FINANCIAL and COMMERCIAL

30,000 MEN IDLE IN BUILDING TRADES

Business Outlook in New York Said to be Worse Than It Was at Beginning of Year.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19—Thousands of skilled mechanics in the building trades are out of employment. In 1903 and 1904 there was so much building that the men worked overtime; in 1905 the building season progressed favorably, but in 1906 it began to slacken somewhat.

This year began badly, and at present less than half of the 60,000 skilled workmen are employed. The prospects for the beginning of the new year are not encouraging, but it is expected that the business will brighten in April. The contracts already on hand will be between $400,000 and $50,000 more next year than at present in the borough of Manhattan, but there will be a large falling off in the Bronx and in other sections.

The trade agreements of the following unions having the eight-hour day expire at the end of the year:

Bricklayers' and Masons' International Union, who receive 70 cents an hour.

Cement Masons' Union, 65 1-2 cents an hour; laborers, skilled, 35 cents an hour; unskilled, 25 cents.

Brotherhood of Carpenters, $5 a day.

United National Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters and Helpers, $5 a day.

Elevator Constructors and Millwrights' Union, $4.50 a day.

Sheet Metal Workers' Union, $4.50 a day.

Stone Setters, $5.50 a day.

Wood Carvers' Union, $5 a day.

The members of the Electrical Workers' Union expected an increase from $4.50 to $5 a day.

The following statement was issued yesterday on behalf of the Building Trades Employers' Association.

"The business outlook is worse than at the beginning of 1907 and building operations generally appear to be on the decline; but reducing wages would not increase the volume of business. Of course it would be impossible to predict absolutely whether the present stagnation will continue during 1908, but next year is the year of a presidential election when trade is bad generally. A good deal depends upon the time occupied in completing the tunnels and other public improvements now in progress. If they are finished sooner than is now expected it will stimulate building operations."

WAR PICTURES AT THE NICKEL

Incidents in Bombardment of Casa Blanca Will be Shown Today.

A feature of unusual interest awaits Nickel patrons today in the genuine pictures of the Morrocan port, Casa-Blanca, which was bombarded only a short time ago by the allied French and Spanish fleets in order to bring the rebel and bandit chief Raisuli to reckoning. The views were photographed by French operators and were shown in Paris and Europe generally with much interest. They depict the landing of troops and munitions of war of all kinds and also the port of Casa-Blanca after the men-of-war had done their wrecking. Artillery duels are shown as well and the actions of the French marines deal with real warfare. Inasmuch as this controversy of arms is still going on and that Sir Harry McLean, an Englishman and advisor to the Sultan of Morrocco, is a prisoner of the rebel chief, the films are very timely.

The remainder of the new show is as follows: His Second Childhood, or the boyish pranks of a fond grandfather, with screamingly funny complications; The Unfortunate Athlete, a young man who always got the worst of every athletic argument; and Goldstein's Luck, a storiette in pictures of a Hebrew merchant who hired animated dummies.

A wise man should have money in his head, but not in his heart.—Dean Swift.

ENGLISH COMMENT ON THE SITUATION

LONDON, Nov. 20—The measures taken by Secretary Cortelyou to deal with the financial crisis in the United States are discussed at length in the financial and editorial columns of the London newspapers today, and various opinions are ventured on this probable efficacy. Most of the writers consider it too early to predict success and caution the British public against believing that the crisis is over.

The Daily Mail says that even if the financial crisis is past it has left commercial depression in its wake.

The Telegraph declares that in the present plight in America it is no slight success to create a favorable impression and this Secretary Cortelyou certainly has done.

The Times, in an editorial article, says it thinks the measures taken by the government should induce hoarders to renewed confidence in the stability of the banks and that the tangle into which affairs have been allowed to drift, may be straightened out if there is a general determination on the part of the banks and the people to work unanimously to that end.

WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Nov. 20—The stock market opened irregular, small losses were more numerous than gains as shown by the first prices, but the gains included some of the most prominent market leaders. The postponement of dividend action on Atlantic Coast Line caused a drop of 3 1-2 in that stock, and Louisville & Nashville fell 2. American Smelting led a decline after the opening with a loss of 2, but the other active stocks did not yield more than one half. Pacific Mail gained 1 1-2. A rally before 11 o'clock restored the average of prices to above last night.

NINE FROWSY LOOKING DRUNKS SAT IN A ROW

There were ten prisoners on the long bench when the police court session opened this morning, and nine of the number came to grief by over-indulgence in alcoholic beverages.

Andrew Van Dieman, brother of the man who was killed on the I. C. R. near this city on Monday, pleaded guilty to drunkenness and was remanded.

George Smith, who was arrested by Patrolman Greer for wandering about on Bridge street late last night, and being unable to give a satisfactory account of himself to the police, was also remanded.

Thomas and Raymond Grant, who were on a bat together on Pond street, pleaded guilty and were fined $4 or ten days each, in jail.

James Cameron, Daniel Daley, Edward McChristol and Michael Gordon were fined $4 or ten days each, also for drunkenness.

Anthony Ferrick, another victim of fire water, was fined $8 or thirty days in jail.

Charles O. McAlduff was today arrested by Patrolman Merrick for being drunk on the Long Wharf.

NOT ONE DRUNK IN SEVEN DAYS

MONCTON, N. B., Nov. 20 (Special)—A. Dickinson Paterson R. C. A., of Toronto, the well known painter, is painting a portrait of Ex-Lieut. Gov. McLellan. He completed recently a portrait of Ex.-Lieut.-Governor Snowball, and has the unique distinction of having painted five lieutenant-governors.

That the recent brace in the local Scott Act enforcement has had some effect is evidenced by the fact that for exactly one week not a single drunk has been arrested. This is the longest period for some time that the police court has been entirely free from drunks. This morning two more $50 Scott Act fines were imposed, making a total of seven in three days.

WATER TANK COLLAPSED

TORONTO, Nov. 20—(Special)—As a result of the collapse of a tank containing 15,000 gallons of water last evening about $35,000 damage was done to the factory building and its contents, of George H. Hees, Son & Co., manufacturers of window shades and upholstery goods on Sears Avenue.

SUCCESS CROWNS

Our Fifteen Days' Sale

Tomorrow Last Day.

Wise men and women who read with delight, the great bargains that awaited them, took advantage, bought, found the goods as represented, and came again. If you were not one, the greatest opportunity in your bargain career awaits you.

A few days left. Scan this list and see what it means to shop here and save money.

A Few Leaders, All Seasonable Goods.

For Women.

FLANNELETTE WAISTS, good patterns and styles.
38c up to 70c.

WRAPPERS, well cut, plenty of nice patterns to pick
75c up to $1.25.

UNDERWEAR, all kinds, all marked at big reduction. Children's sizes also
42c.

For Men.

UNDERWEAR, Fleeced lined, reliable makes.
49c.

SHIRTS and DRAWERS, heavy, unshrinkable and warm.
50c up to 67c.

TOP SHIRTS, heavy flannel, well made,
42c.

Note this: Rubbers the best of Canadian make, usually sold at 60c and 75c per pair, this sale 39c

STORE OPEN EVENINGS — CARS PASS THE DOOR.

New goods just opened and added to the now really reduced in prices. Flannelette, Dress Goods, Shaker Flannel, etc.

HATTY, LAHOOD & HATTY,

282 BRUSSELS STREET.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

There will be a pie social and dance at the house of Stephen Weldons, 239 Brittain street tomorrow night.

Howard D. McLeod will leave tomorrow for an extended visit to his sons in San Francisco, Los Angeles and the Canadian Northwest. He expects to be gone about three months.

The Mission Band of St. John's Presbyterian church, will give a concert on Thursday evening, November 21st. An interesting programme has been prepared. The "Moon Queen" cantata will be repeated by request. Admission 10 cents.

The great fifteen day sale at Hatty Lahood & Hatty's ends tomorrow. Shop tonight and tomorrow, and secure some of the remarkably low offerings. Don't miss this last opportunity as this sale positively ends Thursday, Nov. 21st. Read ad. today on page 3.

Enjoy your breakfast by having Philps' perfectly sliced bacon. Philps, Douglas Ave. Phone 886.

Let one of Ungar's teams call for your bundle of soiled. linen, etc., next time Just try a sample washing and ironing. Phone 58.

Ask for winter rates, New Victoria Hotel. Large, warm rooms, excellent table.

The Free Kindergarten Association wish to call attention to their proposed New England supper to be held in Leinster street Baptist church on Saturday evening next from 6 to 8 o'clock. A candy table will be in charge of several young people.

ANOTHER POSITION.

Miss Florence Stout, of Millford, has been selected by the Employment Bureau of the Currie Business University Ltd., to fill the position of stenographer for Northrup & Co., Wholesale Grocers.

ST. JOHN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE.

The St. John High School Alumnae society has done much for St. John in past years by bringing here high-class readers, such as Dean Southwick, and others. This year an entertainment will be given in the High School on Tuesday, December 3, at which home talent will furnish music and dramatic in no way inferior to that hitherto offered by entertainers who have been strangers to the city. Tickets 25 cents. For sale at Nelson's, M. V. Paddock's, and Hawker's, Paradise Row.

A grand concert will be held in Orange Hall, Fairville, under the auspices of the trustees of the Methodist church, on Thursday evening, November 21st. Those taking part will be Mrs. Curren and Mrs. Bartlett, soprano; Mr. Bowman, tenor; Mrs. Henning, contralto; Mr. McKean, baritone; A. W. Baird, readings; banjo quartette consisting of Messrs. Smith, Hoyt, Stone and Smith; Mrs. Dr. Simonds, pianist. Admission 25 cents.

PRINCESS THEATRE MATINEE. PASSION PLAY.

And still they come. The aggregation that crowded our auditorium last night to witness our unexcelled motion photos. The Lite of the Lord, vividly made from birth to resurrection. A clean, educative and interesting performance. A verbal explanation covers every motion photo shown and an historical pamphlet received by each patron. Grasp this rare opportunity. The incidental music was highly appriate and the singing of The Palms by Miss Dalzell was highly appreciated. Same programme in vogue all this week. Matinee every afternoon.

A BIG RUSH AT HARVEY'S CLOTHING SALE.

The sale of the clothing damaged by the overflow of water at the Harvey clothing establishment was started yesterday. Notwithstanding the fact that this sale was brought on with so little notice there was a great crowd and they certainly got bargains. The lines offered for the first day's selling were principally men's overcoats, boys' overcoats, men's suits and pants. To these have been added for today's selling boys' suits, boys' pants, men's shirts, men's caps, etc., etc. While these goods have been wet the water was clean and with a good drying and pressing they will be just as good as ever. They will be sold while they last at from 20 to 50 per cent below their regular prices. J. N. Harvey.

SHIPPING

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

1907 November	Sun Rises.	Sets.	Tides High.	Low.
20 Wed.	7.33	4.46	12.00	6.35
21 Thurs	7.35	4.45	0.37	7.12
22 Fri.	7.36	4.44	1.17	7.49
23 Sat	7.37	4.43	1.57	8.27

The time used is Atlantic standard.

VESSELS BOUND FOR ST. JOHN.

Steamers.

Athenia, 5983, sld Glasgow, Nov. 16.
Empress Ireland, 8,028, sld Liverpool, Nov. 15.
Kanawha, 2488, sld London, Nov. 12.
Monmouth, 2,569, sld Cardiff Nov. 9.
Tritonia, 2,730, sld Glasgow, Nov. 10.
Tunisian, 6,802, sld Liverpool, Nov. 14.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived to day.

Stmr St. John City, 1412, Scott, from London via Halifax, Wm. Thomson & Co. general cargo.

Schr Jennie A Stubbs, (Am) 159, Dickson, from Lubec, master, ballast.

Coastwise:—Stmrs Brunswick, 72, Potter, Canning; Bear River, 70, Woodworth, Digby; schrs Irene, 90, Belliveau, Moncton; Effie May, 17, 67, Kennie, Harvey; Corneilla, 28, Melanson, Annapolis.

Cleared to day.

Stmr Alcides, 2181, Mitchell for Brow Head for orders, R Reford Co, deals.

Stmr Sobo, 2313, Bridges, for Halifax and West Indies. R Reford Co. general cargo.

Coastwise:—Stmr Bear River, Woodworth, Digby; Barge, No. 5, Aloney, Parrsboro; schr Utah and Eunice, Outhouse, Freeport.

Sailed to day.

Stmr Calvin Austin, 2853, Thompson for Boston and Maine ports.

Bark Santa Maria (Ital) 818, Virgilio for Rosario, A Cushing & Co. 727,174 ft. spruce plank, boards, etc.

Schr Jessie Lena, Carter, Barbados.

Schr Manuel R. Cuza, (Am) Henderson, Stamford, Conn.

Schr Abbie C. Stubbs, (Am) Colwell, New York.

Schr Ida M. Barton, Wasson, Boston.

Schr Lady of Avon, Steele, Ponce, P. R.

Cleared Yesterday

Schr Prudent, 117, Merriam, for Salem for orders, John E. Moore, 148,868 feet spruce deals, boards, etc.

DOMINION PORTS

Quebec, Nov. 18—Ard stmr Lake Erie, from Liverpool.

Sld—Montfort, Bristol.

Canning, Nov. 18—Sld schr Rescue, Potter, Havana.

Shelburne, Nov. 18—Cld, schr Palma, Shankle, Trinidad.

Halifax, Nov. 19—Ard, stmrs Halifax City, Liverpool via St Johns (Nfld.)

Cld—Stmr Activ (Nor), Port Hood; Schr Carte, Bridgewater via Chester Basin.

Sld—Stmrs St. John City, St John; St Pierre, Miquelon, (Fr), St Pierre, Mia.

Montreal, Nov. 19—Ard, stmr Lake Erie, Liverpool.,

Sld—Stmr Milwaukee, London and Antwerp.

BRITISH PORTS.

Montego Bay, Nov. 19—Sld stmr Amanda, (Nor) Gjeruldsen for St. John, N. B.

Glasgow, Nov. 18—Ard, stmr Marina, Montreal.

Liverpool, Nov. 19—Sld, stmr Ameriana, Halifax.

Glasson Dock, Nov. 17—Ard, Bark Gier, Shediac.

Barry, Nov. 18—Sld, stmr Dalton Hall, Boston.

Cape Race, Nfld., Nov. 15—Passed, stmrs Lake Erie, Liverpool for Montreal; 16th, St. Andrew, Antwerp for New York.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Huelva, Nov. 19—Ard stmr Arcola, Shaw for Spezia.

Havana, Nov. 14—Ard, Schr Prosperare, Brown, Mobile.

Calais, Nov. 16—Ard, chrs Julia & Martha, New York; E Merriam, do for St. Stephen.

Gulfport, Mass., Nov. 13—Sld, schrs Lord of Avon, Werner, St. Vincent (? WI); Oscar G, Newman, San Juan.

Pensacola, Nov. 16—Cld, schr Blanche, Roberts, from Nassau.

Delaware Breakwater, Del., Nov. 19—Ard, Schr Albani for Halifax.

Passed out—Stmr Flora, Philadelphia for Hillsboro.

Portsmouth, Nov. 19—Sld, schrs St Anthony, New York; Ella May, do; Eva Etewart, Boston.

Bath, Nov. 19—Ard, tug Pejepscott towing barge No. 4, Great Salmon River.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 19—Sld, stmr Prince Arthur, Yarmouth.

Portland, Nov. 19—Sld, Stmr Bygland (Nor) Chatham.

Schrs Silver Leaf, St John for New York; Golden Rule, do for do.

New York, Nov. 19—Cld, stmrs Oceanic, Southampton; Silvia, Halifax and Sa. Johns (Nfld); Schrs Nellie, Everiett; A K McLean, Grand Manan.

Salem, Nov. 19—Ard, schrs Abbie Keast, Elizabethport for St. John; Genevieve, Port Johnson for do; Maple Leaf, Stonington for Parrsboro.

City Island, Nov. 19—Bound south, schr Calabria, St. John.

Provincetown, Mass., Nov. 19—Ard, schr Strathcona, New York for Windsor.

Rockland, Me., Nov. 19—Ard, Schrs Henry D. May, Tusket for Philadelphia; Elm City, Nova Scotia for Norfolk.

Fall River, Nov. 19 Sld brig Andrew Daly, for New York.

Gloucester, Mass., Nov. 19—Ard, schrs Emily Northam, St John for New York; Wm D Marvell, New York for Amherst.

Calais, Me., Nov. 19—Ard, schrs Margaret B Roper, New York; Edna, Do; Barge No. 4, Parrsboro, (in tow.)

Newport News, Va., Nov. 16—Sld, stmr Garibaldi (Nor), Enge for Amherst (N S.)

Philadelphia, Nov. 17—Ard Calcium from Ivigtut.

New London, Conn., Nov. 18—Ard, schr New Era, Liverpool (N S.)

City Island, Nov. 19—Bound south, Stmr Navigator, Windsor; Schrs Marguerite, Weymouth; Madeline, Maitland; Wandrian, Walton; Nellie Shipman, St John; Abbie and Eva Hooper, do; Lizzie Patrick, do; Henry H Chamberlain, do.

RECENT CHARTERS

Norwegian steamer Dageld, 788, tons, from Pugwash to West Britain or E of Ireland, with deals, 42s. 6d. prompt.

The sail tonnage market shows no life in any of the several departments, the demand from all sources for tonnage being light while rates remain unchanged, and, in many cases, entirely nominal.

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 17—Bark Silicon, which went ashore at Pablo Beach, has been floated and towed into Mayport. She will be brought here for repairs today.

REPORTS, DISASTERS, ETC.

New York, Nov. 19—The steamer Regulus, bound from Louisburg, N. S., for New York with lumber came ashore during the night in the fog and rain near Bellport life saving station, 20 miles east of Fire Island, Capt. Wakeman is in command of the steamer which has a crew of 18 men. Not much of a sea is running. Tuesday morning so that the steamer is in no immediate danger. The crew remaining aboard and are now throwing cargo overboard in an attempt to float the steamer. Wrecking tugs have been asked for.

MARINE IOTES.

The new Hamburg-Amreican liner Europa, now in course of construction at Messrs Harland & Wolff's Belfast shipyard, and to be launched in 1909, will be the largest vessel afloat. Her length will be 785 feet, breadth 88 feet and depth, 36 ft. The tonnage is given as between 47,00 and 48,000, and her speed is to be 20 knots.

The Lakonia, of the Donaldson line, commanded by Captain Gillies, which is one of the best known freight vessels coming to port created a record for this season by making her way through Lake St. Peter and the upper channel to Montreal in the darkness arriving at her wharf at the Donaldson pier at midnight, Thursday. This is the best performance of the season, so far as navigating the channel is concerned, and Captain Gillies said that on account of the clearness of the night, the moon and the well-marked channel, it was just as easy to come up at night as it was by day. The Lakonia is the last ship of the season of the Donaldson line from Glasgow to Montreal.

N. Y. STOCK MARKET

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 1907.

New York Stock Quotations, 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	45½	45⅜	46⅛
Anaconda	30½	30	31¼
Am Sugar Rfrs.	101⅛	101	101½
Am. Smelt & Rfg.	61⅜	60½	60⅞
Am. Car Foundry	25⅜	25	25⅛
Atchison	69	68¾	69¼
Brook Rpd Trst.	30⅜	30½	31
Balt & Ohio	78¾	79	79
Chesa & Ohio	25¼	25¾	25⅞
Canadian Pacific	140½	141¾	141¾
Chi & G West	7⅛	7	7
Colo F & Iron	15⅝	15¾	15¾
Consolidated Gas.	88	85⅛	85⅛
Erie	14½	14¼	13⅝
Erie First pfd.	37¼	36	36
Erie, Second pfd.	24½	24⅜	24⅜
Louis & Nashville	93½	91½	91½
Missouri Pacific	52	52¼	52
N. Y Central	94¼	94	94⅝
Ont & Western	29½	29⅛	29
Reading	78⅞	78½	80¼
Sloss Sheffield		33	32
Pennsylvania	107½	107⅜¾	108½
Rock Island	12	12⅛	12⅜
St. Paul	96	96	96⅜
Southern Railway	11¼	11¼	11¼
Southern Pacific	66⅝	66½	67
Northern Pacific	105	105	105¾
Natl Lead	34½	35	34⅛
Twin City		74¼	74
Union Pacific	109	109	110
U S Steel	22⅜	22½	23¼
U S Steel, pfd.	79⅞	79⅝	80⅜

Total sales in N. Y. yesterday 415,200 shares.

CHICAGO MARKET REPORT.

Dec. Corn	54⅝	54⅝	54⅝
Dec. Wheat	93⅝	93⅜	93⅛
Dec Oats	46½	46⅜	46⅜
May Corn	56	56⅛	56⅛
May Wheat	102½	102⅜	102¼
May Oats	49⅞	50	49⅝

MONTREAL QUOTATIONS.

Dom Iron & Steel	13½	13½	13½
Twin City	74¼	74½	74½
Montreal Power	81	80½	80½
Detroit United	31¾	31½	31½
Mackay Co.	46½	47	47
Illinois Traction pfd	71	71	71
Toledo Rly and Light		11¾	12

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

December Cotton	10.43	10.55	10.52
JanuaryCotton	10.03	10.18	10.17
March Motton	10.11	10.25	10.24
May Cotton	1017	10.30	10.30

(Furnished by D. C. Clinch, Banker and Broker.)

Jas. J. Hill says crisis was brought on by indiscriminate attacks upon business.

Butte Coalition Co. reduces its quarterly div. from 50 cents to 15 cents a share.

George W. Perkins says no syndicate has been formed to take government bonds and none will be needed.

Good demand for stocks in loan crowd.

LONDON, 2 p. m.— Exchange 486. Anc. 29 5-8; Acp 45 1-8; Atch 63 3-4; BO 78 1-2; CO 25 3-4; GW 7; CPR 140; Erie 14 1-2; EF 36 3-4; Ills 119 1-2; KT 24; LN 94; N 61 3-4; NP 104 7-8; Cen 95; OW 29 1-4; Pa 107 1-2; RG 78 3-4; RI 11 3-4; SR 11 1-4; SP 66 5-8; St 96; UP 108 7-8; US 22 1-2; UX 79 3-4; WZ 15 1-2.

CURRENCY LEGISLATION.

WASHINGTON — It is reported that President Roosevelt, in general terms, will recommend in his message to congress currency legislation, but will not submit any specific plan other than to say that any legislation to be adopted must provide for elasticity and safety. The details will be left to congress. This subject is certain to be brought to the front early and will be pushed as rapidly as possible. In the house a currency bill can be put through perhaps by February, but in the senate, where debate is unlimited, it may be far on towards spring before any currency bill is likely to be passed.

New York—R. L. Neill's yearly estimate of the cotton output places this year's crop at 11,395,000 bales. Total transfers through sub-treasury yesterday $1,732,000, of which $716,000 to San Francisco, Chicago $387,000, St. Louis $310,000, Denver $120,000, Philadelphia $138,000.

Consols—Money 81 7-8, decline 3-16; account 82, decline 3-16; Americans quiet, mostly rather below parity in London.

London 12.30 p. m.—CPR. 140 3-8. Money on call 4 1-4 to 4 3-4, discount short and 3 months bills 6 5-8 to 6 3-4 per cent.

Liverpool—Spot cotton moderate business, prices steady. Middlings up 5 points. Futures opened quiet and steady at two decline to 1 advance.

At 12.30 p. m.—Steady, 2 to 4 up from previous closing.

Earnings, Louis and Nashville, second week November, decrease $67,320, from July 1st, increase $1,373,309.

Southern Railway, second week November decrease $1,900, from July 1st increase $1,735,596.

Summary—Cable advices say French law does not permit Bank of France to take United States treasury certificates.

Liverpool, 2 p. m.—Futures firm at 3 1-2 to 6 net advance.

New York—Goldman Sachs & Co. have engaged $1,500,000 additional gold for import, making total for this movement, $75,080,810.

LAIDLAW & CO'S LETTER.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20—The persistent pressure yesterday in the way of liquidation in our market seems to have caused some set-back to whatever little enthusiasm existed. It seems that on every rally there is an appearance of an outbreak of liquidation, probably due to causes brought about by the financial stringency. While the action on the part of the government in the way of trying to help the situation is apparent, there seems to be some adverse criticism as to the complete success of the bond and certificate offerings, this has been offset partly through the report that the New York bankers are ready to lead off with a purchase of $25,000,000 worth of the new three per cent government issue. The local bankers will also subscribe liberally to the Panama bonds. Individual subscriptions for the certificates will be issued in a few days so that the beneficial effects of putting into circulation the new national bank notes will soon be felt. Possibly there may be further liquidation today, and while the stocks are pretty well taken there does not seem to be so much disappointment over the markets' action as might be supposed.

LAIDLAW & CO.

MONTREAL STOCKS

MONTREAL, Nov. 20 (Special)—The stock market continued weak. Nova Scotia Steel dropped to 49 3-4 and Dominion Steel Pfd. to 36 yesterday, and continued to sell at the same level today, the latter only showing an improvement of 1-4 The bonds of the same company were also heavy at 67, but common after opening at 12 1-2 became firmer at 13 1-2. Features of the trading were MacKay 47, Montreal Power, 80 3-4; Soo Common 70, Twin City 74, Detroit 31 5-8 and Mexican 36.

SMALL GROCERS COMPLAIN OF NICKEL PICTURE SHOWS

In conversation with a prominent wholesale grocer yesterday mention was made of the fact that a number of small retail grocers are complaining of the effect on their business of the moving picture shows. One of the travellers of this house in going his rounds had heard frequent complaints of the "Nickel habit." The small dealers point out that many people in moderate circumstances who are in the habit of taking in the picture shows are short of cash when it comes to settling up the week's grocery bill on Saturday night.

For instance, a mother or father will take three or four children to the nickel shows, as the price looks small, but in going four or five times a week it amounts to quite an item, and the grocer in many cases has to bear the shortage.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS—Northeast and north winds, fair and colder. Thursday, fair and cold.

SYNOPSIS—The Atlantic disturbance is passing to the eastward but heavy northeast gales are blowing south of Nova Scotia, Sable Island, reporting a wind of 52 miles an hour. Weather is mild in the western provinces. To Banks, northeast gales. To American ports, fresh northerly winds. Sable Island, northeast, 52 miles, rain. Point Lepreaux, north, 20 miles, clear at 11 a. m.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORT.

Highest Temperature during last 24 hours, 44
Lowest Temperature during last 24 hours, 26
Temperature at Noon, 28
Humidity at Noon, 77
Barometer Readings at Noon, (sea level and 32 degrees Fah.,) 30.47 inches.
Wind at Noon: Direction, N. Velocity, 20 miles per hour. Clear.
Same date last year: Highest temperature, 44; lowest, 36. Cloudy.

D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director.

Stores open evenings till 8 P. M. — St. John, N. B., Nov. 20, 1907

BIG RUSH AT THE HARVEY SALE OF

Water Damaged Clothing!

The people certainly got bargains here yesterday. All that is the matter with it is that it got wet with clean, cold water, and when dried and pressed it will be just as good as ever. Boys' 2 and 3 Piece Suits as well as Men's Shirts and Caps have been added for today's selling.

A FEW OF THE CUT PRICES:

MEN'S SUITS.

$ 5.00 Suits for - - $ 3.95
6.00 Suits for - - 4.95
7.50 Suits for - - 5.98
10.00 Suits } for - - 6.98
12.00 Suits }
15.00 Suits for - - 11.45

OVERCOATS.

$ 6.00 Overcoats for $ 4.95
7.00 Overcoats for 5.49
8.00 Overcoats for 6.49
12.00 Overcoats for 9.85
15.00 Overcoats for 11.45

Boys' 2 Piece Suits at 98c., $1.49, $1.98 and $2.49.

YOU MUST SEE THESE GOODS TO APPRECIATE THEIR REAL VALUE. STORES OPEN TILL 8 P. M.

J. N. HARVEY, Clothing and Furnishings, 199 to 207 Union St.

HAWKER'S DRUG STORE FLOODED DURING NIGHT

The drug store of Wm. Hawker & Sons on Prince William street was flooded last night by an overflow of water from a closet on the third floor of the building and stock was damaged to the extent of $500 or over.

Discovery of the flood was made when the store was opened this morning. The floors were covered with water from the front door to the warerooms in the rear. The office was also flooded and the prescription counter was deluged, many valuable drugs, capsules, etc, being ruined. A valuable prescription scale, one of the finest in the city, costing $50 was ruined and the drawers containing gummed labels were likewise filled with water. Two cases containing trusses were also ruined.

Investigation showed that a waste pipe on the third floor had become choked and as the water was left running, presumably by some students in a night school that is conducted there, the overflow had leaked down through the floors all night, causing the damage as stated.

As there is a metal ceiling in the drug store, the ceiling will not be damaged but the metal holds the water which dropped for some hours after the leak had been remedied upstairs. A considerable quantity of water also found its way through the floor to the cellar, but very little damage was done there.

Mr. Hawker in conversation with a Times man said he could now sympathize with J. N. Harvey, whose clothing store on Union street was damaged in a similar way on Sunday last.

This is the fourth occasion on which Mr. Hawker's premises have been damaged in this manner and he expressed the opinion that the owner of the building, Dr. James Walker, should have the floors of the closets leaded and a pipe put in to carry off an overflow in case of a recurrence.

THE VAN DIEMEN CASE

Man Killed on I. C. R. Monday Night May Not Have Been Cornnlius VanDiemen After All.

Andrew Van Diemen, brother of the man who was killed on the I. C. R. near St. John on Monday, was arrested for drunkenness yesterday and in court today, after pleading guilty, was remanded. He was held, in the first place on Coroner Berryman's instructions, but was in no condition when taken to central police station to give a lucid statement.

Coroner Berryman took the deposition of Morris, who stated that he met Andrew Van Diemen on Monday, with another man, but did not know whether or not they were brothers.

Van Diemen told the police that when he and his brother arrived here Saturday they had $17 between them, but had none of it yesterday. He and his brother quarrelled and Cornelius went away, saying he was going to Amherst. That was the last he saw of him alive.

The coroner said last night that there was something peculiar about the case, but the body was so badly mutilated that it could not be ascertained if there was foul play. Nothing would be done till Thursday, he said, though the body could be seen at the morgue, as it might not be Van Diemen's brother at all. The man had been drinking and might have made a mistake.

Coroner Berryman stated today that the body would probably be buried tomorrow. He had learned nothing, he said, to lead him to believe that the death was other than accidental. The brother is being held in jail on remand until the coroner can get a lucid statement from him.

CIVIC PAY DAY.

This was a semi-monthly pay day for civic employes and Acting Cashier David R. Willett paid out the following amounts to the men of the various departments:—

Official	$1,118.70
Public works	151.66
Police	1,280.00
Fire	835.83
Salvage	53.32
Market	97.80
Ferry	554.66
	$4,161.97

GOING TO OTTAWA

Hon. Dr. Pugsley and family will leave tomorrow for Ottawa, to take up residence at the capital, with the exception of William Pugsley, Jr., who enters upon the practice of law with a leading firm in Montreal. St. John people irrespective of politics, will regret the removal of Dr. Pugsley and family from this city. Dr. Pugsley has as a private citizen done much for the city's welfare, apart entirely from his public career, while Mrs. Pugsley will be missed by a wide circle of friends in the city and suburbs.

Miss Clara Mercer, Salt Springs, N. B., and Miss H. A. Donner, of west end, left this morning by Calvin Austin for Boston.

THE EFFIE MAY GROUNDED

Little Schooner Aground at Entrance to Rodney Slip This Morning.

During the heavy northeast blow this morning early, the small schooner Effie May, Captain Kennie, dragged her anchor and grounded at the end of Rodney slip; as the tide was ebbing the schooner fell over on her side into the hole that the dredges had made. The deckload of hardwood lumber slid off into the slip and the schooner became waterlogged. Some of the lumber went adrift and was lost. The Effie May was towed into Rodney slip this morning and an examination of her hull will be made. The schooner was from Harvey, N. B., and she had on board 70,000 feet birch lumber.

YORK COUNTY CONVENTION

FREDERICTON, N. B., Nov. 20 (Special)—The liberals of York county will meet in convention this afternoon to nominate a candidate for the House of Commons.

A large number of old time party workers from the outlying parishes are in the city and the indications are that the gathering will be a large one. F. B. Carvell, M. P., of Woodstock, arrived last night, and this morning's train from St. John brought Hon. Wm. Pugsley, Premier Robinson, Attorney General McKeown, Hon. L. P. Farris and Liberal Organizer Copp. All will attend the convention and deliver addresses.

Those who have been mentioned as probable candidates are Alex. Gibson, ex-M. P., W. T. Whitehead, M. P. P., and E. H. Allen, claims agent of the I. C. R. It seems to be the general impression that Mr. Gibson will decline to allow his name to go before the convention, but will give his support to Mr. Whitehead.

Dugald McCatherine, Jasper A. Winslow and other well known Conservatives have promised to support Mr. Allen in case he is nominated, and he seems to stand well with the younger element of the party. Mr. Allen is not new to politics having unsuccessfully contested the county against Hon. G. E. Foster in 1896.

Delegates from the up-river parishes seem to be solid for Mr. Whitehead, and should support of the Nashwaak contingent be thrown his way he is pretty sure to bag the nomination.

Dr. Pugsley was in consultation this morning with several of the prospective candidates, but what conclusion he arrived at has not been made public.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE

The Girl From the Golden West was again presented in the Opera House last evening by the Stoddart Stock Company, and was much enjoyed. There will be two performances today—The Belle of Richmond—afternoon and evening.

Yesterday's Boston Journal says:—More vessels are now loading lumber for South America in this port than for several years. No less than five immense full rigged ships and a bark were tied up at Mystic wharf yesterday, none of which is an American ship. There was a Russian ship, two Norwegian ships, two British ships and a British bark—but one looked in vain for any sign of the Stars and Stripes in their rigging.

DEATHS

NIXON—In Fairville, on the 19th inst., Mrs. Jane Nixon, widow of the late Andrew Nixon, aged 95 years. (Native of Ireland.) leaving two sons and one grand daughter to mourn. Funeral on Thursday, (Nov. 21st,) at 2.30 from her late residence, Union Point, Fairville.

KEAN—On the 20th. inst., Elizabeth, daughter of John and Bessie Kean, aged 13 years. Funeral on Friday (Nov. 22nd.) at 3 p. m. (St. Louis and Boston papers please copy.)

CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENTS

(Too late for classification.)

LOST—MONDAY EVENING BLACK SPANiel dog, wore collar bearing name "NIGGER." Any person found harboring him after this notice will be prosecuted. FRED L. COREY, Star Line Steamship Co. 1900-11-22.

WANTED—LARGE BOY IN SHOE Store. Apply evenings GEORGE M. CALHOUN, 44 Brussels street. 1898-11-22.

WANTED — THREE GIRLS WANTED, CLARK'S HOTEL. King Square. 1895-11-27.

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