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EARLY BUYING IS REPORTED IN CITY STORES

People Adopting Advice to Anticipate Rush at Christmas

SAINT JOHN SHOPS SEEN AT THEIR BEST

Shopping Tour Reveals Much to Attract and Satisfy Buyers

The campaign for early buying of Christmas gifts is bearing fruit this year. It was said this morning by Manchester Robertson Allison, Ltd. Shoppers had begun to purchase on the first of December this year. To date they had found the Christmas business good and expected to have a banner season. The tendency this year was to buy utility rather than novelty gifts, they found, and the cold weather had stirred an activity in the fur department and heavier wearing apparel, many planning on giving fur and clothing this Christmas.

For the ladies a gift that is much in favor is silk underwear and in this department the silk is nearly all together taken the place of the fine linens and lines formerly the choice. They have a very large stock of fine and real silk underwear that is a delight to the female shopper.

Ladies' umbrellas are a gift that always please. They are in reds, navy, green and purple shades. A novelty is one with a very short handle and which can be placed in a suit case. In the ladies ready to wear are to be found dresses, dressing gowns, kimonos, etc.

The showing of evening gowns includes some very fine French made frocks, as well as the more moderately priced party frocks of home manufacture. In children's wear there is everything to gratify the most exacting taste.

In the men's department a novelty is a smoking jacket of velvet which is making a big appeal. There are also dressing gowns and bath robes of broad silk as well as the heavier blanket cloth.

In the sports department is a wide range of skis and hockey requisites. In the electrical department are washing machines, sweepers, radio and smaller electric appliances.

Toyland is the place the kiddies want to visit and they will be found a large stock of Santa Claus to choose for a good boy or girl. In the art department there are many Chinese, brass and Indian novelties. There are carpets, furniture and many other practical gifts to be found in this large establishment.

Local News

ELECT OFFICERS.

At a meeting of the Bricklayers and Masons' Association last night the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, John Corbett; vice-president, Robert Corbett; recording secretary, Thomas Mooney; corresponding secretary, John T. Reed; financial secretary, Robert Sproul; sergeant-at-arms, Michael Kelly; deputy, Louis Dorey; alternate deputy, Albert Harris.

CANTATA TO BE SUNG AT CLOSING OF HIGH SCHOOL

Special Programmes Being Prepared at Other Institutions; Prize Awards

A Christmas cantata, in which a choir of 60 voices of grade 9 and grade 10 pupils will take part is one of the chief features of the Christmas closing program in the Union street High School this year. The schools close on Dec. 17, according to the school law of the province, and the program of the High School will commence at 11 a. m.

Dr. W. J. S. Miles, principal of the High School, said last night that he expected the Premier and the Mayor to take part in the presentation of the prizes at the closing, but that the full program had not yet been prepared. Dr. S. A. Worrell, superintendent of city schools, said that he understood there would be special programs carried out in all of the city schools, following the usual custom.

St. Vincent's Girls' High School closing exercises will be held in the music room of the school, and it is expected that His Lordship, Bishop LeBlanc will be chairman. The medals and prizes won by the pupils at the end of the previous term will be presented. William Shea, principal of St. Vincent's Boys' High School, said last night that the program for that school would be in course of preparation and would be in keeping with the Christmas season.

The cantata at the Union street High School is an entirely new departure. The pupils who are taking free time after school to training and preparation for the cantata are found in the direction of James F. Browne, supervisor of music in the city schools. The cantata will be sung by the pupils of that grade nine and grade ten pupils can take part in singing.

In the course of instruction on the High School curriculum, and at the present time, unless they voluntarily give up the subject, the pupils are given hours to giving instruction, the pupils' school singing in music stops after grade eight.

CREW RESCUED FROM WESSEL AT WHITE HEAD

Four-masted Schooner A. F. Davidson Hits Reef; is Total Loss

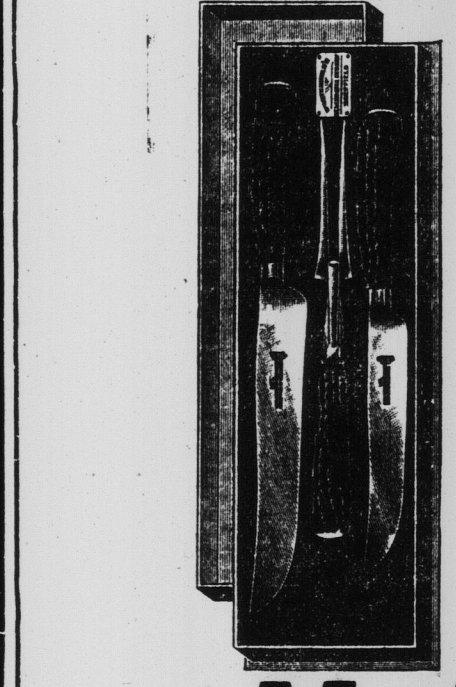
The four-masted schooner A. F. Davidson, Captain Dennis Morrissey, and loaded with piling, was driven ashore on the rocks at Whitehead Island, Grand Manan, yesterday morning during the storm and is now a total wreck. Captain Morrissey and his crew were through a terrible experience and were not rescued from death until yesterday afternoon, when the life saving crew from the Big Duck Island station managed, after considerable difficulty, in making a rescue of captain and crew, who were taken to the life saving station and cared for. The large vessel is reported to be a total loss.

The A. F. Davidson, which is 500 tons register, cleared from Port George, N. S., on November 24 with 65,000 lineal feet of spruce piling, shipped by J. W. Kirkpatrick, bound for New York. The vessel did not leave for some days, owing to weather and head winds, but is reported to have passed down the Bay on Sunday, carrying a strong wind and making good progress.

Charles Kerrison, of the brokerage firm of Kerrison & Linton, who are local agents for the A. F. Davidson, in conversation over long-distance telephone last night about 8 o'clock with Captain Morrissey, who reported that the schooner was a total loss, her bottom was pounded out, the bows torn in and a couple of masts had fallen ashore or out to sea.

The A. F. Davidson was built at Bridgewater about 1909 and was owned by Capt. Robert Reed, of Fox River, N. S., near Port George. She is a well known craft in Saint John having been here last August, and last winter was laid up at No. 7 berth, Sand Point.

Aha! The Carvers for the Turkey



Heart stopping tension—then SWING, the door from the kitchen flies open before a mighty procession of just two, and that plenty—Mother and the Turkey. Both have been through some battle out there, but look grandly agreeable—a great sight altogether.

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UNDERWRITERS PASS REGRET RESOLUTION

Tribute Paid to Late Peter Clinch at Special Session of Board

The New Brunswick Board of Fire Underwriters, at a special meeting yesterday afternoon, passed the following resolution of regret at the passing of Peter Clinch, who was for 47 years secretary of the board:

"The members of this board heard with the keenest regret of the very sudden death of Mr. Clinch, who but recently retired from the position of Board Secretary after nearly forty-seven years of service.

"Mr. Clinch's death occurring so soon after his superannuation when we were all wishing for him a long period of well earned ease, seems particularly distressing, and we regret that he had always at heart the interest and well being of the board, was at all times anxious to give the younger members the benefit of his long and wide experience, and was untiring in his efforts to promote the best and real interests of the board and its members.

"A man of honor and high principle, kind hearted and genial, his death came as a personal sorrow to all the members, who feel that they have lost a friend.

"The board wishes to express to his brother, Mr. D. C. Clinch, and relatives their sincere sympathy."

WILL CHECK UP ON VOCATIONAL WORK

Fletcher Peacock Speaks on Plans for Tour With Successor

At the request of the chairman of the provincial vocational board, J. D. Palmer, a tour of the vocational schools of the province will be made by Fletcher Peacock, director of the Saint John school and former director of vocational education in New Brunswick, and his successor in the provincial appointment, W. K. Tibbels.

To tour the two directors will check up on the work of each school and centre visited. They will visit Edmundston, leaving for that town on Wednesday. They will attend the public opening of the new vocational school in Campbellton, which is to take place some time next week, and will also go over the details of work being done there. They will probably make their visit to Milltown in the Christmas holidays and a same time trip will visit McAdam and Woodstock.

The other large centres for vocational work in the province are Fredericton and Newcastle, which will be visited later.

TO HOLD EXAMS.

Speaking of the work of the Saint John Vocational school yesterday, Mr. Peacock said that examinations would be in progress in all departments of the day school throughout the coming week. As the night school courses are all to cover 20 lessons there will be none of these courses completed before the Christmas holidays. The holidays will commence on Friday, Dec. 17, at the Vocational School, and will end on Jan. 8, on which day the classes will resume work.

MESS MEETS

A special meeting of the Garrison Sergeants' Mess was held in their rooms at the Armories last night, when only business of a private nature was transacted.

As Hiram Sees It

"There goes a sloop full of men, women and children," says I to the town of Long Reach, "to the patch of moonlight on Long Reach."

"Them," says he, "is the ghosts of Walter Bates, David Pickett, Silas Raymond and their party in that was the last Loyalists to settle on the Saint John river. They come with the spring fleet of Loyalists in May, 1789, and after a party had once up river an' picked out a place the hull crowd got on a sloop as 'come up through the Reach to Bellie Bay—where they settled at Kingston Creek—'n' afore winter set in they had log houses to live in—'n' was a lot better off than them that staid at Saint John or went up to St. Anne's. Walter Bates wrote that they was 'perfectly happy, contented an' comfortable in their dwellings through the winter.' The folks at Saint John—that was then called Partridge—'n' to get along mostly in tents. Them was the ghosts of Walter Bates an' his friends we just seen in the moonlight on the river

CATTLE SHED FIRE TO BE INVESTIGATED

Fire Marshal Thinks Prevention Methods Not Satisfactory at Docticks

Fire Marshal H. H. McLellan will conduct an inquiry into the fire which swept one of the West Side cattle sheds on Sunday last, causing considerable damage.

When asked if it was his intention, as agent of the Marine and Fisheries Department, to hold an investigation, J. C. Chesley said that he had not yet decided.

Fire Marshal stated that, notwithstanding any action taken by the Department of Marine and Fisheries, it was his intention to hold a complete and thorough inquiry. He considered that matters pertaining to fire prevention at the West Side sheds not satisfactory and unless prompt action were taken there was grave danger of a serious conflagration through carelessness.

In evidence throughout, it is proposed that all outgoing parcels shall be done up in appropriate Christmas wrapping paper of holly and evergreen design.

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