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Over 300 Lace Waists

Worth four and five dollars each to be sold all at one price **\$2.50**

This is positively one of the greatest waist buying chances of the year. We have never offered such phenomenal values before. Not one waist in the lot worth less than \$3.98, and the majority are worth much more.

LADIES' FANCY NET AND LACE WAISTS, in Black and Ecru, made in several very attractive styles. Some have the embroidered net front with pin tucks, three quarter set in sleeves, trimmed with tucks and finished with fancy cuffs. Others are made with heavy lace medallions and insets. Sizes 32 to 44.

ONLY \$2.50 EACH.

DOWLING BROTHERS
95 and 101 King Street

A Customer's Reasonable Wish Is This Store's Pleasure.

DYKEMAN'S HAMBURG EMBROIDERIES

Direct from the makers in Switzerland to us to be sold at wholesalers' prices. The saving means a big item in buying Hamburgs for your spring making up. These come in all widths, ranging from one inch up to 40 inches, the latter width being for skirts.

We are making a special showing of a large variety of 5, 7, 10, 12 and 15 cents.

A lot of regular 50 cent Forest Cover Embroideries, very fine work, are being shown at 35 and 38 cents.

Flouncings for Children's Dresses, at 45, 55 and 65 cents a yard.

Special sale of White Longcloth, to go with these Hamburgs, 36 inches wide, English make, 10 cents a yard.

F.A. DYKEMAN & CO.
55 Charlotte street

All Furs Reduced 25 per cent. This Month

Before The Best Have Gone

Make it a point to call and satisfy yourself that we are offering GENUINE BARGAINS IN NEW AND ATTRACTIVE FURS, which include an exceptionally nice line of MINK MUFFS, STOLERS, TROWERS and NECK PIECES, priced regularly at \$25, \$35, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$125 and \$150 from which you can have a 25 PER CENT DISCOUNT THIS MONTH.

BUY NOW And Save The Difference

J. L. THORNE & CO.
HATTERS and FURRIERS 55 CHARLOTTE STREET

KEEP WARM AND COMFORTABLE

This winter weather. It's easy—just a question of getting the right undergarments.

Fleece Lined Shirts and Drawers, per garment 50 cts.
Wool Shirts and Drawers, . . . per garment 50 cts., 75 cts. \$1.00
Stanfield's Shirts and Drawers, per garment \$1.00, \$1.45, \$1.75
Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers, per garment \$1, \$1.25, \$1.55

S. W. McMACKIN, 335 MAIN ST.

You and Your Wife Are Both Invited Here To See Our \$3.00 Shoes

Perhaps you'll be surprised to see the shoes we are selling at \$3.00. We believe you will. Our great \$3.00 Shoe is our Regent Shoe—it's our leader. It's made in a Ladies' Shoe and Gentlemen's Shoe, and if there is a better shoe on earth sold for \$3.00, tell us about it and we will throw this shoe out and sell the better one, but until we do find it we'll stick to the Regent Shoe. The winter styles are here, made from the best stocks and on the new lasts. All sizes and widths, and on the foot you can't tell our \$3.00 Shoes from a \$5.00 pair.

D. MONAHAN, 32 CHARLOTTE ST.
The Home of Good Shoes
Repairing New Shoes From Old Ones. Phone 1802-11

BLOCKADE ON THE I.C.R. IS RAISED

People Held up at Little Meta Home After Long Delay—The Situation Today

The blockade on the I. C. R. near St. Placide, which has tied up traffic eastward since Tuesday last, and caused the westward traffic to be transferred to the C. E. R. R. was raised last night when the block cutting at Little Meta, where huge drifts had rendered passage impossible, was cleared. The first train over the I. C. R. from Montreal for three days, passed the city this morning about half past ten o'clock. Some St. John men and others in this section were among the passengers detained by the blockade, and included in the list of passengers delayed were: Hon. A. D. Richard, of Dorchester; John R. Power, of the customs service; Halifax, and James Robinson, of Miramichi.

The cutting drifted full of snow last Tuesday. The weather continued very cold each day, and early in the morning, at twenty or thirty below zero, the men engaged in trying to effect a clearing, hooded of work because of the suffering caused by the cutting. The cutting was cleared by the men who had their faces frozen.

The train was held up for some time from both ends and meanwhile train-attendants from Montreal were stalled, while the traffic to the west was transferred to the C. E. R. R. via St. John. As the east-bound trains arrived, pullmans were detached and kept at the station for the accommodation of the passengers. Meals were provided at the hotel until the dining car was stocked, and the passengers were well looked after by the railroad. The cars were well heated and there were no complaints from the train. The gas supply was exhausted last night, however, and all pullmans except that for St. John, were in darkness.

There had been quite a number of people detained at the cutting, because the traffic had been piling for more than forty-eight hours. As it was seen that the clearance was about to be effected, sufficient pullmans to accommodate those who had been stranded, and last night on the cutting being opened a special train left for Montreal, driving there at six o'clock this morning. On reaching the city, passengers for Nova Scotia were taken through to Halifax on a special, and Nova Scotia passengers were brought on the St. John special.

While all agreed that those detained were looked after by the railway, it was the opinion that there need not have been such a detention, as there was no great lack of snow, the difficulty being caused by the wind drifting it into the cutting. There was formerly a snow shed there, but some time ago it was done away with, and the wind blowing in the cutting, and the snow piled up in the upper parts of the province, and the snow piled up in the upper parts of the province, and the snow piled up in the upper parts of the province.

A LOT OF NEW THINGS UNDERWAY IN Y.M.C.A. WORK

Competitions in Athletics, Basketball League and Billiard Tournament Are Included

During the last few days there has been much activity in all departments of the Y. M. C. A., particularly in the physical work. Physical Director Bandlow has been organizing his classes, and has everything in first class shape now. In the intermediate class five teams of ten men each have been formed, and these will enter into group contests from time to time. The captains of the teams are Messrs. Robinson, Peacock, Wetmore, Harding and McCoy.

They have also organized a basketball league, the first game of which will be played next Tuesday. Two games will be played every Tuesday night. The schedule is as follows: Jan. 15—Peacock vs. Wetmore; Robinson vs. McCoy; Jan. 22—Harding vs. Robinson; McCoy vs. Wetmore; Jan. 29—McCoy vs. Peacock; Harding vs. Wetmore; Feb. 5—Peacock vs. Robinson; Harding vs. McCoy; Feb. 12—Wetmore vs. Robinson; Harding vs. Peacock.

Captain Robinson's team is composed of Messrs. Wason, Roberts, Hamble, Millon, Nichols, Baillie, Denham, Crabbe, Akeley and Stralich.

Captain Peacock's team are Edwards, Fish, Holmes, Young, Boymer, McQuarrie, Morton, Conman, McKell, Tucker.

Captain Wetmore's followers are C. Robb, Miles, Terry, H. Morton, Rubin, Jones, Hunt, Beville, Waters and Hoyt.

Captain Harding's men are Thompson, McIntyre, Dunlop, Campbell, Holding, Wright, Gandy, Henderson, Baillie and Wilson.

James McCoy has Monroe, Rankin, Morris, Gibbons, Wilkes, Stephenson, Howling, Robb and Thorne. Competitions will be held in all kinds of games throughout the season.

Among the seniors there has also been activity. It has been decided to hold their second indoor meet on Jan. 24. The events will include a twenty yards dash, running high jump, rope climb, 100 rope skip, standing broad jump, and shot put. The competition will be open to all members of the senior class.

Next week the senior bowling league will start and it is expected that four or five teams will enter.

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STORE OPEN TONIGHT TILL ELEVEN O'CLOCK.

Our Special Sale is Going With a Swing

READ OUR PRICES ON MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS

MEN'S SUITS		MEN'S OVERCOATS	
In Fancy Tweeds and Worsteds		With Regular or Convertible Collars.	
\$6.00 SUITS,	now \$4.95	\$8.75 OVERCOATS,	now \$7.45
7.50 SUITS,	now 6.45	10.00 OVERCOATS,	now 8.35
8.75 SUITS,	now 7.45	12.00 OVERCOATS,	now 9.85
10.00 SUITS,	now 8.35	13.50 OVERCOATS,	now 11.45
12.00 SUITS,	now 9.85	15.00 OVERCOATS,	now 12.75
13.50 SUITS,	now 11.45	16.50 OVERCOATS,	now 13.75
15.00 SUITS,	now 12.75	18.00 OVERCOATS,	now 15.25
16.50 SUITS,	now 13.75	20.00 OVERCOATS,	now 16.45
18.00 SUITS,	now 15.25		
20.00 SUITS,	now 16.45		

Your money will do wonders at this sale.

H. N. DeMILLE & CO.
199 to 201 Union Street Opera House Block

HOW ARE THESE PRICES FOR THIS WEATHER

Just when you need Overshoes most we are going to sell them to you at prices you never heard of for First Quality Goods. Get a pair and have warm feet.

Men's 4 Buckle Jersey Overshoes	\$2.45
Women's One Buckle and Two Straps Jersey Overshoes	1.97
Women's High Cut Buttoned Jersey Overshoes	1.81
Women's Buttoned Cloth Overshoes	1.67
Men's One Buckle Jersey Overshoes	1.65
Child's 2 Buckle Jersey Overshoes	1.25

E. G. McCOLOUGH, LIMITED
THE SLATER SHOE SHOP 81 KING STREET

THE BIG NEWS HAS CAUGHT THE TOWN
(AND OUTSIDE PLACES, TOO)

Scores of knowing people in Saint John and from nearby places have hastened to our store for a "first choice" of the bargains to be had in our mid-winter sale which started yesterday.

Today—Saturday—we expect to do one of the greatest days' business we have ever done, and all next week while the sale lasts we expect to surpass all previous sales records—the interest at the opening promises that. And the values! The greatest ever offered in the clothing business in St. John. Note comparisons, and prove this statement to your own satisfaction. Prices in themselves mean nothing—any store can advertise worth so much and reduce to so and so, but—it's what you get for what you pay that counts.

Come every day while the sale lasts and get your share of the truly remarkable values.

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KING STREET COR. GERMAIN GREATER OAK HALL
SCOVIL BROS. LIMITED, St. John, N. B.

A Cold Weather Special

Price on Lot of Grey Shaker Blankets, 10 X 4 Size
\$1.20 the Regular Price; at 98 Cts. a Pair—While They Last.

Only 50 Pairs to Sell.

FRASER FRASER & CO.
27 and 29 Charlotte Street. Robert Strain, Manager

FUR BARGAINS

Here are prices on SQUIRREL, BLACK PONY AND PERSIAN LAMB, which ought to interest those wishing bargains.

TIES		MUFFS	
Persian Lamb \$ 7.00	now \$ 4.85	Pony \$ 5.00	now
Persian Lamb 15.00	now 12.00	Squirrel 9.00	now
Persian Lamb 20.00	now 16.00	Squirrel 8.00	now
Pony 6.50	now 3.25	Squirrel 6.50	now
Persian Lamb \$15.00	now \$11.50	Squirrel \$12.00	now
Persian Lamb 7.50	now 5.50	Squirrel 10.00	now
Pony 12.00	now 8.00		

D. MAGEE'S SONS, Ltd. Manufacturing Furriers 63 King

LOCAL ADVERTISING

Hereafter the following charges will be made for reading notices inserted in The Times:

Church notices, Sunday services, five cents per line of six words.

Church concerts, church festivals, lodge concerts and notices, and all other notices of meetings ten cents per line of six words. Back page, extra charge.

Following the practice of other Canadian publishers this paper is abolishing free reading notices.

LOCAL NEWS

POTATO SHIPPERS
W. G. Jones, and H. E. Silver, of Halifax, are at the Royal. These gentlemen are large exporters of potatoes to the Cuban market, and make large shipments from St. John.

NEW BRANCH BANK
The Union Bank of Canada has opened a branch in the Dalhousie building, 117 Main street, Fairville. J. T. Hopwood is manager.

LUMBER PURCHASE
J. L. Black & Sons, Ltd., of Sackville, have purchased from Arthur A. Hink his lumber properties at Coochville. It is reported that the transfer covers 1,000 acres of land, together with steam mill and mill property and standing lumber on several small lots.

EVERY DAY CLUB
The Rev. Mr. Smart will speak at the Every Day Club tomorrow evening at half past eight. A quartette from Brussels street church will sing, Mr. L. Harrison will play a violin solo, and Mrs. E. B. Cogan and Miss Olive Boyes will sing a duet.

LECTURE FOR PUPILS
W. L. McIntosh read one of Dr. Boker's lectures on Lake Erie and Ontario before a large number of school pupils in the Natural History Society's lecture room yesterday afternoon. It was one of the regular McGill lectures, was profusely illustrated, and was very much enjoyed. Lectures will be given every Friday afternoon to pupils of grade eight and the higher grades.

STEAMSHIP NOTES
The S. S. Manchester Commerce will sail tomorrow morning. She was to have left this afternoon but has been delayed waiting for cargo.

The S. S. Lunenburg Head will not be able to leave port until the first of the week. She also is waiting for cargo.

The mail steamer "Hesperus" is due to arrive at Halifax tonight. She will come around to this port tomorrow.

The Montreal, which is now loading at Sand Point, will sail on Wednesday next.

THE FORESTERS GET NEW HALL IN COBURG STREET

The Independent Order of Foresters have secured a new hall in this city. They have leased a floor in the building owned by A. L. King at 12 Coburg street, and K. Neil Brodie is drawing plans for alterations which will give the Foresters a fine hall, a little narrower, but higher than their former home in Charlotte street or their present quarters in Union street. The hall will be fitted up at once.

WINTER PORT STEAMERS ON THE WAY TO ST. JOHN

Manchester Importer, Manchester, Dec. 18.
Manchester Miller, Manchester, Dec. 23.
Morana, Glasgow, Dec. 30.
Kathwala, London, Jan. 3.
Hesperian, Liverpool, Jan. 5.
Manchester Trader, Manchester, Jan. 6.
Kaduna, South Wales, Jan. 6.
Monmouth, Avonmouth, Jan. 6.
Bray Head, Cardiff, Jan. 7.
Montfort, Antwerp, Jan. 7.
Rappahannock, London, Jan. 8.
Cromarty, Barbados, Jan. 11.
Tunisian, Liverpool, Jan. 12.

POLICE COURT.
Three prisoners, charged with drunkenness, were arraigned in the police court this morning. All three were remanded. One of them, Jeremiah Daley, was allowed out of jail only yesterday afternoon, on condition that he take the pledge and lead a better life. He was only at liberty a few hours when he was re-arrested.

ROUGHEST FOR FORTY YEARS
Dugby Courser: Among the passengers from St. John Wednesday via S. S. Yarmouth were Captain and Mrs. Collins and their family, en route to their home in Westport from Wilson's Beach, N. B., where the captain has sold his schooner Susan C. to Charles and Sewall Newman. Captain Fine told a Courier, representative that the "Bag of Judy" was the roughest on Wednesday that he had seen it for forty years.