

1-2 PRICE Sale

Grand Fancy Embroidered Linens.

Embroidered Pillow Shams or Centre Pieces, worth \$1.00, for 45c.	Embroidered Pillow Cases, reg. 80c. for 40c.
Embroidered Side Board Covers, regular 80 cents, for 40c.	Embroidered Night Dress Bags, regular 80 cents, for 40c.
Embroidered Quilts, regular \$3.50, for \$2.25.	Embroidered Laundry Bags, regular 70 cents, for 35c.

Travellers' Samples of Hair Brushes, Clothes and Hand Brushes, Half Price.
American White Linen, 36 in. wide, suitable for Dresses, Skirts or Blouses, worth 25c., for 13 cents.

White Twilled Sheeting, 27cts., 31cts., 36cts.	White Nainsook, 36 in. wide, fine as Silk, worth 15c., For 12 cents	Travellers' Sam- ples of Silk and Lawn Blouses, Half Price.
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OUR EMBROIDERY Sale is still going on, it has been a great success. Those intending to purchase better hurry up.
A Beautiful lot of Ladies' American COLLARS just arrived from New York.

P. F. COLLINS, 340, 342 and 344
Water Street.

Girls Who Work in Factories.

(The Plaindealer.)

The following communication from J. C. Marshall, Secretary of the Newfoundland Clothing Factory, Ltd., was received too late for publication in our last issue.

The information given us on the subject was believed by us at the time to be reliable and of sufficient public importance to warrant the publication of the article to which exception has been taken.

According to Mr. Marshall's letter this information as published by us was not true, and we have no reason to question the veracity of his statement. In view of the fact that he appended his name to the communication, we have no desire to unwarrantably attack the business of the Company or the mode in which it is carried on, and regret that our belief at the time in the truthfulness of the information given should have caused us to write the article referred to.

We are firm believers in the establishment of local industries and desire to see them prosper, and would be very sorry, indeed, that any of our editorial should in any manner embarrass or hamper the development and growth of the Newfoundland Clothing Factory or any other local industry.

In our zeal to write what we believed at the time to be a grave injustice it may be regarded that our criticism was not fair and reasonable.

MR. MARSHALL'S LETTER.

Editor Plaindealer:
Sir—In your issue of the 13th inst. you publish with great attractiveness a lengthy article headed "Girls Who Work in Factories." With your advice to girls who work in factories or elsewhere we take no exception, as that is a matter which does not at all concern us, but your article so clearly points to this Company and contains statements so grossly false (libellous indeed) that we are compelled not only to notice the article but to ask for a prompt retraction and an admission of the facts relating to

such matters are of vital importance to us, and upon which you have drawn public attention to our detriment. A publication of the facts regarding the incident upon which you have undertaken to enlighten the public, and the greater the publicity the more we should value it.
You attempt a pleasant way when you say "there should be no peace allowed to settle on any factories that are sweating their hands till the law is made that will give the employees a living wage." To this we have to say there will be no peace until you have retracted your false and malicious statements.
We say "malicious" advisedly, because this is not your first attack upon us, and while our operatives have been earning better wages than those of any other industrial concern in St. John's, you have not so far as we are aware thought any other worthy of your attention.

As regards the operatives here being expected to turn out a pair of men's pants for a labor cost of eight cents, it is too absurd to deceive even a child, and what we object to is the charge of sweating. The simplest way of testing this charge is to come into our factory, which you may do at any working hour, and enquire of the very girls who "went out" last week and for a few hours caused an interruption to the work in their department.

Before your article was published, several of those girls had begged for and obtained reinstatement, others at the earnest solicitation of their mothers and themselves have been asking to be allowed to return to work since, and in every case those permitted to return gladly accepted our terms.

The Manager's proposal to them was not that they should get "less wages, but that they 'earn' considerably more.
Another charge which we ask your correction of is the statement that the clothing business has a protection of 45 per cent. You cannot but be aware that every yard of cloth and trimmings that enters into the manufacture of clothing pays an import duty of 35 per cent, and that therefore the difference between material only. We repeat we have no fear of your "limelight" and only ask that any information given the public shall be the truth.

We will thank you to publish this in your next issue, failing which other steps will have to be taken.
N.F.L.D. CLOTHING FACTORY, Ltd.,
J. C. Marshall, Sec.

Only 9 days more for STAFFORD'S Liniment Competition.—Feb. 19.
MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GAGGET IN COWS.

Independent Canada.

SAYS C. H. CAHAN, K.C.

Montreal, Feb. 6.—"The independence of Canada will come like that of the United States, and when that time comes, I would rather stand alone and see my children go down to their death in battle before my eyes to attain the independence of Canada than to be subordinated when we are strong enough to stand alone."

This was the declaration made by Mr. C. H. Cahan, K.C., one of Montreal's most prominent lawyers, in an address delivered before the Montreal Club last evening. During the last elections Mr. Cahan threw in his lot with Henry Bourassa, the Nationalist leader, and according to his address last evening he is apparently willing to go a step further than the Quebec Nationalists.

"We have no responsible government in Canada at the present time," said Mr. Cahan, "and we have not the power to change an act made by the Empire. Under the British North American Act we are in the same state that the United States was before the Declaration of Independence. Canada has been and is being controlled by the old country and for the old country alone. We stand for the taxation which caused friction in the United States many years ago and resulted in the Declaration of Independence. We have no rights as Canadian citizens outside of Canada or beyond the three-mile limit on the ocean."

"We as Canadians cannot live for ever in this way. The people are daily becoming more alive to the fact that there must be a change."

Fairville, Sept. 30, 1902.

Minard's Liniment Co., Limited.
Dear Sirs,—We wish to inform you that we consider your MINARD'S LINIMENT a very superior article and we use it as a sure relief for sore throat and chest. When I tell you I would not be without it if the price was one dollar a bottle, I mean it.
Yours truly,
CHAS. F. TILTON.

STAFFORD'S LINIMENT is for sale at all parts of the town.—Feb. 19.

Report of St. Bon's L.A., 1911.

We have much pleasure in presenting the fourth annual report of the Ladies' Association of St. Bonaventure's.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances the activities of the Association were somewhat limited during the past year, and we lost the financial and other benefits derived from the course of lectures in the Aula Maxima, the Irish Night, and other efforts which realized handsome sums in previous years.

But the munificence of W. D. Reid, Esq., who presented the Association with the sum of five hundred dollars enables us to keep to the standard set by us for the past years, and it gives us great pleasure to announce to you that at this meeting the President will present to Rev. Bro. Culhane, for the fourth consecutive year, a cheque for the sum of two thousand dollars, leaving at the same time a substantial balance in the hands of the Treasurer to begin the work of the coming year. St. Bonaventure's has never had a more successful scholastic year than 1911; in all the competitive examinations it retained a leading place. It is to-day living up to its best traditions and fitting our young men to take their places in the front rank of those devoting their lives to the best interests of their native land.

In this year of Grace the leaders in Church and State are graduates of St. Bonaventure's and we all rejoiced a few months ago when the Right Rev. M. F. Power, a brilliant ex-pupil of the College was raised to the dignity of the Episcopacy.

It was said of Napoleon's soldiers that every private carried a marshal's baton in his knapsack. The mothers of the students of St. Bonaventure's may flatter themselves with the thought that each bright-faced boy in the ranks carries in his satchel the Palladium of an Archbishop, or the Commission of a Prime Minister.

The Ladies' Association will rejoice in the victories of the College, as they prove to us that our small efforts in its behalf are not wasted, and individually and collectively we may claim a share in the grand result.

"To-day you have a College worthy of your zeal and self-sacrifice, a College that fronts the future with well founded hopes of great achievements for Church and State, one in which your students may breathe an atmosphere of purity and faith, and show that the Catholic Church can be a beneficent and ennobling institution in the public life of your country. Your graduates are known and respected, and are an influence for good, as every one can testify. Labors in this country at least in killing narrow mindedness and bigotry of every kind. There are great opportunities to-day for all men who have good minds and good character—character that will command confidence and respect, and minds developed by the discipline and studies of an institution like this. The people of this Diocese may be pardoned if they are proud of the growth and progress of this institution." These words of an eminent divine applied to a Canadian College may be very fittingly applied to ours.

Your committee arranged for the celebration of two Masses in each month of the past year, one for the living and one for the deceased members of the Association. This arrangement will be continued during the coming year.

The Treasurer's report which will be read to you, will give you in detail all the work of the Association for the past year, and show you that we begin our year of 1912, strong financially and full of energy for the good work.

Many ladies have already outlined their projects, such as Teas, Concerts, Theatricals, etc., and it is probable that during Lent we shall have some Lectures delivered in the Aula Maxima for the benefit of our friends.

Your committee recognizes that it is largely on the energy and initiative of the Executive that the success of the Association depends. The present incumbents, feeling that the infusion of new blood and new methods will tend to the growth and expansion of the organization, have definitely decided to retire from office, but wish to assure their co-workers and their successors, that they will be active and loyal helpers and will give the Association all the benefit of their experience and willing assistance.

In conclusion your Committee tenders sincere thanks to each and every member for the untiring courtesy and whole souled assistance given during the past year, which made the work so pleasant to the officers and so profitable to the College.

ISABEL L. MORRIS, President.
MAY CARROLL, Hon. Secretary.

NEWHOOK MADE ARREST.—In referring to the arrest of Bishop, on a charge of battery, at Sydney, we took him into custody. Such was not the case, however. It was Head Constable Newhook who made the arrest. He knew the man well, being himself a native of the North Shore.

Fish Specialties!

Finnan Haddie, Kipperd Herring,
BLOATERS,
Digby Herring, Fish Fillets,
CAPLIN,
Boneless Codfish, Salt Herring,

TINNED FISH,
Lobster, Salmon, Cod Steak,
Oysters.

Fresh Oysters.

Grocery
Department.

Ayre & Sons
LIMITED

Grocery
Department.

The Longevity of Fish.

Fishes and animals that live in the water in many instances attain a great age. The carp has been known to live 200 years. Common river trout have been confined in a well for fifty years and were still frisky when taken from the water. The age of the whale is ascertained by the size and number of baleen bones in its mouth. Records show that this sea animal has retained life for 400 years. In 1497 an enormous pike was caught in a lake near Hallerum, in Suabia, with a brass ring attached to it, engraved on which was a statement that the fish was put in the lake in the year 1230, thus indicating that it must have lived 267 years.

Cool-Blooded Gambler.

The French court was at one time a hotbed of gambling. Louis XVI. would play for heavy stakes night after night, and many courtiers were ruined at his table. His successor, who lacked his predecessor's geniality and good nature, was an even greater devotee of the card table. The story is told that when this king was playing one evening a gentleman present was seized with apoplexy. "M. de Chauvelin is ill," one of the courtiers ventured to tell Louis. "Ill!" said the king, quite unmoved. "He is dead. Take him away. Spades are trumps, gentlemen."

By Authority.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint Mr. Jacob Piercey, (Harbor Buffett), to be a member of the Board of Education for the District of Placentia Bay, in place of Mr. Thomas Hollett, retired; Mr. Samuel Pittman, to be a member of the Road Board for New Perlican District of Trinity, in place of Mr. Walter Martin resigned.

What You Hear in Old Quebec.

"I AM WELL, THANKS TO DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS."

Mrs. Gagnon, Riviere au Dore, one of those who raise the glad shout of good health.

Riviere au Dore, Chicoutimi Co., Quebec, Feb. 21. (Special).—"Yes, I am well, and I give all the credit to Dodd's Kidney Pills." Those words have been uttered again and again in almost every corner of the Province of Quebec. This time they come from Mrs. Joseph Gagnon, a well known young married woman of this place.

"My back and head ached and my limbs would swell," Mrs. Gagnon continues. "I always had a bitter taste in my mouth, and especially in the morning. Twelve boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me."

Mrs. Gagnon's symptoms showed beyond a doubt that her trouble was from the kidneys. Naturally she turned to the old reliable Kidney cure that had proved its worth in thousands of other cases. She took Dodd's Kidney Pills and she is well.

Kidney Disease is the greatest enemy the women of to-day have to fight. Dodd's Kidney Pills always cure it. That's why they have earned the name "suffering woman's best friend."

The Archbishop's Anniversary.

To-day, February 22nd, is the seventeenth anniversary of the Installation of His Grace Most Reverend Archbishop Howley, in the Diocese of St. John's.

We congratulate the Archbishop, and wish him many happy years to continue his zealous labours in the cause of Church and Country.

We understand that the pupils of Littledale Academy have anticipated His Grace's Anniversary, and on Shrove Tuesday presented him with a congratulatory address and a beautiful bouquet. The presentation was preceded by a glad chorus, and followed by solos (vocal and instrumental), recitations and a pretty cantata by the juniors. The Archbishop was greatly pleased and warmly thanked the youthful artists. His hosts of friends will voice our Ad Multos Annos.

Will Make Hair Grow Every up-to-date woman should have radiant hair.

There are thousands of women with harsh, faded, characterless hair, who do not try to improve it.

In England and Paris women take pride in having beautiful hair. Every Canadian woman can have lustrous and luxuriant hair by using SALVIA, the Great American Sage Hair Tonic. McMurdo & Co. sells a large bottle for 50 cents, and guarantees it to banish Dandruff, stop falling hair and itching scalp in ten days, or money back.

An Unusual Occurrence.

Never in the history of the local police force has it occurred that a prisoner refused to leave the cells when told he was released, but such happened at 8.30 last evening. A young man of Outer Cove who was drunk in charge of a horse was arrested at 4.30 p.m., and later two friends called for him putting down \$5 on his behalf as a guarantee of his appearance in court. When asked to leave the lock up he positively refused to do so, and but that his friends and Supt. Grimes persuaded him he would not have done so.

Lenten Services.

The Lenten services were largely attended at the R. C. Cathedral since the opening of the Penitential season. Last evening His Grace the Archbishop occupied the pulpit and preached the first of his Lenten sermons on "Charity," taking his text from the Prophet Jeremiah: "Search your ways and seek the return of the Lord." A large congregation was present. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was imparted after the sermon. The Church was largely attended at both Masses this morning.

May Play To-morrow Night

If the S. S. Bruce arrives here on time to-morrow the Windsor and St. John's Hockey Teams will likely play their first game to-morrow evening. Likely on Monday night the second match will take place and the final on Wednesday night. The visitors should then leave on Thursday next.

Glencoe in Ice.

The S. S. Glencoe which left Trepassy at 11.00 a.m. yesterday was off Broad Cove, near Renew, at 5 p.m. Should the wind remain as it is to-day from the westward the ship will get to port all right.

Grand Lodge, L. O. A. Sessions.

(Daily News Messages.)

BONAIVISTA, Feb. 21.
In the closing session of the Orange Grand Lodge, Bro. John Snow was re-elected Grand Master; Bro. R. A. Squires, Dep. District Grand Master; Bro. J. W. Penney, Junior D.G.M.; Bro. Rev. E. P. Ward, D. G. Chaplain; Bro. Jordan Milley, D. G. Secretary; Bro. J. C. Puddister, D. G. Treasurer; Bro. Dr. A. C. Ames, D. G. Lecturer; Bro. E. W. Jones, D. G. Director of Ceremonies; Bro. R. J. Ivany, Deputy D. G. Secretary. Bros. T. F. Butt and George Langmead were appointed as Auditors; Bro. Hon. D. Morison as Past P. Grand Master. The representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge are Bros. W. H. Butt, Jordan Milley, Dr. A. C. Ames, and George Langmead. The Grand Lodge will meet at Trinity next year.

BONAIVISTA, Feb. 21.
The Orange Grand Lodge concluded its sessions this forenoon. Bros. Squires, Milley, W. H. Butt, Ames and Langmead are the delegates to the Grand Lodge of British America. The annual session of the Grand Black Chapter opened this afternoon, and will, it is expected, close to-night. The delegates are going to Catalina to-morrow to institute a Black Chapter there. The consensus of opinion of those present is that the session of 1912 has been the best and most interesting in the history of the Order.

Echoes of Haldane's Visit

Special Evening Telegram.

BERLIN, Feb. 21.
A highly optimistic account of the recent visit of Lord Haldane to Berlin, and of Anglo-German negotiations, is given to-day in an article published in the Lokal Anseiger, which is attributed to a diplomatic correspondent, and which, there is reason to believe, is authoritative. The results of the conversations are declared to have been more favorable than either side dared to hope, and not for a long time has the world had such reason for looking forward confidently to a peaceful future. The credit of putting an end to the diplomatic tension between the two countries is ascribed to King George, who realized that the atmosphere might be cleared up by a frank discussion of the situation. He took steps towards this end before his departure for India, and found the matter ripe for discussion on his return to England. Haldane then started for Berlin, after receiving an unmistakable intimation that his visit would be acceptable. The aim of the present negotiations appears to be the drafting of a sort of protocol giving the views of both parties on all great questions of World politics, which will serve as a guide in their future relations. The protocol will contain mutually loyal assurances as to the peaceful and friendly motives of each nation, and clarify the wishes and plans of both parties, so that conflicts of interests may be rendered avoidable in future by timely discussion.

Missing.

Special Evening Telegram.
LONDON, Feb. 21.
The British barque Gulf Stream, from Glasgow, April 29th, to Tacoma, is reported as missing at Lloyds.

GOING FOR COAL.—The S. S. Nascope will go to Sydney Saturday for a load of coal for the firm's sealers.