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Is not only absolutely pure, concentrated, nutritious, but also has virtue of being the most economical to use because it dissolves so easily. Grocers sell it.

Exquisite Sterling Silver

Goods

I have the most artistic line of Sterling Silver Goods in this city. Probably you may want something in this line for New Year's Day.

I Am Showing

new designs in Coffee Spoons, Sugar Spoons, Sugar Sifters, Sugar Tonges, Cream Ladles, Bon-bon Spoons, Tea Spoons etc.

My stock of Sterling Silver will delight you, new and popular designs, prices within the reach of all.

W. W. WELLNER

Jeweler.

Xmas Goods

Fancy Goods For Xmas Trade Celluloid Ware In

Dressing Cases and Manicure Sets, Glove and Handkerchiefs, Sets, Cuff and Collar Boxes, Work Boxes, Shaving Sets, Trinket Holders, etc.

LEATHER GOODS

in Writing Desks, and portfolios Cuff and Collar Cases, Cigar Cases, Card Cases, also a fine line of

PURSES

Plain Leather, Silver and Gold mountings.

XMAS CARDS AND CALENDARS

in endless variety. Our prices cannot be beaten in the city. Try us for Xmas Goods.

McMillan & Hornsby, P. E. ISLAND RAILWAY.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS,

Excursion Return Tickets will be issued at one first-class fare to and from all stations on this Railway from December 21st to January 1st, both inclusive, good for return up to and on January 7th, 1898. Tickets are not good for going journey after date of issue.

G. A. SHARP, Superintendent, Railway Office, Charlottetown, Dec. 29, '97.
D. POTTINGER, General Manager, Moncton N. B.

THE CHINA FLEET.

The British fleet now stationed in Chinese waters under command of Admiral Sir Alexander Buller and Rear Admiral Oxley, embraces the following vessels: First battleship Centurion (flagship), 14 guns, tonnage 10,500; first class cruiser (second flagship) Grafton, 12 guns, 7,350 tons; Immortalite, 12 guns, 5,600 tons; Narcissus, 12 guns, 5,000 tons; Undaunted, 12 guns, 5,600 tons; first class gunboat Peacock, 6 guns, 7,550 tons; Plover, 6 guns, 755 tons; Pigmy, 6 guns, 755 tons; Rattler, 6 guns, 715 tons; Red Breast, 6 guns, 805 tons; Red Pole, 6 guns, 805 tons. Second class cruisers—Aeolus, 8 guns, 3,600 tons; Rainbow, 8 guns, 3,600 tons; Pique, 8 guns, 3,600 tons. Third class cruisers—Archer, 6 guns, 1,770 tons; Porpoise, 6 guns, 1,770 tons. Second class gunboats—Firebrand, 4 guns, 415 tons; Lunnet, 2 guns, 756 tons; Spartan, 8 guns, 1,000 tons; Swift, 2 guns, 756 tons; sloops Daphne, 8 guns, 1,150 tons; Wild Swan, 8 guns, 1,130 tons; torpedo destroyers, Handy, 6 guns, 270 tons; Hart, 5 guns, 260 tons; despatch boat Alacrity, 4 guns, 1,700 tons; and the store boat Humber, of 16,400 tons.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Sensational jacket selling here today. See ad.—Moore & McLeod.

Now is the time to get a snap in all kinds of readymade clothing, men's, boys and children's overcoats, reefers and suits, ladies' waists and capes, collars and cuffs. No better goods now. Lowest prices.—Proves Bros. 31.

If you want a share in the jacket bargains come early. See ad.—Moore & McLeod.

All our jacket stock is divided into five classes, to clear. Prices, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4 and \$5.—Moore & McLeod.

\$2.90 jackets for \$1; \$4.95 jackets for \$2; \$6.95 jackets for \$3; \$8.45 jackets for \$4, and \$15.25 jackets for \$5!! See them.—Moore & McLeod.

If you want some good coffee for your New Year callers Sanderson & Co sell some of a very fine flavor. Try some.

We sell nice oranges for 16c per dozen. Pure mixed candy 3 lbs for 25cts. Fruit, nuts, figs and dates at Sanderson & Co's.

Rink open New Year's afternoon; and night. Band in the evening. Ice perfect. 304 2i.

The Charlottetown Business College and Writing Acad-my re-opens after the Xmas holidays on Tuesday, January 4th, 1898. dy & wk.

New Year's Gift—Tuck's beautiful calendars, a few left—half price. The fancy goods sale continues until New Year's; store open until 9 p. m.—G. O. Carter & Co.

The Japanese are proving themselves as enterprising in the matter of shipbuilding as in everything they take in hand. In the actual construction of their own vessels they are progressing fast under the management of a thoroughly trained British shipbuilder. Early in January it is expected that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, a fine steamboat of some 6,200 tons will be launched from the Nagasaki yards, where two other boats of 2,000 or 4,000 burthen are in course of construction. Only the other day an English firm received orders for a new shipyard at Kobe, the most important of Japanese ports after Yokohama, Dr. Henry Dyer, of Glasgow, late Principal of the Engineering College at Tokio, has been deputed to select a naval architect, with British training, for service under the Japanese Government.

YOU NEED Hood's Sarsaparilla if your blood is impure, your appetite gone, your health impaired. Nothing builds up health like **HOOD'S**.

MARRIED.

At St. Peter's Cathedral, on the 25th inst., by the Rev. Jas. Simpson, M. A., Harry Jenkins to Gertrude G. Carbonell, both of this city.

One of our seven first prizes taken at the Provincial Exhibition was for the Sovereign Flavoring Extracts. They win on their merits.

Russia is apparently under the impression that she could govern 400,000,000 Chinese just as successfully as Great Britain governs the 300,000,000 people of India.

If you feel weak, dull and discouraged you will find a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla will do you wonderful good.

FOR MERIT

That's why we received Seven First Prizes and an Honorary Medal at the Provincial Exhibition for SOVEREIGN Goods.

Sovereign

Flavoring Extracts

have won on their own merits. They advertise themselves by their excellence for every housekeeper wants the "BEST" and knows it when she gets it.

Ask for "SOVEREIGN" brand Made by

SIMSON BROS. & CO.
Halifax, N. S.

Buy your coffee for New Year's at Beer & Goff's, where you can get it fresh roasted and fresh ground.

PERSONAL.

Mr. D. J. Fraser, of St. John, is among the latest arrivals at the Hotel Davies.

Dr. Stewart and wife, of Georgetown, are in the city. They are registered at the Hotel Davies.

Hon. George Forbes, of Vernon River Bridge, is in the city. He is registered at the Queen Hotel.

It is pleasing to hear that Mr. Mathew, of Souris, continues to improve in health. He is reported "better" today.

Hon. Edward Blake left Toronto for Ireland on Monday last taking with him \$1,764 for the Irish Parliamentary fund.

Durant the murderer will probably hang soon, the judges having refused his last plea for postponement of the execution.

Rev. L. J. McDonald, of G and River, has returned from New York where he consulted with eminent specialists regarding his eyes. He will continue treatment in the Charlottetown Hospital.

The following reference to a clever young Prince Edward Islander is extracted from the Democrat, of Bad Axe, Michigan: The Holy Mission which was held in the Catholic church in this place last week closed Friday evening. Rev. Father Kelly, who conducted the services, is a ready speaker and the eloquent sermons he delivered stamped him as a young man of unusual ability and one who will no doubt at some time occupy a high position in the church. He met all questions and queries relating to the Catholic faith with ready tact and the force and clearness of his explanations and answers could not fail to be convincing to his hearers. The large number of Protestants who attended and were cordially welcomed at these services gave ample proof of the good feeling existing in this community between the different denominations. If Fr. Kelly ever returns to Bad Axe he will find here a large number of friends not only in his own church but also among those of the Protestant faith.

—We have received a splendid Christmas number of the Brandon Times. If the advancement of a country is shown by the improvement of its newspapers Brandon and vicinity are going ahead fast.

AN EXPENSIVE HONOR.

It Costs a Fortune to Be Lord Mayor of London.

The expenditures for subscriptions and entertainment are largely in excess of the salary and official allowances of the lord mayor of London, writes the London correspondent of the New York Tribune. It costs every lord mayor anywhere from \$10,000 (\$50,000) to \$20,000 (\$100,000) to occupy the office. Sir George Faudel-Phillips probably spent from \$25,000 (\$125,000) to \$30,000 (\$150,000) in excess of his salary and allowances. The office is always a costly one. Whoever accepts it expects to pay heavily for the honor. No lord mayor ever emerges from office without being out at least \$10,000 (\$50,000) poorer for the experience, but the honor of knighthood is invariably bestowed upon him, and his wife enjoys the distinction of being addressed as Lady So-and-so. No alderman who has passed the chair ever returns to it. Re-election to the office never occurs. No alderman is willing to pay the tolls twice. He might be if he could get a peerage for a second term.

The election of the lord mayor is a burlesque performance, with touches of medieval mummery, like the November procession, with its tinsel splendors and grotesque pageantry. Half a dozen ex-sheriffs have an informal conference, and one of them agrees to take the office and to pay the costs for a year. The common cryer, the recorder, the common sergeant, and the mace bearers, the sword bearers and the chaplains appear for dress parade, and a small knot of livermen gives assent. The lord mayor is elected by representatives of the liveryed guilds, and he exercises jurisdiction over a square mile of territory with a resident population of 35,000. The greater London, with its 700 square miles and 7,000,000 residents—a world within itself—has no executive head and no centralized system of government. It is the center of a worldwide empire, yet it is an anomalous jumble of "dissected provinces" without unity of action or enlightened and progressive municipal policies. The modern art of municipal government can offer no more startling contrast than that between the choice of the lord mayor of London by half a dozen rich gentlemen who have been sheriff and the popular election of a municipal dictator for Greater New York.

THINGS TO MAKE A NOTE OF.

S. O. E. B. S.—White Rose meeting tonight. Initiation.

SALVATION ARMY.—The Juniors will give, by request, a rehearsal of their Xmas programme tonight, Thursday, Dec. 30th, at 8 o'clock. There will be a watch night service held on Friday evening, commencing at 10 o'clock. The corps will have a rousing New Year's march at the close of the service.

One Woman's Wisdom.

Widow—Have you read the will? Lawyer—I have tried to, but it is your late husband's handwriting, and I can't make anything out of it.

Widow—Well, if you can't make anything out of it there can be but little in it for any one else.—Chicago News.

Extraordinary qualities are possessed by the river Tinto, in Spain. It hardens and petrifies the sand of its bed, and if a stone falls in the stream and alights upon another, in a few months they unite and become one stone. Fish cannot live in its waters.

You don't have to buy your jacket from a stock where almost every garment requires alteration before it can be made into the semblance of a fit. We give you perfection in quality, style, fit, finish and workmanship.—Stanley Bros, The Always Busy Store 303 2i.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

THE MARKET.—The special market today was poorly attended and very little business was transacted.

PAID HIS FINE.—John Hebert, who was some time ago fined \$25 and costs for violating the Liquor Regulation Act, paid up yesterday.

ODDFELLOWS SOCIAL.—The entertainment and social in Oddfellows Hall last evening was a most enjoyable affair. The attendance was large.

CROSSED THE ICE.—A man named Feehan, living at Rocky Point, came to Charlottetown today by the ice. He crossed by the way of North Point and the Park.

AT GEORGETOWN.—The schooners Jubilee and Stella Butler arrived at Georgetown to-day. The former is from Halifax and the latter from Guysboro.

THE FERRIES.—The Rocky Point ferry steamer is not moving today. The South port ferry steamer still keeps up communication, but is experiencing considerable difficulty in so doing.

THE WEATHER today is mild and clear. But last night was the coldest of the season, the mercury dropping to two above zero. The coldest recorded previous to last evening was seven above zero.

COURT COURT.—In the suit of Pictou S. Brown vs. James J. Hughes, reported in yesterday's issue, the payment and set-off were admitted by the plaintiff who did not claim more than the amount adjudged.

CONCERT AT MORELL.—Last evening the people of Morell spent a very pleasant time at the children's concert which was held in the hall by the pupils of Mount Mary school. The programme was selected by their teacher, Miss O'Keefe, and no doubt the children and their parents also have reason to feel proud of the splendid way in which they carried it through. The dialogues "Strategy," "Auntie Dimple" and "Missed His Chance," deserve special mention, not forgetting the comic duet "Reuben and Rachel" which was nicely sung by Miss Georgie Cox and Master Theo. Muer, and was highly appreciated by the audience. A handsome sum was realized, and all went home well pleased.

The Prince of Wales has given another evidence of his kindly nature by inviting a Houghton miner, whose pick he used on visiting a mine forty years ago, to make a short stay at Sandringham. The miner, whose name is Collins, has been asked to take with him the pick with which the Prince detached his first lump of coal. When one of our most famous Labour leaders went to Sandringham, the Prince surprised him by showing him to his room, and lighting his fire with his own hands. This genial attitude quite modified the Democrat's notions of an effete Royalty.

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were record breaking months as far as the sale of our famous Baking Powder is concerned, October was the best up-to-date. November beat October by about 20 per cent, and now December is already away ahead of either of them.

There's a Reason - - for this, it's to be found in every tin of Baking Powder sold.

Ask your grocer for it.
Johnson & Johnson
Graduates in Pharmacy.

Skates By Express To-Day

Another lot of Hockey Skates, which includes all sizes.

Prices low.

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W. E. DAWSON'S

Ladie's Jackets Misses' Jackets Children's Ulsters,

At

a fraction
of their value.

This stock represents the choice of the best German and English manufacturers, are perfect fitting, stylish, and the best value in the city, at the regular price,

You have 5 months yet to wear them; why not discard your old one, and buy a new one

—AT—

a Fraction of it's Value.

STANLEY BROS.

THE ALWAYS BUSY STORE

1897--One week--1898

For the last week of '97, we will sell Boots and Shoes, at lower prices than you have been accustomed to pay during the year. In this way we show our appreciation for the liberal trade accorded us during the year. Low prices on Clothing—Overcoats, Ulsters, Suits, a great sacrifice in boy's clothing, Underclothing, Shirts, Collars, Ties, Handkerchiefs, Caps, Braces, and everything cheaper than the cheapest, in the last week of the old year.

J. B. Macdonald & Co

For Greatest Bargains in Boots and Clothing.

ladies' jackets

The balance of our stock of above all new; this fall's importation with the exception of six

We offer them at sacrifice prices to clear at once It will pay any buyer to see them

T. J. HARRIS,

London House