

We Will Pay \$50 in Cash for the Best Answer to Three Questions

You can help us determine just which part of our plan is the part on which we should concentrate. You can do it and at the same time earn one of our cash prizes.

Which point of superiority do the purchasing public seek above all others when they buy the goods we are offering?

To the person who most clearly expresses the leading reason why everybody in St. John should make their purchases at the Asepto Store we will pay \$15.00 in cash. For the next best reply \$10.00. For the next best \$5.00, and for the next twenty, each a bright new one dollar bill.

Meantime an examination of our store, a small purchase, a talk with our clerks, a look over our lines and a general sizing up of our whole business will be of service to you in earning one of the prizes.

The Facts in Brief

For years we have been offering premiums on goods of our own manufacture.

For the past few years we have given the premium plan our special attention, the outcome of which is the Asepto Store, Corner Mill and Union streets.

It has been our constant aim to give a better premium than offered by any other concern.

You do not have to take an article of our selection for your coupons.

Every article in our store is for sale and the price is marked in plain figures.

Also every article is a premium and is given you at the same price for coupons as if you paid cash.

The plan that we follow is the only one of its kind in Canada, and even competitors are compelled to remark that we have the finest line of premiums ever brought together under one roof.

Our Stock Includes

BOOTS AND SHOES
CROCKERY
CUT GLASS
WATER BAGS
BROCHES
PENDANTS
HAT PINS
MAGIC LANTERNS
INK STANDS
SMOKERS' SETS
DOLLS
TOYS
UMBRELLAS
CARVING SETS
SILVERWARE
WORK BASKETS
SLIPPERS
CLOCKS
STATUARY
CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS
TEA SETS
DINNER SETS
LIMOGES CHINA
(Hand Painted)
SCISSORS
BON-BON DISHES
PEARL HANDLE
PICKLE FORKS and BUTTER KNIVES
CAKE BASKETS
CAKE PLATES
CHINA SLUGGERS
AND CREAMS
PAPETRIES
BOOKS of All Kinds
COMPANION SETS
LEATHER GOODS
BOYS' CLOTHING
SUITS and OVERCOATS
WRITING CASES

The Asepto Plan

The Asepto plan of doing business is the only plan of its kind in Canada.

It works itself out in this way: If you spend five cents you get a check worth one cent; if you spend twenty-five cents you get one worth five cents; if you spend \$1.00 you get one worth twenty cents; if you purchase amounts to \$5.00 you get one worth \$1.00, and so on.

These goods we sell to you at the same price you would pay for them at any other store in the city. Instead of giving you a small cash discount, we give you a check worth twenty cents for every dollar you spend. We make profit on the goods you purchase and pay cash for, while the goods you purchase afterwards with our checks are given you at the wholesale prices. To get you to make the first purchase costs us something while the second purchase with our checks you are bound to make from us. There is no selling expense attached to the latter.

These Are the Three Questions That You Are Requested to Answer

FIRST—What in your judgment is the feature in the Asepto plan that has made our store do a volume of business in less than six months that other stores have not been able to get in years?

SECOND—What was the most important feature that first induced you to buy at the Asepto store?

THIRD—Which of these four vital points—Asepto Quality, Asepto Service, Asepto Store Location, or Asepto Premiums—would you advertise with the conviction that when people knew that fact they would go to our store and take advantage of our whole plan?

Answers to this advertisement must not exceed five hundred words.

The best replies will be used for advertising purposes, but the names of writers will not be published unless requested.

A box will be placed in our store on Wednesday morning, January 9th, at eight o'clock, where replies may be deposited at any time until the close of the competition. If you live outside of the city limits, you will be allowed to send your reply by mail. No employee or person in any way connected with our business will be allowed to compete.

All letters should be addressed to **Dept. 99, ASEPTO LIMITED, Cor. Mill and Union Streets, St. John, N.B.**

LIVERY MAN'S HORSE LOST, NOT STOLEN

R. T. Worden's Horse, which He Feared Had Been Stolen from Him, Turned Up Yesterday.

On Sunday afternoon R. T. Worden, who conducts the livery stable on Princess street, hired a horse and driver to a couple of young men who went out driving. The young men drove to a camp out on the road and after blanketing the horse comfortably, they tied him to a tree near the camp. It was there, apparently, but in about a quarter of an hour when one of the party went to see how the animal was making out, they found that the horse had left the place and that the rope which some person had stolen the rig while they were in the camp, Worden telephoned all along the both roads for persons to keep a lookout for the rig and the police were also notified. It was thought perhaps some fellow on his way to a lumber camp might have stolen the horse and sleigh and Mr. Worden was puzzled as to what had become of it. The horse was recovered, however, yesterday afternoon at a farm about 5 miles from the city. The animal had broken clear of the hitching post and instead of keeping to the main road had walked to a farm house. The farmer did not know it was there until yesterday morning about 8 o'clock when he found the horse standing at his barn door shivering with the cold and standing on the blanket. The horse had been standing at the barn door until yesterday morning about 8 o'clock when he found the horse standing at his barn door shivering with the cold and standing on the blanket. The horse had been standing at the barn door until yesterday morning about 8 o'clock when he found the horse standing at his barn door shivering with the cold and standing on the blanket.

Mission Work in Korea. Miss Robb gave a very interesting address on the mission work in Korea before the Guild of St. Stephen's Presbyterian church last evening. Miss Robb had several children dressed in Korean costume and explained the habits of the natives and spoke of the good work being done there by the missionaries. After the address a short musical programme was enjoyed and was as follows:—Vocal duet, Miss Beatrice Irvine and M. L. Hayward, a baritone, of Harland appointed a commissioner by the government for the purpose, Mr. Birmingham admitted his guilt in his evidence in reply to many of the charges and it is not unlikely that criminal proceedings will soon be taken against him.

Cavalry Classes. Preparatory classes for the 8th Hussars and 25th New Brunswick Dragoons will be held simultaneously in St. John and Fredericton from the 18th to the 20th of January.

PAINTER TELLS OF FUTURE WOMAN

He Says She Will Quit Thinking of the Soul and Have Little Religious Emotion.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 10.—His study of a woman's head in red and green having attracted wide comment, Gustav Waldack, says the Chicago Record Herald, condescends to explain her, his Future Type of American Woman, as follows:

"As I have painted her, she is a woman of all the races, a creature out of the great melting pot of America."

"There is hardness and cruelty in her, the cruelty of materialism."

"She has little of religious emotion in her face. She has quit thinking of her soul."

"This type of womanhood will fill the sanitariums. She is a neurotic with nerves as tense as a violin string."

"She is a product of a thing we call civilization, delicate, fine boned, polished, brilliant, but a little shallow. She has too many interests."

"There is danger in her quivering nerves. Her feet are set in the ways of destruction; the seeds of racial death are in her."

"Through her I would call her. She is a child of the city, the late flower of our civilization dazed by being thrown into a complex world where her soul can find the activity it craves."

"She would be a more perfect type if she had some of the repose and calm sanity of half a century ago."

LIBERAL OFFICIAL ADMITS FORGERIES

(Fredericton Gleaner.) H. W. Birmingham, a road commissioner and a leading Liberal member of the Parish of Wakefield, Carleton county, has pleaded guilty to falsification of road vouchers, forging signatures to vouchers, and forging the name of a justice of the peace to papers which required affidavits before the money could be fraudulently obtained from the public chest.

These facts all developed at an investigation conducted this week at Victoria Corner, Carleton county, by M. L. Hayward, a barrister, of Harland appointed a commissioner by the government for the purpose, Mr. Birmingham admitted his guilt in his evidence in reply to many of the charges and it is not unlikely that criminal proceedings will soon be taken against him.

H. M. Blair, secretary of the provincial board of works, returned this morning from attending the investigation, where he submitted evidence in the shape of the original papers on file in the department containing the forged signatures.

By H. G. Oliver, who alleges misappropriation of government road funds. Mr. Birmingham admitted forging names to receipts and also making up bogus accounts. He also forged the name of the justice of the peace to the declaration of the road returns. Mr. Birmingham was defended by P. B. Carvell, M. P. Evidence will be taken again in Woodstock on Monday, when one more witness is expected to appear.

EAGER TO INSURE FRENCH DUELLISTS

London, Jan. 9.—Insurance companies decline to accept any risks on the lives of aviators, jockeys and steeplechasers, and soldiers are required to pay heavy rates, but they smile at the risks of duellists. The charges laid against a man against being killed in a football match or any pastime where accidents are not completely guarded against. But this quotation would not be for duels on the French principle. We are not taking on any of those "deadly affairs of honor," are undertaken along French lines.

Insurance experts work out the chances of a fatal end to a duel on the same terms as a football match, and the odds against a duellist's being fatally injured are reckoned at 200 to 1. The subject has been discussed through a recent duel between an Englishman and a Frenchman, when the fight was stopped after the latter got a pin prick on the neck.

"Lloyd's," said a broker, "would, I am sure, be glad to cover a duel at a nominal figure, say about a dollar and a half per cent, just as they would insure a man against being killed in a football match or any pastime where accidents are not completely guarded against. But this quotation would not be for duels on the French principle."

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THAWING OUT FROZEN PIPES CAUSED FIRE

Two Fires Yesterday Morning Caused by the Thawing of Frozen Water Pipes—Much Damage Done.

The fire department was kept on the jump yesterday morning. At 9.30 o'clock they responded to an alarm from box 15 for a slight fire in Mrs. Elhel Marcus' house at 190 Brussels street, caused by the occupants of the house thawing out a frozen water pipe. The damage done was slight.

At the time the alarm was ringing from box 15 the hook was pulled in box 39 for a fire in Mrs. Marion Martin's house, 399 Union street. While one alarm was sounding of course the alarm would not sound from box 39, so the persons at the foot of Union street thought there was something wrong with the box and there was quite a wait. In the meantime the apparatus was returning from box 15 when some person again tried box 39, and this time it responded. The apparatus turned on Union street and was soon on the scene. The fire was found to be between the floors and walls in the ell of the house, and was caused like the first fire, thawing out water pipes.

After about an hour's work the fire was extinguished, but not before much damage had been done. It is estimated that about \$800 damage was done to the house and furniture.

When box 39 was pulled the second time the first round gave 34, and No. 1 Company and the Salvage corps were near at the time responded, but before they had gone far No. 39 sounded all right, and they kept on down King street east to the right box.

At the Union street fire Mrs. Martin lived upstairs and John F. McLaughlin down stairs.

Mrs. Martin had \$800 insurance in the Commercial Union and \$500 in the Atlas on the house, and \$500, also in the Atlas on the furniture. Mr. McLaughlin's furniture is covered by insurance with Wm. Thomson & Company.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER

The week of prayer was formally opened last evening when services were held in one of the churches in each group.

The subject for last evening was "Thanksgiving and Humiliation," and the speakers at the different services made strong addresses upon it which greatly moved their hearers, many of them coming to the front and expressing the conviction that they were saved.

At the services this evening the topic of discussion will be: "The Church Universal; Prayer for the One Body of which Christ is the Head."

The programme for the meetings is as follows:

Group 1, Elmwood street church—Leader, Rev. M. McCutcheon; speaker, Rev. H. F. Wentworth.

Group 2, Reformed Baptist church—Leader, Rev. H. E. Cook; speaker, Rev. Wm. Lawson.

Group 3, St. David's church—Leader, Rev. J. H. A. Anderson; speaker, Rev. H. S. Mahood.

Group 4, Queen Square church—Leader, Rev. T. J. Delinadt; speaker, Rev. W. O. Raymond.

Group 5, Victoria street church—Leader, Rev. J. J. McCaskill; speaker, Rev. R. P. McKim.

Can't Cook.

She—I can't cook; but we could hire somebody to do that.

He—And I can't make money, but we could hire somebody to do that.

OPERA HOUSE

Under the patronage of the Mayor and Common Council.

THE LOYALIST DRAMATIC CLUB

WILL PRESENT

The Servant in the House

ON

Thursday and Friday,

JANUARY 11th and 12th.

Reserved Seats, 35 and 50 cents. Box Office Opens Today.

It is the intention of the club to enter with this play for the Dominion Dramatic Trophy Competition which will be held at Ottawa in April.

TRY GRITZ

IN 5 LB. BAGS

25c.

Antwerp, Jan. 8.—Ard Stmr. Montfort, St. John.

New York, Jan. 8.—Ard. Schr. Elhel B. Sumner, Shulze & S. New York, Jan. 8.—Sld Schr. Laura C. Hall, St. John; N. B. Genevieve, do.

Saunderstown, R. I., Jan. 8.—Sld Schr. Minnie Blauson, St. John, N. B. James Williams, Halifax.

M. P. A. A. BULETIN

Charlottetown, Jan. 4.—The following sanctions have been granted: To the Halifax City Hockey League for matches as per schedule.

To the Prince Edward Island Senior and Intermediate Hockey Leagues for matches as per schedule.

To the Charlottetown Basketball League for matches as per schedule.

All amateur leagues are requested to make application for sanction, also to see that every member of their team hold a registration card from this association.

(Signed) L. B. McMillan, Secretary M. P. A. A.

NO IMPROVEMENT.

London, Jan. 8.—A report from Bexley Heath states that the condition of Sir Charles Tupper remains about the same.

MEN WHO DON'T EXERCISE Suffer From Indigestion, Headaches, Poor Appetite, Sleeplessness.

Nothing So Sure to "Set Up" a Man, Make Him Feel Brisk and Vigorous as Dr. Hamilton's Pills.

Lack of exercise and overwork were the causes that combined to almost kill Samuel S. Stephens, Jr., one of the best known citizens in Woodstock.

In his convincing letter Mr. Stephens says:—

"A year ago I returned home after a long trip, completely worn out. I was so badly affected by chronic biliousness, so much overcome by constant headaches, dizziness, that I despair of ever getting well. I was always tired and languid, had no energy and spirit, found it difficult to sleep for more than five hours. My appetite was so feeble that I ate next to nothing, and in consequence lost weight and strength. I was pale and had dark rings under my eyes that made me look like a shadow."

"It was a blessing that I used Dr. Hamilton's Pills. In one week I felt like a new man. The feeling of weight and nausea in my stomach disappeared. My eyes looked brighter, color grew better, and best of all, I began to enjoy my meals. The dizziness, languor and feeling of depression passed away, and I fast regained my old-time vigor and spirits. Today I am well—thanks to Dr. Hamilton's Pills."

"For health, strength, comfort and good spirits there is no medicine like Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Beware of substitutes, and don't let any dealer palm off some other pill on which he can make more money. 25c. per box, or five boxes for \$1.00, by mail from The Catarrhose Company, Kingston, Ont."

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90 Wall St.

CAKE, PASTRY, BREAD

Fresh Daily

ROBINSON'S Phone 1161

A.C. SMITH & CO

WHOLESALE

Hay, Oats

Milfeeds

Choice White Middlings and Manitoba Oats Now on Hand

Telephones West 7-11 and West 81

West St. John, N. B.

For the Christmas Table

We have selected a large assortment of stock of ONTARIO and NOVA SCOTIA BEEF; also TURKEYS, GEESE, DUCKS, CHICKENS, and a full line of VEGETABLES.

Our Christmas supply of

Brand of Hams and Bacon is complete and we shall be pleased to have you inspect our display.

O'NEIL BROTHERS City Market

Onions

Onions

One carload AMERICAN ONIONS, 75 pound bags; Two carloads AMERICAN ONIONS, 105 pound bags. Special prices while unloading.

A. L. GOODWIN, MARKET BUILDING.

SWEET CIDER

On Draught at J. ALLAN TURNER'S

Phone 1049. 12 Charlotte St.

MURPHY BROS.,

15 City Market

TURKEYS, CHICKENS, GEESE, WESTERN BEEF, HAMS and BACON. Everything Best Quality.

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Optician and Optometrist

38 Dock St. Optics Exclusively

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The January Opening and Sale of Undermuslins Will Begin This Morning

Whitewear More Pleasing Than Ever in Delightful New Effects

The ladies of St. John and vicinity have realized each year the great importance of this event. It has brought to them the ultimate result of months of careful planning and preparation which has meant selected offerings and economies unmatched anywhere in Canada.

This annual Whitewear exhibit has always induced great crowds to attend, and, as this year will be no exception to the rule, all who desire first choice should not be far away when the doors swing open.

- Nightdresses.**
- 50c. Cambric, beading and ribbon, low neck.
 - 50c. Cambric, trimmed with frill same, high neck, long sleeves.
 - 50c. Longcloth, edged neck and sleeves, with lace and ribbon, also in high neck and long sleeves.
 - 90c. Longcloth, V neck, tucks, one row Hamburg insertion, lawn frill on sleeves.
 - \$1.00 Nainsook, low neck, lace insertion, edged neck and sleeves lace.
 - \$1.25 Heavy Cotton, high neck and long sleeves tucked yoke, frill Hamburg, embroidered down front, edged neck and sleeves embroidery.
 - \$1.25 Nainsook, slip over head, tucks, kimono sleeve, beading and ribbon.
 - \$1.50 Nainsook, low neck, fancy front, round medallions, sleeves three rows Val insertion, edged Val lace.
 - \$1.75 Nainsook, square neck, one row Swiss embroidery, lace and ribbon, lace with beading and ribbon, same on sleeve.
 - 1.50 Nainsook, round yoke, wide embroidery, beading over shoulders with wide ribbon, daintily trimmed sleeve