

## CHRISTMAS NECKWEAR



OUR Christmas Neckwear is just—well its—wish we could think of some big long word that would do its elegance justice. Come, see it at any rate; New Weaves in Silks fresh from the looms—the Latest Shapes from the best makers.

Neckwear Perfection, and not expensive either. Whatever else you give him for Christmas, be sure to give him a Tie. One or a dozen, it makes no difference; he can wear every one of them and will be glad if he has got them.

**This way everybody for Christmas NECKWEAR.**

**The John McLauchlan Co., Ltd.**  
Woodstock and Hartland.

*Wishing for each and everyone a Pleasant Christmas Day.*

*Yours sincerely,*

**THE SHEASGREEN DRUG CO., Ltd,**  
The Prescription Specialists.

## SHOEPACK SALE.

This is what we have every day. Better than ever. Our stock this year is above the average. The bottoms are made of very heavy, firm stock and are worth two pairs of the common kind. Come in and see them. All new stock.

**GIBSON & ROSS,**  
Young Brick Building, Main Streets.

Come to **GUY. E. ARNOLD'S** at the

Marcy Building, Connell Street, and have your

**Furniture Upholstered**

at reasonable prices and all work guaranteed. Carriage and Pang Trimming.

**161-11**

Is that J. W. Astle's?  
I want some insurance, and everybody says you have the best, that your companies are the oldest and strongest, and never dispute their claims.  
It most certainly pays to have the best.

**TO LET.**

After November 1st, store now occupied by Dominion Express Company in Vanwart Block. Apply to THE BAIRD CO. Ltd.

**Card of Thanks.**

Mrs. T. Edwards and family of Meductic desire to thank their many friends for their great kindness and sympathy during their recent bereavement and for the floral offerings bestowed.

### Mrs. Chas. Comben, Sr.

Mrs. Comben, wife of Rev. Chas. Comben, who is on the retired list, died Sunday morning at her home in St. John, aged 72 years, leaving a husband, one son Chas. Comben of Woodstock and six daughters, four at home and two in Winnipeg.

The funeral will take place at 2.30 on Wednesday afternoon from the residence of her son Chas. Comben in Woodstock, Rev. R. G. Fulton officiating, and the interment made in the Methodist cemetery.

### L. O. A. Officers.

Woodstock, L. O. A., No 38, installed the following officers on Monday evening, 16th ceremonies being conducted by County Master W. R. McCready, assisted by P. C. M., A. F. Lockhart as D. of C.:

Moses Moore, W. M.  
N. Peed, D. M.  
J. B. Brewer, chaplain.  
J. A. Shea, recording secretary.  
T. H. McKinney, financial secretary.  
Geo. I. Britton, treasurer.  
Harry Cox, D of C.  
John Thornton, lecturer.  
D. O. McIntosh, first committee man.

### Royal Arch Flasons.

The annual meeting of Woodstock Chapter, No 8, was held on Thursday evening. The following officers were elected, the installation to take place January 16th.

G. E. Phillips, H. P.  
M. G. McLean, K.  
H. A. Seely, S.  
Colonel Vince, treasurer.  
J. A. Lindsay, secretary.  
E. L. Hagerman, tyler.

### Where is it?

The St. John Globe says.—“A. N. Burbank, president of the International Paper Company, of Maine, has announced that the company has practically completed the purchase of a tract of 550 square miles of spruce lands in New Brunswick, containing 350,000 acres. Mr. Burbank has taken up the problem of getting the company's mills an adequate supply of pulpwood, a problem which he said was serious. Spruce is quoted at \$10 a cord, plus the freight. It has sold as high as \$14 in the last few weeks, and in Canada we are paying \$10 a cord without freight.”

It would be interesting to know in just what part of New Brunswick this tract of land is located.

### Funeral of Hedley F Grosvenor

The burial took place at Meductic of Hedley F. Grosvenor Ex-Councillor. A very large number of friends and acquaintances gathered to pay their respects to one who was very widely known and esteemed. Mr. Grosvenor was a man who for his public spirit and kindness of manner was distinguished in his generation. He was a cheerful man in disposition. His greeting to a friend was bright and heart warming. His business activities provided employments for a number of men and his ventures were usually successful. The funeral services were marked general demonstration of sorrow and the entire community in which he lived will miss him.

The floral pieces were beautiful. They consisted of: A broken column, a floral cross, two large pillows which were unusually fine and several wreaths, bouquets and sprays. Rev. Mr. Marr the Methodist pastor officiated assisted by other ministers.

### Light in Darkness.

If you want a POLICY that will light your DARK MOMENTS,

A POLICY that will make your family comfortable in case of CALAMITY or DISASTER.

A POLICY that will give you a nice INCOME in a case of SICKNESS or ACCIDENT.

A POLICY that will protect your HOME from FIRE, no matter how it originates.

A POLICY that is MODERN and UP-TO-DATE.

A POLICY with a COMPANY that is able and willing to pay.

I HAVE IT. Drop me a card or call up 161-11.

### J. W. ASTLE,

The Reliable Insurance man,  
Woodstock, N. B.

### Knew it by Heart.

(Lippincott's)

A stranger approached a little girl who was somewhat accustomed to interviews with the usual question, “What's your name, little girl?”

The little girl, without looking up from her sand pile, replied, “My name is Edith, and I'm four. She's my little sister; her name's Mildred, and she's two. I don't want to go with you and be your little girl, and I know you can't steal my little sister.”

### HAVE “HARD TIMES” STRUCK US?

Hay, Oats, Potatoes, Poultry, etc. Take a Slump.

Hay has a tendency downward. The best price the dealers could offer on Monday was \$10., loose, or \$11.50 pressed. Judging from the remarks of the shippers it is quite probably that by the time this paper is in the reader's hands there will have been a further drop. Straw remains steady but does not count for very much at any price.

Oats are low in the west and are now in St. John market, cutting the price of Carleton county grain. One man who handles a good deal of oats informs the DISPATCH that he believes the price will drop to 30 cents before there is an upward turn.

Pork is firmer, mostly on account of its being nearly all shipped and hard to get hold of.

The hard hauling has been disastrous to farmers throughout the county. It is discouraging to those having barns full of hay to see the price go down a dollar at a leap and the roads in such condition that hauling is practically impossible.

The outlook for potatoes is not encouraging. On account of the rotten shipments sent early in the season the Montreal and Toronto people handle New Brunswick stock very gingerly. Carloads sent up recently reached their destination in the best of condition but in some cases they brought scarcely enough above the purchase price to pay the freight on them. In some cases carloads have been sold for less than the local shippers paid for them. If the city dealers overcome their prejudice against New Brunswick stock the price may go higher, but so long as they can get a good supply of Ontario and Quebec spuds the Toronto and Montreal commission merchants seemingly would as soon not touch stock that has come so far.

The poultry market went to pieces in a surprisingly sudden and awful manner. It must be admitted that there is just a suspicion of hard times sweeping here-ward and is being felt most by certain classes of workmen. Some are eating beef today who have good appetites for turkey. The C. P. R., which under normal conditions is looked upon by many as a giant evil in the country, is, under stress of an “off-year,” compelled to curtail its mighty pay-roll and not a little difference is noticeable along the New Brunswick lines.

This week opens with prices as here given:

Hay, pressed.....	\$11.50	
Straw, loose.....	3.00 to	4.00
Oats.....	40	
Buckwheat meal.....	1.50 to	1.60
Butter.....	21 to	.22
Eggs.....	25	
Chickens.....	7 to	.09
Ducks and Geese.....	10	
Turkeys.....	11 to	14
Potatoes.....	90	
Beans.....	2.50	
Wood.....	3 50 to	4 50

### The Union Blend Tea Prize.

I beg to thank my many friends for their support during the last year. Many thousand boys and girls have been rewarded five dollars (\$5.00) for collecting and returning the complete alphabet taken from UNION BLEND TEA packets.

The success which this mode of advertising has met with has decided me to continue the same method indefinitely, and I hope to distribute ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) this way next year.

HARRY W. DEFOREST.

### I. O. O. F. Officers.

The election of officers for the coming term of Carleton Lodge No. 41 I. O. O. F. took place on Monday evening last, and the following were chosen:—

H. E. Burt, N. G.  
Wm. Kennedy, V. G.  
Chas. Comben, R. S.  
Thos. Baker, Treas.  
A. F. Benn, F. S.

### The Stability of a Bank is Reflected in the Confidence of its Depositors.

Growth of deposits of The Royal Bank of Canada since incorporation:

1870.....	\$ 288,000
1875.....	870,000
1880.....	1,230,000
1885.....	1,750,000
1890.....	3,280,000
1895.....	6,200,000
1900.....	12,000,000
1905.....	26,500,000
1906.....	28,000,000
1907.....	35,000,000

In the savings department accounts may be opened with deposits of one dollar or more on which interest will be credited or paid four times a year.

### A Christmas Message--The Divinity of the Human.

In the story of the Nativity we have a marvellous blending of the Divine and the Human. The manger in which the Christ was cradled and the glorious stars shining above it; the humble shepherds and the heavenly hymn of love to which they listened; the helpless babe in His mother's arms and the wise men kneeling at His shrine. This picture of the meeting of the Divine at its highest and the Human at its lowliest is surely without a parallel in history or fiction for audacity of faith and splendor of vision. If it were nothing more than the creation of an inspired imagination, it were enough to give reality to the noblest dreams and substance to the highest hopes of humanity. It identifies the obscurest conditions of life with the richest spiritual privileges. It lends a poetical meaning to the commonplace life. It sheds a heavenly glory about the humble work-a-day world. It is a splendid interpretation of what life is, and of what life ought to be. It is a marvellous disclosure of what God thinks of men, and what men ought to think of one another. It teaches us with transcendent force and transparent clearness that love is the greatest thing in the world, and giving is the greatest joy of God.

This is the total impression as we look at the picture and it is one we need to receive in this age of artificial and conventional social distinctions. The scene is made up of figures from the highest and the lowliest of human conditions; but they are all on an equality in the presence of a little Child, and they all have their constituent parts in the Divine drama. For this reason Christmas is the most human of all the Festivals. Its spirit overleaps all barriers that divide us from one another. It overlooks every feature of our humanity that is not native and essential. It is the great leveller of the arbitrary questions that separate, and it introduces peace and good will between man and man. The Son of God is born in a manger; his parents belong to a humble class; the simple shepherds and the learned astronomers meet on a common footing about his cradle; the devotion of the poor and the costly offerings of the rich are together tendered to the Divine Child. He knows none of the artificial distinctions that divide class from class and race from race. He calls into view the essential dignity of the truly human.

This is the truth that underlies at the feast of Christmas. The value of a life must not be estimated by its outward conditions. The spirit is supreme over all the accidents of life. Looked at from a merely material point of view, there is a strange inconsistency between the proclamation of the birth of Jesus and the adverse circumstances of His life found the culmination of His crucifixion. But looking at His life and death, from the spiritual point of view, we find “flawless purity, transparent unselfishness, perfect obedience, fathomless love, boundless service, glorious victory.” We look beyond the death of the Christ to the resurrection and ascension and the triumphant rule and there we find the reconciliation of the prophecy and the feast. We look at the power manifested down through the course of history and today being wielded by the spiritual Christ and we find abundant justification for the angelic proclamation of the Prince of Peace and Good Will. The message of the Nativity of the inherent dignity of human life is not a fanciful vision. It is a prose fact of practical and permanent value for the hard everyday world.

### The Hartland Postmastership.

As a result of a certain anonymous letter that recently appeared in two of the country papers. The document reproduced below was last week circulated among the rate-payers who received mail at Hartland. Noticeable among the signatures are the names of many of the best known liberals of Hartland.

With this substantial encomium it is not likely that Mr. Barnett will be forced from office very soon.

“WHEREAS certain anonymous correspondence purporting to have been written by a resident of the village of Hartland, has been published in certain Carleton County newspapers complaining of neglect of duty on the part of Postmaster John Barnett.”

THEREFORE, we the undersigned, feeling that even an anonymous attack on a public official of Mr. Barnett's standing should not go unanswered, take this opportunity of saying that we have always found Barnett to be attentive to his duties and a faithful and excellent official in every way, and that we are entirely satisfied with the manner in which he is discharging the duties of his office.

The People's Cash Market is the best place in town to buy meats.

Shredded Wheat Flakes at H. G. NOBLE'S Grocery.