

Girardot Brand
A Recognition of Merit.

At the Pan-American Exposition the highest award for Canadian Wines was given the "Girardot Brand,"—the product of the E. Girardot Wine Company (Limited), Sandwich, Ont.

CANADIAN WINE.

THIS WEEK. GRAND CLEARANCE SALE OF CHINA DINNER SETS.

1 Set, 93 pieces, \$9.50 reduced from \$15.50.
1 Set, 73 pieces, \$10.00 reduced from \$22.00.
1 Set, 104 pieces, \$9.00 reduced from \$23.00.
1 Set, 101 pieces, \$15.00 reduced from \$26.00.
1 Porcelain Set, 97 pieces, \$5.00 reduced from \$6.50.

W. H. HAYWARD, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93 PRINCESS STREET.

FAIRALL'S BIG SALE

The stock is going but it must go still faster. We are therefore making further reductions for next week in all lines.

SILK VELVETS, which originally sold at from \$3 to \$4, are now all **50c. per yard.**

HOMESPUN SUITINGS, which were \$1.40, we will sell at **65c. per yard.**

FRENCH ALL-WOOL FLANNELS are reduced from 55c. to **25c. per yard.**

FANCY LAWNS are reduced from 20c. to **8c. and 10c. per yard.**

ALL-WOOL KHAKE FLANNELS are sold for **5c. a yard.**

FAIRALL'S FAMOUS WORKING SHIRTS which sold at \$1.50 we have placed on the counters at **50c. each.**

OPEN EVERY EVENING.

W. H. FAIRALL,
17 Charlotte Street.

Great Bargain Sale

OF

WALL PAPER and WINDOW SHADES.

125,000 Rolls New Spring Patterns.
20,000 Rolls Job Papers at less than Half Price.

All our new goods at from 20 to 33½ less than regular prices.

No trouble to show goods.

Bargains in all grades.

McARTHUR'S BOOKSTORE,

84 King Street.

For This Week Only,

A 20c. Pitcher for 14 Cents.

A 15c. Pitcher for 9 Cents.

C. F. BROWN, 501-505 Main St.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 31.—The Manitoba land sales continue to increase in spite of the increase of 50 cents an acre in price recently made. Most of the sales are made to settlers.

TORONTO, Jan. 31.—Returns made

of the destruction of fruit trees on the Niagara peninsula because of the San Jose scale shows a large number destroyed. In the county of Lincoln alone, 17,788 trees were destroyed. Jan. Hutchison lost 2,031 trees.

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.
Arrived.
Sch. Rosa, Muller, 242, McLean, Boston.
Stmr. Oruro, 1248, Seelye, Bermuda via Halifax, gen cargo.
Cleared.
Stmr. Parisian, Wallace, Liverpool via Halifax, gen cargo and passengers.
Stmr. Oruro, Seelye, Bermuda, gen cargo.
Stmr. Europa, Palmer, Belfast, lumber.

COMMERCIAL.

DAILY QUOTATIONS.
Furnished by W. S. Barker, Banker and Broker, Palmer's Building.

Yester-	To-	Close.
day's	day's	
Amalg. Copper	75 1/2	75 3/4
Am. Sugar Refin.	12 1/2	12 3/4
Ach. Top. & San F	75 1/2	75 3/4
Brook. & S. G. pfd	97 1/2	97 3/4
Anacosta Copper	35 1/2	35 3/4
Bal. & Ohio	103 1/2	103 3/4
Can. Pacific	65 1/2	65 3/4
C. Mill. & St. Paul	14 1/2	14 3/4
Chic. & N. W. pfd	163 1/2	163 3/4
Chic. & N. W.	12 1/2	12 3/4
Erie, 1st pfd	39 1/2	39 3/4
Erie, 2nd pfd	39 1/2	39 3/4
Gen. Electric	280	280
Glucose Sug Ref.	50	50 1/2
Ill. Central	137 1/2	137 3/4
Louis. & Nash.	103 1/2	103 3/4
Manhattan Ry.	125 1/2	125 3/4
Met. Street Ry.	17 1/2	17 3/4
Mo. & K. & T.	24 1/2	24 3/4
N. Y. Central	161 1/2	161 3/4
N. Y. Central	161 1/2	161 3/4
N. Y. Ont. & W.	33 1/2	33 3/4
Norfolk & W.	149 1/2	149 3/4
Penn. R. R.	99 1/2	99 3/4
Penn. R. R.	99 1/2	99 3/4
Reading Co., 1st pfd	82 1/2	82 3/4
Reading Co., 2nd pfd	63 1/2	63 3/4
Southern Pac. Co.	63 1/2	63 3/4
Southern Railroad	33 1/2	33 3/4
Texas and Pac.	10 1/2	10 3/4
Union Pacific	10 1/2	10 3/4
U. S. Rubber	14 1/2	14 3/4
U. S. Steel Corp.	43 1/2	43 3/4
U. S. Steel	23 1/2	23 3/4
Wabash	23 1/2	23 3/4
Wabash, pfd	42 1/2	42 3/4
West. Union Tel.	9 1/2	9 3/4

THE OPAL SUPERSTITION.

It might be an interesting thing if some old and ever current superstitions could be traced to their source. Leaving aside the superstition in which we have been brought up never loses its power over us, even after we understand it and there is much truth in the saying.

A superstition that has long obtained credit among all classes of people is that of the unkindness of the beautifully tinted, changeling gem, the opal. It is not, I believe, generally known where or how this idea originated. I read an explanation of it the other day, which, I believe, is quite authentic.

Between two and three centuries ago the opal became very popular in Europe. It seemed to appeal particularly to the haughty and color-loving Venetians, and the opal held first rank in Venice. It was just at flood-tide of the opal's day that the plague was brought to Venice, and it is a matter of history what awful havoc it made in the "Queen of the Adriatic."

Unfortunately, someone noticed that when a plague-stricken person was at the point of death, his opal, if he wore one, grew very fiery and brilliant and after death became dull and dead-looking.

To the people of that day, it seemed that the heightened brilliancy of the stone meant the possession of a certain malignant witchcraft in the stone. So far did this idea go that the opal was charged with the death of its wearer.

Oddly enough they did not seem to think that the added brilliancy of the stone came from the heightened fever of the patient, and that the chill of the body after death might easily have a dimming effect on the sensitive gem. Quite an interesting little story, is it not, and showing that the idea is just about as old as the foundation of the opal superstition theory as for dozens of other relics of barbarism. Rather a pointed story is told of a New York man who blamed all his business misfortunes to an opal which he wore in a ring. He took it to a jeweler and said: "Here, I want to sell this stone. I've never had any luck since I got it. I was a fool to buy it in the first place. I'm always been told that opals were unlucky."

The jeweler looked the stone over, and found it to be not an opal at all, but an imitation, and a poor one at that. The opal is about the only gem which has never been well imitated, due to much of the superstition of the opal.—Toronto News.

GOT 1,000 HATS BY MAIL.

Endless Chain Joke on Chester W. Bliss—Result of Football Wager.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Jan. 30.—As a result of a chain letter joke Chester W. Bliss, of this city, son of President Bliss, of the Boston and Albany Railroad, has received nearly one thousand hats by mail. Mr. Bliss, when seen declines to discuss hats. He replied today to every question about the hundreds of hats bearing his address, received at the post office in this city.

"Don't know anything about it," Postmaster Hyde also was non-communative. All he would admit was that hats of high and low degree and of all shapes, styles and sizes had been received at the post office daily, since shortly after the Harvard-Yale football game, all consigned to one person. The hats could not be delivered by the carriers, and when the person whose address they bore was notified to call for the packages, he refused to accept the headgear. The hats accumulated until the holiday season, when wagers were used to assist the carriers in the delivery of the Christmas mail. Then a wagon load was sent to the residence of Mr. Bliss but he refused to take the hats, and back to the post office they went.

Every incoming mail brought its quota of ancient or second-hand "hats," until the storage room was exhausted, and the clerks were so tired of seeing hats they went bareheaded. It is said that Mr. Bliss won a hat at the football game in Cambridge last fall, and in consequence of a reply made to comments of a friend, a chain letter was started which resulted in the flood of hats that transformed the post office into an imitation of a bargain day at a rummage sale.

Some of the caterpillars found in the vicinity of the Darling river, Australia, are over six inches in length.

SPORTING NEWS.

CURLING.
A Match at St. Andrew's Rink Last Night.
The Thistle and St. Andrew's clubs play their third game this afternoon and evening.
Fourteen rinks will compete on each side.
At the St. Andrew's rink last night Skip W. A. Stewart defeated Skip J. U. Thomas in the Jones cup competition, 13 to 11. In the Blair trophies contest Skip W. S. Thomas beat Skip Geo. A. Kimball 10 to 11.

HOCKEY AT QUEEN'S RINK.
Two hot games of hockey were played last night at the Queen's rink between teams in the Junior league. The competitors were Rothbury against Centenary, and High School against Trinity. A large crowd was present and enjoyed the games, both of which were well contested from start to finish. The first game was between Rothbury and Centenary. When time was called the score stood 3 to 0, after a very hard game, several of the boys going to the fence for a time.

SKATING.
Duffy Defeats Willis.
Bart Duffy won from Willis in a half mile race at the Victoria rink last evening. There was a large crowd present and a close contest.
At the world go both men were slow to get away. Willis fell before going many yards, and Duffy struck his pace again Duffy had gained considerable with both men racing at top speed, Duffy gained fast and sixth lap was called for. Duffy jumped to the front and sprinted to the finish, doing the mile in 1:24.5, very fast time considering that he had lost a couple of laps. Duffy's time for a half is one twenty-one and a fraction, and it is generally believed that had he been forced last evening he would have easily broken that record.
R. J. Armstrong acted as referee and starter, and Martin Dolan as timer.

THE RING.
Root Was the Winner in the Fight With Gardner.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—In the seventh round of what was to have been a twenty round encounter between George Gardner of Lowell, Mass., and Jack Root of Chicago, the latter was awarded a decision here tonight upon the claim of foul in a hurricane fight that developed Gardner as the superior, but Root as the superior boxer. The fight upon a blow conceded by a majority of the spectators to have been a straight fight.

The seventh round opened with Root boring in methodically and Gardner fighting wild in evident desperation. It was then, after one minute and 46 seconds of this sort of work, that Gardner started a left reach for the stomach and caught Root squarely in the groin. The Chicago man sank to the floor with a groan and Gardner was dragged to corner by his trainer, Alex. Greigianis.

Referee Ward at once awarded the decision to Root.

Terrific Terry Training.
NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Terry McGovern has completed his preliminary training for the fight at Louisville with Dave Sullivan, and will start for Cincinnati and the suburbs of that city will conclude his preparations for the fight.

NOTES OF SPORT.
New Glasgow curlers beat Truro Wednesday.

The Abbot earned \$2,500 last year. Not bad for a trotter who did not win a race.

Little Boy (C. G. H.), whose record was made to wagon, will be prepared to beat the record of 1:09 1/4, made by Star Pointer.

"THE LIGHT THAT FAILED."
Of historic days of old
And there's one that far surpasses all the rest;
Was it true or but a dream?
Ours, with bright and steady gleam,
Electric lights illumined St. John, West.

When, by night, as we say,
They could be distinguished from the road,
For they had lost his way by night,
For they had electric light,
And guidance for the traveler bestowed.

But those happy days are gone;
Citizens now stumble on,
And find their path as safely as they may,
Darkness might be cut by knives;
Carleton folks insure their lives,
And try to do their travelling by day.

Electric posts we have, oh yes!
But, alas! alas! alas!
The stranger finds who wanders up and down,
From the south unto the north,
When the stars do not shine forth,
Tis the lamp-posts that illumine the town.
E. M. C.

Baby's cold may be cured in a night by using Eucalyptol, which has been extensively used for twenty-four years. All druggists.

OTTAWA NEWS.

OTTAWA, Jan. 31.—It will be settled in the course of two or three days whether Hon. Mr. Mills will resign from the cabinet immediately to accept the vacant supreme court judgeship, or whether this step will be deferred until after the session. If the latter course is adopted, there is danger of delay and inconvenience to lawyers and litigants. The chance, therefore, is that Mr. Mills will resign.

For the vacant portfolio several names are mentioned, including Sifton, Blair, Mulock and the solicitor general. The chances seem altogether in favor of Blair, as with regret it is intimated that the minister of railways is so broken in health as to necessitate his taking charge of a less exacting office. He will be succeeded in the railway department by Mr. Sutherland, while the marine and fisheries portfolio goes either to Senator Templeman or Aulay Morrison. There is no show whatever for Henry R. P. E. Island. As regards the senate leadership, Mr. Blair might be induced to go there, but his own personal wish is to remain in the commons. Mr. Mills' retirement from the senate will make a second Ontario vacancy. There are four old timers, each looking for the plums, but only two can win them. These aspirants are Hon. Thos. Balm, Wm. Gibson, ex-M. P., James Somerville, ex-M. P., and James McMullen, ex-M. P. Your correspondent picks Gibson and McMullen as prize winners.

MORNING'S NEWS.

To cure a Headache in ten minutes use KUMFORT Headache Powders.

A key lost on Main street may be found by its owner at the north end police station.

Include among your Saturday evening purchases a cup of Red Rose tea. It's good tea.

The Cushing box shock mill at Millford will probably begin operations the first of March. Seventy-five men will be employed there.

Ebenezer Harrington, aged 91 years, of Sable River, Shelburne Co., N. S., enjoyed two hours' skating on the river recently.

The ferry turnstile on the west side showed last night a total of about 64,200 passengers, an increase over the travel for the same month last year of 11,600, or about 25 per cent.

The February monthly meeting of the Woman's Association will be held in the studio, Palmer's building, this afternoon at 3.30. Members are earnestly requested to attend.

Foyas, the north end jeweller, who since his marriage in Yarmouth about three weeks ago, has been making an extensive trip through the eastern states, returned with his bride yesterday. He was met at the station by the presence and hearty good wishes of a large number of his friends.

The committee appointed to arrange for the celebration of the seventh anniversary of Count Lord Cabin, I. O. F., met last evening in Forester's Hall. It was decided to hold a social entertainment on the evening of Feb. 12th, with literary and musical features, and refreshments.

The new barkentine Reynard, in command of Captain Bartheaux, which sailed from Hantsport, N. S., on December 6, arrived at Buenos Ayres, her destination, on January 26, thus making the passage in fifty-one days.

The schooner Bobs, which was recently ashore at Peters Island, Westport, has arrived at Parrsboro under her own sails. The tugboat men wanted \$250 to tow her, so the owner went down and had her temporarily repaired and sailed her to Parrsboro. She is badly damaged, as her keel and shoe are all gone, ten streaks of plank gone, and her anchor and chain lost. The vessel will require to be re-fastened and re-caulked all over.

Mayor Daniel had last night received no answer to his communication to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy relative to the establishment of the new C. P. R. car works in this city. C. P. R. men here are as eager for the building of such an industry in St. John as the most patriotic of the citizens, and express the hope that the city will put up the stiffest kind of an argument in its favor.

Frank S. Murdoch, who has been in the employ of the James Robertson Co. for some years, has been appointed to represent the Canada Paint Co. (Ld.) of Montreal throughout the maritime provinces. Mr. Murdoch takes the place of the late G. Crawford, and his many friends will be glad to hear of his having been appointed to such a fine position.

"G." COMPANY.
Very many people have read with interest the book "G." Company, by the late R. C. Hubby, of Sussex, son of Rev. A. M. Hubby, and formerly a teacher in the schools of the province. He went to South Africa with "G." Co., and not long after his return home died from the effects of fever contracted while on active duty abroad.

Mr. Hubby published, before his death, the book entitled "G." Company, and it possesses a more pathetic interest for all our people because the hand that penned the words is at rest forever.

The book tells the story of the everyday life of the contingent from the time they left St. John till they returned. It is a story well told, and a memento of the war and of the loyalty and devotion of the Canadians.

GREAT SALE OF WALL PAPER.
D. McArthur, 84 King street, has begun a great bargain sale of wall paper. His advertisement appears on the inside page of today's Star, and will interest all house-holders. Mr. McArthur buys goods in larger quantities than ever before, and sells at closer prices. He says his experience in the Christmas trade this year, when he sold more goods than in any former holiday season, convinced him that the people of St. John would buy when the goods and prices were right.

HOUSES TO LET.
Citizens having houses or flats to let should take advantage of the Star's wide circulation to advertise them. The columns of this paper are eagerly scanned by thousands every evening. The Star's rate for these advertisements is half a cent a word.

Newsboys in Moscow, or any males who sell newspapers, must appear in uniform.

DEATHS.
BAILLIE—In St. John West, on January 31st, John M. Baillie, in the 35th year of his age.

Funeral from his late residence, Guilford street, St. John West, on Sunday, Feb. 2nd, at 3.30 p. m. Service at the house at 3.15.

FREEZE—At Belleisle Creek, Kings Co., N. B., on Wednesday, January 29, Hannah, wife of the late Sherman Freeze, in the 83rd year of her age, leaving a large number of relatives and friends to mourn.

McINTYRE—On the morning of Feb. 1st, after a lingering illness, William McIntyre, a native of County Tyrone, Ireland and a survivor of the Suspension Bridge disaster of 1812, in the 87th year of his age. Leaving a brother, a daughter and three sons to mourn their loss.

Funeral on Monday, at 2.30 o'clock from the residence of his son-in-law, W. J. Maxwell, 81 Portland street.

"SPLENDID"

WATCHES and JEWELRY, CLOCKS, SILVERWARE, OPTICAL GOODS.

An entire new line just opening of the very latest and most beautiful lines I have ever shown, and at discounts I never offered to ensure sales.

CALL AND SEE THEM AT 48 KING STREET.

W. TREMAINE GARD, Goldsmith and Jeweler.

HOCKEY

Amherst vs. Mohawks.

FRIDAY, 7th.

QUEEN'S RINK.

"G" COMPANY

(By the Late R. C. HUBBY).

This little book should be in every home in New Brunswick, as a memento of the loyalty and suffering of our boys.

It gives the everyday life of our heroes from their leaving St. John for the scene of war until their arrival home again.

The story is told in language, witty, humorous, pathetic and truthful.

PRICE 25 CENTS. For Sale at E. G. NELSON & CO'S.

NOTICE.

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of L. J. Terry McGovern, Ltd., will be held at the Office of the Company, Charlotte Street, St. John, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1902, at 3 o'clock P. M., for the Election of Directors and such other business as may legally come before such meeting.

January 17th, 1902. WALTER O. PURDY, Secretary and Treas.

CARD.

To the Electors of the City of St. John:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—Notwithstanding all reports to the contrary, I now announce most emphatically I will be a candidate for the honorable position of Mayor. At present I have the honor to be a member of the board of aldermen, and I shall be glad to fill the Mayor's chair. I therefore solicit your support.

Your obedient servant, ENOCH B. COLWELL.

MARINE ENGINEERS.

TORONTO, Jan. 31.—The National Association of Marine Engineers this afternoon concluded its business and adjourned to meet in Montreal in January of next year. The following officers were elected: Grand president, T. J. S. Milne, Kingston; vice-presidents, O. L. Marchand, Montreal; sec. treas., J. A. Morrison, St. John; conductor, F. S. Henning, Toronto; door-keeper, S. Beatty of Collingwood; auditors, Robert Craig of Toronto, Jas. Gillie of Kingston. Messrs. Dreat and Marchand of Montreal were appointed delegates to organize a branch council at Sorel, Que. Retiring Grand President Barton of St. John, N. B., was elected an honorary member of the grand council.

GRIT METHODS.

MONTREAL, Jan. 31.—The expected has happened in connection with the recent St. James division election for the house of commons. This morning Rodolphe Heu, deputy returning officer in poll No. 37, and J. M. N. Desay, Brunet's representative, were arrested at the instance of Hon. J. G. H. Bergeron, charged with conspiracy to commit illegal acts. The evidence is expected to be sensational. The prosecution will attempt to prove that Bergeron's representative in the poll was bribed to close his eyes, and that Desay and Heu deposited a large number of ballots marked for Brunet in the box, and that moreover, not content with this, a number of ballots marked for Bergeron were removed and destroyed and replaced by others marked for Brunet. As the result the poll showed ninety votes for Brunet, and four for Bergeron, whereas Bergeron should have had a majority of eight. It is expected further arrests will be made.

TORONTO, Jan. 31.—The painters of Toronto have demanded an eight hour day and 30 cents an hour from the masters. The present wage is 25 cents an hour for a nine hour day. They threaten to strike if they don't get it.

VIM TEA "GIRARDOT BRAND" MERIT

BAIRD & PETERS, Tea Importers and Blenders, St. John, N. B.