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5,000 Pairs of Boots, Rubbers and Overshoes at Less Than Actual Cost of Raw Materials. It's Worth Ten Car Rides to See Such Bargains.

OVER **$25,000** Worth of

MEN'S Winter Overcoats and Suits, Men's Pants, Boys' Suits and Overcoats, Boys' Pants, Heavy Underwear, Working Coats and Jumpers almost given away at this great sale. Don't fail to be here on the opening day, Wednesday, December 9th, at 9 a. m.

MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING AND SHOES, RUBBERS AND OVERSHOES

Will be Offered at Tremendous Price Reductions. **THE REASON:** Heavy stocks due to backward conditions and unseasonable weather are compelling price reductions of an exceptional nature to take place for Ten Days, commencing **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9th, AT 9 a. m. Store closed all day Tuesday, December 8th to mark down our entire stock. All goods marked in plain sale prices. Sale positively ends Saturday, December 19th at Midnight.** Here's a list that should interest all shrewd buyers:

CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Tremendous Reductions in Suits and Overcoats

Men's Fine Winter Overcoats at $ 4.98.. .. ..Reduced from $ 8.50
Men's Fine Winter Overcoats at 5.98.. .. ..Reduced from 10.00
Men's Fine Winter Overcoats at 6.48.. .. ..Reduced from 11.00
Men's Fine Winter Overcoats at 7.48.. .. ..Reduced from 12.00
Men's Fine Winter Overcoats at 8.48.. .. ..Reduced from 13.00
Men's Fine Winter Overcoats at 9.48.. .. ..Reduced from 14.00
Men's Fine Winter Overcoats at 10.48.. .. ..Reduced from 15.00
Men Fine Winter Overcoats at 11.48.. .. ..Reduced from 16.50
Men's Fine Winter Overcoats at 12.48.. .. ..Reduced from 17.50 and 18.50

ALL NEW GOODS THIS SEASON, AND MADE IN LATEST STYLES FROM SPLENDID QUALITY STANDARD BLACK MELTONS, BEAVERS AND FRIEZES.

Men's Suits. Our Prices Will Save You Big Money

$18.00 and $20 SUITS .. .. ..Now $13.48
$16.00 and $17.00 SUITS .. .. Now $11.48
$14.00 and $15.00 SUITS .. .. ..Now $9.48
$12.00 and $13.00 SUITS .. .. ..Now $8.48
$10.00 and $11.00 SUITS .. .. ..Now $6.48
$8.00 and $9.00 SUITS .. ..Now$4.98
$7.00 and $7.50 SUITS .. ..Now $3.98
BOYS' SUITS at $1.68, $1.98, $2.48, $2.98, $3.48, $3.98. Former prices $2.50 to $6.50. Save the difference.
BOYS' OVERCOATS AND REEFERS at $2.48, $2.98, $3.48. Were $4.00 to $6.59.
BOYS' PANTS, 38c., 48c., 69c., 88c., 98c. Worth from 75c. to $1.50.
MEN'S PANTS, 88c., 98c., $1.18, $1.28, $1.48, $1.88, $2.18, $2.48, $2.98. Were $1.50 to $4.50.

EXTRA SPECIAL—A LOT OF LUMBERMEN'S COATS IN LEATHER, DUCK, and SHEEPSKIN LINED, AWAY BELOW FACTORY PRICES, $1.48 to $4.48.

SHOE AND RUBBER DEPARTMENT

THE FOLLOWING REDUCTIONS ARE FROM OUR ALWAYS LOW PRICES:

INFANT'S BOOTS 23c., 28c., 38c., 48c., WORTH FROM .. .. 50c. to 85c.
CHILDREN'S BOOTS, 78., 88c., 98c., $1.18 WERE FROM .. ..$1.10 to $1.60
GIRL'S BOOTS, 98c., $1.18, $1.28, $1.38, $1.48 WERE FROM .. .. ..$1.25 to $2.00
BOYS' BOOTS 98c., $1.18, $1.38, $1.48, $1.95 WERE WORTH .. .. ..$1.25 to $3.09
WOMEN'S LACED BOOTS, LOW SHOES AND-SLIPPERS, 58c., 68c., 78c., 98c., $1.18, $1.38, $1.48, $1.68, $1.98, $2.48.
REGULAR PRICES, ... .85c. to $3.50
MEN'S BOOTS, LATEST STYLES AND BEST LEATHERS, 98c., $1.18, $1.38, $1.48, $1.78, $1.98, $2.48, $2.98 and $3.38 FORMER PRICES, ...$1.25 to $5.00

RUBBERS AND OVERSHOES

DON'T THINK THAT THESE ARE INFERIOR QUALITIES THEY ARE THE BEST GOODS PROCURABLE:

BOYS' 55c., MEN'S, 68c., and .. ..75c.
CHILDREN'S RUBBERS, 38c. GIRLS, 45c., WOMEN'S, 48c. and ....53c.
OVERSHOES, CHILD'S 2-BUCKLE, $1.28, GIRL'S 2-BUCKLE, $1.38; WOMEN'S 2-BUCKLE, $1.68; MEN'S OVER-SHOES, $1.38 and $1.48.
MEN'S PURE GUM RUBBER BOOTS, $3.48 GUARANTEED THE BEST.
BOYS' AND MEN'S MOCCASINS .. .. 98c. TO $1.48
EXTRA SPECIAL: A LOT OF SAMPLE BOOTS, SHOES AND SLIPPERS AT HALF PRICE.

Men's and Boys' Furnishing Dept.

Seasonable goods at Wonderful Money Saving Prices:

UNDERCLOTHING—Men's Wool Garments 33c., 38c., 48c., 58c., 68c., 88c., 98c. Regular prices 50c. to $1.35.

STANFIELD'S UNSHRINKABLE UNDERWEAR 88c., 98c., $1.08. Sells every place $1.25 to $1.50.

EXTRA SPECIAL—Penman's Fleece Lined Underwear, only 38c. Regular price 60c.

WOOL TOP SHIRTS, 48c., 58c., 68c., 78c., 98c.
BOYS' FLEECE UNDERWEAR 28c. Worth 45c.
WARM GLOVES AND MITTS 28c., 38c., 48c., 68c., 98c.
MEN'S AND BOYS' WINTER CAPS 28c., 38c., 48c., 68c., 88c.
TIES—A Beautiful Range Silk Ties. Regular 25c. Ties, 3 for 25c. Regular 40c. Ties, 2 for 25c.; 50c. Ties, now 2 for 35c.
SUSPENDERS, 12c., 18c., 23c. 28c. Regular 25c. to 50c.
WHITE HANDKERCHIEFS, 8 for 25c. Regular 10c. each.
FANCY SHIRTS, 38c., 48c., 58c., 68c., 78c. Worth from 65c. to $1.25.
HEAVY WOOL AND CASHMERE SOCKS, 18c., 23c., 28c., 38c. Regular prices 35c. to 60c.
COLLARS, all the latest styles, 3 for 25c. Regular 15c. each.

DON'T MISTAKE the Place, Corner Main and Bridge Streets, North End. C. B. PIDGEON.

The prices we offer in the class of merchandise in value-giving, surpass any sale that St. John has ever known. Our regular patrons know that our regular prices are away below our competitors. The above reduced prices are marked down from our always low prices. This means unprecendented bargains for you. **NOTICE**—All street car fares will be paid to purchasers of $3.00 or more. Store open every evening until 9 o'clock; Saturday's until 11 o'clock.

C. B. PIDGEON, Corner Main and Bridge Streets, N. E. Saint John, N. B.

MARK THIS DATE, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9th, at 9 a. m. BARGAINS BEGIN THEN.

FINANCIAL and COMMERCIAL

N. Y. STOCK MARKET.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 7, 1908.

New York Stock Quotations, Chicago Market Report and New York Cotton Market. Furnished by D. C. Clinch, Banker and Broker.

	Saturday Closing	Today Opening	Noon.
Amalg Copper	83¾	83¼	83¼
Anaconda	49⅛	49¼	49⅛
Am Sugar Rfrs		132	132
Am Smelt & Rfg	90½	89⅞	90⅜
Am Car Foundry	46¾	46½	46½
Am Woollen		31	31⅛
Atchison	98¼	98⅛	98⅛
Am Locomotive		55¾	55¾
Brook Rpd Trst	55⅝	55⅝	56⅛
Balt and Ohio	108	108¼	108⅛
Chesa and Ohio	53⅜	53⅛	52¾
Canadian Pacific	176¼	176½	177
Chica and Alton	50	50¾	51
Colo F & Iron	40⅛	41	40⅜
Consolidated Gas	163¾	163¼	165
Gen Electric Co	157½	158	158
Erie	33½	33⅝	34⅜
Erie, First pfd	49¼	40	40
Erie, Second pfd	39¼	40	40
Illinois Central	147½	147	147¾
Kansas & Texas	38	38⅛	38⅛
Great Northern pfd	143⅛	143¾	143½
Missouri Pacific	65¾	65¾	65¾
Nor and Western	84	83¾	83¾
N Y Central	117¾	117⅛	117⅜
North West		173⅜	173¼
Ont and Western	45½	46¼	46⅛
Pacific Mail	38¾	38½	38⅝
Reading	140	140	140¾
Pensylvania	129¼	129⅜	129¾
Rock Island	23⅞	24⅛	24
St Paul	150¼	150	150¼
Southern Ry	25¼	25	25
Southern Pacific	117¼	117⅝	117⅞
Northern Pacific	142	142¼	142¼
National Lead	82½	81¾	82⅛
Tenn C and Iron	34⅞	34⅜	34¾
Union Pacific	180⅛	180⅛	181⅛
U S Steel	54½	54¼	55
U S Steel pfd	112½	112¾	112⅝
Wabash	17⅛	17⅛	17⅛
Wabash pfd	42½	42½	45
Western Union	70	70½	70½

Total sales in New York Saturday 705,100 shares.

CHICAGO MARKET REPORT.

Dec. corn	61⅝	61	61¼
Dec. wheat	105½	105¼	105⅝
May corn	63	62⅞	62⅞
May wheat	110⅝	110⅝	110⅝
May pork	16.32	16.27	16.15
July corn	62⅞	62⅝	62⅝
July wheat	103⅝	103⅝	103¾

MONTREAL QUOTATIONS.

Dom. Coal	58	56	56
Dom I and Steel	21	21	21
Dom I and S pfd	73⅝	73½	73⅞
Twin City	93½b	94	94
Montreal Power	108	108	108¼
Detroit United	55⅛	55	55¼
Mackay Co	75½	75½	75½

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

December cotton	9.15	9.14	9.12
January cotton	8.78	8.77	8.72
March cotton	8.80	8.80	8.76
May cotton	8.84	8.82	8.81

(Furnished by D. C. Clinch, banker and broker.)

December 7.

N. Y. Finl.—Crosscurrents and irregularity may be expected in the market today. We expect the specialty bidding up. We also anticipate driving at certain stocks by professionals. Our reports still indicate the market as a whole to be meeting offerings on the bulging. We would not follow up movements closely. In buying, purchases should be made only during weak spots with stop order protion. We would be careful in accepting bull tips with the same freedom as heretofore. An attitude of caution for daily operators is especially desirable, with possibly mixed positions and discrimination. The general active list is still in the trading area, as a whole still meeting support against raiding, just as finding offerings on rallies with special diversion. Rallies would probably follow weakness today. Professionals will be found selling on all rallies according to our latest reports, particularly industrials. Congress meets today. Little will be done. Tomorrow the president's message will be read. It is said to contain nothing alarming to the street. Tariff agitation is becoming more prominent and the bear element will doubtless make it a point to fag the outcome as regards industrials especially. The government wheat crop is scheduled for today. Money conditions are still easy, notwithstanding gold exports and the lower bank surplus, and it does not seem likely that money can be twisted into a bear point now. Press comment and market literature are divided, but with an undertone of optimism. Conservatism is desirable meanwhile.

DETAILED STOCK GOSSIP.

Great Northern should be bought on this reaction for a turn. The tendency of A. R. is now toward lower levels, support having been refused at the former level. If the 54 Steel support and that in ACP. reported near 82, shall be removed, lower prices should be expected by professionals. Otherwise rallies should follow. The president's attack on the ANC. is being taken to heart by the copper and smelting companies and may cause some further selling.

Liverpool—Cable due 5 1-2 higher on Dec., 2 1-2 higher on Jan and 3 1-2 higher on balance. At 12,15 p. m.—Market steady; Dec. and Jan. 5 1-2 higher; later months 2 1-2 to 3 1-2 points higher; fair demand for spot cotton, 4 points higher. mid. ups 4.92. Sales 10,000; spec, and export 500; Amn. 9,000.

London, 2 p. m.—Anc. 49 1-4; ACP. 83 3-4; Atch. 98 1-8; B. O. 107 5-8; C. O. 52 7-8; G. W. 11 14; C. P. R. 176 18; D. 35 12; Erie 33 1-2; EF. 48 3-8; EZ. 39 1-8; Ills, 147; K. T. 38 3-8; L. N. 121 3-4; N. 84; N. P. 142 1-8; Cen. 117 1-8; O. W. 45 1-4; Pa. 129 1-4; Rg. 140 1-4; R. I. 23 7-8; S. R. 25 3-8; S. P. 117 3-8; St. 150; U. P. 180 1-4; U. S. 54 5-8; UX. 112 3-8; WZ. 42 3-8.

Liverpool—Wheat opened steady 3-8 up. Corn quiet, unchanged. 1.30 p. m.—Wheat 1-2 to 5-8 off from opening. Corn 3-8 off.

SUMMARY

Americans in London heavy 1-8 to 3-8 below parity.

United States Steel and Harriman stocks the firm exceptions.

London settlement begins on Wednesday and business there is now mostly evening up before the account.

Standard Oil hearing resumes today.

Wisconsin Central directors meet today.

At October rate of increase New York Central earnings for the year will be sufficient to meet 5 per cent dividends.

Central business reports indicate that December earnings will not equal those of November.

Continued decline in bar silver causing serious concern in mining and smelting circles.

Copper producers still believe that electrical work in sight will take care of the out-put of the metal for some time to come.

Total dividend and interest disbursements for 1908 will exceed $1,250,000.

Bids for Panama bonds were opened on Saturday.

Anthracite mines beginning to move in matter of new agreement in April 1909.

Public Service Commission gives cost of making gas in New York, after allowing for depreciation of plant 68.32 cents per 1000 feet.

Westinghouse Electric receivers discharged. Large increase in loans the feature in bank statement.

Nineteen roads for 4th week, show average gross decrease .77 per cent.

Twelve Industrials declined .58 per cent.

Twenty active rails declined .50 per cent.

New York—Irregularity promises to continue in the market for some time, but it looks like a dangerous market to me and I would be very careful in operating. I have never seen a market as irregular and feverish as this was after a long rise with as many "cats and dogs" occupying the centre of the stage that was not near quite a considerable break.

EVANS.

STIRLING EXCHANGE RATE

Cables, 486.70 asked 80; demand, 486.45 asked 55; 60 days, 484.40.

MARINE NEWS

British schoner McClure, Captain Winslow, left Jacksonville last wek for Amherst, with a cargo of pitch pine for Rhodes Curry & Co.

Battle line steamer Pandosia, Captain Starrett, arrived at Cardiff last Wednesday from Nordenhamn, for Savannah.

The New York Shipping Illustrated has an interesting illustrated article in its last issue entitled "Kedge anchor for a jury rudder." It tells of the ingenuity of Captain W. J. Publicover, of the Nova Scotia schr Aberdeen, before related. The statement making the jury rudder and its operation, by which some $4,000 and $5,000 were saved to the underwriters is one of the most interesting of such records. The contrivance was manufactured by the master (Captain Wilson J. Publicover) almost entirely himself, for the same gale which carried away the vessel's rudder caused her to leak so that the crew were kept constantly on the pumps. He got a kedge anchor weighing 350 to 400 pounds and bolted timbers around it as is shown in the photograph, the whole thing, when finished, weighing about 800 pounds. This occupied two days. Fortunately the schooner had a donkey engine, so that he was able by means of it to hoist the improvised rudder over the stern and guide it to its position. In doing this just about as many lines were required in just about the same fashion as were used to unship it in dry dock, as is shown in the engraving published. Captain Publicover hit the spot with his gear the very first time and the ned rudder was found to work like a charm. The only trouble was that at first it had to be operated by a tackle on each side with three men "steering pulley-haul," as Rudyard Kipling puts it. Captain Publicover's ingenuity was, however, equal to the solution of this problem as well, and in two days more he had the gear rigged to the wheel so that one man could steer the vessel as well as before the accident, says the Illustrated.

DANGERS TO NAVIGATION.

Boston, Dec 4—Schr Rebecca Palmer, Campbell, from Baltimore, reports passed a sunken vessel with mastheads painted green, 8 miles E by S of Pollock Rip, topmasts out of water, presumably a fisherman sunk in collision; serious menace to navigation.

The Curse of Christiandom, will be the subject of Brigadier Roberts' address in Carleton Salvation Army Hall, this evening.

THE SHIPPING WORLD

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

December 1908.	Sun Rises.	Sun Sets.	Tide High.	Tide Low.
7 Mon	7.56	4.36	11.01	5.27
8 Tues	7.57	4.36	11.47	6.12
9 Wed	7.58	4.37	0.20	6.55
10 Thurs	7.59	4.37	1.03	7.36
11 Fri	8.00	4.37	1.45	8.16
12 Sat	8.01	4.37	2.27	8.58

The time used is Atlantic Standard.

VESSELS BOUND TO ST. JOHN.

STEAMERS.

Corsican, sld Liverpool, Dec 4.
Kastalia, sld Glasgow, Nov 21.
Kanawha, sld London, Nov 20.
Lake Michigan, sld London, Dec 2.
Manchester Mariner, sld Manchester, Nov 26.
Monmouth, sld Bristol, Nov 28.
Montezuma, sld Antwerp, Nov 28.
Parthenia, sld Glasgow, Nov 5.
Tabasco, sld London, Dec 1.
Sardinian, sld Liverpool, Nov 28.
Sobo, sld Bermuda, Dec 4.
Yola, at Halifax, Dec 1.

SHIP.

Merioneth, sld Genoa, Aug 20.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

ARRIVED TODAY.

Schr. Exilda, 349, Tower, from Eatonville, N S, with piling, for New York. In for harbor.

Coastwise:—Stmr Aurora, 182, Ingersoll, Campobello; Mikado, 48, Lewis, Apple River; Harbinger, 46, Rockwell, Hillsboro; schs Selina, 59, Neves, Aple River; G H Perry, 99, McDonough, St Martins; Dreadnaught, 18, Baison, Grand Harbor; Lady Aberdeen, 17, Brown, Grand Harbor; Pandora, 98, Carter, Harvey; Stanley L, 19, Lewis, Point Wolfe; E Mayfield, 74, Merrian, Parrsboro; tug Springhill, 96, Cook, Parrsboro, with barges No. 7 and 2.

ARRIVED SUNDAY.

Stmr Grampian, 6,121, Gambell, from Liverpool via Halifax, Wm. Thomson & Co, pass and mdse.

Stmr Coban, 869, McPhail, from Louisburg (C B), R P & W F Starr, coal.

CLEARED TODAY.

Stmr Coban, 689, McPhail, for Louisburg, C B.

Coastwise—Stmr Mikado, 48, Lewis, Alma; tug Springhill, 96, Cook, Yarmouth, with barge No. 2; stmr Harbinger, Rockwell, River Herbert; stmr Brunswick, Potter, Canning.

SAILED SATURDAY.

Stmr Lake Erie, 4,856, Carey, for Liverpool, C P R, pass and mdse.

Stmr Victorian, Pickering, for Liverpool via Halifax, pass and mdse.

SAILED SUNDAY.

Stmr Montfort, 4,126, Evans, for London, C P R Co.

Stmr Manchester Importer, 2,538, Haworth, for Manchester.

Stmr Alexander Kamburoff (Rus), 1,631, Neipken, for Brow Head for orders.

DOMINION PORTS.

Shelburne, Dec 4—Ard, schrs Tattler, Geel, Gloucester; Smuggler, Lyons, do.

Cld., schrs Tattler, Geel, Bay of Islands; Smuggler, Lyons, do.

Liverpool, Dec. 4.—Ard, schr Veda McKowan, Ross, Gloucester.

Cld., schr Veda McKowan, Ross, Bay of Islands.

Louisburg, Dec. 4—Ard, 3, stmrs Cabot, Kemp, from Charlottetown; 4, Tanke, Hausen, from Yarmouth; schr Edith, McDonald, from Gabarus.

Cleared, 3, stmrs Kemp, for Halifax; 4, stmr Tanke, for Halifax; schr Monhota, Swift, for LaHave; stmr Douglas H. Thomas, Cann., for Gaspe.

Halifax, Dec 6—Ard, stmr Rosalind, from New York, and sld for St John's (Nfld); schrs Effie M Pryor, from Banks; Lucinda J Lowell, from Banks; British cruizer Brilliant, from St John's (Nfld); stmr Victorian, from St John, and sld for Liverpool; stmr Canada, from Liverpool, and sld for Portland.

Cld 5th—Schr Lizzie E, Dennison, for New York.

Sld 5th—Stmr Grampian, for St John; 6th, stmr Ocamo, for Bermuda, West Indies and Demerara.

BRITISH PORTS.

Cardiff, Dec. 2—Ard, stmr Pandosia, Starret, from Nordenhamn for Savannah.

Cape Town, Dec. 4—Arrived, previously, stmr Melville (Br), Jones, Montreal, via Sydney, C B.

Manchester, Dec. 3—Sld, stmr Manchester Exchange (Br), Fisher, Philadelphia.

Liverpool, Dec 6—Ard, stmrs Baltic, from New York; Montcalm, from Montreal; Tunisian, from St John.

Southampton, Dec 6—Ard, stmr St Paul, from New York.

Queenstown, Dec 6—Sld, stmr Lusitania, for New York.

Glasgow, Dec 5—Sld, stmr Parthenia, Stitt, for St John.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Jacksonville, Dec. 4—Cld, schr McClure, Winslow, Amherst, N. S.

Mobile, Dec. 4—Ard, schr Damarland, Bowers, from Belize.

Port Eado, La., Dec. 4—Sld, bark Freeman, Vau Name, Mobile.

Rotterdam, Dec. 3—Sld, ship Irmgard (Nor) Olsen, Gulfport.

Seville, Nov. 29—Ard, bark Rendova, Williamson, New York (not previously).

St. Michaels, Dec. 4—Ard, stmr Republic, Sealby, New York, for Naples and Genoa.

Bahia, Oct. 30—Sld, bark Zippors (Nor), Nielsen, Mobile.

Buenos Ayres, Nov. 4—Ard, bark Oban Bay (Ital), Schiaffino, Yarmouth, N S.

Sld, Nov. 23, stmr Buxton, for Barbados.

Oporto, Nov. 20—Sld, schr Checkers, Ramsey, St Johns N'fld.

Pernambuco, Nov. 1—Ard, bark Lake Simcoe, Tizzard, St Johns Nfld.

Sld, Oct. 24, schr Golden Hind, Herald, St. Johns, Nfld.

Boston, Dec 5—Ard, stmrs Catalone, from Louisburg (C B); Lady Sabyl, from Halifax; schr Neva, from Bear River (N S).

Vineyard Haven, Dec 5—Ard, schr St Bernard, from Clinton Point for St John.

Sld—Schr M D S, from Port Greville (N S) for Bridgeport.

Delaware Breakwater, Dec 5—Passed up, stmr Siberian, from Glasgow via Liverpool, St John's (Nfld), and Halifax for Philadelphia.

SPOKEN.

Bark Senior (Nor), Mallo, from Campbellton for Buenos Ayres, Nov 19, lat 5, lon 24.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Boston, Dec 3—Notice is given that the submarine bell off Pollock Rip light vessel No 47, reported disabled Nov 16, was repaired Nov 17.

REPORTS AND DISASTERS.

Montreal, Dec. 4—Sir Bornu, which went aground off Gaspe yesterday, was floated today uninjured and proceeded for Havana.

North Sydney, C. B., Dec 4—Stmr Glencoe, (Br), from Port au Basque, Nfld, reports a large amount of wreckage, including steamer's cabin, and furniture and 60 life preservers bearing name "Soo City" have been found near Cape Ray, Nfld. (Stmr. Soo City, Capt. Dillon, left Michigan City, Ind., Nov. 1 for New York. She carried no passengers.

Portland, Dec 3—Schr Winnie Lawry, St John for New York, with lumber, put into Rockland several days ago in distress, having struck a boulder while coming through Deer Island Thoroughfare. She is now on railway receiving new forward keel and shoe and other minor repairs.

Quebec, Dec 2—Stmr Lord Strathcona (Br) returned here from Port des Monts yesterday and reports bark Signi (Nor) ashore there, full of water and a total wreck.

CHARTERS.

British schooner James Williams, 440 tons, from Mobile to Demerara, lumber, $7.

AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM THE UNITED STATES CAPITAL

(From our Regular Correspondent).

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3,1908.

No man up a tree in Washington, who has for thirty years or more watched and studied the evelution of the executive branch of the government, can be a pessimistic with reference to the progress of his country and its ability to wrest itself from abuses. Thirty years ago the Government offices were filled, without regard to fitness, by the friends and favorites of people high in office, whether in the White House or the Cabinet; in the army or the navy; or in Congress. There has been a remarkable change with reference to this condition, and as a result, the clerical and working force of the Government is improved and much more effective. There was long agitation before a Civil Service law was passed, and even after its passage and its partial trial, there were continuous attacks on the system by the beneficiaries of the old plan and of the old idea expressed in the words "To th victors belong the spoils." The people who are now in office are mostly those who have secured their places by a competitive examination and have actually some fitness for the work. It is so, not only in the bureaus in this city, where nearly twenty-five thousand people are employed, but it is so in the postal service and in the consulates of the United States, scattered throughout the world. A few of the old hold-overs remain, but time is decimating their ranks and it will not be long before the departments will be equipped with people who were never appointed, merely because Senator So-and-so, or Cabinet Minister So-and-so desired to reward them for kin ship or service.

No one has done as much to improve the service as the present occupent of the White House, and members of Congress were this week surprised and shocked—if anything coming from the White House can have this effect upon them—to learn that the President has, by a stroke of his pen, robbed them of the last vestige of patronage that they possessed, in placing more than fifteen thousand federal employees, viz., fourth-class postmasters, under civil service protection. Hitherto, these postmasters have been the playthings of politicians or the henchmen of Congressmen. Now they cannot be removed from office when a new member of Congress is elected, but can be removed only for the good of the service, after charges have been filed and proved, and after the accused has been given a hearing.

The joint "declaration" made by the Japanese and the United States governments, which has just been published, or the "treaty" as some call it, is a subject of very interested discussion here in Washington, as it is doubtless in every corner of the world where international affairs are a subject of discussion. From an English and a European standpoint, the agreement is looked upon as a treaty of most far-reaching and salutary possibility. The Japanese ambassador, in speaking of the declaration says that it does nothing more than reaffirm what was declared by the two governments long ago as a definition of their understanding, but that the exchange of the notes between governments of such great moral standing as those of the United States and Japan will have a great importance in the carrying out of their common policie. The ambassador says that in this respect the declaration is something like a transaction between trusted friends and it is believed that the people of each country will have the same confidence as their own governments in respect to the declaration of the other and in doing so there will be everything to gain and nothing to lose and friendly intercourse and commercial relations will be fully developed.

It is all very well to make peace pacts and declarations, but Old Hickory's advice "Trust in God but keep your powder dry" is the policy which will probably be followed by both countries. A reorganization in the direction of force and efficiency is projected for the navy by the president, and enthusiastically sustained by the younger officers of the navy. Mr. Root, when he was secretary of war, effected after a great struggle with congress and the old fogies of the army, a military re-organization which has proven itself already most helpful in the increased efficiency and mobility of the new service. One has only to compare the clumsy and dilatory mobilization of the army ten years ago, at the beginning of the war with Spain, and the more recent quick expedition of a perfectly organized and equipped army to Cuba, to be convinced of the effectiveness of the new military regime. Now it is determined to effect a like reorganization in the navy and it is said that the president has appealed in this instance to Secretary Root for help and counsel in effecting the change.

Our navy has in a few years grown steadily from fourth or fifth rank in the navies of the world to the second rank, and is inferior to that of Great Britain alone. In target practice, our naval gunners are perhaps the best in the world, but there is not in the navy an organization or a board similar to that in the army to campaigns and to keep the establishment in a state of perpetual efficiency and readiness to strike.

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