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This year we have had the finest display of favored chocolates in the history of the city and the boxes were chosen as much for their covers as for contents. The cream of all the leading makers on sale at 1-4 off. Never was such an offer before.

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Xmas Neck Wear!

The kind he will like are here by the hundreds, all nicely boxed. Correct in style and colors.

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That the New Year may bring to you and yours every Prosperity and Happiness, is the sincere wish of the

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Hot Griddle Cakes

Toothsome, Delightful—and Quick

WITHOUT GREASE, for you don't have to grease the "Wear-Ever" Aluminum Pancake Griddle; just pour on the batter, and you'll be delighted to find that it won't stick, and you'll have the most delicious pancakes you ever tasted.

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which cook all foods quicker, more evenly, more thoroughly than ordinary cooking wares, because "Wear-Ever" takes the heat quicker, distributes it more evenly and requires less fuel than you have been accustomed to use for general cooking.

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Store Hours, 8:30 to 6. Open Saturday Evenings until 10.

LOCAL NEWS

POWER CO. MATTER.
It is expected that the offer made by C. F. Sanford, on behalf of the preferred shareholders of the New Brunswick Power Co., made to the Common Council, will be dealt with at a meeting of the council this afternoon.

H. R. McLELLAN CASE.
In the matter of the case of H. R. McLellan vs. The St. John Globe Publishing Co., Ltd., a suit for damages for alleged libel, W. H. Harrison, counsel for the defendants, today filed particulars of justification in accordance with a ruling made by Chief Justice McKeown last week.

BURIED AT HAMPTON.
The funeral of James Logan took place this morning from his residence in Hampton to St. Alphonsus' church where Requiem High Mass was sung by Rev. Raymond McCarthy. Interment was in the Hampton cemetery.

THE MARKET LIGHTS.
Considerable saving to the city has been effected by attaching all the lights inside the market, those recently placed along the outside of the building in North and South Market streets, and those on the ornamental poles in Charlotte street to one meter. In this way advantage can be taken of the lower rate for large consumption.

STREET LIGHTING RATES.
Commissioner Thornton, replying to a query by a reporter today, said that he had not received any definite reply to his letter to the New Brunswick Power Co., asking if the street lighting rate would be reduced in proportion to the January 1 cut in domestic and commercial lighting. He said that the manager of the company had intimated to him that there would likely be no reduction in the city bill.

SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY.
Next year will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of St. Peter's Y. M. A. and the fiftieth anniversary of St. Aloysius and St. Peter's societies. The name St. Aloysius being changed to St. Peter's in the reorganization in 1898. Yesterday afternoon a magnificent silk flag was put on exhibition in the Y. M. A. rooms and it will be raised at the anniversary celebration. It is made of domestic and commercial silk (the colors of the Y. M. A.) and has on it "St. Peter's Y. M. A., 1898-1923." Rev. Father Hogan announced that Rev. Joseph Borgmann, C. S. B. organizer and formerly spiritual director of the Y. M. A. will be here to participate in the celebration. Father Borgmann is at present stationed in Annapolis, Md.

AWAY TOMORROW.
The Canadian Pacific steamship "Minnetonka" will sail tomorrow for Cherebourg, Southampton and Hamburg, with approximately 100 cabin and 200 third-class passengers, in addition to a large general cargo. Among the passengers will be Mr. Levesque of Dartmouth, N. S., Major W. A. Seal, M. C., Capt. J. J. Guest, Lieut. John C. Edwards and Dr. Charles Hills of Ottawa; the Rt. Rev. M. T. de la Harpe, Bishop of Regina, Sask.; Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hoey, and Rev. Louis Dupie of Montreal.

CROZIER-JOHNSTONE.
A quiet wedding, which will be of interest to a large circle of friends in the city and elsewhere, took place on Saturday evening, December 23, at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. Moorhead Legate, when George A. Crozier was united in marriage to Henrietta E. Johnstone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Johnstone of Upper Loch Lomond. This news will be read with much pleasure by many who number Mr. and Mrs. Crozier among their friends. He is descended from a popular young farmer of the Loch Lomond district, and his bride, a daughter of "Square" Johnstone, enjoys the esteem and regard of all who know her. They will have the best of wishes from their home vicinity and many in the city, alike, for a long and happy married life.

PRESENTATIONS

A pleasing event took place on Sunday afternoon in the class room of Central Baptist Church when the pastor, Rev. James Dunlop, on behalf of the boys of the Central Baraca class, presented to Dr. and Mrs. R. W. N. Baker a handsome dinner wagon with their best wishes for the holiday season. Dr. Baker is teacher of the class and his wife is the pianist. Dr. Baker expressed the appreciation of himself and Mrs. Baker for the thoughtful remembrance.

At an informal gathering of the executive of the St. John Power Boat Club on Christmas Eve, Dr. J. H. Barton, commodore, presented the individual members of the executive a large photograph of himself in uniform. In return the executive presented to Commodore Barton a beautiful sterling silver cigarette case bearing the doctor's monogram. Felicitations were extended.

The permanent men of No. 4 fire station received from Chief Blake neckties on Christmas day, from Hon. Dr. Robert's cigars, also from Foreman McLellan a box of cigars to each permanent man. The men returned thanks and wished the doctor a Happy New Year.

Following the Sunday services in Douglas avenue Christian church on Sunday, Alexander Crulshank, choir leader and organist, was made recipient of a handsome silk muff on behalf of the choir members. Ralph Fugh made the presentation. Mr. Crulshank returned hearty thanks to the choir for the mark of appreciation. Good wishes in keeping with the Christmas season were then exchanged.

Rev. George F. Coffin, C. S. R., who is in charge of St. Peter's Sunday school, was pleasantly surprised yesterday at receiving a remembrance from the teachers and children. He expressed his appreciation in a few well-chosen words.

Members of the north end police force were recipients of a box of cigars from Chief Blake of the fire department, and one from Dr. Mayes H. Case.

The congregation of St. Alphonsus Church, Hampton, yesterday, presented to their pastor, Rev. Raymond McCarthy, a purse of gold together with an address, expressing their good wishes for the Christmas season.

SPIRITED CHASE ENDS IN CAPTURE

John Travis Now Faces a Charge in Police Court.

It was a merry chase that John Travis gave Arthur Gregg, driver for Waterbury & Rising, Ltd., when the latter's horse and delivery sled was taken from its place in Market street about 9 o'clock on Christmas Eve. However, Mr. Gregg was bent on recovery of the horse, sled and goods, which included Christmas parcels, and he did not give up the chase until he had located Travis in Rockland Road, where he was in the King street store, not however, without some difficulty.

He charged that Travis, who will face the magistrate this afternoon, secured the outfit as the team was standing in Market street, and gave chase next morning to the horse and wagon along the rear door of the store, and was turning into Charlotte street and was going at considerable speed. Mr. Gregg hailed a passing team and gave chase next morning to the horse and wagon along its way towards Rockland Road. Here the horse halted and Travis was found in the delivery sled. Travis, it is said, consented to return with Mr. Gregg and the driver of the team which he had halted. On the return however, Gregg says Thomas made an attempt to get free and he caught hold of the driver of the second team by the throat. Before Mr. Gregg could get to his assistance Travis had gotten away.

Closely followed Travis was caught again in Cavendish street and a bunch on the end of the chin introduced him to the snowbank. By this time the police had been notified and on Gregg's arrival Travis was placed under arrest and taken to central station. The parcels, with which the delivery sled was heavily laden at the time, were strewn about the sleigh in confusion and some of them opened. Several pairs of skates and boots were missing, apparently having fallen from the team, as well as a few other parcels.

WORKING ON THE 1923 PROGRAMME

Commissioner Frink Speaks of Situation Relative to Douglas Avenue Paving.

Amongst the problems which will face the Public Works Department when the street paving programme is being prepared for 1923 is the completion of the Douglas avenue pavement from where work was stopped last season as far as the bridges, said Commissioner Frink today. He said that it was his intention to have the work finished if the matter of the height of the new C. P. R. bridge, as well as the matter of the overhead crossing, is cleared up. Hearing in the C. P. R. bridge matter has been postponed from time to time and it is still unsettled.

The commissioner said that the cost of keeping up the portion of the street which is unpaved was twice as much last year as the interest on bonds to cover the cost of paving. The viaduct, which will do away with the level crossing on the avenue, is estimated to cost \$100,000. The railway commission has agreed to bear a share of the cost not to exceed \$15,000 and the balance will be paid for fifty per cent. by the C. P. R. and twenty-five per cent. each by the City and the New Brunswick Power Co.

COULD NOT GET ACROSS OCEAN

Steamship With Welsh Coal for Halifax Had to Return.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 26.—The Norwegian steamer Lorents W. Hansson from Swansea, Wales, for Halifax, with 8,000 tons of coal for a local distributor has been forced to put back to Liverpool, leaving, with her bridge carried away. According to cable information here she battled with terrible gales.

SUMMER HEAT FOR CHRISTMAS IN PARTS OF U. S.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—The U. S. is baked in record warm temperatures for Christmas day. Santa Claus returned to his home in the cold north without experiencing zero weather in any part of the country.

At Fort Worth and San Antonio, Texas, and New Orleans, La., the thermometer registered 78 degrees. Kansas City reported 68, the warmest Christmas ever officially recorded there. The same weather prevailed throughout Missouri and Kansas. Chicago had the hottest Christmas in years, with the mercury reaching 45. Exceptionally high temperatures prevailed over Illinois.

In the northwest, visited recently by cold waves that sent the mercury to 28 below zero, plus temperatures prevailed yesterday. Towns in Montana and North Dakota that reported temperatures from 20 to 30 degrees below zero during the cold waves, yesterday recorded readings above freezing.

BOUND HERE.
The direction finding station at Red Head reported that at 1 p.m. the Canadian Miller, bound inward, was 100 miles distant.

WANT TO KEEP IT UP WITH MAYOR

Bond Dealers Association's Reply to Mayor's Request to Address the Common Council.

Last week Mayor Fisher wrote to the Bond Dealers' Association of Canada, Montreal, asking that any further communication which they might think it necessary to send be addressed to the Common Council. The correspondence in question had to do with the Mayor's offer of \$2,000,000 and the refusal of the council to submit the matter to arbitration on the company's refusal of the Mayor's offer.

The Worshipful received a letter today from the association in which that body expressed its desire not to change over to the council but to continue its correspondence with the Mayor alone. Mayor Fisher declined to give any further details of the communication.

RESCUE SHIP IS IN PORT HERE

The Niels Nielsen, Which Saved 80 Lives as French Trawler was Sinking.

The Niels Nielsen, a Norwegian steamship which rescued the crew of the French trawler Auguste Leblond off the Great Banks on December 17, is in port here today. The trawler was sinking, stranded in the harbor on Sunday from Boston to load grain. She docked at the residence of the Niels Nielsen, a very interesting account of the rescue although he characterized it as nothing to talk about.

While off the Great Banks, some 300 miles northeast of Cape Race, Nfld., the Niels Nielsen lookout noticed a distress signal flying from a vessel pretty low in the water. This was found to be Auguste Leblond, practically cut in two and sinking fast in spite of the strenuous efforts the crew were making with the pumps. She had been severely damaged during a heavy storm and had just one boat intact. The Nielsen was brought in close to the distressed trawler and preparations were made for the transfer of her crew. The Nielsen's one boat started the work of taking the French sailors to the other vessel and made two trips but the heavy sea caught them at the finish of the second transfer and jammed them against the rescue steamer, smashing the light boat. One of the Nielsen's lifeboats was then swung over and the remainder of the crew of the sinking boat were taken to the Nielsen's lifeboats in two more trips.

In all thirty members of the French trawler's crew were saved by the Norwegian boat. They were the captain, two mates, three engineers, the wireless operator and twenty-three seamen and firemen. These men were all cared for on board the Nielsen and were landed in Halifax on December 17. The Nielsen's crew were removed from their sinking vessel.

The S. O. S. call had been broadcast by the trawler but was not picked up by the Norwegian. The flag signal was the means of bringing the attention to the sorry plight of the other craft.

Christmas is not without its sorrow, at least this was true for one St. John home when on Christmas Eve the entire family Wilford Currie of Victoria street, including himself, his wife and two small children, were removed to the Epidemic Hospital, all suffering from scarlet fever. The house has been under quarantine for some days, as the children were sick with the fever, but it was not until Sunday that the older members contracted the disease.

GRAIN FIGURES.

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—(Canadian Press)—According to returns for the week ended Dec. 23, the quantity of grain in store has decreased in wheat by 2,966,487 bushels, in barley by 191,020 bushels, and in rye 270,515 bushels. Oats indicate an increase of 1,101,106 bushels and barley 1,118,898 bushels.

DRAWNS FIRE OF DEPARTMENT.



Dr. W. J. Roche, chairman of the Civil Service Commission, has been taken to task for his address before the Ottawa Rotary Club last week, on the subject of civil service reform.

HOCKEY STICKS

The Kind Used and Preferred by Leading Hockey Players

ST. MARY'S HOCKEY STICKS—			
Goal Sticks (Standard)	\$1.40	Extra Special	\$1.25
Extra Forward	\$1.25	Extra Defence	\$1.25
Defence	\$1.10	Painted	25c.
RELIANCE HOCKEY STICKS—Forward ..	\$1.10		
BOYS' HOCKEY STICKS—Expert	45c.	Practice	30c.
SALYERD'S HOCKEY STICKS—Reg. Special, \$1		Right Hand, \$1.00	Left Hand, \$1.00
Hockey Pucks			
Regulation	35c.	Intermediate	30c.
Junior	25c.	Juvenile	20c.

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Women's COATS Winter

This year's most approved styles developed from the new winter fabrics and now priced so far below their true worth you'll be glad to invest your Christmas gift money in one.

\$34 Formerly to \$55

Fine Velours in navy, black and the popular colorings, either fur trimmed or plain whichever you prefer.

\$54 Formerly to \$80

Very handsome black Normandy Cloth Coats trimmed with Persian or grey lamb; flaring sleeves with inside cuffs, also reindeer or brown shades with fox collar.

\$69 Formerly to \$95

Swagger Coats in Bolivia, Velour, etc. Sale Price, \$27
Fur Collared Coats in sizes 16 and 18 only, Sale Price, \$17.50

Woman's Shop—3rd Floor.

OAK HALL - SCOVIL BROS., Ltd.

Just A Word of Thanks

To our many customers and friends, (we trust the terms are synonymous) whose liberal patronage during the Christmas season kept us busy beyond all our expectations.

Between the volume of business and the unfavorable weather we nearly failed in our deliveries, but trust that, in the end, all were satisfied with the result of the very best efforts we could put forth.

For your patronage and patience again we thank you.



On Tuesday, December 26th, and Wednesday, December 27th,

One Group of Fifteen Electric Seal Coats Will be sold in this shop with a guarantee For \$142.00 a piece

One Group of Electric Seal Stoles for \$36.00 a piece

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