









Store Closed All Day.

January 1st, 1902.

Enter  
1902.

Drop the old 1, replace it with 2 and the transit to the New Year is figuratively complete.

Store doors are closed. Our people take holiday to make acquaintance with the New Year. 1902 is welcome. Beckons on to greater achievements.

This store knows no backward movements. Each year must do better than the preceding one.

We wish one and all a Happy and Prosperous New Year, and await your commands for 1902.

**GREATER OAK HALL,**  
**SCOVIL BROS. & CO.,** King Street,  
Corner Germain,  
**ST. JOHN, N. B.**

**SPECIAL XMAS DINNER SETS.**

40 DIFFERENT PATTERNS FROM WHICH TO CHOOSE.

Please note the prices:

\$5 50, 6 50, 7 00, 8 00, 8 50, 10 00, 11 00, 12 00, 16 00, 20 00,  
26 00 to 75 00 each.

**W. H. HAYWARD,** 85, 87, 89, 91, 93  
PRINCESS STREET.

**BOUGHT A MAN TO MARRY ON A CAPITAL OF \$25?**

Higinbotham Says It Depends on the Man—Morris Says on the Woman.

Judge Dunne's, of Chicago, dictum that a man can marry on \$25 has brought out these opinions from well known millionaires:

H. N. Higinbotham—"It all depends upon the young man. There are some young fellows whom I should not advise to marry on \$25,000. There are others who could marry on \$25 and do well. You can't lay down a universal rule on these matters, but I should say that a wise, willing and economical young couple could set up housekeeping and keep their heads above water. However, I should not advise any young man to assume the responsibility of providing for another unless he has prospects of adding regularly to his original \$25. Marriage is a grave step, and young men should be made to feel its importance."

Nelson Morris—"Where there's a will there's a way. Any young couple, willing to start in a small way, can marry on \$25 and prosper without practicing such 'rigid economy' either. The man need not have any prospects either, because with \$25 in his pocket he can make prospects. Man and woman should work together, and if they are wise and careful there is no reason why they should not flourish. I know because I have worked for \$5 a month in this very city of Chicago and I have done well. I married on very little more than \$25 and I managed. A great deal however depends upon the woman."

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Vapo-Cresolene tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

**EARRINGS ARE "IN" AGAIN.**

Hence an English Journal Recites Their History From the Earliest Time Till Now.

(From the London Globe.)  
The threatened revival among

young girls of the custom of wearing earrings has called forth a diatribe against what is denounced as a senseless and barbaric practice. But earrings have never died out; they are still commonly worn by ladies of the preceding generation; it is only that fashion has decreed what was certain to be temporary abstinence in the case of their daughters. Is it the unnatural though harmless operation of ear-boring involved that has aroused the ire of the "advanced" opponents of the custom; or can it be the misfortune of their possessing ugly ears and the dread of not following the fashion? For it is a fact that whereas the appendages enhance the beauty of well-shaped ears they accentuate the defects of badly formed ones. Earrings are just as much relics of barbarism as are rings, necklaces and bracelets; but the feminine nature will have to undergo a very great change before the use of all or any is discarded. According to a Mohamadan legend, Sarah, being jealous of Hagar, declared she would not rest until her hands had been imbedded in her bondmaid's blood. Then Abraham pierced Hagar's ears quickly and drew a ring through it, so that Sarah was able to dip her hand in the blood of Hagar without bringing the latter into danger. From that time it became a custom among women to wear earrings.

In an order just received by Harry W. de Forest for his Union Blend Tea, the buyer writes, "Union Blend is the best seller I have tried yet." Mr. de Forest says he received just such compliments about Union Blend Tea every day.

"You say," said the city editor, pointing out the word in the manuscript, "She sang with a 'wary' voice." What do you mean by that?" "That ought to be plain enough for anybody," replied the sporting editor, who had been detailed in the absence of the musical editor to write up a concert. "She had a frog in her throat."—Chicago Tribune.

## SHIPPING NEWS.

### LATE SHIP NEWS.

**Domestic Ports.**  
**HALIFAX,** N. S., Dec 31—Ar'd, str Alcides, from St John for Glasgow.  
**Sid,** str Duncan, for New York; Bonaville, for Boston.  
**HALIFAX,** N. S., Dec 31—Ar'd, str Numidian, from Liverpool, and sailed for St John; Parisian, from St John, and sailed for Liverpool; Pisa, from Hamburg for Manchester City, from Manchester; Silvia, from St John, F.  
**Sid,** str Glencoe, for St John, N. F.  
**Sid,** str Annie Smith, for Santos.  
**ST STEPHEN,** N. B., Dec 31—Sd, str Eric, for St John.

**British Ports.**  
**BROW HAD,** Dec 31—Pd, str Garth Castle, from St John and Halifax for Montreal.  
**LONDON,** Dec 31—Ar'd, str Dahome, from St John and Halifax.  
**MANCHESTER,** Dec 29—Sd, str Manchester Trader, for St John.  
**BRISTOL,** Dec 31—Sd, str Ashanti, for Portland.  
**LIVERPOOL,** Dec 31—Sd, str Lake Superior, for St John.

**Foreign Ports.**  
**KINGS FERRY,** Dec 31—Ar'd, str Arthur M Gibson, Milbury, from Trinidad.  
**NEWPORT,** Dec 28—Ar'd, str Morancy, from St John.  
**BOSTON,** Dec 31—Ar'd, str Chas H Trickey, from Norfolk.

**Sid,** str Sylvia, for Liverpool; Bonaville, for London; Boston, for Yarmouth; NS; str Island City, Annie Bliss and Stella Maud, all for St John; Wellman Hall, for Advocate, NS; Barcelona, for Bridgewater, NS; Karmore, for Halifax, NS; Lillian, and Meri L Parks, for La Hays, NS; Howard L, for Liverpool, NS; Pio F Mader, for Mahoe Bay, NS; Prohibition, for Yarmouth, NS; Janice A Webster, for Eastport; Zampa and Annie Gaa, for Portland.

**VINEYARD HAVEN,** Mass, Dec 31—Sd, str C J Willard, Thistle, Alaska, B L Eaton, George D Loud, Abana and Agnes May.

**PORTLAND,** Me, Dec 31—Ar'd, str Sparta, from Hamburg; Kildona, from Newcastle, Eng.

**Sid,** str Sarmatia, for Glasgow; bark Annie Lewis, for Buenos Ayres, and bark bound fleet.

**NEW YORK,** Dec 31—Ar'd, bark Ensenada, from Coblenz, etc.  
**Sid,** ship Columbus, for Liverpool; bark Simla, for Shanghai; sch I V Dexter, for San Domingo.

**SALEM,** Mass, Dec 31—Sd, str Annie M Allen and Alma, for New York; Sebago, for Bridgeport; Hamburg, Kolon and Ella May, bound east.

**BOOTHBAY,** Me, Dec 31—Sd, str Ethel and May, for Calais; M E Potter, for Clementport, NS.

**RED BRACH,** Me, Dec 31—Sd, str Rattler, for Boston.

**Reports.**  
**CHATHAM,** Mass, Dec 31—Strong south-west wind and fair weather at sunset.

**AMERICANS AS BOOK BUYERS.**

Enormous Sales of Various Publications During the Current Year.

(Brooklyn Eagle.)

Probably over 5,000,000 novels, 5,000,000 educational works and 5,000,000 nursery books have been sold to the American people during the present year, and although not one of their 50,000,000 readers may be any the better, each one of those 15,000,000 volumes has cost from 10 to 20 cents in hard cash for its material and workmanship, and distributed 2,000,000 or 3,000,000 solid dollars to the support of paper mills, printing plants, binderies and wagon drivers; while the profit on each, of a double sum, has paid the salaries of thousands of educated clerks, bookkeepers, artists, authors and salesmen. The fact of the matter is, then, not that publishing is an immaterial and haphazard industry, but one of the greatest and most definitely industries of the age; and, moreover, more thriving, probably in no country (except China) really greater than it is in the United States.

The leading features in the American publishing business are undoubtedly fiction, school text books, and colored juveniles. In Germany, scholarship and philosophy lead; in France, belles-lettres and political brochures; in England, travel and history bulk largely; but in America at present, where the brilliant, elastic and lucrative journalism of the daily press absorbs greedily and lavishly exudes every literary expression of novelty of importance, fiction is supreme in the book market. In England a sale of ten thousand copies makes a novel a success, and a sale of fifty thousand copies is quite phenomenal; but in America we do not consider sales phenomenal below six figures, and scores of books climb upward of twenty thousand copies almost without being heard of. The sales of educational books, first and second standard readers, grammars, arithmetics, etc., are also enormous, and these figures would fill the man in the street with amazed incredulity; but that goes without saying in a population which is advancing by leaps and bounds toward the hundred million mark and consumed with a thirst for primary education, exemplified in the history of any other country. It is the sales of fiction which are sensational.

**MONTREAL,** Dec. 31.—The harbor commissioners have appointed John Torrence, commissioner, and John Kennedy, engineer, with Major Seath secretary, to visit New York, Boston, St John and Halifax, as well as other leading Atlantic ports, to enquire into the nature of the charge steamship companies are compelled to pay, so that Montreal may adjust its charges in a manner which will not be adverse to companies sailing to and from this port.

George Brown, a member of the firm of Brown Bros., one of the largest retail meat and fish firms in the city, died in Montreal jail last night. Brown was arrested on Saturday on a charge of stealing a tree from the slope of Mount Royal. The tree was found in front of his store, but Brown denied the theft. He refused to offer bail, however, and in default went to jail last night. He died suddenly.

IN  
1902  
DRINK  
RED  
ROSE  
TEA.

## SPORTING NEWS.

**BASEBALL.**  
On October 12, 1901, a ball game was played in Rio de Janeiro between teams representing the Sao Paulo A. C. of that city and the sailors of the United States cruiser Albatross. It was witnessed by 1,000 persons, including Americans, English and Brazilians. The sailors finally won by a score of 12 to 11.

Napoleon Lajoie, probably the best ball player in America, is still alive and well. In 1895 he was killed in a railroad accident near Los Angeles. Lajoie has a team of players in California this winter and they happened to be on the ill-fated train, but not one of them was hurt.

**CLEVELAND,** Ohio, Jan. 1.—The report from Kansas City to the effect that third baseman Bradley and Left Fielder McCarthy of the Cleveland team were going to jump to the Chicago National League team, is not believed in Cleveland, as both men are under two years contract to play here, and have no reason to find fault with their present place.

**THE RING.**  
**NEW YORK,** Dec. 31.—The Terry McGovern-Dave Sullivan fight will take place before the Yosemite Athletic Club, San Francisco, some time between March 17 and April 20. This was decided here today. The bid was made by James V. Kennedy, who will bring the match off in conjunction with the Jeffries-Sharkey bout.

**Draws the Color Line.**  
Jeffries will not fight a negro for the heavyweight championship. This was the edict that went forth from Billy Delaney, Delaney stopped over in Chicago while enroute to New York, and declared that while Jeff might be content to take on Denver Ed. Martin for a go, he would draw the color line when it came to fighting for the championship.

The statement came as a result of the recent fight thrown down by Billy Madden, the colored man's manager, now in New York.

**Sharkey and Choyinski.**  
Tow Sharkey had a hot t-r-round go the other afternoon in New York with Joe Choyinski, the clever California heavyweight boxer.

The two fighters met by chance at Wood's gymnasium, where Sharkey is training for his bout with Maher. Choyinski always makes it a practice to take daily exercise, whether in active training or not, and when the sailor put in an appearance he readily consented to put the gloves on with him for a friendly bout.

The sailor was kept busy knocking the Californian's jabs and swings that times the pair came together as though they really meant to do damage. The bout lasted three rounds, and those who had the good fortune to be present were satisfied that they had witnessed a real fight.

**TORONTO,** Dec. 31.—Sir William Macdonald of Montreal, whose benefactions for education are well known, has put \$125,000 at the disposal of the Ontario government, to be used in the erection of buildings at the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, for the purpose of giving instruction to school teachers in the elements of nature study and domestic science, the latter for women especially, as related to agriculture.

## MORNING'S NEWS.

The festival chorus will meet on Thursday evening.

George Maxwell, mailing clerk of the Sun, was yesterday presented with a handsome brier pipe, the New Year's gift of the carrier boys.

For the balance of the season the str. Northumberland will leave Pt. du Chene at noon, on arrival of the 7 a. m. I. C. R. train from St. John.

A Jewish wedding will be celebrated this evening in Orange hall, Simonds street, the participants being Miss L. Bigge and M. Jacobs. The ceremony will be performed by Rabbi Walenski. Mrs. A. C. Smith and family beg to acknowledge the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy on the part of friends and acquaintances in the hour of their sad bereavement.

A small bore shooting contest will take place this afternoon between a team of six boys from the Scots Company and a similar number from the non-coms of the 62nd. The match will take place in the non-coms' rooms in the Palmer building.

Mr. Collins about midnight last night finished loading the str. Miguel de Larrionaga. She has on board 67,746 bales of hay, which comprise 3,024 tons, an extremely large cargo for her 2,600 tons. This actually breaks the record in hay stowage out of St. John. The steamer will sail for South Africa this morning via St. Vincent.

F. G. Spencer was interested perhaps more than any other in St. John in the published report of a \$250,000 fire in Spencer's Arcade, the big department store at Victoria, B. C. The owner of the business is Mr. Spencer's uncle, David Spencer. He has been more than 30 years in Victoria and has built up a very large business.

Hebrew residents of this city have lately received word from their late teacher, Rabbi Rabbinoitch, now located at Des Moines, Iowa. The rabbi, whose great ability as a student and an orator earned him a high place here, has control of a much larger congregation in his new pastorate, but preserves his interest in his former charge here and inquires anxiously about various benevolent schemes which had formerly been under his direction, notably, the Hebrew immigration society.

A largely attended meeting of the Associated Charities was held yesterday afternoon, at which considerable business was transacted. Thomas Bullock read a paper concerning smaller savings banks, which was pretty fully discussed. Mrs. Stetson supplemented her previous generous gifts by a donation of \$25 towards the practical work now in progress.

The election of officers for Court North End, 567, C. O. F., was held last evening at Orange hall, Simonds street. Following is the list: Geo. F. Dunham, C. R.; M. B. Akerley, V. C. R.; J. A. Stephenson, F. S. R.; W. W. Wigmore, treasurer; Wm. Hargrove, chaplain; Wm. Scott, S. W.; Wm. Mitchell, J. W.; Geo. Hart, S. B.; Geo. A. Richardson, J. B.; Dr. W. E. Roberts, physician; Wm. Akerley, conductor.

**MAGAZINE CLIPPINGS.**  
"How did you become so well informed," asked the bride-elect of her matron friend. "You are a busy housekeeper with children to look after. You don't attend clubs yet you seem to know about every man, woman or book of the day. I wish you would tell me your secret."

"Whatever information I have," was the answer, "has been gained through a clipping collection. I borrowed the scheme from the newspapers. Five years ago, a friend of mine who worked on one of them told me how in their offices, whole rooms were devoted to clippings from various magazines and papers, systematically catalogued and used for reference."

The idea appealed to me as an excellent one for the private household, especially for a woman like myself who cannot afford many books. I have long since found my clippings of great value. The library has now grown to a size which renders it possible for me to refer to it as I would to any other library, if I had one at command. If I hear of a famous personage whose history has escaped my memory, take the next idle moment to consult my clippings and read a short sketch of his life and work. It is the same with history or science upon which I become musty. The chances are that I shall find an account of the point I need in the envelopes.

Besides the pleasure and the general information I have had some very practical help from the clippings. I have one envelope filled with good cooking recipes clipped at different times. Another contains many new "wrinkles" in household science. Of course, one has to use judgement in selecting these but with this it becomes a wonderful help.

### MARRIAGES.

**PARLEE-LIVINGSTONE**—At Sussex, N. B., on Dec. 28th, by Rev. C. W. Hearn, Cornelius R. Parlee of Millstream, Kings Co., to Miss Agnes A. Livingstone of St. John, N. B.

### DEATHS.

**WHITTAKER**—Suddenly, on Dec. 28th, at 34 Dorchester street, Elizabeth, beloved wife of James E. Whittaker, passed quietly into rest.

Funeral Thursday afternoon. Services at the house at 2.30.

**NEALES**—At Somerville, Carleton Co., on 31st December, 1901, Nellie, wife of G. Finlay Neale, and daughter of the late Thomas Morley.

**SHERWOOD**—At Cherryfield, Maine, Dec. 21st, Douglas Sherwood, son of David Sherwood of Coatesville, Kent Co., N. B., in the 26th year of his age.

## Look At It.

We mean our little picture here. There's a vaporizer, you put some Vapo-Cresolene in it; there's a lamp, you light it. Then you just naturally breathe-in the vapor. You can read, or sew, or study, the cure goes right on all the time. Now you see why the doctors all speak so highly of Vapo-Cresolene for throat troubles. It takes the medicine just where it's most needed, and it is a perfect cure for whooping-cough.

Vapo-Cresolene is sold by druggists everywhere. The Vaporizer and Lamp, which should last a lifetime, and a bottle of Cresolene complete, \$1.50; extra supplies of Cresolene 25 cents and 50 cents; illustrated booklet containing physicians' testimonials free upon request. Vapo-Cresolene Co., 150 Fulton St., New York, U.S.A.

## 1902 PRICES.

**Vaseline**—1,000 bottles to sell at 2c. each.

**Laundry Soap**—1,000 Bars Happy Homelaundry soap, 3c. each.

**Grey Cotton Remnants**—1,000 yds. Grey Cotton, 4c. yd. up.

**Castile Soap**—Large double cake 5c.

The only thing wrong with above goods is the prices.

**ARNOLD'S**  
DEPARTMENT STORE,  
15 Charlotte Street.

The  
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### STEAMERS.

**INTERNATIONAL S. S. CO.**

**WINTER ARRANGEMENT.**

**ONE TRIP A WEEK**

—FOR—

**BOSTON!**

\$3.50—WINTER RATE—\$3.50.

COMMENCING Dec. 31st, the steamer ST. CROIX will leave Saint John every THURSDAY morning, at 7.30, Standard, for Eastport, Lubec, Portland and Boston. Returning, leaves Boston MONDAY at 8.15 a. m.

Freight received daily up to 5 p. m. W. G. LEE, Agent, St. John, N. B.

### "BY JABERS!"

(The Academy.)

An expression which English writers frequently put into the mouths of their Irish peasants is "By jabers!" I have lived the greater part of my life in Ireland, both in the north and south but I have never heard it. "Begad!" and "Begor!" are quite common, but not "By jabers!" It would be advisable for English writers to leave the Irish dialect severely alone, for they are sure to come to grief when they try to represent it. They generally produce an impossible jargon, built after the conventional stage pattern.

Customs receipts for the port of Montreal for the year shows an increase for the calendar year of over \$410,000.

# Giving Up Business.

will be sold at one half the regular price. The stock is large and complete and offers ample variety for choice. The store will be open every evening until the stock is cleared. EVERYTHING MUST BE SOLD, and prices are reduced accordingly.

Our own make Woolen Shirts, \$1.50 to 75c.; Socks, 50c. to 75c. All English Cambrics, 14c. to 6 and 7c. per yd.

I AM CLOSING UP BUSINESS HERE, having accepted a position with a western wholesale house. My stock of Furs and General Dry Goods in the store, 17 Charlotte St., and prices are reduced accordingly.

**W. H. FAIRALL, 17 Charlotte St.**



**Great Reductions****Millinery.**

Our entire stock of trimmed and untrimmed Hats, Toques and Bonnets at greatly reduced prices.

**Mourning Millinery a Specialty.**  
**Corsets a Specialty.**

**Ghas. K. Cameron & Co**  
77 King Street.

**GOOD BUTTER.**

**JAMES PATTERSON,**  
19 and 20 South Market Wharf.  
8 City Market.

**EVERYONE**

Who purchases a load of Reserve, Caledonia, Springhill, Sydney or Hard Coal from me (cash with order) previous to JANUARY 10th, 1902,

**HAS A CHANCE**

to get a load of Soft Coal FREE. Someone will get it. It may be you.

**J. S. FROST, 11 Union Street.**

**TO COOK**

All the good things for the Holiday Season and have the house warm and comfortable, get a good supply of Coal, Wood and Kindling early at

**GIBBON & CO'S., 5 MYTHE STREET**  
(Near N. Wharf), 6 1-2 Charlotte St.

**TURKISH BATHS,**

Union, Corner Hazen Street.  
Among the many who have derived pleasure and benefit and permit the proprietor to use their names as references are:

Dr. J. E. March, Dr. G. A. B. Addy, Dr. J. H. Cunningham, Boston; Dr. Geo. Hetherington, Dr. J. M. Smith, Dr. J. E. Steeves, R. Kettle Jones, John A. McAvity, Rev. G. F. Scott, C. J. Carter, A. W. Macrae, John McMillan, W. C. Purves, B. L. Rising, Silas Alward, A. C. Fairweather, Wm. Pugsley, H. C. Page, W. Watson Allen, Percy W. Thomson, E. G. Evans, A. Geo. Blair, F. E. Williams, S. L. Kerr, D. Churchill, and many others.

**JOHN W. ADDISON,**

GENERAL HARDWARE,  
House Furnishings, Sporting Goods and Toys.  
The cheapest store in the city to buy Wringers, Washtubs, Washboilers, Washing Machines, etc. We sell extra wringer rolls and repair wringers of all kinds.

44 Germain St., Market Bdg.  
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**JOHN RUBINS,**

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Clothes cleaned, repaired and pressed at short notice.  
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Sold by bushel, barrel or ton at  
**LAW & CO'S.,**  
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**H. L. COATES,**  
(Cor. Main and Harrison Streets, Opposite St. Luke's Church, N. E.)

**CARPENTER, BUILDER**

and GENERAL JOBBER.  
Special attention given to the placing of plate glass windows.

TORONTO, Dec. 31.—A carload of exceptionally good Ayrshire and Short-horn cattle have been purchased in Ontario for Hon. Dr. Borden's farm in Nova Scotia.

**"Patterson's,"**

Cor. Charlotte and Duke Streets.

**Hosiery.**

Let your mind turn now to Hosiery—and the place to buy is here.

**STORE OPEN EVERY EVENING.**

**CASH ONLY.**

**NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.**

Advertisers will please send in copy early in the morning, to ensure the necessary change being made.

**LOCAL NEWS.**

New Brunswick lodge, K. of P., will install officers tomorrow evening.

St. John council, C. O. C. F., will meet tomorrow night for installation of officers.

Yesterday was the last day for shooting deer, caribou or moose until Sept. 15th of this year.

The police report a dangerous hole in the street at the corner of Union and Brussels streets.

The Star has received from Messrs. J. and A. McMillan out of the handsomest calendars of the season.

A section of the plate glass front in Panley's tailor shop, Prince Wm. street, succumbed during the gale early this morning.

The marriage of Harold Farmer-Hall of Rothesay and Frances Blanche Perley of St. John took place Tuesday morning in St. Paul's church, Rothesay. The Rev. A. Daniel officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Farmer-Hall will reside in Rothesay.

Between eleven and twelve o'clock last night the police were called into Lizzie Mainman's beer shop on Mill street to quell a disturbance between Archibald Jenkins and a number of sailors.

Although the W. C. T. U. Coffee Rooms on Germain street are not usually open to the public on holidays, a few of the regular patrons of the place were accommodated by being served with luncheon today, and accordingly feel very grateful to the managers of that popular restaurant.

William J. Scott has a crew of forty men at work near Kilburn lake in the parish of Dumfries, getting out lumber under contract for James Murchie & Sons, says the Fredericton Herald. He expects to cut upwards of two million feet, which he will haul to the Canadian Pacific railway. Mr. Scott will also get out during the winter about 60 cords of tan bark. He says that so far the season has been favorable for lumbering operations in his section.

**THE NEW YEAR'S WIND.**

It Was a "Corker" and It Did Things.

If the year 1902 "follows its hand" the people of this town will begin shortly to read up the literature of cyclone collars and such like. The wind got up very early this morning and was animated by all the vigor and enthusiasm of unbridled youth. It was a new-born breeze, with no favorites and no enemies. It was the sort of wind that puts you on the back at one corner of the street and at the next one throws them in your face, shrieking with fiendish laughter all the time. The above description varies somewhat from that of the matter of fact weather man—but it's true. What Dr. L. Hutchinson says about this wind is that it arose out of the northwest about one o'clock this morning, and between eight and twelve o'clock blew from 42 to 60 miles per hour, the temperature at one o'clock this afternoon being 12 degrees. He adds that there was a slight fall of snow, and that the wind will probably decrease and the weather become much colder.

These facts and figures are all right as a matter of record—but where's the snow? Ask of the wind, that gathered it up—as much of it as had not been packed down by the vagrant feet of early revellers—and scattered it to the void.

**ARTILLERY BALL.**

It is doubtful if the assembly rooms of the York Theatre ever presented such a bright appearance or were so artistically decorated as they now are for the artillery officers annual ball, which festooned the stage and the hall. The dining, reception, and ball rooms show the results of considerable expenditure of labor and the effect is most pleasing. In the ball room the six large central pillars have been completely covered with red tissue around which festoons of spruce are twined. Around the walls runs a deep border of red, edged with green, and over it are shields and trophies, while every door and window is covered with flags and bunting. Rows of rifles and bayonets have been placed in every available position and on the elevated platform are palms and other plants which add greatly to the general effect.

In the reception room the pillars have also been twined, the chandeliers covered with spruce and the windows draped.

The Artillery band have prepared a choice programme and will turn out in full force. Between five and six hundred invitations have been issued.

**WHAT CHRIS. NICHOLS SAYS.**

Chris. Nichols, the I. C. R. interpreter, complaining to the Star that the transportation companies bringing immigrants to St. John, make some peculiar charges, which he claims is an imposition on the foreigners. Yesterday the interpreter says he came across an Italian who came from Naples. For the passage from that place he was charged 300 francs and for a ticket from St. John to Fairville the man claims to have paid 18 francs, equivalent to nearly four dollars.

**SITUATION ENCOURAGING.**

There Are Fewer Cases of Smallpox in the City Than Last Month.

No developments in the matter of new cases were reported today.

The death of Wm. Dunlop, an eight-year-old boy, in the McAfee house on Lombard street, is expected. The lad was never vaccinated and his condition smallpox.

The record of cases for December numbered 38. There were 11 in November and 11 in October. Total of 97 cases in the city and county.

A report issued today of health states there are no smallpox in St. John.

There are twenty in the isolation hospital under Dr. Morris, but 12 of the covered, leaving 8 ill. In hospital Dr. Ellis has 5 cases.

The McAvity house was closed after noon.

Early last evening the late Mrs. H. A. M. laid to rest in Fernhill a special permission of the health Hon. H. A. McKee.

The deceased was present at the burial service, which was conducted by Rev. W. O. McKee in its character. McKee was driven to the Doody house, corner of St. James street, by a man from quarantine. The deceased this afternoon. Nine families are quarantined in the house.

Will Probably Be a Fall.

Third Engineer of Battle Ship Eretia.

John C. Donald, third engineer of the battle ship Eretia, loading at the I. C. R. wharf, South End, was probably fatally injured by a fall this morning.

The engineer was going aboard his vessel at eight o'clock this morning when he fell off the ladder and struck on a fender between the steamer and the wharf before he rolled into the water. The second engineer, who was on the wharf when his comrade fell, quickly rescued him from the water.

Dr. Berryman, who was summoned, visited the injured man on the steamer and found that his spine was fractured.

Capt. Mulcahy of the Eretia endeavored to secure the ambulance to have the dying engineer taken to the hospital in the Sailor's Mission, but could not get the conveyance. Afterwards a stretcher was obtained from the police station, and Donald, still unconscious, was carried to the hospital.

Donald, who was 31 years old, was single and belonged to England. The poor fellow was under the influence of liquor when he met with the accident.

**BEGINNING THE YEAR WELL.**

That the police were by no means idle is shown by the number of names on the arrest book this morning. Ten prisoners were given accommodation in the cells and as no court was held today they are compelled to remain in until tomorrow.

Two young men, Percy Thorne and Bert Phippin, were arrested for being drunk and shouting on Charlotte street. They are also charged with breaking a pane of plate glass in Vall Brook's laundry on Waterloo street by throwing a box through it.

Between twelve and one o'clock last night three sailors, Almen Graham, Gus Wilson and Carl Anderson, created a disturbance in the Seamen's Mission on Prince William street. They were given in charge by Stephen Parlee of the mission, charged with being drunk and disorderly and with using threatening language.

William McMillan was arrested for being drunk on the north side of King square and for breaking plate glass in James Driscoll's hotel window.

Three other drunks were arrested, one on Marsh road, one on the ferry floats, and the third on Prince William street.

**ODDFELLOWS REUNION.**

The annual New Year's reunion held by the members of the different lodges of Oddfellows in the city took place this forenoon in the hall on Union street. District Deputy Grand Master A. D. Smith, M. D., presided, and there was a large representation of members from all the lodges.

After the meeting had been opened short addresses were given by C. N. Skinner, Rev. Geo. M. Campbell, W. Frank Hattaway, H. E. Odgers, B. Allan, M. D. Brown and Dr. James Christie.

Between the addresses songs were sung by J. Murdoch and C. J. Doig. The installation of officers for the ensuing year will be conducted by D. D. G. M. A. D. Smith in Golden Rule lodge on Thursday, Pioneer lodge on Friday, Siloam lodge on Monday and Perimeter lodge on Tuesday evenings.

**Y. M. A. AT HOME.**

The young men's association of the Brussels street Baptist church are holding an At Home in the association room this afternoon from half-past two till six o'clock. The social committee of the association have the affair in hand, and have made it a success. Refreshments are being served and the time passed pleasantly with an informal programme.

**ATTENDANCE AT THE PAN.**

BUFFALO, Jan. 1.—Sept. Cash, of the department of collections and admissions of the Pan-American Exposition Co., has presented his final report. The total attendance was 8,520,048. Of this number 5,306,859 were free and 3,213,189 paid admissions. The big days were, Buffalo day, 122,424; New York State day, 129,476; Farewell day, 116,569; railroad day, 106,546; Midway day, 106,316; and Labor day, 103,784; Dedication day, 86,908.

**"TWINKLE, TWINKLE!"**

Twinkle, twinkle St. John Star; Show the public what you are! Through the city, as you go, Make it notice how you grow: In circulation not alone, But in quality and tone.

Wise men tell us many a star is a planet, wheeling far in a space of endless blue, This may not be so of you; Yes, in years to come, you may sparkle just as much as they.

Let every day of "naughty-two" Put new life and strength in you. Though you're young, you may be sure, 'Tis all in that time will cure, Shine more brightly day by day, Till from you the glowing ray Lights the country, near and far, And it blesses the St. John Star.

E. M. C.

**A FEW RESOLUTIONS.**

Are Respectfully Tendered to those Who May Want Them.

In new year's resolutions are offered.

It is not obligatory to carry out or even to accept them.

Telegraph—To keep the fighting muzzled.

Friction Gleaner—Not to stop all the government changes, and stop hard.

Board of Health—To adopt all suggestions made by the Telegram.

Mr. Tweedie—To report before later on the Lord's Day Alliance.

Islands generally—Not to grumble when the bills come in for the presents received from our wives.

Editors of the Telegraph—To ourselves no more letters to write, nein.

The provincial government—To hereafter publish health regulations in the English language.

The provincial board of health—To awake from our slumber for a season.

A young police officer—To arrest and keep on arresting until I obtain a rest.

It may come soon.

Hon. Wm. Pugsley—To renew my strenuous efforts to track down the base forger of the Rothesay lists.

Alex. Gibson, Jr.—To sell that railroad to the government this year or throw up the job.

Andrew Carnegie—Not to offend any more St. John aldermen by offering them \$50,000.

Victor Kaufman—To remain on the West Side and in the city; it's safer than Fredericton Junction and the United States.

The smallpox germ—I will continue to maintain friendly relations with the board of health.

The steamship agents—We will get cheaper fresh water if we have to salt the city.

Col. Tucker—I will secure for St. John the use of the I. C. R. elevator as a lobster pound.

E. H. MacAlpine—I will tell the squirrels how to vote.

M. McDade—I will write no more letters to the Freeman.

The City Council—We'll hang together or be hanged together—as usual.

**BIG GAMESTERS.**

W. A. Lindsay, the popular York street restaurant keeper, made a quick killing last week, says yesterday's Gleaner. He left the city Saturday morning by Gibson train for the Keswick hunting grounds, accompanied by an Indian, and a few minutes after leaving the train near Keswick came upon a herd of several caribou and killed one of the largest. He put the carcass aboard the down train in the evening and it was brought to Fredericton that evening. Mr. Lindsay remained in the woods awaiting the arrival of some friends who were to join him.

Geo. A. Beattie, one of the party, returned home last evening by Gibson train with the carcass of a beautiful caribou which he shot yesterday morning. He exhibited his prize to several city sportsmen, who pronounced it a good one. This is the second caribou brought out by members of this party, which speaks well for the Keswick locality as a hunting ground.

**CURLING.**

Presidents v. Vice-Presidents at the Thistle Rink.

At the Thistle Curling Rink this forenoon the president's match was begun and will be continued by different rinks this afternoon and evening. The ice was in good condition and the game proved most enjoyable.

The rinks opposing each other this morning were:

Pres.	Vice-Pres.
J. R. Thomson,	J. A. Dawson,
J. S. Burpee,	J. McE. Reid,
A. Macaulay,	J. Morrison,
A. B. Holly,	W. P. Robinson,

H. S. Sharp,	Fred. Miles,
J. A. Sinclair,	C. J. Milligan,
A. W. Sharp,	D. R. Willet,
J. H. Thomson,	W. M. Rivers,

A. E. Wilson,	W. I. Fenton,
G. B. Burpee,	A. Kerr,
E. E. Shaw,	R. Selfridge,
F. F. Burpee,	T. U. Hay,

The St. Andrews Club played last evening, but the ice was in poor condition. Today they are playing a scratch game.

**PERSONAL.**

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McFadden, of St. John, are spending the season at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. McFadden, Point de Chene.

Misses Ella Murray and Gladys Woodburn, of Sackville, are spending the holidays with Miss Murray's sister on Rockland road, St. John.

George A. Henderson went to Fredericton this morning to spend the holidays.

**DON'T LIKE THE LOCATION.**

The legal fraternity who have offices in Ritchie's building feel that the board of health office is an undesirable neighbor at present and are raising a protest against the rooms being located in the building.

The existence of the office there is injurious to business, say the lawyers, because fear of exposure keeps clients away. Now it is proposed to build a partition in the corridor so that the health office will be isolated from the other tenants.

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**LARGEST HERD OF BUFFALO.**

It is Claimed to Exist on a Ranch in Montana.

The largest existing herd of buffalo is at Flathead Lake, Montana, and is owned by the heirs of Charles Allard. This herd was collected by Allard shortly after the destruction of the great western herds, and was allowed to breed in confinement on the immense ranch owned by Allard. Some of the wild buffalo were crossed with domestic cattle, and for a time considerable meat and robes were raised for the market. The herd has been divided several times and individual buffalo have been sold to museums and circuses in various parts of the world. Three-year-olds are sold for four and five hundred dollars each, while full-grown cow buffalo were worth a thousand dollars. This price has increased until it is difficult to obtain a good breeding animal for less than double that amount. In 1875 buffalo robes for the bulls were worth \$1 apiece; in 1884 they had advanced to \$3; today a buffalo robe would bring \$100 and it would be difficult to secure one at that price.

**IN INTERPRETING GESTURE.**

An amusing example of the evil results of too great effort at clearness occurred at the annual banquet of the St. Nicholas Society the other night. The incident of the evening was the bringing in of the ancient weathercock, the symbol of the society, which once pointed the winds on the "Stadthuis" of New Amsterdam. With solemn ceremony this relic was borne in, escorted by lackeys in the yellow and black livery of St. Nicholas, and preceded by a bugler. After the weathercock was placed in front of President Stuyvesant Fish the speeches began.

One of the speakers, the Rev. Dr. Ernest M. Shires, who sat on President Fish's left, in rising to respond to a toast, said: "Among the many surprises I have had this evening, I think the greatest was the sight of the venerable old bird at my right," and he made a sweeping gesture which indicated President Fish.

Noticing the smile that greeted his remark, he added hastily: "I mean the wooden one, of course." The president joined heartily in the laugh which followed.—New York Tribune.

**MEMORIAL TABLET.**

A memorial tablet has now been placed in the medical building of McGill University, by the students in memory of Lieut. H. L. Borden and E. P. O'Reilly, fellow students, who met death in the South African war. Lieut. Borden, it will be remembered, fell while leading, with Lieut. Birch, the splendid charge made by their troops on a rock hill from which they drove the Boers, so relieving the Irish regiment which, holding the next hill, had been long under their fire, and who could not have withstood them much longer.

Edwin Patrick O'Reilly, B. A., was, like Lieut. Borden, a student in the second year medicine, when he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Artillery. He was one of the first of the regiment to be killed, by the climate and bad water. He died of enteric fever near De Aar, before his regiment got to the front. He was as popular in his battery as he had been among his fellow students.—Montreal Witness.

A large crowd was at the Victoria rink this afternoon. Tonight a one-mile handicap race will be offered as a special attraction. The ice is in prime condition.

TORONTO, Dec. 31.—The bank clearings in Toronto during 1901 broke all records, the total being, \$625,271,306, compared with \$513,696,401 for the previous year. The clearings have almost doubled since 1896.