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GOURLEY, M. P., SAYS VICTORY.

From West to N. S., the Tide is Turning
Prospects for Conservatives in Every Province Brighter than for Many Years.

Seymour Gourley, M. P. for Colchester, came to the city today from Montreal, where he has been during the past eight days.
Mr. Gourley is full of bright hopes for the result of the coming election and believes the conservative party will go into power with a good majority. He says, "In the Montreal district there is feeling that the government is going out. Public opinion favors the conservatives, and this is due to a certain extent to the feeling that Montreal is being sidetracked by the G. T. P. scheme. Throughout the whole province of Quebec, I am told, that feeling is now, for the first time in six or seven years, turning towards the conservatives."
"In conversation with N. W. Boyd, of McDonald, Man., and Hon. M. Hall, of Calgary, I was informed that the west is solid and that the conservatives will sweep it from the coast to Lake Superior."
"Mr. Barker, M. P. for Hamilton, assured me that the prospects in Ontario were never brighter. In my own county of Colchester it is conceded that the result is only a question of size of margin. In Nova Scotia, as a whole, the tide is setting strongly with us. In Cape Breton and Pictou and Cumberland counties the labor difficulties will give the conservatives all the seats; Mr. Borden and his colleagues will carry Halifax, and the shore counties, heretofore liberal, will probably go against the present government."
"During the past day or two the impression has been gaining ground in Montreal that the election will be postponed until after another session has been held, but in any event it will come quite early in the spring, and the work of organization should not be allowed to lag. My own personal opinion is that the election will be brought on at once."

TO DETECT CRIMINALS.
Bertillon the Famous Criminologist, Has Organized a New System of Identification.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—M. Bertillon, the expert criminologist, has organized a new system for the detection of criminals. Heretofore photographs have been employed solely in the search for malefactors. Detectives will now be taught to search the physiognomy for three or four striking features, each of which has a mathematical value. Photographs, accompanied by measurements taken under this new system, will, it is claimed, make it practically impossible for well instructed detectives to make any mistake in the classification or detection of criminals. Heretofore the errors made were as high as seventy per cent, while a trial of M. Bertillon's new system has reduced the errors to one per cent.
NOTED NOVA SCOTIAN DEAD.
Col. Oxley, Founder of Oxford Woolen Mills, Dies in Hospital—Lightship's Crew Desert.
(Special to the Star).
HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 17.—Lieut. Col. Wm. Oxley, of the 3rd Cumberland Regiment, died at the Victoria General Hospital today after an operation for stomach trouble. The deceased lived in Oxford. He was the founder of the Oxford woolen mills and one of the most prominent men in the province. He was sixty-four years of age.
The crew of the lightship Lurcher left her here today, on account, they claim of hardship endured coming from Quebec.

FOSTER FOR TORONTO

Reported to Have Declined Seat in Montreal—Quebec Shoe Factories Open Again.

(Special to the Star).
MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 17.—Le Journal, the French conservative paper, again this morning says that Hon. Geo. E. Foster was offered the nomination for St. Antoine division, Montreal, but declined because he says he has previously accepted the nomination for a Toronto city constituency.
Quebec shoe factories which locked out their men a month ago opened again this morning upon conditions the same as before the lockout.

LORIER DENIES.

(Special to Star).
MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 17.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier denies the statement that he is going to California to spend some months.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of the late M. Burwell Vall was held at half-past two o'clock this afternoon from his late home, 39 Stanley street. Rev. W. C. Matthews officiated at the house and grave and the body was interred in Fernhill.

The Furness liner Dalton Hall sailed this morning in ballast. This steamer is not of the regular boats of the Furness line, but brought some cargo and was to have loaded coal at West Bay. As the season was so far advanced this charter was not accepted and the Dalton Hall has gone to Brunswick, Georgia, where she will load cotton.

NEW FIRE ALARM WELL TESTED.

Apparatus Proved Thoroughly Satisfactory.
Each Circuit Was Tested Separately—Civic Representatives Well Pleased With the Result.

The testing of the new fire alarm system, previously to its being taken over by the city, took place this morning, under the direction of expert Rogers. The work of testing was begun about ten o'clock, and was completed before eleven, without anything in the nature of a mishap occurring. The test proved thoroughly satisfactory both to the Gamewell representative and to the city officials, who were present.
The testing of the new system, being unique in its way, naturally attracted a large throng of spectators, and before the round of the first signal box pulled in had finished striking, the space in front of No. 3 engine house was crowded with interested citizens. Within the engine house were the few whose special privilege it was to watch the working of the intricate mechanism of the new system.
Deputy Mayor McGoldrick was present as the representative of the city government, and manifested a close interest in all that took place. Expert Rogers was assiduous in explaining to the deputy mayor the mechanical working of the system.
Shortly after ten o'clock a slight ticking sound on the repeater indicated that an alarm was coming. The number 6 dropped to view and it was known at once that the alarm coming in was on the sixth circuit. The signal box which was pulled was No. 143, on the North End police station. When the round was finished a telephone message came from Chief Engineer Kerr, who was looking after the pulling in of the boxes, that the bells in North End had responded perfectly.
At No. 3 engine house Expert Rogers, with Superintendent Leonard, carefully watched the switchboard and the repeater. The spacing of the strokes was faultless, rendering the possibility of a miscount almost out of question. When the round had finished striking Mr. Rogers scanned the ammeters on the switchboard and found that the sixth circuit was free.
Not five minutes had elapsed from the sounding of the first alarm till the second one was sent in. The alarm this time came from box 231, at No. 4 engine house, and, like the first one, worked admirably.
After leaving No. 4 engine house Chief Kerr drove rapidly to No. 1 engine house, Charlotte street, and within a very few minutes after an alarm was sent in from box 35. A telephone message from Chief Kerr apprised those at No. 3 engine house that the bells in all parts of the city had responded satisfactorily and were giving the greatest satisfaction.
A delay of about half an hour now occurred, in order to allow the rewinding of the big bells. When this had been done an alarm was sent in from box 18, on Jones' brewery, on the first circuit. Shortly after box 23 on Pond street was sounded, giving a satisfactory test of the second circuit. The sounding of box 34 on Centenary church, completed this morning's test, and showed that the last of the circuits was reliable.
"I am thoroughly satisfied with the efficiency of the new system," said Mayor McGoldrick. "St. John now can boast of adequate protection in the way of a reliable alarm telegraph."
Before Mr. Rogers leaves he intends to give everything a personal overlooking. He will test a number of the old boxes and see that the water motor and appliances are in good working order.

TRADE GROWING.

American Export Business Through St. John is on the Increase.

The volume of American trade through this port is steady on the increase. Manifests received at the customs yesterday afternoon and today show that at present one hundred and forty-five cars of American goods are in transit, or in other words, about seven train loads. These goods are all from the Northwestern States, and indicate a growing preference for Canadian transportation.
The manifests received last night were for thirty cars of pork products, five cars hogs and one car of lumber. Today's manifests are for the following: Ninety-four cars of flour, twenty-four cars of meats, seven cars of lard, two cars grapefruit, three cars of poultry, one car of heaters and two cars provisions.

CANADA NO GOOD.

William Lawrence is an Irishman, who does not think much of Canada. He arrived here a day or two ago and was found wandering about the Market Square late last night. After telling Officer Finley several different stories Lawrence decided that he would go to Fairville and got on a street car. He changed his mind and left the car before it started, thinking Carleton a better place. He describes Carleton as a half starved country and includes the whole of Canada under the head "no good." The man was arrested for vagrancy and this morning, being unable to offer satisfactory explanation of his conduct, was remanded to jail.

DAHOMÉ ARRIVES.

The West Indian steamer Dahomé, Capt. Lenken, arrived this morning from Demarara. She brought a considerable quantity of freight, the most of which was for outside points. The following composed her passenger list: B. Macpherson, of Barbadoes, for Toronto; L. E. Lunt, of Bermuda, for Boston; Lieut. Taught and Geary, of Bermuda, for Halifax; and Miss F. W. Musgrove, of Bermuda, for Auburn, N. S.

WHY HEAD LINE LEAVES ST. JOHN.

Freight for Ireland Is Not Plenty.
And Rates to Liverpool are so Low that Irish Freight is Sent Around That Way.

William Thomson & Co. announced yesterday that the Head line steamers will be withdrawn from St. John ahead of the sailing of the Bengore Head, now in port, and the Dunmore Head, due tomorrow. This will mean only two sailings of this line from this port instead of ten. Messrs. Thomson say that the detestant in waiting for berths, the low freights and the small quantity of traffic presents a dismal outlook for the lines operating from this port.
The C. P. R. officials say that business was never better. More freight has been brought up to the present time than ever before, and Supt. Downie is of the opinion that the loading of three lines of C. P. R. boats is not interfering with the business of any other lines.
In connection with this, the winter port statements for the past two years show that in 1901-1902 the Head line had ten sailings to Belfast, out of a total of sixty-three from St. John. These steamers brought no winter port freight. They carried away 13,780 tons to Belfast out of a total of 137,673 tons, the total export for that season. That is with sixteen per cent. of the sailings, the Head line carried thirteen and a half per cent. of the export. This is accounted for by the fact that the Head line boats are not large and that the steamers of other lines had not full cargoes.
Last year the Head line had five sailings, three to Belfast and two to Dublin. The steamers brought no import stuff, but carried away 5,123 tons to Belfast and 2,058 tons to Dublin, an average of 1,437 tons per boat. The total exports last year were 323,538 tons for 99 steamers, or an average of 2,346 tons per steamer, or, exclusive of the Head line, an average for the others of 2,395 per sailing, almost double that taken by the Head line. Last year the Head line boats had, roughly, five per cent. of the sailings and carried three per cent. of the export business, while they had none of the import stuff.
This season there have already been twelve or fourteen sailings. The Head line have not had any. By the end of the present week, there will have been twenty-three arrivals, and of these the Head line will claim two. The Bengore Head has been in port since the afternoon of Dec. 8. Supt. Downie said today that all the freight consigned to the Head line has been brought down as it offered, and that there has been no delay on the part of the railway. The Bengore Head arrived in St. John on the afternoon of Dec. 9th and remained in the stream until 2 p. m. on Dec. 12th. She could have been docked previous to that time, but Robert Thomson said today there was no use in docking the steamer and occupying a berth which might otherwise be employed when there was no freight on hand for the Bengore Head. The steamer came here in ballast.
Boats of the Head line sail from St. John to Belfast and Dublin. There is not at any time a very large load of freight for Ireland, and in the business of handling it there is sharp competition. The freight rates to Liverpool are very low and it is not unusual for persons to send their stuff to Liverpool and from there have it carried to Ireland. This may account for some of the lack of business for the Head line steamers.

THISTLE CURLERS EAGER.

Planning For Big Winnipeg Bonspiel.

Members of the Thistle Curling Club are becoming more and more excited over the prospect of an annual curling bonspiel. They have received word that a competition is to be held between the east and west, five rinks to enter from east and west. Toronto. For this competition Lord Strathcona has presented a Royal Canadian tankard, valued at \$250, and some of the Thistles think that this might be brought to St. John.
The club offers the C. P. R. one thousand dollars for transportation of twenty men by tourist car to Winnipeg and return, but this offer has not been accepted. Even under the rates now obtainable there are some of the Thistles who are seriously considering the trip. These are Alex. Holly, Fred Shaw and J. A. Sinclair. It is possible that either John Malcolm or John Thomson may form the fourth man.
St. Andrew's Club is not taking so much interest in the affair.
The three rinks at the Thistle rink are now in fine condition and will be used this evening. It is not probable that any matches will be played until January 9th, when the annual game between the two city clubs begins.

EQUITY COURT.

In the equity court of this morning, the case of Burden vs. Howard came up for hearing. This case, the parties to which reside in Westmorland county, arises out of a tailoring partnership business alleged to have existed between the plaintiff and defendant. The plaintiff claims that the defendant is possessed of certain moneys, of which he should render an accounting, as being part of the alleged partnership. The defendant, of course, denies that there ever existed anything like a partnership between him and the plaintiff. Not long ago an injunction was obtained restraining the defendant from using the money in his possession. All the witnesses, of whom there are some twenty, reside in Westmorland county, and the most of these were in court this morning. C. Lionel Hamilton and M. G. Teed, K. C., appeared for the plaintiff and Daniel Jordan, K. C., for the defendant.

COLOMBIANS READY FOR WAR.

Armed Troops Moving Toward Panama.
American Warship Ordered from Colombian Waters—Presence of Americans Resented.

COLON, Dec. 17.—The U. S. cruiser Atlanta returned here last night from the Gulf of Darien. She discovered Dec. 15, a detachment of Colombian troops numbering visually about 500 men, but according to their statements totalling 1,500 or 2,000 men at Titumati, on the western side of the Gulf just north of the mouth of the Atrato River and due east from Yaviza. The commander of the Atlanta sent ashore an officer, who conferred with the Colombian commander.
The latter protested energetically against the presence of American warships in Colombian waters, inasmuch as war between Colombia and the U. S. had not been declared, and politely requested the Atlanta to leave the Gulf because it belonged to Colombia. Commander Turner of the Atlanta ignored the request and the Atlanta returned to Colon to report to Rear Admiral Coghlan.
The Colombians are clearly busy with protective and strengthening measures. Although they treated the Americans courteously they decidedly resented the presence of the Atlanta's landing party. The Colombian force was composed partly of the men landed recently at the Atrato River by the Colombian cruisers Cartagena and Gen. Pinzon.
The Colombian camp appeared to be permanent, was well provisioned and probably destined to be used as a base of operations.
Gen. Ortis and others freely expressed the determination of Colombia to fight to the bitter end in case Gen. Reyes' visit to Washington is not successful, and Panama is not returned to Colombia.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

LOST—A long Black Throat Bull on Tuesday evening somewhere near corner of Gilbert's Lane and City Road. Finder please leave at 54 City Road.



A CHRISTMAS CAKE

From the Hygienic Bakery is sure to be the centre of attraction, not only because it looks good, but because it will taste as good as it looks. And so it is with all our pies, pastry and Christmas puddings—delicious and wholesome. Send in your Christmas orders early to ensure fulfillment.

HYGIENIC BAKERY, 134 to 138 Mill street.

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Henery Eggs.

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FOR HEN FEED.

S. Z. DICKSON

Country Market.

Christmas Sale

By the Guild of St. Monica of the Mission Church, Church of England Institute Room, SATURDAY NEXT, from 11 a. m. to 4 p. m. Xmas Filling Puddings, Home Made Candy, Cakes, Dolls, Toys. See the Mysterious Goods.

THE WEATHER.

Thursday, Dec. 17.
Highest temperature 18° over the city; lowest 8°; barometer at noon 30.1 inches; wind, north-west; velocity, 20 miles per hour. Fine.
Forecast—Strong westerly winds; mostly fair and cold with a few flurries Friday, westerly winds, rain and cold. Synopsis—Weather has turned much milder over the North-west States and Territories, but continues cold in Ontario and Quebec. Winds are strong westerly near the American coast. To Banks and American ports strong westerly winds.

FURS!



Black Marten Collar/Fur . . . \$10.00
Black Marten Scarf . . . \$12.50
Black Marten Storm Collar . . . \$25.00
Black Marten Boots . . . \$12.50
No. 2 Marten Boots . . . \$1.00
No. 2 Marten Mitts . . . \$1.50
Mink Scarf 4 skins . . . \$25.00
Mink Scarf 4 skins . . . \$35.00
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Sable Ties . . . \$15.00
Sable Mitts . . . \$15.00

Anderson's, Manufacturers, 17 Charlotte St.

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A great variety.

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Broad Cove Coal, \$7.00 a Chaldron.

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POTTS

GREAT BANKRUPT SALE.

Having closed the sale corner of Mill and Main street for two evenings, so as to assort our large stock for Grand Sale on Saturday evening, commencing at 12 o'clock, we would invite all those wishing to buy Xmas presents to attend. Watches and Jewelry of all kinds, Clocks, Umbrellas, Boys' and Men's Pants and Underclothes, Rain Coats, Rubbers and a large assortment of other goods.

F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer.

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At 88 Germain street, THURSDAY MORNING, at 10 o'clock, one very nice Oak B. R. Set, Bed Room Case, Chairs, etc., M. T. H. Room Suit, and a large assortment of House hold Effects.

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Don't Fail to Get One of Our . . .
75c. Walking Sticks
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 These, and a large assortment of Gold and Silver Mounted Walking and Ice Sticks, just to hand for Xmas.

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KING ST.
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TO LET—A cottage containing eight rooms. Enquire of M. J. WILKINS, 281 Haymarket Square.

FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET at 117 Siltos Row. Apply on premises.

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HELP WANTED FEMALE.

Advertisements under this head: Half a cent a word. No less charge than 10c.

WANTED—A good girl for general housework. Apply at No. 1 Richmond street.

WANTED—Kitchen Girl. At CLARK'S HOTEL, 31 King square.

WANTED—A competent girl for general housework. Apply at 125 Garden street.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. References required. Apply to MISS KETCHEM, 51 Oxbury street.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. References required. Apply to MRS. A. A. LEBWIS, 65 Waterloo street.

WANTED—A girl for general housework, also a nurse girl. References required. Apply at 101 Siltos Row.

WANTED—A cook without washing or ironing. References required. Apply at 178 Germain street.

Bryophila, Eczema, Eruptions on the face or body, Barber's Itch, Salt Rheum, Blood Poisoning of Wounds, Ring Worm, Itch, Scabies or Bad Skin, and all inflammatory wounds or swellings are quickly cured with

BIDDY MARTIN'S EXTRACT.

For sale by all druggists.

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BOARDING—Two front rooms with board, furnace heat, fine location. Address R. L. STAR.

BOARDING—Good rooms with board, house well heated, terms moderate. Apply to MRS. SHANKS, 125 King street, east.

FOR SALE.

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FOR SALE—Established business in this city—net income last year over \$700.00. Good chance to extend business, splendid opportunity for young man with some capital. Address TRUBBS, this office.

FOR SALE—One neat, well-built cottage, containing four rooms and closet, stone foundation, with frost-proof cellar; in good condition throughout; new verandah and lawn in front of house. Just the right kind of a residence for a small family, situated on Mulgrave street, opposite the Rope-Walk. This property can be purchased for \$250, as the owner wishes to close out the estate; previous price asked \$300. For full particulars apply to CHAPMAN & TILLEY, Barristers, Prince street.

FOR SALE—Tidy for sale. A large tidy, in good condition. Will be sold at a bargain. W. W. WEYMAN, 201 Duke street.

FOR SALE—That desirable situated two story and basement brick dwelling and freehold lot, known as the Sussex property, No. 80 Orange street, this city, and adjoining the residence of the subscriber. Can be inspected at any time. For further particulars apply to W. S. FISHER, 75 Prince William street.

FOR SALE—One 1 1/2 in. Pine Door, 6 ft. 6 in. by 3 ft. 8 in., with 3 glass panels. Apply Sun Printing Co., St. John.

FOR SALE—An are lamp, complete, nearly new. Apply to Sun Printing Co.

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LOST—A gold chain bracelet, between No. 4 Engine House and Brunswick street. Finder will be rewarded on leaving it at No. 4 Engine House.

LOST—Between Nelson's Book Store, head of King street, and post office, by way of the country market, 1 pair of Gold Rimmed Eyeglasses. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at this office.

LOST—On Friday last a Fox Hound Pup, white with brown and black spots. Finder will please return to John McEachern, 44 Forest street. Anybody found harboring the same will be prosecuted.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SAMUEL SOUTHER, the well known Christmas decorator, is in town this week delivering and putting up Christmas greenery. If any persons wish to have their homes decorated for Christmas, leave their orders with White's, King street, or 72 Mill street. All kinds of festooning and motives.

Great variety of Pipes, without cases, at 35c, regular 50c, and 75c, lines at Louis Green's.

CHAMBERLAIN'S NEPHEW IN TOWN.

Arthur Chamberlain, of Birmingham, England, a nephew of the Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, the great Imperial preferentialist, is at present in our city, a guest at the Royal Hotel. Mr. Chamberlain, when approached by representatives of the press, would say nothing more than that he was in Canada on private business.

If you are looking for fine quality Briar and Meerschaum Pipes call at Louis Green's.

A GREAT PLAY TONIGHT.

The Harkins company presented The Runaway Wife before a fair sized audience last evening. The piece was not so good as some of the others which have been presented.

Tonight and tomorrow night the play will be Secret Service. The scene is laid in Virginia at the time of the rebellion, when the Northern forces were before the city of Richmond. The piece is full of action and should draw crowded houses.

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ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 17, 1903.

ST. JOHN'S PROGRESS.

During the entire winter of 1898-99, the last year of tory rule, only twenty-two steamships sailed from St. John in the winter port trade. This season already, although the business has been in progress only five or six weeks, eighteen steamships have arrived for cargoes, and five more are due this week, making a total of twenty-three in six weeks, or one more than the whole number arriving during the last year of tory rule. Comment is unnecessary and would be superfluous. —Fredericton Herald.

Or rather, such comment as is proper, the Herald could not be expected to make. The liberals, as a party, have had about as much to do with the growth of our trade as they have had with the growth of the grass and the flowers in King square.

This port has prospered because of its great natural advantages and the energy of its citizens and in spite of the indifference and neglect of a government which might have made our advance far more rapid. Ships have come here because they could get accommodations and freight, and the C. P. R. has brought freight here because the city, out of its own pocket, has made conditions so that it could turn its traffic in this direction to better advantage than in any other. Beyond the building of a great elevator (which is used for producing steam heat for the station) and one pier (to which the C. P. R. sometimes brings freight) the government has given this port little but promises, pleasant for a minute or two, but not filling. Indeed, indeed, instead of helping us, the government has switched from this port steamers which, by contract, should have come here, and has diverted traffic, which by the right of the shorter haul, belongs here.

Even now, when the city has asked the government to assist it to some extent in an increase of the port's facilities, and has impressed upon the ministers the necessity for immediate action, if the work is to be done in time for next winter's trade, they do nothing except diplomatically promise their serious consideration though they know that every day's delay lessens St. John's chances for putting itself in a position to meet the demands that will come with 1904.

Ordinary comment upon such treatment, as the Herald suggests, may be unnecessary and superfluous; but there is one comment which the citizens of St. John will make next election day, which may have some force.

The Telegraph admits that the conditions under which the coming election will be fought are vastly more favorable to the conservative party than they were in 1900. In the absence of Mr. Blair's personal force and ability to keep the various elements of the party together it finds that "several sources of strength which the liberals had in 1900 are not now available, and the great majority of that year cannot be counted upon."

Mr. Chamberlain's decision to have conditions of trade, home and abroad, thoroughly investigated by a committee of thirty business men from the centres of industry in Great Britain and the colonies, and to formulate his new tariff according to the information procured by that committee, will serve to create still greater confidence in the fairness and liberality and statesmanship of this chief apostle of Imperialism.

A peculiar condition of winter port trade has developed here. The Head line, running to Dublin and Belfast, has announced its intention to withdraw its boats from this route on the plea that little freight is offering and that the low rates, together with the detention suffered from lack of berths, is making their business here very unprofitable. The C. P. R., on the other hand, points out that freight was never so plentiful. If that is true, and that it is the figures prove, the reason why this particular line should not be able to get its share should be determined.

The situation here is, moreover, a cause for anxiety in liberal circles throughout the province, because of the absence of a commanding figure calculated to place a party in effective fighting trim.—Telegraph.

Some one has gathered from Lady Laurier that the premier has made his plans for a sojourn in California, and on this rumor is based the prediction that there will be no election this winter. The evidence is not sufficient to justify the conservatives in taking things easy. Sir Wilfrid may only be going to California for a few days to recruit for the campaign. Or he may not be going at all. It is very certain that the premier has made more preparations for the election than he has for a trip to California.—Sun.

Victoria Rink.

GRAND OPENING

WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 23rd,
40th--SEASON--40th.

Re-built! Re-furnished! Everything Modern!

Tickets now on sale at following rates:

GENTLEMEN	\$3.50
LADIES	2.50
SENIOR BOYS	2.50
CHILDREN	1.50
Single Admission, Ladies and Children, 15c; Gentlemen, 25c.	

R. J. ARMSTRONG, - - - - - Manager.

LOCAL NEWS.

CHRISTMAS.
 The snow lies deep on the moorlands, The night sinks gently down, While the chill wind's sad vibrations Shake the forest bare and brown; But, although the night is dreary, There's a glory in the skies; For, behold, the little Christ-child In a manger lowly lies.

Oh, wild winds, carry the story, And spread the tidings afar That the birth of the King of Glory Is heralded by a star!

Oh, angels, with exultation Sing aloud your praises sweet, While the wise men haste from distant lands, To worship at his feet! For he was by angels welcomed, And by prophets long foretold, So they travel far through the gloomy night To offer him myrrh and gold.

—Prize poem in December St. Nicholas.

CARMARTHEN STREET ANNIVERSARY.
 A large crowd gathered in Carmarthen street Methodist church last evening to hear an address by Rev. W. C. Matthews, in connection with the thirty-fourth anniversary of the church. Mr. Matthews chose as his subject Anti-Worry. He gave an interesting presentation of the ways adopted by the world to counteract the influence of worry.

Tonight, in the same church, Rev. Samuel Howard will speak on Ramblings in Switzerland.

NOT DUNDONALD.
 OTTAWA, Dec. 16.—Lord Minto's term as governor general does not expire until next fall. No credence is placed in the story sent out from Ottawa that Lord Dundonald will succeed him, since his resignation was not yet announced.

Lord Dundonald will return from his trip to the Pacific coast December 24. He will stay in Winnipeg for some time, on his way east.

Sir Frederick Borden, sailed today from England on his homeward trip. He expects to reach home for Christmas Day.

N. C. Bell, Winnipeg, has been offered the secretaryship of the transportation commission, and will no doubt accept the position. There will also be a French-Canadian, from Montreal, as assistant secretary.

Amber and Meerschaum Cigar and Cigarette Holders at Louis Green's.

MANN DENIES.
 MONTREAL, Dec. 16.—Once more D. D. Mann this morning denied that the Canadian Northern is sold to the Grand Trunk railway. On the contrary, Mr. Mann stated that Mackenzie and Mann interests would eventually be combined, and the third line extending across the continent from ocean to ocean would come into existence. Mackenzie and Mann were quite satisfied with the prospect for their properties, and had their future developments well marked out. They would be carried out as circumstances warranted.

EMPLOY 1,600 MEN.
 HALIFAX, Dec. 16.—During the past two weeks nearly five hundred men have been taken on construction work of the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. The company employ now on the works in the vicinity of 1,600 men.

BIRTHS.
 KAMLA—On Dec. 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Karia, Lancaster Heights, a son.

MARRIAGES.
 DAWSON-WILEY—At the Free Baptist church, St. John, (west), on the evening of Dec. 10th, by Rev. R. W. Ferguson, Albert Dawson, of Liverpool, England, to Winifred Wiley, daughter of Joseph Wiley, Esq., St. John, (west).

STEVENS-HOYT—In this city, at the residence of the bride's grandfather, Dec. 10th, 1903, by the Rev. Christopher Burnett, Andrew M. Stevens and Miss Estelle E. Hoyt, of St. John, No. cards.

CLARK-DORN—At Passanawau, Pa., on Dec. 9th, by the Rev. J. W. Donoghue, Dr. A. W. Clark to Grace Dorn, daughter of Col. Dora.

DEATHS.
 BAIRD—In this city, on Wednesday, Dec. 16th, at her residence, 179 Princess street, Josephine, widow of the late John H. Baird. Funeral on Friday at 3.15 p. m. from her late residence.

COX—In this city on Dec. 17th, W. J. Douglas, eldest son of William J. and Agnes Cox, aged ten years and three months.

NOTICE OF FUNERAL HEREFTER. Boston papers please copy.

STRATTON—At his residence, 130 Mecklenburg street, Geo. Stratton, in the 66th year of his age.

Funeral on Friday at 2.30 p. m.

LASKY—In New York, Dec. 8th, Wm. E. Lasky, eldest son of Geo. H. and Annie M. Lasky, in the 28th year of his age, by drowning. (Celts and Montreal papers please copy).

MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON,
 KING ST GERMAIN ST AND MARKET SQ.
 LIMITED

NECKTIES! Gay, Grave and Otherwise.

On two long counters in the Men's Outfitting Department there is a Holiday Display of Bargain Neckties in all the Popular Colorings, Patterns and Shapes. They are not left over stock, but honestly New Goods and are selling for 25c. all round.

Gifts For Baby!

Bootees, Zephyr Jackets, Cashmere Kimonos, Dainty Short Dresses in Lawn and China Silk; Long Coats in Cashmere and Bedford Cord; Short Coats in Cashmere, China Silk and Corded Silk. The latest novelty is Children's French Waist Dresses in White Lawn.

Shop-Talk!

Only eight more days, then — It may be a "white" Christmas after all. Those fitted medicine cabinets are a household luxury. Furniture Dept.

What do you think of those Costumers, in other words, Pole Hat Trees? Handy. Furniture Dept.

Our dolls are being "adopted" right and left, but are in good homes, so we don't feel badly. Fancy Goods Dept.

Silk waists, ready to put on for Christmas festivities, would be delightful surprises. Silk Room, main building.

The boys are insisting on having those padded hockey pants and sweaters. Now give in, Santa Claus, and keep up your good name! Clothing Dept.

Handkerchiefs, ladies' mufflers, gloves, neckties, braces and the like, are boxed for gift purposes freely. Ask for them!

Our four stores will be open all the nights preceding Christmas next week. Our delivery horses don't grumble! — Keep an eye on our special sale counters for there are numerous holiday suggestions to be found there. Exceptional prices, too.

The Merry Christmas Crowd continues from early forenoon until closing time, and we know there are going to be hundreds of happy surprises on the morning of the 25th. Don't put off buying your gift goods a day longer, for the big stock is already showing signs of the times.

A WEEK FROM TOMORROW---CHRISTMAS!

MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON
 KING ST GERMAIN ST AND MARKET SQ.
 LIMITED

The Attractions of Our Stores Are Their Low Prices.

D. A. KENNEDY,

(Successor to WALTER SCOTT.)
 32-36 King Square, St. John, N. B.

OPEN TONIGHT UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK,
The Greatest Bargains in Dry Goods will be found on our
Counters during our Closing Out Sale.

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS!

All Goods at Big Reductions to clear them out.
 Great Sale of Dress Goods at 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c, yard; all double width.
 Lace Curtains at the lowest prices ever offered in the City.
 Great Bargains in Men's Shirts and Drawers, Ladies' Vests, Floor Rugs,
 Ladies' Wool Gloves and Table Linens.

Christmas Offerings!

Today We Offer a Big Consignment of
Bibles, Prayer and Hymn Books,
AT SPECIAL DISCOUNTS.

100 dozen Pocket Books and Purses, at Cut rates. Bring the Children to see the
 Great Doll Show, now open. Show Rooms up stairs.

McARTHUR'S, 84 King St.

The death of Robert Currie, a well-known millman of this city, took place at the General Public Hospital yesterday. Deceased who was fifty years old, leaves a family of eight young children.

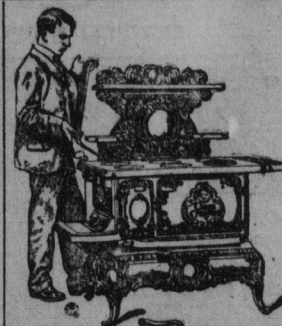
Charm RICHMOND

It's a good looker, perfect baker, easy on fuel. Removable nickel, latest oven Thermometer. Can give testimonials from all over the city.

PHILIP GRANNAN,

558 MAIN ST.

ADVERTISE IN THE STAR.



25 cents per quart bottle. \$2.35 per dozen
At druggists.



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. 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. 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 MAFLR. SOFT WOOD AND KINDLING. N. 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., 1936, 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 windows 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.

Cor. Duke and Charlotte Sts.
Store Open Every Evening.

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. Worden; 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 schoolroom 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. Gilmore; 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 APOLOGISES.

To the Editor of the Star: Sir,—I am the kicker who kicked yesterday about fires in the street cars and now wish to apologise 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 new alarm systems 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. 1936.

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 proceeds of the sale 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. 1936.

GEORGE H. McDONALD, Assignee.

Morrell & Sutherland

TELEPHONE 1552.

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.

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

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 Satene Underskirts, with deep bounce and five small frills, suitable for any season of year—a nice gift.

\$1.39

Very special price ...

Black Satene Waists

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