

FACTS BEAT THEORIES.

What a number of trade schemes and fake sales there are these days. The people that are so easily caught by these schemes will have to go elsewhere than to our store if they like to be taken in. We will not offer anything that is not genuine and first-class. We would rather lose trade than practice any kind of deception to gain it. We began our business years ago on a solid, conscientious basis and we're going to keep it up to the end. People who have traded here and everywhere, and who know by experience just what they are talking about, say that we are the

Kings of Low Prices.

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DRY GOODS

Why not come and see us? We'll try and treat you so that you'll come again and again.

DOWLING BROS.,

95 King St.,  
St. John, N. B.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

A Quiet Observance and Disagreeable Weather.

The inmates of the Alms House Made Happy Christmas Afternoon.

St. John Commandery, Knights Templars, Honor Their American Brethren.

(From The Daily Sun of the 25th.)

His Worship Mayor Robertson has sent out to his friends a very handsome card, wishing all the compliments of the season. The card, which is a fine specimen of the printer's art, is from the Globe press.

The night operator of the telephone company was kindly remembered by Fred B. Harrington, ticket agent of the I. C. R.

The proverbial good dinner heretofore provided on Xmas eve by Miss Prince for her boarders was given this year by her successor, Miss Steadman, and, as usual, the boarders united in presenting these ladies with handsome tokens of their high regard for them, and of their appreciation of the comforts of their home.

The patients of the Dalhousie Hospital gathered at their rooms last evening and presented the popular physician-in-charge, Dr. Edward A. Fyfe, with a fine gold-headed ebony cane, as a slight token of their appreciation for the uniform courtesy, the unmistakable sympathy and the medical skill with which he has treated them. The doctor was taken quite by surprise, but responded very feelingly, and assured the friends that their remembrance would be among the most prized of his treasures. Nothing, he said, in his entire medical experience, caused him to be so grateful to God as the opportunity he now had of restoring men, so long held by the chains of appetite, to their former manhood, through the agency of the Bellinger Remedies. Auld Lang Syne was sung in closing.

The conductors and motor men on the St. John Railway Co. presented C. D. Jones, superintendent of the road, with a handsome meerschaum pipe last evening. The ferrule bore the following inscription: "Presented to C. D. Jones, by the employees of St. J. R. S. Co., Xmas, '94." It was accompanied with the following address:

St. John, N. B., Dec. 24, C. D. Jones, Esq., Superintendent St. John Railway Co. We, the employees of the St. John Railway Company, at this Christmas and New Year's season, beg you to accept this small token of our friendship for the kindly and gentlemanly way in which you have conducted yourself during our terms with the old company and since the new company has come into existence, and we ask you to accept this small token of our goodwill, and that you may be spared to long occupy the position you now hold. We wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Signed by all the conductors and motor-men.

The employees of the St. John Railway company presented A. R. Bliss, the popular electrician of the company, with a pair of valuable fur gloves last evening.

W. W. Warren, the general manager of the company, was very much surprised on receiving a large silver parlor lamp from the office staff. Although Mr. Warren is comparatively a stranger to the staff, yet he has made friends with every person in the office, as the valuable gift he received last evening will abundantly prove.

The male employees in the Royal Hotel presented the proprietors, Messrs. Raymond & Doherty, with a pair of beautiful sleigh robes and bells last night. The boys were suitably remembered by their employers.

Phil Richmond, the ever popular manager of the Victoria hotel, and Samuel Cooper, the polite and obliging clerk, received a surprise last evening from the boarders, the former a pair of beautiful fur gloves, the latter a very fine fur cap. The gifts were accompanied by the following address:

St. John, N. B., Dec. 24, 1894. To Messrs. Richard, Wm. Raymond and Samuel Cooper, Clerk, Victoria Hotel. Gentlemen—We, the undersigned, fully appreciate the many kindnesses and courtesies shown us, and the cordial hospitality extended to all the guests of the Victoria during the past year, and ask your acceptance of the accompanying gloves and cap as a memento of our appreciation, and for our esteem.

Signed on behalf of the boarders, C. J. Rhodes of the F. C. R. made the presentation. The boarders at the Sharp House,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Sir Leonard Tilley was asked to address them. After wishing them all the compliments of the season Sir Leonard congratulated them upon the admirable institution they possessed.

Some persons seemed to think it was degrading to be in the poor house. They should not take this view of it. The majority of the persons at the institution were there through no fault of their own. They had been unfortunate. He knew persons who while they were enjoying prosperity contributed towards the support of the alms house, therefore when they became poor they had a perfect right to go there. It was like an insurance concern. This was one of the best institutions of the kind in America, and it was well taken care of and could live in comfort. Sir Leonard spoke cheerfully to the children, and in conclusion wished all a very merry Christmas.

The distribution of presents then followed. Every person in the building received a present. The men got a suit of underclothing, the women a dress, the children toys, books and candy. Mr. and Mrs. Woods kindly conducted the visit through the building. Every room is bright, cheerful and clean. The floors are white almost as marble; the walls do not bear a stain or a dirty mark; the beds are arranged neatly and look very comfortable.

Down in the basement is the dining room. It, too, is decorated in honor of the holiday season.

The Christmas dinner consisted of turkey, pork and vegetables. There were forty-four turkeys for the holidays. There are sixty-three men, seventy-four women and thirty-nine children in the institution.

During the year there was an epidemic of fever among the children. Twenty-four were sick, but there was not one death. As soon as a child became ill it was removed to the upper story of the building kept in a separate ward. Two foundlings died during the year.

A new school room 35x40 feet has been arranged on the second flat of the building. The children, many of whom are brought from the street, are taken care of by a special nurse. There are several persons in the building over eighty years old; the eldest is eighty-six.

The inmates of the institution are not only well cared for, but they are also well educated. They are taught to read and write. When the visitors entered their wards, they were seated with their hats on, smoking, but a moment after the strangers entered their hats were quickly removed and their pipes lighted as if by magic.

During the year 70 tons of hay, 172 bushels of oats, 480 bushels of potatoes, 300 bushels of turnips, 180 bushels of carrots and 2,000 head of cabbage were raised on the ground. They also raised three hogs, which weighed 800 pounds. They have ten hogs and thirty pigs on hand, also three or four horses and eight or nine cows. The crop of grain was not up to the average, but the work of the year has been attended with success.

The commissioners have been very fortunate in securing Mr. Woods, an superintendent and Mrs. Woods as matron of the institution. They are in the right places.

Just before the visitors left a number of the children were called into the room and sang one or two of the well known hymns. Miss Knodell presided. Many of the children sang very sweetly. It is safe to say that every person was delighted with their visit.

ST. JOHN ENCAMPMENT. The members of the St. John Encampment, K. of T., held their Christmas gathering at high noon yesterday in the Masonic hall, German street. The following toast was prepared and sent out from the office of the committee on Christmas observance, Portland, Me., was proposed by John A. Watson, Noble and Eminent Commander Encampment of St. John: "To our most eminent grand master, Hugh McCurdy, the head of American Templar Masonry, who holds all temples hearts."

The following was also proposed: "To Eminent Fraternal F. M. Matthews, proposed by John Kerr. In Memory of Those Who Have Gone, proposed by J. V. Ellis and sung in silence by the members. To the Grand Masonic Order in Scotland, proposed by East Commander J. V. Ellis. To the Grand Master of the Great Priory of Canada, E. Sheppard, proposed by Grand Master Walker, responded to by Robt. Marshall. To Eminent Grand Master Robt. Marshall, proposed by J. H. Leonard. To East Grand Master Robt. Marshall, proposed by Grand Master Walker.

To Grand Master Walker, proposed by C. F. Harrison. To Past Eminent Commander F. L. Tutin, proposed by Fraternal F. M. Matthews. To Portland Commandery, Portland, Me., proposed by J. H. Leonard. To Springfield Commandery, South Boston, proposed by Fraternal F. M. Matthews. To St. Andrew's Commandery, Houlton, Me., proposed by W. C. R. Allen. To St. Stephen Commandery and its Commander, J. T. Whitlock, proposed by Eminent Fraternal F. M. Matthews. To H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, proposed by Oliver G. Diaper. To St. G. Boyne, Secretary of St. John Encampment.

The gathering held yesterday was the first of the kind held in St. John in eight years. The members entered heartily into the spirit of it, making it one of the most enjoyable and successful gatherings held in St. John for a long time.

The east end of the room was decorated with the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack. The main body of the room was tastefully decorated with evergreens, hunting, etc., and looked very pretty.

PRESENTATIONS, ETC. Wm. Caples of the Cafe Royal was presented on Christmas eve with a fine silver-headed cane.

T. J. Cronin gave each of his clerks a \$30 gold piece on Xmas eve. The clerk gave Mr. Cronin a candle. D. W. McCormick, the proprietor of the Victoria hotel, was presented by the help of the house with a handsome musk ox robe. Mr. McCormick could not have been given anything that he would have appreciated more.

W. F. and Chas. A. McCoskey of the New Victoria were given by the help of the house a beautiful silver-bon-bon basket. Mrs. McCoskey received a silver five dollar tea set also from the employees of the house. J. D. Fraser of the Victoria hotel was given a pair of cuff buttons and a valuable breast pin by friends.

Chas. Mayall, the night porter of the Victoria hotel, was presented with a silver pipe. James McGowen, the wine clerk of the Royal, got a cash present from the proprietors and a pipe, a cane and a lot of other things from outside friends.

Rev. J. D. Rooney of the New Victoria was the recipient of a cash present from Messrs. McCoskey. He was also remembered by other friends. Pat McDonald of the New Victoria was given a breast pin by an Amherst lady.

Rev. J. Teasdale, pastor of Centenary church, in the course of his sermon yesterday morning, announced that he had received the annual Christmas remembrance from the congregation.

The clerks in the employ of Walter Mitchell on Christmas evening presented him with an easy chair richly upholstered in crimson plush. Walter Mitchell presented each of his employees with a suitable Christmas gift.

AT THE PUBLIC HOSPITAL. Mr. McGoldrick, the visiting commissioner for the month of December, saw that the inmates of the General Public Hospital were given a first class Christmas dinner yesterday. All together there are eighty-two persons in the institution, and all who were able appeared in the dining room and were served with a Christmas dinner equal to the best. The bill of fare included turkey, roast beef, plum pudding, etc., and was served in excellent style.

Ald. McGoldrick, Dr. Christie, the resident physician; Dr. T. D. Walker, Secretary Thomas, and Miss Hegan, the matron, materially assisted in having the dinner properly served. All who were too ill to leave their beds were not neglected, as the good things were brought to them. An inspection of the institution showed the various wards to be in a perfect condition—everything neat and clean.

AT ST. STEPHEN. St. Stephen, Dec. 25.—Christmas passed very quietly here today. Services were held in the Catholic, Episcopal and Methodist churches. Rain fell until about four p. m. and the day has been disagreeable.

AT FREDERICTON. Frederickton, Dec. 25.—The day was not propitious for outdoor amusements here. The morning opened with a snow storm, turning into rain before noon, and freezing again before night, leaving the streets and sidewalks a glare of ice.

About four o'clock a number of driving horses were out on Queen street for an hour or two. The inmates of the alms house feasted today upon the hospitality of St. Vincent de Paul society and E. H. Willmot. The King's Daughters also sent a bag of sweets to each inmate of this institution, as well as numerous other gifts to the poor of the city. All together the day was spent very quietly.

AT WASHINGTON. Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—The President and the members of the cabinet spent Christmas in the old fashion way. At the White House it was a gentle children's day. There was a Christmas tree set in the library, which was beautifully decorated with tiny part-colored electric lamps.

Gifts for the little ones were numerous, and almost at noon express wagons and messengers came laden to the White House. The President remembered all the employees in the house. Everyone got a fat turkey, and to his personal servants the president gave substantial gifts of money, an example which was followed by Private Secretary Thurber, with his own household and attendants. Mrs. Cleveland also had a pretty little present for each of the employees. She herself received very many Christmas presents, and the president's tokens being very beautiful. The only guest at the White House was Mrs. Cleveland's mother, Mrs. Perrin.

IN NEW YORK. New York, Dec. 25.—Rev. Dr. Edward McGlynn celebrated high mass in this city today, for the first time in eight years, in the Church of the Holy Spirit. He was introduced into the church at 11 o'clock with an idea of hearing him discourse on his struggle for years and his restoration was disappointed. He made no reference to these subjects, but confined himself to the conventional Christmas sermon. His difference with Archbishop Corrigan was never mentioned. At the close of the mass Father McGlynn was presented with a purse.

AT BOSTON. Boston, Dec. 25.—Christmas in this city was a "green one." Although snow fell lightly Monday night it soon disappeared during the several hours of rain this morning. Early in the forenoon the weather cleared and the day was fine and mild. The customary distribution of dinners to seamen and the poor took place at Fenwick hall and other places. The inmates of the state prison had their annual Christmas dinner, supplemented by

U. S. RETALIATION.

Still Trying to Bluff the Spanish Government on the Question of Duties.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Unless the Spanish government, within a very short time, indicates its purpose to remove the restrictions now placed on American commerce with the Spanish West Indies, by the imposition of the maximum tariff on American commodities, it is probable that the president will issue a proclamation imposing "discrimination flag duties" upon Spanish, Cuban and Portuguese goods to the United States. The intimation of this purpose on the part of the president distinctly conveyed in a request received by the treasury department from the department of state to furnish it with detailed information as to the amount of such imports and a list of the vessels carrying the Spanish flag which trade with our ports.

It is a singular fact that the only country which has so far felt the force of such a proclamation is the very one against which it may now be issued. In 1896 the relations between Spain and the United States were so strained that President Cleveland issued a proclamation declaring Spain had failed to carry out the first article of the commercial agreement signed at Madrid, February 13, 1884, which stipulated that the flag duties should be at once removed from United States products entering Cuba and Porto Rico. Being satisfied that high and discriminating duties had been imposed, he revoked the suspension of the discriminating customs duties to avoid the threatened tariff warfare between Cuba and the United States, has under consideration the cessation to Cuba of the privilege of arranging her own revenue budget, including tariffs with the United States. This Cuban budget is to be subject to the approval of Spain. The negotiations progressing at Madrid are partly on these lines, but the state department authorities are proceeding nevertheless with their retaliatory plans, as they do not believe Spain's concessions to Cuba can be carried out and made beneficial for some months to come. The significance of the matter in its commercial and political aspects is fully realized. It is said that Spain will be careful not to relinquish her sovereignty over the island, nor to permit this to become the first step toward Cuban independence. There will be no Cuban parliament similar to Canada's colonial system under Great Britain. The purpose is merely to give Cuba a voice in the local affairs.

The local officials would take up the economic necessities of the island, and estimate the needed revenue from tariff duties, and advise the Spanish government. It is thought that should be in the hands of other measures which ought to be done in order to secure the best results for the island. The great importing houses of the Atlantic cities are clamoring at the doors of the state department, and threaten to appeal to congress for some speedy action to protect their business. They report that at present the United States is losing a trade of 700,000 barrels of flour annually; all of the commerce formerly formerly purchased by the Cuban in the United States; of the hardware and a large proportion of the potato trade; a very important part of the exports to the West Indies; the total reduction in exports to Cuba for the year shows the lapse of the reciprocity agreement will amount to not less than 50 per cent. The president will doubtless impose the threatened retaliatory tariffs as soon as he is satisfied that Spain is discriminating against the United States duties.

THE TICHBORNE CASE. One of the Most Celebrated Trials in the English Courts Recalled.

London, Dec. 23.—The despatch from Sydney, New South Wales, stating that the real Sir Roger Tichborne has been found in an insane asylum at Paramatta under the name of Wm. Cresswell has not been corroborated. This despatch calls to mind one of the most famous cases before the English courts—that of Tichborne v. Lashington, in which the plaintiff claimed the Tichborne baronetcy and estates, which were worth about \$120,000 a year. Roger Charles Tichborne, the rightful heir to the title and property, sailed from Havre for Valparaiso in 1853, and the following year sailed for Rio Janeiro in a vessel that foundered at sea. A chancery suit was instituted, and his death was proved in 1865. The claimant asserted before the courts that he and eight of the crew of the foundered ship were saved; that he went to Australia and lived there thirteen years under the name of Castle, but had married under the name of Tichborne. He was accepted by the Dowager Lady Tichborne as her son, but the courts decided that he was an impostor. Subsequently the claimant was indicted for perjury and forgery under the name of Arthur Orton. In 1874 he was convicted and sentenced to fourteen years imprisonment at hard labor, but in 1884 was released on ticket-of-leave. He subsequently went to New York.

Visitor—Well, Tommy, what are you going to be when you grow up? Tommy—Ma says I am going to be just such another lazy loafer as pa is—Texas Sittings.

PRAYED FOR PAPA AND MAMMA. Touching Appeal of "Boss" McKane's Little Thirteen Year Old Daughter.

New York, Dec. 24.—There was an impressive scene in the little Methodist church at Sheephead Bay yesterday. There it was that John Y. McKane, the ex-convict of Coney Island, now in Sing Sing prison, used to sing hymns, which were the only ones that he would sing at church services. The church was crowded, and the superintendent of the Sunday school conducted the service. When Mr. Tredwell made an appeal for someone to offer prayer at the end of the meeting no one volunteered. A few minutes went by and then a clear, childish voice heard from a pew in the centre of the church. Fannie McKane, who is barely 13 years old, walked up the aisle. She offered a short prayer, which closed: "God bless papa and mamma, ammen." Then she left the church alone. There were but few dry eyes in the meeting.

FRED GROSS' SQUIRREL. Fred Gross of Apohaqui has a squirrel of which he is very proud. He has been putting the animal "through a course of sprouts" during the fall and winter and is now prepared to back him against any other squirrel in the province. Attached to the cage in which he keeps the quadruped is a hollow wheel, and the animal sometimes delights in revolving, which he does by travelling inside. But he is rather modest, and when Fred's friends are around the squirrel does not care to display his ability in this direction, and then he has to go through another course of sprouts. Notwithstanding this, however, he is a very fine squirrel, and when he gets into the new wheel, which Fred has ordered, he will no doubt show up in fine style.

GENIUS HANDICAPPED. "And you have written poetry," she exclaimed, admiringly. "Oh, yes," she answered, in a tone of indifference. "And it was accepted by the editor." "Was it?" "Tell me; what do you think the most arduous thing about being literary?" "Finding somebody who will bother about cashing a cheque for 50 cents."—Truth.

RELENTLESS TIME. He started in alarm. "You do not know what my past life has been." His fingers pressed convulsively into his palms. "Surely," he cried, "it has not been more than thirty-five years." "But the clock, please, as it has for ages, and that was all.—Puck.