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Livery Drivers Strike in Chicago Makes Great Trouble—Funerals Almost Impossible.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The strike in Chicago of the livery and hearse drivers is causing considerable trouble at present, and more serious developments are threatened in the event of the spread of the tie-up to include stablemen and stockmen. Should these men go out, the ambulance service of the city would be greatly crippled. On Saturday, nearly seventy-five funerals were held in Chicago, the bodies of the dead being carried in wagons, which were in several instances attacked by the strikers.

Permission to move sick from their homes to hospitals was denied in many cases by striking livery drivers. Determined that the striking livery drivers and resulting funeral of carriage should not interfere with his wedding, Antonio Losacco, manager for a commission firm, has hired a hospital ambulance and driven his prospective bride and a bridal party in triumph to the church of the Assumption, where the ceremony was performed.

Strike pickets who endeavored to stay the progress of the gaily bedecked ambulance wagon through the streets were brushed aside and outdistanced by the fast running vehicle which was put at a gallop all the way.

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With new dressing rooms, reception rooms, ticket offices and all modern improvements the old favorite Victoria Rink will be one of the best places in which to enjoy a season's skating, and the young lady or gentleman, boy or girl, who gets a season ticket as an Xmas gift will indeed be fortunate. No more suitable gift could be given or more thoroughly appreciated. Manager Armstrong whose own thought is for the comfort and care of his patrons, has about completed extensive alterations making the Vic second to none in Canada. The Victoria has been in constant rehearsal for some weeks and when the doors are thrown open on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, good music will be furnished the skaters.

THE SITUATION IN TURKEY.

Turkeys continue scarce and very dear. Some stock in the market, which hardly anyone wanted to buy last week at any price, is now selling at \$10.00 per pound, while the better stock is bringing 20c. per pound and the demand is good. There are but few geese to be had for sale, and are almost unknown. The present soft weather is not doing rising poultry any good, and dealers as well as farmers are wishing for colder weather with sleighing.

WEEK OF PRAYER IN FAIRVILLE.

Commencing Monday, January 4, 1904.

Church.	Subject.	Speaker.
Baptist—Need of Prayer.	Rev. A. M. Hill.	
Pres'n. Church of Christ.	Rev. A. T. Dykeman.	
Methodist—Nation of People.	Rev. A. M. Hill.	
Baptist—Missions.	Rev. W. J. Kirby.	
Presbyterian—Families.	Rev. W. J. Kirby.	
Methodist—Rev. A. M. Hill.		
Presbyterian—Rev. W. J. Kirby.		

A mass meeting of all the churches will be held in the Methodist church at the close of the regular evening service, at which Rev. A. T. Dykeman will deliver the address.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Shut James L. Maloy, 147, Whelpley, from Boston, ballast and small stores.

Shut W. L. Ewing, 22, Dyer, from Castine, Me., ballast and small stores.

Shut Dunmore Head, 1,466, Cotter, from Belfast.

Shut Salerno, 1,683, Olsen, from Liverpool.

Shut Manchester Commerce, 3,444, Baxter, from Manchester, via Halifax.

Shut Loko Main, 5,774, Taylor, from Liverpool.

Cleared.

Shut Katalia, 2,563, Webb, for Glasgow.

Shut Montford, 2,564, Cross, for Liverpool.

Court Epping Forest meets this evening in Foresters' Hall, for election of officers and initiation.

Manifests were received at the custom house this morning for the following American goods in transit:—One car of corn, two cars of lumber and three of meat.

The Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Company are issuing a fine calendar this year accompanied by a finely bound blotting pad which is a welcome addition to any desk.

Word has been received that a sergeant instructor will be sent here from Quebec on January 4th and will remain until January 13th. He will give instruction to the newly formed signal corps in double and single flag, lamp, helio, and telegraph signaling.

The street railway today put two extra cars on the main line, thus giving a four minute service from the city to the north end. There are now ten cars on the line, three on Paradise Row and two on Douglas Avenue. This service is in effect from nine a. m. till nine p. m., and will continue as long as is necessary.

POTTSVILLE, P. A., Dec. 21.—Much excitement has been caused here by reports from Annapolis station, Salisbury, N. B., of the discovery of beds of pure anthracite coal far beyond the limits of what has heretofore been considered the southern boundary of the hard coal region in Pennsylvania. Many farmers in the district have begun to prospect for veins on their property.

DEATHS.

CALHOUN—In this city, on the 20th instant, after a lingering illness, Harriet F. Calhoun, widow of the late William S. Calhoun.

POWERS—On Wednesday, from the residence of W. G. Raymond, 54 Hazen street, at 2.30 p. m., to St. John's church.

WILD STORM AT ST. ANDREWS.

Large Building Blown into the Harbor—Houses in Town Rocked to their Foundations.

(Special to the Star.)

ST. ANDREWS, Dec. 21.—A wind and rain storm set in yesterday afternoon. Towards evening the wind increased in violence and during last night a heavy gale from the south southeast set in and reached its height at one o'clock this morning.

The large smoke house built recently by Gardiner & Deon on their wharf was blown over into the dock. It is a total wreck, together with three or four hundred weight of smoked herring. The loss of the smoke-house and the herring is estimated at one thousand dollars.

The large sign across the front of Wren's drug store was blown down and lies in town were rocked to their foundations.

The C. P. R. tank windmill was blown off and stove to pieces, also a roof from a box car in the yard.

THE TERCENTENARY

St. John Will Celebrate the 300th Anniversary of its Discovery on June 23 and 24.

On Saturday night Hon. J. W. Longley, attorney general of Nova Scotia, came to the city with the special purpose of conferring with the committee having in charge the New Brunswick end of the tercentenary celebration of the first European exploration of the Bay of Fundy.

Mr. Longley says that the movement in Nova Scotia has made great advances. He has the assurance from large numbers of New England and Canadian governors, ministers and public men, that they will join in the co-operation in the celebration. Mr. Longley looks upon it as an American anniversary and as much affecting the people of the United States and the Dominion of Canada as the Maritime Provinces.

Mr. Longley met some members of the committee which is dealing with the tercentenary celebration at the office of D. B. Jack this morning. Rev. W. C. Gaynor, president of the Historical Society, took the chair, and Mr. Longley explained what arrangements had been made for the Annapolis celebration, giving a list of the societies, universities, governments and other organizations to which invitations have been sent. He expects a large and representative gathering of delegates from these learned societies, of lieutenant governors, ministers and public representatives, and of visitors from foreign countries. There is also to be a naval demonstration in which it is hoped that vessels of Great Britain, the United States and France will join.

After some discussion in which Hon. H. A. McKeown, Dr. A. A. Stockton, Dr. George U. Hay, Dr. Matthew Col. Markham, Dr. W. O. Raymond, Dr. R. Jack, E. D. Scott, Charles McDonald, Charles Campbell and others took part, a resolution was adopted recommending the dates of Thursday and Friday, 23rd and 24th of June for the St. John celebration. The Annapolis event is to take place on Tuesday and Wednesday of the same week, so that the St. John celebration will follow immediately and it is hoped that the same distinguished people will be present.

The Annapolis anniversary is to be mainly of an intellectual character and the one in St. John so far as the Historical and Natural History Societies are concerned will be of the same description. But it is hoped that other organizations and the citizens generally will provide certain spectacular features which will give a more general interest to the occasion.

Mr. Longley returns to Halifax on the train which should leave here at noon, but may go this evening.

D. B. Jack received today the following telegram:

"CALAIS, Dec. 21.—Calais city council has appointed a committee on tercentenary celebration. James Vroom."

MINISTERS' MEETINGS.

Baptist.

The Baptist ministers met this morning at 10.30 o'clock. Rev. C. Burnett occupied the chair. The ministers present were Revs. Dr. Gates, C. Burnett, B. N. Nobles, A. B. Cohoe, H. H. Roach, C. T. Phillips, I. B. Colwell, Dr. Salack, Dr. Long and Dr. McLeod, of Fredericton.

Reports were received from the different churches as follows: Rev. A. B. Cohoe reported that a very successful Christmas exercise consisting of readings and recitations was held last evening in Brussels street church, and was largely attended.

The new pastor, Rev. F. J. Stackhouse, will take charge of the Tabernacle church the first of the year.

The subject of "Baptist Unity" was introduced by Rev. H. H. Roach, and the remainder of the morning was occupied with a discussion which will be resumed at the next meeting.

A committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. Gates, Rev. C. T. Phillips and Rev. H. H. Roach, was appointed to arrange an order of exchange for the second Sunday of January.

Methodist.

The Methodist ministers met at the usual time and place. Dr. Wilson presiding. Rev. Mr. Comben led in prayer. There were present: Revs. Dr. Sprague, G. M. Campbell, G. W. Hamilton, Dr. Wilson, W. J. Kirby, C. Comben and A. C. Bell, of Wolford.

The only change in the pulpit work yesterday was that of Rev. A. C. Bell, of Wolford, who exchanged pulpits with Rev. H. H. Roach.

Bro. Bell addressed the meeting on his work on his extensive field.

PROBATE COURT.

In the probate court this morning the accounts in the estate of the late Arthur W. Lovett were passed. John Kerr, Esq., proctor for administrator, G. L. Lovett.

The accounts in the estate of the late Allan McLean were also passed. H. G. Kaye, proctor for executrix, Hattie B. Bennett.

POWERS SEEK FOR PEACE.

Situation in Far East More Serious.

Contradictory Reports Regarding Japan's Reply to Russia's Latest Proposition.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—It is generally understood, says the Tokio correspondent of the Times, that Japan asks Russia to reconsider her reply.

The reply contained no tangible concession, inasmuch as it excluded Japan altogether from the Manchurian question and proposed an equal position for the two powers in Korea.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Lord Rothchild, while declining today to venture an opinion as to the outcome of the Japanese-Russian crisis, said, according to the Associated Press, one of the most important factors in the opportunity to press her claims for Korea, said, "If she does so, it would certainly help a peaceful solution. I have heard of no suggested loan, either Japanese or Russian. What they would have to do in case of war is a hypothesis I do not care to discuss. The present conditions are quite puzzling enough without endeavoring to prophesy."

PARIS, Dec. 21.—A despatch received from Tokio today says that Japan has not yet answered Russia's first proposition. The officials say this shows that the alarmist reports of the English war correspondents saying Japan has answered the Russian proposition are incorrect and that Japan continues to seek means for meeting Russia's overtures.

On the other hand, another Tokio despatch frankly sets forth the agitated state of Japanese public sentiment and the intense feeling against Russia. The official advice from St. Petersburg continues to have a hopeful tone and with advice from Tokio of the same tenor the authorities here assert they have good reason to believe that the situation, although serious, has not reached a point where a war crisis is imminent.

POLICEMAN WON'T PAY.

Officer Sol. Hamm, Who Lost Suit for \$1,000 Recently Wants to Avoid Payment.

In the county court chambers this morning, before Judge Forbes, the examination of Solomon D. Hamm of the St. John police force, was continued. This examination arises out of the suit of White vs. Hamm, and is intended to elicit a statement of what property the defendant, Hamm, actually possesses. The suit of White vs. Hamm, it will be remembered, was an action for false arrest, and after going through some three times, ultimately went against Hamm, a verdict for \$1,000 being rendered against him.

Hamm, in the first instance, obtained a verdict in his favor for a substantial sum, but on the 14th of August, 1902, this verdict was set aside by the supreme court, and a new trial granted. On the 14th of August, just four days subsequent, Hamm made a conveyance of property owned by him on the side of the city, to his wife. He made this conveyance, he alleges, not in anticipation of the suit going against him, but as the result of an intention on his part, formed long before the suit was brought, of leaving the city. Mr. Hamm intended to go to Scotland, where some wealthy relatives of his resided.

The object of the present examination is to show that Hamm was possessed of property which he purposely got rid of in order to prevent the realization of the judgment obtained against him.

Some rather interesting evidence developed this morning. Hamm swore that he had never engaged C. N. Skinner, K. G., to defend and never knew who he was. He would not venture the opinion that the city had employed Mr. Skinner, but admitted that he had been directed by Chief of Police Clark to see Mr. Skinner in reference to the defence of the suit. He had himself not paid any of the costs incurred in defending the suit, and added that he did not intend to if he could help it. It was likewise his intention, he said, to avoid the payment of the verdict obtained against him if it were in his power.

When asked as to a fortune coming to him from a wealthy relative in Scotland, he said that he had heard of it, but that he had never materialized. The name of his relative in Scotland is Solomon Cochrane, who continues to live. He intimated that when he received his share of his living relative's wealth he would probably be disposed to change his mind with regard to the payment of the verdict obtained against him.

The examination was adjourned till the 8th of January, 1904.

G. H. V. Boyles appeared for White and A. A. Wilson, K. G., for Hamm.

POLICE COURT.

Christmas work in the police court opened well this morning and the magistrate was most extravagant in the gifts he handed out to applicants.

Joe Guthrie and Herbert Friars had been having a high old time together on the waterfront at Road, and will come out in time to have the salute fired on Empire Day.

Four other prisoners were sent in for two months for drunkenness. At these James Taylor was in a pretty bad condition. He seemed to be completely used up, both mentally and physically, from an overdose of liquor, and pleaded with the police not to let him fall downstairs. Last night it was found necessary for Dr. Berryman to see him twice. On Sunday forenoon Taylor was drunk and was seen going into a well known hotel. On coming out he was arrested and was found to have an unopened bottle of whiskey in his pocket. Inspector Jones is looking into the matter.

THE WEATHER.

Monday, Dec. 21.

Highest temperature, 48; lowest temperature, 40; barometer at noon, 29.15 inches. Wind, southwest; velocity, 24 miles per hour. Cloudy.

Forecast—Southwest and west gales; clearing. Tuesday northwest to north-west gales; becoming colder at night. Synopses—A storm of great energy is moving across the Gulf and heavy gales prevail all along the seaboard. To Banks and American ports south-west and west gales.

GEBBIE-SULLIVAN.

The Christian church at Lord's Cove, was the scene of a very happy event on the evening of December 18th, when Rev. Ralph Gebbie, pastor of the Leewardville and Lord's Cove Christian churches, was united in marriage to Mrs. Lillian Sullivan, one of the most charming and accomplished ladies of Richardsonville. The ceremony took place at eight o'clock, and long before that hour arrived the church was packed to the doors. To the music of Lohengrin rendered most beautifully by Miss Hazel Lambert, the bride and groom moved up the aisle unattended, to where the clergyman, Rev. G. N. Stevenson, of St. John's, was waiting to pronounce them man and wife. The bride wore a pearl grey silk trimmed with white medallions.

After the ceremony, which was most impressive, the couple drove to their future home at Richardsonville, where an informal reception was given.

PEACOCK ARBITRATION CONCLUDED.

The matter of the expropriation of the Peacock property by the Rockwood Park commissioners, which has been under arbitration for some time, was finally settled today, when an award was signed by the arbitrators, Thomas Clark, J. N. Wetmore and James Mylne. It is understood that the amount of the award is \$500. The original offer made by the park commissioners was \$300. J. D. Hasen, K. C., appeared for the Horticultural Association, and A. A. Stockton, K. C., for James Peacock.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of the late Thomas Reid was held at half-past two o'clock this afternoon from his late residence, Pitt street. Rev. Dr. Morrison officiated and interment was in Fernhill.

The death occurred this forenoon at her residence, Paradise Row, of Mrs. Harriet Calhoun, widow of John B. Calhoun, in the sixty-second year of her age.

Mrs. A. C. Powers will receive her friends at 200 Paradise Row on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, Dec. 22, 23, 24, and on Tuesday.

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Fresh Eggs, 24c. per dozen.
Pure Lard, 10c. per pound.
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Candied Peels, Pure Spices, Raisins,
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Very Cheap For Cash, at
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Extra New Prunes, 10c.
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Citrus, Lemon, Orange Peels, Nuts, Christmas Candles, Etc.
Our stock is new and complete.

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The Linton & Sinclair Co. (Limited),
Hanging Lamps, Banquet Lamps, Reception Lamps, Hall Lamps,
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Special Importation Children's Woodenware, Rockers 10c., Cradles, 10c.,
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25 per cent. Off Toilet Sets, Monday, 21st
Royal Vienna and Teplitz Vases, beautiful designs and low in price.
Beautiful display of Fancy China, immense variety, at prices which will
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Special Gift Offer.
Commencing Saturday we will give FREE with each 50c. purchase a
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Customers will please ask for these, stating what paper they saw the ad.
Our supply is limited, first come first served.

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ROBINSON'S,
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Good Bread,
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Call and See Our
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**A SMALL QUANTITY OF
Hard Wood,
SOUND AND DRY,
Only \$1.60 per load
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NEAPEST SOFT COAL IN CITY
CASH ONLY.**
J. S. FROST, 53 and 55
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ROMAN CATHOLIC ASYLUMS

Before the service in the Cathedral yesterday morning Father Maclean presented the following statement of the number of orphans and the receipts of St. Vincent's and St. Patrick's Asylums, for the year ending December 1st, 1908.

"At the beginning of the year there were 181 orphans, 79 girls and 102 boys. There have been admitted during the year 19 girls and 13 boys and there have been placed in homes 17 girls and 14 boys. Three died in the orphanage, leaving 79 girls and 99 boys, a total of 178.

The number from each parish is: Cathedral, 103; St. Peter's, 27; St. John Baptist, 21; Holy Trinity, 11; Assumption, 4; and other parishes 10.

The receipts are as follows:

Received from cathedral collection Christmas..... \$779.90

Received from St. Peter's..... 100.00

Received from Holy Trinity..... 100.00

Received from St. John Baptist..... 100.00

Received from cathedral collection St. Patrick's day..... 241.75

Received from St. Peter's church entertainment St. Patrick's day..... 210.65

Received from Holy Trinity St. Patrick's day..... 85.94

Received from St. John Baptist St. Patrick's day..... 61.97

Received from St. Joseph's Society entertainment (city)..... 261.65

Received from St. Patrick's Episcopal Club, Charlton..... 75.00

Received from St. Rose's Society, Fairville..... 65.00

Received from cathedral contribution boxes..... 270.83

Received from St. Peter's and Holy Trinity picnic..... 206.19

Received from cathedral S. S. picnic, 1,264.50

Received from provincial government grant..... 520.00

Total..... \$4,840.15

THRILLING EXPERIENCE

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 20.—J. W. H. Cameron, one of the oldest railway mail clerks in the service, met with a painful accident and had a thrilling experience on Saturday night. When twenty-five miles from this city coming this way, he fell off the postal car as the train was going 30 miles an hour. Cameron gathered himself together and found that his leg was broken near the ankle. He knew where he was and started to crawl along the track for the nearest house, half a mile away, calling as he went in the hope of attracting assistance. None came till he reached the house, where he started for. When he got there the flesh was worn from his hands and knees, and his hands were frozen and encased in ice. The city could not be reached by telegraph at that hour and his absence had not been noticed till the train reached Halifax. Then a searching expedition set out and found Cameron in the house at 3 o'clock this morning. No doctor was there and he lay as he was till this forenoon, when he was brought to the hospital. His broken leg was set and his other injuries attended to.

BOSTON'S BIG RAID.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—In the hope of discovering the perpetrators of the numerous robberies and burglaries which have occurred in this vicinity within the past six weeks the Boston police today made raids in the cheap lodging houses situated in the East End, Green and Howard streets, and the upper part of Washington street. Last night the city was searched thoroughly for suspicious characters, and nearly a dozen were arrested.

Promptly at 4 o'clock this morning police inspectors and patrolmen left the various station houses and visited the cheap hotels in this district. Exactly three-quarters of an hour later 52 suspicious persons were locked up in the city prison. Among the men arrested were tramps, beggars and that class of criminals known in police parlance as "yeggmen."

COMPANION COURT WYGOODY. Companion Court Wygoody, No. 473, I. O. F., met in their hall, Charlotte street, Friday evening for the election of officers and initiation. The following officers were elected:

Mrs. (Dr.) Melvin—C. R.

Mrs. Dykeman—V. C. R.

Mrs. Willis—R. S.

Mrs. Powers—F. S.

Mrs. Hastings—T.

Mrs. Patinkin—Orator.

Mrs. Perry—S. W.

Mrs. McFarlane—J. W.

Mrs. Whipple—S. B.

Mrs. Henderson—J. B.

Mrs. Dykeman—Org.

Miss Hastings—C. D.

Miss McQuarrie—P. C. R.

Dr. Melvin—Ex. Phys.

Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Ferguson, trustees.

Mrs. McFarlane and Mrs. Cox, F. A. C.

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

ADDRESS AT UNION HALL.

Mrs. Davis of California made an address yesterday afternoon in Union Hall, north end, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Davis spoke of the duty of the father to his son, and of the country to its sons.

THE BATTLE LINE.

Str. Pandora has been chartered on time charter for the Cuban trade at \$500 per month.

Str. Leucra, Capt. Grant, sailed from Rio Janeiro for Santos and New York on the 19th.

WANTED—A case of Headache that KUMFORT Powders will not cure in ten minutes.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—Burglars broke open the safe of the Harris-Bathurst Company on Friday night and obtained \$500 in cash and a bank draft for \$7.30.

John C. Franklin, 100 years of age, died in the asylum here last evening.

Chronic Constipation surely cured or money back. LAXA-CARA-TABLETS never fail. Small, chocolate coated, easy to take. Price 25 cents. At druggists.

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WE WANT CASH

and must get it at once. This is every man's chance. 25 PER CENT. DISCOUNT ON SUITS and OVERCOATS.

3,000 MEN'S OVERCOATS.

All this season's make, latest styles and best quality Long Raglanettes, Short and medium length.

OUR BEST \$14.00 OVERCOATS.

English Melton or Friesa, best linings, Raglanette style, with 25 per cent. discount off, all desirable shades, makes it

ONLY \$10.50.

OUR MEN'S \$12.00 GREY MELTON OVERCOATS.

Long fashionable cut, best trimmings, Silk Velvet Collar; 25 per cent. off makes it

\$9.00.

OUR REGULAR \$10.00 LONG COAT.

Black and Grey Friesa, 25 per cent. off makes it

\$7.50.

LONG RAGLANETTE OVERCOATS.

Dark Grey Canadian Friesa, well made and good linings. Regular \$8.00 Coat; 25 per cent. off makes it

ONLY \$6.00.

We have MEN'S OVERCOATS at \$6.50, \$6.00 and down to \$5.00.

The 25 per cent. discount comes off all priced Overcoats.

MEN'S \$10.00 TWEED SUITS.

Well made, all desirable shades; 25 per cent. off makes it

\$7.50.

MEN'S SUITS.

Best English Worsted, Black, Blue and Fancy Stripes. Regularly sold at \$14.00; 25 per cent. off makes them only

\$10.50.

OUR \$7.50 BLACK or BLUE SERGE SUITS.

With 25 per cent. off makes them only

\$5.62.

MEN'S TWEED SUITS. \$6.50 \$7, and \$7.50.

25 per cent. off makes them only

\$4.87, \$5.25, \$5.62.

All goods are marked in plain figures, so you can quickly see what you can save at this 25 per cent. discount sale.

WILCOX Bros.,

54 to 58 Dock St., and
1 & 2 Market Sq.

WINTER PORT

The Allan liner Pretorian, which left Montreal on the 18th for Halifax, comes to St. John this trip. She is due here on the 21st inst.

The Head liner Dunmore Head, Capt. Burns, reached port yesterday morning from the other side. She docked at the C. P. R. pier.

The Allan mail str. Tunisian, Capt. Vipond, sailed for Liverpool via Halifax about 10.30 yesterday morning. She had four first cabin passengers out of St. John, Miss Harley, Mr. Medraft and Lieut. Hammond and Mrs. Hammond.

Lt. Col. White and a number of other prominent citizens were at Sand Point to wish the last named gentleman and his bride bon voyage. There were also 19 second cabin and 50 steerage passengers.

The C. P. R. str. Lake Manitoba, Capt. Taylor, from Liverpool, arrived at St. John Saturday, but was unable to get a berth till about 2.30 yesterday afternoon, when the Montfort vacated No. 3 at Sand Point. The Manitoba had heavy weather all the way out, the gales being from the west and southwest. Dr. March boarded the ship soon after she arrived and discovered 17 cases of measles on board. The sick people were taken to the quarantine station at Partridge Island yesterday morning. Later on the ship docked and the people on board landed. The first and second cabin people bound for Upper Canada places were removed from the ship Saturday afternoon by the tug Lord Kitchener and left on Saturday evening's train for their destinations.

The steerage people numbered 770 people, about half of whom were for Canada and the other half for United States places. Two trains left Sand Point with these people one at 11.15 p. m. with 400 people, and another at 12.15 a. m. with 200 more. The remainder of the immigrants are either held up or have not yet been examined. Fourteen Frenchmen and six Englishmen came out to work at Min- to in the coal mines and there are 14 men in the lot to be employed in the Canada Foundry Co. at Toronto.

BAD AS WHITECHAPEL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The White-chapel atrocities of "Jack-the-Ripper" and the murder of "Old Shakespeare" by the Arab Ben Ali in this city, were recalled by the discovery today of the fearfully mutilated body of a woman in a sailors' resort of the lowest type in James slip near the East River.

The woman who was identified as Sarah Martin, a notorious character of the "Cherry Hill" section, went to the place accompanied by a man who registered as Carl Nelson and wife. The man left the hotel this afternoon and an hour later the body of his companion was found. The woman's throat had been cut and the body was otherwise frightfully mutilated. She had evidently been killed while asleep. The man carried two bundles which were found in the room and which offer a possible clue. One of the bundles contained two striped shirts, both covered with blood. A fold in one of them showed where a bloody knife had been wiped. The other bundle, a shoe box, had on the wrapper the name "B. Beleno," written in pencil. On the floor were found two purchase checks showing the purchase on Saturday from Mole and company, Bridgeport, Conn., of a pair of shoes and sweater. The Bridgeport police authorities were notified by telephone and central office detectives went to Bridgeport to assist in running down the clues. The place in which the murder was committed is said to be known to sailors all over the world as "Slaughter House Point." It has been raided scores of times by the police. The proprietor was arrested and held as a witness.

POLITICS IN P. E. ISLAND.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Dec. 19.—A strong feeling prevails in Charlottetown against the repeated demands of the fire companies doing business here. They have time after time requested certain improvements in the fire equipment. These improvements were followed frequently by an increased rate of insurance.

The P. E. I. railway is calling for tenders for the erection of stations at Albany, Kinkora, Northam, Richmond and Fredericton. A new station is to be built at Alberton and a large freight shed at Hunter River. A number of new water tanks are also being built.

With Hon. Mr. Fielding's recent visit of course come predictions regarding the outcome of the dominion elections. The majority of our people agree that the conservatives will make a clean sweep in this province. In Kings county Mr. Hughes, M. P. (liberal) has against him John McLean, one of the wealthiest and best known business men in the county. He has represented his native constituency in both the provincial and federal parliaments and is undoubtedly the strongest candidate the conservatives could have put in the field. In Queens county no one will be surprised if Alex. Martin and A. A. McLean will both carry the conservative banner to victory. The liberals are completely disorganized, and many are disgusted with the manner in which our public affairs are being conducted. In Kings county the conservatives are already united to a man in favor of A. A. McLean. In H. E. while there are at least four contending factions in the liberal camp. It is clear that the future will witness some interesting developments in the politics of this province.

BRIAR AND MEERSCHAUM PIPES, at lowest prices at Louis Green's.

THE GOLD KING MINE.

J. H. Thomson, F. A. Jones, E. C. Elkin and Chas. E. Bailey of St. John and J. T. Whitlock and J. D. Chipman of St. Stephen arrived home Saturday from a meeting of the directors of the Gold King Mining Company. A dividend was declared at this meeting, that for the past quarter, of one per cent. and an additional bonus of one half per cent. was voted. The manager's report showed that everything was going along satisfactorily at the mine. It is expected to have the new mill in operation on April 1st.

To cure Headache in ten minutes use KUMFORT Headache Powders.

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, 281 Haymarket Square.

FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET at 11 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,

134 to 136 Mill street.

HELP WANTED, MALE.

WANTED—40 or 50 boys, good singers, for four performances with Bailey Street Co. Apply between 9.30 and 10.30 a. m. to A. K. MUNDIE, Opera House.

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 28 Gormain street.

WANTED—A good girl for general housework. Apply at No. 6 Richmond street.

WANTED—A housemaid with recommendations. Apply to MRS. J. D. HASEN, Haseen street.

WANTED—A girl for general housework in a small family. Apply at 172 Gormain 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 preferred. MRS. McKINDRICK, 41 Paddock street.

WANTED—A girl for general housework, also a nurse girl. References required. Apply at once to 122 Princess street.

WANTED—A cook, without washing or ironing. References required. Apply at 170 Gormain street.

Erysipelas, Eczema, Eruptions on the face or body, Barber's Itch, Salt Rheum, Blood Poisoning of Wounds, Ring Worm, Itches, Redness or Bad Skin, and all inflammatory eruptions 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—A horse, about 900 pounds weight. Will be sold cheap. Also one light wagon and set of harness. Address J. A. H. STAR office.

FOR SALE—Two desirable situated two story and basement brick dwelling and freehold lot, known as the Standen property, No. 25 Orange street, this city, and adjoining the residence of the subscriber. Can be inspected at any time. For further particulars apply to W. S. FISHER, 75 Prince William street.

FOR SALE—One 1 1/2 in. Pine Door, 4 ft. 6 in. by 2 ft. 8 in., with 1 glass pane. Apply Sun Printing Co., St. John.

FOR SALE—An arc lamp, complete, nearly new. Apply 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.

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

WANTED—A second class teacher for District No. 6, Parish of Simonds, St. John County. Address J. G. LAKE, Secretary of Trustees, Simonds, N. B., care Froese Bros, 55 King Square.

GOOD HEALTH

Depends upon perfect digestion. NEEDEGA MINERAL SPRING WATER will assist digestion, cleanse the system and purify the blood.

25 cents per quart bottle. \$2.50 per dozen. At druggists.

LOST.

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

LOST—On Friday last a Fox Hound Pup, white with brown and black spots. Finder will please return to John McEneaney, 44 Forest street. Anybody found harboring the same will be prosecuted.

WOOD.

DRY HARD WOOD CUT.

DRY HARD WOOD SPLIT.

DRY ROOK MAPLE.

SOFT WOOD AND KINDLING.

NUDIE COAL.

LAW & CO., [Phone 1346

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Chicken Halibut and Fresh Codfish and Haddock at

JAMES PATTERSON'S

19 and 20 South Market Wharf, St. John

A Home Without VIM TEA

is where we wish to send a FREE SAMPLE. Send your address on Post Card to BAIRD & PETERS, The Tea People, St. John, N. B.

DYKEMAN'S

STANDARD PATENT

LADIES' JACKETS FOR XMAS PRESENTS.

On Tuesday morning we are going to offer you one of the biggest jacket bargains that has ever been offered in this city. 40 Jackets, your choice for \$2.95 and many in the lot were as high as \$12.00. The sizes run from 32 to 38, and the colors are fawn, brown, navy, black and gray. Then there is a lot of about 32 coats, ranging in price from \$3.50 to \$7.00. Some of the coats in this lot were \$16.00. They are all nice stylish garments of this season's make, and are made from excellent materials. Nothing would be appreciated by a lady as much as a new coat for a Christmas present.

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 10c. 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
33 CHARLOTTE STREET.
Telephone 1039.

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 Main St.

WELL KNOWN CAPTAIN DEAD.
ALAMEDA, Cal., Dec. 21.—Capt. R. L. Merriman, one of the oldest and best known sea captains sailing from New York, is dead. He was born in Brunswick, Me., in 1830. He came here from Boston recently.

AMBER AND MEERSCHAUM Cigar and Cigarette holders at Louis Green's.

Fancy China, Dolls, Crockery Silverware.

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

Walter S. Potts

Auctioneer.

LOCAL NEWS.

Celebrated Broad Cove coal, \$7.00 per children 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.

Christmas Novelties in Pyrography (burnt wood) for sale at Gorbell's Art Store, Union street.

At 7.30 tonight—ladies' 25c. Silk Stock collars, half price—two for a quarter. Morrell & Sutherland.

Closing out business. Sale at the Walter Scott store, King Square. Handkerchiefs, kid gloves, dress goods, hosiery and skirts half price.

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

We will still give away the large \$2.00 photo with every dozen, from \$3.00 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.

On Wednesday of last week the marriage took place at the home of Mrs. Thomas Perry, Cornwallis, N. S., of her daughter, Miss Anna Margaret and Dr. William Cecil Harris, junior partner with Dr. John Miller of Canning.

F. J. Harding, agent of the marine and shipping department here, has made investigation into the reports of recent alleged failures of the for alarins on Partridge Island to give proper warning to vessels coming into the harbor, and finds that they are groundless.

Star Skates have long been known as the very best. They will be used more extensively than ever this year owing to the failure of a competitor. The only place at which a complete stock of these skates can be seen is at the stores of Messrs. W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd.

John Walker will make his first public appearance in his magical feats at Temperance Hall, Carleton, at the entertainment given by the Union Aid Society of Carleton Wednesday evening. Parker Hogan and other musical talent will take part.

The free kindergarten will close on Wednesday and will re-open on January 14th. The closing exercises will include a Christmas tree on which each of the children will place a present for someone at home, these presents being the work done by the children. Some more small chairs are wanted. The committee wishes to acknowledge from Mrs. Hutchings \$5.00.

The steamer "Minto" arrived at Pictou at 10.50 o'clock on Saturday last, and left for Charlottetown at seven o'clock on Sunday morning. The intention now is to leave Charlottetown for Pictou Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, and leave Pictou for Charlottetown Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings so far as weather permits.

FRENCH BRIAR PIPES in cases, with a three inch pure amber mouth-piece, 55c. at Louis Green's.

BREAD OF GOLDEN EAGLE

Flour Keeps Moist 6 Days

PROTECT THE BOYS.

There was a large gathering in Union Hall on Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The singing was spirited and much enjoyed, especially a chorus by a number of young ladies. W. B. Scarriff of this city presided in reading the Scripture lesson he spoke in an interesting manner upon the sin of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors and the responsibility of Christian men in the matter.

Mrs. Martha G. Davis, whom Mr. Scarriff introduced, is a woman of pleasing appearance and at once engaged the attention of her audience. She extolled the efforts of the North End Woman's Christian Temperance Union in purchasing a park and erecting a monument to the boys who at the call of the mother country went to South Africa to war. She deplored the fact that while both Canada and America called upon our boys to protect them, they failed to protect by law the boys from the liquor traffic. She pleaded with the mothers to take more interest in the home life of the boys, and with the fathers to set the boys a better example.

DEPUTY MAYOR'S WORK DONE.

Deputy Mayor McGoldrick this forenoon handed over the reins of civic government to Mayor White, and retired from the position he has filled for the past few months. During the absence of the mayor, his office has been unusually busy and Mr. McGoldrick took a leading part in quite a number of interesting events. These included the visit of the warships, settlement of the dry dock plans, delegation to Hon. W. S. Fielding, meeting with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and other C. P. R. officials, welcoming the Bridge and Railroad Engineers' Association, and other incidents of like nature. During his term of office the deputy mayor has had the hearty support of all the aldermen and members have run along most smoothly. Mayor White was welcomed at City Hall today.

The Maritime Auer Light Co., Ltd., will be open for the evenings of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

The Boston express was one and a half hours late today and the Montreal express is about four hours late. These delays are blamed to the adjoining divisions.

Samuel H. Kincaid, of 153 Adelaide road, was taken to the hospital on Saturday suffering from paralysis. He is in quite a serious condition, but may recover. Mr. Kincaid was stricken with paralysis one day last week, while working around his home.

The cantata, "Under the Palms," will be sung in the Carleton City hall on Dec. 23, several well-known St. John singers being included in the programme. The concert is under the auspices of the Carleton Baptist church.

GOLD AND SILVER MOUNTED PIPES for presentation purposes at Louis Green's.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.



THIS STORE TELLS OF

Christmas Everywhere.

Holiday Tokens on Every Side.
Everything Has Caught the Christmas Spirit.

New Christmas Goods at all Prices.

Cor. Duke and Charlotte Sts.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS.

Victoria Rink.

GRAND OPENING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23rd,

40th--SEASON--40th.

Re-built! Re-furnished! Everything Modern!

Tickets now on sale at following rates:

GENTLEMEN	\$3.50
LADIES	2.50
SENIOR BOYS	2.50
CHILDREN	1.50
Single Admission, Ladies and Children, 15c; Gentlemen, 25c.	

R. J. ARMSTRONG, Manager.

A MONSTER PRODUCTION.

"The Fatal Wedding" will be the Dalry Company's Opening Bill.

Of all the sensational melo-dramas now before the public, none have achieved the success accorded to "The Fatal Wedding." For three years it has broken all records at the metropolitan theatres and now there are four companies in America engaged in the presentation and two in England. It presents such a story of heart interest and genuine logical sensation that it appeals to all classes. The trials of the suffering mother and her two children, one of whom is genuine epileptic, never fails to touch the cord of human sympathy.

Little Edwina Paul, as the "little mother," will undoubtedly install herself a favorite at once. She is the daughter of the well known character actor, Logan Paul, who has been seen here to advantage. Little Edwina is a particularly bright and magnetic tot, who has essayed several important roles, and the mothers and children of this city are to have several occasions to enjoy her talent and precocity during the coming season.

The number of performances of "The Fatal Wedding" to be given is limited to four, on Friday and Saturday, and those who desire to witness it in comfort had better make their reservations early.

GOOD MUSIC.

The congregation of St. Andrew's church had the pleasure last evening of listening to some of the finest singing heard in this city. Robert K. Parker, who has been here for a few days, sang at the evening service and later on assisted in a sacred recital. Mr. Parker's singing was such that when the service was over the platform was crowded with listeners who desired to thank him.

In addition to his selections there was an anthem in which Walter Belding took the solo part. In this, Mr. Belding was not heard to such good advantage as in the duet with Mr. Cairns, which latter selection was really splendid. Mr. Cairns' ability is well known and Mr. Belding is fast becoming one of the finest singers in the city. Miss Muriel Thompson sang Haskins' "Peace Upon Earth," in a manner which left nothing to be desired, and through the whole musical service the playing by Mr. Eville added to the enjoyment of the music.

FLOWERS IN WINTER.

James Fawcett, of 11 Summer street, says he can lick anybody at growing flowers through the ice. Mr. Fawcett brought to the city today a plant of the Fairy Wanders, which he has grown in frozen ground. The soil was so hard that the plant had to be cut above ground, and still the flowers grew, surrounded by ice and snow. And there are lots of other plants in Mr. Fawcett's garden growing the same way. Different flowers are found in bloom in midwinter, but just at present it is too early for blooms. One advantage of growing plants outdoors in winter is that they do not have to be attended as in summer.

PERSONALS.

Geo. Bissett, of Manchester, Robertson, Allison, Ltd., St. John, who has been ill at the Waverly Hotel, Canning, for some days, is recovering and hopes to be able to come to St. John in a few days, where his wife is quite ill.

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

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

The Rev. Mr. De Biolo, of Annapolis, has taken charge of St. John's church, Church street, Cornwallis, N. S., and St. Michael's church, Canning, for the winter.

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

Miss Jordan came in from Hartford, Conn., on Saturday, and is a guest of her brother, W. C. Jordan.

Macaulay Arnaud, of North Sydney, son of F. H. Arnaud, is home for Christmas.

Percy MacNutt, who for the past year has been with Senator Perley, in Assiniboia, is in the city for Christmas, the guest of Mrs. Austin, Mount Pleasant.

Robt. W. Parker leaves this evening to resume the concert tour in which he has been taking part.

The Misses Scovill, of St. John, who have been considerably benefited by their stay at the De Witt Sanitarium at Wolfville, have returned home for the holidays.

FIRST CONTINGENT NOT SUITED.

Complaints About the Uniform on the Memorial Statue.

Some dissatisfaction is expressed by those who have taken an interest in the North End memorial about the style of figure which is to be placed on the monument. The figure is being made in England and the necessary uniform and equipment which were used as patterns were not on some time ago. The monument is chiefly in memory of members of the first contingent, who were killed in Africa, yet the figure represents almost anything but the first contingent, and in fact no troops who ever went to Africa wore such a costume as has been designed for the figure.

The hat is one of the Stetson hats, worn by the Strathcona's C. M. R., and other contingents. It was never seen on the head of an infantryman. The tunic or serge, whichever it may be, could belong to any corps. The trousers are cavalry trousers, the revolver at the right side is a cavalry revolver, never carried by men of the first, and the ball pouch, instead of being hung in the middle, is at the left side to balance the revolver. As it is members of the first contingent, who are chiefly interested, many of their friends feel that an infantry uniform should have been used.

Band at the North End Rink is postponed till Tuesday night on account of the weather.

FIRE ALARM O. K.

On Saturday Mr. Rogers, the Gamewell fire alarm expert, along with Superintendent Leonard, completed the testing of all the city boxes. The test was accomplished on the automatic repeater without the ringing of bells. The fourteen old boxes were found in perfect working order.

The bell circuit is now giving entire satisfaction, something which it did not before. This is due to the strong current derived from the new storage battery.

SAVED BY HIS BULL DOG.

While skating on Chocolate Lake on Wednesday afternoon, a well known young man of Halifax fell through the ice. He had some difficulty in rescuing himself, as he claims to have remained in the water for about twenty minutes. He was on the point of drowning when his bulldog came to his aid, and his many friends will be glad to hear that he got out safely and did not suffer any serious after effects. — Acadian Recorder.

THE DRY DOCK.

George Robertson is much pleased with the interest that is being taken in the proposed dry dock. Since the call for tenders was issued enquiries have been received from a number of the most prominent concerns in the United States, Upper Canada and from local contractors. Copies of specifications have been forwarded to all and there will be no scarcity of tenders for the work.

GOOD QUALITY MEERSCHAUM PIPES in cases from 50c. upwards at Louis Green's.

McALPINE'S ALMANAC.

McAlpine's New Brunswick Almanac, as issued for 1904, is by far the best ever published by that firm. In addition to a vast amount of information regarding the city and the maritime provinces, it has the tariff revised up to date, tide tables for St. John, an interesting astronomical department and many other features which make the book almost a necessity in every business and home in the province.

FINEST QUALITY CIGARS in small boxes, 75c. a box at Louis Green's.

THIS EVENING.

Prof. Clawson lectures in Centenary school room.
Meeting of St. John Rifle Club, cor. Prince William street and Market St.
United meeting of the Salvation Army in Fairville.

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.'s, Market square.

CHOICE VARIETY OF PIPES at 25c., regular 50c. and 75c. lines, at Louis Green's.

ADMIRALTY COURT.

In the admiralty court this morning the 23rd of December was fixed for the trial of the case of Isaac B. Thurber vs. the ship Beaver. Hanington, Teed & Hanington appeared for the plaintiff and Dr. A. A. Stockton for the defendant.

No Person Regrets Buying Presents For Lasting Pleasure.

Something here for every member of the family:
WINTER BOOTS—for men and women at \$2.00 to \$5.00.
EVENING SHOES—for ladies, gents, misses, at \$2.50 to \$5.00.
DANCING SHOES—for men and women at \$2.50 to \$3.50.
SKATING BOOTS—for ladies, men, girls and boys.
FELT SLIPPERS—for men at \$1; for women at 75c.
HOUSE SLIPPERS—for women, men, misses, children.
OVERSHOES, in buckle and button styles.
We are prepared for holiday selling and gift selecting. Our store and stock is full of reasonable excellence.

M. L. SAVAGE,
Fine Footwear. Cor. King and Charlotte.

Santa Claus' Headquarters

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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 Bala, at special prices.
Overshoes 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, 35c., 50c. and \$1.00 pair.
Gent's Kid Gloves, warm lined.
Ladies' Lace and Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 5c. to 50c. 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 Hosiery.
Gent's Fine Cashmere and Wool Hosiery.
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.

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 PAIR OF \$5.00 Humanic Shoes

would be an acceptable gift to any man.
7 Styles, all sizes and widths in kid, calf and patent colt.
Swell Patent Leather at \$5.00, \$3.50, \$1.00.
A Handsome Selection of Men's Shoes at \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00.

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Yorkshire Bar.

English Silver not defaced worth its full value. Hot Ales a Specialty.

EUROPEAN PLAN.

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WANTED!

Santa Claus to save money by buying his Raisins, Candies, Oranges, Nuts, Figs, Dates and other little articles for Xmas at

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