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As Well as for the Province and the Dominion,

AND GAINING WORLD-WIDE TRADE

Manufactures of T. McAvity & Sons Which Go to Every Corner of the Globe, and Always Give Satisfaction—The Growth of a Great Industry.

One of the oldest business houses in St. John is that of T. McAvity & Sons, situated on the north side of King street.

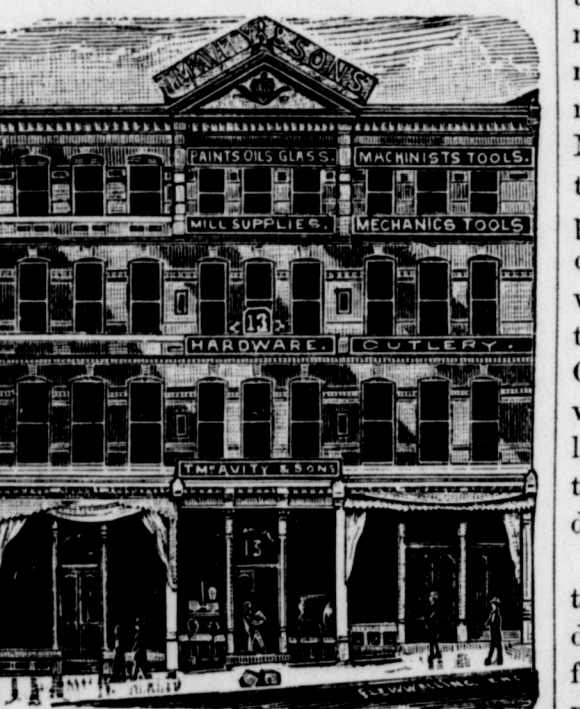
The founder of the firm, the late Mr. Thomas McAvity, was born in Ballyshannon, Ireland, in 1810, and came to St. John in 1818 with his father's family.

Mr. McAvity took a great interest in the affairs of the city and held the office of mayor from 1859 to 1863.

In 1873 Mr. McAvity's sons being admitted into the firm, the firm became known by its present firm name of T. McAvity & Sons, bearing a long established reputation and an honorable record.

Until 1864, the business was restricted to legitimate hardware, but about this time attention was directed to the brass business.

This new undertaking was commenced in a very small way, the productions for the most part covering brass goods of the kind used in the construction of ships—shipbuilding being at that time the staple industry in the lower provinces.



THE KING STREET STORE.

The hardware store on King street, always noticeable by its well dressed and finely kept windows, has the retail department on the ground floor.

The wholesale departments are upstairs. On the second floor are heavy stocks of rubber belting, mill and engineering supplies of all descriptions.

The two third floors are stocked with mining, engineering and blacksmiths' supplies in variety, large quantities of shovels, picks, bellows, steel vices, portable forges, horseshoes, and other well-known necessities, being arranged so as to occupy as little space as possible.

The two fourth floors are assigned to miscellaneous goods of a bulky character,

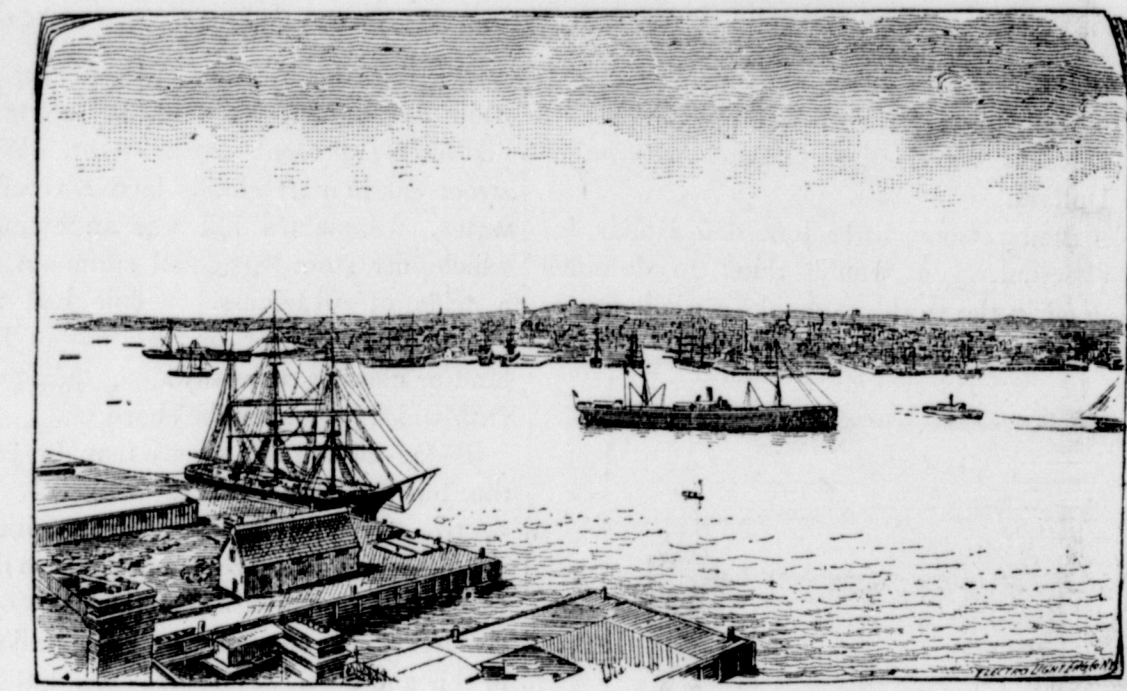
such as waste, red chalk, platform scales, etc.

Progress cannot close its description of the hardware store without making special mention of the cutlery department.



THE FACTORY ON WATER STREET.

This illustration is an old one and hardly does justice to the premises it claims to represent.



THE HARBOR, FROM THE CUSTOM HOUSE.

in this factory may be found the result of many years study and observation, and the means of furnishing 130 hands with constant employment.

In the moulding shop the patterns are taken by the foreman of the shop who ordered the construction of the core boxes for the patterns.

Ranged along one side of the shop are the furnaces, attended by the furnace man, whose duty it is to make the mixtures of metal for the different castings.

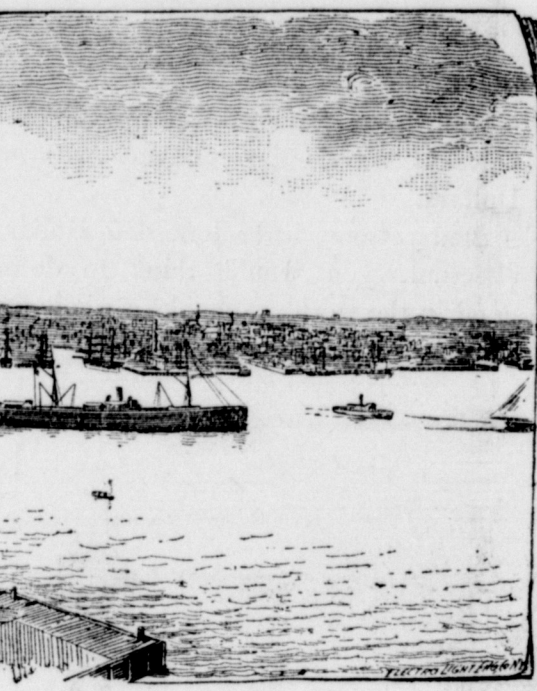
While in the stock room one has time to notice the method of arranging stock castings. Numbers of bins from floor to ceiling all around the room are filled

with unfinished castings of all kinds, and neatly labelled. One whole side of the room has been filled solely with castings for the "McAvity Improved Boiler Feeder."

Leaving the stock-room, one follows the dressed castings to the finishing-room, where he is for a time bewildered by the noise of so many machines in operation at the same time.

being registered, there is time to examine most of the machinery and recognize a good many of the latest American novelties.

Another specialty is "McShane's Patent Check Valve," which is claimed, and justly too, to be the most economical check valve ever introduced.



the "McAvity Feeder," dispensed with, and one handle does the work of four. The advantage of this device is evident: the operation of any one of the mechanism of boilers, and a child may set it working with ease.

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The two latest additions to Messrs. McAvity's list of specialties are "Gaskin's patent saw jointer," a machine for jointing gang saws, the use of which saves 25 per cent. in the wear of saws.

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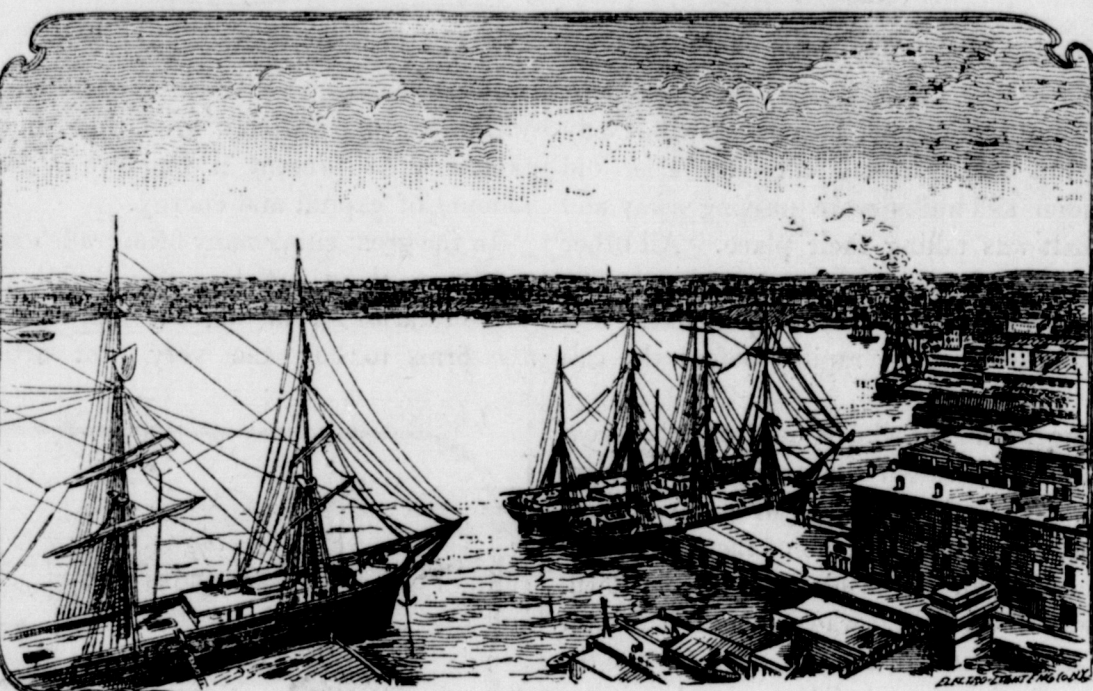
mess room, comfortable and cosy, with a large kitchen range at one end and massive benches running lengthwise of the room.

Progress would like to describe the specialties of Messrs. McAvity's manufacture, but space will not permit.

McShane's patent white metal creamer tap, pronounced by all to be the best creamer tap ever invented, is turned out by this firm, some fifty or sixty thousands being shipped to the upper provinces every season.

The "Edson" and "Niagara" ship pumps are too well known to need much description.

"McAvity's Patent Improved Boiler Feeder" was designed to supersede the old "Hancock Inspirator," a very excellent feeder in its way, but objectionable on account of its many handles.



conspicuous for their energy and enterprise, he would hesitate no longer.

The vexed question would be settled. St. John would be the winter port.

All that has so far been moderately stated applies to it with a force which would carry conviction to the mind of every disinterested man.

To many of the people of St. John it does not seem remarkable that the harbor never freezes. They are accustomed to see its waters as free in winter as in summer.

Of the capacity of the harbor it is scarcely necessary to speak. It has room for all the ships and steamers that any possible emergency might bring.

Progress bespeaks for Messrs. McAvity a good business for the coming year, knowing that all persons having dealings with them will be suited both as regards quality of goods and fair service.

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IT IS WITHOUT A RIVAL.

THE SPLENDID HARBOR NATURE HAS GIVEN TO ST. JOHN.

Some of the Advantages It Offers, Which Are Not Found Elsewhere on the Coast—St. John's Claims to be Made the Great Inlet and Outlet of Canada.

If a commissioner were sent from a distant country, let us say Australia, to decide the vexed question of a winter port for Canada, he would, if an honest man, base his decision on the facts of the case.

Being wholly disinterested and entirely uninfluenced by local prejudice, he would seek those facts at their sources.

If he found there was one harbor, and only one north of Cape Hatteras which was never encumbered by ice in the winter season, he would consider that a very important point.

If he also found that such harbor was of large area and had a depth of water sufficient to accommodate the largest ocean craft at all seasons, he would consider that another important point.

If he found, further, that such harbor could be approached from "outside soundings" with absolutely greater ease and safety than almost any other important harbor on the coast, he would begin to feel that his time had been well spent in the inquiry.

And if, in addition to all, he found that such harbor was the nearest of any rivals to the great markets of the interior, that it belonged to the commercial metropolis of a flourishing province, that its people were

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tance. The fog has been held up as a bugbear. As a matter of fact, it is neither so prevalent as some have imagined, nor is it such a source of delay or danger to vessels.

With the completion of the Short line, St. John, with its unequalled harbor, will be the nearest open port to the upper provinces and the great trade centres of Canada.

Perhaps it is partly the fault of the people that St. John has never received a just recognition of its claims.

But the danger of such a course has been recognized. Our merchants are alive to the importance of their interests, and are moving with a purpose.

So armed, they can hardly fail of success.

IN BUSINESS FOR TEN YEARS.

Mr. John K. Storey, of the "Manchester House," Has a Fine Trade.

A well known dry goods concern is the Manchester House, owned by Mr. John K. Storey, who has been in business for the last ten years.

The windows, which are always very tastefully decorated, invite closer inspection of the goods, and on entering the purchaser finds a seasonable stock of dry goods, millinery and fancy goods, all of which is new and displayed to the very best advantage.

Examine Your Family Papers.

Many letters and documents relating to the colonial and revolutionary periods and of interest to historians and autograph collectors were brought by the Loyalists to the maritime provinces.

Ask your neighbors and friends if this paper isn't the best that was ever issued in the maritime provinces. Their answer cannot be anything but "yes!"

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