

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 KHAKI 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

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 33 1/2 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.

WENNIPEG, 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. SPORTING NEWS. MORNING'S NEWS.

FORT OF ST. JOHN.
Arrived.
Sch Rosa, Muller, 24, McLellan, Boston.
Stur Oruro, 1248, Sealey, Bermuda via Halifax, gen cargo.
Cleared.
Stur Parisian, Wallace, Liverpool via Halifax, gen cargo 424 and passengers.
Stur Oruro, Sealey, Bermuda, gen cargo.
Stur Oruro, Palmer, Belfast, lumber.

COMMERCIAL.

DAILY QUOTATIONS.
Furnished by W. S. Barker, Banker and Broker, Palmer's Building, Feb. 1, 1902.

| Yesterday's | To-day's | Close |
|---------------------|----------|---------|
| Amalg. Copper | 78 1/2 | 78 3/4 |
| Am. Sugar Refin. | 12 1/2 | 12 3/4 |
| Ach. T. & G. pfd | 76 1/2 | 76 3/4 |
| Anacosta Copper | 97 1/2 | 97 3/4 |
| Bal. & Ohio | 103 1/2 | 103 3/4 |
| Brooklyn R. T. | 65 1/2 | 65 3/4 |
| C. M. & St. Paul | 144 1/2 | 144 3/4 |
| Chic. & N. W. | 163 1/2 | 163 3/4 |
| Chic. & G. W. | 39 1/2 | 39 3/4 |
| Erie | 39 1/2 | 39 3/4 |
| Erie 1st pfd | 69 1/2 | 69 3/4 |
| Gen. Electric | 380 | 380 |
| Glucose Sug Ref. | 50 | 50 1/2 |
| Ill. Central | 137 1/2 | 137 3/4 |
| Ind. Harb. & P. | 103 1/2 | 103 3/4 |
| Louis. & Nash. | 103 1/2 | 103 3/4 |
| Manhattan Ry. | 125 1/2 | 125 3/4 |
| Mt. Street Ry. | 12 1/2 | 12 3/4 |
| Mo. K. & T. | 24 1/2 | 24 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. | 149 1/2 | 149 3/4 |
| Po. & O. & C. | 99 1/2 | 99 3/4 |
| Reading | 82 1/2 | 82 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. | 38 1/2 | 38 3/4 |
| Union Pacific | 143 1/2 | 143 3/4 |
| U. S. Rubber | 143 1/2 | 143 3/4 |
| U. S. Steel Com. | 43 1/2 | 43 3/4 |
| Wabash | 23 1/2 | 23 3/4 |
| Wabash pfd | 43 1/2 | 43 3/4 |
| West. Union Tel. | 91 1/2 | 91 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 less 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 unlikelihood of the beautifully tinted, changeling gem, the opal. It is not, I believe, generally known, however, that the opal is ignited. 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 beauty and color-loving Venetians, and the opal held first rank in Venice. It was just at flood-tide of 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 had electricity and much foundation for 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 off and he was successful. "Here, I want to sell this stone. I've never had any luck since I got it. Was a fool to buy it in the first place. I've 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, and is 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, but 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 wagons 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.

"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.
AMUSEMENTS.

HOCKEY
Amherst vs. Mohawks.
FRIDAY, 7th.

QUEEN'S RINK.
"G" COMPANY
(By the Late R. C. HUBLY.)
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 20 CENTS. For Sale at
E. G. NELSON & CO'S.

NOTICE.
The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of James Pease & Co., Ltd., will be held at the Office of the Company, Charlotte Street Extension, in the City of Saint John, N. B., on WEDNESDAY, the FIFTH 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 G. 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 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; secretary, J. A. Morrison, St. John; conductor, F. S. Henning, Toronto; door-keeper, S. Beatty of Collingwood; auditors, Robert Craig of Toronto, J. S. 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 Heffu, deputy returning officer in poll No. 37, and J. M. N. Desy, 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 Desy and Heffu 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.

ROUSES 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.

DEATHS.
BALLIE—In St. John West, on January 31st, John M. Ballie, in the 33rd 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 1858, 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.

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 today upon the claim of foul in a hurricane wind that developed Gardner as the aggressor, but Root as the superior boxer. The fight was a blow conceded by a majority of the spectators to have been a straight four.

NOTES OF SPORT.
New Glasgow curlers beat Truro Wednesday.
The Abbot earned \$21,000 last year. Not bad for a trotter who did not win a race.
For the boys of Chicago, whose record was made in their record of 1,694, made by Star Pointer.

"THE LIGHT THAT FAILED."
Of historic days of old
Many a legend we are told,
And there's one that far surpasses all the rest;
Was it true or but a dream?
Once, with bright and steady gleam,
Electric lights illumined St. John, West.
On stormy times, forsooth, were they,
When by night as well as day,
The sky could be distinguished from the road,
No one lost his way by night,
For they had electric lights,
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 light;
Carleton folks insure their lives,
And try to do their travelling by day.
Electric posts we have, oh yes!
But, alas! alas!
Tis 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.

GREAT SALE OF WALL PAPER.
D. McArthur, 84 King street, has begun a great bargain sale of wall paper. His advertisement appears on the third 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.

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, are that Mr. Mills will see parliament for the last time. The premier is worried over the filling of Mr. Mills' place both as minister of justice and leader of the senate.
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.

WIM TEA "WIMMER" MERIT

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