

OUR BIG SALE

To start the new year off to beat the old year is the task we undertake, and we believe it will be a mighty hard task to perform. The great increase in our business of the past makes us believe that something out of the ordinary must be done to beat our past sales, and as a starter we offer

\$35,000 worth of Up-to-Date Dry Goods and Clothing at about 50 cents on the Dollar.

Read carefully all about it, and don't forget our past reputation for living up to our advertisements.

40 DOZ. MEN'S REGULAR \$1.00 SWEATERS, Black or Blue, Sale price 50c.
75 DOZ. MEN'S REGULAR \$1.25 SWEATERS, Black or Blue, Sale price 98c.
15 DOZ. MEN'S REGULAR \$1.50 SWEATERS, Black or Blue, Sale price 98c.
100 DOZ. MEN'S REGULAR 75c. WHITE DRESS SHIRTS 42c.
50 DOZ. MEN'S REGULAR 35c. NECK TIES 19c.
50 DOZ. MEN'S REGULAR 35c. BRACKS 19c.
400 DOZ. MEN'S REGULAR 8c. WHITE HANDKERCHIEFS 3c.
125 DOZ. MEN'S REGULAR 15c. COLLARS 3 for 25c.
25 DOZ. MEN'S REGULAR 25c. ALL WOOL HOSE 19c.
30 DOZ. MEN'S REGULAR 65c. HEAVY Y DUCK SHIRTS 48c.
30 DOZ. MEN'S REGULAR 75c. REGATTA SHIRTS, Sizes 14, 16, 18, 20 48c.
16 DOZ. MEN'S REGULAR \$1.25 MOCHA GLOVES 89c.
50 DOZ. MEN'S REGULAR 65c. WOOL FLEECE SHIRTS AND DRAWERS 48c.
30 DOZ. MEN'S REGULAR \$1.00 UNSHRINKABLE SHIRTS AND DRAWERS 50c.
50 DOZ. MEN'S REGULAR \$1.25 UMBRELLAS 98c.
50 DOZ. MEN'S REGULAR \$1.00 JERSEY FLEECE TOP SHIRTS 75c.
38 MEN'S REGULAR \$8.00 OVERCOATS, Black Frieze, \$4.98
MEN'S REGULAR \$8.00 OVERCOATS, Canadian Tweed, \$3.48
MEN'S REGULAR \$10.00 OVERCOATS, Canadian Tweed, \$6.48
MEN'S REGULAR \$10.00 OVERCOATS, Scotch Tweed, \$9.98
MEN'S REGULAR \$10.00 OVERCOATS, English Melton, \$11.98
MEN'S REGULAR \$10.00 REEFERS Fur-Lined, \$ 5.98
MEN'S REGULAR \$5.00 REEFERS, Canadian Tweed, \$3.48
500 PAIRS MEN'S CANADIAN TWEED PANTS, Regular \$1.75 \$1.00
300 PAIRS MEN'S ENGLISH WORSTED PANTS, Regular, \$3.00 \$1.98

\$3,000 WORTH OF SHOES, Up-to-date, for Men and Women at less 20 per cent discount.
The GREAT \$3.00 KING HAT, Sale price \$1.98
MEN'S \$10.00 ALL WOOL TWEED SUITS, Sale price, \$6.48
MEN'S \$12.00 ENGLISH WORSTED SUITS, odd sizes, Sale price, \$6.48
BOYS' 2-PIECE SUITS, \$1.98 up
BOYS' OVERCOATS, Long Fashionable Cut \$2.98 up

Extra Special Bargains for the Ladies

33 ONLY, LADIES' LAST SEASON'S SUITS, short coat style, regular \$10.50, to go at \$2.98
45 LADIES' LAST SEASON'S COATS, that cost us \$3.65, to be sold for \$90.00 only \$2.00 each.
75 LADIES' LONG FASHIONABLE COATS, latest styles, to be sold for less than half price, \$3.98 to \$15.00
LADIES' \$7.00 SKIRTS Sale price \$4.98
LADIES' \$6.50 SKIRTS Sale price \$3.98
LADIES' \$4.50 SKIRTS Sale price \$3.28
LADIES' \$3.75 SKIRTS Sale price \$2.98
GIRLS' COATS From \$2.98 to \$5.00
BABIES' \$4.25 BEAR SKIN COATS Sale price \$2.98
BABIES' \$3.50 BEAR SKIN COATS Sale price \$2.28

BABIES' \$2.50 BEAR SKIN COATS, Sale price \$1.75
BABIES' \$1.50 BEAR SKIN SETS, Muff and Collar Sale price 98c.
15 DOZ. 30c. ALL WOOL TOQUES, Sale price 19c.
45 DOZ. LADIES' 50c. SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, Sale price 38c.
LADIES' \$2.50 BLACK SATEEN UNDER SKIRTS, Sale price \$1.98
LADIES' \$1.75 BLACK SATEEN UNDER SKIRTS, Sale price 1.25
LADIES' \$1.25 BLACK SATEEN UNDERSKIRTS, Sale price 98c.
LADIES' \$1.00 BLACK SATEEN UNDER SKIRTS, Sale price 68c.
LADIES' 45c. HOSE SUPPORTERS, Sale price 25c.
LADIES' 25c. HOSE SUPPORTERS, Sale price 15c.
LADIES' \$2.25 ALL WOOL SHAWLS, Sale price \$1.75
LADIES' \$1.75 ALL WOOL SHAWLS, Sale price 1.25
LADIES' \$1.25 ALL WOOL SHAWLS, Sale price 75c.
LADIES' 75c. ALL WOOL MOTOR GLOVES, Sale price 50c.
LADIES' 50c. ALL WOOL MOTOR GLOVES, Sale price 38c.
LADIES' \$1.25 D and A CORSETS, Sale price 98c.
LADIES' \$1.00 D and A CORSETS, Sale price 78c.
LADIES' 50c. D and A CORSETS, Sale price 38c.
LADIES' \$1.25 P. C. CORSETS, Sale price 98c.
LADIES' 75c. P. C. CORSETS, Sale price 68c.
LADIES' 50c. BLACK CASHMERE HOSE, Sale price 38c.
LADIES' 35c. BLACK CASHMERE HOSE, Sale price 25c.
LADIES' 25c. BLACK CASHMERE HOSE, Sale price 19c.
LADIES' 50c. SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, Sale price 38c.
LADIES' 30c. SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, Sale price 19c.

Remember This Sale Will Last for Ten Days---
from January 6th to the 16th

WILCOX BROS., Dock Street and Market Square

FINANCIAL and COMMERCIAL

TAKE A HOPEFUL VIEW OF GENERAL SITUATION

J. S. Bache & Co. Say It is Only a Question of Time---But the
Railroad Situation Has Not Improved.

The railroad situation has not improved. The attitude of railroad presidents on the problems of the hour is shown to be hopeful but advisory. When Mr. Hill stated a few months ago that unless confidence in railroad securities was restored the government would have to guarantee railroad issues, the statement was regarded at first as intended to be playful. In the New York Herald's annual review, however, one or two other railroad presidents expressed views leading in this direction, and Mr. Hill, in the same issue, reiterates his statement. He says, referring to the annual of legislatures upon the railroads: "It continues to be the attitude of the public mind there will presently be no power short of a pledge of the credit of the government itself able to secure the funds necessary to provide more tracks." Mr. Newman Erb, in his contribution to the railroad symposium, after showing that the burden for new equipment, especially for cars used in interstate commerce, is well nigh impossible for the railroads to finance, makes the following original suggestion:

"For this traffic the government should be willing to supply the freight cars and to that extent relieve the railroads of the country. The cars, built to modern standards, owned by the government, should be leased to the various roads requiring them at rentals that will repay their cost with reasonable interest, say within twenty years, to be meanwhile thoroughly maintained and losses replaced. This should likewise apply to postal cars. There is abundant reason for relieving a strained situation which if not soon remedied must ultimately lead to government ownership of the principal railroads if not of the entire railroad system of the country."

"The government ownership of freight and postal equipment rests on sounder policy than that of improvement of the navigable interior water ways, upon which hundreds of millions have been expended without any return of tax or interest, and, after all, with less benefit to the nation than would be experienced by relieving congestion and enabling the transportation companies to devote their funds to supply needed equipment, track and terminal facilities."

THE FUTURE.

The contributors to the great annual reviews of the newspapers, including prominent names in all departments of the industrial and financial world, take, on the whole, a hopeful view of the situation. The year is to be one of recuperation. This entails rest from activity, steadily diminishing volume of business, and little profit except from lower wages and materials. It is unfortunate that we shall have with us like a poor relative coming at just the wrong time—the political unrest of a presidential election, to add, as it always does, even in prosperous times, to the general discomfort and disturbance.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

No. 1 chemical, No. 2 hose and No. 1 hook and ladder truck responded to a still alarm about 7 o'clock last evening for a chimney fire in Mrs. Margaret Adams' house, corner of Crown and Union streets. It was threatening for a while, but was extinguished with little damage done.

Absolutely no violence is employed in the method lately employed by Ugar's laundry in dusting carpets, the finest textures are not in the least damaged. Telephone 58.

Beginning tonight J. N. Harvey's Clothing and Furnishing Store in the Opera House block, will close at 8 o'clock every evening except Saturday. Patrons will kindly remember this and their buying before this hour.

Your attention is directed to F. S. Thomas' annual clearance sale of Fur. This is a good opportunity for those wishing to secure furs at reasonable prices.

AT THE CEDAR

Brayley, Twitler and Twinkle and Miss Twilight, the clever vaudeville artists who have been entertaining Cedar patrons for the past week, closed their engagement on Sat., and tonight there will be a brand new show. It will be headed by the Bedfords, black face comedians, who rank with the best ever seen here. Miss Marion Mallory will introduce character songs and dances, and Joe Stevens will be heard in funny Hebrew impersonations. Frank Austin will sing the illustrated song, and there will be four new pictures.

Toronto, Jan. 5.—The Northern Bank of Winnipeg has bought out the Crown Bank of Canada, and the merger will be completed in a few days. The new bank will be known as the Northern-Crown Bank, and the head office will be in Winnipeg. The stockholders will receive dollar for dollar stock in the new bank.

THE WORLD OF SHIPPING

VESSELS BOUND TO ST. JOHN.

Inishowen Head, 1,888, sid Ardrossan, Dec 30.
Kinshawa, 2,871, sid London, Jan 1.
Kaminka, 725, sid Jamaica, Dec 21.
Mount Royal, 4,506, sid Antwerp, Dec 7.
Manchester Exchange, 2,849, sid Halifax Jan 4.
Mounmouth, 2,569, sid Avonmouth, Dec 24.
Milwaukee, 4,784, sid Antwerp, Dec 22.
St. John City, 1,412, sid London, Dec 27.
Trinidad, 2,720, sid Glasgow, Dec 28.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

1908	Sun	Tues
January	1.00	1.00
6 Mon	8.00	4.51
7 Tues	8.00	4.52
8 Wed	8.00	4.53
9 Thurs	8.00	4.57
10 Fri	8.00	4.54
11 Sat	8.07	4.57

The time used is Atlantic Standard.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived Sunday.
Simp Sob, 2,312, Bridges, from Bermuda.
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DOMINION PORTS.

Weymouth, N. S., Jan. 3.—In port, ready for sea, bright James Daly for Cardenas.
Louisburg, N. S.—Arr. stmr Cathosia, Wilson, Boston, schr William Matheson, Galt, Bay of Islands (Nfld).
Lunenburg, N. S.—Arr. stmr Cathosia, Wilson, Boston, schr William Matheson, Galt, Bay of Islands (Nfld).
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BRITISH PORTS.

Liverpool, Jan. 2.—Arr. stmr Saxonia, Boston.
Simp Sob, 2,312, Bridges, from Bermuda.
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FOREIGN PORTS.

Gulfport, Dec. 28.—Arr. schr Laura, Innisness, Antilla.
Newport News—Dec 29, sid, stmr Vertigern, Durkee, St. Croix.
Boston, Jan 5.—Arr. stmr Prince Arthur, Yarmouth (N. S.).
Vineyard Haven, Mass, Jan 5.—No sailings reported; wind northwest gale.
Portland, Me, Jan 4.—Arr. stmr Hungarian, Wallace, Glasgow (21 days).
New London, Jan 4.—Arr. schrs Wanala, Providence; Isiah K Stetson, St John for Washington; Moravia, New York for Lunenburg.
Vineyard Haven, Jan 4.—Arr. schr Harry Milley, Ellabrothport for St John.
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SHIPPING.

During the past year the shipping of lumber and products from Weymouth has been greater than in any period of its history. Since the opening of navigation there have been loaded there in the foreign trade: 1 steamer, 1 ship, 10 bark, 2 barkentine and 22 schooners, of a total tonnage of 17,133. These vessels carried away cargoes to the value (estimated) of \$22,747,79.
The Norwegian wooden bark Belt, 1,200 tons register, carried about 400 tons of balsam on 22 ft. draft, requires about 400 tons of balsam to fill, built by J. E. Woodworth, Mill Creek, N. S., in 1877, cleared 6-6-11 to November, 1907, yellow pine in March, 1905, has almost full set of new sails, and at present lying at Casilda, near Plymouth, England, has, it is stated, been sold to English shipbrokers for about £1,100.
Penwick McKelvie, Robert Doherty and

William Spears received their branch certificates last Saturday. They are now full-fledged pilots for the port of St. John for vessels with a draught of twelve feet. After serving one year they will be able to take any sized vessel. Messrs. McKelvie and Doherty will have flags out of the pilot boat Howard D. Troop, and Pilot Spears a flag from the pilot boat David Lynch. All three young men have sterling characters. They have studied and worked hard for their position and their main friends hope good luck will attend them.

British schooner Hugh G. 430 tons, from Mobile to Havana, lumber, 85. Schooner John L. Treat, 420 tons, from Mobile to San Juan, P. R., lumber, \$650.
For sail tonnage there is a moderate demand from West India shippers. It owing to the increased offerings of tonnage rates are weak and quotations lower in many instances. For South American lumber carriers there is little or no demand, and the requirements of shippers in all coastwise trade continue light. Tonnage of all kinds is available in abundance, but rates are nominally unchanged.

REPORTS AND DISASTERS.

Boston, Jan 2.—Simp Sob (Br), from Manchester, reports in heavy weather on cattle dock smashed against wharf, and the ship was holed. The ship was holed yesterday and proceeded to sea.
Norfolk, Va, Jan 2.—Two Joseph M. Clark, of Norfolk, broke their ribs while carrying a load of coal from Baltimore, off Cape Henry today. She reported had on board Captain Swan and all of the crew of the Estelle Phinney, which was run into by the Palmer and broke last Saturday night. The Palmer reported the collision. The Palmer reported the collision. The Palmer reported the collision.

LIST OF VESSELS IN PORT.

Alceda, 2,131, R. Reford Co.
Degama, 2,245, J. H. Scammell & Co.
Empress of Britain, 8,024, C. P. R. Co.
Molville, 2,872, J. H. Scammell & Co.
Sob, 2,312, R. Reford Co.

John Ambrose Campbell

John Ambrose Campbell, a well known and highly respected resident of Salina, Kings county, died in this city yesterday after a lingering illness, aged 51 years. For some years previous to his illness, he had labored several months, he conducted a lumbering and mill business and during that period he made hosts of friends who will regret to hear the news of his death. Mr. Campbell was unmarried. He is survived by five brothers and four sisters. They are ex-Councillor James Campbell, of Upland; Pettet Campbell, justice of the peace at Bloomfield; Alexander, town clerk of Upland; William, of this city, and Robert, at home. Mrs. John Floyd, of Titusville; Mrs. A. Campbell, of this city; Mrs. Stevens, wife of Rev. James Stevens, of Montreal, and Miss Maud, at home. The body will be taken to Salina today and the funeral will take place from the late residence of deceased on Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Arthur C. Kelly

Arthur C. Kelly, died yesterday at the home of his father, Hanford Kelly, Church avenue, Fairville, after an illness extending over some time. He was in his 21st year. The young man had been stenographer with Col. E. T. Sturdee. He is survived by his parents and one brother. The funeral will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Miss Emma N. M. Hill

Miss Emma Nellie Maud Hill, daughter of Mrs. Nancy A. Hill, died last night in her mother's residence after a lingering illness, aged twenty-eight years. She is survived by one brother, Henry, and one sister, Mrs. Frank Leslie, besides her mother. The funeral will be held from her late residence, 6 Union alley, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

BROKE HIS LEG

Joseph Riley, of 104 Britain street, a trucker in one of the sheds at Sand Point, had his leg broken while he was at work about 2 o'clock yesterday morning and is now in the general public hospital.
Riley was wheeling a large bale of cotton when it slipped off the lip of the truck in such a manner that his left leg was caught and broken at the ankle. He was taken to the C. P. R. emergency hospital and Dr. F. L. Kenny was summoned and set the bone. He was taken to the public hospital in the ambulance at 8 o'clock yesterday morning.

DEATHS IN YORK COUNTY

Frederick, N. B., Jan. 5.—After an illness extending over a period of several weeks from kidney trouble, Calvin Estabrook, an old and esteemed resident of St. Mary's Ferry, died at that place this morning. He was 75 years of age, and leaves a widow and one daughter, Mrs. E. M. Mullin. Deceased was a native of Penniac, but had resided at St. Mary's since boyhood. For nearly fifty years he conducted a general store, retiring from business five years ago. He at one time held the office of postmaster. In politics he was a staunch Conservative. He is survived by one brother, Ezekiel Estabrook, of St. Mary's. Another brother, Frederick, died suddenly in church at Penniac three weeks ago today.

William McLean, a highly respected resident of Nashwaak, died last night from paralysis, aged 75. He leaves a widow and one son, Kenneth McLean.

A VALUABLE SHAWL.

(Atlantic Constitution)

A buyer for a large Southern cotton house invariably paid but half for his goods and gave his note for the other half. This note he rarely met. As the buyer was a sterling fellow in every other respect, his friends all agreed simply to charge him double, and then, of course, destroy the worthless note.

One day, after effecting a fifteen-hundred-dollar purchase, for which as usual, he was charged three thousand dollars, he gave, after the customary grumbling over the high prices asked, fifteen hundred dollars in cash, and his note for another fifteen hundred.

"Now," said he, "where's my little present coming in?"
The merchant thought for a moment, then took down a box from a shelf, and unwrapped a beautiful shawl. "Perhaps your wife might fancy this," said he.

"That shawl! sir! And on a three-thousand-dollar order, sir! Your generosity is incomprehensible, sir!"

Then the face of the merchant there beamed a radiantly beneficent smile.
"You are right, sir, I'll give you something more like." Taking out his wallet, he smoothed out the fifteen-hundred note he had just received. "Here, I can't do better than this, sir," tendering the note.

Surprise, embarrassment, amazement, on the part of the other, and then, softly, "I'll take the shawl!"

WHY HE LIKED VENICE.

A young lady who had returned from a tour through Italy with her father remarked that her father had liked all the Italian cities, but especially he liked Venice.
"Ah, Venice, to be sure," said the friend to whom she was relating some of the adventures of their trip. "I can readily understand that your father would prefer Venice, with its gondolas, and St. Mark's and Michael Angelo's."
"Oh, no," said the young lady. "It wasn't that. But he could sit in the hotel, you know, and fish out of the window."

LYONS THE ADVERTISER

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Late advertising manager Fraser, Fraser & Co.
YOUR DAILY SALES INCREASED BY THE LYONS METHOD OF ADVERTISING. SPECIAL SALES CONDUCTED WITH PROFITABLE RESULTS.
Correspond with me and increase your sales. Contracts taken for ad writing.

The Empire Accident and Surety Co.
Most liberal Accident and Sickness Insurance, also Guarantees Bonds. Agents wanted. McLEAN & McLEAN, Managers for Maritime Provinces, 97 Prince William Street, St. John, N. B.
LEONARD B. TUFTS, Special Agent.

BETTER THAN PALEFACE.

Some 50 or 60 years ago an Indian celebrated for his cunning, went into the tannery at Brookfield and told the landlord, Captain Hawley, that he had been hunting had killed a fine, fat deer, and if Hawley would give him a quart of rum he should have it. Captain Hawley immediately measured out the rum and inquired where he was to look for the deer.
"Well," said the Indian, "you know where broad meadow be?"
"Yes."
"Well, there lies the deer."
The Indian went to look for the deer, but found the Indian had cheated him, there being neither a deer nor any appearance of there having been one.

Some time afterward the landlord met the Indian and accused him of deception. After being denounced for some time the son of the forest inquired:
"You find broad meadow?"
"Yes."
"And big maple?"
"Yes."
"And deer, too?"
"No."
"No."
"Very good! Two truth to one lie; that's very good for poor Indian!"—Boston Herald.

AUCTIONS

THERE will be sold at Public Auction on WEDNESDAY, the Eighth Day of January, at three o'clock in the afternoon, on the premises recently occupied by Wallace G. Fisher, at 468 Main street, in the City of Saint John, a quantity of Blacksmith Tools, odds and ends, and sundries, due by Wallace G. Fisher to the Landlord of the premises.
Dated this fourth day of January A D 1908.
T. T. LANTALUM,
Auctioneer.

CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENTS

(Too late for classification.)

HORSE FOR SALE—8 YEARS OLD, 1,300 lbs. Apply 150 Adelaide street. 2-1-7.

FOR SALE—GREEN PARROT, GOOD talker. Apply 280 Main street. 2-1-7.

WANTED—GIRL FOR GENERAL HOUSE work. Mrs. H. McCULLOUGH, 223 Douglas Avenue. 2-1-7.

WANTED—POSITION AS PORTER OR situation rather than high wages desired. Address C. V. Times office. 2-1-7.

DEATHS

KELLY—At the residence of his father, Church avenue, Fairville, on the 5th inst., Arthur C. Kelly, in the twenty-first year of his age.

FUNERAL on Tuesday at 3 o'clock, from his late residence, service at 2:30 o'clock.
HILL—In this city, on the 5th inst., after a lingering illness, Miss Emma Nellie Maud Hill, aged twenty-eight years, leaving her mother, one brother and one sister to mourn. Burial from her late residence, 6 Union alley, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.