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It's necessary to say that a great many articles given gentlemen Christmas time are almost useless and therefore not appreciated. Give gifts such as are offered at this store, THEY ARE SURE TO APPRECIATE. OVERCOATS, ULSTERS, REEFERS, SUITS, PANTS, HATS, CAPS, GLOVES, WARM UNDERWEAR, SHIRTS, COLLARS, CUFFS, TIES, MUFFLERS, BRACES, ARMLETS, etc., etc.

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FOURTEEN DAYS WILL DECIDE.

Will it be Peace or War in the East?

Time Limit Accompanies Japanese Demands—England and France Try to Avert Crisis.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Pekin correspondent of the Times says a report is current and is believed to be true, that Japan's request for the recognition by Russia of her reply to the Japanese demands was accompanied by the specification of a time limit.

According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the National Zeitung, in a despatch quoted by the Berlin correspondent of the Times, it is believed in the Russian official circles that a winter campaign in the Far East is possible. It is known in St. Petersburg that the question of war will be decided in fourteen days.

Russia is it is added, is determined not to declare war, in order to avoid the odium of taking the initiative.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Confirmation was obtained from official sources today of the reports that foreign secretary Lamsdorne and foreign minister De Selves have within the last few days made strong representations at Tokyo with the view of averting a crisis between Russia and Japan. There is reason to believe that these representations coming at the critical moment when Japan's reply was being handed to the Russian minister, Baron De Rosen, exercised a powerful restraining influence. This is especially true of Lord Lansdowne, owing to Great Britain being an ally of Japan. The terms of the Japanese answer are not yet known here, but, owing to the action taken by Great Britain and France the officials here are confident that her answer permits of a continuance of the diplomatic negotiations.

PRIZES WANTED.

Halifax Oarsmen Complain They Have Not Received Awards Won in St. John.

(Halifax Canadian Record.)

When the St. John carnival was announced for last October, there was little desire on any part of St. John men to go to the water city, as some of them had gone over the previous year, and none of the St. John oarsmen came to Halifax to compete in the championship regatta the last summer. Explanations, however, were made, and although our oarsmen had gone out of training, St. Joseph's sent their crew and O'Neill went over to represent St. Mary's in the single scull race. They came out winners, and were not disappointed when they were informed that they would receive their prizes later, but although they have since had communications with St. John, they are still without their prizes.

They have no objection to waiting a reasonable time, but their hopes are not encouraged by the fact that St. Patrick's won second prize in the four-oared race last year and have not yet received the prize they won; besides, statements have been published in Fredericton and Moncton papers that prizes won by their athletes at St. John this year have not yet been received.

With two experiences of this kind, Halifax oarsmen will certainly not want to take part in aquatic events in St. John until they receive what is due them. They have remained quiet on the subject, but if St. John oarsmen were to come to Halifax and win prizes and not receive them, they would certainly feel they were not being justly treated by those whom they had assisted in making their regatta successful. Evidently an explanation is about due.

GRAIN COMING BY I. C. R.

The I. C. R. elevator has been put in readiness, and the officials are expecting at any time the forty thousand bushels of oats which is now on the way. This shipment should be received today or tomorrow and will be loaded on one of the Manchester boats.

I. C. R. officials have not received any intimation that the Allan line boats which will withdraw from St. John will hereafter come to this port, although it is freely stated in shipping circles that the carriage of freight to Halifax over the I. C. R. instead of to St. John is not a paying proposition, and apt to be discontinued. The next Allan boat, which was to have loaded at Halifax, is coming here, but no announcement has yet been made regarding the others.

REFORMING THE I. O. O. F.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, Dec. 22.—Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, has issued a circular to the effect that on January 10, 1904, all saloon keepers, bar tenders and professional gamblers shall either quit the order or those occupations.

The funeral of the late Patrick McCourt, who died at his home in Musquash on the 20th instant, was held today at twelve o'clock. Interment was made in Musquash.

JELLIES!

At this season so table is complete unless it is supplied with rich, sparkling home-made and flavored Jellies. Knox's sparkling and acidulated Gelatine is reliable and will not disappoint in QUALITY, QUANTITY and QUICKNESS. A full line of Seely's fine flavoring extracts at

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FLAWS IN THE LAND ACT.

Parliamentary Action Will be Necessary to Make Famous Irish Act Workable.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Both the nationalists and unionists are discovering serious flaws in Irish Secretary Wyndham's Land Act, which will necessitate further amendment in parliament. In the land judges court in Dublin, after several days discussion, Justice Ross has delivered judgment regarding the sale of Lord Ely's estates according to which the tenant for life is not entitled to appropriate the bonus under the new act for his own use, but must hold it subject to trusts of settlement. The important judgment, if upheld on appeal, will prevent landlords who are tenants for life, from selling as they would thereby lose their chief inducement to sell under the act. The judgment will probably have the effect of suspending all sales and negotiations to sell until parliament has taken measures to remove the doubts and difficulties which have arisen in the interpretation of the act.

FIRE ALARM PAID FOR.

Gamewell Concern Draw \$5,990 today, the Last of Their Contract.

Yesterday afternoon Director Wisely handed in to the common clerk's office a certificate to the effect that he had inspected the new fire alarm system and had found it satisfactory. The work had been done as agreed and the contract was completed.

This morning Chamberlain Sandall paid over to the Gamewell concern \$5,990, being the balance due them. The total contract price was \$8,882, and on this the first payment was made when a certain quantity of material was landed here.

The new fire alarm system, No. 3 station is in good enough order, but as yet there is not a sufficient pressure to run the motor. This district of the city was formerly on the high pressure water system, but is now on the low. If the motor could be run all right.

Edwin Rogers, the Gamewell expert, left last evening for Boston. He was accompanied as far as Eastport, Me., by Gamewell's representative, Mr. Light, and Charles D. Jones, the Gamewell company's representative in this city. Mr. Rogers will cross over to Campbell for the purpose of inspecting the machinery of the lighthouse there.

WILL OPEN TOMORROW.

No matter how things go the Victoria rink will open for the season of 1903 and 1904 tomorrow, Wednesday evening, Dec. 23rd. The rink's own band, now one of the largest and best in the city, will be present to furnish music, and altogether the occasion will be an auspicious one. Patrons the rink will find the popular rink much changed. New ticket offices, new dressing rooms, warm and comfortable quarters, brilliant lighting and everything first-class and up-to-date. They need not worry no further as to the best present for their boy or girl; a season ticket for the rink will please them most. Call or phone 889.

PRESENTATION.

At last night's meeting of Gordon Division, S. of T., a varied programme of music and literary exercises was well rendered by Messrs. C. Hoyt and W. Donald in instrumental and vocal solos, recited by Miss McCafferty and Messrs. Fisher and Law; speeches by D. W. P. McCavour, Treas. Ledford and J. Law. The pianist, Miss F. Winsman, was presented by the D. G. W. P., on whether a division with the compliments of Gordon, printed in various colors, enclosed in a neat embossed box. The entire evening was pleasantly spent and the best wishes were equally extended to all.

COUNTY COURT CHAMBERS.

The Royal Bank of Canada vs. John M. Taylor came up for hearing this morning, but was postponed to the 8th of January, on account of the illness of Mr. Taylor. W. W. Allan appeared for Mr. Taylor.

An application was made on behalf of the estate of John F. Donnell to pay over to Bank of Montreal dividends on certain unsecured debts. Judges Forbes refused to grant an order until he had the consent of the inspectors.

Fred R. Taylor, J. H. A. Fair, J. C. Sanford and L. P. D. Tilley appeared for interested parties.

VICTORIAN ORDER NURSES.

The secretary treasurer of the St. John Branch V. O. N. begs to acknowledge receipt of the following subscriptions:

Mrs. A. P. Barnhill . . . \$5.00
Mrs. Wm. Barnhill . . . 5.00
Thomas Denn . . . 5.00
Jas. M. Magee . . . 5.00

G. Ernest Fairweather left for Philadelphia yesterday in connection with plans for the new Y. M. C. A. building.

Manifests were received at the customs house today for the following American goods—ten sets of lard, four of cattle, one of doors, and one of beef.

The Hamburg-American liner Arcadian is due today in Halifax. She will land there about two hundred passengers.

There are still detained at Sand Point one hundred immigrants. Of these twenty, who are waiting for money, will be sent forward this evening.

A despatch to the Star from Backville today says that the funeral of the late Dr. Allison, Jr., will take place from his father's residence, Backville, at 2.30 tomorrow (Wednesday).

Mr. Thomas Patchell, of this city, received a letter yesterday from her husband, who is in the Yukon. He has mining interests there, but is spending the winter in Dawson City. Mr. Patchell will join him either this winter or in the spring, going in by stage through the White Horse Pass.

G. P. PLAN IS A MONEY MAKER.

Prison Labor a Good Investment for City.

Number of Prisoners in Jail Has Been Halved and Much More Money Paid in Fines.

On the day when the rule regarding hard labor for prisoners confined in the jail went into effect, there sat down to dinner thirty-three prisoners. Of these seventy were men and twenty-three were women. Yesterday, after some months' trial of the system, there were forty-three of the prisoners, of whom thirteen were women. This is the report, Ald. Lewis, chairman of the committee, made at a meeting held yesterday afternoon. The meeting was for the purpose of deciding what was to be done with the prisoners during the winter, and after considerable discussion it was decided to let Ald. Lewis handle the whole affair and deal with the prisoners as he sees fit. Ald. Lewis also added to his report some facts, which went to show that while there has been a certain decrease in the number of arrests there has been a very large increase in the amount of money paid in for fines. This is all cash to the city, and in addition, there is a great saving in the expenses of the jail, owing to the fewer prisoners confined there. Also there has been a lot of work done at the park.

On the other hand, practically the only expenses incurred have been the pay of two guards and the purchase of dinner cans, boots, socks, etc.

Since yesterday week the prisoners have not been to work in the park, owing to the inclement weather, but the guards have reported regularly at the jail in the mornings. On days when the men are not sent to work the guards get no pay.

Ald. Lewis has not yet decided what will be done with the prisoners during the winter. He has, however, decided that the work will now stop until the first of January, and consequently the guard will not be sent out during Christmas week. It is understood that the Christmas objects strongly to the proposal of sending the men to the North End, but Ald. Lewis is still of the opinion that this is the best place for them, and has in mind the construction of the proposed temporary shed on Victoria square.

CHRISTMAS TURKEYS GO HIGHER.

Persons who want turkey for their Christmas dinner will have to pay pretty high prices. The price of turkeys today and there is no indication that it will come down. One woman who arrived at the market early this morning said that she had decided to ask twenty-four cents a pound for the turkeys she brought, but after a time was willing to take twenty-three. Wholesale lots were sold to stall holders for from nineteen to twenty-one cents and there are scarcely any worth carrying home which can be had at retail for less than twenty-two cents. Many are a cent a pound higher.

There is a large supply too, and the stock is nearly all good.

There has, perhaps, never been a better display of meats and fowl in the country market than was seen this forenoon. The passage ways are lined with splendid quarters of beef, much of it imported, but the local product showing up well. About the best carcass in the market is at S. Z. Dickson's stall. This one weighs 1160 lbs., dressed, and the steer took first prize at the Guelph winter fair.

A HUSTLER FOR HALIFAX.

J. N. Purcell with Mrs. Purcell and child leave this evening for Halifax, where they will remain for some time. Mr. Purcell, who came from Medicine, Wisconsin, came to St. John in the early summer and while here has carried through a number of enterprises. He issued the book which was presented by the board of trade to the delegates to the Chamber of Commerce, and since then has put advertising matter in the street cars, besides being engaged in several other matters of an advertising nature. Mr. Purcell has made many friends in St. John, who wish him continued success in the work he is now entering upon in Halifax.

CIVIC EMPLOYEES PAID.

Today is not a regular civic pay day, but as it is desirable that all accounts be closed before the end of the year, Chamberlain Sandall today paid the civic employees till the 31st of December. The amounts given out were:

Officials . . . \$1,955.53
Public works . . . 1,577.19
Police . . . 2,039.30
Fire . . . 1,145.00
Salvage . . . 88.00
Market . . . 173.72
Light . . . 213.00

Total . . . \$7,178.64

WINTER PORT INCREASE.

The rate of increase in winter port business continues to become larger every day. Up to Dec. 21st last year there had been received here a total of 2,658 loaded cars of export freight. The total this year to last night was 4,363 cars, a gain of 1,705 cars. In imports the same thing is noticeable. Last year 1,301 loaded cars were sent west and in the same time this season 1,369 cars have gone, an increase of 68 cars.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.

Schr. Wm. F. Green, 217, Hatfield, from Newark N. J.

Coastwise—Schr. Aurora, Ingersoll, from Campbell.

Cleared.

Schr. Remond, 111, Williams, for Boston, lumber.

Schr. C. R. Plant, 252, Maxwell for New Bedford, Mass., lumber.

Coastwise—Schr. Little Annie, Poland, for West Isles; Wood Bros., Golding, for St. Mary's.

WOMAN MAY HANG.

Mrs. Rogers Found Fully of Murdering Her Husband—Sentence of Death Will Follow.

BENNINGTON, Vt., Dec. 22.—The jury in the Rogers murder trial returned a verdict today finding Mary A. Rogers guilty of murder in the first degree, for killing her husband, Marcus H. Rogers, on Aug. 12, 1902.

The verdict carried the death penalty, which probably will be pronounced before the court adjourns for the present term. The jury had deliberated all night. Mrs. Rogers heard the verdict with face blanched almost to marble whiteness. Her limbs trembled so violently that she supported herself with difficulty and it was only by a supreme effort that she recovered her feelings. Finally she covered her face with her handkerchief and sank back sobbing violently. She was led away a moment later to her cell in the county jail. Further proceedings in the case were deferred until next Tuesday. It is expected that some move will be made by defendant's counsel looking to a new trial.

THE WEATHER.

TUESDAY, Dec. 22, 1903.

Highest temperature, 42; lowest temperature, 24; barometer at noon, 29.60 inches; wind southwest, velocity eight miles per hour. Light rain.

Forecast—Southwest veering to northwest gales; showery today, becoming colder tonight. Wednesday, strong westerly winds, fair and colder. Synopsis—Another storm, but less severe than the last, is moving quickly towards the Maritime Provinces from the west. Winds are strong southwesterly near the American coast. To Banks and also American ports, fresh southwest and west gales.

GOOD NEWS FOR HALIFAX.

(Special to Star.)

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 22.—Word was received by cable here today from the admiralty office that thirteen thousand dollars had been voted to enable the laborers at the dock-yard here to work all winter. There are 450 employed in the dockyard.

DROWNED IN THE HARBOR.

Head Line Engineer Falls Off Ferry Tug Neptune—Body Not Found—May Be Inquest.

Robert Gibson, fourth engineer of the head line steamer Dunmore Head, was drowned in the harbor last night. Along with friends, he was crossing over from the West Side and was sitting on the after rail of the tug Neptune, which temporarily replaced the Western Extension on the ferry service. It was not known what was the reason of Gibson's fall, but Robert Brittain, also a passenger on the tug, turned just in time to see a man's feet disappearing over the rail. He shouted and the boat was stopped, but, although the water in the vicinity of the accident was most carefully searched, no trace of the missing man could be seen.

Gibson was twenty-five years of age, single, and a native of Belfast. This was his first trip to St. John, but he had been on the Dunmore Head for three months, joining her after his return from Africa, where he served in the Yeomanry. It is said that Gibson was quite sober when the accident occurred.

As yet nothing has been decided in regard to holding an inquest. Under a recent act an inquest may be held without the body being produced, but in this case there is no urgent necessity, and a reasonable time will be allowed for the finding of the body before any steps are taken.

A HARD CHOICE.

Boy Decides to Leave Father and Live With His Grandmother.

Albert Clark sixteen years of age, had a rather hard question put to him in the police court this morning when he was asked to choose between his father and his grandmother. After some hesitation he decided against his father whereat the grandmother rejoiced.

The question arose in the hearing of a charge against James Clark of Murray street. It appears that the boy has a habit of going to the house of his grandmother, Mrs. Jane Harper, in the said City of Saint John, on Tuesday, the Twenty-second day of December instant at three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of giving the assigned directions as to the disposal of the estate, voting remuneration to the assignee and inspectors, and authorizing the distribution of the balance of the moneys in payment of the first and final dividends, and for the transaction of all such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at the City of Saint John in the City and County of Saint John this Fourteenth day of December, A. D. 1903.

CHAS. H. McDONALD, Assignee.

FURNITURE SEIZED.

When Mrs. Sarah Bree left the city some months ago to avoid trouble in a liquor case, she forgot to pay her rent and the landlord, Michael Birmingham, levied on the furniture. Now that Mrs. Bree is back she claims that Mr. Birmingham sold enough furniture to satisfy the claim and held on to the remainder. She made a complaint against him and the matter came up in the police court this morning. Constable McLeod, who was engaged in the affair, said that he had sold all the furniture that was seized. The case was dropped.

NO FRENCH DUEL THIS.

ARDMORE, I. T., Dec. 22.—John Scott and Sam Victory, farmers, fought with guns at Wollsey yesterday, both being killed. The misunderstanding arose over Scott's cattle breaking into Victory's field.

FURS!



Black Marten Collarettes . . . \$46.00
Black Marten Scarfs . . . \$28.50
Black Marten Storm Collars . . . \$25.00
Black Marten Boas . . . \$12 to \$15.00
No. 2 Marten Boas . . . \$5.00
No. 2 Marten Muffs . . . 7.50
Mink Scarfs, 4 skins . . . \$25.00
Mink Scarfs, 4 skins . . . \$27.50
Mink Scarfs, 4 skins . . . \$29.00
Mink Scarfs, 4 skins . . . \$30.00
Sable Ties . . . \$15 to \$30.00
Sable Muffs . . . \$18 to \$30.00

Anderson's,

Manufacturers, - 17 Charlotte St.

ACME SKATES,

39 cts. up.

SLIDS AND FRAMERS,

80cts. up.

PERFORATED SEATS, all sizes.

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GLASSES, CANES, UMBRELLAS,

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A great variety.

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At 41 King St.

Broad Cove Coal,

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

HARRY L. COOMBS.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of Harry L. Coombs of the City of Saint John, Merchant, who made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors on the Fifteenth day of August last past, will be held at the office of Chapman & Tilley, in the said City of Saint John, on Tuesday, the Twenty-second day of December instant at three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of giving the assigned directions as to the disposal of the estate, voting remuneration to the assignee and inspectors, and authorizing the distribution of the balance of the moneys in payment of the first and final dividends, and for the transaction of all such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

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POTTS

At 41 King St.

XMAS SALE

Of Jewelry, Clothing, Etc

BY AUCTION.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY EVENINGS, commencing at 7.30 o'clock, I will sell the entire stock of Watches, Jewellery, Rings, Chains, Men's and Boys' Clothing, Hosiery, Rubbers, Overcoats, Fancy Goods and a large quantity of goods suitable for Christmas presents. Don't miss these sales.

F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer.

Xmas Presents!

At my salesrooms, 54 Germain street, for the balance of week, we will sell at private sale a large assortment of useful things for Christmas presents. All new.

F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer.

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

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

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

TO LET.

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

TO LET—A cottage containing eight
rooms. Enquire of M. J. WILKINS, 261 Hay-
market Square.

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



A CHRISTMAS CAKE

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

**HYGIENIC BAKERY,
124 to 128 Mill street.**

HELP WANTED FEMALE.

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

WANTED—A competent girl for general
housework. Apply at 25 Garden street.

WANTED—A good girl for general house-
work. Apply at No. 1 Richmond street.

WANTED—A housemaid with recommenda-
tions. Apply to MRS. J. D. HAZEN, Hazen
street.

WANTED—A girl for general housework in
a small family. Apply at 12 Germain street.

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

WANTED—A girl for general housework in
work. One who would go home at night.

WANTED—A girl for general housework.
One who would go home at night preferred.
MRS. MCKENDRICK, 41 Padlock street.

WANTED—A girl for general housework,
also a nurse girl. References required. Ap-
ply at once to 122 Prince street.

WANTED—A cook, without washing or
ironing. References required. Apply at 122
Germain street.

Brylcreps, Eczema, Eruptions on the face
or body, Barber's Itch, Salt Rheum, Blood
Poisoning of Wounds, Ring Worms, Hives,
Redness or Bad Skin, and all inflammatory
wounds or swellings are quickly cured with

BIDDY MARTIN'S EXTRACT.

For sale by all druggists.

FOR SALE.

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

FOR SALE—That desirable situated two
story and basement brick dwelling and free-
hold lot, known as the Stone property, No.
20 Orange street, this city, and adjoining the
residence of the subscriber. Can be inspec-
ted at any time. For further particulars ap-
ply to W. B. FISHER, 75 Prince Wm.
street.

FOR SALE—One 1 1/2 in. Pine Door, 6 ft.
high by 1 ft. 6 in. wide, 2 glass panels.
Apply Sun Printing Co., St. John.

FOR SALE—An arc lamp, complete, neces-
sary to Sun Printing Co.

BOARDING.

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS.

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

QALB AND SEE A. G. EDGECOMBE'S
Shells and Two Sealed Ash Pans—will be
sold at a great discount. Second hand silver
at any price. City Road Carriage Factory.

WANTED—A second class teacher for Dis-
trict No. 6, Parish of Simonds, St. John Co.
Address J. G. LAKE, Secretary of Trustees,
St. John, N. B., care Free Press, 26 King
Square.

LECTURE ON WORDSWORTH.

An interesting lecture was delivered
last evening in the schoolroom of Centen-
nary church by Prof. W. H. Clawson,
of the U. N. B. The speaker's subject
was Wordsworth's Life and Works, and
he handled it in an instructive and de-
lightful manner. President McCarthy,
of the Epworth League, presided, and
special music was furnished by the Ju-
nior league of Centenary church. At
the close of the lecture a vote of
thanks was tendered Prof. Clawson,
who is not only a St. John boy, but a
former member of the Centenary Ep-
worth League.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Last evening, between forty and fifty
friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Sheehan
called on them at their home, 70 Sum-
mer street, the occasion being the
fourth anniversary of their marriage.
During the evening, Rev. J. D. Fraser
presented Mrs. Sheehan with a cut
glass berry dish and Mr. Sheehan with
a silver salver. The evening was most
enjoyably spent in whist and dancing,
the prize winners in the former being
Mrs. Sheehan, Mrs. Burnett, Miss Ches-
ley, Frank Millican and Mr. Spinney.

At Digby yesterday, the funeral took
place of the late Mrs. William John-
son. She is survived by four sons,
one of whom is Henry Johnson, of
Moncton, N. B.

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ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 22, 1903.

CIVIL WAR.

The Telegraph is giving the liberal
party good, but somewhat unpalatable
advice. Again this morning it impresses
upon liberals the vast difference be-
tween their chances in 1900 and now,
and urges upon them the necessity of
selecting only candidates who can com-
mand the whole strength of the party
(meaning H. A. McKeown and an un-
known) and deprecates the chance of
any who may be under corporation
control (that's for you, Col. McLean) or
who do not represent the best that is
in the community (which is a very un-
kind slap at Col. Tucker, Richard
O'Brien et al.).

When the Telegraph admits that "the
full strength of the government party
is not as great as it was at the last
elections, when, concededly, liberal
power in this community was a high
tide," it only states what is very well
understood generally. But such a
concession by a liberal journal striv-
ing to best to inspire its party with
winning zeal, tells with far more force
than any statement in a possibly pre-
judiced conservative paper could, of the
woeful condition of the once strong and
united liberal party in this constituency.

That the end of the strife is not yet,
is strikingly evidenced by the follow-
ing paragraph which closes the editor-
ial from which the above extracts are
made. "As has been said before in
these columns, there are all signs of a
fight in the convention if certain men
are put forward, and a fight there
should be if the party managers ignore
the general recognition that the party,
this year, should put forward none but
its strongest sons."

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The faults of St. John's ferry service
have been the subject of execration
since its beginning, but never, until
yesterday, was a human sacrifice made
on the altar of its incompetency. Will
this appease the powers that be or
must further offering be made before
an adequate transportation between the
east and west sections of the city is
provided? There may be room for
doubt as to the necessity of two boats
running at the same time, but there
can be none regarding the need for
always having one in immediate readi-
ness in case of accident to another.
This tragedy may remind the authori-
ties that the tenders for the new ferry
boat have not yet been called for.

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Mr. Callaghan, the person upon whose
affidavit the tory party started to
build up the defeat of the Rose ad-
ministration in Ontario, has just been
sentenced to sixty days in jail for
theft. Callaghan seems to be a worthy
follower of the McGreaves and Con-
nellys and other tory leaders who have
preceded him—Moncton Transcript.

That is rather a bad slip for the
Transcript which should have known
that until a short time prior to his
arrest for theft Mr. Callaghan was a
valued member of the Ontario liberal
machine. He would still be a valued
member, were he ten times a thief,
had he not given away some of the se-
crets of the organization.

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If the government really has de-
cided to enter into negotiations for the
acquisition of Newfoundland and
Greenland, the move is worthy of
general commendation. It is had
enough to have American territory
barring us from the sea on one side of
the continent without running the risk
of having a similar condition on the
easter side. The first thing we know,
unless we take some action soon, the
United States will hire some Esqui-
maux in Greenland to revolt and form
a new government which Uncle Sam
will promptly recognize and dare Den-
mark to touch. Then he will own that
as he does Panama.

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Since November 25th, R. L. Borden
has addressed twenty meetings all over
the maritime provinces. He recently
completed a twenty thousand mile
tour of the west and early next month
will open an extensive campaign in
Ontario and Quebec, and this is the
man who the liberals said was nice
enough but totally lacking in energy
and other qualities necessary for a
leader.

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LIFE.
A little cry of fear through which
Your heart is won;
Two eyes with sudden wonder filled,
And life begun.
The tears of childhood and the play
That soon is passed;
The triumph of the altar when
The bond is fast.
The striving after things whereby
Men measure worth;
The wrinkles and the thinning hair,
The growing grith.
The rounded shoulders and the hopes
That one by one
Die off until the last goes out,
And life is done.

FREDERICTON NEWS.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 21.—The death
of David Currie, a well known resi-
dent of Macdonagh, occurred sudden-
ly yesterday morning at the home of
his nephew, Dudley Currie. He arose
in the morning as usual and went out-
doors, and while returning staggered
and fell, and before assistance reached
him, was dead. He was 77 years of age
and leaves two brothers. The funeral
will be held Wednesday morning.
The home of Owen Shortill, a well
known farmer living on the Royal road,
has been placed under quarantine by
Dr. Muller, chairman of the county
board of health. Mr. Shortill was taken
ill on Friday last and the health au-
thorities were not notified until yes-
terday, when Dr. Muller pronounced
the disease smallpox. He is a son-in-
law of Daniel Green, now quarantined
for the same disease at Nashwaakia.
All the members of Mr. Shortill's fam-
ily have been vaccinated.

Rev. Father Carey of St. Dunstan's
church yesterday celebrated the 19th
anniversary of his ordination to the
priesthood, and in commemoration of
the event the Sunday school presented
him with a bouquet of carnations.
The sad death occurred at St. Mary's
on Saturday evening of Van Buren
Smith, aged 70 years, after an illness
of rheumatism and other complica-
tions, brought on after a severe attack
of influenza.
Deceased formerly resided at Houl-
ton, but removed to St. Marys after
three years ago, when his place was
burned. Besides a widow, he leaves two
daughters, Mrs. Harry Burt, wife of
the well known Phoenix Square har-
ness maker, and Miss Minerva Smith
of Houlton, and one son, Roderick O.,
of New York, all of whom were at his
bedside at the time of his death.

SHORE LINE EXTENSION.

The N. B. Southern Railway is pro-
jecting extensive improvements. Mat-
thew Nelson, C. E., has been engaged to
go over the line and to submit a
report on the work necessary to put it
in condition to handle through busi-
ness. The reason for the proposed
activity is the fact that the Maine
Central Railway has now assumed
control of the Washington counties
railway and will operate it, and that
there will in consequence be an open-
ing for through business. It is under-
stood that the two roads will be con-
nected by a bridge across the St. Croix,
built at their joint expense.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

DUFFIN HOTEL, Dec. 21.—Lieut. Cal-
laghan, Duncan Howard, F. Goudreau, Mont-
real, & C. Simmonds, Rupert Binkhorn and
wife, Fredericton.

DEATHS.

CALHOUN.—In this city, on the 21st inst.,
after a lingering illness, Harriett P. Cal-
houn, widow of the late William S. Cal-
houn.

Funeral on Wednesday, from the residence
of W. O. Raymond, 35 Hazen street, at 2.30
p. m., to St. John's church.

McANDREW.—In this city, on Dec. 21st, at
her residence, 25 Leinster street, Mari-
anna, widow of the late David McAndrew,
aged 69 years.

(Obituary and Albany, N. Y., papers please
copy.)

Funeral Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

DARK TIMES AHEAD

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—Announcement was made today of a general reduc-
tion of wages of the employees of the Massey Harris Co., the big implement
manufacturers. They employ about 2,500 hands and the cut will in no case
be less than ten per cent., and in some cases it will be higher. The move is
causing great uneasiness among the men. Some years ago they had a union,
but the company has steadily fought against organized labor, and today
there is no organization.

Santa Claus' Headquarters

FOR

West End

.....IS.....

E. O. PARSONS' STORE

Where You Can Get
Lots of Suitable Goods
For Christmas Presents.

Gent's Fancy Velvet Slippers, 65c., 75c. pair.
Ladies' Warm Felt Slippers, 50c., 65c., 75c.
Ladies' Skating Boots, \$1.25, 1.75, 2.25 pair.
Boys' and Men's Hockey Bats at special prices,
Overalls and Rubbers, all sizes and kinds.
Ladies' Cloth Gaiters, all sizes.
Men's and Boys' Winter Caps, 25c., 35c., 50c. up.
Men's Box Calf "Dry Feet" Lace Boots, \$4.00 pair.
Ladies' Knitted Wool Gloves.
Ladies' French Kid Gloves, 50c., 85c. and \$1.00 pair.
Gent's Kid Gloves, warm lined.
Ladies' Lace and Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 5c. to 60c. each. Large
variety just opened.
Ladies' and Gent's Silk Handkerchiefs.
Ladies' and Children's Underwear, all prices.
Gent's and Boys' Shirts and Drawers, all sizes, in both wool and fleece
lined.
Gent's and Boys' Fine Braces.
Gent's Neckwear, Four-in-Hands, Bows, Puff Ties, etc.
Full assortment latest style Collars and Cuffs.
Ladies' Fine Cashmere and Wool Hose.
Gent's Fine Cashmere and Wool Hose.
Cardigans, Sweaters, Top Shirts, etc.

Toys, Toys, Dolls, Dolls.

Dolls all sizes and shapes.
Games, Drums, Big Books, Bugles, Calendars, Booklets, Christmas Cards
and lots of other good things to make the little ones merry.

Store Open Every Evening Until Christmas

E. O. PARSONS

WEST END.

LAURIER GOVERNMENT.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—It is understood
the government has now under con-
sideration the question of bringing
Newfoundland into the Canadian con-
federation, and also of annexing
Greenland. The decision of the Alas-
kan boundary commission, which has
given the United States a permanent
title to a large strip of land on the Pa-
cific coast which should have been in
possession of Canada, has at last set
the government thinking. As far as
Greenland is concerned the Canadian
government will have to negotiate
with Denmark through the Imperial
authorities with a view to purchasing
the island.

PRIESTS FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

Rev. Charles Collins, of St. Rose's
church, Fairville, was presented yester-
day with an address by the younger
members of his congregation, the oc-
casion being the twenty-fifth anniver-
sary of his ordination. The address
was accompanied by a purse of gold, a
set of silver knives and a carriage set.
Father Collins was very much surprised
at the children for their thoughtfulness.

MONCTON, Dec. 21.—Father Meahan,
the esteemed pastor of St. Bernard's
R. C. church, today celebrated his
twenty-fifth anniversary of ordina-
tion. In the morning high mass of
thanksgiving was celebrated and in the
evening benediction of the blessed sac-
rament was observed. Both services
were largely attended by members of
the congregation.

SPRINGHILL LABOR TROUBLES.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 21.—Labor
trouble between the management and
employees of the Springhill collieries is
again looming up. The F. W. A. lodge
at Springhill has sent for Grand Sec-
retary Moffatt to confer with them and
endeavor to secure an adjustment with
the company. The trouble seems to be
that the company declines to pay an
extra rate to men engaged on specially
difficult places in the mine. Manager
Cowan says it seems to him to be as
much a fight between the poor men
and the good men as anything else,
and that it will not amount to much.

To cure Headache in ten minutes use
KUMFORT Headache Powders.

N. S. STEEL AND COAL CO. PROS-
PEROUS.

The Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co.
is in a very prosperous condition. The
coal output this year was 77 per cent.
better this year than in previous years.
Next year it is expected that the com-
pany will mine over 700,000 tons of coal.

DEATH OF DAVID ALLISON.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Dec. 21.—David
Allison, Jr., son of Dr. Allison, pres-
ident of Mount Allison University, died
on Sunday evening at Ship Harbor, N. S.,
where he was manager for W. Al-
fred Christie, the well known lumber
operator. His remains will be brought
to Sackville for interment.

MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON.
KING ST. GERMAIN ST. AND MARKET SQ. LIMITED

SHOP EARLY!

New York merchants are advising the
people thus, and well might it be
echoed in St. John. Avoid the crush
of the last two days!

Mrs. and Miss Santa Claus!

You are of course not forgetting that
Fancy Vests, Bath Robes, Dressing
Gowns and Smoking Jackets are as
fine gifts as you can make your hus-
bands, brothers or friends. Prices
start at \$2.75, \$3.50 and \$5.00. Real
comfort garments that will last years.

Where the Crowd Starts!

Take a look into the new Gentlemen's
Outfitting Department these afternoons
and evenings and you will think it a
women's goods department, for mother,
sisters and fair friends are buying the
men folks unlimited quantities of Neck-
ties, Braces, Mufflers, Suit Cases, Col-
lars, Cuffs, Shirts, Metal Novelties, Un-
derwear, etc. Practical gifts, all of
them.

A Last Resort!

When the whole round of stores
is completed, and pretty nearly
all the gifts have been purchased, there
are still a lady friend or two for whom
you have found it difficult to make a
suitable selection. There is always
a way out of such a difficulty, namely
KID GLOVES, such as Dent's. First
Floor, Main Building.

**4 Stores Open Until 10 O'clock Tonight, Wednesday
and Thursday!**

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KING ST. GERMAIN ST. AND MARKET SQ. LIMITED

The Attractions of Our Stores Are Their Low Prices.

D. A. KENNEDY,

(Successor to WALTER SCOTT.)

32-36 King Square, St. John, N. B.

"Closing Out Business."

ALL GOODS TO BE SOLD REGARDLESS OF PRICE.

This is the greatest opportunity ever offered to cash buyers of Dry Goods
to save money on their Christmas Presents. Bargains for old and young at
a small cost.

DRESS GOODS—Some tempting bargains in Dress Goods at 15c., 19c., 25c.,
35c., 45c. yard, full double width.

SMYRNA FLOOR RUGS—Here's a chance to buy a \$3.00 Smyrna Floor
Rug for \$2.00, 2 1/2 yards long.

BARGAINS FOR MEN—Men's Regatta Shirts, Wool Gloves, Braces,
FOR LADIES—Corsets, Vests, Kid Gloves, Fancy Handkerchiefs,
LACE CURTAINS, TABLE LINENS AND HOSIERY.

Christmas Goods.

Great Values in Christmas Novelties

OF ALL KINDS.

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

McARTHUR'S, 84 King St.

DIAMONDS

In Diamond Rings

I have a large assortment to
select from, at prices ranging
from

\$15.00 to \$125.00

Also, a large stock of WATCHES and
JEWELLERY in all the latest patterns.

A. POYAS, 545

HALIBUT.

Chicken Halibut and Fresh Codfish
and Haddock at

JAMES PATTERSON'S

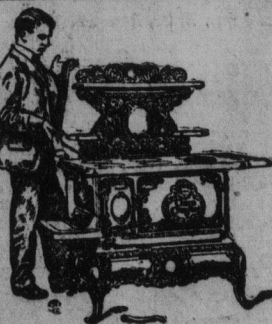
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Its a good looker, perfect
baker, easy on fuel. Re-
movable nickel, latest
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give testimonials from all
over the city.

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Christmas and New Year's

ONE FIRST-CLASS FARE

FOR ROUND TRIP.

Between all Stations, Montreal and East.

GENERAL PUBLIC—Going Dec. 22nd to Jan. 1st. Return January 4th, 1904.

SCHOOLS, COLLEGES—Going Dec. 5th to 31st. Return January 31st, 1904.

On Surrender of Standard School Vacation Certificate.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS—On sale Dec. 12th to 31st. Return to January 4th, 1904.

On payment of One First-Class Fare.

Not Commercial Fare.

For Rates, Dates and Time Limits of Excursion Tickets to Points West of Montreal, see nearest Ticket Office or write to

G. B. POSTER,

D. P. A., C. P. R., St. John N. B.

WORLD'S FAIR, St. Louis, April 30th, December 31st, 1904.

DYKEMAN'S

A Lucky Happening
For Christmas Shoppers.

Ever on the alert to get the best that is going for our customers, we have secured a large portion of the stock of James A. Tufts & Son, fancy goods, which were slightly smoked in the German street fire; consisting of Raffle Table Mats, Raffle, Willow and Wicker Baskets, Willow and Rush Travelling Baskets and Bags, Lunch Baskets, Brush and Comb Trays, Japanese Handkerchief Boxes, Japanese Willow Wall Hangers, etc., etc.

The Table Mats

Usually sell for 25c. a set of five. We will sell them two sets for 25c. or 15c. a single set-five to the set.

The Waste Baskets.

There are 233 of them, in the daintiest designs. Some of them were as high as \$1.25 each. They will be sold from 20c. to 35c. each.

Willow Travelling Bags

From 25c. to 50c. The regular price is from 60c. to \$1.35.

Willow Lunch Baskets

From 25c. to 60c. each.

Brush and Comb Trays.

Regular 25c. quality, 100 of them to be sold at 15c. for the set.

Willow Wall Hangers,

Five cents each.

Japanese Handkerchief And Glove Boxes

The prices of these were from 75c. to \$1.00 per set. We have them in three sizes and they will be sold at 25c., 30c. and 35c. for a set of two.

A Lot of Fancy Handkerchief Baskets,

Artistically decorated and made from fine raffia, 15c., 25c. and 35c. each.

F. A. DYKEMAN & CO.

YOU CAN BUY THEM CHEAPER AT ARNOLD'S.

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

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

THE KLONDIKE Kandy Kitchen

Nuggets, 20c. pound. Xmas Mixtures, 12c. pound. Chewing Candies, 15c. pound. Toys of all kinds at smallest prices. All kinds of fruits obtainable at this season. Cream Mixtures 10c. lb., 3 for 25c. Chocolates, 10c. lb. up.

GREAT INDUCEMENT. To all who make purchases to the extent of \$1.50 we will give a box of candy free. Don't forget to call at the cheapest Novelties now and avoid the rush. We extend a cordial invitation to the public to inspect our stock. Don't wait. Obtain your Xmas candy store in the city.

J. & P. SPERDAKES

38 CHARLOTTE STREET. Telephone 1023.

WOOD.

DRY HARD WOOD CUT. DRY HARD WOOD SPLIT. DRY ROSE MAPLE. SPLIT WOOD AND KINDLING. M. NUDIE COAL.

LAW & CO., [Phone 1346] OFFICE AND YARDS: Feet Clarence St.

Henery Eggs.

BONE MEAL

FOR HEN FEED.

S. Z. DICKSON

Country Market.

TWO BROTHERS SHOT DEAD.

HOFFMAN, N. C., Dec. 22.—Two brothers Galloway and John Blue, negroes, living in Cumberland county, were shot and killed by town marshal Thompson and a deputy last night, while resisting arrest for disorderly conduct. The officers were fired upon but escaped injury.

Fancy China, Dolls, Crockery Silverware.

Xmas Goods arriving daily. Auction and every night. Come for bargains to the Central Auction Rooms, 44 Charlotte Street.

Walter S. Potts

LOCAL NEWS.

Celebrated Broad Cove coal, \$7.00 per chaldron delivered, at Watters', Walker's wharf. Tel. 612.

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

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

Tonight men's 25c. four-in-hand and bow ties (two for a quarter at Morrell & Sutherland's).

The C. P. R. liner, Empress of China arrived at Hong Kong at nine o'clock this morning from Vancouver.

The Star is indebted to J. N. Harvey, the clothier, for a calendar bearing a large colored plate of His Majesty the King reviewing the British fleet.

Tonight and during the week the art goods offered by Mrs. H. D. Everett will be sold at reduced prices at the W. H. Johnson Co. store, Market Square.

The North End Rink has opened for the season. Good skating at popular prices, 10 and 15 cents. Season tickets at Durick's Drug Store. H. H. Belyea, manager.

The classes in physical culture and elocution will not start Tuesday evening, Dec. 22nd and 23rd, in the Church of England Institute Hall, but Miss Rogers will conduct the Saturday classes as usual.

We will still give away the large \$210 photo with every dozen, from \$2.00 per doz. and up until New Year's day. Studio open all day Christmas and New Year's. ISAAC EBB & SON, Photographers, 13 Charlotte street.

After the service in the Carleton Baptist church Sunday evening, Rev. E. N. Nobles, pastor of the church, presented to the organist, Miss Maud Christopher, a purse of gold on behalf of the choir and congregation. Miss Christopher was not only pleased but greatly surprised on receiving such a handsome Christmas gift.

Christmas cakes galore are ready for your selection at the Hygienic Bakery. In offering these products of our skill we do so with the full knowledge that our customers will receive the best products of the baker's skill. Our Xmas cakes, puddings, etc., are made from the best materials into clean, wholesome, delicious food. Better order early and avoid the rush.

The death occurred on Monday at her residence, 38 Leinster street, of the result of the late David McAndrew. Deceased was in her 69th year and leaves five daughters and one son to mourn their sad loss. John McAndrew, of the West End, is the son, the daughters are Mrs. E. L. Sage, Mrs. McShane, Mrs. Capt. Richter, Mrs. Samuel Sewell and one daughter in the United States.

The wedding took place at New York on Dec. 17th of Miss Georgine Vaughan of St. Martins, and Dr. Ryan of Sussex. The ceremony was performed at Mount Morris Baptist church, Fifth avenue, in the presence of the immediate friends of the contracting parties. Dr. Ryan and bride were in the city yesterday and expect to take up their residence here. The bride is a sister of Hon. A. S. White.

On Monday there was on the sidewalk in front of F. A. Dykeman's store, a huge pile of Christmas goods which attracted considerable attention from the crowds which pass along that thoroughfare. The firm had a placard on the goods which read as follows: "These goods are from the Tufts' fire on German street—on sale tomorrow." From the appearance of the goods there was not much trace of the destroying element. Messrs. Dykeman have been very lucky in securing this lot of Christmas goods in time for the holiday rush.

FOR FAMILY USE GOLDEN EAGLE IS THE BEST FLOUR.

PAY ON THE I. C. R.

New Schedule of Increased Wages for Trackmen Handed Down by Mr. Fielding.

The Montreal Transcript gives the following details of the new schedule of pay for trackmen as conceded by Hon. Mr. Fielding. It is not all that the men asked for but the Transcript states that it is probable it will be accepted.

Under the new rate yard foremen in the larger yards, such as St. John, will receive \$2.25 per day.

Regular section men in larger yards \$1.50 per day.

Regular section men elsewhere \$1.40 per day.

Yard section foremen, in smaller yards, \$2.00 per day.

Regular section foremen elsewhere \$1.85 a day.

Foremen of extra gangs \$2.75 a day.

Foreman of track carpenters receive \$2.50 a day.

Track carpenters or skilled mechanics with a kit of tools, \$2.00 per day.

Bough carpenters, wharf men, \$1.50 to \$1.70 per day.

Men in charge of wing plows, flangers and yard plows when in operation are to be paid \$1.75 per day.

Other men employed in such plows, etc., in operation are to be paid fifty cents per day in addition to their regular rate of wages whatever their occupation. Ten hours will constitute a day's work for these men on the plows and their over time will be paid pro rata.

A GREAT PLAY.

That Manager Dalley is determined to give St. John the best there is in plays is proved by the fact that he has chosen for his opening bill the biggest success that has been on the American stage for years. To obtain this play, Mr. Dalley had to pay an immense "royalty" to the owners, Sullivan, Harris and Woods. Even then it was no easy matter to secure it and he had to satisfy these gentlemen that the production would be a first class one, and that it would be given with all the scenery and equipment as used in the original New York production.

This he agreed to do, and those who are fortunate enough to get seats for Christmas Day will witness the greatest play ever presented on the Opera House stage. Judging by the sale of seats the both performances will be crowded to the doors and many will be unable to go in. The people are now realizing that they have never seen the original play of The Fatal Wedding, only a substitute.

'NDECENT ASSAULT CASE DROPPED.

Albert J. Taylor, who was arrested on the charge of attempting to rape Elizabeth Ann Bright, has been committed for trial. Bail was accepted and Taylor is now at liberty.

In this, it is not probable that the affair will ever come before a jury. The evidence seemed to show that Taylor and the girl had for at least some days been in the habit of teasing each other, and from what Mrs. Robert Taylor said, there was nothing done in her house which would support the charge.

It is probable that the case will never be entered on the docket, but will be quietly dropped.

FERRY TROUBLES.

Yesterday afternoon the ferry steamer Western Extension, which has been undergoing repairs for some months, was placed on the route and after a few hours' work broke down. The condenser head appears to have been defective and about five o'clock it cracked. Traffic was very heavy at the time and the boat was taken off the route and replaced by the tug Neptune. Much inconvenience was caused during the evening. Steam was raised on the Ouagondy and shortly after midnight she was floated out of the dock. She went on the route to-day and the Extension will be again laid up for some weeks.

ST. ANDREW'S FULFILL.

The congregation of St. Andrew's church are now looking round for a pastor, but have by no means giving up hope of persuading Rev. Mr. Dickie to favorably consider a call. As Mr. Dickie has already promised to go to Cape Breton he gives the congregation no encouragement but in spite of this there is a feeling that if the Cape Breton people were reasoned with and agreed to the change Mr. Dickie might be disposed to accept St. Andrew's pulpit.

Two youngsters stole a horse and carriage in the city yesterday afternoon which was left outside of a dry goods establishment by Mrs. James Ready of Fairville. Two other kids prevailed upon the guilty ones to give up the rig, and it was finally handed over to Police Sgt. Campbell. He placed the horse and carriage in a stable, and Mr. Ready was notified of its safety.

F. R. PATTERSON & CO.



BRING THE CHILDREN TO SEE

Santa Claus In One of Our Show Windows TONIGHT.

A Great Light. Also See Grand Wind-mill Scene.

Cor. Duke and Charlotte Sts. STORE OPEN EVENINGS.

C. P. R. AND SHORE LINE.

Rumor that C. P. R. has Purchased N. B. Southern—Col. McLean Knows Nothing About It.

There is a persistent report about the streets today to the effect that the C. P. R. has purchased the Shore Line Railroad. It is stated that the deal has been completed without much waste of time in negotiations, and that the line will be at once put into shape for through traffic. The main reason given for this purchase is that following the acquisition of the Washington County's road by the Maine Central, the C. P. R. desired a short route for through business to American Atlantic points, and the two smaller roads would be made fit for handling this business.

The story is probably untrue. C. P. R. local officials said today that they had just heard the rumor, but could not verify it. They had heard that negotiations were still going on.

LT.-Col. H. H. McLean said he had heard nothing from New York concerning the rumored transfer. The N. B. Southern was to be put in first class condition at once. Tenders are asked for supplies, and Matthew Neilson, who will be in charge of the work, leaves tomorrow for a trip to New York, covering the road, on which he will make a report of the work required. Nor had Colonel McLean heard anything from the C. P. R. It is just possible that the transfer has taken place, but Col. McLean does not believe it, especially as he received word from New York this morning regarding the ordinary business of the road.

PERSONALS.

The following St. John young ladies arrived home last night from the Sacred Heart school, Halifax: Miss Marie Finn, Miss Margaret Keefe, Kathleen Hogan, Josephine Haley, Agnes Sullivan, Kathleen and Florence McInerney.

George Blissett, of Manchester, Robertson, Allison, Ltd., St. John, who has been ill at a private hotel, is recovering, for some days, is recovering and hopes to be able to come to St. John in a few days.

Miss Blanche Dixon, of the west side, who has been teaching school in Albert county, comes home on Saturday for the Christmas holidays.

Miss B. Wilson, of the west side, is home from Normal school, Fredericton, for the Christmas vacation.

John Dixon, Jr., of Carleton, is home from the Pacific coast to spend Christmas.

Misses Annie L. Smith and Nina Robertson arrived home last night from Mount Allison Ladies' College. Miss Ella Smith will arrive today from the Royal Victoria College, Montreal.

C. L. Harrigan, a St. John boy who went to California fourteen years ago, is in town visiting relatives.

SCHOOL TEACHERS SHIFT.

At a meeting of the school trustees last evening, the following were approved: Angus Davis takes charge of Grade 5 Victoria annex; Miss Wetmore is appointed to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Brown; Miss Maud Cumming takes Grade 3, boys, in Victoria annex; Miss Wright takes Grades 4 and 5, boys, in Leinster street; Miss Isabel Donaldson, of Dufferin school, takes the place of Miss Ada Cowan in Alexandra; Miss Gertrude Waring takes Miss Donaldson's place, and Miss Harriet Comben takes Miss Webb's place in Winter street school.

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During the year the work of this branch has been greatly extended among military camps, lumbermen and in other directions. In this work heavy expenses have been incurred and there is now a deficit of \$500 required to be met. It is hoped that friends will respond and that the maritime branch will end the year as it has always done with a balance on the right side.

SUICIDED ON A TRAIN.

Yesterday, about nine miles from Ottawa, John Wark, a passenger on the Pacific express, bound for Montreal, committed suicide by cutting his throat and then jumped out of the window of the car. Wark belongs to Peterborough, Queens county, New Brunswick, and was on his way from Moosejaw to St. John at the time. His body was later picked up by an engine sent out for the purpose.

The unfortunate man was between thirty and forty years old. He has a brother, Daniel Wark, who resides at Welsford, Queens county.

CHRISTMAS FRUIT.

Messrs. J. & F. Estabrook & Son handled yesterday from the steamer Lake Michigan eighty-five cases of Valencia oranges. These are the latest lot of Valencia oranges to arrive this season. They are of good color and are fine eating. Messrs. Estabrook & Son also have arriving tomorrow from Boston another lot of fancy Florida oranges, sweet potatoes, navel oranges and pineapples.

This firm have one of the largest and best assorted stocks of fruit in the market today.

HOLY LAND ORANGES.

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

Morrell & Sutherland

TELEPHONE 1582.

10 per cent, Discount 8 to 10.30 a.m.

Suggestions for Men Shoppers

With Christmas Friday and Christmas presents to be bought, more men will patronize this store tomorrow than ever before. We want them to feel perfectly at home here and to know that courteous salespeople are always ready to show goods, whether they care to buy anything or not. With a complete assortment of everything in Dry Goods, you'll have no trouble whatever finding something suitable for a lady. This list may help you decide:

MEN'S HOUSE COATS—A sale of travellers' samples of these popular coats. Comfortable, serviceable and dressy coats in medium and dark shades of brown, grey and garnet, rightly tailored from soft, warm materials. Sizes 34, 36, 40. What better can you buy for husband, brother or father for a Christmas gift? Prices up from, **\$3.00**

RAINCOATS—Ladies' newest style three-quarter Raincoats, with three shoulder capes, loose back, wide sleeves, piped with taffeta silk, in dark grey, brown or fawn. Value \$7.75. Sale price, **\$5.75**

RAINCOATS—Ladies' full length Raincoats, made from heavy dark grey cheviot cloth, with velvet collar, new sleeve, full back. An excellent Christmas gift. Value \$15.00. Sale price, **\$10.00**

SILK WAISTS—A great sale of Silk Waists is going on here this week. Two hundred of this season's newest styles, in black, white, sky, cardinal, pink and green. Made of taffeta and peau-de-seole silks. Regular prices \$4.50 to 7.50. **Sale prices, \$5.00, \$3.95 and \$2.95**

MEN'S TIES A BARGAIN—A whole tray full of men's 25c. and 35c. Four-in hand, String and Bow Ties has been put out for quick selling. Tonight and tomorrow at **2 for 25c**

GLOVES—A most acceptable gift for man or woman, a very large stock for both sexes is ready for Christmas buyers: Men's Gloves, unlined, wool lined or fur lined, from 75c. to \$3.00. "Fowens" celebrated Gloves for ladies in all the newest shades, from \$1.00 to 1.50; here is our leader: Fowens' Fine Kid Gloves with two large pearl fasteners, brown fingers and latest Paris points; each pair in a nice box; special, **\$1.50**

Less 10 p. c., 8 to 10.30 a. m.

NECKWEAR—Every person wants a new Necktie for Christmas; we advise making selections early: many of the best things are picked up already; neckties for men, neckties for boys, fancy novelties for women, simple stocks for young girls; prices from 25c. to \$2.00; nice variety at **50c**

Less 10 p. c., 8 to 10.30 a. m.

BELTS are going to be very much in evidence this season; we are well prepared for the demand with a large stock, including chains, girdles, elastic belts, ranging in price from \$1.75 down to our special taffeta silk belt with oxidized buckle and back ornament, at **25c**

Less 10 p. c., 8 to 10.30 a. m.

UMBRELLAS—All the newest things for men and women—a showing that makes buying easy; all prices here, from \$1.00 to 3.75; but we want to direct your attention to this special: Ladies' Black Taffeta Gloria, 8 Rib Umbrella, with new gun metal handle and silk case; value \$2.50; our leader, **\$2.00**

Less 10 p. c., 8 to 10.30 a. m.

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RUBBERS.

SLOPPY WEATHER PROTECTION—OUR RUBBERS.

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

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

For Women—Storm Rubbers, 60c. Croquet Rubbers, 50c. Storm Alaska, \$2.15. Button Arctic, \$2.00. For Men—Self-acting Rubbers, 95c. Storm Out Alaska, \$1.30.

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Oranges, Oranges, Oranges.

Our stock is large and well assorted, including:—Valencia Oranges at 15c. per doz.; Jamaica Oranges at 20c., 25c. and 35c. doz.; Florida Oranges at 35c., 40c. and 45c. doz.; California Navels (seedless) at 35c. and 50c. doz.

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A Handsome Selection of Men's Shoes at \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00.

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