

Special Announcement.

(MILLINERY DEPARTMENT.)

We inaugurate to-day a sale of all goods in this department. Our experience has taught us that when we want to **Clear Goods**, it must be done by cutting the prices **real deep**. Not knocking off **twenty-five cents** on a five dollar article, but **dollars**. Making it so interesting for the customer that the goods disappear in a hurry. Now listen! We are going to make a clean sweep of all our Ready-to-Wear and Trimmed Hats. Several of these are French Pattern Hats, but will be included in the sale. Every Hat **below cost** and some **a good deal lower**. Did you ever have such a Millinery Opportunity in this town? See our window this morning. It will pay you to **act quickly**.

CHRISTMAS CUSTOMERS

Will find it to their advantage to do their purchasing here. Our stock is certainly well assorted and fresh. Buy good, sensible gifts for your friends, and so make this season a very happy one.

We have all the little findings necessary for the making up of gifts and will be pleased to give you our best attention.

R. N. WYSE, Newcastle, N. B.

HANDKERCHIEFS,
3 for 10c. See what
we have for 5c each.
GREAT VARIETY.

PRESENT
PURCHASING
PERIOD.

MEN'S SILK
INITIALED
H'DK'FS,
GOOD QUALITY,
50c.

Now is the time to be thinking of what presents you are going to give. We would like to help you in your selection. We believe that the best present for old and young is something of real practical value, something that not only gives pleasure at the moment but is a lasting remembrance of the kindness of the giver. Allow us to suggest a few articles of the many that might be selected from our stock.

For a Lady.

One of our very fancy lengths
of FLECKED DRESS GOODS,
\$6.88.

Waist length of All Wool
DELAINE, \$1.50.

Fancy waist of Wool DE-
LAINE, trimmed with orna-
ments, lined, \$2.00.

Fancy Canvas Cloth Waists,
all wool, lined, \$1.90.

SETT FURS, large variety of
Prices.

ASTRACAN MITTS, 85c.

SILK LINED GLOVES \$1.00.

WOOL " \$1.25.

FANCY WAIST SETT,
Prices 25c, 35c, 50c, 60c.

SILK BELTS, 25c, 35c, 75c,
\$1.00.

Fancy stock COLLARS, 25c,
35c, 50c, 90c.

Fancy FELT SLIPPERS
30c. per pair.

For a Gentleman.

SUIT CLOTHES, superb
quality, 10 to 12 dollars. Cheaper
suits if you want them.

OVERCOATS, \$7, \$9, or
\$10.50. Great value, only need to
be seen to be appreciated. Fur-
lined overcoat, 25 to 35 dollars.

FANCY SLIPPERS, \$1.25.

FUR or CLOTH CAP. \$3.25.

our Fur Cap at \$3.25.

GAUNTLET MITTS at \$1.40.

KUMFORT MITTS, 50c.

TIES, large variety, 25c or 50c.

Ties in individual boxes, 50c.

GLOVES, wool lined, warm
and comfortable, 75c. to \$1.75.

Clarke & Co.

For the Boy.

SUIT CLOTHES, warm, com-
fortable winter suits, quite cheap,
too.

RAGLANETT OVERCOAT,
\$4.75 or \$5.00. REEFERS—only
a few left but they are right in
quality and price.

GLOVES, BOOTS, UNDER-
WEAR and a host of other things.

For a Girl.

SETT FURS. We have grey
opossum, that looks well. Are
quite cheap and we will guarantee
the wear.

ASTRACAN MITTS, 75c.

GLOVES, MITTS, BOOTS, etc.

We can only enumerate a few
of the many articles. Come in and
see them.

\$12.00

WILL BUY a Ladies' handsome Gold Filled Waltham
Watch, guaranteed for 25 years. Positively a good time
keeper. This price is for CASH ONLY and holds good until
CHRISTMAS EVE.

We have other Watches for the Holidays:

Watches for Girls \$2.50 to \$10.00.

For Boys \$1.50 to \$5.00.

For Ladies \$6.00 to \$30.00.

For Gents \$5.00 to 30.00.

In Silver, Gold-Filled and Gold Cases.

Our assortment of CHAINS to go with these watches
is larger than ever before. The Styles are the latest, the
Prices the Lowest that can be obtained for Quality.

Al Goods Guaranteed.

H. Williston & Co.,
JEWELERS.

Seasonable Goods.

- at -

Alluring Prices.

8 INCH CUT-

GLASS BOWL,
\$5.00.

CUT GLASS

OIL BOTTLE,
\$4.50

CUT GLASS COLOGNES,

\$1.20 to \$3.00.

LIMOGE

SUGARS AND CREAMS.

3 decorations,
\$1.70, \$2.65, \$3.75.

LADIES' PURSES,

with or without silver corners
75 cents.

NAPKIN RINGS,

50c. to \$3.00.

THE ANSWER.

The Provincial Government
Answers

N. B. LUMBERMEN.

A Full Text of Surveyor
General Dunn's An-
swer.

The local government has decided to
increase the stumpage on lumber cut in New
Brunswick, from \$1 to \$1.25 a thousand,
and to double the charge for renewal of
leases, making it \$8 a square mile, instead
of \$4, as at present. The new stumpage
rate will apply to this winter's cut, and the
new charge of renewals will affect all future
renewals.

When increase of the stumpage was first
talked of some little time ago, \$1.50 was
spoken of as likely to be the new rate, but
on second view the government considered
that a better plan would be to do what has
now been decided on. Instead of making
the stumpage \$1.50, the government make a
\$1.25 and thus the burden is lighter on the
steady operator, while more of an increase
is asked from those who seek renewal leases
and who hold lands for speculative pur-
poses.

There are other important matters
relative to the lumber industry dealt with
by the surveyor-general in replying to the
memorial of the lumbermen's association.
The full text of his reply is given here. It
is signed by Hon. A. T. Dunn, surveyor-
general, and a copy was forwarded last
evening to Henry Hilyard, of this city,
president of the association. The document
reads:

To Messrs. Henry Hilyard, Kilgour, Shives,
W. B. Snowball, John E. Shives, G. C.
King, E. Hutchison and R. A. Lawlor,
Committee of the Lumbermen and Lumber
Holders' Association.

Gentlemen:—I am directed to inform you
that I submitted to the executive council
your memorial of the 29th September, last,
and to say that the matters therein referred
to have received very careful consideration.

As you have made recommendations in
reference to the administration of the crown
lands which are very important, it will
perhaps be well to refer to them in detail,
and to acquaint you with the views of the
government in respect thereto under the
different headings.

The question of allowing tops to be
removed without payment of stumpage is
one involving serious difficulties, and, after
consultation with the officers of the depart-
ment, who are fully competent to judge
upon these matters, the executive council
has reluctantly been forced to the conclusion
that it cannot accede to your views. You
will remember that this matter was brought
up before the department of crown lands
some years ago and the surveyor-general
endeavored to meet the views of the lum-
bermen in this regard, but, finding that ad-
vantage was taken throughout the different
sections of the province, by certain opera-
tors, the claim of a larger percentage
of their cut was on top alone and therefore
should not be liable to stumpage, it became
necessary to adopt a different policy, and
for this and other reasons, it is not con-
siderable in the public interest that the
present policy in this regard should be
departed from.

While the executive council is
impressed with the view put forward in the
second paragraph of your memorial, with
reference to the increased cost attending
the procuring of lumber and getting it to
market, yet it should be borne in mind that
the province has in recent years expended
large amounts of money in the building of
railways, which have very considerably
lessened the cost of taking the supplies to
the head waters of the rivers where lum-
bering operations are carried on, and this fact
as well as the reduced cost of supplies,
should be taken into consideration in deter-
mining what would be a fair rate of
stumpage.

It must also be borne in mind that since
the adoption by the government of the
policy of granting the licenses for twenty
years, the value of the holdings of
licensees has increased enormously. Many
licensees who purchased at the upset price
of \$8 per square mile, now hold their lands
at \$100 and upwards; and while it may be
true that the cost of procuring the lumber
has increased, owing to the higher rate of
wages now prevailing, it is within the
knowledge of the executive that the price
of lumber in the local markets has very
largely increased, and is in many cases
nearly fifty per cent. higher than it was ten
years ago. These facts cannot be ignored
by the government as trustees of the public
in determining this question.

3. The question of having different rates
of stumpage in different sections of the
province is a very important one, and the
executive council has felt that a great deal
could be said in favor of discriminating in
this regard, having reference to the accessi-
bility of markets, the facilities for procuring
lumber, difference in freights and other
circumstances, but it has been decided to
acquiesce in the views put forward by you
on behalf of the lumbermen, and continue
the uniform rate throughout the province.

4. In respect to recommendation No. 4
contained in your memorial, the executive
council feels that it would not be in the
interest of the province that a regulation of
general effect should be made regarding the
reduction of stumpage to operators cutting
on burnt districts, but has decided that in
cases of this kind application must be made
to the surveyor-general, and by him
referred to the committee of council for
decision, and each case will be dealt with
upon its merits, but the general opinion is
that only in very exceptional cases should
any reduction be made.

5. In regard to your recommendation
No. 5, the executive council recognizes that
there are throughout the province certain
areas under license upon which the timber
is not likely at any time, when cut, to

be more than a few years old. It is therefore
not surprising that the lumbermen should
have suggested a reduction in the stumpage
rate on these areas. The executive council
feels that it would not be in the interest of
the province that a regulation of general
effect should be made regarding the reduc-
tion of stumpage to operators cutting on
burnt districts, but has decided that in
cases of this kind application must be made
to the surveyor-general, and by him
referred to the committee of council for
decision, and each case will be dealt with
upon its merits, but the general opinion is
that only in very exceptional cases should
any reduction be made.

6. With reference to the suggestion of
your committee contained in paragraph 6 of
the memorial, that in case it is the intention
of the government to raise the stumpage,
the term of the present leases should be
extended for a period of twenty years, from
the date of the increase of stumpage, the
executive council would call your attention
to the fact that at the time the policy of
granting licenses for twenty years was
determined upon, it was well understood by
the lumbermen that the right was
reserved to the government at any time to
increase the stumpage and to close the
right, and in view of this fact, the
government does not think it desirable that
the question of granting a further extension
should form an element in considering the
amount of stumpage and mileage rate to be
paid.

7. Referring to paragraph 7 of the
memorial, while the executive council
recognizes to the fullest extent the great
desirability of procuring from recruitment
of recruits the licensed crown timber
lands of the province, yet it cannot accede
to the proposition which is suggested in
the text paragraph that the vacant lands
of the province should, simply because
they are under license, not be opened to
settlement. The policy of the government
is, that wherever suitable lands for
settlement are available throughout the
province, the fullest opportunity should be
given to bona fide applicants to settle upon
such lands. The department, however,
will be careful in the future as in the past,
to scrutinize all applications, in order to
determine that they are bona fide, and will
only approve of applications that are made
in districts where the land is suitable for
agricultural purposes and for settlement.

8. As to the statement in paragraph 8
of your memorial, the government intends
to introduce an amendment to the act
relating to the survey and exportation of
lumber, as a means of remedying the
difficulties suggested in this paragraph.

9. The suggestion made in paragraph
9 of the memorial merits favorable
consideration, and it is the intention of the
government, as far as possible, to have
base lines run over all the crown lands, so
that the evil complained of may be
remedied.

10. With regard to the suggestion
contained in paragraph 10 of the memorial,
the government is unable to
see its way clear to make any general
regulation allowing for the cut of logs of a
smaller size than that already provided for.
In conclusion, the executive council de-
clines me to say that the preservation and
protection of the crown timber lands of the
province have been the subject of the very
greatest consideration by the government,
recognizing, as it does, the great importance
to the province of preserving and encourag-
ing this great industry. The executive
council is fully aware that the policy which
was adopted in 1903 of granting long leases
has been an important factor in this direc-
tion, having given an incentive which did
not previously exist to the licensees to
take all possible means to protect their
holdings. The question of whether or not
it is desirable to still further extend the
terms of the licenses, thereby ensuring
greater permanency of tenure, is one of
great importance and will receive the most
careful attention.

In this connection, it may be proper to
observe that the executive council recog-
nizes the equitable claims of those who have
invested large amounts of money in the
erection of mills, the building of boats,
wharves, etc., in connection with the carry-
ing on of lumbering and milling operations
to hold lands for the purpose of supplying
their mills. Upon the other hand, your
committee will readily recognize the
objections which may be urged and which
would naturally be weighed with the
people of the province against permanently
locking up its timber lands without first
affording an opportunity to all persons to
secure an interest therein, if they saw fit to
do so.

In considering this question, it must be
approached from the standpoint of the
public interest, and also with view to
protecting the large number of persons
throughout the province who are engaged
in this industry. The government recog-
nizes the great importance of speedily arriv-
ing at a proper conclusion, and your
committee may rely upon the subject
receiving the fullest consideration. I have
the honor to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,
A. T. DUNN,
Surveyor-General.
Frederickton (N. B.), Dec. 4, 1903.

TOWN COUNCIL.

Regular Monthly Meeting
Held Last

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Fish's Road Contract
Discussed—Police Re-
port received.

The regular meeting of the New castle
Town Council was held in the clerk's office
last Wednesday evening. His Worship
Mayor Macdonald and Alds. Hickson,
Henderson, Armstrong, and Lawlor being
present.

A communication from J. D. Creaghan in
reply to a press charge for wiring his
residence was read and discussed and on motion
it was resolved that the town clerk be
instructed to see Mr. Creaghan, and also
Mr. Hendry, and endeavor to come to a
settlement with that gentleman.

A communication from Mr. Waddle, re
some changes and repairs to baders was
read and handed to water and light
committees.

Applications of Allan Janus, H. B.
Gentry and Geo. T. Denison were read
and after discussion Ald. Lawlor moved
that Andrew Gibb be retained at \$35 per
month—Carried.

A communication from the Smart-Turner
Contract damaged claimed by town was
read and the clerk ordered to give in-
formation as to cost.

A petition for a light in the rear of
Massey Hall was read and laid on the
table.

The committee in charge of new road
reported that Mr. Fish had made rapid
progress up to the fall of 1903 and that
the road was well advanced toward com-
pletion.

Mr. Fish, who was present, said that he
expected an engineer to go over the work
and make an estimate of the work done,
but none had been available so he had
made an estimate which he submitted.
This showed work to about \$1400 done.

After further discussion by Hennessey,
Hickson and Armstrong, Ald. Lawlor
moved that Mr. Fish be paid \$1250 on
account of contract. Carried.

The Police Magistrate's Report for the
year was read and laid on the Police
Committee.

A number of accounts passed.

Ald. Hennessey moved that as the
services of Mr. Cassidy were not needed
all the time, that he be notified that his
services were not required at present, but
when required, he will be notified.
Carried.

Council then adjourned.

Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. is doing good work in
many of the towns in the Maritime Pro-
vinces among the young men. The motto
adopted by the International Committee
Headquarters, New York is the words,
"spirit, mind and body." While we believe
in carrying out the motto in its threefold
sense, yet many associations today in good
working condition and like the Newcastle
association have only limited floor room
are restricted to only the spirit and mind
text of the motto and have large mem-
bership.

We know of several associations run
on this principle in towns with less than
4000 population with 150 to 200 members
and a lively interest taken in its work by
its members, where they meet in the
evening to see each other, to read the best
of literature that is always found in a Y.

M. C. A. reading room, to enjoy a
pleasant hour in playing games that are
also found there and many of them around
the organ will be enjoying a good social
time singing college songs or the favorite
Hymns and Gospel songs always on hand
and some may be found in the educational
classes always conducted in a well equipped
association. The Newcastle association is
willing to do all they can to carry out these
principles of the association motto first by
its Religious meetings and Bible classes that
will soon be organized. Also the mind will
have an opportunity of improvement by
evening classes if the young men desire it.
Mr. Belyea will conduct a class in book-
keeping if four or more men request it on
the beginning of the New Year and other
classes can be added if there is any demand
for it.

All the men in town are requested to
attend the Sunday afternoon meetings held
at four o'clock, conducted by the secretary,
J. M. Belyea.

The Ladies Auxiliary will meet next

Saturday at 3 p. m. in Y. M. C. A. to
thoroughly organize and form committees to
carry out the social side of the work.

A boy's department will also be formed
this week and we hope for a membership of
50 boys or more. The boys are invited to
meet the secretary at 4 o'clock Tuesday,
Wednesday and Thursday of this week for
the purpose of organizing. All boys from
12 to 16 years invited.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat
ailments are quickly relieved by Vapo-Cresol-
ene tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.