

Finest Mixed Nuts

18c per pound

WHEN we say finest, we mean just that these nuts are the highest grade that are grown. You get them at their best when you buy here

Table Raisins, 20c and 25c a lb.
Table Figs, 15c and 20c a lb.
Green Grapes, 20c a lb.
Sweet Oranges, 25c, 30c and 40c doz
Cream Candy, 10c a pound
Cream Chocolates, 15c a pound
Our Special Box, 25c
Christmas Stockings, 25c and 50c
Christmas Crackers, 25c to 75c a box
Fancy Biscuits, 15c and 20c a pound
Fine, Mild Cheese
Rich Old Cheese
Roquefort Cheese
Plain Biscuits
Imported Olives
Canned Soups

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FULL LINE OF Xmas Numbers of Leading Periodicals

NOW IN...

Christmas Globe
Christmas Saturday Night
Christmas Ills. London News
Christmas Graphic
Christmas Black & White

Annual Stock I Now Complete

Boys' Own	\$1.75
Girls' Own	1.75
Chatterbox	.75
Young	1.50
Young Canada	1.00

G. W. Sulman's
Beehive
Garner House Block.

FOR SALE—FARM AND CITY PROPERTY.

Frame house, two storeys, 12 rooms. Lot 50 ft. front x 115 deep, \$1,000.00.
Brick house, two storeys, 7 rooms. Lot 40 ft. front x 208 feet deep. \$1,100.00.
Frame house, 11-2 storeys, 6 rooms. Lot 30 ft. front x 104 deep, \$450.00.
Brick house, two storeys, 13 rooms. Lot 76 ft. front x 135 deep, \$2,500.00.
Frame house, 7 rooms, summer kitchen, lot 76 ft by 104 feet, \$1,150.00.
Frame house, 6 rooms and summer kitchen, lot 60 feet by 104 feet, \$850.
Frame house, 8 rooms and summer kitchen. Lot 60 feet, by 208 feet. Good stable, \$1,100.
Two vacant lots, each 60 feet front by 104 feet.
House, 8 rooms, Lot 60 feet by 208 feet. \$1,000.
Farm in Howard, 33-1-3 acres, house stable and orchard, \$1,000.00.
Farm in Chatham Township, 118 acres. All cleared. Good house, barn, stables and sheds, \$5,700.00. Will trade for 25 or 50 acre farm, part payment.
Farm in Township of Raleigh, 64 acres. All cleared. Good house and barn, \$3,750.00.
Money to loan on mortgages at lowest rates.
Apply to
W. F. SMITH, Broker, Chatham.

.....Hardware

.....Specialties

Electro Plate,
Kilns,
Children's Sets,
Table, Desert and
Pocket Cutlery,

Table and Desert
Forks and Spoons,
Flat F...
Solid F...
A Large...
...in...
...full

John A. Mortons'

Store

THE UNIONS MUSTN'T COME

In Conflict With the Militia Act of Canada.

Judge MacMahon Decides an Important Case Giving Damages to the Plaintiff.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—A case in which the Militia Act comes into conflict with trades unionism and the military is triumphant over the civil association is that of Parker against the Toronto Musical Protective Association, in which judgment was rendered yesterday by Mr. Justice MacMahon. The plaintiff is a musician residing in Toronto, and an active militiaman, duly enrolled as a member of the band of the 48th Highlanders, and also a member of the defendant association, which is a body incorporated under the Friendly Societies and Insurance Incorporation Acts. The plaintiff played in uniform with this regimental band, by permission of the officers of the regiment, at a concert given at Massey Hall, Toronto. He was charged with playing contrary to the by-laws of the association, with musicians who were not members, and

was fined \$2, and then dismissed from it for non-payment of the fine. The judge held that the amendment to the by-laws of the association, under which the plaintiff was fined, was invalid, because unreasonable and in restraint of trade; that the amending by-law is also contrary to the Queen's Regulation, to the Militia Act and to the Canadian Militia Regulations and Orders. The plaintiff, being a bandsman, is obliged to play at a duly-sanctioned engagement with his band, no matter how many of the other bandsmen are not members of the association. Judgment for plaintiff, with damages assessed at \$20 for alleging that he was a deserter, \$20 damages for wrongful dismissal, and the costs of the action, and also declaring that article 1, amending the by-law, and under which attempted dismissal took place, is void, that the plaintiff's expulsion was illegal, and granting an injunction restraining defendants from interfering with plaintiff's privileges as a member. The judgment in effect, means that the Militia Act over-rides trades union obligations when they come into conflict.

BOTH MADE PEERS.

London, Dec. 19.—George J. Goschen, who was First Lord of the Admiralty in the late cabinet, has been gazetted Viscount Goschen of Hawksburat, and Sir Matthew White Ridley, who was Home Secretary in the late ministry, was gazetted Viscount Ridley, who is also Baron Wensleydale.

What... Shall I Give?

For the troubled ones who are endeavoring to solve the problem what to give for Christmas we offer the following limited suggestions from our large and varied stock. These would make nice gifts

For Him

A Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen
A Cigar Case, in Leather
A Bill Wallet
A Walking Stick
A Collar and Cuff Box
A Leather Travelling Compulsion
A Necktie and Handkerchief Box
A Good Book or a Bible
A Nice Ink Well
A Photo Frame with your Own Portrait

For Her

A Pretty Party Fan
A Finger Purse with Initial
A Box of Nice Note Paper
An Ebony Hand Mirror
A Nice Gift Book or a Bible
A Photo Frame with your Own Portrait
A Leather Writing Portfolio
A Comb and Brush Set
A Scissors Set in Leather Case

For Boys and Girls

Black Boards—25c and 35c.
Drawing Sets
Picture Books—all prices
Boys' Own
Girls' Own
Chatterbox
Crokinole Boards
Carrom Boards
Pencil Boxes

And many other pretty and useful gifts. We invite inspection of our stock, with every confidence that we can please.

Dingman.

Gordon's Christmas Chimes

Christmas is at hand again with its unselfish happy plannings, merry whispered secrets, sly dodging to quite corners, smiles upon smiles and smothered laughter, snatches of old songs, fat mysterious stockings, trees blazing with glory, hearts dancing with love, eyes shining with joy, yet sometimes filled with memories' tears—such is Christmas. Presents for the boys and girls, and the blessed babies, sweet sixteens, big brothers and sweethearts, for fathers and mothers, dear old grand-mas and grand-pas, uncles, aunts, cousins and old batchelors—Cheer them every one with a present from our large stock and our low prices.

MISS CATHCART

For Xmas trade will sell Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats at $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ off. Widow's Dress Caps for presents. Tip and Wings at $\frac{1}{2}$ price.

Waist Silks and Silk Waists

A table of fancy silks, reg. values 35c, 40c, 50c and 60c per yd. 25c
20 pcs. fancy waist silk, reg. value 75c and \$1, at per yd. 50c
SILK WAISTS, MANUFACTURERS
SAMPLES of fine taffeta silk waists, a reg value, a beautiful Xmas Box sure.

Handkerchiefs

Children's colored bordered, 2c to 5c
Ladies' plain hemstitch and lace bordered, from 5c to 12c
Ladies' initial cambric handkerchiefs, at 15c
Ladies' initial linen handkerchiefs, at 15c
Ladies' fancy embroidered special 5c, 10c, 14c and 25c
Ladies' fancy lace handkerchiefs from 25c to 50c
Gents' Cambric Handkerchiefs, from 5c to 15c
Gents' Linen Handkerchiefs, from 12c to 25c
Gents' Hemstitch Linen Handkerchiefs, from 15c to 25c
Gents' Initial Lawn Handkerchiefs, at 25c
Gents' Initial and Hemstitch Silk Handkerchiefs, from 25c to 50c

Purses, satchels, shopping bags, chatelaine bags, chain purses, etc.
Ladies' Belts, everything in this line you can desire from 25c to \$1.
Hose supporters, garters, elastic notions.

Specials

Combs—Pompadour combs, side and back combs, fine and course combs, hair and tooth brushes,
Belt buckles, scarf and hat pins, brooches, cuff buttons, etc.
Wide fancy ribbons for belts, cushion frills, sashes, etc., per yd., 10c.
Babies' bonnets, hoods, tucks, tams, etc., from 25c to 50c.
Dolls—handsome dolls, 5c, 10c, 25c

Furs!

Full description would require an extra edition of this paper, we will quote prices and particulars when you visit us, new goods daily.
Special Seal Jackets from \$25.00 to \$45.00
Astrachan Jackets, specials and samples, 25, 26, 27, 30, 34, 36 in long.

Astrachan Capes, from 27 to 30 in. long.
Sable Colerettes and Capelines, with muffs to match.
Electric Seal Ruffs, collars and muffs.
Astrachan Ruffs, collars and muffs.
Combination and Fancy Furs.
Ladies' and Children's Gauntlets of all kinds.

Jackets and Tailored Suits

When buying for another bring the bust measure, we can do the rest, and if we miss it we can change it.
Tailored Suits, from \$4.75 to \$6.75, lined or unlined jacket, best of linings and trimmings, nothing slighted.
Separate Skirts, traveler's samples, no two alike, at less than the price of the materials—\$1.95, \$2.95, \$3.95, \$4.95.

Dress Goods

We are noted for the largest, best assorted, most fashionable stock of black and colored Dress Goods in the city and at economical prices, with a dress lining and trimming department to match. We could say more, but a visit will convince you best.
Fine French Flannels and American imitations, fine silk and wool plaids. These are the kind for a ladies' waist for presents. A new dress pattern, either in wool or silk, is a thrilling Xmas box, we have them from \$1.50 to \$4.00 and \$6.00 in wool, and from \$5.00 up in silk.
Fancy Knit Shawls for Xmas, sample lot at from 50c to \$3.00, $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ below regular prices.

Kid Glove Attractions

At 50c a good line from broken lot of \$1.00 and 75c goods, all sizes.
75c Le Chateau lawn faced kids, bargain.
\$1.00 Fowne's celebrated Kid Gloves, with black and white fancy backs.
\$1.00 white Kid Gloves, all sizes, black or white, stitched backs.
\$1.00 white Kid Gloves, all sizes, stitched back.
\$1.25 Jannetta's Daphne, black or colored fancy stitched backs.
\$1.45 Trocadero Peque, stitched back.
\$1.50 party Kid Gloves, all lengths.
Gents' Gloves, fine mocha knit linings.
\$1.50 and...
Silk lined fine mocha Gloves...
Lined Kid Gloves, all sizes, \$1.00 and...
Kangaroo and kid unlined Gloves \$1.50, \$1.00 and...
Men's fine black wool Mitts...
Men's fur and imitation Gauntlets from \$1.00 to \$3.00.

Men's Furnishings

Neckties—A fine exhibit of Neckwear 15c, 20c and...
Neckwear, full assortment 25c, 50c and...
Black satin Chest Scarfs, silk lined, for ladies and gentlemen...
Braces, a large variety 25c, 50c and...
Fine Underwear of every description, from heavy cotton goods at 25c up to wool 35c, 50c, 75c, finest imported wool...
\$2.00

Umbrellas, Ladies' and Gents'

For presents \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3 to...
Rain Proof Coats for ladies' and Gents'...
Ladies' sideboard Dressing Jackets...
Fancy German Flannel Shirt Waists, all sizes, at...
\$2.00

...William Gordon...

SOLE AGENTS STANDARD PATTERNS

LOCAL BRIEFS

Ladies' jackets at your own price at Gordon's.
The Rondeau service cancelled on and after Dec. 19th.
Nothing like a nice fur for Xmas—Gordon store is the place to buy fur jackets and capes.
Mrs. Edward H. Miller and child, of Minnesota, are visiting Mrs. and Miss Miller, King street west.
Another lot of handkerchiefs received today at Thibodeau & Jacques'.
Roy Chrysler, the hustling city newspaper agent, will receive the Christmas number of the Buffalo Express on Saturday. It is said to be a very fine number.
John Waddell, of the firm of J. B. Stringer & Co., is being urged by his friends to run for alderman. He has not yet decided what he will do.
Lost!—A new black gauntlet, between the O. P. R. Hotel and Gray's Carriage Shop. The finder will kindly leave same at the Montana House.
Mrs. S. H. Marshall will give a short demonstration of the Fletcher Music Method with twenty pupils at St. Andrew's Church school room on Friday, Dec. 21st, at eight o'clock. The public are cordially invited to be present.

The 25c and 50c silk counters are a great attraction at the Gordon store.
A vicious dog case was adjourned at this morning's police court until Monday. David Brennan is the complainant.
Fine lines of outing flannels and shakers from 5c to 15c yd at the Gordon store.
The firemen are indebted to Matthew J. Side for the kind donation of "Great Battles of all Nations," in two volumes. The gift of their brother fireman is highly appreciated.
Captain Mowbray's company of the 24th Kent Regiment will hold a special drill to-night. All the members of this company are requested to be present at 7.30, sharp.
Over 1000 dolls at Thibodeau & Jacques' prices 15c to \$4.00.
To-morrow afternoon McKenough school will be on fete, when the students will be royally entertained, in lieu of the annual concert. They are now preparing the program, and it is understood that up to the present time some sixty numbers have been set down.

lagious disease reported during the year, both of which had terminated successfully.
E. R. Jones, of Chatham, submitted estimates and specifications for the installation of an electric light plant to be owned and managed by the council. The council were well pleased with the work submitted and adopted the same. These are in connection with the by-law to be voted upon by the electors at the time of the municipal elections.
The council also decided to hold a public meeting in connection with this matter on Thursday evening, Dec. 27.
The firemen's salaries were ordered paid now instead of at the end of the year, also amounts due owners of farm lands for exemption of street light, building sidewalks, etc.
The treasurer was instructed to prepare a statement of receipts, expenditures, assets and liabilities to date and publish the same.
The collector reported that two-thirds of the taxes had been paid in on Dec. 14th. The council discussed the advisability of extending the time for payment less the percentage charge of 3 per cent until Dec. 31st but no action was taken.
The collector was instructed to wind up the purchase of land with Mr. Johnson at the best station.
Mr. Greenwood, chairman of the F. U. & L. committee, will visit Wallaceburg, both well and other towns to get information about electric light matters.
Keeping floors on a hard floor often causes swollen feet.

BLENHEIM.

Dec. 19.—The town council held their last meeting of the century last night, the chief business transacted being the passing of a large number of accounts. The report of Dr. Langford, medical health officer, showed there were only two cases of con-