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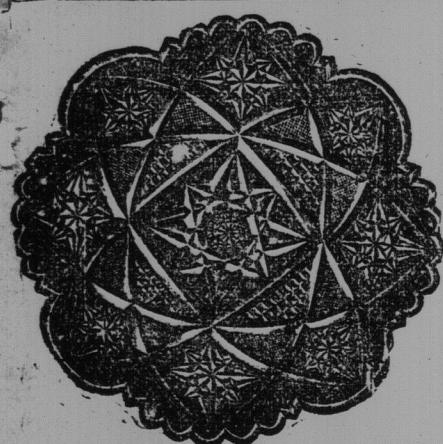
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LATE SHIP NEWS.
PORT OF ST. JOHN.
Arrived.
S. Manchester Corporation, 3,585 tons, from Manchester, England, per cargo.
S. Gulf of Ancon, 1,659 tons, from London, per cargo.
Coastwise—Schr Little Annie, Poland, from West Isles; Alda, Swanson, from fishing cruise.
Cleared.
Str Lake Michigan, 5,340 tons, for London and Antwerp, via Halifax; per cargo.
Coastwise—Schr Little Annie, Poland, for West Isles; Eastern Light, Cheney, for Grand Harbor; Alda, Shannon, on a fishing cruise.
Rev. H. H. Rosch was reported at two o'clock to be seriously ill, being very low and sinking rapidly. The physicians in attendance do not expect that he will live out the day.

POLICE GOT NO MONEY.
Sergeant Baxter, captain of the police tug-of-war team that won the first prize at last night's tournament in Carleton says that the men did not receive a cent. The prize offered was \$25. There was a small attendance and the promoters said all they could pay was two dollars each. The police declined to pull for this money but said they would pull all other winners. This would do for nothing if they could not get the \$25. They did so.
The diphtheria patients at St. Vincent's orphanage are reported today as resting very well, that is the dangerous ones, while the children that are suffering from milder attacks are rapidly improving. No further cases have been reported.
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DROUGHT BRINGS GREAT SUFFERING.

Means Disaster to Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Mines and Factories Close for Want of Water—Country is Suffering for Coal.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A Pittsburgh despatch to the Tribune says: It is feared that within the next ten days almost every industry in Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio will have to close down. The drought is the worst in the history of this part of the country. The weather bureau cannot see any relief in sight. There is only a half foot of snow on the level. If this melt it will only be equal to six-tenths of an inch of rain, and it will take at least one inch of rain besides to be of any benefit.

The Edgar Thomson steel plant has ordered a large part of the plant to close down. The furnaces have no coke and the boilers are all corroded with the sulphur from the coal mines. In the country districts, especially in the mountains, nothing but melted snow can be had for watering stock or for house use. Mines have closed after using sulphur water until corrosion has eaten boilers and pipes to a shell. This is causing great hardship, as fuel cannot be had. The country is suffering for coal and not a mine along the Monongahela river is in operation. Streams that have never been dry in the memory of man have been dried up for more than a month.

Workmen at the National Tube works and the Homestead mills say conditions at those places cannot be explained and orders to close down are expected hourly. The furnaces of the Shenango and Michigan valley works have only two weeks' coke on hand. The Pennsylvania and B. and O. railroads are suffering from scarcity of water. The troughs lying between the tracks which held water that the engines scooped up in passing are dried up and the engines must be supplied from other reservoirs or at the disposal of the company.

MONCTON P. O. ROBBED.

Burglar Caught in the Act of Stealing
Two Bags of Mail—He
Got Away.

MONCTON, Dec. 21.—About two o'clock this morning a burglar, who was home when near the post office, saw a man skulking in that vicinity with a large bag of mail. He followed him to the post office and saw him drop the bag. The officer started to investigate, but the party finding he was caught, dropped the bundle and ran.

When it was found that the bundle contained two mail bags the police were at once notified.
Chief Tingley aroused Postmaster Crandall and they repaired to the post office, where they learned that the officer had been entered, the burglar effecting an entrance by boring through the panels of the rear door and unlocking them from the inside. So far as could be learned the only things taken were two bags of mail that had come in from Halifax on the Maritime Express. The bags contained only ordinary mail matter and if the thief had succeeded in getting away with them he would have had little to reward him. There is a good description of the thief and it is hoped to catch him.

**CROWDED RESTAURANT STARTLED
BY ATTEMPTED MURDER AND SUICIDE**

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Mary Olah, a domestic, formerly employed in the Cafe Boulevard, entered the cafe early this morning and after shooting Sigmund Bohn, a waiter in the place, turned the revolver on herself. She was not dangerously wounded, but it is believed she would die. There were many guests in the place when the shooting took place. They were startled by the report of a revolver on the floor above the dining room and in a moment Bohn rushed down among them with blood streaming from a wound in his chin. At the same time another shot was fired up stairs. While some of the guests gave their attention to the wounded man, others rushed up stairs where they found the woman unconscious on the floor with a revolver beside her.

LATER.
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Mary Olah, the Hungarian girl, who shot Sigmund Bohn, a waiter in the Cafe Boulevard, in the presence of many guests early today and then sent two bullets into her own body, is dead at the hospital, where she was taken after the shooting. Before the young woman died she said that Bohn had betrayed her before she learned that he had a wife and two children. Bohn is practically a prisoner in the hospital, where he is held on a technical charge of felonious assault. It is believed that he will recover.

DISASTROUS FIRES TODAY.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 21.—The explosion of a gas tank in a building in Allegheny City occupied by the Hulo-French Produce Co. early today resulted in a fire which entirely destroyed four buildings on Dawson as well as some property at the rear of these buildings on Jackson street. No one was injured. The damage is about \$60,000.
COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 21.—Fire today on High street destroyed \$225,000 worth of property in the business district. Five firemen were injured, but none seriously.

TOGO SAYS LAST RUSSIAN WARSHIP IS DISABLED.

Jap Squadron Starts to Meet and Fight the
Baltic Fleet—Dead Hero Promoted—Japs
Seize British Steamer.

TOKIO, Dec. 21.—Admiral Togo, who has personally made a series of observations of the Russian battleship Sevastopol, telegraphs to the navy department expressing the opinion that the Sevastopol is disabled. Great weight is attached to Togo's personal observations and opinion, instanced by the fact that when the Russian battleship Petropavlovsk was sunk Togo was one of the few officers of the entire Japanese fleet whose eyes caught the vision of speedy disaster. Commander Yaseo who was killed while torpedoing the Sevastopol, has been promoted and has been given other posthumous honors.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Hong Kong says he has learned on trustworthy authority that a powerful Japanese squadron of battleships and armored cruisers is proceeding south accompanied by fifteen colliers and transports to attack the Russian Baltic squadron.
According to the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Telegraph it is reported that a Japanese squadron of eight warships and fifteen transports is going south to meet the Russian squadron.

JAPS SEIZE BRITISH STEAMER.
NAGASAKI, Dec. 21, 1904. m.—The British steamer Nigretta, which was seized by the Japanese cruiser Tachibana off Ulan yesterday, has arrived at Saigo before the prize court.
The Nigretta was proceeding to Vladivostok with a cargo of kerosene.

NAN PATTERSON CONFIDENT.

Feels Sure the Jury Will Find Her Not
Guilty of Murder—She Will Know
Tonight.

(See also Page 4).
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Before another day Nan Patterson probably will know whether her long cherished hope of spending the Christmas holidays with her invalid mother in Washington will be realized or whether she will be doomed to return to her cell convicted of murder. After more than six months of waiting, she has seen the whole story of her life with Casanova in the eyes of the jury. The jury returned at her cell yesterday before a jury and today she waits word from them which means life or death to her. "I feel sure the jury believes my story," she said, "and no matter what Mr. Rand says in regard to it, it will be acquitted in a brief time after my return to deliberate."
Today there remained only the closing scenes in the trial. The last word of testimony was heard yesterday's short afternoon session and when court adjourned it was agreed that the closing arguments of counsel would be made today. Justice Davis had expressed a wish to get the case finally into the hands of the jury before adjournment tonight, and to that end agreement was made to confine the closing arguments to six hours. Half of that time was assigned to Abraham Levy, leading counsel for Miss Patterson, to sum the case for the defendant. The remaining three hours was to be used by Assistant District Attorney Rand in marshalling the chain of circumstances forced by the prosecution. With the charge of Justice Davis instructing the jurors upon the various points of law which have arisen during the long trial, the case will be complete. It will then be for the jurors themselves to determine when the end shall be known.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS.
Mrs. Harry Brown, formerly Miss Lizzie Sargent, of Moncton, passed through the city yesterday to spend Christmas at Moncton with her parents. N. W. T. Her husband, who is a nephew of D. J. Brown, of this city, is running a prosperous dry goods business at Arcle.

STOCK MARKET ACTIVE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21, Wall Street.—Prices of stocks today were higher on an active demand, especially for the Pacific. Several thousand shares of Southern Pacific and of Union Pacific were bought at an advance of 1-2 for the former and 3-8 for the latter. Gains of a moderate fraction were gained. The market opened strong.

OLDEST ADMIRAL DEAD.

PORTSMOUTH, Eng. Dec. 21.—Admiral Sir Erasmus Ommaney, the father of the British navy, died here this morning after a lengthy illness. He was the last survivor of the battle of Navarino, fought in 1827, which resulted in the destruction of the Turkish fleet. The admiral was born in 1814 and entered the navy in 1825.

The Star returns thanks to P. S. Purdy, the Wall Street grocer, for a very pretty calendar.

TOKIO, Dec. 21.—The examination of cargo, passengers and crew of the British steamer Nigretta is progressing. Sigmund Yaseo is undergoing whether parole-breaking Russian officers are on board the Nigretta.

ABOUT WAR BALLOONS.

MUKDEN, Nov. 21.—Mr. Nandel, who has been in charge of the balloon corps in the Far East during the greater part of the war has given some interesting conclusions reached in practical work on the field. He still thinks the balloon has a distinct future before it in warfare and there have been a number of occasions when the balloons did valuable work in scouting, but on the whole he says that the balloons in Manchuria is too damp for balloons to be of any use. It has proved exceedingly difficult to get photographs of any value. When the balloon was low the vibration was excessive. Light was seldom favorable and frequently the balloon was too high for the pictures to be of any use. In the attack on Foulfou (Lone Tree Hill) he says there was presented a very interesting panorama of the battlefield, but it was often impossible to tell with certainty which were Russian lines and which were Japanese. The best work of the balloon corps was done during the retreat from Liao Yang, he says, for scouting purposes they were really valuable, often almost indispensable.

GIRL'S SERIOUS CHARGE.

Thomas Saunders Faces a Charge That
May Mean a Long Term in the
Penitentiary.

Thomas Saunders, a lad eighteen years of age, was arrested at five o'clock this morning by officers Green and Perry on suspicion of having committed rape on Sarah Lobb, a fourteen-year-old girl who lives with her parents on Brook street, North End. According to the girl's story as told the police, she left her home last night shortly after eight o'clock and walked as far as the Mill street Salvation Army barracks with a friend. She then walked alone as far as the depot where she says she met Saunders, who asked her to go for a walk. She consented and they went along Fond street and started up Savoy street hill. When part way up the hill Saunders enticed her into a barn and kept her there till an early hour this morning.
Not returning at a reasonable hour her people became anxious and notified the police, who kept a lookout for the girl. When she did reach home about three o'clock this morning her skirt was torn and she was very much excited. She told the police who the young fellow was and took them to the barn.
E. S. Ritchie appeared for Saunders when the case was called. The girl was put on the stand and told what occurred up to the time they entered the barn. After she declined to answer questions and after a long delay was sent to the guard room.
Saunders was remanded. It is not known when the case will be again called.

MR. RHEA REPLIES.

Challenges License Commission Chairman to Accuse of Life on Tour of Inspection.
To the Editor of the Star:
Sir,—In reference to the statements made by the chairman of the Liquor License Commission (see page 3), I did not include minor offences, such as coat, ashes and other family accommodations, but open and wilful violations, who are hitting their customers from the view of the officers of the law through the illegal use of the back door, notwithstanding the warning through the public press, which is all in his favor. Will the chairman accompany me around to a few places, I will show him sufficient evidence that they are used and kept open for illegal purposes. What do I understand by my being furnished? I also have a back door and could use it for illegal selling if I chose. My premises do not differ from ordinary licensed premises in this city.
J. RHEA.

BODY BROUGHT HOME.

The remains of the late Mrs. M. N. Powers were brought to the city this morning from Cambridge, Queens Co., for burial, which will take place tomorrow. The following children are in the city to attend the funeral: Mrs. E. J. McArthur, of New York; Mrs. George Sugg and Miss Nellie Powers, of Orange, N. J.; and Mrs. John Robertson, of Cambridge, Queens Co.

The funeral of the late Mrs. James McCullough was held this morning from Britain street. Rev. W. P. Chapman celebrated high requiem mass at the church of St. John the Baptist. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

FOUR YEARS FOR BOY BURGLARS.

Two Killoyle Youngsters Sentenced to Reformatory.

They Stole Boots and Looted the McBriarty House—Kempt and Morris Let Go.

In the police court this morning A. McAllister, who kicked up such a disturbance on Sheffield street, Monday night or early Tuesday morning and who yesterday pleaded guilty to the charge of breaking windows in Margaret Francis' and Alice O'Brien's houses was sentenced this morning. McAllister was fined twenty dollars or two months with hard labor. The fine was paid.

One drunk was fined four dollars. The case of the boys Carl Kempt, J. David and Herbert Killoyle, who were disposed of this morning. Kempt and Morris were allowed to go under a suspended sentence while the Killoyle boys go to the reformatory for four years. These boys are nine and ten years old respectively.

When the case came up this morning Daniel Mullin, K. C., appeared for Morris. E. S. Ritchie represented Kempt. Only one witness was examined, Mrs. Morris. She said her boy worked steadily and always behaved himself.
His honor in delivering sentence called the Killoyle boys forward and questioned them as to their connection with the stealing of the lead pipe and plumbing from the McBriarty house on Chipman's Hill, to which they had returned. The boys implicated two others.
Mrs. Killoyle at this stage explained to his honor that she was a very busy woman. The boys told her they had purchased the boots and she did not question them further.

His honor said the reformatory was the best place for the boys. Mrs. Killoyle agreed with his honor that the boys would have a good home at the reformatory. The police magistrate said it was a pity the boys did not have a good home and someone who would look after them.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES.

In the admiralty court this morning, the case of Isaac M. Thurber vs. The Str. Beaver came up for trial. Huntington, Teed & Hamilton for defendants and Stockton & Price counsel with J. King Kelley for plaintiff.
This is an action brought for the recovery of damages for personal injuries received by the plaintiff on board the Beaver on July 10th, 1903, while engaged in loading cargo. The plaintiff was engaged in tending the hoisting gear, and while standing on the hatch which was partly opened, was precipitated into the hold as a result of the hoisting books catching to the hatch. Clarence H. DeForest was called to prove ownership of the vessel, after which the plaintiff went on the stand and was still under examination when court adjourned for recess.

KINDERGARTEN CLOSED.

The regular Christmas closing of the private kindergarten of Miss Zein Morton took place this morning. An excellent programme was carried out before a large number of visitors. Among the decorations that set off the room was a big Christmas tree loaded down with presents from the children to their parents. This is the way the children took of treating their parents to the season's surprises. The tree with its multitude of trinkets will be donated to the mission kindergarten of Haymarket Square, which closes on Friday.

The little daughter of Dr. J. D. Maher, who has been seriously ill with diphtheria, is greatly improved and on a fair way to rapid recovery.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecasts—Northern winds and becoming colder. Thursday, westerly winds, fair and cold.
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Lowest temperature during past 24 hours, 4.
Temperature at noon, 15.

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ST. JOHN STAR.
ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 21, 1904.

The average daily circulation of the Star for November was 2,982; for the past three months, 2,818; for the past six months, 2,188.

OBVIOUS TACTICS.
Both the rottenness of the present government and the personal ability and integrity of the opposition candidate in the city are too well known to permit the success of the attempt of the government's supporters to attract attention from the one by vicious attacks on the other.

Mr. Maxwell's record as a private citizen and a public servant is too good to be damaged by insinuations to the effect that he is a grafter, which are founded upon nothing more solid than the fact that, while an alderman, he did work on a public building under a sub-contract obtained from a man who won the main contract in fair competition by making a lower tender than any other who wanted the job. If Mr. Maxwell had used his influence at the council board to get the contract for himself or to have it given to any other than the lowest tenderer, he would be open to accusation. But he has done nothing of the kind. He did no work for the city of which he was one of the rulers. He simply worked as a sub-contractor, an employe, of the man to whom the city awarded the contract, not because he was the friend of any alderman, but because he was willing to construct the new public library building cheaper than anyone else.

Anyone who has ever done business with Alderman Maxwell needs no proof to convince him that the man is not a grafter; anyone for whom he has worked will vouch that he gives sixteen good ounces to the pound; anyone who has worked for him knows that there is no more upright nor considerate employer. Such personal assaults as have been made upon him will prove more harmful to the assistants than to him.

The reason for these attacks is as obvious as they are unfair. "When in the wrong, abuse the plaintiff's attorney," is a maxim as old as legal chicanery. It is impossible to produce a valid argument in favor of the election of any man who supports the Tweedle government, which will only be remembered for its maladministration, its extravagance and such affairs as the Rothesay forgery; it is equally impossible to bring reasons for the defeat of a supporter of the opposition, as such; what else is left for unscrupulous electioneers?

TIME FOR THE DOCK CANVASS.
George Robertson, M. P., is due in St. John within the next few days with the information that the dock is about to be built. All that will be needed, Mr. Robertson speaks, is the election of Mr. Skinner and Mr. Lowell. Two years ago the election of Mr. Robertson himself was a condition precedent to the commencement of work. The dock was then told that if they elected six supporters of the government in the two constituencies hundreds of men would be employed on the dock during the succeeding summer. Though the dock was then told that if they elected six supporters of the government in the two constituencies hundreds of men would be employed on the dock during the succeeding summer. Though the dock was then told that if they elected six supporters of the government in the two constituencies hundreds of men would be employed on the dock during the succeeding summer.

An example of ingrowing conscience that should appeal to those in this city who opposed the acceptance of Carnegie's library donation, is given by the trustees of Lawrence University of Appleton, Wisconsin. William W. Cooper, who lost his life in the Iroquois theatre fire in Chicago, had provided in his will that \$100,000 of his estate should go to that university. When the estate was being settled up the other day and a check was given to the university for the amount the trustees refused to accept it, giving as the reason that the rules of their church prohibited the attendance of its members at a theatre; and Mr. Cooper dying in a theatre made the bequest objectionable. The whole estate, amounting to \$200,000, will fall to Mr. Cooper's daughter.

Somebody should remind the liquor license commissioners that it is their duty to administer the laws, not to make or amend them. They have no more business to allow a saloon keeper to violate the law with reference to the number of entrances because strict observance "would be a hardship," than the magistrate has to pardon a man who got drunk because it was a hardship to remain sober.

The arbitration proceedings now on between the I. C. R. and Grand Trunk are proving that the latter company has deliberately and persistently broken the solemn agreement entered into with Mr. Blair. Yet it is upon the ungranted word of this company that the government has placed the welfare of any Canadian ports which hope to obtain any traffic from the Grand Trunk Company.

Dr. J. M. Smith has retired from the field, as was expected. The machine, which was strong enough to prevent the choice of 2,300 electors from receiving one vote in the convention was naturally strong enough to see that the disappointed candidate was choked off. Whether it will be equally effective with reference to the hundreds whose wishes it ignored remains to be seen.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.
Ch. Christmas-tide is coming soon with mirth and merry cheer; 'Tis time to think of presents now for all our friends and dear. What matter if we're very poor, and destitute of pelf, Why don't you know the nicest gifts are those you make yourself?

We'll take a broken sewer-pipe for an umbrella-stand, Just put a coat of gift paint on—and there's a gift for pa. A sofa-pillow for mamma—oh, how her eyes will dance! She'll never guess 'twas once a pair of father's cast-off pants.

A quinine-pill box painted blue will make a bonbonniere, A picture painted on the top to give a stylish air; From uncle's old suspenders we can fix a belt for Kate, And mark it "Price \$2.00." It will please her, sure as fate.

An empty pickle-bottle will make such a lovely vase; The scarlet ribbon 'round it, label a note, "With much love for Grace." A box with mamma's old wrapper, too, upholstered nice and neat, Will be a handsome footstool for our grandma's dear old feet.

IN THE MARKET.
There are interesting signs there besides the usual ones.

The city market is always an interesting place, with its rows and rows of vegetables, meat, butter, etc., and still more by reason of the ever-changing stream of people who are continually passing through it. It is a fine place in which to stand and study the various types and phases of human life, and passers. Incidentally, it is also a good observatory from which to study the fashions for all kinds and conditions of people from the big swinging doors at one end to those at the other, in the course of a day.

Just now the market is more than usually attractive, with its bravery of Christmas evergreens, garlands, etc., at each booth, and a sweet and fragrant fragrance truly Christmasy. Then to watch the passing crowd is productive of more than ordinary interest. For one thing, many people pass through who have no errand in the market and merely use it as a short cut from one street to another. If so, they are in a hurry, and the light of irritation is apt to be in their eyes as they impatiently sidestep the crowd, or they are taking their time, and blocking the way. Occasionally we see what at first sight appears to be a walking stick of parcels, but as it approaches nearer it resolves itself into a little man—or woman—loaded down with bundles and packages of divers and sundry size and shape. Everyone is carrying parcels this time of the year, and this is the time when the average woman really envies the man, who has pockets into which he may stuff so many things. It is so exact in cutting, and really detracts from one's dignity to perambulate the streets with one's hands full and bundles under each arm, which latter (the parcels, not the arms) are continually slipping down and out and causing vexation of spirit.

But to go back to the market. There are but a portion of those whom an observer may see there, for the market is not a place where the average man or woman goes to buy vegetables, butter, etc., but in other things as well. At many of the stalls may be seen grey socks, mittens, etc., and these, naturally, are much in requisition, more particularly, perhaps, the boys' mittens, for there are lots of boys in St. John who like to get a pair of "double mittens" the kind our grandmothers knit for us, from some of the market merchants. Then there are the "yarns" to be purchased at some of the stalls, catnip, and other old fashioned herbs, much in favor still with some, as well as more modern herbs, if the term "modern" may be used with regard to nature's products, and which are extensively used in culinary operations. All these combined appeal to many different classes of shoppers, both at Christmas and other seasons of the year, and just now there are people who like to walk through to look at the others, see the green festoonings of fir and spruce, which say that Christmas is not far off.

So that the market is a place of interest to a good many different people, for widely varying reasons.

SHAKESPEARE'S PROFESSION.
As this is Christmas, perhaps we need not apologize for the reproduction of this conundrum from the Referee: Why is it almost certain that Shakespeare was a broker? Because no man has ever furnished so many stock quotations.

You can't make no man out of a Willie Boy by having him smoke cigars instead of cigarettes—Spinks.

Do you know "The Song of 60 Years?"
There are four verses. Verse 1. Ayer's Hair Vigor makes the hair grow. Verse 2. Ayer's Hair Vigor stops falling hair. Verse 3. Ayer's Hair Vigor cures dandruff. Verse 4. Ayer's Hair Vigor always restores color to gray hair.

LOCAL NEWS.

"Why Jones left Halifax" is the inscription on the back of a calf skin post card which was among the mail handed to J. C. Jones, the well known commercial traveller, when he arrived at the Royal last night. Accompanying the inscription was a design stamped on the leather representing a bull dog with a bunch of cloth which might have at one time been part of a pair of trousers. The explanation is considered by Mr. Jones' friends to be entirely satisfactory.

The W. C. T. U. held a meeting yesterday afternoon with President Mrs. C. H. Dearborn in the chair. The usual features of the work were discussed. The members of the Y. M. C. A. interested in hockey held a meeting last evening in the association parlors to discuss the prospects. It was decided not to enter two teams, one in the junior and one in the intermediate league, but to confine their efforts solely to the latter class.

The grand officers and propagation committee of the Sons of Temperance paid an official visit to Granite Rock Division last night. A pleasant meeting was held and addresses were delivered by G. W. A. W. Frank Hatheway, G. Scribe Edward A. Everett, G. W. D. C. Fisher, P. G. W. P. Robert Maxwell, P. G. W. A. J. C. Thomas and others.

Things mission seem to be again coming to the front. It has never been what could be called dead, but last year interest fell off. Now, however, the work is booming again. On Sunday afternoon last there were seventy-seven pupils in the school, while on each of the two preceding Sundays there were one hundred pupils.

The death occurred yesterday morning, at his home, 11 British street, of Walter T. Whelan, aged 53 years. Mr. Whelan was a native of Liverpool, Eng., and had lived in St. John for thirty-three years. He is survived by four daughters and two sons. The daughters are Mrs. Wm. Fitzpatrick, and Misses Gertrude, Bertha and Irene Whelan, and the sons are Walter and John Whelan. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

A despatch from Grand Falls states that Cyrenus Beaton, the young man who was fatally stabbed in Montreal by an Italian and died shortly afterwards, was a native of Grand Falls. The murdered man is about twenty-three years old and has always had an excellent reputation.

Local.
The annual meeting of Willis Lodge, I. O. G. T., was held last evening. The following officers were elected and installed by P. C. M. Dr. Matthews: Wm. Macfarland, W. Master; Edwin Williams, D. Master; George Burns, chaplain; Horace Stout, recording secretary; Ira Symes, financial secretary; Robert Catherwood, treasurer; Geo. J. Moore, D. of C.; Thomas Stout, lecturer; John Duff, Malcolm Golding, T. H. Betts, Jas. Moore and Wm. Catherwood, committee.

Jack Eckert, a young Englishman belonging to Wiltshire, Eng., arrived in the city yesterday on the steamer Sicilian. He is rather anxious to find employment, and is waiting for the immigration officials by saying he came here to enjoy a walking tour across the continent to the Pacific and probably will sail thence on a round the world ship. He was entered as a tourist.

French Briar Pipes, in cases, with a 4-in. amber stem, 60c. at Louis Green's.

S. S. DEFOREST COMPROMISES.
A meeting of the creditors of S. S. DeForest was held yesterday afternoon at the Board of Trade rooms, and was well attended. Col. E. T. Sturdee acted as chairman, and Mr. Cross was appointed secretary. The total liabilities were stated as \$14,101, with assets of stock, book debts, etc., of \$9,000. After some discussion it was decided to accept Mr. DeForest's offer of 40 cents cash on 1st January, and 10 cents at three months unsecured. There were no preferences.

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Useful Gifts For All.

The gifts that are useful, the kind that give everybody enjoyment, are the most appreciated. Everything we have answers this description. We can mention but a few.

- FOR LADIES.**
Kid Gloves in fancy boxes, \$1 to \$1.25.
Silk Jabots in fancy boxes, 55c. to \$2.
Rain Umbrellas, 75c. to \$4.25.
Waist Silks, 55c. to \$1.35.
Dress Goods, 25c. to \$2.
Mantle Drapes, \$1.75 to \$2.50.
Pillow Shams, 25c. to \$1 each.
Runners, 55c. to \$1 each.
Tray Cloths, 30c. to 50c.
Cushion Tops, 35c. to 75c.
Warm Wool Hose, 15c. to 50c.
- FOR MEN.**
Pretty Neckties, 25c. to 50c.
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Ties in Fancy Boxes, 25c. to 50c. each.
Satin Mufflers, lined, 50c. to \$1.
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Braces, 50c. to 75c.
White Shirts, 75c. to \$1.
Colored Shirts, 75c. to \$1.50.
Collars and Cuffs, 15c. to 25c.
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Night Shirts, white and fancy, 75c.

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W. V. BARBOUR, ST. JOHN, N. B.
New Brunswick Selling Agent.
BOOMING ANTWERP TRADE.
C. P. R. Freight and Traffic Men in the City Yesterday.
H. Debenham, freight agent of the C. P. R. in Europe and W. T. Marlow, the import freight agent, are in the city. The object of their visit here is to induce local importers to route their shipments to Antwerp by the C. P. R. Every one of the C. P. R. steamers brought from Antwerp six or seven hundred immigrants, secured from various points in Europe, who were going into the great Canadian west to take up land and make homes for themselves. Fully eight per cent. of these have a little money to start with, and nearly all are from the agricultural classes.
Mr. Debenham while here will make enquiries into the emigration question, both its principal object is to foster export and import business between Canada and the continent.
Mr. Debenham says that the C. P. R. by reaching out for business in Europe has advertised Canada very extensively. If local importers fully appreciated this they would patronize a Canadian steamship company in preference to foreign companies. The C. P. R. has now an established service between Antwerp and St. John.

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KID BOOTS, laced or laced.
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We are selling Tooke Bros' Flannellette Wrappers in a nice variety of Patterns, made with full skirt and twelve inch flounce, for 95c. each. The mill price was \$1.17.
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Choice Mixed Candy, 10c. per lb., 3lbs. for 25c.; Chocolate Drops, 20c. per lb., 2 lbs. for 35c.; Gum Drops, 15c. per lb., 2 lbs. for 25c.; Xmas Mixture, 20c. per lb., 2 lbs. for 35c.; Hard Made Biscuits, 20c. per lb., 2 lbs. for 35c.; French Cream Mixture, 15c. per lb., 2 lbs. for 25c.; Chocolate Caramels, 30c. per lb., 2 lbs. for 50c.; Choice Dates, 5c. per lb., 2 lbs. for 15c.; Good Oranges 25c. a doz.; Best New Figs, 14c. per lb.; Bananas, 20c. per doz.; Best American Oil, 22c. per gal., 5 gals. for \$1.00.
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A school board official called at the home of a pupil whose absence had extended over a week, and enquired of the lad's mother the cause.
"Why," she said "he's past his thirteenth year, an' me and his father think he's after having schooling enough."
"Schooling enough? Why, I did not finish my education until I was twenty-three."
"He that so," said the mother, "but that lad of ours has got brains."

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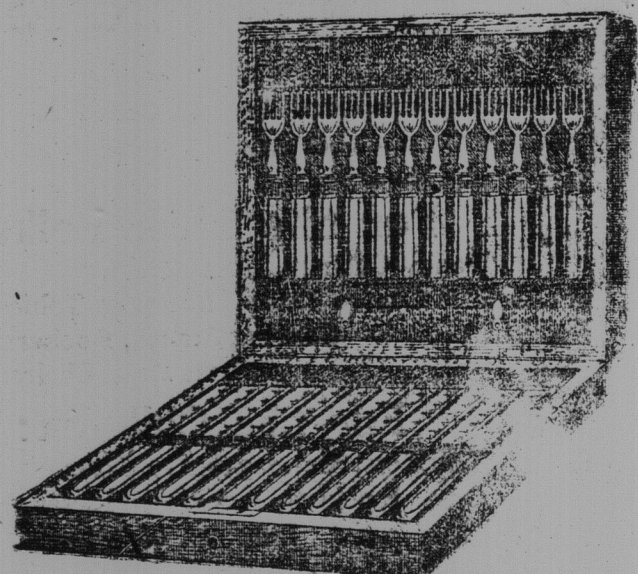
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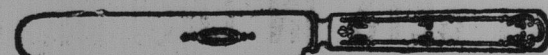
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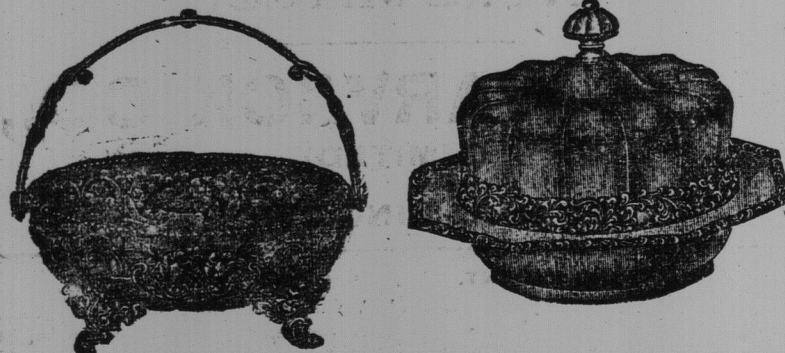


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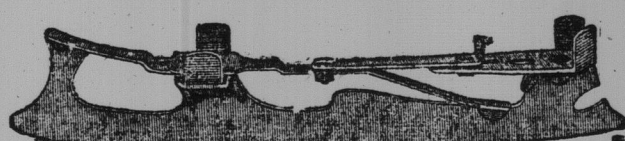


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No. 625 Imperial, double end " 3.00 pair	No. 700 Hockey, with Double End, " 2.00 pair
No. 04 Ladies' Hockey, Nickel Plated \$1.75 pair	Beauty Hockey, with Best Tape, " \$2.00
No. 70 Daisy Hockey, Nickel Plated 1.50 pair	No. 75 Daisy, Ribbed Blade, Nickel Plated 1.75

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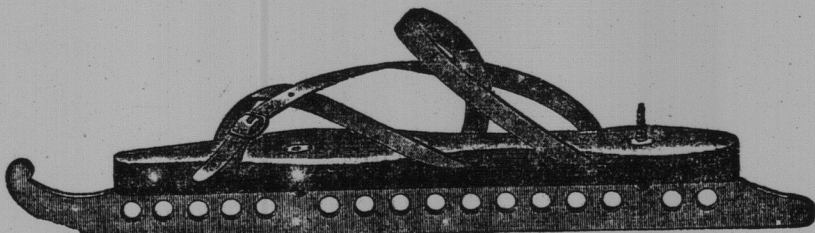


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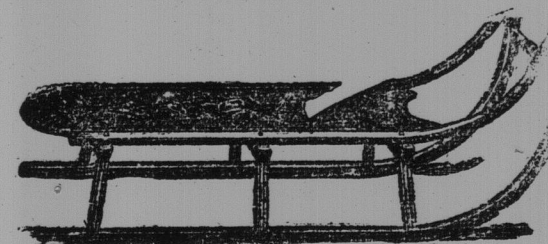
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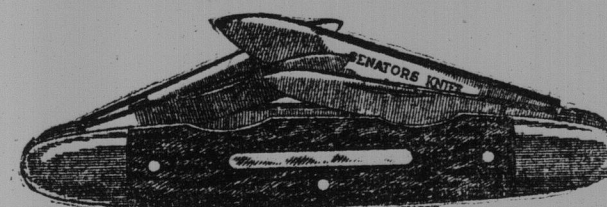
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The finest made, extra well finished.
Clipper Sleds, from 60c to \$4.00.
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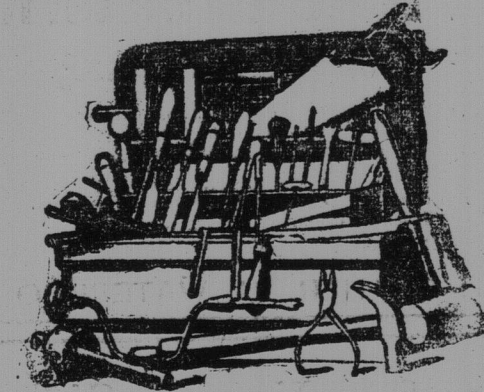
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For Old or Young, Amateur or Mechanic—The sets
 contain good tools, all full size, ready to be used and fit to be
 used. 50c. to \$10.00.

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ALMOST ENDED.

Nan Patterson Will Know
 Her Fate Today.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—After a day of torment, facing the merciless cross-examination of Prosecutor Rand, Nan Patterson, the former show girl, went to her cell in the Tombs tonight tired but happy. For several hours she sat under the glaring cross fire of the assistant district attorney, who probed the events of her life from the day she met Caesar Young, for the killing of whom she is being tried, until the moment of his tragic death. No detail was too trivial to escape the attention of the state attorney, but with scarcely an exception, the accused actress proved a marvel of self control.

Once only did Mr. Rand confuse her greatly. In going over the conversation between her and Young at the Gravesend track, Miss Patterson testified that Young gave as a reason for sailing to Europe the fact that she was afraid Mrs. Young might harm him or the prisoner. Miss Patterson finally admitted that she recalled only an incident which had happened in San Francisco.

There were few striking admissions made by the witness, despite the very searching questions asked. Noticeable among these, however, was the story of the money given by the bookmaker to Miss Patterson during their years' acquaintance. At one time the sum was \$2,500; at another \$2,000 and at others, \$1,500 to \$1,000.

She did not know the total amount and could not state whether it would total \$50,000, but acknowledged that Young was a very generous man and gave her money whenever she asked.

Miss Patterson said that Young was fearful that Mrs. Young would kill him and possibly the actress also, and for this reason wished her to flee to Europe with him. Later she modified this under the battery of the prosecutor.

The dramatic climax of today's court scene came with the pantomime acted by Miss Patterson and a district attorney's messenger, showing the death scene in the cab.

Seated side by side on the platform, facing the court and the jury, the messenger, under the tutelage of the former show girl, grasped her wrists, and they swayed back and forth as the prisoner said she and Caesar Young had done just before the shooting.

With the calm reserve of one accustomed to play to thousands, Miss Patterson, without a tremor, went over the scene, and by her interpretation tried to make it clear that Young had taken his own life.

Mr. Levy addressed the jury this morning and Mr. Rand is speaking this afternoon. At five o'clock this afternoon Judge Davis will deliver his charge, and then the fate of the former show girl will rest in the hands of the jury.

BISHOP CASEY

Received in Private Audience by Pope

Piers.
 ROME, Dec. 20.—The Pope today received in private audience the Rt. Rev. James C. McDonald, Bishop of Charlottetown, P. E. I.; the Rt. Rev. Timothy Casey, Bishop of St. John, N. B.; and the Rt. Rev. Paul Laroque, Bishop of Sherbrooke, Que.

In the course of his audience with the Pope, the bishop expressed his satisfaction at the growth of Catholicism in the diocese of Sherbrooke and said he was exceedingly pleased with the strong evidence of the solidarity of the Canadian Catholics as shown by the letter addressed by the Episcopate there to Cardinal Richard of Paris, sympathizing with the condition of the French clergy. His holiness repeatedly said: "I thank the Canadian bishops for their sympathy."

Afterwards Bishop Laroque presented Mgr. Chailfoux, the vicar general of Chateaufort, and Mrs. Charles Faris and son, of St. Louis, the latter of whom presented the Pope with a bouquet of parishes, a gift which greatly pleased the pontiff, who laid his hand on the boy's head and gave him a gold medal.

ON CHURCH UNION.

Result of Preliminary Meeting of Committees Was Disappointing.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—The committee appointed by the Presbyterian general assembly, Methodist conference and Congregational unions, met here separately today preparatory to a meeting of the joint committee which is to discuss church union.

Dr. Warden presided at the Presbyterian gathering, the feature of which was a speech in opposition by Rev. Dr. Milligan, moderator of the general assembly.

Dr. Carman presided at the Methodist gathering, which discussed modes of procedure, and Rev. Hugh Hedley was in the chair at the Congregational meeting, which considered the question of centralization and control of property.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—The general result of the preliminary meeting of the committees on church union is disappointing.

MRS. CHADWICK IS ILL.

The Poor Woman Was Unable to Tell How She Got The Money.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick was brought into the bankruptcy court here today in the bankruptcy proceedings against her, but was excused from testifying because of illness. Whether Mrs. Chadwick will again be summoned will depend on counsel for Receiver Nathan Looser, whose attorneys are expected to take up the matter. Should Mrs. Chadwick again be brought into court it is unlikely that she will give any testimony. If she does, it will be against the advice of her attorney, who refuses even to allow her to be sworn as a witness.

Mrs. Chadwick became more nervous as the attorneys argued, and seemed on the verge of fainting. Soon after the announcement was made that she was excused, she returned to the jail in a carriage.

FR. MCGOLDRICK'S INSURANCE

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Judge Gaskill in the session of the superior court without jury yesterday found for the defendant in the case of John Fennell, executor of Rev. Thomas C. McGoldrick, v. the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York. The action was to recover \$500, alleged to be due under a disability policy of insurance. The company had paid \$500 to Miss Elizabeth McGoldrick, his sister, who was named as beneficiary. The action involved a construction of the policy, the plaintiff having contended that the payments were due to Fr. McGoldrick in his lifetime, but were collected by him, and that at his death they belonged to his estate. The company contended that the payments to Miss McGoldrick and her execution of a discharge of all its liability under the policy was an exoneration of its liability under the policy.

A MISSING HAM.

At nine o'clock last night R. H. Cother, who conducts the cash store on Waterloo street, had two hams, and at ten o'clock he had only one. He did not sell the other. Both were hanging outside his door when he left the shop for a few minutes. Mrs. Cother was in the store but did not see anything happen. However, when Mr. Cother returned one of the hams was gone. Mr. Cother is not weeping. The pig from which it came was not a pet, but had only been met in pieces in a purely business manner. But Mr. Cother feels greatly surprised over one thing. He thought that he was selling hams so cheaply that no one would bother stealing it, and now finds that in this he was mistaken.

ST. JOHN GAVE \$6,000.

Dr. Trotter Has Received Pledges to That Amount For The Second Forward Movement.

Dr. Trotter, president of Acadia University, who has been in the city for over a week in the interests of the second Acadia forward movement, will leave today for his home in Wolfville. Rev. W. C. Archibald, who has been assisting Dr. Trotter, will be in the city until Thursday.

Dr. Trotter told the Sun that the pledges received in St. John for the second forward movement would aggregate \$6,000. This includes all the pledges that have been received at all times for the second movement. He was well satisfied with St. John's contribution.

Dr. Trotter will spend a couple of weeks with his family in Wolfville, and in the meantime will lay his plans for the prosecution of the campaign after the holidays.

YORK THEATRE

The Slave Girl was presented last night by the Myrtle-Harder Co. to a good audience, and was well received. The scenic effects were good, the acting well done, and the between act numbers contributed to make it an enjoyable evening. Today at the matinee, At the Risk of His Life will be presented, and tonight The Secret Dispatch, a new production. Next week the house will return to vaudeville, eight acts being engaged for the holiday week.

COURT LA TOUR.

At a regular meeting of Court La Tour, I. O. F., held last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: C. R. J. M. Scott; V. C. R. M. E. Gray; R. S. J. H. Bond; F. S. F. T. Murphy; treasurer, Dr. J. Manning; orator, W. H. Reid; S. W. J. T. Stephenson; J. W. A. S. Macaulay; S. B. Bro. Greenstead; J. B. Bro. Hoyt; court physician, Dr. Price; C. D. H. C. R. H. H. Pickett; trustees, A. E. Macaulay and J. T. Stephenson; finance committee, A. A. Wilson and E. J. Todd. Bro. Andrew Sherwood, D. D. G. M., was present and addressed the meeting in the interests of the order.

DYNAMITE AND POWDER.

At the plaster quarry in Hillsboro, Albert county, on Saturday, thirteen sticks of dynamite were put to thaw into the oven of a stove in a shanty. Five kegs of powder were also in the building and the whole thing went skywards. Not a trace of the stove was discovered, and but few splinters of the shanty. Had it been dinner time, there would have been a heavy loss of life, as the men ate their dinner in the shanty.

HUBERT A. PITT

Tell Dead at His Home in Kingston

KINGSTON, Kings Co., Dec. 15.—The many friends of Hubert A. Pitt were shocked when they learned of his sudden death on Sunday last. He was as well as any man could be, attending to his stock in the morning and after dinner he and his daughter were preparing to go to church, about four miles away. It being too early to start, he sat down to read and in about five minutes he fell off the chair, expiring immediately. He was twice married. His last wife died three years ago. One daughter and two sons survive him. He was fifty-six years of age and never knew what it was to be sick. His funeral took place on Wednesday last and was largely attended. He was a member of the L. O. L. for upwards of forty years. The officers and members of No. 56, to which he belonged, took charge of the funeral. In politics he was a staunch conservative, always ready to lend a helping hand at committee work.

DR. SMITH WILL NOT RUN.

Says He Would Be Ashamed to Be in the Tweedle Government.

Dr. J. M. Smith has given out the following letter to the press: To the Electors of the City of St. John:

At the request of the signers of a requisition paper presented to me in June last, asking that I offer as a candidate in the by-election, in protest of Premier Tweedie's attitude in coming to the city and personally selecting a candidate to fill the vacant position in the local house, I consented at that time to allow my name to be put in nomination. This action of the premier pointed in the direction of depriving the electors of their just right—the privilege of selecting a man in open convention duly called for that purpose, and not one of the type of the so-called recent liberal convention that was entirely run by Mr. Tweedie and manipulated accordingly.

My friends desire that I shall treat this whole injustice with dignified contempt and withdraw from the contest. As a life-long liberal I cannot be a party to be led by a premier that fails so short of the proper standard.

Yours respectfully,
 J. M. SMITH.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 20th, 1904.
 Dr. Smith adds that while he does not just know what his friends are going to do, he cannot see how they will be able to support Mr. Skinner.

To cure Headache in ten minutes use Mumford Headache Powder, 10 cents.

NORTHUMBERLAND ELECTIONS

Will Probably Be Brought on Early in January.

The Sun learns that there is a prospect of the local government bringing on the by-election in Northumberland, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of W. S. Loggie, who is to go up higher, in the early part of January.

The gentlemen most prominently mentioned as likely to receive the government nomination are Robert Murray and Hon. John Burchill.

Mr. Murray is a barrister residing in Chatham, and his friends say he has done good service for the government party and deserves the nomination.

Hon. Mr. Burchill has also a strong following, and would be a strong candidate.

There are a number of other gentlemen who, it is understood, would not decline the nomination if it came their way, but there is small chance of them having the opportunity to make a decision on the matter.

It is said that the opposition will probably nominate Thos. W. Platt, a well known lumberman of Nelson.

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE.

"I guess I might as well quit school," said the boy.
 "Why, my son?"
 "Oh, there ain't any use going, except to be able to help my little boy when I grow up, and if they have changed the way of doing things since you were a boy so that you can't help me, it's likely I'm just wasting my time getting ready to help my little boy."

He got the help he wanted, but it was a good thing he didn't hear what his father had to say about newfangled school books after he had gone to bed.

DOG OPENS LIFE SAVING SEASON

GENEVA, Dec. 19.—A Mount St. Bernard monastery dog, Fritz, has opened the life saving season by rescuing an Italian married couple.

Returning to Italy on foot they got hopelessly buried in a snowdrift. The dog's keen ears caught their cries from the monastery when others heard nothing. He rushed off alone and located the sufferers, then returned and led a rescue party to the spot. Fritz saved twenty-two lives last season.

PAINLESS DENTISTRY.

A tourist whilst "doing" California, noticed a log shanty, which displayed the following sign: "Teeth yanked out without a twinge." As he happened to be suffering from toothache, he entered the shanty and asked the "dentist": "Do you extract teeth without giving pain?" "Wal, I reckon so, stranger." "All right; pull this one out," pointing to the offending molar. The "dentist" whistled, and in walked his assistant, armed with a club. "Now, pard," quoth the "dentist," "setum him!"

VICTORIA RINK

Grand Opening

FOR
 1904—SEASON—1905

Thursday, Dec. 22

The Rink's Own Fine Band in attendance.
 Season Tickets now on sale at following prices:—

Gentlemen, - - \$3.50
 Ladies, - - 2.50
 Children, - - 1.50

Single Admission, 15c, 25c.
 ROBT. J. ARMSTRONG,
 Mgr.

QUEEN'S

Skating Rink.

SEASON 1904 and 1905.

Grand Opening

ON

Christmas Day.

Bands will be in attendance Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons throughout the winter.
 Gentlemen's Tickets, \$3.00
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 Children's Tickets, \$1.50
 F. G. SPENCER,
 Manager.

House telephone 1,595.

WATCHES

There are two kinds of WATCHES—the watch for show and the watch for use. The wise man looks for a good movement. Cases don't matter so much. A reliable movement will keep good time in a good case, but a poor movement is of little actual use even if cased in gold set with diamonds. Might as well get empty cases as cases filled with an unreliable movement.

We carry in stock the best movements to be had, with cases to suit your fancy.

A. POYAS,
 Watchmaker & Jeweller,
 545-547 MAIN ST.

The Grand Determination Sale at the Montreal Clothing Store, 207 Union St., is still on. You can't afford to miss it. Everything as advertised.

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Over the Border

By...
ROBERT BARR.

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(Continued.)
"My child," said the earl, "I am about to set out for parliament, and it may be late before I return. Yet I think you shall sup with me at 7 if all goes well and debate becomes not too strenuous, but do not wait in case I should be detained. I counsel you not to leave the house today, for there seem to be many brawlers on the streets. Any shopman will be pleased to wait upon you and bring samples of his wares, so send a servant for those you wish to consult. My friend De Courcy, here, begs the favor of some converse with you and speaks with my approval."

Stratford looked keenly at the girl, and her heart thrilled as she read the unspoken message with quick intuition. He had some use for De Courcy, and she must be suave and diplomatic. Thus already she was her father's ally, an outpost in his vast concerns now committed to her. The young man saw nothing of this, for he had eyes only for the girl. The broad rim of his feathered hat was at his smiling lips, and his gaze of admiration was as unmistakable as it was intent.

"Sir, I shall obey you in all things and hope to win your commendation," said Frances, with an inclination of the head.

"You are sure of the latter in any case, my child," replied Stratford, rising. "And now, De Courcy, I think we understand each other, and I may rely upon you."

"To the death, my lord," cried the young man, with another of his courtly genuflections.

"Oh, let us hope it will not be necessary quite so far as that. I bid you good day. Tomorrow at this hour I shall look for a report from you. For the moment, goodbye, my daughter. No sooner was the earl out of the room and the door closed behind him than De Courcy, with an impetuous movement that startled the girl, flung himself at her feet. Her first impulse was to step quickly back, but she checked it and stood her ground.

"Oh, divine Frances," he cried, "how impatiently I have waited for this moment when I might declare to you—"

"Sir, I beg of you to rise. 'Tis not seemly you should demean yourself thus."

"Tis surely that the whole world should grovel at your feet, my lady of the free forest, for all who look upon you must love you, and for me, who have not the cold heart of this northern people, I adore you, and do here avow it."

"You take me at a disadvantage, sir, I have never been spoken to thus. I am but a child and unaccustomed; only sixteen this very day. I ask you to—"

"Most beautiful nymph! How many grand ladies of our court would give all they possess to make such confession truly. Aye, the queen herself, I do assure you, sweetest, such argument will never daunt a lover."

"I implore you, sir, to arise. My father may return."

"That he will not. And if he did 'twould pleasure him to see my suit advancing. I loved you from the first moment I beheld you, the queen herself, I do assure you, sweetest, such argument will never daunt a lover."

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The horses plunged fiercely into the crowd. The cruel progress changed the tenor of the cries, as if a walling stop of a great organ had suddenly ceased the place of the open diapason. The press was so great that those in front could not make for safety, and the disappearing coach was greeted with screams of terror and was followed by groans of agony. Men went down before it like ripe grain before a sickle.

"Oh, oh, oh!" moaned the girl, all color leaving her face.

"It serves the dogs right," said De Courcy. "How dare they block the way of a noble, and the chief minister of state?"

"I cannot look on this," lamented Frances, shrinking back to the table and leaning against it as one about to faint, forgetting her desire to avoid further demonstration from her companion in the trepidation which followed the scene she had witnessed.

"Indeed they were most mercifully dealt with, those scoundrels. The king of France would have sent a troop of horse to smother them back into their kennels. 'Strike through!' cried his lordship, and 'tis a good phrase, most suitable motto for a coat of arms, a hand grasping a dagger above it. 'Strike through!' I shall not forget it. But 'twas a softer and more endearing theme I wished to—"

"Sir, I beseech your polite consideration. I am high distraught with what I have seen and am filled with fear of London. 'Tis not the courtly city I expected to behold. I am not myself."

"But you will at least bid me hope?"

"Surely, surely, all of us must hope. 'Twas the last and only gift left in Pandora's casket, and London were grim indeed to be more bereft than the receptacle of that deceitful woman. May I make my first draft on Madam Pandora's box by hoping that I am to see you at this hour tomorrow?"

"Yes—tomorrow—tomorrow," gasped the girl faintly.

CHAPTER V.
DRIZZLING rain had set in and had driven the crowds from the streets. Frances drew a chair to the window of the library and sat there meditating on the strange events in which she was taking some small part, so different from the tranquil happenings of the district she had known all her life.

She had imagined London a city of palaces facing broad streets, fauade, if not literally, paved with gold—a town of gayety and laughter; and here was the reality, a cavernous, squalid, gloomy, human warren, peopled with murky demons bent on outrage of some sort, ill natured and threatening.

As the day waned she saw that in spite of the rain the mob was collecting again, its atoms running hither and thither, calling to each other, and dragged beings laboring under some common excitement. And now its roar came to her again, farther off than before—a roar that chilled her while she listened, and the wave of sound this time seemed to have a fearful note of exultation in it. She wondered what had happened, and was anxious for her father if he were at the mercy of it. Mrs. Jarrett came into the room, followed by a manservant, and also by one of her father's secretaries, as the woman whispered to the girl:

"My lady, we must close the shutters and bar them tightly, for the ruffians are threatening again, and may be here in force at any moment to stone the windows, as they have done before."

The secretary seated himself at the table and was arranging papers. The manservant opened the windows, from which Frances drew back, and now the cries came distinctly to her. "Death to Stratford!" "Down with the tyrant!" "To the block with the king's earl!" were some of the shouts she heard lustily called forth.

"Oh! I fear my father is in danger. Do you think they have him in their power, that they exult so?"

Good Mrs. Jarrett, anxiety on her own honest face, soothed her young mistress, and the secretary came forward.

"He not troubled, madam," he said. "While they cry 'To the block!' it shows they have not possession of his lordship's person, but hope to stir up rancor to his disfavor. While they shout for process of law, his lordship is safe, for the law is in his hands and in those of the king, whose behests he carries out."

This seemed a reasonable deduction, and it calmed the inquirer, although there remained to her the disquietude the accent of triumph in the voice of the mob.

"Death to Stratford!" was the burden of the acclaim, but now one shouted, "Justice on Stratford!" though his meaning was clearly the same as the others. There was no dissenting outcry, and this unanimous hatred, so vehemently expressed, terrified at least one listener. Why was her father so universally detested? What had he done? Storm he won? No, he was just, as his reception of herself had shown, and courteous to all to whom she heard him speak; yet the memory of that phrase, "Strike through!" which he had said to her with all his might, reckless of consequence, if any occupied his path, the obstructor had to stand aside or go down, and such a course does not make for popularity.

(To be Continued.)

THE DAMAGED SCHOONERS.

D. J. Purdy Says Winter Traffic Is Not Profitable.

Of the vessels damaged in the storm at Vineyard Haven last Sunday, only one was owned in St. John, viz., the schooner, Frank and Ira, belonging to N. C. Scott, grocer, of North End. The schooner had a cargo of oak, belonging to Rhodes, Curry & Co., of Amherst, to be landed at St. John. Her bowsprit and headgear were carried away by another vessel running into her. The Frank and Ira will be repaired at once and will sail for St. John as soon as possible.

Sch. Otto Miller, Capt. Miller, one of the damaged vessels, is owned at Rothesay. The captain is a St. John man.

It was reported that D. J. Purdy, grocer, of North End, had had a vessel damaged in the storm. This was a mistake, however. Mr. Purdy's schooner, Emma May, is lying safe in the harbor here. The damaged schooner was the Eva May, Mr. Purdy has three vessels that have been in Vineyard Haven for about two weeks waiting for the right winds. They have been unable to get over the shoals. When he heard of Sunday's storm he was very anxious for a time, supposing some of his vessels were among the damaged. In the storm which occurred there in 1875, some forty or fifty vessels were badly broken up, three of Mr. Purdy's being among the number. One of these he had repaired and loaded with coal, but it was lost on its way home. Mr. Purdy has found it on the whole a very unprofitable business running vessels in the winter months. He has nearly always lost money on them. When his vessels return he will not send them out again until about the first of April.

NAVAL MATTERS.

Halifax and Esquimaux Will Not be Abandoned—Preston Wants Three Gunboats.

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—The statement that cruisers for Canada's naval militia are to be built in the dominion is incorrect. Preston has not arranged his plans in this respect. It is his intention to go to England after the session in order to consult the imperial authorities and obtain if possible three gunboats to take over the duties of the government to take over all the work of the hydraulic survey.

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6.

This big news makes Oak Hall the place where you should buy your overcoat. You make a saving of from \$4.00 to \$10.50 according to the coat you buy. There are a lot of us here glad to wait on you.



New Prices on House Coats.

Much Below Former Prices.

House Coats are mainly a Christmas line of goods, and we want to dispose of the bulk of the stock this week. We therefore make very sharp reductions in prices. You will be sure to find the size you want at any one of the reduced prices. Can't say for how long though. **Note the Reduced Prices.**

House Coats that were \$6.00 to \$6.75, now \$5.50.
House Coats that were 7.75,..... now 6.50.
House Coats that were 9.50 to 10.50, now 7.50.
House Coats that were 12.00 to 16.75, now 10.00.

Other lines of House Coats priced as low as \$3.00.

King Street,
Cor. Germain.

Greater Oak Hall,
Scovil Bros. & Co.

COMPLETES TABLE IN 40 YEARS.

Mrs. Anne Hathaway Has Many Notable Names on the Product.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 3. — An autograph table cover, begun forty years ago by Mrs. Anne Hathaway, has just been completed.

Mrs. Hathaway was then a concert singer of national reputation, and a great company of world renowned musicians, which came together in this city in 1864, prompted the idea and made the beginning.

The cloth selected was a plain, unbleached table cover. Names were written thereon in pencil, to be afterwards worked in wash silk.

Francis Abt, Dan Godfrey, Emma Juch and other famous men and women in the musical world were the first.

Edouard de Reszke, Pol Plancon, Melba, Emma, Story, Sembrich, Sousa and Victor Herbert at different times in the forty years added their signatures.

The scroll of Mark Twain is there. O. W. Holmes has his place. Grover Cleveland's name appears next to that of Mrs. Cleveland. Chauncey Depew, J. D. Long, Sir Thomas Lipton, R. W. Emerson, R. G. Ingersoll, Joseph Jefferson, Lady Somerset, "Buffalo Bill," Agnes Booth and scores of others are found, every one in the original handwriting.

Mrs. Hathaway is nearly eighty years old, and is an inmate of the Old Ladies' Home, on Revere street.

To a reporter she said: "Yes, I know the end is near, but I do not worry about that. I have had such a beautiful life and so much to be happy about. I haven't much left but my voice, and, though that is not what it was once, I sing still every day."

"But you have come to ask me about my table cover. Every one has been kind and helped me in the making of it, and I have many little stories about how this, that and the other name found its way to the cloth, but I think that the cover itself can tell a story of its own, and she brought it from its hiding place."

The newspaper that reaches the people in the quiet of their homes, where plain facts can best appeal to the intellect, is by far the most preferable medium of communication.—Washington Star.

ENGINEER OF THE SLOUGH REINSTATED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Benjamin F. Conklin, who was chief engineer of the excursion steamer General Slocum, which was burned last spring and whose license was revoked by the local board of United States Steamboat Inspection Service, was reinstated yesterday with full rights as a marine engineer after he had been given a hearing before Ira W. Harris, the newly appointed supervising inspector of steamboats.

Mr. Conklin was tried before the local board after the Slocum disaster and was found guilty of having allowed knots to form in the fire hose over which he had charge. The coroner's jury and the grand jury, however, failed to indict him with other officers of the vessel and her owners, and on this ground he applied a few days ago for reinstatement.

Captain Van Schaick, of the three officers of the General Slocum, now alive remains without a license. John Van Wart, who piloted the vessel and ever seen in the city, and the prices lower than ever before.

Call and see at
W. TREMAINE CAD,
Goldsmith and Jeweller.

IN SCHOOL.

The other day a teacher was trying to demonstrate to his class the utter impossibility of adding things together which are different in form.

"For instance," said he, "you cannot add three stools to one desk and express the result in one number."

The class seemed to be duly impressed by this reasoning, so he proceeded to test their grasp of the subject, thus: "Now, Smith, if there were two pigs in a sty and I got in, how many pigs would there be then?"

"Three," was the prompt reply of Smith.

The lack of advertising judgment is often responsible for lack of business success.—Advertising World.

ANOTHER YOUNG HOPEFUL.

Young Hopeful: "Say, pa, there was once two little boys who said they were both sons of the same father and mother, but they were not brothers. What were they?"

Pa (after thinking a bit): "I am afraid I must give it up, my boy. I haven't much time now."

Young Hopeful: "Give me a penny then."

Pa (giving him a penny): "Well, what were they?"

Young Hopeful: "They were two little liars."

Don't Fail to See
What we are showing this
CHRISTMAS
... IN ...
Locketts and Chains
Links, Brooches,
Diamond Rings,
\$20 to \$285
OLD TIME PRICES.
Boys' Watches,
\$1.20, \$1.25, \$2, \$4,
\$5 and \$3.

A. & J. HAYS
76 KING STREET.

Presents
... For Your ...
Friends.

A SLENDID LINE of the latest in REAL EBONY, SILVER and ROCCO-WOOD MANICURE, TOILET and SHAVING SETS.

Just opening, together with the most complete assortment of FINE DIAMOND GOODS, WATCHES, CHAINS, BRACELETS and CLOCKS. Silverware most suitable for XMAS GIFTS ever seen in the city, and the prices lower than ever before.

Call and see at
W. TREMAINE CAD,
Goldsmith and Jeweller.

Best Scotch Nut Hard Coal

For Self-feeders and Ranges,
Only \$6.50 per ton

Delivered in bags and put into your bin.

Cash

ST. JOHN STAR, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1904.

**Would you not like
To give a person a
\$12.00 Present that
Would Only Cost
\$5.00 ?**

That you can do by buying one of these excellent Winter Coats that have been so greatly reduced. About one hundred in the lot to select from, sizes from 30 to 44 inches. If your mind would turn to a tailor made suit for sister or mother, wife or daughter, the same saving will apply.

FURS—We have been credited with having the best value in furs shown in St. John this year.

STORM COLLARS from \$1.00 to \$10.50.

COLLARETTES from 60c. to \$10.50.

VICTORINES from \$2.75 to \$10.50.

BOAS at \$3.50 and \$4.00.

WHITE FURS for children and misses from \$2.00 to \$5.75.

Muffs.

MARMOT MUFFS—An exact imitation of mink fur that will wear just as well, \$3.90 each.

BLACK CONEY MUFFS at \$1.00 and \$1.70.

BLACK THIBET MUFFS at \$4.50 to \$7.25.

Only one Fur Lined Cape left, regular price \$22.00, reduced to \$13.25. Broadcloth with squirrel lining and Thibet collar.

A HALF DOZEN LADIES' SILK TRIMMED BLACK CAPES TO BE SOLD AS FOLLOWS:

\$16.00 Capes for \$5.50.

\$12.50 Capes for \$6.50.

\$10.00 Capes for \$4.50.

OUR SILK WAIST SALE offers an opportunity to buy \$2.00 worth of silk waist for \$1.00. The sizes run from 32 to 40. All colors. This season's make and style.

F. A. DYKEMAN & CO.,
59 CHARLOTTE STREET.

When The Cold Winds Blow

You Will Need One of Our OVERCOATS. They combine Most Comfort, Best Styles.

Overcoats made to your order: \$15.00, \$16.50, \$17.50, \$18.50, \$20.00, \$21.50, \$22.50, \$23.50, \$25.00.

We have some Bonny Goods to show you.

C. B. PIDGEON, Corner Main and Bridge Sts. ST. JOHN, North End.

Rich Furs for the Holidays,
AT LOWEST PRICE.

Ladies' BOAS, STOLERS, MUFFS, JACKETS and GLOVES. Gents' Fur Lined COATS, COLLARS, CAPS and GAUNTLETS. Children's FURS. Every Fur desirable for comfort, style and finish.

THORNE BROS., Hatters and Furriers.

93 KING STREET.

ALL ARE AGREED

That buying good goods at a low price for cash is satisfactory. As a further proof we will sell California Lunch Hams at 10c per pound while they last. Our other prices as usual.

Open Wednesday Nights.

CARPENTER'S, 131 and 133 MILL STREET.

7.30
TONIGHT,
SANTA
CLAUS.

F. R. PATTERSON & CO.

EXTRA HELP ON.

7.30
TONIGHT,
SANTA
CLAUS.

We had a Crowd Last Night to See Santa Claus in one of our Windows. Street Blocked, Store Blocked. Bring the Children Here.

<p>APRONS, nicely trimmed, good white lawn, 49c.</p> <p>APRONS, without bibs, 25c.</p> <p>HANDKERCHIEFS, for Ladies and Children, 3c up.</p>	<p>FANCY NECK WEAR, 50c quality, 25c.</p> <p>NECKWEAR for Men, 25c.</p> <p>GLOVES for Ladies and Children.</p> <p>GLOVES for Boys and Men.</p>
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See our Grand Window Displays.
CORNER DUKE AND CHARLOTTE STS.
STORE OPEN EVENINGS.

LOCAL NEWS.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

All changes of Ads Must be in Star Office, Not Later than 10 o'clock in the Morning, to insure insertion Same Evening.

Ladies' 50c. and 75c. fancy stock collars for 25c.—7:30 o'clock tonight at Morrell & Sutherland's.

Band on Carleton open air rink to-night.

Both the Boston Express and Atlantic Express will arrive at one hour late today.

Battle line steamer Himer, Captain Lockhart, arrived at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 20, for New Orleans and Copenhagen.

Canadian Pacific steamship Empress of China arrived at Hong-Kong Dec. 20th.

Good heavy soft wood, \$1.20. Broad Cove coal, \$3.00 per load. Watter's Walker's Wharf. Phone 412.

Dufferin ward opposition committee is requested to meet each evening at Breese's Corner, instead of Temple of Honor hall, as previously announced.

The C. P. R. authorities are expecting instructions at any moment as to what shall be done with Daniel Kern, the insane German now in jail. The Red Star S. S. Company, who brought him to this country, have agreed to look after him, but have as yet not said in what way.

The ladies of the St. John North End W. C. T. U. wish to remind the friends who have generously helped them in past years that a committee of the ladies will be in their room in Union Hall on Friday afternoon at 2:30 to receive donations for their work among the needy.

The Mission Band of Waterloo street Free Baptist church are busy preparing a Christmas cantata, entitled "The Story of the Birth," to be given on Thursday evening, Dec. 23rd. The features of the programme are very interesting.

The new schooner Pearl Colwell, Capt. Colwell, sailed this morning from this port to New York. The schooner was built at Bath and this is her maiden voyage. She took away today a much larger cargo than her captain thought she could carry, so the captain and other owners are happy.

Early in the fall a new division of the Sons of Temperance was established at Harcourt, Kent Co., by Rev. C. W. Hamilton. The grand scribe of the order reports that the division has been received for another new division to be opened at Grangeville, near Harcourt, the institution of which division will probably take place about the beginning of the new year.

Among the passengers to St. John by the steamer Sicilian, who left last night for Winnipeg, were seven daughters of the Holy Cross, of St. John, who are on religious order. They left Paris for Canada owing to the hostile attitude of the French government towards them. White rendered what assistance he could to them at the station last night and saw them safely started on their way.

BOVING THE TARES.
During a Bible lesson the teacher was trying to explain the parable of the tares. "Can you tell me any person who is like the evil one who sowed the tares?" she asked. A hand instantly shot up from the foot of the class. "Well, David," she asked, "what person are you to say?" "Please, ma'am," replied David, "my mother."

"Why?" asked the teacher in astonishment. "Because," answered he, "my mother is like the evil one who sowed the tares."

WINTER PORT NEWS.
The C. P. R. steamer Lake Michigan sailed between one and two o'clock for London. She has 430 head of cattle and 1,150 sheep. Her passenger list is made up of thirty in the steerage.

The Manchester liner, Manchester Corporation, Capt. Heath, arrived at Partridge Island about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from Manchester with about 300 tons of general cargo. The steamer docked at the I. C. R. pier last night to discharge. The Corporation left Manchester Dec. 4th, and Liverpool on the 17th, and had a rough passage, but without damage.

The C. P. R. steamer Montfort is reported as having been sighted at the Island. She will probably dock tomorrow. She comes from Bristol.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.
To the Editor of the Star:
Sir,—I would suggest to the managers of Mr. Skinner's campaign that they bring Premier Treadwell to St. John to repeat the insult which he offered to James F. Robertson and other prominent citizens on the occasion of the visit of the Duke of Cornwall and York. The time of the insult was a disgraceful one and it is a disgraceful thing that it should have happened. It is my excuse for making the suggestion.

OLD LIBERAL.

THIS EVENING.
Myrtle-Harder Stock Co. at York Theatre.
Meeting of Temperance workers in Market Building at 8:30 o'clock.
Meeting of Court Martello I. O. F. in Foresters' Hall.
Meeting of Ramblers' hockey team at Queen's rink.

VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES.
H. D. McLeod, sec.-treas. St. John branch V. O. N., begs to acknowledge receipt of the following subscriptions:
J. R. Stone \$5.00
C. F. Kinnear 10.00
Mrs. C. P. Woodman 10.00
John Holder 2.00

DR. FRASER REVISITS.
Dev. Dr. Fraser, the former pastor of St. Stephen's church, arrived in the city this morning to spend Christmas as the guest of Colonel Edwards. He will preach in St. Stephen's on Sunday.

CHRISTMAS BRIDES.

BELYEA-KEITHLIN.

On Dec. 20th, at 8:30 p. m., a pretty wedding was solemnized at the residence of George Keithlin, 19 Delhi street, when his daughter, Alice M., was united in marriage to Lorne F. Belyea, shipper for W. F. Hatheway & Co., Ltd. The bride was becomingly attired in white wool tulle and carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations. Little Miss Hazel Keithlin acted as flower girl and carried a basket of chrysanthemums.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. W. Hamilton.

The presents were numerous and beautiful, including a very handsome oak Morris chair from the employees of W. F. Hatheway & Co., Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. Belyea will reside at 19 Delhi street.

LOGAN-JONES.
This evening at the home of the bride the marriage is to take place of Miss Daisy Jones, daughter of F. H. Jones, to Edgar P. Logan of Logan & Gibbs, Waterloo street. Owing to the illness of the bride's mother the event only the relatives and immediate friends of the contracting couple. Rev. A. D. Dewdney will officiate.

The bride will be attended in a dress of grey tulle over blue silk, trimmed with chiffon lace. She will be attended by Miss J. B. Baxter, formerly of St. John, now secretary of the Tourist Association in Vancouver is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ganong, of the West Side, left yesterday for Denver, Col., where they will spend the winter. Mrs. A. Seaman Matfield left today to spend Christmas at her home in River, N. S.

WHO'S TO PAY?
Why Should the City Place Free Fire Alarm in Union Club?

A few days ago the superintendent of the city alarm system called an alarm bell in the Union Club and now trouble is likely to arise as to whether the city should bear the expense of installation.

Before the introduction of the present alarm system the Union Club was furnished with a bell, but this was for the accommodation of Chief Kerr, who was then a member of the club. Chief Kerr has been a member of the club for some time, and the club has accordingly been without a bell, as it is deemed unnecessary.

Recently, however, the director of public safety ordered the installation of another bell and his orders were carried out. A long stretch of wire was made and other expense was incurred in placing the bell in the circuit. The question now arises who shall bear this expense?

It is said beyond the convenience of the members there was no pressing need for a bell at the club, as none of the members is connected with the department.

AN EVENT OF VERY GREAT IMPORTANCE.
Scovill Bros. & Co., proprietors of "Oak Hall," have this morning started a sale of men's overcoats, which should be of very great interest to the man who needs an overcoat, either for the balance of this season or next year's use.

This sale should command the attention of the public for several reasons, chief of which are: The time of year that the sale is being held—the winter time all to come yet—and on account of the extraordinary values Scovill Bros. & Co. are offering. All new and up-to-date overcoats at give away prices an example of which is to be found in an overcoat which formerly sold at \$22.50 and now priced \$12.00.

But mere prices will never give you an adequate idea of the bargains to be had in overcoats. To fully appreciate what this sale means for the way of savings it will be necessary for you to call and see the goods offered. It will not take up much of your time, for the goods are placed in plain view, and a mere casual observation will at once impress you with the importance of the sale as a money saver for the man who wants an overcoat.

Scovill Bros. & Co. have held a great many successful clothing sales during their business career, but we venture to say that in none of them have they offered such values as announced by them for the present sale. The goods should be of a very large volume as the result of same.

Consult advertising columns for particulars as to your advantage to know what this extraordinary clothing house is doing.

POLITICAL MEETINGS.
An opposition meeting will be held in Temple Hall, Main street, tomorrow, Thursday evening. The chair will be taken at 8 o'clock sharp. The meeting will be addressed by Robert Maxwell, Alexander L. E. D. Fuller, Henry O. McKinney and J. D. Hazen, M. P. P. All are cordially invited to attend.

On Friday evening a grand rally will be held at the committee rooms, Breese's corner. Addresses will be delivered by Alderman Maxwell and others.

A meeting in the interests of Mr. Agar, the opposition candidate, will be held in Orange Hall, Fairville, on Friday night at 8 o'clock. The speakers will be Mr. Agar, F. W. Sproul and others.

EQUITY COURT.
The trial of the case of Patterson vs. Patterson, was commenced in the equity court this morning and is going on this afternoon. This is a suit for the partition of timber and other lands in the Parish of St. Martins. There are about seventy-five parties to the suit. The evidence of Dr. Ruddock, M. P. P., of Martins, was taken this morning. Tilley & Smith represent the plaintiffs, and Earle, Belyea & Campbell, A. I. Cruken, E. C. Knowles, L. E. Curvey, C. N. Skinner and S. A. M. Skinner represent the defendants.

CHRISTMAS TICKETS.
Daily the number of persons who will receive season tickets for the Queen's Rink as a Christmas box is increasing, and a very great many more will be added to the list before Monday. It is expected to open the school outside the city should remember the holiday tickets for the length of time they remain in town.

PERSONALS.

Dr. A. A. Stockton left last evening for New York.

Capt. Taylor, of the str. Victoria, returned last night from Fredericton.

Mrs. W. A. Spear, formerly Miss Elma D. Saunders, and lately of the Welton House, Shediac, is visiting her mother in this city.

Miss Vera Robinson, of St. John, N. B., is spending the week in Montreal as the guest of Mrs. A. E. Ellis, Sherbrooke street—Montreal Witness.

Dr. A. A. Stockton left last evening for Boston.

A. H. Lindsay, of the I. C. R., returned to the city last evening, from Moncton. Mr. Lindsay spent some months at St. Louis, as I. C. R. representative at the World's Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bullock and J. P. Bullock have returned from Fort Fairfield, Me.

Will Bruce, teller of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Chicago, passed through the city yesterday en route to his home in Moncton to spend Christmas.

Percy F. Boies, a former St. John man, who has been visiting friends here, returned yesterday to Fitchburg, Mass., where he has a position on Sunnyside Farm, the fine property of a millionaire resident.

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A SECOND JENNY LIND.
Miss Showalter, daughter of W. D. Showalter, the New York advertising specialist, who is well known in this city and throughout the province, is making a big success as a vocalist. Miss Showalter sang here some few years ago and her phenomenal voice attracted marked attention. She was then little more than a child, but today she is looked upon as one of the coming singers of the country. For three years she has been under the best teachers preparing for the work and career of a great prima donna soprano in grand opera. Such critics as David Bispham and Walter Damrosch predict she will be a second Jenny Lind and Mr. Bispham has even gone so far as to say she will be greater than Melba; her range is greater now. Miss Showalter will go to Paris next spring or fall and will finish her studies with Jean De Retzke.

FREE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.
On Christmas morning Victoria Rink will be the scene of one of the happiest throngs of children ever gathered in this city. Following his usual custom the manager will throw open the big rink for the free amusement of the boys and girls of the town, and all are invited to attend. It is the manager's Christmas card to the children. In the afternoon and evening there will grand concerts by the Vic's Own Band. The opening of the rink takes place on the 22nd. In the meanwhile what about a season ticket as a Christmas box?

WATCHES AND CHAINS FOR SALE.
for just one half less than you can buy for on the Instalment Plan.

Call and See Them
J. W. McDUFFEE
6 CANTERBURY ST.

OUR CHRISTMAS STORY
IN THUMBNAILED EDITION.

FOR WOMEN.
Bisbee Sweaters, \$2.50 up.
Fancy Cushions, \$1.25 up.
Lawn Aprons, 35c. up.
Holiday Whitehead, all prices.
Berlin Fascinators, \$1.35.
Old Ladies' Caps, 75c. up.
Widows' Caps, 75c. up.
Silk Waists, \$3.75 up.
Muffs in all furs.
Ties in all furs.
Beautiful Fur Jackets.
Umbrellas, \$1.10 up.
Ostrich Ruffs, \$7.00 up.
Evening Wraps, \$15 up.
Dressing Jackets, \$2.50 up.
Gowns and Bath Robes, \$4 up.
Berlin Shawls, 90c. up.
Silk Underskirts, \$5.75 up.
Jap. Silk Dress Skirts.
Ready-Made Shirt Waists.
House and Jacket Lengths.
Suit Lengths Cloth, \$2.50 up.
Waist Lengths, \$1.50 up.
Perfumery and Brushes.
Leather and Silver Goods.
Fancy Neckwear of all kinds.
Hand Bags, Belts, etc.
Handkerchiefs, all kinds.
Silk Mufflers, French Gloves.
Raincoats, Waterproofs.

FOR MEN.
Bachelor Quilts and Puffs.
Screens and Bamboo Goods.
Blankets, \$2.50 pair up.
Fur Coats of all kinds.
Fur Collars, Caps and Gloves.
Immaculate Stock of Neckties.
Capes and Umbrellas.
Fancy Braces in Boxes.
Mufflers made and square.
Linen Handkerchiefs.
Silk Handkerchiefs.
Border and Initial Handkerchiefs.
Gloves, all qualities.
Pyjamas and Nightshirts.
Regatta and Dress Shirts.
Cardigan Jackets, Sweaters.
Bags, Cases and Trunks.
Pitted Cases and Bags.
Rugs, lap and travelling.
Shaving and Smoking Sets.
Sterling Silver Novelties.
Leather Novelties.
Cuff Links, all patterns.
Gun Metal Novelties.
Opera and Field Glasses.
Perfumery and Calendars.
Brush Sets, etc.
Bath Robes and Gowns.
Smoking Jackets.
Fancy Vests, all designs.

FOR CHILDREN.
Humpty-Dumpty Circus Set.
Carpet Sweepers, 25c. 50c.
Knitted Booties, 25c. up.
Baby Kimonos, \$2.25.
Baby Blankets, \$1.35 up.
Baby Dresses, 75c. up.
Wool Tams, 25c. each.
Baby Bonnets, 45c. up.
White Mongolian Furs.
Grey Lamb Furs.
Coats, Refters, \$3 up.
Knitted Clouds, 25c. up.
Gaiters, Leggings, etc.
Dress Lengths, 75c. up.
Boys' Collars and Neckties.
Boys' Shirts and Sweaters.
Boys' Mufflers and Handkerchiefs.
Boys' Umbrellas and Gloves.
Great Variety of Braces.
Perfumery for little ones.
Boys' Clothing, all kinds.
Boys' Bath Robes and Gowns.
Picture Handkerchiefs.
Dolls, Blocks, other toys.
Framers, Sleds, Wagons.
Dolls' Go-Carts and Beds.
Baby Sleighs and Robes.
All kinds of School Bags.
Children's Morris Chairs.
Little Sewing Machines.
"Stork Panto" and Bibs.

STORES OPEN THIS EVENING.
MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON, Ltd.
KING STREET. GERMAIN STREET. MARKET SQUARE.

Silk Waists.

**A Very Important Sale
For Christmas Week.**

200 Ladies' Silk Waists, comprising taffetas, peau de soies, japs and tamaline silks in a complete range of color tones, also in black and white; made in thoroughly up-to-date styles.

\$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.95.

SIZES, DIVIDED INTO THREE LOTS:

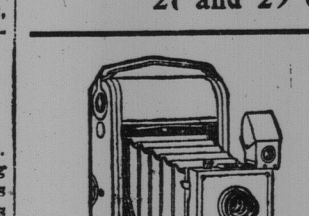
Lot 1 Will include Waists whose value are \$3.50 and \$4.50. To be sold for \$1.98

Lot 2 Will comprise Waists which are worth \$5.00. Will be sold for \$2.98

Lot 3 Will include the balance, white, light blue, navy and black, handsome Taffeta Silk Waists, regular values, \$5.50 and \$6.50. Sale prices, \$3.95



Morrell & Sutherland,
27 and 29 Charlotte St., Oppo. Y.M.C.A.



Kodaks Cameras

For Christmas Presents.

Kodaks from \$5.00 to \$35.00.

Brownie Cameras, \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$5.00.

We have a full assortment.

Catalogues on application.

H. G. NELSON & CO.,

Corner of King and Charlotte Streets.

**Fine to Look at,
Sure to Please,
Well to Wear,**

Easy to Buy.

SOBOSIS SHOES.
INVICTUS SHOES.
SKATING BOOTS.
HOCKEY BOOTS.
FANCY SLIPPERS.
RUBBER BOOTS.
OVERSHOES.
CLOTH GAITERS.

DANCING SHOES.
PAT. LEATHER SHOES.
PAT. LEATHER SLIPPERS.
FELT BOOTS.
FELT SLIPPERS.
WOOL SLIPPERS.
LEATHER LEGGINS.
GRANBY RUBBERS.

FIN FINE FOOTWEAR M. L. SAVAGE, Cor. King and Charlotte

Perfectly Cleaned Currants, 5c. per pound
3 Crown California Raisins, 8c. per pound.
Pulverized Sugar 7c. per pound.
Good Cooking Butter, 15c. per pound.
3 lbs. Good Figs for 25c.
3 Quarts Cranberries for 25c.

TELEPHONE 775 A.
ROBERTSON & CO., 562 and 564 MAIN STREET, ST. JOHN, N. B.