

FAIRALL'S BIG SALE

Mr. Fairall has gone to New York and has left instructions to sell at such prices as will at once clear the stock.

Prices have been marked down even lower than last week. Here are some of them:

Pearsall's Embroidery Silks, were 6c., for -	2c.
English Filloselle, formerly 17c., now -	5c.
36-inch Quilting Cotton, formerly 10c., now -	3c.
Jerseys (somewhat old style) were \$2, now -	33c.
Best Cashmere Gloves, were 30c., now -	12c.
Ladies' Long Silk Evening Gloves, were 75c., now -	33c.
Men's and Ladies' Cardigan Jackets, were \$3.65, now -	\$1.25

All Veilings are Half Price.

The Store Will Be Open Every Evening.

W. H. FAIRALL,
17 Charlotte Street.GREAT CLEARANCE SALE OF DINNER SETS
FOR ONE WEEK ONLY.

One Dinner Set of 87 pieces reduced to \$2.75.
Two Dinner Sets of 87 pieces reduced to \$4.00.
One Dinner Set of 94 pieces reduced to \$4.00.
One Dinner Set of 96 pieces reduced to \$4.50.
One Dinner Set of 97 pieces reduced to \$5.00.
One Dinner Set of 108 pieces reduced to \$5.50.

These sets are only slightly damaged or mismatched and we are selling them much below the original cost.

W. H. HAYWARD, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93 PRINCESS STREET.

For This Week Only,
A Glass Butter Dish 8 Cents.

A Glass Sugar Bowl 8 Cents.

Regular Price 15c. Store Closes at 7 O'Clock.

C. F. BROWN, 501-505 Main St.

Advertisements in the STAR are better displayed than in any other St. John paper. Each one is next to reading matter. It pays to advertise in the STAR. Use it and prove it.

NEWSPAPERS.

Rev. Minot Savage Says Every Intelligent Man Should Read Two.

In the course of a sermon on Reading at the Church of the Messiah, in New York, on Sunday, the assistant pastor, Rev. Minot J. Savage said:

Every man ought to read some newspaper every day. I do not mean by that that he should read all of the newspapers. I see people who, after they have paid one, two or three cents for a newspaper, seem to feel that in order to make it an economical operation, they must read the whole paper through. There is no greater waste of time, I would as soon sit down at a hotel table and, because I was going to pay for my dinner, think I must eat everything on the bill of fare. Two-thirds or nine-tenths of all in the paper would be a waste of time and strength for you to read.

Yet there is the making of history going on, the making of contemporary humanity; the great questions of war and peace, of government, of sociology, of industry; matters of importance on every hand—and you need to keep in touch with them, you need to know what is going on.

And here, if I may, let me suggest one thing. I find as I look at the world that most people take one newspaper, which they believe in, and read that religiously and thoroughly, so that you can almost tell what a man's beliefs are if you know what newspaper he reads, where he fashions his opinions of war, peace and everything of the sort.

Now, it does not seem to me that this is intelligent or fair. Have one paper if you prefer—perhaps you cannot help it—but read some other paper that teaches diametrically opposed doctrines. Do not become a bigot over your newspaper; your party affiliations, the great questions that are coming up constantly for consideration. Hear both sides.

I read, or try to, two papers every day, and my evening paper contradicts the morning one at almost every point. There is great advantage in this—it compels me to do a little thinking on my own part and try to have opinions which are not merely borrowed, but which are my own.

ORIGIN OF A JOKE.

Dr. Pinders Fietrie, the eminent archeologist, announces that he has deciphered the cuneiform inscription on a tablet he excavated in the plains of Assyria, and believes that it is a copy of a prehistoric comic paper. Among other items, it contains the following merry jest, which bears a strangely familiar sound:

"Now, there were gathered together at the place of telling stories, many of them that have lived long in the land, and one of them lifted up his voice, and said:

"Behold, it groweth cold with much extremeness."

"Whereupon another made answer, saying:

"Verily, it doth. But let us separate and get hence, for here cometh Methusalem, the aged, and if we tarry he will even tell us again of the cold spell of the year 40."

"And they gat hence with much speed."—Baltimore American.

C. F. Brown
This signature is on every box of the genuine
Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets
the remedy that cures a cold in one day

CARMARTHEN STREET METHODIST CHURCH.

The Carmarthen street Methodist church opened a new room last evening. Previously the room had been used as a public school room. Since being refitted considerable money has been spent on improvements. Rev. Mr. Sellar expressed his pleasure at such a large attendance, but also said that he favored another meeting in consequence of the small attendance.

Rev. Mr. Comben was present and described a recent trip to England.

For twenty-four years Vapo-Cresolene has been extensively used for all forms of throat and bronchial troubles. All Druggists.

Have you goods to sell? Advertise them in the Star. It's a good medium through which to reach the people.

SHIPPING NEWS.

LATE SHIP NEWS.

British Ports.
CAPE TOWN, Jan. 20—Arrd. str. Micmac, from St. John, NB, and Sydney, CB, via St. Vincent, CV (and sailed 21st for Delagoa Bay).
LONDON, Jan. 21—Arrd. str. Strathaven, from St. John, NB.
PLAWLE POINT, Jan. 22—Pd. str. Priestfield, from Sydney, CB, for Rotterdam.
MOVILLE, Jan. 22—Arrd. str. Iolan, from St. John and Halifax, for Liverpool.
Foreign Ports.
PORTLAND, Me, Jan. 23—Arrd. str. Virginian, from Liverpool; Cacouna, from Louisbourg.
VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, Jan. 23—No arrivals, departures or passing vessels since morning.
Wind southeast, fresh.
DUTCH ISLAND HARBOR, RI, Jan. 22—Arrd. str. Carrie Esler, from Liverpool, NS, for New Haven.
BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 28—Arrd. bark Nora, from Bridgewater, NS, via Montevideo.
SANTOS, Dec. 27—Arrd. bark Hebe, for Passaic.
LISBON, Jan. 21—Sld. sch. Blanche M. Thorburn, for Halifax, NS.
BOSTON, Jan. 22—Arrd. str. Lancasterian, from Liverpool.
SID str. Philadelphia, for Liverpool.
PORTSMOUTH, NH, Jan. 22—Arrd. sch. Nimrod, from London, for New York.
VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, Jan. 22 (7 a.m. delayed in transmission)—Arrd. sch. A. P. Emerson, from Portland, Me, for Boston.
In port, schs. Wm. Marshall, from Washington for Boston; Etta A. Simpson, from South Amboy for Boston; Adelaide, from do for St. John.

COMMERCIAL.

RATE REDUCED.
LONDON, Jan. 23.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England was today reduced from 4 to 3½ per cent.

BANK OF ENGLAND STATEMENT.
LONDON, Jan. 23.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve increased £11,238,000; circulation, decreased, £25,000; bullion, increased, £381,857; other securities, decreased, £408,000; other deposits, decreased, £1,450,000; public deposits, decreased, £335,000; note reserve, increased, £121,000; government securities, decreased, £3,064,000. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability is 42.12 per cent. Last week it was 41.61 per cent.

COTTON MARKET.
NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Cotton: Futures opened steady, Jan. 7.84; Feb., 7.90; March, 7.95; April, 8.00; May, 8.01; June, 8.02; July, 8.05; August, 7.99; Sept., 7.90; Oct., 7.81.

WALL STREET.
NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Wall street: There were running sales at the opening of 4,000 shares of Metropolitan Street Railway at 170½ to 171½, compared with 170½ last night. The stock was carried up further to 172. There were advances of about a point in Northwestern and Cleveland C. C. and St. Louis. Otherwise the changes were so small and conflicting that no definite volume of business so light as to indicate any decided tendency in the market.

DAILY QUOTATIONS.
(Furnished by W. S. Barker, Banker and Broker, Foster's Building.)

Yester- day's.	Today's.	Cl's Op.	11 a.m.	Noon
Amal. Copper	69 3/4	70	70 1/4	70 3/4
Am. Sugar Refn.	122 1/2	122 3/4	123 1/2	123 3/4
A. T. and S. G. pfd.	96 3/4	97	97 1/4	97 3/4
Am. Tobacco	102 1/2	103	103 1/4	103 3/4
Brooklyn R. T.	66 1/2	66 3/4	67 1/4	67 3/4
Canadian Pacific	102 1/2	103	103 1/4	103 3/4
Ches. and Ohio	102 1/2	103	103 1/4	103 3/4
C. M. and St. Paul	162 1/2	163	163 1/4	163 3/4
C. Rock. and P.	156 1/2	157	157 1/4	157 3/4
Consolidated Gas	217 1/2	218	218 1/4	218 3/4
Erie	39 1/2	40	40 1/4	40 3/4
Glucose Sugar Ref.	49 1/2	50	50 1/4	50 3/4
Illinois Central	138 1/2	139	139 1/4	139 3/4
Louis and Nash	106 1/2	107	107 1/4	107 3/4
Manhattan Ry.	120 1/2	121	121 1/4	121 3/4
Met. Street Ry.	171 1/2	172	172 1/4	172 3/4
Missouri Pacific	100 1/2	101	101 1/4	101 3/4
N. Y. Central	33 1/2	34	34 1/4	34 3/4
N. Y. Ont. and West.	33 1/2	34	34 1/4	34 3/4
Pennsylvania R. R.	148 1/2	149	149 1/4	149 3/4
Reading	66 1/2	67	67 1/4	67 3/4
South Pacific Co.	58 1/2	59	59 1/4	59 3/4
Southern R. R.	32 1/2	33	33 1/4	33 3/4
Tenn. Coal and Iron	62 1/2	63	63 1/4	63 3/4
Union Pacific	100 1/2	101	101 1/4	101 3/4
U. S. Steel, com.	42 1/2	43	43 1/4	43 3/4
U. S. Steel, pfd.	91 1/2	92	92 1/4	92 3/4
Wabash	22 1/2	23	23 1/4	23 3/4

BIG GIFT TO HARVARD.

Emperor William's Presents Will Require a Separate Building.

BERLIN, Jan. 21.—The gift of Emperor William to Harvard University will be much larger than was at first supposed. The emperor's gift consists of casts and some bronzes illustrating every phase of the German plastic arts, from the Romanesque period to the renaissance.

The casts number several thousand and their originals are to be found at Hatisbon, Nuremberg and Cologne. In fact, every city of the empire possesses anything distinctive or beautiful is represented. The collection embraces casts of monuments and sculptures and architectural casts. The entire cost of the collection will be defrayed from the emperor's private purse and is estimated at about \$100,000.

Andrew D. White, U. S. ambassador here, has written to Pres. Elliott of Harvard University that the collection requires a special building.

JACK KISSED HER.

Jack—don't you envy him?—kissed her while taking a walk in the square—So sweet she, he couldn't resist her. And ought she, you fancy, to care? And should she be mad as a hatter? Or should she have given it back? Or should she pass over the matter, and say: "Oh, 'twas Jack; only Jack!"

Is the hue of her cheeks indication of furious anger, or not? Or due to some slight irritation? Or choosing to public a spot? Were she kissed in the hall, would she mild?

Protest: "Please be good—there's papa!" And is she now speeding on, wildly, To seek her protecting mamma?

Is Jack to be blamed for his action? Are you kidding him deep in disgrace? Supposing he saw a distraction? Of "Try, if you like," on her face! I'll add, as she close my pretty, How spinners regard her as lost.

And goes deep in: "What a pity!" That Jack—clever Jack—was Jack Frost!

—Edwin L. Sabin in February Smart Set.

WELL NAMED.

Mr. Crimmon—see a western man who professes to be an infidel has called his summer home "Fides."

Mrs. Crimmon—What a strange name for a man's home!

Mr. Crimmon—Oh, I don't know! He believes there's no place like "Yonkers" Statehouse.

MONTREAL, Jan. 22.—Montrealers remembered the anniversary of the Queen's death by draping store windows and the wearing of violets. Services were held at St. John the Evangelist church and also at the High School.

SPORTING NEWS.

CURLING.

The St. Andrew's Curling Club, at a meeting held last night, elected the following ships to play against the Thistles on Saturday next: Dr. Magee, W. A. Stewart, John White, F. S. White, W. S. Thomas, F. L. Harrison, W. S. Barker, A. Watson, J. U. Thomas, Geo. A. Kimball, G. P. Fisher, W. C. Whitaker, R. M. Magee and C. T. Nevins. Dr. Magee, J. U. Thomas, W. S. Barker and the Thistles have been chosen to skip the St. Andrew's rinks which go to Montreal.

Hampton having asked for an additional rink in their game with the St. Andrew's Club, W. C. Whitaker has been chosen to skip the rink.

If the ice is in good condition today, the St. Andrew's club will play for the points men.

The Thistles will send rinks to Truro this season.

The match between Truro and Halifax on Tuesday, when the former won by a shot, had a lively finish. The Halifaxian victory was gained by trimming Truro's crack skip, Stan Murphy, for four points. The scores were:

Alfred Costley skip, 20 J. Dover, skip 13
Ref. J. McMillan, p. 13 A. McKenzie, skip 14
Prof. W. C. Murray, p. 14 P. Nelson, skip 17
H. S. C. Silver, skip 21 Stan Murphy, skip 17

GENERAL NOTES.
Sydney will have a base ball team next season.

Embray, who played baseball in Halifax last season with the Standards, is playing hockey in the Capt. Brown league with the Socials.

Barry, the English sculler, and Harry Pearce, who was in Canada with George Towns, are matched to row the Tyne championship course in shells on February 10 for £50 a side, and a mile on the Tyne in open boats on February 24, for the same stake.

HOCKEY.

Rough House Hockey in Ottawa.
Montreal by defeating Ottawa Saturday made a big stride towards the championship. The Montreal Herald says:—

Slashing, tripping and rough body checking were the order of the night. But it didn't work. Montreal went back at the Ottawas and beat them fairly at their own game.

That it was a hard, fast game with no loose taps, but with lots of well intentioned striking, only makes the victory more striking. The name of Purford has scared many a young player, and it had some effect early in the game. But they got on to him later, and gave him a special treatment.

They would dash in and body him when he was least expecting it, and they were again before he could get to his feet, away again before he could get to his feet, away again before he could get to his feet.

THE RING.

Winning Defeats Creedon.
HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Jan. 22.—Al. Weing and Dan Creedon fought nine of the hardest rounds here last night over witnessed in this place, and when in the ninth Murphy, trainer and second of Creedon, threw a sponge in to the ring, referee Andy Muligan had no choice but to declare Weing the winner.

The fight was held under the auspices of the Vapor City Athletic club, for a purse of \$11,000. The dark rounds of the fight it seemed all for Creedon, but he could not keep the fast pace he set after the fifth round. Creedon announced his retirement from the ring.

To cure a Headache in ten minutes use KUMFURT Headache Powders.

SCARF PIN COLLECTORS.

Odd Fad of Some Prominent New York Society Men.

Collections of scarf pins—or tie pins, to be more correct—are one of the fads of New York society. The recent robbery of Paul Gilbert Thebaud by his valet, revealed that Mr. Thebaud was one who cultivated this hobby.

One of the largest collections of the kind, was left some years ago by "Jimmy" Wood, an eccentric bachelor, well known in New York society, who lived at the old New York hotel. Mr. Wood left nearly 500 pins which he distributed to various friends. He was a bachelor and a native of Baltimore.

His hair and whiskers were fiery red, and for a long time he dyed them, making them almost supernatural and Mephistophelean in their effect. Suddenly he gave up the deception and appeared with snow white hair and sides.

Many of these were given them at weddings at which they were ushers. —New York Times.

A DANGEROUS EXPERIMENT.

Some years ago an inquisitive medical student, while examining the gull-in his head that that sort of yoke Madame Tussaud's exhibition took it into his head that the sort of joke which fits down on the shoulders of the criminal to hold him in his place would not be sufficient to confine a person who struggled.

His curiosity on that point led him to which till the point was empty, when he actually put himself in, letting the yoke down. He soon found that he was quite unable to lift it; and it at once flashed into his mind that the sharp axe suspended over his neck might not be very firmly fixed, or it would fall—as it should—with a touch.

He was afraid to struggle, lest the shaking should bring it down, and at once deposited his head in the basket of sawdust below him, into which his eyes were of necessity steadily looking.

Having stayed for some time in this plight, as was overjoyed to hear the approach of a visitor, whom he implored to release him.

"I'm thinking," said the gentleman—a Scottish visitor to the Metropolis—to his wife, "that he must be hired to show how the thing acts, and I think we'd better not interfere."

So the luckless student was left till one of the attendants came in and made fast the axe before releasing him. The axe has been removed and laid by the side to prevent future accidents.

DEATHS.

BURKE—At the city hospital, Boston, Jan. 20, Mary, beloved wife of Harry Burke, aged 39 years. (Nova Scotia papers please copy.)

PLEMING—At her residence, 313 Charlotte street, on the 21st inst., Mary, relict of Peter Fleming, leaving two sons and one daughter.

Funeral on Friday morning at 9.30 from her late residence to St. John the Baptist church for interment. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

MORNING'S NEWS.

There will be a rehearsal of Princess Ida at the Neptune Rowing Club rooms this evening.

Douglas Stevens, inspector of government steamers, is here looking after the repair of the Lansdowne and Curlew.

The St. John Co. District Division, S. of T., will meet in annual session this evening in Temperance hall, Market building. Business, reports and election of officers.

The salesmen's drive and dinner arranged for last night was postponed on account of the weather. The date when it will be held has not yet been fixed.

Steamer Manchester Corporation, which was floated on the 19th after having been aground in the Delaware Bay since Thursday, passed out the Delaware Breakwater at midnight the 20th for Manchester, England. She was not damaged.

The schooner Annie M. Parker, owned by R. C. Elkin, Leonard Parker and others, was successfully launched at Tynemouth Creek yesterday. She will be towed around to St. John today by the tug Lillie. The new schooner is of 350 tons register, three-masted, and is one of the prettiest craft to take the water along that shore for some time.

An order has been issued at Ottawa requiring the officers and crew of the government cruiser Curlew either to wear whiskers or be clean shaven.

Those who have been cultivating mustaches, of which they have become very proud, are wondering whether they had better shave them off or let the whiskers come.

Officer Hamm and Mrs. Hamm have each received from their son, Frank M. Hamm, now with the South African Constabulary, a Transvaal sovereign, brought to them by Frank C. Brown, lately returned from the service. Mr. Hamm is now located at Krondraal, in the Transvaal, is greatly pleased with his work, and is doing splendidly.

A programme of special interest has been prepared for the concert at the Boys' Mission in Carpenter's hall, Mill street, this evening. An exhibition of hypnotism will be given by John Taylor, and other features will be whistling by Mr. Nixon, violin solos by Mr. Gandy, and band selections by Mr. Orr. Mr. Whitney informs the Sun that a business man of St. John, who spent an hour at the mission one evening recently, has testified his appreciation of the work being done by a donation of \$25.

The new Battle liner Nemea, Capt. Smith, sailed yesterday from Greenock for this port. This steamer registers about 2,260 tons and is capable of lifting 5,700 tons dead weight. She is much the same style of ship as the Eretria and Sellasia, except in the extra accommodation on her bridge.

The latter is larger than in those vessels. The Nemea will load here.

At a meeting in the Carleton Free Baptist church Tuesday evening, it was decided, at the request of Rev. Dr. Hartley, to secure as quickly as possible an assistant for him. Four new deacons were elected: W. O. Slipp, James S. Clark, F. B. Connor and J. R. Webb. H. Colby Smith was elected clerk. The deacons will be inducted at the evening service on Sunday.

SENATOR POWER'S PLAN.

For National Defence, as Reviewed by The Hamilton, Ont., Herald.

It is a fact that every burgher, every burgher's son, is an expert rifleman that has, more than anything else, enabled the Boers to make such a long stand against the British forces. Probably it is this object lesson in the value of rifle practice in national defence which has prompted the Hon. L. Power, of Halifax, Speaker of the dominion senate, to write this article which appears in the January number of the Canadian Magazine. It is a suggestive article and worthy of serious attention.

Mr. Power believes that the best possible way to ensure the safety of Canada in the event of foreign invasion would be to make every able-bodied Canadian familiar with the use of the rifle and a fairly good shot. To accomplish this end he proposes that all males between the ages of sixteen and forty-five be enrolled in the active militia, and in the reserve all those between forty-five and sixty; that uniforms be dispensed with, and the men organized into rifle clubs and required to train themselves in rifle practice and simple drill, each man being required to devote five days to target practice.

Mr. Power estimates that if his plan were carried out 800,000 men would be enrolled on the active list, and within a short time the country would be in an infinitely better position to defend its frontiers than it is under the present system.

This plan is not new in Canada. Before Confederation it was worked in Nova Scotia, and, to judge from Senator Power's account, its working was successful in that province. He says: The number enrolled under this act in 1862 was 43,221, and the number drilled was 2,356. In 1863, 48,675 were enrolled, and 34,973 were trained, while the number of qualified officers was 820. In 1864, the number of those enrolled was 58,111, of whom 41,871 underwent training, and the officers numbered 1454. In 1865, 59,779 men were enrolled, and 45,616 drilled, while the number of officers rose to 2,267, and in 1866, the last complete year in which the provincial system was in operation, the number of men enrolled was 58,031, and the number trained 45,767—the number of officers having increased to 2,975.

In 1871 the population of Nova Scotia was 337,800; in 1886 it was probably not more than 360,000. The number of men enrolled in the active militia of Nova Scotia in 1866 bore the same proportion to the colony's population that about 900,000 would bear to the present population of the Dominion; so that the estimate of 800,000 as the possible enrollment for the Dominion is not excessive.

Although Senator Power's proposal is worthy of attention, we do not think it would be wise to submit it, in its entirety, for the existing militia system, there should always be a nucleus of a regular military force to serve as a rallying centre—skeleton regiments, to

"Gem Rings,"

"January Garnets."

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24-JANUARY-24.

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