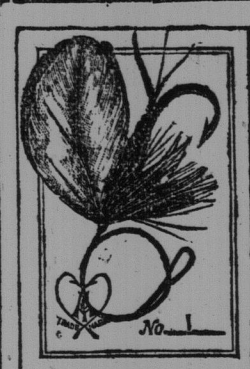


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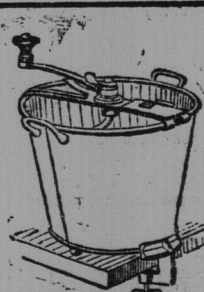
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Price Now \$2.25.

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Are Showing some New Styles in
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Dull Kid Tops, Medium or Heavy Soles, Colonial Heels. A decidedly pretty Boot—one that sells at sight.
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FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.
The Largest Assortment in the City.

Our 50c. Linen Hats are the same as are sold by others at 75c.

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Fresh Meats and Poultry,
NEW CABBAGE, LETTUCE, RADISHES, CELERY, HENRY EGGS, CHEESE, VEGETABLES, ETC. CREAMERY BUTTER, MAPLE SYRUP.

WETMORE'S, City Market.

CHICAGO, May 21.—Several thousand bacilli taken from plague sufferers in India and enclosed in a small tin case leather bound have been lost somewhere between St. Paul and Chicago by W. H. H. Hurlbert, M. D., a scientist from London, who has arrived here. The bacilli are as yet unnamed, though labelled. Some are mounted and some are preserved alive. The objects were destined for the use of learned men of England and Germany in their researches regarding the Asiatic plague, which Dr. Hurlbert says up to this time have not yielded definite results. The loss has been reported to the police and railroad officials.

St. John, N. B., May 21, 1904.

Holiday Clothing.

You'll probably need a new Suit, Raincoat, Hat, Cap, Shirt, Tie, or something new in Clothing or Furnishings for "Victoria" Day. You will run no risk in buying here, our stock is up-to-date and prices exceedingly low, SEE OUR MEN'S SUITS AT

\$3.95, 5.00, 6.00, 7.50, 8.75 and \$10

RAINCOATS, newest in style, \$6.00 to \$12.50.

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WINTER PORT; DOES IT PAY?

Is St. John Better Off Than Before?

Prominent Shipping Men Say Emphatically No and Give Strong Grounds for Their Belief.

The question has often been asked as to what real value the winter port business has been to the city of St. John, and it is doubtful if an answer has ever been given that has been satisfactory to all concerned. Year by year the value of exports and imports has increased, with this increase increased tonnage, but this proof of increased trade has not answered the question that has been uppermost in the minds of many and this question, stripped of all decorations and presented in its nakedness, is simply this: How much better off is the working man today than he was before St. John was recognized as a winter port? Before the government subsidized steamers came here and carry away western produce? It has been generally conceded that it has been a great thing for this city, and year by year the volume of exports has increased much to the general satisfaction of all, but the question still remains unanswered as to whether this has been to the advantage of the working men.

Looked at from one standpoint considerable money has been put in circulation during the winter, a season when hitherto matters were dull here. As a result of the placing of this currency on the market, some have benefited, but what is the result in general? Has the entire community benefited and if so, how so?

The Star asked this question of one of the largest ship brokerage concerns in this city and was met with the seemingly astounding reply that it would have been better for St. John if the winter port steamers had never come here. The statement, of course, demanded an explanation, and the following was given as a general answer to the question:—
St. John is not a great mercantile centre. Lumber has been its chief mainstay for years past, and every year thousands of standards of lumber have been shipped to the old country, giving employment to many men. Previous to the advent of the winter port steamers the ship laborers unions had a membership of about 400 men, all residents of St. John. Many seamen and sailing vessels visited this port each year, and these men found steady employment. When the winter port steamers, subsidized by the Dominion government and the first thing they commenced to do was to fill up with deals. The result was a drop in freight rates, and a steady supply of the British market that in the spring found the old country centres well stocked with lumber. From the carrying away of a few thousand standards by the first steamer the filling up has increased to such proportions that last winter the steamers sailing from this port took away several hundred thousand standards of lumber, and standard of deals. This means that if these deals had been allowed to remain in this port as cargo, the winter port steamers carrying them had not received the bonus, that it would have taken over twenty vessels to carry them to the other side. This amount of lumber dumped on the English market has affected prices all around.

The recent trouble among the ship laborers has brought to light this fact, namely, that the number of men doing this work has increased from four hundred to almost double that figure. There is no complaint regarding the increase, except inasmuch as it means that three hundred men are being brought to this city for a few months in the winter months, and that if a steamer would otherwise give employment to city men for the entire summer.

The Star has been informed on credible authority that if a steamer or large sailing vessel was to call at this port tomorrow, provided a large charter had not been made, she would be unable to get a cargo, and all in consequence of the fact that during the winter months the steamer trade has carried away deals instead of western products for the convenience of which the subsidy was voted by the Dominion parliament.

This virtually brings up the question as to why there is not enough freight aside from deals to fill the steamers, and the answer generally given is that the C. P. R. have not the facilities and will not till they double track the line to Montreal. There is a provision in the act under which the subsidies are given to the effect that the steamers must not carry away deals beyond 25 per cent. of their cargo, unless there is nothing else available, which in the end means that they can take away almost an entire cargo of deals.

There is another question in connection with the deal matter that the shippers are interested in, and that is the matter of wharfage. When steamers first began to come to this port there was a general prejudice against them, the feeling being that they would undermine the trade of our own sailing vessels. With this in view the council passed a by-law which is still in effect, the result being that a steamer or in the stream pays on her cargo tonnage, while a vessel at a wharf pays on her net. A steamer which is recognized as a winter port liner pays nothing, while a tramp in the next berth must pay wharfage. This unfairness was fully shown up this spring when a Donaldson line boat took in practically an entire cargo of deals without paying wharfage, while near by two other steamers paid about twelve dollars per day each.

Go to Fredericton VICTORIA DAY

On the steamer VICTORIA with the DOMINION L. O. L. No. 141. Boat will leave Fredericton at 7:30 a. m. and Fredericton at 8 p. m. Return tickets \$1.00.

RUSSIAN CAVALRY ROUTED BY JAPS.

Russians Driven From Kai Chau—New Chwang Doomed.

Grounded Russian Cruiser Bogatyr Blown Up—Japanese Campaign Puzzles Russian Experts—Chinese Atrocities.

TOKYO, May 21, 5 p. m.—The Japanese forces which landed at Taku-Shan Thursday, surrounded and routed a force of Russian cavalry at 7 o'clock Friday evening in the neighborhood of Wang-Chi-Tung, seven miles north of Taku-Shan. The Russian force which consisted of about one squadron, lost many killed or wounded, as well as a captain who was captured. The Japanese sustained no losses.

TOKYO, May 21, noon.—Although it has not been officially reported, it is said on good authority that the Japanese forces have captured Kai Chau, driving the Russians back to Tai-Chia. In the direction of New Chwang, preventing the advance of the Russian troops at New Chwang in the direction of Kai-Chou. The bombardment by the Japanese of the vicinity of Kai-Chou recently was probably in preparation for the landing of forces in the north-west corner of the Liao Tung peninsula for the purpose of capturing New Chwang, and co-operating with the other armies in the march on Liao Yang.

Probably a small Japanese force has been landed at Kai Chau Bay, Taku-Shan, where Japanese forces were landed May 14, is at the mouth of Dayan river, west of the Yalu.

RUSSIAN CRUISER BLOWN UP.
LONDON, May 21, 12:30 p. m.—A dispatch to the effect that the Russian cruiser Bogatyr, which was grounded on the rocks near the entrance to Vladivostok, adds that the Bogatyr subsequently was blown up by a Russian mine. The vessel was grounded on the rocks near the entrance to Vladivostok, and was subsequently blown up by a Russian mine. The vessel was grounded on the rocks near the entrance to Vladivostok, and was subsequently blown up by a Russian mine.

AT PORT ARTHUR.
LONDON, May 21.—A dispatch to the Japanese legation from Tokyo says Vice-admiral Togo has reported today as follows:—
The Russian torpedo boat destroyer and torpedo boat flotilla approached Port Arthur yesterday morning, and were subsequently destroyed by our forces. There were no casualties on our side.

JAP CAMPAIGN PUZZLING.
LIAO YANG, May 20.—The Japanese plan of campaign is puzzling the Russian authorities. The Japanese appear to have landed as they are scattered and are occupying elevated positions in the mountains. General Kurapatkin yesterday inspected the newly arrived troops, all of whom are in excellent condition, especially the Siberian regiments. Typhus is very prevalent in Korea and is increasing daily. Typhus are causing immense suffering among the troops.

METHODIST MINISTER ELOPES
Rev. J. F. Cordova, of New Jersey, Leaves Wife and Three Children for a Girl.
NEW YORK, May 20.—The police authorities of New Brunswick, Trenton, Elizabeth, Newark and other New Jersey towns have been supplied with a description of the Rev. J. F. Cordova, pastor of the Methodist church at South River, near New Brunswick, and a trustee of Cordova's church. Cordova and his wife, Mrs. J. F. Cordova, the daughter of J. Conover Bowne, a blacksmith of South River and a trustee of Cordova's church, Cordova and his wife are missing from South River.

JAPANESE ADVANCE DELAYED.
MUKDEN, Friday, May 20.—The main body of the Japanese forces, estimated at 80,000 men, remains south of the Russian troops, who are daily retreating. They have apparently suspended their advance. This inaction causes surprise and some speculation as to the reason for the delay. A decisive engagement is considered favorable for the Russians, who are daily retreating. It is supposed that the recent movements of the Japanese are a temporary halt. The Russians still hold the ground to Tielikau.

JAPANESE STRATEGY.
NEW CHWANG, Friday, May 20.—(Delayed in transmission.)—The officials have not received any further information regarding the fighting which resulted in the retreat of the Japanese on Peng Wang Cheng, but there is good authority for saying that the Japanese movements, in the direction of Liao Yang and Hai Cheng were for the purpose of causing the Russians to move.

MINES LAID IN HALIFAX HARBOR.

Canada's Fortress Getting Ready For War.

Harbor's Natural Dangers Increased by the Laying of Two Hundred Submarine Mines.

Halifax harbor has been thoroughly mined. Two hundred mines, each having 500 pounds of gun cotton, have been laid. The entrance to the North West Arm and the channel on the eastern and western sides of the harbor have also been laid with mines, and the city today, with its warships and its forts, is practically impregnable. The mines are controlled and operated from three observation stations, at Fort Ogilvie, Ives' Point and Fort Clarence. Arrangements will be made to have two operating or observing stations instead of three. The Fort Clarence station will be abolished. The entrance to the North West Arm can be observed from Fort Ogilvie and the station at Fort Ogilvie and Ives' Point will have control of the harbor proper. The mines laid are all located on keyboards at the stations named. Each has its number. With the assistance of a servant those at the observing station can tell the exact moment a steamer is over a mine and all that is then necessary is to touch the electric button governing the parabolic mine and the ship is destroyed.

THE NEW FERRY BOAT.
City Asked to Send Inspector to Toronto to Look After the Building of Hull.

Mayor White has called a meeting of the general committee of the commission for Monday afternoon to talk on ferry matters.

SALVATION ARMY.
Major and Mrs. Phillips will conduct special meetings at the Charlotte St. barracks tomorrow (Sunday) at 3 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.

MONTECAL, May 21.—A man about forty years old was found dead this morning with his skull crushed in, lying in the basement of the new extension to the court house. Although foul play is suspected, the police are inclined to believe the man fell from the second story to the cellar, and was accidentally killed.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION
WANTED.—By June 1st, two servants. One general servant and one to do plain cooking. One to look after small family and do light housework. MRS. W. OREGIO, 25 Germain street.

10 lbs. Oatmeal for 25c.
Oatmeal \$5.20 bbl., 1-2 bbl. \$2.70, at The 2 Barkers, Ltd 100 PRINCESS STREET.

Ladies' Shirt Waists!
Strongest Values we've ever had. Newest Materials—Snappy Styles—Dainty Colorings.

White Lawn Waists, made with wide hemstitch tucks, \$5.00 each.
White Lawn Waists, with wide hemstitch tucks, trimmed with Hamburg insertion, \$1.50 each.
White Lawn Waists, tucked and trimmed with York Insertion, \$1.25 each.
White Matting Waists, made with box pleats, \$1.45 each.
White Lawn Waists, pleated front, with two rows wide Hamburg insertion, \$1.50 each.
White Lawn Waists, with fine tucks and two rows York Insertion, \$1.60 each.
White Lawn Waists, with bias hemstitch tucks, Hemstitch Insertion Yokes, \$1.75 each.

SHARP & McMACKIN, 335 Main Street, North End

THE WEATHER.

Forecast—Moderate to fresh westerly winds, fine and milder today and on Sunday.

Synopsis—Showers have been very general again over the Maritime Provinces, but the outlook now is fine and milder. Winds to banks and American ports, moderate to fresh westerly. Bermuda reports fresh southeast winds and cloudy.

The lowest temperature today was 44 above.

A busy man is of no more use than a dead one—and takes up more room.

Children's Headwear.

We have some new patterns in Boys' Norfolk, Golf and Yachting Caps.

Children's Tams, in blue, brown and fawn. Prices from 25c. to \$1.00.

Children's Straw Hats from 15c. to \$1.25.

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Perforated Seats

Shaped and Square, Light and Dark. (Bring Pattern.)
Chair Seating—Cane, Split and Perforated; L. S. Cane only.
Umbrellas made, Recovered and Repaired.
Hardware, Paints, Oils, Glass and Putty.

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17 WATERLOO STREET.

NEW GOODS!
We have just received a nice stock of fine GOLD BROOCHES, GUARDS, NECKLETS, PENDANTS, LOCKETS, RINGS in great variety, STUDS, LINKS, COLLAR BUTTONS, Etc.

We have a great stock and invite inspection.
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