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Measures for the material progress and moral advancement of our great Dominion.

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"The Thistle, Shamrock, Rose entwine, The Maple Leaf forever."

ADVERTISING

Star .. ..56½ cols.
Times - - 101 1-2 cols

One of Mr. B. F. Pearson's papers, the St. John Star, selected an unfortunate day (Saturday) on which to make a comparison between its advertising patronage and that of the Times. For on Saturday the Times had 101 1-2 columns of paid advertising compared with 56 3-4 columns in the Star.

For the week ending Saturday the comparison is as follows:—

Star .. ..246½ cols.
Times - - 267 1-4 cols

For three weeks ending Saturday the comparison is as follows:

Star .. ..683¼ cols.
Times - - 706 3-4 cols

For the four weeks previous to December the figures are:—

Star .. ..638 cols.
Times - - 695 3-4 cols

To go farther back the comparison by weeks is as follows:

	Times.	Star.
Week ending Nov. 2..	136½	118
" " Oct. 26	178	152¾
" " Oct. 19	155¾	141
" " Oct. 12..	162¾	135
" " Oct. 5..	154¼	141¼
" " Sept. 30	155	150¾
" " Sept. 21	143¾	133¼
" " Sept. 14	157½	156¼
" " Sept. 7	124	123¾
" " Aug. 31..	151¼	139
" " Aug. 24..	162½	141¾
" " Aug. 17..	162½	133
" " Aug. 10..	163¾	131¼
" " Aug. 3..	176¼	142½

And so the comparison might be carried back from month to month. The files of the Times and Star are at this office for reference, and this paper invites any persons who may doubt the correctness of its statements to make the comparison themselves.

Mr. Pearson's paper also makes the statement that "The Star does not cut rates."

Since when?

Last year a signed agreement between the publishers of these papers fixed certain rates as the minimum for certain kinds of advertising. The Star violated that agreement.

The Star does not cut rates now because it has no rates. It even lifts advertisements out of the Sun and reprints them without charge. The Times runs no advertisement that is not ordered.

The Times hereby offers to submit its advertising accounts along with those of the Star to a committee of business men, and abide by their decision on the question.

It is, of course, an unpleasant task at this season of peace and goodwill to be compelled to expose the grave shortcomings of a neighbor; but it is in the most kindly spirit, and with a sincere desire that Mr. Pearson's paper may be led to return to the fine old habit of telling the truth at all seasons, that the Times hands out this little Christmas token.

A PREMIER'S TROUBLES

What to do with the Hon. James Barnes of Kent county is a question that appears to be giving some trouble to Premier Robinson. The same question was put up to a former premier, who solved the problem by taking Mr. Barnes into the government and passing him on to his successor. Before that course was pursued the trouble was with Mr. Barnes; now it is with the party, which asks why that gentleman should remain longer in office. His career as a member of the government has been marked by eulogies of the highway act and a suggestion that Japanese be imported to work the Queens county coal mines. Neither of these utterances has been taken very seriously, even by his colleagues, although they have made the situation of his colleagues a little more unpleasant; and a diligent enquiry does not discover much else that he has done. Perhaps this is in part due to the fact that he is only a forecastle member, and it may be in part due to the towering ability and strenuous achievements of the colleagues aforesaid; but there is now said to be an earnest desire to persuade Mr. Barnes to devote his talents to some task further removed from the argus-eyes of the critics. He is talked of as an immigration commissioner, presumably to aid the federal officials in carrying out the policy of restricting immigration, and the Telegraph facetiously suggests that he be located in Japan. The situation in Kent county is somewhat serious, from the government standpoint. But Kent county is not peculiar in that respect. It is serious all along the line.

IN QUEBEC PROVINCE

The return of Sir Alexander Lacoste and Mr. Thomas Chase Casgrain to active politics in Quebec province will add greatly to the strength of the Conservative party. Sir. A. Lacoste is no longer young, but he is a man of great ability and high character. Whether as law professor, legislative councillor, senator, privy councillor or chief justice of Quebec, his record is one which his party and his country may regard with satisfaction. Mr. Casgrain, is a former attorney general of Quebec province, and former member of parliament, who among other successes was the victor over the present premier of Canada, when the latter ran in Drummond and Arthabaska, after accepting office in the Mackenzie administration. At a banquet in his honor in Montreal last week, Mr. Casgrain "stated that he felt disposed to lend a hand in supporting Mr. Borden, and Messrs. Beregeron, Monk and others who were opposing the government at Ottawa."

There have been some important changes in Quebec province since the last federal elections. The Conservatives have been steadily gaining ground. They will enter the next contest under very able leaders and with a better and stronger organization. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's supremacy in Quebec is more seriously threatened than at any time since he became premier of Canada.

WANTS AN EXPORT DUTY

The Montreal Witness prints an interview with Mr. H. Laporte, in which, referring especially to the province of Quebec, he declares that the time has arrived when both the federal and provincial governments should take action if they wish to protect pulpwood limits from being decimated by the United States paper manufacturer. We quote:—

"The question of an export duty, on pulpwood, remarked Mr. Laporte, "is not one of politics. I think that the government without further delay should impose such a duty. It will not be possible for the authorities to prevent the exportation of pulpwood by the United States manufacturers, but such a duty would go a long was to preserve the forests for Canadians, and compel United States mills to locate on this side of the line. For every dollar received for the pulpwood from the Americans we would get five dollars if the pulp were kept in Canada, which would mean four dollars more profit for our own people. The Americans are becoming anxious about their own pulpwood areas, and if we are careful it will not be so very long until Canada will be in a position to control the pulp and paper markets of the world. The more we manufacture in Canada for export purposes, the better it will be for the country's trade in general. It is claimed that if Canada stops the exportation of pulpwood it would cause the Canadian manufacturers to combine and reduce the cost of the wood, but this is not true. Indeed, it would just be the reverse, as it would increase the number of paper mills, and the competition would cheapen the price of paper for home consumption."

The following paragraph from the Ottawa Journal will be of interest to patrons of athletic sports in the lower provinces:—"Mr. Peter Christopher, of Hamilton, Ont., is anxious to have a Canadian Marathon course established, and one that will rival the annual Boston race, while the distance will be about the same as the historic course at Athens. Mr. Christopher suggests that the course be from Hamilton to Brantford, a distance of about twenty-six miles, and that the race be run under such conditions as the C. A. A. U. may see fit. The race will be open only to Canadians, while Mr. Christopher would like to see Will Sherring, who won the Marathon race at Athens Olympic games, appointed referee. In order to boom the race Mr. Christopher will donate a cup worth $200, and other prizes."

Presumably the Sun expresses the views of the provincial government when it says:—"The Sun believes that in this province for the present the interests of temperance can better be served by a law which allows for a large measure of local option, rather than one which would impose upon a whole province a condition which public opinion, in some sections, is not prepared to enforce."

The city of Toronto will apply for power to extend the franchise to married women holding property in their own names; for power to control the electric and telegraph poles and wires on the streets; and to submit local option by-laws in the four electoral divisions of the city.

The weather has thus far been the most favorable for Christmas shopping that we have enjoyed for many years. The shops were never more attractive. It may be that the aggregate amount of money spent is not as large as in some former seasons, but the stores are crowded and business is exceedingly active.

The police are having a very busy time, when we consider that this is the season of peace and goodwill. Between family quarrels, attempted robberies, road house raids and common drunks, the officers have little time to think about Santa Claus.

The search for government candidates in Kent, Charlotte and some other counties continues. Premier Robinson must not be discouraged. The search for an attorney-general was a long one, but was successful in the end.

The first few months of the New Year will be extremely dull in New England factory towns. It is estimated that a quarter of a million factory hands will go on short time.

A drunken man on Waterloo street yesterday, in the middle of the afternoon, with a flask in his pocket, was not a pleasant sight. Somebody had violated the law.

Premier Robinson's stocking has been hung up. What will Santa Claus Pugsley put in it?

Mr. Jones Hobbles No More

He wisely invested in a bottle of Putnam's Corn Extractor. It removed several hard corns and callouses, and now he walks without hobbling; in twenty-four hours painless and sure is Putnam's; try it.

Stores open till 11 P. M. St. John, Dec. 23, 1907.

Bargains in Overcoats
At HARVEY'S.

Read large ad. on Page 3 for suggestions in buying Christmas Gifts for Men and Boys,

J N. HARVEY, Clothing and Furnishings, Opera House Block.

The day before Christmas is sure to be a busy one

WE ARE PREPARED
and can supply you with

SNOWSHOES
Men's, $3.50 Women's. $3.00
MOCCASINS
Men's, $1.50 Women's, $1.25
Oil Tanned Moccasins
Men's, $1.60 Boys', $1.35
OVERSHOES
Men's, - $1.65, $1.75, $2.00, $3.00
Women's, - 2.00, 2.25, 2.50
SLIPPERS
Men's, - - 90c. to $3.00
Women's - - $1.25 to 5.00
GAITERS
Women's, - 35c. to 90c
Men's, - $1.25
FELT SLIPPERS
Men's, - 75c. to $1.50
Women's, - 40c. to 1.50
SKATING BOOTS
Men's, - $2.00 and $2.50
Boys', - 1.75 and 2.25
Women's, - - 2.25
WALKING BOOTS
Men's, - $2.00 to $5.50
Women's, - 1.60 to 5.00

And other useful articles too numerous to mention.

FOOT FITTERS **Mc Robbie** 94 KING STREET

LOVELY GOODS
In Watches, Clocks and Jewelry. Just Opened and Ready for Christmas Customers.

A beautiful line of Silverware of the choicest styles and a fine assortment of richly Cut Glass Goods. Just call and see them, together with the finest assortment of Diamond Rings ever seen in this city. A deposit secures anything for Xmas.
Yours respectfully,

W. TREMAINE GARD, Goldsmith, Jeweler and Optician,
77 Charlotte Street.

Christmas Rush is Now On.

Of course, everyone visits **WATSON ZOO,** the oldest Toy and Fancy Goods house in town. All kinds of Toys, Dolls, Sleds, Framers, Doll Carriages, Go-Carts, Doll Sleighs. Just opened, a nice lot of Saratoga Doll Trunks. Come and go through our store. Goods marked in plain figures at

WATSON & CO.,
Corner Charlotte and Union Streets.

We Have Sold

Our PASTRY DEPARTMENT and will hereafter devote our entire time to Scotch Dietetic Bread, Plum Brown Bread, etc.
YOU CAN BUY SCOTCH DIETETIC BREAD AT ALL GROCERS.
THE SCOTCH DIETETIC BAKERY,
21 HAMMOND ST, J. R. IZZARD, Prop.

THE WHITE DAIRY, 38 Sydney St.
JUST RECEIVED:
3 TONS CHOICE DAIRY BUTTER, in Tubs. Also 1 lb. Prints, Fresh Made Creamery daily.
HENNERY EGGS.
Phone, 622, Office Wholesale 935-41. **SUSSEX MILK AND CREAM CO., Limited.**

Suitable Christmas Gifts.

We carry a complete line of articles usually handled by up-to-date drug stores. High class French and English Perfumes, Toilet Articles, Mirrors, Fancy Confectionery in Handsome Packages, unlike anything in town. Goods delivered everywhere. Mail orders given careful attention.

C. R. WASSON, (successor to C. P. Clarke) **100 KING ST.**

Store open till 11 p. m. Monday, December 23, 1907.
FOR A
Sensible, Acceptable Gift
use footwear. There are so many little extras that count in the protection given the body through the housing of the foot, that footwear is always appreciated.
PERCY J. STEEL,
Foot Furnisher. 519-521 MAIN STREET
SUCCESSOR TO WM. YOUNG

GOOD OLD SANTA CLAUS

Kept us very busy last week, but we have lots of nice things left suitable for **Christmas Presents.**

A. B. WETMORE, Come Early and Often. **59 Garden St.**

A CHRISTMAS FAIRY TALE

I know the tale I tell will seem
"The baseless fabric of a dream";
I tell of one who, Christmas time,
Displayed a spirit so sublime,
With unfeigned gratitude she took
Three pin balls, and a needle book;
Four doylies, and a hairpin case,
And two small trays received with grace.
She recognized, without a tear,
The crocheted dolly sent last year
To a dear, absent-minded friend,
Who back again the gift did send.
Without a frown, this angel took
Two copies of the self-same book;
Accepted, with a happy face,
Three hatpin bottles trimmed with lace;
She had no scornful thought or hard
For a much traveled Christmas card;
And, greatest miracle of all,
As she received her last pinball,
Not even in her heart did say,
"They will be good to give away."
—Harpers Bazaar.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

BREAKING IT GENTLY.
(London Tatler.)

The flooding of a Yorkshire mine had a tragic result, and a miner was deputed to break the news to a poor woman whose husband had been drowned.

"Does Widow Jones live here?"

"No," was the indignant lady's reply.

"You're a liar!" he said.

ALPHABETICAL.
(Home Companion.)

The kindergarten children are struggling with the alphabet.

"Who can tell what comes after G?" asks the teacher. Silence reigns.

Again she question. "Doesn't any one know what comes after G?"

The Carleton raises his hand. "I do," he says. "Whiz. Gee whiz."

HORRORS OR —?
(San Francisco Bulletin.)

The worthy shepherd of the Mission Methodist church in a burst of passionate eloquence in denunciation of the world's wickedness, declared:

"Hell is full of cocktails, high balls, and peek-a-boo waists."

Voice from the gallery: "Oh Death, where is thy sting!"

SOME MEDICAL ENGLISH.
(Inland Printer.)

The following sentence, printed in the current number of a prominent medical journal, explains why there is no great demand for professional periodicals by the laity:

"The virulent spirillum possesses a greater number of bacteriolytic and agglutinable haptophore groups or these groups are endowed with a greater binding power for uniceptors and amboceptors than the avirulent."

COLD STORAGE ROMANCE.
(Kansas City Journal.)

"Ate an egg the other day that had a girl's name and address written on it."

"Write to her?"

"I did and got an answer from her grandson."

"So that was the end of your romance?"

"Yes; and I've cut out eggs for the present."

JAMIE'S INTENTION.

Some years ago there lived in Perth, Scotland, a man of convivial habits, well known by his Christian name, Jamie. One dark night an acquaintance found Jamie lying at the foot of an outside stair.

"Is that you Jamie?" asked the acquaintance, in a voice of the greatest astonishment.

"Aye, it's me," replied Jamie, in a tone of complete resignation.

"Have you fa'en doon the stair?" was the next question.

"Aye! I fell doon; but I was comin' doon, whether or no."

CIVIC CONTROL SUCCESS ASSERTS BRITISH M. P.

John Hodges, Labor Representative in Imperial House, Says Public Ownership Is a Winner.

(Toronto World)

"Public ownership in Great Britain is absolutely successful. The principle has been recognized as sound and is gaining ground everywhere."

The foregoing was the emphatic assertion made last night by John Hodges, M. P., Labor representative for Gorton, Lancashire, in the British house of commons.

Mr. Hodges, who came to America to atend the International Federation of Labor Convention at Norfolk, Va., has arrived here from Chicago on his way back to England.

"We have a municipally owned lighting plant in Manchester, and despite the proviso in taking it over that the conduits should be extended to all the suburbs, the city has been enabled to increase its surplus by a few thousand pounds every year, while making considerable reduction in the price of power," said Mr. Hodges. He added that the price for power in Manchester was now only 4 1-2d per unit for ordinary household use, while it was 5 1-2d in London, where private ownership ruled, and that he knew of one town where the price was only 3d under municipal ownership.

As to gas service, the year book for Great Britain showed that the price of gas under municipal control was cheaper than under private ownership, although corporations exacted meter rates.

Wherever a municipality had the opportunity it was taking over tram lines, markets and water service.

In Manchester, where the gas service had been municipalized, there was a yearly surplus of from £60,000 to £65,000 after providing for a sinking fund and all other charges.

Ever notice that when there is something to "talk" about, no one is above "talking?"

EYE-GLASSES.

Eyeglasses ought to be worn whenever the eyes are weak and easily tired. Whenever the eyes are odd consult D. BOYANER, Scientific Optician, 38 Dock street.

You Can Buy Them Cheaper at Arnold's.

Great sale of Dolls, Toys, Games, Picture Books, Stationery, Fancy Goods, Cut Glass, China, Metal Novelties, Silk Waists, Gloves, Neckwear, Combs, Ribbons, Jewelry, etc.

SPECIAL

We have some Large Toys we will sell at the following reductions: $8.00 Elephant for $6.50; $11.00 Elephant for $8.50; $15.00 Elephant for $10.00; $11.00 Horse for $8.00. These are great value, and should sell quickly at these prices.

ARNOLD'S DEPARTMENT STORE
63-65 Charlotte Street.
'Tel, 1765.

Only Two Shopping Days Before Xmas.

Are you going to make somebody happ y this Xmas? If so, buy a nice piece of furniture, which will be highly appre ciated by the recipient. Come in and see our large assortment of useful Xmas Gifts.

Parlor and Music Cabinets, Ladies' Secretaries, Morris Chairs, Easy Chairs, Fancy Rockers, Willow Rockers, Hall Trees, Hall Chairs, etc.

Parlor Suites, Brass Beds, Odd Bureaus, China Closets, Buffets, Extension Tables, Sideboards, at prices to suit everyone.

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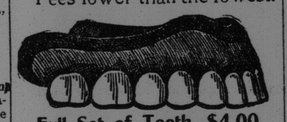

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DR. EDSON M. WILSON, - Prop

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Fine Roses, Carnations, Lilies, Chrysanthemums, Narcissus, Hyacinths, Violets, etc. Splendid Primroses, Hyacinths and other plants in splendid bloom, suitable for Xmas presents. Our Holly is the finest we ever had. Send your orders early.
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MAKES AN EXCELLENT GIFT.
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Skating Boots
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In High-Grade Goods, to suit all conditions and means. A great variety of different lines. All at moderate prices.

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Goods too many to enumerate. Call and see them,
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173 Union street, Phone Main 125-11.
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82 City Road, Phone Main 1161.
109 Main street, Phone Main 1964-31.

GIFTS THAT MEN APPRECIATE.

"The hardest part of our Christmas shopping is to know what to get the men," is the plaintive wail of many women. Needn't bother you if you come here. We will show you things men buy for themselves—the kind they like—hence the kind sure to be appreciated as a gift.

Men's White and Fancy Vests, some plain white pique and white cashmere—the latter a novelty. Some with neat figure in black and colors, at 75 cents to $3.75.

Fancy Cloth and Knitted Vests, novelties and quiet effects, $2 to $5.

Evening Dress Vests, Single and double-breasted. U shaped and V shaped, $2 to $6. A repeat order of these received Saturday.

Acceptable Gifts also in other ready-for-service garments.

A. GILMOUR, 68 King Street
"Best Place to Buy Good Clothes."