

LOCAL NEWS

Flour Advances.
Flour advanced today 20 cents per barrel. The price today for the best brands is \$10.50 per barrel.

Boston Train Late.
The Boston train last night was three hours late owing to heavy traffic in Maine.

The Happy Hunting Ground.
Edgcombe's seems to be the happy hunting ground for Christmas dry goods. Their fur department affords a great opportunity to secure an Xmas gift at a bargain price.

Returned from Coast.
Sergt. Fred Lawney, of the 236th MacLean Highlanders, who had been in the Canadian West and British Columbia on a recruiting tour, returned to Fredericton today.

Arrived With Bride.
Lieut. J. A. Humphrey, of the 236th Highland Battalion, who was married in Moncton on Wednesday, arrived here with his bride last night. They are at the Barker Oouse.

County C. T. A. Case.
A Canada Temperance Act case against a resident of McGivney is being heard before Police Magistrate Limerick this afternoon. Deputy Sheriff J. F. Timmins, County C. T. A. inspector, is the informant.

Made No Connection.
The Minto train left this morning without making connection with the train from St. John. A number of passengers for Minto were greatly inconvenienced, as they will be unable to reach that town until to-morrow.

Horse Found by Police.
A horse with sleigh attached was found wandering about King street between two and three o'clock this morning by Policeman Jones. The latter took the horse to the livery stable where it belonged.

At the Gaiety.
Today Daniel Frohman presents Pauline Frederick, supported by an excellent cast, in "The Woman in the Case." A strong bill. Also "Broncho Billy's Protege," featuring G. M. Anderson, and a Lasky production. Gaiety's concert orchestra.

At the Gem.
Today, five big reels of "Liberty," 4th episode, "Dead or Alive." A rural romance, a 2 reel L-Ko Comedy, and a Victor, "Jane's Choice," with Jane Gail and Matt Moore. An excellent programme. Look out for our Xmas day programme.

Guides' Meeting.
The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Guides' Association is being held at the Queen Hotel this afternoon. A number of noted Nimrods, including Charles Crenin, of this city, Harry Allen, of Penniac, Adam Moore, of Scotch Lake, and David Manderville, of Derby, are in attendance.

Death at St. Stephen.
Mr. J. P. Wry, a well known resident of St. Stephen, died suddenly on Thursday while attending a moving picture theatre. He was the head of the J. P. Wry Pork Packing Co. He is survived by a widow, two daughters and three sons, one of the latter being Mr. Frank Wry, of the C. P. R. telegraph office, St. John, formerly of this city.

Seventy-Seventh Birthday.
On Christmas day Rev. J. C. Berrie will celebrate his 77th birthday. Rev. Mr. Berrie has long been prominent in the Methodist ministry and there are many who will wish him a happy anniversary and speedy recovery from the illness which has kept him to the house during the past few weeks. He is well known in this section, having been stationed at Marysville.

The Motor Truck.
It is reported that another test is to be made of the motor truck now in the Central Fire Station after the snow packs down. The rain today will aid in improving conditions. Mayor Mitchell stated today that no meeting of the City Council had yet been called for the purpose of considering the purchase of the truck. The company has asked for its acceptance by the city.

Military Presentations.
Last evening Lieut. Col. and Mrs. W. H. Grey were presented by the N.C.O.'s and men of the 236th Battalion with an oak table and a silver tea service. Q. M. Sergt. Bonnell made the presentation, and Col. Grey made a suitable reply. Col. Grey also received a case of pipes from the men of D company. The Colonel has been acting as chief instructor to the 236th and his work has given great satisfaction. Major Mercereau, commanding C company, was last evening presented by the N. C. O.'s and men of C company with a silver cigarette case. Col. Grey made the presentation.

If a Man Should Write To Santa Claus

He would say, "Dear Old Man! Here are some of the things I should like best of all for Christmas.

HOUSE SLIPPERS, PAIR DRESS SHOES, DANCING PUMPS, WORKING SHOES, OVER BOOTS, RUBBERS.

"And if it's all the same to you Old Chris, I should like them to come from

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THE SERVICE STORE

ENLISTMENT OF COAL-MINERS EXPECT- ED TO BE LESSENER

Manager Henderson of Minto Coal Co. Believes Arrangement Will be Made--Increase in Pay Recently Given Miners.

Mr. John Henderson, of Minto, manager for the Minto Coal Company, who is at the Barker House today, believes that an arrangement will be made by those in control of recruiting whereby men needed for the operation of the coal mines in the Grand Lake district will not be enlisted for the overseas forces.

Major L. P. D. Tilley, Director of National Service, was at Minto recently looking into the matter. He will report to higher authorities, but it is thought that arrangements will be made under which the operation of the mines will not be interfered with. Such action had to be taken in Nova Scotia recently at Springhill and in Pictou county and Cape Breton.

Miners are scarce according to Mr. Henderson. His own mine, which is the largest at Minto, recently obtained a number of men as the result of the completion of parts of the St. John & Quebec Railway below Gagetown. Prior to that about one hundred men were sent from the detention camp at Amherst. At the present time the output of the mines is four hundred tons of coal per day. Before the war started the output at times reached 500 tons per day. Other mines at Minto operating on a smaller scale have a considerable output.

Mr. Henderson states that an increase in pay was given the miners recently on account of the scarcity of men.

ICE WILL COST MORE NEXT SUMMER IN FREDERICTON.

Harvesting of Ice Will be Difficult This Winter--Opposite the City It is Very Much Broken.

The price of ice in Fredericton next summer is going to be considerably higher than in the past. This is on account of the great difficulty confronting the ice dealers this winter in harvesting sufficient for their trade.

The mild weather of early December caused the ice in the river to break and run. Below the railway bridge the river became clear of ice, but above the bridge the ice piled up and jammed. One ice dealer informed the Mail that at certain places above the highway bridge ice was piled in the bed of the river to a depth of fifteen feet. Near the pumping station the ice was jammed until it formed a dam in the ordinary river channel and forced the river to seek a new channel farther out.

The principal item in the increased cost of harvesting the ice will be the long haul. At present there are small tracts of ice near the St. Marys shore, which can be cut, but for any large quantity of ice the dealers must go above or below the city.

If they go below the railway bridge the question of the purity of the water will arise, and it is probable that the Board of Health will forbid cutting ice there.

Mr. John Henderson, of Minto, is in the city today.

Mr. B. M. Marcus, of Boston, is in the city.

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THE FOLLOWING LIST WILL DOUBTLESS SUGGEST MANY ARTICLES APPROPRIATE—AND HELP INTENDING PURCHASERS TO MAKE THEIR SELECTIONS.

FOR LADIES.

SILK DRESS LENGTHS
SILK WAIST LENGTHS
FANCY HANDKERCHIEFS
PRETTY NECKWEAR
KID GLOVES
SILK HOSE
SILK MUFFLER
BOUDOIR CAPS
SILK UMBRELLA
FANCY MOCCASINS
RIBBONS and LACES
JEWELRY and SHOPPING BAGS
CREPE DE CHENE DRESS
PRETTY WAIST
SILK SWEATER
SKATING SET
KIMONA or BATH ROBE
SILK PETTICOAT
SILK CAMISOLE
DAINTY WHITEWEAR
TEA APRONS
SET OF FURS
DOWN PUFF, ETC.

FOR MEN.

SUIT OF CLOTHES
WINTER OVERCOAT
WOOL SWEATER
DRESSING GOWN
SMOKING JACKET
SILK PAJAMAS
SILK SHIRTS
SILK and WOOL MUFFLERS
NECKWEAR and COLLARS
HANDKERCHIEFS
SILK HOSIERY
GLOVES and BRACES
CLUB BAG
SUIT CASE
SILK UMBRELLA
COLLAR BOX
TOILET SET
TOBACCO JAR
SNOW SHOES
FUR COAT
FUR CAP
FUR GLOVES, ETC.

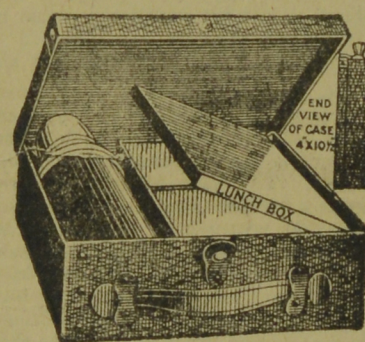
FOR CHILDREN

WINTER COAT
INFANT'S COAT
CHILD'S PAJAMAS
CHILD'S KIMONA
SCARFS and CAPS
OVERALLS
BERLIN SWEATER
STOCKINGS
BERLIN POLKAS
BERLIN HOODS
ANGORA HOODS
GLOVES and MITTS
CHILD'S BIBS
DOLLS and TOYS
SLEIGH ROBES
TEDDY BEAR BLANKETS
CHILDREN'S FURS
TEA SETS and DISHES
TINKER TOYS

See the Fancy Booths 1st and 2nd Floors.
89c-Special Kid Glove Sale begins Wed. Morning 20th inst.-89c

FRED. B. EDGECOMBE CO., Ltd.

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, 20th, THE STORE WILL KEEP OPEN EACH NIGHT UNTIL CHRISTMAS, BUT WILL CLOSE BETWEEN SIX AND SEVEN.



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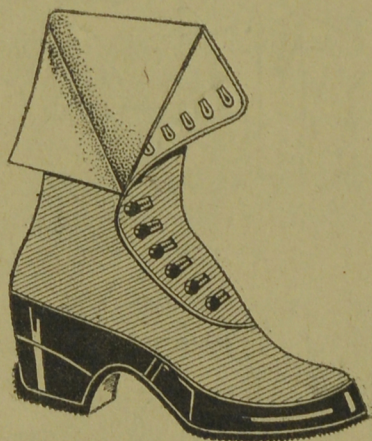
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