



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**DYKEMAN'S**

SOLE AGENTS FOR  
STANDARD PATTERNS

**A Handkerchief Sensation.**

Six thousand Handkerchiefs, bought especially for the Christmas trade, at very special prices, and are on sale now for those who want handkerchiefs for presents. Handkerchiefs to suit all tastes. Fine Cambric Handkerchiefs, hemstitched with 1-4 in. hem, from 35c. per dozen to \$1.25 per dozen. Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, from 75c. per dozen, up to \$3.00. Lace Edged Handkerchiefs, from 6c. each up to \$1.00 each. Fine Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs, from 5c. each to 75c. each. Ladies' Silk Handkerchiefs, from 25c. to \$1.25 each.

**MEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS IN LINEN, CAMBRIC AND SILK** all under special prices. All of the above goods passed through the severe smoking which our stock got a short time ago, but these being in boxes they were not affected in the slightest degree. Nevertheless, as we advertised all goods at smoke sale prices, these, consequently, are at special smoke sale prices.

### Ladies' Christmas Collars.

In Washing Stocks, Silk Stocks and the finer Silk Chiffon Collars and Stocks.

## F. A. DYKEMAN & CO.

### YOU CAN BUY THEM CHEAPER AT ARNOLD'S.

Dolls, all kinds, 1c. to \$3.00 each.  
Toys, 5c. to 50c. each.  
Hundreds of Calendars and Books.  
Calendars 5c. to \$1.00 each.  
Christmas Cards and Booklets.  
Juvenile Picture Books from 1c. to 5c. each.  
Fancy Articles in great variety.  
Cups and Saucers from 5c. to 50c. ea.  
Vases and China Ornaments, 5c. to \$3.00 each.  
Gloves, Handkerchiefs and Underwear cheap.  
Stores open every evening until Xmas.

Arnold's Department Store,  
11 and 15 Charlotte St.

### THE KLONDIKE Kandy Kitchen

Nuggets, 25c. pound.  
Xmas Mixtures, 12c. pound.  
C.ewing Candies, 15c. pound.  
Toys of all kinds at smallest prices.  
Hot drinks at 5 cents.  
All kinds of fruits obtainable at this season.  
Comfort provided for patrons in the nature of a cozy Ice Cream Parlor, with music on hand to entertain.  
GREAT INDUCEMENT.  
To all who make purchases to the extent of \$1.50 we will give a box of candy free.  
Don't forget to call at the cheapest Novelties now and avoid the rush.  
We extend a cordial invitation to the public to inspect our stock.  
Don't wait. Obtain your Xmas candy store in the city.

### J. & P. SPERDAKES

33 CHARLOTTE STREET.

### Yorkshire Bar.

English Silver not defaced worth its full value. Hot Ale a Specialty.

### EUROPEAN PLAN.

J. REHA, 20 MILL ST.

### PICTOU SOUND COAL LANDING.

This superior Soft Coal, which usually sells from 50c. to 75c. higher than Cape Breton Coal, can be purchased, while landing, at \$7.50 per chaff, \$2.75 per load delivered.

### J. S. GIBSON & CO., Smythe St.

(Over North Wharf) 5-12 Charlotte St.  
March St. Over Gibson's Lane.

### WOOD.

DRY HARD WOOD CUT.  
DRY HARD WOOD SPLIT.  
DRY RICK MAFLE.  
SOFT WOOD AND KINDLING  
IN NUDIE COAL.

### LAW & CO., [Phone 1346]

OFFICE and YARDS: Foot Clarence St

### JAPAN WON'T GIVE IN.

TOKIO, Dec. 17.—The conference of the elder statesmen of Japan, including the Marquis Ito, and the cabinet ministers yesterday, resulted, according to a semi-official statement, in a determination to oppose a strong front to Russia, in view of the latter's unsatisfactory reply to the Japanese proposals.

### Fancy China, Dolls, Crockery Silverware.

Xmas Goods arriving daily. Auction sale every night. Come for bargains to the Central Auction Rooms, 14 Charlotte Street.

### Walter S. Potts

Auctioneer.

### LOCAL NEWS.

Meerschaum Pipes, in cases, 95c. each at Louis Green's.

The Boston train, for a change, was on time this morning.

Tonight, at eight o'clock, children's 25c. board books 2 for 25c. Morrell & Sutherland.

Celebrated Broad Cove coal, \$7.00 per chaldron delivered, at Watters', Walker's wharf. Tel. 612.

The clearings for the week ending Thursday, 17th Dec., 1903, were \$302,414. Corresponding week last year, \$302,232.

A delivery wagon from Route's bakery broke down on Charlotte street this morning.

Mrs. J. G. Armstrong will continue her sale of art and fancy work at her house, 123 St. James street, until Christmas.

A sick or injured dog, which for some days has been lying on the corner of Sewell and Dorchester streets was today taken to the police station for treatment.

The plans for the alterations in the exit doors from the new immigration quarters have been completed and submitted to the committee in charge of the work.

We can still make a few more sittings for Xmas. Large 8x10 photo given away with every dozen from \$3.00 and up. At ISAAC EBB & SON'S. Photographers, 13 Charlotte street.

Among the handsomely dressed dwellers in the city is the main one of Waterbury & Rising's Union street branch, which reflects much credit to the dresser, Will C. Rising.

The stores of W. H. Thorne & Co. will be open in the evenings of Christmas week as follows: 9 o'clock, Monday, Dec. 21st; Tuesday, Dec. 22nd; 10 o'clock, Wednesday, Dec. 23rd; 11 o'clock, Thursday, Dec. 24th.

A Gilmore advertises House Coats in great variety of patterns and of excellent fitting qualities at popular prices. Overcoat buyers will also be interested in his sale this week.

The North End Inn has opened for the season. Good skating at popular prices, 10 to 15 cts. Ice in good condition. Band Friday night. Season tickets at Durick's Drug Store. H. H. Belyea, manager.

Early yesterday morning the ferry boat E. Ross, which runs between Indiantown and Pleasant Point, collided with the Millidgeville ferry steamer Maggie Miller, which was being towed into winter quarters in Marble Cove by the tug Hercules. The two steamers merely rubbed and slight damage only was done.

The Salvation Army conducted a special musical meeting in the Mill street barracks last evening. A welcome was extended to Major Howell, on his return from Bermuda. Mr. Howell spoke most favorably of the work of the Salvation Army in the Bermudas.

The ladies of the Mission intend having a sale of plum puddings, Xmas cakes and home-made confectionery at the Church of England Institute Rooms on Saturday afternoon and evening. These ladies have made a name for excellent puddings. There will also be dolls and a Mysterious Goose for the children.

While the new fire alarm system was being tested this morning, a number of rats were let loose amongst the crowd assembled in front of No. 3 engine house. The cry of "rats" was raised and a general scattering ensued. The dogs in the vicinity, however, made short work of the rodents, and soon fear was dispelled and order restored.

### FOR FAMILY USE

### GOLDEN EAGLE

IS THE BEST FLOUR.

### COURT MARTELLO'S OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of Court Martello was held last evening. Election of officers resulted as follows: Chief Ranger, J. S. Flagg; vice-chief ranger, W. L. Rand; recording secretary, K. J. Macrae; financial secretary, L. R. Morton; treasurer, T. H. Belyea; orator, G. H. Warden; senior woodward, George Thompson; junior woodward, W. F. T. Harrison; senior beadle, George H. Horton; junior beadle, G. W. Morrell; court physicians, G. A. B. Addy and W. S. Morrison; C. D. M. C. R., K. J. Macrae; trustees, C. A. Clark and Dr. E. M. Davis; central committee, J. S. Flagg, K. J. Macrae; finance and audit committee, J. R. Armstrong and W. Watson Allen. H. B. C. R., Frank Pales, C. R. Brooks, and high secretary, F. W. Emerson, who were present gave short addresses.

At the close of the meeting the members were entertained to an oyster supper at White's by Chief Ranger J. S. Flagg.

### SIGHT SEERS IN TROUBLE.

Two gentlemen from the county of Charlotte were in the city yesterday bent on sight seeing and chanced into No. 3 fire station. In wonderment they gaped around and innocently enough got themselves into trouble. After inspecting the engine their attention was attracted to the swinging harness. They began handling it, in defiance of the warning of one of the drivers to "look out there, and satisfy their curiosity, locked the harness together. They, of course, were unable to unloose them, and when told that they "had done it," became greatly excited. They were eased in mind by the driver presenting a secret button and restoring the harness to its proper position.

The Jesse Chipman Mission Band of Portland Street Methodist church will hold a handkerchief sale in the school-room of the church this evening from 7 to 10 p. m. An interesting programme will be given.

Christmas decorations in the country market are now well under way but although they seem nice enough they are not on nearly so elaborate a scale as last year.

The D. A. R. steamer Prince Rupert will make a special trip to Digby tomorrow and possibly on next Tuesday, but will not run on Christmas Day.

### F. R. PATTERSON & CO.

THE DAYLIGHT STORE.

### MEN'S NECKWEAR.

A GOOD LINE IN

Strings, Puffs, and Flowing Ends,

FOR CHRISTMAS TRADE

Cor. Duke and Charlotte Sts.

Store Open Every Evening.

### OLD SHIP BUILDER DEAD.

Wm. Hickman, a Noted Ship Builder and Ship Owner of the Old Days Passes Away.

(Special to the Star).  
MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 17.—Many friends in different parts of the province will regret to learn of the death of Wm. Hickman, of Dorchester, which occurred at that place at five o'clock this morning. Mr. Hickman was out in the rain last Saturday and took cold, from which pneumonia developed. The deceased, who was about 81 years old, leaves a wife, one sister, Mrs. Wm. Weldon, of Moncton, and one son, C. H. Hickman, of Dorchester. Mr. Hickman was one of the best known and oldest residents of the county and was at one time prominently engaged in shipbuilding. He managed his own vessels, and in the old days of wooden ships the Hickman fleet was known in almost every port of the world.

### TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The St. John County Teachers' Institute met at ten o'clock this forenoon, in the High School, in regular session. There was an attendance of over three hundred teachers. President W. D. Brown occupied the chair. The morning proceedings were in the nature of organization, and reports of committees were read. The High School orchestra furnished music. After the routine business had been transacted, William Crockett, M. A., LL. D., principal of the Provincial Normal School, read a carefully prepared paper on the Ideal of Education. Principal Crockett received a hearty vote of thanks for his paper.

The programme for this afternoon's session, which opens at two o'clock, is as follows: Solo, Miss Edith Comben; address, The Truth and What Produced Him and How to Deal With Him, Frank Owens, A. B., principal of St. Patrick's school; discussion, opened by W. M. McLean, M. A., and Mr. McDermid; address, Manual Work and Writing, by Miss Edna W. Gilmour; discussion, opened by A. D. Dykeman and Jos. Harrington.

### GOOD CHRISTMAS TRADE.

Little evening quite a number of the retail stores were open for the convenience of Christmas shoppers, and will remain open on each evening from now until Christmas. Merchants have no complaints whatever to make of the business being done. Up to the present it has been ahead of last year. In almost all lines, and with a continuation of fair weather there is every reason to suppose that the remainder of the season will be brisk. Buyers this year seem to be going in for a fairly good class of presents. Although none of the merchants report that they are selling any very expensive articles, yet they state that the proportion of cheap stuff is rather smaller than usual, and of the goods sold being of the better quality.

Gold and Silver Mounted Briar and Meerschaum Pipes, for presentation purposes, at Louis Green's.

### MONCTON CIVIC AFFAIRS.

As the municipal elections in Moncton are much earlier in the coming year than formerly there is already talk of candidates. It is said that Alderman Harris will not seek re-election as alderman-at-large, and that other members of the council will retire. Speaking of the mayoralty, Ald. J. S. Macge told a representative of the Transcript yesterday that he was in the field for that office. Ald. J. T. Ryan also authorizes the same. The Transcript has also received a letter favoring the claim of Dr. E. O. Steeves for the mayoralty. It looks as if there was going to be a merry contest. As this and next year are the liberal years for mayoralty, our constituents will have the pleasure of looking on and seeing the liberals contesting for the position.—Transcript.

### TOWER SCHOOL.

Quite a number of visitors attended the closing exercises of the Tower school. After a lengthy programme which elicited much praise from the trustees, Miss Ganong, the teacher of the primary department, who has tendered her resignation, was presented with a very complimentary address accompanied with a nice gold pen. The pupils were made happy by a treat of candy and nuts by the trustees, after which they dispersed to their homes wishing everybody the compliments of the season.

### LANE-LAMON.

A quiet wedding took place last evening at the residence of Stephen Osderson, City road, when Thomas A. Lane, of this city, and Miss Ada Lamon, of Moncton, were made man and wife. Rev. Mr. Coffin performed the ceremony at seven o'clock. After the wedding, the guests partook of a bountiful supper. Mr. and Mrs. Lane will reside at Mr. Osderson's for the present.

### KICKER APOLOGIZES.

To the Editor of the Star:  
Sir,—I am the kicker who kicked yesterday about fires in the street cars and now wish to apologize to the Railway Company. I have learned that the company supplies coal for the stoves and the lack of warmth is due to neglect on the part of the conductors.

### HOLY LAND ORANGES.

Messrs. Potts & Co. have just received a fine lot of oranges grown in Palestine, imported expressly for Xmas trade. Also Spanish Oranges in fancy gold papers. If the retail trade wants something fine call at Potts & Co., Market street.

It is most likely that the department of militia will accede to the request of local officers for a sergeant instructor for the signalling corps now being formed here. The officers wrote to Ottawa asking that an instructor be sent and the department now enquires what time will be most convenient. The term of instruction here will be six weeks commencing probably on January 4th.

### PERSONALS.

W. M. P. McLaughlin, of St. John, has been elected vice-president of the Union Consolidated Refining Company, of Los Angeles, Cal.

James Robinson, a former West End boy, has returned to St. John from Charlestown, Mass., and is being welcomed by many old friends.

B. B. Bilsard, formerly of St. John, was in Eastport last week. Talking to The Beacon, he stated that he had recently sold out a copper mine in Newfoundland to a syndicate, making a good thing out of the deal. With Mrs. Bilsard, he will leave in a few days for England. He is looking well and still retains an excellent flow of language.—St. Andrew's Beacon.

Christopher Noble, of St. John, American Express messenger for several years in the Eastern line steamships, was married in Boston recently to Mrs. Adelle Smith, of Eastport.

Rev. G. A. Ross has received a cordial and unanimous invitation to assume charge of the Woodstock Methodist church for another year. Mr. Ross has accepted.

### AS USUAL.

It is understood that in spite of the many late alarms already said about the new fire alarm system there is a prospect of much trouble before the city finally accepts the work. It all centres around No. 3 station, where a water motor is intended to look after the work of charging the batteries. Under the terms of contract, this motor was to be put in and be capable of doing the work. The proposal of the new alarm system was supported by certain of the aldermen on the distinct understanding that the system could be operated entirely independent of the Street Railway Company. Since the installation of the new system the batteries have been charged from the railway power house. The reason for this is that the city water system has not pressure enough to run the motor. Sixty pounds are required and the city can furnish scarcely half that pressure. Those officials connected with the affair express the hope that the thing will be patched up.

A box of Choice Cigars, fancy, 75c. each at Louis Green's.

### CONNECTION WITH P. E. I.

Navigation with Prince Edward Island closed for the season yesterday, when the Northumberland made her last trip from Point du Chene to Summerside, and the Princess her last trip from Pictou to Charlottetown. The Northumberland goes today to Charlottetown, where she will lay up for the winter.

The government steamer Stanley has gone on the Summerside-Cape Tormentine route, and will make the return trip every day when possible. She will not wait at the Cape any longer than is necessary to discharge cargo and passengers. Persons wishing to cross to the Island must leave St. John on the 11:25 p. m. train, and leave Sackville for the Cape at 8 a. m. next morning. Passengers from the Island will connect with No. 25 from Halifax, arriving here, as usual, at 5:40 p. m. The 11:25 p. m. train from St. John will also permit of connection with the steamer Minto from Pictou to Charlottetown, or Georgetown.

### THIS EVENING.

Harkins company at Opera House in Secret Service.

Rehearsal of Yeomen of the Guard in York Theatre.

Branch 124 C. M. B. A. hold a smoker in their rooms.

Rev. S. Howard speaks in Carleton street church.

Adjourned meeting No. 1 Salvage Corps.

Public meeting of the Fabian League in Berryman's Hall.

Army Medical Corps hold a reception in Oddfellows' Hall.

York L. O. L. No. 3, will meet in their hall, German street, this evening.

### NO STAR LINE DIVIDEND.

The annual meeting of the Star Line Steamship Company was held yesterday afternoon. The following directors were elected: James Manchester, A. H. Hanington, Capt. C. E. Taylor, T. H. Bullock, G. R. Vincent. Officers elected were James Manchester, president; A. H. Hanington, vice-president; Robert Orchard, secretary and manager. No dividend was declared on account of the loss of the David Weston. The steamer Majestic will continue to run until the company decide to either build or buy, but respecting future operations for next summer nothing of a very definite nature was reached.

Choice variety of select pipes, in cases, 75c. at Louis Green's.

### Valuable Freehold Property

BY AUCTION  
At Chubb's Corner on SATURDAY, Dec. 19th, at 2 o'clock (noon):  
The Freehold Property fronting fifty feet on Clifton street, West End, and 180 feet deep, with dwelling and store on premises. Good investment. Messrs. Buxton and Porter, Solicitors.

T. T. LANTALUM, Auctioneer.  
Office Chubb's Corner.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have entered into a co-partnership for the purpose of carrying on the practice of the law at the City of Saint John.

Mr. Tweed will be at his old home in Dorchester every Saturday and Monday for the present.  
Dated this 15th day of November A. D. 1903.

A. H. HANINGTON,  
M. O. TWEED,  
G. S. HANINGTON.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HARRY L. COOMBS.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of Harry L. Coombs of the City of Saint John, Merchant, who made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors on the 15th day of August last past, will be held at the office of Chapman & Tillyer, in The Palmer Chambers, 31 Princess Street, in the said City of Saint John, on Tuesday, the Twenty-second day of December instant at Three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of giving the assignee directions as to the disposal of the estate, voting remuneration to the assignee and inspectors, and authorizing the distribution of the balance of the monies in the payment of the first and final dividend, and for the transaction of all such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at the City of Saint John in the City and County of Saint John this Fourteenth day of December A. D. 1903.

GEORGE H. McDONALD, Assignee.

## Morrell & Sutherland

TELEPHONE 1553.

### STORE OPEN TILL 10 P. M. PRESENTS.

Every item in this list will make an acceptable Christmas Gift; and it was with that object in view that the following extra special values were selected. Don't forget to shop early, for you'll get a discount of

**10 per cent, 8 to 10.30 a. m.**

The attractiveness of our displays is most emphatically attested by the gratified crowds which come here in the afternoon. It is our wish to induce more people to shop in the morning; that's why we are offering the above discount.

## Book Sale!

1,000 Children's 25c. Large Board Books on sale tonight at HALF PRICE—250 pages of good stories with fancy colored covers, exceptional value at 25c. A special purchase enables us to offer them

**2 for 25c.**

### Winter Waists.

Ladies' white, colored and black. Cashmere, Lustre and heavy White Matting Waists, value of \$3.50 and \$4.50. Selling at

**\$2.98**

Less 10 per cent. from 8 to 10.30 a. m.

### Underskirts.

Ladies' fine Black Mercerized Sateen Underskirts, with deep bounce and five small frills, suitable for any season of year—a nice gift.

**\$1.39**

Very special price ...

### Black Sateen Waists

Special at \$1.00 and \$1.50.

Good black Mercerized Sateen Waists, tucked back and front with many rows of stitching, stock collar and full sleeves, size 32 to 42. Good value at \$1.50. Special. ....

**\$1.00**

Extra quality Black Mercerized Sateen Waists. Front has thirty fine tucks and four rows of fagoting; thirty tucks and one row of fagoting in black, stock collar, sizes 32 to 44. Special ....

**\$1.50**

Less 10 per cent. from 8 to 10.30 a. m.

duction we secured them at a very low price. Made from splendid quality of Flannelette in neat patterns in grey and white, cardinal and white and navy and white. Made very full, 3-2 yards around bottom, finished with deep flounce, ruffles over shoulders, braid trimmings, shirt waist sleeves and fitted waist lining. Sizes 32 to 44. On sale tomorrow ....

**98c. net.**

## Morrell & Sutherland.

27, 29 Charlotte St., Opp. Y. M. C. A.

### New Prunes and Shelled Nuts

New Prunes, medium size, 3 lbs for 25c; New Prunes, large, 12c per lb; New Prunes, extra large, 14c per lb; New Shelled Walnuts; Shelled Jordan Almonds, extra quality; New Blanched Almonds; New Ground Almonds, for frosting

### F. E. WILLIAMS CO., Ltd.

Phone 543 Charlotte Street. Phone 521 Princess Street.

### Money Saved Doubles Money Earned.

Extra New Prunes, 10c.  
Extra Fine New Dates, 8c.  
Large Bottle Tomato Catsup, 10c.  
Seeded Raisins, 10c.

Peruna, 80c.  
2 Packages Malta Vita, 50c.  
New Grey Buckwheat and Vermont Maple Syrup.  
Our stock is new and complete.

Telephone 165. Our store open evenings until Jan. 1st, 1904. Citron, Lemon, Orange Peels, Nuts, Christmas Candies, Etc.

### Campbell's Cash Grocery, Cormain Street.

### Red Parlor Lamps

An assortment of Red Parlor Lamps for Christmas; also Red Shades. Parlor Lamps in great variety. SEE OUR WINDOW DISPLAY

MARITIME AUER LIGHT CO.  
Phone 873. 19 Market Square.

### DON'T FORGET THE BABY.

Make your purchases while the assortment is unbroken. Pretty Shoes in Blue, Black, White, Red and Patent, 25c, 50c, 55c, 60c, 75c, \$1.00.

Fancy Booties at 40c. 55c., \$1.00.  
Natty Slippers and Moccasins in White, Tan and Red, 25c., 40c. and 50c.

Use our famous Lamb's Wool Socks for Men's, Women's and Children's Bedroom Slippers.

### FRANCIS & VAUGHAN,