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THE STAR, ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY,

On Friday Next December 28th, 1906, Our Great Two-week Overcoat Sale WILL BEGIN.

This is a great opportunity for any man to get a new Overcoat for New Year's. Don't hesitate a moment, for we are going to make a thorough clearance of every Overcoat in the store. We have the right kind to suit you and prices to correspond. This will be one of the biggest chance, gentlemen, you have ever had to procure a high grade Overcoat at our price.

Look for further particulars in this space tomorrow. Wait for this Great Two-Week Overcoat Sale--It will be a great money saver. Sale begins Friday, Dec. 28th, '06.

Union Clothing Company,

26-28 Charlotte Street, (Old Y. M. C. A. Building)
ST. JOHN, N. B.

ALEX. CORBET, Manager.

COST OF LIVING OUTSTRIPS GENERAL INCREASE OF INCOME

(Montreal Star.)

There is no doubt that during the years now drawing to a close, the country generally has been progressive and prosperous to an extent perhaps unequalled by any previous period. The question arises as to what extent this general prosperity has affected the ordinary great mass of the middle class in the matter of the spending value of the dollar. Prices of necessities, there is scarcely a doubt, have advanced in some instances as much as 75 to 100 per cent, as compared with the figures of nine years ago. Is the pace becoming a little too fast for the average person? In some cases wages are being advanced after a weary period of waiting. In a few cases they have advanced materially. On the other hand, in many cases, they remain the same. Not so, however, with prices which are advancing right along, affecting almost all classes.

WHAT WILL A DOLLAR BUY?

The representatives of labor maintain that the condition of the working classes has not improved, certainly not within the last five years.

The question, however, is not so much the amount in money any individual possesses or earns, but how much his dollar will purchase of the actual necessities of life. The situation in this respect in the United States is getting worse, month by month, as will appear from the Dun Index for December 1, in comparison with last month and a year ago:

	Dec. 1, Dec. 1, Dec. 1	1906	1905	1904
Breadstuffs	116.27	115.67	117.25	118.25
Meats	9.79	9.34	8.61	8.61
Dairy and	15.91	14.55	14.91	14.91
Other food	9.57	9.84	9.83	9.83

Total food	451.42	450.38	450.54	450.54
Clothing	15.48	15.75	15.18	15.18
Metals	17.29	17.59	16.97	16.97
Miscellaneous	19.33	19.57	18.69	18.69
Total all	513.72	514.69	516.38	516.38

It will be noticed that the increase for the year is larger than the advance for the month, and if comparison were extended back to the low price point of nine years ago, a large increase would be shown in the prices of what the people have to purchase. In Canada today many persons, who compare what can be bought for a dollar, with what could be obtained for a like amount some years ago, will be disposed to agree with the Conservative Springfield-Republican in its endeavor to show that a nation in a hurry about everything is forgetting the importance of the purchasing power of the dollar. Wages are not increasing in proportion to the cost of living, hence much industrial unrest.

CONDITIONS OF WORKING CLASSES

According to the statistics of the Trades and Labor Congress, out of a total 24,402 heads of families in Montreal, 120 were engaged in agriculture, 2,010 in domestic and personal service, 8 in fisheries, and the balance in mechanical pursuits, etc. Of the number engaged in agriculture, 2 earned under \$100 during the year; 40 earned \$100 or under \$200; 17 earned \$200 or under \$300, etc.

The totals show that 4,369 heads of families earned \$200 or under \$300; 4,369 earned \$300 or under \$400; 4,113 earned \$400 or under \$500; 4,066 earned \$500 or under \$600; making 16,937 heads of families or more than two-thirds of the total number, earning from \$400 to \$900 a year.

The following is the comparison of the rates of wages paid the various mechanics in 1901 and 1906, a period of five years:

1901. 1906.

Garment workers	\$10.00	\$12.00
Carpenters	12.00	14.00
Iron moulders	15.00	16.00
Machinists	15.00	16.00
Plumbers	18.00	20.00
Blacksmiths	12.00	12.00
Brass workers	11.00	12.00
Bricklayers	21.00	24.00
Stonemasons	15.00	16.00
Plasterers	14.00	15.00
Carpenters	12.00	14.00
Building laborers	10.00	10.00
Roofers	12.00	14.00
Civil laborers	9.00	10.00
Longshoremen	12.00	14.00
Shoe workers	12.00	12.00
Painters	12.00	12.00
Electricians	10.00	10.00
Ready garment workers	8.00	8.00
Stationary engineers	12.00	13.00
Micromen	10.00	10.00

It must be considered in reckoning the higher wages of bricklayers, stonemasons, etc., that they are able to work, on the average, only about seven months in the year.

Team drivers, motormen, conductors and miscellaneous unskilled labor are paid from 10 to 19 cents an hour. This class of labor has received little or no advance in wages.

The report shows that 61.46 per cent. of the families live under good sanitary conditions; 23.59 per cent. live under fair sanitary conditions, and 6.95 per cent. under bad sanitary conditions.

A comparison of native and foreign families shows a larger percentage of native families living under good sanitary conditions. A large per cent. of the foreign element live under bad sanitary conditions.

It is evident then, from these statistics, that the advance in wages has not kept on a par with the rise in commodities.

Advertising has advantages over the ordinary salesman in obtaining an interview. It can usually get inside the prospective buyer's office door and upon his desk. It can usually reach a representative point which the flesh and blood salesman wildly covets, that of getting face to face with a customer.

Ad. Topics.



Politicians.
"Willie, what do you understand by politicians?"
"Not asking for a second piece of pie when you are out visiting."

WAR ON THE CLAIRVOYANTS

Legislature of Illinois to Introduce Bill Against
Magicians.

Recent Revelations, Especially in the
Billek Case, Responsible for
the Movement.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—A bill for the suppression of clairvoyants, mediums, and the many varieties of fake fortune tellers that infest Chicago by the hundreds, is to be presented to the legislature at once.

Aroused by the recent crimes in the city, which have implicated several of this class of swindlers, notably the Venzl murders, where the fortune teller, Herman Billek, the state legislature expects to take some action to prevent continuation of conditions as bad as the witchcraft and superstition of the middle ages.

"Black art," magic, charms, amulets, potions—these are the means used by hundreds of impostors to fleece credulous dupes.

FEDERAL PROSECUTION NEAR.
United States District Attorney Sims is now investigating the question of the liability of these swindlers and will, if possible, prosecute them under the United States postal laws.

The case of "Prof." Moreta, who is also charged with having swindled the Venzl family after Billek had finished with them, aroused the federal authorities to action.

Moreta pleaded guilty to the charge of theft of the mails. He still continues his business however, under the name of Elora at 208 1/2 Warren avenue.

Because of the magnitude of these swindling rackets and the thousands of men and women swindled, The Journal has undertaken an investigation of the methods of clairvoyants, mediums, astro-psychics, spiritualists, palmists, card readers, occultists, and astrologists.

FREY UPON THOUSANDS.
Hundreds of these fakers, impostors and blackmailers prey upon the credulity and foolishness of thousands of men and women every year in Chicago. Many of them have amassed comfortable fortunes and live in luxury upon the proceeds of their wily arts. Their dupes fear to expose them because the secrets will be revealed. Trading on this, these criminals, not content with having obtained money, blackmail upon the unfortunate victims, torturing them with their knowledge of unpleasant, unsavory scandals or ridiculous folly.

In every part of the city these criminal impostors ply their trade, on the boulevards, the avenues, the side streets, they flaunt themselves, rendered immune from prosecution by the fear and the ignorance of those whom they deceive.

There are colonies of them on Michigan avenue, West Madison street, Milwaukee avenue, Ogden avenue, Blue Island avenue, Cottage Grove avenue and Indiana avenue. Their dupes are in every walk of life, as many men as women, they themselves declare, coming to them for help.

Among the many questions they claim they can solve are the following:

How can I have good luck?
How can I succeed in business?
How can I make my home happy?
How can I conquer my enemies?

How can I marry the one I choose?
How can I marry well?
How can I marry the one I want?
How can I conquer my rival?
How can I make any one love me?
How soon will my lover propose?
How can I get a letter?
How can I get a good position?
How can I remove bad influences?
How can I control any one?
How many distant ones think of me?
How can I sell my wares?
How can I hold my husband's love?
How can I keep my wife's love?

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Mare for sale, 1400 lbs. tall. A. DEWAR, Lancaster Heights. 22-12-6

FOR SALE—Large stocks Mine 123 Phone. JOHN HOPKINS. 22-12-1 mo.

FOR SALE—Two single sleighs in good order. M. COWAN, 18 Cedar St. 8-12-1m.

FOR SALE—Framers 85c up; Hocke Skates 50c up; Acme Skates 50c up; Pocket Knives 5c up; Children's Snow Shovels, 15c; Men's 25c. Everything marked in plain figures at DUYVAL'S 11 Waterloo St. 6-12-11.

FOR SALE—About twenty new and second-hand delivery Wagons, coaches, and 2 horses, carriages, different styles, ready for use, glass from coach, new trimmings, well painted; 1 first class coach very cheap; also three outboard carriages; best place in the city for painting and greatest facilities for carriage repairs. A. G. EDGE COMBER, 115 and 123 City Road. 22-12-11.

GASOLINE ENGINES.—Stationary, Portable and Marine—Any Horse Power, 2 and 4 Cycle, Concrete Mixers, Grain Grinding, Thrashing and other uses. See our pleasure and fishing boats at the St. John Exhibition. TORONTO GAS AND GASOLINE ENGINE CO. LTD., 51 Water street, St. John, N. B.

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

FRANK E. JONES, Electrical Engineer and Contractor. All branches of electrical work undertaken including lighting plants, telephones, electric bells and annunciators. Office 551 Prince William St. Phone 444. Residence 140 Broad St.

TO LET.

TO LET—Two small self-contained houses, 391 Haymarket Square. 9-10-11

WANTED

An experienced stenographer owning typewriter would supply a few hours each day or take position by the week. MISS G. STICKNEY, 144 Carmarthen street.

WANTED—A man with good business experience, wants a partnership in an established manufacturing or wholesale business. Can furnish capital. Apply to "PARTNER," P. O. Box 1 Saint John, N. B. 5-11-11

LOST.

LOST—Would the person seen picking up the pocket book in M. R. A.'s store Monday about 5 o'clock please return M. R. A.'s store and I will reward them at this office. 27-12-1

LOST—Between 3 and 6 p. m., Thursday, a Gilt and Leather Belt, with Gilt buckle. Finder will be rewarded by returning to 371 Union street. 14-12-11

ROOMS TO LET

NICE UNFURNISHED ROOM with two closets to let. General girls can always get best places by applying to MISS HANSON, Employment Office, 193 Charlotte Street. 27-12-4

TO LET—Furnished rooms at Tremont, suitable for light housekeeping. Agency, very moderate rates. 23-12-11

SITUATIONS VACANT FEMALE

WANTED—A female washer, Apply at AMERICAN LAUNDRY. 27-12-1

WANTED—A reliable girl to do general housework in small family. Apply to MRS. NARRAWAY, 40 Orange Street. 27-12-4

WANTED—Young girl for light housework. Apply with references to MRS. M. GRANT, 123 King street, evenings. 27-12-6

WANTED—Good machine sewers, a few learners make. Walk in, Prince William street, 2nd floor. 27-12-6

WANTED—A kitchen girl at the HOTEL EDWARD. 26-12-11

WANTED—2 girls, 1 ironer and 1 shirt folder. Apply at AMERICAN LAUNDRY. 27-12-1

IF YOU WANT male or female help or a better situation in St. John or Boston, try GRANT'S Employment Agency, 49 St. James street, West. 27-12-11

Wanted at Once

3 Girls for general housework, with references, \$15.00 a month.

1 First class Metal Pattern Maker, \$20.00 a day.

Apply at McRAE'S Employment Bureau, 74 King St., St. John, N. B. D. J. McRAE, Prop.

Pants and Overalls

Here is the place to do your shopping in the above line. You buy them direct from the factory and save a third of your money.

Men's Working Pants... 85c up.
Boys' Working Pants... 85c up.
Men's Overall Suits... 85c up.
Other lines of Gent's Furnishings at low prices. Call in once and you'll be sure to call again.

J. ASHKINS, 655 Main St. 27-12-1 mo.

It is possible

for your STAR Want Ads. to be productive of more results by wording your advertisement properly. For instance, in renting rooms the answers will be better and more numerous if you tell the size, price, direction, locality, accessible car lines, etc., than if you merely give the street address. Tell the whole story, and readers will be interested. Think before you write. Word your ad. carefully.

SALE OF FURNITURE BEFORE STOCK TAKING.

esser and Stand, with Bevelled British Plate Mirror... \$7 85
unges, with Golden Oak Finished Frames, 4 15
bles, in all the different woods, from 43
deboards, Golden Oak finish, from 8 50
glish Oilcloth at 24c and 28c per yard.
rpets, all reduced 33 1-3 per cent.

George E. Smith, 18 King St.
Furniture, Carpets and Oilcloths.

SMITH'S Fish are Good.
Everything clean and up-to-date

SMITH'S FISH MARKET.
LEPHONE 1704. 25 SYDNEY ST.

Furs, Furs, -Bargains in Furs

Money back has been our motto, if better values can be secured, quality considered. No come back's yet.
BARDSELY, the Hatter, 179 Union st. Phone 409E
Your old hat blocked to look like new.

ILLIONAIRE GAME
DID NOT LAST LONG

Ian Supposed to be Wealthy
Did His Friends up
Brown.

Was Thought to be Wealthy Miner, But
Finally Lands in Hands of
the Police.

AUCTIONS.

ORANGES! ORANGES!
For Christmas Trade,

100 Cases
Valencia Oranges
Nice Color.
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POTTS & CO.,
Phone 291 North Market St.

Flooring and
Sheathing, Kiln or
Air-Dried.

We carry the largest
stock and sell at prices
that defy competition.

MURRAY & GREGORY
LIMITED.
ST. JOHN, N. B.

Manufacturers of everything
in wood that enters into the construction of a house.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST
HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, excepting 8 and 26, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

Entry must be made personally, at the local land office for the district in which the land is situate.

The homesteader is required to perform the conditions connected therewith under one of the following plans:

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year for three years.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of the homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of the homestead, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

Six months' notice in writing should be given to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of intention to apply for patent.

W. W. CONY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior, N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

TENDERS

Sealed Tenders will be received up to and including January 7, 1907, from firms wishing to take contract for making up 230 tons of steel bridge work, lays at Port Elgin, N. B., Tidsh, N. S. and Port Lawrence, N. C., office of H. J. GARRISON & CO., 106-108 Water street. 14-12-11 mo.

WANTED.

Borrow on the Security of Leasehold Premises the Sum of \$1500.00 Building in Course of Construction Cost When Finished About \$4000.00 Address Solicitor P. O. Box 21 St. John