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Derbies \$2.00 to \$5.00 Ea.

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Plain Blue (Heavy Duck) 75c and \$1.00
Plain Tan (Heavy Duck) \$1.00 and \$1.50
Painters' and Masons' Overalls 50c.
Heavy Black Jumpers 75c, 95c, \$1.45
Plain Blue (Heavy Duck) 75c and \$1.00
Plain Tan (Heavy Duck) \$1.00 and \$1.50
White Duck 50c.
Boys' Blue and Tan Overalls 50c.

S. W. McMACKIN, 335 Main Street

LOCAL NEWS

SEE THEM Classified ads. will be found today on Page Three, in addition to Page Six.

MILL STARTED SAWING. W. D. Gunter's mill at St. Mary's started operations for the season yesterday.

POST OFFICE SALARIES No definite word has reached the post office today concerning the matter of increases in salaries for some of the clerks, but it is expected that the checks at the close of the month will show a difference. It is believed that the juniors now engaged at a salary of \$600 on beginning will get \$600 and that those in the second division may have their annual increases advanced to \$100 from the usual \$80.

JEWISH NIGHT SCHOOL The free Jewish night school which has been under way during the winter has met with much success. English has been one of the principal studies of the course, and the progress made has been most encouraging. About sixteen pupils are enrolled in its establishment through the kindness of Mrs. Louis Green, Mrs. M. Ross and Mrs. A. Hart.

MRS. PERCY S. BENJAMIN DEAD George H. Waterbury of this city, this morning received the sad news of the sudden death of his daughter, Besie, wife of Percy S. Benjamin, which occurred at her home in Wolfville, N. S. Besides her husband she is survived by two small children, one of seven years, and one only an infant; two brothers, George H. Waterbury, Jr., and Jack D. Waterbury, and two sisters, Misses Nita and Dorothy Waterbury, of this city. A Halifax despatch says that Mr. Benjamin was in Halifax on business when he received word of his wife's death. When he left home for Halifax on Monday his wife apparently was in good health, and the news of her death came as a great shock to him. Mrs. Benjamin was about thirty years of age.

PLEASANT AND SUCCESSFUL A highly successful and pleasing entertainment and picnic was held last night by Excelsior Division, No. 465, S. of T. in the Sons of England Band Hall, St. James street. John Whitehouse acted as chairman. The following programme was carried out: Selection, Sons of England Band; recitation, Stanley E. Irvine; solo, Miss May Alchorn; dialogue, Misses Ethel Mullett, Kathleen Mullett, Lena Patchell, May Alchorn; Messrs. Whitehouse and G. C. Metcalfe; selection, Sons of England Band; recitation, Mrs. A. Metcalfe; banjo and mandolin, Messrs. McDonald; recitation, Miss Mullett; solo, Miss Ethel Alchorn; reading, Miss A. Metcalfe. The object was to secure funds to purchase an organ for the division. The officers in charge of the affair feel that they have succeeded.

SAYS ST. JOHN SELFISH IN THIS MATTER OF VALLEY RAILWAY

Fredericton Cleaner Makes Bid For the Grab Bill

The attention of Mayor Frink and others will no doubt be directed to the following paragraph from the 'Fredericton Cleaner on the Valley Railway question': 'There may be some people however who feel that the citizens of St. John, and some other doubters, are inclined to be selfish in justifying the additional guarantee only on the basis that St. John's interests are to be consulted. There is quite a number of fellow citizens outside of St. John, in which reside a large number of people who have quite as much interest in the Valley Railway as the people of that city, and who believe that they will have business enough and interests enough to offer in the development of their section of the country to warrant further assistance to the road. These people feel that the road can do a very respectable business north of Fredericton, irrespective of any traffic which may come over it via the Transcontinental.'

MR. PIDGEON DECLINES

D. F. Pidgeon has decided that he will not be a candidate for the office of mayor at the coming election and this morning issued the following statement: 'Having been urgently solicited by a number of my friends and fellow citizens of St. John to offer for the mayorship at the forthcoming civic elections, it is with regret that I am compelled to decline the honor extended to me. 'It would have given me great pleasure to have served our city's interests to the extent of my ability, but my personal affairs are such as to necessitate my absence from the city for extended periods during the immediate future, and I would therefore be unable to do justice to such an important position. 'I have had many opportunities of working in connection with our present mayor on matters of importance to our city, and this opportunity was again offered during the last few days, when what I believe to be a successful effort to safe-guard our city's interests in the matter of the Valley Railway has been carried out by a committee of the board of trade consisting of the president and myself with good assistance from Mayor Frink. 'I therefore feel that our city's interests will be well guarded by the present mayor during another term of office.'

SOUTH AFRICAN VETERAN

SCRIP BILL IN THE SENATE

Ottawa, April 1.—The senate yesterday gave a third reading to a bill extending the time for the payment of \$500 in lieu of land for South African veteran scrip. Senators T. L. Davis, and Cloran said this was merely giving a bonus to land speculators and that this should be eliminated. The bill, however, was adopted.

Personal Notes by Cable. London, April 1.—H. S. Holt, president of the Royal Bank of Canada, is present visiting Egypt, is expected in London next week. Hon. R. K. Bishop, a member of the Newfoundland cabinet is staying at the Langham Hotel. C. H. Gill, president of the Calgary Flour Milling Company, Limited, is in Liverpool.

CUSTOMS RETURNS IN EACH SMALLER BUT THE ENTRIES MORE NUMEROUS

The St. John Figures For The Fiscal Year Ended Yesterday

Although the receipts at the St. John customs house during the fiscal year which closed yesterday show a decrease of something more than \$80,000 as compared with the receipts during 1912-13, there has been an increase of 1,663 entries. The amount of customs duties and sick mariners' fees collected in 1912-13 was \$1,739,602.42, while \$1,976,595.88 was the amount collected during the year which closed yesterday, a decrease of \$2,706.57. Between April 1, 1912, and March 31, 1913, the number of entries put through was 29,885, and during the 1912-13 fiscal year 29,798 entries were passed. The decrease in the amount of the revenue is probably accounted for by the fact that during 1912-13 some large shipments of dredging and construction machinery were entered. The revenue for April shows a good increase over the same month last year. The figures are:—

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. April, 1913. Customs duties, \$168,573.98. Sick mariners' fees, 1,274.90. Total, \$169,848.88. April, 1914. Customs duties, \$170,191.58. Sick mariners' fees, 1,587.43. Total, \$171,779.01. Increase for April, \$1,930.13.

BOARD OF TRADE

DELEGATION REPORT ON VALLEY MISSION

Messrs. Robinson and Pidgeon Tell of Visits to Ottawa and Fredericton

J. M. Robinson and D. F. Pidgeon, who were a committee of the board of trade to make some enquiries regarding the Valley Railway situation, today submitted the following report:— As a committee of the board of trade appointed to enquire into the present status of the Valley Railway, particularly in its relation to St. John, we have during the past three weeks made very careful investigations, devoting practically all our time to the subject. From information placed at our disposal we found it necessary to proceed to Ottawa, and having obtained the authority of the board for that purpose, arrived there on Thursday last, March 26, and interviewed the Hon. Mr. Hassen through whose assistance we were granted an interview with the prime minister and the acting minister of railways. We were also fortunate in being able to meet Mr. Chamberlain of the Grand Trunk Pacific who informed us that his company had no intention of using the Valley Railway should it be proposed to proceed to Ottawa, but that if the original route were adhered to, he anticipated making arrangements for trackage over the Intercolonial. We spent Tuesday, March 31, in Fredericton interviewing members of the local government and officials of the Valley Railway. As a result of our enquiries we are in a position to state that there has never been any intention on the part of the provincial government of deviating from the original contract which calls for the construction of the railroad to St. John by way of Evandale and Rothesay; that in our opinion the interests of the province and of the city of St. John are being well safeguarded; and that the necessary arrangements will be made within a very short time and the necessary assistance given the province to provide for the construction of the Valley Railway as originally intended.

J. M. ROBINSON, D. F. PIDGEON. April 1, 1914.

PRINCIPALS STILL AWAITED

Local Greeks Have Had Welcome Planned For Some Days

Each day at noon for the last two or three days and again at nearly midnight, local Greeks have been visitors to the Union Depot awaiting the arrival of the Boston train, but have been thus far disappointed to welcome whom they were planning to welcome have not arrived. Early last fall Pheon Mercuro who, with his brother Michael, conducted a fruit store and shoe shine parlor left St. John for Greece to take out himself a wife—a pretty little Grecian sweetheart of his boyhood days. He has now returned and is in Boston where he was joined this week by his brother Michael. The latter who is the elder of the brothers was on a visit to Greece and was married there last year and his wife and little child are now with him in Boston having come out with Pheon and his bride. They form a very happy party and that they are enjoying themselves is evident from the fact that, though they were expected in the city early this week, they have not yet arrived. The members of the local Greek colony are planning on extending to them a hearty greeting.

AWAY TOMORROW TO OLD LAND

Rev. F. S. Porter, pastor of the Germain street Baptist church, accompanied by Frederick C. Fisher, accountant of the church, will leave early tomorrow morning on the S. S. Saturnia for a two months' holiday trip to England, Ireland and Scotland. They also hope to go to Paris and other parts of France. They will board the steamer this evening on account of the vessel leaving so early in the morning they will be accompanied on their voyage by Rev. Louis Duval and Mrs. Duval, who are returning to the mission field in West Africa, after being on furlough for two years. Mrs. Porter and infant daughter will go to Fredericton, where they will stay with Mrs. Porter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Spurdin, until her husband's return. Rev. Dr. J. H. McDonald, who is expected to arrive in the city at the end of the week to become editor of the Maritime Baptist will occupy the pulpit at the Germain street church until the pastor returns.

Macaulay Bros. & Co. King Street, St. John, N. B. Our stores open at 9 a. m.; close 6 p. m.; Saturdays 10 p. m.

\$1.50 Big Bargain Sale \$1.50 of Curtains

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Nottingham Lace Curtains

from one of England's foremost manufacturers of these goods, in handsome new Spring designs, with double borders, 3 yards long, at a big discount in price, which enables us to offer these high grade curtains at such an extremely low price, viz.: \$1.50 a pair—white or ivory. You Cannot Afford to Miss This Big Sale

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Slater Shoe Shop - 81 King St.

April 1, 1914.

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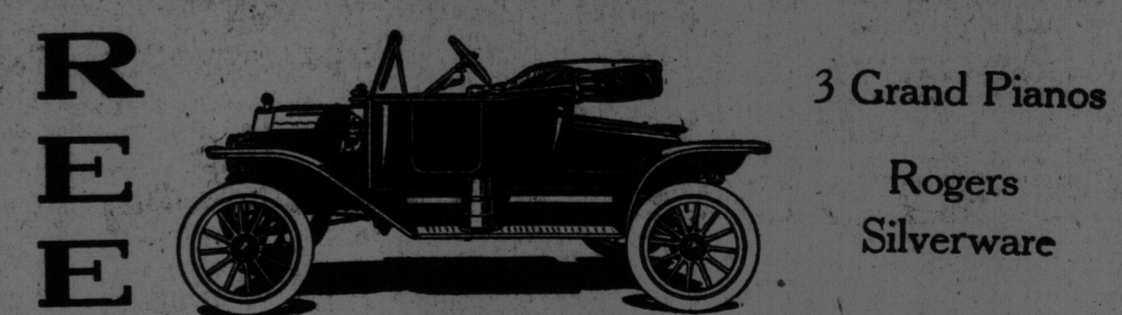
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