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Mince Pies	10c "
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ECLIPSE BAKERY  
BAKES BEST BREAD.

#### A MODEST M. P.

Lest you shouldn't recollect it, I was recently elected To the dignified position of M. P.; My constituents' selection, And the other man's rejection, Were effected in a manner pure and free. I have heaps and heaps of knowledge, Which I piled up when at college, Also practical experience and nous, I can be both stern and gracious, Condescending and pugnacious, And the latter's very useful in the House. As a speaker I've no equal. And you soon will see the sequel To my proud career you won't have long to wait; An appreciative nation Will exalt me to the station Of an Upper-Chamber pillar of the State! —The African Critic.

#### NEWS NOTES.

Spain has been promised, it is alleged, the moral support of Austria in a conflict with the United States. The Montreal Gazette remarks that moral support is a poor backing for battle.

A bill has been introduced in the Ohio Legislature which requires all persons applying for license to marry a pass of medical examination. Persons having dipsomania, any form of insanity, hereditary tuberculosis, and other diseases, are barred from marriage by the bill.

Among the curious things brought to light in the Ontario election recounts is a ballot box at Ottawa with 199 ballots in it, where the poll book showed only 192 votes polled. In West Huron, one ballot marked for the Conservative candidate has been found with the number torn off. It adds to the curiousness of the incidents that in each case the result of the contest may turn on one or two votes.

The case of the Paris, which recently arrived at Southampton, five days late with one shaft broken, illustrates the advantage the double-screw vessel has over the ordinary steamer. The second screw, with its attached machinery, is costly, and does by any means double the ship's speed; but in the case of an accident it represents the difference between helplessness and power of progress, and that, at times may mean everything.

The Princess of Wales, in a picturesque letter, which is published in fac simile, in support of the Prince of Wales Hospital fund, appealing to every child in the United Kingdom to assist, concludes as follows:—"I need hardly say what real pleasure it would give both my husband and myself to know that all the children are taking equally a share in the great and good work. I feel sure, too, that the blessing of God will rest upon each little child who now stretches a willing hand to bring help and healing to the sick beds of poor afflicted brothers and sisters.

The Liverpool Journal of Commerce is responsible for the statement that since the Maine disaster at least a dozen British subjects have called at the American Embassy in London, seeking for news of relatives who were serving aboard the ill-fated ship. The Journal proceeds to say American ships of war are crowded with Englishmen and other foreigners, and it is not safe for a British warship or merchant vessel to allow its crew at liberty when an American ship of war is anywhere in the vicinity. The Journal quotes anonymous authority for the statement that British bluejackets when deserting have actually been received aboard American warships in full uniform and enlisted in Uncle Sam's service.

Children's School suits just opened: 200 little suits opened yesterday to fit boys from 4 to 14 years old, solid all wool, well made for \$2.75; also 3 piece suits of the same goods for \$3.75.—Prowse Bros. 65 31.

### LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

**I. O. O. F.**—Regular Session of Wilkey Lodge tonight. Degree work.

**PROHIBITION**—In the Y. M. C. A. hall on Tuesday evening next, a prohibition rally will be held. Interesting addresses and good music.

**I. O. G. T.**—A special meeting of Charlottetown Lodge No 68 will be held this evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of Bro Whittle. A full attendance is requested for special business. By order E. H. Duchuman, Sect'y.

**BICYCLE CORPS.**—A meeting will be held next Tuesday night in the drill shed to organize a bicycle corps for militia purposes. Such corps are employed in reconnoitring, making plans for roads, and noting particularly the topography of a country. It is probable that it will be affiliated with the C. W. A., so as to afford the same privileges as are enjoyed by members of other bicycle organizations.

**SALVATION ARMY.**—Last night the Salvation Army Barracks was well filled, when a special musical meeting was held in aid of the brass band. The programme was well carried out and greatly enjoyed. All did their parts well and especially Little Clara McEachern, Daisy Gardner and Annie Gillis. The dumbbells were a leading feature. Prof. Hawley and Miss White have shown themselves capable of preparing an up-to-date programme.

**SEVERELY PRACTICAL.**—"Yes, I've graduated," said a daughter in a well-known western city the other day, "but now I must inform myself in psychology, philology, bibliology." "Stop right where you are," said the practical mother. "I have arranged for you a thorough course in roasting, biology, stitching, darnology, psychology, and general domestic hustology. Now get on your working clothes."

#### SPRING.

A herald clad in raiment bright,  
Stands knocking at our gate,  
He cries "Prepare a guest to meet,  
A guest who brings delight.

Summer, The Fairest, is her name  
And I am her herald, Spring,  
Haste, and prepare to welcome in  
The visitor I bring.

Ye brooklets faster, faster run,  
And dance and sparkle brighter,  
Ye birds that have your lays begun,  
Sing on with joyful twitter.

Children! come forth with shout and song,  
Jack Frost is packing up to leave,  
Indoors he kept you long, so long,  
Come out! and play, no longer grieve."

The herald paused; and gazing round  
Beheld a mystic change,  
As though a fairy'd touched her wand  
And wrought a spell most strange.

Birds filled the trees with sweetest song  
The laughing brooks rushed free,  
The snow from o'at his sight was gone  
And children sang with glee.

A. E.

**YESTERDAY'S CELEBRATIONS.**—At Summerside, Souris, Alberton, Emerald and in other parts of the Island yesterday, St. Patrick's Day, was celebrated by the National Societies of each place. At Summerside, in the Market Hall the play Hickory Farm was successfully performed in the evening. At Souris "The Woven Web" was produced and the company of amateurs who had charge of it distinguished themselves. At Emerald a splendid entertainment was given under the direction of the B. I. Society, and with the assistance of Dunstan's College Glee Club an evening of real pleasure was the result. A special train went up from Charlottetown to Emerald at 4 p. m. and returned after the performance.

# NEW CARPETS

## 33 CASES & BALES

## 125 ROLLS

### 6208 Yards Opening To-day.

#### 75 DIFFERENT DESIGNS.

This lot is only our new Brussels, Tapestry and Velvets. Our Scotch, Union and Jute will be here in a few days.

## Our New Oil Cloths

will be here in a few days.

In the meantime come and see the most delightful show Carpets, ever displayed in the city.

All new Designs, all now colorings.

### Ours is the Best, Ours is the Cheapest

Ours is the largest assortment.

# PROWSE BROTHERS.

### The Wonderful Cheap Men

#### ORIGIN OF 'TOMMY ATKINS'

The name of Tommy Atkins, which is a sobriquet of the British private soldier in all parts of the world, had an official origin, and was originally used in the instructions to non-commissioned officers for purposes of illustration, as John Thomas is often used on election forms.

Sample blank returns were furnished to show sergeants and corporals and recruiting officers how genuine ones should be made out, and Tommy Atkins, private, Company B, was the fictitious name always used. Model individual reports were also included in the regulations, signed 'Thomas Atkins, private, Company B,' or 'Thomas Atkins, corporal, Company C,' or 'Thomas Atkins, X his mark.'

Hence when a recruit arrived at a garrison the soldiers usually addressed him as Thomas Atkins until they found out his real name. Drunken soldiers reported themselves as Thomas Atkins when they were taken to a police station, until the public took it up, and Tommy Atkins became an affectionate synonym for the gallant warriors of Her Majesty's land forces.

"And so beside the silent sea  
I wait the muffled oar,  
No harm from Him can come to me  
On ocean or on shore.

I know not where His islands lift  
Their fringed palms in air;  
I only know I cannot drift  
Beyond His love and care."

#### TO LET.

That large, three story brick warehouse on corner of Pownall and Dorchester Streets, lately occupied by Messrs. B. & M. Rattenbury. Rent moderate. Apply at the office of the Connolly estate, Queen Street.

A. A. McDONALD,  
W. W. SULLIVAN,  
ARTHUR PETERS,  
Trustees of the late Owen Connolly Estate

## BIG CLEARANCE SALE OF

# Boots & Shoes

## STILL GOING ON

If you want bargains, this is your chance.

TERMS CASH

## R. K. JOST

Stamper's Corner

# Children's Day To-Morrow

Tomorrow we make a great display of Children's Goods.

## SALE - PRICES

—ON—

- Children's Muslin Dresses.
- " Duck Dresses.
- " Print Dresses.
- " C'h'm're Dresses.
- " Pinafores.
- " C'm'b'tion Suits.
- " Underclothing.
- " Gloves, Hosiery.
- " Corset Waists.
- " Scarfs & Sashes.
- " Ribbons, Laces.
- " Tams and Caps.
- " Blouse Waists.
- " Combs, Brushes:

We will also make an extensive display of Saturday Snaps To-morrow.

## BEER BROS.