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FOR CHRISTMAS.

HANDSOME SETS in Solid Ivory, for the Toilet, with and without Cases; Elegant Cut Glass Bottles of FRAGRANT ESSENCES, in Morocco cases and singly:

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COLOGNE, in cut glass bottles.
COLOGNE, in pressed bottles.
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COLOGNE, in plain bottles.

Choice Toilet Soaps

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

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PERFUMED GRAPES,

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GEO. STEWART, JR.,
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST,
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AT VERY LOW PRICES.

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AND

BLACK DOG SKIN

JACKETS

JUST ARRIVED

In time for Christmas.

MANCHESTER, ROBERTSON & ALLISON

Have much pleasure in stating that the above

SEASONABLE GOODS

HAVE ARRIVED,

and are now open for inspection.

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TEAS,	ORANGES,
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BON BONS,	do. PINE APPLES,
COSSAQUES,	do. TOMATOES,
LUGGAGE,	do. PEARS,
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CANNED OYSTERS,	SARDINES,
do. LOBSTERS,	ANCHOVIES,
do. SALMON,	POTTED MEATS
do. MACKEREL,	CHUTNEY'S,
SPICED SALMON,	CURRIES.
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SAUCES,	CHOCOLATES,
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CAPERS,	SPICES,
DRIED HERBS,	PRESERVED GINGER.

And all seasonabe Goods.

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5 bbls Powdered do;
10 bbls CURRANTS:
500 boxes RAISINS, new fruit.
For sale by
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OF

PIANO-FORTES,

From the most Celebrated Manufacturers of

BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

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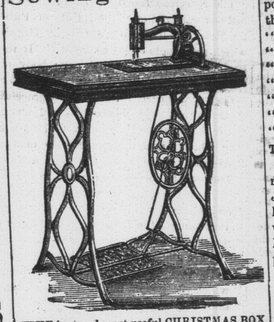

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Special Discount for the Holidays.

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and a Great Variety of other Goods.

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AN excellent preparation, entirely vegetable, pure, powerful and pleasant to the taste. For all diseases of the Lungs and Stomach. A full supply of the above popular remedy just received from the proprietors, and for sale by

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Fall Shad and Labrador Herring.

50 HALF Barrels Fall Shad; 25 do. do. Labrador Herrings.

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FROM

Yesterday's Edition!

[For the benefit of those who were unable to secure copies of yesterday's issue, we reprint on this page a portion of yesterday's contents. All of the reading matter on inside pages, however, has been set up specially for this number.]

Lecture.

O. D. Wetmore, Esq., will lecture on Temperance before the Leinster Section Temperance Guards on Tuesday evening next at 7 1 2 o'clock, in the Vestry of the Leinster street Baptist Church. A collection will be taken to defray expenses.

Those Portraits.

A correspondent, who may have been "one of them," desires us to state (in reply to the query relative to the cost of the portraits of delegates, in the *Canada Illustrated News.*) that a special appropriation of $3,000 will be made to the paper for the public service thus rendered the Province, as soon as Better Terms and all our other demands are conceded. We think this very likely.

Miramichi Mill Property.

The Rundle Mill property was sold at auction a few days ago. It was bought in for the Ritchie Brothers by C. Sargeant, Esq., for $5,050. We understand that one of the Mr. Ritchies is now in St. John making arrangement for the machinery necessary for starting a steam saw mill, to replace the one destroyed by fire a few weeks ago.—[Newcastle Advocate.

The "Tribune" Endorsed.

The TRIBUNE, of Saturday, finds in a late sad occurrence the text for an excellent article on the habits of public men. The time is not far distant when the press generally will recognize it as a duty to deal vigorously with the drinking customs not only of public men but of society at large.—[Moncton Times.

Earnest for Free Schools.

The Newcastle *Advocate*. which is believed to agree in the main with Mr. Gough's political views, is earnest in its support of the School Act. It declares that "it becomes us to take hold of the law now on our statute book with a firm grasp, and make it a grand success. As this is the first action of the people under the new School Act, we hope to hear a good report from every district in this as well as in every other County in the Province."

The "Vernon Mill" Property.

This valuable property situated on Salmon River, near the dividing line of St. John and Albert Counties, was purchased last year by an American Company, of which Mr. Eastman is the Manager. The Moncton *Times* informs us that the Company "have since erected a new store and two new dwellings, and built a dam 25 feet high across Salmon River, and erected the frame of a large mill. It is said that two gangs will be in operation in this mill early next season, and many teams are now in the woods getting timber."

A Drawback to Honest Industry.

The late sleet storm did a considerable amount of injury to the ship building interest It did not, like the Saxby gale, destroy the forest trees of which spars and timbers are constructed, nor did it wreck the shipping at sea like the hurricane; but with the utmost coolness it covered the frames and timbers of vessels on the stocks with an icy coating that has considerably retarded work on most new vessels. So a country correspondant writes us, and we presume the statement applies to vessels building in the suburbs of St. John as well.

Good Trout Fishing.

A number of sports had a pleasant time yesterday, trout fishing through the ice at Beaver Lake. They enjoyed the ride amazingly, and the fishing more so, returning early in the evening with about nine dozen fish to seven persons. The log states that "many of the fish weighed a pound, and many didn't." Socially, morally and physically, this is one of the best modes of spending a day that we know of.

High Tide and Heavy Sea.

The tide this morning was considerably higher than usual, being almost level with the wharves. At Reed's Point wharf there was quite a wash over the portion of the wharf near the lower end of the Anchor Line warehouse.

A bark, supposed to be the "Francis Bourneff," has been lying out at the Island since this morning early. Between 9 and 10 o'clock an attempt was made to tow a pilot out to her, but the parties were compelled to return, owing to the heavy sea and high wind.

The Forbes-Anglin Libel Suit

is slowly dragging along. No important events have yet been developed. The case for the Plaintiff closed this morning with the evidence of Alex. Jardine, Esq., President of Western Extension, Major W. B. Robinson and Mr. F. Gallagher, formerly Alderman for Duke's Ward. The evidence of Messrs. Jardine and Robinson was as to the proposals made by the Company to the Council for renting the Ferry. Mr. Anglin was on the stand till the Court adjourned at one o'clock. He is now giving his statement of the general mode of procedure of business at the Council Board, and the motives that actuated him in publishing the article on which Mr. Forbes founds his libel. The attendance is large, and considerable interest is manifested. The lawyers as yet are smooth and unruffled. It is likely the case will be finished to-morrow.

School Meetings.

We give below the names of the School Trustees elected yesterday so far as heard from. and their various districts.

St. John County: No. 1—Sand Cove—Trustees, Dr. John Waddell, E. D. Jewett, and Wm. Kane, and A. H. Demill Auditor. To be assessed for general purposes $1,200, for library $100.

No. 2—Fairville—Trustees, Joseph Murphy, Dr. McFarlane, John Mealy. Assessment $2,000.

No. 3—Manawagonish—Trustees, Oscar D. Wetmore, James Quinton and John Lord, and Thomas C. Olive Auditor. Assessment $300 for current expenses, as they have a good school room already.

No. 6—Musquash—Trustees, C. F. Clinch, J. E. Knight and John Dunn. Assessment for all purposes $1,400.

Spurr's Cove and Misquito Cove—Trustees, Michael Evans. James Payam and Oliver Emery. Assessment $1,000.

Parish of Simonds: No 1—Marsh Road—Trustees, Edward G. Scovil, T. Otty Crookshank, Gilbert Ross; Auditor, Geo. G. Gilbert. $4,000 to be borrowed.

No. 8—Little River—Trustees, Thomas Curry, James Davidson and Thomas Lee, and James L. Dunn Auditor. $600 to be assessed for teachers.

King's County: No 4, Penobsquis; Trustees, Robert Pugsley. Wm. Stone and Gideon McLeod; Auditor, George Morton. An assessment ordered.

Norton Station: Trustees elected. An assessment of $2,000 for teachers' support and erection of a suitable building was ordered.

Central Norton: Trustees elected. An assessment ordered of $4,000.

Parish of Hampton: Hampton Station. Trustees elected, and an assessment of $4,000 ordered.

Hampton Village: Trustees elected. An assessment of $260 was ordered.

Rothesay: Stephen S. Hall, M. F. Manks and R. Titus, Trustees, and D. J. Perkins, Auditor. Assessment of $800 was ordered, with $500 additional to pay the interest and $2,000 to be borrowed.

Long Island, (opposite Rothesay)—Trustees, John Cathaline, John Redmond, and John D. Breen. For general school purposes, $275 was voted, and $475 for a building.

Charlotte County: St. Andrews; Trustees, Charles O'Neill, Robert Stevenson and Charles Hatheway, and N. T. Greathead. Auditor.

St. George: Trustees; A. H. Gilmor, Jr., H. Ludgate and J. E. Lynott; Auditor, S. Johnson. For School assessment, irrespective of County Fund, $1,100 was ordered.

Milltown: Trustees, Charles Todd and Messrs. Harman and Daly. For School purposes $12,000 was voted, $8,000 of which to be raised by loan.

Bay Verte—Trustees, C. A. Black, M. D., Godfrey Liddal and James Scott; E. C. Gooden, Auditor. For teacher $250 was voted, and repairs to school house $150.

Kent County, Richibucto—Daniel O'Leary, James D. Phinney and William Brown were elected Trustees. For school purposes, $900 was ordered to be assessed.

No. 3, Weldford—Trustees, Anthony Roach, David Lawson and Wm. Clair. Assessment of $130 for general school purposes ordered.

York County: Canterbury—Trustees, Rev. T. Hartin, Robert Robinson, M. P. P., and D. H. Budge; Auditor, A. Bennet. A teacher is engaged at $600.

Westmorland County: Salisbury—Trustees, W. F. S. Steves, A. L. Wright and James Bentley, and E. N. Kay Auditor. $2,000 was voted.

Moncton—Trustees, C. B. Record, John McKenzie, Edward McSweeney. For land, school houses, &c., $5,000; for teachers $1,450, for rent and fuel $450.

Dorchester—Trustees, D. L. Hannington, S. W. Palmer and Alpheus Palmer, for district No. 2. An assessment of $775 for two teachers and $2,500 for a school house was ordered.

No. 9—Sackville—Trustees, Thomas Pickard, William Morrice and John Ford. For general school purposes $2,000 was voted. A loan of $3,500 for buildings for three graded schools was authorized.

Business Partnership.

It will be noticed that Messrs. Stewart and Son have dissolved partnership, and that the former partnership between Messrs William Logan and Alexander Stewart has been revived. The old firm of Logan and Stewart was very successful in the manufacture of Soap and Candles, and achieved both large gains and an excellent reputation. We have no doubt that like results will follow the new partnership. The business will be conducted in the New Factory in Germain St., recently erected by Messrs. Stewart, which, however, will be largely extended. It is proposed to add some sixty feet to the building, increase the number of pans, and otherwise prepare for engaging on an extensive scale in the manufacture with which the members of the firm have been so long identified. We understand that the manufacture of the Cold Water Soap, invented by Mr. Stewart, will be energetically pushed; and as this is probably the best article in its line ever introduced in the market, and is secured by Patent throughout the Dominion, it is highly probable that Messrs. Logan & Stewart will find ample work on their hands under the new order of things.

Mr. Stewart, Junior, it is said, intends to visit England with a view of thoroughly informing himself on the manufacture of Fancy Soaps, Toilet Soaps, etc., so that we may expect to find this branch added to the work of the Germain St. Factory after a time.

Shipping Notes.

The schr. "Rough Diamond," Patterson, Master, which stranded on Hampton Beach 4th inst., as previously reported, was sold at auction on Saturday last to J. W. Pitcher of Boston, for $412.50. Mr. Pitcher is now making arrangements to get her off if possible.

Amongst the list of International code of of Signals, allotted by the Registrar General of Seamen, at London, during the week ending 16th ult, we find two St. John vessels, viz bark "Sarnia'" W. R. D. G. and bark "Edina," W. R. D. Q.

The schr "Vincent White" is at Liverpool, N. S., having been obliged to put in there leaky, with loss of sails and mainmast. She was on a passage from Halifax to Yarmouth, coal laden.

Sale of Stock.

The late Mr. Chas. Bayard's stock was sold a few days ago by auction, at the Farm, Douglas Valley. It attracts a large gathering of the tillers of the soil residing in that vicinity, and the competition was keen, particularly for the most valuable of the animals. A fine looking colt, 15 months old, got by "Southerner," its dam being the well known "Bayard Mare," formerly of Stockford & Robertson's Stables, brought $158, a pretty good price for a yearling, which, while according to the fine old mare full credit, certainly stamps Mr. Geo. Stockford's "Southerner" as a sire of no mean pretensions.

New Vessels in the Harbor.

The following new vessels are lying in our harbor almost ready for sea:—

The ship *Shalamar* 1,400 tons, built by Nevins & Fraser, and owned by Messrs. Nevins, Burpee and others. She has on board a cargo of deals and birch for Liverpool, and is expected to sail in the course of a week. She is commanded by Capt. Seely.

The bark *Marg Stewart*, 468 tons, commanded by Capt. Pennery, built at Black River, by Mr. John McLeod, and owned by John McLeod, Luke Stewart, Captain Pennery and others, has on board a cargo of shooks for Cardenas. She will be ready for sea in a few days.

The new bark "St. Andrew," registering about 780 tons, built at Tynemouth Creek by Mr. Robert Lovitt, and owned by Messrs Hall and Fairweather, Luke Stewart, Magee Bros., Messrs. Godsoe, butchers, Charles Turnbull and the Captain, Mr. Malcolm McLean, came into port on Wednesday. Her length of keel is 152 feet, breadth of beam 33 feet 8 inches, depth of hold 19 feet 9 inches. She is built of bay spruce and pitch pine, copper fastened and thoroughly iron kneed, and is classed in French Lloyds A. 3. 3. 8 years. Her construction reflects great credit on Mr. Kennedy, the foreman of the yard, to whom is due the extra fine finish which gives her so fine an appearance. Her owners intend her for the general trading business. She is chartered to load deals for Swansea.

The Fisk Murder.

Some of the New York newspapers are not satisfied with the delay that occurred in the Coroner's Jury finding a verdict in the case of Fisk's murder. Although the evidence was of the plainest character that could possibly be imagined, the Jury deliberated for three hours.—a Jury, too, composed of leading citizens. The following is their verdict:—

The jury find upon the testimony subscribed at this inquest that the deceased James Fisk, Jr., came to his death at the Grand Central Hotel in the City of New York on the 7th of January, 1872, at the hour of 10 50 A. M., in consequence of a wound or wounds inflicted by a ball or balls from a pistol from the hands of Edward S. Stokes, discharged by him in a deliberate manner at the said James Fisk, Jr., at the Grand Central Hotel, about 4 o'clock, P. M., on Saturday, 6th of January, 1872.

The *World* points out that the Jurors do not find that the act was "*feloniously*" committed; it is dissatisfied with the wording of the verdict, as well as the extraordinary deliberation that attended its preparation.

It is a satisfaction to know that there is in New York at least one journalist who does not go into ecstacies over the *personnel* of "the Mansfield woman." The New York correspondent of the Boston *Post* writes:—

Surely the woman who can command such resources by a smile and compel a duplication of such luxuries by a frown, must be a marvel such as the first of her name who asked and received the life of a nation for her love. That there is a fascination in Mrs. Mansfield's presence none who have witnessed her demeanor and its effect in court can hesitate to assert even if its source is a mystery. A flourish of her delicate lace handkerchief has been known to soften the heart of a judge; a tear has melted a frigid cross-examiner; a toss of her jaunty jockey hat has been answered by a rustle of admiration throughout the court. But Mrs. Mansfield has in reality little beyond the freshness and vivacity of a youth not yet impaired to make up the sum of her true attractions. What is by courtesy styled *embonpoint*, might without exaggeration be denominated grossness; what is intended as a languishing glance from her truly rich eyes, a detractor might call a leer; while her ripe and mobile mouth has already a hard set to its lines which is cruel to see. What Mrs. Mansfield will be when years have expanded her already broad figure, flattened her sensuous face, and wiped out the brightness which now may pass for intellect, is too apparent in the woman as she now appears. The diamonds that she wears in a profusion that indicates the fancy of the woman are real, and will retain their glitter; but she herself is paste only, coarse-grained and ready to dull into worthlessness. Not a woman to die for, indeed; and if Stokes's pocket-book, on which he stakes his trust, should fail him, he must be a fool indeed to carry within the prison walls the infatuation which brought him to the gallows.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(*Special Telegrams to the Daily Tribune.*)

PARIS, Jan 11.

A remonstrance signed by eight hundred manufacturers of Paris was sent to the Assembly against the passage of any bill increasing the duties on raw cotton or silk.

Only eight of the Chambers of Commerce of this City are opposed to the Anglo-French Commercial Treaty.

LONDON, Jan 12—5 a. m.

Disraeli will at Easter visit Glasgow University, of which recently he was chosen Lord Rector.

The *Times* reviews the story of the *Alabama*, contending that if neutrality is virtually a state of almost unlimited liability, the situation of neutrals is indeed intolerable.

The *Times'* financial article announces that a combination of telegraphists agreed yesterday to establish a direct Cable communication between England and New York.

Millbank, M. P., in an address to his constituents at York, denounced the public course of Sir Charles Dilke. He promised to call on him to repeat in Parliament his declarations in regard to the Crown and Government, and in the event of his failing to answer, to brand him as he deserved

LONDON, Jan. 11—Evening.

Admiral Inglefield, recently appointed naval attachee of the British Legation at Washington, has sailed for New York.

Viscount Parker is declared bankrupt.

Members of the party of the Left, in the French Assembly, are making preparation for presentation to that body of demand for cessation of both provisional, and definitive establishment of Republic.

Gold closed in New York yesterday at 108 5-8 to 108 3-4.

In London consols closed at 92 7-8; five-twenties of 1862 91 7-8; ten-forties 91 3-4.

In Paris rentes 56f 17c.

From Ontario.

[*Special Telegrams to the Daily Tribune.*]

TORONTO, Jan. 11.

The trial of Traves, for the murder of John Johnston, near Toronto last November, is progressing. The evidence is strong against him. No evidence yet taken for the defence.

The Canada Air Line Railway have completed their great bridge at St. Thomas.

A man named John Hugh was killed yesterday at Gananoque by the breaking of a circular saw.

No political news worth telegraphing.

TORONTO, Jan. 12.

In the case of the young man James Travis, charged with the murder of Johnston, the Jury found a verdict of guilty, with a recommendation to mercy.

The prisoner was sentenced to be hanged on the 8th of February.

A fire in Napanee yesterday destroyed six stores and a large amount of other property which they contained.

An Eminent Expert—A New Aid to Justice.

Of late years, a new and curious profession has come into vogue. We allude to that of "experts" in handwriting. These gentlemen's services have for some time been repeatedly called in request in England, especially in disputed will cases, but they seldom made much impression either on Judge or jury until there arose a master in the craft, Mr. Chabot. It was through a case which occurred a few years since in the London Probate Court, that this gentleman was brought into the first rank of his very limited profession, of which a Mr. Netherclift had up to that time been the chief. The ground of dispute was in relation to the will of a wealthy old yeoman. One side claimed that the will was genuine, the other that it was a forgery. When the turn came for Mr. Chabot's evidence to be given, the counsel for the will gave a contemptuous smile as the expert ascended the box, and my Lord leaned back in his chair in a manner which indicated "I know how much this sort of testimony is worth." By degrees, however, matters underwent a change. Counsel against the will became particularly assured in his bearing. Counsel for the will fidgeted in his seat, and, what was more important, my lord aroused himself and began to take notes. When Mr. Chabot descended from the witness-box he had broken the will. The Judge, in summing up, said that he must confess that previous experience had not disposed him to place much reliance on testimony of this description, but the present case was an exception. Mr. Chabot's evidence was certainly most remarkable. The point to which this accomplished gentleman drew special attention was the fact that he had examined page after page of writing, which was admitted by either side to be that of the deceased, and in no case had he found the vowel "O" connected with the other letters in the word in which it occurred; whereas, in the document alleged to be forged, "O" sometimes stood alone, sometime was joined on to the neighboring letters.

Mr. Chabot's services are now in constant demand, and he ought to be making a very large income. The Tichborne case must alone have put a great many pounds in his pocket. Quite recently he has been employed in two notable suits. One of these—"Firebrace vs. Firebrace and others"—is a divorce case. A maid-servant, as often happens in such suits, is a prominent witness. She, it appears, kept a diary, in which she recorded suspicious circumstances in her mistress' conduct. This diary the mistress got hold of, and, the servant alleges, interpolated passages which reflect sadly on the morality of the servant herself, and are thus calculated to weaken the effect of her evidence against Mrs. Firebrace. Mr. Chabot is of opinion that the alleged interpolations are not in the handwriting of the servant.

The other case was one of libel, in which a lady named Dilks was plaintiff, and a Mr. Shepherd defendant. In January, 1870, a Mr. Birket, to whose son the plaintiff was engaged, received a letter imputing to her improper conduct. On the 14th February, Valentine's day, plaintiff herself received two letters, one containing some indecent verses, and the other some lines from Chaucer. The experts differed strongly in regard to the similarity of the writing with that of Mr. Shepherd. In summing up, the Lord Chief-Justice pointed out that the great merit of Mr. Chabot in such cases was that he gave cogent reasons for his conclusions, and was not content merely to state that he was of such and such an opinion. The jury found for the defendant. Mr. Chabot lately brought his ingenuity to bear upon the vexed question of Junius, and has helped to strengthen the already overwhelming evidence in favor of Sir Philip Francis' authorship of the famous letters.—[N. Y. Paper.