Smallware, and in no place in the city can be found more tempting variety. We have spared neither pains nor money in the creation of our Christmas stock, the like of which has never been offered to a St. John public before. Our stock is characterized by the popular merits—LOW PRICE and HIGH QUALITY.

Some Prices:
Chocolates, 10c. pound
Creams, 10c. pound—3
pounds for 25c.

J. & P. SPERDAKES

Morrell & Sutherland

TELEPHONE 1222.

Christmas Cloak Sale!

To give an appropriate finish to an exceptionally busy and prosperous season, we have decided to offer the public during the Holiday trade some unprecedented bargains in our Cloak Department. Our entire stock of Ladies' Stylish Jackets, Skirts and Children's Coats to be sold at

Reductions Ranging from 25 to 50 p. c.

Examples:

Ladies' Blue or Grey Coats, now \$5.00 Sale Price,	\$ 2.50
Ladies' Black or Dark Grey Coats, were \$3.00 and \$3.75. Sale price	5.00
Ladies' Black or Grey Coats, were \$11.50. Sale price	7.50
Ladies' Fawn Beaver Coats, were \$15.50. Sale price	7.75
Ladies' Fawn or Blue Beaver Coats, were \$18.00. Sale Price	9.00
Ladies' Fawn Beaver Coats, were \$25.00. Sale price	12.50
Ladies' Black Zibeline Coats, were \$27.50. Sale price	13.75

Girls' Coats. All our Girls' Coats, in Navy Blue, Bright Blue and Grey, for girls from 3 to 8 years. Full length. Worth up to \$5.00. Now all at two prices—\$1.48 and \$2.98



Skirts.

About 20 Stylish Dress and Walking Skirts in Black, Dark Grey, Mid. Grey and Navy Blue. The season's most desirable styles. Values of \$4.75, \$5.00 and \$5.75. Sale prices

\$3.95

Morrell & Sutherland.
27, 29 Charlotte St., Opp. Y. M. C. A.

Winter Shoes for Jack.

We've a splendid line of Boys' and Youths' genuine Box Calf Winter Shoes—extra good, solid oak soled Footwear, built to suit our idea of Boys' Shoes.

YOUTHS'

Sizes 12 to 2, \$1.25 per pair.

BOYS'

Sizes, 2½ to 5½, \$2.00 per pair.

No boy ever wore a better pair. Get a pair for Jack. There's safety and saving in buying our Shoes.

D. MONAHAN,
162 UNION ST.

Choice Beef and Poultry.

Our Meat Department is well supplied with everything required for your Sunday Dinner. You can always get just what you want. A Choice Steak or Roast of Western Beef, Large Roasting Chickens, Well Fattened Turkeys. Give us a trial, you will be sure to be pleased with what we send you.

F. E. WILLIAMS CO., Ltd.
Phone 543 Charlotte Street. Phone 521 Princess Street.

Christmas
Buyers

Like an assortment to select from.

We suggest a pair of SLIPPERS from our magnificent stock.

FOR GENTLEMEN.

At \$2.50, Morocco Kid Opera Slippers.
At \$2.50, Vici Kid Pullman Slippers.
At \$2.00, Vici Kid Opera Slippers.
At \$1.75, Vici black or colored Slippers.
At \$1.50, Dongola black or colored Slippers.
\$1.40, 1.35, 1.25, 1.00, 90c., 75c.

FRANCIS & VAUGHAN,
19 KING STREET.