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## Circulation of The Times.

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MONDAY	10,734
TUESDAY	9,409
WEDNESDAY	10,754
THURSDAY	10,281
FRIDAY	10,106
SATURDAY	10,667

TOTAL . . . . . 61,951

Daily Average . . . . . 10,325

Average Daily Sworn Circulation First Six Months, 1906, . . . . . 6,791

## CHRISTMAS AT HAND

Little more than a week will intervene before Christmas. There is much to do in these few days. The Christmas shops are at their best, and the weather is of the sort that makes for winter enjoyment.

In some respects the modern Christmas is not what such a festival ought to be. There is always the feverish rush, the worry about gifts one cannot afford to give, the pressure of greater toil upon the workers in factories where Christmas goods are made, the long and weary hours for attendants in the stores, the lesser sense of poverty in the minds of those who are very poor.

And yet the world will have its Christmas. To the children at least it is a time of joyous expectation, and to most of them a happy realization of their hopes. For this the more sordid aspects of the festival are overlooked, and its supreme joy is acknowledged. Stamped though it may be with the evidence of the imperfections of human nature, it is in the main uplifting, because of its dominant characteristic, which is the spirit of loving service. That spirit is perhaps too little in evidence at other times, and even at Christmas; but for what it may accomplish at this or any season it is worthy of a welcome in the hearts of all.

## THE WIRELESS

The value of wireless telegraphy as an aid to shipping is now universally recognized. It enables passengers on a steamship, when yet many hours from port, to send and receive messages if they desire to do so; and it enables those on shore to learn of the approach of a vessel in which they may be interested. But more important yet it enables the captain, by communicating with other vessels or stations to learn of the weather, or the ice, and so change his course if necessary to find more favorable conditions for a speedy voyage. This is especially true with regard to vessels traversing the waters where ice and storms are sometimes encountered off Newfoundland and the Straits of Bellefleur.

Only the Empress steamers and some of the Allan liners coming to this port have wireless equipment, but they find it of great value, and the station on Partridge Island will be of increasing value as more vessels having such equipment come this way.

The problem of sending wireless messages across the Atlantic has been solved, but not yet in a manner to make it a commercial success. Doubtless are many years the solution will be found, and the cable companies will have a business rival.

## GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

The following interesting statement of expenditure for construction of government railroads is from the Canada Year Book for 1905, and shows the expenditure up to June 30th, 1905:

Intercolonial . . . . .	\$68,068,703
Cape Breton . . . . .	3,960,679
Oxford and New Glasgow . . . . .	1,940,063
Eastern Extension . . . . .	1,324,043
Drummond County . . . . .	1,404,000
Montreal and European short line . . . . .	333,943
Canada Eastern . . . . .	800,000
Charlottetown Branch . . . . .	49,410
Prince Edward Island . . . . .	6,719,529
Canadian Pacific . . . . .	62,785,320
Annapolis and Digby . . . . .	600,683
Yukon Territory . . . . .	283,324
National Transcontinental . . . . .	784,741
Governor General's Car . . . . .	17,950

Total . . . . . \$149,070,394

This includes all the expenditure for the period 1868-1905 and also \$13,881,461 expended before confederation.

The expenditure on canals has been \$89,294,758, of which \$20,063,866 was spent before confederation.

## EAST AND WEST

The following statement made by the Maritime Merchant by Mr. H. A. Fleming, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, who has just returned from a ten week's visit to the west, is another testimony in favor of the east as compared with the west:

"There is one thing that you can say, and that is that a man can live much more comfortably in the maritime provinces than in the newer parts of the Dominion, and that the man who is settled in the east had better weigh well the chances before he sells out and moves away. I am more than ever convinced," said he, "of the great industrial possibilities of the Maritime Provinces which, pos-

sessed of varied resources not found in the west, including minerals, fisheries and forests, afford opportunities enough for any man who has the energy to make use of them. In respect to climate, social and semi conditions, the advantages are all with the east."

The Merchant adds:—"While a believer in the Northwest, Mr. Fleming says there has been undue inflation and that some people will suffer when the inevitable collapse of the land boom occurs. 'This land boom,' said he, 'is one thing the Bank of Nova Scotia has been careful to keep clear of.'"

## FOR THE SKATING RINK

The city council last evening acted on the suggestion of the Times and voted a hundred dollars towards making a skating rink for children on the Weldon Lot. This is a fair start, and if the city officials will enter into the spirit of the thing there need be very little expense. If the Christmas spirit will grip Director Cushing and Directors Murdoch and Winsty real hard, the young people will have a good rink and any amount of enjoyment this winter. We are approaching a time when playgrounds in summer and skating rinks in winter for the children will be regarded as a necessity. The city fathers deserve great credit for their sympathetic attitude in this matter. Their sympathy and influence, properly exerted, count for more than the grant, although it provides for the necessary initial expenditure. The citizens generally, especially of the south end, should heartily support this work for the children.

Referring to Christmas shopping, the Globe modestly observes: "To learn where to buy, it is only necessary to consult the columns of the Globe." The Globe last evening contained only 28 columns of advertising, while The Times had forty-three and a half columns. A word to the wise is sufficient.

One of the most striking things in the grocery trade, says an exchange, is the falling off in the consumption of China tea. In 1904 the United Kingdom consumed 16,337,720 lbs. of China tea against 249,238,925 lbs. from India and Ceylon. Last year Great Britain consumed only 6,500,000 of China tea, and other countries show a like falling off.

The Maritime Merchant tells of a great improvement made during the last few years in the chief thoroughfares of Halifax, as a result of concerted action on the part of the merchants. There is in this statement a valuable suggestion for the merchants of other cities.

The open air skating rink for the children is an appropriate Christmas gift from the city. Let all friends of the movement, and especially the city officials of the works and water departments, get busy.

A movement by Mr. Roche, M. P., of Halifax, to have the entrance to St. John harbor properly dredged, on the ground that this is a great national port and should be no longer neglected in that respect, would be an eminently proper one. That is doubtless his intention.

The prophet who predicted months ago that Canadian Pacific stock would go to 200 on the market was lucky if he bought as he predicted. The stock went to 201 in Montreal yesterday, amid great excitement among the speculators.

Who is afraid to let an Empress steamer make one trial trip direct to St. John with the mails? One test would prove more than all the talk that may come out of Halifax this winter.

The announcement by leading financial authorities that money is likely to be scarce and high until well into the new year is not to be taken seriously till after Christmas.

The Nova Scotia Press Association is endeavoring to persuade the government of that province to establish a Bureau of Publicity, to advertise properly the resources of the province.

In the present temperature in St. John we can sympathize with the people of Brandon, who because of the recent coal strike are practically without fuel.

The Canadian Pacific weekly fast freight from Toronto to St. John for perishable goods for the old world is another evidence of business capacity and enterprise.

The Times reprints today a portion of the New York American's Congo story, which has caused a sensation in the United States.

The story of the Guggenheims, as told in this issue of the Times, is a most interesting family record.

A weather bureau in Ontario has been destroyed by fire. This is unusual at this season.

Bradstreet's anticipate a record breaking holiday trade for Canada.

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Stores open till 11 tonight.

St. John, Dec. 15, 1906.

—CALL AT—

## Harvey's Tonight For

Overcoats at sale prices. Ulsters, D. B. Reefers, Suits, Boys' Suits, Pants, Warm Underwear, Shirts, Ties, Mufflers, Handkerchiefs, Fancy Braces, Armlets, Gloves, Socks, Sweaters, Cardigans, or anything in Men's or Boys' Wear for now as Christmas Gifts. A free Box with each Gift purchase.

Men's Overcoats, regular \$6.00 to \$20.00; now selling at \$4.95, 6.00, 7.50, 8.75, 10.40 and \$15.00.

Boys' Overcoats reduced accordingly.

J. N. HARVEY, Clothing and Furnishings, Opera House Block.

## A Santa Claus,

Who knows his business, never omits to leave at each home a pair of soft easy Slippers for the housekeeper.

The housewife certainly does need the most restful footwear made, and if you are at all interested in this class of goods

## See Ours.

Our stock of house shoes is large and every style desirable—we mention one or two of the heaviest sellers.

Women's Wide Easy Strap Slippers, \$1.65.

Women's Fine Kid, medium common sense, \$2.25.

Women's Felt Slippers, large assortment, 50c. to \$1.50.

Women's Tie Shoes, of soft kid, with elk turn soles, the softest thing made, \$1.75.

ASK TO SEE OUR SLIPPERS.

FOOT LITTERS McRobbie 94 KING STREET

## "SILVER THAT WEARS"

The safe silverplate to buy is the genuine "1847 Rogers Bros." brand. It has been tried by the test of time

Tea Spoons per half doz., - - \$1.50.

Table Spoons or Forks per half doz. 2.88

Sugar Shells, Sugar Tongs, Graveyard Ladles, Pickle Forks, Berry Spoons, etc., at equally low prices.

EMERSON &amp; FISHER, Limited, 25 Germain Street.

## WINTER DELICACIES.

SPINACH, CUCUMBERS, CRISP CELERY, FRESH LETTUCE, RADISH, CRESS, received every day from our Greenhouses. TURKEYS AND CHICKENS.

J. E. QUINN, City Market, Telephone 636.

## A Great Assortment

... OF ...

## CALENDARS

... AT ...

## The Floods Co., Ltd.

31 and 33 King Street.

The assortment includes all the New Artistic Calendars—The Christy, Old Home Scenes, St. John Souvenir Calendar.

## THE GREATEST BARGAINS, FOR A SHORT TIME

A number of Exhibition Carriages and Toboggan Pungs for sale at reduced prices.

A. G. EDGEcombe, - - 115-129 City Road

Tel. No. 547.

## OUR XMAS PRESENT TO YOU.

A PAIR OF HIGH GRADE SCISSORS with cash sales of \$3.00 or more. Or A 50 CENT POCKET KNIFE with cash sales of \$5.00 or more. Ours are the LOWEST PRICES in town.

Bargains in Shoes and Clothing.

C. B. PIDGEON, Cor. Main and Bridge Sts., N.E.

BRING THIS AD. AND 95c, AND WE WILL GIVE YOU

Three Pounds of our 40c. Blend Tea.

The R. E. WHITE CO., Ltd., Wall Street.

Christmas Sale Fancy and Useful Goods.

See Our Windows This Week.

No Trouble to Select a Gift Here.

WETMORE'S, Garden Street. STORE OPEN EVERY EVENING

## THE SUNSET ROAD

(By H. L. Spencer).

Weary grows the Sunset Road  
That I once so bravely strode:  
On my mother's gentle breast  
Lay me down and let me rest.

Little matter where I lie,  
Sun's warm beam or cloudy sky,  
How of wind or sighing calm,  
Breath of storm or breath of rain.

I have had my share I know  
Of joy and sorrow here below—  
I nothing owe—I nothing claim  
But slumber here, from whence I came.

I nothing owe? Ah, Thou whose grace  
Made beautiful each desert place  
Through which I passed! to Thee I owe  
More than Thou canst ever know.

Weary grows the Sunset Road  
That I once so bravely strode:  
On my mother's gentle breast  
Lay me down—for I would rest.

Nov. 27, 1906.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN

A DEFINITION.

"Father," said the small boy, "what is a prominent citizen?"

"A prominent citizen," my son, is a man who always has time to get up and make a speech on the slightest provocation."

## SURE CURE.

(From The Philadelphia Press.)

"So you're in love with that penniless youngster, eh?" said her father, sternly.

"Now, I propose to cure you of that."

"But you can't," retorted the wilful young girl. "I'm determined to marry him."

"Exactly! That's what I propose to let you do."

## A NARROW ESCAPE.

Stranger—I have here —  
Editor—Just wait a moment till I get the ax.

Stranger—A little bill to collect.

Editor—Oh, I thought you had a poem.

—Philadelphia Press.

## EXTREME.

"He is a radical of radicals."

"Yes?"

"He even advocates the public ownership of legislatures."

"Good heavens! Would he leave no field whatever for private enterprise?"

## BEGINNING OF TROUBLE.

"Hiram," said Mrs. Counterfont, "have you noticed that Spotswood & Co. have announced their Christmas opening for next week?"

"No, I haven't," answered her spouse; "but I know what that means, and I may as well make the announcement right now that my pocketbook will not have its Christmas opening before the middle of December."

## REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

(From The New York Press.)

It's hard work to make love to a girl just because she thinks you ought to.

There's not much practical use in being good unless you let everybody know about it.

A woman would be willing to study mathematics if it was good for her complexion.

A theory looks like the most valuable thing in the world till you try to do something useful with it.

There is nothing makes a man feel so queer as to marry a widow and always be stumbling on photographs of her first.

## SCORING ROOSEVELT

(New York Evening Post.)

These recurring questions of personal veracity between President Roosevelt and his friends are very painful. "I do wish," said a stout admirer of the President this morning, "that so many of his intimates did not turn out to be unblushing liars."

The Storer correspondence, coming after the Winter correspondence of a year ago, and the Chandler correspondence of last May, will but deepen the public regret that she vulgar controversies should rage about the President's head so often.

The Storer pamphlet, with Mr. Roosevelt's reply to it, makes most depressing reading for Americans. They are not accustomed to having a Chief Executive who passes the lie so frequently, and has it passed to him with so disconcerting a show of documentary proof. Aside from the points of policy and veracity at issue, the demonstration of Mr. Roosevelt's amazing indiscretion is complete. It is clear that his "dear Maria" was a gushing intriguer, but why had he never found it out? Why had he put himself into her hands with such incredibly reckless letters? The best that can be said for him is that he fearfully misread his people.

The man of whom he suddenly made a boom friend, and who he thought would be "a corking Ambassador" at Paris, now appears, on the President's own showing, to have been all along a despicable character, by whom no one but a simpleton could have been deceived.

## HALIFAX DESCRIBED

(Amherst News)

The great trouble with Halifax is that all their proposed actions seem to evaporate in idle words. Over half a century ago Sam Slick thus described the citizens of our capital city, "Now the folks in Halifax take it all out in talk—they talk of steam boats, whalers and railroads—but they all end where they began—in talk. I don't think I'd be out of my latitude, if I was to say that they beat the women kind at that."

With a slight change of topics, the words of the clock-maker are equally true today. Halifax and St. John do lead all other places in windy arguments, but when it comes to a question of settling down to actual business they generally are not in the running.

Halifax has had more big enterprises on paper which ended in speeches and resolutions, than any other city in the North American continent.

Arthur Rawland, of the C. P. R. steamship staff, left today for St. John (N. B.). He will sail tomorrow per steamer Empress of Britain for England, where he will spend Christmas, afterwards returning to St. John.—Quebec Telegraph.

## Dolls and Toys.

DRESSED DOLLS, 5c., 10c., 15c. to \$2.50.

UNDRESSED DOLLS, 1c., 4c., 10c. to \$2.50.

KID DOLLS, 10c., 25c., 50c. to \$1.00.

BRILLIANT DOLLS, 10c., 15c., 25c.

RAG DOLLS, 5c., 10c., 15c. to 50c.

TOYS IN GREAT VARIETY, at 5c., 10c., 15c., 25c. and \$1.00 each.

FANCY GOODS, CHINA, GLASSWARE, GET OUR PRICES BEFORE BUYING.

ARNOLD'S DEPARTMENT STORE

25-26 Charlotte street.

Feb. 17th.

## BEFORE THE GRAND RUSH

While Christmas is only a short time away, we urge every one to do their Christmas shopping early, so as to avoid the big rush later on.

## Dining-Room Furniture

A nice Buffet, China Closet, Sideboard, or a set of Dining Chairs would make a grand Christmas gift.

## CHILDREN'S HIGH CHAIRS

CHILDREN'S TOY SETS.

FRAMERS AND SLEDS.

## Sensible Christmas Gifts

Miscellaneous, Parlor Cabinets, Morris Chairs, Easy Chairs, Fancy Odd Chairs, Willow Rockers, Old Bureaus and Commodes, Hall Trees and Hall Chairs, Fancy Rockers, Shaving Sets, Book-cases, Bureaus and Iron Beds, etc.

OPEN EVERY EVENING.

## AMLAND BROS., Ltd., Furniture and Carpet Dealers

19 Waterloo Street.

## OATS!

Two Cars of Ontario  
White Oats Landing  
Today.

N. S. SPRINGER,

125-129 MILL STREET.  
Wholesale Groceries and Grain.  
Telephone 158.

## Wood's Phosphorine,

The Great English Remedy.  
Tones and invigorates the whole nervous system, makes new blood in old veins, cures nervous debility, mental and brain worry, Despondency, Sexual Weakness, Anterior Syphilis, motoria, and Effects of Abuse or Excesses. Price \$1 per box, 6 for \$5. One will please, etc. Sold by all druggists or mailed in plain pkg. on receipt of price. Non-refundable unless free. The Wood Medicine Co., Toronto, Ont.

## THE HYGIENIC BAKERY.

WHEN YOU HAVE UNCLE SAM'S BREAD, BUT THE BEST; mother's make. Will keep moist six days. Sold by all grocers.

HYGIENIC BAKERY, 124 to 128 Mill St. Phone 117. Branch 21 Brunswick street.

## PUMPS.

Standard Duplex Pumps, Outside Packed Plunger Pumps, Automatic Feed Pumps and Recorders, Independent Jet Condensers and Air Pumps, Side Suction, Belt Driven Centrifugal Pumps, Steam and Oil Separators.

E. S. STEPHENSON &amp; CO.,

25-29 Nelson street, St. John, N. B.

## Quality!

We wish to call your attention to the quality of goods we dispense. If you have not given us a trial do so and be convinced.

Prices no higher than you frequently pay for a poorer quality.

Remember, if you do not buy from us we both lose money.

W. J. McMillin,

Druggist, 625 Main St.

Phone 980.

## FOR CHRISTMAS.

Our stock is filled with choice collections of all the LATEST NOVELTIES as well as all the staple lines of JEWELRY, SILVERWARE, ETC., and are called for at this season.

Our aim now, as always in the past, is to cater to those seeking The Best and Most Reliable Goods.

To fully appreciate this fact, you must see our stock. Make your selections early and have us reserve them for you.

## FERGUSON &amp; PAGE,

Diamond Dealers, Jewelers, etc., 41 King Street.

## BULBS FOR HOUSE and GARDEN.

P. E. CAMPBELL, Seedsman and Grower,

Store 47 Germain St. Tel. 611

Greenhouses 24 Rotheray.

## GILBERT LANE DYE WORKS

LACE CURTAINS cleaned and done up EQUAL TO NEW. Carpets cleaned and beaten. Dyeing and scouring.

## CHRISTMAS GOODS.

Boys' and Girls' Annuals, Young Canada, Chums, Chat-terbox, Child's Companion and all of the other good lines of Books for the young folks. Toys in endless variety, all shown up stairs. Dolls from the cheapest to the best. Sleds, Framers, Wagons, Carts, Doll Carriages, etc. Fancy Goods, Smokers' Sets, Glass Sets, Japanese goods, Fancy Lamps, Silver Plated Ware, etc. Our stock is so large and varied it is hard to enumerate. Drop in and look around.

## WATSON &amp; CO.,

Corner Charlotte and Union Str