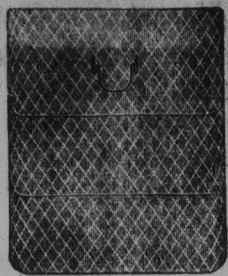


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Made of Brass or Coppered Steel Wire. Sizes 24 x 30, 30 x 30, 36 x 30. Prices \$1.20 to \$4.25.
Great comfort to those who use snappy wood.

W. H. THORNE & CO., Ltd.,
MARKET SQUARE, ST. JOHN.

Not a Word
About Shoes Today.

Merely wish to extend our sincere thanks to the public for the generous patronage extended us during the past season.

Thanks.

WATERBURY & RISING,
KING STREET. UNION STREET.

If you read this advertisement, others will read yours in the St. John STAR. Ask for the advertising man.

ANNAPOLIS GIRL.

Police Looking For Mabel Oikie an Important Witness For The Crown.

(Halifax Echo.)

The Halifax police are looking for Mabel Oikie, a fourteen year old girl who has been spirited away from Annapolis. The girl is the chief crown witness in a case which is to come before the court there tomorrow, and every effort is being made to locate her. The girl is now being harbored in Halifax.

The authorities at Annapolis on Friday communicated with the attorney general and also with the chief of police of Halifax, asking their assistance in locating the missing girl. It is stated that an Annapolis man was arrested, and charged with a serious crime. It is alleged that while he was in custody his friends spirited the girl away to the mountains and she was detained there for some time.

Later on he was released on bail, and it is stated that after securing his liberty he took the girl away. He drove her to Middleton, thence to Kentville and from there to Windsor. On Christmas Day he started for Halifax, and that evening he reached Rockingham. The girl was left there somewhere, and the man went back to Annapolis. The girl is described as being of medium build, with light hair, cut short. She wore a short dress of dark material and her sash is trimmed with fur. Her head dress consisted of a white Tam O'Shanter. The crown will ask for a postponement until the girl is found.

BRAVERY REWARDED.

On the arrival of the Allan line str. Peruvian, Capt. Harrison, at St. John's, Nfld., from Philadelphia, Capt. Harrison was presented with a binocular. Chief Officer Capt. Guy Hamilton received \$20 in gold, and each of the men who assisted in rescuing the crew of the Newfoundland schooner Nokomio \$3 in gold. The presentation was made by John H. Anderson, M. H. A., on behalf of the Newfoundland government. An address accompanied the presentation.

BLEW OUT THE GAS.

A recent issue of the Boston Herald says: On Christmas, Alexander D. McKay, sixty-five years old, of Mabou, Cape Breton, came to Boston to spend the holidays with his son, Neil J. McKay. Saturday night the old gentleman retired about half-past eleven and at seven o'clock the next morning his son's wife smelling gas, entered the room and found the burner wide open and her father-in-law unconscious. Throwing open the windows, Mrs. McKay cleared the room of gas. Dr. Cote was called, but decided that the elder McKay had been dead about two hours.

Mr. McKay leaves a widow in Cape Breton and several married children.

MERRITTON, Ont., Jan. 4.—A light locomotive collided with the Chicago express on the Grand Trunk railway, near here, Saturday. Several trainmen were injured and two killed, both frommen, Charles Waring and Abraham Beault of Sarnia. None of the other injured are in danger of dying, and none of the passengers were injured.

St. John, N. B., January 5, 1903.

We Want Money.
Do You Want Clothing?

Let us make the change? You'll get the Bargains. We'll stand the losses. Come and see, this is the chance of a lifetime. \$15.00 Overcoats, small and large sizes only, now \$7.50.

\$12 RAGLAN OVERCOATS, now \$10.00
\$10 OVERCOATS now 8.00
\$8 OVERCOATS now 6.00
\$6.50 OVERCOATS now 5.00

\$6.50 ULSTERS now 5.00
\$5.00 ULSTERS now 4.00
\$4.75 ULSTERS now 3.00
Boys' \$4.50 ULSTERS now 3.00
Boys' \$2.50 REEFERS now 1.75

J. N. HARVEY,
Men's and Boys' Clothier,
199 Union Street, Opera House Block

WAKENED BY FLOOD

Which Invaded Their Houses During the Night.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 5.—White River overflowed its banks near O'Brien station, fourteen miles below Seattle, yesterday early. The people of the town were awakened by the water in many cases creeping into their beds. A relief train was ordered from Seattle and on arriving the rescuing party found several families, the women and children of which were huddled on chairs and tables in order to keep out of the water that was more than two feet deep on the floors. All persons were taken to places of safety. No lives are reported lost, but much property has been ruined or lost. The flood was caused by the recent nine days' rain and the Chinook winds which melted the heavy snows in the Cascade Mountains.

THE DEATH ROLL.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Jan. 5.—Geo. A. Lowe, one of the most prominent bankers and business men of Salt Lake, is dead at his residence here, aged sixty-seven. He leaves a fortune estimated at \$1,000,000 acquired chiefly in the implement business. Mr. Lowe was largely instrumental in bringing the Rio Grande Washington railroad to Utah and for many years was the vice-president of the road.

BOSEMAN, Mont., Jan. 5.—Judge Llewellyn Augustus Luce is dead at his home here after a long illness. Judge Luce was a member of the Montana supreme court in 1894. He was born in Maine in 1837.

BELIEVED IN WITCHES.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 5.—U. S. Marshall Shoup arrived from Juneau with three Hona Alaska Indians sentenced to imprisonment in the U. S. penitentiary on McNeill's Island, for causing the death of Indian Isaac, whom they claimed to be a witch. They kept Isaac tied to a tree for five days, the exposure and hunger resulting in his death.

FOR HANDLING COAL.

Local Firm Proposing to Erect a Modern Handling and Storing Plant.

As soon as the necessary legislation is secured it is the intention of R. P. & W. F. Starr to build on their premises a coal handling and storing plant of the most modern type. No definite plans of the improvement however have yet been made.

Under the present fire law no modern building can be erected on the waterfront district over twelve feet in height. For the plant which the Starrs propose to build a height of from twenty-five to thirty-five feet is necessary, so that firm has a petition before the common council this afternoon asking that legislation be passed allowing them to erect such buildings. One of the first requisites for handling coal economically and with the least inconvenience is a coal pocket—a structure capable of handling a large quantity of coal and so built that teams or scows may come directly beneath it and load from it. But such a building would be impossible under the fire law now existing, as the building must stand at least seven feet from the ground and to be of any capacity must be at least twenty-five feet high. It is probable that the council will look favorably upon the petition and should they do so and the requested legislation be obtained the erection of the proposed buildings will be begun without delay.

GOODSPEED TRIAL.

Likely to be prolonged—A Number of Witnesses—His Probable Defense.

Before Chief Justice Tuck in the circuit court opening tomorrow morning Fred Goodspeed will be placed on trial as an accessory after the fact to the murder of William Doherty. He will also be charged with the burglary of D. Kennedy's store on King square. The crown's case will gain be conducted by Hon. H. A. McKeown, who in proving his case will probably call a large number of those who testified at the Higgins trial. The only evidence against the prisoner on the burglary charge is his own admission made in his evidence against Higgins and as this will probably not be used against him it is doubtful if he can be held on this count.

The evidence against him as an accessory will be practically the same as convicted Higgins of the murder. The trial will probably continue over two or three days.

Scott E. Morrill, Goodspeed's counsel, is reticent as to his line of defence, but it is generally considered that in view of his previous testimony the prisoner will contend that his actions with relation to the murder were regulated by the fear under which he was kept by Higgins' threats.

HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF.

(Punch.)

"Dr. Jim," at a dinner given at Salisbury, Rhodesia, sat next to His Honor C. J. Kotze, who, as chief justice of the Boer republic, had condemned him to death after the celebrated raid.

This will remind some readers of Major Monsoon dining at the same table with the Duke of Wellington, who inquired his name, and on being informed looked across at the major and said, "Monsoon, eh—thought I hanged you—knew I intended it. Glass of wine."

PROBABLY TRUE.

Wabash—I wonder what makes old Gotrox dress so shabbily?
Monroe—His pride, my boy.
Wabash—Why, how's that?
Monroe—He's afraid his customers will mistake him for one of his clerks.—Chicago News.

VENEZUELA.

There is now a Financial Panic in Caracas.

Revolutionists Very Active and Castro's Position Becomes More Critical.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—The Caracas correspondent of the Matin says that in spite of the successes of the Venezuelan revolutionists their finances are not sufficient to permit them to obtain munitions of war. It is undeniable that the situation of the government is growing more aggravated, continues the correspondent, and that its resources are falling.

WILLEMSTAD, island of Curacao, Jan. 4.—There was a financial panic at Caracas yesterday afternoon. A large number of small traders and private depositors went together to the office of the Bank of Venezuela for the purpose of exchanging the bank's notes for silver. The bank refused to exchange more than twenty dollars worth of notes for any one person and at four o'clock in the afternoon closed its doors. The panic continues. Bills issued by the bank are now selling for eighty per cent of their face value. The leading firms at Caracas, notwithstanding the present situation, have presented no notes for redemption as they are all interested in supporting the bank.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The aggressive movement of the Venezuelan revolutionists are being closely watched here. Late unofficial advices indicate great activity on the part of the rebels and reporting a menacing movement toward Caracas, give the impression that President Castro's position is critical. It had been confidently hoped there would be a cessation of the hostilities against the government so that there might be prompt action with respect to arbitration of the claims against Venezuela by the European allies.

LA GUAYRA, Jan. 4.—The Dutch consul here saw the captain of the British cruiser Tribune yesterday and secured permission for the steamer of the Dutch line to call off La Guayra, January 7, and take on board Dr. Van Leyden, the Dutch minister to Venezuela, who is in ill health. Half the clerks employed in the custom house here and all the members of the coast guard service at La Guayra have been discharged; this means cutting off the revenue of sixty or more families. The La Guayra custom house will be closed tomorrow. About eighty stevedores are at present without employment and rioting is feared. The government will doubtless have to employ urgent measures to maintain quiet. The captain of the Tribune has sent a message to the prefect of this port, commending the behaviour of the Venezuelan authorities up to the present time, but saying he would hold him, the prefect, responsible for any injury to the person or property of British, German and Italian subjects.

TRADE IS HEALTHY.

Business Conditions in Canada Are Sound and Active.

MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—A series of calls among the principal wholesale houses in the city, and of interviews with bank managers and other leaders in local financial circles, elicited responses that were almost monotonous in their unanimous testimony to the growing prosperity of the Dominion. Never before has paper been so well met, never have bank accounts been so numerous or so large as in the opening days of 1903. In fact, evidence is freely forthcoming that while the measure of prosperity obtaining in Canada on the first of January, 1902, was greatly in excess of all previous years, it has been far surpassed by the general commercial and financial situation in force today.

Some indication of the vast increase of business in Montreal during the year just past is given by the total clearings of the Montreal banks, which during 1902, reached the enormous total of \$1,068,000,000, compared with \$89,479,000 in 1901, which by the way was also a record year. This shows an increase of \$210,000,000. It must be remembered, however, this includes the period of the big boom on the local stock market during the early part of the year. An interesting point of comparison is that ten years since the total clearings amounted to \$350,000,000.

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 3.—Figures published here today show that there is an increase of nearly 200 per cent. in the volume of business in bank, miscellaneous and loan company shares on the Toronto stock exchange during 1902, the total being 1,682,645, against 757,815 in 1901. The transactions in bonds on the local exchange last year represented a value of \$2,556,125, or about two and one-half million dollars more than in 1901. The dealings in mining shares show a remarkable shrinkage, the total for 1902 being 577,482.61 acres for \$1,883,288.45, against 1,311,151.16 acres for \$403,261.78 in 1901. For the year 1902 the sales were 2,420,000 acres for \$8,140,000, against 831,922 acres for \$2,640,000 in 1901. The increase in acreage sold is therefore 1,589,000 acres.

THREE FIRES

That Result in the Death of two persons and 23 Horses.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Fire last night in the warehouse of Franklin MacVeigh & Co., wholesale grocers, at 16th street and Newbury avenue, caused a loss estimated at \$150,000. The loss is covered by insurance.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 5.—Fire in the Pittsburg Stair Company's plant on Water street early yesterday morning resulted in a money loss of about \$5,000 and the death of Edward Reilly, the watchman, who was burned to a crisp. The origin of the fire is not known.

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 5.—J. H. Williams, a stable boy and twenty-three horses were burned to death yesterday in a fire at the plant of Hughes Bros. Extract Co. A warehouse was consumed with its contents. Loss \$50,000; insurance about half.

BALFOUR SUPPORTS BRODRICK

And the War Secretary Takes to Himself a Wife.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—War Secretary Brodrick and Madeleine Stanley, daughter of Lady Jeune, were married at St. George's church, Hanover Square, this afternoon. The scene was a brilliant one. The church was crowded with fashionable people and the center aisle was lined with non-commissioned officers and men of the Surrey yeomanry, of which Mr. Brodrick is honorary colonel.

Premier Balfour was the best man. The bride, who was given away by her step-father, Justice Jeune, was supported by seven bridesmaids.

BIG BILL DEVERY

Will Have the Law of Tammany, so he will.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—William S. Devery, former police commissioner, has taken legal steps to contest the right of the Tammany Hall executive committee to exclude him from membership in that body. Peter J. Garvey, one of Devery's lieutenants, obtained from Justice Scott an order requiring the general committee of Tammany Hall to show cause why Garvey shall not be accepted as a member of the executive committee. The order is returnable on Wednesday.

LEO'S SILVER JUBILEE

To be Observed as a day of Thanksgiving by Catholics.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—On February 20 next Pope Leo XIII. will celebrate his pontifical silver jubilee. It is proposed on that day by the international order having in charge the celebration that each family, parish, diocese and nation shall observe that day as a day of thanksgiving to God for the long and successful reign of his vicar. On that day a tiara of gold will be presented to the pope, the offering of love from all his children, and this will be worn on the anniversary of his consecration March 3. The tiara is described as follows: The three crowns will stand superimposed on high relief representing the triple power of a cross. The tiara is surmounted by a cross.

THE FEZZY-WEZZIES.

MADRID, Jan. 5.—A special despatch from Tangier says the Sultan of Morocco is disposed to abdicate in favor of his brother, Must Mohammed, who is acclaimed whenever he appears in the streets of Fez.

DOMINION LINE STEAMERS.

A private letter received in Halifax Saturday states that the steamer Canada will be the first of the Dominion line to call there and it may be the latter part of the month before she arrives. She has been trooping between England and South Africa and is being overhauled and cleaned for the Atlantic service. It is expected the Dominion line steamers will give a great boon to the U. S. tourist traffic if they make trips between Boston and Halifax in summer time.

CARGO OF HERRING SOLD.

The cargo of herring in bulk on the schooner Britannia which was towed to Halifax from Beaver Harbor, N. S., where she had been ashore, was sold by Duggan & Son, Saturday by orders of the surveyors. The schooner is 59 tons and was full of herring. A. Wilson & Sons were the purchasers, the price paid being \$725. The purchasers have ten days in which to take delivery of the herring.

CARGO FROM P. E. ISLAND.

The steamer Manchester Trader, on her recent trip from Georgetown, P. E. I., to Manchester, took the following island shipments: 1,300 sheep and 42 head of cattle, shipped by Wheatley Bros.; 200 carcasses mutton, the Dominion Packing Company; 300 cases eggs, Auld Bros.; 108 cases canned meat, J. J. Hornsby; 151 boxes apples, John Robertson & Son, Inverness; 263 cases of fowl, Professor Robertson; and 20 cases poultry, Westwood Poultry Company.

NOT SCARED, BUT—

In the campaign preceding the recent election it seemed to be touch and go with Congressmen Hedge and Lacey of Iowa, both of whom were candidates to succeed themselves. When things began to look real squally in Hedge's district he sent this note to Lacey: "Dear John—I am not a bit scared, but I do sincerely wish you would come over into my district and make three speeches the last week of the campaign. Sincerely, Thomas Hedge." This was the answer received: "Dear Tom—I am not scared, but I can't leave my district a minute till the votes are counted. Truly your friend, John F. Lacey." And when the votes had been counted it was found that neither had much reason to be scared.

Men's
Winter
Goods:

Winter Hats in grey and black, new shapes. Prices \$1.50 and \$2.

Winter Capes, from a good blue cloth driver at 35c, up to one at 1.75

Winter Gloves, wool and fur lined, from 50c. to \$3.

New Goods. Right Prices.

J. & A. ANDERSON.
19 Charlotte Street.

W. A. SINCLAIR
THE SHOE DEALER,

Wishes all his friends and patrons

A
HAPPY
NEW
YEAR.



VERY CHOICE

Medium Codfish.

JAMES PATTERSON

10 and 20 South Market Wharf.
5 City Market.

WILLIAM PETERS,
—DEALER IN—

LEATHER AND HIDES,
Shoemakers' Findings, Plastering
Hair, Tanners' and Curriers' Tools
Lampblack, etc.

266 Union Street

NOVA SCOTIANS

Get a Quarter of a Million for a Newfoundland Timber Property.

(Halifax Echo.)

Over eleven thousand square miles of one of the most valuable timber areas in Newfoundland at a purchase price of a quarter of a million dollars has passed into the hands of a Boston syndicate. The property of the Exploits Lumber Co., has been sold to Barker Wood & Co., wholesale lumber dealers, with houses in Boston and New York. The transaction was completed on Thursday night.

This block of timber comprises 1,146 acres on the Exploits River well up in the interior of Newfoundland. It is thickly wooded and is considered one of the most valuable properties in the ancient colony. It was bought a few years ago for a mere song by two or three American men who organized the Exploits Lumber Co., composed of the following: Hon. W. T. Pipes, J. A. Ward Black, C. T. Hillson, N. A. Rhodes, N. Curry, J. Lusby, of Amherst; B. L. Barnhill of Two Rivers, Thomas Smith, Dr. Smith, of Parrsboro, and Mr. Fowler, of Newfoundland.

The company started operations on a large scale, built a fine modern mill, with a capacity of 100,000 feet a day, and during the last few years have had a big output. Several valuable water powers are located on the Exploits River which can be readily utilized for pulp and paper mills.

A number of gentlemen have been negotiating for the Exploits property, but it has been secured by Barker Wood & Co. for \$250,000. The new owners will not take possession until this year's cut is completed on June 1st. The Boston syndicate will proceed to operate the property on an enlarged scale. The cut, it is estimated, will be between nine and ten million feet.

DOING HIMSELF CREDIT.

Do you have any trouble in living beyond your income?
No. It bothered me quite a little at first, but now I do it splendidly.—Smart Set.

STEAMERS, ETC.

EASTERN STEAMSHIP COY.

(International Division.)
WINTER REDUCED RATES.

In effect November 1, 1902, to May 1, 1903.
On December 1, 1902, the
John at 8 a. m. THURSDAY
DAYS for Labor, East-
land and Boston.
Returning from Boston,
via Portland, Eastport and
Lauzon Mondays at 8:15 a.
m.
Through tickets on sale at principal rail-
way stations and baggage checked to destina-
tion.
WILLIAM C. LEE, Agent,
St. John, N. B.
A. H. HANSCOM, G. P. & T. A.
CALVIN AUSTIN, V. P. & Gen'l Manager,
Foster's Wharf, Boston, Mass.

HELP WANTED, MALE.

Advertisements under this head: Two words for one cent each time, or three cents a word for ten times. Payable in advance.
WANTED—Competent men to assist agents, whole or part time. Commission paid. Apply to JOHN DOWLE, Drawer 531, London.
WANTED—A first class job printer at office of SUN PRINTING CO.

GENERAL AGENTS WANTED in each town for special, accident, sickness, indemnity policies and general insurance business. Liberal terms to reliable men. Write box 716, Montreal.

HELP WANTED, FEMALE.

Advertisements under this head: Two words for one cent each time, or three cents a word for ten times. Payable in advance.
WANTED—A competent stenographer and typewriter. Apply, stating experience, to P. O. Box 15.
WANTED—At once, an experienced dining room girl. Apply at the LANDSDOWNE HOUSE, 40 south side King Street.

WANTED—A young girl to help with housework; one accustomed to children. Apply evenings to MRS. GEO. CORSE, 21 Goding street.
WANTED—An experienced dining room girl. Apply at once to CARVILL HALL.

WANTED. A competent cook. Apply to MISS THORNE, 15 Mecklenburg Terrace.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Advertisements under this head: Two words for one cent each time, or three cents a word for ten times. Payable in advance.
WANTED IMMEDIATELY—A competent cook, male or female, at Hotel Albert, North Sydney, C. B. Apply to M. Cowan, 18 Cedar street, North End, St. John. Apply between 9 a. m. and 6 p. m.

Anyone requiring the services of a person to write up their books or make out accounts of any kind can hear of a competent man by addressing A. B., care Star Office.

BOARDERS WANTED—First class board and rooms may be obtained at reasonable rates at 75 King street, just over Macaulay Bros' store.

COUGH CURE. McGregor's Cough Remedy, and will cure a cough, when the "best in the world" fails. Try it. Only 25 cents for a large bottle. Sold only at 177 Charlotte street.

SHOW-CASES. A bargain for some one. 2 Upright and 2 Counter Nickle Cases for sale cheap. Call and see them at W. TREMAYNE GARD'S, Jeweler and Optician, 43 King street.

FOR SALE.

Advertisements under this head: Two words for one cent each time, or three cents a word for ten times. Payable in advance.

FOR SALE—UNION COAL. Agent for the West End, JAMES MUNNIE, Tenter.
HOUSE FOR SALE—House 16 Adelaide road, 3 flats, 5 rooms on each flat. Enquire on the premises.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

Advertisements under this head inserted free of charge.
WANTED—By a middle aged man, employment as bookkeeper or for general office work; 10 yrs. experience; best of references. Address "Scribe," care of Sun Printing Co.

LIVERY STABLES.

HAMM'S LIVERY STABLE
134 Union Street. Telephone 11.
HORSES BOARDED—Clean and Warm Stables, best care and attention.
DRIVING OUTFITS AND COACHES for hire at any hour.

DAVID CONNELL,

BOARDING, HACK AND LIVERY STABLES,
45 and 47 Waterloo St., St. John, N. B.
Horses boarded on reasonable terms.
Horses and Carriages on Hire. Fine Picnics at short notice.
A large stock waiting fifteen or twenty people for sleighing parties to let with careful driver.

MOTELS.

HOTEL DUFFERIN.
E. LEROY WILLIS, Prop.,
ST. JOHN, N. B.

RECENT DEATHS.

Captain Miles Hannah, of Dufferin, Charlotte county, died on Saturday morning, aged 63 years.
Miss Maggie O. Long, aged 22 years, a native of Walton's Lake, Kings county, died recently in the Boston hospital.

George A. McCall died last Wednesday at Fort Hope, Ont. One of his daughters is Mrs. (Dr.) J. W. Bridges, of Fredericton.

MARRIAGES.

ALLINHAM-CORBETT—On Christmas Eve, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. W. E. Johnson, George H. Allinham, of Gagetown, to Miss Annie L., daughter of George M. Corbett, of North Cloness, Queens Co., N. B.

DOHERTY-MACBRIDE—At Fairville, Dec. 31st, by Rev. W. J. Kirby, Walter L. Doherty of St. John, to Miss Roberta M. MacBride of Fairville.

DEATHS.

LONG—At City Hospital, Boston, Mass., of typhoid fever, Maggie O. Long, a native of Kings county, N. B., in the 23rd year of her age, leaving a father, mother, brother and two sisters to mourn their sad loss.

ORE—Suddenly, on Saturday morning, at No. 41 Broad street, Annie Gertrude, beloved daughter of Mr. J. and Hannah Orr, in the 16th year of her age.

RICHARDSON—In this city, Jan. 3rd, Thomas G. Richardson, aged 38 years, leaving a wife and eight children.

FUNERAL—From his late residence, 42 Richmond street, on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

THE ST. JOHN STAR is published by THE SUN-PRINTING COMPANY (LTD.), at St. John, New Brunswick, every afternoon (except Sunday) at 12 a. year.

ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., JANUARY 4, 1903.

SUGGESTION TO MERCHANTS.

The merchant who will do more business in 1903 than he did in 1902 will also be the merchant who does more attractive and judicious advertising than he did last year. The two go together. The merchant who sets apart a certain percentage for advertising purposes, and gives as careful attention to that branch of his work as he does to the buying of goods or the treatment of customers, is certain to get good results. When a man dresses a window attractively he is advertising. He is doing the same when he makes a pretty display of goods, with price tickets, in the shop itself. His personal interest in the wants of those who call, and the whole manner in which he and his employees treat their customers—all this is advertising, good or bad, according to its quality.

But this kind of advertising is limited in its application. It only effects those who actually visit the store, and indirectly the friends and acquaintances to whom they tell the story of courteous treatment, or nice goods or great bargains. There is still needed the aid of printer's ink, to tell to the general public what it is to their advantage as well as that of the merchant to know. The newspaper, which goes into the homes of the people, and is always welcome and carefully read, offers the medium required. In its columns the merchant can tell so attractive a story from day to day, and keep his store and his goods and prices so plainly and persistently before the people that his sales will show a most satisfactory increase. It is possible to advertise too much, but the man who gives the subject his careful attention very seldom makes a mistake.

For the retail merchant in the City of St. John there is no better advertising medium than the columns of the Star. It goes into the homes of the people, and every advertisement stands out clear and plain.

DIVIDED COUNSELS.

We have still the extraordinary spectacle of a government, on the eve of a provincial election, with no settled policy other than a determination to hold on to the office. The premier is still silent on the question of a division on federal party lines. The Telegraph has called for such a division, and a caucus has apparently decided to introduce federal lines as far as possible in this constituency; but other papers supporting the government object to any such action in the province at large.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

The total export of lumber from New Brunswick to trans-Atlantic ports last year was over 450,000,000 feet, an increase of over 50,000,000 feet over that of the previous year, but some 26,000,000 feet less than in 1900. St. John contributed over 20,000,000 feet of the increase last year, owing to the fact that so much lumber was hung up in the river during the previous summer and all brought safely down to the mills last spring. The total export from St. John last year was about 200,000,000 feet. This is, of course, exclusive of shipments to the United States, West Indies and South America. The trans-Atlantic lumber shipments from St. John alone last year totalled a value of considerably over \$2,000,000.

The export for the year 1903 will not be so large. The cut on the St. John and its tributaries will be smaller than usual, and there are no stranded logs of last year's cut to come down. In other parts of the province the cut will not be above the average. Men have been scarce and wages high. Supplies are also expensive this year, and the weather is not thus far very favorable. But the cut will be fairly large in the aggregate, and it is believed that prices will be good, while ocean freights will doubtless be low. The record low rate of thirty shillings for a deal cargo, January loadings, from this port to the west coast of England, was noted in the Star a few days ago. From the standpoint of the lumber operator the outlook is good.

Almost as important a question as that of the identity of the forger of the Rotherham lists is this one: What scheme is he perfecting for the coming campaign? Being still at large, he must be still at work in the interests of the provincial government.

If the Scottish curlers are disappointed that there is not better ice, they will understand that the warmth of the welcome extended to them has caused it to melt.

Mr. Chamberlain appears to be making a better impression among the people of South Africa than even his friends expected. And that is saying a good deal.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

Programme for Week's Devotion in St. John.

Monday—Subject: "The Church Militant." Noon meeting in Y. M. C. A. hall, leader W. M. Kingston. Evening services—8 p. m., Waterloo street, F. C. Baptist church, leader Rev. F. C. Burnett; speaker Rev. G. N. Stevenson, 8 p. m., St. Luke's church, leader Rev. D. Long; speaker Rev. A. H. Foster, 7:30 p. m., Baptist church (West End), speaker Rev. James Burgess.

Tuesday—Subject: "Home and Foreign Missions." Noon meeting in Y. M. C. A. hall, leader J. W. McAlary. Evening services—8 p. m., St. Andrew's church, leader Rev. L. G. Macneil; speaker Rev. Dr. W. O. Raymond, 8 p. m., Victoria street, F. C. Baptist church, leader Rev. A. H. Foster; speaker Rev. S. Howard, 7:30 p. m., F. C. Baptist church (West End), speaker Rev. Henry Penna.

Wednesday—Subject: "Special Work Among the Young; Families and Schools." Noon meeting in Y. M. C. A. hall, leader Robt. Reid. Evening services—8 p. m., Exmouth street Methodist, leader Rev. T. J. Delastadt; speaker Rev. Dr. G. O. Gates, 8 p. m., Portland Methodist church, leader Rev. R. P. McKim; speaker Rev. J. C. B. Appel, 7:30 p. m., annual meeting of the Bible Society, West End, in the Methodist church.

Thursday—Subject: "The Value of an Open Bible." Noon meeting in Y. M. C. A. hall, leader to be announced later. Evening services—8 p. m., United meeting of Woman's Missionary Societies, in Christian Church, Coburg street; subject, "How the Interest in Missions may be Deepened." 8 p. m., annual meeting of the Bible Society in York Theatre, 8 p. m., St. Matthew's church West End, speaker, Rev. B. N. Nobles.

Friday—Subject: "Nations and Their Rulers." Noon meeting in Y. M. C. A. hall, leader W. B. Tennant. Evening services—8 p. m., Congregational church, leader Rev. H. H. Roach; speaker Rev. G. M. Campbell, 8 p. m., Main street Baptist church, leader Rev. J. C. B. Appel; speaker Rev. D. Long, 7:30 p. m., Methodist church (West End), speaker Rev. G. A. Hartley, D. D.

Saturday—Subject: "The Ministry of the Gospel."—Missions to the Jews. Noon meeting in Y. M. C. A. hall, leader J. F. Bullock. Evening services—8 p. m., Leinster street Baptist church, leader Rev. W. Hamilton; speaker Rev. W. B. Ross, 8 p. m., Christian church, Douglas avenue; speaker Rev. Alex. Long; speaker Rev. R. P. McKim.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Copy for CHANGE OF ADVERTISEMENTS in the STAR should be in the office not later than 10 a. m. to ensure insertion in that day's issue.

L. O. ELECTION.

Johnston L. O. B. A., No. 19, at their regular meeting initiated four members, and after the regular business they elected their officers for the year, which resulted as follows: Mrs. M. A. McLeod, W. M.; Mrs. Geo. Perry, D. M.; Mrs. D. Beaton, chap.; M. A. McLeod, R. S.; Mary McLeod, F.; S. Mrs. Wm. Simpson, treasurer; D. Cummings, G. of C.; Mrs. Wm. Cummings, G. of C.; Mrs. J. Lemmon, I. G.; Wm. Simpson, O. G.; Mrs. W. S. Cody, senior member of committee; Mrs. Geo. Perry, Mrs. Wm. Cummings, Mrs. J. Lemmon, Mrs. Geo. Gray, com.; R. T. Goodrich, guardian; Miss Grace Rogers, organist; Mrs. M. A. McLeod, Mrs. Geo. Perry and M. A. McLeod, trustees. The election was conducted by Mrs. Kilpatrick, W. M. of No. 36, and Mr. J. Howard, W. M. of No. 32, installed the officers. After speeches from the elected officers and visiting members refreshments were served.

Chronic constipation surely cured or money back. LAXATIVE TABLETS never fail. Small, chocolate coated, easy to take. Price 25 cents. At drug-gists!

KILLED A CLERGYMAN.

WINSTED, Conn., Jan. 4.—Rev. A. H. Norris, pastor of the Congregational church in Torrington, while driving to Burrville this afternoon to preach to his congregation in that town, was struck and instantly killed by a special train on the Naugatuck division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railway.

Mr. Norris was in a covered carriage and drove upon the railway crossing without noticing the approach of the special. The horse was killed, and the minister was buried 100 feet through the air.

A WINDOW BREAKER.

On Friday night, at Hampton, a drunken man named Oram, of St. John, broke the window in G. E. Frost's drug store, and did some other damage. Information was laid before Henry Fiers, J. P., and Oram was arrested and lodged in jail. His case comes up today, and he will doubtless get free board for a period in the stone house on the hill.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Cresoline tablets, ten cents per box. All drug-gists.

Three negro prisoners, supposed to have smallpox, broke from jail at Louisville, Ky., last night and got safely away.

WANTED.—A case of Headache that KUMFORT POWDERS will not cure in from ten to twenty minutes.

LIVE STOCK IMPROVEMENT.

W. W. Hubbard is Pushing His Work With Much Energy.

W. W. Hubbard returned last week from a short trip through the western part of the province in the interest of live stock improvement. He finds that in most parts of the county those farmers who are not occupied with lumbering are availing to the necessity of meeting market demands. Unfortunately at the present time the principal cash market is for hay and oats. Men who have been producing beef have not found a very good demand for their comparatively small cattle, and judging from that that there is no money in the beef business. Mr. Hubbard finds on all sides a desire for stock improvement, and his suggestions to use Shorthorn bulls for this purpose, was received with approval. Buyers for some twelve or fifteen bulls were found and it is probable that a large auction sale of pure bred stock will be arranged to take place at some central point, possibly St. John, in the early spring.

Mr. Hubbard left on Saturday evening for Ottawa to attend a number of meetings in Ontario during the present month.

QUIET HORSFIELD STREET.

Had a Rude Sensation Last Night, Near Chief Clark's Residence.

An exciting incident occurred at the residence of Wm. J. Draper, 43 Horsfield street, about 8 o'clock last night, when a stranger came to the door, rang the bell, and asked the servant if Mr. and Mrs. Denner were home. She replied that they were not. He then stepped inside, locked the door, and followed her up stairs. She was very frightened and ran down the back stairs. Upon the street she met Mrs. Hoyt just coming from Trinity Church to call on Mrs. Gorbell, who lives near Mr. Draper's. To her the girl, crying, told what had occurred. The police were notified and an officer soon arrived and searched the house, but did not find the stranger, who was described as being an old man with gray whiskers, wearing a long coat and carrying a white bag. Chief Clark arrived soon after. By that time a large crowd had assembled. Mr. and Mrs. Draper were attending service at St. Andrew's Church. Their two little girls were in the house with the servant at the time.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADING.

The annual promotions of the Sunday school scholars in Germain street Baptist church took place yesterday. There are in the primary department three grades, the intermediate 6, and in the junior 4, and it requires a year to pass from one to the other. Yesterday diplomas were given to graduates from the primary into the intermediate and from the intermediate to the junior.

The diplomas were given because the graduates had successfully passed the examination in each of the six intermediate departments during the past six years.

All told, there were between 75 and 80 graduates. There were special musical exercises and addresses by Rev. Dr. G. O. Gates, W. C. Cross, and the primary superintendent, Miss Estelle Vaughan.

MONCTON.

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 4.—General Manager Pottinger, General Supt. Price, Assistant Manager Simpson, Chief Engineer Mackenzie, Engineer of Maintenance Burpee, and Inspector Forbes returned yesterday from Mulgrave, where they had been superintending the replacing of a broken girder in the approach to the ferry steamer. They were accompanied by a retinue of secretaries and minor officials.

Alfred Peters, manager of the Record Foundry and Machine Co., met with a severe accident on Saturday, when a piece of iron that was being broken flew and struck him in the face.

INFANT FOUND DEAD.

Irvin Louis Grey, the four months old child of Mrs. Grey, was found dead in bed with his mother at an early hour Sunday morning.

Mrs. Grey resided with Mrs. Mills at 128 St. Patrick street, and the child had been enjoying fairly good health. Saturday the little one was not as well as usual, but nothing serious was feared. Mother and child went to bed as usual during the night; the infant awoke from the bottle. At four o'clock all was well, but when the mother awoke at a reasonable hour the child was dead, though still warm. Medical aid was at once summoned, but was of no avail.

S. OF T. INSTALLATION.

At the regular meeting of St. George Division, No. 353, S. of T., held on Saturday evening, the following officers were installed for the ensuing term by the G. W. P., the Rev. C. W. Hamilton, Bro. H. W. Sullivan acting as grand conductor: Wm. J. Stagg, W. P.; Miss A. Smith, W. A.; James Sullivan, R. S.; Miss G. Rogers, A. R. S.; Wm. Rogers, F. S.; A. J. Armstrong, Treasurer; Mrs. I. Vanwart, Chap.; H. Cowan, Cond.; Miss Lila Smith, A. Cond.; A. Stephenson, I. S. S.; C. White, O. S. S.; Mrs. James Sullivan, S. Y. P. W. This division is in a flourishing condition and starts the new year on a good financial basis.

SCH. ADVANCE ASHORE.

Word reached St. John last night that the sch. Advance, Capt. Smith, bound from Kingsport, N. S., to Havana, with a cargo of potatoes, was ashore about three miles to the eastward of Beaver Harbor. The vessel went ashore in a thick snow storm Saturday afternoon. She lies on the rocks, but is reported to be making no water. J. Willard Smith, acting for the owners of the vessel, has engaged the tugs Flushing and Dirigo to go down to attempt to get the vessel off. The Advance is a new three masted schooner. She is owned by Earl Burgess of New York; Capt. Smith and others.

Sale of Remnants and Odd Lengths in Our Carpet Department.

We have just completed stock-taking in this department and have sorted out all Remnants and Odd Lengths of Carpets, Oil-cloths, Linoleums, etc. These we have marked at prices which are bound to clear. If possible bring dimensions of your rooms with you. It will facilitate your selection.

None of these floor coverings sent on approval.

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- 1 Card Cutter.
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- 1 Counter, with 6 drawers, walnut top, 9½ feet long.

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THE REV. DR. BARCLAY.

Appointed on the Protestant Board of School Commissioners.

(Montreal Witness.)

The Rev. Dr. Barclay has been appointed to the vacant chair of commissioner of the Protestant Board of School Commissioners. The reverend gentleman received intimation on Thursday of his appointment, so that it may be counted one of his New Year's Day gifts.

Dr. Barclay was looked upon as certain to be appointed, if he desired it, as he was the choice of the Presbyterians, who deemed the office rightly due to one of the same church as Dr. MacVicar, whose death made the vacancy on the board. Dr. Barclay will bring with him to the office wide experience in educational matters, having been a member of the school board in Edinburgh, Scotland, before he came to Canada to St. Paul's Church, Montreal, in 1883. Paisley has given Canada some splendid men. They have made conspicuous marks in Canadian history. Dr. Barclay was born in Paisley, Scotland, June 19, 1844, went to the Grammar school of Paisley, and Merchiston Castle school, Edinburgh, afterwards entering Glasgow University. He graduated with first-class honors, and was chief among the princes and kings of the playground as well, having been accounted among the best cricketers in Scotland, where, however, golf governs all.

Dr. Barclay's popularity extends, however, to the foot of the throne, for he was often summoned to Balmoral to preach before Queen Victoria. He preached before Her late Majesty on several occasions, also, when he revisited Scotland. He is chaplain of the Montreal Garrison Artillery, was with them in the Riel rebellion campaign, and is one of the St. Andrew's Society's chaplains, a past president of the Trafalgar Institute, a trustee of Queen's College, a fellow of McGill University, a life governor of the Montreal General Hospital, and a member of curling and golfing clubs, where he is held in high esteem. Recently he was offered the chair of principal of Queen's University, and more recently was appointed, along with Dr. Scrimger, to carry forward the work of the late Dr. McVicar in the Montreal Presbyterian College.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Petitions Being Considered This Afternoon.

Among the communications presented before the common council this afternoon was an application for a possible vacancy in the ferry collectorship from J. Leslie Smith, of 8 Rodney street, West End.

The owners of a new invention consisting of a van for washing and sprinkling the streets by means of compressed air, write from St. Louis, Mo., recommending an investigation of their machine.

J. S. Gibbon & Co. called attention to the shameful condition of the sidewalks on Smythe street between North wharf and Union street. They say they have repeatedly placed the matter before the street superintendent and the director of public works.

H. P. and W. F. Starr ask that the council promote the necessary legislation allowing them to erect a wooden building of the height necessary for a modern coal handling plant. Among other improvements they wish to erect a coal pocket such as exist in all large cities to handle coal economically. A coal pocket of any capacity must be 25 to 35 feet high, while the present fire law restricts the height of wooden buildings in that district to twelve feet. They offered to cover the building with iron to guard against fire.

DISEASES OF THE WRITING TRADE.

Many occupations have diseases which are more or less incidental to them, and literature is not exempt. The two most prevalent literary maladies are writer's cramp and swelled head. The unfortunate thing about writer's cramp is that it is never cured. The unfortunate thing about swelled head is that it never kills.—M. A. P.

THE FURNESS LINE.

Str. Evangeline sailed Saturday morning for London via Halifax. Str. Gulf of Venice left London for Halifax and St. John yesterday. This boat has very large cold storage accommodation.

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