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No! we do not intend having a Xmas sale. Our general prices for December will not be any higher than November, but quite as low as the Xmas prices of any store.

This we guarantee. We have not yet arrived at that stage to be able to understand how any deduction can be made from prices that are right in the first instance.

The philosophy of prices is a plain one. Every merchant must sell a certain quantity of goods at a certain rate of profit to pay necessary expenses. Experience has told just what this rate is. When a merchant wishes to sell goods cheaper in December than November, he must make his calculations when marking the goods at the first of the season.

(Drop a peg).

Now, all this applies to staple standard goods. What we have to say of stock that is neither staple or standard is entirely different. We are very strongly opposed to carrying these over from one season to the other.

As a matter of fact we will not do so.

The result of this principle is that we have applied the pruning knife to certain lines of goods that should have sold ere this but have not. The knife is a sharp one, and has cut very deep into the lines it touched. Any daily paper you may happen to pick up will tell you what these lines are, for further information apply to

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

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ing the meeting of the deacons of Westmoreland. Among those present are, Rev. Donald Bliss, of Westmoreland, who is visiting his daughter, Mrs. John Mcweeney; Rev. J. Roy Campbell, of Dorchester, who is the guest of Mr. George Taylor, of the I. C. R.; Mr. Wiggins, of Sackville; Mr. French, of Fort Lawrence, and Mr. McKenzic, of Shediac, who are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Talbot. The deacons dinner takes place today at the rectory. Miss Beslie Magee is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Talbot, at their home on Highfield street. Dr. De Bertram, of Ottawa, and Mrs. Brundage were registered at the "Brunswick" yesterday. A number of the young boys of Moncton have formed a society of their own, a sort of club which has for its object the improvement of all boys, of any kind, to use tobacco, or eat of all boys, to take their name in vain. I think of all places that I ever lived in, Moncton is the brightest and most beautiful of the awful profanity of her small boys. You pass a bright looking urchin on the street, and you say "well son how are you and the bright youth here promptly invites you to retire to a climate where ice and snow are unobscured. Mr. Joseph H. Dickson, of Riverside, Albert County, was in town last Wednesday. Miss Lyons, of Halifax, who has been spending a fortnight with her brother, Mr. J. M. Lyons, of the I. C. R. returned home last Wednesday. Mr. J. B. Snowball, of Chatham, paid a short visit to Moncton last week. Rev. Father Bradley, Cape Bail, spent last Sunday in town, the guest of Father Meahan. The Rev. Father officiated in St. Bernard's church on Sunday evening. Mr. W. A. Lyons, of Halifax, has been spending a few days in town, the guest of his brother, Mr. J. M. Lyons. Mr. Lyons left this morning for a lengthened trip to the Western States. CECIL GUYNNE.

HALIFAX.

Dec. 5.—Mr. Humphrey is to be married on Wednesday to Miss Edith of Dartmouth. The particulars of the interesting event will be forthcoming next week. The Church Woman's Missionary Association has been at work all summer preparing for a sale of pretty things suitable for Christmas. December 10 is the date fixed. Rev. W. A. Pratt, of the Church of the Redeemer, had a very large congregation Sunday night, all seeking information on the marriage question. The subject of his discourse was not exactly a Bible text, but I suppose you might call it a Bible precept, "choosing a partner or thoughts upon marriage" certainly a most appropriate subject for the time of year. The marriage list in our daily papers for the spring as the banns published in the various churches are very numerous. If it is in the spring as the poet says, that "a young man's fancy, lightly turns to thoughts of love" it is certainly in the autumn that he forges the fetters that his thoughts have been turned to in the spring. Mr. Beaumont Boggs arrived on Saturday evening after a three year's absence in British Columbia. Everyone is delighted to see him and regrets that his stay in town is to be such a short one. Mr. and Mrs. Watch, of the Dockyard, have gone home to England with their children. Mr. J. T. Payzant and his wife and family are coming to live in town. Their new home will be on Spring Garden Road. They will be much missed in Dartmouth social circles. Mr. Harry Abbott and his bride are spending part of their honeymoon in town, at the residence of the groom's parents. Mr. Abbott married Miss Alma Curran, of Buctouche, N. B. Rev. Mr. Townshend, of Halifax, was quite a surprise to Halifax people, more especially when they heard he had married Miss Phelan, daughter of ex-U.S. Consul Phelan. Miss Phelan and her sister were very much liked here. The marriage took place at St. Louis, Mo., last week. The five o'clock tea given at Hon. Dr. Parker's residence, in Dartmouth, last week, was rather a failure. Out of 60 or 70 guests invited, only about a dozen put in an appearance, and they were certainly the worst. The rain poured in torrents and the wind blew fiercely. No person from town cared to cross the harbor. The storm abated somewhat in her part of Ross Leigh, and Miss Arthur—well, truly, many failed to recognize her in that impish little personification, Sarah Zyles. Little May

Dargan is certainly a clever little youngster for her tender years. The two most recent, Edna and Dowling, are doing splendidly in their respective schools.

Prince Dhaalep was engaged, but as he denies the soft impeachment hope has revived in the hearts of the fair sex of the town. Miss Gerlie Kincaid was married Tuesday to Mr. W. Wallace of the Bank of Montreal (Montreal). The wedding took place in St. Luke's cathedral and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. B. King. Mr. Arthur Wiswell gave the bride away. Mr. Wallace was accompanied by his brother Mr. Henry Wallace. The bride looked charming in a white corded silk costume with tulle veil and orange blossoms. The bridesmaids' dresses were very tasteful being composed of white silk and trimmed with trimmings and sashes of red silk. Miss Wallace held the positions allotted to. They had red hats with green trimmings and carried bouquets composed of red flowers and green ferns and smilax tied with red ribbons. The groom's gift to the bride was a gold ring with a pearl set. The church was not overcrowded owing to an edict having gone forth that henceforth no one should be admitted unless they had obtained a ticket from the rector. Mr. Reginald Wallace and Mr. Grigor Wainwright acted as ushers.

The guests were handsomely and warmly entertained as became the season. Some very fine furs were seen in the parlors, but nothing more becoming than sealskin and sable, velvet and silk. Our furbest skill must have been taxed to the utmost to provide the bouquets and bouquets that were so observable. After an elegant repast at the house of Mr. W. J. Wallace, South Park street, the happy couple left for Truro, St. John's, and then to their home in Halifax. The presents were lovely and included a dinner set from the Bank of Montreal, table linen, house linen, salt cellars, rose jars, knives, forks, spoons, cushions, table covers, curtains, and all manner of useful and ornamental articles. The bridesmaids were Miss Mand Abbott, Miss Mand Beames, and two sweet little ones, Miss Louise Tupper and Miss Blanche Beames. Their dresses were composed of white Swiss muslin exquisitely embroidered; their hair was done in the latest style and carried bouquets. Both bride and bridesmaids received gifts of fans from the groom. Mr. Kellogg and Mr. Stayer were prominent. The bride and groom will reside at Mrs. Rigby's, Morris street. ST. STEPHEN.

Dec. 4.—The snow storm on Thursday evening did not prevent a goodly number of guests gathering in the pleasant parlors of Mrs. E. G. Vroom, to enjoy an evening of drive wheel. The greatest interest was shown in the game and not until 12 o'clock was the moral given to count "the beans," when Miss Hattie Grant and Mr. E. J. Ganong were pronounced the fortunate winners of the prizes, among the guests being Mrs. J. P. and Mrs. W. F. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ganong, Mrs. and Mrs. Joseph Meredith, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. J. Marchie, Mrs. R. K. Ross, Mrs. Bolton, Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs. Arthur Hill, Miss Grace Stora, Miss Bolton, Miss Yvonne, Miss Celia Brown, Miss Alice Robinson, Miss Hattie Grant, Miss Dillie and Miss Beatrice Vroom. Mr. John D. Chipman, Mr. John Steveson, Mr. C. E. Ganong, Mr. C. E. N. Vroom, Mr. F. M. Marchie, and Mr. W. F. Vroom, St. John, was registered at the Queen on Friday and Saturday. Mayor Grimmer visited St. John last Thursday.

Mr. J. W. Huestis succeeds Mr. John Mowat, in the bank of Nova Scotia.

Mr. Frederic Sullivan has gone to New York city, to study music during the winter months.

Miss Annie King, of Calais, is making an extended visit to friends in Chicago.

Mrs. James Mitchell and Mrs. Henry Graham, went to Fredericton last Wednesday, for a short visit, returning home on Saturday.

Dr. Charles Swan, of Calais, is still visiting his brother in New York city.

Mrs. C. H. Clerke and her daughter, returned from St. John on Friday last.

Mr. Frank Todd and her niece, Miss Margaret Todd, left on Monday morning for Boston, where they will spend a week.

Miss Eliza McBride, who has been absent during the past three months, visiting New York and Philadelphia, has returned home.

Miss Mary Stuart and Miss Celia Brown left this morning in the train. Miss Stuart will visit during the winter in Chicago, while Miss Brown will spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. A. S. Burdette.

Miss Edna Hutton returns to St. John, and will spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. M. S. Scott.

Mr. George F. Finner is away on a business trip. Hon. B. R. Stevenson was in town on Thursday.

Mr. Alex. Grant left yesterday morning for Florida, where he will spend the winter.

Rev. W. W. Campbell lectured to a large audience in the schoolroom of his church, last evening. The subject of the lecture was "England's part in the war" and was extremely interesting. The lecture was illustrated by stereoscopic views of the cathedrals mentioned.

Mrs. W. F. Todd, accompanied by her daughter, Winifred, left on Monday morning to spend a week in Boston.

A number of prominent and influential ladies in Calais, with Mrs. A. E. Nell at present, have formed a Memorial Society, to raise money to erect a monument in memory of the soldiers who lost their lives in the civil war. The society hopes to give an entertainment in aid of their scheme early in January.

Mr. Percy Gilmer made a brief visit in town on Saturday.

Mr. Will E. King, left Calais last week for Tacoma, Washington.

Mrs. W. B. Westmore went to St. John on Saturday, and en route to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. W. H. Keane.

Miss Jennie Barry is the guest of Mrs. Jed Duran, at the St. Croix Exchange, Calais.

Thanksgiving Day in Calais passed very quietly, the snow storm preventing people getting about. A number of several family dinner parties, one in particular, round the festive board to discuss turkey and politics, and relate half forgotten jokes of other thanksgivings. Services were held in the different churches, the sermons and singing being appropriate to the day.

I heard yesterday that there will be a wedding in Calais some time the last of the month, when a Brooklyn gentleman is to be married to one of the most estimable and popular young ladies in Calais.

SACKVILLE. Some of our giddy young folk complain how dull our little town is, but I think they do not properly appreciate their blessings. Last week we had no less than two public entertainments, and we always have three or four prayer meetings, so what more can we want? A large crowd assembled to see and hear Mr. Bryan's talk. He came on behalf of the W. C. T. U., a fact he never seemed to lose sight of for his "talk" was a sort of ode to this society. "This is the man who once was drunk but now is reformed by the W. C. T. U. The talk" was the last heard of by a long talk.

The other entertainment was at Lodge Hall on Friday evening, given by the Eclectic society. It was an enjoyable performance, and reflects great credit on the young ladies of Mount Allison. They gave an exhibition of some of the different occupations for which woman is suited, and all was well done to the soul inspiring strains of Yankee doodle, a symbol I suppose of the harmony, that should pervade a woman's life. I should like the strong minded ladies to bear in mind that a ballot box was not among the exhibits.

Mr. A. A. Davis paid a short visit to Amherst last week. Mrs. Josiah Wood has returned from her visit to St. John. Mr. Wood is out again after his recent indisposition. Mrs. Atkinson and Miss Norris paid a flying visit to Amherst on Monday, the guests of Mr. St. John on Monday. Mr. Charles Fawcett and wife went to St. John on Monday. Mr. Herbert Crosskill is spending a few days at Senator Botsford's on his way to his home in Halifax. Miss Huestis is visiting her sister, Mrs. Johnson Treuman. Mr. Charles Scott, who has been ill for some time, has come to Boston for medical treatment, and will be back on Monday. Mr. Charles Fawcett and wife went to St. John on Monday. Mr. Herbert Crosskill is spending a few days at Senator Botsford's on his way to his home in Halifax. Miss Huestis is visiting her sister, Mrs. Johnson Treuman. Mr. Charles Scott, who has been ill for some time, has come to Boston for medical treatment, and will be back on Monday. Mr. Charles Fawcett and wife went to St. John on Monday. Mr. Herbert Crosskill is spending a few days at Senator Botsford's on his way to his home in Halifax. Miss Huestis is visiting her sister, Mrs. Johnson Treuman.

KINGSTON, KENT CO. Dec. 3.—Mr. J. A. Killam, of Moncton, was in town this week. Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Doherty spent Sunday in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. Smith. An oyster supper, under the patronage of the Methodist church, was held in the Temperance hall last Friday evening. A few of the young people took advantage of the fine moonlight and good sleighing, last Monday evening, and had a driving party out to Mr. A. McNair's Galloway. FICKLES.

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AMHERST, N. S. satisfied, for his visit was for the express purpose of taking a life partner in the person of Miss MacMillan on one time a resident of this town. Mrs. Powell, of Halifax, who has been visiting Mrs. Curry gave a most enjoyable evening party last week. Games, a few dances and music and singing made up an agreeable programme. Mr. and Mrs. James A. Dickey returned from Lockport, Dorchester, yesterday, extended much sympathy to the near relatives and the church of which the deceased was a valued member, for the loss they have sustained. OSCAR. MARYSVILLE. Dec. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Likely spent a few days in St. John this week. Miss Mary Gibson has been suffering from a severe cold, but is now convalescent. Mrs. Colter, Miss Cora Reid and Miss Porter, of Fredericton, spent Sunday in town. Miss Alice Goodspeed has been visiting her friends, the Misses Murray. Mayor Gibson left for New York last Saturday. Miss Gracie Fisher had a large skating party on Monday evening. Those who attended had a jolly time. I hear rumors of a bride being brought to town soon after Christmas. One of the young gentlemen at least is not going to begin the new year "single-handed." The Misses Ramsey entertained a few friends on Thursday evening last. Mr. James Gibson intends opening the rink soon after Christmas. SCRIBBLER.

DORCHESTER. Dec. 4.—Miss Hay is in Amherst, visiting her friend, Mrs. W. D. Douglas. Miss Lowrie, of Amherst, is in town, the guest of her friend, Miss Nellie Palmer. Mr. Fred Bliss, of Fredericton, has been in town since Saturday. All his old friends and many new ones, are pleased to see him here. Mr. R. B. Smith, of Moncton, was in town yesterday. Miss Sarah Godfrey is visiting in Moncton, and is expected home Thursday. Mr. W. A. Bennett, of Sackville, was in town on Saturday. Mr. W. B. of Point de Bute, is in town, visiting Mrs. M. B. Palmer. Mr. William Baskhouse, who has been quite ill, is gradually improving, and his many friends hope to see him out soon. Mr. W. A. Russell, of Shediac, was in town Tuesday. Mr. E. G. Smith and family, of Shediac, were in town on Tuesday. Mrs. Elsie Chandler, widow of the late Governor Chandler, died Tuesday afternoon, at 6 o'clock, after quite a long illness. Mrs. Chandler was in her 88th year, and up to her last illness was a remarkable lady. Her loss to the community is a heavy one, and especially so to the Church of England at this place, to which she has been a mother from its infancy. CHATHAM. Dec. 4.—The Oseola Toboggan and Snow Shoe Club is preparing for the coming season's pastime. The officers chosen for the season are: Geo. E. Fisher, president; D. G. Smith, vice-president; Stany Murray, secretary; treasurer, A. managing committee was also appointed. Messrs. McD. Snowball, Alcorn, J. M. Davidson, W. D. Stikeman, and Robert Blair. Several new members were added to the list. The slide is expected to be ready for Christmas. After a long illness, Mr. A. Marshall died on Friday last. Mr. Marshall was quite an aged gentleman having completed his 80th year. As he was a great invalid for the past two years, his was a happy release from suffering. His funeral on Monday, December 7, was largely attended. Dr. and Mrs. Street are making preparations to leave down for the winter. They will be very much missed. Mr. Lee, formerly of Cansham, but now of Vancouver, is in town. Mr. Robert Marshall and Mr. Whittaker of St. John, were in town this week. The ladies of W. C. T. U. propose opening a coffee room on Duke street, next week. X. Y. Z. Wanted. SUBSCRIPTION AGENTS FOR PROGRESS IN HONOLULU, ST. GEORGE, KINGSTON (KENT), RICHMOND, MARYSVILLE. Liberal commission given. Apply to EDWARD S. CARTER for sample copies and terms. SOCIETY CORRESPONDENTS IN WOODSTOCK, ST. ANDREW AND NEWCASTLE. Society Ladies who have some leisure hours will find it to their advantage to write to "Society Editor" Progress St. John. Albums and Fancy Goods, cheap, at McArthur's, 50 King street.

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