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What would Christmas be without a pair of Slippers for Papa? Any man would appreciate such a gift, and it takes but little money to buy them.

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Tonight

Your Last Chance to Choose a Christmas Present. Let Us Help You. For Gentlemen: Fur Caps, Collars or Gauntlets, Umbrellas and Gloves, and FUR LINED COATS.

For Ladies: Ties, Stoles, Collarets in all kinds of Fur. Fur Jackets, FUR LINED COATS and Fur Lined Capes. SPECIAL PRICES TONIGHT.

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585 MAIN ST. NORTH END. St. John, N. B., Dec. 24, 1903.

Store Open till 10 Tonight. Get Your Men and Boys' Xmas Gifts at Harvey's Tonight.

A list of articles they'll appreciate: MEN'S OVERCOATS, \$2.75 to \$15.00. MEN'S ULSTERS, \$4.75 to \$6.00. MEN'S REEFERS, \$2.98 to \$4.50. MEN'S SUITS, \$4.00 to \$15.00. MEN'S PANTS, \$1.00 to \$3.50.

J. N. HARVEY, TAILORING AND CLOTHING, 105 and 201 Union St.

A TERRIBLE DISASTER.

On the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Yesterday. Christmas Shoppers Torn and Scalded to Death in the Mass of Wrecked Cars.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 24.—When daylight broke there was known to be sixty-two dead as the result of last night's wreck of the Duquesne Limited on the B. and O. railroad, near Dawson. Dead bodies filled the temporary morgues in this city, and it is believed nearly a score more will be added to the death list before the day is over.

There was also one Chinaman. In the hospitals, three of the injured were expected to die at any moment and five others were in a critical condition. So soon as they were taken from the wreck, the dead and injured were brought here. The dead were taken to the morgues and the injured removed to the Connelleville cottage state hospital.

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AN AWFUL FATE

An Indian Killed and his Body Eaten by Hogs

(Special to the Star). MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—The dead body of John Carpenter, an Indian of Tuscorora, was found on the roadside near Brantford partially devoured by hogs. It is thought he fell asleep in a wagon while driving a load of pigs and the wagon upset, killing him and releasing the pigs who were half starved.

GOING TO ROME

ROME, Dec. 24.—Archbishop Farley, of New York, is expected to visit Rome in 1904, to personally settle with the congregation of the propaganda several pending questions, including the appointment of an auxiliary bishop of New York and particulars concerning the consecration of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York.

ANOTHER CHANGE

There is Now Hope for a Peaceful Russo-Japanese Settlement.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.—The hopefulness in official circles of a peaceful settlement of the Russo-Japanese dispute was reflected this morning on the bourse, which largely recovered from the nervousness which had prevailed for several days.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Intimation has reached the Japanese legation here that Russia will concede Japan's requests. Inquiries made by the Associated Press as to particulars of this intimation, whether it came from Tokyo or St. Petersburg, brought out nothing more than that a peaceful solution is now highly probable.

TO PLAY THE BIG ORGAN

St. Louis Man Chosen as Organist for the World's Fair.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Charles Galloway, of St. Louis, has been commissioned as the official organist of the world's fair. Mr. Galloway will conduct the dedicatory recital when the exposition opens. The organ will be the largest instrument of its kind in the world.

TERROR OF PLAINS

RED CLOUD DYING. Cruel Sioux Chief and Leader in Many Massacres Waiting for Death in a Tepee.

(Special Despatch to the Herald.) PINE RIDGE AGENCY, Neb., Friday.—Red Cloud is dying in a tepee in a corner of the yard surrounding the little wooden house which the government built for him here many years ago. He is eighty-five years old, almost blind, scarcely able to hear and broken in health and spirit. His once alert mind is beclouded and feeble. Death is surely to occur at any hour.

With the passing of the famous old chief will disappear from among men the last of the eminent and powerful leaders of the Indians whose names are indelibly written, many of them in human blood, upon every page of the history of the great West.

Red Cloud first came into prominence as the leader of the red men in the Fetterman massacre in Wyoming. That tragedy, which has been whistled around the world, occurred December 22, 1866, near Fort Phil Kearny. A detail of soldiers was sent to gather wood on the Little Piney, a stream running past the fort. The soldiers had reached a point about three miles from the fort when suddenly they were attacked by Indians. Reinforcements went to their rescue and they were safely brought into the fort.

General Carrington resolved to chastise the offending savages. He sent out one hundred men in command of Captain Fetterman. After a quick two mile march the soldiers came into view of the Indians, who had wheeled around to the north of the old Montana trail. The cunning savages led Captain Fetterman and his men to a high ridge, and there, secreting themselves on either side of it, formed an ambush.

The soldiers had got about half way down the ridge when suddenly Red Cloud rose up on one side of them with two thousand braves and on the other side Red Cloud rose up with an equal number. The command was taken completely by surprise and the attack was terrible in its ferocity. Not a man escaped.

Realizing that death in cruel form awaited them, Captain Fetterman and Lieutenant Brown, after fighting valiantly until their ammunition was exhausted, killed themselves. General Carrington brought Red Cloud into great prominence, making him by common consent the leader of the warrior Sioux. In a short time he had established a military dictatorship, attracting to himself all the elements disposed to war and opposition to the government and the army and becoming a terror to the whites throughout the region over which he ruled.

SOME HOLIDAY PRESENTATIONS.

Employers and Employees Make Each Other Happy. And Give Expression to the Good-will Existing Between Them at the Christmas Season.

This is a day of presentations and the cheerful feelings which exist are finding expression in many tangible forms. The members of the C. E. R. general office staff today presented Mrs. E. B. Givan, the janitress of the building, with a purse of gold.

At the C. E. R. freight office this afternoon Fred Tapley, the local agent, was made happy by the presentation of a book of files, and H. H. Hatch, the chief clerk, was given a shining rod, by other members of the staff. Both Mr. Tapley and Mr. Hatch are enthusiastic fishermen.

Waterbury & Rising are distributing among their employes cash presents. Haley Bros. & Co., woodworkers, presented each of their employes with a turkey.

The White Candy Co.'s employes are receiving turkeys and cash. The employes of Emerson & Fisher received their usual cash present. The wholesale drug houses of T. B. Barker & Sons, Ltd., and the Canadian Drug Co., Ltd., are giving cash presents.

BUSINESS PROSPECTS

The Outlook is Brighter Than Last Year and Traffic is Now Much Heavier.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Special telegrams from correspondents of the International Mercantile Agency throughout the United States and Canada are summarized as follows: The year closes with a much brighter outlook and with better prospects for gains than 1902.

HALF CENT TO MARIE CORELLI

Final Result in Opposition to Carnegie Library Site in Shakespeare's Birthplace.

BIRMINGHAM, England, Dec. 15.—At the assizes here late this evening, the jury awarded Miss Marie Corelli, the novelist, half a cent damages, each side to pay its own costs, in a libel suit brought by her against the proprietor of the Stratford-on-Avon Herald, in connection with a recent controversy, in which Miss Corelli opposed the erection of a Carnegie library on the ground that it involved a desecration of Shakespeare's birthplace.

FIRE AT SACKVILLE

Considerable Damage Done to President Allison's House This Morning.

(Special to the Star). SACKVILLE, N. B., Dec. 24. About eight o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the residence of President Allison, of Mount Allison University. The fire department was soon on hand and after considerable difficulty succeeded in extinguishing the fire, not, however, before considerable damage was done both by water and fire.

AFTER THE STRIKERS.

Chicago Grand Jury Votes Indictments Against Nine Men

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The grand jury has voted nine indictments against members of the Street Car Men's Union. The charges are riot, conspiracy, malicious mischief and unlawful assembly, and are based on scenes of violence attending the recent strike on the street railway.

WHICH REVOLVER?

A Very Serious Question For a Man in a Pinch.

He belongs to the Canadian mounted police, and thinks nothing of lonely rides on behalf of justice. But the other day he had an adventure that pretty nearly extinguished all his chances of further experience. A number of horses had been stolen and he was sent out to track the thieves. For several miles he rode without catching a sign of his quarry. Then from a break in the bush he noticed two men sitting over their meal. Seven or eight horses were picked close by, and best of all the men had laid all their firearms in a little heap behind them. Slowly and warily, his heart hammering with excitement, he crept up, secured the arms, unloaded them, and fastened them to his own saddle. Then, revolver in hand, he marched up to the thieves and made fast with handcuffs and leg-irons. It didn't take long to tie the missing animals together by their tails, and then, removing the leg-irons, he led the procession off, the horses behind, and the men by his side.

THE SPENDTHRIFT SULTAN OF MOROCCO.

Mulai Abd-el-Asis is a charming, kindly, headstrong man, suffering badly from youth, who delights in reforms for the sake of novelty, and lacking the brain power that distinguished his father, Mulai el Hassan, and his grandfather, Mulai Mohammed. While he stayed in his southern capital he was comparatively free from the attacks of commercial attaches and other rogues, whose designs upon the treasury should have been obvious, though he was guilty of many extravagances, including displays of fireworks that made his envoy to England speak slightly of the special display arranged in his honor at the Crystal Palace.

In Fes the agents surround him like summer flies. He has twelve motor cars and no roads to ride them over; he paid between three and four thousand pounds for a yacht sixty feet long that was to be used on the Sebou River, which is no more than thirty feet wide; in spite of the King's prohibition, he purchased a crown at a price I am afraid to name. He has put some of his soldiers into European uniforms and boots, only to find that they run away from Bu Hamara as readily as they did when dressed in native garments.

DYING, HE SPURNS LIQUOR.

Boy Fatally Injured by Trolley Car Stops Surgeon When Brandy is Offered to Him.

Thomas Goldy, nineteen years old, who lived at Afton street and Kearny avenue, Kearny, N. J., was struck by a trolley car in front of his home on Saturday night. His skull was fractured and he died in a Newark hospital.

NEW FOOT BALL CHEER.

Rah! Rah! Rah! Wheel! Christian Science varsteet! Can't be hurt! Can't be hurt! Rah! Rah! Wheel! —Newark Evening News.

THE WEATHER.

Thursday, Dec. 24. Highest temperature, 36; lowest temperature, 23; barometer at noon, 30.01 inches. Wind, westerly, velocity, 20 miles per hour. Fair.

FURS!



Black Marten Collarettes \$45.00 Black Marten Scarfs \$25.00 Black Marten Storm Collars \$25.00 Black Marten Roas. \$12 to \$15.00 No. 2 Marten Boas 9.00 Mink Scarfs, 4 skins 7.50 Mink Scarfs, 4 skins \$25.00 Mink Scarfs, 4 skins \$29.00 Mink Scarfs, 4 skins \$35.00 Mink Scarfs, 4 skins \$37.50 Sable Ties \$15 to \$30.00 Sable Muffs \$15 to \$30.00

Anderson's, Manufacturers, - 17 Charlotte St.

ACME SKATES, 39 cts. up.

SLEDS AND FRAMERS, 30 cts. up. PERFORATED SEATS, all sizes.

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A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF Toys, Carts, Express Wagons, Sleds, Framers, Skates, Etc.

Also, a nice line of Cutlery. J. W. ADDISON, 44 Germain St. Phone 1074.

DON'T FORGET TO CALL ON US

For your Holiday Goods. WATCHES, JEWELRY, SILVER GOODS, CUT GLASS, OPERA GLASSES, CANES, UMBRELLAS, CLOCKS, BRONZES, ETC.

FERGUSON & PAGE

At 41 King St. Broad Cove Coal, \$7.00 a Chaldron.

E. RILEY, 254 City Road

POTTS

XMAS SALE

Of Jewelry, Clothing, Etc BY AUCTION.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY EVENINGS, commencing at 7:30 o'clock, I will sell the entire stock of Watches, Musical Clocks, Rings, Chains, Men's and Boys' Clothing, Rain Coats, Rubbers, Overcoats, Fancy Goods and a large quantity of goods suitable for Christmas presents. Don't miss these sales. F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer.

Xmas Presents!

At my apartment, 85 Germain street, for the balance of the week, we will sell at private sale a large assortment of useful things for Christmas presents. All new. F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer.

Won't You Come and See What We Have for Xmas?

Manicure and Shaving Sets, Leather, Combination Odor Jewel, Handkerchiefs and Glove Cases, Rosewood Military Oval Brushes, solid back, for \$1.75 per pair. Can't be beat.

Royal Pharmacy, S. McDIARMID KING ST. Tel. 403.

TO LET.

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

TO LET—A cottage containing eight rooms, Equally of M. J. WILSON, 311 Market Square.

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

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

FOR SALE—That desirably situated two story and basement brick dwelling and freehold lot, known as the Essex property, No. 21 Orange street, this city, and adjoining the residence of the subscriber, can be inspected at any time. For further particulars apply to W. S. FISHER, 7 Prince Street.

FOR SALE—One 1 1/2 in. Pine Door, 24 in. by 3 ft. 8 in., with 3 glass panels. Apply Sun Printing Co., St. John.

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



A CHRISTMAS CAKE

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

HYGIENIC BAKERY, 134 to 138 Mill street.

WANTED

AT ONCE—First class stenographer and typewriter, male preferred. Having a knowledge of bookkeeping would be best. A good position in the city. Apply by letter to SCHOFIELD BROS., P. O. Box 31.

HELP WANTED FEMALE.

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

WANTED—A competent girl for general housework. Apply at 23 Garden street.

WANTED—A housemaid with recommendations. Apply to MRS. J. D. HAZEN, Hazen street.

WANTED—A girl for general housework in a small family. Apply at 173 Germania street.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. Good wages paid. Apply to MRS. FROST, 46 Mill street.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. One who would go home at nights preferred. MRS. McKENDRICK, 41 Paddock street.

WANTED—A girl for general housework, also a nurse girl. References required. Apply at once to 132 Princess street.

WANTED—A cook, without washing or ironing. References required. Apply at 173 Germania street.

Erysipelas, Eczema, Eruptions on the face or body, Barber's Itch, Salt Rheum, Blood Poisoning of Wounds, Ring Worm, Ringworm of the Head, Skin, and all inflammatory eruptions or swellings are quickly cured with BIDDY MARTIN'S EXTRACT.

BOARDING.

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS.

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

CALL AND SEE A. G. EDGECOMBE'S Sleighs and Two Seated Ash Pumps—will be sold at a great discount. Second hand sleighs at any price. City Road Carriage Factory.

HOW OLD DO YOU THINK RICHARD IS? LONDON, Dec. 19.—We have a variation of "How old is Ann?" It is "How old were Robin and Richard?" and the problem is thus metrically set: Said Robin to Richard: "If ever I come To the age you are now, brother mine, Our ages, united, will amount to a sum Of years making ninety and nine." Said Richard: "That's certain, and if it be fair For us to look forward so far, I then shall be double the age that you were."

TO SUE THE C. P. R.

The Grain Growers' Association of Indian Head, indignant at the shortage of cars on the C. P. R. as a result of which they claim they were unable to get a single car between November 7 and November 22, have passed a resolution that the association take into consideration the advisability of having action taken in court to compel the C. P. R. to supply sufficient cars and to stand a suit for damages—Canadian Grocer.

Mother is out on the golf links, And getting up muscle galore; Brother disports on the gridiron, Enlarging his biceps some more. Sister at basketball shows us What strenuous living is for; Father, meanwhile, in the office, Develops the stress of war. —New York Sun.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 24, 1908.

CHRISTMAS.

This is Christmas eve again, the nineteenth hundred and third anniversary of the night when the star hung low over the little stable in Bethlehem where, because there was no room in the inn, Mary lay in a manger, and the wise men from the East with the great-eyed wondering cattle looking on, made obeisance to the Child that was born. And it is said that, while the angels sang strange songs of peace to the watching shepherds on the hills outside the town that night, there was, for once, no war nor sound of any strife in all the world.

Though half the world today calls itself by the name of the Child who was born that night of peace, there is little of peace in the hearts of nations or of men. Christian England and the United States are industriously shooting people in Somaliland and the Philippines; Christian Russia is whetting its sword as it waits its chance for a stab in the far East; Christian Europe is wondering what its part will be in the great killing which threatens in the not far future. In the ordinary walks of life the struggle for place and wealth was never so fierce and the carelessness of the mass for the individual never so great. Organized labor and capital are at each other's throats and from their struggle comes death and suffering to many not allied with either. The world is more refined, more polished, better educated, but it is just as cruel as it ever was.

But the yearly echo of the angels' song still has its power. For one day in the year at least men can still elude their jealousies and strivings and petty enmities and meet men with hearty good-will and with greetings that are more than meaningless words. And though they harden themselves again the next day, they cannot quite forget the giving and the taking of such greetings. They are better men for having given and taken them. The one day's sun of peace and good-will kills many a germ of malice and uncharitableness. The world would be a much worse place than it is without an occasional Christmas day.

THE MAN WHO DRINKS.

The Northern Pacific Railway, one of the largest transportation companies in the world, has recently issued an order prohibiting all drinking of intoxicating liquors by its employees whether on or off duty. This action has naturally aroused a storm of protest from the workmen and from many men and newspapers who resent the company's intrusion into a man's private life to the extent of prescribing his conduct during the hours that belong to himself.

But the company is right. It is every day responsible for the safety of thousands of lives. It is responsible for whatever carelessness of engineer, conductor, brakeman or trackman may endanger any of those lives. It has a perfect right to pick the men who it considers are the best fitted to do the work, for the right doing of which it is responsible. And a man who has been drunk at night while off duty has not the nerves the next morning to stand any strain. If he has taken a drink or two on his way to work his judgment is not so sure as it otherwise would have been. No matter how temperate the moderate drinker may be, there is always the off chance of a slip too many, or a stomach grown suddenly too sensitive to stand, without effect, the usual amount. And a company with so much at stake has a right to protect itself from all such chances. Those employees who consider such a rule an encroachment on their personal liberty have perfect freedom to step out.

Though a railroad has more need for such a rule as this than any other concern, there are few businesses today in which a temperate and intemperate man of equal ability have the same chance. In those striving days a clear brain and a steady nerve are more in demand than ever before, and a man with the drinking habit, in however small a degree, is heavily handicapped. It is the growing appreciation of this, as shown by the growing strictness of employers in all lines regarding the use of liquor, that will do more to produce a race of temperate men than any law effecting the sale of intoxicants ever could.

The Star apologizes to its many readers for the liberties it has taken with their patience during the past week. But, really, the advertisers have so crowded over one another in their demand for space in the best advertising medium in St. John, that we couldn't do anything with them. They practically captured the office and took temporary charge with the editorial staff as mere lookers on. But during the hours tomorrow while they are forgetting about business in the joys of their Christmas dinner, we hope to regain control and once more restore the paper to its normal state. We promise better things hereafter, and hope that the good nature that Christmas brings will enable the Star's readers to extend us full forgiveness for our temporary neglect of their interests.

Cheer up, the worst is over; and we've all been broke before. Tomorrow being Christmas day, the Star will not be issued.

CHRISTMAS EVE.

(Arthur Stringer in The Reader.) Across the outland Christmas night, The echoing darkness and the cold, I see the City crowned with light, And every window touched with gold.

Their new gods come, their old depart, Their strange creeds into dust have fled.

Yet He must live, O troubled heart, Who gave to men this Christmas-tide!

He dies not, for still clear His star On such a night stands forth alone, We remember now the Christ we are, And watch, the man that He would be!

And through the dubious outland night, Across the gloom, alone, forlorn, I see glad homes re-crowned with light, And each light swings His star reborn!

CHRISTMAS DAY.

How it Will be Spent in the Charitable Institutions.

Among the different charitable institutions throughout the city Christmas will be observed. In most of them special dinners will be provided and in some cases the inmates receive individual presents.

THE HOSPITAL.

Out at the hospital there is so much confusion resulting from the work now being done that it has been found impossible to carry out the usual Christmas celebrations. But what can be done will be done. A special dinner is being prepared and will be served in each ward. During the day the commissioners will visit the hospital and wish the patients a merry Christmas as is possible. It has not yet been decided whether the institution will be open to visitors.

THE JAIL.

From time immemorial it has been the custom to give the prisoners in the jail a first-class dinner on Christmas Day. There is no rule regarding this but for many years the jail has gone through the form of asking the sheriff's permission to provide the usual Christmas dinner and this has always been granted. Tomorrow, then, the fifty persons who are not enjoying liberty will be given a prime roast beef, lots of vegetables, plum pudding and "trimmings." The beef usually supplied, while of good quality, is just ordinary beef, but for the Christmas spread, the very best has been obtained.

ST. VINCENT'S ORPHANAGE.

Christmas here will be passed about as usual. Midnight mass will be celebrated by the chaplain, Rev. H. Cormier. Between Christmas and New Year's there will be a large Christmas tree for the children.

HOME FOR AGED WOMEN.

At the Industrial Home and the passed quietly. Many of the ladies have been invited out and will spend the day with relatives or acquaintances.

SALVATION ARMY RESCUE HOME.

Considerable preparation has been made for a cheerful Christmas at this institution. There will be two Christmas trees, one for the older inmates and the other for the children, and besides the hearts of the little ones will be gladdened with many thoughtful things from Santa Claus.

MATER MISERICORDIAE HOME.

The inmates of this institution will spend the day as usual.

HOME FOR INCURABLES.

Christmas at the Home for Incurables this year will be unusually cheerful and bright. A pleasant treat is in store for all. Each inmate will be the recipient of a Christmas box. The nurses and attendants, too, will come in for a remembrance.

WIGGINS MALE ORPHAN ASYLUM.

The boys at this institution will receive tomorrow but a taste of the treat that is to follow next Tuesday. Tuesday will be the day when all will be allowed to enter unrestrainedly into the festivities of the season. There will, of course, be the usual pastimes—dipping for nuts and apples and games of every sort, and best of all a great Christmas tree containing a special mark of favor for each boy from old Santa himself. On this day also will be awarded the usual winter prizes.

THE ALMSHOUSE.

The usual dinner will be supplied by the commissioners. In addition to this each of the female inmates will be given a special Christmas dinner, and the men a supply of underclothing. During the afternoon the children will give a short programme.

THE INDUSTRIAL HOME.

At the Reformatory the boys will be given presents provided by friends, consisting for the most part of eatables. The usual big Christmas dinner will be provided.

Finest quality brlar and meerschaum pipes at Louis Green's.

C. P. R. CHANGES.

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company today David McNicoll was elected first vice-president and Wm. Whyte second vice-president. Mr. Whyte, with headquarters at Winnipeg, will have charge of the company's lines and general administration of affairs in the territory between Lake Superior and the Pacific coast.

CHINESE RUSHING TO CANADA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Dec. 21.—Chinese laborers are rushing into Canada by the hundreds to evade the head tax of \$50 on every Chinaman that enters Canada after Jan. 1. They are now required to pay but \$50.

The str. Dorte, which recently arrived here from the Orient, brought 30 Chinese who were immediately shipped to Victoria.

The Japan liner Nippon Maru, just arrived, brought 35 Chinese, and str. On Fa carries 149 Mongolians, all of whom are in transit to Canada.

MARRIAGES.

STEWARTSON-CLARKE.—On Dec. 19th, at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. E. A. Goodwin, 124 Ring street, east, by the Rev. Ralph Gable, Rev. George Nelson, Stenstrom to Janet Louise, daughter of the late A. K. Clarke.

LOCAL NEWS.

French brlar pipes in cases with a three leaf pure amber mouthpiece, No. 28 Louis Green's.

The Allan mail liner Ionian, from St. John and Halifax, reached Liverpool yesterday.

The Eastern line str. Calvin Austin has been laid up for the winter, so that the St. Croix will probably perform the winter service.

The Dominion cruiser Curlew, Capt. Pratt, reached St. John yesterday from down the bay. She will take up her winter quarters above the I. C. R. pier.

The I. C. R. officials have been made happy in as much as they are to see a large demand created in Japan for the Canadian, but the Manitoba product is really the cheapest in the long run, because it yields more bread and contains more gluten. The Manitoba flour gives 80 pounds more of bread per 100 pounds of flour than does the American. The visit of Hon. Mr. Fisher to Japan and the exhibit of Canadian products at the Osaka Exposition, says Mr. Tamura, have done a great deal to stimulate the demand for Canadian products. Mr. Tamura himself handles Manitoba flour. Whereas formerly he imported none, he now takes regularly between 200 and 300 tons a month. He has a bakery especially for making bread from Canadian flour, which he calls the Canada Bakery. He also has delivery carts bearing the name "Canada."

CIGAR MEANS BETROTHAL.

In Slam the lighting of a cigar may indicate a betrothal. A man offers the girl of his choice a flower, or takes a light from a cigar or cigarette, if she happens to be indulging at the time. This action is construed to mean willingness on both sides, and steps are at once taken to arrange for the payment of the dowry. The families of both bride and bridegroom must each provide a considerable sum for the newly mated pair.

In Calcutta, as in many parts of India, a lighted taper or a lighted pipe betokens the acceptance of a suitor.

In Siberia it is customary for the girl to present her suitor with a box of cigars as a sign that he is to be master of the house.

RULES FOR SMOKERS.

Dr. Gaze writes in The Berlin Review that a man can smoke without doing himself the slightest harm by following eight rules.

- 1. Smoke only mild cigars.
2. Smoke only good cigars.
3. Never smoke the last half of a cigar or the end of a cigarette.
4. Never relight a cigar.
5. Do not sit in a cloud of tobacco smoke.
6. Do not chew the end of your cigar.
7. Use a cigar holder.
8. Use a long-stemmed pipe.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

The teachers' convention in Moncton adopted the following minimum salary schedule for the whole province, exclusive of provincial aid.

1st male, \$275 a year; 2nd male, \$200 a year; 3rd male, \$150 a year. 1st female, \$150 a year; 2nd female, \$120; 3rd female, \$115.

"MR. BLAIR APPOINTED?"

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—It is stated that the appointment of Hon. A. G. Blair as chairman of the railway commission was made by an order-in-council on Friday last. Mr. Blair himself refuses to deny or confirm the statement and the ministers maintain a discreet silence on the subject. The statement, however, is current in every quarter.

See our window for a display of pipes, brlar and meerschaum, all sizes, prices low, at Louis Green's.

TRAVELLERS' GUIDE.

Passenger service to and from St. John, in effect Oct. 15th.

DEPARTURES.

By Canadian Pacific. Express for Boston, 6.45 a. m. Express for Montreal, 8.00 p. m. Express for Boston, 8.10 p. m.

By Intercolonial. Mixed for Moncton, 6.30 a. m. Express for Halifax, Campbellton, Pictou and Sydney, 7.00 a. m. Express for Moncton and Point du Chene, Pictou and Halifax, 11.15 p. m. Express for Moncton, 11.15 p. m. Express for Sussex, 5.10 p. m. Express for Quebec and Sydney, 11.25 p. m. Express for Halifax and Sydney, 11.25 p. m. By New Brunswick Southern. Express for St. Stephen, 1.55 a. m.

ARRIVALS.

By Canadian Pacific. Express from Fredericton, 8.25 a. m. Express from Boston, 11.55 a. m. Express from Montreal, 11.55 a. m. Boston Express, 11.15 p. m.

Express from Halifax and Sydney, 6.30 a. m. Express from Sussex, 8.00 a. m. Express from Montreal and Quebec, 8.30 p. m. Mixed from Moncton, 8.30 p. m. Express from Halifax, Pictou and Campbellton, 5.40 p. m. Express from Halifax, Sydney and Pictou, 8.40 p. m. Express from Sydney, Halifax and Pictou, 11.25 a. m. By New Brunswick Southern. Express from St. Stephen, 7.10 p. m.

STEAMBOAT SERVICE.

By Dominion Atlantic. S. S. Prince, leaves St. John every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7.45 o'clock; arriving from Digby at 9 p. m. By Eastern S. S. Co. Steamer leaves St. John at 8.40 a. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for La Be, Eastport, Portland and Boston. By Grand Manan S. S. Co. Leaves St. John for Grand Manan, Campbellton and Eastport. Returning, leaves for St. John on Mondays at 1.30 p. m.

MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON LIMITED KING ST GERMAIN ST AND MARKET SQ

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

The very best things of tomorrow for all is our wish, and may the day be doubly enjoyable. If you are going to "shop" tonight, call at our four stores, and your perplexity will take wings. Bring the following list with you:—

- Men! BATH ROBES, \$2.50 to \$2.25. DRESSING GOWNS, \$5 to \$27. SMOKING JACKETS, \$2.50 to \$15. TROUSERS HANDKERCHIEFS, 25c. SILK HANDKERCHIEFS. LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS. ALL KINDS OF NECKTIES. BILLIARD TABLES. BRICA-BRAC. FUR GLOVES AND CAPS. MORRIS CHAIRS. BLACKING KITS. SECRETARIES. TRUNKS, BAGS, CASES. GUN METAL NOVELTIES. SILVER NOVELTIES. UMBRELLAS. SMOKERS' REQUISITES. SHAVING REQUISITES. GLOBE-WERNICKE BOOK-CASES. DEN NOTIONS. REGATTA AND WHITE SHIRTS. OVERCOATS, SUITS. BUSTS OF AUTHORS. BRONZE STATUETTES. DUTCH NOVELTIES. Women! FURSES, WRIST BAGS, ETC. SHOPPING BAGS. FANCY HANDKERCHIEFS. BEAD NECKLACES. DUTCH NOVELTIES. GUN METAL CHAINS. GUN METAL CARD CASES. MUFF CHAINS. WORK BOXES. FITTED BAGS. HALL ORNAMENTS. ALL KINDS OF FURS. TENERIFFE WORK. CHRISTMAS DRESS LENGHTS. MANTEL DRAPERIES. CUSHION TOPS. SILK WAISTS AND SKIRTS. DRESSING JACKETS. WOOL CLOUDS. FANCY BASKETS. BURNED WOOD NOVELTIES. MUSIC CABINETS. ART FURNITURE. CHINA CLOSETS. BERLIN SHAWLS. NOVELTY BELTS. LACE COLLARS. PICTURES. Children! BATH ROBES, DRESSING GOWNS, TQUBES, SASHES, ETC. LITTLE BOYS' SUITS. BOYS' OVERCOATS. CHILDREN'S FURS. DESKS, BLACKBOARDS. ROCKING AND SWING HORSES. TOY FURNITURE. GAITERS, OVERSTOCKINGS. LITTLE FURSES, MITTENS. PATENT LEATHER BELTS. PRETTY LITTLE HANDKERCHIEFS. DOLLS, ALL PRICES. BABY BOOTERS, BABY COATS, ETC. HIGH CHAIRS. SLEDS AND FRAMERS. HOCKEY PANTS, SWEATERS. GLOVES, WOOLLEN AND KID. LITTLE ROCKING CHAIRS. BABY SLEIGHES. CROQUINOLE, PING-PONG. WINDSOR TIES. LINEN COLLARS FOR BOYS. SCHOOL BAGS, ETC. DOLLS' GO-CARTS. TOY DINING SETS.

Call right after supper and avoid the crush. Furniture ordered early will be delivered tonight.

MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON LIMITED KING ST GERMAIN ST AND MARKET SQ

D. A. KENNEDY, 32-36 King Square, St. John, N. B. Clearing Out The Whole Stock! We are having a Big Rush at this Gigantic Closing Out Sale! Nothing like the values in Dry Goods shown at any other store in the city. Christmas presents for old and young at a very small cost. FOR THE MEN—Regatta Shirts, Braces, Hosiery, Collars, Ties, Cardigans, Sweaters and Underwear. FOR LADIES—Kid Gloves, Hosiery, Y. Wool Gloves, Dress Goods, Flannel Night Gowns, Black Satteen Waists, Vests and Corsets. FOR THE HOUSE—Smyrna Rugs, Lace Curtains, Table Linens, Towels, Carpets.

Christmas Goods. Great Values in Christmas Novelties OF ALL KINDS. Our New Show Rooms filled with new goods of all kinds. Great Bargains in Bibles, Pocket Books and Bound Books, Albums and Leather Goods. Our Dolls—all marked down to clear. Come and see the largest and best assortment of Toys, Dolls and Fancy Goods ever offered in St. John.

McARTHUR'S, 84 King St. DIAMONDS In Diamond Rings I have a large assortment to select from, at prices ranging from \$15.00 to \$125.00 Also, a large stock of WATCHES and JEWELLERY in all the latest patterns. A. POYAS, 545 HANCOCK LIVERY STABLE 24 Union Street. Telephone 11 HORSES BOARDED—Clean and Warm Stables, best care and attention. DRIVING OUTFITS and COACHES on hire at any hour. PHILIP GRANNAN, 555 MAIN ST. ADVERTISE IN THE STAR.

DYKEMAN'S

A Hearty Right Royal Joyous Christmas to All

with especial good wishes to those who have contributed in giving us the largest Christmas business that we have had in our eleven years of business. With strong special attractions this store has drawn many new faces to visit it, and we trust that your pleasant faces may be seen with us often.

A few hours yet left to do some shopping. Remember that the great sale of Ladies' Jackets, Wrappers and Ladies' Skirts now going on at our store offers a splendid opportunity to buy Christmas presents for the ladies at a great saving over the usual prices.

F. A. DYKEMAN & CO.

YOU CAN BUY THEM CHEAPER AT ARNOLD'S.

- Dolls, all kinds, 1c. to \$3.00 each.
- Toys, 5c. to \$5.00 each.
- Hundreds of Calendars and Books.
- Calendars 5c. to \$1.00 each.
- Christmas Cards and Booklets.
- Juvenile Picture Books from 10c. to 70c. each.
- Fancy Articles in great variety.
- Cups and Saucers from 5c. to 50c. ea.
- Vases and China Ornaments, 5c. to \$5.00 each.
- Gloves, Handkerchiefs and Underwear cheapest.
- Stores open every evening until Xmas.

Arnold's Department Store, 11 and 15 Charlotte St.

A SMALL QUANTITY OF Hard Wood, SOUND AND DRY, Only \$1.60 per load DELIVERED. CHEAPEST SOFT COAL IN CITY CASH ONLY.

J.S. FROST, 53 and 55 Smythe Street

BRITAIN OFFERS TO BUY CRUISERS.

Proposal to Purchase Ships Building For Argentina.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—An offer has been made to the Argentine government by an English firm for the purchase of two cruisers now being built for Argentina at Genoa. These vessels are called the Moreno and the Rivadavia.

They are each of about eight thousand tons and were contracted for during the crisis between Chili and Argentina—about the same time the Canadian government ordered the construction of the two battleships just purchased by Great Britain.

It is not known on behalf of what country the present offer has been made but it is generally believed to be for the British admiralty.

FLYING MACHINE THAT FLIES.
New Invention Passes Satisfactory Test—Flies Three Miles Against a Heavy Wind.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 18.—The trial of a flying machine made yesterday near Kittyhawk, N. C., by Wilbur and Orville Wright, of Dayton, Ohio, was a success. The machine flew for three miles in the face of a wind blowing at the velocity of 21 miles an hour and then gracefully descended to the earth at the spot desired. The machine has no balloon attachment, but gets its force from propellers worked by a small engine.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Dec. 18.—David Allison's funeral took place today at 3.30 from Dr. Allison's residence. The service was conducted by Dr. Stewart, Dr. Paisley, Dr. Andrews, Prof. Watson and Rev. George Steel. Interment was made in the rural cemetery. The pall-bearers were: A. W. Bennett, W. A. Harrison, Chas. W. Fawcett, H. Wood and Hilton Ford.

Fancy China, Dolls, Crockery Silverware.

Xmas Goods arriving daily. Auction sale every night. Come for bargains to the Central Auction Rooms, 14 Charlotte Street.

Walter S. Potts
Auctioneer.

LOCAL NEWS.

If you are hard to please Ungar's heavy pliable finish will suit you.

Celebrated Broad Cove coal, \$7.00 per chaldron delivered, at Watters', Walker's wharf. Tel. 512.

Mrs. J. G. Armstrong will continue her sale of art and fancy work at her house, 128 St. James street, until Christmas.

Christmas Trees for the children. Order promptly, as the supply is limited. Kirkpatrick. Tel. 1112.

Seventy-five cent kid gloves for fifty-five cents at the Walter Scott store, King Square tonight.

There will be service in St. Stephen's church tomorrow morning at eleven o'clock. Rev. D. J. Fraser will officiate.

The clearings for the week ending Dec. 24 (Thursday), were \$985,563. Corresponding week last year, \$711,412.

A. Duncan, grocer, 55 Paradise Row, is giving a chance for \$10.00 in gold with each pound of Paradise Blend Tea. Look in the package for a numbered coupon; the winning number takes the cash. Try a pound.

Christmas skating at the North End Rink. Band afternoon and evening (weather permitting). School boys' and girls' season tickets \$1.00. A fine Xmas present. For sale at W. A. Wetmore's, 133 Mill street and Durick's Drug Store, Main street. H. H. Belyea, manager.

We will still give away the large \$20 photo with every dozen, from \$3.00 per doz. and up until New Year's day. Look in the package for a Christmas and New Year's. ISAAC ERB & SON, Photographers, 13 Charlotte street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cox take this opportunity of thanking their many kind friends for their kind acts of sympathy shown during their recent sad bereavement.

W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., have made today, Thursday, pay day instead of Saturday next. Their numerous employees will, no doubt, appreciate the thoughtful kindness of the firm at this Christmas season.

The Canadian Pacific steamer Lake Champlain, which sailed from Liverpool, Eng., at three p. m., Tuesday, Dec. 22, had four saloon, twenty-two second and five hundred and twenty steerage passengers. She should reach here about New Year's Day.

A pugilistic encounter took place on Tuesday at the General Public Hospital between two St. John contractors, who have been on unfriendly terms lately. The set-to was the outcome of a threat made by one that he would beat the other, which, however, he failed to do, getting the worst of the fight himself.

About sixty friends of Captain and Mrs. George Perry last evening presented the captain and his wife with an elegant oak sideboard. The occasion was the 15th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Perry. The captain was also the recipient of a two-quart cup, with proportionate saucer.

LeBaron Wilmet, M. D., who at one time was Assistant physician at the public hospital, is spending Christmas at his home in Oranmore. Dr. Wilmet is now physician on the C. P. R. steamer Lake Megantic, and considers himself lucky in being in St. John at this season.

Golden Eagle makes white bread. Golden Eagle makes light buns. Golden Eagle makes flaky pastry. Golden Eagle Flour is guaranteed.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

The music tomorrow morning will comprise: O Come All Ye Faithful, John Reading. Venite, Macfarren, Psalm xix, Walker. Psalm xiv, Elvey; Psalm lxxv, Stainer, from Spahr. Te Deum and Jubilate, Stainer, in B flat.

Gloria Tibi, Eyre, in E flat. "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." Anthem: "O Zion, that Bringest Good Tidings," Stainer. D. Arnold Fox, organist and choir-master.

AFTER THIRTY YEARS.

After an absence of thirty years, A. R. Shewan, formerly a well known gentleman in St. John, is back here on a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Shewan came in on the Montreal express this afternoon and will remain for a week or two as the guests of their son, J. G. Shewan, of the C. P. R., and Mrs. Dr. Frank E. Smith.

Upwards of thirty years ago, Mr. Shewan was a traveler for the firm of John Duncan & Co., tea importers, and made regular trips to St. John. He is now a member of the firm of Bolvin, Wilson & Co., of Montreal. He has many old friends in St. John, who will be glad to renew acquaintances.

VICTORIA RINK OPENED.

Victoria Rink opened last evening with a large attendance. During the last few weeks a lot of new work has been done on the entrance to the building. A two story structure has been erected providing a large hall on the upper floor, and on the lower floor, spacious waiting rooms and offices. The ice was in splendid condition last evening.

Choice variety of pipes, at 35c. each, at Louis Green's.

A. G. STEVENS RESIGNS.

A. G. Stevens, who has for some years been connected with the International freight office, yesterday resigned his position. Mr. Stevens has been appointed agent for the new South Shore steamer Senlac, with office at Yarmouth. It is expected that the Senlac will go on the route early in February.

ALARM WORKED WELL.

In the sounding of an alarm from box 146 for a slight fire last evening on the Strait Shore road, the new fire alarm system was given its first trial since its acceptance by the city authorities. From reports received from the different engine houses and from people living in the vicinity of the large bells, it is learned that the working was perfect.

Manifests were received at the Customs House yesterday and today for American goods in transit show the following: 50 cars flour, 4 cars of pine lumber, 3 cars of doors, 2 cars of hogs, 1 car of cattle, 15 cars of meats, 5 cars of lard, 1 car of pork, 3 cars of grape-nuts, 3 cars of oak lumber, 1 car of hickory logs, 1 car of maple blocks.

About a dozen of the immigrants who were detained at Sand Point were sent forward yesterday and six or eight others will go this afternoon. There are yet about eighty held for disease or lack of funds.

The Furness liner Evangeline, Capt. Healey, arrived in port this morning at eight o'clock. She brought quite a heavy cargo. There were no passengers.

The police were last evening called into James Nichols' house on Spar Cove road to quell a disturbance which Nelson Nichols was making.

Mrs. Thos. Wilson, of Chealey street, left by train this morning for Portland, Me., to spend the Christmas holidays.

Fine quality cigars, at 75c. a box, at Louis Green's.

BACK TO DORCHESTER.

A Ticket of Leave Man, Who Behaved Badly, Goes in for Five Years.

John Walsh, a well known character about the city, was taken to Dorchester penitentiary a few days ago, there to serve the unexpired portion of his sentence. Walsh was arrested in 1897 on the charge of murdering John Moohan by striking him with a stone. The arrest was the result of a verdict by the coroner's jury. Walsh was tried and found guilty of manslaughter. He was sentenced to ten years in Dorchester, but on April 10th, 1902, got out on ticket of leave.

For a time no complaints were made against him, but last spring he was again arrested on the charge of assaulting two persons, Julia Walsh and William Quinton. He was convicted of this charge and sent to jail for six months.

A report of this latter incident was sent by Chief Clark to the department of justice, and a warrant was received here ordering that Walsh be taken back to Dorchester, there to serve the balance of his term. This warrant went into effect at the expiration of Walsh's term for assault, and a day or two ago an order from Magistrate Ritchie he was sent up the line. He has yet five years imprisonment ahead of him.

A CARLETON NUISANCE.

In the language of one of the Aldermen, Moses has smitten the rock again and the water flows forth.

For some years persons who use St. John street, Carleton, have loudly complained of the flow of water across the sidewalk at the rock. This water forms mud in summer and ice in winter, and during the cold weather a man who is employed by the city to chop the ice away makes the place much more dangerous for pedestrians.

Engineer Murdoch explains that the flow of water is due to natural causes, but Carleton people know that it arises from the fact that those householders living on the higher levels of Queen street, who have no sewerage, let the water run to keep it from freezing.

The wages paid to the man who cuts the ice would provide for sewerage on Queen street, even if those who desire sewerage did not contribute towards the cost.

Meanwhile the water continues to flow and the place is in a most dangerous condition.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR.

Today is bright and warm for the time of the year, but this is no reason why tomorrow should be the same. Many are counting upon tomorrow for an ideal Christmas Day, so far as the weather is concerned, but the probability is that they will miss their count. The weather man at the St. John Observatory says that "a disturbance of decided energy is approaching the Maritime Provinces from the west and will probably arrive here sometime tomorrow morning." This, in other words, means that tomorrow may be rainy and windy.

The Christmas of 1902 was something like today. The ground was bare and the dust blew in all directions. It was sharp though, the mercury being down as low as ten degrees above. The day following Christmas, 1902, was somewhat tomorrow—a day of wind and rain followed by sleet and snow.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Sch Frank and Ira, 97, Barton, from Boston, ballast. Sch Astracana, 117, Griffith, from Baltimore, ballast and small stores. Sch Alice Maud, 119, Haux, from New Bedford, Mass., small stores.

Coastwise—Sir Westport, Lewis, from Apple River; sch E. M. Oliver, Harkins, from fishing cruise and cleared. Sch St Croix, 166, Thompson, for Eastport.

Coastwise—Sir Westport, for Apple River. The trains did a little better than usual today, the one from Boston being only half an hour late and the Montreal an hour and three-quarters.

STEAMER ASHORE.

Went on Rocks at South Norwalk This Morning—Passengers Rescued.

SOUTH NORWALK, Conn., Dec. 24.—The str. Erastus Corning, of the Star Line from New Haven for New York, ran on Cops' Rocks off Norfolk at 3 a. m. She filled with water. Fifty passengers were taken off.

SOUTH NORWALK, Conn., Dec. 24.—A thick fog hung over the Sound early this morning. Cops' Island, where the Erastus Corning lies, is about a mile outside the usual track of the Sound Steamers and it is supposed that the navigator of the steamer lost his bearings in the fog. The steamer lies high on the rocks so that her stern is partly filled with water. All her passengers are believed to be saved.

A small boat, which left the wreck shortly after the steamer struck, is missing. There were on board six people, H. Bird, J. McCaugh, Miss H. Shipro, Mrs. E. Wilson, Mrs. C. Shepard and Mrs. A. Fisher. Unless some passing steamer has picked up the party it is feared they have perished.

PERSONALS.
George H. Howes and bride left by train last evening for Braintree, Mass., where they will reside. Miss Laura Gleason will leave for Boston this morning to visit her sister, Mrs. Fred K. Smith of East Boston.

Mrs. D. F. Pidgeon, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Alonzo Chesley of Douglas avenue, left for North Sydney yesterday morning, where Mr. Pidgeon has entered into business.

R. B. Bennett, M. P. P., arrived from Calgary yesterday afternoon and will go to Chatham to spend Christmas. Mr. Bennett is an Albert county boy and a former law partner of Premier Tweedie.

Charles Campbell, the manager of the Dufferin, and his bride, arrived here last night. Mrs. E. Steven and Miss J. A. Steven of Exmouth street leave today to spend the holidays at the home of Col. W. A. D. Stevens, Dorchester.

A. S. Hatfield, of W. H. Thorne & Co.'s staff, left this morning to spend Christmas at his home in Nova Scotia.

Dr. and Mrs. A. Pierce Crockett went last evening to Marysville, where they will remain for a few days.

William Giggey returned from Welsford yesterday afternoon.

HELP SANTA CLAUS.

In the midst of the Christmas preparations going on in this city, there are many who are looking forward to no festivities even of the very slightest kind, tomorrow. Not only that, but they are in actual need of the bare necessities of life, food, clothing, fuel, and with no money to procure them.

The different churches and charitable institutions of St. John are doing much to help the poor, but there is plenty yet to be done, and at this season of the year, especially, those who have abundance should share with those who have not, to the extent, at least, of relieving suffering. It is Christmas eve, and a good time for any charitably disposed persons to do something for their poorer brothers in this city.

MULLAR REMANDED.

William A. Mullar, who was arrested yesterday for stealing some hundreds of dollars worth of goods from Baird & Peters, was brought before Magistrate Ritchie this morning. The charge was read to the prisoner and he was remanded without being asked to plead. Yesterday afternoon the stolen goods, which had been recovered by the police were taken to the central station. They formed almost two cartloads, and completely fill one of the cells.

An ordinary drunk was fined four dollars.

AFTER FAST HORSES.

The managers of the Shamrock baseball team are now negotiating for the purchase of two valuable horses, which will be disposed of by lottery for the purpose of starting the baseball season next year. Mr. Eaney is acting for himself and others, is trying to secure John E. Moore's Ituna, time 2:10, and E. B. Etter's, Amherst, mare Tonita F., time 2:11-2. Mr. Moore wants fifteen hundred dollars for Ituna, but this price has not yet been agreed upon, and it is understood that the baseball people do not feel like giving higher than thirteen hundred.

MARCUS WINS MEDAL.

A very pleasant reception was held in the rooms of the C. B. U. last night, when nearly four hundred people were entertained.

The final test for the medal was the main feature. Five of the leaders took part resulting in Marcus capturing the medal. The final score stood: Marcus, 606; R. Mayer, 554; J. Long, 512; D. J. Corr, 500; A. G. Cumming, 484. Marcus won the cash prize. Diplomas were presented to Frank B. Fleming, Perley A. Jones, Harry B. Doherty, Alice M. Brannan, Mary C. McCaffrey, and Albert E. Macaulay. The rooms were tastefully decorated by the students.

HOLT LAND ORANGES.

Messrs. Potts & Co. have just received a fine lot of oranges grown in Palestine. Imported expressly for Xmas trade. Also Spanish Oranges in fancy gold papers. If the retail trade wants something fine call at Potts & Co.'s, Market square.

WILL NOT HOLD A RECEPTION.

The Y. M. C. A. will not hold any New Year's Day reception next year, as it has been found that such affairs are not successful in St. John people as a rule either stay at home or attend the theatre or some other place of amusement. The last reception held was not very largely attended.

SOCIETY NOTICE.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Harding Jefferson Lewis have gone to the hub to spend the holidays, also to celebrate their wedding.

Steamer Manchester City, Capt. Forrest, from Manchester, left Halifax today for this port.

Morrell & Sutherland
TELEPHONE 1802.

TONIGHT!

And then Christmas with its realization of many thousands of happy dreams.

You can condense a great deal of Shopping into three or four hours, and remember, our supply of attractive and useful Xmas gifts is by no means exhausted.

Belts Special. A lot of Ladies' handsome Black Silk Belts, with all black and oxidized buckles and back ornaments, worth up to \$1.75.

Tonight For 98c.

Kid Gloves. What can you buy that will be more appreciated than a nice pair of Kid Gloves? Our stock is still complete with a splendid range for Men and Women.

Prices up from \$1.00

Umbrellas, too, are always desirable for gifts. You will find here tonight a choice collection Handles on strong, well made Umbrellas.

Prices up from \$1.00

Morrell & Sutherland.
27, 29 Charlotte Opp. Y. M. C. A.

RUBBERS.
SLOPPY WEATHER PROTECTION — OUR RUBBERS.

Curious how melting snow hunts out holes and cracks in one's Shoes. Maybe, you've been discovering this lately. Did it suggest our Store as an easy way out of the difficulty? If not, we will. We have Stormy-weather Rubbers, Arctics and Alaskas, for Grown ups and for Children.

First quality, perfect in every way, and made to fit the current Shoe styles:

- For Women—Storm Rubbers, 60c. Croquet Rubbers, 50c. Storm Alaskas, \$2.15. Button Arctics, \$2.00.
- For Men—Self-acting Rubbers, 95c. Storm Cut Alaskas, \$1.30.
- For Children—Storm Rubbers, 50c. Plain Rubbers, 45c. Arctics, some made to fit spring heels, \$1.25.

D. MONAHAN,
162 UNION ST.

Special Assortment for Xmas Trade.
Extra Quality Prize Beef (from Toronto Fat Stock Show.) Small and Medium Turkeys; Large Roasting Chickens, Geese and Ducks; Fat Bacon, Roll Bacon, Sugar Cured Hams, Cape Cod Cranberries, Cucumbers, Cauliflower, Celery and Squash.

See our display before ordering, you will be sure to find something to please you.

F. E. WILLIAMS CO., Ltd.
Phone 543 Charlotte Street. Phone 521 Princess Street.

Christmas Good Cheer Footwear

Men's	Slippers, Fine Boots, Overshoes.	Boys'	Skating Boot, Moccasins, Rubber Boots.
Ladies'	Dressy Boots, Handsome Slippers, House Shoes, Overshoes.	Children's	Overshoes, Rubber Boots, Red Shoes.
Girls'	Skating Boots, Pretty Slippers.	Baby	Boots, Moccasins, Slippers.

FRANCIS & VAUGHAN,
19 KING STREET.

F. R. PATTERSON & CO.
A SWEEP SALE. THE DAYLIGHT STORE. A SWEEP SALE.

Grand Sweep Sale TONIGHT!

Every Toy, Doll and Game in this Store must be sold regardless of cost to make room for our Spring Stock of Whitewear, Prints, Etc., so come along—enough for everybody.

Nobody Sells Cheaper Than We Do The Whole Year Through.

Cor. Duke and Charlotte Sts.
STORE OPEN EVENINGS.