

**Controversy Over Dock Premises.**

H.M.S. Briton Occupies Valuable Space—Removal Would Help Reduce Unemployment—Admiralty Considering Matter.

"The Briton is occupying part of the Dock premises which is absolutely necessary to the Dry Dock Company. If work on steamers is to be performed properly and with the minimum risk to the vessels and employees," this statement was made to-day by the Dock management to the Telegram. It was further stated that there are two steamers in port for repairs and that the work to be done on them would keep one hundred men employed for four months. Unless the Briton is given up to the Dock Company, the work of repairing these steamers cannot be undertaken. The loss to the public would consequently be a serious one, as the continuous employment of 100 men for four months would greatly assist in relieving the unemployment in the city. The two steamers are the Glangarock and the Gientaly, which require repairs to their boilers.

**Lengthy Negotiations.**  
For two years the Dock Company has been negotiating with the Commander of H.M.S. Briton, and with the Admiralty, through His Excellency the Governor, in connection with this matter but so far nothing definite has resulted. In 1920, it was pointed out to the authorities concerned that work on large steamers could not be undertaken until the premises occupied by the Briton had been added to the space already possessed by the dock. It was shown that when vessels come to the dock for repairs, the Dock Company is held responsible for any damage which may be suffered by these vessels while under repair. Consequently they have to be insured against damage. But in this connection there is the difficulty of meeting the requirements of the underwriters in finding the vessels a berth, affording the necessary protection needed for during the time the repairs are being carried out. Vessels of a large size must be moored at a berth affording freedom from traffic together with the maximum safety and protection. According to the Dock management, the only berth affording such facilities is now occupied by the Briton. An alternative would be to use the entrance to the Dry Dock as a mooring berth, but to do this would mean great danger. Apart from making the entrance to the dock, the principal danger would be in the event of a storm springing up and the vessel breaking loose, perhaps to drift into the dock gate. If such a thing did happen the resultant damage would be too serious to contemplate.

**An Outside Opinion.**  
A representative of the United Kingdom Shipping Board who was here last week in 1920, saw the necessity for increased space and in a letter to the Dock Company, said that there was an evident lack of wharfage space near the Dry Dock. He thought that valuable time was lost and additional expenses were incurred through the company being obliged to transport material and men from the plant to the wharf and tenders for the repairs were made in the Harbour. He further stated that he noticed that H.M.S. Briton occupied a very important berth adjoining the Dry Dock, which in his opinion should be used for vessels undergoing repairs at the plant. Early in 1921 the late Commander Penn stated the Dock management that the Briton would be removed to some other place and tenders for the repairs were asked for. Nothing further has been done in the matter. When Admiral Pakenham was here last fall, he looked over the Harbour for a new berth for the Briton but since then nothing has been heard.

**A Serious Matter.**  
The Telegram asked Commander of H.M.S. Briton if he could give any light on the matter, but he would say was that the Admiralty has the question under consideration. In the meantime, the Admiralty and the Glangarock are being repaired and employed for 100 men is going absconding. This was in the good times, then the matter would be a private one, but as such, would not have been given publicity. But times are now such that it has been necessary to form a relief committee in the city at the request of the Governor. Surely His Excellency should appreciate the fact that the employment of 100 men for four months would greatly lessen the burden of the relief committee; and he should be led to exert his influence to have the Briton removed to some other berth. The matter is a serious one and should receive immediate attention.

**Prospero's Passengers.**  
The following passengers arrived on the Northward by the S.S. Prospero yesterday:—Messrs. Dr. Williams, Norris, Daise, Murrell, Fitzpatrick, Jones, Wiseman, Hodges, Mitchell, Roberts, Devine, Bidei, Sheppard, Brown, Rowell, Woods, Flander, Thomas, Roberts, Clark, Erikson, Peters, Devine, Dawson, Erikson, Gray, Sted, Sheppard, White, Parson, Parsons and 8 in steerage.

**Intensified Values. Don't Miss Them.**

**January**

**CLEARANCE**

All Mail Orders Receive Prompt Attention.

**Sales**

**Friday and Saturday**

To clear away what is left of the Winter Season's Goods, we have made tremendous price reductions on various lines of merchandise.

Besides the good values mentioned on this page, there are scores of others in lots or quantities too small to appear in print. The only certain way of securing these wonderful bargains is to come down to the store and pick them out.

**Women's Winter Coats Specially Priced**



These are some of the Coats that were so admired earlier in the season; and they are fully as attractive and desirable now as they were then. Our only reason for reducing the price is, to effect a quick clearance. There is no resting bargain like these. An assortment of smart coats made of heavy English Wool Tweeds in plaids and check patterns. Sizes SW, W and OS. Assorted large self collars, belts and pockets. Regular \$26.70 each for... **\$22.80**

**Women's Raglan Coats.**  
Made of heavy Raglan Cloth, in shades of Fawn; size 44 to 48 length, 34 to 38 bust; smart turn-over reverses, fancy pockets and belt. Reg. 22.50 for **\$11.25**

**Fancy Tweed Skirts.**  
Heavy make of English, Tweed Skirts with fancy pockets and buttons; high waist styles. Reg. \$7.50 each for... **\$4.75**

**Jap Silk Blouses.**  
In Black only; sizes 36 to 44; Shirtwaists styles; elastic at waist. Reg. \$6.45 each for... **\$2.75**

**Black Cashmere Blouses.**  
High and low neck styles; sizes 36 to 42, buttoned cuffs. Reg. \$2.50 each for... **\$1.25**

**Sweater Coats.**  
In Grey, Brown and Maroon; sizes 36 to 42; smart pockets, no collar. Reg. \$3.50 each for... **\$2.35**

**Women's Corset Covers.**  
White Jersey knit, slightly flared, round neck, trimmed with lace; long sleeves. Reg. \$1.70 each for... **\$1.35**

**Flannellette Knickers.**  
All White, fitted cotton band at waist, front at knee; closed styles. Reg. \$1.95 pair for... **\$1.60**

**Child's Sleeping Garments.**  
Fleeced Jersey knit, Cream; to fit children of 2 and 3 years; buttoned at back. Reg. \$1.30 each for... **\$1.10**

**Child's Sleeping Garments.**  
In Striped Flannellette; to fit children of 8 to 12 years; buttoned at back, long sleeves. Reg. \$1.45 each for... **95c.**

**Shell Barrettes.**  
Best grade Imitation Tortoise Shell; strong clasps, non-breakable. Reg. 45c. each for... **37c.**

**Chiffon Frilling.**  
2 inches wide, in shades of Grey, Sage, Pink, Black and White. Reg. 45c. yard for... **35c.**

**Silk Tulle.**  
In shades of Henna, Pink, Blue, Jade, Grey and Brown. Regular 85c. yard **70c.**

**Nurses' Collars.**  
White Linen, assorted styles. Reg. 20c. values. Selling for 5c. & 10c. ea.



**Plush Hearth Rugs**  
Size 27 inch x 60 inch; plain hemmed ends; in Dark Green and in Black. Reg. \$13.00 each for... **\$11.85**

**Deer Skin Rugs.**  
Size 30 x 60 inch; Fawn and White; real Deer skin Rugs, suitable for sleighs or hearth rugs; unlined. Special each... **\$3.45**

**New Linoleum.**  
2 yards wide, handsome floral and tile patterns in light and dark colorings. Reg. \$2.65 yard for... **\$2.40**

**CARPET SQUARES.**  
Our entire stock is now offered at substantial price reductions.



**Bargains in Footwear**  
**Men's Boots.**  
Tan and Mahogany Calf Boots; sizes 6 to 10; solid leather soles; Goodyear welts. Reg. \$10.95 pair. Clearing Price **\$6.00**

**Men's Buttoned Boots.**  
A few pairs only; Mahogany Kid; sizes 6, 6½ and 9. Reg. \$9.75 pair. Clearing price **\$5.00**

**Youths' Boots.**  
Black Gun Metal Blucher Boots, the right kind for hard wear; sizes 9 to 13½. Reg. \$4.00 pair for... **\$2.75**

**Women's Gaiters.**  
Black Cloth tops, buttoned, medium heel and toe; sizes 3 to 6. Reg. \$4.25 pr. for... **\$3.80**

**Women's Skating Boots.**  
16 pairs only Brown Calf; sizes 2½ to 6; low heel, wide toe. Regular \$5.58 pair for... **\$4.98**

**Women's Dancing Shoes.**  
Black patent Leather; sizes 3 to 6, high heel, medium toe. Regular \$3.90 pair for... **\$2.00**

**Prices Lowered on Household Goods**

**Lace Curtains.**  
Good strong Nottingham Lace Curtains with dainty design; 3 yards long. Reg. \$4.40 pair. Selling for... **\$4.40**

**Turkish Towels.**  
Heavy quality Striped Turkish Cloth; size 21 x 42, fringed ends. Reg. 50c. each for... **43c.**

**Pillow Cases.**  
White Linen with embroidery designs on corners; size 17 x 23 ins.; wide frills. Reg. \$1.35 each for... **90c.**

**Flannellette Dusters.**  
Size 18 x 19, red borders; hemmed. Reg. 20c. each for... **17c.**

**Colored Damasked Table Cloths.**  
Handsome designs in Crimson and Green; size 2 yards x 2 yards. Reg. \$3.80 pair. Selling for... **\$4.30**

**Wool Hosiery for Women and Children**

**Women's Wool Hose.**  
Black Ribbed Hose, fashioned leg, spliced feet. Reg. \$1.30 pair for... **\$1.17**

**Children's Hose.**  
Black Worsted Hose, 4½ ribs; good serviceable qualities; spliced heels and toes. Size 3. Reg. \$1.30 pair for... **70c.** Size 4. Reg. \$1.30 pair for... **75c.**

**Leather Hand Bags.**  
Large and small styles; Black, Brown, Navy or Grey finish; strong fasteners and handles; vanity mirror and coin purses. Reg. \$5.40 each for... **\$4.50**

Also an assortment of Black Leatherette Hand Bags at special prices.  
Reg. 85c. each for... **55c.**  
Reg. 90c. each for... **60c.**  
Reg. \$1.35 each for... **80c.**

**Winter Gloves**

**Women's Lined Kid Gloves.**  
Don't's own make heavy Cape Kid Gloves, lined with Wool, 2 domes, self points. Reg. \$4.50 pair for... **\$3.75**

**Women's Fabric Gloves.**  
In White, Beaver, Grey, Fawn, Brown, Champagne, Suede finish, washable. Reg. \$1.70 pair for... **\$1.10**

**Child's Wool Gloves.**  
Best Ringwood fine knit Gloves to fit children of 2 to 8 years; values to 90c. pair. Selling for... **50c.**

**Men's Wool Gloves.**  
Dark Brown, Navy and Black, elastic wrists; \$1.60 and \$1.70 values for... **60c.**

**Extra Special Offers in Boys' Suits and Overcoats**

**Winter Overcoats at Half Price.**  
Winter Overcoats for boys of all ages offered at half price. There are a good many coats to be cleared off as soon as possible. In every case you are offered a definite saving of 50%.

**Job Line of Boys' Tweed Pants.**  
Strongly made, in sizes to fit boys of 8 to 17 years; assorted Grey and Brown mixtures. Prices... **\$1.50 and \$1.50 pair.**

**Job Line of Boys' Suits.**  
Well made and finished; to fit boys of 7 to 17 years. Prices range from... **\$2.00, 2.50, 4.50 up to 10.00.**

**Men's Rubber Coats.**  
Double breasted; fitted with boots. Reg. \$12.50 each for... **\$12.50**

**White Linen Shirts.**  
Starched fronts and cuffs; all sizes. Special each... **50c.**

**Wool Underwear.**  
Heavy Knit Vets and Pants—Prices... **\$1.65, 2.00 and 2.40 per garment**

**Men's Pyjamas.**  
Heavy Fleece, smart military collar, braid fronts. Reg. \$6.50 suit. Selling for... **\$3.20**

**Wide End Ties.**  
Pure Silk, assorted fancy designs and colors. Special each... **\$1.50**

Another line of Wide End Ties, smart colors and designs. Special each... **85c.**

**Men's Winter Caps.**  
Heavy quality, inside bands of fur; all sizes. Reg. \$1.55 each. Selling for... **\$1.36**

**Remnants of Tweeds**  
In lengths and weights suitable for Boys' Suits and Men's Pants; high grade Worsted Suitings and Serges in ends, ranging from 3 to 5 yards. Prices per yard average about **\$1.15**

**The ROYAL STORES, Limited**

**Clearance Sale of Ready-to-Wears**

**Women's Felt Hats.**  
Best Angora finished Felt Hats in all the popular shades and styles of the season. Values up to \$5.00 each. Special **\$1.85** Clearing Price

**Misses' Felt Hats.**  
Angora Wool finished; in assorted colors and styles. Reg. \$5.00 values. **\$1.00** Selling for

**Spanish Mantillas.**  
Fancy knit, fascinator style, in beautiful color contrasts. Reg. \$1.75 each for... **\$1.10**

**Colored Veilings.**  
Shades of Grey, Green, Taupe, Sage, Navy and Brown, plain and spotted designs. Reg. 55c. each for... **45c.**

**High Grade Dress Fabrics at Half Price**

This sale of Dress Goods, which is to be continued for another week, has caused a pleasant surprise to many. Bargain chances such as these, can only occur at rare intervals. Smartest colorings in

**Tricotines** Broad Cloths  
**Cashmeres** Heather Mixtures  
**Gabardines** Coatings

SELLING AT HALF PRICE.

**Odds and Ends in Smallwares**

**MAPLE LEAF PINS**—Books; electro plated; assorted sizes, needle points; 4 sheets to book. Reg. 7c. for... **6c.**

**COMBINED SOAP AND TALCUM POWDER**—Reg. 60c. for... **50c.**

**FRIPP'S TOILET SOAP**—Assorted perfumes. Reg. 13c. for... **11c.**

**FLOWER BEAD NECKLETS**—Perfumed; assorted colors. Reg. 40c. for... **32c.**

**ROYAL VIOLETTA VANISHING CREAM**—Large tubes. Reg. 40c. for... **32c.**

**ROYAL VIOLETTA COLD CREAM**—In crocks. Reg. 55c. for... **48c.**

**R. N. O. WATERPROOFING**—Softening and preserving oils for leather. Reg. 85c. for... **19c.**

**CREME DOUCELLE FACE CREAM**—Caratation Special... **44c.**

**BLACK BOOT LACES**—36 inches. Special pair... **2c.**

**SCRIBBLERS**—100 pages, ruled or plain. Special... **8c.**

**Heavy Coatings at Half Price**

**Black Sealtite.**  
Figured designs, 48 inches wide. Reg. \$16.50 yard for... **\$8.25** Reg. \$18.00 yard for... **\$9.00**

**Black Astrachan.**  
48 inches wide. Reg. \$10.50 yard for... **\$5.25** Reg. \$12.50 yard for... **\$6.25** Reg. \$16.50 yard for... **\$8.25**

**Special Offers in Groceries**

**ORANGE PEKOE TEA**—Loose. Reg. 60c. lb. for... **55c.**

**GROUND COFFEE**—Loose. Reg. 60c. lb. for... **55c.**

**FURNIVALL'S APRICOT JAMS**—Reg. 60c. lb. for... **50c.**

**SUNKIST MARMALADE**—Reg. 50c. lb. for... **40c.**

**ALASKA SALMON**—Reg. 25c. tin for... **20c.**

**Sliced Pineapple**—Reg. 40c. tin for... **35c.**

**Aviator Crashes.**

Plane Lands in Bog When Engine Stops—Major Cotton May Fly to St. John's.

The D.H.-9 aeroplane which Capt. V. S. Bennett, D.F.C., was flying to Botwood from Deer Lake, crashed at Cassandra last night, following the sudden stopping of the engine. The machine was badly damaged but the occupants were unhurt. The plane landed in a bog, Cassandra is between Badger Brook and Grand Falls. The plane left Deer Lake at 2:17 p.m. yesterday and the accident occurred shortly after 3:20 p.m. If weather conditions become favourable, Major Cotton will fly from Botwood to-day and will land at Quidi Vidi. There is a strong gale blowing at present, which may prevent him from leaving but if it becomes calmer, it is probable that the citizens of St. John's will have an opportunity to see their first aeroplane since Raynham made his last attempt to fly the Atlantic. Major Cotton will use the Martyns machine, which has been repaired.

**Prospero Makes Special Trip.**

With the arrival of the S.S. Prospero yesterday the regular season schedule was concluded. Beginning in May last the ship has made 16 round trips. The Prospero will make a special trip to Twillingate sailing to-morrow, on return from which she will undergo her annual overhauling. On the last trip North the Prospero went as far as Criqueet and made all ports of call. Returning she was obliged to miss several places in White Bay owing to heavy slob ice filling the harbours.

**Fire Smouldering.**

Yesterday the fire underwriters took charge of the ruins of the L.S.P.U. Hall, and the work of recovering the afternoon news was begun. During the afternoon men from the Central Fire Station were called to put out some fire which was smouldering in the basement. A stream of water was used and after about 10 minutes the blaze was quenched.

**Charity Concert.**

Last night a Charity Concert was held in the Aula Maxima, St. Bon's College, under the management of Mrs. P. J. Kinsella. The affair was largely attended and the numbers by the different artists evoked hearty applause. The proceeds, which were fully up to expectations, will be devoted to the relief of distress resulting from unemployment.

**Further Recognition of Firemen.**

[Copy] Jan. 10, 1922.  
Inspector General Hutchings.  
Dear Mr. Hutchings—Like many others, I must express to you my sincere congratulations on the very able manner in which yourself and subordinate firemen handled a very difficult situation in yesterday morning's fire. All your undertakings and the very happy result proved beyond doubt that for efficiency and evidence of discipline, that this city has every reason to be satisfied and proud of that Department of which you are so able a head.  
As a small token of appreciation, kindly place the enclosed \$100.00 to the benefit of the firemen, in a manner you think most suitable.  
With much gratitude, I am,  
Yours sincerely,  
(Sgd.) THOS ANDERSON.

[Copy] Jan. 11, 1922.  
Dear Mr. Anderson—I am very grateful to you for your expressions of praise of the work done by the members of the Fire Department at the L.S.P.U. Fire, and I assure you the men under my command greatly appreciate your kind references and your handsome donation towards their funds. I feel proud of the work done by the Firemen, and also that of the members of the Constabulary on the occasion referred to. The fight put up by them, without any consideration for their personal safety or comfort, undoubtedly saved a considerable area of buildings from total destruction.  
Again thanking you, I am,  
Yours sincerely,  
(Sgd.) CHAS. H. HUTCHINGS,  
Inspector General Constabulary.  
Dr. Thos. Anderson,  
City.

**Shipping Notes.**

S.S. Sable I. called at Sydney for bunker coal and is due to arrive here to-morrow morning.  
Schooner J. H. Sinclair is loading at A. E. Hokman's premises for Barbados.  
S.S. Norheimund arrived at Harbor Grace yesterday morning from Tron, Scotland, with coal cargo for Mann and Company. On discharging the ship loads codfish for Europe.  
S.S. Digby left Liverpool on Tuesday evening and is due here on Wednesday next.