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At 35c—LITHOGRAPH CUSHION TOPS in entirely new designs. At 50c—HAND PAINTED CUSHION COVERS, finished ready for filling.

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Great Sale of Pillow Shams and Bureau Scarfs. These are much below the regular prices. The shams and bureau scarfs match, and the three pieces may be had for the following prices.

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Men's Mufflers, 19c up. Men's Wool Gloves, 25c. Men's Kid Gloves, 85c. Men's Handkerchiefs 5c up. Men's Ties, 25c. Men's Braces, 25c. Men's Underwear, 50c. Men's Shirts, 75c. Men's Hose, 25c.

Umbrellas, Suitable for Christmas Gifts. 5c each. CORNER DUKE AND CHARLOTTE STS. STORE OPEN EVENINGS.

LOCAL NEWS.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

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

Band tonight at the Carlton Open Air Rink. If you want to buy toys cheap call at Barker's, 22 King street.

An auction sale of toys, dolls and fancy goods tonight at 115 sharp North End Department Store, 565 Main street.

All the South African veterans are requested to meet this evening at Breeze's corner for the purpose of forming a club.

Good heavy soft wood, \$1.20. Broad Cove coal, \$1.20 per ton. Walker's Wharf, Phone 611.

A few nice rooms with first-class board at reasonable rates at the Ottawa hotel, King square.

See the large 8 x 10 photo given away with every dozen, from \$2.00 per dozen and upwards, at Isaac Erb & Sons', photographers, 18 Charlotte street.

The mission band of Queen square church will hold a sale tomorrow afternoon, from four to seven o'clock, in the church parlors.

Last night Officer Sempie was called into Charles Watter's house on Metcalfe street to eject Mrs. Jones, who was creating a disturbance.

Thomas Burns, secretary of the Board of Health, who is ill at the General Public Hospital, was reported this morning as resting quite comfortably.

The insurance loss on the stock of Messrs. A. McMillan & Co., has not yet been adjusted, but it is expected that the appraisers will complete their work by the first of next week.

Ald. R. T. McIlreath, of Halifax, passed through the city today on his way home from the United States. Mr. McIlreath said that he would be a candidate for the Halifax mayoralty in the coming civic elections there.

The Willing Workers Mission Band of St. David's church, will hold a sale of fancy work, dressed dolls and home-made candy in the parlor of the church tomorrow afternoon and evening from four o'clock.

It is said on the streets today that Ned Dalton and Logan, two well known St. John skaters may meet here on New Year's night. It is known that Logan has challenged Dalton to race in the Arctic Rink on that evening and now it is up to Dalton if it would seem—Frederick Gleason.

The weekly meeting of the Hillside Sewing Circle was held last evening at the home of Mrs. Myles, Wright street. During the evening there were several piano and violin solos.

Next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Havenor, Spring street, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 20th.

A very pleasant event took place at White's restaurant last evening, when Joseph Murphy, the popular chef of the York Bakery, entertained the proprietors and employees to an oyster supper. Mr. Murphy is about to join the ranks of the Bachelors.

Three schooners arrived yesterday with large cargoes of fish. The fish will be used principally for bait. The fish were caught in weirs at Grand Manan and are bringing average prices.

The last will and testament of the late Michael Birnie of the Parish of Lancaster, was admitted to probate today, and letters testamentary were granted to Messrs. Scott & Brox, O'Regan, the executors named in the will. The estate is valued at \$130 personal property. Tilley & Smith, probators.

The Star is indebted to Douglas McArthur for a copy of Peter's Annual, a beautifully illustrated Christmas number, accompanied by three handsome colored pictures for framing, all of them copies of celebrated paintings. The number makes a splendid Christmas gift.

The contract for making the summer uniforms for local I. C. R. officials has been awarded to Messrs. Scott & Brox. The suits are to be finished by the first of April and work on them will be commenced at once. The uniforms will be made for conductors, brakemen, policemen and messengers. They will be of the regulation pattern.

Capt. J. G. Knight, a former Nova Scotian, died on Oct. 28th, of heart failure at Claremont, Western Australia. Capt. Grant resided in Australia for many years. He was a son of the late Rev. Richard Knight, and is survived by Richard N. of this city, and William of Moncton, and two sisters, Mrs. J. V. Reid, of Charlottetown, and Mrs. William Hanson.

CALVIN AUSTIN'S STORMY TRIP. The steamer Calvin Austin arrived in port this morning about eight o'clock with a small cargo and thirty-nine passengers. The Calvin Austin left Boston on Monday in a fierce blizzard, and, in fact, Captain Pike says, she was about the only boat that ventured out that morning. The wind was blowing off the coast and there was consequently a comparatively smooth sea. When Portland, Me., was reached, however, it was deemed advisable to remain there over night and she accordingly kept her mooring until the next morning. From Portland to St. John nothing unusual happened. The steamer leaves on her regular return trip tomorrow.

MILK DEALERS PAY UP. The milk dealers who were reported early this week for selling milk in the city without a license have, with three exceptions, informed the court that they have fulfilled the requirements of the law. The three who up to this morning had not done so are John O'Leary, John Durant and Samuel Cunningham. These gentlemen will be proceeded against in the usual way if they do not at once take out licenses.

I. C. R. CLERKS HAVE HOPES.

Mr. Emerson Promised Them a Raise. But It Has Been a Long Time Coming.

There have been numerous reports of late that Hon. H. R. Emerson had sent a letter to some of the I. C. R. officials here promising faithfully that the pay of the clerks would be increased and that the increase would date from July 1st last. Careful inquiry fails to confirm this report and while the men are hopeful that they will receive an increase they have no positive promise that they will or that it will date from July 1st last.

The pay car has been a little behind in arriving here during the past two months and it was rumored then that the delay was caused by the fact that it was taking extra time to make up the pay sheets in consequence of the increase, but this has proved to be a mistake.

What did occur is this: Months ago a delegation of the local clerks went to Fairville and boarded Mr. Emerson's private car when that gentleman was coming from Fredericton to this city. They stated their case and he promised to look into the matter. Later he wrote a letter saying he felt safe in guaranteeing the increase. Shortly before elections, nothing more being heard of the matter, Hon. H. A. McKeown was approached on the subject. It is said that Mr. McKeown got angry and declared the whole thing to be a hold up and informed the clerks that he would have nothing to do with the matter. Mr. Emerson was again communicated with and whatever his reply was it is stated positively that there was no positive promise of an increase. The clerks, however, have hopes.

OPPOSITION CONVENTION.

Ward Representation for Friday Night Fixed—J. B. M. Baxter and John E. Wilson Prominently Mentioned.

The convention of electors of the city of Saint John opposed to the local government will be held at the York Theatre assembly rooms (down stairs) on Friday evening next at eight o'clock. The convention is called by J. D. Hazen, M. P. E., leader of the local opposition.

The wards will be entitled to the following representation on the nominating committee:—

Table with 2 columns: Ward, Representatives. Includes wards like GUY, BROOKS, SYDNEY, QUEENS, KINGS, PRINCE, VICTORIA, LAFFERTY, LANDREAU, LORNE, STANLEY.

A PACKED CONVENTION.

Dr. Smith Says Tweedie Ring Knifed Him—May Run as An Independent.

Dr. J. M. Smith, when called upon by a Star reporter this morning, was still of the opinion that last night's convention was packed. His name would have come before the convention had he yielded to the solicitation of his friends, but he thought that under the circumstances it was better to let the opposition have way and fair-minded Liberals could then judge for themselves. If it is the wish of his supporters that he should take the field as an independent candidate he is ready and willing to do it. He believed that if he runs, and there is strong probability of it, he could get the bulk of the independent Liberal vote. Just this morning he had received very encouraging promises of support which confirmed him in the opinion that if he wished he could effectively kill the Tweedie coterie in this city.

WELCOME WEATHER CHANGE.

A Number of Storm Strayed Schooners Got Away Today.

The change in the weather conditions particularly the wind, has made glad the hearts of the local schooner owners and agents. For some days past a big fleet of these vessels has been tied up here, some for as long as fifteen days. The favorable conditions this morning enabled these vessels to get away and they made a pretty sight as they sailed out of the harbor. Some were anchored in the eddy, while others were lined up at different wharves where each day they were under heavy expense. The schooners that sailed this morning were the Kothessay, W. L. Ekin, Wanola, Preference, Louis V. Caples, Rewah, Harry Miller, Rolf Lobster, Janet E., Laura G. Hall and several others.

CHRISTMAS PAY FOR I. C. R. MEN.

I. C. R. employees will receive a half month's pay, that is up to December 15th on the day before Christmas. The St. John men will be paid by L. E. Ross, the terminal superintendent, who expects the checks for the men from Moncton in plenty of time to be cashed at the banks on Saturday, the 24th. In previous years the men were paid in cash, but since last summer the pay system has been changed and checks are now used entirely.

PERSONALS.

Geo. W. Parker, manager of the Confederation Life Association, was a passenger on the outgoing Atlantic express today.

Manager Hanson, of the Ogilvie Flour Company, of Ontario, passed through the city today on his way to Nova Scotia, accompanied by J. S. Harding, the local manager.

Chas. Fawcett and his son, Horace Fawcett, merchants of Sackville, arrived in the city today.

J. J. McGaffigan returned home today on the Atlantic express.

Miss Nellie Donahoe, of Boston, is visiting her parents, Brussels street, and will remain in the city until Christmas.

B. H. Appleby of Lancaster Heights, proprietor of the Spoon Island granite quarry, will leave on Thursday for Southern California, where he will spend the winter. Mr. Appleby's health is not so good as either he or his friends desire.

J. J. McCaffery, of the Queen hotel, Fredericton, arrived last night in the city.

Col. Donville left last evening for Montreal.

Michael McDade returned yesterday from Moncton.

Dr. Robert Duncan Robertson, of Wetsuwin, Alta., who on Dec. 7 was married at Fombroke, Ont., to Miss Katherine F. Grant, will arrive today, accompanied by his bride, on a visit to his mother.

Mrs. D. C. Millet, of Buffalo, arrived in the city on the Boston express to-day on a visit to her father, James Reynolds, 365 Union street.

Vaudeville at York Theatre. Lecture by Brigadier Archibald in Germain street church.

Election of officers of Trinity Preceptor Royal Black Knights.

Concert by Jubilee Base Ball team in Orange Hall, Simonds street.

Meeting South African veterans at Breeze's corner.

Magic Lantern entertainment in W. C. T. U. Hall, King street, West End.

The boys of the Jubilee Base Ball team, champions of the West Side, are giving a concert in Orange Hall, Simonds street tonight. A splendid and varied programme has been prepared and a good time is guaranteed to all who come.

Don't Fail to See CHRISTMAS

Locketts and Chains, Links, Brooches, Diamond Rings, \$20 to \$285. OLD TIME PRICES. Boys' Watches, \$1.20, \$1.25, \$2, \$4, \$5 and \$3.

A. J. HAYS, 76 KING STREET.

Morrell & Sutherland

Ladies' Winter Jackets Half-Price. Fifty (50) LADIES' WINTER JACKETS all new and fashionable styles, will be sold tomorrow and following days at exactly half-price.

Those ladies contemplating buying at this sale should not delay. Examples of Half-Price reductions offered tomorrow. \$3.75 JACKETS for \$1.88. \$7.50 JACKETS for \$3.75. \$10 JACKETS for \$5.00. \$12.50 JACKETS for \$6.25. \$17.50 JACKETS for \$8.75.



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For Christmas Presents. Kodaks from \$5.00 to \$35.00. Brownie Camera, \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$5.00. We have a full assortment. Catalogues on application.

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

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Jap Silk Waists for Christmas.

Dainty and Inexpensive. Excellent for Gift Purposes.

Table listing various silk waists: White Jap Silk Waists, Black Mervillieux Silk Waists, Black Taffeta Silk Waists, Black Peau de Soie Waists, Fancy Unlined Silk Waists.



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