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WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 23rd.FOR THE
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Re-built! Re-furnished! Everything Modern!

Tickets now on sale at following rates:

GENTLEMEN	\$3.50
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Single Admission, Ladies and Children, 15c; Gentlemen, 25c.

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St. John, N. B., Dec. 18, 1903.

The Best of Christmas Gifts
For Men and Boys

Will be found in abundance here, and they will not only make them
happy Xmas day, but give comfort all through the cold winter days. The
prices on many Overcoats, Ulsters and Reefers has been cut in two.

\$7.50 Overcoat now	\$3.75	\$12 Overcoat now	\$10.00
\$30.00 Overcoat now	7.00	\$4.75 D. B. Reefers, now	2.38
\$10 Overcoat now	5.00	Special Boys' Overcoats at	8.95

See our Underwear, Sweaters, Cardigans, Shirts, Ties, Mufflers, Braces,
etc.J. N. HARVEY, TAILORING AND CLOTHING,
199 and 201 Union St.COLDEST DAY
OF THE YEAR.Mercury Two Below This
Morning.Cold Snap Will Continue for Some
Days—But It Was Far Worse
Last Year.

Today brought the coldest snap of
this winter. The temperature at eight
o'clock this morning was two degrees
below zero, but later in the day the
thermometer went up about eight de-
grees and throughout the day has re-
mained at about six degrees above
zero.

The highest temperature was sixteen
above. In the evening there was a
perceptible dropping and by nine
o'clock the thermometer registered
eight above. The temperature con-
tinued to get colder during the night
and fell below the zero mark early this
morning. The falling in the tempera-
ture was accompanied by a stiff wind
which intensifies the bitterness of the
cold wave.

In comparing the present with the
weather conditions that prevailed about
this time last year, it is found that on
the ninth of December, 1902, the ther-
mometer registered 14.2 degrees below
zero. The eighth day of December
last year was comparatively warm, the
thermometer indicating thirty degrees
above zero. From the sixth to the six-
teenth of December last year there was
an exceptionally cold spell. On the
sixth it was seven above zero; on the
seventh it was zero; on the eighth it
was seven above again; on the ninth
the thermometer fell to fourteen below;
on the tenth it was eight below; on the
eleventh three below; on the twelfth
zero; on the thirteenth eight below;
on the fourteenth two below; on the
fifteenth nine above, and on the six-
teenth eight above. This cold spell was
followed by a thaw that lasted for
some days.

There is no indication that the pre-
sent cold wave will break for some days
to come. The cold wave seems to be
confined to the entire section of the
Dominion, as west of Ontario it is com-
paratively mild.

The temperature at other places to-
day was:
Chatham, N. B., eight below.
Charlottetown, P. E. I., two below.
Sydney, C. B., four above.
Halifax, N. S., two above.
Quebec, ten below.
Montreal, zero.
Toronto, eight above.

1,600 DRIVERS ON STRIKE.

300 Livery Stables in Chicago Tied

Up—Hack Drivers Want
More Pay.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Sixteen hundred
livery drivers backed up by every
teamster's union in Chicago, struck to-
day. Nearly 300 livery stables are
completely tied up. The decision to
strike was reached after a series of
four weeks of negotiations for better
wages and working conditions. The
men have been receiving \$12 a week of
seven days. The demand is for an in-
crease of \$3 a week. More than a dozen
meetings were held between committees
representing the livery owners and the
drivers' union, but the employers re-
fused to make any concession, claim-
ing that the business did not warrant
the paying of higher wages in view of
the inroads made by automobiles.

A GIRL ASSAULTED.

Serious Charge Preferred Against Al-

bert J. Taylor.

Albert J. Taylor, a young man about
twenty-one years of age, was arrested
last night on the charge of attempting
to rape Elizabeth Ann Bright. The
girl had complained to Officer Groat
and Covay of the assault and identified
Taylor at the police station last even-
ing.

In police court this morning Miss
Bright, who is an attractive looking
person, gave evidence against the pris-
oner. She is from Newfoundland and is
a domestic in the employ of Mrs. B.
Kierstead, Paradise Row. Last evening
being her night out, she went to
see Mrs. Robert Taylor, a friend of
hers, and a sister-in-law of the pris-
oner. She was in a bedroom in Mrs.
Taylor's house, looking at some pic-
tures, when the prisoner entered. He
closed the door of the room and assau-
lted her, tearing her clothing. She strug-
gled and finally when she was about
exhausted Taylor let her alone. Mrs.
Taylor was the kitchen at the time.
Miss Bright then left the house, refus-
ing Taylor's offer to see her home, but
he followed her, running, and she also
went until she met the police officers, to
whom she told her story.

Taylor denied the charge against him
and said he had only been fooling.
When arrested he had in his possession
a number of hairpins and comb belong-
ing to the complainant. The hearing
was postponed until other witnesses ap-
pear.

BURIED TODAY.

At a quarter past three o'clock this
afternoon the funeral of the late Mrs.
Josephine Baird was held from her late
residence, 179 Princess street, to Fern-
hill cemetery. Rev. G. M. Campbell of-
ficiated and the pall bearers were G.
Fairweather, Dr. Frank God-
win, L. H. Thorne, Dr. Sheffell, A. P.
Barnhill and George A. Kimball.

The funeral of George Stratton, who
died Wednesday at his residence, 139
Heckling street, took place this af-
ternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Interment was
made in Fernhill cemetery. Mr. Strat-
ton was one of St. John's oldest and
most respected citizens. He is survived
by a widow and two sons.

No. 1 Company Boy's Brigade will
meet in their drill room, Carmichael
street, this evening, at 7.30 sharp. All
members are requested to be present.

FATHER AND SON
SHOT BY POLICEA Desperate Battle Between
Thieves and Detectives.Criminals Fought to the Death—
Officers Escaped Unharmed—
They Plead Self-Defence.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 18.—Trail-
ed to their lodging place and brought
to bay within the walls of a small
room, Joseph Cholester, aged 50, and
Louis Cholester, aged twenty-five, fa-
ther and son, have been shot and kill-
ed in a battle with Detective Hawley,
Murphy and Cowan. The three offi-
cers escaped without injury. Both of
the Cholesters were killed instantly.

Two telegrams were received by
Chief of Police Elkton from Equality,
Ill., requesting the arrest of Joseph
Cholester on the charge of obtaining
money under false pretense. There
was no charge against young Cholester
so far as known. The detectives
immediately began a search, locating
Cholester at a lodging house. The de-
tectives searched the lodging house
for the fugitives and entered without
knocking for admittance.

The elder Cholester was lying on the
bed and as the officers entered, he
reached for his pistol. Before he
could get it, Detective Hawley seized it.
At the same moment Louis Cholester
opened fire upon the officers. They
returned the fire, killing Joseph Cholester
instantly. The fire from Louis Cholester's
revolver became so hot that the
officers retreated into the hall. The
young man followed them, firing his
weapon at Detective Murphy. Before
he could take aim for a second shot,
Murphy and Cowan fired, killing him
instantly.

When the clothing of the dead men
was searched, \$1,800 was found on
Louis Cholester. The officers declare
they were forced to shoot to kill in self-
defence. The bodies were removed to
the morgue to await instructions from
Equality, Ill.

RUSSIAN TROOPS ADVANCING.

Still Moving Towards Port Arthur—

Russian Officials Still Hope for
Peaceful Solution.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—A travel-
ler who has just returned from
Manchuria, says Russian troops are
still moving night and day towards
Port Arthur.

The opinion here is that the Russo-
Japanese negotiations will proceed. It
is pointed out that the Russian de-
clare they are not satisfied with Rus-
sia's reply, should break off the nego-
tiations, as the reply is in no sense an
ultimatum, leaving the way open for
counter proposals. It is suggested as
an expedient in case no agreement can
be reached, that an agreement might
be made to maintain the present statu-
quo for a number of years.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A special des-
patch from St. Petersburg says: "Op-
timistic anticipations of a pacific solu-
tion of the Russo-Japanese crisis are
still entertained in the leading Rus-
sian official circles, in spite of some
disquietude on the part of the public
and alarm at press reports."

WEST END GYMNASIUM.

The new gymnasium in the City Hall,
Carlton, is now well patronized, and
is being gradually equipped. Up to
the present the Carlton Amateur
Athletic Association has procured par-
allel bars, horizontal bars, punching
bags, horse and mattresses. These
are used every evening, and as soon
as possible travelling rings and ad-
dresses will be put up. There are about
twenty members in attendance and
others are expected to join. As yet
no regular classes have been formed,
but the association expects to settle
on a course of instruction for the win-
ter.

ONLY A LITTLE PASTEBOARD.

When the gifts for the boys and girls
are being negotiated for, and then hid-
den in some unthought-of place, don't
let that little suggestion about Victoria
Rink season tickets slip your mind.
The gifts for the boys and girls are
in another column. A Vic. ticket stands
for many afternoons and evenings of
healthful, exhilarating fun, for a great
many hand concerts, for wholesome
sporting events, gay carnivals and an
endless lot of bright, happy days. The
pastebord won't look much on the
Christmas tree, but—

CIVIC PAY DAY.

This was pay day at City Hall and
Chamberlain Sandall paid out the fol-
lowing amounts:
Street work \$1,033.14
Water and sewerage 1,103.17
Total \$2,136.31

EQUITY COURT.

In the equity court this morning, the
trial of the case of Howard vs. Bur-
don was resumed. M. G. Teed, K. C.,
and Lionel Hamilton appeared for the
plaintiff and Daniel Jordan, K. C., for
the defendant.

Manifests were received at the Custom-
house today for the following
American goods: six cars of lard;
twelve of meat; five of poultry; one
of hams; one of hogs and five of pork.

It is now the turn of the doctors at
the hospital to suffer much inconvenience
by the changes being made on the
building. First of all the nurses
were compelled to shift about while
the addition was being made to their
section of the building, then the patients
were moved from one ward to
another, and now the doctors take
their meals and sleep wherever they
can find a vacant spot.

GOV'T. WILL DO
THE DREDGINGBut There Are Conditions
To Be Met.Answer Received Is Not Just What
City Expected—C. P. R. Vice-
Pres., in Town.

There were great doings around city
hall this morning and the aldermen
composing the special committee on
harbor improvements had scarcely time
to speak to each other. They were
busy preparing for the consultation
with D. McNeill, vice-president of the
C. P. R., who came in on the Montreal
express.

One of the delegations to Ottawa had
asked that Sir Thomas Shaughnessy
should come down here, look around the
West Side, and have a heart to heart
talk. Sir Thomas promised to come if
possible, and if he could not come, said
that Mr. McNeill would meet the com-
mittee. Mr. McNeill came in on his
private car on the express, one and a
quarter hours late, today.

There was some talk of meeting him
at Fairville and going from there to
Carlton, but it was finally arranged
that he should come to the depot. This
was done, and the special committee,
headed by Deputy Mayor McGoldrick,
met the train. They went on Mr. Mc-
Neill's car and were taken to the West
Side, where the inspection of the site
of the proposed berth, and the private
consultation was held.

From expressions dropped about City
Hall it would appear that the scheme
for harbor improvements is fast com-
ing to a head and Mayor McGoldrick
said today that he hoped to have some-
thing for publication by tomorrow.
The government has been heard from
on the question of dredging. A letter
was received today, which will not be
made public just yet, but it is under-
stood that the department of public
works has acceded to the request of the
common council and will do the dredg-
ing. So far as can be learned, this
compliance is in terms which, while
favorable to the city on the whole, are
not just what was expected, and it is
possible that further correspondence
may be necessary to make the matter
more clear. Mayor McGoldrick said to-
day "The word from the government is
in our favor, but is not just what I ex-
pected. I cannot give you particulars
today."

The result of the conference with Mr.
McNeill will not be made known just
yet, but all the aldermen on the com-
mittee are cheerful and have strong
hopes for a satisfactory issue.

BOERS A RUINED PEOPLE.

General Dewet Appeals for More

Aid—Harvests Since the War
Have Been Failures.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Peter Van Vils-
ingen has received a letter from Mr.
Christian Dewet, acknowledging the
receipt of \$1,150, a contribution to the
Boers in the neighborhood of Koppie's
Siding, Orange River Colony, who
were ruined by the recent war and
unfavorable conditions since the con-
clusion of peace.

"Accord," writes Gen. Dewet, "my
thanks for your services in behalf of
your people, ruined people, and also
those who enabled you to send the
money. Harvests have been failures
since the conclusion of peace. Fur-
ther help would be welcome. I do not
ask anything for myself, but seek fur-
ther aid for the widows and children
of the heroes killed in the recent war."

HE NEEDED THE CASH

That is Why a Nine Dollar a Week

Clerk Stole Two Hundred Dol-
lars a Day.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—While working
on a salary of \$9 a week Gus O. Grig-
by has robbed his employers at a rate
of \$200 per day, according to Manager
David L. Rose, of M. L. Barrett and
Company. When arrested \$250 worth
of costly Valeriana beans were found
concealed in Grigby's clothing. In the
months that his meagre salary has
kept him attached to the firm, it is be-
lieved that he has stolen between \$15,000
and \$18,000 worth of stock. Grigby ad-
mitted his peccadilloes in such amounts
that he could not estimate their total
value.

"I needed a little ready money," was
the only explanation he deigned to
vouchsafe. Grigby's apartment, which
had been rented for \$45 a month, was
richly furnished.

PARENTS' CHRISTMAS TREE.

Usually it is the parents who furnish
Christmas trees for children, but in the
Lester street Kindergarten this
morning the old order was reversed,
and the parents were given presents
from a tree prepared by their children.
The glowing exercises were held today
and were attended by quite a large
number of ladies. The children, under
the direction of Miss Morton and Miss
Beatrice Rosch, played games, went
through drills and other kindergarten
exercises, and finally forming around a
prettily decorated tree presented their
parents with specimens of the work
done during the term. The school re-
opens on January 4th.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Sch. Louis V. Chaples, Robinson, from
New York; coal.
Coastwise—Sch. Linnie and Edna,
Stewart, from Beaver Harbor.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 18.—The of-
ficial estimate of the wheat yield of
New South Wales is 23,570,000 bushels,
an increase of 13,000,000 bushels com-
pared with the record of the year 1902.
About 18,000,000 bushels are available
for export.

TRADE AT THE
WINTER PORTRate of Increase Greater
Than Ever.A Comparison of this December's
Trade With Last Shows Great
Increase All Around.

It has been stated in connection with
the withdrawal of the Head line steam-
ers that winter port business is not so
good this year as formerly. Not only
is this not the case, but the business
already done shows a far greater in-
crease over last year than last year did
over any previous season.

Statements for the present season up
to date are not at hand, but the follow-
ing figures show what has been done
in December. In November, before any
of the winter port steamers arrived,
large quantities of freight were sent
here to be in readiness so that there
might be no delay when the boats came
in. This freight included both pack-
age stuff and grain.

From Dec. 1st to Dec. 15th, in the
season of 1902-1903 there were received
at the Sand Point elevator 235,401 bush-
els of grain. During the same period
in the present month the elevator re-
ceipts were 421,824 bushels, or an in-
crease of 186,423 bushels. There was
delivered to steamers from Dec. 1st to
Dec. 17th, 1903, 178,385 bushels of grain,
and from Dec. 1st to Dec. 5th of the
present month 453,822 bushels. The
amount delivered in this month is in
excess of the receipts, but during the
latter part of November large quanti-
ties were received which are not in-
cluded in the above figures.

In freight generally there were re-
ceived from the beginning of the sea-
son until Dec. 17th, 1903, 5,095 loaded
cars from the West. In the same pe-
riod this year there have been received
not less than 2,468 carloads, or an in-
crease of 1,888 cars. This does not seem
to show that business is doing off
either in grain or general freight.

Another point to be considered is that
every line of winter port steamers call-
ing at St. John, excepting the Head
line, has brought freight for trans-
shipment, and thus provided business
for the C. P. R. The railway will na-
turally give any preference in hauling
eastbound freight for the lines which
give them business in return, but in
spite of this the railway officials de-
clare that there has been any delay in bring-
ing to St. John freight billed for the
Head line.

DESTITUTION SOON RELIEVED.

Officer Totten yesterday afternoon
reported that Mrs. Josephine, living at
111 Brunells street, was in poor cir-
cumstances, without food or fuel and
deserving of assistance. The woman
is the mother of the boy who was killed
some weeks ago, and since his death
she has not felt much like working.
Mrs. Josephine goes out to work when-
ever she can find anything to do, but
has lately been in hard luck. She has
a little girl about seven years old,
who attends the Glad Tidings Mission.

Yesterday evening a lady went to
Mrs. Josephine's house with some food,
but found a good fire burning and no
person at home. She did not leave
the provisions.

George McArthur also sent five dol-
lars to the police to be used in aiding
the woman.

Enquiry today brought forth the in-
formation that Mrs. Josephine has been
able to find a little work and was able
yesterday to get a small supply of
coal. She is not actually suffering
from lack of either food or fuel, and
is not sick, but is having a hard strug-
gle to get along.

A NOTED SINGER.

Robert Kent Parker, a young man
who is fast making a name for him-
self as a bass soloist in the city, the
guest of Fred MacNeil. Mr. Parker
was for some time in the choir of Cal-
vary Methodist Episcopal church in
New York, and acted as substitute so-
loist for Gwilym Miles, well known here.
Lately he has been on a tour through
the United States with the Metropolitan
concert company, and is now en-
joying a few weeks' vacation before
resuming the concert tour on Dec.
30th.

Mr. Parker will sing a solo in St. An-
drew's church on Sunday evening next,
and will also give a short recital at the
service.

CHRISTMAS FRUIT.

A. L. Goodwin is offering a lot of
choice fruit at low prices for the Christ-
mas trade. He has now in stock one
hundred bags of Almeria grapes, which
will be sold at very reasonable prices;
three hundred barrels of Nova Scotian
Spys, Baldwins and Pippins and a car-
load of Jamaica oranges. On Monday
there will be received twenty-five boxes
of shelled walnuts and two hundred
cases of Valencia oranges.

Herbert D. Hoyt, of Long Island
City, N. Y., is visiting relatives in St.
John.

The Father Matthew Association
will hold ice sports, in Queen's rink,
early in the new year.

We would call your attention to the
special offer of a floral photo holder
tree. See advertisement of the Lin-
ton & Sinclair Co., Ltd., 27 Dock street.

Word was received here today of the
death of Mrs. Robert Bowes, who sev-
eral years ago carried on a grocery
and liquor business on Union street.
She has resided in Boston about 15
years.

The Furness liner Dalton Hall, which
called yesterday forenoon, met heavy
winds in the bay and was compelled to
return last evening. She is still lying
in the harbor.

Steamer Bengore Head, of the Head
line, the first of this line to sail this
season from St. John, left about two
o'clock this afternoon for Belfast.

THE WEATHER.

Dec. 18.
Highest temperature, 6; lowest tem-
perature, 2 below; barometer at noon,
29.95 inches; wind, N.W.; velocity, 23
miles per hour.

Forecast—Today and Saturday,
fresh to strong northwesterly winds;
fair and very cold.

Synopsis—Weather continues com-
paratively mild in the Northwest, but
zero temperatures are general from
eastern Ontario to New Brunswick.
Winds are fresh northwesterly near the
American coast. To Banks and Amer-
ican ports, fresh to strong northwesterly
winds and very cold.

FURS!



Black Marten Collarettes \$4.00
Black Marten Scarfs \$25.00
Black Marten Storm Collars \$35.00
Black Marten Boas \$12 to \$15.00
No. 2 Marten Boas \$9.00
No. 2 Marten Muffs 7.50
Mink Scarfs, 4 skins \$25.00
Mink Scarfs, 4 skins \$27.50
Mink Scarfs, 4 skins \$29.00
Mink Scarfs, 4 skins \$36.00
Mink Scarfs, 4 skins \$37.50
Sable Ties \$15 to \$30.00
Sable Muffs \$15 to \$30.00

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Manufacturers, - 17 Charlotte St.ACME SKATES,
39 cts. up.SLEDS AND FRAMERS,
30 cts. up.
PERFORATED SEATS, all
sizes.

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Shot, Wads, Decoys, Calls,
etc.

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GLASSES, CANES, UMBRELLAS,
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At 41 King St.

Broad Cove Coal,

\$7.00 a Chaldron.

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E. RILEY, - 254 City Road



GREAT BANKRUPT SALE.

Having closed the sale corner of Mill and
Main street for two evenings, so as to assist
our large stock for Grand Sale on Saturday
evening, commencing at 7.30 o'clock, we
would invite all those wishing to buy Xmas
presents to attend. Watches and jewelry of
all kinds, Clocks, Overcoats, Boys' and Men's
Furs and Underclothes, Rain Coats, Rub-
bers and a large assortment of other goods.

F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer.

Xmas Presents!</