

## FIRST 'PHONE GIRL BEGINS 45TH YEAR

Miss Kennedy Got Job Because Boy Swore at Subscribers.

New York, Jan. 3.—On September 21, 1878, Mary Beatrice Kennedy became New York's first public exchange telephone operator. She took her chair in the old Nassau exchange—a chair vacated but an hour or so before by a boy who had been discharged for swearing at an irate subscriber. As Miss Kennedy recalls it that was one of the fallings of the boys at the switchboards. Miss Kennedy, the first hello girl, showed the way to a wholly feminine operator force. The boys were a trifle too aggressive. Miss Kennedy, an instantaneous success, was paid \$5 a week.

"I got my job," she explained on her forty-fifth anniversary, "because the company was tired of firing its swearing boy operators. There used to be near riots. Subscribers used to come down to the telephone office to fight the operator who had sworn at them. Subscribers had the habit of calling up to ask what the weather forecaster had to say about tonight or tomorrow. They used to ask: 'How much are eggs selling for?' That was a little before the days when they used to ask the correct time and where the fire was. Nobody thought of asking for the baseball score or prize fight results.

"Calling a number was unheard of. Subscribers would simply ask for Smith's drug store or Jones' grocery, or this or that building, or such and such a lawyer or merchant. And if the connection was not forthcoming at once poor Central got it—just as she does nowadays. I used to work from 8 in the morning until 6 at night. I lived in Jersey City. To get to work, I used to take a horse-car to the river, ferry across, took another horse-car and then walk up six flights of stairs. It is different now, isn't it?"

"Alexander G. Bell used to come into the exchange often. Sometimes he was accompanied by Thomas A. Edison. We didn't pay much attention to Mr. Edison. He wasn't so famous then."

## SOCIAL EVENING AT THE Y. M. C. A.

Varied Programme For the Seniors of Two Organizations

The seniors of the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. attended a Christmas party at the Y. M. C. A. building last night and spent the evening most enjoyably. The building was very prettily decorated with green, wreaths and poinsettias and the lights were shaded in red. There were sound games to start with and these included an alphabet game, a guessing contest, dealing with the streets of St. John, and a contest in writing original poems. These games caused much merriment.

A short musical programme followed and there was an old fashioned song. Miss Gladys Dyer gave a piano solo and Arnold Kee contributed a vocal solo which were much appreciated. Refreshments were served by a committee from the Y. W. C. A. under the convener'ship of Miss Wendolyn Richards.

Musical numbers and dancing rounded out the programme. There were about 100 present and the social was one of the most successful of the season. The chaperones were Mrs. R. H. Gale and Mrs. Crockett and Mrs. Margaret Hogg, the house mother.

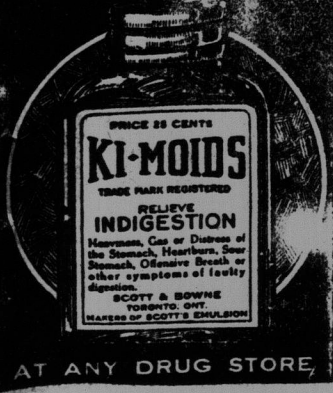
## MAY LOSE SIGHT OF HIS RIGHT EYE

Col. John Sheridan, former Conservative member of the Legislature for Kent county, passed through the city at evening on his way to Boston, where he will consult a specialist regarding an injury to his right eye which, he fears, may deprive him of the sight of it.

While walking through a wood close to his home about three weeks ago, Col. Sheridan ran into a branch of a spruce tree and one of the little green needles entered his eye. The needle was removed subsequently but the tissue became poisoned and Col. Sheridan suffered intense pain. He went to Moncton for treatment and was advised by the doctor there to go to Boston. He has a daughter residing in Boston with whom he will stay while in that city.

His many friends here hope that the treatment Col. Sheridan will receive will be effectual in restoring the sight of his eye.

## QUICK RELIEF! FOR INDIGESTION



AT ANY DRUG STORE

## WEDDINGS

Spriggs-Warnerford.

A marriage of much interest to many friends in the Maritime Provinces was solemnized on Dec. 8, at St. Edward's church, Montreal, when Miss Hazel Elva, only daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. A. S. Warnerford, of Highfield, N.B., was united in marriage to Robert Spriggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Spriggs, St. Anne de Bellevue. Rev. W. Saunders performed the ceremony. The bride, who was charmingly attired in a gown of fog grey and rose with taupe fox fur, carried an arm bouquet of pink roses and carnations. She was given in marriage by Dr. G. B. McCarthy, a former professor of King's College.

The bride is a graduate of "Netherwood", while both bride and groom are undergraduates of King's College, Halifax. The groom is finishing his course in civil engineering at McGill University.

Mr. and Mrs. Spriggs will reside in Montreal.

Dickson-Duncan.

A pretty wedding took place in Christ church, Campbellton, on Wednesday morning, Dec. 26, when Ann Jean, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Duncan, of Campbellton, and Allan Andrew, son of the late Thomas Dickson and Mrs. Dickson, of Broadlands, Quebec, were married. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. Brock Humphrys, the rector. Many friends of the bride and groom attended the ceremony and the church was very prettily decorated with evergreen. The happy pair left on the Ocean Limited for the east and will take up their residence in Sydney, N.S. Mr. and Mrs. Dickson are very well known in Campbellton and a host of friends wishes them a very happy married life.

## DEATHS

Samuel J. Austin.

After an illness of about one hour the death occurred recently of Samuel J. Austin at his home in Mill Cove. Mr. Austin was nearly 81 years of age and had resided at Mill Cove nearly all his life where he had made a large fortune from the forest. He was of Loyalist descent and was born at Douglas Harbor, Grand Lake.

The funeral took place at the Episcopal cemetery of which church he was a member. He is survived by his wife, two children and one grandchild, also one brother of Portland and one sister of North Esty, Maramich.

Mrs. Martha Brown.

In the obituary of Mrs. Martha Brown, wife of B. W. Brown, who died Dec. 28 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wilson Snider, Point Lepreau after a short illness, Mrs. Brown's age should have been given as 75 instead of 65. She was the daughter of the late Donald and Mariah Matheson, of L'Ardoise, Cape Breton. The name of her mother was given as Martha, due to an error.

Mrs. James Hanley.

The death of Mrs. James Hanley occurred yesterday at her residence, 280 Prince William street, after a brief illness. The news will be heard with much regret by many friends. Besides her husband, she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Alexander Eagles, of Portland, Me. The funeral will take place on Saturday morning at 8:15.

Robert McElveny.

The death is announced, Dec. 23, of Robert McElveny, formerly of Fredericton, but for many years residing in Winnipeg. He was a well known builder and up to the time of his illness, was employed with the C. N. R. His body was interred besides that of his wife in St. Paul, Minn., and surviving him are

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a family of four sons and two daughters, also, one brother and four sisters. Mrs. James Bird, Fredericton, is one of the sisters, and Edward McElveny a brother.

Mrs. Joseph Fenton.

Hopewell Hill, Jan. 3.—(Special)—Many friends learned with sincere regret, of the death, which occurred on Monday, of Mrs. Joseph Fenton, who passed away at her home at Germantown, Albert county, after a long and trying illness. The funeral took place yesterday.

The late Mrs. Fenton was a Miss Martin before her marriage. Besides her husband, she leaves several children, the youngest only a few months old.

## ON BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

The travelers of the Corona Company, Ltd., from all parts of the Maritime Provinces, have assembled in St. John for their annual convention which began yesterday and will be continued today in the offices of the company. Some enjoyable social functions have been arranged. Yesterday the travelers were entertained at a banquet at the Hotel Dunlop at noon and in the evening took part in a bowling match in the Imperial alleys. At the bowling

## FREE Hemming Sale

Starts Saturday, Jan. 5th

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Hand Towels, Roller Towels, Cup Towels, Glass Towels, Table Cloths, Napkins, Sheets, Pillow Slips, Bolsters, Bed Spreads, Sheetings, Linen Damask, Cup Crash, etc.

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Circular Pillow Cotton, heavy, 40 inch ..... 42c. yard  
Circular Pillow Cotton, heavy, 42 inch ..... 45c. yard  
Grey Sheet, extra quality, 72 inch ..... 46c. yard  
Heavy White Sheet, 72 inch ..... 52c. yard  
Heavy White Sheet, 81 inch ..... 58c. yard  
Wabasso White Sheet, 81 inch ..... 68c. yard

Special Pillow Slips, 40 inch ..... 28c.  
Special Pillow Slips, 42 inch ..... 30c.

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Heavy coats in navy blue or various shades of grey, with warm, red flannel linings. The most popular type of coat for junior boys. Include also at sale prices are many warm, winter coats in heather mixtures and neat boyish patterns. A fine variety.

All Reduced—  
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Belted and half belted models in all the fabrics and colors most suitable for boys' overcoats. Made with raglan or set in sleeves and tailored to a degree of perfection that means "extra wearing quality." Materials have been chosen with an eye to appearance as well as durability.

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Europe, exclusive of Russia, produced more than 4,500,000,000 bushels of potatoes in 1922.

## "Disappearing" Sale Wins Again in Price

The final count in favor of the "Disappearing" Sale of the better class of Ready-to-Wear is lowness of price. The obvious youth of the designs, the swing of the styles and the way they are put together set this Sale apart for assurance of individuality. And then comes price.

Velvet Dresses  
\$16.90

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Splendid Twills  
\$15

With latest accents of trim, both Poret and Tricotine. Larger reductions up the scale.

Evening Wear of the 1924 run of color, up to one-third off. Children's Coats, a fifth to a half off. Sport Skirts and Underskirts at special reductions. Suits severely low in price.

Come and investigate the full meaning of such remarkable prices.

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Tweed Coats  
\$19.50

Heavy and with an air to them. Were \$30 to \$35.

Dressy Coats  
\$29.50

Were \$40 to \$45 and of Duvetyn with or without fur trim. Other fine Coats cut even more.

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## Saturday Specials

Saving opportunities range right through the store—for instance, these:

Perrin Gloves  
(Wool) 78c

Warm and soft. White, Gray or Lovat.  
Brushed Wool Gauntlet Gloves at 78c, a self-evident bargain. Long rib wrist and in a choice of Camel, Fawn or White.

Cashmere Hose  
67c

Heavy Cashmere, take note, and in Brown or novelty heathers. English and 67c.  
Wide rib Wool Hose, another cut at 67c.

Warm Night Gowns  
97c

Of first quality Shaker Flannel. White, Rose or Lavender.

Bedding

White Marcella raised pattern Overspreads, large size and down from \$4.50 to \$3.69.  
Large Sheets, \$1.49.  
Bleached Pillowslips of strong White Cotton. Sizes 40, 42 and 44—Saturday 29c.

Polo Cloth  
\$2.39

Fine for Kiddie Coats, 56 inches wide and reduced for Saturday from \$2.75 to \$2.39. Blue, Navy, Brown, Taupe, Fawn, Gray.