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Ladies' Dress Skirts

200 new skirts to be cleared in the next few days. They are good material and most of them very clever styles. Skirts in serges, panamas, tweed mixtures, venetians and other cloths, in black, grey, navy, brown, green and mixed tweeds, worth from \$3.00 to \$7.90 each.

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CHRISTMAS NEWS

DYKEMAN'S
Neck Furs and Muffs

For Christmas Presents

Made from the serviceable furs that look well, furs that wear well and without reasonable in price. We buy these direct from the makers, buying them for the lowest cash price.

Beautiful Neck Furs, of the latest styles, from \$6.00 to \$15. Muffs to match, from \$4.00 to \$12.00.

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Suitable Gift for Men or Boys

Come to us and have a look at our line of Sweater Coats and Sweaters, and you will no longer hesitate.

- Men's Sweater Coats, - - - 85c. to \$4.25
- Men's Sweaters, - - - 75c. to 2.35
- Men's Cardigan Jackets, - - - \$1.35 1.50, 1.75
- Boys' Sweater Coats, - - - 75c. to 1.75
- Boys' Sweaters, - - - 50c. to 75c.

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If You Are Thinking of Purchasing a Piano Before Christmas

be sure to call and examine our beautiful assortment of Heintzman & Co. Pianos, also Wormwith & Co. Pianos, which we are now offering at greatly reduced prices until Christmas.

Easy terms of payment if required. Sole agents for the genuine old Heintzman & Co. Pianos for New Brunswick.

The C. H. Townshend Piano Co.

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St. John, N. B.

CARLETON BABE IN BURNING CRIB

Little Ones Had Set Fire Playing With Matches—Rescue by Mother

A fatality was narrowly averted in the home of Mrs. David Lane in Duke street West End about eleven o'clock this morning when her infant child had been accidentally set on fire by two of her other young children. The little tots were playing about the house all morning and one of them found some matches and began playing with them. A little baby was lying asleep in a crib in the same room, and in some manner the bed clothing caught fire. The little one screamed and his mother who was in another part of the house, and she arrived in time to rescue her baby from the flames.

A still alarm was sent in to No. 6 Fire Station, but when the men arrived the fire had been quenched with water. The baby escaped without injury, although the crib was destroyed. Had Mrs. Lane been out of the house at the time, the child would probably have been burned to death, as the other children were too young to know just what to do.

LOCAL NEWS

MARRIED IN ENGLAND.

Miss Doris Kesteven Balshaw, daughter of Mrs. Kesteven Balshaw of Truro, N. S., was married to Thomas H. D. Bell, of Duncan, B. C., in St. Mary's church, Wimbledon, Eng., on Dec. 7.

BROUGHT TO HOSPITAL.

Mrs. Amelia Dean of Gasperaux Station was brought to the city today on the Boston train and was met at the depot by the ambulance which conveyed her to general public hospital, under proper treatment. She has been quite ill.

THE NEW THEATRE.

Henry W. Brown of Philadelphia, the contractor for the new Imperial theatre, arrived in the city yesterday and will leave again this evening. He said this morning that he was very well pleased with the progress which is being made on the work and that he expected the building to be completed and ready for use by April 1.

Y. M. C. A. CONTEST.

The teams in the contest for increasing the membership of the Y. M. C. A. are still hard at work and have decided to postpone the close of their endeavors until after the New Year. At present the Red Sox and the Blue Jays are the two points each, and from now on it will be a fight to the finish, with each team striving for primal honors.

DEATH OF MRS. GEO. E. LAMB.

The death of Mrs. Geo. E. Lamb, beloved wife of George E. Lamb of Perry's Point, Kings county, took place at her late home on Thursday, Dec. 13, after an illness of only two weeks. She is survived by a sorrowing husband, one son and two daughters, Chippewa and Gertrude at home and Olive of the Bank of Montreal staff, St. John. The sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved family.

ST. JOHN AND ATHLETICS.

A. W. Covey of the city has been elected a member of the executive of the American Athletic Union of Canada, maritime province branch, and governor for New Brunswick to represent that organization. He is getting information about local clubs and their relation to the union. The Every Day Club continues its affiliation and hopes to have a share in athletic events on the new Rockwood playground next year.

THE LUMBER MILLS.

Some of the lumber mills about North End and Pleasant Point are still sawing but while one or two will continue for a time after the New Year, practically all will have shut down in a week or ten days. F. E. Sayre's mill at Long Wharf, Randolph & Baker's mill at Randolph will close operations in a few days. Hillier's, Murray & Gregory's, Charles Miller's and Miller Bros.' mills have shut down for the winter, while John R. Moore's, and the two mills of Stetson, Cutler & Co. are still in operation.

STRUCK BY MOTOR TRUCK.

Considerable excitement was caused about noon today in Main street when the motor delivery truck owned by W. H. Thorne & Co. struck a schoolboy, Fred Beckwith, aged about twelve years, as he was crossing the roadway on his way to dinner. The lad's hand was injured slightly but he was more frightened than hurt. He was taken into Dr. C. M. Pratt's office and later sent to his home in Harrison street. The accident happened just at the hour when the street was filled with people returning to their homes for dinner, and with large numbers of school children also passing homeward, it caused quite a flutter of excitement.

GIVE UP WHARF LEASE.

The Norton Griffiths Dredging Company which had leased the Anchor Line wharf from the city to use as a berth for their bucket dredge and scows has found the place too much exposed in rough weather and on account of the difficulty of keeping the dredge fast to the wharf has had to remove the equipment. The dredge has been taken up through the falls and is now anchored in Deep Cove, above Union Point. The matter was laid before the commissioners this morning and, under the circumstances, they agreed to accept from the company a pro rata payment for the term during which the wharf was occupied and to release the company from their lease of the wharf.

SCHOOL BOND ISSUE

Commissioners Want More Information Before Sanctioning It

The proposed bond issue for school purposes was discussed by the city commissioners at their meeting at noon today. The bonds were to be sold to cover the cost of the land owned by the city of the new Douglas avenue school, expenditures on fire escapes and other improvements and the debt balance which has been carried by the Board of School Trustees. The commissioners decided to ask for further information from the trustees before agreeing to authorize the issue. The estimates and appropriation for the department of public safety will be considered by the city commissioners at their meeting this afternoon.

CITY BYE LAWS IN THE POLICE COURT

Several Cases Deal With Today and They Furnish Matter of Interest

"In my estimation there are some people in the City of St. John who are not half civilized yet. They have been allowed to do many things in the past that they will not be permitted to do in the future," not be permitted to do in the future," said Commissioner McLellan in the police court this morning during the hearing of several cases of violations of the city by-laws. One of the cases that came up was that of Walter H. Golding, manager of Kettie's Nickel, on a charge of allowing the sidewalks to be blocked on Saturday afternoon last. Detective Kilian and Deputy Chief Jencks testified that they had found one of the sidewalks in the upper balcony so occupied. The theatre was crowded at the time.

Mr. Golding said that his company had done everything in their power to ensure the safety of their patrons. They had made nine exits to the theatre and were always willing to adhere to the laws, even going so far as to employ the services of policemen at night to keep order.

Commissioner McLellan said that in future if the nickel or any other theatre wanted private police protection, they would have to have men of their own, sworn in for the job, as he was not going to permit any of the policemen being hired to do duty at theatres or any other place. The commissioner said that he gave credit to the manager of the nickel for the present action taken in having a policeman present, but that in future they would have to have one of their own.

"We have to have protection in that part of the town," said Mr. Golding, "and we have had but little."

"That was on account of the size of the force," said the commissioner, "but in future you will get all that is coming to you, the more or less."

The question arose as to under which act the case was being conducted, and the commissioner said that he had instructed the chief to proceed under the old building law. "The provincial government," said the commissioner, "is embodying many of the city by-laws in the new acts which they are passing, and thereby getting the fines that are imposed under those new acts. This case will be prosecuted under the old building law which was passed in 1877, and which is still in force."

The evidence submitted. His Honor imposed a fine of \$20, which was paid. His Honor said that \$100 could be imposed, and that in future cases the maximum fine might be collected.

Mrs. McAuley was called upon to testify to the charge of allowing papers to fall from his wagon in Charlottetown street on Friday afternoon last. He pleaded not guilty and was represented by counsel. Policeman Rankine told of seeing two pieces of paper falling from McAuley's wagon. He had told McAuley of the matter, and the latter had picked up one of the pieces.

The defendant pleaded that he did not know that the paper had fallen in the street, but when told by the policeman, he had picked up one piece of it. He did not see any more in the street. It was during the hearing of this case that the commissioner made the remark quoted about some citizens being not half civilized. A fine of \$2 was imposed on McAuley, but it was allowed to stand.

William Johnston, foreman of the St. John Ice Company, appeared to answer to a charge against the company for allowing a quantity of refuse ice to remain on the sidewalk in Princess street near the Union Club, making it dangerous for pedestrians. Commissioner McLellan gave evidence in this case and said that he had called the attention to the violation of the police by-laws. While coming up Princess street on Friday evening he slipped on the ice and had almost fallen. He testified afterwards that an aged lady had slipped on the ice and had fallen to the ground, and that she intended to sue the city for damages. The case was adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

A case against Shore Captain William J. McGriffin of the Allan line, charged with storing a lot of goods in No. 6 shed at Sand Point in such a manner that they would materially hinder the work of the fire department in case of fire in the shed, was to have come up for hearing this morning, but as the defendant was late in arriving, the case was adjourned until Friday morning at ten o'clock.

A man named McDonald charged with smoking in the country market, did not appear in court but sent up \$2 as a fine.

SOME MERCHANTS CAUGHT BY THE CAR SERVICE RAISE

When the amended regulations regarding the charges for goods in cars for a longer time than necessary, became operative yesterday, several merchants were caught napping and will consequently be compelled to pay the extra rates imposed under the altered rules. It has been the custom to allow merchants to occupy cars in the railway yard here for some time beyond the limit provided, charging them \$1 a day for the privilege, but an increase has been made to \$2 for the first day and \$3 for each succeeding day in which the cars are occupied with goods.

The time limit of course varies as regards the class of goods being freighted. For instance while the average is about forty-eight hours allowed to empty the cars, coal dealers are given seventy-two hours, lumber dealers fifteen days, and so on according to the merchandise being shipped. Many merchants have allowed the cars to remain in the yard for days beyond the time limit and this prevents the free using of the cars which at this time of year particularly are in great demand.

The rates for shed storage have also increased. The same trouble is experienced in this connection and as a means out of the difficulty the rates have been put up nearly one hundred per cent so as to clear the freight sheds of goods and conduct matters on a more systematic basis.

THE BOYS ENJOY IT.

The boys who gather every evening at the Every Day Club are fond of a story. Every night before they go, just before a game to nine o'clock, they draw their game or prize to order, and Walter Brindle or the president or some other tells them an interesting little story with a moral. The boys enjoy it and ask for it. There were thirty-five of them present last evening, despite the rain and about thirty older youths and young men. The boys are planning a New Year's entertainment for their elders.

Sweeping Reductions On Men's and Boys' Overcoats

We've decided to clear out the balance of our Men's and Boys' Overcoats at greatly reduced prices. Take advantage of these special offerings.

MEN'S OVERCOATS		BOYS' OVERCOATS	
\$ 8.75 Overcoats,	now 7.45	\$4.00 Overcoats,	now 3.25
10.00 Overcoats,	now 8.35	4.50 Overcoats,	now 3.98
12.00 Overcoats,	now 9.85	5.00 Overcoats,	now 4.15
13.50 Overcoats,	now 11.45	5.50 Overcoats,	now 4.65
15.00 Overcoats,	now 12.75	6.00 Overcoats,	now 5.15
16.50 Overcoats,	now 13.75	7.00 Overcoats,	now 5.95
18.00 Overcoats,	now 15.25	7.50 Overcoats,	now 6.25
20.00 Overcoats,	now 16.45	8.75 Overcoats,	now 7.45

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Women's 50c to \$1.50

Children's 75c to \$1.25

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It has been said that Women, with all their taste in apparel selection, do not know how to select Neckwear and Shirts for Men. This is not true with those who go to a "Man's Store" for the purchasing of Men's wear. Here, at least, you cannot go wrong, for nothing will be shown you except such shirts and neckwear as the Men themselves would select with satisfaction.

We are making a very attractive and exclusive showing at 25c and 50c and many exclusive novelties at prices from 75c on up to \$2.00. Gift Boxes Free.

A very pleasing and appropriate gift is the Tie and Hosiery to match in plain silks and accoutrements in fancy boxes, \$1.00 to \$3.00 Per Set

Silk Motor Scarfs and Mufflers in plain and fancy stitches, also all shades in accordion knit, plain and striped borders, \$1.00 to \$3.00 Each

Negligee Shirts from the world's best makers, 75c to \$3.50

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All the above smaller items are put up in handsome individual boxes ready for presentation to your friends.

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- Black Wolf Stoles \$35.00, \$40.00
- Blue Wolf Muffs \$25.00, \$30.00
- Black Wolf Muffs \$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00
- Blue Lynx Stoles \$40.00
- Persian Lamb Ties and Stoles . . . \$18.50 to \$50.00
- Blue Wolf Muffs \$40.00
- Persian Lamb Muffs \$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00, \$35.00

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