

Semi-Annual Clean-up Sale of Ready To Wear Clothing.

After the holidays comes the Clearance Sale. We must have the room for our new stock which is already ordered. Some of it is now in transit, and will be here before we are ready for it. Therefore, the balance of our winter stock must go, and there must be a general cleaning up of odds and ends, regardless of cost. Our necessity makes your opportunity.

We have had a particularly good season for Winter Overcoats—men find they have style, fit and good wear. As a consequence the assortment is greatly broken. We make deep cuts in the prices to ensure quick sales. Come early and secure bargains.

Overcoats that sold at \$10, \$12, \$13.50 and \$15, Reduced to \$6.90, \$8.90 and \$10.

A. GILMOUR, Fine Tailoring and Clothing, 68 King Street. CLOSE AT 9; SATURDAY, 10.

SUPERIOR SAUSAGE.

Our Sausage pleases the most fastidious. It is not overloaded with herbs and spices. Made fresh every day. For sale at nearly all Grocers and Meat Dealers.

SAUSAGE MEAT.

After all there is nothing nicer than our fresh made right seasoned Sausage Meat. You will find our home made HEAD CHEESE tastes well, too.

SLIPP & FLEWELLING, 240 MAIN STREET, ST. JOHN, N. B. PORK PACKERS.

DO ALL MERCHANTS REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF ADEQUATE SPACE FOR THEIR ANNOUNCEMENTS?

IN A BATTLE NOT MORE THAN ONE IN A HUNDRED... THE MORAL FORCE OF A "BIG ADVERTISEMENT" IS AS GREAT AS THAT OF A "BIG GUN."... "BIG STORES" MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH "ADVERTISING ARTILLERY" OF LONG RANGE AND QUICK-FIRING.

Bishop McVicker, of Rhodes Island, told the Episcopalian Club at their dinner recently one of the best Butler stories. Butler was on his way to Boston to try a case before Judge Shaw. A young friend met him on the train, and asked if he might look at the notes on the case. Butler acquiesced. The young man to his astonishment, saw written in pencil at the top of page one: "Insult the Judge." "You see," said Butler, "I first get Judge Shaw's ill will by insulting him in some way. Later in the case he will have decisions to make in the case for or against me. As he is an exceedingly just man, and as I have insulted him, he will lean to my side, for fear of letting his personal feeling against me sway his decision the opposite way."

Mrs. C., one morning last week thought she smelled gas. Bravely came to her mysteriously and she crept downstairs, called Mr. C., then shook him, and at last aroused him. Then this was heard: "John, there's a leak in the gas pipe in the kitchen. We'll all die if it is not fixed." Leaks had been heard of before, and Mr. C. solemnly asked: "Is it a-leaking much now?" "Not much," screamed his wife, and then, as Mr. C. turned over, this soothing advice was given: "Put a bucket under it and come to bed."

MANY DECEMBER FIRES.

The Firemen Were Called Out Eighteen Times, Three of the Fires Being Serious.

During the month of December the firemen were called out eighteen times, a record number. Three of these fires were of a destructive character, while the rest were only incipient blazes, which had they not been extinguished with promptness might have attained serious proportions. The firemen were also called out several times without the sending in of an alarm. Altogether December was a busy month for St. John's fire fighters.

Following is a list of December's fires: Dec. 2—Box 35, house owned by Thos. Roca, Germain street. Defective flue. Dec. 2—Box 123, chimney on fire. Cedar street.

Dec. 5—Box 36-Y & A, McMillan's printing establishment, Prince William street, totally destroyed. Insurance \$38,000. Dec. 5—Box 3, ell of building occupied by Mrs. Dunn, Wellington Row. Damage slight. Cause incendiary.

Dec. 6—Box 6, house owned by John McBratley, Prince Wm. street. Badly damaged. Cause incendiary. Dec. 8—Box 15, house owned by T. McDonald, Clarence street. Defective flue. Dec. 10—Box 451, barn owned by John Beamish, Haymarket Square. Damage slight.

Dec. 11—Box 312, chimney on fire, Fort Howe. Dec. 12—Box 117 (west end), freight car on fire at Sand Point. Caught from stove. Dec. 24—Box 154, G. S. Cosman's blacksmith shop, Mill street. Defective flue.

Dec. 30—Box 4, houses owned by M. V. Padock and Geo. E. Falvethner, Sewell street, badly damaged. Insurance \$8,000. Dec. 30—Box 16, chimney on fire, Erin street.

AFRICAN VETERAN DEAD. Patrick Kehoe, a South African veteran, died at the Victoria General Hospital last night after a week's illness of pneumonia. The deceased was secretary of the Royal British Veteran's Association, and was a member of the 1st Battalion of the 24th Regiment. He saw service in the South African war, going out first as a member of "H" company. He was in the engagement at Paardeberg, and at Johannesburg and other engagements under Major H. B. Stairs. He returned to Halifax with the First Contingent, and again went to the front with the Field Hospital Corps under the command of Major G. C. Jones, and was present at the Hart's River engagement. He also served seven years in the King's Liverpool Regiment. The deceased leaves a widow and three children.—Halifax Mail.

OLDEST LIVING THING.

Said to Be a Huge Cypress Tree 6250 Years Old.

"The statement recently made that there are yews in England which are the oldest living things on earth," Thomas C. Ireland said, "is not correct. These yews are old, very, very old; there is no doubt about that; some of them were stalwart trees even before Cassar landed these shores. There is one now standing in the churchyard at Fortingal, in Perthshire, which Decandole, nearly a century ago, proved to be over 25 centuries old, and another at Hedor, in Buclach, which is 3240 years old. How Decandole arrived at an apparently correct estimate of the enormous age of these living trees is a simple thing, and the principle is doubtless known today to all. The yew, like most trees, adds one line, about the tenth of an inch, to its circumference each year. He proved this after an investigation extending over several years, and we know now a hundred years later, that his deductions were correct. The old yew at Hedor has a trunk 27 feet in diameter, proving its great age, and it is in a flourishing, healthy condition now, like its brother at Fortingal.

"Their years are few, though, compared with those of the trees I had in mind when I made my first assertion that the statement printed about them in a scientific journal was incorrect. In one chapter of his writings Humboldt refers to a gigantic baobab tree in Central Africa as the 'oldest organic monument' in the world. This tree has a trunk 29 feet in diameter, and is surrounded by a series of careful measurements, demonstrated conclusively that it had lived for not less than 6190 years.

"Still it is not the oldest organic monument in the world, as Humboldt declared, for now Mexican scientists have proved that a huge cypress tree, standing in the mountains of Mexico, is 135 feet and 10 inches in circumference, is older than it—older, too, by more than a thousand years—for it had been shown as a certainty as these things can be shown, that its age is about 6200 years. To become impressed with wonder over this one has only to dwell on the fact that the tree is still in flower.

"Yet it is not so remarkable when one stops for a moment to remember that the yew is not only one of the longest lived and the most enduring of its growth and sustenance, the average tree will never die of old age—its death is merely an accident. Older younger and more vigorous trees may sprout up near it, and perhaps rob its roots of their proper nourishment; insects may kill it, floods or winds may sweep it away, or its roots may come in contact with rock and become so gnarled and twisted, because they had not room to expand their growth, that they literally rot from the inside. The people are so used to seeing trees that they do not think of them as accidents. If such things do not happen a tree may live on for century after century, still robust and vigorous, and its branches, as its widespread branches, the men and women of age after age."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

AN ARIZONA PRISON.

Made By Blowing Hole in Wall of Rock With Dynamite. Out in Arizona they do not stop to put up a big pile of brick or stone and mortar to build a prison. They dig a hole in one of the mountains which may be handy to the town where they are to be put. The people are so accustomed to using dynamite in getting out the gold and other minerals in this part of the west that they can dig a hole in an ounce hole which is needed to blow out a cell or corridor. After the interior is excavated two or three men with crowbars and sledges make the few windows and the passageway through which the prisoners are taken. Just a foot or so is sufficient for a window, and it costs more to dig the hole than the wall that it goes to cut the hole through. So the windows, if they can be called such, are not much more than gapsholes. And once again, here the want ads. offer to her full emancipation—for they will find for her the right dressmaker.

ARMY CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

The Salvation Army barracks on Charlotte street was the scene last night of an enjoyable entertainment and Christmas tree treat. The programme was entirely given by the Juniors and consisted of choruses, solos, recitations, duets, dialogues, single and double timbral drills and bar bell exercises by the girls. Those who took part were Nellie McLean, May Atchorn, Robbie McLean, Jennie Lane, Pearl Cook, Hazel Harding, Maggie Morrison, Annie Puddister, Ethel Alchorn, E. Lane, M. Wannacot, Eva Wannacot, Charlie Alchorn, L. Phillips, W. McLean, Hattie Globe, F. Thompson, Willie and Cecil Globe, Bessie Lane, Eva Chary, Susie Puddister, Freda Thompson, Gladys Ratcliffe and M. Macaulay.

FACTORY ACT COMMISSION.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 2.—The Factory Act Commission took evidence here yesterday respecting the Hart Boot and Shoe Co., The J. C. Risteen Co., the Fredrick Steam Laundry, The Thompson & Thompson Co., the John Palmer Co., the Cooper Carriage Co., the Scott Lumbering Co., and a few other minor places. Today the commission is hearing evidence at Marysville.

DR. LINDSAY PARKER OBJECTS.

Filed a Sacrilege in a Vaudeville Joke—Other Clergymen Differ.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—R. G. Knowles, a vaudeville monologist, never tried to be funnier than yesterday morning in the Orpheum Theatre, Brooklyn, when he told his "Unto Us a Son is Born, Ten Feet by Two," story before three lay churchmen. After due deliberation the committee decided that this joke, which the Rev. D. Lindsay Parker, rector of St. Patrick's church, objected to, was not sacrilegious, and Mr. Knowles used it again at his monologue at the matinee.

This private rehearsal of the joke was after Mr. Knowles and Percy G. Williams, manager of the theatre, had agreed to settle their differences by arbitration. After Dr. Parker's objection to the joke Mr. Williams requested that it be cut out. Mr. Knowles refused to do so and was fined \$100. The private rehearsal of the joke was after Mr. Knowles and Percy G. Williams, manager of the theatre, had agreed to settle their differences by arbitration. After Dr. Parker's objection to the joke Mr. Williams requested that it be cut out. Mr. Knowles refused to do so and was fined \$100.

I. O. F. INSTALLATION.

High Chief Ranges Lingley installed the following officers of Court International, I. O. F., No. 1,117, last evening: W. H. Chambers, chief ranger. W. J. Dunlop, vice chief ranger. E. Hastings, recording secretary. J. H. Scammell, M. D., financial secretary. J. H. Scammell, M. D., treasurer. H. Bond, orator. A. Slick, senior woodward. C. Brager, junior woodward. I. Goldberg, senior beadle. I. Levine, junior beadle. J. Beamish, court deputy. J. H. Scammell, M. D., court physician. T. G. Northrup, H. Kirkpatrick, trustees. T. G. Northrup, J. Beamish, finance and audit committee.

MAYOR URQUHART RE-ELECTED.

TORONTO, Jan. 2.—The following is the result of the mayoralty elections in the principal cities of Ontario today: Toronto—Mayor Urquhart (liberal) was re-elected by 2,346 majority. Hamilton—Ald. Biggar elected (conservative) mayor, 350 majority. London—Ald. Campbell (liberal) probably elected; small majority. Ottawa—Mayor Ellis re-elected, 487 majority. Belleville—C. H. Sulman. Windsor—E. S. Wigle. Stratford—W. J. Ferguson. Woodstock—J. B. Scarff. Kingston—Ald. McFarlane (conservative) elected mayor, 209 majority. Guelph—Geo. Slesman. St. Catharines—Thos. Sweet. Brantford—C. H. Waterous, acclamation.

In Toronto the local option by-laws were carried in the Clarke townships Durham county, by 481 majority. In Thamesville village, Kent county, 5 majority. The local option by-laws were defeated in Saltfleet township, Wentworth county, by 41 majority. In Blenheim township, Essex county, by 99 majority. In Clinton town, Huron county, by 132 majority.

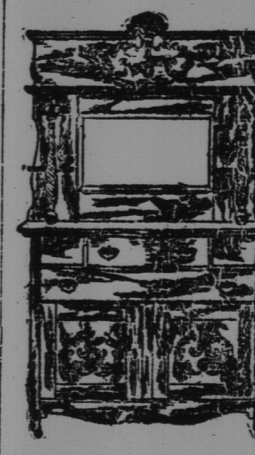
Among the hundreds of dressmakers in this city are at least scores of GOOD ones. A woman who has a poor dressmaker is handicapped even more than the man with a bungling tailor. And once again, here the want ads. offer to her full emancipation—for they will find for her the right dressmaker.

NEW HOTEL OPENED.

NEWCASTLE, Jan. 2.—Very auspicious circumstances marked the opening of Newcastle's new hostelry, the Hotel Miramichi, here this afternoon. At two o'clock the doors were thrown open to the public, and all afternoon a steady stream of visitors flowed into the building. The hotel was inspected throughout, and surprise and praise were expressed by all. The general verdict was that the new hotel is a credit to the city. New Brunswick. Perhaps the most elaborate dinner ever served on the North Shore was partaken of by nearly two hundred in the large dining room. A music room opens into the dining room, and here an orchestra played throughout the afternoon and evening.

MASCULINE VIEW.

Wife—Just the same, you never hear of a woman using her religion as a cloak for her own selfishness. Husband—Of course not, my dear. Religion is too expensive.



SIDEBOARDS

of very desirable pattern, with elaborately carved top and base, beveled plate mirror 16x28, swell front drawer, large double cupboard, golden oak finish, \$18.00. Others from \$10.00 upwards.

GEORGE E. SMITH, 18 King St.

SITUATIONS VACANT. Advertisements under this head, 20 words or less, 20 cents. One week, 25 cents. SITUATIONS WANTED. Advertisements under this head, 20 words or less, 20 cents. One week, 25 cents. WANTED—At once carrier boy for Daily Sun. Apply at Sun Office. WANTED—Boy wanted to learn the grocery business. Apply S. McCONNELL, 783 Main street. WANTED—A capable girl for general housework; also a nurse girl. Apply to MRS. F. G. GLOBE, 154 Waterloo St., Charlottetown.

FOR SALE! 298,000 Spruce Logs and Browns, at Cape Spencer; 80,000 in Dam at Mispec; 20,000 at Grand Bay; 199,000 at Tynemouth Creek. JOS. A. LIKELY, Liquidator, St. John Sulphate Fibre Co.

ROOMS TO LET. Advertisements under this head, 20 words or less, 20 cents. One week, 25 cents. ROOMS TO LET—A private family has three spare rooms at 17 Exmouth street, unfurnished. Only ladies need apply. Terms reasonable. TO LET—Front room, on bath room flat, at 134 King street, West St. John. TO LET—Two nice cosy front rooms. One with fire grate. Apply to J. M. POEY, 188 Duke street. ROOMS TO LET—with or without board, suitable for men and wife of gentlemen. Apply at 37 PETER ST.

MISCELLANEOUS. LADIES HAT FASTENERS DOES AWAY WITH THE USE OF HAT PINS. Will hold on firmly; always ready for use. Samples to any address on receipt of 25c. Lady canvassers wanted. MERCANTILE AGENCY, 74 Stanley street, St. John, N. B. WANTED to buy a good horse, weight about 1,200 pounds. Apply to F. E. WILLIAMS & CO., Ltd. SKATES GROUND AT 23 ELLIOTT ROAD for 10 cents. Repairs. Also saved fied. BOYS, GIRLS—WE PAY CASH.—We want boys and girls to sell our household specialties. Any bright boy or girl can earn \$5 weekly after school. We will furnish you permanent work. Address: MERCANTILE AGENCY, 74 Stanley street, St. John, N. B. LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S Calling Cards, 100 for 75c. SUN OFFICE, 37 Canterbury street. SKATE SHARPENING—Satisfaction guaranteed. Tubular skates a specialty. JOHN ROBERTSON, 111 Prince street. SKATE SHARPENING—Thirty years' experience. R. WOTTRICH, 254 Union street. SKATE SHARPENING.—Manufacturer of Tubular, Racing and Hockey Skates. E. D. COLES, 121 Charlotte street.

LIFTED. City Council—Now, you farmers don't have the trouble of house hunting like city folks. Kansas Don't—eh? Well, I've been hunting for a house the cyclone carried away for two years and I haven't found it yet. The lack of advertising judgment is often responsible for lack of business success.—Advertising World.