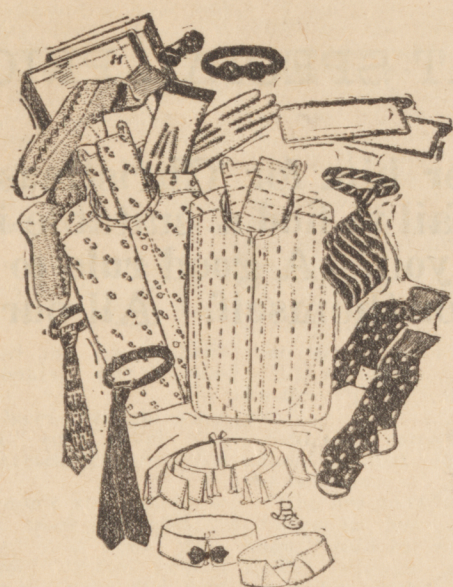


NEWEST NECKWEAR Just Received.

We have just opened this week 85 doz. of the very newest creations for Christmas.



THE NEW BATWING, 40c.
2 1/2 in. DERBYS, 25 and 50c.
ASCOTS, 50c and 75c.
FLOWING ENDS, 25c and 50c.
PUFFS, 25c and 50c.
GRADUATES, 15c to 50c.
BOWS, 15c to 25c.
TECK KNOTS, 15c to 50c.
PARIS TIES, 25c.

THE NEWEST

A 2 1/2 inch Four in hand, watered silk, plain colors, 50c.

The Best 25c Neckwear

Is ours because of the large assortment—because all the new things are here, making a selection easy.

There are Puffs, hook or strap; Bows, hook or strap; Teck Knots, hook or strap; Graduates, Paris, and the new 2 1/2 inch Four in hand—French seams, and the new Reversible Puff.

Everything new and in large variety:

HOUSE COAT,
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OAK HALL,
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Choice smokes that will win the heart of any smoker, packed in neat Christmas boxes, 10 and 25 cigars to the box.

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Have you seen our large stock of

Xmas Goods?

We have an exceptional large line of Ladies' and Gent's Rings at any price you wish.

F. E. BLACKMER.

U. N. B. PROFESSORS.

Likewise Mount Allison, St. Joseph's, Dalhousie and Acadia Faculties will Share in Carnegie Pension Fund.

PHILANTHROPIST ADDS ANOTHER \$5,000,000 AND WITHDRAWS FORMER RESTRICTIONS.

New York, Dec. 21.—(Special)—It was announced from Boston yesterday that the Carnegie foundation sum of \$10,000,000 given by Andrew Carnegie to provide relief for needy teachers and professors in universities, colleges and technical schools in the United States, Canada and Newfoundland will be increased by an additional \$5,000,000. At the same time restrictions which prohibited it from being extended to members of faculties of sectarian and state aided institutions, are to be removed, the statement declares.

Mr. Carnegie, when asked concerning the matter last night, sent word that he did not wish to discuss the subject.

It is further declared that Mr. Carnegie has announced his willingness to add still another large sum to the "Foundation" should the managers deem such a move essential to its success.

(This will let the University of New Brunswick, Dalhousie, Acadia, Mount Allison and St. Joseph's in on the Carnegie fund.)

WANTS A FRENCH CANADIAN.

Regrettable Issue Cropping up in Ottawa Mayoralty Contest—Acting Archbishop Takes a Hand.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—(Special)—The Ottawa mayoralty campaign promises to be an exciting contest.

Today, Mayor Ellis published a letter from Vicar General Routhier who was acting Archbishop when he wrote the letter, asking Mayor Ellis to retire from the contest.

The letter is as follows: Arch-Bishop's Palace, Ottawa Dec 19 To the Mayor of Ottawa:

Sir—Last year you had to fight to obtain a second term which, according to practice, you should have been accorded without a contest. I regretted then, with you, that the election was not made by acclamation, but your victory however, was a deserved consolation for the struggle made.

Your term will soon expire, with honor to yourself, and French Canadians, according to an understanding, have a right to claim a representative of their own race for mayor.

They have chosen Mr. Taillon for their candidate, and already, as you are well aware, the English speaking people have received him warmly.

Is it not only just that you accord them this right? I regret sincerely to see you enter the contest, for it seems to me you cannot be successful.

You will understand, Mr. Mayor, that all French Canadians cannot but be loyal to Taillon, just as they were to you last year.

I would regret your defeat, and rather than that you should suffer, it would be better that you retire from the contest.

In renewing my thanks for all the good you have done for the city, I am, yours sincerely,

J. O. ROUTHIER, V. G.

Mayor Ellis writes the vicar general in reply questioning his right to ask him (Ellis) to retire and refusing to do so.

WILL BUILD TWO NEW LINES.

N. B. Telephone to Make Extensive Improvements in the Service.

At the semi-annual meeting of the New Brunswick Telephone Company here on Wednesday, it was unanimously decided to erect another trunk line between this city and St. John. The managing director of the company, Senator Thompson, pointed out that a dual line had become an absolute necessity in order to successfully handle the largely increased traffic.

The proposed new line will follow the old highway road to Fredericton Junction, and then continue on through the Parishes of Gladstone and Blissfield to Westfield, where it will connect with the existing line. An iron wire will be used for the local traffic between this city and Fredericton Junction, but the through line to St. John will have a copper metallic circuit. A new line of poles will have to be erected as far as Westfield, but from that point on to St. John the present line will be followed.

The company's existing trunk line to St. John follows the St. John river route through and the new line will therefore be considerably shorter. As the lines will be some distance apart, it is not considered likely that a storm would put both out of working order. Under existing conditions if a wire becomes broken, business has to be suspended until such time as repairs can be made, and as the line is some distance from the railway, repair work during the winter season is attended with great difficulty. The location of the new line makes it much more convenient to get at in case of an accident but it is not likely that construction work on the new line will commence before spring.

The company have also decided to continue the present line from Canterbury Station on to St. Stephen, where it will connect with the line to St. John and with the New England Telephone system. About sixty miles of new wire will be required to complete this link.

When the two new lines shall have been completed the company will be able to transmit messages from river points to St. John by three different routes. Should the line between Fredericton and Woodstock then get out of order, it will be possible to get communication by the St. John, St. Stephen and Canterbury route, and we will be able to talk to St. John independent of the Fredericton route.

The company lately completed a twelve mile link above Edmundston, and now has connection with the Kamouraska Telephone Company. Conversation may now be carried on with Quebec and River du Loup, and early in the spring it is proposed to establish direct communication with Montreal.

SCHOOLS CLOSING.

The terminal examinations at the University and Normal School were finished today and the institutions have closed for the Christmas vacation. Some of the students will leave for home this evening and the others go tomorrow. The public examinations in the city schools commence tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

APPROACHING NUPTIALS.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Mr. John R. C. McCredie, formerly of this city, to Miss Alice Rhea, daughter of Mr. William Walker, of Lakeside, Kenora, Ont. The ceremony will be performed at the bride's home on Wednesday, January 3rd.

Mr. Archibald Foster, of the Transcontinental surveying staff, is at the Queen.

THE UNLUCKY THIRTEENTH.

Fitzsimmons Could Not Stand Against O'Brien in the Great Fight at San Francisco.

GREAT CROWD WITNESSED THE BATTLE THAT FINISHED THE OLD CORNISHMAN IN THE PRIZE RING.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—When Robert Fitzsimmons and Jack O'Brien entered the ring last night at the Mechanics' Pavilion to fight for the light heavyweight honors, O'Brien was the favorite in the betting at 8 to 10.—Yesterday afternoon Fitzsimmons was a pronounced choice, due to many large bets which had been placed early in the week. O'Brien's supporters then came forward in large numbers, and last evening the odds were at evens. Large blocks of O'Brien's money continued to roll in to the poll sellers' boxes and the price was quickly cut to ten to eight in O'Brien's favor.

The men had a great fight at catch weights. O'Brien gave out his weight at 165, while Fitzsimmons is said to have tipped the scales at 156.

Mechanics' Pavilion held one of the greatest crowds in its history. The galleries were a solid mass of humanity, and hundreds were denied to the upper part of the house. In the ring floor each seat was occupied.

THE FIGHT IN DETAIL.

In the first round only four blows were exchanged. O'Brien contented himself with dancing about with Fitz following but seldom attempting to land.

In the second round Fitz crouched low and after O'Brien had missed left for the face he whipped his left and right to the face and Fitz landed a straight left to the face and body. He then drove O'Brien into a corner and then cleverly ducked a left intended for the jaw. In the break that followed Fitz got in a light uppercut to the jaw. O'Brien suddenly shot his left to the jaw, and catching Fitz off his balance, drove right and left to the face and then clinched. O'Brien was very quick, Fitz missing him a foot at times. Fitz shoved his right to the face and O'Brien countered with a short arm jab as the bell rang.

Round three—As O'Brien backed away Fitz caught him with a hard left on the jaw, and a moment later shot his left to the face. Fitz drove left hard to the solar plexus and mixing it worked his left to the face. O'Brien, just as the bell rang shot a straight left that caught Fitz on the nose and sent him to the floor. It was not a clean blow, being more of a punch.

Round 4—O'Brien forced Fitz to the ropes with a rush, and Fitz fell on his left knee. He was up quickly and put a stiff left over O'Brien's eye. O'Brien then drew blood from Fitz's mouth and nose.

Round 5—O'Brien planted his left quickly to Fitz's sore face and a moment later drove two more lefts to the same place. O'Brien pegged away with his left, and Fitz again bled profusely from mouth and nose. Finally Fitz caught O'Brien over the mouth, bringing blood from his mouth. O'Brien swung left, but Fitz countered with a hard right and left to the jaw.

Round 6—Fitz met O'Brien with a crushing left, but the blow was partly blocked. Fitz took two straight left jabs on the face, and after missing right and left for the jaw, landed a right swing on the ear.

Round 7—O'Brien planted right over the kidney and quick as a flash worked right and left swings to the jaw. Fitz put left to O'Brien's face and followed it with right swing to the head, but O'Brien countered with two wicked rights to the face, one of which raised a big lump over Fitz's right eye.

Round 8—O'Brien drove a straight left to the face. Fitz worked his left to the jaw twice and O'Brien was cautioned for holding. O'Brien whipped a nasty left over the eye and a moment later floored Fitz with a stiff right to the jaw. Fitz came up apparently groggy. O'Brien then drove his left to the body and forced his man again to the ropes with two hard lefts. O'Brien then drove his left to the body and forced his man again to the ropes. Then two hard lefts to the face. As the round ended Fitz appeared to recuperate, but went to his corner rather unsteady. It was O'Brien's round by a big margin.

AROUND THE MARKET.

The market this morning was almost as large as that of yesterday, but the prices were not quite so firm. Turkeys were started at 20 cents per lb., but the bulk of them were cleared out at 18 cents, a few going as low as 17 cents. It seems to be the general belief that 15 cents and 16 cents will be the price on Saturday. Chickens were scarce this morning and brought 75 cents per pair, or 15 cents per lb. Ducks brought \$1.00 per pair, and geese \$1.00 each.

Mr. J. A. Gregory, of St. John is a guest at the Queen.

EXCITING RUNAWAY.

A runaway horse caused a whiff of excitement on Queen street this morning. The animal, which was attached to a single sled, loaded with boxes, started from the front of Lot-timer's store, and after dumping the contents of the sled into the gutter dashed down the street and out to the bridge where it was captured.

Miss Nellie Whitehead arrived from Boston on the noon train to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Whitehead.

Miss Anna Kingdon is home from Edgely school, Windsor, N. S., for the Christmas vacation.