



TALK OF THE THEATRE.

Hi Henry's minstrels were the attraction at the Opera house this week and the crowded houses on the first two evenings showed that this form of entertainment is as popular as ever in St. John. Hi Henry's ranks among the best. Everything on the programme was of a high order, and if the omnipresent contortionist did make his appearance, he gave the best performance that was ever given in St. John. Although the stage costumes and decorations in the first part were costly and brilliant, it is a question whether they made as favorable an impression as an old time burnt cork minstrel circle would have done. For my own part I prefer a negro minstrel show pure and simple, with plenty of burnt cork, dress suits and melodies that are in keeping with the appearance of the stage. There were only two end men in the Hi Henry company, properly speaking, the other four taking the part of colored clowns, served no purpose whatever, except to add to the grotesqueness of the circle. There was not the rollicking fun of the old time minstrels; the jokes were for the most part good, but the songs, especially the comic ones, were old, and none of them will be remembered. The entertainment, taken as a whole impressed me more as a variety show than a minstrel entertainment, but, as I said before, it was all of a high order. The Rowley brothers, song and dance team gave a most artistic performance, but the juggler needed practice in his "hat act." Tom Mack was very funny, but he couldn't sing; nevertheless the audience couldn't get enough of him. Hi Henry, himself, was a big feature; as a cornetist he has few equals, while his display of diamonds alone was "well worth the price of admission." The dog circus was a revelation to the audience, some of the tricks performed by the canines being almost incredible.

I expect something more to my liking, however, when the St. John Amateur Minstrels make their appearance. The circle is always the great feature of a minstrel show, and in that part of programme, the amateurs excel. They have numbers, which is everything, good vocalists, and, judging by their last performances, end men who are capable of making enough fun to satisfy anybody.

Christmas week sees H. Price Webber's Boston Comedy company at the institute. Webber always gives a good show for the money, and can draw bigger houses than any manager who visits St. John. He has been having great success throughout the provinces, and judging from the accounts in the outside papers, he has a better company this year than he has ever had before.

A grand military show is one of the possibilities for the opera house in the vicinity of New Year's, and a series of tableaux is spoken of for Christmas week. Both of these entertainments will prove popular enough to crowd the opera house.

DON'T FORGET YOUR DINNER.

There will be no Danger if you Read this Carefully. With Christmas not a week off, the busy housewife begins to think of the festive dinner. Who, save the dyspeptic, does not think of a Christmas dinner? Many of the ladies, who read PROGRESS, are excellent housekeepers. They want the best of everything, and they get it, it is town. They hardly need to be reminded that the proprietor of one of the most attractive and complete groceries in town, speaks to them through PROGRESS. W. Alex. Porter would fail of his usual enterprise if his store was not a Christmas store house. But why talk about it, go and see for yourself.

If you are on the other side of the street Messrs. Bonnell and Cowan will command your attention. This firm has always struck the writer as being too busy to take all the money's worth out of their newspaper space. Yet everybody knows who they are, where they are, and of the excellence of their family groceries. If you do not get away from Charlotte street it will occur to you as a reader of PROGRESS to call at Armstrong Bros. While carrying a full line of all groceries this firm presents an unusual array of household specialties suited to whetted appetites at this special season.

"Selected raisins" is one note Mr. Geo. Robertson dwells upon. Raisins suggest plum pudding or rather thoughts of plum pudding suggests raisins—a fruit that plays an important part in the stock in trade of Santa Claus, the desert and the pudding. Well, Mr. Robertson has them in abundance, to say nothing of his splendid assortment of groceries.

I think there is a limit to a newspaper man's vocabulary even when hungry and writing about groceries and Christmas dinners, but Mr. Hopkins and his mince meat hardly comes under the same head. Mr. Hopkins' mince meat branch of his business becomes important at Christmas times. It puts one in mind of the man who took up a side line which eventually became the popular main business. However, Christmas beef and fowl are always to the front in this excellent meat store.

A good many people will walk through the market next week with an idea which

will embrace a sight of Dean's Christmas beef and Dean's turkeys, etc. This stall is one of the sights for market-goers. Very many of them forget everybody else when the prize beef from the Westmorland marshes meets their eye, or the fat young gobbler, the satisfying goose, the tender chicken or the other edible fowls of the air and beasts of the field, the goodness and flavor of which Mr. Dean will always be happy to touch upon.

Poems in Foot Wear.

Everyone knows more about his own business than anybody else, no matter whether it is sometimes hard to believe it or not, and for this reason a merchant's advice is always good in the selection of a Christmas present, if the buyer has determined to buy in his particular line. For instance, this week Messrs. Waterbury & Rising are advertising gentlemen's Christmas slippers. Of course they have ladies' slippers also in stock, for they make a desirable present for either sex. These slippers are selected especially for the Christmas trade, and most of them are perfect poems in foot wear. This firm is making special offers to Christmas buyers in all kinds of boots and shoes, and at the Union street store bargains are the rule. All who have been reading the firm's announcements know the reason.

Where Everything is "Good."

Messrs. A. & J. Hay's store on King street is always a popular resort during the Christmas holidays, for there people can quietly select a pretty and suitable present in the way of jewelry. Many people are afraid to buy jewelry, because there is so much cheap and trashy stuff on the market, that only experts can tell from the genuine. Those who buy at Hay's, however, know what they are getting and are never afraid of anything "turning."

Mr. Bruce's "Morning Thoughts."

Messrs. McMillan sent PROGRESS a copy of Rev. George Bruce's *Morning Thoughts* bound in a delicate white and attractive cover of Morocco pattern suggestive of the season. This little volume has won the approval of the critics and may be considered as a very appropriate gift. Price 35 cents for the holidays.

Acknowledgment.

I wish to convey thanks to Wm. P. Starr, sub-agent at the Accident Insurance Co. of Canada, for the prompt settlement of my claim for accident insurance against that company. THOS. E. DYER. St. John, Dec. 14, 1891.

A Question to Be Answered.

What to get for the children? that is the question. Who can answer? Well, Mr. Bruckoff can do so as well as anybody PROGRESS knows of. Call upon him and see.

Any Old Letters.

Have you old letters or stamps dated before 1869. See H. L. Harts advertisement.

MILLER BROS.' EXHIBIT.

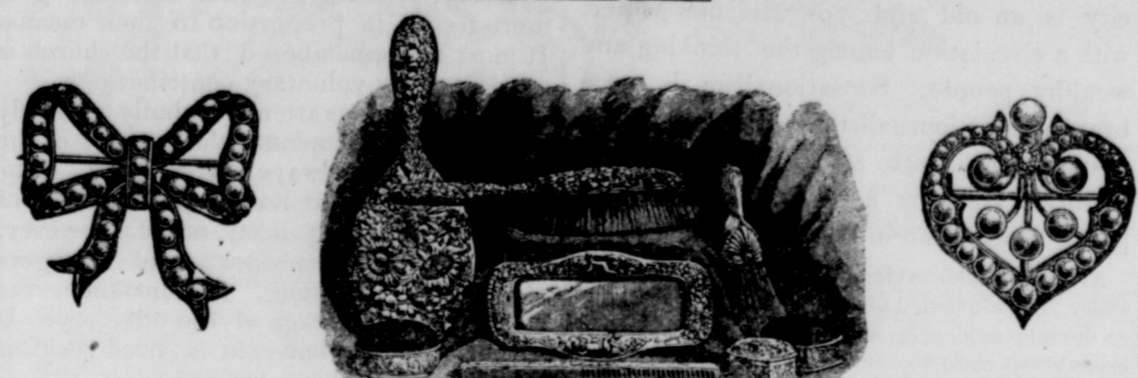
It Contained the Best Pianos and Organs and Was Admired.

At the recent exhibition, says the Halifax Mail, Miller Bros. (Granville street) occupied a large space (nearly the whole of the south end gallery), and their show presented a fine appearance. It was all enclosed by a nice neat railing (of turned bannisters) and the place raised about eight inches, while all was covered by a nice carpet, the walls and ceiling being nicely papered, and suspended from the ceiling were three electric lights, and their whole place tastefully and richly draped and some nice paintings hung. They showed fifteen fine organs and pianos. The Karn organ in church and parlor styles, some of which are very fine in both appearance and tone, ranging in price from \$75 to \$450. Also some fine Karn pianos in mahogany, walnut and rosewood finish. The Evan Bros. piano in mahogany, walnut and rosewood finish; both of those makes of pianos are becoming very popular. Prices of pianos shown ranged from \$350 to \$600. Occasionally some very sweet music could be heard from their department. They also showed in a separate booth ten of the celebrated Raymond sewing machines in different style of oak and walnut. Among them was a very fine cabinet machine, which attracted much attention, it being so simple to open and close and to operate; and when closed having the appearance of a writing desk. This machine has become of late years a general favorite with the public. This firm deserves credit for going to the trouble and expense they did in making so fine an exhibit. They received three diplomas on their organs and pianos. The highest award given, no prizes were offered. They have now been in business over twenty years and during that time have worked up a very large business in the lower provinces, which territory they control.

The monthly concerts at the school for the blind had been resumed. The first of these took place on Wednesday afternoon in the assembly hall of the institution. The visitors were conducted to different parts of the buildings, and were loud in their praises of the arrangement of the music rooms. Through the plate glass doors of each of these rooms a pupil could be seen practising upon one of the new Evans Bros. or Karn pianos recently put in by Miller Bros. of the city, who are the sole agents. Their pianofortes are particularly fine in tone and are giving every satisfaction.

MILLER BROS., Granville street, at the recent exhibition, received three diplomas on their organ and piano exhibition.

Christmas Presents!



SEE OUR STOCK BEFORE MAKING YOUR PURCHASES. DIAMONDS, In Rings, Bracelets, Brooches, Shells, Earrings, etc. SOLID SILVER, In Gorham Manufacturing Co. Goods, and other Fine Makes. WATCHES, Gold and Silver—a great variety, in American and Swiss makes. SILVER PLATED GOODS, From Wilcox Silver Plate Co., Reid & Barton; Meridan Britannia Co. JEWELRY, You will find the Best Stock that has ever been offered in Saint John. CLOCKS, French and American—a great variety.



Gold Pens Pencils, Canes, Umbrellas, Spectacles Eye Glasses, Opera Glasses, &c. FERGUSON & PAGE, 43 KING STREET.

Reliable and Enterprising.

It seems to be as natural to look for gifts in a jewelry store as it is to seek your butcher for a Christmas turkey. The thought of a jewelry store with equal readiness brings to the minds of the people in this city the name of Ferguson & Page. Their stock is second to none at all times and during the holidays includes many beautiful and novel things not to be found elsewhere. The people expect to find the best of everything there and are not disappointed. Their reliability increases their patronage especially at this season. It is a pleasure to enter a store so compact and complete and containing everything that can be thought of in the line of elegant Christmas gifts in gold and silver. Their attractive announcement on page three is worthy looking at.

The Weather and Something Else.

There were several reasons this week why people should think of a rubber store, and in consequence of good advertising none comes to the mind more readily than the American rubber store on Charlotte street. The reasons were, snow (overboots), rain (mackintoshes) slush (rubber boots) and "goloshes", ice (creepers). With such weather and under such circumstances a man who seeks to avoid doctors and undertakers must interview the rubber store. Then this is the holiday season, when sensible people are looking after the wants instead of the luxuries of their friends. What in the line of rubber goods would not suit some of your friends?

A Weighty Gift.

Every one will agree that a kitchen range as a Christmas present is a trifle weighty, and yet Sheraton & Selfridge say they have sold them for that purpose. They were not left at the door for the morning of December 25, but were delivered and put up and the Christmas dinner cooked in them. Surely that must be a trying time on a stove. But if not a range, there are so many things useful at all times in S. & S.'s establishment that PROGRESS would not attempt to catalogue them. They speak about many things in their advertisement; they show all of them in their store.

Have You any Money.

Even when money is scarce as some people say it is, frequently there are people who have plenty and to spare. They cannot get satisfactory interest in the bank and good local investments are scarce. It is at such a time that it will pay them to read the financial announcement of the Imperial Trusts company on the ninth page. It will interest those who have money to invest. The explanations are ample and anyone who wants more information than is given there can obtain it from the agent of the Imperial Trusts company in this city, Mr. H. C. Tilley.

Both Pretty and New.

There is fashion in jewelry as well as in everything else, and in making a Christmas present one of the things that must be considered is whether one is buying "the very latest" or not. To do this it is always best to buy from the man who is always on the lookout for novelties. Carl C. Schmidt has always had this end in view, and this season has a fine display of everything that is pretty and new in the way of jewelry.

A Good Place to Go.

A store that always looks well, but especially so at this time, is that of Mr. O. H. Warwick. The window display is always worth a second glance, and the man or woman who cannot discover something attractive and fancy striking there, is indeed hard to please. Crockery and glass ware are generally for use and enter largely in Christmas presentations. Mr. Warwick's in that case is a good store to visit.

"Everything."

"What you got for Christmas, Mr. McArthur," asked PROGRESS. "Everything" was the ready response. Everything in the line of books he meant, and surely that is the case. One wonders how so much that is good, so much that is reasonable in price, so much that is popular can be concentrated and shown in so compact a store. It is a satisfying place to go and buy in and that is saying a good deal.

A Good Advertiser.

Speaking of the attractiveness of advertisers, a gentleman mentioned those of W. Tremaine Gard, which are always timely and catchy. That in PROGRESS is more than appropriate, it is beautiful as well and should catch the eye of every reader.

A Remedy For Weak Eyes.

Have any of your friends weak eyes and do any of them wear glasses? If they do remember them in connection with the optician D. Harris in your rounds.



INFANTILE SKIN AND SCALP DISEASES CURED BY CUTICURA. EVERY HUMOR OF THE SKIN AND SCALP of infancy and childhood, whether torturing, disfiguring, itching, burning, scaly, crusted, pimply, or blotchy, with loss of hair, and every impurity of the blood, whether simple, scrofulous, or hereditary, is speedily, permanently, and economically cured by the CUTICURA REMEDIES, consisting of CUTICURA, the great Skin Cure, CUTICURA SOAP, an exquisite Skin Purifier and Beautifier, and CUTICURA RESOLVENT, the new Blood and Skin Purifier and greatest of Humors Remedies, when the best physicians and all other remedies fail. Parents save your children years of mental and physical suffering. Begin now. Delays are dangerous. Cures made in childhood are permanent. Sold everywhere. Price, CUTICURA 75c.; SOAP, 35c.; RESOLVENT, \$1.50. Prepared by Potter Drug and Chemical Corporation, Boston, Mass. Send for "How to Cure Skin and Blood Diseases," beautified by CUTICURA SOAP.

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Christmas Present

(And these articles make a suitable present for almost anyone).

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HAROLD GILBERT, 54 KING STREET.

Rubber Boots AND Shoes. HEADQUARTERS! FOR Rubber Goods

A HOT WATER BOTTLES, \$1.00 up, best quality. Ladies and Gent's Waterproof Clothing. Misses' wool lined buckle Overshoes, high cut. Men's American and Canadian Overshoes. Ladies' wool lined button Overshoes. Children's wool lined Rubbers, 45 cents.

FRANK S. ALLWOOD, 179 UNION STREET.

Ice Creepers. Cheap Sale of Xmas Toys and Fancy Goods. Splendid assortment of Rubber Combs.

FOR XMAS, 1891, AT W. ALEX. PORTER'S.

Imperial Cabinets Dehesa and Layer RAISINS, Valencia and Valencia Layers; New Currants; Citron, Orange and Lemon Peels; Flavoring Extracts and Syrups all kinds. SHELLLED ALMONDS, FROSTING SUGAR.

DUNN'S PURE LARD, HAMS AND BACON, WITH A FULL STOCK OF FINE GROCERIES AND FRUITS, CANNED VEGETABLES AND FRUITS, JAMS AND JELLIES.

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