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60 Cent Maple Walnut Bon Bons 29 Cents

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40,000 at WHOLESALE PRICES. Come see our assortment.

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40 CENT COFEE FOR 30 CENTS pound, ground while you wait by electric power.

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MEAT Store at 72 Mill Street is well stored with Western Beef, Turkeys, Chickens, Geese and Fowl.

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THE WORLD OF SHIPPING

VESSELS BOUND FOR ST. JOHN.

Steamers	Tons	From	Date
Halifax City	1562	London	Dec. 1
Monmouth	2569	Bristol	Dec. 2
Lake Erie	4814	Liverpool	Dec. 5
Ionian	5324	Liverpool	Dec. 6
Sardinian	2786	London	Dec. 6
Inishowen Hd	1988	Belfast	Dec 8
St. John City	1509	London	Dec. 8
Man. Importer	2538	Manchester	Dec. 8
Lakonia	3046	Glasgow	Dec. 11
Lake Michigan	5340	Antwerp	Dec. 12
Sicilian	3964	Liverpool	Dec. 13
Empress Ireland	8023	Liverpool	Dec. 14
Lake Manitoba	3275	Liverpool	Dec. 19
Parisian	5385	Liverpool	Dec. 21
Man. Trader	2136	Manchester	Dec. 22
Montreal	5552	Antwerp	Dec. 26
Empress Britain	8024	Liverpool	Dec. 28

The above list is subject to change by the agents of vessels.

MINIATURE ALMANAC

1906 December	Sun Rises	Sun Sets	Tides High	Tides Low
10 Mon.	7.58	4.35	6.16	12.00
11 Tues.	7.59	4.35	7.11	0.54
12 Wed.	8.00	4.35	8.07	1.53
13 Thur.	8.02	4.36	9.03	2.50
14 Fri.	8.03	4.36	9.58	3.46
15 Sat.	8.02	4.36	10.52	4.41
16 Sun.	8.03	4.36	11.46	5.35

The time used is Atlantic Standard, for the 60th Meridian, which is four hours slower than Greenwich mean time. It is counted from midnight to midnight.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.

Saturday, Dec. 15.

S. S. Monmouth, 2569, Ward, from Bristol, C P R Co, general cargo.

S S Halifax City, 1562, Alldridge, from London, via Halifax, Wm Thomson & Co., general cargo.

Sch Lord of Avon, 325, Verner, from Brunswick, Ga, J A Likely, pitch pine.

Tug Lord Wolseley, 49, Wiley, from Ellsworth, Maine, with disabled schooner Cheslie in tow.

Schr Cheslie, 330, Brown, from New York, George E Holder, 597 tons hard coal, J S Gibbon & Co.

Coastwise:

Stmr Harbinger, 46, Rockwell, River Hebert.

Stmr Bear River, 70, Woodworth, Digby, N. S., and cleared.

Barge No. 3, Wood, Parrsboro.

Schr Hustler, 44, Thompson, fishing.

Schr Helen M, 62, Morris, Apple River.

Cleared.

S S Marina, 3322, Taylor, for Glasgow, Robert Reford Co, general cargo.

Schr Moama, 384, Williams, for New York, 819 pcs piling, 885,400 spruce laths, John E Moore.

Coastwise:

Schr W C Clark, Joy, Grand Harbor.

Schr Harry Morris, Loughery, St Martins.

Schr Hustler, Thomson, fishing.

Sailed.

S S Empress of Britain, 8024, Murray, for Liverpool via Halifax.

DOMINION PORTS.

Halifax, Dec 14—Ard, stmr Laupar (Nor), from Savannah (Ga); schr Admiral Dewey, Banks (to repair); Kathinka (Nor), from Jamaica via St John; schr C R C, Brehaut, from Rio Janeiro (was bound to Paspebiac, but unable to reach destination).

Sailed—Stmrs Sarmatian, Henry, for Glasgow and Havre; Halifax City, Albruge, for St John.

BRITISH PORTS.

Barry, Dec. 11—Ard, bark Wakefield, Paspebiac.

Kinsale, Dec. 12—Passed, bark Vikar (Nor), Hansen, Newcastle, N B, via Charlottetown, P E I, for Liverpool.

Table Bay, Dec. 4—Arrived, bark Pass of Lany (Br), Vancouver, &c.

Inishtrahull, Dec 13—Passed, stmr Alcides, from St John for Glasgow.

Queenstown, Dec 14—Ard, stmr Campania, from New York for Liverpool (and proceeded).

Liverpool, Dec 14—Sld, stmr Empress of Ireland, for Halifax and St John.

Liverpool, Dec 13—Ard, stmr Andonia, from Pugwash via Sydney (C B), for Manchester.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Antwerp, Dec. 12—Sld, stmr Lake Michigan (Br), Webster (from London), St John, N B.

City Island, Dec. 13—Passed, bark Ladysmith, Berteaux, from New York for Bridgewater.

Barcelona, Dec. 11—Ard, bark Edinburgh (Ital), Galleani, Gulfport for Savona (see Disasters, below.)

Bahia Blanca, Dec. 11—Ard, bark Belt (Nor) Halvorsen, Mobile (see Disasters, below).

In port 10th, steamer Platea (Br), Parker, for Rio Grande do Norte.

Portsmouth, N H, Dec 14—Sld, schrs Eva Stewart, for Boston; Georgie Pearl for do.

Portland, Me, Dec 14—Ard, schrs Isiah K Stetson, Hamilton, from St John for New York; Anna Kerrigan, from Musquash (N B) for do; Onward, from St John for Boston.

Boothbay Harbor, Me, Dec 14—Sld, schrs Onward, for Boston; Oriole, for do.

Philadelphia, Dec 14—Cld, stmr Nora, for St Ann's, or Windsor (N S); Trebia, for Sydney (C B).

Delaware Breakwater, Dec 14—Passed out: Stmr Gimle, from Philadelphia for Halifax.

Vineyard Haven, Mass, Dec 14—Returned: Barkentine Glenville, from New York for Halifax.

Passed—Schr Lucille, from Nova Scotia for New Bedford.

Boston, Dec 14—Ard, schrs Abbie Keast, from St John; Ida M Barton, from do; Eva Stewart, from Windsor (N S).

Cld—Schr Karmoe, Ritcey, for Halifax.

Sld—Sumrs Catalone, for Louisbourg (C B); Boston, for Yarmouth (N S).

New York, Dec 14—Cld, stmr Etruria, for Liverpool; New York, for Southampton; bark Arlington, for Ponce.

City Island, Dec 14—Bound south, schr J L Nelson, from Halifax; Ophil, from Bridgewater (N S); Jean, from do; Theta, from Bathurst; Baden Powell, from Newcastle (N B); E Waterman, form Calais (Me) via New Haven.

Saunderstown, R I, Dec 14—Sld, schrs Arthur H Wright, from LaHave (N S) for do; Edyth, from Lunenburg (N S), for do.

Salem, Mass, Dec 14—Ard, schrs Freddie A Higgins, from Boston for Grand Manan; Cora May, from New York for St. John; Preference, from Windsor (N S) for New York.

SPOKEN.

Bark Sirdar (Br), from Gridgewater for New York, Dec. 10, lat 38, lon 69 (by steamer Oriflamme, at Philadelphia.)

REPORTS, DISASTERS, ETC.

London, Dec. 12—The British bark Milton, Captain Manthorn, which sailed from Cienfuegos Sept. 18 for Mobile, has been posted graphs thatfietdrstoe,SSil COc.aV LOGKI at Lloyds as overdue.

London, Dec. 13—Bahia Blanca telegraphs that bark Belt (Nor), Halvorsen, from Mobile, with wood, is discharging her cargo damaged by sea water. Bark Edinburgh (Ital), Galleani, from Gulfport, Miss., for Savona, has been towed into Barcelona leaking. Bark Milton (Br), Manthorn, which sailed from Cienfuegos Sept. 18, for Mobile, has been posted at Lloyd's as overdue.

DANGERS TO NAVIGATION.

New York, Dec 12—Steamer Arcturns (Ger), from Odessa, &c., reports Dec. 11, lat 36.47, lon 74 04, passed the waterlogged and abandoned schooner Charles L. Mitchell, from Savannah for Boston, lumber laden (before reported).

Steamer Apache, from Jacksonville, reports December 10, 17 miles north of Frying Pan lightship, passed a lot of wreckage and two spars, about 20 feet out of water.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

The Dominion Government has placed a new gas buoy off the Old Proprietor Ledge, 31 degrees east magnet, from the rock and at a distance of two and a half miles from the ledge.

RECENT CHARTERS.

Norwegian steamer Hektor, 2615, tons, from Tynge for Sydney, C. B., coal 7 shillings.

VESSELS IN PORT

(Not cleared.)

With their tonnage and consignee.

Steamers.

Cassandra, 4726, Robert Reford Co.
Laurentian, 2838, Wm Thomson & Co.
Mount Temple, 661, C P R Co.
Marina, 3322, Robert Reford Co.
Monmouth, 2569, C P R Co.

Schooners.

Alice Maud, 124, N C Scott.
Frank and Ira, 98, N C Scott.
Georgie E, 88, J W McAlagry.
H A Holder, 90, F Tufts & Co.
Horace G Morse, 388, R C Elkin
Lady of Avon, 249, R C Elkin
Lord of Avon, 325, Jos A Likely.
Moama, 384, P McIntyre
Pardon G Thomson, 162, A Cushing Co
Phoenix, 396, Master
Rebecca W Huddell, 210, D J Purdy.
Rewa, 122, D J Purdy.
Three Sisters, 275, John E Moore.
Venturer, 318, J McAlary.

MARINE NOTES

Bark Charles G. Rice, at New York from Tusket Wedge, reports Dec. 4, had a violent northwest gale with much snow, in which lost part of deckload.

Schooner Oregon (Br), Creaser, at New York, from Ingram Docks, N. S., with lath, reports Dec. 2, in the Bay of Fundy, during a northwest gale, lost about forty thousand lath from the deckload.

The Nova Scotia schooner Lord of Avon, Captain Verner, arrived last night from Brunswick, Georgia, with a cargo of pitch pine lumber after a stormy passage of twenty-two days.

Captain Gooderick Gayton, of the wrecked schooner Wm. Marshall, has arrived home also the members of his crew. The story of Mate Summers was published in last night's issue of the Times.

Yesterday's Boston Journal says:—There landed from the steamer Boston yesterday from Yarmouth three men who know what it is to suffer. Shipwrecked after a fearful experience, and swimming through breakers to a barren shore piled deep with snowdrifts, blinded by the swirling blizzard that was raging, they struggled on through forbidding woods until two of the five who survived could go no farther. Capt. John Berry, of the schooner Ella B. Harvey, died in the snow, and George Allison was near death when a rescuing party found them huddled together in deep snow beneath a great tree. David Young, the mate, of 162 Bremen street, East Boston, Antonio Lorenzo and Petro Gardono, both of Boston, were the men who arrived here yesterday, and Allison is now in a hospital at Annapolis, N. S. A sailor who stuck by the vessel lost his life.

IMPORTS

From London, ex S S Halifax City:—2620 pkgs tea, Anglo Am. Direct Tea Co.; 30 cases, 4 casks yellow metal &c., 25 bags pepper, 2 bales sage, S E Barbour & Co., 19 chests tea, H W DeForest, 10 crates tea lead, W F Hatheway & Co.; 64 bags rice, Jones & Schofield; 2 cases mdse, London House; 2 cases stationery, J & A McMillan; 100 cases gin, McIntyre & Comeau; 500 casks mdse, T McAvity & Sons; 50 chests tea, C H Macdonald; 41 pkgs mds, Manchester Robertson Allison, Ltd; 2 bales paper, Munderloh & Co; 1 pkg toys, J W Montgomery; 6 casks zinc, 100 zinc plates, 295 ingots spelter, T McAvity & Sons; 207 tons scrap iron, Portland Rolling Mills; 2 cases mdse, National Drug Co; 300 cases gin, J O'Regan; 50 bags rice, B; 125 pkgs tea, Vim Tea Co; 7 pkgs citron peel, W A Simonds; 20 cases pickles, 1 brl barley, H & F; 65 pkgs pickles &c., G B & Son; 12 pkgs mdse, W A P; 44 cases mdse, B & P; 40 cases mdse, T G; 11 pkgs mdse, H & F; 12 pkgs mdse, order; 38 pkgs tea, H DeF; 50 mats bottles, Pollock Bros & Co; 600 cases gin, R Sullivan; 31 cases bristles, T S Simms & Co; 3 cases mdse, D J Seeley & Son; 1 pkg book, R G Smalley & Son; 120 casks cement, S Co; 15 casks zinc, 300 casks cement, W H Thorne; 18 cases mdse, Wm Thomson & Co; 210 casks cement, A M Bell; 25 bags ginger, 2 bales chipsg, J H White; 4 cases jewelry, etc., Ganong Bros.

For Moncton—21 cases beer, W.

For Fredericton—3 pkgs mustard, A F R & Son.

For Woodstock—27 bales hides, order.

Sor St, Stephen—1 case adv matter, W C P; 30 bags rice, A J Teed & Co.

Also a large freight for the west.

From Brunswick, Ga., per schooner Lord of Avon, 297,994 ft sawn pitch pine timber, J. A. Likely.

N. Y. STOCK MARKET

St. John, N. B., Dec. 15, 1906.

New York Stock Market and Chicago Market Report and New York Cotton Market. Furnished by D. C. Clinch, banker and broker.

	Yesterday's Closing	Today's Opening	Noon.
Amalg Copper	114⅝	114⅞	114⅞
Anaconda	29⅛	29⅛	29⅛
Am Sugar Rfrs	134⅜	134½	134½
Am Smelt & Rfg	152½	152¼	152¼
Atchison	104⅜	104½	104⅞
Am Locomotive	73⅛	73½	73¼
Brook Rpd Trst	82¼	82⅝	81⅝
Balt & Ohio	118	118¼	118¼
Chesa and Ohio		56½	57⅜
Canadian Pacific	200½	199⅞	198⅜
Colo F and Iron	56¼	56½	56¼
Nipissing	14½	14⅞	15⅜
Kansas and Texas	42	41¾	41¾
Mexican Central	29½	28½	28¾
Missouri Pacific	94½	94¼	94¼
N Y Central	131¾	132	132
Ont and Western	48	48	48
Peo C & Gas Co	57⅜	98⅛	98⅛
Reading	147½	147¾	148
Sloss Sheffield	76½	77	77
Pennsylvania	137½	138½	138½
Rock Island	31¼	31	31
St. Paul	196½	197	196¼
Southern Pacific	95	94⅞	94⅞
Northern Pacific	208	211	212¼
Twin City	106¾	107	107
Union Pacific	185¼	185½	186⅛
U S Steel	48¾	48⅞	49
U S Steel pfd	105	106	105

Sales yesterday 1,297,400.

MONTREAL QUOTATIONS.

Dominion Coal	66	64½
Dominion Iron and Steel	23¾	23½ 24
Dominion I and S pfd	65	66½
Nova Scotia Steel	70	70
C. P. R.	200¾	199 199¼
Twin City	106½	105¼ 106¼
Montreal Power	93½	94 93¼
Detroit United	83¼	82 82
Toronto Rails	113	113¼ 113½

DID NOT RUN AWAY

Mr. Short desires the Times to state that his team did not run away, as announced in an evening paper yesterday. The horses became frightened at the dropping of the whipple-tree, and were stopped almost immediately by Mr. Short's son, who was the driver. Mr. Short was considerably annoyed by the report, as he had never had an accident in his 35 years' experience.

The steamer Governor Cobb, Captain Pike, arrived about mid-night from Boston via Eastport. She was detained by the recent storm along the New England coast. The Cobb had 23 passengers.

DOMINION COAL GOES LOWER

MONTREAL, Dec. 15. (Special)—Dominion Coal was the only stock which showed any decline of note in today's trading in the stock market. Dominion Steel Common was steady at 24½, the level to which it rallied yesterday, after a break to 23, but Coal which sold at 65 yesterday, went off to 63 after opening. Report of a fire in the Hub colliery is supposed to have affected the price, but there was very little selling. Dom. Steel bonds were strong at 82 to 82¾; Canadian Pacific was quiet after its performance yesterday, but held its advance, selling at 199 to 200. Other features were: Rio, 44½; Montreal Power, 94.

SOME FINE PAINTINGS

A collection of very fine oil paintings, from the brush of J. N. Sutherland, are on exhibition in E. H. S. Flood's piano warerooms, Dock street. All are splendid specimens and reflect much credit on the artist. Among the collection are several maritime province subjects, which have been much admired, viz., "Rising tide at the entrance of St. John harbor," "Near St. John river, Fredericton," "Gaspereaux Valley, N. S." and "Nicteaux Falls, N. S."

STOWAWAY ARRESTED CHARGED WITH THEFT

John McElroy, a Scottish lad, who came out as a stowaway on the steamer Marina, of the Donaldson line, was arrested today by Detective Killen and Patrolman Lee, for stealing a pair of boots belonging to Patrick McKee, who figured in the Shelly assault case in the police court this morning, and a coat belonging to another member of the ship's crew.

McElroy is 19 years of age.

JAMES REYNOLDS SERIOUSLY ILL

Very general regret will be expressed at the news that James Reynolds is suffering from a stroke of paralysis. He is being attended by Dr. P. R. Inches and it was announced at noon that his condition is very critical.

Mr. Reynolds was stricken Thursday evening about 9.30 o'clock. He has rallied somewhat since then, but is still very weak. He is in his eighty-sixth year.

MAY BE WET SUNDAY

According to D. L. Hutchinson, director of the meteorological bureau, the snow storm which started this morning is liable to turn to sleet or rain very soon and wet weather may be expected for tomorrow.

The wind is likely to increase from the southeast, bringing with it milder weather.

The barometer is falling rapidly and all indications point to rain.

AUCTIONS

At Chubb's Corner today Auctioneer Lantalum sold a farm situated at Gagetown, N. B. and belonging to Wallace D. Plummer. The property was sold to Joseph Hoben for $500.

The Joseph McAfee property situated on Portland street, north end, was sold at auction on a decretal order out of the supreme court in equity to F. S. Scovil for $3,490.

The auction sale of nine shares of the St. John Street Railway stock was postponed until next Saturday.

THE DUFFERIN HOTEL

E. LeRoi Willis, the former proprietor of the Dufferin Hotel, who has been in the city the past few days in connection with the disposal of the property to the present owners, Foster, Bond & Co., left last evening for Sydney, C. B., where he will in future devote his entire attention to the hotel there.

Mr. Willis desires to thank the travelling public and the people of St. John for courtesies extended in the past and expressed the wish that a continuance of the good will shown him would be extended to the new owners.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 15 (Special)—Winnipeg is threatened with a serious wood famine. The available suply in local yards is small and very little is being brought into the city. The coal supply is also small. The trouble is due to a difficulty in securing cars to bring in the necessary fuel.

DEATHS

WHEATON—In this city, on the 14th inst., at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. A. F. Kenney, 34 Orange street, Jane, widow of the late Gilbert D. Wheaton, aged 78 years. Funeral at 3.00 o'clock Monday.

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Germain and Church Streets.

The tug Lord Wolsley, Captain Wiley, arrived in port this morning with the disabled schooner Cheslie in tow from Ellsworth, Me. The Cheslie in command of Captain Brown left New York for this port on November 25th, with a cargo of 597 tons hard coal for J. S. Gibbon & Co. While on the passage, and when off Machias during a heavy gale on December 7, the Cheslie lost all her headgear (before reported) and made harbor at Ellsworth, Me.

BERLIN, Dec. 15—The Reichstag has been dissolved and elections called for January 25th. There is considerable doubt if the present government will be sustained.

Notice to Mariners.

IT has been reprted that the bell bouy anchored off the NORTH WEST LEDGE, Bay of Fundy, is out of position. It will be replaced as soon as practicable.

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