

# 25 p. c. Discount Sale of Winter Overcoats.

A very special sale of Ready-to-Wear Winter Overcoats began today under the most favorable auspices.

ALL OVERCOATS AT \$15 AND UNDER will be sold at a DISCOUNT OF 25 PER CENT. for one week.

The reason for this sale is because our sales, which are largely in advance of last fall, have been chiefly of higher priced coats. Those at \$15 and less have lagged so we take this method of evening up stock.

Recollect, 25 PER CENT. DISCOUNT from our regular marked prices of all Overcoats at \$15 to \$10, right in the height of the season, is almost an unheard-of saving.

**A. GILMOUR, Men's Tailoring and Clothing**  
68 KING STREET.  
"BEST PLACE TO BUY GOOD CLOTHES."

# Christmas Groceries!

- 24 lbs. Standard Granulated Sugar for \$1.00.
- Best Canned Citron Peel, 12c. per lb.
- Lemon and Orange Peel, 10c. per lb.
- Perfectly Cleaned Currants (one pound packages) 5 1-2c. per lb.
- Malaga Seeded Raisins (one pound packages) 8c. per lb.
- Best Valencia Layer Raisins, 7c. per lb.
- Good Valencia Layer Raisins, 5c. per lb.
- Pure Leaf Lard (kettle rendered) \$1.50 per pall, 10 lb. pall \$1.00; 5 lb. pall 50c.; 3 lb. pall 35c.
- Fearman's Pure Lard, in one pound cartons, 12c.
- Good Compound Lard, \$1.30 for 30 lb. pall.
- Choice Cooking Butter, 15c. per pound.
- Pure Cream of Tartar, 24c. per pound.
- Three (3) Quarts of Cranberries for 25c.
- Extra Choice Potatoes, \$1.20 per barrel.

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562 and 564 Main Street, St. John, N. B.  
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# Here We Are Again!

ANOTHER CLEARANCE SALE

OF.....  
**TRAVELLERS' SAMPLES.**

Commencing Saturday, Dec. 12th, we will offer an immense assortment of

**China and Glass Fancy Goods,**  
Which we must clear out regardless of cost.

Come and see this beautiful line of goods and compare our prices with others.

**The Linton & Sinclair Co. (Limited).**  
37 and 39 Dock Street.

**Red Parlor Lamps**

An assortment of Red Parlor Lamps for Christmas; also Red Shades. Parlor Lamps in great variety. LAMP OUR WINDOW DISPLAY

MARITIME AVER LIGHT CO.  
Phone 873, 19 Market Square.

HALIFAX, Dec. 11.—Smallpox is assuming large proportions in Cape Breton, nearly all the country districts being infected with it. Several cases are reported from some of these districts today. The type is a mild one.

On the same day last week that the mercury registered 10 below and there was six inches of snow on the ground at Mowhawk, N. B., a man in Frey in the same state picked 25 dandelion blossoms.

### ADEQUATE PROTECTION.

The Policy Which Canada Must Adopt If She Would Not Go Backward.

To the Editor of the Star:  
Dear Sir,—Shortly we will be called upon by the authorities to decide Canada's policy for the future. The people of Canada cannot demand too strongly the great essential which will mark the onward progress of this dominion. The conservatives come to the front with a policy sure and certain, a policy pronounced in the interest of Canada and one that should engage the attention of every true born citizen of this great dominion. They come with a policy of right and justice to Canadians, a policy which immediately concerns every farmer, merchant, mechanic, or laborer, a policy of adequate protection to the people of Canada, both individually and collectively. Not a policy that will benefit manufacturers alone, but one that will help on and encourage every one and that will keep our people and our money in the country.

Within the past year, over one hundred millions of dollars have gone from this country into the United States, all of which might have been spent here, had the policy of the present party in power been a little more lenient in dealing with the industrial forces of Canada. Hamper the industries and you hamper the country. Protect the industries and you protect the country.

In these days of fierce competition, when the world over is bidding for import and export trade, can we afford to have the tariff department to us in crumbs, and those with uncertainty? Look at the nation to the south of us and see what the industrial forces have made them, and that by virtue of a high tariff protection. Take the statistics of Canada, and you will find that we are weak on tariff lines as compared with other countries. Our dominion calls with no uncertain sound for a fair show, for better legislation at Ottawa, for at least the rights and privileges which are due to her, that she may rise to the full height and stature of other nations and take her proper place in the great markets of the world. Every young man should be imbued with the spirit of protection for Canada.

To build up our country, we must adopt a policy of adequate protection, especially in these days of tremendous competition.

Yours earnestly,  
TRAVELLER.

### NEW HOPE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

The result of the recent New York election will probably have an effect on national politics, and indeed, the knowledge that this will be the case probably helped to bring it about. If the democrats could win New York City in November, 1903, they may reasonably expect to make a good fight for the state in the presidential election of November, 1904. This is a question of more than passing interest, as the democratic party are pledged to tariff reform, and if they succeed in carrying the country and afterwards offer Canada reciprocity in natural products, what an immense market will be thrown open to Ogilvie's Flour and other Canadian high grade products. The United States should consume millions of barrels of Ogilvie's Flour in the next decade providing tariff conditions are satisfactorily amended.

### TOT'S FRIEND IS KILLED.

"Uncle Jim" Jones fractures his Skull While Wishing Little Girl "Many Happy Returns."

James Jones, a favorite with the children in the house where he lived, at No. 383 Hamilton avenue, Brooklyn, is dead.

To all he was "Uncle Jim," who told stories, carried wine and repaired shattered dolls. Although he was seventy-seven years old, his heart was at least two decades younger. Jones was going up stairs last evening to his home on the top floor carrying a bucket of coal. A ten year old girl who saw him coming leaned over and cried, "Uncle Jim, I had a birthday party today."

"Many happy returns," called Jones. He lifted his right hand above his head to wave it at the girl and in so doing the counterweight of the coal bucket caused him to fall backward. He fractured his skull and died instantly.

### C. P. R. STEAMSHIPS.

A Good Business Done on the Atlantic.

MONTREAL, Dec. 11.—Arthur W. Peers, general manager of all the steamship lines owned by the Canadian Pacific Railway, discussing today the season's business on the Atlantic, said: "The entire fleet carried a much larger amount of tonnage than they ever did when controlled by the Elder Dempster Company. Besides this, the line made new records for ship settlements, and prices up to near the end of navigation were fair. Our passenger business was heavy and showed excellent returns. The business on this line was affected to a certain extent by the strike that occurred at the opening of the season and the fact that new large ships had to be constructed. Now that nearly all the preliminary work has been attended to, the fleet should make a better showing next year. The increased tonnage this year was undoubtedly due to the line's connection with the railway."

### STYLE.

"Naz, mind, Bill, when we comes to Fiddlers' Green, put that pipe in yer pocket and light up a cigar or I won't walk wiv yer."—Ally Slopen.

### OBTUSE BRILLIANCE.

Julia—Is Clementine really so intellectual?  
Aurelia—O, yes, she never can tell you a thing any other woman has on.—Detroit Free Press.

### BLAIR HAS DECIDED.

Has Made Up His Mind About His Course in the Coming Elections But Won't Tell.

OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—Ottawa University authorities have decided to ask the city council to drop the \$50,000 by-law. In view of the diversity of opinion on the matter the by-law would certainly be defeated.

The escape of Cashel, the Kansas desperado, from Calgary jail, came like a thunderclap to the justice department. Cashel was to have swung on Tuesday. If not executed on that day he is legally dead and could not be hanged for the crime he has committed. To obviate this the government will ask Chief Justice Sifton to grant a respite so that on his recapture, another day can be fixed for the execution.

Hon. A. G. Blair was in consultation with Laurier this morning. The ex-minister seemed in great spirits as he came out of the premier's office. When asked as to whether he would seek reelection in St. John at the coming election, he answered that he had reached a decision in the matter, but had no announcement to make at present.

### WINTER PORT.

The Donaldson str. Concordia, Capt. Webb, from St. John via Halifax, reached Glasgow yesterday.

The C. P. R. str. Monmouth, Capt. Birchman, left Bristol yesterday for St. John.

The Allan mail liner Ionian, will, it is expected, leave this afternoon for Halifax.

The Donaldson str. Salacia, Capt. Mitchell, which is loading at No. 4, got her grain yesterday. She will probably leave for Glasgow early Sunday morning.

The C. P. R. str. Montfort, Capt. Cross, which spent Thursday in the bay, came up to No. 3 berth yesterday afternoon. She loads for Bristol at Sand Point.

The C. P. R. str. Lake Erie, Capt. Carey, sailed about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon for Liverpool. She took away 25 first cabin, 45 second cabin and 150 steerage passengers.

A little later on another C. P. R. str., the Lake Michigan, Capt. Owen, pulled away from the I. C. R. pier and proceeded on her way to London. She and the Erie would probably get out of the bay close together.

The Catalina will dock at No. 4 berth when the Salacia sails.

### BOSTON'S NARROWNESS.

Turning Down Aldermanic Candidates Because They are Provincialists.

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—Several former provincialists who are running for aldermen in this city have been placed under the ban by the Good Government Association, a non-partisan organization which furnishes information for the benefit of the electors. The elections are to occur on Tuesday.

Among those who are black-listed are Henry S. Clark, formerly of St. John, but now a resident of the Dorchester district. Mr. Clark previously served two terms in the common council. "We do not endorse Henry S. Clark" is the verdict of the Good Government Association.

Another New Brunswicker, Alderman Joseph I. Stewart of Dorchester, is disposed of as follows: "Inquiries as to his reputation and character lead us to believe that he is not a desirable candidate." He is charged with voting for a grab loan bill.

John A. Campbell, a native of Pictou, N. S., formerly a member of the common council, is recommended for election. While John T. Kennedy, a native of St. John, N. P., is classed as an unfit man, and as one who was arrested three times for assault and battery. There are several other undesirable candidates running for office, but they are not natives of the province. One aldermanic candidate is in jail and another, the president of the board, was expelled from the legislature for corrupt acts.

The Hon. Isaac Benjamin Franklin Allen, the republican candidate for street commissioner, is a graduate of the Suffolk county jail. He is a negro and was able to defeat a respectable citizen in the primaries because the citizen's name was Sullivan. In republican circles here men with Irish names are few, and a remnant of the old prejudice is still noticeable. Several years ago Allen was elected a member of the executive council of the commonwealth over Hon. John H. Sullivan. The man who was defeated by Allen this time was not the same man.

Among the candidates for the common council is Fred P. Warner, formerly of Plympton, Digby county, N. S. Another Digby county boy is William Craig of Acadiaville, a state senator.

The contest over the will of Contractor Patrick McAleer, a native of St. John, who left property here valued at \$800,000, was resumed today in the probate court. Several of the testator's daughters are the contestants.

### AMERICAN FOOTBALL BRUTAL SAYS PAPER.

Harvard and Yale Should Learn to Play Rugby, Declares the Graphic.

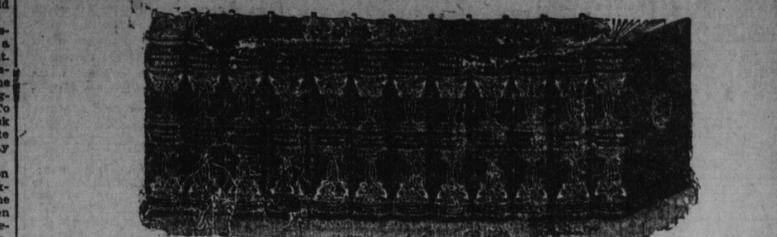
LONDON, Friday.—What do American football players think of the following comment in the Graphic, under the heading, "A Burlesque on the Fine Game of Rugby Football as Played in the United States?"

"Lovers of Rugby football," it says "would not recognize the game as played in America; where it seems to be a thoroughly brutal pastime, and played without skill and without science. The players wear padded knickerbockers, pads at elbows, ear protectors, nose and lip protectors—in fact, they go into the fray in what may be called suits of amour."

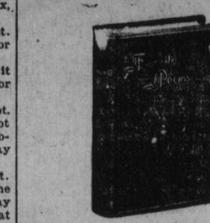
"The result is that they present a most repulsive and dispirited appearance. It is a pity that Harvard and Yale do not send representatives to England to learn by seeing Oxford or Cambridge play what a fine game is Rugby football when played as it should be."

# E. G. NELSON & CO.,

Cor. of King and Charlotte Streets.  
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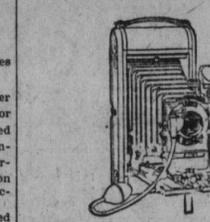
Books In Sets by all the standard authors, including Dickens, Thackeray, Scott, Shakespeare, Eliot, Ruskin, Reade, Tolstoj, Parkman and Dumas.



Poets—All the popular Poets bound in cloth, padded leather, full calf and burnt leather.

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Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens, in plain and gold mounted holders. Leather Goods—Writing Cases, Music Rolls, Purses, Card Cases, Bill Books, Cigar and Cigarette Cases, Tobacco Pouches, Cards, Calendars and Booklets in great variety.

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# CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

And How Some People Go About It.

The Christmas season is drawing very near now, and with its approach the Christmas shoppers bestir themselves and frequent the stores—notably at bargain sales—sometimes to buy—but frequently to overhaul and handle articles that they have no intention of purchasing. How often does one see, in a book store or fancy goods store, or any other kind of a store in fact—it doesn't make much difference—persons hovering over the counters, taking up and sniffing articles of every description, and in spite of the warnings, "Please do not handle," taking up room at the counters, where intending purchasers would fain stand, so that the latter, in order to see any of the goods exhibited, are forced to stand on tip toe, and peer over the others' shoulders, or under their elbows, and finally go away in despair, having accomplished nothing, while the obstructions, blissfully ignorant that they are in the road, continue to look their fill at whatever they desire, and, when a clerk attempts to sell them anything, they sweetly say, "Oh, thank you, but we are not buying just now. We're only looking." A quite apparent fact, by the way. These, however, are in the minority just before Christmas, for though all are looking, nearly all are buying, as well as the buying points and arms fall of knobby bundles loudly proclaim.

replied that they did have a few such things. A dear little old lady, the other day, was making some purchases in a well known city dry goods store, and was directing the clerk where to send her parcels. "You can send them over to my son's," she said. "He's Mr. —, You know who he is, I don't live there, though. My home's up in L—." Whereupon the clerk started to address the bundle to L—, but the old lady would have none of it, and explained that while her own home was not in St. John, yet she had come to spend the winter with "Will," who was a widower with a family of small children, incidentally giving the clerk a considerable amount of family history and showing a beautiful pride in and love for "Will," while the clerk listened courteously and did not even smile. "One sees lots of funny things," said a lady attendant in a book store the other day, "and we have all sorts of articles offered to us in lieu of currency. Sometimes we take stamps, car tickets and ferry tickets, when the buyer is short of change."

Every winter we hear people say, "Well, next year, I am not going to leave my Christmas buying till the very last week. I'll do it by degrees all through the year, and thus be saved the hurry and rush of this season. But whoever does it? We all like to wait till the stores have their holiday goods in, and their Christmas fixings of greenery and good-will mottoes strung around, and there is a feeling of excitement and anticipation, and then we will join the throng of shoppers. There are fathers and mothers investing in all sorts of toys and stock-filers, books, etc.; bashful school boys, not quite sure what they want, and girls who know so precisely what they want that they will not be satisfied with anything else; busy men, who buy the very first thing they see rather than wait and look for anything; they are all in evidence, and the best thing to do is to join them, not forgetting, in our preparations, the alienation of extreme protectionists and discrediting of the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme. It sees no hope for reciprocity in the conservative success,

**CANADIANS IN NEW YORK.**  
The officers of the recently organized Canadian Club of New York for the current year are: President, W. T. Robson, formerly of Lindsay, Ont.; first vice-president, Dr. Neil McPhar, formerly of Toronto, Ont.; second vice-president, S. B. Starratt, formerly of Albert, N. B.; treasurer, F. S. McAdam, formerly of Fredericton, N. B.; secretary, W. A. Banks, formerly of Annapolis, N. S.; chairman of executive committee, George S. Milligan, formerly of St. John, N. B.

**A NEW YORK VIEW.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The Evening Post predicts the defeat of the liberals in the Canadian election owing to the alienation of extreme protectionists and discrediting of the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme. It sees no hope for reciprocity in the conservative success,

# VIM TEA "Is Almost too Good to be True."