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JUGGEST RESERVE IN THE CROWN LIQUOR CASE

Yesterday Afternoon's Hearing of this now Celebrated Case was the Warmest Yet— Counsel for Prosecution Vigorously Scores License Commissioners and Inspector Jones

In the police court yesterday afternoon the evidence was finished in the case against Mrs. Cronin for having more than one entrance to her licensed tavern on German street, and judgment is reserved.

A. A. Wilson, K. C., in his address went after the liquor license commissioners and the liquor license inspector in a manner that made every one in the court up and take notice. Mr. Wilson had no hesitancy in declaring that he knew there were cases of the commissioners and inspector violating the law. It was an astonishing thing which he hoped would never occur again. The remarks of the counsel for the prosecution, were under-pinned and at one time caused Inspector Jones to leave his seat and walk up close to Mr. Wilson and shake him. There were also a few exchanges of rapid fire talk during the session, and it was so hot at one stage that Chairman Eagles and Inspector Jones for the defence, asked the court for protection from Mr. Wilson who was putting the commissioners' chairman under a very warm cross-examination. Mr. Wilson stated in his address that it was astounding that public officials would give evidence to invalidate their own documents, sealed and signed by the government.

An Ex-Commissioner Called. Florence J. McCartney, an ex-commissioner, was the first witness and testified that the entrance was granted while he was a commissioner. With the inspector and other commissioners he visited the place and found the premises all right.

Mr. Wilson—Oh, I think Mr. McCartney does not know the law yet. I think none of them know the law yet.

Continuing, Mr. McCartney said he found only one entrance to the Cronin tavern on German street.

The magistrate said that all the commissioners who came to the court said, "I think" or "perhaps," but none of them seemed to have the premises photographed in their minds.

His honor asked McCartney to draw a plan of the premises and the Magistrate said he would be the first commissioner that ever did so.

After some delay a plan was drawn. His honor said he could not understand why everything was not taken down when the new law came in. "I can take you down to Flood's on the Market edge," he said, "and see an outside wiring, a blind, the clearest case of an obstructed view."

License Covered All. Continuing, Mr. McCartney said one door of the Cronin premises was numbered 48 and the other 50, the latter number was painted over the black paint. The license was granted for the whole premises. He was not sure if there was a passageway at the rear, and he did not see a partition in the south store, but he saw barrels with chairs or tables in No. 50.

Witness saw the door No. 50 barred up and locked, with a pile of barrels in front of it.

To Mr. Wilson—The law says that if there was an extra door it would be a violation of the law.

His Honor said there was no such thing as a door mentioned in the license.

There is a place licensed with a light over the door, and when the door is closed, if I wished it, I would have to go through the Grand Union to get a drink.

Chairman Eagles Called. J. B. Eagles, chairman of the commissioners, gave evidence that the place was boarded up and the commissioners were satisfied that the manager of the place was complying with the law.

In answer to His Honor, witness said that if the boards had been taken down it was a matter for the Inspector to look into.

Continuing witness said the door in No. 50 was fastened up and he did not see it, but he did not see No. 50, as there was dark paint over it.

There were two shops there when the license was on, and there are two stores now. He contended that both stores were the premises.

At this stage Mr. Wilson got pretty close to the witness and put his questions in a rather loud tone of voice. Homer Forbes, who appeared for the defence interrupted and appealed to the judge, saying that Mr. Wilson should use the witness with respect.

Mr. Wilson turned to Mr. Forbes and said: "If you use this witness just as he wants to be used."

To Chairman Eagles, Mr. Wilson said: "To Chairman Eagles, Mr. Wilson said: 'I'm not going to eat you up.' Mr. Eagles—No, nor your not going to digest me either."

Mr. Forbes to Mr. Wilson—You must use this man right.

Mr. Wilson—"I'll treat him as he wants to be treated."

Continuing witness said he could not get a full view of the south store from No. 48, which was the north store.

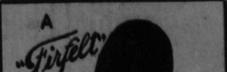
Mr. Wilson said—"We have to fight liquor license commissioners as well as barmen in this business, and when we have to fight all of them it is hard."

Excellent Legislation. The Magistrate said he did not see how the government puts forth such excellent legislation why people should not respect and observe the law. "I saw a place in New York with blinds pulled down. There should not be blinds. It should not be hard to tell those men to remove their blinds. I have mentioned these facts to the Inspector and said to him."

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DIED.

DOHERTY—Suddenly in this city on December 21st, 1911, Henry A. Doherty, aged 57 years. Funeral from his late residence 96 Wentworth street, on Saturday at 2 p. m. Service at St. John's Cathedral, 205 St. James St., West End, Walter Kenneth Turner, only and beloved son of George H. C. and M. Johnston, aged 2 years and 2 months. Funeral Saturday at 2.30 p. m. to Cedar Hill Cemetery.

RITCHIE—At Hampton, Wednesday, Dec. 20th, Elizabeth, wife of Wm. Ritchie, aged 76 years. Funeral from late residence, Main St., Hampton Station, on Friday afternoon at one o'clock. Interment at Fernhill Cemetery on arrival of Quebec express.

AS A GIFT for older people the government puts forth such excellent legislation why people should not respect and observe the law. "I saw a place in New York with blinds pulled down. There should not be blinds. It should not be hard to tell those men to remove their blinds. I have mentioned these facts to the Inspector and said to him."

COOK FALLS FROM TRAIN—IS KILLED

Accident Occurs Near Truro, when Employee of Dining Car Meets His Death—Man's Antecedents Unknown

A sad accident occurred three miles from Truro on Wednesday night, when Richard McLeod, a cook on the dining car, fell from the Pacific express and was instantly killed. The train was quickly stopped and the unfortunate man's remains taken to Truro, and placed in charge of an undertaker. An inquest into the cause of the death will be held.

There seems to be some doubt as to the cause of the accident, but it is believed that McLeod approached too near the edge of the platform and fell off.

Deceased was only 23 years of age, and had been a cook in Montreal in the C. P. R. and only came on this route about three weeks ago. He was a Scotchman by birth, but no further information regarding his antecedents was obtainable here last night.

Flouring in St. John recently, is being received with much favorable comment here. It is obvious that the union-of-families club, as suggested by the premier, is a business-like proposition.

The operation of this plan involves the assistance of the federal and local governments, and the active interest and co-operation of the various boards of trade. A fund of \$5,000, subscribed by an organization of business men, is to be used in aiding settlers to bring out their families.

This is the essence of the plan, the workings of which would be far-reaching. Premier Flemming in attempting to solve this difficult problem, again demonstrates the progressiveness of his government. It is to be regretted that our local board of trade is defunct. If possible, it should be resurrected and this important matter taken up.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY LIKES THE PLAN AND LOOKS FOR BENEFITS.

Special to The Standard, St. Stephen, Dec. 21.—Premier Flemming's announced immigration plan, embodying the idea that the family should follow the head, is being followed by the county. Along lines that have been discussed by the St. Stephen Board of Trade, this town has entered from the fact that wage earners here, send their money elsewhere to be expended. The hope is here expressed that in any scheme to induce immigration, the county should be able to see that St. John, and the country immediately contiguous is not the whole of the province.

There is farm land in Charlotte county the equal of any on earth, for many branches of husbandry, and conditions that would create contentment among immigrants from any land, and the people here expect that any government scheme will be framed, so as to benefit this and all other sections of the province. The scheme outlined in the press today, is very favorably commented on.

CAMPBELLTON THINKS THE SUGGESTION IS A BUSINESSLIKE ONE.

CAMPBELLTON (Clay) H. B. O. Special to The Standard, Campbellton, Dec. 21.—The practical plan for the solution of the immigration problem as outlined by Premier

SANTA CLAUS KEEPS THE RAILWAYS BUSY

Station Crowded Last Night - Trains Delayed by Heavy Traffic - Express and Mail Cars Packed.

Yesterday the excursion rates on the railways went into effect. The station was thronged from early morning until the departure of the Halifax train after midnight.

The traffic on the first day of the cheap fares was exceptionally heavy. All the trains brought their quota of cheap comers for the Christmas family reunion. The Halifax express last evening carried additional cars, to accommodate the traffic, while Santa Claus requisitioned extra express and postal vans to forward his gifts.

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The depot is, as a rule, quiet and unexciting after ten o'clock at night, but last night proved an exception. A large crowd was present and to witto away the weary wait, impromptu selections on tin whistles and horns were among the arrivals and enlivened the depot with their cheery voices.

The Boston express was three-quarters of an hour late arriving last evening on account of the heavy passenger list, and Christmas mails and express packages called for a few minutes delay. A number of U. N. B. students, and Normaites came on the train as did a bevy of fair co-eds. The Halifax train was late and was nearly an hour late leaving.

Frank M. Smith, of Mount Allison, who was recently injured in a football game, is home on his vacation and is recovering.

A. Clawson returned to the city yesterday from Montreal where he is attending McGill University.

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THE HOME REUNION MOVEMENT.

Interest in the Imperial Reunion Movement is growing. Enquiries in the different sections of the Province, as shown in our news columns today, have brought a hearty response from the presidents of Boards of Trade. The suggestion of Mr. Flemming that a guarantee loan fund should be raised to assist in bringing to New Brunswick the wives and families of satisfactory immigrants will be promptly taken up and discussed. The example of the St. John Board in taking hold of the proposal to guarantee \$5,000 for this purpose has borne excellent fruit. There is evidently a strong feeling throughout the Province in favor of this movement, and co-operation by guaranteeing local funds may be confidently looked for. Communications from several places not heard from yesterday will reach The Standard by mail.

By making the movement provincial in scope, opportunity will be afforded each section of the Province to take a direct interest in the immigrants located within its borders. The qualifications and standing of settlers in a district can be readily ascertained, and applications for an advance to pay the passage of a wife and family can be dealt with promptly. The Imperial Reunion Association has several offices throughout the West. A branch is just starting in Toronto. The system has been found in every way satisfactory, and in the work of adding whole families to the population is bringing excellent results.

It remains now for Boards of Trade throughout the Province to meet and discuss the proposal, which has been so favorably received, in all its bearings. Full and detailed information as to the way the movement has been successfully carried out by the Winnipeg Association will be forwarded to the secretary of every Board of Trade in the Province within the next few days. If the Home Reunion Movement is successful in arousing the business men of New Brunswick to take an active and practical interest in the question of immigration it will go far towards solving this intricate and difficult problem. The unanimous response to the suggestion of Mr. Flemming is a happy augury of success.

THE WHEAT BLOCKADE.

The New Brunswick farmer, with a good home market at his door, has no reason these days to envy his brethren in the West. In consequence of the wheat blockade in the Prairie Provinces conditions are said to be "simply appalling." In Saskatchewan wheat has been standing alongside the elevators for weeks and the loss to the farmers has been enormous. According to a despatch from Winnipeg the elevator commissioner has suspended the Grain Act and has issued imperative orders that cars be provided, but without result. Many farmers are selling the grain for whatever it will fetch. Extraordinary conditions this year contributed to the congestion. Owing to the weather the harvest was a month later than usual, and in consequence all the farmers wanted to market their grain at the same time. Over such an extended territory a car shortage was the inevitable result.

The situation during the past few weeks is reported to have been without parallel in the history of Western Canada. A recent despatch states that "elevators are filled to the roof and the farmers have been standing around for days waiting to have their grain unloaded. At Morse 50,000 bushels of grain are piled up on the street and in impromptu warehouses. Over a hundred loads of grain were on the streets of Morse with no place to unload it, and a number of farmers have been in town for a week trying to dispose of their consignments. Many drove 70 miles with a view to returning with necessities. The farmers fought like cats and dogs for the privilege of unloading, and mounted police were called in to maintain order." According to another report conditions at Herbert, Swift Current and Rush Lake have been just as bad. "At Rouleau over 300 names of farmers are on the car order book. At Pense a thousand names of farmers are on the waiting list. Sintalnia, Qu'Appelle, Indian Head, McTaggart, Lang and Milnes are in no better shape."

In addition to the likeness of the season the situation has been further complicated for the transportation companies by the recent coal strike. Great quantities of coal had to be taken West to supply the demand which would otherwise have been supplied from the local mines. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, in a recent interview, pointed out that congestion in the traffic was one of those problems that is inevitable, occasionally, in a great wheat raising country. Referring to the difficulty of getting so much grain through the terminals in so short a time, he said the C. P. R. had foreseen the difficulty and had spent millions and millions of dollars during the past six or seven years in improving the terminal facilities, and it was evident that with the growth of the country the company would have to continue the same sort of work to prevent future congestion.

NEW BRUNSWICK'S OPPORTUNITIES.

It is an encouraging sign of the times that the possibilities in the soil of New Brunswick are at long last coming to be realized. A rather striking example of this fact has occurred in the neighborhood of Pennfield, Charlotte County. It has just been discovered, during the past season, that the loose gravelly soil in this district is ideal for potato raising. An interesting account of the circumstances and the subsequent developments was given by Mr. S. W. Farham of St. Stephen at the last meeting of St. Stephen Board of Trade.

It appears that a chemical company, located in the upper section of Charlotte County, had been endeavoring to grow potatoes on a large scale, but for several years, owing to the nature of the soil, the crop had been a failure. They "tumbled" on the Pennfield district last summer quite by accident, and as the soil seemed to afford better prospects of success, the experiment was made of planting potatoes. The result more than justified the fullest expectations. They planted on June 17 and the plants flourished until killed by the frost on September 10. The harvest was a splendid one, without a sign of rot or blight. One carload was sent to St. John and commended a ready sale at the highest prices, the dealer here asserting that they were the finest potatoes he had ever seen. The company felt encouraged to go into potato culture in the district on a large scale and took up the matter of freight rates with the C. P. R. Very favorable terms were granted. Lack of storage was found to be a handicap and the railway company is now considering a suggestion to erect a warehouse where the growers can rest space for storage purposes. Mr. Farham told the Board of Trade that in his opinion potatoes could be raised in Pennfield cheaper than anywhere else in the world. The Standard is not selling real estate, and beyond the statements of Mr. Farham to his Board of Trade, as reported in the St. Croix Courier, we know nothing of the Pennfield district. But here are thousands of acres of fertile land as level as any Western prairie, admirably adapted for potato raising, and to be bought from somebody at a low figure. The development of agriculture is one of the greatest boons to any Province. Capital and labor both benefit, immigration is stimulated and with it comes a growth in population. The Pennfield district in Charlotte County seems worthy of the attention of investors, some of whom in this Province may have grown tired of wild cat mining schemes. As a matter of public interest The Standard cheerfully gives it this free advertisement.

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THE UNIONIST LEADER.

As might have been expected, remarks the Toronto World, Andrew Bonar Law turns out to be Irish. His brother, Dr. W. K. Law of Coleraine, states that the family has been associated with Maddybenny, a district between Portrush and Coleraine, for generations. His father, Rev. James Law, to whom he recently erected a memorial window in Ballywillan Church, was born at Maddybenny, and emigrated when a young man to New Brunswick. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. William Kidston of Helensburgh, near Glasgow, and their children were born in the Dominion, Andrew Bonar, called after the Scotch "saint and mystic," whose life of Dr. McCheyne specially appealed to Rev. James Law; Dr. W. K., who has practised medicine in Coleraine for thirty years, and Mr. J. R. K., head of the exporting firm of William Jacks and Co., Glasgow.

Mr. Law is one of the new type of public men and resembles Mr. Lloyd George in this respect. He taught in Sunday school, but is not narrow in his views. He is a life-long abstainer from intoxicating drugs, and it is related that on the night of the Glasgow election in 1906, when the Unionists were crushed, another defeated candidate came into his room and found him sipping a glass of milk. "Oh, Law!" he exclaimed, "who could drink milk on such a night as this?" Mr. Law was not long without a seat.

The British Weekly, which is Liberal in its predilections, says: "It is something that is an Irishman; it is something that he is a Canadian; it is more that he is a convinced and well-equipped Protectionist, and it is perhaps most of all that he is a fighting man, and credited, not unjustly, with the power of rasping and biting speech. But we hope this last gift will be exercised moderately." And the British Weekly goes on to say that Ontario politicians might well make a note of: "It is in every way well that the Unionists should have an able leader. Every government should be confronted by strong opposition, if it were only to call forth their powers."

The loss of another seat by the Asquith Government—North Ayrshire making the fourth constituency which has returned a Conservative since Mr. Bonar Law became leader of the party—indicates that the tide of public opinion is setting strongly in favor of the Unionists and Tariff Reform in the Old Country. The victory is all the more noteworthy from the fact that Mr. Anderson, the Liberal candidate was seeking re-election on his appointment as Solicitor General for Scotland.

Through an error in a headline, the "Merchants' Bank was substituted for the "Farmers' Bank over a report regarding the latter in yesterday's issue. It is almost unnecessary to add that the Merchants Bank of Canada is in a thriving condition and is not causing any uneasiness to its depositors.

Current Comment

(Nelson Daily News, N. C.)

In the light of the announcement of Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine, that of the nine tenders received for the construction of the four cruisers and destroyers contemplated by the late Government for the Canadian navy, the lowest, that of Cannell, Laird & Co., was \$11,290,000; that of Swan Hunter was \$12,174,000, while another was \$19,055,804, and that under the terms of the contract, the ships could not be completed till six years hence, when they would be obsolete, there is no question that the latter scheme must have looked ridiculous in the eyes of the British Admiralty. The Laurier Administration doubtless saw that the country would have nothing but contempt for such a useless and costly naval building programme. Hence their smothering of the tenders although received five months before the election. The new Minister of Marine, as he said, would have been remiss in his duty, if listening to the calls of the Liberal press, he had signed a contract for any such wasteful expenditures, as the carrying out of the Laurier naval scheme would have entailed.

(Bangor News.)

According to the evidence given before Judge Hale's court in Portland, it seems as if Sandford must have either been "mad as a March hare," or else he was the most hardened and cruel tyrant who has yet blackened the face of God's sweet earth. However shocking it may have been to hear the recital of legal evidence to the judge and jury, the men who told those ghastly tales of hunger, disease and serious wrongs were the willing dupes and followers of Sandford. He was their leader and prophet, and it is to eternal joy, or to condemnation, that they lift up their voices to condemn them to everlasting punishment. With Sandford to smile upon them and to approve of their conduct, the worst that the courts could do was no more than the scratch of a pin. A faith of this kind approaches the God-like in its sublimity. It is also nearly allied to the work of demons from the pit in its utter inferiority. Can human beings in this year of our Lord, 1911, be such blind dupes to unreason? Or is Sandford stark and raving mad?

(Boston Transcript.)

Baleful predictions of the disappearance of the horse were not uncommon, a few years ago, after electricity had been adopted by street railways as a motor power and the popularity of the automobile had begun to be foreseen, but in these latter days the pessimists are dumb. The view of the optimists was recently stated by the president of a Missouri veterinary college who declared that "The coming of the motor car might be called an act of Providence. Had it not made its appearance, the veterinary added, "there would not be enough horses on earth now to supply the demand. The natural increase of business and population made it necessary that something should come forward to help out the horse." All of which, making a moderate allowance for professional enthusiasm, is substantially true.

(Manitoba Free Press.)

F. E. Smith, taken to task by Prof. Decey in the Times for the manner of his attacks in Parliament upon Ambassador Bryce, admits in his reply that "when revolutionary aims are being fraudulently pursued by Ministers, a style of controversy may become necessary which would be justly resented amid the courteous amenities of academic disputation." As an apology for rough-house work this should become a classic.

(London Free Press.)

If Thomas Alva Edison can relieve some of the present immense drain on the world's forest resources by his substitution of cement for wood for furniture and similar purposes, he will make himself a public benefactor in a way rivaling the claim he has to be known as such from his electrical discoveries.

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Dec. 23	Man. Miller	Jan. 8	Man. Miller
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Steamers	Where From	Date
Rappahannock	London	Dec. 6
Man. Corporation	Manchester	Dec. 9
Kastalia	Glasgow	Dec. 11
Sardinian	Havre	Dec. 11
Empress Britain	Liverpool	Dec. 13
Mount Temple	Antwerp	Dec. 15
Ramore Head	Androssan	Dec. 16
Man. Importer	Manchester	Dec. 16
Wahanaui	Cardiff	Dec. 18
Inishowen Head	Glasgow	Dec. 19
Grampian	Liverpool	Dec. 22
Man. Miller	Manchester	Dec. 22
Fomeratinia	Havre	Dec. 23
Montreal	Antwerp	Dec. 27
Empress Ireland	Liverpool	Dec. 29
Man. Commerce	Manchester	Dec. 30

The above list is subject to change, other sailings to be added at a later date.

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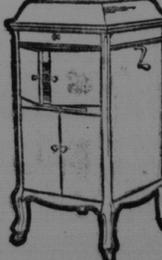
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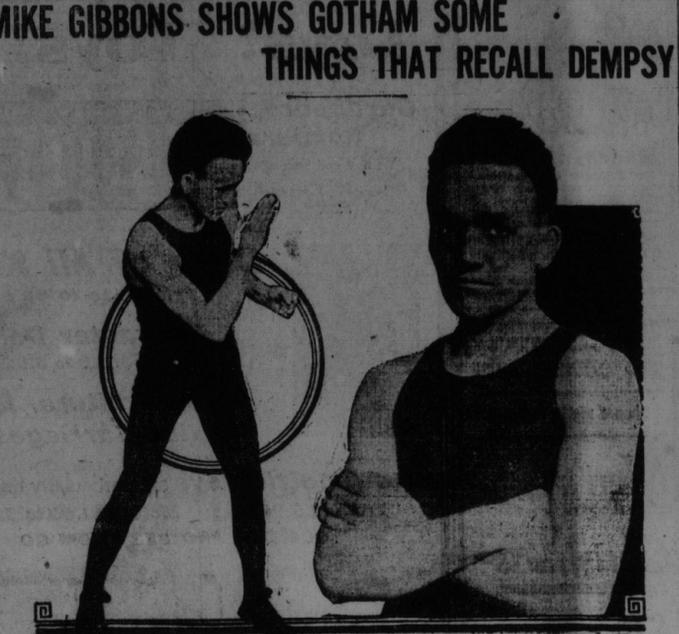
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THE FISTIC WONDER, MIKE GIBBONS.
New York, Dec. 12.—That bright light on our sky is the reflection of the radiance shed by Mike Gibbons, S. F. of St. Paul.
Gibbons did a Lochinvar from St. Paul and beat up Willie Lewis so thoroughly that Willie couldn't remember whether he left Hortense on the Boi de Bouillon or Broadway.
Be it known that Mike Gibbons, who "came out of the west," is the greatest welterweight fighter New York ever saw. He is the marvel of the game for the time being, and experts say all he has to do is to hold out his hand for title to tumble into it.
Gibbons' debut here was with Billy Sherman, a "cemer" who "looked a possible champ." He looked like one of Col. Winder's targets in the four rounds he stalled off a knockout. Then Gibbons took on Lewis, who looked just about as good. Then Frank Coffey, coast middleweight, who out-weighted him pounds, was in the same ring, was merely an incident, for Gibbons was the whole show.
a pippin. He hasn't a rival in sight in the welterweight division.
Gibbons has been boxing three years and is 22. He is tall and slender. Nothing indicates abnormal strength. His legs and waist are small.
Gibbons used to box in the St. Paul Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, and developed such cleverness that he was appointed instructor. Soon afterward he took up the professional game.
Gibbons carries the left side of his jaw on his breast bone and depends upon an open left glove to block. Lewis found his defense hard to penetrate.
As a puncher Gibbons shows the styles of old timers. He rubs his nose with his right thumb, as Dan Creighton did, but the opponent who wishes is stopped with a left that carries a sleep-pill.
He uses a variety of blows. He punches short with the right and every blow is clean. He never looks into an opponent's eyes, but at his feet.

"CHIEF" MEYERS MOST IMPROVED
PLAYER IN NATIONAL LEAGUE
As fielders the Giants were not the smoothest of performers in 1911. That was one reason why the manager of the team worked every combination possible to get the best collection that he could of base runners and batters. If we were to relapse into football jargon, which is pretty good at this time of the year, the defense of the Giants would be put down as weaker than their attack and it would be not far from the case of truth. Meyers was not of the greatest improvement shown by any player of the team, and perhaps, all things considered, the greatest improvement shown by any player in the National League, was that of "Chief," because of his splendid work last season, on the King from the big star All American nine, which is one of the features of the Spalding record books. It's no ordinary feat to beat a catcher of the caliber of King and the modest Indian never had the slightest notion that he was doing as well as he did.
Meyers caught at 123 games and had a record of chances accepted which was almost equal to the world's record. All things considered, there are compliments coming to two men. The first goes to Meyers, because of his good work, and the second to John J. McGraw, who made a catcher of class out of the Indian, in spite of the fact that two or three rather prominent managers in major league baseball insisted that Meyers was not of the type which would be successful in a big league, merely showing that there are some managers who trust too much to first impressions.
Meyers does not lead the catchers of the league in the field, but for all-around work and ability to play day after day he was by far the best catcher in the National League. So much for the player who had the strength and determination to perse-

M'FARLAND AND WELSH
HAVEN'T GOT THE PUNCH
As for McFarland not putting Harlem Tommy Murphy away, it might be mentioned that Ad Wolgast battered away at Battling Nelson for 40 rounds and failed to knock him off his feet for the count of ten. Nelson was not a clever blocker like Murphy, so there should be no great surprise because Packey failed to stop him inside of 20 rounds. What if Knockout Brown did stop Murphy in one round, or rather one minute, Brown was credited with having the best of Ad Wolgast in two ten round bouts, but no one believes that he would stand a chance against the champion in a long contest. It is different to get a full force blow to a clever man like Murphy, than to batter some boxer who has no skill and does not know how to block or step out of distance. McFarland can hit all right, but I doubt whether he will ever be able to be at his best when making 133 pounds at 3 or 5 o'clock. Packey has the class all right, and showed it against Murphy, even though he failed to knock him out.
With all the mixups among the lightweights, the question now uppermost in the minds of the fans is whether Wolgast will be himself when he recovers from the effects of the operation. It will be at least six months before he can get into the ring again in any kind of shape, and it may be longer; it all depends upon the results or after effects of the cutting. Ad will retain the championship just the same as any champion has six months grace before taking up the defence of his title, according to boxing rules, and the chances are that the Michigan boy will be ready and anxious by that time to tackle any one. During the period of inactivity by Wolgast, the rest of the lightweights can fight it out among themselves. There should be some lively battles with the striking of likely lightweights on the warpath just now. Besides McFarland and Welsh there is Joe Mandot, the southern champion, Milburn Saylor, of Indianapolis; Grover Hayes, Matty Baldwin, Knockout Brown, and several lesser lights coming to the front, such as Pal Brown, the Minnesota champion; Joe Rivers, developing into a

THE CITY
LEAGUE'S
SCHEDULE
His Worship Mayor Frink will open the city hockey league on the evening of January 3rd, in the Queen's rink. The executive of the league met last evening and drew up the following schedule for the winter's play:
Jan. 3rd—Bankers vs. Harriers.
Jan. 10th—Tigers vs. Harriers.
Jan. 17th—Bankers vs. Tigers.
Jan. 24th—Bankers vs. Harriers.
Jan. 31st—Tigers vs. Harriers.
Feb. 7th—Bankers vs. Harriers.
Feb. 14th—Harriers vs. Tigers.
The senior city team that will play under the A Company colors, will be picked from the players of these teams
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 21.—How Geo. Lindsay, 12 years old, and sole heir to the millions of the late W. H. Lindsay, of Philadelphia, had been removed from the temple of a sun worshippers' cult and placed under the charge of the juvenile court, at the request of relatives, was revealed here today.
Charles R. Lindsay, uncle of the boy is responsible for the action. After a nation wide search for the boy, the uncle found him at the temple here. Detectives in the employ of Lindsay, who attempted to take the boy away were attacked by worshippers, it is said. The boy's mother, who placed him in the temple, is said to be known among the cult as "Yahdah."
One of the charges made by the boy's uncle, is that the lad was kept on a diet of grapes and beer. The Gerry Society and other juvenile organizations searched. He is said to have been in the temple about six months. The boy is now at his mother's home here. She has been ordered not to return him to the temple, Judge Pinkney will hear the case Jan. 4.
Hogan Case Adjudged.
The case preferred against Mrs. J. A. Hogan for allowing a drunken man to remain in her tavern, Water street on Monday night last, was resumed in the police court yesterday afternoon. W. J. Mahoney appearing for the defence. Only one witness was put on the stand for the defence and that was Thomas McLean, who said he was in the bar on Monday night about 9:10 o'clock and saw the man complained of in there. Handy appeared to be sleepy. He was not served with a drink and the bartender ordered him to go out. The case was adjourned until this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

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NEW USE FOUND FOR
SEAWEED--POTASH
MAY BE EXTRACTED
Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—The United States will not have to depend on Germany much longer for its potash with which to make fertilizer. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson stated today that in the near future the United States should be able not only to supply its own needs, but also to export a considerable amount of potash he said.
The principal source of American potash, the experts of the agricultural report say, will be in the kelp or seaweed of the Pacific coast. The plant extracts potash salts from sea water, and from 25 to 35 per cent of its weight is potassium chloride, the Pacific coast should yield annually about 1,000,000 tons, worth \$40,000,000.
In addition to the potash, kelp contains iodine and many other by products which may "more than pay the manufacturing expenses, leaving the potassium chloride free of cost." The geologist's report, cattle food, shoe shelleac, paper and even candy can be made from the plant.
If properly harvested and protected, the Pacific kelp groves, it is said, should yield annual harvests indefinitely and along the southern coast, it is possible that two crops a year may be obtained.

PASTOR DECLINES
TO ACCEPT CALL TO
WOODSTOCK CHURCH
Special to The Standard.
Woodstock, Dec. 21.—At a meeting of the parishioners of St. Luke's Church last night, a communication was received from Rev. J. R. E. MacDonald, now in California, regretting that he cannot accept the call tendered him by the church, in succession to Rev. H. G. Alder. The question will be further considered on January 2nd.
Rev. A. C. Berrie, formerly of Albert county, who has been preaching here, the first Sunday in January. Maurice Fitzgerald, a well known resident of Canterbury, aged 35 years, died this morning after a long illness, in the Fisher Memorial Hospital, leaving two sisters, who came from Boston to be with him when he died. The body will be removed to Canterbury, where the burial will take place.
Vincent McElroy, of Benton, and Maggie Bickford, of Seaville, Kings county, a daughter of Richard Bickford, were married by Rev. Frank Baird yesterday. They leave tonight on a short tour, which will include a visit to the bride's former home. They will reside in Benton.

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CONGRESS ADJOURNS.
Washington, Dec. 21.—Both houses of congress adjourned this afternoon for the holiday recess, and will reassemble at noon January 3rd.

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for the kiddies is still a great favorite.
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MAURICE COSTELLO, in Vittagraph's fine comedy, "Who's Who?"
GREAT ENGINEERING FEAT, the building of New York's new waterworks.
SANTA CLAUS IN POVERTY ROW, a sweet story for old and young.
STRONG WAR STORY by the Selig Co., entitled "Lieutenant Grey."
PRINCESS ELIZABETH
In her very wonderful toe dancing act. This child will bid farewell to St. John on Saturday afternoon.
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AROUND THE CITY

Str. Connors Bros.
Steamer Connors Bros., will sail from her wharf at St. John at 7 a. m. on Saturday in place of 7.30 a. m. as usual.

Bandmen to Meet.
All members of the Artillery band are requested to be at the room at 8 o'clock sharp this evening (Friday) to receive pay.

Wagon Unscathed.
Yesterday morning street car No. 40 and Patrick Gleason's wagon collided on Union street and the car was slightly damaged.

To Receive Pay.
No. 6 Battery, 1st N. B. Heavy Brigade Canadian Artillery, will meet at their drill hall Friday, Dec. 22nd, at 7.30 p. m., to receive annual drill pay. All equipment and rifles must be returned.

Didn't Stay Long.
Acting Sergeant Ross and Officer O'Leary were called to the general public hospital about 2.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon to eject Timothy Burke who was drunk. The ejection was rapid and Burke was placed under arrest.

A Pretty Calendar.
The Standard has received from J. A. Marvix, of Moncton, a very serviceable calendar for 1912. The design is especially appropriate to the Lily White brand of goods turned out by the Marvix Company.

Seaman Arrested.
George Dixon, an article seaman on the schooner Luella, in Gregory's slip, was given in charge yesterday afternoon by Captain Thomas Young for being absent without leave and for using abusive language. Police-man S. L. Hamm made the arrest.

Child Strayed.
At 4.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon Minnie, the 4 year old daughter of David Fraser, 66 Gifford street, West End was found straying on King street by Mrs. Smith and was taken to the central police station where she was called for later by her anxious mother.

A Narrow Escape.
George M. Ross, druggist of 472 Main street, had a narrow escape from being killed or seriously hurt yesterday afternoon. Mr. Ross, while crossing the street in front of his place of business, yesterday afternoon, slipped and fell on the car tracks in the immediate vicinity of the spot where the fatality occurred on the evening of Dec. 12. At this time a car was coming down Main street and Mr. Ross leaped to his feet just in time to escape being run over.

AGRICULTURAL TRAINS WILL TOUR PROVINCES
Governments of New Brunswick, Ontario and Quebec Negotiating with C.P.R. for New Demonstration Feature

Agricultural schools on wheels which have been common in the United States and western Canada, will probably be seen in the east next summer. The governments of New Brunswick, Ontario and Quebec are now negotiating with the C. P. R. with a view to having special agricultural trains tour every part of the respective provinces, giving lectures and demonstrations in the modern science of farming.

The C. P. R. with a view to increasing the productivity of farms, has employed such trains in the west with excellent results, and the co-operation of the governments of the provinces mentioned has been enlisted in a plan to operate such trains in the east.

W. W. Hubbard, secretary for agriculture, will leave for Montreal next week to discuss final details of the scheme which has been under consideration for some time, and hopes to be able to complete arrangements so far as this province is concerned. It is understood that the I. C. R. authorities are also considering a proposition to place agricultural instruction trains on its lines, and provide for demonstrations and lectures. If the I. C. R. train is not ready for service in this province next summer arrangements will be made by the local government to have the C. P. R. special train go over the I. C. R. lines in the province.

The plan which the C. P. R. and the local government is now working on involves the employment of special trains with lecture and demonstration cars, and with professors from the various agricultural colleges will spend the spring and summer months over the provinces, and stopping at all the prominent towns for lectures and demonstrations, to attend which farmers will be granted reduced fares from all over the various districts. Daily farming, fruit farming, stock raising and a good seed propaganda will all be treated from a scientific point of view, and in such a way as to afford the maximum of practical help and encouragement to the farmers in every locality.

BEAUTIFUL SHOWING OF CUT FLOWERS.
The thousands of people who are daily passing the floral store of W. & S. Pedersen at 49 Charlotte street, are unanimous in their admiration of the display of cut flowers and potted plants shown there. It is doubtful if ever before a greater or more beautiful exhibition has been seen here.

The Christmas shoppers find this establishment one of the most convenient in the city for purchasing floral presents appropriate to the season.

There is a magnificent display of roses, carnations and violets, along with many other varieties, and the assortment is without doubt as complete as it is unique.

The Pedersen firm have made every effort to please the public, and are more able to do so this season than ever before. A telephone call or a visit to the Charlotte street store will receive prompt attention.

The finest line of children's footwear in town at the Slater Shoe Shop 81 King street.

VALLEY RAILWAY CONTRACT OUR BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT

A King Street Business Man Says Merchants will be Greatly Benefitted by Increased Business to Come from New Line, Contract for Which Has Been Signed.

The best part of St. John was out shopping yesterday; at any rate the crowds of ladies thronging the stores and streets were considerably larger than any day so far this Christmas season. If many of them followed the advice of the friends of the shop gets to shop early and avoid the rush, they evidently decided that they needed some more presents, or are so fond of the bargain counter excitement that they could not resist the temptation to take part in another rush.

Shopkeepers say the Christmas trade so far has been heavier than last year, and at the same time they expect the sales for the week-end to break all records. A well-known King street business man stated that the shopkeepers of the city could contemplate the year's developments with satisfaction, and had every reason to feel merry on Christmas Day.

"What special reason have you to be pleased?" he was asked.

"Well, there are several special reasons," he said. "One is the signing of the St. John Valley Railway contract; that is the best Christmas gift that could be presented to the merchants of St. John. That road will bring a population of at least 10,000 in touch with the merchants of this city, and that population should increase rapidly every year. At present a vast amount of money from the St. John River Valley goes to the small order concerns of Toronto and Montreal. When the railway is in operation and the people for a good distance up the river are able to run into St. John without much loss of time, they will come to town when they want anything, and purchase from us instead of sending their money out of the province. St. John merchants are certain to reap a great benefit from the construction of the Valley Railway right from the outset; and if the construction of the railway, as there is every reason to believe, results in the filling up of the unoccupied lands it will mean that this city will do a steadily increasing business.

"Its industries will develop, its population will increase, and it will respect the impulse to progress. It receives from the people of the valley by providing them with a steadily increasing market for the products of their farms. And those who know anything about the valley, know that its possibilities along agricultural lines are very great. All that is needed to effect a revolution in farm production is co-operation and a little more expert knowledge of modern farming and fruit raising methods. When the old Loyalists and others first settled in the valley they worked on co-operative lines to a great extent. When any farmer had a special job on hand, he invited his neighbors to help and they came and made a festival of the occasion. The younger generations have rather abandoned the old harvest festivals, threshing bees, etc., and the old social spirit which they embodied has departed and rural life in consequence has lost something of its old brightness and charm. But it is to be hoped that our farmers will learn co-operation on more advanced lines, as they have learned in other countries, and that through it rural life will acquire the spirit that once characterized it."

"The annual meeting of the Union of Plant Weir Operators of Charlotte county will be held in St. George on the 29th inst. Many important questions will come before the meeting and it is expected there will be a large attendance. The union now has over 500 members. Since its organization it has done much to advance the interests not only of the weir operators, but of the fishermen generally. Prior to the formation of the union the weir owners as well as the fishers of St. John county were obliged to accept any price for sardine herring that the Eastport packers offered. As a consequence of the organization of the union the weir operators secured a great advance in price, and the fishers of St. John county were also able to command better prices for their catches.

It is understood that one matter to come before the annual convention of the Weir Operators is that of asking the Dominion government to grant a bonus to sardine packing factories. Many people believe that with some encouragement sardine factories in St. John or Charlotte counties could put the factories in Eastport out of business, and with this object in view some people have even advocated the imposition of an export duty on sardine herring, but it is almost certain that the fish weir operators will not favor such a step at the present time.

Suggestions.
Wouldn't three pair of dainty fine silk gauze stockings be a lovely present for sister or mother? Three pair prettily boxed can be had for \$1.00 and \$1.25. Or if for a child or young lady what would be nicer than a nice all wool navy blue sailor dress prettily trimmed with red silk and it would only cost \$2.98. Or what about a nice umbrella costing from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Any of the above can be found at P. A. Dykeman & Co.'s store.

Swede Arrested.
Last evening about 8.30 o'clock Henry Headstrong, got into trouble and was arrested by Policeman McNamee for being drunk on Pond street. He is also charged by Louis Pader with wilfully breaking the lock on the door of his house on Pond street. The prisoner is a Swede and will probably be cool headed this morning when he faces the magistrate in the police court.

Turkey or Fish.
In order to accommodate the large number of Christmas shoppers, the management of Wannamaker's restaurant will serve a fish or turkey supper Friday and Saturday from 5 to 7 p. m.—Twenty cents.

Brighten Things Up.
The goose or turkey will soon be on your dining table. Have them accompanied with nice bright silverware. We can help you in this at 24 Waterloo street, J. Groundline, the Plater, Phone 1986-31.

Carleton Open Air Rink will open Thursday. Band Friday night and Christmas afternoon and evening. Admission 15 cents.

"Better than any I've seen and I guess I've tried them all," is a remark made recently about Humphrey's Solid Footwear. Ever try it?

Your skates attached free of charge to skating boots purchased at McCoolough's Slater Shoe Shop, 81 King street.

Many useful and dainty Christmas gifts can be purchased at the Slater Shoe Shop, 81 King street.

Wanted.
Wanted at the Royal Hotel one kitchen girl.

Ask for Frank White's own make hard mixture.

Prince William Hotel—St. John's new hotel.

Have dinner at "Bond's" today.

WAS RYDER WARNED OF APPROACHING DEATH?
Strange Story is Told by Friends of Victim of North End Street Car Accident Last Week.

Weird stories of an ante mortem warning are told by the friends of the late James A. Ryder, who met his death in a street car accident in this city on December 13th. It is said that Ryder was employed as night watchman in Hilyard Brothers' lumber yard, and it is said that about 12 o'clock, on the night prior to the accident, he was seated in a small office when he was startled by an intermittent knocking upon his door. Rising, he opened the door, but could find no trace of anyone in the vicinity. He returned to the office, only to be again startled by a repetition of the knock. This time Ryder locked the door, but his precaution was useless to exclude his ghostly visitor. Rising, apparently from the floor, a dark, almost indistinguishable figure confronted him for an instant, before retreating through the doorway. Upon examination, Ryder found the door to be unlocked.

After repeatedly pulling the whistle cord, Ryder left the premises, never to return. The following night he was struck by a street car, and instantly killed.

Residents of the vicinity heard the whistle blow at Hilyard's mill and several of Ryder's more intimate friends vouch for the story of his premonition of the disaster. The latter state that Ryder informed them that he expected something to happen him, and did not intend to return to his work.

VERY LITTLE SERIOUS ILLNESS IN THE CITY
Board of Health Reports Show Hardly Any Contagious Diseases — Death Rate for Month so far Light.

Although the officials of the Bureau of Associated Charities report that considerable sickness exists among the poor of the city, the officials of the Board of Health say there is very little contagious disease, and that the number of deaths for the month so far has been unusually small.

"Of course only cases of infectious or contagious disease are reported to us," said the secretary of the Board, "and we have little information as to the existence of ordinary sickness. But there is little serious illness in the city, judging by the number of deaths during the month so far."

"Two-thirds of the month has passed and there have been only 50 deaths in the city, that is the same rate as maintained that would give about 45 deaths for the month of December this year. That is a low death rate for December, as we had 59 deaths in December of last year and 73 deaths in the same month in 1909."

Seaman in Trouble.
Yesterday afternoon James Denney was given in charge by Allan Line Detective Joseph Walsh, by chief officer J. Yorkson, of the steamship Hungarian, and charged with being absent from the ship without leave, being an article seaman.

Sale of Novelties in M. R. A.'s Show Room.
A before Christmas clearance of articles in copper, brass, nickel and art silver. The prices are low and present a fine opportunity to purchase at a substantial saving. Many fine gift things. Sale will start this morning at 8.30.

Lightening Hitch Hockey Boots for boys, women and men at McCoolough's Slater Shoe Shop, 81 King street.

OUR BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT

Painless Dentistry
Tenth filled or extracted free of pain by the celebrated "HALE METHOD"

All branches of dental work done in the most skillful manner.

BOSTON DENTAL PARLORS
527 Main Street, Tel. 544
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NEW BRUNSWICK'S GREATEST SHOE HOUSE

Shop Early in the Day.

Men's Christmas Slippers

The majority of Men Never buy slippers for themselves. There is a kind of a tradition that has come down through the years that Santa Claus always supplies the Men's Slippers.

Are selected by men who know what men like. There is no gift you can select that costs so little, lasts so long, and gives such an amount of genuine comfort.

50c to \$2.50 a Pair

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Waterbury & Rising, Ltd.
King St. Union St. Mill St.

Diamond and Emerald Rings

\$12.00 \$16.00
20.00 25.00
30.00 40.00
50.00 60.00
75.00

Diamond and Sapphire Rings

\$12.00 \$16.00
20.00 25.00
30.00 40.00

Diamond and Ruby Rings

\$12.00 \$16.00
20.00 25.00
30.00 40.00

Diamond and Pearl Rings

\$16.00 \$20.00
30.00 50.00

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21 KING STREET, ST. JOHN, N. B.

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Initials, Monograms, Etc.

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Engraver-Printer
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See us or phone for Samples.

Toys! Toys! Toys!

Cardboard Soldiers With Wood Stands 30c, 60c, \$1.25 Box

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Dolls of All Kinds Prices 15c to \$6.50

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Doll Furniture, Beds and Carriages

Our Electric Toys are particularly fascinating
Trains \$8.00 up Motors \$1.50 to \$2.50

COME IN AND SEE THEM GO

W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd.
Market Square and King Street

SPECIAL SALE--20% DISCOUNT
On Percolators Chafing Dishes Candle Sticks

We have just received a late shipment of the above goods, and rather than carry them over we are offering them at a discount of 20 p.c.

EMERSON & FISHER, Ltd., 25 Germain Street

All M. R. A. Stores Open Tonight Until 10 O'Clock

Sale of Novelties in Brass, Copper, Nickel and Art Silver

Delightful Christmas Gift Articles Reduced to Low Figures for Immediate Clearance

This time the tardy gift buyer is fortunate for here is a sale presenting saving opportunities unusual on the following articles which have been marked low in order to dispose of them before Christmas check what you would like and come at once. In many of the things there are several, others three, two and some only one, so promptness is important to prevent disappointment.

COMMENCING THIS MORNING

OFFICE SCISSORS and PAPER KNIVES. Sale price... \$2.75
INK WELLS. Sale price... 50c to \$3.50

OFFICE AND DEN NOVELTIES in brass, copper, nickel and oxidized silver. Sale price... 35c to \$5.50

FLOWER HOLDERS Sale price... \$2.50
SMOKER'S STAND. Sale price... \$3.00
STATUES in BRONZE. Sale price... \$2.50 to \$10.50

DESK CLOCKS. Sale prices... \$3.50 to \$5.50
AUTO CLOCK. Sale price \$1.50
DESK CALENDARS. Sale price... \$2.25

CIGAR CUTTERS. Sale price... \$1.00 up
SKULL PAPER WEIGHTS. Sale price... \$1.00 up
TOBACCO JARS. Sale price... 75c to \$1.50

MANTEL CLOCKS. Sale prices... \$5.00 to \$12.00
COPPER TEA SETS. Sale price... \$4.25
COPPER CRUMB SETS. Sale price... \$1.50
PICTURE FRAMES in wood dan Celluloid. Sale price... 20c to \$2.00

PICTURE FRAMES in silver
CANDLE STICKS, brushed brass. Sale prices... 50c to \$2.25
BOOK RESTS, brass. Sale price... \$2.15 to \$5.00

FERN AND FLOWER BASKETS. Sale prices... 35c to \$2.50
JEWEL CASES, brass. Sale price... \$2.75
HAIR RECEIVERS, art silver and glass. Sale prices... 45c.

BOOK RESTS, oak and mahogany, plain and brass mounted. Sale prices... \$1.50 to \$4.25
CANDLE SHADES, paper, Japanese and French makes. Sale prices... 25c to \$5.00

ELECTRIC DESK and TABLE LAMPS. Sale prices... \$1.50 to \$25.00
COPPER TEA SETS. Sale price... \$1.50 to \$25.00
JARDINIERS and VASES brass. Sale prices 75c to \$6.00
PIPE RACKS in Carmack brass. Sale price... \$4.50
JEWEL CASES in Carmack brass. Sale prices \$3.50 to \$5.24
CLOCKS in Carmack brass. Sale prices... \$3.50 to \$5.50
CANDLE STICKS in Carmack brass. Sale prices... \$1.75
BRIDGE COUNTERS. Sale prices... 35c to \$1.75
CIGAR ASH HOLDERS. Sale prices... 25c to \$1.00
CIGAR LIGHTER. Sale price... \$2.25
SPIRIT KETTLES for travelling. Sale prices \$2.25 to \$5.00
PIN HOLDERS. Sale price... 50c
SHAVING MIRRORS, etched. Sale prices... \$1.50 to \$2.50

Sale Will Start at 8.30 in Show Room—Second Floor.

Linen and Lace Gift Handkerchiefs

PLAIN LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, 1-8, 1-4, 1-2 inch hem. Per half dozen... 50c to \$2.00
INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS, half dozen in box, \$1.00
INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS, each 20c, 25c, 25c and 32c
HEMSTITCHED AND EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS, each... 12c to \$1.50
FANCY LACE EDGE HANDKERCHIEFS, each 25c to 90c.
HEMSTITCHED HANDKERCHIEFS, embroidered, each... 15c to 50c.

DAINTY COLORED BORDERED HANDKERCHIEFS, each... 20c to \$1.50
MADEIRA HANDKERCHIEFS, hand embroidered. Each... 85c to \$1.80
ARMENIAN HANDKERCHIEFS, hand embroidered. Each... \$1.00 to \$2.50
REAL LACE HANDKERCHIEFS, Maltese Thread, Duchess, etc. Each... \$1.20 to \$2.50
CHILDREN'S HANDKERCHIEFS, from 5c each
HANDKERCHIEF CENTRES, all sizes, 10c to 25c.
Make selections early while stock is complete.

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