

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

IMPERIAL TONIGHT AND TOMORROW
Tonight at the Imperial Theatre the splendid dancing novelty "The Quest of Life" in which Maurice and Florence Walton make their debut on the screen will receive its final presentation.

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Table with columns for MEN and WOMEN shoes. Items include Felt Slippers, Leather Slippers, Hockey Boots, Felt Boots, Overshoes, Dress Boots, Children's Felt Slippers, Girls' Skating Boots, Boys' Skating Boots.

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LEVINE'S TWO SHOE STORES
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Russia Excludes Frivolity Aids

Embargo That Will Make The Society Functions in Petrograd Quiet—All Frivoly Tabooed

Speaking of embargoes, the Russian government has announced one that promises to make society functions in Petrograd as quiet as Quaker prayer meetings next year if all its provisions are enforced. Soap, gingerbread, cut flowers, human hair, women's shoes, women's hats, hair dye, rouge, perfumes, jewelry, and paving stones are among the articles excluded from the country, according to a detailed list recently given out to exporters by the Russian Commercial Attaché, C. P. Medjokovsky, in Manhattan.

SEE IT TONIGHT

You'll enjoy the vanderbilt, as well as the pictures in the Gem's new programme.

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LOCAL NEWS

Band Queen's Rink tonight. Good ice. First things first—that means Duval's. 12-20

Special men's sweaters at Corbet's, 184 Union street. 12-22

Special sale of men's mufflers for balance of week at Chas. Magnusson & Co.'s, Dock street. Big reductions as stock is too large. 12-24

Lovely wool scarfs and toques to match; also ladies' silk velvet hats, 98 cents, at John K. Storey's. 12-23

GIFT UMBRELLAS. Ladies' and gentlemen's umbrellas, sterling silver mountings, from \$2.50 to \$6.—W. E. Ward, 58 King street. 12-23

PHONE M. 1782. For an assorted case of Blue Ribbon scented beverages. Besides the popular fruit flavors, this assortment includes the celebrated City Club ginger ale. 12-24

OUR SPECIAL XMAS NUMBER. Ten K. gold eyeglass chain for \$1.25, very useful to those who wear glasses.—K. W. Epstein & Co., 193 Union street. See our adv. on page 7. 12-24

CONFECTIONERY AND CIGARS. Our Xmas confectionery arriving every day. Fancy Xmas packages in confectionery and cigars specialty.—F. Francis, 72 Mill street. 12-23

You can buy a good strong well made suit for your boy for \$27.50. Out of the high rent district, 440 Main st. 12-24

QUEEN'S RINK SEASON TICKETS. Queen's Rink season tickets are no higher this year, but those who have not secured them should do so immediately; they are going fast.

YOU'LL FIND IT HERE. A few suggestions offered by Wiesel's fur department: Men's gloves, neckwear, muffers, sweaters, braces in fancy boxes, handkerchiefs, shirts, suit-cases, and umbrellas.

MAKE THE BOY HAPPY. Don't let the boy wait for that new suit till after Christmas. Get it now at Amund's. Splendid line in all sizes at greatly reduced prices.—288 King street west. 12-25

TURKEYS COME IN. According to prominent dealers in the local market there is a fair supply of turkeys in and by tomorrow it is said that the market will be a good one for the Christmas rush. The prevailing price is forty-five cents.

TRAINS LATE. The trains were late today in arriving in the city; the Montreal was one hour, the Boston an hour, and the Maritime thirty-five minutes.

Special sale of dolls for balance of the week at Chas. Magnusson & Co.'s, Dock street. Prices \$25 to \$29.99 for regular \$25 to \$29.50 dolls. 12-24

OUR XMAS PRESENT TO YOU. 24 lb. bag Parity or Five Roses flour, \$1.29; 12 lb. standard granulated sugar for \$1. Chas. F. Francis, 72 Mill street. 12-23

CANADIAN IMPERIALISTS. The Canadian Imperial League will meet in the European War Veterans' Association hall, Charlotte street, this evening at 8 o'clock.

NOTICE. The regular meeting of the Railroad Freight Union will be held in their hall, Market Place, West St. John, Friday evening, at 8 o'clock. All members are cordially invited to attend. By order of the president. 12-23

VOUNTEERS FOR CHAIN GANG. An unusual incident occurred the other day. A number of the chain gang were seized by the customs officials, and bought in by Poyas & Co., who consequently can now offer them to the public at less than wholesale prices.

THOUGHTFULNESS. "It is not the gift, but the thoughtfulness of the giver." In making your Christmas present this year, it would be advisable to purchase, as far as possible, gifts such as men's gloves, sweaters, underwear, hosiery, etc. Wiesel's Cash Stores are prepared to assist you in the worries of Christmas shopping.

The management of the Seamen's Institute are very much gratified at the generous response to their appeal for the Christmas entertainment. The following subscriptions were received yesterday and today:—Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. O. F., \$50; Loyola Chapter, \$25; Brunswick Chapter, \$25; Mrs. J. Willard Smith, \$5; Hampton friends, \$2; Wm. Thomson & Co., Ltd., \$10; D. W. Ledingham, \$5.

HERE'S A SAVING FOR YOU. A dollar saved is a dollar made, for you can buy one peck of choice Delaware potatoes, 85c; one pkge. rolled oats, 28c; three corn flakes, 25c; one can tomatoes, 17c. Regular price for this lot, \$1.20, so you can save 20c. Five gallons best American oil, 80c; 8 pounds American onions for 25c; turnips, 18c peck. All other goods at equally low prices. Orders delivered.—J. A. Lipssett, The Blue Store, corner Brussels and Exmouth street, Phone M. 1402. 12-23

WHY NOT LEARN A TRADE? How often in this country one hears it said: "Why did I not learn a trade? I could always have a job," and when one hears this, one realizes that it is extremely hard for the man without a trade to get on or get a job as a skilled laborer.

The man without capital or a trade has a poor chance to succeed, but the man who has a trade has a good chance. Here is a willing man's chance to join a union and learn a trade. Strange, isn't it? If your union having no trade? Certainly, join the greatest union the world has ever seen; the union of the British forces in the field. Canada and the British empire need men and because they need them will teach them a trade and pay them for it.

They will be paid \$1.10 a day, and if they are married, the government will pay the wife \$20 a month. What offer could be fairer than that? There is a call to realization of duty and join the engineers. Men wishing to join should apply to the recruiting officer, Canadian Engineers at 97 Prince William street.

PUBLIC MEETING NEXT TUESDAY

Dr. W. C. Keirstead and Dr. J. Roy Campbell Will Discuss Proposed Assessment Changes—Of Interest to All Citizens

The next public meeting for the discussion of the proposed changes in the assessment act will be held on Tuesday evening next at eight o'clock in the High school assembly hall. The speakers will be Dr. W. C. Keirstead of the University of New Brunswick, a member of the assessment commission, and Dr. J. Roy Campbell, chairman of the commission. As the time is drawing near when the bill amending the assessment act will be laid before the legislature, citizens who are not familiar with the changes proposed will find the discussion of much value and interest.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AT A BARGAIN

F. G. Spencer wishes to announce that he has seven handsome manure sets and twelve other articles including Mary Garden perfume, mirrors, razors, etc., which under peculiar circumstances were forced on him this week to dispose of quickly and cheaply. A bargain awaits any many who will wish him a happy anniversary and speedy recovery from the illness which has kept him to the house during the last few weeks.

PERSONALS

W. T. Inch of Hampstead and daughter, Miss Rhea M. teacher in the Mount Allison Ladies' College, arrived in the city today.

On Christmas Day, Rev. J. C. Berrie will celebrate his 77th birthday. Rev. Mr. Berrie has long been prominent in the Methodist ministry and they are many who will wish him a happy anniversary and speedy recovery from the illness which has kept him to the house during the last few weeks.

William Cruikshank, deputy provincial secretary, of Fredericton, is in the city today.

Captain H. Webb, of Halifax, is at the Royal hotel.

Rev. Dr. O'Reilly has gone to Sydney (N. S.), where he will spend several days.

Henry F. Morrissey, C. E. of the marine department, Ottawa, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Morrissey, 58 Hazen street.

Mrs. Harry McAfee, who has been ill for some time was obliged to go to the hospital to be operated on for appendicitis. Her friends will be glad to know that the operation was successful and she is doing as well as can be expected.

Friends of Richard J. Walsh will regret to hear that he is quite ill in the St. John Hospital. His condition today necessitated postponement of an operation that is to be performed.

HAROLD LOCKWOOD AND MAY ALLISON AT THE STAR

"The Great Question," a Mutual masterpiece, featuring Harold Lockwood and May Allison, was the special attraction at the Star Theatre last night. The programme also consisted of the Hazen street, showing the Quebec Bridge Disaster, and a bright comedy entitled "Gloriana's Getaway." This show will be presented again tonight. Watch out for a special Christmas bill.

PATRIOTIC CAUSES

Next Month. Loyalist Chapter, I. O. O. F., at the Imperial Theatre during the last week in January of the coming year. A 1917 revue will be the attractive and up to date offering.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR MILITARY HOSPITALS

The following donations have been received to provide Christmas cheer for the soldiers who will be confined to hospitals during the festive season: G. E. Barbour Co., Ltd., \$10; collected by young ladies of Main street Baptist church, \$10.60; Mrs. J. Hunter White, \$1; Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Fleming, \$3; Mrs. H. S. Gregory, \$5; Mrs. Josiah Wood, Sackville, \$5 and a goose. Further donations will be acceptable. (Sgd.) EDNA AUSTIN, Quartermaster, V. A. D.

ORANGES 25c. to 60c. a Dozen

BANANAS 25c. 30c. and 35c.

GRAPE FRUIT 10c., 3 for 25c. 15c., 2 for 25c.

Large Stock of Candy For This Christmas Season
Gilbert's Grocery

MARCUS' The Practical Gift Shop

In just a very short time you will be eating that Christmas dinner. Surely there must be something that you need to make your home complete for the observance of this most joyful holiday; and if so, why not visit our store NOW and give us an opportunity of showing you our beautiful assortment of Furniture Gifts for the Entire Family. Our prices will be an agreeable surprise to you.

Store Open Evenings Until Xmas. J. MARCUS 30 Dock Street. LOOK FOR THE ELECTRIC SIGN

PATRIOTIC FUND

Monthly: Walter Newman, 2 mos., \$2; Mrs. W. A. McLaughlin, 2 mos., \$2; W. L. Doherty, \$2; G. I. Higgins, \$1; J. S. Cooper, \$1; A. Scott Hurder, \$1; Geo. R. Ewing, 2 mos., \$10; Philip Grosset, \$2; S. D. and Mrs. Crawford, \$5; A. B. McIntosh, 2 mos., \$2. Single: Rev. W. B. Armstrong, \$5; Mrs. G. L. Barbour, \$10; Friend, from New York, per J. Twining Hart, \$40; Miss R. M. Ritchie, Hampton, \$5.

ALLEGED COLLUSION IN THE MATTER OF PAPER

Newspaper publishers, news print manufacturers and paper jobbers met in Washington on last Saturday with the Federal Trade Commission to work out a plan of equitable distribution of the American and Canadian news print supply, and, if possible, to arrive at an agreement concerning prices and an increase in production. The meeting was called by the trade commission at the suggestion of manufacturers.

XMAS GIFTS FOR GENTLEMEN

Cans, new styles, English, in plain and mounted. Travelling Cases, Roll-Ups. Safety Razors from \$1 to \$6 each. Shaving Brushes from 25c to \$5 each. Military Hair Brushes. Toilet Soaps from 10c. to \$1 cake. Cigars—10 and 25 in a box. Pipes, plain and mounted, in cases. THE ROYAL PHARMACY 47 King Street

LOGNETTES for Xmas

A lognette is useful to almost any eyeglass wearer. We have them in gun metal and sterling silver of various designs. Price, complete with the required lenses, from \$8.00 to \$10.00. Come in and see them.

D. BOYANER TWO STORES

38 Dock Street, 311 Charlotte Street.

The Best Quality At A Reasonable Price

The Ideal Gift For Father

A Howard Watch means more to a man than any other gift you could choose for him. Every man knows the Howard Watch and its reputation of being one of the finest practical time-pieces in the world.

It is an ideal gift, because it is a source of pride to any man among his friends—not alone in its accuracy and reliability, but because of its distinctive position among time-pieces.

Come in and see these Quality Watches. Prices range from \$40 to \$150.

L. L. Sharpe & Son, Jewelers and Opticians, 21 KING ST. ST. JOHN, N. B.

WANTED—General Girl

to go to Boston; good pay. Apply 158 Union St. Please leave your order at once for our best Christmas Fruit Cake, Plum Puddings, Mince Pies, Special Cakes, Fireless Cooked Ham, etc.

Woman's Exchange Tea and Lunch Room

Make a Christmas Gift of a Ticket to our Library. We have the latest books. You save money by renting our books at 2 cents a day. You only read them once. Yearly tickets, \$5. 12-25.

BUILDER OF ROADS IN THE WAR ZONE

Major W. G. Mackendrick has been appointed assistant deputy director of roads on the general headquarters staff of the British army in France. He is president of the Warren Bituminous Paving Company of Toronto, and an asphalt expert of wide repute. Since the war began he has been constructing roads for the Canadian headquarters staff in France.

Norwegian is Sunk. London, Dec. 21.—Lloyds reports the Norwegian steamer Prima, of 1284 tons register, sunk.

FOR BRITISH RED CROSS

The mayor has received a contribution of \$25 collected in St. Peter's church, through Mary O'Brien, secretary treasurer of the Central Circle, Catholic Red Cross, for the British Red Cross Fund.

What Shall I Give Him For Christmas?

The Same Old Problem Looms Up Again Now! It is the same difficult question that presents itself at every recurrence of the Christmas season. 'Why not something worth while?'

Supposing father or brother received a nice overcoat or suit on Xmas morning. Just think how pleased they would be.

OUR FIRE SALE OF MEN'S OVERCOATS ENDS THIS WEEK

We have still left a large assortment in form-fitting, slippers, Chesterfield's, ulsterettes, ulsters, etc. Priced from \$10.00.

We're Located Present Down Town in the Western Union Building at No. 3 King Street.

A. E. HENDERSON, Men's Clothier