

**Winter Overcoats**  
**"After Season" Prices Now**

Why wait until after New Year's for bargains? You can buy an overcoat now just as cheap as after the first of the year, and still have it for holiday wear.

We are offering our entire stock of choice overcoats at 20 per cent. discount for cash—a saving that must instantly appeal to any man who would have the most for his money. Stronger and more convincing evidence of our values will be found in the garments themselves.

We bought too many overcoats for this season, and although the number sold is greater than last year, the stock is still too big—therefore this powerful inducement for you to purchase now.

**GILMOUR'S, 68 King Street**  
 Agency 20th Century Brand Clothing

**WE WISH YOU ALL**  
**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
**ALEX. CORBET, 196 UNION ST**

**SPENCER CONCERT**  
**NETS SUM OF \$176.70**

There was placed to the credit of H. L. Spencer, at the savings department of the Bank of New Brunswick, this morning, the sum of \$176.70. This was the sum realized at the benefit concert under the direction of the newspaper men with some contributions added by several private friends and the rent of the Opera House and other small expenses.

It goes to the aged poet with the best wishes of the newspaper fraternity and his fellow citizens that he may have a happy Christmas.

**THE WRESTLERS.**  
 "Cyclone" Burns, the wrestler, who set Dan McDonald, in the Carleton city last evening, left this morning for New Glasgow, where he will spend the holiday. He hopes to get a match there with some of the local wrestlers. Dan McDonald will spend the holiday here, and he plans to put on a series of bouts in the near future.

**HOME FROM COBALT.**  
 J. Gifford Eggeff, son of E. M. Sippell, arrived in the city today to spend the holidays with his father. Mr. Sippell is a prosperous mining engineer in Cobalt and holds a position as superintendent in one of the mines there.

**MUNI-CIPAL BONDS**

are direct obligation of the Issuing Body, whose power of taxation for the purpose of paying the principal and interest, makes this class of security a

**SAFE INVESTMENT**  
 We offer:

4 per cent. Bonds  
 \$4,000 Province of Nova Scotia  
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 6,000 Town of St. Stephen  
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5 per cent. Bonds  
 \$7,000 Town of Selkirk  
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You will never lose money if you stick to this class of investment. Send for particulars.

**J. M. ROBINSON & SONS**  
 Bankers, St. John  
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**COMMERCIAL**  
**THE WEEKLY COTTON LETTER**  
 (J. M. Robinson & Sons)

New York, Dec. 23.—The market has shown continued irregularity during the past week. Bullish confidence has been sustained by very bullish private reports concerning ginning and the attitude of Southern spot holders, but there has been comparatively little fresh buying so far as the speculative public is concerned, and considering the absence of general interest it is perhaps a rather remarkable indication of intrinsic values that prices have held so close to the high records of the season in the face of considerable pre-holiday realizing.

The census report showed 10,988,457 bales ginned to December 13th. Owing to the fact that the figures of the National Ginners' Association, published two or three days previously, had indicated a ginning for the period of less than 10,000,000 bales, the official report caused some little disappointment among smaller and extreme bulls who had anticipated that the ginning figures would indicate that the government's crop estimate of 11,428,000 bales had oversteered the mark.

The figures, however, would seem to amply confirm rather than shake confidence in the government's estimate for the entire belt. The ginning for the period, December 1st to 13th, showed such an abrupt falling off as compared with the entire belt, that the ginning for the period cannot conservatively count upon any more cotton remaining to be ginned this season than last year, and after December 13th last year there were ginned only 718,466 bales, an amount which added to the census figures of today would make a total ginning for the season of 11,415,123 bales. And we are convinced that this latest report of the census bureau strengthens a bull position based on a commercial crop of American cotton this year of about 11,750,000 to 11,800,000 bales.

Meanwhile the into-sight movement appears to be falling off slightly, and more eventually reflect the ginning, while exports have continued liberal; now running about 450,000 bales per week, and are to the same date last year. The increase in the Ellison estimate of consumption by British mills had been pretty accurately foreshadowed and judging from the more active business they have enjoyed have been much more forward in the matter of securing supplies than have the American mills.

As a matter of fact, the American trade situation seems to be the weak spot in the cotton situation. Week after week a comparatively small volume of business is reported in Fall River. Still the mills are running and we are informed that stocks of goods, particularly of the medium count, are accumulating in the warehouse. This state of affairs at first hands seem strangely in contrast with the weekly reviews published by the large dry-goods distributors in the central west, who claim that retailers are buying largely owing to depleted shelves.

If these latter advice are correct and are not colored for the sake of an optimistic effect on sentiment among prospective buyers, it can only be a question of time when the demand will work back to the manufacturer and bring about the advance in prices which seems necessary to put goods to a satisfactory margin of profit. But in any event we must expect curtailment of manufacture with this season, and if the bulk of this proves to be at the expense of the American manufacturer, that will be his misfortune.

The stock of cotton at New York continues to accumulate and recent arrivals are undoubtedly running to a larger proportion of low grades. The stock of cotton held in New York warehouses at the close of last week was 27,194 bales and we see no reason to doubt that it will not reach in the neighborhood of 30,000 bales by the first of the year, while we are also informed of some cotton that is coming here for delivery on January contracts.

On the other hand, there are indications of some little competition for the ownership of the cotton here. We are told of at least one southern interest—outside of last season's bull operators—who is planning to take up a little cotton on January contracts, and it seems to us that the strong people who are taking up the cotton on December contracts will be very slow to lose control of the better grades in the stock at any rate, in view of the prospect for such a moderate total supply so that the lenders would against January will probably depend upon whether there is any speculative interest in the market strong enough and in a position to take away the cotton.

Another weak point it does not seem to us that the New York stock is of a character to prove a serious obstacle to another bull campaign in New York contracts should the demand and supply situation develop in accordance with present prospects.

**TO CONFER WITH HON. MR. PUGSLEY TUESDAY**

Meeting in Reference to West Side Terminals Was Arranged Today

Mayor Frink arranged with Hon. Wm. Pugsley minister of public works, this morning for a conference on Tuesday next to discuss the matter of the government taking over the terminals on the western side of the harbor. The advisory committee appointed by the council and the committee appointed by the board of trade, will attend the conference, and urge that the matter be given consideration as soon as possible.

**COLLECTIONS FOR ORPHANS**  
 In the Catholic church tomorrow, the annual collections for the orphans will be taken up.

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 Dunn's bacon served in any style at any time offered for sale in St. John. Send for prices. A. G. Edgcombe, 115 City Road, Phone 547.

Conlon's Photo Studio will be open Monday for patrons wishing to take advantage of our special holiday offer.

**MORE THAN TWO MILLIONS.**  
 The exports in fifteen steamers to date amount to the substantial sum of \$2,091,573, made up as follows: Canadian goods, \$1,292,949; foreign goods, \$798,624.

Customers of the Globe laundry will be interested and will appreciate the fact that their goods are now insured against loss by fire, while in the laundry, with out any cost whatsoever to them.

There will be a special meeting for boys in the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The speaker will be Wm. Easton of the Halifax, Halifax, and there will be special music.

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**REV. DR. HEINE SPEAKER.**  
 The Rev. Dr. Heine will be the speaker at the evening service at the Wesleyan Methodist church tomorrow afternoon at 8 o'clock in the Haymarket Square hall. There will be special music.

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 The receipt of \$20 from C. W. Hope, and from anonymous donors, for the benefit of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, is acknowledged with thanks by the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**A CENTENARIAN.**  
 Mrs. Adeline Macdonald died at Esquimaux last month at the age of 103 years, and six months. She was born in Montreal and came to this city in 1812. She was the wife of James Macdonald, a merchant of Montreal.

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**HUSBAND AND WIFE DIE.**  
 James Oates of Nelson, Northumberland county, died on Monday last, aged more than eighty and on Tuesday his wife passed away. They were pioneers of the district and were beloved by all. An adopted daughter, Mrs. John Wallace survives.

**SPLENDID SHOW AT THE GEM.**  
 On Monday the Gem Theatre, Waterloo street, will be open from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m., when a splendid bill will be presented, with many excellent film features. The Gem orchestra will play special appropriate music, and Mr. Dunbar will have a new song. Altogether the new show will be one of the best given of late in motion picture houses in St. John.

**A MARKET MATTER.**  
 Charles R. Howe, who was proceeded against for doing a commission business in the country market informs the Times that the only difference between him and some other who do business there is that at present he is living with his daughter in St. John while they still have their homes in the country, and go there once or twice a week, perhaps sometimes of tenor. They are not self on commission, and have sent out to them. All that they sell is not their own produce, by any means. They are doing a commission business. He therefore, holds that he has been unfairly singled out for prosecution.

**SCHOONER IS SAFE.**  
 Schooner Harold J. McCarthy, Captain Belva, regarding which there had been some anxiety, as she had not been heard from since the recent disastrous storm, arrived at Calais yesterday. Word to this effect was received by J. Willard Smith of the vessel's agent in the market. The McCarthy had been compelled to put to sea during the storm and has only now returned.

**WAS \$135.**  
 It has been found by Mrs. Dearborn, president of the W. C. T. U., that the amount of money received by her last week was \$135, not \$125.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Band on Carleton Rink Xmas afternoon and evening.  
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Prato and Convertible collar overcoats at Turner's, 440 Main street.

Nickel plated Hockey, 60c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.20, \$1.50, \$1.75. Durr's 17 Waterloo street.

The Star Theatre will be opened at 10 a. m. Monday, as is the usual custom on public holidays; a fine new bill.

Don't miss the Turkey Supper at Hamilton's restaurant, Mill street, Xmas eve, 8 o'clock to midnight.

Try Duval's umbrella shop for personally selected umbrellas, 68c to \$3.00.

The Norebega dancing academy will reopen in Keith's Assembly rooms on Monday evening, Dec. 26.

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**FINE PICTURES**

Prizes Won in London By St. John Men and One Presented to Lt. Col. Sturdee

E. T. Sturdee, the honorary agent of the Art Union of London has just received a fine case of paintings. There is a large oil painting, which is the prize drawn by A. C. Fairweather of Rothesay, and is entitled "Rugwort," by Miss Chamberlain, who exhibited at the Royal Academy. It is a fine picture and will repay a lot of study. Another handsome one is by Miss Hagarty, well known here, called "Corfe Castle." It is a little gem, and is for some accumulations now drawn by F. A. Jones, who is to be congratulated on his winter color.

The charming little picture is by W. K. Blacklock, A.R.C.A., who exhibited here at the Dominion Exhibition. This is called "A Stage Lady" and is something after the style of his "Letter" and others of his works. It is sent as a presentation to Lt. Col. Sturdee for his large list of subscribers sent over, his being the largest list of any agency.

The annual report just received in thanking the honorary agents, states "Lt. Col. Sturdee of St. John, N. B., maintains his position at the head of the list, sending 173 subscriptions, the largest return from one representative for over twenty years."

There are also in the consignment some statutory, Doublon ware, etc., as consolation prizes for some subscribers who have not drawn a prize for ten years in the regular drawing. The next drawing of the Art Union will take place next April, and as a presentation picture they are sending to Lt. Col. Sturdee, a picture of the "Sailor King," being the scene at Portsmouth harbor, when King George V. was proclaimed last May, and the war ships in the harbor are seen firing a salute, the old "Victory" being in the foreground.

**FAIRVILLE CASES**

The three men who broke jail on Wednesday evening from the lock-up in Fairville, delivered themselves up yesterday, each of them, Ollie Emery, Louis Kindred, and George Riley, was fined \$5.00 this morning by Justice Allingham.

Last night Police Constable Lawson and Constable Harvie, after considerable difficulty, arrested Michael Ryan, George Walker and Joseph Walker, on charges of fighting in the railway yard at Fairville. This morning Ryan was fined \$20 or three months in jail, and told to leave the county jail within a year; Wallace was allowed out on a deposit of \$4 and Walker was brought to meet them at the county jail, where he is being held by order of Judge Forbes. He was allowed out on suspended sentence last 20 years not long ago, and this is now being brought against him.

**PROSECUTOR SAYS NO**

Tours, France, Dec. 24.—At the opening of the court today in the case of the "Count" and "Countess" D'Auloy De Gattigny, the attorneys for the duchess De Choiseul-Walpole, formerly Mrs. Charles Hamilton Paine, of Boston—announced that they withdrew the complaint and would not prosecute the case.

The public prosecutor, however, insisted that the trial be continued.

**MANY HOME-COMERS**

The trains from the west were late again today, and all brought big passenger lists and great quantities of mail and baggage and express matter. The Boston train was unusually late, and even coach was crowded with home-comers.

The train was about forty minutes late, and Montreal train came in two sections. The first section arrived about half an hour late, and the second section about an hour after the scheduled time. The depot was thronged with the incoming passengers, and friends and relatives who were there to meet them. A very large number were bound for Toronto east.

**TO SAIL TOMORROW.**

Furness Line Rappahannock, Captain Hanks, will sail for London tomorrow.

**Wanamaker's Notice to the Public**

In order to give all of our employees a holiday Sunday, Dec. 26th (Christmas Day) we will close all day and evening, opening again Monday morning as usual. Wishing all our patrons a Merry Christmas in WANAMAKER'S RESTAURANT, 101-103 Charlotte Street, 3227-28.

**EASY PAYMENTS**

At the Parian Store, 47 Brussels street, The easy way to buy—easy to pay, easy to return. Buy anything you want, and pay for it in easy payments. We can afford to pass up a good thing such as our great free to all offer, to dress up the best clothes and get your pay for them at your own convenience, in ladies', gents', children's clothing, furs and blankets.

**DEATHS**

McFARLANE—Died on Dec. 24, 1910, John W. McFarlane, aged 74 years. Burial from his late residence, 61 Queen street, Monday, 26th inst., at 2:30 p. m. (Winnipeg papers please copy.)

SULLIVAN—In this city, on the 22nd December, at his father's residence, 113 Mount Pleasant, Joseph A., aged twenty-three years, fourth son of Henry J. and the late Margaret Sullivan, leaving four brothers and two sisters to mourn. Funeral on Sunday, 26th inst., at 2:30 p. m.

**IN MEMORIAM**

MACKINNON—James Cameron Mackinnon, died at Fairville, N. B., December 24th, 1910.

"Ever near us, though unseen. The dear immortal spirit's tread; For all the boundless universe Is life—there are no dead."

**BARGAINS**  
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**Christmas Goods**

To clear out the remainder of our Christmas goods, we offer the following special bargains for this evening and tomorrow. All prices are cash and no sale goods will be exchanged.

**EBONY GOODS**  
 \$4.50 Brushes, ... Now \$3.00  
 3.00 Brushes, ... Now 2.00  
 2.00 Brushes, ... Now 1.35  
 1.50 Brushes, ... Now 1.00  
 1.00 Brushes, ... Now 0.65  
 0.50 Brushes, ... Now 0.35  
 etc., etc.

**WALKING STICKS**  
 Silver Mounted  
 \$6.00 Sticks, ... Now \$4.00  
 4.00 Sticks, ... Now 2.50  
 3.00 Sticks, ... Now 2.00  
 1.75 Sticks, ... Now 1.15  
 1.00 Sticks, ... Now 0.65

**SHAVING MIRRORS**  
 and SETS  
 \$5.00 Mirrors, ... Now \$3.75  
 3.00 Mirrors, ... Now 2.35  
 2.00 Mirrors, ... Now 1.35  
 1.00 Mirrors, ... Now 1.00  
 0.50 Mirrors, ... Now 0.35

**MILITARY BRUSHES**  
 All Reduced.

**EBONY PERFUMES**  
 All Reduced.

Come early if you would get a bargain

**CHAS. R. WASSON**  
 100 King Street The Retail Store

**Big Bargain Sale of Fancy China and Glassware**

Our Travellers have now returned and all their samples of Fancy China and Glassware will be sold during this week away below cost.

This is an exceptional chance to get the latest designs at extremely low prices. They are displayed on our counters at 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 each.

Call early and get first choice.

**W. H. Hayward & Co., Ltd.**  
 85, 87, 89, 91, 93 Princess Street

**MEN'S CARDIGAN JACKETS**

A First Class Jacket at ..... \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.35  
 Out-sized Jackets, ..... \$1.25  
 A Cardigan Jacket will outwear two sweater coats.

**CARLETON'S, Cor. Waterloo and Brussels Street**

**BOWDEN**

Teacher of Violin, Violoncello and Mandolin.  
 Instructor for Orchestras, Mandolin Clubs, Etc.  
 Select Stock of Violins, Strings, Etc., for Sale.  
 Artistic Violin Repairing. Bows Rehaired.  
 Studio, 74 Sydney St. Phone 877

**IF YOU WANT XMAS PRESENTS**

There is nothing so pleasing and appropriate as a Beautiful Box of High Grade Chocolates or a Bottle of Choice Perfume. We have one of the largest and finest assortments of the above goods in Canada, and we solicit your patronage and guarantee satisfaction.

**OUR LAST CHRISTMAS**

We move to our new store, Opera House block, in January.

IT WILL PAY YOU TO COME TO THESE STORES TONIGHT

19 1-2 cts. each for Applique Pillow Shams.  
 9 cts. each for Men's White Lawn Handkerchiefs, or 3 for 25 cts.  
 20 cts. Book of 3 fine quality Ladies' Handkerchiefs, put up in attractive paper boxes, regular 30c quality; Christmas design on covers, Sale price 20 cts. each.

25 cts. each Ladies' Fine Quality Christmas Chiffon and Silk Collars, a great variety, 25c. each.

**WE WISH ALL OUR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS A MERRY XMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Cor. Duke and Charlotte Sts.**  
 Store Open Evenings