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Sets of gloves from
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BOOKS—Padded Morocco, Poets,
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Pictures.

Buy His Christmas Gift
At HARVEY'S

There are so many useful and acceptable Christmas gifts here for men and boys that it would take a full page to tell you of them, but you'll do better to see them, then you'll appreciate them fully. A dollar goes farther here.

Regular \$6.00 to \$20.00 Overcoats,
Now selling at \$4.95, 6, 7.50, 8.75, 10.40 and \$15

J. N. HARVEY, Clothing and
Furnishings,
199 to 207 Union St.

THIS MAN TURNED
OUT TO BE A WOMAN

Russian Official From Chicago
Dead in Arizona

Leaving a Wife and Son—At the Undertakers the Supposed Man Was Found to be a Woman.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 19.—M. Deryan, who came recently from Chicago with a Doctor Rowe, died last night of consumption. Deryan claimed to be a son of a Russian admiral and to have a wife and son living in Chicago. He said he had been at one time vice-consul of Russia in Chicago and had served with the Americans in the Spanish war. He had many medals and he said some letters of commendation from President McKinley. At the undertaking parlor it was discovered that the deceased was a woman.

Dr. Rowe declared that he had no knowledge of this fact.
CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Deryan was a clerk in the consulate, said Baron Schleichmann, Russian consul to Chicago, today. "He had been in the employ of the Russian government in Chicago for 12 years. Recently he left the office because of illness, and went to Arizona, hoping to regain his health. Mrs. Deryan, at her residence, had not been informed of the reported death of her husband. "I received a message from him within the last day or so," she said, "in which he said he were ill, but not dangerously so. I did not think there was anything serious in his illness."

SEBASTOPOL MUTINEERS
ARE SENT TO PRISON

Fifteen Men From the Kazak Potemkine
Sentenced to Short Terms.

SEBASTOPOL, Dec. 19.—Fifteen sailors who participated in the mutiny of June, 1905, on board the Russian battleship Potemkine, were sentenced today. The leader was sentenced to four years penal servitude and the others to terms in the Disciplinary Corps, ranging from six months to two years. The sailors were those of the crew who sought refuge in Rumania when the Kazak Potemkine put into Kustendj, where she was eventually wrecked, and who subsequently gave themselves up to the Russian authorities.

CHARLIE WARD SAYS SPITE
CAUSES CHARGE AGAINST HIM

A Liquor Case Which It is Said
Arises Out of the Mossoopath
Trouble

A liquor case will come up on Friday morning at eleven o'clock which will probably prove quite interesting before it is finished.
Charles Ward, proprietor of the One Mile House, has been reported to Inspector J. B. Jones for selling liquor last Sunday morning. Mr. Ward pleads not guilty to the charge and has engaged counsel for his defence.
It is said that the report has been made by a prominent member of the Driving Club, who with others is not on friendly terms with him. That not long ago a horse, Betsy Chimes, was suspended and also some local horsemen, by the National Trotting Association and that he was blamed for having killed suddenly yesterday the suspension brought about the suspension which has been placed against him has been only done for spite, he says.

FIVE WINTER STEAMERS
ARE NOW IN PORT

There are five winter steamers here at present. The C. P. R. steamers Lake Erie and Monmouth, and the Donaldson liner Cascadora are at Sand Point; the Halifax City is at the Pettungill wharf, and the Allan liner, Ionian, is at the I. C. R. pier.
The Donaldson liner Lakonia is due to arrive here on Saturday.

TRIED TO KILL ANOTHER
CHIEF OF RUSSIA'S POLICE

LODZ, Dec. 19.—An attempt to assassinate Chief of Police Cheghanavski was made here today, but the official escaped with a slight injury to his right foot. The would-be assassin hurled a bomb beneath his carriage and opened fire on him with revolvers, but did not accomplish his object. The terrorists escaped.

There are at present very few cases of infectious diseases in the city. The Board of Health books show a very good record for this time of year. In December, 1905, there were a number of cases of diphtheria and scarlet fever.

FIRE IN BOSTON'S
BUSINESS CENTRE

Tremont and Winter Street
Block Gutted.

Loss is Fully \$150,000—Firemen Had a Hard Fight in the Sharp Cold

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 19.—Bulletin—A serious fire broke out today at 110 a. m. on Tremont street, in a large four-story stone building and threatened to spread to the Orpheum Theatre, adjoining. The firemen are hampered by the intense cold.
At 10:10 o'clock Chief Mullen announced that the fire was under control. The loss is estimated at about \$150,000.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—A fire of threatening proportions today caused heavy damage in the block bounded by Tremont, Bromfield, Washington and Winter streets.
The fire broke out on the lower floor of the Edridge and Peabody furniture store, 119 to 125 Tremont street, the studio building, and swept up through six floors of the structure. The roof fell in and the fire jumped across a narrow alley to the roof of the Orpheum Theatre and to the top of the building occupied by Talbot Company, clothing, 285 to 406 Washington street. The flames did damage to both buildings slightly, but the Talbot building was flooded by the bursting of a hose. The firemen had to work in a narrow alley on ice coated ledgers and fire escape in ice. The loss is estimated at about \$150,000. Several articles, architectural and other occupants of the studio building were burned out.

BISHOP MCGADE, OF
NEW YORK, IS DEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Bishop Charles C. McCabe, of the Methodist Episcopal church in the New York hospital at 520 a. m. today. Death was due to apoplexy with which the bishop was stricken December 15. Mrs. McCabe and the bishop's niece, who have been with him almost constantly since he was stricken, were at the bedside when he passed away.

MINE EMPLOYEES MUST
PAY RETAIL PRICES

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 19.—The Pennsylvania Railway Company has notified the company which owns many mines, will not sell coal to them at the rate which regular shippers pay. As a consequence all employees will be compelled to patronize retail dealers. About 60,000 of the 190,000 employees in yesterday's elections for trustees of the annual saving to those who bought their coal from the company was \$675,000.

BOTH CLAIM VICTORY IN
THE INSURANCE FIGHT

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Victory is claimed for both the so-called administration and the policy-holders tickets in yesterday's elections for trustees of the New York Life Insurance Company and the Mutual Life Insurance Company. State Superintendent of Insurance Kelsey today indicated that the result of the elections might be made known by the end of the week, much sooner than was generally expected.

TEXAS SITTINGS EDITOR
DIED SUDDENLY

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—John Army Knox, at one time widely known as the editor and proprietor of Texas Sittings, died suddenly yesterday in this city, from heart disease.
Born in Army, Ireland in 1859, the young man in search of health. He settled in Texas where he became interested in the newspaper business. In 1889 he became owner of a periodical in Australia. Following several successful journalistic enterprises he started Texas Sittings, which, while written principally for circulation in Texas, attained international reputation for wit and literary excellence. Mr. Knox is survived by a widow and three children.

MRS. RUSSELL SAGE
INVESTING HER MONEY

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Russell Sage has loaned \$1,000,000 to the Lands Purchase Co. on a piece of property on the south side of Wall street, just west of William street. The mortgage is at 4 per cent, due Feb. 1, 1910.
This makes nearly \$7,000,000 that Mrs. Sage has loaned on Manhattan Real Estate recently.

MONKTON BAPTISTS WANT
LOWELL CLERGYMAN

MONKTON, N. B., Dec. 19.—The First Baptist church has decided to extend a call to Rev. H. Gratton Dookrell, of Lowell, Mass., who has been supplying the pulpit for the last two Sundays. The salary is eighteen hundred, and free parsonage.

IMPLEMENT MAKERS
WILL FIGHT THE TRUST

American Manufacturers to Urge Government Action in Breaking the Steel Combine.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Several farming machinery companies have declared their intention to fight the price and methods of the alleged iron and steel combine of the United States, according to the Tribune. A petition appealing to President Roosevelt and Congress to aid them in their efforts was drafted. The petition calling on the Government to curb the power of the "trust" and make some new tariff provisions, which will break up the "infernal combine," has been signed by prominent implement manufacturers throughout the country.

The action follows a meeting of the heads of the farming machinery concerns which was held here a few days ago, at which it was decided that something must be done in order to save the smaller implement makers, as well as farmers generally from ruin.

SENT FAKE MESSAGE
TELLING OF HIS DEATH

Charles Albertus Wanted to Make His Father "Feel Bad."

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RAISULI INSULTS THE
AMERICAN MINISTER

TANGHER, Dec. 18.—Mr. Gummoro, the American minister, in protesting today to Ben-Mansour, the representative of the banquet Raisuli, against the beating of a native boy by adherents of Raisuli, of which Mr. Gummoro was an eye witness, received a most arrogant response. Mr. Gummoro thereupon retired in order not to exaggerate the incident.

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On the stage Mrs. Powers was known as Dolis Powers.

Ice harvesting operations will be commenced at Lily Lake tomorrow morning.

J. A. Lipsett of the Blue Store on Brussels street, is once more to the front in presenting his customers with a most beautiful Christmas card in the shape of large vase of flowers. The affair is up to date and is very handsome.

The case against Robert Garnett for keeping his bar room open after seven o'clock last Saturday night, was resumed at 12:30 o'clock today and Garnett was fined \$20.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Money on call was loaned at 25 per cent, shortly after 11 o'clock today.

A BUSY SEASON ON
THE GREAT LAKES

Freighters Broke All Records
In Making Money.

Steel Ships Cleared Thirteen per cent, and
Wooden Vessels Twenty Five per cent.
—Tonnage Largely Increased.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Never before was so much money paid for carrying freight on Lake vessels, as during the season just closed. The rough estimate places it at \$15,000,000 for coal, iron, grain and lumber. The profits to the vessels were perhaps the largest in the history of the Lakes.
Careful computations, based on the earnings of typical steamers show a net profit on steel ships of about 13 per cent. On wooden ships of between 3,000 and 5,000 tons capacity the profits have ranged as high as 30 per cent, with an average of more than 25 per cent, on their insurance valuation.
The cause of this great prosperity was the demand of the country for iron and steel. The total movement of iron ores for the season was 27,513,589 tons, an increase of 4,085,683 tons over 1905.
Grain from Duluth moved in a larger volume than ever before. There was shipped from the whole of Lake Superior \$1,650,000 bushels as compared with \$1,675,000 bushels in 1905.

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MANITOBA AGAINST
GOV'T. OWNERSHIP

Telephone Proposition Was
Thrown Down.

Fear that System of Operation Might Not
Succeed—Real Estate Advances
at Port Arthur

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—The advance of real estate in Port Arthur is shown by the sale of 36 acres to J. J. Carrick, Port Arthur, for \$185,000, or \$4,900 an acre. On October 5th Dr. Reeson, of London, Ont., bought this property for \$100,000.
Government ownership of telephones got a black-eye in Manitoba, in one-half or more of the municipalities the project, as presented by the government, has been defeated. A number of towns, including Fortage La. Freight and Brandon were against it. A notable fact is that in the premier's own constituency of Dufferin, his project was badly defeated. The Bell Company of course put up an active campaign against the government in self-defense, but the Liberals took the ground that while a government owned telephone system is desirable, the government's methods of running it are wrong.

FREE, MUST PROVE
HE IS NOT DEAD

Andrew J. White, Out of Madhouse, Will
Try to Prove He is G. A. Kimmel,
Missing Cashier.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 18.—In the Supreme Court here today a jury declared Andrew J. White, an inmate of the State Asylum for Criminals, at Matteawan, on the Hudson, sane and competent to look after his own affairs, and Judge Keogh signed an order for his release.
White, who has been confined in the mad house for eighteen months, says he is George A. Kimmel, a bank cashier of Arkansas City, who has been missing for ten years, and who has been declared legally dead by a jury in Missouri.
Judge Keogh, when he learned the decision of the jury called White to the bench and told him to live a life above reproach to prove that the jury had not made a mistake in giving him his freedom.
White said that he would prove by his exemplary life that he has never been insane. He says that he will immediately start out to prove that he is Kimmel, although a jury has ordered a policy of \$5,000 on the life of Kimmel to be paid, finding that he is dead. There are other policies amounting to \$20,000 on the life of Kimmel still under litigation.
Judge Keogh directed that the asylum authorities give to White a new suit of clothing, \$10 in cash and a ticket to Chattanooga, Tenn., from which place he was originally sent to the asylum.
White's case was brought to the attention of the court on a writ of habeas corpus, issued at the request of the Legal Aid Society. White wrote several letters to Judge Keogh, saying that he was sane, and these letters were sent to the society. The asylum authorities said that relatives of Kimmel had visited the asylum and said that he was not the missing bank cashier. The New York Life Insurance Company which issued most of the policies, it is reported will take White to Arkansas City to prove his identity.

WILL NOT HAVE TO PAY
COUNT BONI'S DEBTS

PARIS, Dec. 19.—Madame Gould, the former Countess Boni De Castellane, has been victorious in the suits brought by creditors and money lenders against her with the object of making Madame Gould jointly responsible with the Count. Thirteen of the fifteen cases were dismissed today by the court, with costs against the plaintiffs.
Only in the case of two art dealers did the court express the opinion that Madame Gould should be held responsible, as the objects purchased for the most part were still in her possession. The three cases still to be passed upon will be decided December 25. In dismissing the thirteen suits, the court held that the plaintiffs had failed to prove that the debts were contracted for the common benefit of the Count and Countess. The latter, the court declared, had more than fulfilled the obligations under her marriage contract. During her wedded life she had retained nothing for herself, her entire revenue being collected for the household expenses or for the payment of his personal debts.

SUTTON WON FROM GLOSSON

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—George Sutton still holds the world's championship at 13.2 ball line billiards, having tonight successfully defended the title which he won from George Glosson, a few months ago against the challenge of Willie Hoppe who holds the world's championship at 14.1 game.
Sutton jumped into the lead at the start and with 107 and 59 in the first two innings, secured an advantage which the younger player could not overcome. Sutton was in fine form but at times he, too, seemed ill at ease. The score was 100 to 258.

KING OSCAR RECOVERING.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 19.—King Oscar continues to make steady progress toward recovery. Today's bulletin follows:—The king passed a quiet night, his temperature this morning was 99.55. His heart action was somewhat stronger, otherwise his condition was unchanged.

ROCK ISLAND EXPRESS
DERAILED; TWELVE HURT

HUTCHISON, Kans., Dec. 19.—Chicago Rock Island and Pacific passenger train No. 30 was derailed at Hutchinson in Pratt County, south of Hutchinson, early today. The whole train left the tracks, and all but the engine turned over. At least twelve persons were injured, some of them seriously.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. One who will go home at nights. Apply after 7 o'clock in the evening to 27 Richmond street. 19-12-1

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R. P. & W. F. STARR, Limited.

49 SMYTHE ST., 14 CHARLOTTE ST.
Telephone 9-115.

Special Sale Tonight, 7 to 9 O'clock

All-wool Ladies' Children's and Men's Hosiery, for 17c pair, 3 pairs for 50c. None sold after 9 o'clock at this price, 3 pairs to each customer.

PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT STORE, 142 MILL ST

Branch Store 167 Brussels St. Open Saturday Oct. 27th, with a 5c Graniteware Sale.

HUTCHINGS & CO.

MANUFACTURERS OF
First-Class Bedding
MATTRESSES MADE OVER.

101 to 105 GERMAIN STREET

CHRISTMAS GIFTS THAT ARE APPRECIATED

In making your selection of Xmas Gifts do not forget your faithful friend the HORSE. Here are a few seasonable presents:

- A NICE SET OF HARNESS.
- A NICE SET OF BELLS.
- A SLEIGH BRUSH.
- A NICE HORSE BRUSH.
- A NICE PUR COAT.
- A NICE PUR ROBE.
- A NICE HORSE BLANKET.
- A NICE STREET BLANKET.
- A NICE DOG COLLAR.

Besides a large variety too numerous to mention, which we are offering at low prices.

For Xmas--

THE LAURIER 10c Cigar. The name stands for quality--makes a most acceptable gift for a smoker. Put up neatly--10 in a package at 85c. From your dealer, or at

EVANGELINE CIGAR STORE,

Cor. Main Street and Paradise Row.

SPORTING MATTERS

THE RING

BURNS AND O'BRIEN WILL MEET AGAIN

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—Tommy Burns and "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien probably will settle the question of heavyweight championship before the Pacific Athletic Club when the Shriners are in Los Angeles next May. Manager McCarey holds a \$2,000 forfeit from Tommy Burns for appearing and in return promises not only to fight O'Brien but also to make the most expensive belt ever held up.

The belt which McCarey offers will be valued at \$5,000, which is \$500 more than the value of the Fox belt which was offered John L. Sullivan. The proposition was made by McCarey at noon yesterday and accepted by Burns on the spot. Burns is to receive the time of counter propositions from Searchlight, Rhyolite or other rival clubs.

The proposition will remain open to O'Brien until three months from yesterday and should the Philadelphia

man not accept the belt will go to Burns and Tommy will defend it against the best heavyweight men available.

Squires, of Australia probably will be the man to whom the chance for battle would go in the event of O'Brien side-stepping the match.

Yesterday at noon Manager McCarey carried Burns off to lunch at the Palace cafe and over the coffee broached the subject.

CURLING.

LADIES' BONSPIEL

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—(Special)—The ladies' bonspiel, the great curling event of the season will be held on Feb. 5, 6, 7 and 8 next. These dates have been chosen by the committee, and will in all probability meet with approval of the Royal Caledonia Curling Association.

The committee having in charge all arrangements concerning the bonspiel are: Mrs. E. A. Whitehead, jr., president; Miss Smith, vice-president; Mrs. J. H. Dunlop, secretary, and Mrs. W. C. Cunniff, treasurer. Hinks from St. John, N.B., Ottawa, Perth, Oronotown, and other towns and cities will be here to enter the competition, and the latest advice states that each place will furnish most skillful competitors.

A strong effort is being made to interest every curling club in Canada so that the bonspiel may be thoroughly representative of the Dominion.

A report has also been given circulation that a representative Canadian rink of ladies will take a trip to Scotland to play the "roarin'" game.

YOUNG CORBETT WILL MEET TOMMY MURPHY

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—"Young Corbett" will meet Harlem Tommy Murphy the ring of the National A. C., Philadelphia, for a six round go on January 9. The articles of agreement for this fight were signed at the Hotel Metropole, Harry Pollok acting for "Young Corbett." Johnny Oliver representing the interests of Murphy, and Harry Edwards speaking for the National A. C.

Straight Marquis of Queensbury rules will govern the match, the men protecting themselves at all times. No weight was mentioned, and the fighter will enter the ring at catchweights. Both fighters were called on to post a forfeit of \$500 for non-appearance with T. G. Murphy, of Philadelphia, and Edwards said that it would be time for Pollok and Oliver to send their checks by January 1.

LEFEBVRE KNOCKED OUT

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 17.—Frank Carroll of Chicago, who was to have fought Willie Lewis of New York at Riverside park tonight, did not show up, but sent a doctor's certificate that he was suffering from the grippe and that it would be impossible for him to fight. Henry Lefebvre, a local boxer, who took his place, was knocked out by Lewis in four rounds.

BASE BALL

AFTER O'NEILL

The Boston Herald says that the Minneapolis baseball team expects to land "Tip" O'Neill for the coming season.

ATHLETIC

A NEW CLUB

A new athletic club was formed in the North End last night. The following officers were chosen: W. H. White, president; W. Jones, secretary-treasurer; Dr. W. P. Roberts, W. J. Gorham, H. Keirstead and R. Pinley, executive committee.

The club will be conducted on lines similar to the Marathon Club, and will have a hockey team this winter and a football team next season. The selection of officers was deferred until a future meeting.

The organization meeting was presided over by Walter Jones with C. Seely as secretary.

LOCAL NEWS

Toyland at Hall's. 18-15-4

Good case pipes from 55c up to \$1.50, tobacco jars, 30c, at The Cigar Box, 62 Mill street.

We have the largest and best line of amber pipes in town at bargain prices. Have a look at our holiday stock. The Cigar Box.

An 2x3 photo of yourself given away with every dozen from \$2.00 and up at Isaac Erb & Sons, Photographers, 15 Charlotte street. 17-11-17

Special value—3 1/2 in. guaranteed amber pipe, 4 star brand briar bowl, in leather case, at \$1.00. Lots of other snaps for holiday buyers at The Cigar Box, 62 Mill street.

Among the bequests contained in the will of the late John J. Durney of Baie Verte, was one of \$100 for the support of Rev. G. O. Hennessey of St. John, at present a missionary in Japan.

Call at Jar. A. Tufts and Son, 93 Germain street and see the toys, China and fancy goods, the balance of their large stock, which is being sacrificed to close the store. Prices cut in two. 18-12-17

Emerson & Fisher entertained their friends to the number of sixty at White's last night. A very enjoyable evening was spent with some 1000 speeches, Jones' orchestra carried out a musical programme.

Barkers, 100 Princess street, offer all 50c mechanical toys for 25c; all 25c mechanical toys for 10c and 15c; bound books from 5c up; \$4.00 magic lanterns for \$2.25; steam engines from 50c up.

Eyes to be fitted properly should be tested scientifically by someone who is an expert. Guess work is not safe. D. Boyan's system of examining the eyes is thoroughly scientific and enables him to correct any optical error of eyesight. Call at 28 Dock street.

Evaporated apples, 5c a pound, 3 lbs. for 25c; prunes, 7c a lb., 4 lbs. for 25c; dates, 7c a lb., 4 lbs. for 25c; hand-made barley toys, 10c a lb.; candy canes, 10c a lb., at the Barkers, 100 Princess St. and 111 Brussels St. 18-12-17

James Lawrence, aged 23, an Englishman, and John Shannon, aged 27, an Irishman, came up to central station last night for protection. They claim that they are at work for the C. P. R., but must wait till Saturday for their pay, and that meanwhile they are penniless.

John Watts and Denis Murphy, two of the King square hatters, appeared before the magistrate yesterday afternoon and were warned that their names would have to be properly protected from the cold, and that if they again appeared before the court they would be fined a fine of \$40. They were then dismissed.

A meeting of the Provincial Hockey League was held here on Monday. The delegates were: J. D. Black and C. H. Allen, who will enter the Provincial team with the understanding that the schedule will be carried out at the Marquis club. The new club was unable to come to terms with Manager Hanson of the Arctic rink.

Fred Mills, an Englishman, who arrived on the steamer Laurentian last Friday, met a number of friends as soon as he arrived in the city and started on a jolly time. He was arrested shortly afterwards and sentenced to ten days in jail. He was released from jail yesterday morning and started on a jolly time. He was arrested shortly afterwards and sentenced to ten days in jail. He was released from jail yesterday morning and started on a jolly time.

W. H. Waters, for St. John, N.B.; Arizona, for Plympton, N.S.; Sadie C. Sumner, for Apalachicola.

Sold, Mrs. Mystic for Lunenburg, C. B.; Boston, for Yarmouth, N.S.; Nanna (from New York), for Hillsboro, N. B. (having regard).

PORTSMOUTH, N. H. Dec. 18.—Sid, aka Alaska, for Bridgeport; Seneca, aka Kendall for New Bedford; Tricilia, for Boston.

CALAIS, Me. Dec. 18.—Ard, schr Emma McAdams, for New York; Parran, for Sydney, C. B.

Noting to Mariners.

F. J. Harding, agent for the department of marine and fisheries, said this morning that the combined gas and whaling buoy anchored off North West ledge, in the Bay of Fundy, which was reported adrift and advected to that effect, has been in position all the time. It is working all right.

Lost Deckload.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Dec. 18.—Schr. Preference, (Br) Captain Gale, from Liscombe, N. S. for New York experienced heavy northern gales during the passage and lost a portion of her deckload of laths.

KINGSTON, Ja., Dec. 18.—The Associated Press correspondent visited the scene of the wreck of the Princess Victoria Lulse this afternoon. The vessel is a total wreck. Her hull is full of water fore and aft, and she is imbedded on the rocks amidstships, with her bottom pushed up. The vessel struck head-on and the waves then carried her broadside on the ledge. She is now lying with a heavy list to port. Salvage operations will be commenced tomorrow preparatory to hauling the steamer over to the underwriters. The bed plates and engines are displaced and there is nine feet of water in her starboard side and 16 feet in the port side.

Captain Brunneweg mistook Plum Point lighthouse for the light stationed at the western point of Port Royal and turned his vessel sharply to the north, steaming at the rate of 14 knots an hour. The crash was a terrific one, and marine surveyors are of the opinion that if the Princess Victoria Lulse is removed from the ledge she will immediately sink.

SHIPPING.

Domestic Ports.

HALIFAX, Dec. 18.—Ard, strs Glimp, from Philadelphia; Beta, from Jamaica, Turks Island and Bermuda; Rosalind, from St. John, N.F. (and sid for New York) schr Geo R. Alston, from New York.

Sat, strs Satar, for Bridgewater; Sid, strs St. Pierre, Miquelon, LaFourcade, for St. Pierre, Mt; Tank, Berg, for St. Pierre, Mt; Beatrice, Peters, for North Sydney.

British Ports.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 18.—Ard, str Montfort, from St. John, N.B. for Bristol.

GREENWICH, Dec. 18.—Passed, bark Jomfruland, from Grand River, N.B. for Bristol.

Foreign Ports.

SAUNDERSTOWN, Dec. 18.—Sid, schrs Helen Montague, from St. John, N.B. for New York; Golden Rule, from New York for Yarmouth.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Sid, str Baltic, for Liverpool; schrs Oregon, for Halifax; Calabria, for St. John, N.B.; CHATHAM, Mass. Dec. 18.—Fresh north wind, clear at sunset.

GLOUCESTER, Mass. Dec. 18.—Ard, schr Comrade, from Boston for St. John, N.B.

CITY ISLAND, Dec. 18.—Bound south, schrs Mary E. Morse, from St. George, N.B. via Norwalk, Conn.

NEW LONDON, Conn. Dec. 18.—Sid, schr Jessie Lena, from New York for St. Andrews, N.B.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass. Dec. 18.—Ard and sid, schrs Clifford L. White, from St. John, N.B. for New York.

Arrived, bktn Melva, from Dalhousie, N.B. for New York; schrs Livonia, from St. John, N.B. for New York; Preference, from Liscombe, N.S. for do; Coral Leaf, from Nova Scotia for do; M. D. S. from Hansport, N.S. for do; H. R. Emmerson, from Hillsboro, N. B. for do; Clayola, from Sackville, N. B. for do; Laura C. from River Hebert, N.S. for do; Eastland, from New York for Sydney, C. B.

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—Ard, strs Silvia, from Hamburg; Dora, from Palermo, Naples, Algeria and Genoa; Seagames, from Liverpool; schrs John G. Walter, from Windsor, N.S. for New York (anchored in Roads for a harbor); Cleared, strs Bohemian, for Liverpool; St. George, for New York; schrs

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The Pollard Opera Co., which were playing at the York Theatre here a few weeks ago, on Monday night occupied the boards at the informal opening of Winnipeg's new \$300,000 theatre, the Walker, said to be the finest play house in Canada. The Lilliputians have been great favorites in the West for years and on Monday played "In Town" before a very large house. The Pollards, who are on their way to the coast and thence home, will spend this week in Winnipeg and Christmas week in Brandon.

AMUSEMENTS

Keith's.

Formerly the York Theatre

CHRISTMAS BILL

Opening Monday Night, Dec. 24.
DAILY MATINEES.

LEVINE & LEONARD, Comedy Jugglers.

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In Mr. Nobles' greatest sketch, WHY WALKER REFORMED. CARON & HERBERT, Comedy Acrobats.

AND OTHER GREAT ACTS.

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These are the pictures the country are talking about.

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30 Artists—30 Monday, Dec. 24th, "The Telephone Girl."
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During Christmas week the Company will give each purchaser of a Gas Lamp a Gas Torch and Box of Tapers. 18-12-18

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Gift Suggestions

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THE BIG NORTH END STORE.

You can make your friends happy at little cost to yourself if you choose your remembrances from our Stock. We can't give you a complete list of the things we have, and we would not if we could, because we want you to call, as our Stock is much prettier than any description we can give you of it.

Read carefully, consider fairly, act promptly, profit largely where good quality and low prices reign.

Fancy Goods.

HANDKERCHIEF CASES, 35 to 95c.
BRUSH AND COMB SETS, 85c.
TABLE MATS, 6 in sqd, 25c.
COLLAR AND CUFF BOXES, 75 cts. and \$1.
CRUMB TRAYS AND BRUSH, 45 and 60 cents.
GLOVE AND HANDKERCHIEF BOXES, 35 and 40c.
Purses, 25c up.
CHATELAIN BAGS, 60c up.
LADIES' UMBRELLAS, nothing more suitable for a gift, 75c to \$1.
FANCY HANDKERCHIEFS.

Our Handkerchief counter is a great place for Xmas gifts. Wider in variety than ever before is the present gathering.

HEMSTITCHED and FANCY HANDKERCHIEFS, 5c. to 75c.
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We are showing a splendid line of DENT'S and FOWNES' GLOVES. All that fashion sanctions in the matter of glove taste is here.

KID GLOVES, (all shades), 75c. to \$1.10 pair.

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In a good variety of patterns.

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NECKWEAR of a distinguishing tone.

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You cannot make a mistake in selecting gloves for Xmas gift. They are useful and always acceptable.

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BOYS' SUITS are here in abundance, \$2.50 to \$5.75.

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When at a loss what to give, one knows Handkerchiefs are sure to be appreciated.

HEMSTITCHED MDKFS, 8 to 25 cts. each.

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BRIEF DESPATCHES.

ROME, Dec. 18.—The general strike of seamen is causing considerable anxiety. At Genoa, 25,000 emigrants are prevented from leaving for their destinations because of the trouble. The International Federation of Workers on sea and land transportation at Hamburg, has promised to support the strike.

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 18.—H. H. Ten Eyck, formerly coach of the Philadelphia Berge Club, was appointed coach of the University of Wisconsin's crews today to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Andrew M. O'Dea.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Conferees were held today between the political leaders of both houses of parliament in an endeavor to reach an agreement on the education bill, but were without result. They will be resumed tomorrow. In consequence of the conference, the debate on the measure in the house of lords was postponed.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—Emperor Nicholas has approved the bill of the council of ministers removing the disabilities of Jews. By the bill Jews are permitted to live in the country as well as in the cities within the pale and certain restrictions placed on Jewish merchants and artisans in cities outside the pale are removed.

ROCKVILLE, Conn., Dec. 18.—The state resided in case late today in the trial of Charles Henry Bishop, the 18-year-old farm hand, charged with

the murder of Mrs. Henry Williams, of Tolland, who had taken him from the country home. Five days have been consumed by the state in the presentation of its evidence. The defense was not ready to go on with the case and adjournment was taken until tomorrow morning.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 18.—Atlantic Coast Line passenger train No. 42, north bound, here from Tampa, collided head-on with a south bound extra freight near McGuire's Creek, seven miles from Jacksonville, today, killing Claude Bailey, white, express helper, and seriously injuring W. F. Shelley, engineer, of the passenger train; H. C. Calder, express messenger; Baggage Master Wooten. Calder may die. The express, mail and baggage cars of the passenger train were telescoped. Several passengers were slightly hurt.

LEWISTON, Me., Dec. 18.—It was announced in Lewiston tonight that an advance of five per cent. in wages would be granted in the Lewiston mills to take effect Dec. 31.—This is the second advance in wages given by the Lewiston mills during the past six months, as last August the wages were voluntarily increased. All of the mills are running full time and have a large amount of raw material on hand.

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 18.—One man was killed, three fatally injured and a number of others slightly hurt tonight when a motor car in the Bell-street steel works mine of the Carnegie Steel Co., ran off the track, knocking down several of the mine supports and causing a cave-in.

The dead: William Wright, Bellaire, Ohio, a brakeman.

The fatally injured: Joseph Penneman, motorman; Harry Schuckman, and John Bainbridge, all of Bellaire, Ohio.

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—The first request for a reduction of telephone rates filed with the Massachusetts Highway Commission under the recent law placing telephone and telegraph companies under this commission, was made today by persons representing a number of citizen organizations of this city.

The highway commission will advise a hearing on the petition and will investigate the operating expenses of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 18.—Edward Littlefield of Wells Beach, Me., who was injured in a rear-end collision between a passenger train and a Manchester bound freight on the western division of Boston and Maine railroad last night at the North Station in this city, died at the Lawrence General Hospital at 8.30 tonight from the effects of his injuries. The body will be forwarded to the home of the deceased at Wells Beach, Me., today. He is survived by a number of brothers.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Dec. 18.—Fort Barrancos soldiers are charged with firing on a train. Army officers are investigating.

SURVEY OF WORLD IS YET INCOMPLETE

Heroic Devotion of Native Members of Indian Survey Alone Makes Work Possible.

Of the total land area of the earth less than one-sixth has been as yet accurately surveyed; and on this small fraction of the globe Europe accounts for the greater part. Nearly 4,000,000 square miles of the British Empire are still unmapped, in addition to such immense areas as Canada, Australia and India; but, according to the last report of the Indian Survey Committee the completion of the one-inch topographical map of all India only awaits a survey of the Rajputana Desert. The Indian Survey has also accomplished no less than 55,000 square miles in Tibet and 6,000 in South Arabia. In South Africa the Rhodesian survey is being actively carried on, only three stations now remaining south of the Zambezi not fully connected with the main triangulation.

Much of the work of the Indian Survey, says the Westminster Gazette, has only been made possible by the unselfish devotion of native members of the staff, a typical instance of which is that of Sheikh Mohandun, who died of malarial fever in the Persian desert, his native assistant—who on his officers' death had taken the plane sheets from the board and wound them around his body, being found insensible in a distant pool of water. For the past five years eleven French officers and 25 soldiers of the Service Geographique de l'Armee have been engaged in measuring the great area of Peru, and many of them succumbed to the terrible privations to which they were exposed in the wilds of the Cordillera.

From Africa, where British survey officers are slowly creeping northward from Rhodesia and southward from Egypt, come similar records of hardships endured, and, indeed, wherever the theodolite is following the explorer,

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WANTED—A sales girl and grocery clerk. Apply to the TWO BAKKERS, Princess street. 7-12-17

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CITY LABORERS HEAR WORDS OF WISDOM

The members of the City Laborers' Union held a smoker in their rooms in Berryman's Building last night. There were a number of speeches made, and the gathering, which was a large one, passed a very pleasant evening.

W. F. Hatheway was present and addressed the union, dwelling at considerable length on the old age pension scheme which is in operation in New Zealand and which is being agitated for in England. In addressing the meeting Douglas McArthur spoke of the new assessment act and censured that part of it which would result in the disfranchisement of a number of electors.

Speeches were also made by Alderman Sproule, Thos. Kicham, Peter Sharkey, Secretary E. M. Burke and President Jas. Sullivan.

Music from a gramophone supplied the balance of the programme.

NORTH END GIRL MAY BE HEIRESS

In speaking of the property in New York for which Mrs. T. A. Black's niece, Julia White, is one of the heirs, T. A. Black said last night that there were no new developments in the case. D. White, the gentleman from Boston, who visited this city last summer about the case, is still working on the matter and expects results in the near future. The estate, which is a valuable property in the heart of New York City, was owned by Mr. White, who died some years ago. The lawyers are now investigating the rights of the different claimants.

Miss Julia White, who lives with her aunt, Mrs. T. A. Black, 178 Metcalf street, will probably come in for a large share of the estate.

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AUCTIONS.

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Entry must be made personally, at the local land office for the district in which the land is situate.

The homesteader is required to perform the conditions connected therewith under one of the following plans:

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year for three years.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of the homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

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W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior,
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NOTORIOUS CRIMINAL COMMITTED SUICIDE

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Wm. Madison, also known as McPherson, and whose photograph is in the Rogues Gallery, shot himself in the breast three times today to avoid capture for a robbery committed in Mount Vernon last night. He died while being removed to a hospital.
Madison might first have killed an officer or two had he been so inclined, but after holding up his pursers he deliberately turned the weapon upon himself.
Madison, if the police identification be true, last night entered the jewelry store of Samuel Raymond at Mount Vernon and, pushing a revolver into the face of the proprietor, demanded: "Give me everything you have."
Then shifting the gun to the left hand Madison drove his right hand through the glass of a showcase and gathered up a handful of jewelry valued at \$500 and fled.

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INSURANCE.

At the beginning of the year the new law in the State of New York and out of it will in all probability arise conditions which will affect insurance business all over America. This law applies only to New York companies, not to those doing business in the state, and certain rules are laid down which are regarded by the companies as most unfair. However, spite of strong opposition the bill was passed and will no doubt be enforced. Among other things it fixes the portion of the first premium on a policy which may be devoted to expense. The medical examiner's fees will be reduced as will also the commission to agents, the result being that those who have to hustle for business will be placed at a disadvantage in competition with other canvassers and will meet with but little reward. It will probably be found that these New York companies will deem it absolutely necessary to increase their rates to overcome the provisions of the new act, and this will of course injure the companies instead of the canvassers, in the general competition.
It is scarcely probable that companies other than those affected will join in this increase but rather they will prefer larger business, to the increased profits through higher rates.
In Canada it is not anticipated that the coming year will see any material change in the regulations governing the method of conducting insurance affairs, although it may be expected that a somewhat different system will be devised and that companies will be asked to send in more comprehensive reports than have been furnished in the past. The publication of all returns from investments, results to policy holders, expense accounts, etc., will place the companies in such a position that competition will be more open.

STUDY THE REPORT.

During the next few weeks, members of the board of trade and of the common council will be expected to consider carefully the report of the assessment commission and the draft of a bill for a system of taxation in St. John which accompanied that report. It is not to be doubted that those who are interested in the matter, and who will be compelled to pay higher taxes, will fight this bill to the utmost. Indeed, it already appears that certain of them are arranging their campaign at the present time. Such being the case, it would be wise for not only those directly concerned in the discussion of the bill, but for all persons interested to study it carefully and familiarize themselves with the working out of the different sections. Although the opposition which may arise will not have any serious effect before the board of trade or the common council, still there are bodies which are known to wield a considerable influence at Fredericton, and the city must be prepared to oppose this outside influence in the strongest possible manner.

SKILLED LABOR.

The Canadian manufacturers, having been unsuccessful in securing permission for the importation of skilled labor from the United States, to relieve the situation in Canada, are now looking to England, to which country the Alien Labor Law, of course, does not apply. The association at the recent meeting in Winnipeg discussed the project of establishing a labor bureau in London. The idea has materialized and an agent will be appointed during the present week. The bureau will be opened about the first of the year and it is anticipated that by spring a large number of mechanics will have been secured.
This undertaking is the outcome of the failure of the different labor organizations to supply anything like the number of mechanics required to meet the demand.

SCHOOL VENTILATION.

A letter from another mother dealing with the ventilation in public schools appears in the Star today. While it must be admitted that in rare instances some of the teachers fail to properly acquaint themselves with the working of the registers and ventilators in the schools, and while it is also true that accidents occasionally happen to the heating systems, yet on the whole the schools are splendidly conducted. When parents believe they have good reason to complain it is well that they should do so to the proper authorities rather than to publicly condemn all the schools because of a temporary condition which could not be avoided.
Winnipeg and Moncton can rub thumbs on the telephone question. It might be a good plan for Mayor Sleeves and Premier Roblin, who seems to be booming the Winnipeg movement, to get together and have a chat.

Ayer's Hair Vigor makes the hair grow because it is a hair-food. Feed the hair-bulbs, and the hair grows. That's nature's way, and that is all there is to it.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Charged with attempted blackmail and attempted felonious assault Joseph Page, 25 years old, colored, a chauffeur, of Dobbs Ferry, was locked up tonight on the complaint of Mrs. Thomas C. DeMartino, the wife of a contractor of this city. The prisoner was employed by Alberto De Verastegin, of Dobbs Ferry, who is a brother-in-law of Mrs. DeMartino.
It is alleged that after sending several threatening letters Page secured entrance to the complainant's home and placing a revolver against her head demanded \$500. The woman faint-ed and Page fled. Tonight at the suggestion of the police she met Page by appointment and he was arrested.

CHEAP DINNERS ENTAIL TIPS

complaint of Members of British Parliament

Mr. Asquith Sits Hatless on the Treasury Bench—Pipes in Smoking-Room Evoked Protest.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Further lamentation is heard from the House of Commons over the regrettable changes which have come about in this parliament in what was once called the best club in London. Cheap shilling dinners, water drinkers, shocking ties, terrible hats, and worse clothes of certain members have already been decried, but now even the cheap diners, which themselves were considered by many to be an evil, have introduced a fresh evil, for their cheapness as a result of the introduction of the tipping of waiters.
Even the labor members have had to ink their principles and tip according to their means. A Liberal member, however, has given notice that he will ask the chairman of the Kitchen Committee to consider the advisability of raising the price of the shilling dinner to 1s. 6d. or 1s. 8d., and pay the waiters more money.
After deploring the passing of various old customs one writer says that sadder still is the practice of smoking pipes in the smoking room, where cigars used to be the only smoke permitted in the good old days, when a cup of tea cost anything from a shilling to half a crown.
Mr. Asquith, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has broken a tradition which has hitherto been observed, of wearing a hat on the Treasury bench. Chancellor and ex-Chancellors alone are privileged to do this. Mr. Asquith, however, sits hatless. In the lobbies all private members used to be obliged to wear their hats. The front bench man and the whips alone did not wear hats, but in the present Parliament hardly anyone retains his hat.

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- Tea Cups and Saucers, - - 20c each.
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- Tea Plates, - - - - 20c each.
- Children's Plates, - - - - 15c each.
- Cream Pitchers, - - - - 20c and 25c each.
- Teapots, - - - - - 70c each.

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WINNIPEG PEOPLE WILL OWN 'PHONES

Premier Roblin Gives Interview on Probable Result of Tomorrow's Vote.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 18.—When Premier Roblin was asked as to the telephone question coming up for vote by the municipalities on the 18th, he said: "The people are almost unanimously in favor of municipal ownership of local exchanges, with long distance lines owned by the government. They have been confused by the articles appearing in newspapers controlled by the Bell people and by cunning agents employed by that company, pretending to be the farmers' friends. If every elector votes 'yes' on the 18th, it does not mean that they will necessarily have a municipal 'phone; it simply means that they endorse the principle and may have the advantages if they wish them."
"After it carries and before an exchange can be established, a sufficient number of subscribers must sign a contract to take the 'phone, to guarantee the interests on cost of construction, etc., just the same as the Bell system, only that we give a better system for half or less. The collection of the charges will be made distinct from ordinary rates; in a word, the taxpayer will not know from his rate bill that there is such a thing as a municipal 'phone. Only those who use a 'phone will have anything to pay, exactly as under the Bell."
"How many miles do you expect to construct next year?"
"I should say one thousand, possibly more. We will more than cut the Bell figure in two. They charge now 1-1/2 mills per mile; we will charge 1/2 mill for three-minute service, and we can give a service of three minutes for 100 miles for 25 cents, and will do so as soon as we decide that no margin of profit is desirable."
"Then you consider the question settled?"
"Yes," said the Premier emphatically. "The Winnipeg vote settled it, and the Municipal Union of this province deserves more of the credit than I can say for the rapid manner in which a decision has been reached."
Scarcely a day passes without one or more serious accidents at Sand Point. Yesterday morning George Collins, a ship laborer, fell down the ashes hold of the steamer Halifax City, and sustained a fracture of the shin, and a severe scalp wound. The injured man was found at the bottom of the chute about 4:30 a. m., but it is not known how long he had been lying there. He was taken to the emergency hospital, and later to the General Public Hospital, where at an early hour this morning he was reported to be progressing satisfactorily towards recovery. Herbert McIntyre, of Fairville, had his collar bone broken on Monday night, while wheeling a truckload of crockery packages down one of the Lake Erie's gangways. The load toppled over on him.

HAVANA, Dec. 18.—In consequence of the country folk using the abandoned blockhouses erected for the defense of Havana in the late insurrection, as dwellings and barns and often destroying them in order to obtain building material, Governor Magoon has ordered General Borrigo, commander of the Rural Guards, to take charge of all blockhouses and preserve them as government property.

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The amount of solid comfort that is stored away in our Arctic, Alaskan or Storm Gaiters is hard to estimate. It's not expensive comfort either, for the prices on these comfortable foot protectors are only \$1.60, \$1.75, \$2.70, and \$3.00.

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that you can give a lady is a nice Bottle of Perfume, and the best Perfumes are sold by us. We would like to show them to you. We have all kinds of Perfumes at all prices, in all kinds of containers. Dainty Trinket Boxes in fancy shapes. Handsome Handkerchief Boxes with rich linings and beautiful Glove Boxes, embossed in delicate tints.
No better values in the city.
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Every lady and sometimes men appreciates a package of GOOD PERFUMERY—At Xmas time it serves the double purpose of being a Pretty Gift and a Useful Commodity. When selecting YOURS don't pay too much for the Box, rather put your money in the Perfume—Let me help you to pick out yours.

Lower Cove Drug Store,

Cor. Charlotte & St. James Sts. Phone 1171.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hanson and R. W. McLellan of Fredericton are at the Royal.
Percy Simmonds, W. H. Sterns and Capt. Douglas of Halifax are at the Royal.
Mr. and Mrs. G. Whitefield Irvine, who have been spending a honeymoon trip in various parts of the Maritime Provinces, returned home on Monday and will reside at 48 Albert street.
The marriage of Miss Grace L. Bolton, ex-superintendent of the Carleton county hospital, Woodstock, N. B., and Charles D. Richards, B. A., principal of the Woodstock Grammar School, is to take place on New Year's Day at Moncton at the residence of her brother, G. P. Bolton.
J. T. Knight of J. H. Scammell & Co. will leave on the 12th of January for a trip to the old country.
Engineer H. G. Hunter will go to Boston to spend Christmas.
Miss Helen L. Parker will spend Christmas in New York, the guest of Mrs. H. G. Boddie.
Gordon Macdonald, a U. N. B. student, who has been engineering in Gaspe, returned yesterday on the Maritime express to spend his holidays at home.
R. F. Randolph, of Fredericton, was in the city yesterday.
G. DeVeber, of Gagetown, was in the city yesterday.
Chas. MacDonald, of the St. John Iron Works Co. Ltd., went to Ottawa last evening.
Given a staple article, and no amount of advertising will give it a permanent and profitable sale unless it is backed by merit; on the other hand, if you do not make it known it will fail, however great the merit.—Earl & Wilson, N. B.

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Christmas Gifts for Men and Boys.

Scarf, Ties, Handkerchiefs, Braces, Armlets, Gloves, Mitts, Mufflers, Umbrellas, Cuff Links, etc.

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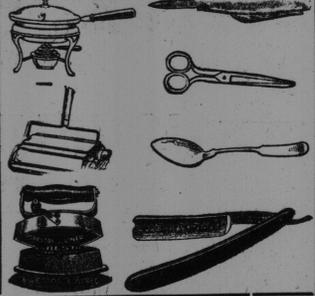
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TWO MEN WHO WILL OWN A TRANSCONTINENTAL LINE

The banquet given to the notable railway builders, Mr. William Mackenzie and Mr. Donald C. Mann awakened renewed interest in the remarkable enterprise these gentlemen are prosecuting.

WHO ARE THE MEN? While the undertaking and success with which it is being carried through challenges public attention, much interest must also be experienced touching the men themselves.

HOW THE IDEA CAME. The firm built certain of the branches of the Canadian Pacific in the West, among them the road from Calgary to Edmonton and that from Regina to Prince Albert.

INTENDED FOR THE PULPIT. The aspirations of the parents of Donald C. Mann are better understood than are those of the Mackenzie family.

LURED TO THE WEST. At different periods Mr. Mackenzie and Mr. Mann made for the West. Mr. Mann was first on the ground, being an expert in the getting out of lumber.

period, the two contractors had secured control of a great line in the West. Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann now turned their attention to the east, and we have as a consequence their projects in Ontario, Quebec, and Nova Scotia.

MARVELOUS WORK. The designing, the financing, the building, and the operating of the Canadian Northern scheme—all by two men—constitute a really wonderful achievement.

A large lot of very swell, yet useful Christmas gifts for the men folk, which has just arrived in time for the Christmas trade.

BETTER THAN EVER. The policy of the management of the Robinson Opera Company is to constantly improve this organization.

REMEMBER. The rates of tuition at the Currie Business University, Ltd., will be advanced after this month.

Magee's Made-to-Order Persian Lamb Jackets

Our Persian Lamb Jackets are becoming more popular all the time. They have style and quality. The skins are choice—in small, medium or large glossy curls.

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Christmas Gifts!

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LOCAL NEWS.

Band on Carleton open air rink. Ice in excellent condition.

True Blue Dodge, L. O. A., No. 11, will hold their annual meeting tonight in the new Prud'homme Hall.

Attention is called to the sale of paintings by Mr. J. N. Sutherland, at Flood Piano Rooms, 23 Dock street, at eight o'clock this evening.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the R. K. Y. C. held last evening, the following members were elected.

Donations for the Christmas trees at the Protestant Orphan Asylum will be most acceptable and can be sent to the institution or to any member of the ladies' committee.

E. P. Stavert, who has been for some years Inspector of the Bank of New Brunswick, has resigned and will leave the post of the New Year for New York.

Emerson & Fisher announces that their store will be open for business each night this week until ten p. m., commencing tonight.

Attention is called to C. B. Fiddgen's announcement on page six of this issue of a Christmas present for you.

The rates of tuition at the Currie Business University, Ltd., will be advanced after this month.

OH JOY! A VIC. TICKET. There will be a free matinee for all St. John children in Victoria Rink Christmas morning.

THE M. R. A. RUSH. M. R. A.'s stores are now about up to the busiest of the rush.

PRESENT FOR Brother. Drums, .30 to \$1.75; Rocking Horses, 9.00 to 15.00; Stables, .50 to 4.00.

PRESENT FOR Sister. Dolls, .25 to \$7.00; Doll's Trunks, .25 to 4.00; Doll Houses, .50 to 6.00.

PRESENT FOR Father or Mother, Sunday School Teacher, etc. IN OUR NEW ART ROOM, 2nd FLOOR.

A Framed or Unframed Picture.—We have a large stock of the latest subjects in Pictures and Mouldings.

RICH or poor the price for milk is the same and quality is the only consideration.

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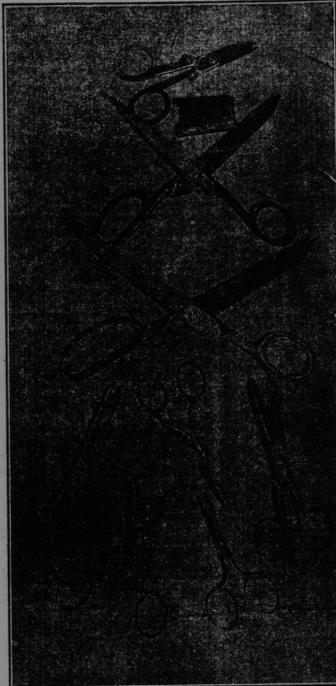
Make your selections now. Bring the little people along and let them see what Santa Claus has for them.

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Presents for Sister: Dolls, .25 to \$7.00; Doll's Trunks, .25 to 4.00; Doll Houses, .50 to 6.00.

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Your choice of these High Grade Scissors with every Cash Purchase of \$3.00 or more.



USEFUL GIFTS FOR ALL THE FAMILY.

MEN'S WARM SLIPPERS, 35c. to \$1.18. FINE KID SLIPPERS, 78c., 98c., \$1.18, \$1.28 and \$1.38. MEN'S OVERSHOES, \$1.38, \$1.60, \$1.75 and \$1.98. MEN'S MOOSEHIDE MOCCASINS, \$1.38. MEN'S SNOWSHOES, \$3.48.

FOR THE LADIES.

WARM SLIPPERS, 48c., 75c., 98c. and \$1.28. FINE KID SLIPPERS, \$1.28. PATENT LEATHER, \$1.38 OVERSHOES, \$1.88 and \$2.18. MOOSEHIDE MOCCASINS, \$1.18. SNOWSHOES, \$2.98.

FOR THE GIRLS.

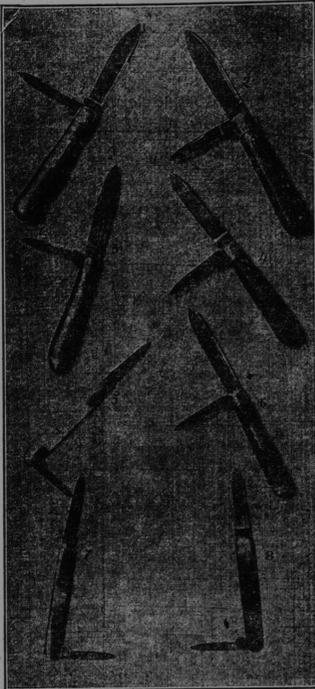
WARM SLIPPERS, 48c. and 58c. KID SLIPPERS, 98c. PATENT LEATHER, 98c. & \$1.28 OVERSHOES, \$1.58. MOOSEHIDE MOCCASINS, 98c.

FOR THE BOYS.

HOCKEY BOOTS, \$1.98; the right kind. MOOSEHIDE MOCCASINS, 98c. and \$1.18. OIL TANNED SHOE PACKS, \$1.18 and \$1.28. SNOWSHOES, \$2.98.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES

COLORED KID BOOTS, White, Red, Black and Tan, 28c. to 75c. RED WARM SLIPPERS, 48c. PATENT LEATHER, 78c. MOOSEHIDE MOCCASINS, 58c.



Your Choice of these 50c.—Knives with every Cash Purchase of \$5.00 or more.

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IN OUR CLOTHING DEPARTMENT WE HAVE Beautiful Neckties, Warm Gloves, Mufflers, Fancy Shirts, Warm Caps, Leather and Sheepskin lined Coats, at Reduced Prices.

C. B. PIDGEON, Corner Main and Bridge Sts., : ST. JOHN, N. B.

OFFICIALS CLAIM VICTORY FOR ADMINISTRATION TICKET

Election of Trustees for Insurance Companies in New York Yesterday Resembled That of One of the States of the Union — Large Vote Cast

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Probably never before in the history of the country has there been anything to compare with the election in this city today of trustees for the New York Life and the Mutual Life Insurance Companies. In number of ballots cast and in the expenditure of time and money, the election approached that of one of the states of the union. Certainly no corporation or society election ever measured up to it in magnitude or interest.

committee through Samuel Untermyer, its general counsel, expressed the conviction that the re-formed tickets would win in both companies, but by comparatively close margins. While the ballots were being turned in at the companies' offices today the grand jury was investigating the affairs of the New York Life Insurance Company as brought out before the legislative investigating committee. District Attorney Jerome examined several witnesses, among whom were Edmund D. Randolph, treasurer of the New York Life, and his chief clerk, M. M. Matison. Both will be recalled. William Nelson Cromwell of counsel for the New York Life Insurance Company, after the close of the election today issued a statement in which he said: "The number of ballots received at the home office and delivered by the administration to the inspectors of election was 122,568, and the votes by proxy cast for the administration ticket were 112,000, making a total of 234,568."

KING EDWARD DELIGHTED WITH THOUGHT READERS

LONDON, Dec. 18.—King Edward was a guest at dinner tonight of Mr. and Mrs. William George Cavendish-Bentinck, where Agnes, Julia, Zaneig, thought-readers, whose performances at a music hall here is now the talk of London, gave an exhibition of their powers. King Edward himself entered with much zest into the performance and personally tested the powers of the readers. He expressed himself as amazed and delighted with their science and invited the Zaneigs to Buckingham in order to enable Queen Alexandra to witness their powers. Other guests at the dinner and performance were Connelo, Dowager Duchess of Manchester and Walter Burns, who is engaged to marry Miss Evelyn Cavendish-Bentinck.

PROVIDENCE MAN KILLED BY I. C. R. TRAIN

ST. HYACINTHE, Que., Dec. 18.—Harry Donegan, Providence, R. I., was killed by the I. C. R. express here this morning at 8:20 o'clock. He was hit by the train near the station, and besides being badly cut up his skull was fractured, death being instantaneous. He was about forty years of age and was identified by a letter found in his pocket.

per cent. for defectives, are votes cast for the united committee ticket. According to his estimate this would leave 120,750 votes for the administration ticket plus 26,000 proxies which Mr. Untermyer claims were cast straight for the administration ticket. On the other hand he claims that the international committee cast exclusive of the above ballot 125,000 straight ballots for the united committee ticket, to which he adds \$1,750, the 30 per cent. of the votes cast at the home office less the reduction for defectives, 5,000 proxies which the committee votes for the united committee is added to the estimate for the united committee's ticket. According to Mr. Untermyer's figures the united committee's ticket has received 120,750 votes while the administration ticket received 140,750.

JOHN A. EDWARDS LOST HIS CASE

Judge Barker Decides He Was Defendant's Agent and Must Account for All Moneys Collected

In the case of George M. Pick v. John A. Edwards in equity court here yesterday morning, Mr. Justice Barker gave judgment for the plaintiff with costs. The plaintiff filed a suit against the defendant to show accounting for business transacted in connection with certain properties in Fredericton belonging to plaintiff, for which defendant has been agent and trustee since 1899. The defendant claimed he was not agent and trustee for plaintiff but owned the building and lot on Queen street, occupied by Dugald McCatherine. The property at one time belonged to the late James Mount and afterwards to his daughter, Miss Sarah Mount. The latter died in 1899 without a will, and since that date Mr. Edwards has looked after the property, collected the rents, etc. Mr. Pick claimed that Mr. Edwards was merely acting as his agent, and was able to prove at the trial that he had executed a power of attorney in Mr. Edwards' favor. His honor in his judgment evidently holds that the property rightfully belongs to Mr. Pick. The amount involved besides the property is in the neighborhood of \$1,000, which represents the accrued rentals for twenty-five years.

PRINCE ARTHUR AND THE SERBIAN THRONE

LONDON, Dec. 19.—In connection with the recent rumors of a plot to depose Prince Arthur of Connaught on the Serbian throne, M. Mijatovich, ex-Serbian minister in London, in a published interview, admits that, twice within a year delegates from Belgrade have vainly endeavored to interest him in the proposal, asserting that King Peter would be induced to abdicate in favor of an English prince. M. Mijatovich says he declined to have anything to do with such a fantastic suggestion, but declares there is a definite political party in Serbia favoring a change in the dynasty.

HIGH COURT I. O. F. TO MEET IN ST. JOHN

Next Annual Meeting to be Held in July — High Standing Committee Held Session Here Saturday

The high standing committee of the High Court of New Brunswick, I. O. F., met at the Royal Hotel last night. There were present H. W. Woods, of Welsford, high chief ranger; D. G. Lingsey, P. H. C. R., and Beverly Steeves, H. V. C. R., both of St. John; F. W. Emerson of Moncton, high chief secretary; E. P. Eastman of Petitcodiac, high treasurer; R. B. Hanson of Fredericton, high councillor. Arrangements were made for the meeting of the next high court in this city during the first week of July next. Committees were appointed to make all necessary arrangements. A considerable amount of routine business was transacted. The following resolution was unanimously passed: "Resolved, That this meeting place on record our continued confidence in the honor, ability, and integrity of our beloved supreme chief ranger, the Hon. Dr. Oronhyatchka, and that we most earnestly desire that the I. O. F. may long have the benefit of his wise and valued services."

Holiday cigars, in boxes of ten, from 40c. to 75c. and \$1.00, at The Clear Box, 22 Mill street.

The Maritime Hardware Association met yesterday afternoon, the following being present: T. C. Lee, of W. H. Thorpe & Co.; Frederick H. Murray, of Emerson & Fisher; W. H. Smith, of Robertson, Foster & Smith; W. H. Stiers and Capt. T. Douglas of Halifax; Percy Simmonds of Dartmouth and E. K. Spiny of Yarmouth. Only routine business was taken up.

A COUGH SYRUP

that will treat a cold in a satisfactory manner must be soothing—warming—the cough, and contain neither opium nor morphine. Dr. White's Honey Balm immediately relieves the throat irritation, the tightness across the chest, and makes a quick and perfect cure. It's guaranteed safe for the smallest child. Try it. 25c at all druggists. Dr. Scott White Linctament Co., Ltd., St. John, N. B., and Chelmsford, Mass., manufacturers of the celebrated Dr. Hermer's Dyspepsia Cure. \$1 bottle cure. Write for samples!

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY

For Xmas and New Year

will sell Round Trip Tickets between all stations on the Railway. LOCAL ISSUE at FIRST CLASS ONE WAY FARE. Going December 21st, to January 1st. Good for Return January 3rd, 1907. THROUGH ISSUE to Detroit, Mich., Port Huron, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Port Arthur, Ont., and points in Canada as far as Montreal. FIRST CLASS ONE WAY THROUGH FARE. Going December 24th and 25th, Good for Return December 26th, 1906. Going December 21st, 1906 and January 1st, 1907. Good for Return January 2nd, 1907. FIRST CLASS ONE WAY FARE TO MONTREAL. Added to First Class One Way Fare and one-third. Going December 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25th, 1906. Going December 23, 25, 30, 31, and January 1st, 1907. Good for return January 2nd, 1907.

MORE PRESENTS FOR E. R. CHAPMAN

Foresters Gave Him a Gold Headed Cane Travelling Bag and Valuable Pearl Pin

At the meeting of Court La Tour, I. O. F., last night, E. R. Chapman was presented with several gifts. On behalf of Court La Tour, M. E. Grass presented Mr. Chapman with a pearl pin, H. W. Woods, representing the high standing committee, which was meeting in the city, and the members of which were present at the meeting of Court La Tour, presented Mr. Chapman with a handsome travelling bag. For the central committee D. G. Lingsey gave him a gold-headed cane bearing the inscription: "I. O. F. to E. R. Chapman; St. John, N. B., December, 1906."

Several speeches were made expressing the warm esteem in which Mr. Chapman was held by the Foresters. Mr. Chapman replied suitably. The election of officers resulted as follows: M. E. Grass, Chief Ranger; L. S. Peters, Vice Chief Ranger; H. H. Pickett, C.D.H.C.R.; Dr. G. A. M. E. Grass, J. M. Scovill, Jr., James Stephenson and J. E. Rossiter, representatives of the court at the central committee.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS

Lowest One-way First-class Fare for Round Trip. Going Dec. 21, 1906, to Jan. 1, 1907, inclusive, good to return until Jan. 3, 1907. Between all stations on Atlantic Division, and Eastern Division to and including Montreal. Also, from and to stations on the D. A. R. and I. C. R. To Stations West of Montreal. LOWEST ONE-WAY FIRST-CLASS FARE TO MONTREAL. Dec. 24, 25, 1906, good for return until Dec. 25, 1906. Also, on Dec. 31, 1906, and Jan. 1, 1907, good for return until Jan. 2, 1907. LOWEST ONE-WAY FIRST-CLASS FARE TO MONTREAL. Dec. 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25; also Dec. 28, 29, 30 and 31, 1906, and Jan. 1, 1907, good for return until Jan. 3, 1907. Full particulars on application to W. H. C. MACKAY, St. John, or W. B. HOWARD, D.P.A., C.P.R., St. John, N. B.

EASTERN STEAMSHIP COMPANY INTERNATIONAL DIVISION

WINTER REDUCED RATES. Effective to May 1, 1907. St. John to Portland \$2.00. St. John to Boston \$3.00. Commencing Tuesday, Nov. 12, steamers leave St. John Tuesdays and Fridays at 6:30 p. m. for Lubec, Eastport, Portland and Boston. RETURNING. From Boston at 9 a. m., Mondays and Thursdays, via Portland, Eastport and Lubec. All cargo, except live stock, via the steamers of this company, is insured against fire and marine risk. W. G. LEE, Agent, St. John, N. B. Treasurer: J. A. Morgan, Orator: Frank Small, Junior Woodward; J. E. Rossiter, Senior Beadle; Frank Arnold, Junior Beadle; A. A. Wilson and J. E. Rossiter, trustees; A. A. Wilson and L. F. D. Tilley, auditors. M. E. Grass, J. M. Scovill, Jr., James Stephenson and J. E. Rossiter, representatives of the court at the central committee.

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Nearly 30,000 Will Come
From British Isles,
Eight Special Steamers Have Already
Been Chartered for Their Transportation—Com. Coombs Talks

Before you get Pen-Angle garments all the shrink is taken out.
Pen-Angle Underwear keeps you comfortably warm, because the short fibres that make some underwear itchy are taken out of Pen-Angle wool.
In a variety of fabric, style and price, in all sizes for wear by men, women, children, and guaranteed by your own dealer.

REVOLUTION P. E. ISLAND
THREATENED BY DECEMBER
Province Will Secede, He Declares, Unless Better Treatment by Parliament in Winter Transport Matters—House Adjourns for Holidays.



Our Stock of Christmas Goods Solves the Question!

- Gloves**
About as WELCOME a gift as you can give.
Cloth, Jersey and fur lined in dressed and undressed leathers of light and dark colors—75c. to \$3.00.
Wool gloves in plain and fancy colors 25c. to \$1.25. (A handsome box free with every purchase.)
- Give an Umbrella**
And you will be sure to please.
Our stock is far and away the best that has ever been shown. Whatever is newest and smartest will be seen here. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$5.00.
- Hankercieffs**
Always head the list of holiday gifts. Men's silk hankercieffs, initial and plain in pure Japanese silk 25c. 50c. 75c. Fancy effects in Japanese silks 50c. 75c. 90c. Pure linen hankercieffs in hand-some boxes for gift purposes, 1-2 doz. in a box—75c. to \$2.00 per box.
- Dressing Gowns**
\$8.00 to \$15.00.
Bath Robes
\$1.00, \$5.00, \$6.00.
Armbands
Fancy armbands in boxes specially imported for the holiday trade, only out of the Custom House last Saturday—25c. to \$1.50.
Suspenders
In fancy boxes having Gibson drawings. Silk webbing with sterling and gold plated buckles—35c. to \$1.50.

GREATER OAK HALL,
SCOVIL BROS., Ltd., St. John, N. B.

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And Moncton May Operate Telephone System
No Agreement Could be Made With Hon. A. G. Blair on Behalf of N. B. Telephone Company

JAMES REYNOLDS DIED YESTERDAY
He Was One of St. John's Most Honored Citizens.
Foremost in Charitable and Public Work—Had Only Been Ill a Short Time

RAILWAYS ARE NOT INACTIVE
General Condemnation for W.F. MacLean's Bills
Eastern Passenger Association Strong in Denunciation of Two Cent Mile Rate

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THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS

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MONCTON, P. Q., Dec. 18.—That the railways do not propose to remain inactive while their enemies attack them in the privileged arena of parliament was shown by a special meeting of the Eastern Canadian Passenger Association, which was held at the Windsor Hotel today for the purpose of discussing two bills introduced into parliament by W. F. MacLean, aiming at the enforcement of a two cent mile rate and at legalization of ticket scalping.

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THE ST. JOHN STAR

For the Home

Dressmaker



Velvets Reign for Afternoon Wear

IT'S a day of velvets, for the suits and costumes worn to receptions and teas—suits made with skirts that trail softly after you, of velvets plain or in some of the well-nigh indescribable new color mixtures, which are as different from anything we've seen before in the velvet line as day is from night. For velvets have been experimented with—juggled with, you might say—until they have taken on strange new qualities.

Two colors are combined in a way that seems nothing in the world but a copy of the wonderful new tricks in weave that have revolutionized cloth and suitings. As that change of weave is impossible with velvet, the effect is got in some more subtle way, but got it is, no matter how.

Stripes and checks and plaids are all echoed in the novelty velvets—only echoed, though, for they are kept soft and indistinct and sombre in tone. Plenty of black and white effects are seen in them, rendered subtle instead of startling by the soft, deep pile of the stuff.

But, of course, being novelties, they appeal only to a limited class, the plain velvets used for nine out of

ten of the handsomest suits. "Velvet" means not only velvet, but velveteen as well, for if you're not too well blessed with this world's goods, velvet suits are an expensive luxury that entail no end of minor expenses, while velveteen has a world of wear in it.

And corduroys are coming to the front, after having been crowded behind so many other materials for so long a while. Some of the finest French suits are made of the kind with the wide wale—and are trimmed with a lot of little straps of it, fastened down with buttons. One brown suit was particularly pretty, made without a particle of trimming except these little straps and the buttons.

Comparatively few of the velvet suits are trimmed with anything but lace or braid or buttons; nothing else seems to set them off in a way at once effective and perfectly in keeping with the character of the material. Plenty of them have no trimming at all, the rich beauty of the velvet given ample opportunity to display itself in the long, sweeping folds of the trailing skirts.

But velvet, while it is the most popular material, doesn't hold the field alone at all. Beautiful cloths and suitings have come out that rival velvet for richness; broadcloths embroidered in their own color, the design growing larger and heavier toward the hem, and beautiful, indescribable stuffs, made different by weave or some wonderful trick of color deepened into shadows or lifted into lights in an elusive, fascinating way.



Debutantes' Gowns Grow Lighter and More Diaphanous

JUST how materials for debutante and evening frocks can grow lighter and more diaphanous is a problem that the great manufacturers must dream out. For, with an ever-increasing tendency toward everything of the sort, and an insistent demand all the while for something new, the ones now existing, many and varied as they are, are sure to be eclipsed by some wonderful new creation, so filmy that it will seem as much more ethereal than chiffon as chiffon is than silk.

Mousselines—things tinted as delicately as a soap-bubble and printed with shadowy flowers that blur softly into the background—and chiffons, and the whole tribe of mulls, make the prettiest of the receiving gowns worn by debutantes. There's nothing radically new in them, but the way they're made is

as new and as interesting as can be. Whatever the gown is to be made of—chiffon, rather, for it's most certainly certain to be of a variant of one of the three—it is lined and interlined, the slip ruffled and flounced with chiffon—chiffon used so lavishly that the only question seems to be how to pile more on.

Such a confusion of soft fluff as it all makes! But it gives the cloudiest effect imaginable, with never a particle of stiffness about it, and is so cleverly balanced that even where it is fullest, there is not the slightest hint of bunchedness—that quality fatal to the loveliest "creation."

If a colored lining is used, chiffon covers it, softening the color into something ethereal. If white is used, chiffon robs it of any chance of seeming bare. And chiffon ruffles—wee ones—insidiously bring out the edges of lace.

black costumes. These embroidered nets come in both edging and insertion.

White taffeta forms an interesting background for much of the new colored embroidery, which, by the way, is more strikingly beautiful than ever before. One trimming in a large and small scalloped figure has its edge of gold dots, from which radiate wreaths of colored flowers couched in gold, alternating with raised silk embroidered white roses, with a circle of green leaves. A touch of black and much outlining in gold adds much to the beauty. The same pattern is seen in silver with deep blue flowers.

Various Notes of the Latest and Prettiest of the Fashions Offer

and befructed; hand embroidery everywhere; velvet and cloth, velvet and taffeta, velvet and braids in the most remarkable combinations; nets and chiffon-voiles, with soutache-braided taffets; filmy, glittering sequins, beads, bugles and danglers; ornate-buttons as big as a silver dollar; wonderful buckles in dull bronzes, gilt and silver; rhinestones and colored jewel effects—such are a few of the gauds with which lovely woman is to beautify her person and deplete her pocketbook.

This is to be a color season beyond all else. In nothing is this more marked than in the new trimmings. Never have they been so

yet never lovelier, so perfect has become the designer's skill in harmonious blending of many tones. In fact, if you really want to grow delirious with admiration and indecision try to decide on some particular applique or galloon among the bewildering assortment from which choice may be made.

Few evening or house gowns are without at least a touch of this colored trimming. For an elaborate white gown nothing could be lovelier than a new applique with lilac-shaped clusters of small pink velvet flowers with gilt centres, shaded leaves of green ribbon ribbed with gold and a heavy gold edging.

A glint of gold is seen in most of the new trimmings, though the metallic effects of certain seasons is not observable. The combination of gay silk embroidery or ribbon work quite overcomes this effect.

A number of raised forget-me-not designs in exquisite pastel colors on net and silk textures are particularly lovely among the new trimmings. Black and white chastily nets have the pattern marked by these little blossoms in pink, lavender and blue, with green leaves and intricate interweaving of gilt thread. The black net, in two shades of lavender, green and gilt, gives a charming touch to the all-

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MANY TOWNS FACE A FUEL FAMINE

Imminent in Western State,
While in North West
it Exists.

In Many Places Not Even a Pound Can be
Bought—Fuel Trains to be
Given Preference.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 18.—With coal selling in Tonopah at sixty dollars a ton, and the Northwest unable to get fuel at any price, because railroads may there be a shortage of cars, there are more than four thousand empty cars standing on side tracks in Kansas City alone. Reports from various railroad division points in Missouri and Kansas indicate that cars are plentiful in both states. The heaviest snowstorm of the winter is general over Southwestern Missouri, Southeastern Kansas, and parts of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory. Much suffering will result and the snow is from two to six feet deep. The Northwest no longer faces a fuel famine, it experiences only careful inquiry in the northern half of North Dakota shows there is not a town in which coal can be had except in small quantities and to supply immediate needs and in some places there is not a pound to be bought, dealers having been out of fuel for days and in some cases for a week or more.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Senator Hansborough, of North Dakota, consulted the members of the Interstate Commerce Commission in reference to the coal famine. He declared the situation, resulting from the shortage of coal in his state was most deplorable, and that the public schools in some localities were closing on account of lack of fuel to keep the children warm. It is said that for a number of years past at this season, and earlier in the year, there have been complaints of lack of equipment to properly transport coal, but the situation in this respect was never so acute as now.

MAUMONT, Okla., Dec. 18.—A coal famine is now prevailing in this part of Oklahoma. There is no lumber for fences and outbuildings. The weather is cold. Coal in transit is being burned by the railroads, and apparently there is no relief in sight. Fifty farmers went to the Rock Island station today, and took charge of the only car of coal. Unless relief comes shortly, all public works will be closed and many families will suffer.

THE HINDU AS A RAILROAD LABORER

Contractors Think He Will Turn Out
Good Work on the Contract
System.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 18.—Pieces work is to be done on the possibilities of the Hindu as a railroad laborer. About seventy-five of the race are now employed in that task by Ironsides, Rankin & Campbell, contractors for the construction of the Great Northern cutoff between New Westminster and Blaine. By this contract system, the Hindus will have to work to make money, though with a fair amount of effort they can make a fair day's wage.

"We tried some of the Hindus some time ago on the construction of about two miles of railway between the Burnette and Fraser river mills," said Mr. D. K. Campbell, "but they only stayed long enough to draw down one pay. The work was in swampy ground, and there they did not show to advantage, because they were poorly paid, and in no condition to work in water over their heads. When they were paid they never came back. Had they taken some of their money and bought gun boots for themselves, they might have continued the work without discontent."

"On the Great Northern cutoff, we are trying them on the contract system, and to make anything they will have to work. It is possible that when they become used to hard work in this country they may make good laborers. I find that many farmers are employing them with good results."

OTTAWA, Ont.
Architectural Competition for Departmental and Justice Buildings
COMPETITIVE drawings are invited for Departmental and Justice Buildings to be erected for the Dominion Government at Ottawa, Ont.
The author of the best design will be awarded a premium of \$3,000, the second best \$4,000, the third best \$2,000, and the fourth best \$1,000.
Drawings will be received not later than April 15th, 1907, and are to be addressed to the Secretary of the Department of Public Works, Ottawa.
This competition is open to Canadian architects who have been resident in Canada for one year or more.
Conditions of competitive stating requirements of buildings and maps showing site, etc., may be had on application to the undersigned.
By order,
FRED. GELINAS, Secretary,
Department of Public Works,
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DRAMATIC CRISES IN THREE NATIONS

Kaiser's Subjects on Point of
Revolt Against Taxation.

Situation in France Rivals That in Germany
—Britain's Controversy Over
Education Question.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Rarely have Europe's present circumstances of such intense dramatic interest as at the present moment. An Emperor is trying to force his subjects to pay a tax of policy, a religious war has begun between a republic and the greatest Christian nation, and the greatest of a deadlock in the first stages of another religious controversy, its present real issue being the question of the separation of Church and State.

STRUGGLE IN GERMANY.
The struggle in Germany is not based on a mere question of colonial policy. It is the culmination of the German people's reaction against the financial burdens which the Emperor's vast ambitions in world politics have imposed upon the nation. Added to that is the almost rebellious opposition of the generous populace to the heavy impost upon the cost of food, brought about by the prohibition of imports for the benefit of the agrarian class. Germany is now the most taxridden of progressive nations, and the patience of the people is well nigh exhausted.

**PARIS PARADOX OF FRENCH LEGISLATION IS A
Revenue Raiser.**
The Germans fully sympathize with the Kaiser's ambitions for national greatness, but they protest that his pace is so rapid it is exhausting the vitality of the Empire. They are shocked and appalled by the revolting and cruel atrocities in connection with colonial administration and especially in South-West Africa. The military spirit has gone mad in certain directions and the Germans resent it, as the world at large resents the horrors of the Congo. The average patriotic German argues: "If all my sacrifices for the German fatherland bring me no advantage in the eyes of Christendom as one of the consequences then the stamp of States on a recognition of titles of nobility after declaring that such titles are non-existent? The Chamber has assented to such a proposal for the sake of providing further revenue."

Titles are not to be re-established or made legal, but the bearers and users of them are to be compelled to pay a tax, as well as those inheriting them. The law might be reverse action extinguishing titles, but the tax is to be levied only on titles known to be authentic so that titles may flourish untaxed and without being interfered with. All mayors are to be requested to send in a list of persons bearing titles, whether they are real or false.

KAISER MUST MODERATE PROGRAMME.
It is impossible yet to forecast the result of the impending campaign. There will be much hearing of drums and appeals for support of the Kaiser in creating a world empire, and it is not all impossible that the Emperor will carry his point once more.

This is certain, however: The imperial programme will have to be moderated. The burden is greater than the people are willing to bear, and they will mean, one or another, to lighten it.

No outsider is called upon to express an opinion upon the merits of the French religious controversy. One may, perhaps, be permitted to say that, looking at the situation from alternative points of view, each side has made the best possible move under the present circumstances.

The Pope certainly has consulted the best interests of the church in forcing the struggle. The reason may be found for his action in the fact that for 15 years, during which the writer has been a close student of the French public sentiment, a great and significant change has been the steady drifting away of the populace from religious convictions. This, of course, has been most marked in the urban populations.

CHANGE IN FRENCH PEOPLE.
It is not that the French people are developing antagonism to religion. France is becoming not irreligious, but unreligious. The church's only hope in combating this tendency to disintegration is to make its cause a fighting cause.

The people clearly realize this and has acted accordingly. The Government, on the other hand, had no option but to meet the challenge with unyielding insistence that the law of the land must be obeyed.

It is true that the law of 1881, requiring notification of all public meetings had not in contemplation religious services in its application. It is equally true that the Government would not dream of passing such a law as a new piece of legislation. It cannot, however, repeal it under the foreign threat which this week came from Rome. If it did, the Pope probably would realize, and rightly, from his point of view, some new controversial issues. In other words, a long and bitter struggle between the Roman Catholic Church and the French Government seems inevitable.

It is a bloodless war if the present directors of the French Republic can make it so. They are not out of the capacity. They are honest Republicans who believe that there should be no connection between the civil Government and any church. But bitterness probably will develop on both sides and the progress of the struggle will be the spectacle of most absorbing interest which the world will have to watch during the coming year.

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HE CONDEMNNS CHRISTMAS FEEDS

Vicar of Burtonwood Thinks Spiritual
Aspects of the Day are Ignored.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Rev. A. M. Mitchell, vicar of Burtonwood, Lancashire, who recently censured the action of the Rev. Mr. Goodchild, of New York, in giving performances in his church as counter attractions to the Sunday theatrical performances, now lashes the popular observance of Christmas. He says:

"Gorge and surfeit make Christmas to a majority. The spiritual aspect of the festival is conveniently and unblushingly ignored in favor of worship at the kitchen altar."

"The kitchen altar as the sacred shrine of Christmas! What number of knees bow low before it which are too stiff to bend before God and the altar of love. A bird's carcass, a joint of beef and a piece of swine's flesh constitute the pivot of Christmas joy."

"If our gourmandizing Christmas customs ceased nominal Christians would discontinue their observance of the festival. Eat and eat well in the creed of all sorts and conditions of Christians. There is no difference. As in the aristocracy so is the democracy. Like priest like people!"

TAX ON REAL TITLES

Funny Paradox of French Legislation is a
Revenue Raiser.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—Would any people but the French, with their refreshing habit of being ever-ready to provide a new sensation, think of putting the stamp of States on a recognition of titles of nobility after declaring that such titles are non-existent? The Chamber has assented to such a proposal for the sake of providing further revenue.

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DATES FIXED FOR HALIFAX EXHIBITION

HALIFAX, Dec. 18.—At the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission, held tonight, matters in connection with the recent Dominion exhibition held in this city were dealt with. The exhibition shows a surplus of \$1,157.54. The revenue was \$148,235.06, and the expenditure \$147,077.52. Judge Longley was re-elected chairman and Sept. 25th was the date fixed for opening and Oct. 2nd for closing of next year's show.

RECENT DEATHS.

MRS. CATHERINE KIRBY.
The remains of the late Mrs. Catherine Kirby, widow of the late John Kirby, who died at Portland, Me., on Monday morning, arrived in the city yesterday by the Boston express. The deceased was 44 years of age, and a daughter of the late John Donohue of Carleton. Mrs. Kirby is survived by two sons and a sister, Mrs. William J. Redmond, of St. Winslow street, Carleton, from whose residence the funeral will take place at half-past eight o'clock, on Wednesday morning.

JOHN WESLEY TURNER.
The death of John Wesley Turner, one of the most highly respected and prosperous persons of Westmorland county, occurred on Sunday morning at half-past four o'clock. The deceased had been ill for about a month, but was only confined to the house for two weeks. Previous to this illness he had always enjoyed good health. Mr. Turner was a son of the late Barker Turner. One brother, Botsford, of Fort Elgin, and two sisters, Mrs. Wesley Wood and Mrs. Thomas Wood of Bale Verte, survive.

The children are Morley of Bale Verte; William D., law student, of St. John; and Ellen and Eva, at home. The late Mr. Turner had a very large circle of friends, who will deeply regret to hear of his death. When quite young he joined the Baptist Church, and was a consistent member and generous supporter throughout his life. Mr. Turner was 75 years of age.

REV. WM. GRANT.
ST. PETERS, C. B., Dec. 18.—Rev. William Grant, who for ten years ministered to the Presbyterian congregation at Grand River, died there at four o'clock this morning. He suffered for several months from a disorder of the stomach and for some days his death was not unexpected. Deceased was a native of Pictou county and was 70 years of age. He was exceedingly zealous and enthusiastic in the work of his ministry, and his death is deeply regretted, not only among his own people, but as well among all who were privileged to enjoy his acquaintance. He leaves a widow, who is a sister of Rev. Dr. Falconer, Pictou one son Melville, who was with him when he died, and one daughter, lately a student at Dalhousie and now studying in Boston. The funeral takes place at Grand River on Friday.

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THE STAR, ST. JOHN N. B. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1906

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AT LOW PRICES.
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THE WEATHER
Forecast—Moderate winds, fine and decidedly cold. Thursday, increasing easterly winds, becoming milder.
Synopsis—The weather is decidedly cold from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces and mild in the western provinces. The barometer will continue high today and then fall in advance of a disturbance from the west. Sable Island northwest wind, 15 miles, cloudy. Point Lepreau, north wind, 10 miles at 11 a. m.

LOCAL NEWS.
The Ludlow will probably go on the route again shortly after New Year's. Work is nearing completion on her, the hull and her boiler having been installed.
The corner stone of the new Royal Bank building has not yet been placed owing to the absence of Manager Blair from the city.

The funeral of the late James Reynolds will take place on Thursday afternoon, leaving his late home, 385 Union street, at three o'clock. Prayers will be read at the residence, 385 Union street, at two o'clock. The body will be interred in the New Catholic burying ground.
The management of the Seaman's Mission acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of the first six copies of the book that have been received by the Seaman's Institute for the sailors' Christmas entertainment. These books, which were well stocked with everything suitable, were the gift of the inmates of the Old Ladies' Home.

MINNIE BURNS SCOLDS MR. MIKE HARRIGAN
And Hands Out Certain Uncomplimentary Remarks About His Property.

There was but one prisoner in the police court this morning, and she was a colored woman named Mrs. Nairn, Mrs. Burns. She was charged by her landlord, Mr. Harrigan, with using abusive language to him at his residence, 1074 St. John's street.

The prisoner was accompanied by her three-year-old child, who spent the night in the cell with her mother. Harrigan told the prisoner in court that she was not a fit person to live in his alley, and accused her of stealing from the man who owned the property. She told him his alley was as bad as Blood Alley ever was, that she never stole any of his wood, but while she was in jail some weeks ago that she had smashed the lock on her wood-burner door and taken a carpet sweeper from the shed. She asked that he pay the damage done, and remarked: "It is not my fault, but it is yours what is, Mr. Harrigan."

The magistrate advised Mr. Harrigan to repair Mrs. Nairn's door, and allowed the woman to go under suspended sentence.

THE SCHOOL QUESTION.
To the Editor of the Star:
Sir,—I thoroughly agree with the statements of "Beatrice Walker," and have had almost the same experience, having had to take a perfectly healthy child from school, who as she expressed it, "was sent from an over-heated room to shiver in an icy wind in an exposed playground."

Many of the teachers wear thin waists of silk, or linen, and they are but comfortable in an atmosphere, which, for a child wearing a garment of wool or cloth, is much too warm.
I admit some of the teachers are interested in the welfare of their pupils, but the health of a pupil is not benefited by being kept in a close room until dark to get up lessons, which had be left unlearned if they cannot be done in school hours. If you complain you will be told, in polite terms, of course, that it is none of your business, and that if the pupil is not kept in, he or she will not graduate.

The system, not the teacher, is to blame for the latter condition, as the teacher is expected to cram a certain amount of knowledge into a pupil in a given time, regardless of the pupil's physical or mental fitness.
Respectfully yours,
DISSATISFIED.

FUNERALS.
The funeral of Bennett F. Palmer took place at 2:30 this afternoon from his late residence, St. James street. Rev. Mr. Hand officiated and interment was in Fernhill.
The body of Miss Clara J. Shaw was taken to Woodstock on the early train today for interment. A service was conducted at Mrs. Boyer's home, on Princess street, last night by Rev. W. W. McMaster.

The body of the late Mrs. Catherine Kirby was placed in its last resting place in Sand Cove cemetery this morning. Rev. J. J. O'Donovan celebrated Requiem high mass in the Church of the Assumption at 8:30 o'clock.
The funeral of the late Wm. Murray took place at 11:30 this morning from the Seaman's Institute. Rev. G. A. Kabring read the burial service and interment was in the marine lot in Fernhill.

HAS BEEN UNCONSCIOUS FOR THE PAST EIGHT DAYS
Henry Holding, who fell down the after hold of the steamer Lake Erie at sea on Dec. 11th, is in a critical condition at the hospital. His death is expected at any hour. Since the accident, eight days ago, Holding has been unconscious. Besides sustaining internal injuries his skull was fractured.

CUNNINGHAM'S HORSE HAS DISAPPEARED
Was Left Standing Outside Fairville Store.
But Went Away and in Spite of Continued Search Has Not Yet Been Found.

A horse and sled owned by S. A. Cunningham have mysteriously disappeared, and the police have been requested to assist in searching for the animal.
Mr. Cunningham is a dealer in paper bags and twine, with place of business at 18 City Road. It is his custom to visit daily the stores in the city and outside districts to deliver goods. Yesterday evening about 6:15 o'clock Mr. Cunningham left his horse and delivery sled in front of Mr. Semple's grocery, 104th street, Fairville, while he went into the store to deliver some bags. When he came out of the store he found that his horse was gone. Thinking that it had gone out the Manawagonish road Mr. Cunningham struck the trail, and when a considerable distance out he met a man with a horse who informed him that he had met the wandering team. The horse, he said, was walking, and sheered off to the side of the road to let his pass, but the man could not say whether or not there was a driver on the sled.

Mr. Cunningham continued his tramp until he came to the road that leads from the Manawagonish to South Bay. Here he met a man named Clark from Spruce Lake who said that he had not passed the team but heard sleigh bells sounding as if a horse was going down the South Bay road. Mr. Cunningham procured a lantern and found marks made in the ice by shoes with the Neverslip caulk, and as his sled was stuck in the snow he decided that the animal had taken this road. He followed the tracks for some distance but lost them, but feeling satisfied that the animal had gone in that direction he kept up his search. Every foot of snow in the road was called by, but no person had heard of or seen the animal. Mr. Cunningham went through the snow and even saw a track at one place. Every person who came in the Manawagonish road was questioned. There were teams from Spruce Lake, Lorneville and Grand Bay, but the drivers all claimed that they never saw the lost team.

At one o'clock this afternoon Mr. Cunningham was still searching, but had no further tidings from those residing on the Manawagonish road last night.
The horse was not accustomed to stray away, and there may be a chance of some person having stolen the rig, as it seemed odd that when the team was seen it sheered off to one side of the road as if guided by some driver.

The horse was a valuable grey, and was attached to a covered delivery sled. On the covering were the words "Paper Bags and Twine." Telephone 892.
It will be remembered that last winter a span of horses attached to a coach and owned by Thomas Short very mysteriously disappeared from in front of a Union street stable and after days of search were found dead on an unused road near Moosepath Park. The animals had been driven into the road and left there to die.

NOTHING BEING DONE ON UNION STREET TODAY
The condition of Union street, West End, is about the same today. For some reason work was not resumed this morning, and more damage may be done at the next high tides.
Men were working at the trestle for a short time yesterday, but before much progress had been made the tide came up and operations were suspended.
It was expected that the men would be put to work again this morning when the tide was favorable. Earth is falling in every day, but at present little damage is being done, as the ground is falling away at the northern end of the trestle and the piling is not being affected.
The loss of Union street is being keenly felt by a number of west side merchants. W. H. Fowler, of the St. John Milling Co., told the Star this morning that since the first slide occurred he has had one hundred cars of grain, etc. arrive. The contents had to be taken from Sand Point in wagons on account of the railway communications to Rodney Wharf having been cut off.
It is probable that when the trestle is repaired a crib will be sunk as a retaining wall. This has been recommended by many, and General Superintendent Dowling, of the C. P. R., states that he thinks this the only way to prevent another slide.
A crib could be built in a very short time at a small cost. As the repairs which are now being made are only of a temporary nature, the crib will not be placed until next spring. The large crack at the northern end of the trestle has not widened any today.

OPEN AIR RINK WILL BE READY FOR CHRISTMAS
The Weldon lot on the corner of Wentworth and St. James streets, will be flooded in a day or two. The large snow plough of the St. John Ice Company has been secured and it will be used to clear the snow off the field.
A snow wall will be made around the lot. This will be frozen hard before the trestle is put on the rink.
It is intended to have the place ready for skating by Christmas Day at the latest.

THE EXHIBITION RINK IS READY FOR FLOODING
But Col. White, D. O. C., Has Not Yet Decided Whether the Marathons May Have It or Not.

Nothing new has developed in the Marathon rink matter. Negotiations are now being carried on between Col. White, D. O. C., and members of the club. The colonel will probably arrive at a definite decision this week. In the meantime the building is being made ready to flood. The floor has been cleared and the hose will be turned on, just as soon as Col. White gives permission.
The Marathons anticipate opening their rink on Christmas day.

WALL STREET.
NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—There were wide advances shown by the opening prices of the stocks which were weak yesterday, namely St. Paul, and the Hill stocks; the subscription rights came off St. Paul, common and preferred, and the first sale of St. Paul was at 154; and the rights at 35; compared with 155 for the stock, with the rights included for the last sale last night. There was a sale of St. Paul at 156, for cash, with right included. The stock exchange rights subsequently sold down to 153. Northern Pacific and Great Northern, pda, rose 2; Great Northern Ore certificates 14; Canadian Pacific 14; Atchison a point, and B. & O., Union Pacific, and Amalgamated Copper large fractions. There was a sprinkling of losses including a point for Delaware and Hudson, and two for Pullman. The early dealings were animated and fluctuations were rather feverish.



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