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**\$250.00**  
4 only. \$400 Values. Nicely made, good style, self trimmed.  
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**\$150.00**  
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Pitiful to see some chaps trying to squeeze between draughts of Winter breeze wearing a fall coat—especially when I am passing along crackerjack winter coats at even cost price.  
Men's start at \$16. Boys' start at \$8.  
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**Have Your Christmas Dinner at THE ROYAL**  
The Royal's Good Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner, with the truly hospitable atmosphere of this well-known hotel, provides an ideal opportunity for family reunions and the entertainment of Holiday guests around the festive board.  
FOR RESERVATIONS  
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**ROYAL HOTEL**

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**CHANGE OF TIME FOR ADVERTISERS**  
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**LOCAL NEWS**

**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.**  
W. J. Porter of Westfield announces the engagement of his sister, Alice Cora, to Osborne Merrill Blanchard, both of Westfield, the wedding to take place in Westfield Methodist church on Dec. 28.

**AN OBLIGING STRANGER.**  
A man charged with drunkenness was the only one on the police court docket this morning. When asked where he got his liquor and how much he paid for it he said he got it from a "stranger" and paid nothing for it.

**DIED IN ROXBURY**  
Mrs. T. J. McPherson yesterday received word of the death of her brother-in-law Charles L. Williams at his home in Roxbury, Mass. Beside his wife, he is survived by a son Alexander K., and one daughter Esther L. Mrs. McPherson and Miss Kate McPherson of this city have gone on to attend the funeral.

**BOARD OF TRADE.**  
The secretary of the board of trade has received from a firm in New York a letter asking for the names of producers and handlers of Canadian tar, and for information concerning transportation facilities. He has also received numerous applications for employment.

**A ROLL OFF**  
On the Victoria alley on Monday evening, the Railway Mail Clerks will bowl the Dominion Rubber Systems team to decide the winner of the first series of the Clerical League. These two teams have tied for first place. The game is to start at eight o'clock. Total pinfall for the game is to decide the winner.

**HUSBAND'S WAR HONORS.**  
Mrs. Annie Jones, 228 Waterloo street, has received a Medal star and a military cross from Ottawa. They were won by her husband, Pte. Edward Jones, who was killed in action. Besides her husband she is survived by three daughters, Gertrude and Josephine, at home, and Mrs. James Haley of West St. John; two brothers, Daniel Quigg of Sackville, Mass., and Michael Quigg of this city; also sister, Mrs. John Shannon of this city. Her funeral will take place on Saturday morning from her late residence. She was a woman of kindly disposition, and many friends will regret to learn of her death.

**MRS. THOMAS GALBRAITH.**  
Mrs. Thomas Galbraith passed away early this morning at her home, 60 Moore street. Besides her husband she is survived by two sons, Thomas and Frederick, three daughters, Gertrude and Josephine, at home, and Mrs. James Haley of West St. John; two brothers, Daniel Quigg of Sackville, Mass., and Michael Quigg of this city; also sister, Mrs. John Shannon of this city. Her funeral will take place on Saturday morning from her late residence. She was a woman of kindly disposition, and many friends will regret to learn of her death.

**FOR NEW CHURCH FUND.**  
A tea and sale is being held today in the vestry of Victoria street Baptist church, under the auspices of the "We're Seven Club." In addition to the tea table there is a fancy table, country store, candy booth. All are artistically decorated and present an attractive appearance. Miss Bertha, general convener; Mrs. Mark Smith, convener of a country store; Mrs. A. C. Burk, convener of a candy booth; and Mrs. M. H. MacDonald, convener of the fancy work table. The receipts will be for the new church fund.

**FOR CADET CORPS AFFILIATED WITH THE FUSILIERS**

At a meeting of the officers of the St. John Fusiliers, last night, it was decided that it would be an excellent plan to organize a cadet corps to be affiliated with the battalion. Lieut.-Colonel A. B. Snow was asked to organize this corps, and he said this morning that in a short time plans would be completed. A non-commissioned officer is at the armory in the drill hall on Wednesday evenings to take the names of any lads who wish to become members of this corps. It was also announced that a machine gun corps has been organized at the high school, under the direction of Lieutenant F. V. Scott. A signal company has also been established and will be a company of the high school cadet corps and form part of the corps. Lieut.-Colonel T. E. Powers, D. S. O., is directing the signal company's manoeuvres. There are thirty-seven who have signed on for the machine gun corps, and the lads are taking a great interest.

**WAR VESSELS EXPECTED AT HALIFAX TOMORROW.**  
Halifax, N. S., Dec. 16.—The Canadian cruiser Aurora and destroyers Patriot and Patriot, will arrive in Halifax at eight a. m. Tuesday Dec. 21st. It was announced here this morning. The war ships arrived at Bermuda yesterday from Devonport via the Azores.

**MARTIAL LAW.**  
Prague, Dec. 16.—Martial law has been declared at Brno, a town in Bohemia, fourteen miles north of Sazka, by the Czech-Slovakian government.

**BANK CLEARINGS**  
The St. John bank clearings this week were \$8,220,898; last year \$8,487,861; in 1918 \$2,446,268. The Halifax clearings this week were \$4,781,517 and the Moncton clearings \$915,606.

**IMPROVEMENTS IN MILLIDGEVILLE AVE.**

**Plan Submitted by Commissioner Frink—Open Large Area by Making Street Car Extension Possible.**

With a view to opening up the territory along the Adelaide road and Millidgeville avenue for the expansion of the city in that direction, Commissioner Frink submitted to the common council this morning a plan of proposed improvements of the Millidgeville road. The plan provided for the straightening out and widening of the street railway extending its lines along the road and the commissioner stated that there was a whole city site there ready to be opened up and he referred to the growth of East St. John following the extension of the street car line in that direction. The plan suggested would necessitate the acquiring of land from the Turnbull Real Estate Co. and the Delbury estate. Near the Rope Walk corner it was proposed to fill in a gully on the east side of the road and the material for this work, the commissioner explained, could be obtained from a rock cutting through which the road would run at the next turn. In reply to a question Dr. Frink said that the residents of Stanley ward were in accordance with the Union act taxed on only half their property values. Mr. Bullock remarked that the proposed development should be carried out by the city only on the understanding that the residents would be treated the same as the rest of the city in regard to taxation. It was pointed out that the water mains now extend well into the area affected by the improvements and Dr. Frink suggested that the commissioner of water take into consideration plans for extending further towards Millidgeville each year. He said that he proposed adopting this policy with regard to the extension of the concrete sidewalk along that road. He said that from the concrete he had had with the premises, it was understood that there would be some 8,000 horse power available at Musquash within a year or so and there was no doubt that this would help in the development of the area. He said that he would make a further report on the matter at some future date. Commissioner Thornton reported that yesterday's storm had done hundreds of dollars worth of damage to the exhibition buildings. The skylights were blown in and some shingles torn off the roof. He said that he had put men to work at day's work closing in the skylight and boarding up the dome. His action was confirmed by the committee. Commissioner Frink moved that the city solicitor's opinion be asked regarding liability in connection with the expenditures of the county housing board. Carried.

**CLOSING DAY AT KINDERGARTEN**  
Special Exercises Today as Holiday Season is Begun.  
The free kindergartens of the city closed this morning for the Christmas holidays and up of exercises marked the occasion in all four schools. Programmes were carried out in the Central school, G. W. V. A. rooms, Wellington, row, where the teacher is Miss Louise Estey, assisted by Miss Elizabeth Stanley; the South End school, where the teacher is Miss Ruth Munke, assisted by Miss Eleanor Cline; the Simonds street school, taught by Miss Edna Colwell, assisted by Miss Winifred Ross; and the Marsh bridge school, taught by Miss Mildred Barnes, assisted by Miss Helen Bennett. The rooms were prettily decorated with work done by the pupils themselves, and Christmas trees were everywhere in evidence. Gifts for the children were on the trees, and gifts for the parents of the children made by the children were on display. The idea that the teachers try to instill into the children is not one of merely receiving Christmas time, but that of giving to others, on the oft-repeated motto, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The children have made some useful and attractive gifts for their parents this year. Friends and different societies provided gifts for the children, including fruit, candy, dolls for the girls, shovels for the boys and wearing apparel to fit the particular needs of each child. There were songs, stories and games, and a general good time for the kiddies. Many visitors were present and it is estimated that the loss will be considerably above \$2,000. The fire had gained considerable headway before being detected. The tug was brought to Indian town under her own steam and will be repaired as soon as possible.

**FIRE DAMAGES THE TUG HOLLY**

The tug James Holly, owned by the firm of James Holly & Sons, was quite badly damaged by fire at South Bay on Tuesday morning. The tug was towing logs when suddenly flames were seen breaking through a section of the deck near the house. The men operating the boat and the crew working on the logs quickly formed a fire brigade and their combined efforts saved the boat from being a total loss. As it was the fire caused considerable damage and it is estimated that the loss will be considerably above \$2,000. The fire had gained considerable headway before being detected. The tug was brought to Indian town under her own steam and will be repaired as soon as possible.

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**Dainty Lingerie A Lasting Gift**

A dainty piece of Lingerie for Christmas is a gift most acceptable by all ladies.

**Camisoles**  
are practical gifts every woman appreciates, and from our extraordinary Christmas stock you can have exceptional selections.

**Envelope Chemise**  
in Satin, Crepe-de-Chene or Silk, prettily trimmed with Lace and Hand Embroidery, are shown in many designs and styles for Christmas giving.

These are only two of the many lines of Negligee we are showing for Christmas.



**THIS GUARANTEED Daisy Oak Heater**  
With Full Nickel Trimmings  
**Only \$15.25**

The Daisy Oak is one of the most popular Heating Stoves on the market. Because it burns hard or soft coal, coke or wood, gives a steady powerful heat, and with ordinary care will keep fire overnight. We have only a limited number in stock and at these prices they are certain to move quickly. See Our Entire Line of Heaters at Greatly Reduced Prices.

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Glenwood Ranges, Hot Air Furnaces, Etc.

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**ONLY 7 MORE SHOPPING DAYS. Gifts for Men**

**MUFFLERS** of Fibre Silk, Accordion Silk, Fancy Paisley and Oriental designs and Roman Stripes. Also cosy wool mufflers, \$1.50 to \$10.00  
**GLOVES** in Mocha, Suede, Cape, Kid—Wool, Fur or Silk lined or unlined .....\$2.50 to \$7.50  
**SHIRTS**—A beautiful new stock of Negligee Shirts, bought to sell at \$4 and \$4.50—in a fancy box, make ideal practical gifts ..... New Low Price, \$3.00

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Page 11 tells you how little they cost here.

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