

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

SANTA CLAUS AT THE IMPERIAL

Will Talk With the Children Tomorrow and Saturday—The Free Prize Contest

Santa Claus has been delayed in reaching Imperial Theatre for the last few days but will surely be on hand Friday and Saturday afternoons to take all the letters the boys and girls want to give to him and also to tell them all about the guessing contest that is now going on for the splendid toys exposed going on for the window in front of the theatre.

OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT; FAREWELL OF PRESENT TROUPE; THE NEW ONES

Some excellent singing, classical dancing, acrobatic comedians, swiftly moving comedy skit, everything that goes to make up a real good entertainment—is in the Opera House vaudeville programme for the current week. Tonight is the last chance to see it. Every patron this week has been delighted.

GEM FEATURE PICTURE MAKES DEEP IMPRESSION

At the Gem Theatre last night the William Fox play "Her One Mistake" with Gladys Brockwell as the star, deeply impressed all. Miss Brockwell has become a great screen personality in this new drama she has outdone herself. The play deals with a crook who lures a young girl into a compromising situation and later is betrayed by a girl.

GERMAN SCHEMES TO WIN BACK TRADE

Montreal, Dec. 19.—Further information as to German proposals for extension of trade after peace was received by the Montreal board of trade yesterday. It appears that the Germans have been plotting to use Denmark as an intermediary for the dissemination of goods, with provision that in case of necessity such goods should be shipped out as Danish, to avoid the stigma of "made in Germany."

CONDENSED NEWS

Liberals of Alberta are to meet in convention in Calgary on January 10 and 11. Two thousand employees of the Coughlin Shipyards in British Columbia have struck because of the alleged refusal of the firm to reinstate a blacksmith, a returned soldier.

ANTI-GERMAN LEADER IN CHARGE AT ODESSA

Odesa, Dec. 19.—(By the Associated Press)—Troops under command of the anti-German Ukrainian leader Petlura today are occupying Odesa.

One reason corn has become popular is POST TOASTIES

LOCAL NEWS

LADY FRIENDS APPRECIATE Dainty articles of wearing apparel. We have a select line of novelty neckwear, including new style panel collar, collar and cuff sets, also camisoles, bouclé caps, brassieres, etc.

NOTICE All returned men wishing to vote will kindly register their names at city hall on or before the 23rd. F. A. Campbell, chairman recall committee.

K. OF C. NOTICE A meeting of the wives and lady friends of the Knights of Columbus will be held in the K. of C. rooms, Coburg street, Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

Steel's Shoe Store, 821 Main street, open every evening until ten o'clock for the benefit of Christmas shoppers.

FOR HIM. Ties in fancy box. Handkerchiefs in fancy box. Gloves in fancy box. Shirts in fancy box. Mufflers in fancy box.

FOR HIM. Sweaters, underwear, pants, caps, 1/2 hose, mitts, at Corbett's, 194 Union street.

Automobile experts are in constant demand. I. C. S. home-study courses provide expert training; prospectus free; write or ask for information—International Correspondence Schools, 8 Sydney street, St. John, N. B.

CHRISTMAS NECKWEAR FOR MEN

Whatever else you give him for Christmas, be sure and give him a TIE—one or a dozen—it makes no difference. He can use every one of them. We are showing some beautiful ties in nice holiday boxes from 85c. to \$2.50. Come in and look them over. Store open tonight till 10 o'clock. Hunt's Clothing Store, 17-19 Charlotte street.

THORNE'S OPEN EVENINGS BEGINNING TOMORROW

On Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday evenings, the stores of W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., will be open until 10:30 o'clock.

BIRTHS

DORION—On December 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Cyril F. Dorion, 161 Queen street, west—A son.

MARRIAGES

HAYWARD-BOND—On Dec. 18, by Rev. J. B. Gough, Leslie A. Hayward to Glendia Bond, both of Golden Grove.

DEATHS

HEENAN—At her parents' residence, 19 Queen street, west side, on the 18th inst., Mary Josephine, aged one year and six months, youngest child of William and Josephine Heenan.

IN MEMORIAM

SEELY—In loving memory of our beloved son, Alfred Murray Seely, who was called to his heavenly home above on Dec. 19, 1917.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Mrs. Windle wish to thank their many friends for kindness and sympathy, especially, the employees of Cornwall cotton mills, in their recent sad bereavement.

NO MORE KIDNEY TROUBLE

Since He Commenced to Take "Fruit-a-Lives"

73 Lees Avenue, Ottawa, Ont. "Three years ago I began to feel run-down and tired, and suffered very much from Liver and Kidney Trouble. Having read of 'Fruit-a-Lives,' I thought I would try them. The result was surprising. I have not had an hour's sickness since I commenced using 'Fruit-a-Lives,' and I know now what I have not known for a good many years—that is, the blessing of a healthy body and clear thinking brain."

THE TORONTO POLICE STRIKE SITUATION

Toronto, Dec. 19.—If the striking police will return to duty immediately the officials of their union, who were summarily discharged on Monday, will be reinstated. This was decided by the board of police commissioners this afternoon. They think the question of recognition of the charter granted to the police union by the Trades and Labor Council, should be left to the attorney-general of Ontario. This offer of the commissioners for settlement of the strike will be discussed by the policemen this afternoon.

Still at Work

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 19.—Work in the Lynn factories of the General Electric Company continued today notwithstanding an announcement from the Schenectady and Pittsfield plants that a general strike had been authorized by union representatives as a protest against the discharge of thirty men in Erie, Penna.

LUDLOW IS ON AGAIN

The ferry steamer Ludlow is on the route again, starting the service this afternoon after a thorough overhauling and cleaning. The Governor Cadogan takes her turn in the repair dock.

Gilbert's Xmas Specials

- 1 lb. block Pure Lard 33c.
1 lb. choice Seeded Raisins 15c.
1 lb. Fancy Seeded Raisins 16c.
1 lb. Fancy Seedless Raisins 25c.
1-2 lb. Baker's Chocolate 20c.
1-2 lb. Dot Chocolate 20c.
50c. lb. tin Royal B. Powder 45c.
Snider's Tomato Sauce 47c.
Pulverized Sugar for Frosting 15c. lb.
Preserved Ginger 50c. jar
Maroons in syrup 75c. bottle
Figs (natural) in syrup, 75c. bottle
Kumquat Orange Marmalade 60c. jar
Raspberry Sauce for Puddings or Peach Melba 75c. bottle
Table Prunes in Jars, French style \$1.25
Fancy Prunes in 5 lb. tin \$1.25
Caylar (1-3) 75c. tin
Truffles (1-3) 50c. tin
Camembert type Cheese 75c. tin
French Wine Table Vinegar 55c. bottle
Red Pepper Sauce 35c. bottle
Green Pepper Sauce 35c. bottle
Tobacco Pepper Sauce, 60c. bottle
Imported Green String Beans 25c. tin
Extra Sifted Peas 30c. tin
Asparagus Tips 35c. tin
Lazenby's Oxtail Soup in glass 50c. jar
Welsh Rarebit 30c. tin
Creamed Chicken 40c. tin
Boneless Turkey 60 and 90c. tin
Boneless Chicken 60 and 90c. tin
Imported Pimentos 20c. tin
Pure Bees Honey 30c. jar
Kitchen Bouquet 35c. bottle
Herbs, Sage, Savory, etc. 15c. tin
Lobsters, Butter, 1-4s 35c.
Lobsters, Tomalley, 1-2s 30c.
Maple Butter, 1s 30c.
Peanut Butter 35c. lb.
Fancy Creamery Butter 56c. lb.
New Malaga Table Raisins by steamer express from Spain only a limited quantity, 50 and 60c. lb.

THE BEST QUALITY AT A REASONABLE PRICE

Medium Priced Bracelet Watches

We have a stock of Swiss Bracelet Watches, which we are offering at decidedly attractive prices. They have 15-jewel movements, are made by one of the leading Swiss factories, are dependable, well built timepieces that will give thorough satisfaction.

One of these small, dainty watches will make a splendid Christmas present. We advise early purchasing, for the Bracelet Watch was never more popular than now.

In Gold-filled Cases, \$20 and \$22
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SCHOOL QUESTION IN SASKATCHEWAN

Regina, Sask., Dec. 19.—The debate of the amendments to the school act yesterday, attracted crowds to the galleries when Premier Martin, Donald MacLean, leader of the opposition, and Hon. R. W. Motherwell, who left the government last week on the language question, spoke.

Mr. Martin upheld the fair name of Saskatchewan as he saw it in educational matters and made a plea for tolerance towards the French.

Donald MacLean moved an amendment that the French be shown no special consideration and that no language save English be permitted in the provincial schools.

Hon. Mr. Motherwell declared he would support the bill on a second reading, but would want some assurances that several points in the school act would be made plain in committee.

LARGE GAINS SHOWN IN ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE ROYAL BANK

Montreal, Dec. 19.—The annual financial statement of the Royal Bank, issued today, shows that last year its assets increased more than \$60,000,000, to \$427,312,982. A small part of the increase came as a result of the absorption of the Northern Crown Bank. Notwithstanding the withdrawal for the Victory loan programme bearing interest have increased to a new high record of \$197,848,489, as compared with \$182,488,715, and at the same time deposits net of deposits have jumped to \$183,248,378, up from \$70,466,667, an increase of approximately sixty-five millions.

NAVY LEAGUE TREAT

The ladies of the Moncton Navy League on Monday afternoon packed a case to be sent to St. John for the sailors. The box was filled with some seventy navy blue duck bags, each containing a pair of socks, half pound of chocolates, pipe, package of tobacco, matches, book note paper and pencil, playing cards and handkerchiefs. Attached to each navy blue bag was a little bag containing darning wool, darning needle, linen thread and buttons of large size. The ladies were a generous gift from the Women's Patriotic League. The case will be shipped to St. John in time for the sailors' Christmas.

This is from the Moncton Times and shows what the Navy League in Moncton has done for the sailors, but in addition to this the ladies there held a drive and secured nearly \$200 towards their object. In the meantime the league here, working with the Seamen's Mission, has been hard at work and has in preparation some 600 Christmas stockings containing similar articles and on Christmas night there will be an entertainment at the Seamen's Institute followed by a supper, after which the bags and stockings will be presented. A few more cakes, etc., are still required to complete the quantity aimed for. Donations in cash and kind have also been received from Fredericton, Woodstock, etc., for the sailors.

YOUNG WOMEN

Employed temporarily during Christmas rush can find permanent employment with Telephone Company as operators. Requirements: Grade 8 education. Age 17-27. Good health. Apply at once to Chief Operator New Brunswick Telephone Co., Ltd., 22 Prince William street. 12-25

FOR CHRISTMAS—Rich Fruit Cakes and Puddings, Mince and Lemon Cakes, Strawberry Preserves, Jellies, Filled Cakes, Doughnuts, Chow-Chow, etc.

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Freshly Roasted Coffee For Christmas 40c., 45c., 50c., 55c. Per Pound



Following the sun with WRIGLEYS

Vision, for a moment, those far off ports beyond the trackless seas— From Arctic ice, to the torrid lands beneath the Southern Cross— From towns tucked in the mountains, to the busy river's mouth—

WRIGLEYS is there! There, because men find comfort and refreshment in its continued use. Because of its benefits and because

The Flavour Lasts! Wrigley's Spearmint, Doublemint, Juicy Fruit chewing gum.

HIGH SCHOOL TOMORROW

The closing of the high school for the Christmas holidays will be marked by public exercises in the assembly hall tomorrow morning at eleven o'clock. The programme will be as follows: Essay—"Canada's Part in the War," Florence Henry.

Recitation—"Slave and Emperor," Marion Cooper. Solo—"Cuddled All Lowly," Daisy Stepien.

Recitation—"The Spire of Oxford," Leslie Goodwin. Essay—"The British Navy," Douglas McKean.

Recitation—"The Dawn of Peace," Zella Parlee. To be followed by presentation of prizes.

The governor-general's silver medal for the highest standing in Grade X, won by Greta Lunziey, it will be remembered, was presented to her by the Duke of Devonshire on his recent visit to the High School.

Corporation Gold Medal—Highest marks in Grade XI—Marjorie Fitzpatrick; presented by Mayor Hayes.

Alumnae Gold Medal—Highest marks in Grade IX—Edith MacLae; presented by Mrs. G. Ernest Barbour.

CURED HIS RUPTURE

I was badly ruptured while lifting a trunk several years ago. Doctors said my only hope of cure was an operation. Trusses did me no good. Finally I got hold of something that quickly and completely cured me. Years have passed and the rupture has never returned, although I am doing hard work as a carpenter. There was no operation, no loss of time, no trouble. I have nothing to sell, but will give full information about how you may find a complete cure without operation, if you write to me, Eugene M. Pullen, Carpenter, 42 E. Marcellus Avenue, Manassas, N. J. Better cut out this notice and show it to any other who are ruptured—you may save a life or at least stop the misery of rupture and the worry and danger of an opera-

NEW SENSATION BRACKS IN QUEBEC EXAMPLIFIES MATTER

Quebec, Dec. 19.—The alleged exemption secured in Quebec district is growing by leaps and bounds. It took a sensational turn today when four other important persons were implicated. No warrants were taken out but a complaint was lodged in the police court. Two of the men appeared voluntarily before Judge Langelier and the other two pleaded not guilty, and were bailed out pending the enquiry. They are Omar Drouin, advocate, of Quebec city and Romus Hansen, an employee of the deputy registrar's office at Quebec. It is not probable the enquiry will start before the first week in January.

PERSONALS

M. G. Teed, K.C., is confined to the house by illness.

W. W. Clark, former thief of police, who now resides in Fredericton, is in the city for a few days. On Tuesday he occupied a seat beside the magistrate in the police court.

J. B. M. Baxter, K.C., suffering from an attack of influenza.

IN SYMPATHETIC STRIKE

Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Virtually all of the 22,000 employees of the General Electric Company's big manufacturing plant here walked out today in sympathy with striking co-workers in the company's plant at Erie, Pa.

Pittsfield, Mass., Dec. 19.—An orderly walkout of 3,500 of 6,000 employees of the local plant of the General Electric Company occurred today.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. T. Harding Currie of McNally's Ferry announce the engagement of their daughter, Lillian V., to Willard P. Miller of Newcastle Bridge, Queens county, N. B., the marriage to take place at an early date.

The "Flu" in Moncton. Physicians say that cases of influenza are quite numerous in Moncton. A patient was admitted to the isolation hospital on Tuesday. He was a passenger from an incoming express, and came from Winnipeg.

These MUST Go

- Rheumatism
Lumbago
Sciatica
Chest Colds
Bronchitis
Neuritis
Backache
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When Thermogene is Applied!
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