

## Simplifying the Gift Question

To start with, take good note of all the folks you have in mind. Begin with—

**MOTHER**—Wouldn't she just love the economical luxury of a bottle of Bath Salts, nicely done up? Or an Incense? Two small instances of what you might do at Ross.

**FATHER**—A spanking new Shaving Brush, a Strop or Razor will bring his smile out in front where it belongs.

**BROTHER**—The big one wants something the same, or perhaps a nifty Waterman Pen or permanent pencil. How about a Brownie Camera for the younger lad?

## The Ross Drug Co.

100 King Street

**SISTER**—Score a hit here with French Ivory, a shining Face Compact, or Talcum in a de luxe box. Stationery for sure.

**BEST GIRL**—Like Sister something in Perfume, a toilet delicacy, box of Chocolates, a Kodak Photo Album, a Ladies' Waterman Pen and Pencil Set or an Eversharp gaily cased up.

Do you ever stop to think how much you get for a little and in a jig-time glance around.

## Black Russian Pony Coats

THE EVER POPULAR GARMENT

We are safe in saying we have never seen nicer Marked Skins than these, showing as they do, that nice Silky Wave. These Coats have large Shawl Collars of Dyed Skunk Sable, and the new 28 inch Cuffs, wide flowing Sleeves, Fancy linings.

Sizes 34 to 42, 40 and 42 inches long.

Extra Quality Coats  
Prices \$165 and \$185

**F. S. THOMAS**

539 to 545 Main St.

## A Drop o' Hot Bouillon

—clam or tomato— with crisp soda crackers, is gratefully warming and cheering, wonderfully sustaining on cold or windy days. And it tickles the palate as only "Royal Gardens" Bouillon can do. Have some at the

GARDEN CAFE, — Royal Hotel

## Fur Coats

At Cloth  
Coat Prices

Would you not like to be the proud possessor of a really nice Fur Coat? One that looks well—wears well—and has that cozy, comfortable feeling so desired. A Coat that your friends will admire and envy.

ZEALAND \$135 to \$200 ZEALAND  
BEAVER SEAL

These Zealand Beaver and Zealand Seal Coats (reg'd. brand) are worthy of your inspection and in St. John can only be seen at our Fur Parlors on King Street. We can recommend them highly.

Not a Cheap Fur Coat at a Good Price,

But a Good Fur Coat at a Cheap Price.

"BUY YOUR FURS FROM A FURRIER"

**H. MONT JONES**

Limited

92 KING STREET

## BIG CONGREGATION AT FINAL SERVICE

Rev. Dr. H. T. Crossley Concludes Addresses at Local Church

The Exmouth street Methodist church was thronged last night for the closing evening of the Rev. Dr. H. T. Crossley's evangelistic services. Dr. Crossley's subject last night was the ideal Christian life. J. H. Leonard and Evangelist Knight sang a duet that was very well received. Dr. Crossley's services have been conducted for three weeks in the Exmouth street church, and each night have attracted very large congregations. They have made a profound impression and during the three weeks many have come forward to confess Christ.

In the earlier part of the service last night Rev. A. L. Tedford, on behalf of the Baptist denomination, and Rev. H. E. Thomas, on behalf of the Methodists, expressed appreciation of the services rendered by Dr. Crossley and Mr. Leonard. Mr. Thomas spoke specially of the fine spirit of unity which had prevailed during the entire campaign.

There were present on the platform last evening, beside the evangelists, Rev. L. J. Wason, Rev. Neil MacLachlan, and Rev. S. Taylor McKim. A thankoffering of a substantial amount was made to the evangelists. Dr. Crossley announced that on his return from Liverpool, N. S., for which place they left this morning, he might arrange to repeat his lecture on long life and efficiency, from which many were turned away when it was given during the campaign just closed.

## THIS AUTO TRIP MAY BE RECORDED

Mr. Keefe and Family Here on December Run From New York.

Michael Keefe, son of M. F. Keefe, contractor, Halifax, N. S., and brother of Mrs. David E. Lynch, Mount Pleasant, this city, passed through the city a few days ago with his wife and child by automobile. The family party had left New York, where their home is located, on the day following the American Thanksgiving, consuming barely a week of leisurely driving in reaching Halifax. Passing through, the family made an overnight stop at Mr. Lynch's home. This trip, which is to be completed by Mr. Keefe's return soon, rather marks a new record for late automobilism on so lengthy a jaunt in these wintry parts. If anybody knows of a later trip of similar or greater length let them come forth and say so. Record automobilism turns into the Maritimes is perhaps an important item of news as late steamboating on the St. John river so now seems to be the time to hang up the record. So Mr. Keefe seems to be head of the pioneering class. Who says he isn't?

## COMMISSIONER WILL NOT BE THERE

Mr. Bullock Cannot Get to Port Authorities Meet in New Orleans.

The annual convention of the American Association of Port Authorities will be held this morning in New Orleans, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Representatives of all the big ports in Canada and the United States, with the exception of St. John, will be at the convention. The City of New Orleans has arranged an elaborate programme of entertainment for the visitors and many interesting papers on port administration and development are to be read. Commissioner Bullock had intended going, and it was his intention to extend an invitation to hold the next annual convention here, but he found it impossible to get away.

## EMPRESS OUT OF DRY DOCK SUNDAY

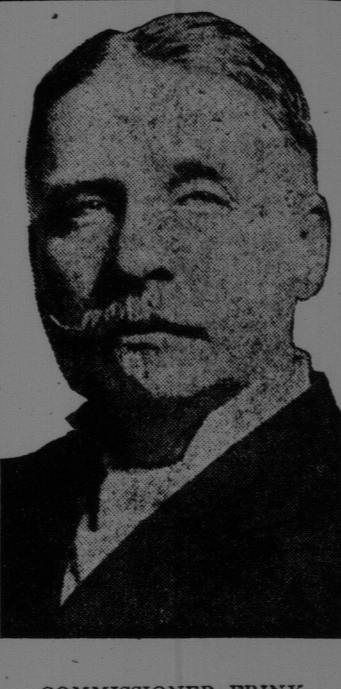
Canadian Planter Then to Go In—Leafield is Still Here.

It was reported at the office of the St. John Dry Dock & Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., this morning that the C. F. R. bay steamer Empress would be taken off the slip tomorrow, as it is expected repairs on her will be completed by that time. The Canadian Planter will be brought around to Courtenay Bay tomorrow and placed in the dry dock for an overhauling and repairs. The dredge Leafield, which was forced to turn back on Thursday from her proposed trip across the bay to do some dredging at Digby because of the storm, is still waiting on the weather. It was planned to tow her across this morning, but as quite a wind was blowing her departure was postponed until tomorrow.

## SEES BIRTHDAY CAKE WHEN LIGHTS GO ON

A very greatly enjoyed surprise party was tendered to James N. Rogers last evening on the occasion of his seventy-fourth birthday. Mr. Rogers has been the choir leader of St. Mary's church and assisted in the choir in many ways for several years. After choir practice last night the choir room was suddenly darkened, and when the lights were turned up again there had appeared a splendid birthday cake, with 74 candles lighted. Mr. Rogers was taken completely by surprise. He and all the choir members thoroughly enjoyed the good time that followed. Congratulatory speeches were made by R. I. Carlous, the church warden, and David Ramsay, chairman of the music committee. Mr. Rogers replied in a delightful manner. A \$5 gold piece was presented to Mr. Rogers neatly concealed in the cake, and that delicacy concealed many other gifts. There was much good food and hearty merriment.

## Want Him to Cut Grass on Dec. 8



COMMISSIONER FRINK

Commissioner Frink says that all records went by the board this morning when he received from the residents of Haymarket Square a request that the grass be cut on the square, as it had grown so long that it made the place look as untidy as a man who had not had a shave for a week. A request like this on December 8, he said, was something new in his experience, which had extended over quite a number of years, and he did not think any one could recall a similar happening.

ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, DEC. 8.

| A.M.                | P.M.                |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| High Tide.....11:28 | High Tide.....11:53 |
| Low Tide.....5:21   | Low Tide.....5:56   |
| Sun Rises.....7:50  | Sun Sets.....4:44   |

## LOCAL NEWS

**SAYS HE IS NOT THE MAN**  
James McDonald, of Elgin, Albert County, says that he is not the man whom Magistrate Henderson told to leave the city when he was before him on a vagrancy charge. Mr. McDonald left last evening for Moncton to work in the Post Office there.

**IS VISITING CITY**  
George Jeffrey, formerly of the Paramount Pictures sales forces in Canada and later of the U. S. staff, was in the city yesterday after an absence of several years. He is now representing Preferred Pictures and is the Canadian general manager. Mr. Jeffrey was warmly greeted by numerous friends.

**WANTS BOULDER CHANGED**  
Mayor Fisher said this morning that he did not like the boulder which had been placed on Market Square and intended to make an effort to have it removed and a more suitable one erected on which to place the tablet marking the landing place of the Loyalists. He had already taken up the matter with the Historic Sites Commission and hoped to hear from that body soon.

**IS LATEST ODDITY**  
While there have been many oddities told of because of the madness of the season, one reported to The Times today will hold place with all the others that have been recorded. This morning at the home of Rev. C. T. Clark, Fairville, a pair of sparrows attracted attention as they were teaching a recently arrived brood of young to sing from their nest in the eaves of the minister's residence.

**TUCKABATCHEE CIRCLE MEETS**  
The Tuckabatchee Circle of St. Matthews Presbyterian church, Douglas avenue, met this week at the home of Miss Mae Brooks, who was assisted by Miss Jean Keefe, Miss Margaret Keefe, Miss Margaret Hunter and Miss Louise Schroder. Mrs. W. H. Spencer, wife of the pastor of the church, was also present.

**ADORN'S BOSTON WALL**  
The large frame of St. John pictures sent to the Canadian Club, Boston, by the men's Canadian Club of this city at the time of the recent visit of Miss Canada to the hub, was hung on the walls of the Boston organization's headquarters in the Hotel Bellevue, Beacon street, and is attracting much attention. Miss Blair officiated at the hanging of the picture which was accepted by President Basley and Secretary J. F. Masters with thanks and appreciation.

**SONS OF ENGLAND ELECT**  
The annual meeting of Lodge Portland, No. 246, Sons of England, was held last evening in their hall, Simonds street. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, E. G. Brittain; vice-president, Charles Willis; chaplain, Gray Townsend; secretary, George T. Corbett; assistant secretary, H. B. Crabbe; treasurer, Howard Crabbe; guides, A. Powe, T. B. Brown, William Bonnell, C. O. Wilson, Charles Linton, R. J. Clarke; inside guard, J. T. Christie; outside guard, deferred; trustees, W. K. Cronk, Henry Green, Edward Linton; advisory board, Charles London, E. G. Brittain, L. A. Belyea, John Tonge; auditors, F. S. Purdy, W. J. Mayo and B. L. Wood.

**TEA IS ENJOYED**  
An enjoyable tea was held at the home of Mrs. Fred B. Brennan, Main street, yesterday afternoon, on the auspices of the Altruistic Club of the Loyalist Temple Pythian Sisters. Mrs. Brennan was assisted by Mrs. T. E. Robinson in receiving. In the dining room at a prettily appointed table, centred with a silver basket of yellow mums, with yellow candles in silver candlesticks, tea was served. Mrs. A. G. Brown and Mrs. F. E. Fiewelling presided over the cups and were assisted by Mrs. Oscar F. Price, Mrs. Wallace Daye, Mrs. Harry Weir, Mrs. George Barrett, Mrs. E. Belyea and Miss Beatrice Andrews. Mrs. Earl A. Kincaide and Miss Clara Ferris replenished. Mrs. Ernest F. Dykeman, Mrs. Willard Mahoney and Mrs. William A. Wetmore were ushers. Miss Evelyn Dykeman attended the door. More than 200 enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Brennan.

## MUST SHOW LIQUOR WAS NOT FOR SALE

D. Carleton, Charged With Illegal Possession, Must Convince Judge.

David Carleton, in whose home a large quantity of liquor was found some time ago in beds occupied by his wife, his children and two young ladies, will be called upon to prove that the liquor was not being kept for sale, according to a decision announced in chambers this morning by Judge Chandler. The police magistrate had dismissed a case of illegal possession brought against Carleton and the case was appealed by W. M. Ryan, acting on behalf of the Attorney-General. Judge Chandler ruled that under section 141 of the act the onus was on the defendant to show that the liquor was not kept for sale and in his opinion the evidence taken in the police court did not definitely establish this point. He therefore set Monday at 11 o'clock to hear evidence for the defence.

## EMPRESS THEATRE CHANGES HANDS

It was announced this morning that the Empress Theatre in West St. John, which has been owned and operated for the last five years by A. C. Smith, Jr., had changed hands and is now owned by a number of New Brunswick people. The theatre will continue in operation as in the past under the management of Charles Johnston, owner of the Star Theatre at Edmundston, N. B.

## PILOT BOAT SINKS AT HARBOR BERTH

The abnormal high and low tides of last night were responsible for the sinking of one of the motor launches used by the St. John pilots, which was found filled with water early this morning in the slip next to Pettingill wharf. The boat was moored alongside a pair of stairs leading to the water and at low tide the stern caught under the rail of the stairs. As the tide rose the water flooded the vessel, but as she sank stern first in a tilted compartment in the bow caused the rest of the boat to float and when the pilots came to the wharf this morning all that was above water was about a foot of the bow. The derelict was tied up to the cap of the wharf to await the dropping of the tide.

## R. G. McINERNEY IS TO BE CANDIDATE

It was announced this morning that Ralph G. McInerney, who was recently admitted to the bar, and intends to practice law, had consented to become a candidate for one of the vacant commissionerships in City Hall in the civic elections of April, on a ticket with Ronald A. McAvity, who will run for the mayoralty. There are rumors of field, but no definite announcement has been made by them.

**POLICE COURT CASES.**  
James McCausland was fined \$200 in the Police Court this morning on the charge of having liquor for sale in his beer shop. The charge was brought by the liquor inspectors and William M. Ryan appeared for the prosecution. The defendant pleaded guilty and paid his fine.

The case of Carl Albertsen, charged with obtaining money under false pretences was again before the Police Court today and the defendant was remanded for three days.

Four men charged with drunkenness were each fined \$8 or two months in jail.

The test of the Norton, Apohaqui and Millstream line was made yesterday afternoon and everything worked all right. It was said this morning that the test of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission. Places from Berwick to Norton had electric light for the first time.

**MR. BEATTY WAS HERE**  
President E. W. Beatty of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and party arrived in the city this morning from Halifax at 6:25 and a half hour later left in a special train for Montreal.

**POLICEMAN DENIES**  
The case against Lee Livingstone, charged with beating his wife, will come before the police court again on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. In this matter the name of Policeman Lindsay has been mentioned. Last night he denied the allegations made.

## As Hiram Sees It

"Well," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to The Times reporter, "I see they're going to have peace down in Mexico, after the funeral. They're startin' out buryin' one another agin. The fellers that's broke out says they won't be dictated to by the president, an' the president he says he'll go after them with an iron hand. I been wonderin' fer quite a while what was the matter with them Mexicans. They was goin' along too quiet altogether—populatin growin' too fast—an' knives gittin' rusty. I callate they'll hev a real nice Christmas—presidin' one another with a little chunks o' lead an' things like that. I seen the other day where some feller was sayin' it was time all the forts along the border between Uncle Sam's place an' Mexico was pulled down like they was along the borders o' Canada—but I wouldn't be surprised if Uncle Sam hed to git into what he calls an entanglement afore them forts comes down. He ain't aimin' to git mixed up in any shindy over in Europe—but maybe he'll git an idee nearer home that peace ain't a bad thing after all—By Hen!"

## SILVERWARE

### THE GIFT FOR THE YEARS

Attractive assortments offering a wide range of articles such as:

Tea Spoons  
Pickle or Lemon Forks  
Gravy Ladles  
Berry or Serving Spoons  
Salad Forks  
Dinner Knives and Forks  
Also Tea and Chocolate Sets, Bakers, Entree Dishes, etc.

PHONE  
Main 2540

**McAVITY'S**

11-17  
King Street

## ONLY 13 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

### A Gift of Charm and Daintiness

One that pays real tribute to her beauty is to be found in our new Toilet Goods Dept. Fragrant Perfumes, Compacts, Face Powders, Toilet Waters, Creams.

### Holiday Blouses

So pretty and bright colored they are fairly tingling with Christmas cheer and good wishes. There will be pleasure for you in giving sister an attractive Blouse to enhance her beauty. Velvetens, Tricolettes, Georgettes, Cantons, Crepe-de-Chines. Priced \$4 to \$21.



Silk Lingerie  
A Delightful Gift  
For an Intimate Friend

Christmas just wouldn't be Christmas to the woman who didn't find some flimsy lace Underthings. They are pretty luxuries that women adore to possess but hesitate to buy lavishly for themselves.

Boudoir Caps of silk georgette, lace and ribbon and in the most delightful shades of rose, blue, helio, etc. Priced \$1.35 to \$2.75.

Camisoles, Nightgowns, Envelopes, Brassieres, delightful assortments at most alluring prices.

3rd. Floor.

The Gift  
She Hardly  
Dares Hope For

Perhaps she is longing for a beautiful evening gown. Imagine her spell-bound with delight on Christmas morning on discovering her secret longing has been fully gratified. And you can make such pleasing selection here now—A gown of georgette, vella vella, velvet or other just as charming materials in lovely shades of nile, peach, coral, turquoise.

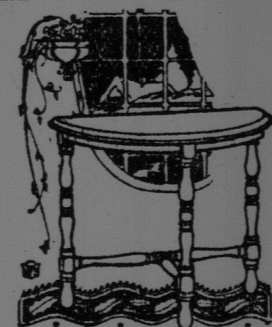
\$35 to \$55

Women's Shop 3rd. Floor.

**SCOVIL BROS., LTD.**  
KING ST. GERMAIN ST.

## The New Trend-in Giving—Gifts for the Home

Each year finds the trend of Christmas-giving more and more toward gifts of a practical and lasting nature, such as Furniture. And what a delightful thing it is to find grown-ups at Christmas time interested in giving gifts to each other that will provide years of comfort, pride and satisfaction. Below are just a few suggestions taken from our very large and complete Christmas stock:



AN END TABLE

which may be used beside a chair or sofa or against the wall. All finishes and many designs to choose from.



ARM ROCKERS

will be found in almost endless variety of designs and finishes and upholstered in leather, tapestry, velvet and mohair. An acceptable gift for any member of the family.



A TEA WAGON

will bring delight to the heart of any woman and assure lasting appreciation of the thoughtfulness of the giver. All the popular finishes are here, and a wide range of prices for your consideration.

**A. Ernest Everett**  
THE HOUSE FURNISHER  
91 CHARLOTTE STREET.

## Three Red Hot Specials for Today

### Women's Gloves

One big lot Women's Cape Gloves in grey and brown. Regular \$2.00 values—

95c

### Stetson Hats

Men—here is a Real Bargain for today only. Think of it—buying a high grade Stetson hat for less than \$5.00. We have a good assortment of these, but they won't last long at this low price—so come early. Regular \$8.50 value.

\$4.95

### Men's Gloves

One big lot of Men's Gloves, in Cape and Suede, brown and grey colors. Values to \$2.50—

95c

**D. MAGEE'S SONS, LTD.**

63 King Street.

Since 1859.