THE EVENING TIMES.

ST. JOHN, N. B., JAN. 24, 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.

THE LATE ALD. MILLIDGE

The news of the death of Ald. Thomas Millidge will be learned with general regret, although it has been known for a considerable time past that he was gradually sinking to rest. For the greater portion of the last year he has been unable to attend to his duties as a member of the city council, a fact that was much regretted, for he was a diligent and hard-working member, and was especially conversant with matters relating to the affairs of the water board. Ald. Millidge was a man of somewhat retiring disposition, and therefore was not much in the public eye; but he was a good citizen, and deeply interested in the city's welfare. He was a scholarly man, and evinced much interest in the affairs of the public library, and in educational matters generally. He was proud of the city, its history and its progress; and in a representative capacity gave it willing and honest service.

THE CITIZENS' LEAGUE

The general meeting of the Citizens' League last evening was very well attended, and although it was announced that no candidates had yet been secured, it was decided to continue the work of the organization. That work has not as yet borne any important fruit, but the new executive may be able to do better than the old one. At all events, the former officials were re-elected, the personnel of the executive somewhat changed, and the announcement made that the new executive would meet at an early day to consider further the question of candidates. It was suggested that if a full ticket could not be secured the League should at least nominate some candidates and work for their election. There does not seem at present any prospect of a full League ticket.

CITY GOVERNMENT

The Montreal Protestant Ministerial Association has taken a hand in the civic campaign in that city, and has issued an address to the electors. This address refers to the growing habit of exploiting the whole city for the benefit of a few, the corrupting influence of civic patronage and of money in elections, the influence of the saloon, and the growth of drunkenness and vice. Then is set forth the following qualifications that should characterize candidates for the council, as follows:

"We want men of the people's choosing. We do not desire men who choose themselves, and foist themselves upon the people, to represent them in council with scarcely any of the necessary qualifications for good aldermen.

"We need men who have keen business insight and strong executive ability.

"We need men who have large, intelligent views of the city and its needs, men who will legislate not only for the present but for the future as well.

"Again, we need aldermen in our City Hall who are not entangled with any business which is degrading our city. We ought not to send to our City Hall men who are connected in any way with companies, monopolies, or combines, which are seeking special privileges in the way of franchises from the city. When men are placed in such positions many there are who will vote for self, rather than for the interests of the citizens.

"Again, we should have men in our council of untarnished integrity—men who will guard the interests of the citizens as zealously as they would their own. Men who cannot be bought or sold, who cannot be influenced from the path of rectitude, by either money or friendship, men who will stand four-square to every wind that blows and yet will never yield to what is wrong. Only in the hands of such men is our city safe."

In conclusion the Association appeals to the electors, pointing out that:—

"The man who has a vote, and yet will not think it worth his while to take an hour to go and register it for the good of the city richly deserves all he may suffer from a corrupt government."

This address by Montreal clergymen is of wide application. It is worthy of attention in the city of St. John, where an effort is being made to secure a better city government.

CONFLICTING VIEWS

Opinions differ very much regarding the probable effect of the great Liberal victory in the United Kingdom, especially with regard to Mr. Chamberlain's policy. For example, the London correspondent of the New York Post, which is opposed to high protection, cables as follows:—

"Among the Conservatives, reconstruction is already the cry, although it is not yet settled which section of the party is to be active and which passive in the process. Undoubtedly, Mr. Chamberlain's personal vigor would carry the day against the more temperate section of his party, if time were not against him; but he cannot expect to fight through the 4 or 5 elections about which he spoke this week. Common sense must win in the end against even courage combined with sophistical genius. Sooner or later, the truth will be recognized that Great Britain has decisively cast in her lot with free trade."

This correspondent asserts further that the British people in their narrow island "cannot afford to handicap ourselves in the struggle to maintain an increasing population in a confined territory, and with limited material resources." Tariff reform, he says is dead, and "to revive it will mean to keep the Liberal and Labor party permanently in power."

Mr. Chamberlain does not share these views. In an address on Saturday last he said:

"I am not down-hearted; I am not one of those who dread to be in a minority. We who will be returned to represent the great ideas of empire and reform will be for some time a small, but, I believe, a united band. The fewer we are the more essential that we should be united in policy, determined in our action, and true to the cause we shall have to represent."

Mr. Chamberlain, the cable adds, expressed the opinion that the Liberals, with their great majority and their labor allies, would not be a happy family very long.

The Times yesterday started a fund for the benefit of the two widowed mothers who are today mourning the death of the boys so tragically lost to them through the accident at Lily Lake. The response has been prompt and generous. The circumstances of the two families are such that a helping hand will not only be appreciated but will prevent genuine hardship. The list of subscriptions will be found on another page.

The Star last evening referred to "the two lads who were drowned, as related exclusively in the Star's extra edition." This display of nerve is remarkable chiefly for its indiscretion. The Star's story was about two boys who were not drowned, and whose friends were greatly distressed by the Star's false and brutal announcement.

Generally speaking, New Brunswick farmers had good crops and received good prices last year. It may be doubted if from the farmer's standpoint the present winter will prove as favorable as last; for while there are no blockades there is not the same great blanket of snow upon the surface of the farm-lands. In such seasons as this some crops are sometimes "winter-killed."

It will be interesting to keep an eye on Mackenzie & Mann. Those enterprising railway builders have large plans for the future. It is announced that they will do a great deal of construction work next year in Ontario and Quebec, and wil steadily pursue their policy of completing a transcontinental railway. Eventually this will bring them to the maritime province seaboard.

A correspondent asks if the St. John Ice Company could not be compelled to fence the channel where they cut ice in Lily Lake, or keep it open so that the danger could be clearly seen. It is doubtful if the company could be compelled to do so under their agreement, but certainly precautionary measures must be taken by somebody.

Liberals, 284; all other parties, 247; that was the state of the poll in the United Kingdom last night, with 139 seats yet to be filled. The Unionists thus far have only 125 seats. They will probably be about a quarter or less of the membership of the new house when the returns are complete.

The late Marshall Field gave $8,000,000 to the Field Columbian Museum of Chicago. He made other large bequests for deserving purposes. An admirable sketch of Mr. Field's remarkable career is given elsewhere in today's Times.

When President Castro of Venezuela becomes convinced that the Munroe Doctrine will not prevent French warships from blowing up his ports he will probably decide that civility has its uses.

A FAVORABLE STATEMENT

With reference to the annual statement of the British Columbia Permanent Loan and Savings Co., which appears on another page, the Vancouver World says:—

"In another part of this issue will be found a copy of the eighth annual report of the British Columbia Permanent Loan and Savings Company of Vancouver, which will unquestionably be highly satisfactory to the shareholders of the institution, as it indicates that energy and prudence have distinguished the conduct of the management during the year, and that the finances of the company have been employed with discretion and success.

The statement shows that the total earnings of the company for the year were $133,202.01, an increase of $30,028.48 over the previous twelve months; that the assets have been increased from $1,400,777.17 to $1,671,843.05, making a total increase for the year of $271,065.88, and that the paid-up capital of the company is now over $1,000,000. An annual dividen at the rate of 9 per cent. has been declared on class A permanent stock, and the usual dividends to stock of the other classes.

During the year, 500 new loans were made, increasing the total to 1,715, now on the books of the company. As, according to the statement, the total appraised value of the property now under mortgage is $3,280,656.65, the company would seem to have ample security for all its investments, and the advance of the permanent stock from $140 to $147 per share gives the institution an enviable position in the loan companies of the Dominion."

The Master Painters' Association, in their rooms, Sydney street, last evening, elected B. T. Logan, president; J. H. Tonge, 1st vice-president; J. S. Stentiford, 2nd vice-president; John Johnston, treasurer; J. H. Leah, secretary; J. Stentiford C. Till and H. L. McGowan, trustees; J Boyd, H. L. McGowan, R. S. Craig and J. H. Tonge, arbitrators; H. McGowan, warden. After the election speeches and refreshments were in order.

THE LOCAL DEATH RATE

There is a popular idea that a mild winter is productive of a higher death rate than a severe one. The records of the local board of health, however, do not bear out this view, at least as far as St. John is concerned. The present winter is one of the mildest in a great many years. The two preceding were as notable in the other direction so a comparison is a fair one.

Taking the first three winter months, November, December and January, for the three years mentioned the returns have varied very little, if at all. The following are the figures:

1905, November, 50; December, 65; January (to the 23rd), 50; total, 165.

1904, November,49; December, 58; January, 65; total, 172.

1903, November,63; December, 56; January, 55; total, 174.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

Officers of Court Lancaster, 836, I. O. F., were installed last evening in Fairville by H. C. R. Lingley, assisted by Knights of the Royal Foresters. The officers are: Walter Cooper, C. R.; Albert Taylor, V. C. R.; Frank Allingham, C. D.; Harry Perry, Treas.; William Stymest, Fin. Sec.; Edgar Raynes, Recording Secretary; J. Macfarland, S. W.; Richard Davis, J. W.; Thomas Sears, Beedle; Andrew Cooper, Chaplain.

The proceedings were followed by a supper and entertainment. Speeches were delivered by H. C. R. Lingley, P. H. C. R. Todd and Messrs. Cronk, Thorne, A. O. Mabee, Dr. Curren, Brooks and LeBaron Coleman. Lieut. Capt. C. J. Wasson and M. Lasky gave recitations and W. Linton was responsible for some excellent selections on the gramaphone.

Hicks—"Brown is wedded to his art."
Wicks—"Well, his last picture is certainly ground for divorce."

Close evenings at six o'clock. St. John, N. B., Jan. 24, 1906.

Fine Wool Hygienic Underwear 75 Cents.

This is a medium weight just right for this kind of weather. Is usually sold at $1.00 to $1.25 per garment according to size.

Our Special Price, S. and D., Sizes 34 to 46, 75c. Each.

See display in our each window.

J. N. HARVEY, Men's and Boys' Clothier, 199 to 207 Union Street.

FOR THE **DANCE.**

Women's Patent Pumps and Ribbon Tie Slippers are the very newest designs for dress occasions.

WOMEN'S PATENT COLT PUMPS	$3.50
WOMEN'S PATENT COLT RIBBON TIE SLIPPERS	3.50
WOMEN'S PATENT CALF STRAP SLIPPERS	3.00
WOMEN'S KID RIBBON TIE SLIPPERS	2.50
MEN'S PATENT CALF PUMPS	3.25
MEN'S PATENT COLT OXFORDS	2.25
MEN'S KID OXFORDS	2.25

Our Dress Slippers are correct.

FOOT FITTERS **McRobbie** 94 KING STREET

GILBERT LANE DYE WORKS.

LACE CURTAINS cleaned and done up EQUAL TO NEW.
Carpets cleaned and beaten. Dyeing and scouring.

MACAULAY BROS. & CO., City Agents

BUSTIN & WITHERS,

FURNITURE.

Now is the time to have your furniture REPAIRED and UPHOLSTERED, before the spring rush. Send us word and we will do the work promptly.
STORAGE can also be had in our warehouse.

BUSTIN & WITHERS, 99 Germain Street.

We Are Now Making a Specialty of

Women's Dongola Kid Boots at	$2.00
Misses' Box Calf, Low Heel at	1.60
Misses' Box Calf, Spring Heel at	1.50

J. W. SMITH, : : : 37 Waterloo Street.

Fire Sale Still Continues.

Many hundreds of people gone away satisfied.
Still a large number of bargains left.

HATS, CAPS FURS AND GLOVES.

F. S. THOMAS,

Temporary quarters opposite Fort Howe. Open till 7 o'clock tonight.



GRANBY RUBBERS-

The Inglenook Philosopher of Kennebeccasis Bay.

Quite an outcry is made by some of the New York newspapers over the discovery that the pound of the retail grocers and provision dealers of that city weighs only ten and one half ounces. The change of the pound from sixteen ounces to ten and one half ounces has not been the work of a moment; it began to shrivel at least half a century ago, and it is a wonder, rather than otherwise, that it has not shrunk to eight ounces. I remember how in the time of the "oil fever," the office of my principal was invaded by a little man, who apparently thought he weighed a ton. He had bought a few acres of land "in the oil producing district of Pennsylvania," and wanted the co-operation of my principal in floating a company with a capital of $5,000,000 to work it. Was there any oil on the property?

"It don't matter," said the little man; "What we want is to organize a company and sell the stock."

The company was organized; the stock certificates looked very much like Bank of England notes, and they were sold—and so were the purchasers. The property was utterly worthless. Talk about the grocers and produce dealers of New York, who make ten and a half ounces weigh a pound! They are angels in comparison with this little man and his associates.

Ten and a half ounces to the pound is very good measure.

Since the days of this little man, companies innumerable of the same stripe as his have been floated, and by them millions of men have been deluded out of their hard earned money.

Ten and a half ounces to the pound is very good measure.

The insurance companies collect twice as much money from their policy holders as they are entitled to equitable and their officers steal from their tills the money that should be returned to them in dividends. Is it any wonder that the pound of the dealer has shrivelled?

Ten and a half ounces to the pound is very good measure.

The employer of labor gets only eight and a half ounces to the pound from his employes and is lucky if he gets that. Has he no rights—no way to protect himself? Of course he has; and the grocers and provision dealers of New York have shown him how to do it.

I was speaking to Pollard the other day about this ten and a half ounce racket. Said he,

"That's an old story. When I built my house 750 shingles were 1,000, and 750 laths were 1,000, and the dealers told me that custom made 750 a legal tender for 1,000 of either shingles or laths. Ten and a half ounces to the pound is very good measure—for the seller."

Pollard lit his pipe. Said he: "If we would continue to live innocent and saintly lives I think we had better go down and settle on "The Wolves."

SCOTT ACT IN KINGS

To the Editor of the Times:

Sir:—In reply to Lodge Member in your issue of the 20th inst., wherein he states there is an effort being made in the county to get a Scott Act inspector of less ability and a cheaper man, and a man in whom the temperance people would have less confidence, appointed, I have this to say, that the writer who sets forth such stuff has a great ability for perceiving other people's thoughts. The prominent official of whom Lodge Member writes, I think, knows what he is working for as well as Mr. Lodge Member, and would be very sorry to support any candidate if he considered he was not a good man for the position, and would show a good account of himself at the end of the year. Mr. Lodge Member goes on to say that this official is using his influence with members of the order, urging them to support only such candidates as will vote for the dismissal of the present inspector. What does this mean? Can any one tell what these candidates are for? If they are for inspector they would not likely vote for any one but themselves. I think the writer who has so much fault to find with this prominent official should make plain his motives, when he makes such assertions, and try and write, so that the meaning could be taken out of it.

My object is to get the very best all around man, and by changing see if we cannot get better results.

Yours faithfully,

PROMINENT OFFICIAL.

GOOD SHOW AT THE YORK

The Stoddart Stock Company scored another hit at the York Theatre last evening in the production of "The Christian."

W. L. Stewart as John Storm, who has the right of title, but who prefers the darkened cells of a monastery, was excellent, his emotional acting showing for the first time in this city his abilities as a capable "heavy man." Leah Stoddart gave a good performance as Glory Quale, and already this charming lady, has made many friends among the theatre goers of St. John.

Edward Fletcher, as Drake; Mr. Wordley, as Archdeacon Wealthy, and Wm. Secord as Lord Robert, all gave first class performances.

The special scenery last evening and stage settings were complete, this being one of the prominent features of the production.

This afternoon The Christian is being repeated, and the bill tonight is the sensational comedy drama, "The Plunger."

AT THE OPERA HOUSE

There was a large and appreciative audience in the Opera House last night, when the Edward Ellis Company gave its second production of "The Man and the Maid."

As on Monday evening, the piece scored a distinct hit. One noticeable feature about "The Man and the Maid" is its bright, crisp, and thoroughly up-to-date dialogue. Though it is cast in a Western mould, it is not oppressively Western, and the characters speak of ranch life and the West as if their entire knowledge of it was not bound up in a play book. Of course, Mr. Ellis has the principal role, but it is not a one man show by any means. There are other good roles and they are all well taken. For instance, there is a young English lord, who seems to have more brains and conscience than the average stage nobleman. Mr. Simpson gives to this part a natural, pleasing interpretation. Mr. Turner did splendid character work as the ranch boss and afterwards as Signor Estrada. The whole company is a strong one, and the ladies are particularly attractive.

Curling Coats —FOR— Xmas Gifts.

Last year we were headquarters for Curling Coats.

This year we have many new and handsome patterns.

Curling Coats make very acceptable Xmas Gifts.

Please call and inspect. Orders should be given early.

A. R. Campbell & Son,
High Class Tailoring,
26 Germain St.

WEIGHING MACHINERY.

We make a specialty of repairing load, platform and counter scales, also weigh beams, to conform with inspectors' requirements.

E. S. STEPHENSON & CO., 17, 19 Nelson Street, St. John, N. B.

Every Man or Woman

who buys our Rubbers is getting something he or she cannot do without, at less than wholesale prices.

We keep our staff busy during the quiet season, turn other merchandise you purchase into money, and retain your good will.

MEN'S RUBBERS, all sizes .. .. ..75c.
WOMEN'S RUBBERS, all sizes .. ..50c.
WOMEN'S GAITERS, all sizes 35c. 50c., 75c.—reduced from 75c. $1.00, $1.25.
WOMEN'S STRAP SLIPPERS, all sizes, bargains, $1.00.

FRANCIS & VAUGHAN,
19 King Street,
Telephone 1025.

FERGUSON & PAGE.

For Choice Goods in
Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silverware, Cut Glass, Etc., call upon us at
41 King Street.

JAMES V. RUSSELL,
677-679 Main Street.
Branches 8 1-2 Brussells - - - - - 397 Main Street.

The Best Factories in Canada are represented in the New Stock of **Boots and Shoes** for Fall and Winter, which I have just received. You will find what you want at right prices. Call today.

Brussels Sprouts, Artichokes, Oyster Plants, Cranberries, Squash, Lettuce, Radishes, Celery, Parsley

J. E. QUINN, CITY MARKET. - - TELEPHONE 636

BUSINESS FOR SALE.

We offer for sale our **Wholesale and Retail Fancy Goods Business.** A splendid chance for a good investment.

JAMES A. TUFTS & SON,
Corner Germain and Church Streets.

I can stuff Birds and Animals of all kinds. Give me a trial. No experimenting. I have been in the business for years.

P. E. CAMPBELL, : : Taxidermist and Seedsman,
47 Germain Street. Telephone 832.

ALL **Standard Patterns** reduced to 10 and 15 cents. A full assortment always to be had at. . . .
E. O. PARSONS, WEST END.

HAIR CUTTING

Your hair should be cut in the style most becoming to your features. If you call here you will be exactly suited. Try your next shave and hair cut at "The basement barber shop."

R. C. McAFEE, - Head of King Street.

DIAMONDS, WATCHES, CLOCKS and CHAINS at Lowest Prices.
G. D. PERKINS,
WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER.
90 Prince Wm. St. St. John, N. B.
'Phone 900.

Fresh Pies.

All kinds of delicious pies and cakes. Our products are just like home-made.
York Bakery. 'Phone 1457.
290 Brussels street. 565 Main street.

FRESH FISH DAILY. You can get fresh fish here every day. Salt and smoked fish too; all kinds. Fresh vegetables in abundance.
COLLINS BROS., 17 Winslow St.
ST. JOHN WEST.

PHOTOS PHOTOS PHOTOS!

Photos of the Scholars of Victoria and Alexandria Schools can be seen at my studio. Also views of the Launching of the Ludlow. Amateur finishing a specialty.

GEO. C. M. FARREN, . . . 74 Germain Street.