

**Our Annual
Clearance
Sale Starts
Friday**

We are about making some improvements in our

KING STREET STORE

and intend starting our Annual Clearance Sale a little early, so as to get on with the work.

We will go through our stock and all odd lots, samples and lines that we shall not repeat will place them on sale at prices so low that the sale, which will last ten days, must create a sensation.

Cash. No sale goods can be returned. No appropriation.

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CHARACTERS
IN FRECKLES**

A. G. Delamater, who is responsible for 'Freckles', the dramatization of Gene Stratton-Porter's popular novel, to be presented on next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, instructed the dramatist to incorporate every character in the play that appears in the book, and to adhere as closely as possible to Mrs. Porter's charming story. Consequently 'Freckles', the lucky wife who guards the Lambertson timber house; the Bird Woman who is collecting gamblers' studies of birds; a book; 'The Man of Affaire', brung in a manner but big of heart; Lord and Lady O'More, who comes from Ireland in quest of a lost relative; Wesmer, a Dutch miller thief, who wants masculinity made easy; Black Jack, a villain, to whom thought of repentance comes too late; and, a camp cook, all appear in important roles.

MORNING LOCALS

J. B. Daggett, secretary of agriculture for New Brunswick, announces that in the near future an egg laying contest is to be held in the province for New Brunswick hens.

Richard Grundell, chief engineer of the S. S. Rosetana, wrecked on the Pacific coast a few days ago, was a native of this province, but had lived in San Francisco for more than twenty years. He is survived by his wife and three children. It was his first trip on the steamer.

Rev. R. A. Armstrong delivered a lecture on The Burial Cities of Sicily, in the Natural History Society rooms last night. The lecture was much enjoyed.

A very enjoyable concert was given in the schoolroom of Zion church last night. The programme consisted of choruses by the boys and girls, vocal and instrumental solos and readings.

The members of the Leaders' Class of the Haymarket Square Baptist Sunday School entertained their friends at the home of A. H. Patterson, Brindley street, last night. A very pleasant evening was spent.

The Young Men's Bible Class of St. Stephen's church Sunday school conducted an entertainment in the schoolroom last night. Among those taking part were D. D. Milligan, Ronald Edwards, Norman Sutherland and Miss Anne McKay. Refreshments were served.

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Day
Thursday****KING GEORGE
AND QUEEN
SEEK QUIET**

When at Sandringham, Monarch Announces He is Just Plain Man

WANTS NO GALLERY

Knighthood For Former Moncton Man—News of Canadians in Old Country and of Society Matters in General

(Times Special Correspondence)
London, Jan. 4.—King George and Queen Mary, through a most human desire to be private people for a short space, have unwittingly given offence to some of the people at Sandringham. King Edward did not mind how much he sat in the limelight, and the Sandringham folks looked upon it almost as a right to be allowed to participate in their sovereign's doings when he lived among them.

All that is changed now, and King George's neighbors are rather astonished in consequence. His Majesty has intimated that when at Sandringham he is not a king but a private man, and does not want a gallery at his daily doings. One cannot help sympathizing with him, for it must be most exhausting to wear a perpetual smile. And the king is very different from his father in this—he takes things much more seriously and cannot put them out of his mind at once as King Edward always could.

Perhaps his Norfolk neighbors will realize this in time, but in the meantime they are grumbling. In former years, a party of villagers always assembled on Christmas Eve outside the king's windows and sang carols, after which the king would go out in his usual way, invite them into the house and entertain them with the traditional "cakes and ale." The villagers prepared their carols as usual this year, last year, of course, the king and queen were in India—but on the day before received word from York cottage that no Waits would be allowed.

Neither are they allowed the innocent pleasure of following the king and his party when they are shooting over the royal preserves. Royal servants are stationed at the various points to keep the people away. Even the newspapers received letters requesting that no mention of the king's doings should be published.

A bad result of all this was seen during the recent indisposition of the king. All he had, really, was a slight cold, which kept him within doors only one day. But the evening and before twelve hours had which is issued nowadays, on His Majesty's orders, his name was omitted from the royals at church in the morning, and a family dinner-party at Queen Alexandra's in the evening, and before twelve hours had passed, "serious condition of the king" was to be seen on the contents bills of some of London's evening papers. In consequence of a full explanation of a perfectly simple matter had to be made later on.

A friend just returned from St. Petersburg, who is on intimate terms with the imperial family, tells me that the Czar and Czarina are more than usually perturbed over a most unfavorable omen that has occurred in the royal palace. You have heard before how superstitious they are—the Czar particularly—and his wife, being continually surrounded by it, has become almost as bad as he is.

It is their inability to recover a fabled of brilliant, which has a curious history attached to it, that is troubling their Majesties at present. It was not unaccountably by the emperor at the funeral of Grand Duke Vladimir, and though almost the whole staff of the Russian secret police have been searching for it since, not a trace of it can be found. The real origin of the diadem is wrapped in mystery, but tradition says it was discovered on the head of a saint in St. Catherine's Cathedral, in Moscow, and Catherine wore it to ward off evil spirits, though it does not seem to have been very successful in her cause.

But the great thing about this diadem is that the pearls and diamonds of which it is composed are said to foretell by their condition the well being—or otherwise—of the Russian royal family. If danger impends, the diamonds lose their sparkle and the pearls their soft lustre, while if the prospect brightens the stones resume their pristine beauty.

What makes them particularly anxious to have this talisman by them just now is that the Czar, though partially recovered from his illness, is still in a delicate state of health, and the loss of the diadem seems to their superstitious minds to have the worst significance.

London Society
Among the new hostesses this year, none will receive a warmer welcome than Lady Maxwell, who has bought a house in Grosvenor Place. She is, of course, well-known to all Londoners, but for the last few years she has been in Egypt with her husband who commanded the troops there. She made a host of friends there who deeply bewailed her departure, and, to their delight, was postponed once for twelve months, but now a sense of maternal duty calls her ladyship to London. Her daughter, who has the pretty and uncommon name of Philae, is about to marry her debut in society. Philae is as pretty and charming as her name, which she owes, of course, to some of the ancient Egyptian ruins. Miss Maxwell is extremely fair, with a delicate complexion and blue eyes, although she has been a very merry party which her aunt, Viscountess Darnley, has been giving for her daughter at Pitts Court in Wootton Bassett, but this was merely a boy and girl affair, as Miss Maxwell's official debut will not be made until after her presentation at court early next year.

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Boys' Blanket Coats, in blue, red trimmed, red lined hood, each \$4.75.

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Sashes and Toggles to match these blanket coats.

Men's and Boys' Clothing Department.

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and Stoles
Continued
Thursday in
Fur Department****Free Hemming
Sale of
Household
Linen and
Cottons in
Linen Room**

Two specials for Thursday morning, 8.30 to 12.

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