

Local News

THE HAY MARKET.

Considerable hay is being hauled to the city but the demand for it is not very keen. It is selling at from \$12 to \$14 per ton.

THE ICE HARVEST.

There is now said to be a foot of solid ice in the river opposite the city ice dealers anticipate no difficulty in gathering in a good harvest.

C.P.R. STRONG.

Canadian Pacific Railway stocks is being traded today for cash on the New York exchange. It sold up to 161 ex-dividend.

SIXTEEN ABOVE.

The weather, which has been quite mild during the past few days, took a sudden drop last night. During the night the thermometer registered sixteen above the cipher.

THE FUEL OUTLOOK.

There seems to be a good supply of fire wood available this season for both furnace and stove and the price is slightly lower than last year. Furnace wood delivered from the cars is selling at \$2.50 per cord.

POOR FISHING.

The pickered fishermen who live in the vicinity of Maquapit and French Lakes are reported to be having very poor luck this season. They net the fish through the ice and forward them to the American market.

NO PINK TEAS.

It is said that the suggestion was recently made to an artillery officer here he should open up the officers' mess and put on a few stunts of a social nature. "Not on your life," was the reply. "We have no time for pink teas."

Beware of Teas that are dusty and full of broken leaves—as these are injurious in use and unpleasant in the cup, the dust being generally put there to reduce the cost.

"SALADA" Teas are always Fresh, Fragrant, Free from dust and economical in use—preserved and sold only in sealed packets at 35c., 46c., 55c., 66c. per pound.

VISITING OLD HOME.

Prof. Robert C. Colwell of Geneva College, Penn., is here on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Colwell. Prof. Colwell is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick, and a young man of exceptional ability who is making good in the land of his adoption.

MR. BERRY'S SUCCESSOR.

Mr. James A. Patterson of Apohaqui, Kings county, has been appointed superintendent of scalers in succession to Mr. W. H. Berry, who is supposed to have been dismissed for well known irregularities. His activities will be confined to the North Shore. Mr. Patterson once lumbered on Great Salmon River and for a time he operated the Robinson mill at Lower St. Mary's. Mr. George F. Burt is acting as chief scaler for the St. John River district.

A FAKE REPORT.

Some excitement was created about the city last evening by a yarn to the effect that the British fleet in the North Sea had been attacked by German submarines and battered to pieces. It was stated that the report had been received at the Newcastle wireless station and transmitted to a government official here. While the yarn was ridiculous on the face of it, many people gave it some credence and there were numerous enquiries at the newspaper offices.

SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Frank Todd, the well known lumber operator of St. Stephen, met with a serious accident Sunday evening. While alighting from a street car near his residence he had a severe fall; he was thrown violently on the frozen street and was picked up unconscious. He was taken to his home, where the doctors restored him to consciousness. It was found that he had a bad cut on his nose and eight other cuts on his face. So far as known Mr. Todd did not receive internal injuries or break any bones.

THE ARBITRATION CASE.

The arbitration case in which the St. John and Quebec Railway company and Fraser Limited are the contending parties was resumed in the County Court House this morning. Mr. H. W. Binning of the Bank of Nova Scotia staff, was the only witness examined. He was called by Fraser Limited to rebut evidence put in by the railway company. It seems that the plans of the railway company were filed before Fraser Limited became the owners of the Scott property. Addresses of counsel are being heard this afternoon, which means that the case is about finished.

PRACTICAL GIFTS LIKE McMANUS' RELIABLE FOOTWEAR

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FOOT FITTERS

NON COM. OFFICERS APPOINTED FOR 23rd BATTERY

H. H. Patchell of St. John Named as Sergt. Major--Several Local Recruits in the List--Gun Drill Being Carried on

Lieut. Perrin of Yarmouth, N.S., one of the officers appointed to the 24th Battery of Field Artillery to be mobilized here, is expected to arrive here this evening and the work of recruiting will likely begin at once. The 23rd Battery is some sixty men over strength and these will, of course, be transferred to the new battery.

Part of the force will be quartered in the stone barracks on Queen street. A force of carpenters are at work today building bunks for the men and making some repairs. It is expected that the building will be occupied within a week. There is room at the barracks for about two hundred men and if the necessity arises fifty more can be accommodated in rooms over the drill hall.

Lieut. Col. Seeley, O.C. the 23rd Field Battery, today gave out in orders the list of non-commissioned officers. The appointments are, of course only provisional and subject to change. It is pleasing to note the names of several Fredericton recruits in the list. The list is as follows:

Battery Sergt. Major--H. H. Patchell.

Q.M. Sergt.--B. Cameron.

Farrier Sergt.--E. S. Durland.

Orderly Room Sergt.--L. A. Fullerton.

No. 1 sub section--Sergt. B. Shea, Corporal C. Young, Bombardier A. Shultz.

No. 2 sub section--Sergt. C. A. Wallace, Corporal C. McMillan, Bomb. L. B. Hatfield.

No. 3 sub section--Sergt. M. F. Mc-

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MR. A. R. SLIPP MAY BE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

This is the Latest Report in Political Circles--Chief Morrissey Assured That He Will Not be Decapitated

Almost a fortnight has elapsed since the resignation of Premier Fleming as the head of the provincial government was announced, and still the province is apparently without a local government. Attorney General Clarke, who was selected to form a new administration, is still making haste slowly. He has, as a matter of fact, broken all records as a political procrastinator so far as New Brunswick is concerned. Hon. Mr. Clarke is not the first man who has been called upon to form a government in this province, but he is the first one to devote two weeks to the job without finishing it.

While the premier is a long while on the job, he must be given credit for holding out gallantly against a fierce bombardment on the part of the crafters and buccaners of the party. He is waited upon daily by delegations who want this or that man taken in and that one kicked out, but so far he has been able to stand them off with rather indefinite promises. Yesterday Hon. John Morrissey came to town to find out how things were going. He was assured by the premier that his scalp was in no immediate danger and he returned home by the evening train. This means that Honest John will remain on the job. The latest report on reconstruction is that Mr. Clarke will retain the portfolio of attorney general and that Hon. Mr. Murray will become minister of lands and mines. As lawyers are rather scarce in the government, the portfolio of agriculture may go to

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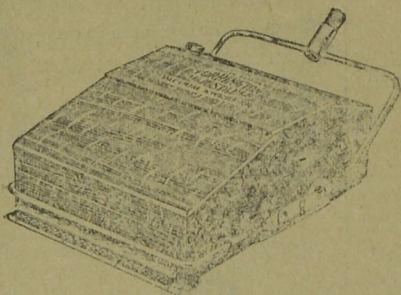
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Shall we help you to decide? Cast your eye over the following list of articles

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Winter Coats
Silk Umbrellas
Berlin Sweaters
Jewelry and Combs
Sets of Furs
Dainty Whitewear
Silk and Satin Petticoats
Fancy Liners &c.

Gentlemen

Overcoat or Suit
Fur Cap or Gloves
Warm Sweater
Mufflers and Ties
Suit Case or Bag
Dressing Gown
Smoking Jacket
Silk Umbrella
Handkerchiefs
Silk Braces
Fine Kid and Mocha Gloves
Collar Boxes
Toilet Sets or Brushes
Cuff Links and Garters &c.

Misses

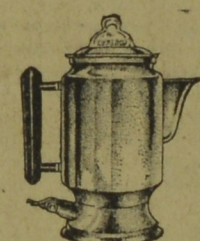
Natty Winter Coats
Navy Sailor Dresses
Berlin Caps and Scarfs
Sweaters
Gloves and Handkerchiefs
School Bags
Manicure Sets
Infants' Coats
Angora Hoods and Mitts
Polka Jackets
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Childs' Sleigh Robes
and Furs

Be sure to visit the Handkerchief and Linen Booths and the fancy tables of Cut Glass, China and Bric-a-Brac
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Will Begin Friday Morning, December 18th.

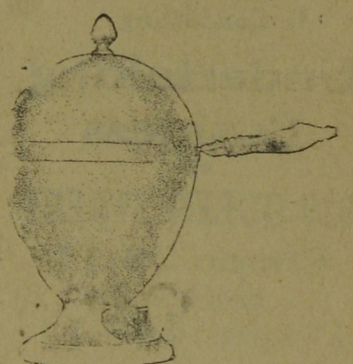
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