

DYKEMAN'S

A Lucky Happening
For Christmas Shoppers.

Ever on the alert to get the best that is going for our customers, we have secured a large portion of the stock of James A. Tufts & Son, fancy goods, which were slightly smoked in the German street fire; consisting of Raffle Table Mats, Raffle, Willow and Wicker Baskets, Willow and Rush Travelling Baskets and Bags, Lunch Baskets, Brush and Comb Trays, Japanese Handkerchief Boxes, Japanese Willow Wall Hangers, etc., etc.

The Table Mats

Usually sell for 25c. a set of five. We will sell them two sets for 25c. or 15c. a single set-five to the set.

The Waste Baskets.

There are 233 of them, in the daintiest designs. Some of them were as high as \$1.25 each. They will be sold from 20c. to 35c. each.

Willow Travelling Bags

From 25c. to 50c. The regular price is from 60c. to \$1.35.

Willow Lunch Baskets

From 25c. to 60c. each.

Brush and Comb Trays.

Regular 25c. quality, 100 of them to be sold at 15c. for the set.

Willow Wall Hangers,

Five cents each.

Japanese Handkerchief And Glove Boxes

The prices of these were from 75c. to \$1.00 per set. We have them in three sizes and they will be sold at 25c., 30c. and 35c. for a set of two.

A Lot of Fancy Handkerchief Baskets,

Artistically decorated and made from fine raffia, 15c., 25c. and 35c. each.

F. A. DYKEMAN & CO.

YOU CAN BUY THEM CHEAPER AT ARNOLD'S.

Dolls, all kinds, 1c. to \$3.00 each. Toys, 5c. to 50c. each. Hundreds of Calendars and Books. Calendars 5c. to \$1.00 each. Christmas Cards and Booklets. Juvenile Picture Books from 1c. to 70c. each. Fancy Articles in great variety. Cups and Saucers from 5c. to 50c. ea. Vases and China Ornaments, 5c. to \$3.00 each. Gloves, Handkerchiefs and Underwear cheapest. Stores open every evening until Xmas.

Arnold's Department Store, 11 and 15 Charlotte St.

THE KLONDIKE Kandy Kitchen

Nuggets, 20c. pound. Xmas Mixtures, 12c. pound. Chewing Candies, 15c. pound. Toys of all kinds at smallest prices. All kinds of fruits obtainable at this season. Cream Mixtures 10c. lb., 3 for 25c. Chocolates, 10c. lb. up.

GREAT INDUCEMENT. To all who make purchases to the extent of \$1.50 we will give a box of candy free. Don't forget to call at the cheapest Novelties now and avoid the rush. We extend a cordial invitation to the public to inspect our stock. Don't wait. Obtain your Xmas candy store in the city.

J. & P. SPERDAKES

38 CHARLOTTE STREET. Telephone 1023.

WOOD.

DRY HARD WOOD CUT. DRY HARD WOOD SPLIT. DRY ROSE MAPLE. SPLIT WOOD AND KINDLING. M. NUDIE COAL.

LAW & CO., [Phone 1346] OFFICE AND YARDS: Feet Clarence St.

Henery Eggs.

BONE MEAL

FOR HEN FEED.

S. Z. DICKSON

Country Market.

TWO BROTHERS SHOT DEAD.

HOFFMAN, N. C., Dec. 22.—Two brothers Galloway and John Blue, negroes, living in Cumberland county, were shot and killed by town marshal Thompson and a deputy last night, while resisting arrest for disorderly conduct. The officers were fired upon but escaped injury.

Fancy China, Dolls, Crockery Silverware.

Xmas Goods arriving daily. Auction and every night. Come for bargains to the Central Auction Rooms, 44 Charlotte Street.

Walter S. Potts

LOCAL NEWS.

Celebrated Broad Cove coal, \$7.00 per chaldron delivered, at Watters', Walker's wharf. Tel. 612.

Mrs. J. G. Armstrong will continue her sale of art and fancy work at her house, 128 St. James street, until Christmas. Christmas Trees for the children. Order promptly, as the supply is limited. Kirkpatrick. Tel. 1112.

Tonight men's 25c. four-in-hand and bow ties (two for a quarter at Morrell & Sutherland's).

The C. P. R. liner, Empress of China arrived at Hong Kong at nine o'clock this morning from Vancouver.

The Star is indebted to J. N. Harvey, the clothier, for a calendar bearing a large colored plate of His Majesty the King reviewing the British fleet.

Tonight and during the week the art goods offered by Mrs. H. D. Everett will be sold at reduced prices at the W. H. Johnson Co. store, Market Square.

The North End Rink has opened for the season. Good skating at popular prices, 10 and 15 cents. Season tickets at Durick's Drug Store. H. H. Belyea, manager.

The classes in physical culture and elocution will not start Tuesday evening, Dec. 22nd and 23rd, in the Church of England Institute Hall, but Miss Rogers will conduct the Saturday classes as usual.

We will still give away the large \$210 photo with every dozen, from \$2.00 per doz. and up until New Year's day. Studio open all day Christmas and New Year's. ISAAC EBB & SON, Photographers, 13 Charlotte street.

After the service in the Carleton Baptist church Sunday evening, Rev. E. N. Nobles, pastor of the church, presented to the organist, Miss Maud Christopher, a purse of gold on behalf of the choir and congregation. Miss Christopher was not only pleased but greatly surprised on receiving such a handsome Christmas gift.

Christmas cakes galore are ready for your selection at the Hygienic Bakery. In offering these products of our skill we do so with the full knowledge that our customers will receive the best products of the baker's skill. Our Xmas cakes, puddings, etc., are made from the best materials into clean, wholesome, delicious food. Better order early and avoid the rush.

The death occurred on Monday at her residence, 38 Leinster street, of the result of the late David McAndrew. Deceased was in her 69th year and leaves five daughters and one son to mourn their sad loss. John McAndrew, of the West End, is the son, the daughters are Mrs. E. L. Sage, Mrs. McShane, Mrs. Capt. Richter, Mrs. Samuel Sewell and one daughter in the United States.

The wedding took place at New York on Dec. 17th of Miss Georgine Vaughan of St. Martins, and Dr. Ryan of Sussex. The ceremony was performed at Mount Morris Baptist church, Fifth avenue, in the presence of the immediate friends of the contracting parties. Dr. Ryan and bride were in the city yesterday and expect to take up their residence here. The bride is a sister of Hon. A. S. White.

On Monday there was on the sidewalk in front of F. A. Dykeman's store, a huge pile of Christmas goods which attracted considerable attention from the crowds which pass along that thoroughfare. The firm had a placard on the goods which read as follows: "These goods are from the Tufts' fire on German street—on sale tomorrow." From the appearance of the goods there was not much trace of the destroying element. Messrs. Dykeman have been very lucky in securing this lot of Christmas goods in time for the holiday rush.

FOR FAMILY USE GOLDEN EAGLE IS THE BEST FLOUR.

PAY ON THE I. C. R.

New Schedule of Increased Wages for Trackmen Handed Down by Mr. Fielding.

The Montreal Transcript gives the following details of the new schedule of pay for trackmen as conceded by Hon. Mr. Fielding. It is not all that the men asked for but the Transcript states that it is probable it will be accepted.

Under the new rate yard foremen in the larger yards, such as St. John, will receive \$2.25 per day.

Regular section men in larger yards \$1.50 per day.

Regular section men elsewhere \$1.40 per day.

Yard section foremen, in smaller yards, \$2.00 per day.

Regular section foremen elsewhere \$1.85 a day.

Foremen of extra gangs \$2.75 a day.

Foremen of track carpenters receive \$2.50 a day.

Track carpenters or skilled mechanics with a kit of tools, \$2.00 per day. Rough carpenters, wharf men, \$1.50 to \$1.70 per day.

Men in charge of wing plows, flangers and yard plows when in operation are to be paid \$1.75 per day. Other men employed in such plows, etc., in operation are to be paid fifty cents per day in addition to their regular rate of wages whatever their occupation. Ten hours will constitute a day's work for these men on the plows and their over time will be paid pro rata.

A GREAT PLAY.

That Manager Dalley is determined to give St. John the best there is in plays is proved by the fact that he has chosen for his opening bill the biggest success that has been on the American stage for years. To obtain this play, Mr. Dalley had to pay an immense "royalty" to the owners, Sullivan, Harris and Woods. Even then it was no easy matter to secure it and he had to satisfy these gentlemen that the production would be a first class one, and that it would be given with all the scenery and equipment as used in the original New York production. This he agreed to do, and those who are fortunate enough to get seats for Christmas Day will witness the greatest play ever presented on the Opera House stage. Judging by the sale of seats the both performances will be crowded to the doors and many will be unable to go in. The people are now realizing that they have never seen the original play of The Fatal Wedding, only a substitute.

INDICENT ASSAULT CASE DROPPED.

Albert J. Taylor, who was arrested on the charge of attempting to rape Elizabeth Ann Bright, has been committed for trial. Bail was accepted and Taylor is now at liberty.

In this, it is not probable that the affair will ever come before a jury. The evidence seemed to show that Taylor and the girl had for at least some days been in the habit of teasing each other, and from what Mrs. Robert Taylor said, there was nothing done in her house which would support the charge. It is probable that the case will never be entered on the docket, but will be quietly dropped.

FERRY TROUBLES.

Yesterday afternoon the ferry steamer Western Extension, which has been undergoing repairs for some months, was placed on the route and after a few hours' work broke down. The condenser head appears to have been defective and about five o'clock it cracked. Traffic was very heavy at the time and the boat was taken off the route and replaced by the tug Neptune. Much inconvenience was caused during the evening. Steam was raised on the Ouagondy and shortly after midnight she was floated out of the dock. She went on the route to-day and the Extension will be again laid up for some weeks.

ST. ANDREW'S PULPIT.

The congregation of St. Andrew's church are now looking round for a pastor, but have by no means giving up hope of persuading Rev. Mr. Dickie to favorably consider a call. As Mr. Dickie has already promised to go to Cape Breton he gives the congregation no encouragement but in spite of this there is a feeling that if the Cape Breton people were reasoned with and agreed to the change Mr. Dickie might be disposed to accept St. Andrew's pulpit.

F. R. PATTERSON & CO.



BRING THE CHILDREN TO SEE

Santa Claus In One of Our Show Windows TONIGHT.

A Great Light. Also See Grand Wind-mill Scene.

Cor. Duke and Charlotte Sts. STORE OPEN EVENINGS.

C. P. R. AND SHORE LINE.

Rumor that C. P. R. has Purchased N. B. Southern—Col. McLean Knows Nothing About It.

There is a persistent report about the streets today to the effect that the C. P. R. has purchased the Shore Line Railroad. It is stated that the deal has been completed without much waste of time in negotiations, and that the line will be at once put into shape for through traffic. The main reason given for this purchase is that following the acquisition of the Washington County's road by the Maine Central, the C. P. R. desired a short route for through business to American Atlantic points, and the two smaller roads would be made fit for handling this business.

The story is probably untrue. C. P. R. local officials said today that they had just heard the rumor, but could not verify it. They had heard that negotiations were still going on.

LT.-Col. H. H. McLean said he had heard nothing from New York concerning the rumored transfer. The N. B. Southern was to be put in first class condition at once. Tenders are asked for supplies, and Matthew Neilson, who will be in charge of the work, leaves tomorrow for a trip to New York, covering the road, on which he will make a report of the work required. Nor had Colonel McLean heard anything from the C. P. R. It is just possible that the transfer has taken place, but Col. McLean does not believe it, especially as he received word from New York this morning regarding the ordinary business of the road.

PERSONALS.

The following St. John young ladies arrived home last night from the Sacred Heart school, Halifax: Miss Marie Finn, Miss Margaret Keefe, Kathleen Hogan, Josephine Haley, Agnes Sullivan, Kathleen and Florence McInerney.

George Blissett, of Manchester, Robertson, Allison, Ltd., St. John, who has been ill at the Westbury hotel, Canada, for some days, is recovering and hopes to be able to come to St. John in a few days.

Miss Blanche Dixon, of the west side, who has been teaching school in Albert county, comes home on Saturday for the Christmas holidays.

Miss B. Wilson, of the west side, is home from Normal school, Fredericton, for the Christmas vacation.

John Dixon, Jr., of Carleton, is home from the Pacific coast to spend Christmas.

Misses Annie L. Smith and Nina Robertson arrived home last night from Mount Allison Ladies' College. Miss Ella Smith will arrive today from the Royal Victoria College, Montreal.

C. L. Harrigan, a St. John boy who went to California fourteen years ago, is in town visiting relatives.

SCHOOL TEACHERS SHIFT.

At a meeting of the school trustees last evening, the following were approved: Angus Davis takes charge of Grade 5 Victoria annex; Miss Wetmore is appointed to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Brown; Miss Maud Cumming takes Grade 3, boys, in Victoria annex; Miss Wright takes Grades 4 and 5, boys, in Leinster street; Miss Isabel Donaldson, of Dufferin school, takes the place of Miss Ada Cowan in Alexandra; Miss Gertrude Waring takes Miss Donaldson's place, and Miss Harriet Comben takes Miss Webb's place in Winter street school. C. L. Tupper, of Fredericton, is appointed to succeed Miss Evans, of Centennial; Miss Edith Cummings takes charge of a new department in Dufferin; and Miss Briggs succeeds Miss Cummings in Mount Allison school. The North End Woodworking Co. will supply storm windows for the Elm street school for \$96. Trustees Coll and Maxwell were appointed to look into the matter of coal, it being alleged that the schools are supplied with a poor quality.

Y. M. C. A. WORK.

The maritime branch of the Y. M. C. A. is making a special effort to finish the year with a clean sheet and Fraser G. Marshall, the maritime secretary, is sending out urgent appeals for financial assistance.

SUICIDED ON A TRAIN.

Yesterday, about nine miles from Ottawa, John Wark, a passenger on the Pacific express, bound for Montreal, committed suicide by cutting his throat and then jumped out of the window of the car. Wark belongs to Peterborough, Queens county, New Brunswick, and was on his way from Moosejaw to St. John at the time. His body was later picked up by an engine sent out for the purpose.

The unfortunate man was between thirty and forty years old. He has a brother, Daniel Wark, who resides at Welsford, Queens county.

CHRISTMAS FRUIT.

Messrs. J. & F. Estabrook & Son handled yesterday from the steamer Lake Michigan eighty-five cases of Valencia oranges. These are the latest lot of Valencia oranges to arrive this season. They are of good color and are fine eating. Messrs. Estabrook & Son also have arriving tomorrow from Boston another lot of fancy Florida oranges, sweet potatoes, navel oranges and pineapples.

This firm have one of the largest and best assorted stocks of fruit in the market today.

HOLY LAND ORANGES.

Messrs. Potts & Co. have just received a fine lot of oranges grown in Palestine. Imported expressly for Xmas trade. Also Spanish Oranges in fancy gold papers. If the retail trade wants something fine call at Potts & Co., Market square.

Morrell & Sutherland

TELEPHONE 1582.

10 per cent, Discount 8 to 10.30 a.m.

Suggestions for Men Shoppers

With Christmas Friday and Christmas presents to be bought, more men will patronize this store tomorrow than ever before. We want them to feel perfectly at home here and to know that courteous salespeople are always ready to show goods, whether they care to buy anything or not. With a complete assortment of everything in Dry Goods, you'll have no trouble whatever finding something suitable for a lady. This list may help you decide:

MEN'S HOUSE COATS—A sale of travellers' samples of these popular coats. Comfortable, serviceable and dressy coats in medium and dark shades of brown, grey and garnet, rightly tailored from soft, warm materials. Sizes 34, 36, 40. What better can you buy for husband, brother or father for a Christmas gift? Prices up from,

\$3.00

RAINCOATS—Ladies' newest style three-quarter Raincoats, with three shoulder capes, loose back, wide sleeves, piped with taffeta silk, in dark grey, brown or fawn. Value \$7.75. Sale price,

\$5.75

RAINCOATS—Ladies' full length Raincoats, made from heavy dark grey cheviot cloth, with velvet collar, new sleeve, full back. An excellent Christmas gift. Value \$15.00. Sale price,

\$10.00

SILK WAISTS—A great sale of Silk Waists is going on here this week. Two hundred of this season's newest styles, in black, white, sky, cardinal, pink and green. Made of taffeta and peau-de-seole silks. Regular prices \$4.50 to 7.50.

Sale prices, \$5.00, \$3.95 and \$2.98

MEN'S TIES A BARGAIN—A whole tray full of men's 25c. and 35c. Four-in hand, String and Bow Ties has been put out for quick selling. Tonight and tomorrow at

2 for 25c

GLOVES—A most acceptable gift for man or woman, a very large stock for both sexes is ready for Christmas buyers: Men's Gloves, unlined, wool lined or fur lined, from 75c. to \$3.00. "Fowens" celebrated Gloves for ladies in all the newest shades, from \$1.00 to 1.50; here is our leader: Fowens' Fine Kid Gloves with two large pearl fasteners, brown fingers and latest Paris points; each pair in a nice box; special,

\$1.50

Less 10 p. c., 8 to 10.30 a.m.

NECKWEAR—Every person wants a new Necktie for Christmas; we advise making selections early; many of the best things are picked up already; neckties for men, neckties for boys, fancy novelties for women, simple stocks for young girls; prices from 25c. to \$2.00; nice variety at

50c

Less 10 p. c., 8 to 10.30 a.m.

BELTS are going to be very much in evidence this season; we are well prepared for the demand with a large stock, including chains, girdles, elastic belts, ranging in price from \$1.75 down to our special taffeta silk belt with oxidized buckle and back ornament, at

25c

Less 10 p. c., 8 to 10.30 a.m.

UMBRELLAS—All the newest things for men and women—a showing that makes buying easy; all prices here, from \$1.00 to 3.75; but we want to direct your attention to this special: Ladies' Black Taffeta Gloria, 8 Rib Umbrella, with new gun metal handle and silk case; value \$2.50; our leader,

\$2.00

Less 10 p. c., 8 to 10.30 a.m.

Morrell & Sutherland

27, 29 Charlotte St., Opp. Y. M. C. A.

RUBBERS.

SLOPPY WEATHER PROTECTION—OUR RUBBERS.

Curious how melting snow hunts out holes and cracks in one's Shoes. Maybe, you've been discovering this lately. Did it suggest our Store as an easy way out of the difficulty? If not, we will. We have Stormy-weather Rubbers, Arctic and Alaska, for Grown ups and for Children.

First quality, perfect in every way, and made to fit the current Shoe styles:

For Women—Storm Rubbers, 60c. Croquet Rubbers, 50c. Storm Alaska, \$2.15. Button Arctic, \$2.00. For Men—Self-acting Rubbers, 95c. Storm Out Alaska, \$1.30.

For Children—Storm Rubbers, 50c. Plain Rubbers, 45c. Arctic, some made to fit spring heels, \$1.25.

D. MONAHAN, 162 UNION ST.

Oranges, Oranges, Oranges.

Our stock is large and well assorted, including:—Valencia Oranges at 15c. per doz.; Jamaica Oranges at 20c., 25c. and 35c. doz.; Florida Oranges at 35c., 40c. and 45c. doz.; California Navels (seedless) at 35c. and 50c. doz.

F. E. WILLIAMS CO., Ltd.

A PAIR OF

\$5.00

Humanic Shoes

would be an acceptable gift to any man.

7 Styles, all sizes and widths in kid, calf and patent calf.

Swell Patent Leather at \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00.

A Handsome Selection of Men's Shoes at \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00.

FRANCIS & VAUGHAN, 19 KING STREET.