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DECEMBER 23rd,

FOR THE
40th--SEASON--40th.

Re-built Re-furnished! Everything Modern!

Tickets now on sale at following rates:

GENTLEMEN	\$3.50
LADIES	2.50
SENIOR BOYS	2.50
CHILDREN	1.50

Single Admission, Ladies and Children, 15c.; Gentlemen, 25c.

R. J. ARMSTRONG, - - - - - Manager.

4 Specials!

Our four specials for this week, any of which would make a nice Christmas Present, are:

Number 1 Black Marten Ties,
\$10.00, \$14.00 and \$22.50

Mink Ties,
\$15.00, \$19.00 \$30.00 and \$35.00

Stone Marten Ties, \$12.00, \$20.00 and \$25.00

Grey Lamb Collars, \$6.00 and \$9.00

F. S. THOMAS,
555 MAIN NORTH END

St. John, N. B., Dec. 23, 1903.

Store Open till 10 Tonight.

**Clothing Comfort in Xmas Gifts,
Men and Boys.**

If you want your Xmas to be merry first use your means and influence to make others happy--out of the following list choose useful and serviceable gifts.

MEN'S OVERCOATS . . . \$2.75 to \$15.00	MEN'S REEFERS . . . \$2.25 to \$4.50
BOYS' OVERCOATS . . . \$2.50 to \$10.00	BOYS' REEFERS . . . \$2.50 to \$3.50
MEN'S SUITS . . . \$4.00 to \$15.00	BOYS' SUITS . . . \$2.50 to \$7.50
MEN'S PANTS . . . \$1.00 to \$3.50	BOYS' SHORT PANTS . . . \$1.00 to \$2.50

Underwear, Shirts, Mufflers, Ties, Collars, Cuffs, Hats, Caps, Gloves, Socks, Armlets, Etc.

J. N. HARVEY, TAILORING AND CLOTHING,
199 and 201 Union St.

WAR MAY COME IN A FEW DAYS.

Japanese Warships Concentrating Near Port Arthur.

Many Steamers Chartered for Transport Service--Britain May Take a Hand.

LONDON, Dec. 23--Japanese warships, according to a Tien Tsin correspondent of the Daily Mail, are concentrating in the vicinity of Port Arthur and the same paper is authority for the statement indicating preparations on the part of the Mikado's government for the transportation of an expeditionary force.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23--The world prints the following special from Washington. "The administration believes that war between Russia and Japan is imminent. The beginning of hostilities within a short time would not surprise the president or Secretary Hay. Their conviction that war cannot long be averted is based on reports from Minister Conger and from other sources.

"If the acceptance of the Czar's challenge is not as prompt as is desired, the advice to the state department plainly say that Russia will begin hostilities. War within a few days would be a fulfillment of the predictions of Minister Conger, and would be just about what the British foreign office looks for."

BERLIN, Dec. 23--The German foreign office, in estimating the probabilities of war in the Far East, fixes its attention at this moment on Great Britain, rather than on Japan, for it is recognized that Japan is only waiting for Great Britain to give the word before beginning hostilities. A new and even portentous element in the situation, as it is looked on here, is the rising feeling in Great Britain that Russia must yield to Japan and Great Britain ought to fight her. The Associated Press learns from the highest diplomatic source that the German government, while still refusing to believe that war is certain, is convinced now that if war between Russia and Japan comes, Great Britain will take a part in it, because the British government looks upon war as possibly the only means of saving and re-establishing her position in the east.

Sir Frank Lascelles, the British ambassador, who returned here from England three days ago, is understood to have imparted his impression unofficially to the German government that the British cabinet apprehended that war would result if Russia persisted in her present attitude towards Japan.

PATCHING THE FERRY BOAT.
Mr. McGoldrick, millwright and painter, appointed to deal with repairs to the broken cable of the Western Extension, consulted with Fleming today, and the result is that the latter are now at work putting a patch over the crack. This will be paid for by the city, and it is promised that the steamer will be ready for service by Saturday morning.

In the meantime, the committee will hold a meeting this afternoon and will endeavor to ascertain who is responsible for the break. It would appear from what was said at the country today that Fleming put out a good job and are not to blame for the accident.

TURKEYS UP AGAIN.
Turkeys went up again today, and the price now instead of being from 22c. to 25c., is from 25c. to 35c. Scarcely any of those brought in by country people sold wholesale at less than 25c., and many of them brought 22c. This is an advance of from one to two cents over yesterday; the supply is large and the demand brisk.

Fine quality cigars, at 75c. a box, at Louis Green's.

Nobody can find fault with Ungar's heavy pliable finish.

Meerschaum pipes in cases, 95c., at Louis Green's.

The glass in fire alarm box No. 23, corner King and Gormon streets, was broken last night.

The Lake Manitoba, which sails from here on Saturday, will have five first-class, twenty second cabin, and fifty steerage passengers.

WANTED
AT ONCE--First class stenographer and typewriter, male preferred, one having a knowledge of bookkeeping with best salary. A good position to the right person. Apply by letter to SCHOFIELD BROS., P. O. Box 231.

HELP WANTED FEMALE.
Advertisements under this head: Half a cent a word. No less charge than 10c.

WANTED--A competent girl for general housework. Apply at 28 Garden street.

WANTED--A housemaid with recommendations. Apply to Mrs. J. D. HAZEN, Hazen street.

WANTED--A girl for general housework in a small family. Apply at 173 Gormon street.

WANTED--A girl for general housework. Good wages paid. Apply to Mrs. FROST, 24 Mill street.

WANTED--A girl for general housework. One who would go home at night preferred. Mrs. McKENDRICK, 41 Paddock street.

WANTED--A girl for general housework, also a nurse girl. References required. Apply at once to 122 Prince street.

WANTED--A cook, without washing or ironing. References required. Apply at 118 Gormon street.

Bryopsia, Eczema, Eruptions on the face or body, Barber's Itch, Salt Rheum, Blood Poisoning of Wounds, Ring Worm, Itch, Redness or Bad Skin, and all inflammatory eruptions are quickly cured with

DIDDY MARTIN'S EXTRACT.
For sale by all druggists.

LOST.
Lost--Edward Smith. On Friday last a black and grey Collie Dog, with a collar, and answering to the name of Lion. Finder will please return him to Alma Harrison, 4 Union Alley. Any person found harboring him will be prosecuted.

WHOLESALE STEALING FROM BAIRD & PETERS.

William A. Mullar, who runs a beer and tobacco shop on Walker's wharf, was arrested this forenoon on the charge of stealing from Baird & Peters. This is the climax of a year of wholesale stealing, which has recently assumed serious proportions, and within a very short time, goods to the value of fully five hundred dollars have been taken.

Mullar has been in the employ of Baird & Peters for six years, and until within the last year was considered trustworthy. He has been an assistant shipper, and in addition, as he lives quite near the store, was employed to attend the furnace, being given the keys for that purpose.

About two weeks ago Mr. Jones, one of the firm's travellers, laid his key to the cigar room on one of the office desks. This key went astray and is now known to have been taken by Mullar. With it and those already in his possession, he was able to enter all parts of the building, and has been doing so.

For some time it has been believed that goods were going astray and Mr. Peters, after quietly enquiring, decided to have Mullar watched. The result was that this morning the man was caught in the cigar room with a parcel of goods rolled up. He was at once given in charge to the police and Detective Jenkins and Detective Killen instituted a search in Mullar's house and shop.

It was not long before they succeeded in bringing to light fully five hundred dollars' worth of goods, placed in different parts of the shop, and in taken goods from Mullar's latest stolen goods. Mullar's tastes seemed to be mostly in the direction of cigars and tobacco, for in these goods considerable value could be had in small bulk. But there were also barrels of flour, canned goods and many other things.

When arrested Mullar readily admitted the crime with which he is charged, and said that most of the stealing had been done about five o'clock in the morning, when there were no policemen in sight.

Mrs. Mullar is also picked up in the affair, and admits that she, too, has taken goods from the store. She used to go over to feed the cats, and says that Mullar forced her to carry home goods which he selected. Mullar says this is true. No action will be taken against the woman in a rather dirty sort of house, and have two young children.

The stolen goods which were recovered today have been taken to the police station, but it is believed that Mullar has been selling them from his store for some time. Mr. Peters said today that Mullar had been making arrangements to leave the employ of the firm in a week or two.

THE WEATHER.
Highest temperature, 42; lowest temperature, 16; barometer at noon, 30.2 inches; wind, S. W.; velocity, 13 miles per hour. Clear.

Forecasts--Strong westerly winds, fair and cold. Thursday, strong southerly winds, cloudy and a little milder again.

Synopsis. The storm has passed away to the Atlantic and a disturbance now approaching from the west is unlikely to be important. There is no cold weather in any part of the dominion. To Banks, strong westerly winds. To American ports, strong southwest and west winds.

TEN YEARS FOR KID SEELEY.
(Special to the Star.)

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 23--"Kid" Seeley, the colored pugilist, arrested here yesterday for burglary in Halifax and sentenced to ten years in the Dorchester penitentiary, five years on each charge.

MANCHESTER CITY AT HALIFAX.
(Special to the Star.)

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 23--The Manchester City arrived here this morning in port at nine o'clock this morning. She had only a few packages for here and only fifty tons of cargo in all. She sails for St. John tomorrow morning.

OLD FRIEND STOLE OVERCOAT.
Yesterday, between twelve and one o'clock, a man entered White's restaurant, King street, and endeavored to renew a supposed old acquaintance with the senior proprietor, Mr. White, however, could not remember having ever enjoyed the stranger's acquaintance, and the stranger then left, saying that he would return in a few minutes for dinner. He returned, ate his dinner, paid for it, and left--but left with one of the coats of the other diners. It was Guy Robinson's coat, and the coat now in his hands has since been seen. Detective Killen is working on the case.

Amber and meerschaum cigar and cigarette holders at Louis Green's.

ICE SPORTS.
It is the intention of the Carleton Athletic Association to hold sports some time next month on the Carleton Open Air Rink.

Arrangements have been made with the owners of the rink, and with the enterprising C. A. A. to manage it and the sports should prove in every way a success.

All C. A. A. members of any others who wish to play hockey are requested to see Thos. Waters or Roy Flaherty in the gymnasium at 6 o'clock.

If a hockey team can be formed, arrangements will be made to enter the league and for practice, etc.

Choice variety of pipes, at 35c. each, at Louis Green's.

SALVATION ARMY.
A children's entertainment and Christmas tree will be held at the Charlotte street barracks tonight at 8 p. m. Col. Sharp and the provincial staff will be present. A good programme will be rendered by the children and Santa Claus will distribute the presents.

Geo. Brown, of the Home Life Association, is convalescing from a serious attack of grippe and acute rheumatism.

Rev. A. B. O'Neill and J. P. Sherry, of Memramcook, are in the city today. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Eagles left today on the C. P. R. to spend Christmas in Boston.

The Star acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a neat calendar from the Provincial Chemical Fertiliser Co., Ltd.

See our window for a display of pipes, briar and meerschaum, all sizes, prices low, at Louis Green's.

Street car No. 29 went off the rails on King street between ten and eleven o'clock last night, but was put on again without any damage being done.

The C. P. R. steamer Lake Michigan from St. John, arrived at London at four o'clock yesterday afternoon.

About forty students came down from St. Joseph's University by the C. P. R. express yesterday. They were accompanied by Rev. A. B. O'Neill, C. S. C., who goes to St. George, his old home, tomorrow to spend Christmas.

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THREATENED A JEW.
George Saunders Fined \$10 for Pointing a Pistol at Isaac Komensky.

A young man, named George Saunders, who is home to spend Christmas with his parents, was arrested last night on the charge of pointing a pistol at Isaac Komensky and threatening to shoot him in his store on Main street. In court today, it was learned that Saunders had gone into the store to sell the pistol and was offered fifty cents for it. The price was later advanced to seventy-five cents and Saunders, pointing the pistol at Komensky, threatened to shoot him. Saunders denied this, and said he had only remarked that he would rather shoot Komensky than give him the pistol for seventy-five cents. He was fined ten dollars or twenty days' jail.

A number of ordinary drunks were disposed of in the usual manner.

FREE KINDERGARTEN CLOSED.
The free kindergarten which has been in the past few weeks has been closed today for the Christmas holidays. The exercises were of a character appropriate to the season and were attended by a number of those interested in the institution.

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French briar pipes in cases with a three inch pure amber mouthpiece, 95c., at Louis Green's.

TEACHERS UNITE.
Provincial School Teachers Issue Demand for Better Pay.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 23--The New Brunswick Teachers' Union met in convention here this morning, with representatives present from all parts of the province.

W. S. Miles, of St. John city, reported for the St. John Teachers' Association, and W. M. McLean reported for St. John county. Reports were received from all the other counties.

The union re-organized under the name of The New Brunswick Teachers' Association, and drew up a new constitution.

In the evening the executive committee met and adopted the following minimum salary schedule for the whole province, exclusive of provincial aid:

1st males, \$275 a year; 2nd males, \$200 a year; 3rd males, \$150 a year; 1st females, \$180 a year; 2nd females, \$130; 3rd females, \$115.

Each subordinate association may adopt any higher local schedule it chooses, but no subordinate association shall adopt any lower scale than the provincial one.

CHRISTMAS MAILS.
The Christmas rush of mail is well on and the post office officials are obliged to work over hours in order to cope with it. So far, it is about the same as it was last year, though the indications point to a marked excess over that of last year. As a consequence additional assistance has had to be engaged on the railway lines.

The outgoing mail from the city is far ahead of that of last year. This may be said to be equally true of the province generally. The incoming mail, however, is not so large as that of last year.

ANOTHER CHAMBERLAIN VICTORY.
LONDON, Dec. 23--Rowland Hunt, liberal unionist, and a supporter of Joseph Chamberlain's policy, has been elected by a majority of 770 to represent the Ludlow division of Shropshire in the house of commons, to succeed Robt. J. Moore (liberal unionist) deceased. At the previous contested election his majority was nearly 4,000. The campaign was fought exclusively on the fiscal question.

If you are hard to please Ungar's heavy pliable finish will suit you.

NEW COAL ELEVATOR.
Gibson & Co. are now offering a special inducement in coal prices to those who live near their new coal elevator at March street, between City Road, Waterloo, Brunswick, St. John, Gloucester and Fort streets. Will send it convenient to telephone 1282. Orders at the March street branch or buy direct from Gibson & Co.'s March street office. Very teams will pass through these streets daily.

HOLIDAY TRADE BREAKS RECORD

Better This Year Than Ever Before.

Christmas Buyers Show Preference for Presents of Utility Rather Than Ornament.

The Christmas trade generally throughout the city is exceptionally good this year and so far in most lines of business has yielded satisfactory returns. In many lines the trade is in excess of previous years and in a few it is regarded as phenomenal. Two things may be said to characterize this year's Christmas trade--a pronounced appreciation in the buying public of worth and usefulness, and a desire on the part of the dealers to foster this appreciation.

One of the leading dry goods merchants said this morning: "The Christmas trade this year has been excellent, in fact for the last two years it has been wonderfully brisk and correspondingly remunerative. Speaking only of dry goods, I can say that the trade of this December has been extremely pleasing to the dealer. December of last year was also good in the retail dry goods business, but the indications are that this December will greatly exceed it. The public, I notice, are showing this year, more than ever, a marked preference for things that can be turned to practical account, and if this appreciation in the public for usefulness continues to grow it will be well for retail dealers to take note of it and act accordingly."

Here, as in most other lines, a preference is shown for such articles as may prove useful to the persons to whom they are to be handed over as gifts, and as a consequence the sale of useful wares is larger than other kinds.

The fur trade this Christmas is about the same as last year. The higher class of furs is being more bought than ever and quality instead of quantity is steadily appealing to the purchaser. Furs are not so plentiful this season as they have been in the past, and as a consequence the prices range higher; but notwithstanding this there is very little backwardness in the buying public, and furs are becoming more and more matters of every day need.

The jewelry trade so far has been staid, and if anything is below the average Christmas trade. It is thought, however, that before Thursday night it will improve somewhat and end probably on a par with previous years.

The hardware trade is better this year than last. This is largely due to the fact that the country roads are clear and farmers can come to the city. In novelties and trinkets the trade this year is better than ever. The children must not be forgotten and so as a consequence tons of this light, breakable stuff, has been transferred from store to home. Parents, however, are showing a preference for the more durable class of things, and do not hesitate to pay a substantial price for a substantial article. Souvenir goods especially are much sought after and many stores have been practically wiped out of this kind of goods.

The furniture trade is better this Christmas than it was last year. The quality of goods is better, and though naturally the prices are higher than in previous years, yet the returns are good.

In other lines of business the Christmas trade is giving satisfaction, despite the fact that in some lines, as for instance in the poultry, there is a scarcity of stock and a soaring of prices.

It was reported last evening that the steamer Kentigern had been sold to the Japanese government for use as a transport. Troop & Co. said today that they knew nothing about it, but wished it were true.

A CHRISTMAS CAKE
From the Hygienic Bakery is sure to be the centre of attraction, not only because it looks good, but because it will taste as good as it looks. And so it is with all our pies, pastry and Christmas puddings--delicious and wholesome. Send in your Christmas orders early to ensure fulfillment.

HYGIENIC BAKERY,
134 to 135 Mill street.

BOARDING.
Advertisements under this head: Half a cent a word. No less charge than 10c.

BOARDING--Two front rooms with board, furniture heat, fine location. Address M. L. STAR.

MISCELLANEOUS.
Advertisements under this head: Half a cent a word. No less charge than 10c.

CALL AND SEE A. G. EDGECOMBE'S Signs and Two Seated Ash Pigeons--will be sold at a great discount. Second hand stoves at any price. City Road Carriage Factory.

WANTED--A second class teacher for District No. 6, Parish of Simonds, St. John Co. Address J. G. LAKE, Secretary of Trustees, St. John, N. B., care Frenze Bros, 55 King Square.

FURS!



Black Marten Collarettes . . . \$15.00

Black Marten Scarfs . . . \$25.50

Black Marten Storm Collars . . . \$25.00

Black Marten Boas . . . \$12 to \$15.00

No. 2 Marten Boas . . . \$9.00

No. 2 Marten Muffs . . . \$7.50

Mink Scarfs, 4 skins . . . \$35.00

Mink Scarfs, 4 skins . . . \$37.50

Mink Scarfs, 4 skins . . . \$39.00

Mink Scarfs, 4 skins . . . \$45.00

Mink Scarfs, 4 skins . . . \$57.50

Sable Ties . . . \$15 to \$30.00

Sable Muffs . . . \$15 to \$30.00

Anderson's,
Manufacturers, - 17 Charlotte St.

**Won't You Come and See
What We Have for Xmas?**
Manicure and Shaving Sets.
Leather, Combination Color Jewels,
Handkerchief and Glove Cases.
Rosewood Military Oval Brushes,
solid back, for \$1.75 per pair. Can't be beat.

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ACME SKATES,
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SLEDs AND FRAMERS,
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PERFORATED SEATS, all sizes.

DUVAL'S
Umbrella, Repairing and Chair
Canning Shop,
17 WATERLOO STREET.

**A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
Toys, Carts,
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Skates, Etc.**

Also, a nice line of Cutlery.
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44 Gormon St. Phone 1074.

**DON'T FORGET TO
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For your Holiday Goods.

**WATCHES, JEWELRY, SILVER
GOODS, CUT GLASS, OPERA
GLASSES, CANES, UMBRELLAS,
CLOCKS, BRONZES, ETC.**
A great variety.

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Broad Cove Coal,
\$7.00 a Chaldron.
Delivered. Tel. 1023.
E. RILEY, - 254 City Road

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**XMAS SALE
Of Jewelry, Clothing, Etc**
BY AUCTION.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS, commencing at 7.30 o'clock, I will sell the entire stock of Watches, Musical Clocks, Rings, Chains, Men's and Boys' Clothing, Rain Coats, Rubbers, Overcoats, Fancy Goods and a large quantity of goods suitable for Christmas presents. Don't miss these sales.

F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer.

Xmas Presents!
At my salesroom, 56 Gormon street, for the balance of week, we will sell at private sale a large assortment of useful things for Christmas presents. All new.

F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer.