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Ladies' Sweaters, pure wool, fancy and plain knit; \$2.25 quality on sale at \$1.89; \$2.65 quality on sale at \$2.20; \$3.39 quality on sale at \$2.80.

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59 Charlotte Street

A Word of Greeting

In extending to our friends, and to the public generally, Our Best Wishes for the New Year, we desire to express our keen appreciation of liberal patronage we have enjoyed during the past twelve months, and trust to merit continued confidence and even greater favor in future.

Once more wishing to all a Bright and Prosperous New Year, we remain,

Very sincerely yours,

St. John, N. B., J. L. THORNE & CO. Hatters and Furriers 55 Charlotte St.

BLANKETS

Of High Degree or Humble Pedigree of Uniform Honesty

As this is the season for replenishing, we have made special preparations to meet a greater than usual demand. No matter whether you are at the beginning and need an entire outfit, or are improving your home with something new, you should first of all try here.

Blankets are strongly featured in this store, and we give them closer attention and greater care than stores that deal in them only in a general way and do not feature them as we do. From the foremost factories, merchandised in careful and particular way that assures lasting satisfaction.

WHITE WOOL BLANKETS—Five lbs., \$3.00 pair; six lbs., \$3.75 and \$5.00 pair; seven lbs., \$6.25 pair; eight lbs., \$7.75 pair.

SPECIAL WOOLNAP BLANKETS—Very soft, with bound edges, \$2.95 pair.

GREY WOOL BLANKETS—\$2.95, \$3.25 pair.

S. W. McMACKIN, 335 Main St.

LOCAL NEWS

SAVINGS BANK RETURNS.

The December returns of the government savings bank show deposits of \$63,569.60 and withdrawals of \$89,189.68.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Colbourne, 102 Mecklenburg street, was brightened today by a New Year's visitor—a 'boy.' Congratulations.

CUSTOMS RETURNS.

The customs duties collected here during December were \$172,340.92, and marine dues, \$880.40, a total of \$173,221.32. The amount for December, 1912, was \$167,017.87, a gain of \$6,203.45.

FOR SEAMEN'S MISSION.

Subscriptions collected for the Seamen's Mission, December 1913, are acknowledged by J. Clawson, as follows:—T. McAvity Sons, Ltd., \$ 30.00 W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., 20.00 T. H. Estabrooks, 20.00 William Thomson & Co., 10.00 John P. MacIntyre, 10.00 T. H. Bullock, 10.00 Page Wire Fence Co., 10.00 \$100.00

STEAMER WITHDRAWN.

The Red Cross line has decided to withdraw, on further notice, their direct weekly freight steamer, the Chlotilde Canco, between New York and St. John, owing to the small amount of traffic offering. The embargo in the United States on continental potatoes has flooded the Cuban market, so that Canadian shippers cannot afford themselves that market and the quarantine on Canadian potatoes has also precluded export of New Brunswick potatoes to the United States. The American lumber market is so dull now that there is no stock to speak of going forward.

LOCAL PAROLE RECORD SHOWS GOOD RESULTS

In Four Years 269 Have Been Released to Rev. W. R. Robinson

In the last four years, 288 men and thirty-one women have been paroled from St. John jail and from the penitentiary to the Rev. W. R. Robinson, pastor of the Ludlow street Baptist church. Of the men, only eleven have ever given any trouble, and not one of them is in prison at the present time. Of the women, not one has broken parole, and five of them are happily married. In every case Mr. Robinson insisted that the girl keep no secret from her intended husband, and the result has not been disappointing. Of course nearly all the persons paroled to Mr. Robinson were from the jail, and he told a Times reporter this morning that more than 98 per cent. of the cases were due to drink. Some of the men had a terrible struggle to overcome their appetite for liquor, and his experience at the police court and with men of confirmed drinking habits showed him the need there is for a prison farm. Mr. Robinson contends that his experience with men and women on parole proves the value of that system in dealing with persons guilty of minor offences. He adds that he has always had the hearty co-operation of the county and police court judges.

DEATH OF JOHN RUSSELL

Prominent Citizen Passed Away This Morning

The incident of the new year has brought sorrow to the family of John Russell, and keen regret to his many friends through his passing away this morning at his residence, 9 Peter street, after a lengthy illness. He was one of the older contingent of fine old men of St. John, a citizen respected by all who knew him, and held in high esteem because of his personality and character. All his life was spent in this city, where he was born. He was for years engaged in business as a partner in the firm of Thurzar & Russell, on the North Wharf, but retired from active commercial life about twenty-four years ago. Mr. Russell was a life-long Liberal and took a hearty interest in political affairs, both federal and civic. He is survived by four sons and two daughters. The sons are James V. Russel, boot and shoe merchant; William, of Vancouver, B. C.; John, Jr., president of the Canadian Drug Co., and David of Montreal, now in the city. The daughters are Mrs. Eastace Barnes and Mrs. R. S. Ritchie, both of St. John. The funeral will be held from his late residence, 9 Peter street, on Sunday afternoon.

DIES SUDDENLY IN NEW YORK

Thomas G. Burrell Was Well Known In Dry Goods Business in St. John.

Sad news was contained in a telegram received last evening by Mrs. S. Burrell at her home, 76 Dorchester street, which told of the sudden death of her son, Thomas G. Burrell, in New York. No further details were given, but the news will excite keen regret among all who knew him in St. John, where he made his home about twenty years ago. He was then employed as dry goods clerk and also as traveling salesman. In New York he had been engaged as traveler for a large silk concern.

His wife, who was formerly Miss Alice Stewart of St. John, survives him in New York. He visited his old home here last summer with his mother, he leaves a sister, Miss Helen Burrell, and a brother, W. K. Burrell in this city. The body will be brought here for burial.

IN CHARGE OF COLONIAL CHURCH SOCIETY WORK

(Special to Times.) London, Jan. 2—Stanley C. Page, a graduate of the Montreal Theological College, will leave on Saturday on the S. S. Mongolian for Belleoram, N.B., to take temporary charge of the work of the Colonial Church Society.

BUILDING COSTLY HERE; LAWS NEED REVISION

F. G. Spencer Points Out The Great Need of a Change and Cites His Own Case

To the Editor of The Times:

Sir—More than the usual number of references to a present and prospective building boom, seem to have appeared recently in the local press, but a little enquiry will readily determine that so far, at least, as it applies to home-building, one can cite several small towns in the provinces which are more progressive in this connection than the Metropolis—and what is the reason? I was more than ordinarily interested in a communication in these columns some weeks ago from a citizen who was forced to abandon the idea of building, after having plans completed, owing to the extreme cost, as compared with other centres, possibly because of having similar experiences on two occasions. Until St. John conditions compare somewhat with those existing in other places, will not prospective home-builders be sufficiently deterred to prevent a realization of the building boom expectations so often referred to in scare headlines? It occurs to me that newspaper references which tend to keep the undesirable local building conditions a cred, which none concede to be impossible, would not represent wasted space. My object in writing, however, is to call attention to a phase of the Building Law with which I was suddenly confronted last week, and which may be of other centres, possibly because of having similar experiences on two occasions. After paying taxes on a city lot for three years, and rejecting several building ideas, because of the cost, I finally decided to erect a small, two-story self-contained wooden house, with pitched roof, which brought the entire height of the building to 22 feet. With the plans nearly completed, I am informed that such a structure is against the Building Regulations, for the so-called "Second District," and I must choose, if I wish to build a home, between a flat-roofed two-story house, or a one-story bungalow, with a pitched roof. This building law was drafted immediately after the fire of 1877, and while there might have been every justification for it at that time, the changing conditions meanwhile have been such that I have searched without avail for any possible reason for its present existence. In 1877, I am informed that no method of covering pitched roofed houses, other than with shingles, was known, and that the present slates and metals are used almost exclusively on a good class of dwelling. Prominent insurance men and other interested parties whom I have consulted, do not seem to recognize any reason for a continuance of this regulation. An amendment to the present building law was voted upon August 26, 1913, and failed to carry. This referred only to what is known as the "Third District." Those responsible for the amendment were, however, directing attention to what is termed the "three-decker" tenement, many of which have been erected in the district of late, but the Globe, on the evening of August 25, referred to the fact that the literal wording of the amendment would make it impossible, under the proposed law, to erect such a residence as that of J. Kimball Scamell, in the Third District, of which, incidentally, Douglas avenue was a part. This, on the face of it, seemed ridiculous, though it presents exactly the same situation that has confronted every home builder in the Second District, since 1877, and will account for the type of residence peculiar to that district, which form a large and important part of the city. Commissioner McLellan answered the Globe at length, in the Telegraph, the morning of August 26, going into the matter quite exhaustively. The following is culled from his communication and shows conclusively just where are the sympathies of his commissioner: "If the law prohibits any such construction as the Globe suggests, I will certainly be the last one to so amend the law as will permit of any or all enjoying the class of residences to which the Globe refers, as it is not, and never was, the intention to prohibit the erection of two and a half self-contained houses." Mr. McLellan was troubled Mr. McLellan somewhat during the past few days regarding this matter, and found him most courteous, but, quite naturally, accepting no responsibility for the existing conditions of the building laws, of which my complaint is but a small item. I gather, however, from Mr. McLellan's expression, as above, that it would not have been an extremely difficult matter to secure an amendment to this by-law, which was voted upon August 26, and so with equal facility, I presume it can be accomplished in connection with the present law in the Second District. It is conceded that the building laws require revision; also that it cannot be deferred much longer, and one could make a safe bet that the above referred to difficulty would be one of the first to come under the pruning knife, after which, it is reasonable to assume that but a small proportion of the newer houses will be built with the now prevailing flat roof, and it would seem that the structures at present being erected, in conformity with the usages of recent years, might deteriorate in value when the regulations governing the building trade are changed in accordance with the conditions now existing in other cities. If there are no good reasons for the continuance of this regulation, if the law differs widely with those at present in application in other cities, where the mode of living can be compared with St. John, if it has a tendency to restrict, without good cause, would it not seem reasonable that every effort should be made by those in authority to introduce an amendment which will make it possible for the commissioner of public safety to discriminate between certain classes of dwelling, the similarity of which happens to be only in the matter of height. Difficulties of the above nature, together with the unreasonable cost of construction, tend to take the edge off the building activities during the coming spring. Yours, F. G. SPENCER.

THE HOSPITAL

The General Public Hospital acknowledges receipt of the following New Year's gifts—two cream for nurses and patients from Mrs. E. L. Rising; box of oranges from A. L. Goodwin and oysters from J. E. Smith.

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Dr. Jaeger's Fine Soft Pure Wool Shirts and Drawers, \$1.50, \$2.00 per Garment

"Wolsey" the finest Underwear made in the world. Made from the finest Australian and Shetland wools.

Stanfield's Closed Crotch Union Suits, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.50 Suit

Wolsey Union Suits, of pure natural wool, \$3.50, \$5.00 Suit

Whitestoke Linen Mesh Shirts and Drawers. People who had been buying the higher priced garments are now buying these and have been thoroughly satisfied and saving one third the price, \$2.00 per Garment

Dr. Jaeger's Fine Soft Natural Wool Union Suits, \$3.00, \$4.50 Suit

Penman's Merino Union Suits, \$2.00 to \$3.50 Suit

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