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GRAND MID-WINTER Sale of Dress Goods

Fifteen (15) Per Cent. Off Face of Bill

From now until January 31st we shall allow fifteen cents off every dollar expended for Dress Goods in this store.

Fifteen Per Cent. Off Our Usually Low Prices

Shrewd buyers will profit at this great sale of our \$6,000 worth of newly imported Dress Goods, selling at prices that mean great savings to purchasers of Dress Goods at this store.

Free hemming on all table linens, sheetings and pillow cottons.

DOWLING BROTHERS 95 and 101 King Street

A Customer's Reasonable Wish Is This Store's Pleasure.

DYKEMAN'S

GREAT HAMBURG EMBROIDERY EVENT

These embroideries came direct to us from Switzerland and they are sold at wholesaler's prices.

Some extra values are shown in Corset Cover Embroideries

Regular 50 cent quality on sale at39 cents

Regular 60 cent quality on sale at45 cents

Also Wide Flouncing, 27 and 40 inches wide, at 55, 65 and 75 cents a yard.

We also have a lot of Silk Corset Cover Embroidery which we are selling at 15 cents a yard, regular 50 cent quality.

Don't forget the Great After Stock-Taking Sale now going on at our store. Everything reduced.

F.A. DYKEMAN & CO. 55 Charlotte Street

Bargain Values In Furs of Merit

Nothing could be more reasonable at this time of year than the Beautiful, Modish Furs, which for this month only, we are selling at a discount of 25 per cent., and which includes Fine Alaska Sable Fur Mitts, worth regularly \$18, at \$13.50

CASH ONLY. Now Is The Time To Buy.

J. L. THORNE & CO. Hatters and Furriers, 55 Charlotte Street

AN IMPORTANT JANUARY SALE OF SHIRTWAISTS

Small lots and incomplete lines at prices remarkably under value.

Table with columns for COLORED WAISTS and BLACK SATEN AND LUSTRE WAISTS, listing various sizes and prices.

S. W. McMACKIN, 335 MAIN ST.

It Should Require No Argument

to convince people that a good article costs more than a poor one, and as HEINTZMAN & CO. make the very best Pianos they cannot compete with many others on the mere question of price.

Call and examine our choice assortment of HEINTZMAN & CO. PIANOS

The C. H. Townshend Piano Co. 53 Germain St., St. John, N. B.

LOCAL ADVERTISING

Hereafter the following charges will be made for reading notices inserted in The Times. Church notices, Sunday services, five cents per line of six words.

LOCAL NEWS

POLICE COURT. Three men charged with drunkenness were fined \$8 each this morning.

INSPECTION. Capt. duBois, of the R.C.R., of Halifax, returned to that city this morning.

CONTRIBUTIONS. The treasurer of the St. John Protestant Orphans Home acknowledges with thanks, the following subscriptions:

EXPERIMENTAL FARM. The Frederickton Gleaser says: "As a result of the recent interview of the commissioner for agriculture and secretary Hubbard with members of the federal government it is now placed beyond doubt that an experimental farm will be established in New Brunswick."

DISCUSS MODERNISM. The bimonthly meeting of the vigilance committee of the St. John diocese is being held today in the Bishop's palace.

FIRE IN CARLETON. Fire broke out this morning about two o'clock in No. 5 Mill hall in Winalow street, west side, and the department were called out to extinguish the blaze.

BOY IMPROVED. Harry Campbell the lad who was badly bitten about the nose and face at Necopsis last week by a vicious farm horse, is greatly improved.

CAMP TALK. Correspondents are now going on between offices of some of the local and rural corps of the province relative to the holding of the annual camp at Sussex.

MANUAL TRAINING HERE. Frederickton Mail.—Mr. Pascoe, superintendent of manual training returned to Thursday last from St. John, where he had been making arrangements for the opening of two departments of the important branch of education one in the Industrial Home and the other for the accommodation of pupils in the schools at St. John West.

MARRIED IN CHATHAM. Henry Fillmore of Oxford Weds Miss Burbridge — Carnival in Nelson

Chatham, N. B., Jan. 24.—(Special)—At six o'clock this morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burbridge, their daughter, Miss G. was married to Mr. H. Fillmore, son of Henry Fillmore of Oxford, N. B. by Rev. R. G. Fulton of St. Luke's church.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very handsome in a bridal dress of silk tulle over white silk with a white net veil.

The groom, who was dressed in a suit of dark blue, was given away by his father.

The wedding was a simple one, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. R. G. Fulton.

The bride and groom were accompanied by their parents and a few friends.

The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

The wedding was a very pleasant occasion.

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THEY ASK MAYOR TO PRESIDE, BUT HE FEELS HE SHOULD NOT

Carleton People Pressing the Opposition to Increase of Ferry Rates

Mayor Brink this morning declined to preside at the meeting to be held in Carleton on Thursday evening to protest against the increase in the ferry rates.

A delegation consisting of Rev. W. H. Sampson and Rev. H. E. Thomas, representing the Carleton people, waited on His Worship this morning and presented the mayor with a petition signed by dozens of members of the west end committee asking him to take the chair at this meeting.

The mayor was forced to decline the honor but made it clear that he did so, not because of opposition to the purpose of the meeting but on the ground that he could not do so consistently.

He said, as the presiding officer of the common council, he felt that he was bound to decline the honor, but he did not feel that it would be right for him to preside also at a gathering which is to be held for the purpose of protesting against the action of the council.

A meeting of the committee appointed at the last meeting will be held this evening at half past seven o'clock in the Carleton Club.

HALIFAX AMATEURS AND THOSE IN ST. JOHN

To the Editor of the Times. Sir—Kindly permit a timely observation on home-made entertainment suggested by the piquant, almost professional, performance of Halifax amateurs here.

I think all will agree that St. John possesses the vocal talent as well as the histrionic talent necessary to put on excellent shows that stand as our sister city.

This was demonstrated some years ago by the St. John Amateur Musical Club with "M. S. Finlayson" and some few productions since that date.

However, it is my humble opinion that, until the very best home performances available are gotten together on the same stage without that silly thought of class, social set and circles of intimate acquaintanceship, this town will never reach the limit of its possibilities.

Halifax has long since proved this to be true and its companies compare very favorably with the general run of travelling professional troupes in this territory from time to time.

We have heard whippersnappers of aloofness in the late "Messiah" oratorios, because some of the choristers were plain working people—possibly everyday workers instead of singers of such rank as Sunday.

Halifax promoters show wisdom in selecting performers broadcast and the intelligent, artistic performance.

By this careful method of casting their pieces they get "heavy drama, unimpaired, and some very "great" and "verve." No performance spoils their production, but how often does the amateur, in his own talent, get confined to a narrow circle?

Then again, enthusiastic home directors drill the singers, and the fly-rightly imported instructor, who, in a couple of weeks, deceives with most of the proceeds, offers an opportunity to make capital out of eager limelight aspirants.

St. John has enough talent in its various groups and "sets" to put on a magnificent musical or dramatic affair, as good as any our rival city could offer, but it needs assembling, weeding out, a refining process.

When some energetic director—with less thought on the money side than the production is successful in bringing about this merger of performers, then we'll have a real good opera or play, as the case may be, or possibly a musical spectacle.

Loft-sided productions are not fair to a generous public, for weeks of indifferent rehearsing and fancy dress-making does not guarantee an artistic performance.

We are richer in real talent than any production of late years has indicated, and these few observations are written in a spirit of criticism, but in the hope that a frank expression of a general undecent of opinion may tend to make the next big show in this city one of broader lines as to personnel, which ought to ensure better balance and more meritorious performance.

ISNT IT SO?

KING SQUARE PROPERTY

The rumors that the plans of the St. John Amusement Company for the erection of a large new theatre on King Square, as one of the chairs on the Keith circuit, are to be changed or delayed are said to be without foundation.

While other sites have been offered to them in exchange for their holdings it is known that when Mr. Keith and Mr. Albee were here some time ago Mr. Keith declared that the King Square site was the only one they would consider.

The plans for the new theatre are progressing rapidly and the company is prepared to commence the work of erecting the building as soon as the arrival of mild weather will permit them to begin.

In connection with the efforts to secure this valuable site from the Keith interests the rumor that one of the big railway companies is anxious to acquire the Dufferin Hotel and extend it along the square has been revived.

So far, however, there has been no change in the ownership of the hotel building.

WINTER PORT STEAMERS ON THE WAY TO ST. JOHN

Manchester Millar, Manchester, Dec. 23. Manchester Importer, Manchester, Jan. 2.

Kanawha, London, Jan. 3. Montezuma, London, Jan. 5.

Manchester Trader, Manchester, Jan. 6. Kadama, South Wales, Jan. 6.

Monmouth, Avonport, Jan. 6. Bray Head, Cardiff, Jan. 7.

Rappahannock, London, Jan. 8. Cromarty, Barbados, Jan. 11.

Indrani, Glasgow, Jan. 13. Manchester Mariner, Manchester, Jan. 14.

Bengora Head, from a coal port via Anoree. Granupan, Liverpool, Jan. 19.

Kastala, Glasgow, Jan. 20.

UTILITIES COMMISSION. The New Brunswick Public Utilities Commission is to meet this afternoon for the regular monthly session.

The program contains only routine business.

Peter Clench returned to the city last evening from St. Stephen.

MEN'S SUITS

That are Absolutely Correct in Fit, Fashion and Finish.

TAKE NOTICE OF THE PRICES. THESE REDUCTIONS ARE GENUINE

Table listing suit prices: \$6.00 SUITS now \$4.95, \$12.00 SUITS now \$9.85, etc.

H. N. DeMILLE & CO. 199 to 201 Union Street Opera House Block

Two Feet of Real Comfort Guaranteed

THAT is, you will have two comfortable feet if you wear Slater Shoes. They are built to fit and are absolutely the best shoes made and are sold at Popular Prices.

For Women—\$3.50 to \$5.00. For Men—\$4.00 to \$6.50

E. G. McColough Ltd. The Slater Shoe Store 81 King St.

MEN'S WINTER OVERCOATS AT HALF PRICES

And they are great Overcoats. The fabrics are the finest that come from the mills. The tailoring is the best that skill and care can accomplish.

Single and Double-breasted Chesterfield styles with velvet and cloth Collars.

At our regular prices they were 25 per cent. better values than you could buy for same money anywhere else—but now at half prices they are bargains unapproachable at any other store.

Table listing overcoat prices: Regular \$10.00 Overcoats - \$5.00, Regular \$12.00 Overcoats - \$6.00, etc.

Black Melton Fur-Collared Overcoats, Fur and Fur-Lined Overcoats at Big reductions. Come and see what Bargains we have for you.

Extra Bargains in Fancy Cloth Vests

Clearing out our entire stock at two special prices. Regular \$2.50, \$3.00 Fancy Cloth Vests Now 98c

Regular \$3.50, \$3.75, \$4.50, \$5.00 Fancy Cloth Vests Now \$1.98

KING STREET COR. GERMAIN GREATER OAK HALL SCOVIL BROS. LIMITED, St. John, N. B.

FREE, BOYS, FREE! Regulation Hockey Sticks

WITH \$5.00 CASH SALES

Table listing hockey stick prices: \$10.00 to \$15.00 Overcoats for \$7.48, \$16.00 to \$20.00 Overcoats for \$9.98

Bargains in Sweaters and Underclothes

C. B. PIDGEON Cor. Main and Bridge Sts

FUR SALE SPECIAL

We are bound to move the most of our stock of Furs by the end of the month and to do so have put the prices so low that the Furs will be purchased quickly.

Below are a few lines. Persian Lamb Ties \$4.85 were \$7.50 Mink Stoles - - 20 p. c. Disc

Squirrel Ties - 5.00 were 6.50 Mink Muffs - - 20 p. c. Disc

Marmot Ties - 6.00 were 8.50 Pony Coats - - 20 p. c. Disc

D. MAGEE'S SONS, Ltd. Manufacturing Furriers 63 King St