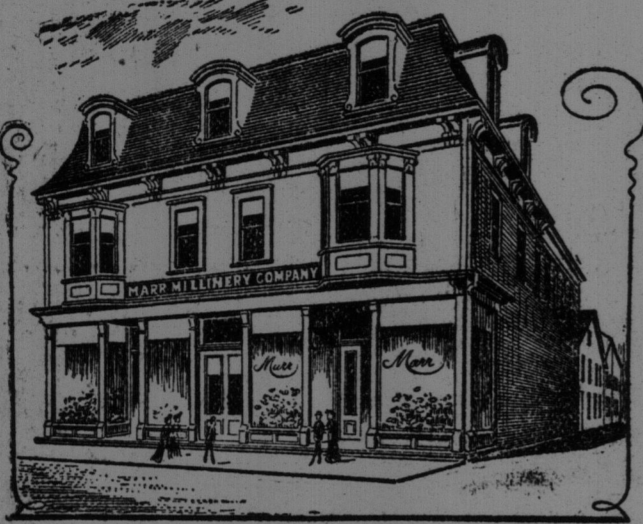




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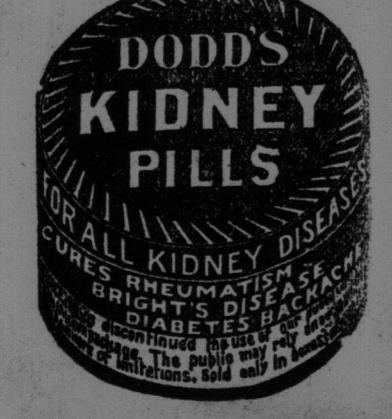
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THE WEAPONS OF MYSTERY

BY JOSEPH HOCKING.

Author of "All Men are Liars," "Fields of Fair Renown," etc., etc.

(Continued) "Do you doubt the existence of the forces I have mentioned?" he asked. "Do you think that the matters which I have referred exist only in the mind? Are they, in your idea, no sciences in reality?" "Pardon me, Mr. Voltaire," I replied, "but I am an Englishman. We are thought by foreigners to be very conservative, and perhaps there may be truth in it. Anyhow, I for one, like tangible proof before I believe in anything that does not appear reasonable to my reason. Your story does not appear reasonable, and although I hope I do not offend you by saying so, I cannot accept it as a scientific fact. "Perhaps," said Kaffar, who spoke for the first time, "Mr. Blake would like to see some proof. Perhaps he would like not only to see manifestations of the power of the unseen, but to feel them. All parsons, ladies and gentlemen, but I cannot stand by and hear the greatest of all sciences maligned, and still be quiet. I cannot be silent when that which is dearer to me than life itself is submitted to the cool test of bigoted ignorance. You may not believe it true, but I would give much to know what this Under-stander one knew and heard of the Egyptian's sunny skies; I have lain under her stately palms and watched the twinkling stars, I am a child of the East, and believe in the truths that are taught there. I have only dabbled in the mysteries of the unseen, but I know enough to tell you that what my friend says is true. "Was this a ruse on the part of the Egyptian? Looking at the matter in the light of what followed I believe it was. And yet at the time I did not know. "I am sorry," I replied, "if I have caused annoyance. But we English people possess the right to our opinions. However, I do not wish to bias older minds, and trust that my scepticism may cause no unpleasantness. "But would Mr. Blake like to be convinced?" "I am perfectly indifferent about the matter," I replied. "That he is very convenient for one who has stated his beliefs so doggedly. Certainly I do not think that is English; if I, I am glad I am not an Englishman." With this he fixed his eyes steadily on me, and tried to fasten my attention, but did not at the time succeed. "I was asked for my opinion," I said. "I did not force it. But still, since you place it in that light, I should like to be convinced. "By this time the interest manifested in the matter was great. Everyone watched breathlessly for what was to be done or said next, and certainly I felt that I was regarded by the guests in anything but a favorable light. "I saw Voltaire and Kaffar exchanging glances, and I felt sure that I heard the former say in Arabic, "Not yet." "After this the two arranged to give us some manifestations of their power. While they were conversing I went across the room and spoke to Miss Forest, but she was very reserved, and I thought her face looked very pale. "This is becoming interesting," I said. "I wish you had said nothing about his story," was her reply. "Pray why?" "She only shook her head. "Surely you do not believe in his foolish story of conjuring tricks?" I said laughing. "Mr. Voltaire is a wonderful man," she said. "A clever man. If I were a man I should not make him my enemy." "I have heard of an old saying at my home," I replied, "which ran something like this, 'Brag is a good dog, but Holdfast is better.' " "Still I should have nothing to do with Brag," she said. "I hope you will not," I replied meaningly. "She did not answer me, but I fancied she blushed, and again I felt happy.



Fashion Hint for Times Readers

Some of the smart tailored three-piece suits have a bodice and skirt which, when the handsome coat is removed, make a complete and dainty frock for luncheon, afternoon bridge and similar occasions. Such a little frock, shown here, has the high skirt and small bodice built over a net girdle—a popular style this year. The overcoats of cloth is a smart French touch, and is a bit warmer than the entire sleeve of transparent fabric.

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GOURDEAU'S REPRIMANDS WERE TREATED AS JOKES

Deputy Minister of Marine's Letters on Extravagance Were Not Taken Seriously—Some Interesting Evidence Before Marine Enquiry.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Several additional features were elicited at the afternoon session of the marine inquiry before Judge Cassels today. The sale of a yacht that used to belong to the deputy minister to the department, though the latter disclaimed that he was buying the creature, was one thing brought out. "Voltaire," said the judge, "the deputy minister's letters on extravagance were not taken seriously. Some interesting evidence before the marine inquiry. "H. G. Ketchum, of Ottawa, said he got a hurry call for a launch for the Georgian Bay through J. F. Fraser. He said one belonged to W. Cunningham for 750 and he bought for 400 to the owner, keeping the rest as profit. He was surprised to learn that Cunningham got the yacht from Col. Gourdeau. Mr. Ketchum is to produce some accounts for the improvements he said he made on the yacht. "Walter Cunningham told that he got the yacht a month before he sold it to Ketchum. He gave Col. Gourdeau \$200 and a 600 sleigh for it some time in the summer. None of the books he produced had record of the transaction. He supplied groceries to Col. Gourdeau's house. "He had once had a transaction with him over some gifts. Gourdeau sent it to him for sale. He had given him \$125 on it, as his value. The rest was to be paid on its sale. It was still in the storehouse. He had no idea where the deputy minister got it. Counsel said he was informed that Col. Gourdeau had got it from some government ship. "Col. Gourdeau, in his evidence, said that he didn't know that the department had bought his yacht from Cunningham. His and no idea where the deputy minister got it. Counsel said he was informed that Col. Gourdeau had got it from some government ship. "Col. Gourdeau, in his evidence, said that he didn't know that the department had bought his yacht from Cunningham. His and no idea where the deputy minister got it. Counsel said he was informed that Col. Gourdeau had got it from some government ship.

A MONCTON CHILD IS BURNED TO DEATH

Seven Year Old Leone Weir Poured Oil in the Fire and Was Not Rescued in Time.

Moncton, Dec. 22.—Leone, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Weir, was burned to death at her parents' home on Telegraph street between 2 and 3 o'clock this afternoon. The mother had gone out to neighbors for a few minutes, leaving in the house her three children—Leone, aged seven years and two younger sisters. Shortly after one of the children ran from the house crying and Jack Jonah, ascertaining the trouble, rushed into the house to find Leone with her clothes on fire. Weir picked up the child in his arms and carried her from the house, smothering the flames, but not before she had received burns which caused her death two hours later. It seems the child had put paraffin oil in the stove and her clothes caught from the flames. Mr. Weir was only absent from the house about fifteen minutes but this was long enough for her little daughter to sustain her fatal injuries. The child was removed to the hospital and medical aid did all possible to relieve the little one's suffering, but she was relieved by death about 4.30. The father of the child, John Weir, is a well known base ball player and was absent from home at the time.

NOVA SCOTIA COURT STENOGRAPHERS REFUSE TO TAKE NOTES UNLESS THEY ARE PAID

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 22.—The stenographers and judges of the supreme court of Nova Scotia are on strike. The trouble has been brewing for a long time, and it was today that the court was adjourned. The court stenographers, who were protesting against the court stenographers, refused to take notes unless they were paid. The court stenographers, who were protesting against the court stenographers, refused to take notes unless they were paid.

MAY BE INQUEST IN DOYLE DEATH

Nine Cases of Carbolic Poisoning in Two Years—Inquest May Be Held on Grounds of Looseness of Selling.

Mr. John Doyle, of Westmorland road, who drank carbolic acid on Monday afternoon, died at 10.30 o'clock Tuesday morning when he died in the General Hospital. Coroner Berryman had not decided whether or not an inquest would be held. He said that as far as the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Doyle were concerned, he did not know that an inquest would be productive of any good. He intended, however, to look into the matter very thoroughly. There had been so many cases where carbolic acid was sold without any record being made of the sale that it seemed the drug stores were not prepared to carry out the law, which provides that a record of the sales of all kinds of poisons be kept. It was now, however, the case of carbolic acid and other poisons without any trouble. In the past two years, the coroner said, there had been nine cases of carbolic acid poisoning, and something must be done to stop it. It was just a question in his mind, if it had not been desirable to have an inquest for that reason.

HON. MR. LEMIEUX CONFIDENT CHEAPER CABLES WILL COME

New York, Dec. 22.—Not only cheaper, but very much cheaper rates for cablegrams across the Atlantic are near at hand, was the confident assertion of Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, the postmaster-general of Canada, today, on the eve of his departure for Canada. "The reform has been accomplished on the Pacific," declared Mr. Lemieux, "and it will soon come about on the Atlantic." Mr. Lemieux said the movement had recommended itself to industrial interests in the United States also, but he declined to be questioned as to whether this government had been or would be approached by Canada or Great Britain in the matter. It was regarded as significant, he said, however, when Whitehall, London, and the Atlantic cable companies, which was expected to come to a conclusion this spring, was not for an arbitrary rate of four cents a word. It had been proposed, instead, that messages be divided into several classes, such as urgent, semi-urgent, and deferred, and charged for accordingly, but in any event the rate to be considered lower than the prevailing twenty-five cent rate. If a state owned cable is to be laid, it is the belief of Mr. Lemieux that it would eventually admit of a charge of five cents a word.

MR. FOWLER TESTIFIES IN HIS OWN DEFENCE IN THE ACTION BROUGHT BY MR. A. B. PUGSLEY

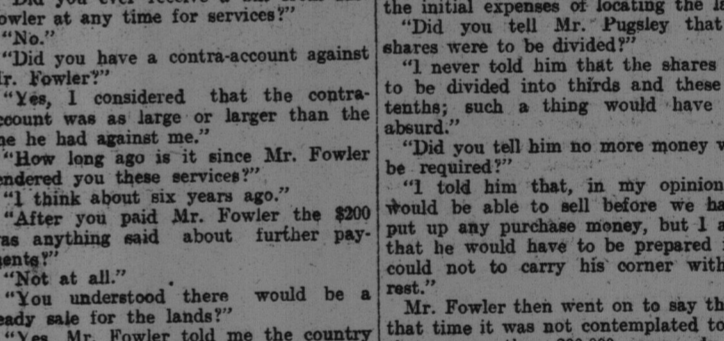
Ex-M. P. on the Stand Yesterday Afternoon Was Sharply Questioned—He Considered It a Favor to Get Into Western Land Syndicate.

In the A. B. Pugsley vs. George W. Fowler and Rufus H. Pope ex-M. P.'s, which was before Chief Justice Barker in the equity court all day yesterday, only two witnesses were examined. The plaintiff and Mr. Fowler were the witnesses. On the resumption of the case after luncheon, Mr. Teed concluded his cross-examination of Mr. Pugsley. In answer to questions, Mr. Pugsley said he never understood that the only option on the land secured by the defendants from the C. P. R. was a verbal one. He was not aware either that the purchase price of \$250 was not finally agreed on till the fall of 1902. Mr. Wilson then commenced the examination. "You mentioned in your previous evidence a Mr. Parlee who offered to purchase your interest in the syndicate. Who was he?" "That was H. H. Parlee, who was at that time partner with Mr. Fowler." "Did Mr. Parlee tell you he had an interest in the land?" "Yes." "Did you ever receive a bill from Mr. Fowler at any time for services?" "No." "Yes, I considered that the contract was as large or larger than the one he had against me." "How long ago is it since Mr. Fowler rendered you these services?" "I think about six years ago." "After you paid Mr. Fowler the \$200 was anything said about further payments?" "Not at all." "You understood there would be a ready sale for the lands?" "Yes, Mr. Fowler told me the country was rapidly filling up with immigrants, and that town sites were being marked off every day in the vicinity and that there would be no difficulty about selling." "When did you read Mr. Fowler's evidence given before the royal commission?" "About two or three months ago, I think; certainly since this suit was started." "You remember when Mr. Fowler first spoke to you about the land in the northwest?" "Yes, Mr. Fowler told me the country was rapidly filling up with immigrants, and that town sites were being marked off every day in the vicinity and that there would be no difficulty about selling." "Do you remember that Mr. Fowler said?" "Yes, he said that they had secured an option on a tract of land in the northwest for \$3.50 an acre." "How long was it after receiving the letter from him that you met Mr. Fowler?" (Continued on Page 82a)

STOMACH COMFORT

When the Stomach Rebels, Headache, Indigestion and Nerve Pain Follows—Mi-o-na Brings Relief.

Just as soon as you are done eating the healthy stomach commences to churn the food around and mixes it thoroughly with the juices of the stomach. If the food is not churned, it lays heavily on your stomach, turns sour and causes all kinds of distressing symptoms, such as headache, indigestion, stomach pain and dyspepsia. Mi-o-na helps the stomach to properly mix the food. John S. May, of Isabella Street, Belleville, Ont., says: "For over seven months I was in constant agony with a case of nervous dyspepsia and indigestion that medical skill could not relieve. My meals were weak and had lost much weight through loss of appetite and suffering. My meals would fill me with gas and a feeling of oppression across the stomach and all up the left side, left me in a miserable condition. I was restless at night and as tired and unrefreshed in the morning as if I had been on my feet all day. I was on my feet was always constant when lying on my back, and my heart seemed to flutter and pound as though it were coming out through my side. I was benefited from the first two days' use of Mi-o-na. I began to feel like myself again, my appetite returned and the depressive feeling left me. I can enjoy my meals without the least worry of after suffering. I have gained in weight and can sleep the night through in comfort. Go to Chas. Watson, the druggist, 100 King Street, and get a 50-cent box of Mi-o-na Tablets. Money back if Mi-o-na does not cure.



THE TIMES DAILY PUZZLE PICTURE

He was learning to skate, And now every cold day, When seeking for him, You'll find him. Find someone looking for him; also his dog.

FINANCIAL and COMMERCIAL

N. Y. STOCK MARKET.

Table with columns for stock names, opening prices, and closing prices. Includes items like Amalgamated Copper, Am. Sugar Refining, and various industrial stocks.

CHICAGO MARKET

Table with columns for commodity names and prices. Includes items like Dec. Wheat, Dec. Corn, and May Wheat.

MONTREAL QUOTATIONS

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes items like Nova Scotia Steel, C. P. R., and various local stocks.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Table with columns for cotton grades and prices. Includes items like December, January, and March cotton.

THE WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET

Table with columns for wheat grades and prices. Includes items like No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3 wheat.

DETAILED STOCK GOSSIP

Higher prices are predicted for BRT, on which we have submitted bullish advice for the last two days. St. Paul is being sold in this rally by professionals.

TO THE CYNICS

Water Beverly Crase, in a New York Times. Christmas comes but once a year. Don't make a nest of it.

TOWN TOPICS

Short covering will likely lead to some further rallies, but as the short interest is pretty well eliminated there will be a great deal of profit taking to even up before the holidays.

THE SHIPPING WORLD

Returned-Schores Cora May, New York for St. John; Hunter, for N. Andover; Panned-Simr Boat, New York for St. John; etc.

REPORTS AND DISASTERS

London, Dec. 22-Danish bark Havilla, Captain Buzen, which arrived at Falmouth last Saturday, fifty days overdue from Tacoma.

MARINE NEWS

The big light Spritling arrived at Calais from Parthenon, N. S. Sunday, towing barges in tow.

VESSLS IN PORT

Empress of Britain, 924, C. P. R. Co. Lake Michigan, 846, C. P. R. Co. Parthenon, 810, R. Reford Co.

FOREIGN PORTS

Dartmouth, Dec. 20-5th stmr Louisiana, Boston. Liverpool, Dec. 21-3rd stmr Granville, St. John.

BRITISH PORTS

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MONY AND EXCHANGE

Cables, 487.60; demand, 487.10, sixty days, 485.10.

THE WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET

The Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Ltd., supply the following quotations of the Winnipeg wheat market:—December wheat, 98.18; May wheat, 101.78.

WILL SAIL FOR SOUTH AFRICA

The S.S. Yola Will Have Many Passengers. Among the passengers who will sail from this port on the Elder, Dempster liner Yola, for South Africa, will be Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White, of Johannesburg.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

INORAM, B.D., the Bishop of London. "A Happy Christmas! Why should we take that as a motto? Because that is exactly what we shall be wishing for each other as we meet on the streets, and which almost best a man's character by the tone and manner in which he says it."

INTERESTING ITEMS

Again we call attention to our beautiful Christmas ties—one in a box—special holiday styles, at C. B. Pidgeon's. 12-23-11.

EXPORTS

Per Liverpool per S. S. Coricau—Canadian Goods—44 bbls castings, 17,882 lbs; 27,000 bushels wheat, 11 barrels, 32 boxes cheese, 11 pigs tanks, etc.

THE REASON

Buffalo Bob—Buzen Bill and Pizen Pete are looking for each other with guns.

CUT PRICES ON ART GOODS

Sweeping price reductions on all art goods at Manchester Robertson Allison's. Everything in Christmas showrooms must be sold.

TURKEY DINNER

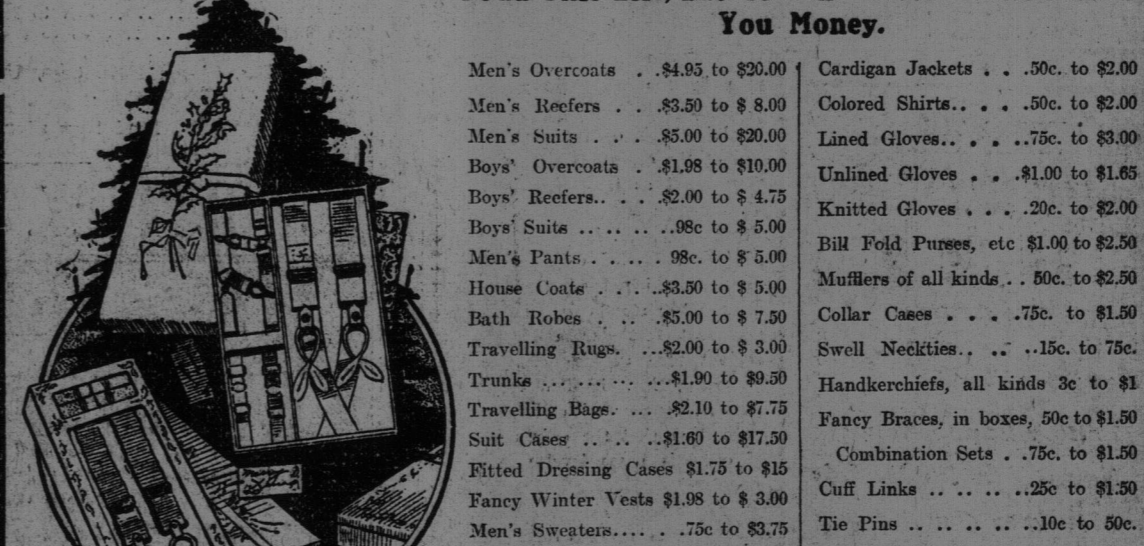
The sixth annual turkey dinner, put up by the Royal Dairy Lunch, will surpass all previous ones.

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ST. JOHN, N. B.

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LOVE AND FEVER

Pity the marital woes of William M. Rosella of Chatham. That so ardent a lover, should emerge from the fogs and the bleak shores of Newfoundland in itself a surprising fact and should warm our hearts toward William, that his ardor was not abated by his residence in the reserved and chilling region which even Premier Hazen would in vain make his case the more remarkable. But her name was Rosella and she was a woman. Whether the rosy blush on her rounded cheek was caused by scarlet fever or the sweet propinquity of the compassionate William mattered not to dooms of heronism. Perhaps there was something in the keen air of the north that braced his nerves, but love has ever laughed at locksmiths, and there were windows in the abode of Rosella. Thus it came about that while the stony-hearted ayridoms of the board of health guarded the doorway Rosella flew out of the window to the waiting arms of her William, leaving the six little pledges of former bliss to await with a truly ferocious impatience the return of the bridal party. But, sad to relate, the story does not end with this joyous return. The arm of the law, evaded at the outset, is long and relentless. Perchance it was the part of prudence to quarantine the church and the rectory, and the homes of witnesses of the marriage ceremony, and no quarantine could set bounds to the joy of William and Rosella when they had returned together to their abode; but here enters again the majesty of the law in the person of Magistrate Connors—cold, judicial and sternly inflexible. He hides his time with the quarantine is raised, and then bids William and Rosella, this time emerging from the doorway, to come and stand before him in the halls of justice. Divesting himself of every vestige of sentiment, and regarding alike the pleading glances of Rosella and the dauntless courage of her William, he delivered sentence, forty days or forty days in jail. And William went to jail. Surely this is not the end. Surely the gentle Rosella will not spend a lonely Christmas, or William languish behind the prison bars. Though their sin be scarlet it was love's high fever in their veins. William's fine should be paid by a sympathetic community and Santa Claus descend upon Rosella and the six.

ARE THE PLANS WORTHLESS?

The Panama Canal continues to be, perhaps, the most widely discussed subject in the United States. This vast enterprise involves such an enormous expenditure that its success is a matter of national concern. The Times quoted the other day some statements made by the New York Journal of Commerce, and these may be supplemented by the following review from the New York Herald:— "More than four years have passed since the United States took over the Panama Canal enterprise. For more than four years the construction of a transisthmian waterway has been progressing. The money already expended, inclusive of sums paid to the French company and to the Republic of Panama, amounts almost to the original total estimated cost of the undertaking. And now the American people learns with stupefaction that engineers responsible for the work are by no means certain that the plan they are carrying out is the best, or even that it is practicable. If any doubt existed on this score it would be dispelled by the frank declaration made by Mr. Taft, the president-elect, and telegraphed to the Herald, by its special correspondent in August, Ga., that if the criticism of the present plan proves to be well grounded there will be no hesitation in altering the plans. That the criticism is well grounded appears to be proved not only theoretically but by the disapproval of the present

WINTER PORT NOTES

Allan line steamship Corsican, now on her way to Liverpool, took a cargo valued at \$108,000. She had 37,000 bushels of wheat. Donson line S. S. Salacia, which left Glasgow on the 22nd inst. for St. John, returned to that port with machinery disabled, and repairs will take about ten days. Allan line steamer Tunisian will be the next steamer to come here. An offer to purchase the city's tramway system for \$6,750,000 has been made by a British syndicate to the St. Petersburg municipal council, and it is stated, is likely to be accepted.

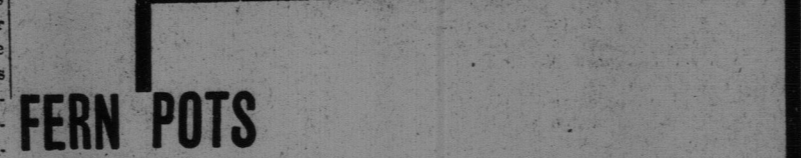
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A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

By Arthur Stringer. Oh, is it only childish night, That in the dream of the blue Still see the Vision and the Height, And blessed know the Dream comes true? If it is only children now Who keep this wisdom lost to us That weak knocking Wrens and How Of stars once soft and tremulous O Thou who wait a Child and cling Unto the home that we did not see, Keep us, for all our blindness, young! Add make us, like Thy children, wise! —Lippincott's Magazine.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

IN BAD SHAPE "Tramp"—Will you give me something to eat Missus? "I'm not coming, I don't know where to sleep tonight!"—Punch. SO ARE YOU The professor says that my bathing suit is rather exiguous. "Is that a compliment?" "It is, if you're going after the dictionary now."—Kansas City Journal.

THE PROSE OF SUPERSTITION

Venerable invalid—"Yes, miss, I 'ad sich a beautiful dream last night. I dreamt as my old man 'ad come back, and was sittin' beside me, and took my 'and, and stroke and stroke, and I was in the 'ome, and I was that bates!"

DELIBERATION

"The Father" learns with sorrow, my son, that you are getting to be what they term quite "deliberate." "The Son—"You shouldn't believe all you hear, father. I'm not going to be a man who will tell you another story." "The Father—"My father, he says I'm the slowest chap he's got on his books."—Chicago Daily News.

A NOISE IN COURT

Sir Richard Bethell, afterwards Earl Westbury, who was one of the most distinguished judges of the late Victorian era, was once called to the bar to follow a barrister who had delivered his remarks in very loud and noisy tones. "Now that the noise is over, has anybody murmured Bethell?" "It will tell your Honor in two sentences the gist of the case."—Argo.

WHAT HARD WORK IS LIKE

Of Pablo Sarasate, the famous violinist, who died at Biarritz, a New York newspaper said the other day: "I dined with Sarasate during his last American tour. We talked of success, and he declared that success was due to the fact that he had worked very hard." "But to become a great violinist or a great pianist," he declared, "one must have the exaggerated ideas of work that prevail among the Scotch farmers." "He said that a young boy got a job with a Scottish farmer once." "You'll sleep in the barn, the farmer said, and I'll expect you in the field like a horse at four o'clock." "Very well," said the boy. "But the first morning he overstepped a little, and it was his first day when he reached the field." "The farmer, leaning on his hoe, gave him a black look." "Where have you been all the forenoon?" "I've been in the washhouse, sir."—Argo.

NOVA SCOTIA

An Amherst man named Mullen, an insurance agent, while developing films in his room on Monday, drank a mouthful of nitrate of silver from a glass which was standing on a table beside a glass of water. A physician was quickly summoned and with the aid of an emetic the poison was removed. As the room was necessarily dark, it was easy to mistake one glass for the other.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

New Brunswick Improvements are still going on over the N. B. R. Ry. Several crews are at work along the line. Work is being rushed on the bridge at Musquash. The contractors for the Beaver Harbor wharf are experiencing some difficulty in getting teams to haul logs from Pennfield and other points where the lumber is being cut.

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PRESENTATION TO FATHER GUERTIN President of St. Joseph's College Was Presented With Addresses by the Students.

Raymond Kelly, Louis McDonald, Wm. D. Ryan, R. Kitchin, S. Ritchie, H. McDermott, Arthur Allan, Leo Doherty, John Casey, Joseph McMurphy, John Nugent and George Flood, St. John students at St. Joseph's, Memramook, arrived home yesterday for the Christmas vacation. Doctor Belliveau, of Fredericton, passed through on his way home, and two professors of English at St. Joseph's—George Baxter, of New York, and George Regan, of Elizabeth (N. J.), also were in the city yesterday on their way to their homes. Classes will be resumed on Jan. 7.

On Monday evening, at a gathering in Lefebvre Memorial Hall, two addresses were presented to Rev. Fr. Guertin, one in French, read by Emile Gaudet, and one in English by W. D. Ryan, of St. John. The latter was in the following terms:— Each session of the year has for us a certain significance, and betokens joy or sorrow. The wheels of time have made another rotation, and the universe assumes a spirit of peace and harmony, in token of the universal peace which the Messiah brought over two thousand years ago. Christmas, the season of grace and festivity, is here, and our fond expectations are materialized as we prepare for our departure. Tomorrow many of us will leave these college halls to resume our place in the family circle, which but four short months ago we left with a two-fold feeling—joy and sorrow. In token of coming to a Catholic institution, wherein we propagate true moral ethics, sorrow, think that we were to be separated from those whom we held so dear. Yet great as the sacrifice may have seemed, what an object lesson have we been taught since then and this the eve of our departure. While Caesar came, saw, and conquered, we on the other hand came, saw, and were vanquished. We came, saw, and conquered, but only of the rewards accruing to such high talents, which if not consecrated to higher cause, would reap for them worldly honors and riches. We were vanquished for no longer could we boast of self-abnegation, beholding the elevation of those same

POLICE BY DAY AND THIEVES BY NIGHT? Report That Shooting of Simcoe Policeman Was Due to Dispute Over Proceeds of Robberies.

Simcoe, Ont., Dec. 22.—The large number of burglaries and house breakings which occurred in the town of Simcoe some time ago is now said to have been the indirect cause of the shooting of Constable Wilkins, of that town, for which offence Chief of Police Malone is to be tried.

There is a story that the wounded policeman at the hospital has confessed to robbing several places in company with Chief Malone, but the latter denies all knowledge of such crimes. Among the robberies that took place shortly before the shooting was \$1,000 worth of furs from Fall's shop and \$300 worth of furs from Sovereign's dry goods store. It is now said that some of the stolen property was recovered at Wilkins' house. Chief Malone comes up for trial Monday.

NOW IT IS EXPLAINED It is not surprising that some of our people seem to have such hard work to be done. Just remember, that the first man to dwell upon the earth was no saint. If we can rely on history, he was a liar and a sneak. The first woman kept her company with some of the most wicked of men, and did not concern her. The first child born was a murderer and his brother. Our first ancestors were a tough lot, and it is hard to get it out of the blood—Greenville, Mich. Cal.

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**G. G. SCOVIL, EX-M. P., GIVES EVIDENCE IN CENTRAL ENQUIRY**

**He Was on the Stand Yesterday Afternoon and Tells of Sale of Ballast Pit.**

On resuming the Central Railway inquiry yesterday afternoon, George G. Scovil, ex-M. P. for Kings county, was called. To Mr. Powell he said he was in the legislature at the time the N. B. Coal and Railway Company was incorporated.

He had no interest in the company. He understood that for a time it was virtually controlled by the government and afterwards taken over by the government. He had supplied ties to the N. B. Coal & Ry. Co. about 1901.

Asked by Mr. Powell, if in July 1904 he had received \$2,000 from Mr. McArthur, the witness said he might have received that amount. It was a payment on account of a gravel pit bought from him for \$3,000. Payments had been made at several times. He had owned the property for several months previous to disposing of it to the company.

Mr. Powell asked how much the whole farm had cost, and the witness replied \$2,000. There were thirty acres in the entire farm. A deed of the property bought was handed the company last spring, a former deed having been defective.

Mr. Hunter, he said, had seen him last spring about the matter, saying the first deed did not cover the land they wanted, and he had changed it. The property sold to the company had all been cultivated at one time, but had partly grown up. There were a house and barn on another part of the property.

An item of \$400.00 under date of Aug. 15, 1904, "for July account," the witness could not remember. An item of \$1,000 on Sept. 28, 1904, was paid him by Dr. Pugsley, he said, on account of the purchase of the gravel pit. Payment had been by a note, and the note had been paid at maturity.

The witness said Mr. Evans had gone to examine the gravel pit and, it being found alright, it was purchased.

Judge Landry—"There was nothing wrong in your selling a ballast pit at a good price. I understand it is very good ballast."

Witness—"People who have seen it say it is one of the best they have ever seen."

Mr. Scovil continued in response to Mr. Powell, that he had no understanding that the pit would be bought, previous to his acquiring it.

Several payments made to the witness for ties were referred to. Mr. Scovil said he had frequently sold ties to the company.

Asked regarding his having sold ties to the railway after it became the property of the government, he said he did not do so. He had sold to other parties who might have wanted them for the road.

Mr. Barnhill objects to Mr. Powell trying to pin the witness to a statement that he had sold ties to the road when it was owned by the government and he was a member of the house.

The witness said he did not know of any transactions connected with the road other than he had with the company himself.

To Mr. Powell, he said he had never said there were things connected with the road that he could tell the commission as to commissions, take-offs, etc. He might have said something of the kind regarding his connection with the road when Dr. De Bertram owned it. He had lost \$2,000 at that time. This concluded

**GREEN'S COMPANION TELLS HOW PEDLAR WAS KILLED**

**A. Panarsky Tells of the Murder and of His Own Race for Life**  
**His Breast Was Scarred by Bullet Which Pierced Green's Heart—John Basker Tells of Seeing the Murderers Hiding in Ambush Before the Killing—Panarsky a Free Mason and Well Known in St. John.**

Andover, N. B., Dec. 22.—A graphic story of the murder of Edward or "Paddy" Green by two Italians on Sunday last near Plaster Rock was told today to The Telegraph's correspondents by A. Panarsky, the Hebrew pedlar, who was Green's companion on that fatal walk down the right way of the G. T. P.

As Green fell he cried out, "Oh, my," then, sank to the ground lifeless. The shot that killed Green passed through Panarsky's chest, even scarring his breast with lead.

As he fled in terror, on seeing one of the Italians with gun leveled at him, a shot was sent after him and went through his clothes. Harder he ran, fearing every minute would be his last, but he escaped to give the news of the cold-blooded murder to engineers of the G. T. P.

A new feature was introduced in the case tonight at the inquest held at Plaster Rock. John Basker told of passing along the right way of Sunday morning and seeing two Italians behind a pile of logs. They did not molest him. A quarter mile down the road he met Green and Panarsky, going on what proved so fatal a journey.

The Italians were brought here today and, after being arraigned, were remanded for a week. Green's body will be taken to Montreal tomorrow.

Panarsky is known in St. John, where he attends a Chinese meeting, he says, some years ago. None of the money stolen from Green, which amounted to more than \$5,000, has been found. The G. T. P. police will make a search for tomorrow.

The Italians, in charge of Chief of Police Foster, were brought to St. John this morning by train. Their feet were so badly frozen that they could not get into the cells and, therefore, had to be brought for them. Their hands were also swollen into big blisters as evidence of their night spent in the open. Rev. Father Ryan, who was present, and the Indian Point, was on the train and had some conversation with the prisoners. They told him that "Tony" Avolio, and asked him to come and see them in jail.

They were driven from Perth station to the city and taken to the cells before Mr. McQuarrie, the police magistrate.

Ellis Panarsky swore out an information against the prisoners on the charge of murder. No evidence was taken and they were remanded to jail for one week.

The chief of the two, Leon Sappelli, is very dark, and taller than Tony Avolio, his companion. The latter is about twenty years old. Sappelli has the appearance of being a heavy fighter. He has not spoken in English since the arrest, but Tony can make himself understood. When asked by Chief Foster about the crime, he said he had "done no bad" himself, but that another man had done it. It was not clear that he meant his companion.

A number of the watches have been found in the woods, but none of the watches of Green. Chief Foster and Constable Pearson are going out tomorrow to institute a search.

Panarsky, who came from Plaster Rock today to give evidence at the preliminary inquiry, was dressed in the clothes which he wore on the morning of the shooting, and showed your correspondent the bullet hole. The first bullet, which killed Green, entered down the side of his coat to the left breast, penetrated all the undergarments and passed out, leaving marks on the skin on his breast. From the direction taken, it would appear that Green must have been slightly in advance of his companion to receive the bullet in his breast. It was not clear if the bullet had been fired from the pedlar's box.

In his fight Panarsky received another bullet through the back of his chest. It was evidently fired obliquely and must have narrowly missed his legs.

One of the guns found in a heavy army rifle. The size of the holes in the coat indicates that a large bullet must have been used.

In an interview with your correspondent, Panarsky gave a graphic account of the shooting and of his escape. "I met Green," he said, "on Sunday morning about noon in Johnson's No. 2 camp where we had dinner and then went on together to C. H. Ferguson's camp, where we stopped for the night. On Sunday I intended going to the next camp but he suggested we should go together and we left soon after 9 o'clock, walking down the side road which runs alongside the right way of way. I was walking on the left of Green on the side nearest the woods.

"We had walked about a mile and a quarter when I heard a shot fired from the bushes on my left. A bullet passed through my coat from my chest and must have killed Green instantly. I heard him say, 'Oh, my,' and then he fell on his right side with his box, which was strapped to his shoulder, under him. At that moment some men were out after game and, turning round to shoot, I saw the Italian Leon Sappelli, who had stopped out from the bush, with a rifle at his shoulder leveled at me. I turned round the way we had come and ran. They sent several shots after me. One went through the back of my coat and hit the strap of my box, but I kept on, expecting to drop every step.

"As I ran I threw away my box and then my cap, mitts and overcoat. I was mostly afraid that they would try to head me off but I never looked back. I was all in when I got to the camp. The nurse there fixed me up and I told them what had happened.

"The engineers got one of the instruments they use in surveying out on the road and saw the Italians through the glass. They were sitting on Green's box going through his pockets. Before a team which went out could get far they made off into the woods, taking the box with them. They did not touch my box. Green's box was found afterwards about forty yards in the bush."

Asked what Green had with him in money and jewelry, Panarsky said he understood that when Green left Montreal he had \$2,400 in cash. On his way down he sold in McGoggan's camp in Quebec

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**SERGENT HIPWELL GETS CHEERS OF THE POLICEMEN**

**Veteran Police Officer Who Has Given 57 Years Service Presented With Cane and Addressed Last Night.**

The guardroom of the Central Police Station rang with song last evening, when a score or more of lusty bluecoats joined in a rendition of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," in honor of Sergeant John Hipwell, the veteran of the force, who has been granted a year's leave or absence by the city council.

The occasion was the presentation of

Sergeant John Hipwell, a fine gold-headed ebony cane, to Sgt. Hipwell, by the chief and members of the force. It was a notable occasion and the men expressed their warm feeling for their old comrade in the guardroom after the ceremony in no uncertain manner.

When the day and night men assembled to report, instead of being dismissed separately, all gathered in the guardroom at 7 o'clock. Sergeant Hipwell, who was in the chief's office, was escorted in by Deputy Chief Jenkins, and took his place alongside the chief. The chief then read an address referring in eulogistic terms to the sergeant and presented to him the cane, on which was the following inscription:

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After fifty-seven years of police service performed under the arduous conditions of a critical and none too sympathetic public, your untiring devotion, your high character, your achievement, significant of sterling character and unswerving loyalty.

We are proud of such a man and, remaining to convey to you our affection and esteem, that you may be long spared to enjoy the rest of your life, and to continue to honorably earned, is our united wish.

Chief Jenkins added happiness and the New Year, with its united strength, the fulfillment of your best desires.

At the expiration of your leave of absence, we trust you will find "Old St. John" as refreshing as of old.

WALKER CLARK,  
 Chief of Police.

After reading the address the chief turned to the old veteran and said: "This is an expression of the feeling of the whole department, every man pack of them, and I am merely speaking for them." He added that he hoped the sergeant would have many more happy years ahead of him.

Sergeant Hipwell was much affected by the kindly words and expression of good feeling, but made a fitting reply in which he said: "Chief and gentlemen, I hope you will all be spared to live good long lives. God bless you, I hope you will all enjoy health and happiness."

He concluded speaking, the walls rang with the song: "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." The burly policemen, chief and all, put their hearts into it, and they made a grand chorus. It was a scene such as is seldom witnessed in the guardroom.

Warm hand clasps and congratulations followed, after which Policeman Lucas escorted the aged sergeant to his home.

With fifty-seven years of faithful service, and not a black mark against him, Sergeant Hipwell has an enviable record.

**HE CUT HIS ARM WHILE WRESTLING**

**Youth Met With an Accident in the Portland Y. M. A. "Gym" Last Night.**

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The wound bled profusely and after temporarily stopping the blood he was assisted to the office of Dr. C. M. Frait, who rendered the necessary aid. The wound was found to be a severe one and will lay the young man up for some days.

**BOARD OF TRADE HAVE NO MAN IN VIEW YET**

At a meeting of the council of the board of trade yesterday, at which Mayor Bullock and Alderman Kelley were present, the question of a suitable man for the position of city engineer was discussed. The members of the council had no name that they could suggest at present but it is understood that they will institute inquiries and it is possible that a man to the civic reorganization committee before the meeting of the council on December 29.

Ald. Kelley, chairman of the committee, said there was nothing new in the situation to report other than that the recorder had expressed the opinion that there would be no difficulty in the way of carrying out the proposed reorganization.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Lawton Company, Ltd., was held last evening, but the business in hand was deferred for three weeks, when another meeting will be held in the office of A. P. Barnhill.

**RUSH AT THE POST OFFICE**

**Yesterday Was the Busiest Day of the Season—Presentation to Messenger.**

The Christmas rush at the post office was in earnest yesterday. With nine extra hours on one day as busy as the provincial mail keeping things cleared up. The collections from the city were especially heavy.

The 11 o'clock collection last night, which should have reached the post office about midnight, did not get there till 1 o'clock this morning. There were five large mail sacks crammed full with letters, post cards and parcels of all kinds. It might be well at this particular season if the public would be careful to remember and post their letters and parcels in the proper boxes. If the letters are put into the boxes meant for papers it means extra work sorting them out.

The clerks in the post office yesterday took advantage of the season of good will and presented to the messenger, George Harrison, a handsome case pipe as a token of esteem.

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WILL NOT MEET SHRUBB UNTIL THE OUTDOOR SEASON IS ON

Longboat Signed to Run Dorando in Buffalo and Hayes in Toronto—Indian Sends Mother \$200—Tim O'Rourke's Banquet.

A Toronto special to the Montreal Star of Monday is as follows: Tom Longboat will not race Alfred Shrubb until the spring, so Tom Flanagan says.

Tom Flanagan has signed him up with Dorando, at the Marathon distance, January 30, in Toronto.

Tom Longboat will meet J. J. Hayes at the Marathon distance in Riverview Park, in January.

Tim O'Rourke gave a banquet to Flanagan, Longboat and some staunch old I. C. A. C. supporters.

Tom Flanagan has received a sheaf of challenges from everybody who ever, or ever hopes to be, a runner.

His ARRIVAL HOME Those are the outstanding features of the Beckins case "since he last appeared."

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WITH THE LONG DISTANCE MEN

Dorando is Matched to Run Smallwood—Hayes Has Many Engagements.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—Having a victory over an American and being defeated by a Canadian Indian, Dorando Pietri, the Italian Marathon runner, is going to try his skill against an Englishman in the new famous and all-the-ways Marathon run.

Smallwood has signed an agreement in this city to meet Dorando in the Marathon run of 26 miles and 385 yards, the race to be run in the Coliseum, St. Louis, on Jan. 11. The match was made by Tim Hurst, Smallwood's manager.

Smallwood will leave this city for St. Louis Monday morning, where he will finish his training for the race. If Smallwood wins he will go after Tom Longboat for a race at the Marathon distance.

John F. Loudon sang an Irish song, and D'Arcy Hinds, secretary of the I. C. A. C., said that Mr. Flanagan had won his astuteness by the way he stuck to Longboat and pulled him to the top of the heap.

Patrick O'Keefe, an American visitor, said that a year ago Tim O'Rourke had told him he considered that Longboat was the world's greatest runner, and Tom has made good.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—Arrangements for the winter carnival to be held in Montreal commencing Feb. 10 are so well under way that the executive were able to fix the dates tonight for the various events.

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Avoid Appendicitis It is caused by the clogging of the bowels and intestines. Keep the digestive tract active, the stomach right, the bowels healthy and open with Beecham's Pills

"My youngest boy, 3 years old, was sick with fever last June, and when he got better the doctor prescribed Scott's Emulsion, and he liked it so well that he drank it out of the bottle, and is now just as plump and strong as any child of his age anywhere... two bottles fixed him O.K."—MR. JOHN F. TEDDER, Box 263, Teague-Freestone Co., Texas.

SCOTT'S EMULSION

is the greatest help for babies and young children there is. It just fits their need; it just suits their delicate, sensitive natures; they thrive on it. Just a little does them so much good and saves you so much worry.

ALL DRUGGISTS Mr. Tedder has just written another letter about his brother-in-law's children. Let us send you his letter. (The letter is on the inside of the Scott's Emulsion box.)

MAKE MANY GLAD AT CHRISTMAS TIME Public and Benevolent Institutions of the City Will Distribute Christmas Cheer.

General preparations have been going on for some time in the public and benevolent institutions of the city to celebrate the advent of the Christmas season in a fitting manner.

Following their usual custom, most of the ladies living in the Homes for the Aged in Broad street will eat their Christmas dinner with relatives in the city.

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New Prices on House Coats And Dressing Gowns Much Below Former Prices

House Coats are mainly a Christmas line of goods, so we want to dispose of the stock now. We therefore make very sharp reductions in prices.

If the price formerly asked has kept you from buying "him" one for Christmas, the reductions we have made on the prices of our stock should remove the cause and set you about looking up the size of the coat he wears and come here and pick your coat.

House Coats that were \$4.75 now \$3.45 House Coats that were 5.00 now 3.65 House Coats that were 6.00 now 4.85 House Coats that were 6.50 now 5.00 House Coats that were 7.00 now 5.65

Extra: Specials in House Coats We have about 40 coats grouped from broken lines in sizes 34, 35, 36 only. These coats sold for from \$5.00 to \$7.00. We have marked them at \$2.15 to clear. If the size you are looking for is in this lot there is a bargain waiting for you. Just think only \$2.15 for a house coat.

Dressing Gowns Bath Robes

\$7.75 Gowns for \$5.65 \$9.50 Gowns for \$5.95 10.00 Gowns for 6.85 12.00 Gowns for 9.35 \$15.00 Gowns for \$11.45

Bath Robes that were \$4.50 now \$3.65 Bath Robes that were 5.00 now 4.60 Bath Robes that were 6.00 now 4.95

Fancy Vests also Reduced We have also reduced the prices on the balance of our stock of Fancy Vests for Winter Wear.

One very special lot of Knit Vests to clear in red, grey, black and white stripes, black with red figure, were \$2.50, \$3.00. Sale price \$1.50.

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U. N. B. TO APPOINT RHODES SCHOLAR Fredericton, Dec. 22.—A meeting of representatives of the local league hockey club was held at the Arctic Bank yesterday afternoon.

EPSS'S A delicious drink and a sustaining food. Fragrant, nutritious and economical. This excellent Cocoa maintains the system in robust health, and enables it to resist winter's extreme cold.

COCOA Sold by Grocers and Storekeepers in 1-lb. and 1/2-lb. Tins.

THE EVENING TIMES, ST. JOHN, N. B. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1908

# WHAT TO BUY AND WHERE ...TO BUY IT!

Everybody is well pleased when they get Christmas Gifts that will be of some use to them. Our stores are well filled with just such goods, and you can please the whole family without having to run all over town, and we believe you will save money by buying from us. It's our intention to make December a banner month, and to accomplish this we have made a great reduction in prices. Every department is filled with Genuine Bargains.

Men's \$13 Suits, Hewson Tweed Plaids and Checks, Fashionable Cut <i>Sale Price, \$9.08</i>	Men's \$1 Unshrinkable Shirts and Drawers, <i>Sale Price, \$ .69</i>
Men's \$15 Suits, Bannockburn Tweed, Double or Single Breasted <i>Sale Price 9.99</i>	Men's 65c. Wool Fleece Shirts and Drawers, <i>Sale Price, .48</i>
Men's \$16 Suits, Progress Brand, English Fancy Worsted, <i>Sale Price, 10.00</i>	Men's 75c. Braces, each pair in a Handsome Box, <i>Sale Price, .48</i>
Men's \$10 Suits, Canadian Tweed, all Wool, <i>Sale Price, 7.98</i>	Men's 35c. Braces, Police and Fireman, or Eancy, <i>Sale Price, .25</i>
Men's \$16 Overcoats, Scotch Tweed, Fashionable Shades, <i>Sale Price, 9.98</i>	Men's \$1.25 Mocha Gloves <i>Sale Price, .98</i>
Men's \$8 Overcoats, Black Frieze, Long Fashionable Cut, <i>Sale Price, 4.98</i>	Men's \$3 Mocha Gloves, <i>Sale Price, 1.98</i>
Men's \$9 Overcoats, Canadian, Fancy Tweed <i>Sale Price, 5.48</i>	Men's \$2 Mocha Gloves, <i>Sale Price, 1.48</i>
Men's \$16 Overcoats, English Melton, Black or Grey, <i>Sale Price, 11.98</i>	Men's \$1.25 Sweaters, all Wool, Black, Blue, White, Grey or Red, <i>Sale Price, .98</i>
Men's \$12 Overcoats, English Melton, Black or Grey, <i>Sale Price, 8.48</i>	Men's \$2 Sweaters, all Wool, Black, Blue, White, Grey or Red, <i>Sale Price, 1.48</i>
Men's \$10 Reefers, all Wool Frieze, Fur Lined, Storm Collar, <i>Sale Price, 5.48</i>	Men's \$3.50 Sweaters, Coat Style, <i>Sale Price, 2.48</i>
Men's \$5 Reefers, all Wool Frieze, Tweed Lining, <i>Sale Price, 3.48</i>	Men's \$5 Shoes, Latest Styles, <i>Sale Price, 3.48</i>
Men's \$2 Pants, Canadian Tweed, <i>Sale Price, 1.48</i>	Men's \$3 King Hats, <i>Sale Price, 2.00</i>
Men's \$3 Pants, Canadian Worsted, <i>Sale Price, 1.98</i>	100 Dozen Men's White Handkerchiefs, <i>Only 3 cents each</i>
Men's \$5 Pants, English Worsted, <i>Sale Price, 3.48</i>	\$2 Dress Suit Cases, Imitation Leather, <i>Sale Price, 1.48</i>
	\$6 Dress Suit Cases, Solid Leather, <i>Sale Price, 4.98</i>
	\$2 Leather Club Bags, <i>Sale Price, 1.48</i>
	\$12 English Suit Cases, L'ther Lined, Silver Locks <i>Sale Price, 9.98</i>
	Trunks from \$1.50 to \$15.00
	Boys' Suits and Overcoats at manufacturers' prices. Men's White Laundry Shirts, all sizes, <i>48c. to 1.25</i>

## War Prices On Ladies' Suits, Coats and Skirts

LADIES' COSTUMES, latest styles, worth \$30.00, . . . . .	<i>Sale Price, . . . . \$20.00</i>	LADIES' long fashionable cut COAT, in blue, black, green and brown, plain and fancy stripe, worth \$15.00 . . . . .	<i>Sale Price, . . . . \$ 9.98</i>
LADIES' COSTUMES, latest styles, worth \$25.00, . . . . .	<i>Sale Price, . . . . 15.00</i>	LADIES' long fashionable cut COAT, in blue, black, green and brown, plain and fancy stripe, worth \$10.00 . . . . .	<i>Sale Price, . . . . 5.98</i>
LADIES' COSTUMES, latest styles, worth \$20.00, . . . . .	<i>Sale Price, . . . . 12.98</i>	200 Ladies' all wool Tweed Skirts, worth \$3.50, . . . . .	<i>Sale Price, . . . . 2.98</i>
LADIES' COSTUMES, latest styles, worth \$15.00, . . . . .	<i>Sale Price, . . . . 9.98</i>	200 Ladies' blue, black and brown Vicuna Skirts, worth \$4.00, . . . . .	<i>Sale Price, . . . . 3.48</i>
LADIES' COSTUMES, latest styles worth \$12.00, . . . . .	<i>Sale Price, . . . . 7.98</i>	800 Ladies' blue black and brown Vicuna Skirts, worth \$5.00 . . . . .	<i>Sale Price, . . . . 4.98</i>
LADIES' long fashionable cut COAT, in blue, black, green and brown, plain and fancy stripe, worth \$35.00, . . . . .	<i>Sale Price, . . . . 20.00</i>	LADIES' black Venetian Skirts, worth \$7.00 . . . . .	<i>Sale Price, . . . . 4.98</i>
LADIES' long fashionable cut COAT, in blue, black, green and brown, plain and fancy stripe, worth \$25.00 . . . . .	<i>Sale Price, . . . . 15.90</i>	LADIES' black Venetian Skirts, worth \$6.00 . . . . .	<i>Sale Price, . . . . 4.48</i>
LADIES' long cut COAT, in blue, black, green and brown, plain and fancy stripe, worth \$20.00, . . . . .	<i>Sale Price, . . . . 11.98</i>	75 GIRLS' fashionable Coats . . . . .	<i>Sale Price, . . . . 5.98</i>

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MINK MUFFS, worth \$37.00 . . . . .	<i>Sale Price, \$25.00</i>	MINK MARMOTT MUFFS, worth \$ 9.50 . . . . .	<i>Sale Price, \$ 6.98</i>
MINK MUFFS, worth \$40.00 . . . . .	<i>Sale Price, 30.00</i>	MINK MARMOTT MUFFS, worth \$10.50 . . . . .	<i>Sale Price, 7.98</i>
MINK MUFFS, worth \$50.00 . . . . .	<i>Sale Price, 37.00</i>	MINK MARMOTT MUFFS, worth \$13.00 . . . . .	<i>Sale Price, 9.98</i>
MINK TROWNS and STOLLES . . . . .	<i>From \$18.00 to 45.00</i>	MINK MARMOTT TROWNS and STOLLES . . . . .	<i>From \$5.98 to 18.00</i>
MINK MARMOTT MUFFS, worth \$ 7.50 . . . . .	<i>Sale Price, 4.58</i>		

We have a large stock in FURS, all marked in plain figures that we will sell Less 20 per cent during December, as we carry no Furs over, and return balance of stock in January to manufacturers

LADIES AND ENTS' SOLID LEATHER DRESSING CASES, 8 Pieces Silver Mounted . . . . .	\$3.75 to \$12.00	LADIES' FANCY BROOCHES . . . . .	.25 to \$13.99
LADIES AND GENTS' SOLID LEATHER DRESSING CASES, 14 Pieces, Silver Mounted . . . . .	\$10.00 to \$18.00	CHILDREN'S BRACELETS . . . . .	.50 to \$ 3.00
LADIES AND GENTS' SOLID LEATHER DRESSING CASES, 4 Pieces, Silver Mounted . . . . .	\$ 2.75 to \$ 8.00	LADIES' LOCKETS . . . . .	1.75 to \$25.00
LADIES' STERLING SILVER MANICURE SETS, Silver Mounted . . . . .	\$ 1.10 to \$ 5.00	LADIES' D. AND A. CORSETS . . . . .	.48 to \$ 1.25
BABIES' STERLING SILVER SETS, 2 Piece . . . . .	\$ 2.75 to \$ 6.00	LADIES' P. AND C. CORSETS . . . . .	.48 to \$ 1.25
BABIES' STERLING SILVER SETS, 3 Pieces . . . . .	\$ 1.00 to \$12.00	CHILDREN'S ALL WOOL TQUES . . . . .	.39 to . 50
LADIES' OPERA BAGS . . . . .	.35 to \$ 7.00	LADIES' ALL WOOL CLOUES . . . . .	.48 to \$ 1.10
LADIES' HAND SATCHELS . . . . .	\$ 2.50 to \$ 8.00	LADIES' ALL WOOL SHAWLS . . . . .	.75 to \$ 4.00
LADIES' POCKET BOOKS . . . . .	.25 to \$ 4.50	LADIES' SILK SHAWLS . . . . .	\$ 2.75 to \$ 5.00
LADIES' ALLIGATOR BAGS . . . . .	.30 to \$ 3.00	SHAKER BLANKETS . . . . .	\$2.98 to \$1.75 pair
LADIES' JEWEL CASES . . . . .	\$1.25 to \$ 6.00	ALL WOOL BLANKETS . . . . .	\$ 2.98 to \$10.50
LADIES' UMBRELLAS . . . . .	.25 to \$ 2.75	LADIES' SILK WAISTS . . . . .	.85 to \$ 1.50
LADIES' FANCY BACK COMBS . . . . .	.25 to \$ 2.75	LADIES' LUSTER WAISTS . . . . .	\$ 3.98 to \$10.00
		LADIES' SILK UNDERSKIRTS . . . . .	.98 to \$ 3.75
		LADIES' SATEN UNDERSKIRTS . . . . .	.85 to \$ 1.30
		LADIES' BLACK SATEN WAISTS . . . . .	

# WILCOX BROS.,

Dock Street and Market Square, St. John, N. B.



THE EVENING TIMES, ST. JOHN, N. B.



Christmas of Other Days.

In the midst of Christmas preparations in the homes of the people of this land the Christmas of the early days, the day that tried men's souls is not forgotten...

THE CHILDREN'S TOYS. It was, of course, customary for children to expect and receive Santa Claus...

A Simple Christmas Gift. For the girl who has many friends to remember at Christmas time, a slender purse and willing, nimble fingers, there is nothing prettier than one of the new lamp shades...

DIDN'T BLAME HIM. "Hiram—I hear you see Jonathan and sink a name for himself in the city..."

Former Christmases at the White House

When Washington was president he was hold was small and an overdone of formality treated him. He invited to his entertainments and showed much attention to the ladies who had attended against the social usages of his time...



THE STATED CHRISTMAS DANCE IN THE DAYS LONG GONE BY.

Inexpensive Christmas Gifts. Mounted with sterling or filled silver, copper, brass or gun metal, and ornamented with are too large to be conveniently carried by hand...

For Those Who Have Not.

A PATHETIC FIGURE. The tiny figure of the Babe in the stable at Bethlehem appeals to the world in behalf of the children who have nobody to brighten their lives at Christmas...

AN APPEAL FOR THE CHILDREN. The tiny figure of the Babe in the stable at Bethlehem appeals to the world in behalf of the children who have nobody to brighten their lives at Christmas...

Christmas Gift Philosophy. That it is the spirit, not the gift itself, that counts is a thought that has been worn almost threadbare through frequent repetition...

THE MEN'S CORNER--BY CHARLES BYNG HALL.

Legend of the Mistletoe Bough

Of the vast number of people familiar with the aspect of mistletoe, and its traditional customs at the festive season, how many accurately say there and not the plant grows, and why kissing has been for so many centuries associated with it?

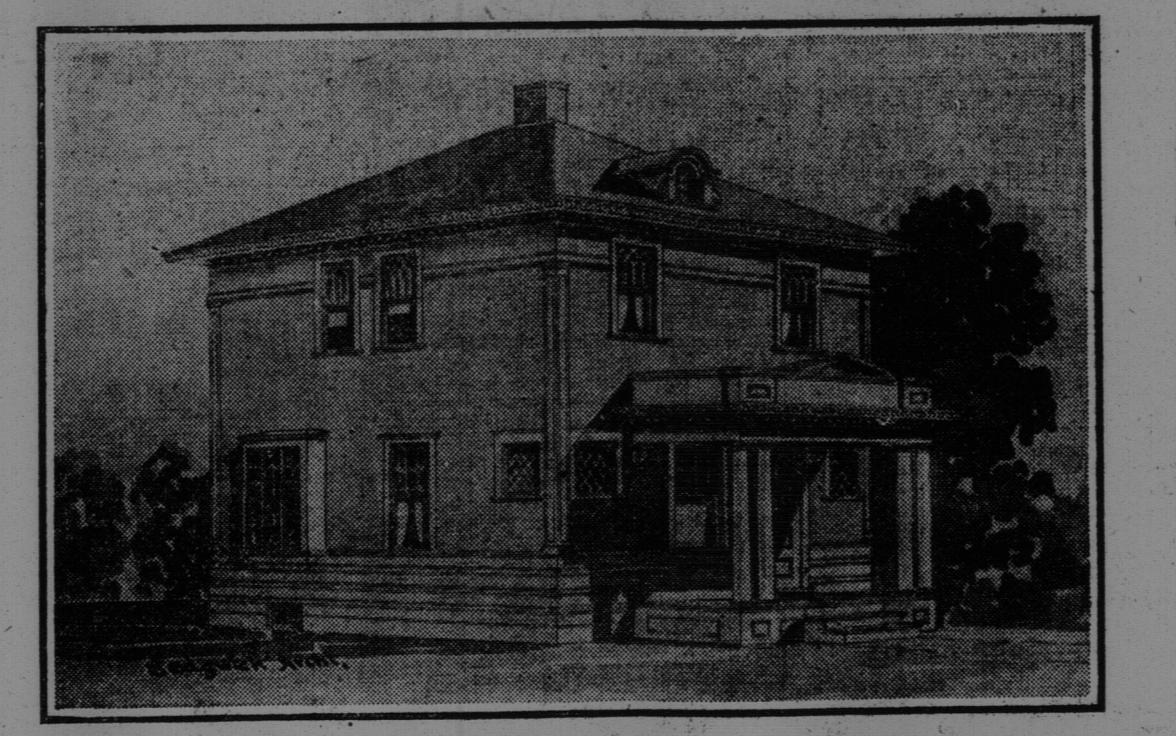
A Case of Mistaken Identity.

"There's a certain young married man who has a perfect horror of being what he calls 'made a fuss over.' He returned home one evening, limping decidedly. His wife was the ministering angel in a moment. How did it happen? When did it happen? Why did it happen? Was he in much pain? etc."

Plum Pudding in the Laboratory.

A chemist has been wasting good plum-pudding by subjecting it to the ordeal of quantitative analysis. He has evaporated the water and volatile matter at a temperature of 100 degrees centigrade, and found that less than two-thirds of the original pudding remained.

A Small Six-Room House, Costing \$1,500.



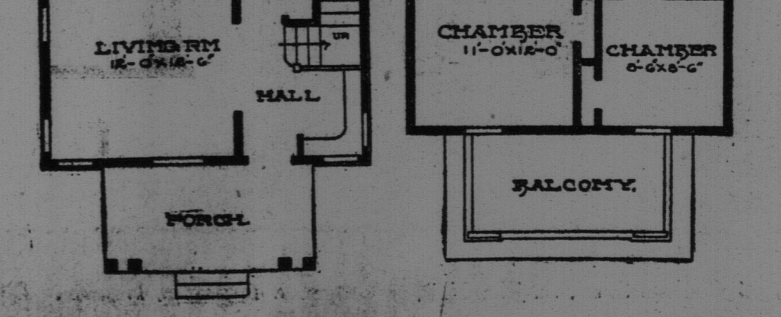
Here is a small, square, two-story house of six rooms—the first story is eight feet six inches high, and the second-story-eight feet six inches, the height of the outside studding being 18 feet. The foundation finishes eight inches above the grade and from the top of same to the sill of the first story windows, the outside is covered with mottled drop siding...

Christmas Gifts—How to Choose Them

There is an art in the choosing of presents and the secret of success therein lies mainly, as in most other arts, in the lack of pains. The value of a gift depends upon the sacrifice which it has cost the giver...

The Kaiser's Christmas Cake

At all the courts of the Fatherland, just as well as in the home of the simplest cottager, a tree will be found in the home, surrounded by the family on Christmas Eve...



**DOWLING BROS.** The Largest Retail Distributors of Ladies' Coats, Jackets and Blouses Waists in the Maritime Provinces.

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That are decidedly acceptable, may be selected in all the departments throughout this store.

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**Ladies' Wrappers, Silk Waists**

**Phenomenal Bargains**  
**IN WINTER COATS**  
In Ladies' Misses' and Children's sizes.

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Velour Calfskin, Blucher Cut, Laced Boots, Dull Kid Tops, Goodyear Welt, Heavy Double Soles, Military Heels, Fast Color Eyelets, made on a Beautiful Shaped Last, which fits perfectly and looks stylish.

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FOUR-IN-HAND TIES.	25, 35, 50c
BOWES.	25c
MADEUP TIES.	25c
PUFF TIES.	50c
LINED KID GLOVES.	75c and \$1.00 pair
LINED MOCHA GLOVES.	90c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 pair
BOYS MOCHA GLOVES.	75c and 85c pair
PADDED SILK MUFFLERS.	50c, 65c, 75c, \$1.00 each
CASHMERE MUFFLERS.	25c and 45c each
SILK MUFFLERS (Square).	\$1.00 each

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Holiday Gifts

The Most Appreciated Gift is the one that is best SELECTED  
The IDEAL GIFT is something that is WANTED.

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A Large Assortment of Stoles, Throws, Boas, Muffs, Gloves and Jackets to pick from at prices to suit all.

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**DIAMONDS, WATCHES, JEWELRY**

Ebony and Silver Toilet Sets and a large stock of useful goods for the holidays.

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Reliable Jewellers,  
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Only \$5.00

A PLATE YOU CAN EAT WITH, HELD IN POSITION BY OUR NEWLY INVENTED QUADRUPLE ATTACHMENT.

People don't want artificial teeth to carry around in their pockets nor keep at home in their bureau drawers if they will know where to find them when the door bell rings, they want teeth for service.

If you have a plate that no dentist has been able to make fit, why not try us, we have satisfied thousands and why not just our teeth are so natural in size, shape, color and the expression they afford to the features, as to defy detection EVEN BY A DENTIST unless closely examined.

Our new attachment holds them as solid almost as though they were riveted in the mouth.

**BOSTON DENTAL PARLORS**  
87 MAIN STREET.  
DR. J. D. MAHER, Proprietor.  
Tel. 288 and 728.

**THIS EVENING**

"Why he divorced her," at the Opera House, by Jere McLaughlin Co. Dramatograph pictures and songs at the Nickel.

Christmas entertainment in the Seaman's Institute.

Stores open for Christmas shoppers.

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, K. of P. meet in Castle Hall, German street, Carling in St. Andrews, Tides, and Carleton links.

**LATE LOCALS**

The Antikamnia Tablet Calendar for 1909, sent out by the Antikamnia Chemical Co. of St. Louis, is a gem of art and real value.

Members of the Every Day Club who desire to see their new hall ready by New Year's are urged to lend a hand this evening.

John A. McAllister, who underwent an operation recently in the hospital for appendicitis, will be confined to his home for some time yet.

Steamer Calvin Austin, Captain Pike, arrived last night from Boston and landed 88 passengers, many of the number coming home to spend Christmas.

Mrs. John Doyle, Monday a victim of carbolic acid, will be buried from the residence of her husband, 111 Westmoreland Road, tomorrow at 2.30 p. m.

All members of St. John Lodge, No. 7, C. B. P. O. of Elks, are requested to be at their rooms at 8 o'clock this evening as business of a special nature will come before the lodge.

A young lady, who received a Christmas present of a box of confectionery from Yarmouth yesterday, found that the contents had been destroyed by rats on route.

Auctioneer Lantulum held an auction sale of unclaimed goods at the Customs House today. There was a large crowd present, some of the purchasers got good bargains.

S. P. C. A. agent Wetmore will probably prosecute a local milk dealer for driving a lame horse. The vender has been before the magistrate on several occasions for the same nature of alleged ill-treatment of his horse.

Beverly Heaps, a wood turner in Haley Brook factory, met with a painful accident yesterday. A piece of wood he was turning broke, striking him in the face. He was taken to Addy's office, where he received the necessary aid.

S. C. Landry, of Calgary, passed through this city yesterday on his way home to Glace Bay, N. S. He represents the Calgary Milling Company. He is also purchasing South Africa and wheat for Hansen Brothers, financial agents, Montreal. After spending Christmas at home he will return to the west.

The choir and music committee of the Tabernacle church gathered at the home of Thomas Owens last night and on their behalf Rev. J. W. Keirstead, the pastor presented to Miss Mary Owens, the organist of the church, a special watch in appreciation of her faithful services during the past year.

About five o'clock yesterday afternoon a horse attached to C. F. Francis & Co.'s delivery team took fright near Portland street, North End, during the absence of the driver, and dashed down Main street. Near Paradise Row he slipped and fell and Patrolman Semple grabbed him before he could rise. Not much damage was done to the rig.

The Christmas Market.

The sub-committee of the Sunday School Association appointed to prepare plans for the taking of a religious census of the city next month, met yesterday afternoon. Those present were: David Lang, Rev. S. W. Anthony and Rev. G. B. Ganong, president of the S. S. Association. Mr. Lang presided and considerable preparatory work was accomplished. It was decided to have cards printed for taking statistics and work will be commenced shortly.

The regular monthly meetings of the various civic boards and committees which are usually held during the last week of the month, will be postponed from next week until the week following, and the regular monthly council meeting will be held on Monday, January 11. A special meeting of the council will be held on Monday evening next to receive the report of the committee on reorganization.

Various articles lost by the owners were found on the streets yesterday afternoon and last night by the police and returned to their owners. The articles included a watch, a pocket watch, a pair of men's woollen gloves on Sydney street, and a kid glove. Two doors of business houses were secured by the police last night also.

**WILL CLOSE SATURDAY**

T. H. Estabrooks Will Give His Employees an Extra Holiday—Other Firms May Do the Same.

Considerable talk is heard regarding the suggestion that the stores in the city might close on Saturday as well as Christmas day and so give people a double day of rest. Mr. Estabrooks, formerly of the city or those desirous of visiting friends outside, an opportunity to do so. The matter was referred to recently by a letter to the Times from A. G. Skinner. This morning T. H. Estabrooks announced that he would close his place of business for the two days, so that employees could be free from Thursday night until Monday morning. Other places of business may follow Mr. Estabrooks' example.

**OBITUARY**

**Mrs. James D. Lynds**  
Hopewell Cape, N. B., Dec. 22.—Intelligence has been received here of the death at Ann Arbor, Michigan, of Mrs. Lynds, wife of Dr. J. D. G. Lynds, formerly of this village. The deceased lady, who has been ill for some weeks, was a native of Ann Arbor. In company with her husband she spent several weeks visiting the latter's relatives here during the past summer and her death has occasioned much regret to the community. E. W. Lynds, brother of Dr. Lynds, left this morning for Ann Arbor.

**Joseph Kerr**  
The death of Joseph Kerr, of Summer Hill, took place on Dec. 21. He died suddenly after a short illness. He was eighty-seven years of age and leaves his wife, five sons and one daughter to mourn their loss. The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Mr. Kerr was a life long resident of New Brunswick, being born at Harnstead. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and was highly esteemed for his many good qualities. He leaves a large circle of friends.

**Capt. Jos. McDonald**

News has been received in Halifax of the death of Capt. Jos. McDonald, a native of Washabuck, Victoria county, N. B., who for some years sailed out of Nova Scotia ports. It is now about thirty years since the late captain left Cape Breton, at that time going to Carleton, N. B. For four years he sailed from St. John, after which time he removed to Boston. For the past twenty-six years he had commanded vessels from the Hub and had visited nearly every port in the world. During a recent voyage Capt. McDonald contracted a severe cold which finally developed into pneumonia and ended fatally. While at Carleton, Capt. McDonald married a New Brunswick lady who with four daughters and two sons, survive him. One brother and one sister reside at the old home at Washabuck. Officer Angus McNeil of the Sydney police force, is a nephew of the deceased mariner. The late Capt. McDonald had reached the age of 72.

**A. B. COPP, M.P.P., ON THE STAND THIS MORNING**  
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Witness produced letters he had received from Mr. McAvilly in connection with these works.

He had received in all \$1425 for his services in Ottawa at the time the government owned the railway and that Senator King and Mr. McAvilly were commissioners for the government.

Before going to Ottawa he had consulted the attorney general. He had given him no statement of the cost of the 15-mile section.

Witness said he possessed a general knowledge of the affairs of the road. Mr. McAvilly was in Ottawa at the time, went with him to interview Mr. Shannon, accountant in the railway department. Mr. Pugsley had a statement of the cost of the road.

Mr. Powell asked witness what statement he had to support his claim for a subsidy of \$48,000 from the federal government. Witness replied that he had relied on Mr. Pugsley to present the statement of cost.

The claim of J. J. F. Winslow, secretary of the company was one of those submitted to Mr. Copp. The balance Winslow claimed was \$1,833.96, after payment had been made at that time. The account was settled, he thought, for about \$950 or \$958.

An item of \$800 in the receiver general's account paid to J. J. F. Winslow on Oct. 15, 1906, he thought would be the settlement of this claim.

Mr. Copp stated he had visited Ottawa several times, also Norton and Amherst. He was in Ottawa as a result of his visit to Rhodes Curry & Co. at Amherst, their account had been settled for about \$5,000.

The claim was for \$22,000 and it had been settled for \$10,000.

Mr. McDonald—Witness induced them to take that much loss in consideration of the account being paid in cash.

Witness said that was hardly correct. He had arranged for certain charges of interest, etc., to be cut out.

To Mr. Powell witness said he kept books such as a lawyer usually keeps, but he did not think he had made any entry of his payments from railway as they were made to him personally, and not to his legal firm.

After July 1, 1905, all amounts paid by the commissioners came out of the government.

Asked by Mr. Powell if he thought he had done his duty as a member of the Legislature in contemplating the payment of these large sums of money, witness said he did not think his record as a public man had anything to do with the inquiry. His constituents were the ones to judge as to whether he had done his duty.

The question was dropped.

Asked if he had consulted any books of the company in settling the claims of Barnes and others, witness said he thought he had looked over some books, but could not remember what they were.

There was some discussion as to whether certain items of charges against the company would appear in the books. Mr. Barnhill claimed they would not appear.

After some further discussion and questioning as to the books he had examined Mr. Copp was excused and adjournment was made until 2.30 this afternoon, when J. Howe Dickson and G. N. Babbitt will be called.

Hon. William Pugsley is also expected to give evidence.

**THE CHRISTMAS MARKET**

The Christmas market in most lines is well supplied, and the assortment quite extensive. The extreme cold weather, however, has tended to stiffen prices in proportion.

Turkeys appear to have an upward tendency. Fresh birds are scarce and bring retail from 25 to 35 cents; the frozen bringing 20 to 25 cents; chickens, fresh, are scarce, though the frozen stock are quite plentiful, prices range from 80c to \$1.50. Geese are fairly scarce, and retail at \$1.50 to \$1.75. Ducks are bringing \$1.25 to \$2.00. Western and Nova Scotia beef are selling fairly high. Lamb and mutton are quite plentiful. The city market looks well, the exhibit of stock being very attractive.

**PROBATE COURT**

Estate of John Edgar March, Physician. Petition of the administratrix to pass the accounts. Citation issued returnable on Monday the 29th day of January next. L. H. D. Tilley, proctor.

Mrs. D. L. Hamilton went to St. John last week and is visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. G. Reed—Sackville Post.

**IN MEMORIAM**

In loving memory of Ruth Evelyn McLeod, youngest daughter of Mrs. E. H. and Linda McLeod, only sister of Mrs. Ed. Warren, the sister of James S. and Bethel McLeod, who died May 11th, 1908. Being of a beautiful disposition she was greatly loved by young and old. Her loss in the home circle this Christmas time is her gain of a heavenly home.

**In Every Department**

we find broken sizes and small lots of goods too small to put in stock at regular prices. We have reduced the prices on these lines below of recent sale prices, so they must go. Many of them would make most acceptable Christmas Gifts. The lots are too small to advertise, but you will find them in our

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Boys' Suits, - - - 95c. to 7.50 Men's Suits, - \$5.00 to \$20.00  
Men's Overcoats, - - \$3.00, \$6.50, \$7.50 to \$18.00  
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**In the Silk Room**  
Ladies' New Umbrellas for gifts, covered with durable Brown, Black and Navy Blue silk. Late designs in fancy handles, Natural Wood and Fancy Horn, with Gold or Silver Mount Pearl Handles, Pearl and Silver Handles, Ebony Handles, etc. We are showing a special line of umbrellas at \$1.10, \$1.35, \$1.50, \$1.75 upward.

**The Furniture Dept.**  
Children's Desks with Blackboard Inside, \$1.50, \$1.90, \$2.35. Children's Desks with drop front, \$2.50 and \$3.00. Revolving Chairs in Oak to suit Child's Desk, \$2.25 and \$2.75. Swing Horses, very safe and strong. Beds and Frames, from \$6. up. Snow Shovels for Little Tots, strong and light, 15c.

**In the Art Room**  
Decided reductions have been made on Pictures, Art Pottery, Odd Pieces of China in Limoges, Dresden and Austrian, Sterling Silver Ware, Deposit Ware, Green Mat Ware, Cerise Ware, Bussia, Boys' and Girls' Diabolo Sets, and on a wide range of Christmas Novelties. Great Values for Gift Seekers.

**The Clothing Dept.**  
MEN'S FUR-LINED COATS—Marmot lined German Otter Collar \$10. Marmot lined Persian Lamb collar \$20. Marmot lined Otter Collar \$25. Muskrat lined Natural Otter Collar \$27.50. Another at \$70 and another very handsome coat at \$125.

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