

A SPLENDID DRY GOODS STORE.

The Edgcombe Company's Establishment One of the
Finest in the Maritime Provinces.

Fredericton is justly proud of her splendid stores and none are a source of greater pride than the commodious and handsome premises occupied by the Fred B. Edgcombe Company, Limited, the city's leading dry goods concern. It is not only the largest and most modern business establishment in the city, but there are very few in the Maritime Provinces to equal it and it will not suffer greatly from a comparison in many respects with the mammoth departmental stores of Boston and New York.

A force of carpenters, masons, painters and plumbers have been pushing work on the Edgcombe establishment for some weeks and the transformation brought about is certainly remarkable. The old store have been practically doubled in size and the company now have at their disposal upwards of thirty thousand feet of floor space. The building is of brick, three stories high and extends from Queen Street almost the entire width of the block to King Street. The main store is 150 x 38 feet, and in addition there is an ell 122 x 22 feet.

There are two large skylight openings in the main store, in addition to a large window in the rear, which, with the front windows, give ample light. Illumination at night is by both gas and electricity, there being fifteen large arc electric lights distributed about the place, in addition to the new gas arc and incandescent electric lights.

All the improvements planned by the company are not yet completed, but the work has been sufficiently advanced to enable them to utilize their enlarged establishment for the big holiday rush which they have reason to expect during the coming week.

It is the intention of the company in the spring to abolish the present double doors and have one spacious vestibule entrance in the centre. There will also be an entrance by way of York Street. The present stairway leading to the first floor will be torn away and a large and modern stairway with a double landing will be built at a more convenient and central point.

The spacious store has been very artistically decorated for the Christmas season and presents a very brilliant appearance. A large space in the centre has been arched in white and green, and myriads of handkerchiefs, belts, neckwear, silk, underwear, etc., are neatly and attractively displayed. To the right of the up-town entrance is located the art department. The dress goods department comes next on the same side, then comes the colored and black dress goods, evening materials, etc., and the silk department is in the rear. On the down town side of the store are located the glove, corset and ladies' underwear and gents' furnishing departments.

The first floor is at present being utilized for the cloak and fur departments, carpets, quilts, bedding and men's and boy's ready made clothing. The company claim to have the largest and finest stock of carpets in the city, and nobody who has examined their stock will dispute the claim.

The second or top floor when completed will be utilized for the needs of the company's large and constantly increasing wholesale business.

The establishment is finished throughout in the most modern manner. The floors are of polished birch, and the entire ceilings on the first and second floors are of steel, very handsome in design. The counters and fixtures are in keeping with the general character of the establishment, and include one hundred feet of "silent salesman." A fine suit of offices for the company will be fitted up in the ell.

Among the improvements to be made in the spring will be the installation of the Lamson rapid cash carrier system, such as is used by

the big departmental stores of the large cities. The large chimney in the centre of the store is to be removed, and the centre fixtures lowered so that a person entering by the front door can take in the whole establishment at a glance.

The architect for this fine establishment was Mr. G. Ernest Fairweather of St. John. Ald. John Maxwell had charge of the masonry, and brick work, Mr. Charles Hall was in charge of the woodwork, Mr. D. J. Shea, attended to the plumbing, Mr. Sterling Staples had charge of the force of painters and Mr. Stanley Webb installed the electric fixtures. Mr. Harry M. Clarke acted as inspector and saw to it that the work was carefully done.

The building is heated throughout by steam, supplied by a fifty horse power boiler.

The Edgcombe dry goods store is bound to be the centre of attraction during the Christmas week.

In addition to seeing the interior of a twentieth century store, the Christmas shopper will be able to inspect the largest and finest stock of dry goods in the city. The company import direct from the world's greatest marts and cannot allow competitors to undersell them. They have a large and efficient staff of salesmen and salesladies and every courtesy is shown to visitors.

The Fred B. Edgcombe Company, Limited, was incorporated in the spring of 1905, under the New Brunswick Joint Stock Company's Act. The officers are Mr. Fred B. Edgcombe, president; Mr. George S. Clarke, vice-president; Mr. A. W. Edgcombe, secretary-treasurer, and Mr. J. Otty Morrell, manager.

President Edgcombe is recognized as one of the shrewdest business men in New Brunswick, and the large and profitable business enjoyed by the Edgcombe concern is the result of his labors for the past thirty-one years. Mr. Edgcombe learned his apprenticeship in the dry goods business with the late Mr. John Thomas, being in his employ from 1867 to 1869. Upon the death of Mr. Thomas in 1871 Mr. Edgcombe formed a partnership with the late Mr. Alfred Miller and they purchased the business from the estate and carried it on until 1878, when the partnership was dissolved. They also conducted a branch at St. Mary's in charge of Mr. Matthew Tennant, now of the firm of Tennant, Davies & Clarke, but it was closed when the partnership was dissolved. Mr. Edgcombe continued the Fredericton store until last spring, when he merged the business into a stock company as above stated.

Mr. Edgcombe was appointed agent of the Fredericton railway at its opening in 1869 and continued to act in that capacity until 1876, when he received the appointment of superintendent, holding this latter office until 1883, when the road changed hands.

Mr. Edgcombe has long been recognized as one of Fredericton's most public spirited citizens, and takes a warm interest in all matters affecting the city's welfare. He represented Carleton ward in the city council for several years, and is a past president of the Board of Trade, and treasurer of the Tourist Association. His steadfast faith in the future of Fredericton is amply attested by the policy of expansion now being carried out by the wide awake corporation of which he is the head.

The other officers of the company, Messrs. Clarke, A. W. Edgcombe and Morrell, are thoroughly competent dry goods men and highly esteemed in the community.

The Herald voices the statements of the community when it expresses the hope that the wonderful enterprise shown by the Edgcombe Company, will be rewarded by a largely increased patronage.

but is daily growing and claims he can yard as many logs as most of our boys.

One of our boys had the good luck to capture a sable, while another of our bright young men has shown his activity by trapping a fine hedge hog.

We have been yarding about two hundred and fifty a day.

We will be glad to see the ever welcome Christmas. Most of the men have the intention of spending it at home.

Our crew is composed of some very excellent singers and the boys do not forget the tunes of "The Good Old Summer Time," and "The Girl I Left Behind Me."

We were very sorry to see the recent snow storm as Johnnie Young's gates are all snowed up.

We will now bid you adieu, wishing you a Happy New Year.

Thanking you for the same.

PETER WOODWORTH
EDGAR WOODWORTH
J. WATMAN
W.M. McDONALD.

LITTLE LAKE.

Dec. 12.—One of the sweetest souls that ever gladdened our earth passed away to mingle with heaven's bright ones, when Mrs. Manzer Phillips, nee Miss Myrtle Spencer, was taken from us. Her life, though very short here below, was truly an example of good to her associates. Blessed with an unusually sweet and amiable disposition, and giving herself to God when a mere child, she grew into an exceptionally lovely young womanhood. All who knew her loved her, and in the hearts of all she is remembered with a feeling of gladness that ever they had met her.

Coming to Little Lake when scarcely sixteen years of age, she took the school and conducted it with ability for about three years. She was very ready to work for the Master in the Sabbath school, and her sweet voice was heard singing the praises of Him whom she is now lauding above. May God, who only can do so, comfort the bereaved young husband and parents, and friends in their sorrow, for they have a glad and blessed hope of joining her where all sorrows cease.

STEAMER SINKS SCH. BASUTOLAND.

Bound From Chatham, N. B., to New York With Laths.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 15.—The Bridgeport line steamer City of Lawrence, from New York to this port, collided with the schooner Basutoland, Capt. Rupert, bound from Chatham, N. B., to New York with a cargo of laths, last night about 8 o'clock, off South Nowack, and cut such a hole in the coaster that she would have sunk in ten minutes had it not been for her cargo, which kept her afloat. Capt. Rupert and a crew of six men were taken aboard the steamer in the latter's boats.

The captain of the City of Lawrence says that he saw the schooner half a mile ahead of him, and that he veered his course, but the schooner took a sudden tack, and before the steamer's course could be changed again the crash came. A sailor named Collier, who was in the forward house, was injured in the head by a flying board, but not seriously hurt. The schooner was struck on the port bow and cut nearly in two. She is now floating in Long Island Sound, with her gunwales awash and all sails set.

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DR. A. FRANKFORD ROGERS, Ottawa, a physician who has enjoyed one of the largest practices in that city, states:—"I have no hesitation in recommending 'Fruit-a-tives' or 'Fruit Liver Tablets' as the fact of these tablets being made from a laxative material extracted from ripe fruit appeals, and has appealed to my judgement, and I have used these tablets extensively in my practice and always with most gratifying results. The proprietors of this medicine do not hesitate to furnish the formula of the tablets to physicians, and hence any physician can use these tablets and recommend them without loss of self respect. The formula of 'Fruit-a-tives' is certainly a magnificent one, and in my experience no medicine ever used by me has given such excellent results in constipation and stomach and liver trouble as 'Fruit-a-tives' has. That these tablets act beneficially on the kidneys and skin is beyond doubt and in many cases where the skin was sluggish and inactive and the complexion had 'Fruit-a-tives' have given the most pleasing results."

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Sealed Tenders, addressed to the Secretary of the Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, Ont., and marked on the outside "Tenders for Station, Charlottetown," will be received up to and including

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1905, for the construction of a Stone Passenger Station and Baggage Room Building at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

The plans and specification may be seen at the office of the Superintendent, Charlottetown, P. E. I., and at the office of the Chief Engineer, Moncton, N. B., where forms of tender may be obtained.

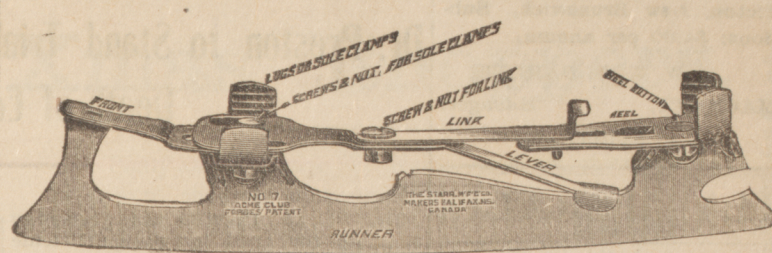
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Railway Office,
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NEWS FROM LUMBER CAMPS.

Hardy Toilers of Cain's River Tell of Their Experience in the Forest.

Cain's River, Dec. 13, 1905.
To the Editor of the Herald:

Dear Sir,—Seeing items from other camps we thought we would let you know how we are enjoying life in the bush.

To start with we can say the woods life is not as bad as some people may imagine. We are blessed with as good a boss as ever worked in the forest. He is a jolly good fellow, and always greets us with a smile, and that is as good as gold. His name is Peter Woodworth.

Our camp is delightfully situated on a sunny bank along the Cain's River, the cook's delight. The camp is forty feet long and twenty-two feet wide and has two skylights in each gable, and contains a boarded floor, a broom and lots of provisions to cook with. Our cook is the best natured creature in the world, and as good a cook as ever put his hands in the flour barrel.

But we must not give the good cook all the praise. We also have a fine crew of men as ever shouldered an axe. The dull monotony of our work is relieved now and then by sportsmen. One of our sportsmen, Mr. Pope, had the good fortune to trap a fine lucifer, and also to

catch a fine deer, while others were just as successful and captured some very fine moose.

The weather has been quite favorable for people in the bush.

Our choppers are composed of Edgar Woodworth and James Young, from Taymouth. George Woodworth from Zion the Mallet Brothers and De Grace Brothers, and I must tell you they make the forest ring and darken the sun with chips.

Allan Young holds the ribbons over the boss's fancy bay team. He says he can haul anything rooted or unrooted.

Our camp is situated just ten miles from civilization. You can anticipate how glad we are to see the newsboy when he appears on the scene. His usual trips are twice a week. He brings us letters from our sweethearts and the welcome twice-a-week Herald.

Our yard tenders are foreigners, nevertheless they can do the yarding in fine shape. Amongst our swimmers are Wm. McPherson, better known as Jesse-James, and William Murray.

G. F. Woodworth holds the ribbons over a fine pair of grays, while Ernest Wentworth is one of our yarding boys. He is not overgrown