The Evening Times.

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 2, 1907.

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

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

TELEPHONES—News and Editorial, 192; Advertising Dept, 705; Circulation Dept, 128.

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

THE EVENING TIMES,
THE DAILY TELEGRAPH.

New Brunswick's Independent newspapers.

These newspapers advocate:
British connection.
Honesty in public life.
Measures for the material progress and moral advancement of our great Dominion.
No graft!
No deals!

"The Thistle, Shamrock, Rose entwine, The Maple Leaf forever."

MR. BALFOUR'S ATTITUDE

It was fitting that the great speech of Mr. Balfour, in which he announced his change of mind regarding the practicability of the preference, should be delivered in Birmingham. Mr. Chamberlain is beloved by Birmingham, and no more fitting place could be chosen for Mr. Balfour's acknowledgement that he had been more fully converted to the views of the ex-colonial secretary, "whose work for Great Britain, and for the colonial empire above all, has given him an immortal place in the great series of statesmen who have guided the imperial destinies of the country."

Mr. Balfour said he had always thought that the idea of the promotion of free trade within the empire was the most important of all the commercial interests of Britain, but had not been able to see a practical solution of the difficulty. We quote his remarks on this point:—

"But I quite admit that until the recent conference I felt serious doubts whether this great policy could be carried through in the face of the plain difficulties which must surround any course of action which requires the co-operation of a large number of independent units. I think that those fears, though I believe them to be unfounded, were not irrational. What I think is irrational is that those fears should still be entertained after we had experience of what occurred at the last conference."

Mr. Balfour then proceeded to point out that even if the imperial government could not have done what the colonies desired, it might have offered to go as far as it could consistently with the revenue needs of the country. The colonies, he said, might now begin to pursue a commercial policy in which they would treat Great Britain no better than they treated any great commercial rival of Great Britain. "In such circumstance," he said, "we should have no right to complain. I can make no sure forecast of what the future is, but this I know, that were we, by the wave of some magician's wand, installed in office tomorrow, clearly our first duty would be to summon again that conference."

We are told that the remarks of Mr. Balfour were greeted with great enthusiasm, and it is clear that the desire for fiscal change, along lines that will afford some degree of protection to the British manufacturer at home, while it enlarges trade with the other parts of the empire, is a growing desire among the more far-seeing men of the United Kingdom. It may be that Mr. Chamberlain will not be able to take an active part in the further promotion of his great imperial policy, but the task is in good hands. That of which Mr. Balfour is now convinced will presently become the conviction of the majority of the people, and an imperial conference of greater significance than any former one will be summoned to set itself seriously to the solution of the problem of preferential trade within the empire.

The Victoria Colonist, remarking that Mr. Balfour has identified the Conservative party of the United Kingdom with the policy outlined by him, and that this is the first step towards bringing it about, adds:

"The interesting fact is that the leader of one of the great British political parties has declared himself in favor of promoting free trade within the empire, and this is certainly a distinct advance. Every Canadian will hope for his success, and his stand will secure for him the sympathy of our whole people when next the voters of England choose their representatives."

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Neither law nor the mere voice of authority can accomplish a reform in the conduct of a community. The morning papers tell us that the prohibition commission find that much liquor is consumed in Scott Act towns and on Prince Edward Island. The same papers tell us that in Montreal Archbishop Bruchesi warns his people to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. The warning is given because the day is not observed by the people. Neither the law nor the voice of authority is effectual. The remedy lies deeper. There must be developed in the soul of the individual man and woman a sense of personal responsibility to observe the law or respect the day, not because there is a law or an archbishop, but because the act or attitude is right in itself. When every man and woman makes a personal application of the matter there will be little need to refer or defer to external authority, and the right will prevail But so long as many persons disregard any sense of responsibility, and others regard wrong conditions in a merely impersonal way, not even law and the voice of authority can accomplish complete reform.

THE RISING TIDE

The Montreal Witness (Liberal) observes that there is in the result of the Colchester election a warning for the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. We quote:—

"We are promised strenuous times in parliament this session. The Conservatives, led by their champion, Mr. Borden, are in a fighting mood and very naturally heartened by their victory in Colchester, by which they have broken the solid Liberal phalanx of Nova Scotia. One fly does not make a summer, of course, and the capture of one constituency does not mean an early ousting of the Liberal government. Still it is a feat, seeing that Mr. Fielding personally joined in the fray, and that all the influence of the government, active and potential, was exerted on behalf of the Liberal government. The government, however, still has a majority of over sixty, and can afford another lesson or two of the same kind, especially if the lesson is learned in time. Much will depend upon the character of the legislation it introduces and passes this session, especially upon the character of its bill to amend the Election Act, Upon that it will be largely judged, and upon that largely its fate will depend."

There has been a marked change in public sentiment in Canada since the last session of parliament. The defeat of a Liberal candidate in Colchester is not an isolated illustration. The feeling that the Liberal party is not invincible has grown with the increasing evidence that it is far from perfect. At the same time the leader of the opposition has grown in public estimation as a statesman. The odds between the parties are far less than they were at the time of the last general elections, or than they were even one year ago. It is a clear perception of this fact that prompts the Montreal Witness to speak a word of warning and of counsel.

Winter came last night with all the rudeness of a visitor who cares little about the manner of his reception. To those who are ill-prepared for his coming his blustering voice is most unwelcome, and however prosperous a community may be in a general way there are always some who are in need. The present labor trouble in this city makes the conditions the more unsatisfactory for many families. With the increased cost of living even steady employment leaves but little margin for the wage-earner after the bills are paid.

The Victoria Colonist makes these remarks about politics in Fredericton:—"There are few places in the dominion from which more extraordinary political yarns emanate than from the little New Brunswick capital. For twelve months out of the year they run politics in that town as if their very lives depended upon it. The papers keep up a campaign without intermission from one election to another, the only difference being that just before an election they get a little more vigorous."

The general opinion regarding the new French treaty appears to be that it will increase the trade of Canada with France. To what extent it may be a shifting of trade from Great Britain to France remains to be discovered by actual experience.

The Douma which was specially selected by the Czar of Russia appears to have become less tractable than was anticipated. The forces of revolution in that country are quiescent, and not extinct. They are but gathering themselves for an another upheaval.

If the Cunard line decide to secure a share of the emigration business to Canada this winter their steamers may be seen at this port. Many years have passed since Cunard vessels visited St. John.

Breaking into cars and stealing liquor appears to have become a favorite pastime with some persons in Moncton. The fact illustrates the great difficulty of enforcing a prohibition that is not national.

The arrival of Mr. Valiquet at the seat of war today should have some effect upon the dredging situation. Mr. Valiquet should bring his camp equipage and remain here until the war is over.

The morning papers tell of the drowning of a skater in Maine, and the very narrow escape of one near this city. The warning thus given should be heeded by adventurous youths.

The over-subscription of the Panama Canal bonds will have a further tendency to restore confiedence in financial circles in the United States.

REV. C. D. SCHOFIELD IS DEAN OF FREDERICTON

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 1.—Rev. C. D. Schofield, rector of Christ's church, has been appointed Dean of Fredericton and has accepted. He will leave in about two months' time to take up his new duties.

Stores open till 8 P. M. St. John, Dec, 2nd, 1907.

A CLEAN-UP SALE OF ODDS AND ENDS THIS WEEK.

The big sale that has been going on this week has left a lot of Odds and Ends in Suits, Overcoats, Pants, etc. These we want to clear out quickly and will sell them to the first comers at from **20 to 50 Per Cent.** below their real worth.

J. N. HARVEY,
Opera House Block.

The "Merchant" Rubber Co's. and
The "Wales Goodyear" Rubber Co's.

OVERSHOES, RUBBER BOOTS, RUBBERS

are the best of the Canadian and American makes, and are selling at the same price as the inferior fitting and wearing goods. WE SELL THEM.

FOOT FITTERS | McRobbie | 94 KING STREET

WANT HELP?

Then use a TIMES WANT AD. and you will get more replies than from any other evening paper.

One cent a day for each word used.

CALL, WRITE, OR 'PHONE MAIN 705

JUST RECEIVED:

2,500 Paper Cover Books, 10c. Each.
Games of Every Kind for the long nights.
Our Christmas Toys are coming in daily.
Three Cases of Glass Vases, all sizes.
Two Casks of Fancy Table Lamps.
Crockery and Granite Ware in variety at

WATSON & CO.'S, Cor. Charlotte and Union Sts.
1877. 1907.

DIAMONDS.

If you intend to give a **Diamond Ring for Christmas,** you will find a very handsome display here. Diamond Rings from **$10** up, and every one represents a saving. Call and examine.

W. TREMAINE GARD, JEWELER AND GOLDSMITH
77 Charlotte Street.

Delicious Fruit Cake.

We use nothing but the best in making our Fruit Cake.
A trial will convince you it is superior to all others.

THE SCOTCH DIETETIC BAKERY,
109 MAIN STREET. J. R. IZZARD, Prop.

THE WHITE DAIRY, 38 Sydney St.
JUST RECEIVED:
3 TONS CHOICE DAIRY BUTTER, in Tubs. Also 1 lb. Prints, Fresh Made Creamery daily.
HENNERY EGGS.
Phone, 622, Office Wholesale 985-41. SUSSEX MILK AND CREAM CO., Limited.

Military Brushes.

Holiday gifts for HIM. Nothing so appropriate for a gentleman. We have a handsome showing and prices are reasonable, from $1.50 to $5.00 per pair.

CHAS. R. WASSON, 100 King St.
SUCCESSOR TO C. P. CLARKE.

Store open till 11.30 p. m. Saturday, Nov. 30, 1907.

Rubbers, Overshoes and Rubber Boots. Our prices are very small and will mean a saving to you. Enquire for yourself.

PERCY J. STEEL,
Foot Furnisher. 519-521 MAIN STREET
SUCCESSOR TO WM. YOUNG

Rubbers, Gaiters, Creepers,
Keep Your Feet Dry, Warm and Safe,
A Full Stock in Hand.
A. B. WETMORE, Store Open 8 a. m. to 10 p. m 59 Garden St.

IN THE TIME OF SNOWS

Out of the bitter North
Where the wan ice legions are,
My spirit fareth forth
Seeking the Southern star.

Ranges adown the day,
Hurries athwart the night,
Like an osprey on its way
Over the spindrift white.

Many the lures that call—
Perfume, vision and voice;
The mock bird's madrigal
Bidding the heart rejoice.

The swoon of the jasmine scent
Where bough to bough by the vine
Is married; the firmament
Amber and sapphirine.

And the palms—O their beckoning hands
Gracile and all agleam,
Lifted over the lands
That drowse in an endless dream!

What shall stay me? Naught—
Naught shall bind or bar,
For I fly on the wings of thought
Seeking the Southern star!

Clinton Scolland in New York Sun.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

A COMPETITION.

First Youth—"My papa put a mansard roof on our house."

Second ditto—(proudly)—"My papa put a mortgage on ours."

"First—"I don't care. I heard my father say he was insured."

Second—(still more proudly)—"Huh! I heard papa say he was insolvent."—Baltimore American.

* * *

RUDE.

"Please hold up your hands!"

When the pedestrian heard the form of request he knew that the woman footpad was upon him. "I'd much rather have yours to hold,' he responded, gallantly.

"Well, I must say you are a rude thing." she rejoined, and lowered her weapon, thus closing the incident.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

* * *

BALLOONISTS' CRIME.

The following advertisement is published in the Kreisblatt, a newspaper published at Hoechst, near Wiesbaden:

"Can anyone favor me with the names of the balloonists who, when passing over the Village of Ried last Thursday evening, dropped a bag of ballast down my chimney and completely ruined a fruit tart which I was cooking?—Julia Schmidt, 14 Britzelgasse, Ried."

* * *

HIS PARADISE NOT HARD TO FIND.

On a hot day last week the members of a lunch club were gathered together at the little restaurant where they meet. Everybody was listless, owing to the heat. Food charmed them not.

One of the party, after scorning soup and waving away fish, put his feelings into words.

"Wouldn't it be pleasant," he said. "if we could just gather around a table on hot days and sit for an hour or so without eating anything? Why don't people ever do that?"

"They do," remarked another member, "in saloons."

* * *

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR

(From the New York Press)

The cost of living makes a man feel it would be cheap to die.

A woman likes to have her husband a good man, but she is sorry it keps them so poor.

The way some women wear their complexions ,they must think everybody else wears smoked glasses.

When people say a thing doesn't hurt them, they might make you believe it if they didn't yell so loud.

A girl hardly ever gets old enough to remember what happened when she was a little girl if it was more than 20 years back.

PEOPLE OF NOTE



Willard H. Brownson

Rear Admiral Willard Herbert Brownson of the United States navy was born at Lyons, N. Y., on July 8th. 1845. He graduated from the naval academy with high honors in 1865. Admiral Brownson married Miss Isabella King Roberts on July 10th, 1872. He gradually passed up through the various naval grades, becoming captain on March 3rd. 1899. He has been closely associated with the Naval Academy regime, being first sent there from 1872 until 1875. He commanded the Detroit at Rio Janeiro, Brazil during the revolution in that country which changed it from an empire to a republic. This was from 1893 until 1894. He commanded the Yankee during the war with Spain, and was made superintendent of the Naval Academy on Nov. 6th, 1902.

ESCAPE CUT OFF BY FIRE

Drytown, Cal., Nov. 30.—Eleven miners in the Fremont Gover mine are shut off from the surface by a fire which is raging at the 1,100 foot level and all hope of rescuing them alive has been abandoned. The miners were working below the 1,100 foot level.

Do Your Eyes Tire Easily?

If so, it's only a question of Glasses. To assure absolute correctness, both in the examination and the fitting of Glasses, do as others are doing, Consult



D. BOYANER,
Scientific Optician,
38 Dock St.

CHRISTMAS GOODS.

We have just received a nice assortment of Xmas Stationery, Holly and other fancy boxes, 15c., 18c., 22c., 30c., 38c., 45c. to $1.00. Christmas Toys, Labels and Seals. 500 folds Decorated Crepe Paper, 15c. each; 500 folds Decorated Crepe Paper, 5c. and 10c. each; 1000 rolls Plain Crepe Paper, 5c. and 9c.; 25,000 Xmas Post Cards, 4 for 5c; and 2c, 3c, 5c, 8c. each. Paper Napkins, new designs, 5c. dozen. Post Card Albums, 15c., 20c., 25c., 40c. to $3.00 each. Calendars, 5c., 10c. to $2.50 each. Picture Books, 5c., 7c., 10c., 15c. to $1.50 each.

ARNOLD'S DEPARTMENT STORE
83-85 Charlotte Street
'Tel, 1765.

Xmas Furniture
JUST RECEIVED.

We have just received a beautiful stock of useful Xmas Furniture which cannot be duplicated again. It comprises early English Furniture, China Closets, Buffets, Parlor and Music Cabinets, Ladies' Secretaries, Bookcases, etc. Select your Xmas Gifts early while our assortment is complete.

AMLAND BROS. LTD., Furniture and Carpet Dealers
19 WATERLOO STREET.

CREAM, MILK, BUTTER, EGGS
BUTTERMILK, HONEY.



Here's a point slighted by many dairies. You can tell the character of a dairy by its wagons.
Note the St. John Creamery wagons—no slipshod methods there, all clean, sanitary, and built for the delivery man's convenience.
Here is reflected the inside workings of the most up-to-date creamery in Canada, where cleanliness is paramount.
We ask you to try our goods.

The St. John Creamery, 92 King St.

Apples.
Choice varieties of
WINTER FRUIT
Arriving Daily.
GANDY & ALLISON
16 North Wharf. Telephone 334

Overshoes
Get Ready.
You Will
Need Them
Any Day.

Our overshoes are made of superior waterproof cloth and will give perfect satisfaction.

Men's one buckle, $1.75, $2.00.
Men's two buckle, $2.25.
Men's three buckle, $3.00.
Men's laced, $2.50.
Women's button, $1.95, $2.25.
Women's two buckle, $2.00.
Women's one buckle and two straps, $2.50.
Girls' two buckle, $1.70.
Childs' two buckle, $1.45.

Open evenings until 8.30.

FRANCIS & VAUGHAN,
10 King Street.

Holiday Jewelry

In High-Grade Goods, to suit all conditions and means. A great variety of different lines. All at moderate prices.

FERGUSON & PAGE,
Diamond Importers and Jewelers,
41 KING STREET.

Cauliflower, Brussell Sprouts,

Artichokes, Sweet Potatoes Red Cabbage, Squash, Cranberries, Crisp Celery, Lettuce, Radishes, Parsley, Fresh from our Greenhouses every day.

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

1867—133..PHONE..133—1907

Butter Creamery Solids, 30c. 1 lb. Prints, 32c. Dairy 1 lb. Prints, 30c.

EGGS. 19 Cases.

LARD, Kettled Rendered
Pails and Cakes.

MINCE MEAT.

DRIPPING, 3 and 5lb. Tins.

JOHN HOPKINS,
186 Union St. 'Phone 133

1907 ..Established 40 years .. 1867

XMAS, 1907.

SOME CAKE LINES.

Fruit Cake, - 14c. Pound
Plain Cake, - 14c. Pound
Walnut Cake - 16c. Pound
Composition Cake, 18c. lb.
Plain Cake, - 20c. Pound
Sultana Cake - 25c. Pound
Xmas Cake, - 25c. Pound
Plum Cake, - 30c. Pound

ROBINSON'S 3 STORES,
173 Union St., 'phone 1125-11
417 Main Street.
78 City Road, 'phone 1161.

Now for December.

We swing into the last month of the year after a lively November business. There has been a steady pilgrimage of old and new customers to this store. One of the reasons is the smartness of our Ready-tailored Winter Overcoats. They are as near ideal in grace of line and exactness of fit as the best tailors can get them. And all are made with those shapely shoulders and snug-fitting collars.

Wide range of prices: $10, $12 to $25. Sizes: 35 to 44.

A. GILMOUR, 68 King Street
Tailoring and Clothing.