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Right now, BEFORE CHRISTMAS, we have decided to make a sweeping 20 per cent. reduction in our Overcoat prices.

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A new stock of the latest and best New York PERFUMES and SACHETS.

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are always both appropriate and acceptable for either ladies or gentlemen, and if you contemplate bestowing a gift of this kind, we would like you to see our select stock. Our guarantee accompanies every gem we sell. When you buy Diamonds here you get what you pay for, and pay no more than you ought to.

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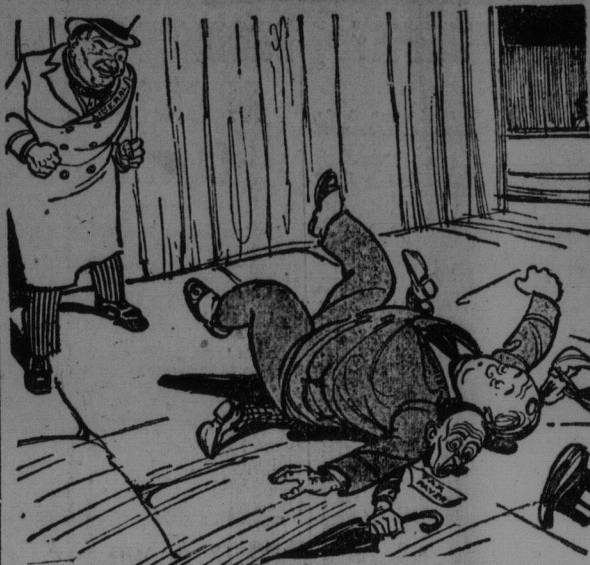
Brown—At 45 Rock street, on the 20th inst., Eva M., daughter of Margaret and the late Thomas Brown, in the 24th year of her age.

Funeral from her late residence on Thursday at 2:30 p. m. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

There is nothing more appropriate as a gift for elderly people than a pair of glasses. We will sell glasses fitted with plain lenses including a guarantee for a thorough eye-test at any time after the holidays, and the supplying of proper glasses.

D. BOYANER, Optician, 38 Dock St. Open evenings.

ELECTION COSTS A PRETTY PENNY



THE PERPLEXITIES OF THE TAXPAYER.

The Taxpayer—"I knew when they made me stop to watch the fight that, whoever got knocked out, I should get hurt."

Expense of Last January's Abortive Voting Amounted to \$6,482,000--Candidates Also Under Heavy Expense.

London, Dec. 20.—The poor candidate has a hard time of it. As though to sweeten the flavor of the tough fight in which the politicians of the United Kingdom have just been engaged, some war of the government department has chosen this moment to issue a blue book telling us exactly what the general election of last January cost. The sum total is no less than one and a quarter millions of good, honest English sovereigns and the average amount taken out of the poor candidate's pocket is no less than a dollar for every voter.

In some cases the rate runs as high as 7s 1d per head and in Scotland where electors are scattered far from one another, the expense per vote is in some cases no less than 10s and 12s. Most of the money goes to the printer and the advertising agent, though the lawyer of the constituency who acts as agent also gets a fine share of the spoil.

The total expenditure admitted amounted to six million, four hundred and eighty-two thousand dollars in January last, the chief payments being for postage, telegrams, returning officers' salaries and agents' fees. There was also considerable outlay for public meetings and personal out of pocket expenses.

Joseph Martin, fighting as he does a thickly populated London constituency, had to pay 3s 6d per vote polled. The corrupt practices act sets the maximum allowance to him at only £500, but his actual returned expenses, inclusive of returning officers' charges, amounted to £749. His unsuccessful opponent came off worse. His average cost per voter was 4s 3d and his total expenses £765.

Donald Macmaster has very good reason to envy Mr. Martin. The total returned expenses of Mr. Macmaster's fight last January in the Chertsey division were no less than £1919, or an average cost per vote of 4s. His Radical opponent, who was so hopelessly behind when the day of election came, had to spend for his pains £2814, or an average per vote of 7s. 3d.

Sir Gilbert Parker is allowed £500, but he spent in his division at Gravesend in January £669, or 4s. 1d. per voter.

Donar Law was allowed £800 in the Dulwich division, and spent no less than £1101 or 2s. 7d. per voter. Of course these figures by no means represent the whole of the candidate's expenditure. There are a hundred and one other ways in which political aspirants' money filters through to elaborate subscriptions to Churches, Cricket, Football and other sporting clubs, Oddfellows societies, and in fact anything he may be asked to subscribe to.

All that the foregoing figures indicate is the amount spent in strictly authorized election expenses in the immediate period of the election itself.

The man in the street, thinking how many much-needed reforms could be secured by the expenditure of a million of good British money, feels more than ever at this moment what a reckless waste it all seems, and thinks with regret and perhaps with anger that within ten months another million and a quarter has gone into the same bottomless pit.

JUDGE LANDIS INDICTS PACKERS



Chicago, Dec. 20.—A new set of indictments charging the National Packing Company and its officers with conspiring to restrain trade was returned today before Judge Landis in the United States district court. Trial on the indictments will be brought before District Judge George Carpenter.

The new indictments were brought to obviate any difficulty arising from the packers' claim of impropriety in presence in court.

Judge Landis' hearing the case, on the grounds that when several years ago as Assistant U. S. district attorney he took part in an investigation of beef packing, an indictment charging certain frauds in the sale of diseased meat was returned, but it was suppressed from publication until the defendants named could be served with processes requiring their

presence in court. Charles Howes appeared in court yesterday morning to answer a charge of selling two pairs of chickens in the market on Saturday, without paying tolls on same. The report was made by acting clerk Wilcox W. Howe. Roy Potts, collector of tolls, testified that the defendant paid the fees on 28 pounds of butter only in the morning, and in the evening witness saw him dispose of two pairs of chickens. Howes explained that Mr. McFarlane, of Norton, left the market to catch his train, and asked him to sell the chickens for him, which he did, and

thinking the fees had been paid, nothing having been said about the matter, he did not offer to pay any tolls. The case was adjourned until Mr. McFarlane would be in the city. In speaking of the case, His Honor expressed his surprise at seeing his name mentioned in connection with the market irregularities, and was at a loss to know why he had been dragged into the matter. He had never said that it was impossible to carry out the by-laws, and as a matter of fact, he said, persons had been convicted and fined for violations of these laws with respect to the market.

Carney Not a Native.
Joseph Carney, who was killed in Johannesburg, South Africa, came to this city about fifteen years ago from New York where he was a member of the United States army. He was a marble polisher by trade and after working for a few years with Messrs. Stanton Bros., stone cutters, he joined the contingent which left St. John to fight in the Boer war. He was one of the happy crowd of veterans who came back to St. John where he remained in St. John for a few months he returned to Johannesburg, where he had since been working. His wife, whom he thought advisable to leave, is still in the city.

Mrs. Addie M. Young.
Mrs. Charles Robinson, Elliott Row, yesterday received the sad news that her mother, Mrs. Addie M. Young, had died at her home in "Peachie" Mrs. Young spent some months with her daughter here last summer and her many friends will hear of her death with deep regret. Her husband, John Young, died three years ago. Mrs. Robinson has the sympathy of the community in her bereavement.

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The Royal Gazette which will be issued tomorrow, will contain a proclamation declaring Monday, Dec. 26 and Monday, Jan. 2, public holidays. One effect will be to close all barrooms on those days.

Before Judge Forbes.
An interesting case will be tried before Judge Forbes in chambers this morning at 11 o'clock. Robert O. Stockton, barrister, of this city, is the plaintiff, and J. M. Robinson and Sons are the defendants. This is an action involving \$100. The plaintiff alleges that he deposited the sum of \$100 in the bank of the defendants, and while they gave him credit for it at the time, they afterwards cut it out, on the ground that the entry was an error. The defendants claim that credit has been given for all moneys deposited. The case will be tried by His Honor without a jury. A. A. Wilson, K. C., appears for the plaintiff, and J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., for the defendants.

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