

Meet Me at The Always Busy Store.

# The Best Millinery

Our millinery business is solicited only on the basis of perfect satisfaction.

The acme of good taste, combined with experience and the knowledge of what is just right, are our inducements—not forgetting low prices. Besides giving you the best, we make our prices within reach of modest means. Busier than ever before are we. Please leave your order early.

Miss Dalton  
Here daily 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.  
**Stanley Bros.**

# The Best Shoe Dressings

Are what you want. We handle none but first class dressings. Our

- 10c. Combinations in Black, Tan and Choco be excelled.
- 10c. Boulevard—liquid dressing—has made a name for itself. Once used always used.
- 15c. Diamond Liquid Dressing, is without doubt the best 15c. dressing on the market. Try it.
- 25c. Gilt Edge and Egg Finish—also large size, chocolate combination—The best made.

**R. K. JOST,**  
Stamper's Corner.

# Easy Action



It is not alone the tone that makes our pianos so desirable, but the action as well. You will find it easy to play them—easy to get music from them.

**THE HEINTZMAN PIANOS**

Take the lead. Some of the leading musicians of the world use them in preference to all others



All kinds of other musical instruments in stock—or secured at short notice.

**Miller Bros**  
Queen St., Connolly's Building.

# LOCAL BRIEFS

## Latest News of the City and Province.

### By Reporters and Correspondents Everywhere.

A Daniel come to judgement! Yea a Daniel—Opera House Monday night.

MRS. WM. ROSS, of Charlottetown, is the guest of her father Mr. James D. McGregor, M. P. P.—New Glasgow Chronicle.

THE members of the A. O. H. dancing class held a very enjoyable "12 o'clock" last night. There was about 60 couples present.

JOHN S. ROSS, who is home from Pinehill will supply a place near Summerside, P. E. I., during the summer.—New Glasgow Chronicle.

K of P. Empire Lodge No 19 holds its regular meeting to-night. A full attendance is respectfully requested as business of importance is to come before the Lodge.

THE Wesleyan says:—All Clergymen expecting to attend the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference in Moncton will please acquaint the pastor, Rev. W. W. Lodge, not later than the 15th of May.

S. S. POLINO sailed yesterday at noon for St. John's and Sydney, with the following cargo: 213 bags oats, 22 cattle, 1 horse, 20 boxes soap, 5 bacon, 434 bales straw, 210 bales hay, and a quantity of eggs, meat, cheese and butter.

Rev. J. W. Sheperdson has been invited to remain at Wallace circuit for another year. Rev. A. D. McLeod of Windsor, P. E. I. has received and accepted an invitation to Richibucto.—The Wesleyan.

IN addition to those previously named as competitors from P. E. I., in the prize Bible Contest, the following names have been added:—J. Webb Stanley, Charlottetown; Helen M. Smith, Hampton; Edith Penny, Beach Point; Lottie F. Lord, Souris.

BEGINNING with Monday 21st additional trains will be run east of Charlottetown and west of Summerside and continue until summer arrangement takes effect. The general change will be made early in June and will likely be much the same as last year, except that the arrival of the train from Point Du Chene which will probably be earlier than last year, thus allowing the express to arrive at Charlottetown and Tignish earlier than last year.

THE minstrels of the League of the Cross had a matinee in the Lyceum Hall yesterday afternoon. The hall was well filled and the performance was equal to that given on the 30th April. The first part consisted of songs and jokes, some of the latter being exceptionally good. The political jokes took the house by storm and the little ones present seemed to enjoy themselves as thoroughly as the older ones. The circle ended with "The order of full moon" participated in by the members of the circle, and finished up with a tableau. During the intermission a quartette from the League of the Cross rendered "Somebody whispered so sweetly" in fine style. The second part "Uncle Eph's Birthday" was also good. In this was introduced character songs, trombone solo, cymb and baton swinging, but the sand dancing "took the cake" and rounds of applause filled the house as each new participant entered. The performance concluded with "Old Kentucky Home" and "God Save the Queen."

To cure a Headache in ten minutes use Kumfort Headache Powders.

# Sounds of Activity at the Bee Hive:

Almost daily we are receiving orders to our stock. Already we have issued three car loads of almost every size of dimension lumber in Hemlock and Spruce.

## To the Buyers Interests.

We have made our season's purchase. The quality is all we first and foremost—and we never forget that there must be a combination of quality and price that will be appreciated by Bee Hive Patrons. It will be impossible to enumerate additional after addition to our stock as it arrives but lumber buyers will find at the Bee Hive a special supply for every day use.

**James Barrett,**  
The Bee Hive Lumber Yard.

# TO-LET

A nice Store and Office at Victoria, Lot 29. Possession given immediately. This store is situated at the corner of Water and Main St. at the head of Queen's Wharf in a good business locality. Terms reasonable. Apply to DONALD W. PALMER, Victoria.

# The Poor Doukhobors!

(To Editor of the Montreal Witness.)

Sir.—In your issue of April 10 appears a telegram announcing the departure of a number of Doukhobors from Manitoba to Southern California to work at fifty cents a day. I would advise them to stay where they are. My sixteen years' residence in southern California enables me, I believe to tender them good advice. The powers that are working the scheme to get these settlers away from Canada are the railways, employment agents and beet sugar syndicates, who look only to their own interests. The wages offered them is so absurdly low that Chinamen, Mexicans and children of poor white people reject it, and if these poor Doukhobors are so foolish as to leave Canada for these parts they will be sorry for it, and wish they had never left their northern homes. White laborers, Chinamen, Mexicans, etc., who constitute the labor sources of the huge beet sugar factories here, set from \$1.25 to \$2.50 a day. So, you will see the reason why the companies are so anxious to import cheap labor into these parts. The railways also have a great interest in this movement. The traffic is not the only thing. They have lands they want to sell to the new comers, lands that are without water and do not pay working unless irrigated. It is a well-known saying here that land without irrigating water is worthless. To get water to irrigate requires great capital and organization, which these poor, ignorant people are not able to furnish—this I judge from their willingness to accept fifty cents a day for their labor, which will last only about half of the year and include Sundays if they work on beet sugar lands or in the factories. Seven days a week at fifty cents a day for six months a year! How can a man with a family subsist on such a paltry pittance? Work for laborers is hard to find at any time, as the supply exceeds the demand the year round. It may be too cold during some part of the year in Manitoba for these hardy people, but to come to southern California or to any other part of California, as the case may be, is only getting out of the frying-pan into the fire. They would find California too dry, and in the summer too hot in the interior. If they have health and strength to work in Canada their friends should do all they can to persuade them to stay, for it is really to their interests to do so, and cruelty to persuade them to leave that country, which mostly resembles the one they came from in climate, agriculture, etc. The only parties who will gain by this exodus of Doukhobors are the railway companies, beet sugar factories and employment agents, who have the least pity for the unfortunate.

Southern California is a paradise for those who are in feeble health and have the means to buy a home, but for the poor laborer, depending on his work for a living, it is not what interested parties represent it to be. We have already more laborers than can find work at living wages.

Only a few weeks ago the papers of Los Angeles announced the arrival here of delegates from Manitoba of the Doukhobors seeking large tracts of land for colonization. The railways showed them every attention and carried them about to see the lands the railways had for sale. The delegates came when we had our rains, and the country was then lovely when its mantle of green and flowers in mid-winter. The beet fields were just starting, and some show of business was made in the factories. The Doukhobors were captivated. They said they had at last found their earthly paradise. They hastened back to Manitoba to proclaim the good news. If they had come just now (April 16) they would hardly know the place. No rain has fallen since they were here, and all is parched and dried up—all the land that has not irrigation facilities. The beets near the coast are doing fairly well with the help of ocean fogs, but inland the thing is different, barely is only a few inches high and quite dried up, and used for pasture. To judge the land during a brief wet winter is very deceptive. They should see it in the summer, when one can judge as to the moisture in the soil that will sustain vegetation. I have always advised friends to buy land that has water to irrigate and not depend on the rains for crops. This is the third year of defective rain fall, and poor crops are the result. All our fruit orchards which produce enormous returns are irrigated the year round at great expense. These lands are high in price ranging from \$200 to \$1,000 an acre. No doubt the poor Doukhobors were shown railway lands at \$1.25 an acre, and were astonished at the cheapness, but such lands are dear at any price unless used for mining or stock-raising, that require much capital.

I am prompted to write this in the hope that it will save some poor people from suffering and disappointment. Let the truth be known. Southern California, as well as Canada, will be benefitted by only the truth being told in such matters. The Witness may have some readers among the Doukhobors, and I hope this letter may meet their eye and help to enlighten them.

T. W.  
Los Angeles, California, April 16, 1900.

Kumfort Headache Powders are all right. They quickly cure.

WANTED.—Immediately girls to learn dressmaking. Apply to Miss Backham at Weeks & Co.

**F. C. WESLEY CO.**  
HALF TON  
TONE  
FITTING  
ELECTROTYPE, ST. M. B.

# Perhaps

We've fitted you with a Hat, with a Suit, with a Shirt, with a Collar and Tie, with Hosiery.

Now we would like to complete the job

# With a pair of our fine shoes.

We can give you as good a bargain in the shoe line as we did in all other lines and that is saying a great deal.

# A few snaps for men.

A Nice Box Calf Laced Boot for \$2.00.  
A Nice Dongola Laced or Congress for \$1.75.  
Four of the nicest lines of \$3. goods for men that were ever offered in our city.  
See our \$3.50 Box Calf Boot. It is the equal of any \$4.00 boot you ever saw.

# And not the men only

But Ladies', Misses, and Children's Boots and Shoes of all kinds and sizes. Our assortment is large, our prices low, our quality high.

Try Ramsay's Shoe Department for Shoe Bargains.

# R. H. RAMSAY & CO

## OUR STOCK OF WEDDING RINGS



Embraces all the different widths and styles. Visit this store, we carry the largest stock of Wedding Rings in the city.

**W. W. Wellner,**  
Jeweler and Engraver.



# Westlakes' Fine Photos

They show evidence of Study, Skill, Fine Materials, and personality—and we spare ourselves neither time, pains, or expense in making them to suit all our customers.

Special attention is paid to groupings of all descriptions, also to copying from other pictures, and enlargements.

**WESTLAKE BROS. Photographers**  
Prince of Wales Hotel, Summerside.

# Wedding Rings

When a man buys a ring to be worn by his future wife, he wants the best.

That is, he wants an 18k ring like the above illustration.

Every ring is specially made for us, turned, polished and brushed and stamped with our initials.

Isn't this guarantee enough?

**G. F. HUTCHESON,**  
Jeweller and Optician.

# A Self Satisfied Feeling Comes

Into the minds of our customers when their purchases are in the highest quality and the price asked for low class goods.

## Why?

Because they know that every thing they purchase is of the highest quality and the price they pay is the lowest possible for the quality of goods.

By the way, that Tea is a seller

Try it—25 cents.

**Stewart & Gates,**

# CIGARS! CIGARS!

La Havana, Picador, Garcia, La Industria, The Jap, El Fenix, El Merit, Cigarettes, Pipes, Tobacco.

**MACDONALD'S DRUG STORE**

# The British Army and Navy Cannot be Beaten

Neither can our system of doing business with our customers. Farmers, drop in on a store where you want Field and Garden Seeds, Oil, Cakes, or a meal. We'll make an effort to satisfy you in price and quality. Farmers, wives take your Eggs and Butter to us. We assure you best in the market prices. Our Great Specialties—English Breakfast Tea and Mocha-Java Coffee.

**Jas. Kelly & Co.**  
May 1.

# Freshness and Goodness

Are the main points in buying groceries. It's poor economy to save a few cents at the expense of quality. Our sugar-cured hams, both plain and smoked, are very fine at 12c. pound. We also sell Dunn's Boneless Bacon which is considered by epicures to be the most delicious bacon on the market to-day.

**SANDERSON & CO.**

Victoria Row Grocers.

# A Never Failing Need

That's Stationery—and it has a marvelous way of disappearing. It is easily replaced, however, for 10 cents you buy a nice box, 25 cents a nicer one and so on. See!

**MITCHELL'S BOOKSTORE**  
Queen Street, Opp. Prowse's.