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BATTLES IN THE CLOUDS

Airships Will be Big Factor in Next War

A REVOLUTION IN TIMES CONTEST

Development of Aerial Locomotion Will Revolutionize Everything--France Takes Time by the Forelock and Will be Ready for New Conditions.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—So confident is the French government that the day is only a short distance off when aerial locomotion will be practical that several commissions are at work elaborating plans for meeting in the various branches of the public service, the solution of any new problems which the revolution will entail. Captain Ferber, of the French army, who is devoting all his time to aerostatics and who conducted the tests on behalf of his government with the Wright Brothers, agrees with Santos Dumont that flying machines in a few years will be as common as automobiles today. In the next war he is convinced there will be battles between flocks of airships. "Human mastery of the air," he said to the Associated Press, "is virtually achieved. None of the startling achievements of the past, measured by electricity or the telephone can compare with what the future holds in store for us. Not only will the life of individuals be revolutionized, but governments will be compelled to devise, in almost every department new methods to meet the changed conditions. This change will come with amazing suddenness and France is taking the precaution to meet it. The outcasts serve present methods of watching the frontiers will be obsolete. A few private will be necessary to prevent the smuggling of contraband across the border. The police of all cities will have to be provided with flying machines in order to protect the people from the new opportunities for crime new to the age. It would seem that flying machines would enable anarchists to achieve any feat against not only rulers, but whole cities. With the police sailing about in the air it will be no more difficult to frustrate their plots. It is the intelligence service will be entirely composed of aerostats and the business of arms." Captain Ferber believes the solution of the problem of aerial navigation lies in the question of equilibrium in the air. The late flight, that is, the area of aeroplane surface and speed. He contends that the domination of the air at present enjoyed by birds was only obtained as a result of a slow process of evolution comparable in a way to slow perfection of the present means of flight.

LOBSTERS IN FISH MARKET

Nova Scotia Lobsters Expected Today—Prices in Local Market

A feature of this week's fish market supply will be Nova Scotia lobsters, large and medium size, either boiled or alive. The lobster season opened in Halifax county on Dec. 15, and it is expected that the supply would have reached the city earlier in the week. This was prevented, however, by the recent rough weather making it impossible to reach the traps. It is believed, though, that they will be here by today's train, so that they can be had at the fish markets before until January season is over. The catch, and consequently the supply, will be governed entirely by the weather. The general supply of fish will be good for this week and prices range as follows: Fresh herring, 20c a dozen, supply fairly good; Cod, 15c; Halibut, 10c; Haddock, 6c; Flounder, 8c; Salted, 15c; Salmon mackerel, 12c to 15c; and frozen fish, 15c to 20c. Haddock is in good demand, and there is no immediate prospect of a lower figure. There is a good supply of Newfoundland blots and hoppers.

SHAW MAY HEAD THE MUTUAL LIFE

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—There is a well defined rumor both here and in Washington that Leslie M. Shaw will become the president of the Mutual Life when he succeeds his post of secretary of the trustees of the Mutual Life when he is not named to Mr. Shaw by the trustees of the Mutual Life, he has been given the honor of taking it. The secretary of the Mutual Life is now "considering" the proposition, and it is not clear whether he will do it or not.

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CHAMBERLAIN'S MEMORY GONE

Despatch From London Says "Our Joey" is Seriously Ill—His Memory a Blank.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A despatch from London says: "The long retirement of Joseph Chamberlain to his country home has led to constant assertions and contradictions regarding the gravity of his condition. The chronic states that a great overtaxed his strength at the celebration in honor of his 70th birthday at Birmingham, with the result that he lost his memory completely, the past became a blank to him, and he could not remember what had taken place even a few hours before. He is now in a hospital, and is being treated by the best medical authorities, but without avail. Death is attributed to paralysis. Besides her husband, Mrs. Troop leaves one son, Charles McLean, and two daughters, Mrs. W. W. White, of this city, and Mrs. Charles E. McPherson of Winnipeg. Mrs. Thomas Beveridge, of Appleton, Wis.; Mrs. Charles Watson, of Kansas City; and Mrs. George Smith, of Yorkmouth, N. S., are also her sisters. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed, as it is not known what day the body will arrive here from Winnipeg. Mr. Troop and the members of the family will have the deepest sympathy of all their friends in their sad hour of bereavement."

FUNERAL OF JAS. REYNOLDS

Cortege was Lengthy One—City Council, Board of Health and Relief and Aid Society Attended.

Citizens in all walks of life turned out in large numbers to be in attendance at the funeral of the late James Reynolds, which took place this afternoon at three o'clock, from his late residence, No. 305 Union street. The remains were taken to the Catholic church, where Rev. F. J. Lockery read the burial service. The pall-bearers were Charles A. Everett, E. J. Everett, Dr. P. R. Ingham, Dr. McLaughlin, Timothy Burke, and S. S. Hall. The members and the members of the common council, assembled at the court house and attended the funeral in a body, as did also the members of the Relief and Aid Society. The members of the Board of Health, of which the deceased was for many years chairman, were also in the cortege. Interment was made in the New Catholic cemetery. The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Roddick was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her son's residence, on Leinster Heights, Rev. H. R. Reid read the burial service and interment was made in Oudler Hill cemetery.

EXCHANGED COMPLIMENTS

Just before the fall, K. C. on both sides, the local members of the bar, wished Judge Ritchie the compliments of the season.

Mr. Mahin's address was brief, but of a very happy nature. He referred to his honor's consideration for and uniform courtesy to the members of the bar, for whom he had appeared in his court, and concluded by wishing him a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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DEATH OF MRS. H. D. TROOP

Respected Resident Passed Away at Her Home Orange Street—Paralysis the Cause.

It will be learned with sincere regret by the citizens that the death occurred shortly after noon today of Mrs. Howard D. Troop, wife of Howard D. Troop, of the well-known firm of Troop & Sons, shipping merchants. Mrs. Troop had been ill for the past three or four months, but it was not until her condition was such as to warrant immediate anxiety. This morning, however, she took a sudden turn for the worse, and died at about 12:30 o'clock at her home on Orange street. Dr. Ingham and Dr. McLaughlin were called, but without avail. Death is attributed to paralysis. Besides her husband, Mrs. Troop leaves one son, Charles McLean, and two daughters, Mrs. W. W. White, of this city, and Mrs. Charles E. McPherson of Winnipeg. Mrs. Thomas Beveridge, of Appleton, Wis.; Mrs. Charles Watson, of Kansas City; and Mrs. George Smith, of Yorkmouth, N. S., are also her sisters. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed, as it is not known what day the body will arrive here from Winnipeg. Mr. Troop and the members of the family will have the deepest sympathy of all their friends in their sad hour of bereavement."

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WAS PARTNER OF CARNEGIE

Henry McGreary, One of Ironmaster's Junior Partner's Dead in Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 20.—Henry M. Greary, brother-in-law of President W. E. Corey, of the United States Steel corporation, and one of the "junior partners" of the Carnegie Iron and Steel Works, died last night. Mr. Greary was master roller of the Homestead mills at the time of the strike in 1892, later becoming connected with the first mill in the country to make armor plate. He was associated with Mr. Corey, and Chas. McArthur, in the furnishing of armor plate, to the government in 1894. He also made several important inventions.

FROM WEST INDIES

Capt. Spear of Wrecked Bark Reform a Passenger—S. A. Officers.

The West India steamer Olinda, Captain Bridges, arrived in port here at 11:30 o'clock on Monday. Windward Islands and Demerara. Captain Bridges reports that on the way up from Bermuda they had two days very rough weather, but the Olinda brought the following passengers: Saloon—A. B. Grew, from Barbados for Toronto; B. Lawson, from Barbados for Montreal; Brigadier W. J. B. Turner and Captain Emery, of the Salvation Army, from Bermuda. Second cabin—Captain Spiers, from Antigua for Yarmouth, N. S.; Miss L. Malone, from Antigua for Toronto; C. Brice, from St. Kitts for Toronto; L. Rogers, from St. Kitts for Toronto; L. Hart from St. Kitts for Waterville, Ontario. Brigadier W. J. B. Turner and Captain Emery, of the Salvation Army, returned from an extensive tour of inspection of the Salvation Army corps in the Bermuda Islands. Captain Spiers, of the wrecked bark Reform, arrived by the Olinda on his way from Yarmouth, N. S. The Yarmouth, N. S. bark Reform was on her way to St. Martins, B. W. I., from Rio Janeiro to Boston, and was wrecked on her way to St. Martins, B. W. I., on November 16 on Barbuda Island, twenty miles north of Antigua, where she was wrecked. The crew were saved.

BIG JAPANESE SHIPPING COMPANY

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A despatch from Tokyo to the Times says: A new Japanese shipping company has been formed in Japan. It already possesses a fleet of half a dozen ships, and is expected to build a fleet of 20 ships. The company intends to establish a service to Pootung, Hokkaido, Vladivostok, North China, Hong Kong, Manila, Hawaii, America the South Sea and India.

TWELVE KILLED BY EXPLOSION

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 20.—Details of the pocket stove explosion which killed twelve persons and injured many others, are being given. A part of the boiler after being struck by a man, continued on its way through a main chimney, and set fire to the roof of the building. The body of a man was found on the bank beneath a tree. The body of a man was found on the bank beneath a tree. The body of a man was found on the bank beneath a tree.

ROBBED BY SERVANTS

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Silver plate, diamonds and jewelry, valued at \$15,000, were stolen yesterday at the residence of Charles Y. Stein of Stein Bros., wholesale jewelry dealers. The body was packed into one of Stein's trunks and carried into one of the city residences. Simultaneously with its disappearance, a man and his wife, who were engaged to be married, were robbed of \$1,000 in the absence of the family, which was leaving the residence in a taxi cab. The robbery was reported to the police.

KING AND SHAH

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 20.—King Oscar continues to make good progress towards recovery. The Shah maintained his strength fairly well during the last 24 hours, and was able to sign some of the important state papers.

KILLED BY DYNAMITE

SAVANNAH, Dec. 19.—By the explosion of dynamite in the fireworks factory of Joseph Carbo and John Niva, Italians, tonight, another was killed, an assistant fire chief and another fireman were seriously and probably fatally burned. The proprietors were fatally burned. The proprietors were fatally burned.

FREE SKATING RINK

The work of preparing the Weldon lot for a skating rink for the children will be commenced this afternoon. The mayor has arranged with the St. John Ice Co. for the use of a scraper and it will be brought in from the city this afternoon and the surplus snow removed from the lot.

HER 106th BIRTHDAY

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Elizabeth Stalker of Williamsburg celebrated the one hundred and sixth anniversary of her birth last night. Among the tokens of congratulations she received was one from President Roosevelt.

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THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT

Will be no Dissolution Following Defeat of Education Bill

A SERIOUS REBUFF

The Rejection of the Main Liberal Measure of the Session Has Yet Had--King Receives Premier at Buckingham.

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Daily Fashion Hint for Times Readers.



A RUSSIAN STYLE IN WHITE CORACUL.

BODICE FOR WEAR WITH H CLOTH COSTUME.

One of the fashionable guimpe bodices is shown in the accompanying cut, the under-blouse of the model being of cream-white accordion-pleated silk batiste mounted on a yoke of heavy ceru lace. The cloth of the gown was of lavender broadcloth, the deeply-out arm holes and yoke being trimmed with a cut-out band of white broadcloth headed over in a Greek key pattern in narrow lavender silk soutache and silver cords. The fold laid inside of this band about the arm holes and yoke and across the lower part of the front was of lavender velvet to match the cloth.

Anything more piquantly becoming to the slender and immature figure of the debutante can hardly be well imagined, and as for the woman whose figure retains a measure of the alertness of youth, this design, both for line and for fabric, can scarcely be excelled. In models of foreign make it is to be observed that there is a strong tendency to return to the long and sloping shoulder of the early Victorian fashions; in fact, reviving the styles that led forth some five years ago or so. The top of the model shows a flat and fitted back, the fronts bloused ever so slightly over a smart girde, a collarless neck opening on a vest of white broadcloth, wonderfully elaborated with embroideries in white silk cord and a touch or two of slightly tarnished gold thread. This seemingly antique costume is exactly what her mother may once have been—a lovely, impressionable child, pure as an angel, and wonderfully intelligent and sweet. She resembles Katharine most wonderfully too, in fact I believe when her hair grows and she fills out a bit she will be a most beautiful woman.

THE COUNTERSTROKE

By AMBROSE PRATT
Author of "Vigoro's Daint, Billionaire."

(Continued.)

"I can assure you he filled me with amazement; I used to watch him at first in speechless silence, perhaps in some dilapidated room when a miserable, bedraggled crowd would pour her vulgar troubles in his ears, and for an hour he would listen to and comfort her as though she had been a duchess, and he her spiritual adviser. Afterwards he would smile to me and say, 'These creatures are my best friends, they help me in my work.' But not all that he might say could make me credit that such was his only reason for attending to them. No, the man was happy at such times. One could see it in his face, in the kindly gleaming of his eyes, in the husky tones of his voice, in the shamefaced way he would offer the few pennies he might have of his very own to give away; hence that were often refused with blessings, for, strange to say, some of these creatures appeared to possess hearts too."

"My dear Oelgjen, I assure you, tears have often come into my eyes to watch him!"

"One thing I cannot understand. Why did he take you with him if it was not to publish to you his goodness?" said Cressingham in a doubting voice.

"I often asked myself the same question," he replied; "and I used to ask myself this question, 'If these creatures are his agents, from whom he acquires information as he sells me, why does he not help them from the vast funds at his command, a thing he would have a perfect right to do?' But he never did this, and one day I discovered the reason of his taking me about with him. He said to me quietly when I dined together 'You are a fish man, Ludwig, are you not?' I told him the amount of my income. He sighed and replied: 'Sometimes I catch myself agreeing with and pitying the Nihilists. It is surely a shame that some men are so rich and the vast majority so poor. If only all the rich were charitable and gave to the needy according to their means, why then we should have no Nihilists, for always, as Tolstoy said:—'Beggared clothing and empty bellies are the most terrible incitements to the plotting of murders and the planning of revolutions.' It was then I understood him, and grasped the full meaning of what had before been an annoying mystery."

"What did you do?"

"Be sure, I'm the little that I could."

"He dispensed your favors?"

"You wrong him. He merely pointed out deserving objects. Unhappily their number was legion, and I could only help a few."

"Cressingham's eyes were glittering. 'My dear friend, I envy you your experience; it was money well expended. Did it not give you pleasure?'"

"The greatest my life has known. Unfortunately all things have an end."

"Ah, you have beggared yourself!"

"For a year to come I shall have to be careful, that is all."

Cressingham cleared his throat once or twice before he would quite trust himself to speak, then he said: "We'll change all that, lad, once we get to the treasure chamber of Attala. By Gad! you've made me quite fall in love with Terenogy. I had no idea he was such a b-ck. You're a dashed good sort yourself, old chap. I feel quite a useless, selfish brute by comparison. I'm afraid I've a lot to pull up."

"Ah, bah, my Lord! don't give me the credit, that belongs elsewhere. I never should have dreamed of doing what I have done, if it hadn't been for him. If you'd been in my place you'd have done exactly the same thing yourself, my Lord."

creatures about them and found themselves objects of most unwelcome attention. The cry 'spies!' was raised, and knives flashed out like magic.

One woman bolder than the rest made a vicious lunge at Cressingham, but he caught her wrist and shouted out: 'Fools, we are English!'

The word was like a talisman. The knives vanished as quickly as they had been drawn, and a storm of 'Vivas' and 'Viva English!' rent the air on instant. The woman, seized with remorse (a wrinkled hag she was) threw her arms around Cressingham and kissed him violently on both cheeks. He gasped and struggled, but quite in vain, and the woman, quite satisfied with herself, presently hurried back the way she had come, yelling like a demon and fortunately taking the other devils with her.

"It looks like a revolution!" shouted Oelgjen.

"No fear of that," said Cressingham, "the military are too strong, but the spirit of revolt is loose. There will be blood spilt tonight, signore."

"All right, I'm your man."

They found the streets of Naples in a strange ferment. Excited crowds thronged the thoroughfares. Soldiers were everywhere in evidence, forcing their way through the press in half companies and squads, acting the part of patrols, speaking not at all but occasionally using freely their scabbards and sword hilts to clear a passage. The populace seemed on the verge of doing something desperate. The air seemed full of silent menace. Often one might catch the gleam of naked steel. Strangers were constantly accosting each other and whispering and discussing the royal tragedy. Carriages there were none to be had, so the friends made their way towards the wharves immediately in the wake of a formidably strong patrol which proceeded in that direction. In the Via Scala, a bonfire had been erected and a mob of drunken fools were burning in effigy someone, whether the late king or his murderer it was impossible to tell. The officer in command of the detachment gave a sharp order, and the soldiers immediately charged the crowd, scattering them in all directions and taking a score of prisoners. They then stamped out the blaze, and wheeling turned at right angles into a mass of a log, leaving the friends alone for they did not care to follow farther. Threading their way with infinite difficulty through the quickly reassembling mob, they got at last past the post office, but there a sudden surge of the crowd forced them into a by-path, and they were obliged to run for their lives helter-skelter down a dirty and ill-smelling street, surrounded by people who jabbered unceasingly. The wave receded

Judge Hamilton returned to the city from Fredericton last evening.

FREDERICTON NEWS

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 19.—Letters patent have been issued incorporating John Ferguson, Allen J. Ferguson, William Ferguson, Mary A. Ferguson and Florence J. Ferguson, all of Newcastle, as The John Ferguson & Son, Ltd., with a capital stock of \$40,000. The object is to carry on a general mercantile business.

Letters of incorporation have also been issued to Saunders W. Dewitt, Ernest Dewitt, of Hartland; W. F. Barnhill, Bertha M. Barnhill, of Fairville, and Sadie E. Dewitt, of Hartland, as Dewitt Bros. Ltd., with a capital of \$25,000. The company will continue the mercantile business of Dewitt Bros., at Hartland and Fairville.

The supreme court this afternoon adjourned until January 11, when judgment will be delivered in the case of the King vs. Clarke.

A meeting of the directors of the Fredericton Boom Company was held here this afternoon and while matters in connection with the proposed transfer of the company's interests were talked over, it is understood that nothing definite was decided upon. Those present at the meeting were A. H. F. Randolph, R. F. Randolph,

Parker Glazier, E. L. Jewett, J. A. Winlow and George B. Dunn.

Peter Harding, a laborer employed on the C. P. R. steamer Mount Temple, was found lying under a hatch combing by some of the day gangs yesterday morning. He was working in one of the night gangs and it is supposed that when he was coming up the ladder he slipped and fell into the hold. When found yesterday morning, he was taken to the Emergency Hospital, Dr. Kenney found only a scratch on his nose and that he had apparently been drinking.

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Mr. Nelson began his professional career with the once famous Holman English Opera Co., with whom he remained for several years, and afterwards joined the ranks of the Bennett-Moulton Opera Company, with whom he remained for five years.

Next we find him with the now famous Hitchcock, who was just forging his way to the front rank of comedians. Nelson and Hitchcock performed a few "travels" together which were well received.

Soon after this Mr. Nelson took his own company out on the road, producing "Remains" and "The Black Hussar." By this time his originality had caused him to be looked upon as a valuable man to Broadway managers and for the next few years he devoted his time to production work and was stage manager for Klaw & Erlanger's "Beauty and the Beast."

Previous to joining the Robinson Opera Co., Mr. Nelson staged for the Grays of West Haven "The Mocking Bird," which was produced equal to the original production.

N. Y. STOCK MARKET

Thursday, Dec. 20. New York Stock Market and Chicago Market Report and New York Cotton Market. Prepared by D. C. Clinch, banker and broker.

Table with columns for stock types (Amalgam Copper, Am Sugar, etc.) and prices. Includes sub-section for 'MONTREAL QUOTATIONS' and 'CHICAGO MARKET REPORT'.

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PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived: Thursday, Dec. 20. Steamer Manchester, 2,000 tons, from Manchester.

DOMINION PORTS. SYDNEY, C. B., Dec. 19.—Tank ship Albion, 1,000 tons, from Sydney.

BRITISH PORTS. LONDON, Dec. 19.—Arr. str. Humber, St. John's (Nfld.).

FOREIGN PORTS. CHARLESTON, Dec. 19.—Arr. str. Mary, from Jacksonville.

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RECENT CHARTERS. Norwegian steamship Tryon, 1,128 tons, from Liverpool, with sugar, at or about 11 cents.

VESSELS IN PORT. (Not cleared.) With their tonnage and consignees. Casandra, 473, Robert Reford Co.

MARINE NOTES. British bark Hillside, Captain Rufuse, has been chartered to load salt at Turks Island for Providence (See Charter).

THE SCOW BROKE. In an attempt to raise the scow loaded with junk, which sank some time ago in the I. C. R. wharf the scow was broken in two yesterday.

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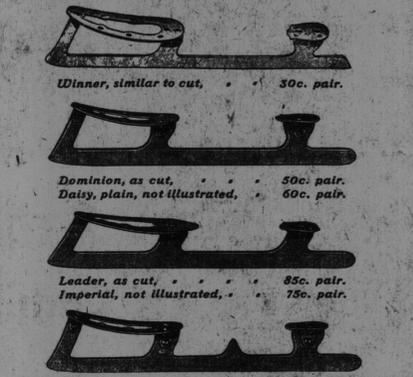
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FAIRVIEW SCHOOL CLOSING. Grades V and VI of the Fairview Superior School, under the direction of Miss Pidgeon, held their closing exercises for the term yesterday afternoon.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Bank of England's rate of discount remains unchanged today at six per cent.

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Circulation of The Times.

Table showing circulation statistics for the week ending Dec. 15th, 1906, including Monday (10,677), Tuesday (10,602), Wednesday (10,229), Thursday (10,899), Friday (11,890), Saturday (15,181), and a total of 69,478.

NEW BRUNSWICK APPLES

Ex-Gov. McClean, in an interview printed in this morning's Telegraph, expressed the opinion that New Brunswick can produce apples of better flavor and better keeping qualities than those of Nova Scotia, and he suggests that in addition to the setting out of illustration orchards a number of officers might be appointed in every county whose duty it would be to instruct the farmers by practical demonstration in the best methods of taking care of their fruit trees.

Hon. Mr. McClean's views are of more than passing interest. Not long since a leading Nova Scotia orchardist declared to the Times that parts of New Brunswick were as well suited to apple culture as his own province; that they would do no more produce fruit of a distinctive flavor and high quality, and that with proper development the orchards of the province would become a great source of wealth.

As this paper has pointed out, the provision of cold storage facilities on the west side, where apples could be shipped from the orchards and carefully packed, as is done in several points in the Annapolis Valley, is of the greatest importance. The present cold storage facilities at Bay Shore have been fully taxed, and larger buildings are to be erected. In connection with such buildings, as apple growing became more extensive, an evaporating plant could be carried out to replace the fruit left over from the work of repacking for export. This province today gets its apple supply chiefly from Nova Scotia, and considerable Ontario fruit is also sold here. This province should have a large export apple trade of its own, and anything the government may be able to do to disseminate knowledge and encourage the planting of orchards and care of fruit trees would yield results of the greatest value to the farming community.

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION

The great need of agricultural and industrial education has been recognized in the state of Texas. The council for industrial education in that state has adopted a report recommending that the legislature appropriate \$25,000 to provide means of instructing school teachers in agricultural subjects, and \$10,000 to encourage the immediate introduction of the study of agriculture into a few selected schools in the state; also that extension work by lecturers be vigorously carried on. With regard to industrial education the council says:

"That, because of the exceedingly great importance of industrial education to Texas, and because of the disastrous results to follow upon the inauguration of immature, ill-considered plans, the legislative body be respectfully requested to appoint a commission of prominent educators and business men, the duty of which commission shall be to investigate industrial education in other states and countries, to inquire carefully into the conditions in this state; and to recommend to the thirty-first legislature a general plan for the organization of agricultural and industrial education in Texas, including suggestions as to the best means for correlating industrial work with courses of instruction which now obtain. It is recommended, further, that the members of this commission be asked to serve without remuneration, but that the sum of \$1,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to defray the necessary expenses incident to the labors of said commission."

In an article on Psychical Healing, the Montreal Witness says:—"A large proportion of disease is hysterical, or partly so, and would be removed or minimized by a change of mental view. Real disease can also be very powerfully influenced, favorably or unfavorably, by mental attitude. The Christian Science movement, like half a dozen other isms which have sprung up in our day, is a reaction against the pessimism which has so largely possessed the Christian mind, which has looked upon this world as a waste howling wilderness from which to escape, a vale of tears, a place for penitential submission to the will of all sorts. From these conditions the Christian has sought escape only in a world beyond, but too often men have sought escape by departure from the faith. The church has to learn again that God is at work making this world into a kingdom that God and man can delight in.

and that the mission of the church is through faith to use his power to the fulfillment of his glorious design."

In his speech at Rothesay last evening Mr. Ora P. King foreshadowed some changes in the new road law, in regard to appointing some of them. In the course of his remarks Mr. King said that Sussex now has the best cold storage plant east of Ontario. They have stored now sixty tons of butter and 3,000 carcasses of lamb. They have sold 6,000 carcasses, which went to Winnipeg. Mr. King, says the Telegraph's report, also talked of the chances to supply the west, and of the possibilities open to the farmers of Kings in sheep raising and trying to raise a better class of horses. He spoke of the value of wool and what would be the gain of an experimental sheep station in the province.

The Scottish Temperance Legislation Board, which visited Norway and studied the licensing laws of that country, is, says the Halifax Chronicle, so strong an endorsement of the Norwegian system of company management, under which "the sobriety of Norway is as evident as the industry of Great Britain," that it must arrest the attention of those who are striving to secure the abolition of existing conditions in the Old Country. The report adds the Chronicle will have special interest for Nova Scotians, because one of the investigators was Professor James Seth, of Edinburgh University, who for several years filled the chair of philosophy at Dalhousie University. Professor Seth's presence on the commission is an assurance that its investigation was thorough.

Discussing the question of child labor in Portland, Maine, this week one speaker is reported to have said:—"In the 40 or 50 bowling alleys of the city there are little lads from 10 to 14 or 18 years of age setting up the pins, and while he could not state whether they attended school as a class, he could say with accuracy that some of them began at 8.30 in the morning and worked until nearly or quite 12 at night for the magnificent wages of \$3 a week. Of the girls in the match factories and department stores, he said there had been no accurate census made, and no complete census taken. There was a large class who received \$2.50 a week, and \$7 a week was considered high wages for the working girls of the city outside domestic service."

The question of holding annual exhibitions in Montreal is being revived by the Business Men's League of that city. The executive of the league believe that an exhibition would attract a vast number of visitors to the city, and prove of great material advantage to the citizens. The project of holding exhibitions, says the Witness, is based upon the view that they should be undertaken as a public enterprise, and not as the affair of a company, or for the profit of private individuals or corporations.

The federal government has appointed three members of the new Montreal harbor board. In Messrs. Stephens, Ballantyne and Geoffrion it appears to have made a good selection. The chief merit of a commissioner would be his determination not to be influenced by political considerations. As the Montreal Witness pointed out, in the article quoted yesterday, business principles and methods alone should rule in matters so vitally affecting the interests of the country.

It is stated that Mr. Shaw, now secretary of the U. S. treasury, may be made president of the Mutual Life. Mr. Shaw is the gentleman who has been keeping Wall street financiers off the rocks of late by coming to their rescue with the funds of the national treasury.

The majority in the Montreal city council in favor of getting authority to install a municipal telephone system was small, but it was enough.

The Education Bill

London, Dec. 19.—There is no indication as yet as to what course the government will pursue over the education bill. There is the greatest resentment among the ministerial members of parliament that ten months of legislative work have gone for nothing. The feeling is strong against Mr. Balfour, the leader of the opposition in the house of commons, as he is held to be personally responsible for the failure to arrange a compromise.

The Duke of Devonshire in the course of the final debate, entered a strong protest against what he termed Lord Lansdowne's wrecking tactics, and voted with the government in the minority.

It is not believed that the ministers contemplate an immediate appeal to the country though this was Mr. Gladstone's desire when he faced a similar situation in 1894 at which time he was overborne by the cabinet. The general idea is that the ministers will introduce at the next session of parliament a more drastic education bill, applying the \$5,000,000 which under the dead bill would have gone to assist denominational schools to build entire new council schools intending to produce a practically secular system of public education. This being a money bill the house of lords would have no power to throw it out.

A. D. Gowe left last evening for Calgary. He has accepted a position in the west, traveling in Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. St. John friends wish him success.

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The quiet hills stretched far behind, The swirls of the great waves plain, Like some mad stream of impulsive mind That rushes onward toward the main. The peace of apple trees in bloom, For markers' sound of brass and steam, While songs of merriment and merriment, The keen, electric thrill of life, From vibrant, through the merriment air, Already chilled the loamy air, Forsook the sunset of care, Not even the memory of the church, Outpouring lyrics over the road, Could drown the cries of still the rush Of those who gave their souls for gold.

IN LIGHTLY VEIN

CONTRARIETY ITSELF. A rich but avaricious old man, decided to make his will, and calling his lawyer, instructed him to draw it up, and that he would leave all his money to a friend. "What," said the lawyer, "to a friend, when you have a nephew living?" "He is a near-evil, a fool and an idiot, who has never worked, and whom I have not seen for six years." "But in that time," said the lawyer, "he has become rich. Much richer than you, in fact, and he would laugh at your fortune." "That case," returned the contrary old gentleman, "that makes a difference. I shall, therefore, make him my sole legatee."

WOULD KEEP UP WITH HIM. Daughter—Just think, mamma, my husband wants to join the Gymnastic Society to become strong. Mother—Oh, that will be of no great advantage to him. During his absence we will exercise, too.

DEAD EASY.

Artist—Tell me, Cosmo, you are a man of resource, how shall I manage to get a model to depict profound astonishment? "Easier," said the other, "go and tell one of your creditors that you have come to pay his bill."

HOW HE EXPRESSED IT.

A very old man had been made mayor of a little village, and wishing to thank the inhabitants for the honor done him called them all together. Then he began as follows: "Fellow citizens, I shall never forget the day in which you decided to put my white hairs over your heads."

THE LETTER OF THE LAW.

A lady went to look at an apartment, and finding that it suited her to the purpose: "Well, I'll take the house." "Have you children, Madam?" "Yes, two." "When I cannot let you have the apartment?" "But my children are grown up, married and live in Paris." "That makes no difference. My orders were implicit—give the apartment to no one with children."

FAMILY GREETINGS.

A countryman meeting a very pretty peasant woman leading a donkey, said, in passing: "Good day, mother of the donkeys." "Good day, my most beloved son," was the instant reply.

WANTED IT CONTINUOUS.

Doctor—For a week at least your wife must speak only a few words every day and even then in a whisper. "Husband—Oh, doctor, is there no way of making her ill?"

MADE NO DISPLAY.

"How old is Rachel?" "About 40." "She does not show it." "Oh, no, she conceals it."

BIG OIL GUSHER FOUND

Tilbury, Ont., Dec. 19.—The richest strike in the Tilbury oil fields was made on J. A. Tremblay's farm in Romney Township today, ditches full of oil for miles around the derrick, tell the story plainly. The oil gushed with great force from the well before workmen started operations in the morning, and before they could plug the casing at least 1000 barrels flowed on frozen ground and ran in rivulets to large ditches for which Romney is famous.

MONTREAL'S HARBOR BOARD

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The cabinet today appointed the three members of the new board of harbor commissioners for Montreal. They are Hon. G. W. Stephens, C. G. Ballantyne, and L. E. Geoffrion. Mr. Stephens' salary, as chairman, will be \$7,000, and that of his colleagues \$5,000 each. Their duties begin on Jan. 1st.

MILK DEALERS SUMMONED

For selling milk without a license six vendors—Thomas Robinson, Alfred Macarun, David Porter, Rupert Wigmore, Harrington Floyd and David Lawson—were in the police court yesterday afternoon. Dr. A. W. Macfarlane appeared for them and said that they desired to comply with the regulations and take out a license but that it was almost impossible for them to sterilize every milk can before sending it back to the farm as was required. Col. J. R. Armstrong appeared for the Board of Health. The case was set down for Wednesday afternoon, the 29th, and, it is said, will probably be settled then without coming to trial.

At the Liberal meeting in Rothesay

parish, Kings county, last evening a report of which is given elsewhere, action towards securing a better noon service of the I. C. R. from St. John to suburban points was taken and it was decided to co-operate with other delegations from the county. It is understood that all the parishes of Kings county will take up this matter and, acting together, place their case before the minister of railways at the Liberal convention here on Dec. 27.

H. P. Robinson, of Sussex, was in the city yesterday.

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- A nice Fur Coat.
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CRISIS IN GERMAN COLONIAL AFFAIRS
Tales of Revolting Cruelty in Southwest Africa--
The Coming Elections Will Have Important Results--The Government Surprised at Action of Reichstag.

(New York Evening Post.)
 Chancellor Von Bulow was confident at the beginning of the debate in the Reichstag on the colonial situation, that there was no real public concern about it. Indeed, he was positive that a wicked gross was making much of a few beauty spots that detracted very little from the generally fine appearance of the colonies. The answer came quickly, for there followed the most exciting and sensational debate the Reichstag has seen since the tariff discussion of 1903. No such acrimonious scenes would have been possible had not the members, like Chancellor Bulow, been so well informed of the facts. At first, it seemed as if the smooth words and flattering unctuousness of Herr Dernburg, the new director of the colonial bureau, had carried the day for the government. But Herr Dernburg found himself forced to reply to Herr Rosen, one of the leaders of the Opposition, who had accused Dernburg, among other things, of "bringing the language of stock exchange robbers into the Reichstag;" and though he answered Herr Rosen with considerable fluency, he found some time drew down the gauntlet to the Centre, upon whose votes the government has long depended for its control of the Reichstag.

Herr Rosen expressly stated that in attacking the government he spoke only for himself, not for his party. But he did speak for him in rejecting, in the appropriations committee, the government's supplementary colonial estimates. Without this money the field forces in Southwest Africa must be reduced from 8,000 to 2,000 men, a body insufficient to hold in check the restless Hottentots, and nearly starving as they are. Under the circumstances, the chancellor, who thought the talk of a colonial expedition in his hands, the charges made by Herr Rosen, on the authority of many missionaries, against certain colonial officials could not be regarded as being more than a useful rebuff in part. As well as the other kind—the story of a man's administration is black enough. On the business side, not even Herr Dernburg, accustomed as he is to recognizing the economic side of the colonial situation, could endorse the charges made by Herr Rosen, as being more than a useful rebuff. Some current gossip seem incredible, as when he told of the destruction of every man and woman in a certain village, and of drowning in the sea of their fifty-two surviving children. Some of his other stories even the Berlin newspapers do not report; but his demand for more immediate investigation was so irresistible that Dernburg was quick to promise it.

Altogether, there is no more illuminating example of what modern colonialism leads to than that offered by Germany.

A noteworthy political situation has been brought about in Germany as the result of the refusal of the Reichstag to approve a colonial appropriation amounting to \$7,350,000. As the result the Kaiser has sent a message to the chancellors discharging the Reichstag, which has been dissolved by the emperor's order. A new Reichstag must be elected within sixty days and must reassemble within ninety days after the dissolution. The situation is the outgrowth of a disaffection which has been growing steadily for some time with the political course of the Kaiser, and which has finally fixed upon the colonial policy of the government as the point of greatest weakness. The Reichstag, it may be said, merely stood by the report of its budget committee, which rejected the demand of the government a few days before the decisive vote was taken. The outcome of the approaching elections cannot be foretold in view of the situation of German politics at present. That the election will have important results in any event is the belief of those who are following the closest attention to the subject. In Great Britain, in particular, the result of the elections will be awaited with the greatest interest. They will take place in February, and it is expected that they will be decisive, whereas the vote in the Reichstag was exceedingly close, there being only 178 votes against as compared with 189 in favor of the grant.

THE CENTENARY OF MRS. OSLER
 Asked Cornishmen to Sing "Trelawney" for Her--Many Relatives Present.
 (Mail and Empire.)
 The centenary of Mrs. Featherston Osler found her not so well as she had hoped to be. Her home on Wesley Street was thronged with descendants and relatives, but only immediate relatives were permitted to see her. She must not use it, wearing the usual old-fashioned black silk gown immortalized by Whistler in his picture of her mother. Nevertheless, congratulations were conveyed to her by a throng of visitors. Mr. Justice Featherston Osler, the eldest son, made an add-on, and presented the souvenir program and plate designed for the occasion. Dr. William Osler also made a short speech. The magnificent birthday cake which had been prepared, representing the progress of the world since 1806, was cut by Master Phillip Osler, son of H. S. Osler, K. C., as eldest great-grandson of the lady, who was being honored.

The home was beautifully decorated with American Beauty roses, carnations, lilies, and hyacinths. Innumerable birthday tributes were received. An especially pretty feature was a table arranged for the great grandchildren. Every device that could be thought of to interest the little ones was taken completely by surprise, thanked the members in a very feeling manner. Eight members were initiated, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chief ranger, D. R. Kennedy, jr.; vice chief ranger, R. B. Stuckhouse; financial secretary, J. M. Kennedy; recording secretary, J. M. Kennedy; treasurer, R. P. Ham; chaplain, Jas. T. Logan; S. W. Harry King; J. W. J. N. McKinney; S. B. J. D. Speight; J. B. Benj. Stuckhouse; court physician, G. G. Melvin, M. D.

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and "Scots Wha Hae" with the men north of the Tweed. She said to them, "It's only Cornish folk that can live to be a hundred years old."
 The first stanza of the song she requested is as follows:
 A good sword and a trusty hand,
 A merry heart and true;
 King James' men shall understand
 What Cornish lads can do;
 And have they fixed the where and when?
 And shall Trelawney die?
 Here's twenty thousand
 Will know the reason why!"

ROTHESAY LIBERALS
 They Met Last Night and Organized for the Next Election.

Rothesay Dec. 18.—A goodly number of Liberal electors met in the Hotel Bellevue this evening for the purpose of organization and selecting delegates to represent the party at the Liberal convention in St. John. Ora P. King and George G. Scovell, two of the representatives of the county, were present. Mr. Scovell made the opening address, and the latter very briefly stated the object of the meeting. It was his own fault for the people here had always given him a loyal and good reception. He was not there to make a political speech but to give the people a chance to say what they thought of the Liberal party. He said that he could not get any pleasure from a political speech unless it was a good one. He said that he was not there to make a political speech but to give the people a chance to say what they thought of the Liberal party. He said that he could not get any pleasure from a political speech unless it was a good one.

The road was a burning question throughout the county and the party at the meeting was divided on the subject. It was decided to discuss the matter thoroughly. The speaker said that the Liberal party was the only party that stood for the people. He said that he was not there to make a political speech but to give the people a chance to say what they thought of the Liberal party. He said that he could not get any pleasure from a political speech unless it was a good one.

A PRESENTATION TO F. N. PERKINS
 At the regular meeting of Court Yukon, No. 733, held last evening, F. N. Perkins, the genial financial secretary, was made the recipient, on behalf of the members of the court, of a handsome solid gold watch.

District Organizer, D. R. Kennedy, jr., in making the presentation, spoke to some length in reference to the good feelings which existed between the members and Mr. Perkins. He also informed the members that he had been the most successful year in the history of the order, and that it was largely due to such members as Mr. Perkins.

Court Frederick, I. O. F., have elected the following officers: C. D. J. A. Richard; O. R. E. New; V. C. R. A. Hart; E. S. E. Belya; R. S. J. S. Tait; treasurer, J. B. Tait; S. W. F. Earl; J. W. G. Hart; Chaplain, J. Austin; trustees, F. Earl, R. Webb; S. B. H. Lord; J. B. C. Ferguson; auditors, F. Tait, M. Hestey.

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| Ladies' Waist Sets, with belt buckle to match | \$1.25, \$1.50 |
| Ladies' Bracelets, Brooches, Lace Pins | 75c, pair |
| Ladies' New Colonial Belt Buckles, Chains, etc. | 50c, \$1.00, \$1.25 |
| Ladies' "Chevrolet" Portmonies—"Laces" | 75c, pair |
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| Ladies' New Hand Hand Bags | \$1.40 to \$2.25 |
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| Ladies' Glove Cases—Alligator | 50c, to \$1.00 each |
| Ladies' Alligator Handkerchief Cases | \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.25 |
| Ladies' Music Carriers | \$1.50 |
| Ladies' "Rose" Coin Purse—new | 50c, \$1.00 |
| Ladies' new "Peter Pan" Coin Purse | 75c, pair |
| Ladies' "Kaiser" Neckwear—beautiful | 50c, to \$2.00 |
| Ladies' Fine Irish Embroidered Handkerchiefs | 35c, to \$1.00 each |
| Ladies' Fine Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs | 35c, to 50c each |
| Ladies' Initialed Linen Handkerchiefs per half dozen | \$1.40 |
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| Children's Wool Toggles—extra value | 50c |
| Children's Wool Sashes | 50c, to \$1.00 |
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| Child's Serge Sailor Suits | \$2.50 to \$5.75 |
| Children's Wool Clouds, white, navy, red | 30c, to 40c |
| Child's Fancy Wool Hood | 30c, 40c, 50c |
| Babies' Wool Jackets—new designs | 50c, to 90c |
| Babies' Booties and Mittens | 50c, to 75c |
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| Ladies' Bath Robes | 50c, 75c, \$1.00 |
| Ladies' Stuff Waists, new designs | 50c, 75c, \$1.00 |
| Ladies' Black Satin Waists; new | \$1.25 |
| Ladies' Fancy Lace Corset Covers | \$3.00 |
| Ladies' Long Driving Capes, worth \$10.00; for | \$7.50 to \$8.00 |
| Ladies' Fur Stoles and "Lies" | \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00 |
| Ladies' Fur Muffs | 60c, 75c |
| Ladies' "Way" Mufflers, white | 50c, 75c |
| Ladies' Jap Silk Waists, with insertion; special | \$1.98 |
| Ladies' Jap Silk Waists, short sleeves, lace yoke | 2.00 |
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Advertisement for Remington Typewriter Sales, highlighting the reliability of the machines.

Advertisement for Hiram Webb, Electrical Contractor, located at 4 Church Street.

Advertisement for Thomas J. Flood's Ladies' and Gents' Leather Dressing Cases.

Advertisement for P. E. Campbell, Seedsman and Grower, located at 47 Germain St.

Advertisement for J. H. Noble's, located at 25 King Square.

Advertisement for The Big New Mill, featuring illustrations of the mill and its products.

Times Classified Ads Pay

THE WORLD OF SPORT

TWO HOCKEY LEAGUES Last Night's Meeting of N. B. H. L. Was Not Harmonious

The New Brunswick Hockey League was dealt a severe blow to its prestige at the annual meeting last evening

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Advertisement for The Gold Bond Shoe, suitable for all purposes, priced at \$3.50 to \$5.00.

Advertisement for Gillett's Absolutely Pure Cream Tartar, used by the best bakers.

Advertisement for Soft Coal, winter port, springhill, pieton, broad cove, and old mine sydney.

Advertisement for St. John Fuel Co., will be pleased to quote prices on all kinds of fuel.

Advertisement for Broad Cove Soft Coal, landing ex car, dry hard and soft wood.

Advertisement for Scotch Zest Bread, you would think the people ate nothing else.

Advertisement for Royal Bakery, 122 Charlotte Street.

Advertisement for Royal Bakery, two stores, 555 and 557 Main St.

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Advertisement for Patents, procured and defended, best mode of doing business.

Advertisement for Vroom & Arnold, 100 Prince Wm. Street, Agents.

Advertisement for Victoria Hotel, King Street, St. John, N. B.

Advertisement for The Dufferin, E. LeROI Willis, Prop., King Square, St. John, N. B.

Advertisement for Clifton House, 74 Princess Street and 141 and 143 Germain Street.

Advertisement for Prince Royal Hotel, 115-117 Princess Street.

Advertisement for St. Martins Hotel, 87, Martine St., N. B.

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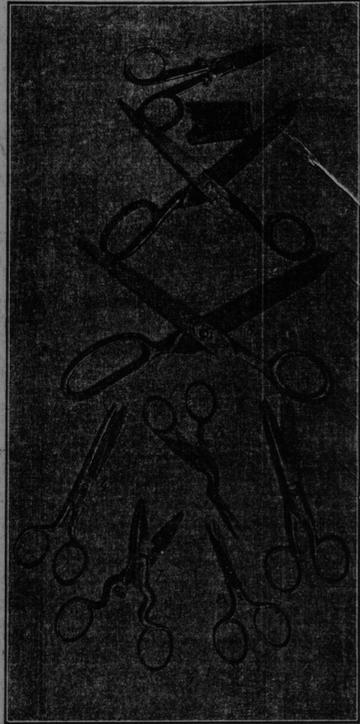
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MEN'S MOOSEHIDE MOCCASINS, \$1.38.
MEN'S SNOWSHOES, \$3.48.

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WARM SLIPPERS, 48c., 75c., 98c. and \$1.28.
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MOOSEHIDE MOCCASINS, \$1.18.
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For the Girls.

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FROM THE COBBLER'S BENCH TO A SEAT IN THE U. S. SENATE

George A. Marden, Assistant Treasurer of the United States Who Died in Lowell Yesterday Had a Splendid Career—First a Cobbler, Then an Editor and Afterwards a U. S. Senator.

LOWELL, Mass., Dec. 19.—George A. Marden, several years assistant treasurer of the United States in charge of the sub-treasury at Boston, died this afternoon at his home in this city. The cause of Mr. Marden's death was meningitis, from which disease he had suffered for about five years, although he had attended to business most of the time and was confined to his bed only during the past four weeks. After he was taken seriously ill about a month ago he grew steadily weaker and for several days those nearest him had realized that death would probably ensue within a short time. George Augustus Marden was born in Mount Vernon, N. H., in 1838, the son of Benjamin Marden, who was a mechanic. At an early age, George A. Marden learned the shoemaker's trade, and until he was sixteen years of age much of his time was devoted to work at the bench, and to farming in the intervals of his studies in the local schools. He fitted for college meanwhile so that he entered Dartmouth and after paying his way through that institution by his own exertions, working at his trade and teaching school, was graduated in 1861. In the latter part of that year he entered the army, enlisting as a private in Company G, second regiment, Berlin's United States Sharpshooters, and later was transferred to the first regiment, Berlin's Sharpshooters. He saw service under McClellan during the Peninsula campaign. After he was mustered out of the service in September 1864, he returned to New Hampshire and pursued legal studies at Concord, N. H., at the same time being employed as a writer on the Concord Daily Monitor. For a short time in 1869 he published the Kanawha Republican, a weekly newspaper in Charleston, W. Va., but soon after returned to New Hampshire where he assisted in compiling and editing a history of each of the New Hampshire military organizations during the war, under the direction of the adjutant general's office. He acted as assistant editor of the Boston Advertiser in the early part of 1867 and later in that year became one of the owners of the Lowell Daily Courier and Lowell World's Journal, at Lowell. He continued in the newspaper business up to his death, owning a controlling interest in the Courier Citizen Publishing Company, of Lowell. Mr. Marden served as a member of the Massachusetts house of representatives in 1873 and from 1874 until 1885 was clerk of that body. In the latter year he was again elected a member of the house and became its speaker, and was re-elected to the same position in 1884. He served as a member of the senate in 1885. He

was one of the four Grant delegates from Massachusetts to the national republican convention at Chicago in 1880. From 1889 to 1893 he served as treasurer and receiver general of the state. President McKinley appointed Mr. Marden in 1899 to be assistant treasurer of the United States at Boston and he was re-elected by President Roosevelt in 1906. He held that position at his death.

Mr. Marden was a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and was the first commander of Post 42 G. A. R. of Lowell. He was elected president of the Dartmouth Alumni Association in 1899. His wife who was Miss Mary P. Fisher, of Nashua, N. H., and two sons, Philip S. and Robert E., survive him.

KEITH'S THEATRE
Keith's Theatre will take her place among the business institutions of St. John next Monday evening when the doors will be thrown open for the first performance, which will include a splendid programme of Keith's vaudeville specialties. These programmes will be changed weekly and will consist of two hours of continuous vaudeville opening with animated or other views and concluding with the latest and most beautiful Bioscope pictures. The ticket sale opened this morning at the box office in the lobby of the theatre for the entire first week. The theatre will be provided with the much-needed check room and ladies' retiring room.

Of the opening bill the Keith management are very enthusiastic. There will be a choice bit of dramatic work by Milton and Dolly Noble, who will present their list of numerous comedy sketches entitled "Why Walker Reformed." Mr. and Mrs. Nobles rank among the very best exponents of the type of vaudeville. Previous to entering this phase of the drama, Mr. Nobles was the writer and producer of numerous successes, the most notable being the Phoenix "Son to Son," and "In the Days of '49." A brilliant singing act will be "Reddy and Currier," importations from the ranks of comic opera stars. For a purply comedy effect, the juggling automaton, "Le vine & Leonard," have been selected, and a good vaudeville bill being hardly complete without dancing, "Dill and Ward" will fill that requirement. "Caron and Herbert" will also endeavor to excite laughter in a comedy aerobic act that has no equal. There will be many other features. A first-class orchestra will be in attendance, and everything will be done to conform as near as possible with the high standard maintained by Mr. Keith in his Boston and other New England houses.

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CENTRE ROUTE IS PROBABLE CHOICE

G. T. P. Surveyors Recommend Three Routes Through N. B. of Which Valley Route is Longest.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The report of the surveyors in connection with the proposed route of the transcontinental railway in New Brunswick will be presented to the transcontinental commission in a few days. Three routes will be recommended by the surveyors in their report. One will be down the St. John river from Grand Falls to Fredericton and Chipman. This route will be twenty-eight miles longer than either of the two centre routes from Grand Falls to Chipman. The two centre routes go straight through the province to Chipman. One of these routes, the shortest, will require to have an extra engine for one of the grades. The other centre route, which in all probability will be the one selected, will have a minimum grade of four-tenths of one per cent.

The selection of routes will be with the transcontinental commission first and afterwards with the government. So far, the transcontinental commission has not received any data to go on since the latest surveys were made. The minister of railways stated tonight that no decision had yet been reached in regard to the central or St. John Valley routes in New Brunswick for the transcontinental railway. The policy of the government, it is well known, is to abide by the report of the engineers and the belief is current here that this report will be in favor of the central route, as being the shortest and the best. However, nothing definite can be obtained.

CONSERVATIVES WIN IN P. E. I. BY ELECTION

Charlottetown, Dec. 19.—The result of the polling yesterday to elect a representative for the first electoral district of Queens in the local legislature, was the election of Murdoch Kennedy, Conservative, over his Liberal opponent, James Cowins. The news seemed to be something of a surprise to many politicians of both parties when it was received in Charlottetown last night. At the general local election held in 1904 the seat was won by the late Hon. G. W. Simpson, who ran in the Liberal interest, and he was returned by a majority of 38 votes. Mr. Kennedy, the successful candidate, is a well known merchant, and has been established in business for some years at Brantford. It is his first venture into the sea of politics and his friends are jubilant over his success.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The minister of railways will shortly invite tenders for supplying wire cars on use in the suburban lines of the Intercolonial Railway. Some five or six will be ordered to start with and further orders are expected to follow.

5 or 500 or 5,000,000 —they are all alike. Each biscuit as light as if made by fairy hands. Baked to a golden russet brown. So fresh, and crisp, and tempting, that just opening the box is teasing the appetite. And you find a new delight in every one you eat. You get perfection when you get Mooney's Perfection Cream Sodas

Ontario Beef, Lamb, Mutton, Veal, Pork Roasters, Spring Pigs, Prairie Hens, Quail, Pigeons, Turkeys, Chickens, Ducks, Geese, Celery, Lettuce, Squash, Sugar-Cured Hams, Bacon, Brant, Wild Geese, Lard, Suet, Sausages. THOS. DEAN, City Market.

TIMES DAILY PUZZLE PICTURE



December 20, 1892—Fourteen years ago today 125 persons perished in a great fire at Osaka, Japan. Find a victim. ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE. Left side down—large head in front of figure.

The Great Fire Sale IS Still Going On!

The selling has been rapid and customers all over the city have secured unprecedented values. Call in and see for yourself the unusual opportunities here to save money. We have quite a few Parlor Cabinets, Music Cabinets, Ladies' Secretaries, and Morris Chairs. These are all priced exceedingly low to close. Don't fail to call and investigate our claim that this is a genuine money-saving event. All goods marked in large figures on our special Fire Sale Tags. We guarantee everything we sell. We have many pieces of brand new furniture included in this sale. Come in tonight without fail.

BUSTIN & WITHERS, Furniture Dealers, 99 Germain Street.

An Extraordinary Mystery in France Which Has Been All Aroused by the Strange Disappearance of a Parish Priest and His Money—The Whole Forest About Has Been Beaten by Men With Sticks, an Indian Fakir and a Fortune Teller Have Been Called In to Play, and as a Last Resort—A Hungry, Hideous Hyena Has Been Unloosed to Smell Out the Body of the Priest Who Is Thought to Have Been Murdered, Robbed and Then Buried.



HUNTING DOWN MURDER WITH A STARVED HYENA

Paris, Jan. 31.—**N**EVER in modern times has a mysterious disappearance excited greater interest than that of the Abbe Delarue, cure of the little parish of Chateaux, near Etampes.

It is assumed that a foul murder has been committed.

All the paraphernalia of detective work, all the midnight sleuthing, all the imaginative reasoning that marked the investigation of murder mysteries in the works of Dabrian, Sue and Edgar Allan Poe have been exhausted in connection with this case, and the modern crime hunters have now hit upon a device beside which the methods suggested by those famous authorities in crime pale into tawdriness and insignificance.

A live hyena of the desert—an animal expert in hunting for dead things—has been employed to find the priest's body.

The disappearance of the Abbe Delarue rode out of his parish on a bicycle one night and never came back. He left hardly a trace of anything that could point to the cause of his disappearance.

The Abbe was an extremely popular man in his parish. He enjoyed a good income. He was in excellent health and spirits. He had just been planning a visit to his mother in Paris. There was no discoverable reason why he should have committed suicide or voluntarily run away.

He had, however, 725 francs in money on his person when he disappeared, and the most obvious course is to suppose that he was murdered for the sake of this money.

Whatever be the truth, it is at present wrapped in mystery.

The Abbe Delarue left the town of Etampes at about 8 o'clock in the evening, riding his bicycle. He was returning to his parish. At five minutes past nine he was seen rapidly riding along the road by a postman living at the farm of Longueville. He was seen by one or two other persons just before this time, but never again.

After his disappearance the police of Etampes, a sleepy country town, showed great negligence in investigating the case. This fact, together with many other re-



The Hindu Magician Ravah, Who Is Seeking to Unravel the Mystery.

"Every time the hyena's blood-curdling shrieks and fiendish laughter rend the night air with unusual violence, the listeners believe that he has at last found the object of his dreadful quest."

they began to investigate with extraordinary enthusiasm and ingenuity.

The Matin was the first newspaper to begin operations. Two members of its staff went to the spot and spent money lavishly in employing local searchers.

The country where the Abbe was lost is marked by some remarkable physical formations. It contains marshy ponds of great extent and also great beds of loose sand known as "sablieres."

Both the ponds and the sand beds would offer a very favorable hiding place for a dead body. The sand could be turned over by hand until a hole sufficiently deep had been made to bury a body, and then the hole could be filled in by the same means and smoothed over so that it would be extremely difficult to detect any disturbance of the surface.

On the other hand, there are the ponds. The largest is known as the Etang des Moulins. It is surrounded by reeds that grow to twice the height of a man, and if the criminal could have carried the body through these without breaking them down extensively he might have disposed of it very effectively.

The Matin offered a reward of 1,000 francs for its discovery and also engaged a force of sixty beaters at day wages to search the country for the body. The first discovery they made was the broad-brimmed hat of the priest, which was found in a field off the roadside, torn and soaked with mud.

Then the Paris of Paris entered into the contest with a Hindu fakir named Ravah. This man is skilled in all the mysterious esoteric learning of the Orient. He is reputed to possess the gifts of second sight and prophecy. He can peer into the future, and his vision passes through material objects. Ravah ran through the woods and over the sand beds, picking up pieces of earth and leaves and smelling them. On the second day his intuition led him into a wood off a hollow unfrequented road leading to the Chateau de Vainoy.

Here he made the first important discovery of the case—the priest's bicycle. It is generally assumed that the murderer had hidden it there after killing him.

At about this time many newspapers appeared on the scene with occult experts, among them being the Magne Alvis, Madame Flaubert, who, although of French birth, has spent many years absorbing the mysteries of the Orient, and Professor Desmysteres.

Then the Matin thought of an absolute novel, if rather gruesome, method of hunting down the corpse. It decided to employ a hyena in the search, and arranged with the famous lion tamer Person to obtain the use of his largest and ugliest hyena, named Carlos. This animal is the most repulsive and disgusting in existence. He lives exclusively upon carrion. He lives exclusively upon the dead body of a man has for him a greater attraction than any other kind of food. The hyena lives in holes and caves during the day time and only hunts his food by night. He then utters blood-curdling shrieks and fiendish laughter, which when heard in the desert amid scenes of the wildest description call up the imagination of the traveller the forms of spectral phantoms, searching for their unnatural feast.

The hyena is of hideous appearance. He dead,



The Abbe Delarue, the Lost Priest of Chateaux.

The Spot in the Woods Where the Priest's Bicycle Was Found by the Magician Ravah.

torpor in which he appears to have neither gain to dig into the earth with tremendous might nor scent. He was brought to the Cur. His trainer felt sure that he had some in a condition of semi-starvation in at last found the body and this impression order to make him keen for the hunt.

From the first it was evident that Carlos would be a long and tedious one. Carlos appeared dazed and disoriented to his native African wilds. But gradually his instincts began to assert themselves. The pangs of hunger drove him to hunt for food. Restless and furtively he ran over the ground, constantly sniffing round him for dead things. From time to time he dug up the body of a field mouse or some other small animal, such as one may find in civilized Europe. He devoured the morsel, but it did nothing toward satisfying his ravenous appetite.

At night the peasants of the country were awakened by the long, melancholy howls and blood-curdling shrieks and hysterical fiendish laughter of the hyena as he roamed through the woods in search of the dead. They shuddered with horror and bolted their doors, some fearing the attack of the wild beast about which they had heard, and others, more superstitious, thinking that it was the spirit of the dead man wailing for vengeance.

The hyena's ghoulish work was hindered by the fact that he could not be left to seek a natural lair by day, but had to be followed by a trainer and caught every morning and returned to his cage.

On the third night Carlos showed signs of extreme excitement. He uttered many night air with unusual violence, the listeners believe that he has at last found the object of his dreadful quest.

How Hearts Are Sometimes Broken Unawares.

Many men are so well aware that their quite ordinary attentions to girls may be misunderstood, and construed into meaning a great deal more than is intended, that they become shy of women's society altogether, and are quite afraid to show the least sign of friendliness toward a girl, for fear that they should be supposed to want to marry her.

Now, this has a very bad result in two ways. It spoils pleasant intercourse between the sexes, and it also prevents many a marriage that might otherwise have taken place, simply because a man was afraid to commit himself by showing a preference for one especial girl's society, and so could not see enough of her to decide whether he wanted her for his wife or not. It may be said that there are few things more likely to lower the marriage rate than this absurd idea—that because a man shows a liking for a girl's company he must needs have serious matrimonial intentions.

But as it is excessively awkward to create a false impression in this matter, it is far better to steer a course that shall make any misapprehension impossible. Is it better to do this by avoiding the society of girls altogether, as the manner of some men let? Not so, for in that case how is a man ever to find a woman to marry? And even apart from the marriage question, how harmful and deteriorating it is to a man's whole



DOWLING BROS., The Largest Retail Distributors of Ladies' Coats, Jackets and House Waists in the Maritime Provinces.

Buy Now.

How much more pleasant it is to make all your purchases in comfort with careful consideration given to the choice of gifts, than to wait until everyone in the store is overworked in the task of coping with the wave of business that comes with the last few days. We are much better prepared to fill your needs now than the Christmas stocks are complete, and salespeople are ready to give you all the attention you need.

- WOMEN'S NECKWEAR, a complete assortment, 25c. to \$1.75 each.
KID GLOVES, a splendid variety, 50c. to \$1.50 pair.
HANDKERCHIEFS, of every description 25c. to \$1.50 each.
LADIES' BELTS, stylish designs, 25c. to \$1.25 each.
LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S HOSE, extra value, 25c. to 75c. pair.
LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S FABRIC GLOVES in endless variety, 15c. to 50c. pair.

Open every evening until Christmas.

Closed for one hour only, from 6.15 to 7.15 p. m.

DOWLING BROTHERS, 95 and 101 King Street.

Xmas Slipper Suggestions

Table with 2 columns: What to give an Old Lady, What to give a Boy, What to give a Young Lady, What to give a Girl, What to give an Old Man, What to give the Kid, What to give a Young Man, What to give Everybody. Each cell contains 'Slippers'.

Come Get Your Assortment, 25c. to \$3.00. COADY'S SHOE STORE, 61 CHARLOTTE ST.

CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES.

- The gladness season brings its worries as well as its pleasures. It means extra duties for the housewife. We can help you save time and money if you will come and see our goods now on display. Goods to suit all ages of men, women and children.
FOR THE WOMEN: Handkerchief Cases, 25c. to 50c. Brush and Comb Sets, 50c. Table Mats, 25c. set. Collar and Cuff Boxes, 75c. Crumb Trays and Brush, 50c. and 60c. Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, 50c. and 60c. Purse, 50c. up. Chatelaine Bags, 60c. up. Applique Centre Pieces, etc. Ladies' Umbrellas, 75c. to \$1.00. Fancy Handkerchiefs, 50c. to 75c. Kid Gloves, 50c. to \$1.50. Fancy Collars, 25c. to 75c. Golf Jackets and Sweaters, \$1.25 to \$2.25. Shirt Waists 50c. up. Golf Jackets and Sweaters, \$1.25 to \$2.25. Dress Goods, 15c. to \$1.10 yard. Shirts at all prices. Men's and Boys' Furnishings. Fancy Armlets, 15c. to 25c. Regatta Shirts, 50c. to \$1.25. Buy Early and Get First Choice.

S. W. McMACKIN, 335 Main Street, North End.

Ladies Why Go Down Hill when by keeping on the level, you can come straight to Anderson & Co.'s. We are showing beautiful lines in Stoles and Boas, Hudson Bay Sables, Mink, Alaska Sable, Stone Marten and Black Marten, \$5.00 to \$90.00. Jackets, in Grey Squirrel, Russian Lamb, Near Seal and Persian Lamb, from \$30.00 to \$175.00. Muffs, a very choice assortment, \$2.00 to \$50.00.

ANDERSON & CO., - 17 Charlotte Street. Our Retail Stores ARE WELL STOCKED WITH Fresh Poultry, Game and Meats OF ALL KINDS. Fruits, Vegetables and Xmas Groceries. GIVE US YOUR ORDER EARLY. F. E. WILLIAMS CO., L

To Advertisers.

During the week of Dec. 17, advertisers are requested to hand in advertising changes the day before. We trust that patrons will co-operate with us in handling the rush of Christmas copy.

THIS EVENING

Gane-Nelson fight moving pictures at the Opera House. Band and skating at Victoria Rink. Curling at both rinks. Holiday closing reception at the Ontario Business University.

THE WEATHER

Forecast - Variable winds, fair and a little milder, with rain or snow on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Storm signal No. 1 was displayed at night.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORT AT NOON

Highest temperature during last 24 hours 57. Lowest temperature during last 24 hours 32. Temperature at noon 45. Humidity at noon 75. Barometer readings at noon (sea level and 32 degrees) 30.00. Wind at noon - Calm. Cloudy.

WASHINGTON WEATHER REPORT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. - Forecast: Partly cloudy in the morning, clearing in the afternoon, with light rain in the evening. Wind, light and variable. Temperature, 35 to 45.

LATE LOCALS

H. Foren has been ill for some days and has secured David Stewart to conduct his business evenings until he recovers. The members of No. 4 Engine Co. are requested to meet at their rooms, City Road at 7.30 tomorrow night. Business of importance. Mrs. Knight, of King street east, entertained the children of Miss Morton's kindergarten on Tuesday afternoon. Through an error the Times yesterday stated Mrs. McKnight. The north end W. C. T. U. beg leave to remind their friends that contributions to be thankfully received for their Christmas work. A committee of ladies will be in Union Hall Friday afternoon, Dec. 21st, at 2.30 o'clock to receive the same. The Gane-Nelson pictures were well patronized last night at the Opera House and the management announced that tonight would be ladies' night and the Gane-Nelson pictures would be continued. The pictures show the fight between his men all the time but Gane's deadly left kept hammering the white boys' head and face during the entire contest. C. F. Doxter, the Dominion commissioner of wireless telegraphy, left last night for Ottawa. He stated that he made the trip from here to Halifax on the Empress of Britain and was in constant communication during the trip with St. John and Halifax. News of the progress of the train, which were to meet the Empress at Halifax, was received and Mr. Doxter said the speed of the ship was restricted in order that a visit would not have to be made at Halifax.

HON. A. R. McCLELAN ON APPLE GROWING

Hon. A. R. McClelan, formerly lieutenant governor of New Brunswick, who is at the Royal Agricultural College, is an apple grower in this province. He says that New Brunswick can produce better flavored and better keeping apples than Nova Scotia and we should now be exporting thousands of bushels, instead of buying the greater part of what we need. He speaks favorably of the provincial government's work in setting out experimental orchards, and thinks officers should be appointed in each county to instruct farmers by practical demonstration as to the best methods of keeping and caring for fruit trees, thus increasing their interest in the work and helping to prevent young men going to the cities and out west.

WANT MR. BLAIR TO RUN

Interest is increased in the political situation in New Brunswick by the presence of the rumor that Hon. A. O. Blair may seek to re-enter public life, by accepting a Liberal nomination in St. John for the next federal election. When Mr. Blair was here a few days ago, the Herald mentioned to him the liberty that was being taken with his name in this connection, and he admitted that some of his St. John friends were urging him again to offer his services as their representative in parliament.

TO PROTECT COMPOSERS

James S. Ford, of this city, has received from his American publishers an important communication referring to an act entitled "A Bill to Amend and Consolidate the Act Respecting Copyrights." The primary aim and purpose of the bill, is to remedy a defect in the present law which permits manufacturers and sellers of phonograph records, perforated rolls, and other devices adapted to mechanically reproduce music, to appropriate for their own profit the best compositions of every composer without paying a single cent therefor.

WILLIAMS-BECK

A quiet, but pretty wedding took place this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Eleanor Beck, of 106 Queen street, when her only daughter, Eleanor Frances Mary Beustead Beck was united in marriage to Victor Thornton Williams, of Lockport, N. S., by the Rev. Mr. Stewart, of Trinity church. The bride wore a handsome suit of brown broadcloth with hat to match. After the ceremony luncheon was served, and the happy couple will leave this evening by the S. S. Senlac for a trip through Nova Scotia and P. E. Island, and on their return will reside at 106 Queen street.

DEATHS

TROOP - At her late residence, 70 Orange street, on Dec. 20th, Mary Ann, beloved wife of Howard D. Troop. Notice of funeral hereafter.

WANTED - GIRL FOR GENERAL HOUSEWORK. Apply MRS. LINTON, 1 Wright street.

POLICE COURT

Several Prisoners Faced the Magistrate This Morning.

In the police court this morning, John Millin, who was arrested last night by Policeman Bowes, on charge of drunkenness and profanity, pleaded not guilty. Officer Bowes swore that Millin was under the influence of liquor, and that when he asked him if he was waiting for anybody, Millin told him it was none of his business and used very profane language. The officer also stated that Millin's horse was standing for a long time in South Market street. Millin was fined \$12 and Richard O'Connor, aged 76 years, was fined \$8 or two months for drunkenness, and sent out on suspended sentence to earn his living. His honor informed O'Connor that none of the institutions were anxious to have him, as he was known to be a bad character. The aged prisoner was also reminded that should he be arrested again he would have a good long term to serve. Paul Marco, steward of the dredge Galveston, who was arrested for drunkenness last night, forfeited an \$8 deposit. Marco was mixed up in a drunken squabble aboard the Galveston last night. The police appeared on the scene and were informed by the captain that the crew had been fighting among themselves, but the trouble was nearly all over. It was found necessary, however, to arrest Marco.

Business Notices

These are busy days at the Union Clothing Company's store, 23-25 Charlotte street, Y. M. C. A. building. Get your Christmas supplies in now; go there and save money; Union Clothing Company. Holly and Mistletoe at J. E. Quinn's, City Market. On page 8 of this issue C. B. Pigeon makes an unusual offer of reliable knives and scissors to be given away free with cash purchases of small amounts at his store. This, together with the very low prices quoted for coats and appropriate Christmas gifts, would make a trip to the north end well worth your while. Real English made felt slippers at 25c. per pair for women and children. Yes, that is a fact, and real lady once they are. Wm. Young's shoe store is simply crowded with the latest things for the feet. Our windows tell the tale, no elaborate dressing, only elegant designs in great variety for all classes and creeds. Notice the two picture shows shown in the men's window, one of patent and the other of velvet calf. They are the famous Gold Broom, as a Christmas gift they would strengthen the bond of affection. If you are looking for the desirable gifts for men and boys and have not been at J. Harvey's store in the Opera House block, you are missing a fine display of very acceptable gifts. The stock of ties, neckties, gloves, handkerchiefs, etc., is certainly worthy of special notice. Then the sale of overcoats and house coats is drawing large crowds. Read his ad. in this issue.

Toyland at Hall's

Call at Jas. A. Tutts & Son, 83 George street, for the latest styles in toys and fancy goods, the balance of their large stock which is being sacrificed to close the stores. Prices cut in two.

M. R. A.'s OPEN TONIGHT.

The busiest of the shopping whirl commences tonight. But four nights remain to make up for long time and these will be crowded with activity. M. R. A.'s stores will be a blaze of light and a hive of industry tonight, and on Friday, Saturday and Monday nights, up to ten o'clock. Additional clerks and extra deliveries will prevent any inconvenience and fruit goods are being brought forward in every department. This morning a whole lot of white embroidered waist postures, which were purchased for the spring trade, arrived and are to the fore. Stores closed from 6.15 to 7.15 p. m.

BUY YOUR V.I.C. TICKETS NOW.

Tomorrow, Saturday and Monday show remain to settle that question of a Victoria Rink season ticket for a Christmas present. It does not take long to make one of them out in the name of the prospective recipient, but there's nothing like having the matter settled, so many mishaps occur in the hurry of the last day or so. Last night the Vic had another big crowd, in fact there's a record every evening. Band twice daily. Best place in St. John for children to enjoy healthful exercise. The great sale of furniture is continued at Bustin & Withers. Now is the chance to save much money and at once secure furniture that is durable and up-to-date. Read ad on page 8.

CHRISTMAS IS HERE AGAIN

What Shall I Get Henry? - Why, a Portable Lamp.

The St. John Railway Company, corner of Dock and Union streets, are showing a fine line of domestic and imported portable and fancy shades, at prices to suit all. We especially call attention to our No. 615 outfit, consisting of antique finished portable, green dome shade, best grade Welbach lamp and six feet of rubber tubing and gooseneck, delivered and put up for \$2.25 complete. We also carry eight grades of gas lamps, from 75c. to \$3.00; mantles in five grades, from 10c. to 20c. During Christmas week the company will give each purchaser of a gas lamp a gas torch and box of tapers.

PERSONALS

Miss Bella Duff left by boat Tuesday night for Boston to spend Christmas with her brother, Professor Wilmer Duff. Dr. B. S. Price returned yesterday from Kansas City, where he has accepted the professorship of Clinical Surgery and Physiology in Kansas City University. He will return to Kansas City after Christmas. Mrs. Price will leave soon after. Joseph Gleason has gone to Red Oak, Iowa, on invitation of the Thos. D. Murphy Co., makers of calendars, to attend a convention of the company's representatives; Mr. Gleason being one. Miss Wynnie Barnaby, daughter of W. H. Barnaby, will accompany Mrs. Geoghegan, wife of Capt. Geoghegan of the British army, on her return to Burma. The ladies will leave on the steamer Empress of Britain, the first week in January. Mrs. J. W. Racine has just returned after a six months visit to Chicago and other western cities. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wetmore returned yesterday from New York. Mr. S. D. Simmons, of Fredericton, was at the Royal yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. R. Connelly and Miss M. H. Connelly, of Great Salmon River, were registered at the Dufferin yesterday.

See our Handkerchief Department for all that is best. New Long Silk Scarfs for Ladies.

MACAULAY BROS. & CO'Y

SMALL GIRLS' STYLISH New Tweed Long Coats

Very latest in shape and newest materials. All reduced in price. Now \$2.75 to \$8.00 for the best garments. Just the article for a Christmas gift. See these together with our Handsome Long Coats for ladies in Black Beaver Cloth. \$6.50 will buy a Ladies' Coat that was \$13.00. \$10 for \$20 ones. \$14 for \$28 Garments.

MACAULAY BROS. & CO.

COLORED CASHMERE

Just opened today a splendid assortment of All-Wool Cashmere in the following shades: Light Blue, Cream, Pink, Myrtle Green, Brown, Navy and several shades of Red. All shades the same width, 44 inches. Note - Stores open every night until Christmas. Our Special Price is . . . 42 cents Yard.

I. CHESTER BROWN, 32 and 36 KING SQUARE.

JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS.

Ten different styles of Ladies' Silk Waists just opened. In White, Cream and Black. All sizes, Long and Short Sleeves. Prices from \$3.35 to \$7.00 each. Come early and get yours before the sizes are gone.

ROBERT STRAIN & CO., 27 and 29 Charlotte St. Store Open Every Night Till Christmas.

OUR FOUR STORES OPEN TONIGHT.

SANTA CLAUS SPECIALS.

SOME NEW GOODS JUST OPENED UP.

HAVE'NT THE SPACE TO TELL THE WHOLE STORY

just now, and possibly you have'nt the time to spare, so we will make our Christmas announcement very brief today, in keeping with the hurry of the hour

Bulletin No. 1 - We have just opened a lot of Ladies' Companions, fitted with Scissors, Stiletto, Thimble and other sewing accessories. A charmingly suitable item for presentation to mother, sister or lady friend outside the home. \$1.25 up.

Bulletin No. 2 - Sets of Scissors in Pretty Presentation Boxes; all of them reliable cutlery and of various sizes and shapes. Another truly womanish gift, and an easy way out of a dilemma.

Bulletin No. 3 - Among Other Novelties Lately to Hand Are; Manicure Sets at all prices; Portable Chess Boards that fit the pocket, with markers that will not tumble if used on train or steamer, Silver and Leather Goods of all kinds in novel form.

Bulletin No. 4 - Say Boys and Girls, We Have More of Those 'Simplex' Typewriters, so you can go ahead and give Santa Claus the intimation. Two prices, \$1.40 and \$3.75. They write plainly and quite quickly. Not a toy, but a reliable machine. Have been on the market for years; thousands of them sold.

Bulletin No. 5 - Don't Lose Sight of Our Immense Supply of Gloves, the most varied and extensive in Eastern Canada. In the ladies' qualities we have Dent's and Reynier's, as well as those of other most reputable makers. Prices start at \$1.00, and we assure you none of them are faulty.

Our Four Stores Open Tonight Until 10.

Closed From 6.15 to 7.15 For Supper. EXTRA CLERKS, EXTRA DELIVERIES

MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON, Limited.

