

DOWLING BROS., The Largest Retail Distributors of Ladies' Coats, Jackets and House Waists in the Maritime Provinces.

Buy Now.

How much more pleasant it is to make all your purchases in comfort with careful consideration given to the choice of gifts, than to wait until everyone in the store is overworked in the task of coping with the wave of business that comes with the last few days. We are much better prepared to fill your needs now than the Christmas stocks are complete, and salespeople are ready to give you all the attention you need.

- WOMEN'S NECKWEAR, a complete assortment, 25c. to \$1.75 each.
KID GLOVES, a splendid variety, 50c. to \$1.50 pair.
HANDKERCHIEFS, of every description 25c. to \$1.25 each.
LADIES' BELTS, stylish designs, 25c. to \$1.25 each.
LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S HOSE, extra value, 25c. to 75c pair.
LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S FABRIC GLOVES in endless variety. 15c. to 50c. pair.

Open every evening until Christmas.
Closed for one hour only, from 6.15 to 7.15 p. m.

DOWLING BROTHERS, 95 and 101 King Street.

BUY Practical Presents

The tendency is to buy gifts that can be used on any day, at any time. Supposing you select a pretty pair of Oxford Ties and your lady friend does not need them just now, how nicely they fit in when the good old summer time comes around again.

We are showing some pretty ones \$1.25 up to \$4.50

WATERBURY & RISING, CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES.

The gladsome season brings its worries as well as its pleasures. It means extra duties for the housewife. We can help you save time and money if you will come and see our goods now on display.

- FOR THE WOMEN: Handkerchief Cases, 25c. to 50c.
Gloves, (lined) 50c. to \$3.00.
Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c. to 75c.
Linen Handkerchiefs, 15c. to 25c.
Suspenders, 25c. to 50c.
Men's and Boys' Goggles.
Men's and Boys' Suits.
FOR THE CHILDREN: Dolls, 15c. to 50c.
Games, 5c. up.
Toy Trucks, 25c.
Building Blocks, 10c. up.
Work Boxes.
Cups and Saucers, 25c., 35c., and 50c.
Sets of Dishes, 15c. to 65c.
Clowns, 25c. to 50c.
Stocking Caps, 25c. to 50c.
Stockings, 15c. up.
Plates for Children's Dishes.
And Many other Things.

S. W. McMACKIN, 335 Main Street, North End.

Ladies Why Go Down Hill when by keeping on the level, you can come straight to Anderson & Co.'s

We are showing beautiful lines in Stoles and Boas, Hudson Bay Sable, Mink, Alaska Sable, Stone Marten and Black Marten, \$5.00 to \$90.00. Jackets, in Grey Squirrel, Russian Lamb, Near Seal and Persian Lamb, from \$30.00 to \$175.00, Muffs, a very choice assortment, \$2.00 to \$50.00.

ANDERSON & CO., - 17 Charlotte Street.

Our Retail Stores

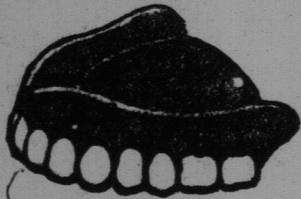
ARE WELL STOCKED WITH

Fresh Poultry, Game and Meats OF ALL KINDS,

Fruits, Vegetables and Xmas Groceries.

GIVE US YOUR ORDER EARLY.

F. E. WILLIAMS CO., Ltd



\$5.00. Best value ever offered. We make the \$5.00 Gold Crown Best in the City.

FREE. The Famous Xmas Method. Boston Dental Parlor.

To Advertisers.

During the week of Dec. 17, advertisers are requested to hand in advertising changes the day before. We trust that patrons will co-operate with us in handling the rush of Christmas copy.

THE WEATHER

Forecast - Easterly winds with rain or snow. Saturday west and north winds, cloudy and becoming colder.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORT AT NOON. Highest temperature during last 24 hours, 42. Lowest temperature during last 24 hours, 24.

LATE LOCALS

C. P. R. S. S. Aorangi, from the Orient, arrived at Vancouver Dec. 20.

Two boys, while practicing the marly art in a friendly manner, fell through a window in the Lorne Hotel this morning.

The students from Mount Allison and St. Joseph Universities are expected home today as both colleges closed today.

The West India steamer Olanda, Capt. Bridges, sailed this morning at three o'clock for Halifax and the West Indies.

The law students will debate this evening in the equity court room the subject: "Resolved, that capital punishment should be abolished."

Allan line steamship Ionian sailed today at one o'clock for Liverpool with a general cargo. A large number of passengers went by the steamer.

A row occurred aboard the steamer Cassandra, in which John Purdie, one of the seamen, received a black eye from James McGowan, a bonnie Scot, who was arrested by Sgt. Ross. The exact cause of the trouble had not been learned at the time of writing. McGowan is charged with assault and battery.

Santa Claus visits the Salvation Army barracks, Charlotte street, last night and made glad the hearts of the little ones by a liberal distribution of Christmas gifts.

A despatch in last evening's papers announced the death of Mrs. J. J. Fisher, of New York, and three others in a fire at Buffalo. It seems the unfortunate woman was the wife of J. J. Fisher, a member of the Robinson Opera Company at present in this city. Mr. Fisher received a despatch from Mrs. W. S. Butler, his wife's mother, announcing the occurrence. As the company's engagement opens here on Monday, Mr. Fisher will be unable to get away to go to Buffalo.

Lieut. Grant of the Royal Navy, is at the Royal on his way home to England. He has been in Japan a year studying the language. Lieut. Grant states that the imperial government had established a system whereby three officers from the navy and twelve from the army were always resident in Japan acquiring a knowledge of the language.

P. O. ASYLUM

School in That Institution Closed This Morning With Pleading Exercises.

The closing exercises of the Protestant Orphan Asylum school took place this morning and the visitors present were Rev. Mr. McLean, Rev. Mr. Lang, Rev. Mr. Marshall, Mrs. Tuck, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Sheffield, and Mrs. Graham.

The presentations of the prizes to the children were made by Rev. Mr. Lang and Rev. Mr. McLean. The following is a list of the prizes.

Prize donated by Mrs. Sheffield, won by Ethel Kitchen.

Prize donated by Mrs. Tuck, won by William Leaman.

Prizes donated by Rev. Mr. Lang for the best essays on "The Life of Christ." The two best essays were written by Eleanor Colger and Bella Kitchen, each of whom received a Bible. Five others received Testaments.

THE R. E. WHITE CO. HAVE ASSIGNED

The R. E. White Co., carrying on a grocery business at the corner of Paradise Row and Wall street, have assigned to F. B. Schofield, of Jones & Schofield, and Walter H. Treeman. An exact statement of the company's affairs cannot be made, as stock is now being taken, but it is said that the liabilities will be probably between \$8,000 and \$7,000 and the assets around \$5,000.

PERSONALS

Mrs. L. R. Ross of the Union Depot, is able to be out again, after being confined to the house for several weeks.

J. M. Clendinning is in the city on his way home to St. Stephen from Mount Allison University.

Fercy McAvity arrived home today. Dr. Stockton, M. P., came in on the Boston express this afternoon.

Miss Grace Fleming, of Fredericton, is in the city.

Mrs. Adam McPherson, of Calgary is home visiting Miss M. A. Campbell, of this city.

BASKETBALL

A fast game of basketball was played last night between the Portland Y. M. C. and Queen square teams, the former winning by a score of 45 to 14. B. Howard was referee.

The teams were as follows: P. Y. M. C. Defence-G. Stubbs, O. Wilson. Centre-C. Brown. Forwards-G. Croaby, Mr. Rising. Queen Square. Defence-E. Crawford, Mr. Stewart. Centre-H. Dobson. Forwards-J. London, Mr. Ritchie.

FREDERICTON SCHOOLS CLOSE

Young Man Caught Red Handed Attempting to Rob Saloon--Miss Kitchen Gets Governor's Medal.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 21 (Special)--The public examinations in the city schools were held this morning in the presence of a large number of visitors. The pupils were examined on subjects taught during the term and showed great efficiency.

Governor Snowball's silver medal for the best showing made at the High School entrance was presented to Miss Gladys Kitchen, by Dr. Atherton, chairman of the school board. The school closed at noon for the Christmas holidays.

A young man, belonging to a respectable family, was caught red handed this morning attempting to rob Harry Crotty's saloon, Regent street. Crotty had been missing money and goods from his place for some days past, and of late has been keeping a watch out for the thief.

The young man effected an entrance by means of a cellar window and made his way through a trap door to the saloon, where he was pounced upon by Crotty, who had been lying in wait for him. The captive was given in charge of the police, but Crotty not appearing this morning to prosecute, he was released on bail.

The weather moderated considerably last night and sufficient rain fell this morning to put the sidewalks in a very slippery condition.

The Times racing contest has attracted much attention here and the outcome is awaited with interest.

WILL SPEND HIS CHRISTMAS HERE

Tennyson Smith Will Arrive in St. John Tomorrow for the Holidays.

E. Tennyson Smith, who is at present in Newcastle, will spend the Christmas holidays in St. John. He will arrive in this city tomorrow and while here will be a guest at the Clifton House.

CHRISTMAS IS HERE AGAIN

What Shall I Get Henry?--Why, a Portable Lamp.

The St. John Railway Company, corner of Dock and Union streets, are showing a fine line of domestic and imported portable and fancy shades, at prices to suit early and get yours before the sizes are gone.

We especially call attention to our No. 610 outfit, consisting of antique finished portable, green dome shade, best grade Welsbach lamp and six feet of rubber tubing and goose-neck, delivered and put up for \$2.25 complete.

We also carry eight grades of gas lamps, from 75c. to \$3.00; mantles in five grades, from 10c. to 30c.

During Christmas week the company will give each purchaser of a gas lamp a gas torch and box of tapers.

Business Notices

Toylard at Hall.

Call at Jas. A. Turf & Son, 83 German street, and see the toys, china and fancy goods, the balance of their large stock which is being sacrificed to close the stores. Prices out in two.

Tomorrow will be a big day and a busy one for the Union Clothing Company, 2078 Charlotte street, old Y. M. C. A. building. All your neighbors will be sure to be there. Extra values in Christmas gifts. Union Clothing Company.

Holly and mistletoe at J. E. Quinn's, City Market.

The Times has Macaulay Bros' advertisement in its usual space. All should turn to it and read what attractive goods Macaulay Bros. can furnish.

AN OPERA CO. IN THE HOME

A complete grand opera, a popular song, a masterpiece overture, the world's greatest vocalists, vaudeville, minstrels, famous recitations and everything that's worth hearing in the entertainment line can be had through the Victor Talking Machine, sold by John Frodsam in the Royal Hotel ballroom at various prices. A charm to the home the whole year through. Hundreds and thousands of records, waiting your taste. What better Christmas present could you buy?

SALE OF FANCY GOODS AT M.R.A.'S.

Big bargains in Christmas goods at M. R. A.'s, Ltd. Tonight's advertisement on the last page tells about generous reductions on a sort of holiday fancy goods, the latest novelties from New York, Europe and the Orient. But two days remain to make complete your Santa Claus list and this bargain sale, which commences in the morning affords a grand opportunity to get newest and prettiest goods at amazingly low prices. Stores open tonight and Saturday and Monday nights. Extra clerks, extra deliveries.

Every one at this season of the year looks forward to a visit to Watson & Co's. The rush this year has been greater than ever. Our line of toys of every description, fancy goods, plated ware, leather goods, etc., is nicely displayed and goods are marked low in plain figures. Come along and see the crowd.

\$2.13 per cent discount off of calendars; 25 per cent on everything in toylard. Old home scene calendars 25c. Just received small Christmas tags. Hall's.

TURKEYS GIVEN AWAY.

J. N. Harvey, the Union street clothier, has secured a fine lot of very choice Christmas turkeys and will give one with every sale of ten dollars or over on Saturday, as long as they last, starting at 8.30 o'clock sharp. Be on hand early and get your Christmas turkey free. The stores are in the Opera House Block. Special values in men's and boys' clothing and furnishings.

SHOP EARLY.

Christmas shoppers should do their purchasing early and when you select anything in the furniture line they should serve a double purpose. You should buy something needed in the home, as well as procure a happy surprise for those who receive it. Anland Bros. Ltd, Waterloo street, have a beautiful fresh stock of sensible Christmas furniture and a visit to their store will amply repay those who buy there.

THE NEW RINK.

The Marathon Athletic Club announces the sale of tickets for the Marathon exhibition rink. The new rink will be the favorite with the skaters and hockeyists alike. No one will want to be without a ticket, a splendid Christmas gift. Club members have tickets for sale.

MACAULAY BROS. & CO'Y

Neat, Natty and New Handles on Good Durable SILK UMBRELLAS!

Hundreds to Pick From at \$1.50 Each.

All are the close, neat iron frames, such as a lady requires for service.

A Small Lot of Damaged Table Linens. White Imitation Bear-Skin Coats for infants reduced to half former prices.

New Neckwear for Ladies. The greatest bargain ever put before the public. A manufacturer has just sent us one hundred dozen Ladies' Mull and Baby Irish Stock Collars, worth 40c. each. We shall sell at 19 cents each.

MACAULAY BROS. & CO.

COLORED CASHMERE

Just opened today a splendid assortment of All-Wool Cashmere in the following shades: Light Blue, Cream, Pink, Myrtle Green, Brown, Navy and several shades of Red. All shades the same width, 44 inches.

Note--Stores open every night until Christmas.

Our Special Price is 42 cents Yard.

I. CHESTER BROWN, 32 and 36 KING SQUARE.

JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS.

Ten different styles of Ladies' Silk Waists just opened. In White, Cream and Black. All sizes, Long and Short Sleeves. Prices from \$3.35 to \$7.00 each. Come early and get yours before the sizes are gone.

ROBERT STRAIN & CO., 27 and 29 Charlotte St.

Store Open Every Night Till Christmas.

NOVELTIES IN EXQUISITE

Christmas Gifts at Cut Prices.

GENEROUS REDUCTIONS ON THESE LINES:

Real Italian Marble Busts, Real Hand-Painted China, Fine New Art Statuettes, Japanese Matsumo Ware, Pretty Picture Medallions, Swiss Carved Wood Novelties, Iridescent Tiffany Glassware, Genuine Cloisonne Vases, Reliable French Gift Clocks, Art Glass Rose Vases, Gift and Silver Jewel Cases, Japanese China Dishes, all kinds.

And All Our Fine Stock of Pictures. This new list of prices is NOT EFFECTIVE UNTIL SATURDAY.

Big Bargains from Now Until Christmas. Art Room, Second Floor.

Advertisement for Boys and Girls featuring a Santa Claus illustration and text: For Boys and Girls. For Boys and Girls.

- Babies' Knitted Jackets, 55c. to \$1.50.
Babies' Knitted Booties, 25c. to 50c.
Babies' Bibs from 15c. to 75c.
Babies' Angora Bonnets, \$1.80 to \$2.20.
Knitted Bonnets, silk trimmed, 95c. to \$1.35.
Woolen Toques, from 25c. to 60c.
Woolen Sashes, in'y 30c. and 40c.
Warm Red Mittens, 15c., 16c. and 17c.
Blanket Coats, hooded, \$5.00.
Fancy Suits, various styles, \$2.75 to \$6.50.
Fancy Overcoats, Russian, \$3.75 to \$3.50.
Boys' Sweaters, from 45c. to \$1.65 each.
School Bags, only 50c. and \$1.00.
Boys' Neckties, big line, 25c. to 50c.
Children's Woolen Gloves, 50c. to 75c.
Children's Windsor Ties, 20c. to 60c.
Children's Mittens, 15c., to 35c.
Children's Umbrellas, 75c.
Hun'y-Dumpty Circus, 75c. to \$15.
Childrens Tree-Mats, 75c.
Girls' Gray Lamb Furs.
Baby's Mongolian Furs.

OPEN UNTIL TEN O'CLOCK TONIGHT.

MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON, Limited.