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### A WORD OF THANKS.

It is with an intimate sense of gratitude that The Advertiser heartily thanks its good readers for the large contribution of Red Stockings. It is that side of "the power of the press" that makes us feel good. The Red Stockings represent a little contribution to humanity, a little more joy in a few lives. Everything that has gone into them has given someone real pleasure in the making or collecting. It is not easy for everyone to sign a check or put one's hand in his pocket, and the spirit is none the less genuine, but it is in giving something of one's hands and heart and soul, that true satisfaction comes. The sweet natures of loving children and kind mothers will be carried to empty little hearts in those Red Stockings. And any newspaper that can transact a business in conveying happiness from one heart to another does not labor in

### A REMEDY BY COMMISSION.

As we intimated would probably be the case, the Government has met the by the appointment of a commission. That it would accept Sir Wilfrid's propose of delay, and to avoid dealing with embarrassing questions. But up in Manitoba Mr. Rogers was intimatthe commission will now proceed to "hints on how to carve. inquire. It is another proof that Mr. Foster has been relegated to a seat in the rear, and that the Rogers element is in control.

In selecting the members of the commission, the Government has taken them from among its own employeesone each from the departments of customs, labor, and agriculture. Nothing is to be said against either the honesty or the ability of these gentlemen. They are quite capable of making inquiries, and carrying on an investigation. But the fact remains that the commission will be under Government control, that its work can be either hampered or facilitated as the Government may depublic meetings of the commission will together, would stretch from the Atbe held, but private inquiry will be lantic to the Pacific. made as to agricultural production, comparative prices, middlemen, cold

continue to rise. And when the Gov- in line with the Liberal policy. ernment is asked to do something we will be told: "A commission has been appointed; we must wait for its report."

## WEATHER SIGNS.

It must be cold coming for sure. Winter would not be covering and politician of Mr. Borden's well known tucking us up with his fine blanket otherwise. The snow seems almost always to come like a thief in the night, and surprise the children's eyes in the morning. Santa Claus will now have good sleigning, and should be able to get round his whole circuit, not missing

The weather has been most remarkable, more like a late spring. Dandelions have been in bloom pretty continuously in spite of night frosts. Some days the small flies whirl in the air in gusts. A little more rain, and it might have been an illusion of spring, but the slant sun of Indian summer has

been much in evidence. An English writer, speaking of the fine, warmish November over there, mentions a weather proverb that what the wind is on Halloween it will remain for the next four months. This year it was south, and many people who put faith in proverbs expect mild weather and rains right through the winter. Dr. Oliver Lodge, however, has announced his belief that the coming winter-we can still say "coming" -is to be very generally a cold one. The eminent scientist has not learned REAL ESTATE MEN INTERESTED. this from his familiar spirits in psychical research, but seems to have worked out some theory of cycles and bring the moon within twenty-nine miles of the earth begins to interest averages. Will the scientists yet be the real estate men.

able to prophesy the weather just like mere eclipses and comet returns?

There is a popular belief more or less in a yearly average. If the summer is hot, some look for a winter to balance it. This year the summer was a splendidly even season, inclining perhaps on the whole to a pleasant coolness. May the winter of 1913-14, then, in spite of Sir Oliver Lodge, lean towards mild, with snow and showers? .It is a pretty saying that-

"If on the trees the leaves still hold The coming winter will be cold."

That is, if the leaves are late in falling, you may order extra coal. Certainly this year the leaves hung long on many varieties of trees. Usually before Oct. 20 the maples are bare, but interpreters of signs are as usual hopelessly contradictory. How about our old friend the beaver?

### A QUESTION OF LOGIC.

Our erudite contemporary, the Victoria Colonist, does not approve of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speeches. The style does not suit him. They are not logical. "Very often," we are told, "he speaks in enthymemes, for the conclusion of syllogism leaves one of the premises unexpressed." This is a serious matter, to which we trust Sir Wilfrid will take heed. We do not know but that there may be some disloyalty hidden here. "Enthymemes" has a decidedly anti-British sound; though we believe "inferences" are permitted to all true imperialists. In the meantime, our learned friend might call on the British Columbia members of Parliament to explain the relation-logical or otherwise-between clamoring for a fleet unit on the Pacific coast and voting a thirty-five million dollar cations show many kiddies will be contribution to the British admiralty.

### THE CONFIDENCE OF THE FINANCIERS.

A Liberal paper having made the statement that "the London financiers do not seem to have as much confidence in Hon. W. T. White as they had outcry against the high cost of living in Mr. Fielding," the Toronto News attempts a retort by asking "how is it that Canada has been able to borrow posal to meet the unsatisfactory con- in Great Britain during the present ditions by taking off the taxes imposed year no less than \$300,000,000?" We on the producer and consumer of food are not quite certain just how much a proposal indorsed by the Dominion Canadians have been borrowing in Grange at its meeting Thursday-was Great Britain, but Mr. White has not not to be expected. It is itself largely borrowed any such sum. The best the child of protected interests whose he has been able to do so far is to get influence is all too powerful to be re- about \$45,000,000, by paying nearly one sisted. But it has to put up the ap- per cent. higher rate of interest than pearance of doing something, so it Mr. Fielding paid. Canadian railroads falls back on the very scheme con- and other private enterprises may have demned by one of its own members got considerable money in Britain only a few days ago. In the South during the year; but the Canadian Lanark campaign, the Hon. George E. Government has not had much suc-Foster declared that a commission as a remedy for the high cost of living would be absurd, that sort of thing was only a scheme employed for the pur- the Canadian Government. And we think they are right.

With Christmas but five days off will ing that inquiries would be made, and somebody please hand out a few

> Monuments look good, but the finest memorial for any man is the esteem of those who knew him when he lived.

A man worth ten millions is no happier than one worth nine millions, says an exchange. O, yes, he is-he can order a dozen fresh eggs.

A combination of ganblers and chorus girls has been fleecing New Yerkers of thousands. Thus another tradition goes to smash-that all "the boobs" were outside of New York.

Ants in South America have been known to construct a three-mile tunsire; and that its reports can be duly nel. Just now Canadian aunts are edited before they are made public. No busy on hand-made ties that, if put

The Hamilton Spectator praises Mr storage and co-related subjects. How Pelletier, because in response to a relong the commission will be at work no quest from the Young Men's Christian Special Church Barber Is Latest In one can predict; how much informa- Association, he declared that when the tion it can secure beyond what we parcel post was established, it should now have, no one can estimate; what carry no liquor. But it does not say suggested remedies will appear, no one that there was a regulation of the can know, beyond the fact that there Liberal Government that no mail carwill not likely be any tariff reductions. rier should carry intoxicating bever-Meanwhile the cost of living will ages. Mr. Pelletier's promise is only

## BORDEN'S HARD TASK.

[St. John, N. B., Telegraph.] The effort to keep the Conservative abel on the Union Jack and to keep British goods out of Canada at the same time is a form of exercise too Saturday mornings and on Sundays difficult and too dangerous even for a before services: agility.

ALMOST AS BAD AS A LIAR. [Detroit Free Press.] We have no respect for a liar, but BRILLIANT PIANIST neither do we care a great deal for

the man who rushes to tell the truth when he knows it is going to hurt. TOO GOOD TO BE USEFUL.

[Boston Globe.] ou yesterday? Willie: I was sick

Teacher: What ailed you? Willie: I had appendicitis; when de doctor cut it out it hurt terrible. TAKE NO CHANCES.

[Hamilton Times.] Santa Claus and the Christmass tree and holiday decorations are a prolific cause of fires. Too much precaution to prevent fires cannot be had. There are so many ways of starting a blaze that people should take no

CONSISTENCY OF THE OYSTER. [Vancouver Province.]
Oysters are said to lie on one side

for four years before they complete their growth. You never heard of an oyster being a lawyer or an expert

[St. Louis Globe-Democrat.] News that a new telescope is to

## INDICATIONS POINT TO RECORD XMAS MARKET

Ideal Weather Will Bring Out Big Crowds of Buyers and Sellers.

Saturday will be the record market of the winter, and the last big market before Christmas.

Indications today point to a recordbreaker. The weather, which usually is unfavorable to farmers, is ideal, and as a result there will be a larger attendance than usual. Offerings will be large in all lines, and taking today's this year not all of them. Signs and sales as a criterion, prices will be rea-

The big sales will be in poultry. Turkeys, ducks, chickens, geese, will be offered in profusion. Conversations with farmers and breeders of fowl reveal the fact that never before had the quantity been as great. The demand. as always, will be keen.

The price of turkeys will likely be fowl. 11 to 12 cents. Another commodity that will be con-

picuous because of the large demand beef, although sales may not equal ast year's. With the present high price of the "dressed cow," it is equaly economical to buy poultry for the hristmas dinner. Best veal, another Christmas special,

Cranberries are selling for 12 to 15 ents by the quart, and following custom, will have a large sale. Walnuts are 20 cents; hickory nuts 10 cents, and chestnuts 15 to 20 cents, per pound. Christmas decorations are much in vidence. Spruces and evergreens are selling from 25 cents to \$1.50. The sale is reported brisk this season, and indimade happy with trees. Holly is a ple are apt to walk under it, is seld by the ounce at 5 cents.

selling at 13 to 14 cents per pound.

Montreal Man in London on Interswitching Accident Case -Sees Motorman.

ago. Sixteen persons were more or less severely injured as a result of teh acci-

Swaddling, who was a former Grand

### ATLANTIC RATE WAR AGAIN IMMINENT

All British and Continental Lines Would Be Involved. [Canadian Press.]

York, Dec. 19.-News from is imminent were received with interest by shipping men today.

While recent advices have failed to carry any intimation as to the progress of the negotiations to bring about a renewal of the Atlantic shipping pool, it was hoped here that the preswould be extended for another year. It was agreed by sold to and that the work of reconstructing the pool could be satisfactorily accomplished.

The beginning of the present state of unrest in the shipping pool tends back to October, when the Ham-North German-Lloyd. A rate war would involve all the Wyatt. British and continental lines.

## CHOIR HAIR CUTS WILL ALL BE ALIKE

novation at St. George's.

[Canadian Press.] New York, Dec. 19 .- A special barber is the latest innovation in church life. St. George's Episcopal Church, which the late Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan endowed with half a million dollars, has installed a barber shop for the choir. The Rev. Karl Reiland, the

rector, in announcing the new feature "For the sake of uniformity in the appearance of our choir, boys on Sundays and as a slight evidence of parochial appreciation, we have assigned a special barber to the boys on

One of our night men, Julius Kallman, who was at one time a barber, has been engaged in this unusual but,

## to us, very important work." AT AUDITORIUM

The recital at the Auditorium last [Boston Globe.] evening was a delightful musical willie Jones, where were event, and music-lovers who were absent missed a rare treat. Mr. Hessel-berg proved himself master of dynamic force, and certainly a poet in the Chopin group. His Bach number was exquisite, and the rendering poetic and full of emotion. One was disap-pointed not hearing the Fugue. Evidently some of the audience thought the composition ended, and applauded in the wrong place. Consequently the Fugue was not played. The Beethoven variations (C Minor), so dramatic and emotional, met all demands in phras-ing and beautiful tone. The Berceuse was truly a bit of "tonal poetry," melody so delicate, inspired and appealing, was skillfully played, and it was a Cradle Song indeed.

was a Cradle Song indeed.

The Nocturne, Op. 27, No. 2, the encore kindly given after the lovely Chopin group, was lyric, romantic and subtly true. The two last numbers were dazzling and phenomenal. The rich tones throughout his program, the wonderful trophique, the pathos sum. wonderful technique, the pathos, sympathy and thunderlike Jove, at times pathy and thunderlike Jove, at times proved a master was at the instrument. The piano proved equal to every demand of the program.

The violiniste warmed up in Hubey's "Hejre Kate," played with dash and





If women ever git t' votin' we hope they use better judgment at th' polls than they do at th' altar. Th' Little Gem restaurant is servin' a white apron with ever' sugared doughnut.

vim. She was loudly applauded and answered the encore with a weird, fantastic number, played with skill and dramatic agandon.

The program was much enjoyed and the recital closed with Schubert's Military March, arranged by the pianist, magnificently played. The remembrance of a delightful performance will linger with those fortunate enough to have been present.

# **WATER COMMISSION WILL**

pound. Mistletoe, which is always hung in prominent places, where neo-City Side in Refusal to Sanction Bill.

> General Manager H. J. Glaubitz announced at a meeting of the water commissioners on Thursday, that hydro power will be supplied to the London street railway about Wednesday next. Part of the machinery necessary to turn the alternating current into a direct current has been successfully installed, and 500-horsepower should be available by that time, according to the general manager.

W. Foster, of the Grand Trunk legal department Montreal, was in London on Thursday conducting an examination of W. Swaddling, the street railway motorman, who was in charge of the Dundas car struck at the interswitching erossing of the Grand Trunk some months. The meeting of the commission was

An account of \$172, cost of moving similar circumstances in Toronto an appeal had been made to the Ontario Railroad and Municipal Board, and a decision was given in favor of the city, thus establishing a precedent. The matter was accordingly allowed to

drop.
Another ornamental light will be placed in front of the city hall by the commission, making four in all. Commissioner J. H. Chapman and General London that a severe Atlantic rate war Manager H. J. Glaubitz will decide as

to its location. A communication from the Provincial Board of Health, dated Dec. certified the purity of London's water

Chairman Pocock gave a brief account of what transpired at the recent meeting of the Ontario Munici-It was agreed, he said, to set aside

an annual sum not exceeding \$25,000, to provide for three permanent commissioners in Ontario, to look after the interests of the municipalities in hydro power matters. Those present at the meeting were: burg-American Line denounced the Chairman Pocock, General Manager H agreement as being partial to the J. Glaubitz, and Commissioners Dr Stevenson, J. H. Chapman and William

> FAMOUS ITALIAN DEAD. [Canadian Press.] Rome, Dec. 19.—The death occurred to-day of Major-General Vittoria Cuniberti, of the Italian Naval Engineer Corps, who drafted the plans for the first Italian

## Free Treatment for Skin Sufferers!

Although Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment are sold by druggists and dealers everywhere, a liberal sample of each, with 32-page booklet on the care and treatment of skim and hair, will be sent, post-free, on application to "Cuticura," Dept. 32, Boston, U.S.A.



## CHAPMAN'S Useful Gifts Answer the Christmas Call

COME TO CHAPMAN'S FOR USEFUL GIFTS. The store is full of such articles people delight to give or to receive. The following practical suggestions may be helpful to the busy shopper:

**KIMONOS** WAISTS KNITTED PETTICOATS WOMEN'S COATS UNDERWEAR WHITE GOODS CAPS AND SCARFS

BOOKS, CHINA GLOVES HOSIERY HANDKERCHIEFS NECKWEAR APRONS SWEATER COATS

TABLE LINEN SILK DRESS PATTERNS BLANKETS COMFORTERS BED SPREADS TOWELS **FANCY LINENS** 



The children love to be around the books like bees around a hive. Take note of this, Santa Claus, and bring them lots

## CHATTERBOX ANNUAL The new Chatterbox for

this year. Always a favorite annual. Price ......65¢ TEACHERS'

BIBLES This is one of our best values. Teachers' Bibles, leather bound, yap edges, red under gilt edges. Printed in clear type. This beautiful Bible is 5½x8 inches, and contains references,

HENTY AND ALGER BOOKS Besides hundreds of others..... Each

PADDED POETS — Long fellow, Wordsworth, Milton Burns, Byron, Heman, Browning and others. Nicely padded books, suitable for gifts, Toy Books and Bible Stories ..... 5¢ to 75¢

## NOT OPEN TONIGHT, But Open Saturday Night and Evenings Next Week Until Christmas

## White Voile Waists, \$1.50

maps, helps and profusely illustrated. Extra value. \$1.15

This pretty Waist will make a highly appreciated gift. It is made of white cotton voile, yoke back and front, 3/4. sleeves, wide flat collar; finished with lace pleating and glass buttons. A new spring style at.....\$1.50

## Black Silk Dress Patterns

In a Christmas box. Mother would appreciate such a

## Black Paillette Silk

A beautiful quality for waist or dress; 36 inches wide. It only takes 5 or 6 yards of this wide silk to make a dress, even less does sometimes. This is the usual dollar quality, which we are selling at, per yard ......85¢

Women's Dressing Sacques..

Saturday morning we will place on sale 10 dozen Dressing Sacques at 36¢ each. Choice of figured flannelette, plain or fancy crepe, made in neat style, kimono sleeves. V neck. piped with sateen, gathering in the back gives a neat appearance. This is a special purchase arrived just in time for Christmas. The low price—36¢—for such a useful garment should bring gift buyers in a hurry.

## A Pair of Long Kid Gloves for Someone

The suggestion is enough—"she" will be glad, very glad to get them.

Women's Long White Kid Gloves-Three different lines, fine qualities at pair..... .....\$2.00, \$2.50 and \$2.75

## Hand Bags

Leather Handbags-Large size, German silver frame, fitted with coin purse. Black 

Suede Handbags, in tan, cerise, purple or gray. Very handsome for gifts.....\$1.50

Vanity Purses-Extra strong, German silver, with mirror, coin and powder puff compartment. Several styles. Choice.....75¢

## Handkerchiefs

Fancy Embroidered Handkerchiefs of fine Swiss lawn, some worth 20c each. Two in a fancy box for ......25¢ Women's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, dainty corner designs. 75 boxes on sale (3 Children's Picture Handkerchiefs-Also

### Embroidered Lawns and corner insertion designs. At each ......5¢ Table Linen

What housewife wouldn't be pleased with table linen? 68-inch Satin Damask, full bleached, every thread linen, in snowdrop or lily pattern. On

sale Saturday, per pair ......69¢ Honeycomb Bedroom Towels, hemmed ends, size 19x38 inches. Saturday only, a 

# CHAPMAN'S—

GREEN CHRISTMAS Winter Is Mildest Experienced in Eng-

land in Many Years.

[Canadian Press.] New York, Dec. 19 .- A Herald cable from London says: According to weather experts here, the prospects for a white Christmas are remote. There is a continued absence of frost, which

accounts for the high temperature for this time of year. This has been the mildest winter experienced in England in many years. Reports from various parts of the country state that roses are numerous and spring flowering plants are in bloom in the open, while in some districts raspberries are being gathered

### and apple trees are in blosso BROKE TWO RIBS

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ruthven, Dec. 19.-A serious accient happened here last night, when Charlie Tapping and Miss R. Dawson were driving towards Kingsville they met an automobile, driven by H. Fuller, As the auto driver did not give any of As the auto driver did not give any of the road, Mr. Tapping drove too close to a deep ditch with the result that the buggy and its occupants was upset. Mr. Tapping had two ribs broken, and was injured internally. Miss Dawson escaped without harm. The buggy was badly damaged, and the horse clickly burt

slightly hurt.

Mr. Fuller at once did all in his power to assist, and says he did not see the buggy coming until almost opposite. The doctor cannot tell just yet how serious Mr. Tapping's injuries are.

[Canadian Press.]

Erie, Pa., Dec. 19.—A trapeze, which he had put up in the attic of his home, he had put up in the attic

## 'CASCARETS" IF CONSTIPATED, SICK, HEADACHY, BILIOUS-DIME A BOX

stomach and foul gases—turn them out you feel great. onight with Cascarets. Don't put in another day of distress. you out by morning-a 10-cent box Let Cascarets sweeten and regulate from any drug store will keep your

Turn the rascals out-the headache, decomposed waste matter and constibiliousness, constipation, the sick, sour pation poison from the bowels. Then A Cascaret tonight will straighten



ACCIDENTALLY HANGED

Mother Found High School Boy Dying on Trapeze Rope.

ter Childs, aged 17, a senior in the Erie High School, and a member of last season's football team. The young man went to the attic to try out the trapeze. An hour later his mother [Canadian Press.]

Erie, Pa., Dec. 19.—A trapeze, which he had put up in the attic of his home, head caught in a loop of the rope be