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Every one who purchases one load of Reserve, Caledonia, Spring Hill, Sydney or Hard Coal (Cash with order) has a chance to get it.

J. S. FROST, 11 Union Street.

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All the good things for the Holiday Season and have the house warm and comfortable, get a good supply of Coal, Wood and Kindling early at GIBBON & CO'S.

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Among the many who have derived pleasure and benefit and permit the proprietor to use their names as references are:

- Dr. J. E. March, Dr. G. A. B. Addy, Dr. J. H. Cunningham, Boston; Dr. Geo. H. H. ...

PUBLIC NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED, having been appointed by the Common Council of the City of St. John, a committee of the said Council for conducting the sale of the Fisheries on the eastern side of the Bay, River and Harbor of St. John, and of the Fisheries on the western side of the harbor, in the City of St. John, for the ensuing year, pursuant to law, hereby give notice that the fishery lots along the east side of the Bay, River and Harbor, and all the Fisheries heretofore enjoyed and possessed by the inhabitants on the east side of the Harbor, with those in and surrounding Tavy Island, and also the fishery lots for the western side of the Harbor, will be sold by Public Auction on TUESDAY, the SEVENTH DAY OF JANUARY NEXT, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the City Court Room (so called), in the Court House, in the City of St. John, for the fishing season of the ensuing year, to end on the 15th day of August next.

WALTER W. WHITE, ALEX. W. MACRAE, JOHN MCLEOD, ROBERT MAXWELL, T. B. ROBINSON, JOHN B. M. BAXTER, ENOCH B. COLWELL, JOHN MCGILDRICK.

JOHN RUBINS, -CUSTOM TAILOR- Clothes cleaned, repaired and pressed at short notice. 53 Germain Street.

AFTER THE FIRE.

As soon as we are through with the insurance people we will have a Sale of Damaged Goods at F. E. HOLMAN'S Store, King Street, opposite our old stand.

A. E. CLARKE.

Coal Sold by bushel, barrel or ton at LAW & CO'S, Tel. 1246. Foot of Clarence St.

"Patterson's," Sor. Charlotte and Duke Streets.

LOOK!

Special Sale of high class GORSETS At low class prices. In all the best make. Must be sold. STORE OPEN TILL 7 P. M.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers will please send in copy early in the morning, to ensure the necessary change being made.

LOCAL NEWS.

There is good ice at the Victoria rink.

Left at the Sun office, a pair of gloves. Owner please call.

Dr. J. D. Maher's new dental office at 46 1-2 King street, over Hall's bookstore, was opened today.

The police report a hole in the sidewalk on Charlotte street near the Pender Nall Works.

D. Magee's Sons are selling strong leather mitts, lined, for teamsters, at 50 cents. They are great value.

A memorial service in memory of the late A. C. Smith will be held in the Carleton Free Baptist church next Sunday evening.

The body of Michael Carroll, the insane man who died yesterday in the asylum, was taken to his late home in Escuminae by this morning's train.

Any person purchasing a load of coal for cash from J. S. Frost this week has a chance to get that free load of soft coal. The competition closes next Saturday.

The Thistle Curling Club will play at points at their rink Golden street, tomorrow for the Thistle Club points medal, open to all members of the club. Play from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m.

Fred R. Patterson, corner Charlotte and Duke streets will close his store at 7 p. m. during January and February, giving purchasers of dry goods an extra hour from six to seven, during these months.

Supt. McPeake, of the Shore Line railway, is complaining to the city of the condition of South Rodney wharf. The city, he says, is losing considerable revenue by its failure to repair the wharf.

Lt.-Col. White, commanding 3rd special service battalion at Halifax; Major Simini, chief of staff imperial forces at Halifax; Capt. Barker, R. F. A., now home on leave, and George K. McLeod, of New York, were the guests of the Cliff Club on Saturday evening.

As an illustration of the absurdly false impressions that has been made in some parts of the province with respect to the smallpox in St. John, it is stated that St. John men who visit Woodstock are avoided as if they were freighted with pestilence.

John P. Lynch, who has resigned his position as a traveller of the Frost & Wood Co., Ltd., to join the forces of the McCormick Mfg. Co. of Chicago, was presented with a handsome gold chain on Saturday by Manager Burdett and the employees of the Frost & Wood Co.

Robbie Burns failed to carry his Saturday night festivities as far as usual, but figured on the police books this morning as having been ejected from Daniel McGovern's house on Chapel street. The police were also called in to Amelia Rolston's house on Elm street to quell a disturbance between Gilbert Stevens and his wife.

The tug Gypsum King, which took two barges plaster liden from Windsor to Southwest Harbor, is at St. John for coal and water, and will proceed up the bay for other work, which she will also leave at Southwest harbor. When all the barges have been brought down the Gypsum King will take them to New York. The object in bringing the barges down is to prevent them from being frozen in.

The death is reported of Miss Nanry Komienky, daughter of Isaac Komienky, which occurred this morning at her father's residence, 124 Mill street. Miss Komienky was seventeen years of age, and had been ill but a short time. Death was due to pneumonia. Her funeral took place at half-past two o'clock this afternoon, the services being conducted at the house and grave by Rabbi Welensky. Interment was made in the Jewish cemetery at Fernhill.

In banking circles it has been found that in spite of the many complaints made of loss of business and a general tightness of cash as results of the smallpox epidemic, paper is being taken up better than last year. Although January 4th is not so important a day in this respect as is March 4th, still it is one of the principal days of the year on which notes are met and the result of Saturday's business shows that the smallpox has had practically no effect. Money is seemingly plentiful, and the financial outlook is promising.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

The first mid-day meeting during the week of prayer was held in the Y. M. C. A. at twelve o'clock today. W. C. Whittaker presided, and there was a fairly large attendance.

The subject for today's meeting was "The Church Universal," and besides Mr. Whittaker, Rev. George Steel, William Kingston, George A. Williams, J. Hunter White and Rev. Mr. Beattie took part.

The meetings for this evening are as follows:

- 8 p. m.—Coburg Street Christian church; leader, Rev. G. N. Stevenson; speaker, Rev. G. A. Sellar. Free Baptist Church, West End. Leader, Rev. Dr. Hartley; speaker, Rev. J. Burgess. St. Luke's Church. Subject, "Confession and thanksgiving." Leader, Rev. J. C. B. Appel; speaker, Rev. W. White.

PERSONAL.

Miss Florence Estabrook of the west side, who has been spending the Christmas holidays at home, returned to Fredericton today to continue her studies at the Normal School.

MODERN DRY DOCK.

With Concrete Entrance is What the Committee Recommend.

The dry dock committee presented its report at the meeting of the common council today. After referring to the trip taken by the members and speaking in detail of the various docks visited, the committee makes the following recommendations:

1st. Wood. We recommend the dock be built of wood, because we believe wood docks to be best commercial value. The necessary repairs during a period of at least 25 years are merely nominal, and we saw docks 25 years old in good order. Work can be done at less cost in a dock built of wood because it can be built much wider at top thus admitting more light and air; there are more steps in the others, thus giving better facilities for shoring and the workmen can get in and out at any point. The piles, sills and caps may be of our native woods, the exposed wood should be hard pine or B. C. fir.

2nd. Entrance. We recommend concrete and granite entrance, because, with a permanent entrance, repairs or renewals will be made to the future without stopping work in the dock. The construction of the dock of wood and the entrance of concrete and granite give best commercial value and is true economy.

3rd. Pumping. We recommend a first-class pumping plant, because the falling tide would not drain the dock by 10 to 18 feet and we understand from parties using docks that if they had our tides they would not use them to drain docks. The time is too valuable.

4th. Dimensions. We recommend dimensions with a view to the future. Owing to the rise and fall of tides in this port, the dock should be unusually deep, and the depth we recommend is such that vessels drawing 15 feet of water can be placed in or out of the dock during 18 hours of each day.

In reply to the desirability and we may say necessity of a dry dock at St. John, we beg to submit the following:

It is the opinion of your committee that the time has arrived when a dry dock is absolutely necessary in the best interests of the port. We do not know of any other ocean port in the world with anything like the same amount of shipping that is without a dry dock. In the year ending June 30th, 1901, 330 ocean going steamers of 325,791 tons; 1135 sea going sailing vessels of 142,323 tons; 630 coast steamers, of 394,206 tons; 2,160 coasters, of 168,572 tons, in all 4,355 vessels of 1,041,391 tons cleared outward at this port.

POLICE COURT.

An S. P. C. A. Case Before the Court Today.

William Riecke is a native of Switzerland, a descendant of his ancestors and when the magistrate this morning remarked "William tell, the prisoner explained that his incompatibility of Saturday was due solely to the fact that he had just come out of a drug-store where he had gone to purchase some medicine. He was fined four dollars or ten days and instead of going home to feed his sheep, went into the fold where others are fed free of charge.

Susan Ferguson also had a good excuse. Her head was dizzy and her side was sore. This, in her eyes, constituted a sufficient reason for her untimely walk on King street. Sergt. Campbell explained that Susan had used some very impure words and had refused to be sent home. Susan told the magistrate that it was his duty to show mercy to a poor old woman who had only been half drunk and that he ought to have some respect for age. The magistrate hinted that Susan should be old enough to know better and finish her head.

James B. Gillespie, reported for allowing water to flow from his barn over the sidewalk on Peters street, explained that the water did not come from his property, but from another barn.

Secretary Wetmore, of the S. P. C. A., reported Frank Cronin and Hawker Lynch for over-driving a horse hired from Golding's stable on the night of Dec. 26th. From the evidence given by Mr. Golding, Officer Finley and others, it appears that Cronin had hired the horse between ten and eleven o'clock at night, stating that he wished to drive a friend out the road. Between three and four o'clock next morning Officer Finley saw the horse lying on Charlotte street. He went to it and found Cronin and Lynch there. The wagon was bespattered with blood, the horse's feet were badly cut and bruised and the animal was played out. It was hauled on a sledge to Golding's stable and will not be able to work for some months. The case was postponed until Dr. Simons who attended the horse, could be sent for.

Dr. Simons stated that he found the horse lying on the street in a condition of complete exhaustion, with its feet bruised and bleeding. He was unable to state for a certainty what had brought on this condition, but he is still the cause. The case is still going on.

DRY DOCK AND SHIPBUILDING.

Edward Latter, Representing English Business Men Asks Common Council for Inducements.

The following letter was received and read at the common council meeting this afternoon: ST. JOHN, Dec. 31.

Gentlemen,—The writer having received instructions from influential business friends in London to obtain information and transmit the same to them, begs respectfully to ask advice on the following necessary points:

- 1.—What encouragement is offered by the city to a company able and willing to start a dry dock in St. John? 2.—What encouragement is offered to shipbuilding companies to lay down a plant at St. John? 3.—Is the said project for a dock or for a shipbuilding yard open to public competition, either for supplying the docking or shipbuilding facilities? If so, would a pontoon dock on the Clark & Stanfield principle, which is the most modern approved type of dock, be accepted providing its lifting power was adequate for present and future requirements? Also providing the shipyard capacity for turning out tonnage be proved satisfactory.

As business men you will quite understand my principal reason for not wishing to disclose their names at this early stage, prior to their having some definite inducement to enable them to decide whether they think it worth their while to enter upon this costly project. I need not touch upon the advantages which would accrue to the city by the starting of such establishments by competent men or the need of such industries.

Yours, EDWARD D. LATTER, 97 Prince Wm. Street.

SUFFERING SAILORS.

The crew of the three-masted schooner Clifton, who were taken off by the steamer Exeter City, on Thursday, about 400 miles east of Sandy Hook, suffered terrible hardships before being rescued.

After the Clifton left Chatham, N. B., she encountered a gale, and had to put into Halifax for repairs, leaving there Dec. 26. No more trouble came till New Year's day, when, in another gale, a leak started. The crew manned the pumps, and while there, Victor Korthe, a Finn, was washed overboard. Then the sails and two of the main booms were carried away, followed by the steering gear and the rudder. The cargo of laths alone kept the vessel from sinking. All through the night of Jan. 1st the crew suffered on the wreck, but at dawn of the next day the Exeter City was sighted close by, and the crew of the Clifton rescued at some risk, as the sea was very high. The schooner was fired, and left burning. The rescued were Captain Fisher, First Mate David Campbell, Second Mate James Peltie and Able Seaman Arthur McDonald, Chas. Kennedy and Arthur Simon.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of Johnston L. O. B. A. Lodge, No. 19, was held Saturday evening in Orange Hall, Germain street, and after the regular business was transacted Mrs. H. Kilpatrick, W. M. of Cullum lodge, No. 26, took the chair, assisted by Mrs. J. Howard and Mr. E. McLeod, guardian of Roxborough lodge, No. 32, conducted the election of officers: viz.—Mrs. M. A. McLeod, W. M.; Mrs. Geo. Perry, D. M.; Miss Annie Brown, chaplain; M. McLeod, Rec. Sec.; Mary McLeod, Fin. Sec.; Mrs. Wm. Simpson, treasurer; Miss Eilda Jones, Lec.; Mrs. D. Cummins, D. of C.; Mrs. S. Cody, Sen. of C.; Mrs. W. Cummins, 2nd; Mrs. J. Lannon, 3rd; Mrs. Gooderich, 4th; Mrs. Beatson, 5th; Mrs. W. Connors, I. G.; Mr. R. Gooderich, O. G.; Mr. Wm. Simpson, guardian.

Mrs. J. Howard, W. M. of No. 32 then took the chair and, assisted by Mrs. H. Kilpatrick, W. M. No. 36, as D. of C., installed the officers. After speeches from Messrs. McLeod, Simpson, Gooderich and Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Kilpatrick and other members, refreshments were served and a pleasant evening spent.

THE PRICE OF FUEL.

"People are not paying as much for fuel this winter as they did last," said J. S. Frost to the Star this morning. "A year ago Reserve and Caledonia sold at \$7.50. Now the price is \$6.80. Hard coal went up in September of 1900, after the strike, and in October had got up to \$7, and even to \$8 for chestnut. In December it declined a little, and in January of last year it had got down to about \$6. But it is selling now at \$5.75. Hard wood is a little cheaper, selling at \$2.25 per load, compared with \$2.50 a year ago. Soft wood sells at the same price as last year."

BOOM FOR STEAMSHIP TRADE.

The port of St. John never in its history enjoyed such a boom in steamship trade as this winter. Today six steamships, each representing a different line, entered at the custom house. On the signal station the house flags of the Allan, Douglas, Manchester, West India, and Battle lines floated, as announcements of arrivals of these liners, the Ionian, Manchester City, Concordia, Ocamo, and Plata. The latter is here to load hay for South Africa. The sixth arrival is the Forest Holme, the only boat which comes for a cargo of deals.

THE COURTS.

In McLeod v. Currey, in special circuit before Judge McLeod, the direct examination of L. A. Currey, K. C., was concluded and adjournment was made until this afternoon.

Accounts in the estate of the late Wm. McNichol were passed this morning. Andrew McNichol administrator; John Kerr, K. C., proctor. In the estate of the late Lavinia Lawson, widow of Andrew Lawson, letters of administration were today granted to her three daughters, the executrices named. The estate consists of \$6,700 real and \$3,500 personal. Three sons get \$500 each, and the balance of the estate is divided among four daughters.

DYKEMAN'S

Three Entrances 87 King, 59 Charlotte and 6 South Market Streets.

STOCK TAKING

IS BRINGING TO LIGHT many things that we had lost sight of, for instance, here is a large lot of wool travelling rugs that should have been sold in the earlier part of the season. Any person wanting one of these fine rugs can have them now at much less than they could have bought them for a short time ago.

A good heavy Wool Rug, worth \$3.00, for \$1.85. The next quality, \$2.45. Then comes the fine English Rugs at \$2.95. These are heavy and made from pure wools. Then there are the heavier Lanark Rugs, usually sold at \$6.50, marked \$4.95. Plain on one side with tartan plaid on the reverse. Made from pure Australian Wools.

F. A. Dykeman & Co.

Advertisement for New Pianos and Organs for 1902, listing various brands like Chickering, Newcombe, etc.

The W. H. Johnson Co., Limited, 7 Market Sq., St. John, N. B., and Halifax, N. S.

Have Your Skates Ground!

Up-to-date grinder and satisfaction guaranteed. Bicycles Stored, Cleaned and Insured and Nickel Polished for \$2.00.

Ring up 764 and we will send for bicycles or skates.

Canada Cycle and Motor Co., Ltd., 54 KING STREET.

Advertisement for Kodaks, featuring an image of a camera and listing prices for various models.

FAIRALL'S BIG SALE

Still Continues at 17 Charlotte St.

- All Kid Gloves, 25c. Corduroys, \$1.00 for... 50c. Gent's Best, \$1.25... 69c. Silk Velvet, \$2.50... 75c. Ladies' Cardigans, \$3.00... \$1.25 Dress Silks, \$2.50... 75c. Ladies' Cardigans, \$2.65... \$1.00 All Plain Colored Silks, \$1.00... 33c. Ostrich Feathers, \$3.00... 25c. Men's Winter Caps, \$1.25... 37c. Ostrich Feathers, \$1.25... 15c. Fur Collars, \$12.00... \$3.00. Cashmere Hose, 45c... 25c. Fur Collars, \$6.00... \$3.00. Children's 25c... 13c. Fur Caps, \$4.00... \$2.00. Homespuns, \$1.00... 35c. All Dress Gowns... half price. Oxford, \$1.25... 75c. English Cambrics, 14c... 7c. Boys' Mitts, 25c... 12c. French Muslins, 25c... 12c. Boys' Mitts, 10c... 12c. Under Vests... 5c up. Cashmere Gloves, 25c... 12c. Embroidery Silks, 6c... 20c. Ribbons, 25c... 10c. Vellings, 20c... 8c. 12 doz. Coat Buttons for... 12c. Vellings, 30c... 10c. Fairall's Shirts, \$1.50 for... 75c. Vellings, 15c... 50c. Fairall's B. Hive Socks, 50c... 25c. B. Hive Yarn... 50c.

W. H. FAIRALL, 17 Charlotte Street.

MONMOUTH, Ill., Jan. 4.—Four section-trains were instantly killed by a Burlington passenger train today. They were going to work on a hand car and the coming train was concealed by the steam of a freight train on a siding.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 4.—Fire destroyed three large buildings at the corner of 15th and Howard street today. The stock of the Western Elec-