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**TAKEN OUT LICENSES.**  
 Since yesterday nearly twenty-five non-ratepayers who are employed with the transportation companies at Sand Point have taken out laborer's licenses, the amount of which is \$7.50 each. Sergt. Ross has reported altogether 45 non-taxpayers who are working at Sand Point. The police are allowed ten per cent commission on licenses issued in consequence of their reports.

**MONTREAL, Dec. 17.**—The Star's London cable says: "Lord Strathcona makes splendid progress. He is now moving about the house, though not yet allowed out of doors. The Prince and Princess of Wales left London today to visit Lord and Lady Mount Stephen at Brockton Hall."

### GOOD WORDS FOR SCHLEY.

**Capt Moren of the Colon Gives Him Credit for the Victory at Santiago.**

**NEW YORK, Dec. 18.**—Captain Diaz Moren, who commanded the Colon at the battle of Santiago, says that Admiral Sampson could take no active part in the fight because his ship was 12 miles to the west of Santiago harbor when the Spanish squadron appeared, while Admiral Schley, with the Brooklyn flying his pennant, and the Iowa were at the mouth of the harbor, cables the Madrid correspondent of the Journal and Advertiser.

"Both warships," says Captain Moren, "fought the Maria Teresa, which seven minutes afterwards, was after my ship, the Colon, appeared there, firing her larboard artillery against the Iowa, which, not moving quickly enough, would have been sunk by the Colon, had not the Brooklyn fought an hour and a half with the Colon. Evidently the credit of the first part of the battle, during which the Maria Teresa and the Viscaya were placed hors de combat, belongs to Schley, as well as the second part, during which the Colon fought alone against the Brooklyn, the Iowa and the Oregon. She was finally vanquished by the superior artillery of the Iowa and the faster speed of the Oregon. I think Admiral Dewey's praise to Schley is just. It does not diminish Admiral Sampson's glory, to whom, as superior commander, was due the positions the ships held in the first line of blockade, and without whose instructions the result might be seen in another light."

### MORE GOLD

**Found on the Mayo Creek—A Stamped Results.**

**SEATTLE, Wn., Dec. 18.**—Dawson advices of Nov. 26 tell of a great stampede that is going on the Mayo Creek, in the Stewart river district. Prospectors wandering in the country late in the summer discovered evidences of several years' developments on the Mayo, but no one was around, the operators evidently having gone out for the winter. Cabins well stocked with provisions and tools were found. The news started the stampede and now the creek is staked from end to end, the original locators having failed to record their claims and will return to find out that they have no holdings in the district. It is not known, in Dawson how the pay dirt is, the sole reason for the rush being the mysterious development.

### ON THE VERGE OF WAR.

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.**—Semi-official advices received here indicate that hostilities are about to begin between Colombia and Venezuela. The delay in proceeding to extremes has been largely caused by the lack of a suitable stock of arms and ammunition by the Colombian government. This is about to be remedied.

The news that comes today has the effect that the British steamer Ban High, which recently excited suspicion by loading a large cargo of arms in European waters, supposedly intended for the Boers in South Africa, really was chartered by the Colombian government. She is now very near Colon and the advice is to the effect that when her cargo is distributed among the Colombian troops hostilities will begin between Colombia and Venezuela.

### CIVIC LODGING HOUSE.

**CHICAGO, Dec. 18.**—Chicago will open a municipal lodging house at 1214 Jefferson street, Saturday night. Honest men who need a bed and food and tramps and loafers who apply to the police station for shelter will be sent to the lodging house, and put through a cleanliness test and a medical examination before they will be given a home. They will also be asked about their lives and divested of weapons. An employment bureau will be opened, and whenever men are wanted the managers of the municipal lodging house will seek to get their lodgers employed. The city council has appropriated \$10,000 for the purpose. The building in Jefferson street will accommodate 300 men.

### VIOLATED LABOR LAW.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 17.**—A verdict of guilty was returned today in the trial of a case against the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Co., charged in the county court of Kings County with violation of the labor law, requiring that no employe shall be compelled to work more than ten hours within a period of twelve consecutive hours, and that one half hour daily be allowed employes for luncheon. An indictment had been found by the grand jury on the testimony of a conductor on the road, who said he had worked over eleven hours with only 15 minutes for luncheon.

### ARRAIGNED FOR TRIAL.

**LONDON, Dec. 18.**—Theodore and Laura Jackson (Annodella Diss De Bar) pleaded not guilty when arraigned at the Old Bailey this morning to stand trial on the charges which have been fully threshed out in the police court. The prisoners were not defended. There was a very large crowd in the court room and in the vicinity of the court when the solicitor general, Sir Edwin Carson, opened the case, reviewing the points already published.

**LONDON, Dec. 18.**—Discussing the working of the "Theocratic unity," Sir Edward Carson characterized the prisoners as a "Hellish gang."

### THE WEATHER.

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.**—Forecast—Eastern states and northern New York—Cloudy and cold tonight; Thursday, fair; light to fresh west to northwest winds.

### TO SUPPORT MARCONI.

**The Newfoundland Government Will Uphold Him While His Work is Experimental.**

**ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 18.**—Marconi this morning is awaiting a cable message from London announcing the result of negotiations between his agents and the Anglo-American Cable company. The inventor fears the latter will insist that he cancel business here until after the expiration of their monopoly. Marconi is not prepared to agree to such a condition, believing he can perfect means for signalling between Cornwall and Nova Scotia within a few months. He has now practically decided to visit Nova Scotia on Sunday, but this does not necessarily mean that he will abandon Newfoundland if the Anglo-American company proves reasonable.

Supt. Mackay, manager of the Anglo-American company in this colony, denies that he protested to government officials against the latter visiting the Marconi station. Mr. Mackay admits calling upon the governor, but says that the call was in regard to another aspect, a purely social one, of Marconi's affairs, and that nothing in the nature of a protest transpired. It is certain, however, that the cabinet met yesterday forenoon, prior to visiting Signal Hill, and discussed whether to go there or not. The premier, Sir Robert Bond, says the government decided to support Marconi while his work is experimental on the ground that its scientific value should be ascertained in the interests of the whole world, without taking sides in the controversy.

### SUNDAY LIQUOR SELLING.

**ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 17.**—Wm. Travers Jerome, dist. attorney-elect of New York county, was the guest of honor tonight at a banquet given by the Chamber of Commerce of this city. He spoke at some length on the subject. "The municipal problem in New York as affected by the liquor tax laws." In the course of his speech Justice Jerome said that out of 13,000 saloons in New York at least 1,000 are open every Sunday and the 14,000 voters who visit the saloon on Sunday cannot be made to feel that their act is a crime. Two thousand one hundred and sixty seven Raines Law Hotels, he said, have on Sunday India rubber sand-wiches hung on a string on the wall, the string pulled out when a drink is ordered and snapped back when the beverage is disposed of. To remedy these evils Justice Jerome said what he proposed was to change this law and legitimize Sunday sales of drinks in other public places than in the Raines hotels in the metropolis and to permit saloons in New York to open from one o'clock in the afternoon till 10 or 11 o'clock in the evening and permit other than the Raines law hotels to do business.

### FORTY-SIX MEN RESCUED.

**PARIS, Dec. 17.**—Despatches from Marseilles announce that the French steamer Kleber from Cete, France, is ashore east of the mouth of the River Rhone. The Kleber mistook the entrance during a heavy fog Monday night. During all the day life boats attempted to assist the Kleber but the heavy seas prevented.

**PARIS, Dec. 18.**—Additional despatches received here from Marseilles announce that 46 of the members of the crew of 52 men belonging to the French steamer Kleber, ashore east of the mouth of the River Rhone, have been rescued through the use of life-boats. The captain and officers of the Kleber have refused to leave the vessel.

### GERMAN COMPANIES ABSORBED.

**BERLIN, Dec. 18.**—The Kleines Journal says President Duke of the American Tobacco Company has acquired the Jasmattzi Cigarette company of Dresden, and also Kyriazi Brothers of Dresden. Two other Dresden concerns, La Fermez and Sullma, will be amalgamated and will then be absorbed by the American Tobacco company. Mr. Duke, who has been spending several days in Berlin, having gone to St. Petersburg for the purpose of buying cigarette factories.

### EDISON PRAISES MARCONI.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 18.**—At his laboratory at West Orange, N. J., Thomas A. Edison authorized the following statement concerning William Marconi's feat in receiving wireless telegraphic communications from England: "Since Marconi has stated over his own signature that he has received the signals from England I believe him, and I think he will carry it to complete success. It is a great achievement and he is a great experimenter."

### BLIZZARD IN GREAT BRITAIN.

**LONDON, Dec. 18.**—A snow blizzard is raging today over practically the whole of Scotland and parts of England and Wales. The roads and railroads are blocked. Many country districts are isolated and in others work has been suspended on account of the weather. There have been several deaths from exposure and numbers of minor ship wrecks have been reported.

### FREDERICTON.

**FREDERICTON, Dec. 18th.**—The Central Insurance Company of Fredericton, which went out of business, held a mortgage on the Barker house. That was today assigned to the William Richards Co., of Bolestown. The hotel will be continued as usual under the management of Chauncey Coleman.

**OTTAWA, Dec. 17.**—Hon. Dr. Borden received a cable from the war office today that the transport Victorian will not arrive at Halifax until about January 17th. The Manhattan is due on the 7th.

### A WOMAN COLONEL

**Fights Bravely in the Conflicts in Colombia**

**NEW YORK, Dec. 18.**—A despatch to the Herald from Colon, Colombia, says: A woman, Colonel Senora Ramona Mendoza, fought bravely with the insurgent forces in the conflicts between the Colombian government and rebel troops at Nombre De Dios last week. Her husband and brother were killed last Thursday. When the government troops drove the insurgents from the trenches on Friday Senora Mendoza escaped to San Blas in a small boat with Indians. Senora Mendoza has been an intrepid fighter during the last two insurrections on the Isthmus. She displayed gallantry in the recent battle at Buenavista.

### RESCUED FROM THE WRECK.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 18.**—The Panama Railway Steamship Company's steamer Advance, which arrived this morning from Colon, rescued and brought to port the captain and crew of the three-masted schooner Edward W. Young, of Boston, from Georgetown, S. C., December 13, for New York, lumber laden, which they were obliged to abandon at sea. The crew of the wrecked vessel numbered seven seamen, and they were taken from their waterlogged vessel at seven o'clock in the morning. Captain Phillips, of the Advance said they sighted a three-masted schooner with her flag set union down to indicate distress. The Advance steamed down to the disabled craft, found her to be the American schooner Edward W. Young, Captain John Madlock, lumber laden, bound from Georgetown, S. C., for New York. The schooner appeared to be in bad condition, her decks were level with the sea and the hold was full of water. The hull could be seen heaving and bending between the fore and main masts and apparently breaking up. The schooner not having any boats, the chief officer was sent with one of the Advance's boats and took out the crew, seven men all told, and brought them on board the steamer.

### DARING MAIL ROBBERY.

**ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 18.**—A daring robbery of a pouch of United States registered mail occurred last night at the doors of the old post office building at Third and Olive streets. Oscar Kelling, a driver of a mail wagon, was knocked down with the butt of a revolver by three men, as he was leaving the building and robbed of a sack of registered mail, which he was taking outside. The robbers succeeded in escaping with the booty before Kelling could give the alarm. The lobby of the post office was crowded with people at the time and the sidewalk thronged with men returning home from business. The exact value of the contents of the lost sack is not known.

### STRATHCONA'S GUESTS.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 18.**—The Prince and Princess of Wales left London for Brockton Hall, Hatfield, where they will be the guests of Lord Mount Stephen, the London correspondent of the Tribune. It is considered highly appropriate, adds the correspondent, that one of their first country visits on returning from their tour around the world should be to the man who for many years, was the head of the Canadian Pacific Railway, over which they have lately travelled so much.

### ESCAPED BY SUICIDE.

**BROOKVILLE, Ind., Dec. 18.**—Albert H. King, one of the trio convicted of swindling by "fixing" a foot race, evaded his sentence of two to fourteen years at Michigan City by ending his life last night by taking morphine while in jail. The young man was a real estate dealer and previous to his connection with the fraudulent company, he had borne an excellent reputation.

### FIRE AT OLD TOWN.

**OLD TOWN, Me., Dec. 18.**—A serious fire started here at 3 o'clock this morning, and burned for more than two hours and a half. Among the property consumed were the box mill of The John Lumber Company, the Noncross building, a livery stable conducted by Burnham Brothers, and the Baldi house.

**OLD TOWN, Me., Dec. 18.**—In all six buildings were destroyed. The loss is \$40,000, insurance \$20,000.

### SENT TO THE PENITENTIARY.

**OTTAWA, Dec. 18.**—James Martin alias "Kid" McManus, was sentenced this morning to 8 years in the Kingston penitentiary by Judge MacTavish. Chas. Smith, Martin's pal, was sent up for seven years. The men blew up a safe in Ottawa some time ago and were caught in the store. They have bad records in the states.

### DEATH RESULTED.

**SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 19.**—Daniel McAuliffe, one of the three men shot a week ago in a riot in West Scranton, by Scranton Railway company officers who were attempting the arrest of a man accused of attacking imported motor men and conductors, died today at the Lackawanna hospital. Detective Cosgrove of New York city is under arrest charged with the fatal shooting.

### AGED 104.

**WATERTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 18.**—Mrs. Virginia Young, the oldest person in northern New York, is dead at Redwood, Jefferson county, aged 104. She was grandmother of (Tommy) Ryan, the well known pugilist.

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### ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 18, 1901

#### A DEFENSE OF SIR WILFRID.

No one would have found fault with Sir Wilfrid Laurier for attending a luncheon to Mr. Redmond and his comrades if these visitors were simply members of a party advocating home rule for Ireland. The objection was taken to the act of the premier of Canada paying honor to members of the imperial parliament who openly rejoice over every success of the Boers, who publicly express the hope that the British will be beaten in this war, who endorse the candidature for the house of commons of a British subject who boasts that he has been serving as an officer with the Boer forces. Sir Wilfrid has not been criticised by one party alone, and it is in answer to a liberal critic that United Canada, a journal printed at Ottawa, makes reply. United Canada is reproaching Mr. Stewart, a former resident of Ottawa, who is now an official of the Ontario government, and says among other things:

The recent alleged attempt of American speculators to invade the Canadian Yukon gold fields would have, if persisted in, put Canadians in an exact parallel position with the Boers. The Yukon is our property, the Transvaal belongs to the Boers. There is one difference. The American speculators plotted to go in armed and masked in traditional highway robbers' attire. The men who plotted the second raid in South Africa affected to be actuated by motives of Christianity and civilization. They held up the Bible, the flag, the cross and the torch of civilization. Both were after gold.

Mr. Stewart says Mr. Redmond and the Irish nationalists should not be recognized on account of their position on the war in Africa. Mr. Redmond is the leader and representative of the vast majority of the Irish people all over the world. He speaks their sentiments. His views are the views of the representatives of every nation in Europe, except the Turk. The world knows that if there were no gold mines in South Africa there would be no war. All the world understood the Chamberlain-Rhodes raid. It won't mend matters to about traitor, rebel, pro-Boer.

From another article in United Canada, opposing the proposition that Canada should pay and maintain the corps now organizing for service in South Africa, the following is taken:

The war office under Chamberlain and that crawling creature Lansdowne, only think of Canada when they want to contrast the loyalty of our fools and fakirs with the irreverent taxpayers in the old land. Chamberlain and Lansdowne in their speeches say: "Look at Canada, actually begging us to accept another contingent, while you Englishmen are denouncing the government."

It must not be supposed for a moment that the journal from which this language is quoted speaks for all Canadians of Irish origin who advocate home rule for Ireland. There are other papers, whose tone is moderate, and who would not explain in this way the unwise act of the premier, if indeed they would defend it at all.

Lord Rosebery's speech at Chesterfield must have proved exceedingly unsatisfactory to the liberal party. The notices which foreshadowed it were such as to arouse a very considerable interest in its delivery. It was supposed to throw new light upon liberal principles and to give to members of that party advice upon the present political situation. So all eyes were turned from the nominal leader, Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, to him who is supposed to be the hope of the party. It signally failed of this purpose if such were intended. As an oratorical effect the speech was certainly on unqualified success. But as a means of opening up the way for the liberals it was far from being satisfactory. The speech abounded in generalities and was particularly vague on those subjects where light was most needed. It criticised the policy of the government and at the same time cautioned the opposition from proceeding with undue speed. There was especial obscurity about those passages in which Lord Rosebery referred to the question of his personal inclinations concerning the leadership of the liberal party. In vagueness and in oratory the speech was magnificent, but there was not in it much comfort for the somewhat disorganized liberals.

An effort is being made to establish a system of wireless telegraphy between Prince Edward Island and the mainland. As the distance between the nearest points is only twelve or fifteen miles there can be no doubt of the practicability of the scheme. In fact Marconi has assured men in the island province who are interesting themselves in the matter that there will be no trouble in the successful operation of wireless telegraph between these points. It is certainly time that some steps were taken to improve the present system of communication.

The announcement that the cotton mills have again commenced operations is certainly good news for the entire city. Employment will now be furnished for a large number of people, and a very considerable amount of money will thus be put in circulation here.

General French has added to his South African reputation by the capture of Commandant Kritzinger, who has been styled "the DeWet of Cape Colony."

### HOLIDAY GIFTS.

Where and What to Buy for Christmas.

J. W. ADDISON.

In the Market building on Germain street, has a full stock of children's toys at low prices. He has a good line of mechanical toys for fifteen, twenty, and twenty-five cents. Besides these goods Mr. Addison carries all kinds of hardware and is showing some very fine table and pocket cutlery.

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C. P. R. ALL RIGHT.

A despatch from Supt. Osborne, at Brownville, last night, stated that it was expected the line would be clear by noon today and through traffic would recommence this afternoon.

The Pleasant River bridge, near Brownville, has been fully repaired, and yesterday trains were running between Brunswick and McAdam. The only trouble now remaining is between Elliot and Brownville. The engine and tender, which were derailed by the big washout near Brownville, were replaced on the track last night.

WATERVILLE, Me., Dec. 17.—The first train from the west to arrive since Sunday afternoon reached here this evening over the Back route at 6.30 o'clock. A train carrying passengers and mails left here over the same route for Portland at 10.08 tonight. Several days will pass before trains can be sent to Bangor. Possibly by Saturday night, by means of transferring at Clinton, Bangor may be reached. The main line between this city and Augusta will probably be opened Friday morning. Two days will be required to open the Skowhegan branch. The reports from the east indicate that the Foxcroft branch is in a very bad condition, worse even than at any point on the main line. The Somerset road sent a train through to Bingham tonight, and one train arrived at Oakland late this afternoon from Solon.

Baby's cold may be cured in a night by using Vapo-Cresolene, which has been extensively in use for twenty-four years. All druggists.

### MARCONI'S SIGNALS.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 17.—The Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of London, and the Anglo-American Cable Co., also in London, have opened negotiations for the settlement of the difficulty between them arising from Marconi's work here. In the meantime, it is important that Marconi's operations be expedited. He will cease his experiments here and will leave next Sunday for Nova Scotia, where, in the event of the failure of the present negotiations, he will select another site for a wireless telegraph station. The inventor's work in Nova Scotia will occupy about a week. He then leaves for London via St. John.

### TOO MUCH MARRIED.

SYDNEY, C. B., Dec. 17.—In Monday's issue of local papers there appeared the following notice:

"Married at St. Andrew's manse, by Rev. J. F. Forbes, Gaelana Selviella, to Margaret Helen Julian, both of Sydney." This morning "Helen," or "Madalene," as she is commonly known, was arrested at the instance of the husband. She is charged with bigamy, she having confessed to him that she had been married before and that her husband No. 1 was still living. The cause leading to the arrest was her refusal to live with him any longer. At this Selviella, who is an Italian, became indignant and took proceedings against his spouse. Mrs. Selviella is somewhat prepossessing in her looks. Both are Roman Catholics, and it is said she will contend that the marriage is null because it was performed by a Protestant minister, but unfortunately the court as well as the church may possibly hold the marriage legal. Mrs. Selviella was let out on bail and the preliminary hearing will probably be held tomorrow morning.

### SMALLPOX AT HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 17.—A Halifax physician has communicated smallpox to his wife. A month ago the disease was discovered in the house of Bateson, a blacksmith in this city. Dr. F. M. was the attending physician. A few days ago he was troubled with a slight fever, but smallpox did not develop. It did, however, in the case of his wife, and Mrs. Finn was today removed to the infectious diseases hospital. Dr. Finn went with her, also to the hospital here. Mrs. Finn has an infant two months old. Their house has been quarantined and the child is in charge of its grandmother.

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### COL. TUCKER, M. P.

Col. Tucker, M. P. for St. John, N. B., arrived here on Tuesday. The empire state politicians and the journalists of Ottawa have never been able to fathom the colonel, who by the way strikingly resembles the great Bismarck. Col. Tucker never reveals state secrets because he never knows any. It is said that those who occupy the "seats of the mighty" never confide in him until the news is old enough for the magazines and even then, they advise him to keep it quiet and look wise. He does both. "I had a duce of a busy day since I arrived," said the colonel to United Canada, when he came out of the departments. Sir Henry Jolly and Col. Tucker were chums from '98 to '99, and were two of the most venerable looking old men

### THE LINTON & SINCLAIR CO., Limited.

## SPECIAL IMPORTATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS.

150 Cases and Casks of

## CHRISTMAS CHINA and GLASSWARE.

These lines will be sold at lowest prices to clear as we are determined to not carry any over after Christmas, and Bargains May Be Looked For.

Children's Toy Woodenware: Rockers at 10c., Blackboards at 25c., Toboggan Slides at 15c., Tables at 15c., Tables (large) at 27c.

See our 5, 10, 20 and 25 cent counters. You will wonder how we sell these lines at the prices.

We advise buying your Christmas Presents early, getting a better selection and avoiding the rush.

### The LINTON & SINCLAIR CO., Ltd.,

37 & 39 Dock Street.

who came to parliament after June, 1896. They impressed observers as samples of a school of men who have almost all gone. They were not long at the capital however, until they attended a ball at Government House, and then it was that they made the boys look crimson with envy. These two aged gallant chevaliers were the smartest dancers at the ball and only the youngest and prettiest girls would do them for partners.—United Canada.

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

### WINTER PORT MATTERS.

At Sand Point there are now fifty-three carloads of hay and twenty of

oats for shipment to South Africa, thirty-two carloads of mixed freight for the Elder-Dempster line and twenty-two carloads for the Allan liner Corinthian, which is due here today.

As yet there has been no delay to the steamers by reason of the damage on the railway lines, and it is thought that the freight now on hand will be sufficient to keep the different steamers busy until other trains begin to arrive, which will probably be on Thursday night or Friday morning.

Smith—Say, we've got a new cook at our boarding house.

Jones—Any better than the old one?

Smith—Well, I guess yes. Why, she can actually cook prunes so you can't tell them from dried peaches.—Chicago News.



Putting braids and common brush bindings on a good skirt is simply a waste of time and money.

## Duxbak

Waterproof Bias Velvet Brush Edge Skirt Binding

will outwear the life of the skirt.

**DUXBAK** cannot chafe even the finest shoe.

**DUXBAK** is very easy to put on—the top being finished, does not require turning in.

**DUXBAK** is an economical binding.

It's one of the S. H. & M. make.

The letters S. H. & M. are on the back of every yard. —5

### CHRISTMAS KODAKS.

Kodaks from \$5 to \$25  
Brownie Cameras at \$1 & \$2

Ask to see the new Brownie, takes a picture 2 1/2 x 3 1/4. Price \$2.

**E. G. NELSON & CO.,**  
Cor. King and Charlotte Sts.

### 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.

### CHRISTMAS CAKES AND PIES.

You must have them and its an awful bother to bake them, isn't it? They might spoil in the baking and ruin all. Just leave your order here and put trouble away. We can supply layer cakes, ornamental and fancy cakes, mince and pumpkin pies, the best ever made. Better leave your order early—first come, first served.

**Hygienic Bakery**  
134-136-138 Mill Street.  
Phone 1167

### HELP WANTED, FEMALE.

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

WANTED—A Stenographer and Typewriter for business office. One with experience preferred. Address, Typewriter, Star Office.

WANTED—Costmaker wanted at once. Apply to N. A. SEELYE, 55 Germain street.

### HELP WANTED, MALE.

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

BOY WANTED—Apply to CHARLES M. LINGLEY, Printer, 14 Canterbury street.

WANTED—A City Collector, with good references. Apply to Business, Star Office.

GENERAL AGENTS WANTED in each town for special, accident, sickness, indemnification policies and general insurance business. Liberal terms to reliable men. Write box 275, Montreal.

### SITUATIONS WANTED.

Advertisements under this head inserted free of charge.

WANTED—By Competent Man, permanent or temporary employment at Books, half-yearly accounts, or general office work. Best of references. Address, "D. R.," care of Daily Sun Office.

SITUATION WANTED—A young man engaged during the day would like to obtain work for evenings, such as keeping a small set of books, copying, etc. Address E. C. care Star Office.

### WANTED.

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

WANTED—to Rent—Medium sized house in good locality, modern conveniences, also a barn or storehouse, preferably on same lot. Give all particulars of rent, heating, lighting, etc. Write W. C. R., Star Office.

WANTED—Cavassers, male or female, through the city to handle a rapid selling book on the war. Good commissions. Address "M.," Star Office.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

ALL KINDS SEWING MACHINES REPAIRED.

Needles and parts for all makes at W. H. BELLS, 28 Duke Street.

### MONEY TO LOAN

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

MONEY—Advanced on mortgage in large or small sums. Apply to Chas. Macdonald, barrister, Walker Building, Canterbury St.

On Freehold and Leasehold property, repayable by monthly instalments or otherwise. Apply to CHAPMAN & TILLEY, Barristers, Palmer's Building, Princess Street.

### FOR SALE.

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

SEAL SKIN COAT for sale. Apply to T. E., Star Office.

CARDBOARD PLACARDS OF FLATS, ROOMS, SHOPS and HOUSES TO LET can be had at the Sun Counting Room.

FOR SALE—A chemist's balance with all necessary weights; good as new. Apply A. M., Star Office.

### HOTELS.

#### HOTEL DUFFERIN.

E. LEROY WILLIS, St. John, N. B.

J. J. McCAFFREY, Manager.

#### 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.

#### GOOD BUTTER.

JAMES PATTERSON,

19 and 20 South Market Wharf, 8 City Market.

### ACTION DEFERRED.

At the adjourned meeting of the common council yesterday action relative to the proposed purchase of the McLeod wharf was again deferred. The council has decided that the consent of Geo. K. McLeod is necessary and adjournment was made with a view of obtaining such.

A letter from Wm. Thomson & Co., asking exemption from western freight landed at Pettingill wharf by the Furness line steamer was filed.

Schofield & Co's protest against the water rates charged to steamers at Sand Point was referred to the water and sewerage board.

The appeals committee recommended that J. A. Fowler be relieved; that \$7 be accepted from Wm. A. Tufts; that \$100 be accepted from J. H. Parks; that \$8 be taken from Charles A. Knodell; that \$18 be accepted from David Dickson, and \$30 from E. J. Armstrong. The report was adopted.

F. L. Melliday asked the council to pay him the work done by him in connection with the arches erected during the Royal visit. Mr. Melliday will be notified to apply to the executive committee connected with the Royal reception.

Murray & Gregory's application for a lease of one of the islands in the falls was referred to the board of works.

In reply to Ald. Millidge, the mayor said no reply had been received from Mr. Carnegie with reference to the proposed library grant.

### TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

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

MATTAWA, Dec. 17.—The general hospital here was burned to the ground today. No lives were lost, the patients being safely removed.

December 18th, 1901.

Open Evenings until Ten—until Christmas.

# Gifts For Men!

Do you know a man appreciates something to wear—especially from the fair sex—more than anything else? There's plenty of sensible gift-things ready at Oak Hall.

### Umbrellas.

No one has too many Umbrellas. You can make the gift as expensive as you like. \$1.00 to \$6.00.

### Suit Case Umbrellas.

This umbrella folds so you can put it in your suit case. Sold only by us. \$5.00.

### Holiday Suspenders.

Sterling Silver Buckles someone will value them twice as much if you have his monogram engraved—the buckles are made for that. 75c. to \$2.50.

### House Coats.

A House Coat is one of the most acceptable gifts a man can get. Come here and see our assortment. \$5.25, \$6.00, \$8.00.

### Handkerchiefs.

Men's and Boys' Handkerchiefs, 10c. to \$1.00 each. Plain and bordered; Linen and Silk.

### Sweaters for Gifts.

Good presents for a boy or young man skating time. Men's and Boys' Sweaters.

## Christmas Candy!



When Santa Claus arrived last Friday evening he brought a large supply of Candy—Ganong's Bouquets—and he has requested us to give one package to each of our customers purchasing goods to the value of 50 Cents and over.

As requested, we will begin giving it away on Thursday morning.

## GREATER OAK HALL,

King Street, Cor. Germain.

SCOVIL BROS. & CO.

St. John, N. B.

## Skates and Framers.

A LARGE LOT JUST RECEIVED AT

## C. F. BROWN'S,

501-505 MAIN STREET.

## FALL WOOLLENS.

My stock of Imported and Domestic Woollens now open.

J. P. HOGAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN'S TAILORING, 101 Charlotte St., Opp. Hotel Dufferin, Telephone 1251.

## THURSDAY MORNING,

—FROM—

## 9.30 to 11 o'clock,

We will sell at 10c. Each, 500 Clothbound Books, Gilt Top, by popular authors, regular 25c. edition. No more than five books to one purchaser. Don't miss our big sale of BIBLES on SATURDAY MORNING, 21st inst., when we will sell at 33 CENTS EACH, 200 MOROCCO BOUND BIBLES with Gilt Edges, Side and Back Title, Ruby Type; International References; Harmony of the Gospels, etc. Regular price 75c.

## BLUE FRONT STORE,

50 King Street.

## SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Cleared. Bgo Alert, Riel, for Annapolis, Md. Coastwise—Stmr. Flushing, for Annapolis; schrs. Ansel, for North Head; Lady Aberdeen, for Grand Harbor; Nina Blanche, for Freeport; Emma T. Storey, for Grand Harbor.

LATE SHIP NEWS. Domestic Ports. HALIFAX, NS, Dec 17—Ard, str Corinthian, from Liverpool, and sailed for St John; Duncan, from New York; sch Yukon, from Boston. Sid, str Bonavista, for Boston; Tunisian, for Liverpool.

Foreign Ports. DUTCH ISLAND HARBOR, RI, Dec 17—Sid, sch Harry Knowlton, from St John for New York. NEW LONDON, Dec 17—Ard, schs Annie A Booth, from New York for St John, NB; Harry Moulton, from St John for Philadelphia.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, Dec 17—Ard, schs Frank and Ira, from Stonington, Conn, for St John; Nimrod, from New York for Portland; F. D Spear, from New York for Calais; Pardon G Thompson, from Edge-water for St John; Onward, from Newport for St John. Three Siders, from New York, bound east.

CAIAIS, Me, Dec 17—Sid, schs Annie Gus, for Boston; Julia and Martha, for Bradford; J Kennedy, for Wellfleet. BOSTON, Dec 17—Ard, str Anglian, from London; Galone, from Louisbourg; schs Silver Wave and R Carson, from Quebec; Nellie I White, from Sand River, NS; Acadia, from Montserrat, PEI; Centennial, from Charlottetown, PEI; Centennial, from St John, NB.

SLA, schs Etta A Stimpson and Edward W Perry, for New York.

NANTUCKET, Mass, Dec 17—The first snow of the season lies eight inches in depth all over the island tonight, and the northeast gale is making it drift badly. The night will be the roughest for the coast party for long.

HIGHLAND LIGHT, Mass, Dec 17—A northeast storm, which promises to be the worst of the season, began here at noon. The wind has steadily increased, reaching a velocity of 35 miles at 7 p m, accompanied with a heavy snow fall.

Three laden schooners passed out, and must have been caught before reaching the shoals. The whistle of a south-bound steamer was heard late this afternoon. The storm gives every indication of increasing during the night.

CHATHAM, Dec 17—There is an increasing eastern snow storm tonight.

## COMMERCIAL.

DAILY QUOTATIONS. (Published by W. S. Barker, Banker and Broker, Palmer's Building.)

Table with columns for various commodities like Amalgamated Cop, Am. Sugar Refn, A. T. and Santa F, etc., and their respective prices.

## REDUCED THE PRICE.

NEW YORK, Dec 18.—The Amn. Sugar Refining Co. reduced refined sugar ten points. Each in its grade the most satisfactory, Union Blend Tea at 25, 30, 35 and 40c. per pound will produce more liquor of better quality than other brands. Try it, your own judgment will say that's right.

## SMALLPOX TALK.

A meeting of the local government was held in this city last night to deal with the smallpox problem. There were present: Premier Tweedie and Hons. Wm. Pugsley, C. H. Labllois, A. T. Dunn and Geo. F. Hill. Dr. Fisher of Fredericton, the secretary of the provincial board of health, was in attendance. The application of the Fredericton board of trade, asking for medical inspection upon all trains arriving at Fredericton Junction was considered.

The government are in communication with Dr. Monahanbert, the director general of the public health of Canada, with a view to having the dominion government provide for the inspection of all trains and steamers bringing passengers into the province from Boston.

The provincial executive are in hope that the dominion government can be induced to assume a portion of the obligation.

The government are considering having a medical inspection on the Boston boats and all trains arriving at McAlism Junction, Fredericton Junction, Edmundston and Campbellton.

## YORK CAMPAIGN.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 18.—D. C. Fraser of Guysboro and E. M. MacDonald of Pictou, N. S., spoke in the Opera house, Fredericton, last night, in the interests of Mr. Gibson. They are to remain in the county for the rest of the campaign. At the same time the government organs and supporters claim that Dr. McLeod is not worth noting, and has nobody supporting him.

People like the flavor of Red Rose tea. It's good tea.

## MORNING'S NEWS.

Tug Flushing will take the bark Alert over to Annapolis today. The vessel was not ready to go yesterday. A silver thimble picked up on Germain street yesterday is in the hands of the police.

Coroner Berryman has ordered a further inquest into the Causton case to be held on Friday evening. The summonses were sent out yesterday. A meeting of the finance committee of the Maritime Baptist Convention will be held in Truro tomorrow. Rev. B. H. Nobles of Carleton expects to leave today to be in attendance.

The Guild of St. Monica will continue their sale of fancy work, Christmas cakes and candy this afternoon and evening at the Mission church Sunday school, Paradise row. Auction at 9 o'clock.

Yesterday afternoon Edward Driscoll was thrown from a wagon at the corner of King and Germain streets, and considerably cut about the head. The accident was caused by the horse slipping on the street. Driscoll was driven to his home.

Thomas E. Day of Gloucester, Mass., brother of Mrs. W. E. Weyman of Carleton, leaves this morning for Boston. The physicians who have been looking after Mrs. Weyman's case, have assured Mr. Day that all danger is past, consequently he will leave for home at once.

About five o'clock yesterday afternoon an alarm from box No. 2 called out the department for a slight fire in the carpenter shop of Alfred L. Dodge 24 King square. The blaze was caused by the explosion of a small oil stove and was speedily extinguished by a stream from No. 2's hose.

Dr. Elias Alward will lecture this evening upon Bills of Exchange, in the equity court room, at 8.30 o'clock. This lecture and those which are to follow should be attended by many bank officers as well as by law students. To the bank men notice is hereby given that a lecture will be delivered each Wednesday evening throughout the winter at the same place and hour.

That Whoop! Have you had it in your house? It's cough and cough, and then that terrible whoop! Don't upset the stomach more by giving nauseous medicine. Just let the child breathe in the soothing vapor of Vapo-Cresolene. It goes right to the spot that's diseased. Relief is immediate, and in a very few days the cure is complete. You can't say the same of any other treatment. For asthma, catarrh, and colds it's equally good.

The Vaporizer and Lamp, which should last a lifetime, and a bottle of Vapo-Cresolene, \$1.50; extra supplies of Cresolene 25 cents and 50 cents. Illustrated booklet containing physicians' testimonials free upon request. VAPOR-CRESOLENE CO., 120 Fulton St., New York, N. S. A.

## AMUSEMENTS.

York Theatre, (R. J. ARMSTRONG, Mgr.) CHRISTMAS DAY, 25th-DECEMBER-25th. TWO PERFORMANCES ONLY. Boston Comedy Co. H. PRICE WEBBER, Manager. Supporting the Popular Actress EDWINA GREY.

Afternoon at 2.30. First time in St. John of the Comedy. LOVE OR MONEY. Evening at 8.30. Paul Merritt's Great English Drama. The Golden Plough. FIRST TIME HERE. Admission 25c. Reserved seats 50c. Matinee 25c. to everybody.

VICTORIA RINK! ESTABLISHED 1864. 1901-SEASON-1902. Grand Opening Monday Evening, Dec. 23rd.

THE VICTORIA RINK'S OWN BAND In attendance every TUESDAY and THURSDAY EVENINGS, and SATURDAY AFTERNOONS. OLDER, BIGGER, BRIGHTER, BETTER

SEASON TICKETS may now be procured at the office of the Rink at the following rates:— Gentlemen, \$5.00; Ladies, \$3.00 Children, under 14 years of age, \$2.00 Family Tickets, admitting two members of the same family, \$7.00. Extra Family Tickets, \$1.00. R. J. ARMSTRONG, Manager.

Girardot Brand Not a Drachm of Adulteration in a Barrel. The label "Girardot Brand" on a bottle of wine guarantees the absolute purity of the contents. "Girardot Brand" wines are also properly matured, fine and palatable. Connoisseurs declare they are superior to imported wines. Try them. You may as well have the best. At all hotels and stores that handle good wine. A postal to the E. Girardot Wine Company (Limited), Sandwich, Ontario, will bring you an interesting treatise on wine. CANADIAN WINE.

Our Large Stock of BARGAINS. TOYS, DOLLS, GAMES, CALENDARS, WRITING DESKS, ROCKING HORSES, FANCY GOODS, etc. Must be sold before Xmas. REID BROS., 56 King St.

You Can Buy Them Cheaper at Arnold's. Dolls 1c. to \$100 each. Dressed Dolls, Naked Dolls, Rubber Dolls, Kid Dolls, Jointed Dolls.

At the annual meeting of Court St. John, C. O. F., No. 470, the following officers were elected: Chief ranger, M. W. Galley; vice chief, ranger, M. G. Foster; financial secretary, J. H. Scammell, M. D.; recording secretary, R. Willis; chaplain, E. A. Preston, M. D.; senior woodward, A. Martin; junior woodward, B. A. Dennison; senior Wilson, G. Maxwell; junior woodward, B. Shaw; court physicians, J. H. Scammell, M. D., E. A. Preston, M. D.

At the meeting of Court La Tour, No. 125, I. O. F., held in Foresters' hall last night, the following officers were elected for the year 1902: H. N. Sharpe, C. F. R.; C. B. Boyd, V. C. R.; E. H. Bond, R. S.; M. B. Grass, P. S.; F. J. Murphy, Orator; F. E. Grass, S. W.; Harry D. Wood, J. W.; J. W. McFarland, S. B.; Chas. Strang, J. B.; A. A. Wilson, C. D. M. C. R.; E. S. Price, M. D., Court Physician; E. R. Chapman, J. E. Rossiter, trustees; A. A. Wilson, O. A. Crawford, F. and A. committee; E. R. Chapman, M. E. Grass, O. A. Crawford, C. B. Boyd, members of central committee.

ORANGEMEN'S SOCIAL LAST NIGHT. The officers of Havelock Lodge, No. 27, were installed last evening by Scott E. Morrell, county master. After the installation ceremonies, Hon. Charles N. Skinner, P. M., entertained the officers and members of the lodge at supper at his residence on Crown street. W. B. Wallace, the master of the lodge, presided, and was the toast master. The toasts were as follows: The King, the Grand Lodge of N. B., responded to by Grand Secretary Morrison and Grand Treasurer Blair; County and District Lodges, responded to by Geo. Jenkins, C. B. Ward and Robt. Gooderich; Sister Lodges, by Dr. James Christie and W. W. Allen; the Judiciary, by A. I. Trueman; the Common Council, by Ald. Macrae and Seaton; the Press, by H. E. Codner. Speeches were also given by W. B. Wallace and Mr. Skinner.

Bicyclists and all athletes depend on BENTLEY'S Liniment to keep their joints limber and muscles in trim.

A Halifax Man Almost a Winner by Local Newspaper Reports. HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 17.—Tom Foley of Halifax almost knocked Kid Martell out last night at Dartmouth in the second round of what was to have been a four round contest. Foley had his man going in the first round, when an outsider rang the song and saved him. In the second round Foley punished the visitor severely, and almost had him in dreamland when the police broke into the ring and stepped the fight. The battle was fast and furious. No decision was given. Littlejohn and Curran of St. John gave a four round exhibition.

A cup of Red Rose tea is an invigorator in this cold weather.

POLICE COURT. Harry Carlson, a hardy Swede, and Anthony Promola, a product of Russian forests, both of them sailors on the ship Credurore, started out last night to test the efficiency of St. John's police force. They went in opposite directions, Carlson going towards Lower Cove and Promola to Indiantown. By agreement they were to meet in jail if the police proved equal to their expectations and the plan was most successful. Promola was found by Officer Corbett wandering about Main

INTERNATIONAL S. S. COY Christmas Excursions -- TO BOSTON -- \$5. From Dec. 16 to 26th, inclusive, EXCURSION TICKETS TO BOSTON will be issued at \$5.00. Good to return 30 days from date of issue. Steamers leave company's wharf, Reed's Point, every MONDAY and THURSDAY at 7.30 a. m., standard time. WM. G. LEE, Agent.

Christmas Gifts. "OUR BOYS UNDER FIRE, OR CANADIAN VOLUNTEERS IN SOUTH AFRICA," by Annie E. Moulton, now selling at reduced prices in bookstores for holiday season.

street at eleven o'clock last night in a dazed condition, and Sergt. Campbell extricated Carlson from the snow drifts with which he had become involved on Britain street. They were each fined four dollars or ten days, and are now awaiting the arrival of the ship's captain with salvage money. Joseph O'Brien was last evening arrested on a warrant issued by his sister, Mrs. Bridget Herbert, for using abusive language to her in her house on Broad street. Mrs. Herbert gave evidence and O'Brien was fined eight dollars, the fine being allowed to stand provided he keeps away from his sister's home. Leo Hung Whong, a laundryman on Main street, complains about some boys who broke several windows in his establishment last evening.

DEATHS. MASON—in this city, on Dec. 15th, Harold Timmerman, infant son of George and Alice Mason, aged six weeks and two days.

FOR SMOKERS!

HAVANA CIGARS in boxes of 25, 50 and 100. Choice brands. Best quality Briar, Meerschaum and Asbestos PIPES, with and without cases. Finest leather and gun metal CIGARETTE and CIGAR CASES. TOBACCO POUCHES, plain rubber and covered with seal, antelope and kangaroo. PIPE RACKS, TOBACCO JARS, CIGAR and CIGARETTE TUBES, etc.

CHARLES BAILLIE, 70 King St.

Great Reductions

Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats, Toques and Bonnets;

The balance of our Pattern Hats and Bonnets at less than Half Price.

Mourning Millinery a Specialty. Corsets a Specialty.

Ghas. K. Cameron & Co 77 King Street.

COAL GIVEN AWAY!

On January 10th, next, some one of my Cash Customers will get

A Load of RESERVE COAL FREE.

Every one who purchases a load of Coal from me, at regular price, CASH WITH ORDER, will have a chance to get it. You may be the lucky one.

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., 57 King Street (Near N. Wharf), 6 1-2 Charlotte St.

A Turkish Bath

Opens the millions of pores and draws out the poisons which cause disease. It beautifies the complexion, prevents disease, cures colds, fevers, rheumatism, influenza and all blood, skin, Kidney and nerve troubles.

A. H. BELL'S, HAZEN AVE.

Open All Night.

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 Bldg. Tel. 1074.

JOHN RUBINS,

CUSTOM TAILOR—Clothes cleaned, repaired and pressed at short notice. 53 Germain Street.

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Sold by bushel, barrel or ton at

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"Patterson's,"

Cor. Charlotte and Duke Streets.

LADIES' WHITE LAWN APRONS.

These goods make a very useful Christmas Gift. Prices from

25c. Up.

STOPS OPEN EVERY EVENING. CASH ONLY.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers in the Star are reminded that to ensure insertion their copy should be handed in not later than TEN O'CLOCK in the morning.

LOCAL NEWS.

This evening! Choice of all dolls at just half price. Morrell & Sutherland.

H. Horton & Son's store after today will be open every evening until 10 o'clock until Xmas.

The members of the Thistle Curling Club will meet Thursday evening for the purpose of electing officers.

The employees of the Globe will be entertained by Mrs. J. V. Ellis at her residence, Princess street, Thursday evening.

A despatch from Ottawa today states that Kentville, N. S., will be used as a recruiting station, instead of Quebec.

A fur collar would be a most desirable Christmas gift for a lady. D. Magee's Sons quote special prices on page 4 of the Star today.

On Christmas eve the country market will be kept open until eleven o'clock, instead of closing at ten, as is usually the custom.

Beginning tomorrow the steamer St. Croix will make but one trip per week between St. John and Boston, leaving Boston on Mondays and St. John on Thursdays.

The North End W. C. T. U. will receive donations of food and clothing for the poor at their hall on Main street between the hours of three and five o'clock on Friday and Monday.

A monument to the late Lieut. Harold L. Borden, a facsimile of the one erected at Riet Viel near Pretoria, has just been completed at Halifax and will be placed in the Borden family lot at Canning.

Mrs. Everett's sale of fancy work, which is being held at the warehouses of the W. H. Johnson Co., 7 Market square, is being thronged with visitors and Christmas purchasers. Don't fail to call and see it.

The death is reported of Mrs. Catherine Shaw, wife of William Shaw, which occurred this morning at her home at Grand Bay. Mrs. Shaw was fifty-eight years of age, and besides her husband leaves four children. Her funeral will take place tomorrow, service being held at her late home at half-past twelve o'clock.

Director Chapman will visit practically all of the larger Maine choruses after the holidays and everywhere preparations are being made for his visit. He will also probably visit the recently organized chorus in St. John, the nucleus of a big provincial chorus which will take part in the annual festival to be given in St. John, says the Bangor Commercial.

The Riverside correspondent of the Moncton Times says:—It is to be regretted that Angus Dewar, of St. Stephen, in accepting the principalship of the Fairville school, St. John, has severed his connection with the Riverside school. He is an excellent teacher and has given good satisfaction in his work. He will be greatly missed by his many friends among whom he became very popular during his brief stay.

F. A. Dykeman & Co's store will be open every evening from now until Christmas. A dry goods store perhaps offers a more varied assortment of goods suitable for Christmas presents than any other place, and this year this firm have made their place especially attractive, by making an extra large selection of goods, which are especially adapted for the Christmas trade.

At the regular meeting last evening Court Frederick, I. O. F., No. 368, elected the following officers for the year 1902: Alexander Kinross, C. R. Chas. Cobham, V. C. R.; I. M. Beattie, R. S.; C. E. Belyea, Fin. Sec.; John B. Tait, Treas.; J. S. Earle, Chap.; Henry Lord, S. W.; Hazen Hamilton, J. W.; Jas. Alston, S. E.; J. R. Webb, J. B.; court physician, Dr. F. L. Kenney; court deputy, C. J. Morrison; central committee, C. E. Belyea, S. A. Morrell.

VICTORIA RINK OPENING.

For 25 years Victoria rink has been St. John's reliable place of winter amusement. The palatial Victoria rink went down in the fire of June, 1877, but the Victoria skating rink kept right on and is today doing business at the old stand, brighter, better and more lovely than ever. Its chief patrons are the descendants of the men and women of 40 years ago. Manager Armstrong had the best patronage last year in the rink's history, and that has led him to put out big money this winter in refurbishing the dressing rooms and the roof interior. Mr. Armstrong will open the rink on the 23rd inst. In the meantime he wants every intending season ticket purchaser to call down and see the big sheet of ice. It is better than ever before.

ARITHMETIC CONTEST.

In today's work at the Currie Business University Downing secured a total of 69 points against Colwell's 41. This contest, which is for a medal and cash prize, will expire Friday. The following is the standing of the leaders today:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Points. C. E. Colwell...761, Stephen Downing...747, Wm. Elliott...613, Sadie Lindsay...483, Wm. Fleming...467.

FAT STOCK SHOW OPENED.

AMHERST, Dec. 17.—The annual fat stock show opened this morning with a fine display of cattle, swine and poultry. This evening the Academy of Music was jammed to the doors at the public meeting. Among the speakers were: Hon. S. Fisher and President Mills of Guelph, Hon. W. T. Pipes, H. J. Logan and Hon. T. R. Black.

SMALLPOX.

Two New Cases Developed Today.

Two new cases of smallpox were reported this morning. Both are in the household of J. N. Harvey, 75 Hazen, and the victims are Mr. Harvey and his infant daughter, who is three months old. Both showed the first symptoms of illness last Saturday. The child can scarcely be expected to survive the attack, but Mr. Harvey has the disease in its mildest form. He was successfully vaccinated two years ago. Mrs. Harvey and a domestic are the other inmates of the household.

In connection with the discovery of the disease in the Harvey house it is stated that the disease was in existence there three or four weeks ago. When Dr. Morris visited the place today he found the domestic in the family, a girl named McFarlane, to be in what he believes is a state of smallpox convalescence. As far as can be learned the McFarlane girl developed a rash subsequent to vaccination and attributed it to that cause. Not until today had any member of the family thought it to be smallpox.

A suspected case was reported this morning on Queen street, where Dr. Morris visited and found a woman patient suffering from other causes.

At present there are 15 patients in the new epidemic hospital. The staff of attendants number 7, including the physician Dr. Morris, who now has his living quarters in the institution. He reports most of the patients under his care to be progressing favorably. No serious termination is anticipated in the condition of any.

RECENT WEDDINGS.

This morning at six o'clock, at the home of the bride's father, Miss Emma Edith Maxwell, daughter of William J. Maxwell of St. Portland street, was united in marriage to Herbert J. Anderson, a well known newspaper man. The ceremony, which was a quiet one, was performed by the Rev. Geo. Steel in the presence of only a few intimate friends of the parties. The bride wore a travelling suit of blue broadcloth with hat to match and was unattended.

After the ceremony breakfast was served and Mr. and Mrs. Anderson left by the morning train for a short honeymoon trip. Upon their return they will reside on Garden street. Among the many beautiful presents received were a number of pieces of statuary from Rev. Geo. A. Sellar, of the Gazette publishing office.

A very pretty wedding took place at eight o'clock last evening at the residence of Mrs. Charlotte Ellison of 129 Broad street, when her daughter, Miss Lottie Ellison, was united in marriage to Tilley J. Mercer of Sussex. The Rev. George A. Sellar performed the ceremony in the presence of a number of guests, chiefly friends of the parties. After the ceremony refreshments were served and the evening passed in a most enjoyable manner with music and singing. The bride was the recipient of many useful and costly presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Mercer leave today for Sussex, where they will reside. At Central Norton yesterday afternoon, at the home of the bride, Miss Grace Fairweather, daughter of Stephen Fairweather, and Warren Titus, of Bloomfield, were united in marriage. The bride and groom left last evening for a trip to Halifax.

DEATH OF J. FRED WATSON.

J. Fred Watson, a familiar figure to the citizens of St. John, died this morning at his farm, Golden Grove. The late Mr. Watson was identified in the shipping and grocery business in the north end until three years ago, when he purchased a farm at Golden Grove. Formerly he took an active interest in trotting stock, and owned in his career on the turf such horses as Ganamede, Thorndale Echo, Jules Bobbins, Mary Mac and Stanley.

He was a son of the late James Watson, who was a prominent and successful business man at north end. Two brothers, James and Frank, the latter of Philips & Watson, Douglas avenue, and two married sisters survive him.

THE FISH MARKET.

Fish in the local market are very scarce this week as, on account of the recent storms, the fishermen are unable to go out. The supply is no more than sufficient for the local trade. The following are the prices now ruling and they will remain the same for several days: Halibut is the leader and is selling at from twelve cents to fifteen cents per pound. Smelts, eight cents to ten cents per pound; cod and haddock, four cents to five cents; herring, fifteen cents per dozen; pickerel, six cents per pound; mackerel, fifteen cents each; and cod steaks, eight cents to ten cents per pound.

EQUITY COURT.

In the equity court today the case of John Sutherland v. Wm. Sutherland was heard by Judge Barker. The suit is for partition of certain lands in the county of Northumberland and involved is the question of improvements made by the plaintiff, the value of which is contested by the defendant. This involves the taking of accounts. The case was referred for accounting to W. B. Chandler and T. Butler for plaintiff and A. I. Trueman and Hon. L. J. Tweedie for defendant.

THE WASHOUT.

In spite of the encouraging reports received yesterday from General Supt. Osborne it was found impossible to have the tracks damaged by the washouts repaired sufficiently last night to permit the passage of trains. Today's reports are much more favorable, and it is believed that by tonight work will be completed. It is not yet however far enough advanced to justify the running of trains from either St. John or Montreal, and consequently, both of these trains this evening have been cancelled.

PERSONALS.

Rev. Dr. Macrae will go to Moncton to spend a few weeks with his daughter, Mrs. Owen R. Campbell. Miss Alice Weeks of Amherst, N. S., who is a graduate of the Currie Business University of this city, is now employed as stenographer for Bushrod, Morse, counsellor-at-law, Boston, Mass.

RIVAL MUSICIANS

Whose Instruments Have But One Tune in Common.

There are at present in the city three active musicians equipped with as many contrivances equally suitable for the support of needy families and the distraction of the public in general. The legends borne by these instruments of torture are almost identical, the usual form being, "Dear friends, I am blind, having had both eyes, etc., etc." Everyone knows what they are and many are inclined to believe they have suffered far more from the results of the unfortunate accident which deprived the musicians of their sight than did the victims themselves.

One of these inventions plays a choice selection of popular or at least well known airs, changing at times with alarming suddenness from Old Hundred to The Sunshine of Paradise Alley. This instrument is the one most highly appreciated by the music loving public, for there seems to be some beginning and end to the pieces played.

Quite different is the one usually found on Charlotte street, which gives a selection of the most weird and fantastic tunes imaginable. When listening to it, one is in an agony of expectation, longing for the end to come, but when what should be the closing bars of a movement are approaching, the machine goes off into a complicated mixture of variations. The listener follows the music eagerly in the vain hope of catching something of the tune or rhyme, but suddenly finds himself listening to the strains heard at the beginning of the piece. The only peculiarity of the third instrument is the almost funeral slowness with which it grinds out the different airs. It is a tiresome machine, but has one redeeming feature not shared by the others, in that its manipulator is the possessor of a voice of a volume and resonance not often equalled.

The first of these instruments when working on regular time is turned at the rate of from fifty-five to sixty revolutions per minute, and its owner is the only one of the three grinders who finds it necessary to occasionally use his left hand. The second instrument, the one with the weird tunes, is run at about ninety revolutions, and the third when working attains the almost unheard of speed of one hundred and twenty-five. And this, in spite of its undant results. The exertion of turning his crank is lessened by the rests between times while the operator is awaiting his voice.

These three machines have one tune in common which the public torturers have found is the favorite in their unvarying programme. It is God Save the King, and during its rendition more coppers are dropped into the tin cups than during any other piece. Noticing this, the operators have developed a scheme for fooling the public. They play God Save the King whenever the clang of coppers on tin becomes rare. Several newsboys about the streets seem to have caught on to this scheme and have invented a plan for fooling the musicians. They pass a string through a hole in a cent and after dropping it into the cup withdraw it noiselessly and then stand around to hear the operator murmur things when he finds the cup empty.

Of all sources of profit, three distinct classes of people are known by the musicians to be the most generous. They are in order of generosity, women with children, drunken men, and lovers. Children are the best contributors, but don't often have money. However, when they are out with their mothers it is quite an easy matter to beg a cent for the "music man". Drunkards don't often give so small a sum as one cent. When only partly drunk they are more anxious to parch the cup for the price of another drink than to give, but when very drunk they frequently contribute half a dozen coppers or a small piece of silver. The annoyance felt by the musician at having an unseen man stumbling against the organ is counteracted by the unusual contribution.

Lovers are the best of all in regard to the size of the coin contributed, but they come the least often of any, and their generosity is always prompted by the idea of showing the dear girl how kind they are to the unfortunate. The amounts taken in at these organs vary considerably. As small a sum as forty cents has been the result of a day's work, while upon several occasions over three dollars has been received. The average, however, is between ninety cents and a dollar and a quarter, and this for a working day of ten hours, during which a man has turned the crank of his instrument almost fifty thousand times.

PRICE WEBBER COMING.

Price Webber will appear in St. John Christmas day, with his Boston Comedy Co., at the York Theatre. The Springhill, N. S., Free Lance of the 13th inst. speaks in the following terms of Mr. Webber and his company:—"The Boston Comedy Co., under the management of the popular H. Price Webber, played to crowded houses in Orange Hall on Friday, Saturday and Monday evenings. The company appeared here under the auspices of the Westville Band. New plays were put on the boards, and 'better than ever' was the general verdict. Mr. Webber has a reputation for giving good clean entertainments, and is personally one of the most genial and kind-hearted of men. Mr. Webber is a thorough gentleman and is one of the best known men in the maritime provinces. He has been in this line of business now for many years, and has won the esteem and respect of all with whom he has come in contact."

THE COUNTRY MARKET.

Stall holders in the country market are now busily engaged in the work of decorating their premises and the interior of the building especially at the west end is taking on a bright holiday appearance. Over many of the stalls long festoons of green are being hanging and mixed among them are different kinds of game and meats.

The display of meat in the market, although as yet not nearly complete, is ahead of last year and there are several carcasses of home fed beef which have never been equalled.

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A CAMBRIC CUSHION SALE.

We are anxious that these Cushions should be sold in their season, and that we should not carry any of them after Christmas. The prices are almost half what they are sold for under ordinary circumstances. 19 inch cushions 25c., 18 inch cushions 32c., 20 inch cushions 40c., 22 inch cushions 45c. These are filled with field down, and covered with strong cambric.

Feather Down Cushions

18 inch, 65c.; 20 inch, 95c.; 22 inch, \$1.20.

Handsome Outside Skirts

bought especially for Christmas selling \$6.25 and \$6.75. They are beautiful, trimmed. Made from the very best materials, and are most serviceable skirts.

Ribbons.

All colors and kinds of baby ribbon. A small lot on the haberdashery counter is priced 5c. per dozen. The regular stock is 2c., 3c., 4c. and 5c. per yard.

Neck Ribbons.

Those very dainty "hair line" stripes

ribbons that are so new, and make such a pretty crush silk tie, only 35c. per yard, six inches wide.

Portiers.

By every Christmas the mind turns to portiers as a gift, because there is nothing so appropriate. We have three special lines to offer you just now, at most ridiculously low prices. Tapestry, 31-2 yards long, 38 inches wide, fringed on both ends, \$2.35 per pair. Rep tapestry portiers at \$3.75, one and a quarter yards wide, 31-2 long. Pretty heavy fringe on both ends, very rich colorings.

Chenille Portiers

\$2.85 per pair, 37 inches wide, 31-2 yards long. Heavy dado and border. This portier is usually sold for \$4.00.

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