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A DOUBTFUL BENEFIT.

Whether the concession regarding the appointment of the commander-in-chief of the Canadian militia, obtained by Sir Frederick Borden from the war office, will be for the benefit of Canada or not is doubtful.

The new system may be good for the militia in so far as it holds out to Canadian officers a prize for which they have not been eligible heretofore, and so may induce more to enter the service. And if a suitable Canadian can in time be found, a man with the knowledge of military affairs and of the needs of Canada, required for such a position, his local sympathies may reduce the friction that has often developed between that position and the Canadian militia department. But against these and other possible benefits are very obvious dangers.

The greatest of these is the probability that the office will be used for political patronage; that like all other places of appointment under the government, "pull" will take the place of all other qualifications in an applicant. Already it is rumored from Ottawa that preparations are being made for ousting Lord Dundonald in favor of some favorite of the militia department. It is folly for Canada, while she can procure the service of a man so distinguished and so experienced in the science and practice of war as Lord Dundonald, to seek to better herself at home. The present commander-in-chief has been the best man in the office that Canada ever had. He has, with the limited means at his disposal, done wonders toward improving the efficiency of the force. He originated and pressed upon the Canadian government the extensive improvements in the organization of the militia for which Sir Frederick Borden is now claiming the credit. No Canadian, however able, is provided with the experience and special knowledge acquired during long active service, that would qualify him to do the work Lord Dundonald has done.

The Canadian officers, of high rank, who served in South Africa, gave no notable evidence of superior ability and with hardly an exception succeeded in earning the hearty hatred of all their men. One man prominently mentioned as Lord Dundonald's successor is Col. Otter, than whom no man in South Africa earned more general execration from his men.

It cannot be denied that the inducements of the Canadian permanent militia service have not been great enough to attract men of high ability. If the government uses its new power to draw better men with the possibility of this high office when they are fit for it, and until they are fit, continues to fill the office with the best men available in the imperial army, the result of the change will undoubtedly be good. But if, as is probable, they use their authority to benefit themselves by gratifying their friends and fill this important office with men whose chief qualification may be subservience, the militia will certainly suffer.

Walter Wellman, the American explorer, has elaborated a scheme by which he declares it is certain the North Pole can be reached. It is noticeable, however, that he declines the honor of personally carrying out the plan.

In fairness to Sir Wilfrid Laurier it must be admitted that the famous declaration that "Cox can't wait" has been fully disproved. Senator Cox, in the matter of that \$5,000,000 deposit has shown that he can wait as long as the average man, when it comes to paying a debt.

THE ALARM.

Clang!
A rush in the street,
A swift tumult and noise
Of hurrying feet,
The engines!
Good men, stout and brave
To fight a good fight 'gainst Destruction,
To rescue, to save!
Fire!
Shouting and cries—
The horses, with broad, mighty chests
Straining forward,
With broad, calm, intelligent eyes—
A hurrying and thunderous vision—
The roar and the beat
Of galloping hoofs dying down in the distance—
A hush in the street.
—S. H. Kemper in Everybody's.

CHOKED TO DEATH BY GRAIN OF CORN.

PETITCODIAC, N. B., Dec. 14.—The people of this community were shocked to learn of the death of the young son of R. C. Colpitts. The little fellow, Friday p. m., Dec. 11, while playing with an ear of corn swallowed a kernel. The kernel lodged in the wind pipe, and in about twenty minutes he was dead. R. C. Colpitts is manager of the Pollet River Lumber Company. Much sympathy is felt for the parents.

At a meeting of the creditors of H. R. Graves of Harvey Bank, held at Riverview on Thursday, the appointment was made of Jas. F. Harrison of St. John and Capt. Geo. A. Coonan of Harvey as inspectors, and the continuing of Sheriff Lynds as assignee.

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WANTED—Kitchen Girl. At CLARK'S HOTEL, 35 King Square.

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Apply to MRS. J. R. RECORD, 75 Sewell street.

WANTED—A capable girl for general housework. To go home nights. Good wages. Apply with references to corner of Canon and Wall streets.

WANTED—A competent girl for general housework. Apply 23 Garden street.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. References required. Apply to MISS KETCHUM, 31 Coburg street.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. References required. Apply to MRS. A. A. LEWIN, 68 Waterloo street.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. References required. Apply at 125 Princess street.

WANTED—A cook, without washing or ironing. References required. Apply at 176 Germain street.

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

BIDDY MARTIN'S EXTRACT.

For sale by all druggists.

BOARDING.

BOARDING—Good rooms with board, house well heated, terms moderate. Apply to MRS. SHANKS, 156 King street, east.

LOST.

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LOST—On the 11th inst., on King street, a Kid Glove, Finder will please leave it at the office of this paper.

LOST—A gold chain bracelet, between No. 4 Engine House and Brunsell street. Finder will be rewarded on leaving it at No. 4 Engine House.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SAMUEL SOUTHER, the well known Christmas decorator, is in town this week delivering and putting up Christmas greenings. If any persons wish to have their homes decorated for Christmas, leave their orders with White's, King street, or 72 Mill street. All kinds of festooning and mottoes.

Capt. Clarke delivered an interesting lecture last evening before the non-commissioned artillery officers at their club rooms, Ritchie building, on the subject of Musketry. He spoke for some time on the different kinds of arms used by the different nations, and explained their mechanism in an instructive manner. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the captain for his address.

Meerschmum Pipes, in cases, good quality, 50c. each at Louis Grgen's.

DEATHS.

BELYEA—At Carleton (West End), on the 14th inst., Solomon Belyea, aged 89 years and three months, leaving a wife and nine children to mourn their loss.

Service at two o'clock Wednesday at the house. Funeral at 2:30 o'clock.

Could Not Sleep At Night.

Was All Run Down.

Had No Appetite.

FOOD WOULD NOT DIGEST.

Mrs. L. W. Warner, Riverdale, N.S., is glad there is such a remedy as

Burdock

Blood Bitters.

IT CURED HER

AND WILL CURE YOU.

She says: "I wish to add my testimony to the many others who have spoken so highly as to the unfailing virtues of Burdock Blood Bitters. I was all run down, had no appetite, lost all ambition, could not sleep much and had terrible headache and backache, and my food did not digest properly. I saw B.B.B. advertised, so concluded to give it a trial, thinking if it did no good it could do no harm. But after using one bottle I began to feel better, and by the time I had used three bottles I was feeling like a new person. I am so glad there is such a remedy provided for suffering humanity, and cannot praise it enough for I think there is no medicine like it on the market."

MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON KING ST GERMAIN ST AND MARKET SQ LIMITED

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For Every Purse!

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PARLOR CHAIRS, \$5.50 up.
RATTAN CHAIRS, \$5.00 up.
JARDINIERS STANDS, \$1.00 up.
TABOURETTES, \$1.75 up.
PARLOR TABLES, \$3.25 up.
WORK BASKETS, all prices.
MORRIS CHAIRS, \$8.25, 10.50.
HALL CHAIRS, \$4.75 up.
CHEFFONNIERS, all prices.
DRESSING TABLES, all prices.
SIDEBOARDS, all prices.
SECRETARIES, \$7.50 up.
COSTY-CORNERS.
HATTRES AND RACKS.
EASY CHAIRS.

For Cold Nights!

Warm bedding feels awfully good these nights, but in many houses this most necessary line of furnishing is sadly neglected. Possibly more bed-clothing is needed, or it may be the old quilts and faithful are ready for the rag-bag. We have just opened:
DOWN QUILTS, in all sizes and colors, \$4.25 to \$8.25.
COMFORTABLES, various coverings, \$1 to \$4.
BLANKETS, \$2.50 and \$2.80 (special) pair.
OTHER BLANKETS, \$3.50 to \$10.00 pair.
SHAKER BLANKETS, white, \$1.00 to \$1.25 pair; grey, 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25 pair.
All these goods are new and are to be seen in Curtain Department.

For the Ladies!

At the front counter on the ground floor of the main building a line of Embroidered and Lace Trimmed Handkerchiefs is being sold at a uniform price, 20c! Nice, pretty handkerchiefs they are, too, all on special sale.
At the same counter a large number of pairs of Suede Gloves to be swept out at the low rate, \$1. The colors are tans, browns, modes and blacks, and all have the stylish Paris "points." They fill the Christmas bill!

For Tasty Men!

Our Initialed Silk Handkerchiefs with the new hand-embroidered letters, cost 50c., 60c., 75c. each.
Black Satin Mufflers with colored linings; the new mufflers with hem-stitched ends; and the new twice-around mufflers, from 65c. to \$1.35.
The Twice Around can also be worn by ladies, as it comes in peau de sole and more with tinted silk linings. Very dainty!

For Outdoor Men!

In the Men's and Boys' Clothing Department we will put on special sale tomorrow the following heavy coats for outdoor workers:
ULSTERS in heavy grey frieze, large storm collars, \$5.75, 7.25 and 9.00.
HEAVY DRIVING COATS, full skirt and belted back, \$12.00.
Heavy Curled Cloth Coats, lined with rubber below hips, \$15.00. All these strongly made and good value.

For Everybody!

Our Christmas goods are all in, and as soon as the lines in the show-rooms are broken we will replenish them from the wholesale departments until the stock is exhausted. Bring the children to select their own toy furniture, frames, slides, dolls, black-boards, etc., so that Santa Claus "will know." All departments have special holiday inducements to offer. Shop early.

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LACE CURTAINS—All our curtains to go at less than cost to clear them quickly. They make a good Christmas present.

TABLE LINEN SALE—All our Table Linens, Towels and Napkins are selling very rapidly. Hurry up if you want to get the best at a small cost.

Christmas Offerings!

Today We Offer a Big Consignment of

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AT SPECIAL DISCOUNTS,

100 dozen Pocket Books and Purses, at Cut rates. Bring the Children to see the Great Doll Show, now open. Show Rooms up stairs.

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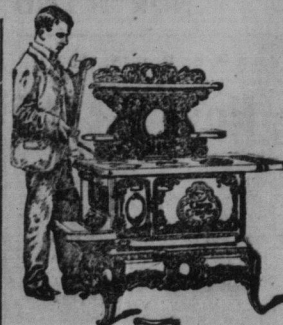
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It's a chance worth jumping at, and the sooner you pick the better you'll be pleased.

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At \$15 and under,
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This Week.

First comers get the pick. All sizes from 35 breast now; no telling how soon yours will be gone. Don't forget, we are offering all our WINTER OVERCOATS, regular prices \$15 to \$30, at 25 PER CENT. DISCOUNT THIS WEEK ONLY. Why, do you ask, because the higher-priced have sold so much more freely than too many of these others are left on hand.

HOUSE COATS FOR CHRISTMAS.

Ladies tell us our Housecoats are the nicest patterns in the city and at the most moderate prices. We have a large variety of patterns from which you may select. Prices \$3.00, 3.25, 3.50, 4.00, 4.50, 4.75, 5.00, 5.50, 5.75 to 10.00.

FANCY WAISTCOATS.—Excellent patterns, perfectly tailored and finished, \$3.50 and 4.50.

A. GILMOUR, Men's Tailoring and Clothing
68 KING STREET.
"BEST PLACE TO BUY GOOD CLOTHES."

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THIS WEEK ONLY,
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Dinner Sets, Tea Sets and Toilet Sets

The Prices will be Cut in Two.

Our 15c., 25c., 50c. Counters are unequalled by any others in the City for low prices.

Look for Our Special Gift Offer, Saturday, 19th.

The Linton & Sinclair Co.

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37 and 39 Dock Street.

Fresh Eggs, 24c. per dozen.
Pure Lard, 10c. per pound.
3 quarts Cranberries for 25c.
Pure Cream of Tartar, 24c. lb.
Candied Peels, Pure Spices, Raisins,
Currants, and a full line of other groceries

Very Cheap For Cash, at

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An assortment of
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Red Shades. Parlor
Lamps in great variety.
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SAVE MONEY BY BUYING GROCERIES AT

Campbell's Cash Grocery, 16 Germain Street.

Extra New Prunes, 10c.; Extra Fine New Dates, 5c.; Large Bottle Tomato Catsup, 15c.; Seeded Raisins, 10c.; Pecans, 5c.; 3 Packages Malta Vita, 25c.; New Grey Buckwheat and Vermont Maple Syrup. Our stock is new and complete.
Telephone 165. Our store open evenings until Jan. 1st, 1904.
Citron, Lemon, Orange Peels, Nuts, Christmas Candies, Etc.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Medals Will be Presented on the 16th Inst.—Mr. Armstrong of La Tour School Heard.

The regular monthly meeting of the St. John board of school trustees was held last night. The committee appointed to look into the coal supply had no report to make. A personal discussion followed, to the effect that the coal now supplied to the schools was not of sufficiently good quality. The committee will probably report at the next meeting.

Agnes G. Worden applied for a position on the staff.

A letter was read from Major Maude, secretary to the governor general, stating that the governor general's silver medal had been forwarded. The medals awarded by Senator Ellis and Judge Trueman had not yet arrived.

A discussion took place as to whether pupils spending two years in a grade should be allowed to compete with those spending only one year in a grade for medals. The general opinion was that they should not. The matter came up with reference to Miss Kennedy, who won the Trueman medal last June and which will be presented on the 16th of this month. She spent two years in one grade. The second in the competition for the medal was a boy named Jennings who spent only one year in the grade, and whose standing was almost as good as Miss Kennedy's.

Wm. Woods, the winner of the corporation gold medal, wrote that he would not be able to attend on the 16th inst. to receive.

Dr. Bridges said that Miss Clara Fritz, who is on the way to China in company with her father, who also won a medal, would not be present.

The matter of repairs in the Centennial school was referred to the trustees in charge.

The monthly report shows an enrollment of 7,241, 6,888 belonging to boys and 3,353 girls. During the month 5 pupils died and 142 cases of sickness were reported.

The report from the board of health showed there were six cases of diphtheria, 59 of measles, 11 of scarlet fever and 5 of typhoid fever. The daily average attendance was 5,974, 82.5 per cent. of the enrollment and 88.75 per cent. of the number belonging.

Geo. E. Armstrong, formerly principal of La Tour school, west end, was heard with reference to the board appointing him to the Victoria annex. He said that he had been a principal for about 20 years, and he considered that he was treated very unfairly by being transferred from the principalship of La Tour school to a subordinate position in the Victoria school. Sooner than comply with the change directed by the board he would resign from the staff.

PRESBYTERIAN HISTORY.

The historical evening of the Young People's Association of St. David's church was celebrated last night by a most interesting address delivered by John Willet, K. C., on the Early History of Presbyterianism in St. John.

J. Z. Foote, the vice-president of the society, occupied the chair, and before introducing the lecturer called upon Miss Brittain, who sang a solo in a very acceptable manner.

Mr. Willet treated his subject in a way that was most comprehensive and gave some interesting facts concerning the progress of the Presbyterian church in St. John, its different ministers, where they were afterwards located, and concerning those who had already died. A large number were present, and all enjoyed the sketch which has cost Mr. Willet so much time and trouble, he having spent several years in research and careful investigation in order to get together the facts upon which his lengthy manuscript is based. At the close of his address a brief discussion followed, after which a hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Willet for his kindness.

OFFICIAL VISIT.

At a meeting of the propagation committee of the Sons of Temperance of New Brunswick, held on Saturday evening, the 13th inst., it was decided that the grand officers, accompanied by the propagation committee, would pay official visits to the following divisions at the undermentioned dates:

Loyalist Division, No. 451—Monday, Jan. 11th, 1904.
Granite Rock Division, No. 77—Tuesday, Jan. 12th, 1904.
Albion Division, No. 14—Wednesday, July 10th, 1904.
Gurney Division, No. 5—Thursday, July 16th, 1904.
Fairville Division, No. 457—Tuesday, March 8th, 1904.
St. George Division, No. 352—Saturday, March 15th, 1904.
Gordon Division, No. 275—Monday, April 11th, 1904.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH GUILD.

The meeting of the St. Stephen's Church Guild last evening was in charge of the missionary committee. Subject, "Tolstoi and the Doukhobors," and the following interesting programme was carried out: Original paper, "A Connecting Link," by Mrs. F. W. Windsor; reading, "Tolstoi in the Heart of Russia," by Murray Barnett; reading, "Tolstoi in the Hearts of the Peasantry," Miss Hattie Thompson; reading, "Pilgrims at a Shrine in Jerusalem," Miss Lizzie McKechnie.

The guild will not meet again until January 4th, 1904.

ANNUAL MEETING OF CULLOM LODGE, L. O. B. A.

Cullom Lodge, No. 54, L. O. B. A., held its annual meeting last night, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Geo. F. Armstrong, W. M.; Mrs. B. Hatfield, D. M.; Miss Jennie Akers, C.; Miss I. J. D. C.; Mrs. Harry Green, treasurer; Mrs. S. Woods, F. S.; Miss Mabel Green, R. S.; Mrs. Chas. Sullivan, I. G.; Miss Percy Walsh, L.; Mr. Pierce, O. G.; Sergeant Ellipriedick, G.; Miss R. Iremen, S. F. C.; Mrs. Green, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Hatfield and Mrs. Sullivan, investigating committee. The installation of officers will be held on the second Monday in January next.

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AT THE LONDON HOUSE

TUESDAY, Dec. 15th.

Ladies' Winter Dress Hats As Christmas Presents,

\$5.00 Each.

Let us suggest the giving of a trimmed winter hat. At this time of year, in order to keep our Millinery Department busy, we are selling handsome \$15.00 and \$10.00 trimmed hats in the latest style at \$7.50 and \$5.00 each. A pretty hat for the Rink, a becoming hat for driving or afternoons, \$5.00 each. Leave orders for Christmas Trimming as soon as possible.

Christmas Sale Teneriffe Linens, Special Prices.

An agent received a large lot of Teneriffe Linens too late for distribution in time for Christmas. He sold them out to us at a very low price. Here now just in time.

\$1.50 Teneriffe Centres for..... \$1.29
\$1.10 Teneriffe Centres for..... 89c.
48c. Teneriffe Squares..... 39c.
45c. Teneriffe Rounds for..... 39c.
28c. Teneriffe D'Oylies for..... 23c.

Large Supply of New Golf Jerseys and Blouse Jackets.

Colors—Cardinal, White, Navy, Cream, Black, \$1.75 to \$6.00 each.

Little White Bearskin Coats for Babies and Tots Two Years Old.

Babies' White Bearskin Coats—long, shaggy fur—will wash—\$4.50, \$4.95 each.

White Bedford Cord Coats, trimmed with White Fur, \$3.40 each.

Special White Bedford Cord Coats, with Lamb's Wool Trimming, \$1.35 each.

Infants' Long Cashmere Coats, trimmed with Silk Embroidery, \$3.00 each.

Infants' Long White Bedford Cord Coats, embroidered White Silk, \$2.90, \$3.00 each.

Christmas Sale White Lawn Aprons.

All sorts of White Aprons; special numbers for Christmas sales—with or without bibs. Prices 40c., 45c., 50c., to \$1.25.

Pretty Winter Waists for Christmas.

Finely Tucked French Flannel Waists, \$2.25.
Fine Albatross Waists, \$2.65.
Cream or Black Brilliantine Waists, \$2.25, \$2.65.
Persian Design Albatross Waists. Regular \$4.50. Sale price \$3.45.

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London House, Charlotte St.

OTTAWA NEWS

The Rev. Father McGurty, who was seriously injured in the Ottawa University fire and was severely burned about the head, has become totally blind and his life is despaired of.

Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier left for Montreal tonight. Tomorrow they are to be present at the formal opening of the Chateaugay and Northern railway.

The police commissioners of Ottawa today decided to give the police force an all round increase in salaries, owing to the increased cost of living.

Chief Justice Sifton is holding a court at Calgary today, with the object of respiteing the murderer Cashel, who escaped from the custody of the mounted police the other day and is still at large. Information reached the department of justice to the effect that three mounted policemen who had charge of the prisoner, and who are suspected of being parties to his escape, have been placed under arrest. Word came late tonight that Cashel had been traced back to the vicinity of Calgary, and it is hoped to run him down tomorrow, the day fixed for his execution.

It is announced that the proposed city and county bank, the charter of which is held in this city, will be amalgamated with the Crown Bank of Canada, a newly chartered bank with headquarters in Toronto.

The new fishery cruiser on the Atlantic waters will be an 18 knot vessel with modern quick firing guns. She will be built at Newcastle, Ontario.

C. P. R. VICTORY.

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—The Canadian Pacific Railway gained a decisive victory this morning in the case of the ten Chinamen who sought, after having been refused admission to enter the United States, to remain in Canada, and who took out writs of habeas corpus to compel the railway company to release them. Judge Lavergne held that as the Chinamen had not complied with the provisions of the Canadian law, and that as they had been transported by the railway company on their having represented themselves to be citizens of the United States, which claim they were not able to substantiate, the company could not discontinue them without seriously violating the law. So far as any contract between the United States government and the railway company was concerned, it was perfectly legal, and there was no ground for interference by the Canadian courts. He accordingly ordered the company to return them to Hong Kong, from whence it brought them.

FOSTER IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—Hon. George E. Foster addressed a great public meeting tonight, under the auspices of the Sir John A. Macdonald Club, on the fiscal campaign in England, in which he lately took a prominent part. The Windsor Hall, where the meeting was held, was crowded by a representative gathering, and Mr. Foster received a great reception. He spoke for over an hour, and was frequently interrupted by applause. Mr. Chamberlain's name was frequently mentioned with singing cheers, and the audience was in thorough sympathy with the speaker.

Mr. Tarte, who was on the platform and was loudly called for, moved a resolution endorsing Mr. Chamberlain's proposals.

The resolution was adopted amidst loud applause and the great meeting dispersed.

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

WINTER PORT ITEMS.

The Donaldson str. Lakona left Glasgow Saturday for St. John.

Str. Manchester City left Manchester at 5 p. m. on Saturday for Halifax and St. John.

Up to the present time the winter port steamer arrivals have been as follows:

Steamer	From	Arrival
Donaldson Line, Glasgow	Stms.	4
Allan Line, Liverpool	Stms.	5
C. P. R. Line, Liverpool	Stms.	5
C. P. R. Line, Bristol	Stms.	3
C. P. R. Line, London	Stms.	1
Manchester Line, Manchester	Stms.	2
Furness Line, London	Stms.	2
Furness Line, South Africa	Stms.	1
Head Line, Dublin	Stms.	1

Twelve of these steamers have been loaded and sailed, and six of them are still in port here. They are all expected to sail during this present week, and five more should arrive here during the same period, viz.: The Lake Manitoba, from Liverpool; Florence, from London; Manchester Commerce, from Manchester; Tritonia, from Glasgow; and Dunmore Head, from Belfast. The deal steamer Salerno and the West India liner Dahome are also expected here during the week.

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

SALVAGE CORPS, NO. 2.

Major MacLaren lectured before the Salvage Corps last night on the First Aid to the Injured. He pointed out how they should be carried and how bandages should be put on. W. H. White, captain of the corps, presided. The members of No. 1 Salvage Corps were guests. A musical and literary programme was carried out as follows: Messrs. Davidson and Holder, banjo duet; Messrs. Holder, quartette; addresses by Deputy Mayor McGooldrick and Director Wisely; gramophone selections by W. H. Dunham. Refreshments were served.

A "GLOBE" ANNIVERSARY.

Early on Sunday morning the editor of the Globe was the recipient of a beautiful bunch of forty-two carnations, tied with white ribbon and appropriately inscribed. It was a gift to him from members of the staff of the paper, congratulatory of the forty-second anniversary of his occupancy of the editorial chair.

THE BATTLE LINE.

Str. Pandora, Capt. Starratt, sailed from Philadelphia for Havana on the 13th.

To cure Headache in ten minutes use KUMFORT Headache Powders.

The West India str. Dahome will be due here tomorrow. She will dock at the eastern side of the L. C. R. pier.

OPERA HOUSE

SECOND WEEK.

The W. S. Harkins Co.

PRESENTING A NEW PLAY EACH NIGHT.

TONIGHT:

The Railroad of Love!

Miss Mae Kilcynne will sing by request The Congo Love Song.

Wednesday Night:

THE RUNAWAY WIFE.

In preparation SECRET SERVICE.

Matinees, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Prices, 10c., 25c., 35c. and 50c. Box seats, 75c. Matinees, 25c. to all.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

Christmas and New Year's

ONE FIRST-CLASS FARE

FOR ROUND TRIP.

Between all Stations, Montreal and East. GENERAL PUBLIC—Going Dec. 22nd to Jan. 1st. Return January 4th, 1904. SCHOOLS, COLLEGES—Going Dec. 25th to Jan. 1st. Return January 11st, 1904. On Furnisher of Standard School Vacation Certificate.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS—On sale

Dec. 15th to 21st. Return to January 4th, 1904. On payment of One First-Class Fare. WORLD'S FAIR, St. Louis, April 30th, December 1st, 1904. Not Commercial Fare.

For Rates, Dates and Time Limits of Excursion Tickets to Points West of Montreal, see nearest Ticket Agent, or write to C. B. POSTER.

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

CANADIAN PACIFIC

Atlantic Steamship Service.

WINTER SAILINGS 1903-1904.

ST. JOHN, N. B., to LIVERPOOL DIRECT. From Liverpool, Steamer, From St. John, Tues. Nov. 24. Lake Erie, Thurs. Dec. 10. Tues. Dec. 4. Lake Manitoba, Sat. Dec. 26. Tues. Dec. 22. Lake Champlain, Sat. Jan. 9. ST. JOHN, N. B., and BRISTOL (Avonmouth). From Bristol, Steamer, From St. John, Sat. Nov. 14. Montague, Sat. Dec. 5. From St. John, Sat. Dec. 19. From London, Antwerp and St. John, N. B., From London, Antwerp, Steamer, From St. John, Sat. Nov. 20. Thurs. Dec. 2. L. Michigan Dec. 19. Sat. Dec. 12. Thurs. Dec. 11. Mt. Temple Jan. 7. Sat. Dec. 26. Thurs. Dec. 21. Montclair Jan. 21. Sat. Jan. 9. Thurs. Jan. 14. L. Michigan Feb. 4.

The steamers of this service call at Halifax for cargo en route to London.

Steamers for Liverpool sail from West St. John, N. B., shortly after the arrival of the C. P. R. train from the West.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

First Cabin \$40 and upwards. Round trip tickets at reduced rates.

Second Cabin, to Liverpool, \$27.50; to London, \$40.00. Round trip, \$22.50; to London, \$37.50. Third Class to Liverpool, London, Glasgow, Belfast, Londonderry and Queenstown, \$25.00. Full on nearest P. R. agent, or For Freight rates apply to J. N. SUTHERLAND.

For Passage Rates apply to D. P. A. C. P. R. St. John, N. B. D. P. A. C. P. R. St. John.

DIAMONDS

In Diamond Rings

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

\$15.00 to \$125.00

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

A. POYAS, 545 Main St.

..... A wise man

heedeth counsel—

he takes Park's

Perfect Emulsion

to drive bad colds

away.....

A SMALL QUANTITY OF

Hard Wood,

SOUND AND DRY,

Only \$1.60 per load

DELIVERED.

CHEAPEST SOFT COAL IN CITY

CASH ONLY.

J.S. FROST, 53 and 55

Smythe Street

GOOD HEALTH

Depends upon perfect digestion. NERBEGA

GA MINERAL SPRING WATER will assist

digestion, cleanse the system and purify the

blood.

25 cents per quart bottle. \$2.25 per dozen.

At drugstores.

24lbs. Sugar \$1.00

We are now offering TWENTY-

FOUR POUNDS of our best Granulated

Sugar for one dollar.

CHARLES A. CLARK, 49 Charlotte Street

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34 Union Street. Telephone 11

HORSES BOARDED—Clean and Warm

Stables, best care and attention.

DRIVING OUTFITS and COACHES see

here at any hour.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the un-

derigned have entered into a co-partnership

for the purpose of carrying on the practice of

the law at the City of Saint John.

Mr. Teed will be at his old home in Dor-

chester every Saturday and Monday for the

present.

Dated this 15th day of November A. D.

1903.

A. H. HANINGTON,

M. G. TEED,

C. S. HANINGTON.

DYKEMAN'S

SOLE AGENTS FOR
ST. JOHN'S

**The Great Fire
Smoke Sale now go-
ing on at our store
will be continued all
this week.**

Crowds of people are taking advantage of this sale to secure Christmas presents for friends at a great reduction in price. The dress goods and cloth department offer some very special bargains during this sale. Lengths suitable for suits, skirts and waists can be had at extremely low prices, simply because the goods smell slightly of smoke, but it is impossible to detect any discoloration or injury to the eye.

IN THE READY-MADE DEPARTMENT UPSTAIRS can be found blouses, coats, skirts, capes, tailored suits, children's dresses, ladies' underwear, corsets and all such goods all at smoke sale prices.

F. A. DYKEMAN & CO.

Buy Your
Presents Early

We have just added six cases of Toys and Novelties to our stock per S. S. Loyall, imported direct.
30 doz. Child's Tees-a-tete Suits, 50c. to \$2.00 per suit.
3 doz. Rubber Dolls, 50c. to 50c.
1 Case Fancy Baskets.
1 Case Christmas Tree Ornaments.
100 doz. China Cups and Saucers, 50c. to \$1 each.
Toys and Games in good variety.
Picture Books and Calendars.
We have three special values in Kid Body Dolls at 50c., 75c. and 90c. Also a large Dressed Doll, 50c.
Hosiery and Gloves.
Our store will be open every evening until Christmas.

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

WOOD.

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

LAW & CO., [Phone 1346]
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FOR SALE BY
JAMES PATTERSON'S,
10 and 20 South Market Wharf, St. John, N. S.

Yorkshire Bar.

English Silver not defaced worth its full value. Hot Ale a Speciality.
EUROPEAN PLAN.
J. RHEA, 20 MILL ST.

COAL!

By the Barrel; Good Quality
and Low Price.

HORACE HOYT, 195 Charlotte St.

PIOTOU ROUND COAL LANDING.

This superior Soft Coal, which usually sells from 50c. to 75c. higher than Cape Breton Coal, can be purchased, while landing, at \$7.50 per chul., \$1.75 per load delivered.
J. S. GIBSON & CO., Smythe St.
(near West Wharf) 5-1-2 Charlotte St.
March St. (near Gilbert's Lane).

Valuable Freehold Property

BY AUCTION
At Chubb's Corner on SATURDAY, Dec. 19th, at 11 o'clock (noon).
The Freehold Property fronting on Clifton street, West End, and 100 feet deep, with dwelling and store on premises. Good investment. Messrs. Rustin and Porter, Solicitors.
T. T. LANTALUM, Auctioneer.
Office Chubb's Corner.

All members of the Scots Companies are requested to meet at their rooms tonight.

Fancy China,
Dolls, Crockery
Silverware.

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

Walter S. Potts
Auctioneer.

LOCAL NEWS.

Band on the Carleton open air rink tonight. Ice in excellent condition.
Celebrated Broad Cove coal, \$7.00 per chul. delivered, at Watters', Walkers' wharf. Tel. 612.

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

The correspondent who writes concerning fatal accident at the Provincial Chemical Fertilizer Co.'s works and signs himself "Fair Play" is informed that such communications must be accompanied by the name of the writer.

There cannot be a better addition to the home for Xmas than an artistic Nordheimer Piano, the standard piano of Canada. Booklets mailed on application to John White's, 38 Charlotte street. G. A. Prince, representative.

D. McArthur, bookseller, 84 King street, has opened a very large assortment of fine leather pocket books for ladies and gentlemen; also cigar cases, music rolls, glove and handkerchief boxes, and a great variety of pocket and family Bibles. These goods are all marked low for the rush sale.

The members of the Scottish concert party, who have just concluded their tour in these parts, yesterday afternoon presented F. O. Spencer, under whose management they were touring, with a morocco pocket-book suitably inscribed.

Buyers of Christmas gifts for men would do well to see the assortment of House Coats and Fancy Waistcoats at A. Gilmour's, 68 King street. Ladies describe them as the most desirable patterns in town and at the most reasonable prices.

The Furness line of Gulf of Venice Capt. Cook, comes to St. John to load general cargo for Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and Durban. She takes the place of an Elder-Dempster steamer. The Gulf of Venice has large coal storage space. She is scheduled to leave here on January 18th.

J. H. Crockett, editor of the Fredericton Gleaner, recently gave all his employees an unsolicited increase of 20 per cent. in their wages, as an appreciation of their co-operation in making the Gleaner one of the most up-to-date and successful newspapers in the province. The thanks of the staff was heartily tendered Mr. Crockett yesterday in the shape of an address.

D. McArthur, bookseller, 84 King street, has already found the value of his new showrooms in greatly increased trade. Those of his customers who have been shopping there are very much pleased with the fine display of Christmas novelties he is showing in the new rooms over the store. Give him a call.

Miss Christina E. Butterfield, eldest daughter of Mrs. Rebecca Butterfield, of Mountville, Albert Co., was united in marriage last Saturday evening to Norman Kierstead of Bangor, formerly of Kings Co. The ceremony took place at 5 p. m. at the residence of the bride's mother, in the presence of relatives and intimate friends of the contracting parties, Rev. Dr. Brown, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating.

Harry Mackie, son of Conductor James Mackie, of the P. E. Island railroad, who has been travelling for the past year for Emerson & Fisher, has severed his connection with that firm. Mr. Mackie has accepted a good position in the furniture department of James Faton & Co.'s store in Charlottetown, and will make his home in that city. He has been with Emerson & Fisher for about a year.

Golden Eagle makes white bread.
Golden Eagle makes light buns.
Golden Eagle makes spongy cake.
Golden Eagle makes flaky pastry.

PERSONALS.

The engagement is announced of Miss Louise Morse, daughter of L. E. Morse, Digby, inspector of schools, to J. E. Allen of the Bank of New Brunswick staff of this city.

Fred L. Bowman is sick with typhoid fever at his home, No. 115 Leinster street.

Mrs. G. M. Young, who has been visiting her father, H. D. McLeod, returned to Charlottetown yesterday.

Miss E. Q. Vall is in the city, the guest of Mrs. J. S. Ford, Gernah street.

Mrs. Gordon Graham, of North Sydney, is registered at the Royal.

George Gray and wife, of Stellarton, N. S., came to the city on this morning's express.

Miss Mayne McConnell, of Marysville, is the guest of Mrs. Dr. Crockett, King Square.

Miss Annie R. Peck, of Hopewell Hill, Albert Co., is home from St. John, where she has spent the past week.

Mrs. John Lyons and Mrs. Corey, of Wolfville, have gone to St. John, where they will join Rev. G. W. Corey and go to Winnipeg, where they expect to settle.

Fred Secord, local manager of the Sun Oil Company, returned this morning from Pennsylvania, where he had been on business.

His Lordship Bishop Kingston came to the city this morning from Fredericton.

SUCCESS CONTINUED.

The Harkins' Company continued their success last evening in the presentation of The Professor's Love Story. In this two features were prominent. One is the remarkable similarity of Mr. Galbraith's manner and voice to that of "Red" Ellis, of the Baker Stock Co., and the other the marked improvement in Miss Raffetto's work over any she has yet done. The part of the professor's secretary was not one in which Miss Deane was seen at her best, but she made the most of it. In minor parts other members of the support were good. The piece itself was thoroughly pleasing.

As usual, during the first act the late arrival divided the attention between the performance in the aisles and that on the stage. The latter was the more interesting.

It is to be noted, too, that the music by the orchestra was of a rather better class than that of the last week. Still further improvement might be made without injury to the reputation of the musicians.

Last evening The Railroad of Love will be presented. This is pronounced one of the best pieces in the company's repertoire.

MORMONISM UNVEILED.

Rev. J. L. Batty, of Halifax, lectured last evening in Centenary church on "Mormonism Unveiled." The lecture embraced the observations of Mr. Batty while recently passing through the land of Mormonism.

The lecturer dwelt on the evil of polygamy among the Mormons. It is part and parcel of the faith of the Mormons, and though the federal government of the United States has passed a law making it criminal, it will probably never be eradicated.

The lecturer showed that the Mormons were an industrious and thrifty people, and were rapidly gaining ground outside of their own state. He mentioned in or near Anson, N. S. A short distance from St. Croix is a Mormon temple.

Rev. Mr. Batty returned last night to Halifax.

IMMIGRANTS HELD UP.

The passengers from the Allan liner Tunisian were sent forth to their destinations about four o'clock yesterday afternoon. They numbered upwards of two hundred and were a good class of people. Out of those arriving on the Tunisian, sixteen were held by the medical examiners for trachoma. These are now in the detention houses on the West Side.

Among those going West yesterday was a happy youth named Solomon Sibelius, the only immigrant who has as yet been sent to the General Public Hospital. This boy had a sore face and had been in the hospital for some weeks. The hospital authorities now refuse to treat patients suffering from trachoma, on the ground that it is a contagious disease.

BOER GENERAL IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—General Benjamin Viljoen, a Boer commander, arrived on the Umbria from Liverpool today to arrange for an exhibition of Boer life at the St. Louis exposition.

The Boston express this morning was crowded with provincials returning from the States for Christmas.

F. R. PATTERSON & CO.

THE DAYLIGHT STORE.

Our 50c.
Initial Silk
Handkerchiefs
For Men,
Make a
Suitable
Christmas
Gift.
Large Size.
Good Quality.
Cor. Duke and Charlotte Sts.
Store Open Every Evening.

CIVIC TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

Plans for N. S. Telephone Co.'s Competitor About Completed.

The promoters of the proposed new telephone company have now all the information they require for the purpose of placing their plans before the common council. For some months prominent business men have been canvassed in support of the scheme and the whole there has been a willingness to adopt it. This arises not from any ill-feeling toward the New Brunswick Telephone Company, but rather from motives of economy. There is an impression that the rates charged now are excessive and those who have to use the instruments will be most willing to patronize any company offering lower rates. In several instances those who added their names to the list of subscribers had complaints to make against the present company, but on the whole the ready support of Ald. Macrae's scheme arises from motives of economy, and very little difficulty was found in securing the thousands of names required to guarantee the success of the plan.

Ald. Macrae has for some time been acquiring information and is now prepared to give fair estimates of the cost of installation and maintenance. According to the plans already in mind, the wires will be erected or wires run through the streets in the business portion of the city. The wires will be laid underground.

WORK IT OUT.

One Whose Slumbers Have Often Been Disturbed Submits to the Star the Following Problem. The Star Hasn't Time to Work It Out. Have You?

St. Andrew's church bell rings one stroke every 2.14 seconds. David's bell one stroke every 2.13 seconds, and the Cathedral bell one stroke every 2.34 seconds. A person stands on King Square, 420 yards from St. Andrew's church, 300 yards from St. David's church, and 720 yards from the Cathedral, in calm weather. Provided the bells start ringing together, each striking the first stroke at the same instant, and continue to ring for five minutes, how often will the listener receive the three strokes sounding as one?

French Briar Pipes, in cases with a three inch pure amber mouthpiece, guaranteed, 95c. each at Louis Green's.

POLICE COURT.

This was a busy day in winter port business at the police court. There were four arrivals and four departures, but no wharfage fees were paid to the court. James Joyce was found occupying free lodgings in a C. P. R. passenger car at Sand Point, and fined the night in No. 8 berth. James Starwood, John Hunter and Patrick Henry the latter from England—were ordinary drunks. All had excessive all wanted chances. The magistrate was in good humor and not inclined to be harsh, so each man in turn was sent away with the promise of a double penalty if he came back.

Choice Havana Cigars, in all size boxes, fancy, for Xmas, from 75c. a box upwards at Louis Green's.

SAFETY BOARD.

A special meeting of the board of works was held yesterday afternoon to inspect the new fire alarm system. Director Wisely reported that he had had repairs made on the exhibition building, which was damaged in the recent storm. The recorder submitted an opinion to the effect that the city had no power to build a fire station on Market Square, West End. The matter was referred to the Mayor, Maxwell, Macrae and Chief Kerr. The aldermen visited No. 3 fire station and inspected the new system. According to contract power is to be supplied by a water motor and dynamo. The batteries are now being charged by the street railway. No action was taken.

Amber and Meerchaum Cigar and Cigarette Holders at Louis Green's.

Robert Perry, of Carleton, was taken to the hospital this forenoon. He is suffering from pleurisy.

French Briar Pipes, in cases, with a THREE INCH PURE AMBER MOUTHPIECE, 95c. Every pipe guaranteed at Louis Green's.

Mrs. R. T. Worden has accepted the position of leading soprano in St. Stephen's church choir. Mrs. Prosser, who was formerly leader, resigned a week or two ago.

Friends in St. John of Oscar O. Tanner learned the other day with pleasure of his re-election to the mayoralty of Williamstown, Conn. Mr. Tanner spent some time in St. John in recent years.

Officer George Earle has again reversed his decision in the matter of the Brennan affair in the police station yesterday morning. Today he laid information against James Brennan for assault and a warrant will probably issue this afternoon.

In the matter of the expropriation of land belonging to the Peacock for Rockwood Park, argument was concluded yesterday afternoon. The arbitrators will give their decision at a later date. J. D. Hazen, K. C., appeared for the Horticultural Association; Dr. A. A. Stockton, K. C., for Mr. Peacock.

Passenger traffic on both the C. P. R. and I. C. R. took a sudden spurt yesterday and is now quite brisk. For two days there had been scarcely anything doing, but now there are many persons moving. Quite a number of these are students returning from colleges for Christmas, but in addition to this there is a heavy business out of St. John.

The death occurred at his residence at Margerville on the 12th inst., of James McLean, aged 73 years, who for the past 51 years had been a foreman for D. D. Glazier & Sons. Deceased leaves a family of four boys and four girls, who have the sympathy of the community at large in their sad bereavement.

Great variety of good quality pipes at 85c. each, regular 90c. and 75c. lines, at Louis Green's.

The retail grocers' union held an ordinary business meeting last night. Early in January a mass meeting of grocers will be held when it is expected some very important matters will come up for consideration.

THE FIRE ALARM.

To the Editor of the Star.—Sir:—From the published account of our new fire alarm system, it would seem that the new is a great improvement on the old, but there are some changes which would make the present system far more efficient.

Many of the boxes are placed on buildings, and in some instances on the darkest sides; there is nothing special to attract attention, and much valuable time might be lost in cases when fires were discovered by persons not familiar with the location of the boxes. It is a pity that when this modern, expensive system was being installed, all boxes were not moved to poles on which were electric lights, when the shade of the lights could be banded with red, this giving either by night or day the exact location of the boxes and enabling anyone discovering a fire to at once send in an alarm.

No one will object to the cost of the new system, nor should they find it too great, for the old one was often for a considerable time useless, but it seems a shame that when any expenditure is made by our city fathers no one seems to have any idea of getting the best value for the money.

With the present modern system and the boxes all on poles (the latter having electric lights with shades banded with red, the greatest possible value could be obtained as in no case, day or night would there be a moment's delay in calling a box.

It might be interesting to property owners in the vicinity of Pitt or King street east to know that box 31 has no key attached, and that there is no card or anything else to indicate where the key is—surely such cases of neglect or carelessness greatly interfere with the advantages that would otherwise be obtained by the introduction of our new system.

AN OBSERVER.

THIS EVENING.

Harkins' Company at the Opera House in The Railroad of Love. Special meeting time burners and quartermen's union at their hall. All are requested to attend, as important business is coming up. Teamsters' meeting in Labor hall. Rehearsal Yeomen of the Guard in Mission church. Smoker in St. Andrew's rink. Love's Mission at home in Fairville Methodist Church.

THREE BURNED TO DEATH.

BIRDWOODS, Ill., Dec. 15.—Mrs. J. Messersmith, her daughter and Frank Smith, a clerk, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the meat market and residence and the dry goods store of J. Simon here today.

Officer Scott was last evening called to select two men who were creating a disturbance and refused to leave Edward Hogan's saloon.

Father and Son

BOTH CURED OF
KIDNEY TROUBLE

BY
Doan's
Kidney Pills.

Mr. Benjamin Brooks, a well-known farmer of West Cape, P.E.I., tells of how his son was cured of Kidney Disease, and how he was cured of Backache.

The First Sign of Kidney Trouble.

He says: "Our little boy was troubled with kidney disease. We had tried many kinds of kidney pills but they only helped for a time. We got Doan's Kidney Pills and one box effected a perfect cure. About six weeks after this I caught a very bad cold that settled in my kidneys. My back was so sore I could hardly walk. I went to the drug store and got a box, took them according to directions and the result was that my back was completely cured. I believe they are the best kidney pill on the market to-day."

There is not a kidney trouble from Backache to Bright's Disease that Doan's Kidney Pills will not relieve or cure. The price is 50c. per box, or 3 boxes for \$1.50 and may be procured at all dealers or from

THE DOAN KIDNEY PILL CO., TORONTO, ONT.

Henery Eggs.

BONE MEAL

FOR HEN FEED.

S. Z. DICKSON

Country Market.

THE KLONDIKE

Kandy Kitchen

33 Charlotte St.

We have just completed our Christmas stock of Candies and Smallware, and in no place in the city can be found more tempting variety. We have spared neither pains nor money in the creation of our Christmas stock, the like of which has never been offered to a St. John public before. Our stock is characterized by the popular merits—LOW PRICE and HIGH QUALITY.

Some Prices:
Chocolates, 10c. pound
Creams, 10c. pound—3
pounds for 25c.

J. & P. SPERDAKES

Morrell & Sutherland

TELEPHONE 1222.

Christmas Cloak Sale!

To give an appropriate finish to an exceptionally busy and prosperous season, we have decided to offer the public during the Holiday trade some unprecedented bargains in our Cloak Department. Our entire stock of Ladies' Stylish Jackets, Skirts and Children's Coats to be sold at

Reductions Ranging from 25 to 50 p. c.

Examples:

Ladies' Blue or Grey Coats, now \$5.00 Sale Price,	\$2.50
Ladies' Black or Dark Grey Coats, were \$3.00 and \$2.75. Sale price	5.00
Ladies' Black or Grey Coats, were \$11.50. Sale price	7.50
Ladies' Fawn Beaver Coats, were \$15.50. Sale price	7.75
Ladies' Fawn or Blue Beaver Coats, were \$18.00. Sale Price	9.00
Ladies' Fawn Beaver Coats, were \$25.00. Sale price	12.50
Ladies' Black Zibeline Coats, were \$27.50. Sale price	13.75

Girls' Coats. All our Girls' Coats, in Navy Blue, Bright Blue and Grey, for girls from 3 to 8 years. Full length. Worth up to \$5.00. Now all at two prices—\$2.98 and

Skirts.

About 20 Stylish Dress and Walking Skirts in Black, Dark Grey, Mid. Grey and Navy Blue. The season's most desirable styles. Values of \$4.75, \$5.00 and \$5.75. Sale prices

\$3.95

Morrell & Sutherland.

27, 29 Charlotte St., Opp. Y. M. C. A.

Winter Shoes for Jack.

We've a splendid line of Boys' and Youths' genuine Box Calf Winter Shoes—extra good, solid oak soled Footwear, built to suit our idea of Boys' Shoes.

YOUTHS'

Sizes 12 to 2, \$1.25 per pair.

BOYS'

Sizes, 2½ to 5½, \$2.00 per pair.

No boy ever wore a better pair. Get a pair for Jack. There's safety and saving in buying our Shoes.

D. MONAHAN,
162 UNION ST.

Choice Beef and Poultry.

Our Meat Department is well supplied with everything required for your Sunday Dinner. You can always get just what you want. A Choice Steak or Roast of Western Beef, Large Roasting Chickens, Well Fattened Turkeys. Give us a trial, you will be sure to be pleased with what we send you.

F. E. WILLIAMS CO., Ltd.

Phone 543 Charlotte Street. Phone 521 Princess Street.

Christmas
Buyers

Like an assortment to select from.

We suggest a pair of SLIPPERS from our magnificent stock.

FOR GENTLEMEN.

At \$2.50, Morocco Kid Opera Slippers.
At \$2.50, Vici Kid Pullman Slippers.
At \$2.00, Vici Kid Opera Slippers.
At \$1.75, Vici black or colored Slippers.
At \$1.50, Dongola black or colored Slippers.
\$1.40, 1.35, 1.25, 1.00, 90c., 75c.

FRANCIS & VAUGHAN,
19 KING STREET.