

## Help Wagon Boys Spend Xmas at Home!

**Extra Men and Horses Unequal To Cope With Abnormal Rush Christmas Week—"Relief Rests With Public," Say Store Heads—Many Men on Duty Fourteen and Sixteen Hours at a Stretch—"Carry Your Small Parcels"**



The St. John merchants do all in their power to ease the burden of the city's wagon boys during the Christmas rush and that valuable co-operation on the part of the public is possible and necessary to the effective solution of the problem is the belief expressed by department store heads.

### REAL BURDEN OF HOLIDAY FALLS ON WAGON BOYS!

The editor has received the following communication from "Sympathizer."

It speaks for itself.

These last days of shopping—the habit of the public to have everything "sent" causes the most acute suffering on the part of the much-neglected deliverymen, whose burdens are as great, if not greater, than those of the man or woman behind the counter.

How can you ease the strain on the delivery boys?

By carrying home all your smaller parcels.

These parcels mean no inconvenience to you. They may mean an extra journey in a storm when the rest of the city sleeps, on the part of the wagon boy!

Read this letter:

Editor Times:

Sir—I wonder if there is anyone that realizes that while all the talk of early shopping is going on no one seems to think of the drivers and wagon boys who work on Saturday nights until 10:30 o'clock and on Christmas morning from six o'clock until noon delivering presents so that really they don't know what it is to have a Christmas with their families. Their Sundays are spoiled because they are too tired after Saturday night to go out. Won't the Times include this with the rest of the good work and get the public interested so that this winter the drivers and wagon boys won't have to go out in the cold winter nights, and will also have their Christmas home with the kiddies?

A SYMPATHIZER.

How can you help the wagon man home to his family at a respectable hour Christmas eve?

It's very simple.

"People are fully entitled to every benefit of our delivery service," said one store superintendent, "that is what it was established for—to serve our patrons. However, extra men and extra wagons will not entirely solve the problem during the terrific strain at Christmas time."

"The public can help easily by carrying their smaller parcels; the big ones—have them sent. A small parcel means no greater inconvenience to the customer—it may mean an hour's trip across the gale-swept city the night before Christmas on the part of the wagon boy."

"The stores are perfectly willing to deliver any purchase made. But if the public desires to co-operate in lightening the burden of the wagon boys, this is the way to do it."

Here's the record of one delivery man for the two weeks preceding Christmas day last year: Three days on duty from 6:45 a. m. to 10:30 p. m.; four days on duty from 6 a. m. to 11 p. m.; on duty two Sundays from 6 a. m. to 8 p. m.; six days on duty from 6 a. m. to 1 a. m.

Worked steadily from December 24, 6 a. m. to 8 a. m. on the morning of Christmas day; worked half of the afternoon until time for the evening meal.

This wasn't the store's fault. Christmas time is abnormal. The stores have spent much money and time trying to find a way to lessen the Christmas delivery rush—to give the wagon men a fair chance to spend part of the day with their families at home, but the only solution of the problem seems to lie with the public.

You can help these hard working men.

When you are shopping, instead of having the smaller parcels delivered, carry them with you. It's the thousands of little parcels that cause the suffering on Christmas day.

Why not make a resolution this mo-

ment that you will carry home every parcel you can conveniently carry?

Just say to the sales-girl, "I'll take it with me."

Get in the habit. Help the delivery men enjoy at least a portion of this holiday time.

Bring joy to their children and wives. Save the poor horses some of their weary steps.

## SHIPPING

ALMANAC FOR ST JOHN, DEC 23.

A.M. P.M.  
High Tide.... 4:14 Low Tide ....10:56  
Sun Rises.... 8:08 Sun Sets ..... 4:41  
Time used is Atlantic standard.

### PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived Yesterday.

Str Ardgarroch, 3,160, Steel, Liverpool, C P R, general cargo.  
Str Navarra, 2,947, Taylor, Halifax, J T Knight Co, bal.  
Str Hesperos (Nor), 2,722, Sanda, Philadelphia, J T Knight Co, bal.  
Str North Star, 2,886, Mitchell, Boston via Maine ports, A B Fleming, passengers and merchandise.

Sailed Yesterday.

Str Hochelaga, Tudor, Louisburg.

BRITISH PORTS.

London, Dec 21—Ard, str Monmouth, Montreal.  
Liverpool, Dec 18—Ard, str Manchester, Liverpool.

ter Shipper, Ferry, Montreal via Queens-town for Manchester.

### FOREIGN PORTS.

Vineyard Haven, Dec 22—Ard, sch Adonis, bound to Bridgeport (Conn.)  
Jacksonville, Dec 18—Ard, sch Sadie C Sumner, New York; Alice Lord, do.  
Vineyard Haven, Dec 20—Sld, schs

Carrie Strong, Boston; Anne Lord, New York.

Delaware Breakwater, Dec 20—Passed, str Manchester Miller, Philadelphia for Manchester via Portland.

Highland Light, Dec 18—Passed, sch Wanola, New York for St John.

Eastport, Dec 19—Ard, sch W L Maxwell, New York for Lubeck.

New York, Dec 19—Cld, schs Laura,

Decker, Halifax; St Maurice, Satter, Windsor.

Bordeaux, Dec 16—Ard, str Shenandoah, Lee, Newport News.

The Hobson resolution for national prohibition to be voted on in the United States was defeated in the house at Washington yesterday, failing to get a two-thirds vote.

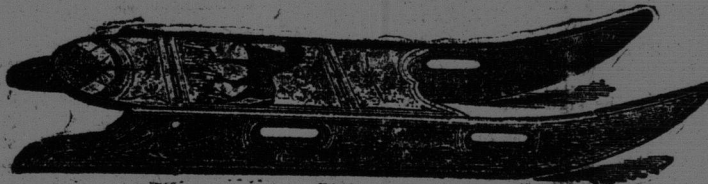
## McAvity's Christmas Suggestions

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\$1.40 to \$4.00

### Sleds



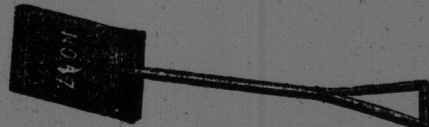
Clipper and N. B. Patterns  
65c to \$2.35

### Express Wagons



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### Snow Shovels



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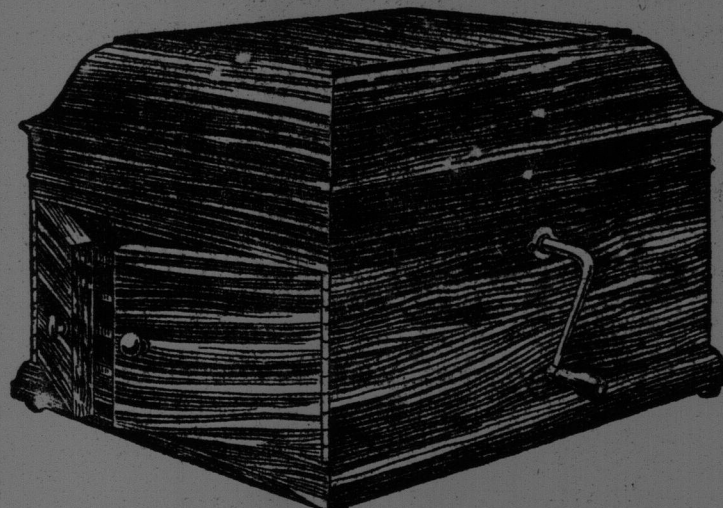
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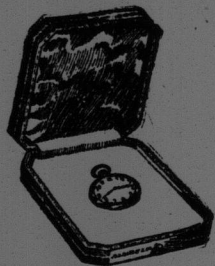
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