

It Raises A Great Commotion!

The Grand Clearance Sale of Ladies' Cloth Jackets which we inaugurated last week is giving unbounded satisfaction. We have yet a few dozen left of this season's styles which will be sold at a great reduction. We shall carry none over, so

Every Jacket Must Go.

- At \$2.50 Black Cloth Jackets with Braided Cape, sizes 32, 34 and 36;
 - At \$3.75 Black Cloth Jackets with Frilled Cape, sizes, bust measure, 34 and 38 only;
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 - At \$4.50 Fawn Serge Jacket with cape, 36 inch only, worth \$7.00;
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TEMPERANCE COLUMN

By the Women's Christian Temperance Union of St. John.

Trust the people—the wise and the ignorant, the good and the bad—with the gravest questions, and in the end you educate the race.

Indications of Progress in Dress Reform.

In England there is a Rational Dress society, which for the last ten years has been advancing the cause of rational dress. This society numbers among its members ladies of high social position.

In Chicago, U. S., a society for the Promotion of Physical Culture and Correct Dress was formed five years ago. It endeavors to base dress upon correct scientific and artistic principles.

The national council of women of the U. S. appointed a committee in 1891 to take into consideration an every-day dress for women—"a dress suitable for business hours, for shopping, for marketing, housework, walking and other forms of exercise."

In the report returned three costumes were given as suggestions. One was the modified Syrian, with skirt a little shorter than ordinarily worn, and divided; another, Mr. Miller's short-skirted costume; and the third, the gymnasium suit, divided and fastened, a little below the knee, all three giving perfect freedom not only to waist and chest but also to the limbs.

The World's Congress of Women revealed in a striking manner the progress which this crusade has made. These meetings were almost entirely devoted to its discussion and were among the most enthusiastic of the congress. At one of the speakers appeared in these dress reform suits, giving a practical illustration of their ideas.

Another indication of the progress of this question is the attention which it is receiving from the press. In the past, all that was said was especially hostile. Within the last two years it has published more than a dozen articles upon the subject. There have appeared also by side with these, giving important political and social reform questions.

Mrs. Flower, wife of the editor of the Arena, has worn the modified Syrian costume as a bicycle suit for some time in Boston and latterly as a street costume.

The Boston artist, Miss Laura Lee, has worn it in her studio for several years and last summer at the World's fair, where during her stay there. A number of ladies have adopted it for morning wear in their homes. The reform has begun and will go on until something permanent is accomplished, because it is a temporary fad, but a movement based upon rational thought.

WHAT IS CHRISTIAN SCIENCE?

A Talk by Miss Annie Vessay Thursday Evening in the Princess Street Rooms.

Thursday evening Miss Annie Vessay gave a "talk" on Christian Science at her rooms, Princess street, to quite a number of ladies and gentlemen.

The question, "What is Christian Science?" was answered, first, by brief definitions; secondly, by considering Christian Science as it appears to the world; thirdly, by its teachings and its demonstrations. Science is "God's sight" (Webster). In its innermost sense the term science, thus defined, embraces all that is taught by the Christian Science.

In 1875 the text-book of Christian Science, Science and Health, was issued. This book points to truth as the healer of disease and well of sin and sorrow. The teachings of science have been distorted; state laws have been framed especially to stop the work of Christian Science; yet these laws have been quietly set aside by the highest courts of the states enacting them, inasmuch as it was beyond the function of the state to legislate against the freedom of the religious worship of its people.

Today Christian Science organizations are everywhere receiving recognition as Christian organizations. Note the words of Hon. C. C. Bonney in his address of welcome to the Christian Science Congress held in connection with the late Columbian exhibition:

AN OLD SONG FOR Loyalists DAY.

The Sons of "Eighty Three."

(Written for music composed by S. K. Foster, Esq., September, 1884.)

[Stephen K. Foster was a leader in national circles in this city fifty years ago, and a comrade of more than local celebrity. The song was found among some old books formerly in the possession of the Tidalside Loyalist. The writer is unknown.]

"This is my own—my native land—
The home where I was born,
And near the spot where now you stand,
I spent my early years;
I have but fond memories of my days—
Beneath some aged tree—
Which told of 'Eighty-three.'

I sing now of war and strife—
Of battles and of loss—
Of ransomed captives and of life—
Of glory and of rest—
For long sweet peace hath spread her wings
On this my native land,
And each revolving year still brings
New blessings from its hand.

Through richer lands—in other climes—
My feet have wandered free,
But I still think of home—
My native land—
I fondly thought of home—
Of mountains and of fields—
Which were the inland sea—
Of peace and of its bliss—
Which all have cherished for me.

Where'er we stray, on life's wide track,
While far our footsteps tread,
I think of home and of my back
The homestead and the tree.

Our fathers fondly loved
Whom they so oft had lost—
Might guard their life when they should be
Their dearest wish we cherish still—
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And we, our sons, beneath its shade,
Should stand as they once stood,
And tell our sons of those who led
The brave and noble host—
And with a parent's earnest love
Our latest blessing shall prove
That they are true, as they are brave,
And guard that flag for aye.

FREDERICTON.

A Seductive Tale Unfolded by Mr. Fonda.

Losses by the Fisher Failure—General News at the Capital.

FREDERICTON, May 15.—Col. Marsh delivered judgment in the remaining McAdam case at two o'clock this morning, convicting Mr. Tabor for "selling," and imposing a \$50 fine.

W. H. Murray went up river this morning to ascertain the position of the upper St. John lumber drive. It is feared Connor's driver is hung up at Seven Islands, and that Connor will not be past his last winter's cut, but nothing definite is yet known as to the position of either of these parties.

The latest reports from the Tobique and Arcoctocook is not encouraging. Beveridge on the Tobique is said to be having a hard time on Cedar Brook with a million for Handolph & Son. The Boston company has not yet given up on the Tobique.

On the Arcoctocook, Nascon, for Chesing & Co. is still in the lakes with about three millions, with poor prospects of getting out. At the former Arcoctocook, having domain over the falls of the sea, and over the flow of the air, and over the cattle, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

The demonstrations of Christian Science as proof of the truth of its teachings: Jesus the Christ, the perfect demonstrator, proved the nothingness of every law of materiality. His so-called "resurrection" surprised the world, having harmony made manifest to the mortal senses. The miracles of Elijah and Elisha, the escape of the Hebrew children from the flames, the manna from heaven, and the water from the rock were similar manifestations of these ever abiding laws.

During the first three centuries of the Christian era these demonstrations continued to go hand in hand with Christianity. Gibbon in his Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire says: "The miraculous cure of diseases of the most inveterate or even preternatural kind can no longer assist any superstitious faith when we recollect that in the days of Socrates, about the end of the second century, the resurrection of the dead was very far from being esteemed an uncommon event; that the mirily was frequently performed on necessary occasions, and that the persons thus restored had lived afterwards among them many years."

Christian Science is not will power. It is not mesmerism, hypnotism or animal magnetism. Spiritual laws cannot be demonstrated by any effort of the mortal will, but by substituting for the mortal will the will of God. In proportion as this is done may improved health and morals be obtained. Said Archbishop Trench in his work on the Miracles of Christ: "The miracle, according to its true idea, is not the violation, nor the suspension of law, but the coming of a higher law, as of a spiritual in the midst of natural laws, and momentary assertion for that higher law of the predominance that it is intended to have, and but for man's fall, would always have had over the lower, and with this a prophetic anticipation of the abiding presence which it shall one day recover."

"The prophetic anticipation" is today beginning to be fulfilled. In thousands of cases has it been proven that these higher spiritual laws of harmony can be demonstrated in the healing of the sick, even as the master demonstrated them so long ago on the hills and by the lakes of Palestine. Christian Scientists have but one object in their work—the imparting of a knowledge of "spiritual law" in its practical application to the needs of humanity, thus aiding in the overthrow of evil in every form, and in the establishment of God's kingdom of love and harmony.

INLAND SHIP CANALS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—Two very important projects for great inland ship canals were favorably noted upon today by the house committee on railways and canals, and appropriations were voted for surveys for a canal to connect the Hudson river and the great lakes, and for one between the Ohio river and Lake Erie. There is a movement on foot for negotiations with the Erie and Ontario canal companies to acquire the Erie canal property to the general government.

THE GREAT COAL STRIKE.

Grand Trunk Railway Shops Closed Down in Consequence.

The Miners' Conference at Clayland Closes Without Coming to Any Decision.

HAMILTON, Ont., May 17.—The Grand Trunk shops are closed this morning on account of the severity of the coal, and will remain closed until the coal strike is over. The company has only 300 tons of coal on hand. Two hundred men are thrown out of employment.

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"How long will the outlook last?" "As long as the coal strike lasts, and no longer. To my mind the strike has lost all features of a strike and has assumed the appearance of a lockout. I believe that the present trouble is the result of a fight between the Pennsylvania and Ohio mine owners, but it is very hard to arrive at the true inwardness of the affair."

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The Thomson works yesterday may involve several suspensions. Several cars of coke came into the yards of the Edgar Thomson works this morning, but as these works take 150 cars of coke a day, this is not a desirable. It is certain that, should the strike be prolonged after this week, the entire plant of the Edgar Thomson, including the rolling mills, would be forced to discontinue.

MONTREAL, May 17.—The Grand Trunk employees who were interviewed tonight in regard to the closing of the coal strike at the shops all along the line and the reduction of the train service to the lowest possible point claim that the coal strike is not an excuse for cutting down expenses. They do not deny that there is a coal famine, but point to the decision at the annual meeting of the shareholders in London recently, when Sir Henry Tyler said that expenses must be reduced.

Another Cheese Factory.

The residents of Fox Creek, Westmorland Co., are determined not to be behind in the race for pre-eminence in dairy products and this spring have been agitating for the establishment of a cheese factory in that fine section of the province.

Rev. Father Legare is taking great interest in the undertaking and among his other practical moves he secured the situation of W. W. Hubbard, of the Dairy Commissioner's staff at a meeting on Monday evening 14th. There was a large turnout of the farmers of the district and the meeting was also attended by Rev. H. E. Richardson, Rogersville, N. B.; Rev. F. Herbert, St. Paul de Kent; Rev. Fr. Massan of Moncton and the Rev. Vicar of Shediac.

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Great enthusiasm is manifested by the pupils of Victoria school over the prospect of window gardening, owing to the fact that the school has been cultivating flowers, S. L. Gorboll has very kindly offered a handsome prize to the room having the finest display of flowers in its window boxes. Each room is determined to win this prize, and a close competition is expected.

RAY OF FUNDY STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the Bay of Fundy Steamship company (Ltd.) was held on the 16th. The year's business was very satisfactory to all the shareholders present. The following board of directors was chosen: James Macdonald, St. John; W. H. Thorne, H. D. Troop, and John E. Irvine of St. John, S. W. Pickett of Granville Ferry, and H. B. Short of Digby.

BUILDING IN ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.

John Drury, of John Drury & Son, the well-known firm of builders, has received a letter from his son, who has charge of the firm's contracts in St. John's, Nfld., in which the latter states that the political middle there has greatly interfered, for the present at least, with the prosecution of public works. It had been intended to construct custom houses, post offices and other government buildings this summer, but this work is at a standstill and will be until the question at issue is settled.