

THE EVENING TIMES.

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 18, 1906.

The St. John Evening Times is published at 27 and 29 Canterbury Street, every evening (Sunday excepted) by the St. John Times Printing & Publishing Co., Ltd. A company incorporated under the Joint Stock Companies Act.

JOHN RUSSELL, JR., President. A. M. BELDING, Editor.

TELEPHONE—News and Editorial, 122; Advertising Dept., 76; Circulation Dept., 78.

The Times has the largest afternoon circulation in the Maritime Provinces.

Circulation of The Times.

Week Ending Dec. 15th, 1906.

MONDAY	10,677
TUESDAY	10,602
WEDNESDAY	10,229
THURSDAY	10,899
FRIDAY	11,890
SATURDAY	15,181
TOTAL	69,478
Daily Average	11,579
Average Daily Sworn Circulation First Six Months, 1906	6,791

A GOOD BILL

The bill relating to strikes and lockouts, which Hon. Mr. Lemieux introduced in parliament yesterday is a long step in the right direction. Publicity, as recent history in Canada and the United States has shown, is a great corrective, and the new bill proposes that whenever a strike or lockout affecting any public utility, such as coal mines, transportation services, telegraph and telephone, water and gas services, etc., is threatened, the dispute must be submitted to a board of arbitration, and work in the meantime continue. The dispute is not to be compelled to accept the decision of the arbitrators. Mr. Foster contends that they should, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier agrees that there is some force in the contention, but that experience has not always proved its effectiveness and the step now proposed is almost radical in Canadian legislation. As a matter of fact, compulsory arbitration has not proved a complete success, and in Australia it has been found that such a law as is now proposed produces excellent results. When there has been a compulsory investigation and a submission of the facts and the opinion of the arbitrators to the public, it will be found that in the vast majority of cases the disputants will come together. Doubtless, moreover, after some experience the new law can be amended so that it will produce still better results. It is certainly right that action should be taken to safeguard the interests of the public, who are usually the chief sufferers. Labor disputes of all kinds must sooner or later be made the subject of effective legislative action.

BRITISH LUMBER MARKET

Farnworth & Jardine's wood trade circular of Dec. 1st, says of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia spruce and pine deals at Liverpool, Birkenhead and Garston:—

"The import to this district during the past month amounted to 10,770 standards, the larger proportion going to Manchester direct. There has been a steady consumption, but the stock has increased by about 2,000 standards, and is now rather too heavy. Values have practically remained unchanged during the past month. Pine deals are not in good demand at present; the stock is ample."

The import of spruce and pine at these ports from January 1st to December 1st was 40,770 standards, compared with 38,410 in the like period of 1905, and 45,640 standards in the like period of 1904. The stock on hand in these ports on December 1st was 12,420 standards, compared with 8,490 a year before, and 10,930 two years before.

The import of spruce deals at Manchester for the eleven months to December 1st was 69,000 standards, compared with 51,490 and 48,550 respectively for the like periods in 1905 and 1904. The stocks on hand on December 1st were 28,970 standards, compared with 16,650 a year before, and 17,240 two years before.

The import of birch logs at Liverpool, Birkenhead and Garston for the eleven months was 390,000 cubic feet, compared with 222,000 feet in the like period of 1905 and 305,000 feet in the like period of 1904. Stocks on December 1st were 108,000 feet, compared with 8,000 a year before and 52,000 two years before. At Manchester the import for the eleven months was 104,000, compared with 66,000 and 47,000 respectively in the like period of 1905 and 1904; and the stocks on December 1st were 13,000 feet compared with none a year or two years before.

The import of birch planks at Liverpool, Birkenhead and Garston for the eleven months was 619,000 cubic feet, compared with 578,000 a year before and 288,500 two years before; and at Manchester 365,000 feet compared with 95,000 and 69,500 respectively a year and two years before. The stocks at Liverpool, etc., on December 1st, were 138,000 cubic feet, compared with 32,000 and 18,000 feet a year and two years before; and at Manchester 162,000 cubic feet, compared with 18,000 feet and 3,500 feet a year and two years before. Of birch the circular says:

"Logs have been imported to a nominal extent in November; there has been rather a better consumption, but stocks are still too heavy; values remain unchanged. Planks have been imported moderately; there has been a fair consumption, but stock is still too heavy; prices are maintained."

Sales of spruce deals ex-liners from St. John and Halifax are quoted at £8 to £9 2s 6d c. i. f., according to specification. Birch planks are quoted at £7 c. i. f.

CHILD LABOR

At a season when the thought of the people turns so largely upon what makes for the happiness of children there is a pathetic significance in the statements made last week before the Civic Federation in New York. We quote from the report in a New York paper:—

"The debate on child labor laws was begun by Dr. Samuel McCune Lindsay, secretary of the national child labor committee, who said that while statistics were untrustworthy, he thought it certain that 2,000,000 children between the ages of 10 and 16 were employed in gainful occupations in this country. Not all were victims of abuse, of course, but, as a general rule, any child under 16, who had to work for his living was in a position of peril. He thought that the labor of all children under 14 should be prohibited and that night work for children of any age should be stopped."

"Owen R. Lovejoy, assistant secretary of the national child labor committee, gave the results of an investigation he had made in the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania. There was no colliery in which children of illegal age were not at work. He thought that in three boroughs he investigated there were enough boys under 14 years at work to make the total for the anthracite district something like 15,400. Under the 'intolerable law now on the statute books of Pennsylvania' there were not enough inspectors to enforce the law properly, he said. Seventy-five per cent of the mine employees killed in 1905, he added, were boys under 16."

Congress will be asked to pass a bill relating to child labor, which will if adopted, Mr. Lindsay says, "take the heart out of the child labor evil." It is surely an appalling condition of affairs if in a land of such enormous wealth, and so many colossal fortunes, 2,000,000 children between 10 and 16 years of age must work for a living.

Mr. Strauss, who will be the next U. S. secretary of commerce and labor, is optimistic of results. In an address last week he said: "I am sure that nine-tenths of our labor troubles result from misunderstanding and I feel that capital and labor have of late been brought closer together than they have ever been before. I was told the other day that we shall never be able to satisfy labor. I thank God for it, for the desire to benefit one's condition is the basis of our civilization. When that desire is dead, civilization is dead. Healthy dissatisfaction is the basis of our prosperity."

About half of the states in the American union have inheritance tax laws, and a report shows that in 1902 they yielded an aggregate of over \$7,000,000, which is believed to have since increased to \$10,000,000 or \$12,000,000. A Washington letter says that in a report based on the forthcoming report on "Wealth, Debt, and Taxation," the census officials say that at least a dozen states are materially assisting in the support of the state governments from this source of revenue.

Halifax wins at Ottawa for the present and the Empress steamers must call at Halifax, "the recognized mail port." Once upon a time sailing vessels were the "recognized" mail boats. Why did the government ever recognize steam craft? If speed is not the object of a mail service why worry about it? But if on the other hand speed is a consideration, who is it that is afraid to give St. John a fair test?

Discussing art in St. John, a well known citizen in a note to the Times refers to the work of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Watson, Mr. Miles and Mr. Wilbur, and declares that the best work of each, taken together, would make an exhibition such as would prove that it is not necessary to go abroad for varied and high class art work.

The statement that the government is not aware of any treaties that would prevent the exclusion of Norwegian and other vessels from the coasting trade of Canada will lead to a renewal of the agitation pressed upon the last meeting of the maritime board of trade. Speakers there were of opinion that there were such treaties.

Yesterday's cables from London indicate a compromise on the education bill, which will make it acceptable to a majority of the lords and commons. The nature of the mutual concessions is not indicated.

MORRIS WAS TOUCHED

The junk shop of Jacob Morris at 27 to 31 Paradise Row was visited by a thief and a quantity of goods stolen. Mr. Morris was unaware of the occurrence until informed of it by the police, who asked him to call at the police station, where he identified a soldier's rubber boots and a copper kettle. He says this is not all he has mislaid, and estimates his loss at \$50. Morris thinks the thief secreted himself in the shop and came out after it had been closed at six o'clock. He suspects a north end man, who he says has lots of friends.

CONSTITUTIONS GRANTED TO NEW AFRICAN COLONIES

London, Dec. 1.—After a debate lasting several hours, and on motion of Winston Spencer Churchill, under-secretary for the colonies, the House of Commons today approved the grant of constitutions to the Transvaal and Orange River Colonies.

Stores open till 10 tonight.

St. John, Dec. 18th, 1906

Overcoat Sale
Drawing Larger Crowds Each Day

YESTERDAY WAS ANOTHER BIG OVERCOAT DAY. The people are now fully alive to the great advantage of this Overcoat sale.

Regular \$6.00 to \$20.00 Overcoats now selling at \$4.95, 6.00, 7.50, 8.75, 10.40 and \$15.00.

See our Christmas goods adv. on page 8.

J. N. HARVEY, Clothing and Furnishings, Opera House Block.

Baby's Day!

SOFT SOLE BOOTS.

Sizes, 1 to 4.

We have just opened up a large shipment of babies' boots, slippers and moccasins, and we will just say this: such handsome styles have never before been shown in this city. We have an unlimited variety some 53 different styles, in every pretty shade imaginable, beautifully trimmed. Prices from 30c. to 75c. Take a look at our window, or better still, step inside the door and look in our display case, whether you want to buy or not you will be interested in knowing what beautiful shoes can be made for the little ones.

Any mother would be gratified if "Santa" would leave a pair of these boots for her little one.

Prices from 30c. to 75c.

FOOT LITTERS McRobbie 94 KING STREET

"SILVER THAT WEARS"

The safe silverplate to buy is the genuine "1847 Rogers Bros." brand. It has been tried by the test of time

Tea Spoons per half doz., - - \$1.50.

Table Spoons or Forks per half doz. 2.88

Sugar Shells, Sugar Tongs, Gravey Ladles, Pickle Forks, Berry Spoons, etc., at equally low prices.

EMERSON & FISHER, Limited, 25 Germain Street.

WINTER DELICACIES.

SPINACH, CUCUMBERS, CRISP CELERY, FRESH LETTUCE, RADISH, CRESS, received every day from our Greek houses. TURKEYS AND CHICKENS.

J. E. QUINN, City Market, Telephone 636.

A Great Assortment

... OF ...

CALENDARS

... AT ...

The Floods Co., Ltd.

31 and 33 King Street.

The assortment includes all the New Artistic Calendars—The Christy, Old Home Scenes, St. John Souvenir Calendar.

THE GREATEST BARGAINS, FOR A SHORT TIME

A number of Exhibition Carriages and Toboggan Pungs for sale at reduced prices.

A. G. EDGEcombe, - - 115-129 City Road

Tel. No. 547.

OUR XMAS PRESENT TO YOU.

A PAIR OF HIGH GRADE SCISSORS with cash sales of \$3.00 or more. Or A 50 CENT POCKET KNIFE with cash sales of \$5.00 or more. Ours are the LOWEST PRICES in town.

Bargains in Shoes and Clothing.

C. B. PIDGEON, Cor. Main and Bridge Sts., N.E.

BRING THIS AD. AND 95c, AND WE WILL GIVE YOU

Three Pounds of our 40c. Blend Tea. The R. E. WHITE CO., Ltd., Wall Street.

Our Fancy Goods Are Going Fast

We have Gloves, Ties, Handkerchiefs, Fur Collars and lots of other useful articles.

WETMORE'S, Garden Street. STORE OPEN EVERY EVENING

IN OUR FATHER'S CARE

(By Margaret E. Sangster.)

The ships glide in at the harbor's mouth,
And the ships sail out to sea,
And the wind that sweeps from the sunny South
Is as sweet as sweet can be.
There's a world of toil and a world of pains,
There's a world of trouble and care,
But oh, in a world where our Father reigns,
There is gladness everywhere.

The earth is fair in the breezy morn,
And the toilers sow and reap,
And the fulness comes to the tasseled corn,
Whether we wake or sleep.
There are blossoms that scent the air,
And far on the hills by foot untrod,
For oh, in this world of our Father, God,
There is beauty everywhere.

The babe lies soft on the mother's breast,
And the tide of joy flows in,
He giveth, he taketh, he knoweth best,
The Lord to whose home we win,
And oh, when the soul is with trials tossed,
There is help in the lifted prayer,
For never a soul that he loves is lost,
And our Father is everywhere.

The ships that sail over the harbor bar
Away and away to sea,
The ships sail in with the evening star
To the port where home we see,
The harvest waves on the summer hills,
And the bands go forth to reap,
And all is right, as our Father wills,
Whether we wake or sleep.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

HAD NO KICK COMING

Her husband (angrily)—I was a fool when I married you.
His wife—Aren't you a fool still?
Her husband—No, I am not.
His wife—Then you should congratulate me upon my success as a reformer.

UNJUST.

Fluffy young thing (at the play)—I believe this man in front of us is trying to hear what we are saying!
Man in front (turning around)—You do me an injustice, my dear young lady, I am trying not to hear it.

A LITTLE DOING

"I've just been to New York."
"I hear that New York is wearing the red."
"Yes; but jauntily, my boy, jauntily!"

TWAS TYER THUS.

"The girl I am engaged to," remarked Singleton, "is an earthly angel. I imagine I can see a halo on her head."
"Oh, of course," rejoined Weddely, "But shortly after marriage you will find the halo transformed into an expensive bonnet."

THE INDICATOR.

Querist—How long have they been married, did you say?
Sneerist—Not over two months; he still opens his morning paper on the way downtown.

HIGHER AUTHORITY

"John, you don't have to hurry to get into the car just because the guard said 'step lively!'"

"It wasn't the guard, Maria, and he didn't say 'step lively!'" he said 'step lively, there, dang yer!'"

SO RIDICULOUS

"I understood," said Tess, "that the men among the Quakers always wear their hats in church."
"How ridiculous!" exclaimed Jess; "as if any one could be interested in men's hats."

TO ARBITRATE
LABOR DISPUTES

Government Proposes Legislation to Prevent Strikes and Lock Outs—Measure Will Apply Only to Public Utilities

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—A bill to provide for the official inspection of barges was introduced in the house by Mr. Laurence, of Colchester (N. S.). Many barges are in use on the lakes and on the Atlantic and Pacific in an unseaworthy condition and sometimes overloaded. The bill would secure seaworthiness and prevent loss of life.

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, minister of labor, introduced a bill to aid in the prevention and settlement of strikes and lockouts in coal mines and industries connected with public utilities. The reason why he amended the title was that since giving notice of the bill many representations had been made from all parts of the country and from several members of the house that the operation of the measure should be extended to all public necessities. Such public utilities would include not only coal mines but steamships, transportation, telegraph and telephone companies, water and gas supply, electric light and street railways, to mention but a few of them.

The bill is the result of the investigation into the Lebrun strike. The existing labor legislation consisted of two acts, one adopted in 1900, known as the Conciliation Act, which was a voluntary arrangement to have a matter in dispute arbitrated. The other act was that in regard to railway labor disputes.

If the offer of conciliation in labor disputes has no effect then the minister of labor steps in and appoints arbitrators. One nominated by each side and the third elected by the other two. In the case of the two parties failing to agree then the minister of labor or governor in council can make the appointment. After that, compulsory investigation will follow. This was done in the telegraphers strike, the only case that occurred under the railway labor disputes act. The operation of the railway disputes act was optional. The operation of the present bill will be obligatory.

Pending investigations under the new act the strike or lockout will have to cease in every case under penalty. The award will be made public as soon as made by the arbitrators but will not be enforceable by any necessary law. But as it has been shown by other countries, especially in several states of the union, this award is backed up by public opinion and carries with it a moral force which in 90 cases out of 100 brings about a settlement.

Dolls, Toys and
Fancy Goods.

Best assortment in St. John.
Best lines going fast. Don't fail to get our prices before buying.

Store open every evening until Christmas.

ARNOLD'S DEPARTMENT STORE

83-85 Charlotte street.

Tel. 1765.

XMAS SHOPPERS

There are only a few more days left to do your shopping.

Fancy Rockers, Morris Chairs, Music Cabinets, Parlor Cabinets,

Shaving Sets, Willow Rockers, Ladies' Secretaries, Bookcases

Combination Bookcases and Secretaries, Buffets, Sideboards,

Dining Chairs, Children's High and Low Chairs,

Children's Rockers, Top Sets, Etc.

AMLAND BROS., Ltd., Furniture and Carpet Dealers
19 Waterloo Street.

OATS!

Two Cars of Ontario White Oats Landing Today.

N. S. SPRINGER,
125-129 MILL STREET.
Wholesale Groceries and Grain.
Telephone 108

No place like our store to select

A Useful
Christmas
Present

for any number of the family.

Helpful
Suggestions

Skating Boots
Moccasins
Snowshoes
Overshoes
Rubber Boots
Waterproof Boots
Felt Shoes
House Slippers
Fancy Slippers
"Jaeger" Slippers
Patent Leather Boots
Leggins
Gaiters

Open Every Evening

FRANCIS & VAUGHAN,
10 King Street.

Moving to Larger Premises,
Frank P. Vaughan,
Electrical Engineer and Contractor,
94 Germain Street.

St. John, N. B. Telephone 319

HUGH H. McLEAN, Agent
FIRE, LIFE AND CASUALTY
Insurance and Real Estate
NORMAN L. MCGLOAN,
Sub-Agent, 42 Princess St. Tel. 109.

SING LEE,

532 Main Street, North End.
Phone, 641-13
Careful hand work, perfect satisfaction.
Fine shirt and collar work. Will collect and deliver promptly. Try me.

FOR CHRISTMAS.

Our stock is filled with choice collections of all the LATEST NOVELTIES as well as all the staple lines of JEWELRY, SILVERWARE, ETC., that are called for at this season.

Our aim now, as always in the past, is to cater to those seeking

The Best and Most Reliable Goods.

To fully appreciate this fact, you must see our stock. Make your selections early and have us reserve them for you.

FERGUSON & PAGE,
Diamond Dealers, Jewelers, etc., 41 King Street.

Times Classified Ads Pay

BULBS FOR HOUSE
and GARDEN.

P. E. CAMPBELL, Seedsman and Grower,
Store 47 Germain St. Tel. 433
Greenhouses 24 Rothesay.

CHRISTMAS
GOODS.

Boys' and Girls' Annuals, Young Canada, Chums, Chat-terbox, Child's Companion and all of the other good lines of Books for the young folks. Toys in endless variety, all shown up stairs. Dolls from the cheapest to the best. Sleds, Framers, Wagons, Carts, Doll Carriages, etc. Fancy Goods, Smokers' Sets, Glass Sets, Japanese goods, Fancy Lamps, Silver Plated Ware, etc. Our stock is so large and varied it is hard to enumerate. Drop in and look around.

WATSON & CO.,
Corner Charlotte and Union Streets.