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FARE are well invested in answer-
ing Star want ads.

Weather: Showery tonight and
Tuesday; easterly winds.

Builders' Hardware

From the Leading Canadian, English
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Special attention given to
Trims for Houses.
In Great Variety of Finishes
and Prices.

If building we recommend
you to examine our line
carefully. Hardware for all
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MARKET SQUARE, ST. JOHN, N. B.

A Big Flame. A Bright Blaze.
A Quick Fire.

made by that popular match
Eddy's "Silent" Parlor.

All grocers handle them.
SCHOFIELD BROS.,
SELLING AGENTS. ST. JOHN, N. B.

We Sell

Watches, Diamonds,
Silverware,
Jewelry of all kinds,
Clocks, Etc.

Rogers' 1847 Teas, \$2.75 Dozen.

DAVIS BROS., 56 Prince William Street
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S. ROMANOFF,

Successor to B. Myers, 695 Main Street.

We sell goods cheaper for equal qualities than any other house in the city.

At no time during the coming month will there be an opportunity to make a dollar go as far as now, in the great Reconstruction Sale.

Another extraordinary chance on Ladies' Suits from \$5.00 up to \$15.00.

Colors consist of brown, blue, grey, black, latest make and finest quality.

Selling prices, the \$5.00 for \$4.00 and \$15.00 suits for \$11.00.

You will make \$4.00 to ten minutes by buying your suit here.

A BIG RANGE IN SILK WAISTS—A \$5.00 Waist for \$3.50, a \$2.50 for \$2.50—this week only.

A fine assortment in LUSTRE WAISTS, in Brown, Blue and Black; latest makes.

SATEEN WAISTS at very low prices.

S. ROMANOFF, 695 Main St.

Bargain Sale of Outing Shoes.

We have decided not to carry over any broken lots of Outing Shoes and have reduced the prices irrespective of cost, making it worth your buying a pair even for one day's outing. They include leather and rubber soles; colors, white, red and grey.

MEN'S CANVAS SHOES 75c. to \$1.55.

BOYS' CANVAS SHOES 60c. to \$1.15.

YOUTH'S CANVAS SHOES 55c. to \$1.05.

LADIES' CANVAS SHOES 65c. to \$1.00.

MISSES' CANVAS SHOES 60c. to 90c.

CHILD'S CANVAS SHOES 55c. to 90c.

As many of these are very fine quality we expect a quick sale; therefore an early call will secure the best bargain.

Waterbury & Rising,

King Street. Union Street.

We close our King Street store Saturday at 1 o'clock. Open Friday night.

Ladies' Outing Hats, Ladies' Yachting Caps, Ladies' Auto Caps,

At Reduced Prices to clear up for the Season.

F. S. THOMAS, 555 Main Street, North End.

OPENED TILL 8 TONIGHT. St. John, N. B., July 24th, 1905

MEN'S SUITS, AT FACTORY PRICES.

This announcement made a few days ago has started Men's Suits out at a rapid pace. The public know that when we advertise special prices it means genuine bargains, and they act quickly.

\$6.00 Suit Now \$3.95. \$7.00 Suit Now \$5.00.

\$8.50 Suit Now \$6.00. \$10.00 Suit Now \$8.00.

J. N. HARVEY, Men's and Boys' Clothier

199 and 201 Union St.

A SQUARE MILE OF BLAZING OIL.

Five Men Cut Off by the Fiery Torrent.

Fearful Conflagration Started by Lightning in Texas Oil Fields—2,500,000 Barrels of Petroleum Burning.

HUMBLE, Texas, July 24.—Covering an area of three quarters of a mile square, with a great canopy of smoke covering two miles, the oil tanks of the Texas company, hotted and bubbled under the great heat of burning oil today. When the fire can be extinguished is problematical. It is not until it has burned all of the oil in the eleven big tanks which held 2,500,000 barrels when the lightning struck them Sunday afternoon.

It is now known that five negro workmen perished. There are hundreds of homeless people, many of them only awaiting a chance to go to Houston for shelter.

They were living in tents and shacks in the oil fields and fled for their lives when the fire broke out.

Longings have been destroyed by the fire, which runs out towards the oil field, although it has not yet been communicated to any of the derricks or wells.

During the whole of the night there was a heavy downpour of rain and this covered the ground with a sheet of water coated with a thick film of oil.

Shortly after the big tank, which was struck by lightning, began to blaze, 200 workmen with 75 mules, were hurried to the place to throw earthen embankments to confine the fire to the place in which it originated.

Suddenly the oil gave an upheaval, and lifted a great mass of the burning fluid bodily from the tank, and the fire was communicated to three other tanks.

The burning oil caught the men and mules and hemmed them in. There was a wild scramble for safety, men dropping their scrapers and reins, some of them mounted mules and escaped, but at least forty mules balked and were burned to death.

Five negroes were seen to go down, and it is not believed they could have escaped. While all of the men have not been accounted for, these five are all that are known to have perished.

At 4 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the steel tanks of the Texas company, at the pumping station, a mile from the original fire. What damage was done cannot be ascertained, it being impossible to reach that part of the field.

Mr. Moore asked why he took up the case of Messrs. Moore & Cushing.

Mr. Barnhill said: "Who have lately dropped their insurance with Mr. Jarvis."

Mr. Jarvis said: "That is a matter of business and has nothing to do with the present case."

Mr. Jarvis then spoke about the exchange of his property with Mr. Cushing.

Mr. Barnhill said that he should have made these remarks before. He would have had a larger attendance at the meeting—the indignation meeting.

Mr. Barnhill spoke about the offer of \$25,000 for the Cushing property. He said before Mr. Jarvis's decision came what the answer would be. They would not get the property.

Mr. Jarvis said he need not be so

W. M. JARVIS AND A. P. BARNHILL IN LIVELY ROW.

Another Interesting Meeting of Lancaster Tax Assessors—Jarvis' Action Due to Personal Spite Says Barnhill.

The Lancaster assessment board, which was adjourned last Monday, met this morning at 10.30 in the office of County Secretary Vincent. There were present besides Mr. Vincent and the three assessors W. M. Jarvis and his attorney, A. H. Hamilton, Mr. Moore and others. After a considerable discussion and short addresses by Messrs. Barnhill and Wilson the board adjourned at 12.30, to consider the matter. They will meet again at 10.30 a. m. on Wednesday.

Mr. Barnhill asked to read the declaration of John E. Moore, as to the valuation of the Scovill property. Mr. Wilson objected. Mr. Barnhill then asked to read it in the form of affidavit. Mr. Wilson objected on the ground that it did not deal with the valuation of a property which his clients claim.

Mr. Barnhill had no right to appear in the matter of Mr. Scovill. The affidavit, however, was read.

The discussion between Mr. Barnhill and Mr. Wilson was most animated.

Mr. Jarvis in the course of his remarks said that he wanted the assessors' decision that he might have something to appeal from. Mr. Vincent said such a statement was hardly fair.

Mr. Jarvis, sworn, said they asked for a reduction in the Scovill assessment. He capitalized it on a basis of 8 per cent. rental. On vacant land he estimated value differently. It has been said, that the properties are not fairly valued. Mr. Scovill has been writing to him for some time about his property being overvalued.

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TWO BROTHERS ACCUSED OF THEFT.

John McDonald Says He Was Robbed of \$190.

And Blames Samuel and Robert Short for Stealing It—But He Couldn't Bring Enough Evidence.

John McDonald, senior, of the city market, brought two brothers, Samuel and Robert Short, before the police magistrate this morning and complained of having been robbed of \$190 by them. Mr. McDonald said that on the 8th of July last, he was in bed when two men came up to his room, and he was awakened by hearing a noise near the bedpost on which his vest was hanging with bills to the value of \$190 in it. He asked what was the matter and Robert said, "I am going out and will back in a minute." They never returned and later on he missed \$190 out of \$195, which he had in his pocket. It was made up of one \$100 bill, eight \$10 bills and three \$5 bills. They left him a \$5 bill. On the 11th inst. he saw Robert in Duffy's barroom, and Robert said to him, "How are you off for money?" He replied he was a little short, when Robert said, "I borrowed \$10 from you, and will pay you back one now." He then handed him a \$1 bill, and again on the 15th inst. he gave him another \$5. Witness here said that it was untrue that he ever lent Robert the money at all, but he took the \$5 because it looked like an acknowledgment.

Robert Short cross-questioned Mr. McDonald to show that he had mentioned his loss to a number of people as far back as the 1st of July, including Ned Corkery and Alex. Duffy.

Both Mr. Corkery and Mr. Duffy's brother were fetched this morning and both testified to having heard McDonald talk about his loss before the 11th inst.

Robert Short giving evidence, said the reason he went into McDonald's house, was that McDonald kept his brother (Short's) in bed night and day for two weeks—"colled up in bed both of them drunk"—and prevented his going to work.

He said that he borrowed \$10 off McDonald and that McDonald said he had lost his money out on the road.

His honor said there was not sufficient evidence to hold the men, as it appeared McDonald had complained of his loss before the 11th of July, and he (the magistrate) should not do anything more in it. If McDonald had any fresh evidence he must attend the court and swear an information in the usual way.

ILLEGAL LIQUOR SELLING.

Jas. Driscoll, of the Hotel Edward, appeared in court this morning on a charge of selling liquor during prohibited hours. Abner B. Austin, a patent medicine traveller of Morrisville, Vt., told how he procured altogether five bottles of gin on Saturday and Sunday, but said Mr. Driscoll told him he couldn't be supplied, but he (Austin) managed to get it from another man. The case was remanded until 2.30 for Mr. Driscoll to have his lawyer present.

The charge arose out of a complaint made by Austin that one of two men, Fred Pace, whom he struck up an acquaintance with on the Penobscot, had taken \$12 from him. Pace left this morning for Norton, and Austin telephoned the officials at that place as to his loss, and asked them to try and get it back from Pace.

The following reply came back by wire: "Ogt says Pace has \$100 yellow back on him and \$200.00 besides. Says he hasn't any of his wife's money. Tell him to go to h—"

AGED TEAMSTER DIED ON THE RIVER.

David Cronk, a well known teamster of this city, passed away on Sunday at Holderville. Mr. Cronk who since the death of his wife about a year ago has been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Northrup on Delhi street, left on Saturday by the Hampstead on his way to Carter's Point. During the trip up Mr. Cronk was found by some of the passengers fallen on his hands and knees. Examination revealed that he was paralyzed. An American male nurse who happened to be on the boat, being in that country on his holidays, at once came forward and did everything possible for the stricken man taking him off to Holderville with him for further treatment, but in spite of every attention he passed away yesterday.

WANTED—Cook wanted at Royal Dairy Lunch. Wages \$15 per month. Apply 52 Mill street.

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