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3,000 MEN'S OVERCOATS.

All this season's make, latest styles and best quality Long Raglanettes. Short and medium lengths.

OUR BEST \$14.00 OVERCOATS.

English Melton or Frieze, best linings, Raglanette style, with 25 per cent. discount off, all desirable shades, makes it

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OUR REGULAR \$10.00 LONG COAT.

Black and Grey Frieze, 25 per cent. off makes it

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MEN'S \$10.00 TWEED SUITS.

Well made, all desirable shades; 25 per cent. off makes it

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MEN'S SUITS.

Best English Worsteds, Black, Blue and Fancy Stripes. Regularly sold at \$14.00; 25 per cent. off makes them only

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OUR \$7.50 BLACK or BLUE SERGE SUITS.

With 25 per cent. off makes them only

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MEN'S TWEED SUITS. \$6.50 \$7, and \$7.50.

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All goods are marked in plain figures, so you can quickly see what you can save at this 25 per cent. discount sale.

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and
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A DOUBTFUL BENEFIT.

Whether the concession regarding the appointment of the commander-in-chief of the Canadian militia, obtained by Sir Frederick Borden from the war office, will be for the benefit of Canada or not is doubtful.

The new system may be good for the militia in so far as it holds out to Canadian officers a prize for which they have not been eligible heretofore, and so may induce more to enter the service. And if a suitable Canadian can in time be found, a man with the knowledge of military affairs and of the needs of Canada, required for such a position, his local sympathies may reduce the friction that has often developed between that position and the Canadian militia department. But against these and other possible benefits are very obvious dangers.

The greatest of these is the probability that the office will be used for political patronage; that like all other places of appointment under the government, "pull" will take the place of all other qualifications in an applicant. Already it is rumored from Ottawa that preparations are being made for ousting Lord Dundonald in favor of some favorite of the militia department. It is folly for Canada, while she can procure the service of a man so distinguished and so experienced in the science and practice of war as Lord Dundonald, to seek to better herself at home. The present commander-in-chief has been the best man in the office that Canada ever had. He has, with the limited means at his disposal, done wonders toward improving the efficiency of the force. He originated and pressed upon the Canadian government the extensive improvements in the organization of the militia for which Sir Frederick Borden is now claiming the credit. No Canadian, however able, is provided with the experience and special knowledge acquired during long active service, that would qualify him to do the work Lord Dundonald has done.

The Canadian officers, of high rank, who served in South Africa, gave no notable evidence of superior ability and with hardly an exception succeeded in earning the hearty hatred of all their men. One man prominently mentioned as Lord Dundonald's successor is Col. Otter, than whom no man in South Africa earned more general execration from his men.

It cannot be denied that the inducements of the Canadian permanent militia service have not been great enough to attract men of high ability. If the government uses its new power to draw better men with the possibility of this high office when they are fit for it, and until they are fit, continues to fill the office with the best men available in the imperial army, the result of the change will undoubtedly be good. But if, as is probable, they use their authority to benefit themselves by gratifying their friends and fill this important office with men whose chief qualification may be subservience, the militia will certainly suffer.

Walter Wellman, the American explorer, has elaborated a scheme by which he declares it is certain the North Pole can be reached. It is noticeable, however, that he declines the honor of personally carrying out the plan.

In fairness to Sir Wilfrid Laurier it must be admitted that the famous declaration that "Cox can't wait" has been fully disproved. Senator Cox, in the matter of that \$5,000,000 deposit has shown that he can wait as long as the average man, when it comes to paying a debt.

THE ALARM.

Clang!
A rush in the street,
A swift tumult and noise
Of hurrying feet,
The engines!
Good men, stout and brave
To fight a good fight 'gainst Destruction,
To rescue, to save!
Fire!
Shouting and cries—
The horses, with broad, mighty chests
Straining forward,
With broad, calm, intelligent eyes—
A hurrying and thunderous vision!
The roar and the beat
Of galloping hoofs dying down in the distance—
A hush in the street.
—S. H. Kemper in Everybody's.

CHOKED TO DEATH BY GRAIN OF CORN.

PETITCODIAC, N. B., Dec. 14.—The people of this community were shocked to learn of the death of the young son of R. C. Colpitts. The little fellow, Friday p. m., Dec. 11, while playing with an ear of corn swallowed a kernel. The kernel lodged in the wind pipe, and in about twenty minutes he was dead. R. C. Colpitts is manager of the Pollet River Lumber Company. Much sympathy is felt for the parents.

At a meeting of the creditors of H. R. Graves of Harvey Bank, held at Riverview on Thursday, the appointment was made of Jas. F. Harrison of St. John and Capt. Geo. A. Coonan of Harvey as inspectors, and the continuing of Sheriff Lynds as assignee.

Don't Fail to Get One of Our . . . 75c. Walking Sticks

(Starting Silver Mounted), equal to many costing \$1.00.
These, and a large assortment of Gold and Silver Mounted Walking and Ice Sticks, just to hand for Xmas.

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KING ST.
Tel. 405.

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Advertisements under this head: Half a cent a word. No less charge than 10c.

TO LET—A cottage containing eight rooms. Enquire of M. J. WILKINS, 301 Haymarket Square.

FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET at 117 Elliot Row. Apply on premises.

HELP WANTED, MALE.

Advertisements under this head: Half a cent a word. No less charge than 10c.

HELP WANTED FEMALE.

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WANTED—Kitchen Girl. At CLARK'S HOTEL, 35 King Square.

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Apply to MRS. J. R. RECORD, 75 Sewell street.

WANTED—A capable girl for general housework. To go home nights. Good wages. Apply with references to corner of Canon and Wall streets.

WANTED—A competent girl for general housework. Apply 23 Garden street.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. References required. Apply to MISS KETCHUM, 31 Coburg street.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. References required. Apply to MRS. A. A. LEWIN, 68 Waterloo street.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. References required. Apply at 125 Princess street.

WANTED—A cook, without washing or ironing. References required. Apply at 176 Germain street.

Brylcrepe, Eczema, Eruptions on the face or body, Barber's Itch, Salt Rheum, Blood Poisoning of Wounds, Ring Worm, Hives, Redness or Bad Skin, and all inflammatory wounds or swellings are quickly cured with

BIDDY MARTIN'S EXTRACT.

For sale by all druggists.

BOARDING.

BOARDING—Good rooms with board, house well heated, terms moderate. Apply to MRS. SHANKS, 156 King street, east.

LOST.

Advertisements under this head: Half a cent a word. No less charge than 10c.

LOST—On the 11th inst., on King street east, a Kid Glove, Finder will please leave it at the office of this paper.

LOST—A gold chain bracelet, between No. 4 Engine House and Brussels street. Finder will be rewarded on leaving it at No. 4 Engine House.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SAMUEL SOUTHER, the well known Christmas decorator, is in town this week delivering and putting up Christmas greenery. If any persons wish to have their homes decorated for Christmas, leave their orders with White's, King street, or 72 Mill street. All kinds of festooning and mottoes.

Capt. Clarke delivered an interesting lecture last evening before the non-commissioned artillery officers at their club rooms, Ritchie building, on the subject of Musketry. He spoke for some time on the different kinds of arms used by the different nations, and explained their mechanism in an instructive manner. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the captain for his address.

Meerschmum Pipes, in cases, good quality, 95c. each at Louis Grgen's.

DEATHS.

BELYEA—At Carleton (West End), on the 14th inst., Solomon Belyea, aged 89 years and three months, leaving a wife and nine children to mourn their loss.

Service at two o'clock Wednesday at the house. Funeral at 2:30 o'clock.

Could Not Sleep At Night.

Was All Run Down.

Had No Appetite.

FOOD WOULD NOT DIGEST.

Mrs. L. W. Warner, Riverdale, N.S., is glad there is such a remedy as

Burdock Blood Bitters.

IT CURED HER
AND WILL CURE YOU.

She says: "I wish to add my testimony to the many others who have spoken so highly as to the unflinching virtues of Burdock Blood Bitters. I was all run down, had no appetite, lost all ambition, could not sleep much and had terrible headache and backache, and my food did not digest properly. I saw B.B.B. advertised, so concluded to give it a trial, thinking if it did no good it could do no harm. But after using one bottle I began to feel better, and by the time I had used three bottles I was feeling like a new person. I am so glad there is such a remedy provided for suffering humanity, and cannot praise it enough for I think there is no medicine like it on the market."

MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON KING ST GERMAIN ST AND MARKET SQ LIMITED

SOME SENSIBLE ONS

Prefer to give their parents presents that will mean weeks of solid comfort to them, or a thing of beauty, which in such goods as Parlor Furniture, is a lasting joy.

For Every Purse!

ROCKING CHAIRS, \$1.75 up.
PARLOR CHAIRS, \$5.50 up.
RATTAN CHAIRS, \$5.00 up.
JARDINIERS STANDS, \$1.00 up.
TABOURETTES, \$1.75 up.
PARLOR TABLES, \$3.25 up.
WORK BASKETS, all prices.
MORRIS CHAIRS, \$8.25, 10.50.
HALL CHAIRS, \$4.75 up.
CHEFFONNIERS, all prices.
DRESSING TABLES, all prices.
SIDEBOARDS, all prices.
SECRETARIES, \$7.50 up.
COSTY-CORNERS.
HATTRES AND RACKS.
EASY CHAIRS.

For Cold Nights!

Warm bedding feels awfully good these nights, but in many houses this most necessary line of furnishing is sadly neglected. Possibly more bed-clothing is needed, or it may be the old quilts and faithful are ready for the rag-bag. We have just opened:
DOWN QUILTS, in all sizes and colors, \$4.25 to \$8.25.
COMFORTABLES, various coverings, \$1 to \$4.
BLANKETS, \$2.50 and \$2.80 (special) pair.
OTHER BLANKETS, \$3.50 to \$10.00 pair.
SHAKER BLANKETS, white, \$1.00 to \$1.25 pair; grey, 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25 pair.
All these goods are new and are to be seen in Curtain Department.

For the Ladies!

At the front counter on the ground floor of the main building a line of Embroidered and Lace Trimmed Handkerchiefs is being sold at a uniform price, 20c! Nice, pretty handkerchiefs they are, too, all on special sale.
At the same counter a large number of pairs of Suede Gloves to be swept out at the low rate, \$1. The colors are tans, browns, modes and blacks, and all have the stylish Paris "points." They fill the Christmas bill!

For Tasty Men!

Our Initialed Silk Handkerchiefs with the new hand-embroidered letters, cost 50c., 60c., 75c. each.
Black Satin Mufflers with colored linings; the new mufflers with hem-stitched ends; and the new twice-around mufflers, from 65c. to \$1.35.
The Twice Around can also be worn by ladies, as it comes in peau de sole and more with tinted silk linings. Very dainty!

For Outdoor Men!

In the Men's and Boys' Clothing Department we will put on special sale tomorrow the following heavy coats for outdoor workers:
ULSTERS in heavy grey frieze, large storm collars, \$5.75, 7.25 and 9.00.
HEAVY DRIVING COATS, full skirt and belted back, \$12.00.
Heavy Curled Cloth Coats, lined with rubber below hips, \$15.00. All these strongly made and good value.

For Everybody!

Our Christmas goods are all in, and as soon as the lines in the show-rooms are broken we will replenish them from the wholesale departments until the stock is exhausted. Bring the children to select their own toy furniture, frames, slides, dolls, black-boards, etc., so that Santa Claus "will know." All departments have special holiday inducements to offer. Shop early.

MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON KING ST GERMAIN ST AND MARKET SQ LIMITED

The Attractions of Our Stores Are Their Low Prices.

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32-36 King Square, St. John, N. B.

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS!

Clearing Off the Whole Stock at Fifty per cent. Off.
Now Is The Time To Save Money!

CHRISTMAS SALE OF DRESS GOODS AT BIG REDUCTIONS — This is a great opportunity to buy the best goods at wonderful low prices. Cashmere, Cloths and Fancy Mixtures.

HANDKERCHIEF SALE—Great bargains in Handkerchiefs for Christmas at a very small cost, from 3c. up to 25c. each. Come at once if you wish any at these prices.

LACE CURTAINS—All our curtains to go at less than cost to clear them quickly. They make a good Christmas present.

TABLE LINEN SALE—All our Table Linens, Towels and Napkins are selling very rapidly. Hurry up if you want to get the best at a small cost.

Christmas Offerings!

Today We Offer a Big Consignment of

Bibles, Prayer and Hymn Books,

AT SPECIAL DISCOUNTS,

100 dozen Pocket Books and Purses, at Cut rates. Bring the Children to see the Great Doll Show, now open. Show Rooms up stairs.

McARTHUR'S, 84 King St.

Great Bargains

Winter Millinery!

Bargains! Bargains!
Trimmed and Untrimmed

HATS, TOQUES and BONNETS,

At Greatly Reduced Prices.

This is a rare opportunity to secure a bargain.

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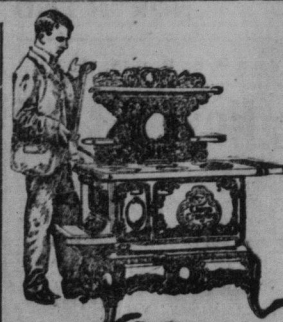
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