

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

OPERA HOUSE, ONE SHOW TONIGHT; THE NEW BILL FOR SATURDAY

One show only at the Opera House tonight, starting promptly at 7.30, the second show being given up for a concert for the Halifax Relief Fund. Last time to see Jewett and Peckleton, that dandy dancing offering—four other good acts and "The Red Ace" serial drama.

Tomorrow comes the regular weekly change of vaudeville programme with five big feature acts, including Nestor and Vincent in a comedy variety act; Capt. Powers & Co. in a comedy ventriloquist skit that is entirely different from any act of its kind ever seen here before; Ivanhoff and Varvara, splendid singers and pianists; Louis London, English character singing comedian who has been a sensation in England, Australia and the United States; Vercé and Vercé, in a comedy sketch, "Twentieth Century Elopement"; and Eddie Polo in a new chapter of "The Gray Ghost." Two shows, tomorrow afternoon, at 2 and 8.30; evening as usual, 7.30 and 9.

MARGUERITE CLARK AT IMPERIAL

"Bab's Diary," the first of the Paramount series of Saturday Evening Post stories by Mary Roberts Rhinehart, will be the unusual attraction at the Imperial Theatre tonight and on Saturday. This is a succession of the most delicious thrills of humor and novelty. Little Miss Clark as the "kid" sister, who wanted to wear low-neck gowns and all that is at the height of her comedy art. Then there will be the eighth chapter of the Vitagraph serial, "The Fighting Trail," Signor Guarino, Italian tenor, and the Solimine Children in their piano and violin recitals. The show closes with a roaring comedy. Tomorrow the new musical offering will be "Eva & Adele" in grand selections on big concert accordeons and piano. Look out for the Christmas bills, they're going to be stunners.

HEAR GEM TONOR AND ENJOY A FINE SHOW

The Gem's programme will be all changed tomorrow afternoon so that the performances at 7.15 and 8.45 tonight the talented tenor singer who has made such a sensation, will be heard for the last time. To miss this is to miss a treat. Rest of the bill also big. Come and enjoy.

Smith-Carr.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Delong, Fredericton, on Wednesday, Miss Etta Carr of Geary and Sterling Smith of Prince Rupert, B. C., were united in marriage by Rev. Mr. Addison.

DEATHS

BLACK—At the General Public Hospital, on the 20th inst., after a long illness, Eliza, widow of the late James Black, of St. Martins, in the seventy-seventh year of her age, leaving one brother, Joseph McColgan, to mourn.

Funeral on Saturday from the residence of Fred McColgan, 106 City road. Service at 2.30 o'clock.

IN MEMORIAM

STEPHENS—In loving memory of my beloved husband, A. Stephens, who was called to his heavenly home above on Dec. 21, 1915.

Gone, but not forgotten. You are not forgotten, Husband. Dear, nor will you ever be. So long as life and memory last, We will remember thee. You suffered much, you murmured not; We watched you day by day, Until at last with broken hearts, We saw you pass away.

WIFE AND FAMILY.

AWARDS IN THE EXCHEQUER COURT

Suits Brought In Connection With St. John and Quebec Railway Right of Way

Fredericton, Dec. 21.—Judgment has been given in all but one of the suits before Sir Walter Cassels in the exchequer court which were brought in connection with the right of way of the St. John and Quebec Railway in Fredericton. The case in which judgment is still to be given is that of the King vs. The Palmer McEldan Shoe Pack Co. Argument has not yet been heard in that case.

In but one of the four cases in which judgment has been given was the original offer of the crown exceeded to any great extent. In the King vs. Torrance, argued on October 9, the award to the defendant was \$1,007, plus ten per cent and \$50 costs. The original offer was \$1,007.50 and the claim of the defendant was \$61.60.

In the King vs. the New Brunswick and British Colonization Company for lands taken in Scully's Grove, the award made by the judgment was \$9,000. The offer of the crown was \$2,815, and the claim was \$5,750.

In the King vs. Montgomery Campbell and the Northfield Coal Company, judgment awarded \$500 to the company and \$1,000 to the Northfield Coal Company. The offer of the crown to the two defendants was \$1,978. The claim was respectively \$2,970 and \$6,845.

In the King vs. Montgomery Campbell, judgment awarded \$2,109.08 to the defendant. The offer of the crown was \$1,412, and the claim \$8,949.10.

Owing to the delay in the sending of one of the ballot boxes from Fredericton Junction the totalling of the polling results in York-Sunbury did not take place this morning, and Sheriff J. B. Hawthorne, returning officer, set three o'clock as the hour. Unofficially the totals are: McLeod, 5,916; Brown, 2,889.

PRICES RALLY IN WALL STREET

New York, Dec. 21.—Wall Street noon prices rallied briskly soon after the opening, the improvement being coincident with reports of a rupture in the negotiations between Russia and the Central Powers. Trading brightened on extensive short coverings, many issues participating in the rise which extended from one to three points among leaders to two to four among specialties. The further rise in international bonds was another stimulating feature. Domestic bonds also hardened.

PERSONALS

Capt. W. J. Davis, formerly master of one of the Standard Oil Company's fleet, has now entered the service of the United States government and is captain of a transport plying between United States and France. Captain Davis is a brother-in-law of Rev. H. E. Thomas of Sackville.

A. B. Copp, M. P. elect for Westmorland, is in the city today.

Mayor R. T. Hayes is in receipt of a Christmas card from Capt. W. G. Frisby of Toronto, who was in this city with the Canadian Buffs. He is at present in Witley Camp, England.

Mrs. E. J. Fritz of West St. John left for Montreal last evening.

Miss F. Powers of Providence, Rhode Island, arrived in the city today and will spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. F. Powers.

Walter J. McKibbin of Exmore and Miss Dorothy Hamilton of Sillikers were united in marriage Wednesday at the manse, Redbank. Rev. J. F. McCurdy officiated.

SCROFULA AND ALL HUMORS GIVE WAY

There are many things learned from experience and observation that the older generation should impress upon the younger. Among them is the fact that scrofula and other humors, which produce eczema, boils, pimples and other eruptions, can be most successfully treated with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

This great medicine is a peculiar combination of remarkably effective blood-purifying and health-giving roots, barks and herbs, which are gathered especially for it.

Hood's Sarsaparilla has stood the test of forty years.

Get a bottle today—now—from your nearest drug store. Always keep it on hand.

SACRIFICES ASKED OF ITALIAN PEOPLE

Rome, Wednesday, Dec. 19.—"All the property we possess individually and nationally must be consecrated to the war," declared Minister of the Treasury Titti, in making his annual statement by the chamber of deputies today. "The people must be convinced of this solemn fact. They must also economize, must get along with the least possible, must subscribe to the war loans and must understand that whoever refuses credit to the government will, among other things, automatically increase the amount of paper money, increase the cost of living and decrease the value of Italy's money abroad."

"The great faith that Italy's people have in her future is by the fact that savings deposits have increased 1,500,000 lire during the past year and that there is also plenty of capital available for private industry. It is true that during October there was a panic, but it was largely limited to the bank depositors in the districts nearby the invaded territories."

"We are now enduring trying hours, and others are coming, but they will be met with the spirit of sacrifice."

The estimates for 1917-18 show an increase of eight and one-third billion lire above the normal government expenses of three billion lire, with an income of 4,750,000,000 lire.

The minister said that Italy had spent from January, 1916, to October, 1917, 16,750,000,000 lire, of which the sum of 8,500,000,000 lire was obtained by various loans and 8,250,000,000 by extraordinary means.

SAYS LAST BATTLE OF WAR WILL BE DECIDED IN AIR

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Lincoln Eyre in a special London cable to the Mail and Empire says:

"It is on one of the spring days soon coming that in the air the last battle of this war will be decided."

So reads the end of a long article written by Deputy Lias of Paris, published this morning by Le Matin. The writer starts his story by remarking that the Germans have often attacked the French lines at Charleroi, Muberge, on the Marne, the Yser and at Verdun by aerial forces, but that the next big battles will be due largely to aircraft.

Russian-Japanese Treaty.

London, Dec. 21.—The Pravda, the Bolshevik organ, according to a Petrograd despatch to the Times, prints the text of a secret treaty between Russia and Japan, signed in July, 1916, agreeing to co-operate against the interference of any third power in the affairs of China.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Railroads desiring to withdraw from joint rate agreements must obtain specific approval of the interstate commerce commission if the withdrawal would mean an increase in rates. The commission so ordered.

FRENCH REPRESENTATION IN DOMINION CABINET

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—According to the Morning Citizen, French representation in the cabinet, when provided for, will include two Unionists and two Liberals, the appointments not to be made, however, until after the final result of the election is known.



For Christmas

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| 4 lbs. Oatmeal..... | 25c. |
| 1 lb. block Pure Lard..... | 31c. |
| 1 lb. tin Crisco..... | 35c. |
| 1-2 lb. tin Baker's Cocoa..... | 22c. |
| 12 oz. pkge. Seeded Raisins..... | 5c. |
| 16 oz. pkge. Seeded Raisins..... | 12-12c. |
| 15 oz. pot MacLaren's Cheese..... | 10c. |
| CANDY | |
| Special Mixed..... | 15c. lb. |
| National Mixed..... | 25c. lb. |
| St. Croix Mixed..... | 30c. lb. |
| Frank White's Mixed..... | 30c. lb. |
| Frank White's Creams..... | 50c. lb. |
| French Cream Mixed..... | 35c. lb. |
| Assorted Kisses..... | 25c. lb. |
| Barley Toys..... | 25c. lb. |
| Barley Toys (selected)..... | 30c. lb. |
| Turkish Delight..... | 30c. lb. |
| Butter Scotch Wafers..... | 40c. lb. |
| Special Mixed Caramels..... | 50c. lb. |
| Mixed Chocolates..... | 40c. lb. |
| Special Mixed Chocolates..... | 50c. lb. |
| Marie Saunders' Chocolates..... | 60c. and 70c. lb. |
| QUALITY CHOCOLATES, 80c. lb. | |
| TABLE RAISINS. | |
| 15c., 20c. and 30c. lb. | |
| MIXED NUTS. 25c. and 35c. lb. | |
| COSSAQUES or CRACKERS | |
| 35c. to \$2.00 a box | |
| FILLED STOCKINGS | |
| For the Kiddies, 10c. to \$2.65 each | |
| Corn for popping..... | 10c. pkge. |
| Popeorn Balls..... | 20c. doz. |
| REELY-TROOLY DOLLS | |
| To cut out, six in box..... | For 27c. |
| BIG BARGAINS IN DOLLS | |
| Extra values at \$1.33 each | |
| These Dolls are 15 inches high, nicely dressed, in large variety. | |
| Special Sale price until Xmas, | |
| | \$1.05 each |
| CANDLES FOR THE TREE. | |
| 10c. box | |
| CHOW CHOW | |
| Special Home-made..... | 35c. bottle |
| CANNED CHICKEN | |
| Boneless, in 1-2 lb. tins..... | 65c. |
| Boneless, in 1 lb. tins..... | 95c. |
| Breasts in glass..... | \$1.15 |
| PLUM PUDDINGS | |
| In Sealed tins, extra quality. | |
| 45c., 60c. and \$1.00 each | |
| GREENING | |
| Wreaths, etc. | |
| GILBERT'S GROCERY | |

Kiddies' Xmas Gifts



Strongly Built Tricycle — Leather saddle, adjustable, heavy rubber tires; three sizes.

Xmas Special, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00

Rocking Horses, Hobby Horses, Swing Horses, Dolls' Carts, Kiddie Kars, Kindergarten Sets, Blackboards, Express Carts, Sleds, Framers, High Chairs, Morris Chairs, Rockers, Tricycles, etc. etc.

Order Your Gift Now and We Will Deliver Xmas Eve

J. Marcus, 30 Dock St.

LOCAL NEWS

Band at Victoria Rink tonight.

Frame pictures at Hoyt Bros' 12-23.

Christmas bargains, sleighs, — Edgecombe's, City road. 12-24.

Xmas shoppers should do all their shopping at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. No branches.

Bargains in dolls at Hoyt Bros' 12-23.

Best Christmas cards at Hoyt Bros' 12-23.

MOCHA GLOVES

Wool-lined, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00.—Harry W. King, Union street. 12-23.

Do all your shopping and all your buying at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. No branches.

Poyas & Co., near Imperial Theatre, the store with the Christmas spirit in full control.

XMAS TIES

25c., 30c., 50c. and 75c., all nicely boxed.—Harry W. King, Union street. 12-23.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. John Sweeney wish to thank the doctors and nurses for kindly treatment to their child, Joseph Leo.

Buy talking machines at Hoyt Bros' 12-23.

Shop—Shop and shop your Christmas shopping at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. No branches.

Buy fancy china at Hoyt Bros' 12-23.

For jewelry, moderately priced, quaint table articles and bric-a-brac, silverware, etc., the place to shop is Poyas & Co., near Imperial Theatre.

Useful and durable gifts for everyone. Shop at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. No branches.

Band at Victoria Rink tonight.

Now is your chance to save the coupons and buy your Xmas presents at Louis Green's, 84 Charlotte street, cigars 50c. box upwards; pipes for 25c. up; tobacco of all kinds. Everything is guaranteed.

JEWELRY

A choice assortment of diamonds and watches for Christmas; also well supplied with the usual line.—Ernest Law, 3 Coburg street.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

The Seamen's Mission Society wishes gratefully to acknowledge a subscription of \$50 from Royal Standard Chapter to special Christmas Treat Fund.

SUGGESTIVE ARTICLES.

That bring to mind a friend who would appreciate them. Our store settles the gift problem by suggesting the appropriate remembrances.—Poyas & Co., near Imperial.

NOTICE!

Commercial travelers! Your 1918 certificate can be had at 61 Dock street, any time, commencing Monday, Dec. 24. W. V. McKENNEY, Secretary. 12-24.

On Wednesday afternoon Olive, eldest daughter of Alfred and Ella Orr, Lewisville, was united in marriage by Rev. S. W. Stackhouse to William Tait of Salisbury.

Choice Western Beef

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Lamb, Pork, Chickens and Vegetables

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Useful Holiday Gifts

Are the Proper Levine Expressions of Good Will This Year

when enmity has become the watch-word of our nation. In a sense, making a practical Xmas is another way to "Do Your Bit." Why not make your gift one that will bring comfort and well as happiness.

One Thing You May Be Sure Of

THE prices at our store are decidedly lower than uptown dealers, who are under more expense in staff and rentals. Look over their Christmas lines, then price ours, and you will be astonished.

FOR WOMEN	FOR MEN
The time-honored gifts of a pair of comfortable SLIPPERS are being used this year more than ever. Our price in Felt lines run from 98c. to \$1.85 (All sizes and varieties)	FELT SLIPPERS —Cozy and comfortable. Enticement sufficient in themselves to coax a man to spend the evening at home. Our Prices, 75c. to \$1.85
SKATING BOOTS —Strong and serviceable, neat and stylish..... \$3.25 to \$3.85 (The right kind)	And you will get no such values elsewhere. SKATING BOOTS \$2.85 to \$3.85
LADIES' DRESS BOOTS —All styles and prices.	Besides, our line of regular Shoes unexcelled in quality and value.
BOYS	GIRLS
His Heart's Desire, the ever popular SKATING BOOTS. Sizes 11 13 at a Special Price, Only \$1.98	FELT SLIPPERS —Attractive colors and good style..... 49c. and up
HIGH CUT SPORT BOOTS \$2.65 to \$3.25	SKATING BOOTS —Always acceptable. Sizes 11 to 2..... Special Price, \$2.85
"WHERE THE SAME COSTS LESS"	

Levines Two Shoe Stores

96 Charlotte Street 81-2 Brussels Street

The Best Quality at a Reasonable Price

Thorough Satisfaction In Christmas Shopping

Every factor which helps to make Christmas delightful is found at Sharpe's. The store is filled with the best of all things. There is a wide choice in each line. Prices are marked in plain figures, and values are decidedly attractive. There are presents here suitable for every age and both sexes.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS—FOR WOMEN:

Diamond Rings	Bar Pins and Brooches
Bracelet Watches	Cameo Brooches
Gold Lavallieres	Mess Bags and Coin Purses

FOR MEN

Gold and Gold-filled Watches	Gold Scarf Pins
Signet and Set Rings	Waldemar Chains and Knives
Military Wrist Watches	Cigarette Cases

FOR CHILDREN

Feeding Spoons and Pushers	Rings
Silver Mugs	Locketts
Bracelets	Bib Holders

A Small Deposit Reserves Any Article.

L. L. Sharpe & Son

Jewelers & Opticians

21 King St., - St. John, N. B.

PICTURES

Halifax Disaster

THIS WEEK'S MONTREAL STANDARD

12-24