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We have just opened another lot of this most popular of furs, in small and large double Muffs and Neck Pieces.

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NECK PIECES ..... \$12.00 to \$25.00  
MUFFS ..... 13.50 to 25.00

Just in time for that Christmas Gift.

**F. S. THOMAS**  
Open till 11 p.m. 539 to 545 Main St.

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR MEN AND BOYS

Everything in Mens' Furnishings

Everything? Well! We haven't got it all, but we have every wanted thing that men and boys hereabouts are looking for; also we have the indispensable things.

The wants of men who work are among our chief concerns. They will be well taken care of if they come to this store.

Men's Sweater Coats ..... \$1.00 to \$4.75  
Regatta Shirts ..... 60c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50  
Top Shirts—(Grey or Navy Flannel) ..... \$1.00 and \$1.50  
Boys' Sweater Coats ..... 75c to \$1.75  
Regatta Shirts ..... 50c, and 75c  
Fleece Underwear ..... Per garment, 35c.  
Wool Underwear ..... Per garment, 50c. and 75c.

**S. W. McMackin**  
335 Main St.

## CANDY FOR CHRISTMAS

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Store Open Every Night Until Xmas.

**GILBERT'S GROCERY**

### The Man In The Street

Merry Christmas to all, especially those patient sufferers who have been enduring this column of colossal nonsense with more or less resignation throughout the year.

Now those who didn't do their Christmas shopping in time, will have a chance to do it in a rush.

The weather man seems to think that Santa Claus will have to use something other than a sleigh.

Well, so long as he gets here, why should we worry?

Now get ready to change your greeting to "Happy New Year." A fellow should never be stuck for a start on conversation these days.

Whose Hose?

No matter what brand of hose was used in the Thorne fire, the department earned praise for preventing its further spread, and even at that it looked like a Titanic contract at times.

But with grudging determination the firemen worked together, "lightened up" and put the fire out.

Better Send Them Socks Instead

Henry Ford has until tonight at midnight to get the boys from the trenches for this Christmas. Perhaps he's doing it "early" for next year.

A recent dinner at the Astor Hotel, New York, was \$200 per head, which goes to show that Henry is not the only American who has a few nickels to spend foolishly.

The Allies are still confident of winning, even though in the Balkans their holdings have been reduced to a little Greece spot.

### LOCAL NEWS

#### BURIED TODAY

The funeral of May Littlefield took place this afternoon at Chamberlain's undertaking parlors, Mill street. Following burial services interment took place in Cedar Hill.

#### TO BE FREE

Some prisoners in jail will be given their freedom by Magistrate Ritchie this afternoon. A list was made out this morning and given to the sheriff. It has been Magistrate Ritchie's custom to release some men every Christmas Eve.

#### HOME FOR BURIAL

The body of Mrs. Jane Sinclair was brought to the city on the Boston train at noon today and was taken to the residence of her son, John A. Sinclair, 161 Waterloo street, whence the funeral took place this afternoon. Burial services were conducted by Rev. J. MacKeon at an interment took place in Fernhill.

#### PROTESTANT ORPHANS HOME

The following subscriptions are thankfully acknowledged: Joseph Allison, T. McArthur & Sons, \$25.00 each; Jas. F. Robertson, \$20; Cal. H. McLean, \$10; Joseph Finley, W. H. Barnaby, "Cash," Mrs. Geo. McArthur, Wm. Bruckhof, C. M. Rootwick, Baird & Peters, Waterloo & Rising, W. S. Fisher, Mrs. C. F. Woodman, Emerson & Fisher, "Wife and Family" (for Christmas gifts), \$10 each; Dr. Wm. Warwick, Geo. H. Waterbury, Telegraph Pub. Co., L. W. Simms, L. C. Prims, J. Willard Smith, H. H. Cochran (Bloomfield), King Co., Mrs. D. McLeod, Vince (Woodstock, N. B.), John H. McRobbie, Dr. T. Fred Johnston (for Christmas gifts), Jas. Frazier, Mrs. Perry Thompson, Mrs. H. N. Costes, \$5 each; Miss Jane R. Barlow (Hantsport, N.S.), J. E. Secord, Mrs. John K. Schofield, \$3 each; P. H. Wilson (Fairville), Miss Stephenson, P. A. Smith, J. Harvey Brown, E. R. Machum, W. M. Fraser, Alex. Thompson, C. H. Smythe, D. McArthur, Arthur K. Crump, J. N. Rogers, R. C. Eldin, B. E. deLow, R. G. Murray, "Friend," \$2 each; Mrs. Alex. Corbet, A. G. Plummer, Wm. Hawker, A. B. Wetmore, S. H. Hawker, Mrs. R. Ledingham, Mrs. McFarlane, Rev. J. H. Anderson, Mrs. Wm. Davidson, Robert Clarke, Miss M. E. Clarke, Miss Grace Skinner, Friends G. and R., S. Rutherford Jack, Mrs. R. A. Jamieson, C. P. Wade, D. S. Reid, W. D. Foster, Mrs. J. Fen. Fraser, W. J. S. Myles, Rev. G. F. Scovill, Miss McFarlane, \$1 each.

### WORDS OF PRAISE FOR TWO OF THE 26TH

Sergt. Wilson and Corp. D. W. Ramsey Bring in Dead and Wounded

Private Gordon Kennedy of the 26th Battalion, writing to a relative here, gives an interesting account of happenings in trench life and also pays a tribute to the bravery of some of the boys.

One day, he says, when Corporal D. W. Ramsey of 26 Brook street, was hit in the leg by two pieces of shrapnel he carried a companion, who was injured, to the dressing station, lane as he was Ramsey then got his leg dressed and went right back to the trenches. That night Sergeant Wilson asked if one of the men would volunteer to go out and bring in the dead. Corporal Ramsey was the first to speak up. "I am lame," he said, "but I certainly will go out."

That night, accompanied by Sergeant Wilson he went out and as Ramsey was bringing in one wounded man the Germans sent up flares and started firing at the men, and Ramsey had to take the man on his back and creep back to the trench. They took the wounded man and revived him, and he was taken to the dressing station.

Corporal Ramsey brought in several others before he was relieved.

A lot of the 26th think that Sergeant Wilson and Corporal Ramsey should get recognition. The whole battalion thinks quite a lot of Ramsey. He was in hospital for some time with asthma and the section was dead without him. But he is out again, though no better. The doctor wanted him to go back to the base, but he said he would sooner be shot, and he asked for his discharge from the hospital to go back to the trenches and try it once again. Ramsey's family, says the writer, must be proud of him.

### THRILLING TALE FROM NAVY MAN

#### Letter From Brother of F. J. Punter, "Somewhere Afloat"

#### EARLY DAYS OF THE WAR

#### A Fight on East Coast of Africa in Which One V. C. and Several D. S. O.'s Were Won in Gallant Action

Torpedo Instructor Bert Punter of H. M. S. Europa, whose location is indicated merely as "somewhere afloat," in a letter to his brother, F. J. Punter, of this city, tells of some of his experiences in the earlier part of the war, one incident resulting in the award of the Victoria Cross to an officer and the D. S. O. to several of the men. The letter is as follows:—

Dear Fred:—

Just a line to let you know I am still afloat and doing my bit, and not "stranded yet." I was hoping to get home for a day or two after losing my ship in the Dardanelles last winter, as most of our survivors got sent home, but was wanted for another ship.

You asked me in your last letter about our expedition on the East Coast of Africa before going to the Dardanelles. We were at Zanzibar for some time and also Mombassa and Der-Es-Salam. These places you know well.

We had the pleasure of bombarding Der-Es-Salam for a couple of days, after which we sent a demolition party of torpedo-men to destroy the engines of some merchant ships. They had hoisted the white flag ashore and we went in on these conditions. The party was covered with a couple of tugs at the entrance, armed with twelve-pounder guns. We were lying off some distance from the shore in company with the cruiser "Fox." When our men got on board the merchant ships the enemy opened fire on them. The tugs, seeing this, at once opened fire at the shore, which were lined with maxims and pom-poms. We waited some time to see if our boats were coming out, but as there was no sign of their return we opened fire with our twelve-inch guns at about eleven o'clock in the forenoon and continued firing till almost three o'clock in the afternoon. When we saw our steam pinnace coming out between two lighters.

We ceased fire at once and sent boats to her assistance. She then slipped the lighters and came towards us, and when she arrived alongside it was a pitiful sight. The commander was there with a couple of petty officers and about five men, as far as I can remember. They were all very badly wounded.

It appears they were fired on in the harbor, and the commander took his boat alongside the two lighters that were moored in the harbor. He cut them adrift and got out "each side of his boat" and steamed out under fire from ashore. It was certainly a plucky piece of work. If they had not done that they would never have got out of that harbor alive. The commander was wounded seven times, and Petty Officer Clark, a fleet officer man belonging to the Bristol fire brigade, took the wheel and two more coxswains followed him. All four were very badly wounded, but between them they managed to get back to the ship. The commander got the V. C. and Clark and the other chaps got the D. S. O. ("Distinguished Service Order").

We made the enemy pay dearly for it. We started the fire again and we reduced the place to ashes. Maybe you will remember the palace just to the south of the town; one of our twelve-inch shells dropped in on that and, there you are—nothing left. They were still flying the white flag, but we had learned enough to ignore that.

We left there at dark and came back the following morning to finish the job. They got two of our officers and seven men prisoners, but we heard they were safe inland somewhere. Our chief torpedo instructor was among the prisoners, and that is how I became active instructor. I cannot remember the exact date, but it was early in November, 1914.

We had several bombardments around that district, but not of such importance. We also sent our boats with torpedoes up the Rufiji River where the Kongisburg was hiding, but I must tell you about the latter.

We are getting along fairly easy just now, and getting our monthly allowance of tobacco just the same as in times of peace, and plenty of grub. Hoping this will find you well, from BERT.

### REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers of real estate in St. John county have been recorded as follows:—

W. W. Allingham, et al, to John A. Allingham, property in Guilford street, West End.

Thomas Bell to F. C. Macneil, property in German street.

Michael Driscoll to Michael Driscoll, Jr., property in Lancaster.

S. H. Ewing, et al, to G. A. Kimball, property in Simonds.

Sadie E. wife of F. E. Flewelling, to W. A. Nelson, property in Lancaster.

M. A. Miller to F. L. Boone, \$600, property in St. Martins.

### That's All

Suited to the occasion our business message today will be very brief:—

**Merry Christmas**

And where is a better place to say it than right here in this newspaper page where so many people will see it?

What greater mission could newspaper advertising have today than to spread the gospel of "Good Will to Men?"

Macaulay Bros. & Co., King Street, St. John, N. B.  
Saturdays Our Stores Will be Open Until 10 p.m.; Open at 8 a.m.; Close 6 p.m., Excepting Saturday 10 p.m.

A BIG STOCK OF Ladies' and Gentlemen's Umbrellas TO SELECT FROM

See the handsome and useful ones at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.25

Men's All-Wool Sweaters in Every Color  
All the Best Grades in Ladies' Kid Gloves

**MACAULAY BROS. & CO.**

### Sterling Savory Roasters

Just the thing for the Christmas Turkey

All sizes and styles. Price: from 40c to \$1.75

Little Bob Lanterns  
Red, White and Green Shades. Reg. 25c. Xmas Special, 15c. Take a Couple Home With You.

Children's Toy Banks. Neat and Attractive Designs in Six Colors. . . . . 5c. Each

Durable and attractive Cake Closets and Bread Boxes, Aluminum Ware, Tea Kettles, O' Cedar Mops, Franco Flashlights, Patent Potato Pots, Electric Irons, etc., make Ideal Xmas Gifts.

GLENWOOD RANGES, HEATERS and FURNACES, KITCHEN FURNISHINGS.

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STORE OPEN EVERY EVENING UNTIL CHRISTMAS

### A WORD TO THOSE WHO HAVE GIFTS TO BUY ON THE 24TH OF DECEMBER

We shall help you the best we can from 8:30 o'clock in the morning until after ten this, Friday, evening—to repay any loss of time which you made in preparations or help you find what you need for those that have been forgotten.

If you fail today, somebody is to be disappointed, and you will not have another such a chance for a whole year.

### A MERRY CHRISTMAS

It is easy to be an optimist on a holiday—but being an optimist is a worthwhile determination for every day.

There have been cloudy yesterdays in all times, but there are sure to be sunny tomorrows—so let us all enjoy the holiday as an ender of clouds and a harbinger of sunshine.

Merry Christmas!

May it find the stocking full and the heart glad—young folks happy; old folks happy in their happiness, for Christmas is, first of all, the children's holiday.

There's no room for a Scrooge on Christmas Day, or a grouch under any name. He would be a mere grain of sand in the cogwheel of Time, useless and troublesome.

But the old Scrooge became a new and worth-while man when the Christmas spirit worked within him and he began making others happy. He had found the grouch cure—have you? Of course you will, and with Bob Cratchit we propose—

A Merry Christmas to us all, my dears, God bless us!

KING STREET COR. GERMAN

## GREATER OAK HALL

SCOVIL BROS., LIMITED, St. John, N. B.

## LAST MINUTE HINTS

### In Presents For Men

Coat Sweaters ..... \$1.48, \$1.75, \$1.98, \$2.48 and \$2.98  
Smartly Styled Winter Hats ..... 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$2.25, \$2.65  
A Pair of Shoes ..... \$1.98, \$2.48, \$2.75, \$2.98, \$3.38, \$3.98, \$4.38  
A Pair of Slippers ..... 75c, 98c, \$1.18, \$1.48, 1.75, 1.98  
A Necktie in gift box ..... 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c  
Suspenders ..... 25c, 35c, 50c  
Silk Knitted Mufflers ..... 42c, 68c, 75c, 98c, 1.18, \$1.38  
In all fashionable shades of white, black, grey, brown, green, fawn and pearl, suitable for either ladies or gentlemen.

Gift Hose—Black Cashmere ..... 25c, 35c, 45c  
Silk Hose in presentation boxes ..... 50c, 75c

GLOVES, SHIRTS, UNDERWEAR; Also JEWELRY AND MANY OTHER SUITABLE PRESENTABLES.

Warm, Dressy Ulsters with Military Collars and Belted Backs are about \$5.00 lower than up-town prices, \$9.98, \$10.48, \$12.48, \$13.48, \$15.48, \$18.48. Worth from \$14.00 to \$25.00.

Natty Winter Suits in Tweeds and Fancy Worsteeds, all at Greatly Reduced Prices, \$6.48, \$7.48, \$8.48, \$9.48, \$12.48, \$13.48, \$15.48. Worth from \$19.00 to \$25.00.

Boys' Fashionable Shawl Collar Overcoats with Belted Backs. These are big values, \$3.48, \$3.98, \$4.48, \$4.88, \$5.48, \$6.48 and \$6.88.

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