******************* Lowney's Chocolates For Christmas

We have just put on display our Christmas assort-ment of Lowney's Celebrated Chocolates. Every person buys Chocolates for Christmas, no mater what else. Why not try these this year?

30c-Half pound box, decorated with holly.

50c-One pound of Chocolates, box decorated with

\$100—Two pounds of Chocolates, with fancy box decorated with holly.

In fancy boxes we have a beautiful assortment ranging in quantity from half-pound to five pound in each box and ranging in price from 25c to \$5.00 per

Then, of course, we have Lowney's regular lines from the popular 5c cream cake to the American Beauty package in half pounds and pounds. The price is now reduced to 50c a pound.

A. I. McCALL & CO., Limited **OPTICIANS & DRUGGISTS** ***************

Gray Hodges left for Toronto on a businesse trip this morning. Harry Engleson, of Dresden, is the guest of his cousin, Miss May Keeley,

"We want your trade be-

cause we need it, our stock is

Stephen T. Marshall has returned from the west to assist in winding up the estate of the late Harwood Marshall, who died suddenly in Tilbury.

The Board of Works workmen this morning commenced to give the city pavements a much needed cleaning. The scraper was put to work on King St. this morning.

ARM BROKEN

THE SCARLET MYSTERIES

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SOW ASTRAY—From lot 30, concession 13, Dover, on or about Nov. 1st, a large white sow, no marks, weight about 400 pounds when last seen. A reward will be paid for any information that will lead to her recovery by the undersigned. James Wemp, Baldoon P. O.

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PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W. Toronto, Dec. 14.—11 a. m.—Easter-ly winds, cloudy, with light snow or sleet. Saturday, easterly and south-erly winds, and milder.

LOCAL

Santa's headquarters, Briscos
P. T. Barry, of Wallaceburg, is quite ill.
Jame: Kimme ly, of Dresden, spent yesterday in the city.

Follow the crowds to Briscos'.

Isaac E. Simpson was a city visitor from Merlin yesterday.

Chas. E. Beeston is steadily improving at the General Hospiotal.

The Scarlet Mysteries were the attraction at the Brisco Opera House last evening. There was not a very large house present to see the show, but the entertainment provided pleased all who were there. A splendid program of singing and humorous sketches was put on by the Mysteries, who were eight young Englishmen, and the applicance they received showed that the entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ing at the General Hospiotal. J. F. Main, of London, called or Maple City friends yesterday.

Rev. Dr. Hannon will speak at the service in Victoria Ave. Church to-

Rev. F. E. Malott will begin a series of sermons to young men next Sundays evening.

Sunday evening.

George Wands has returned from Tilbury, where he attended the funeral of his late father-in-law, David Henderson, yesterday.

Lee Lung. Sing Dewey and Hoo Sing, three laundrymen, who have been working in this city for some time, left for Hong Kong yesterday.

No action was taken by the City

No action was taken by the City Council last night with regard to the petition of Queen St. South resi-dents who asked for aid in fixing a tile drain.

Charles Watson, foreman for the Gas Co., will have all the mains for natural gas completed by to-morrow. The erection of the stations will be

Her many friends will be pleased to tearn that Mrs. Thos. Crouch, of Lacroix St., who recently underwent a serious operation at St. Joseph's Hospital, is improving rapidly.

The members of the First Presby-terian choir are now busy preparing, for the Christmas music. Mr. Ding-man has been added to the male quartette to take the place of Wil-frid Smith, who is now in Detroit. The quartette as re-organized will be heard for the first time in the First Church Christmas morning. *****

Vatican

Parishes Observe Law **Despite Instructions From**

FROM ROME

THE MESSAGE

VICTORY WITH FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 14.—Yesterday was marked by the total absence of any sensational incidents in connection with the execution of the law of sep-

The parish priests everywhere cele-

The parish priests everywhere celebrated mass in the presence of unusually large congregations, but the actions of the authorities were confined to noting infractions of the law.

Everywhere legal notice have been served for the evacuation of the ecclesiastical buildings. Several of these buildings were abandoned without further ado, but a majority of the prelates, while fully prepared to go, announced that they would not depart except under duress.

Victory For the Government.

In many parishes laymen came forward yesterday and spontaneously filed declarations for the holding of services in the designated churches during the coming year. If this practice is generally followed it will be a distinct victory for the Government.

In the meantime the Cabinet was preparing measures to be introduced before Parliament to-day.

The net result of the uncompromising attitude assumed by the Vatican in this conflict with the French Government seems to be the clergy will lose its pensions, that all aspirants to the priesthood will be compelled to perform military service, and that the taking over of the episcopal buildings by the State Department and the communes will occur immediately instead of in December, 1907. communes will occur immediately instead of in December, 1907.

A MAD SCRAMBLE

Fleet of Forty Ships Rush From Soc For Home Ports.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 14.—A fleet of over forty steamers, delayed at the Soo by the ice blockade, are now in Lake Huron in a mad scramble down the lakes to the unloading docks at Erie ports. All are now running without insurance.

Eleven up-bound steamers held in Mud Lake got through the locks yesterday. There are yet about a dozen downbound boats to pass through the Soo locks before navigation will be officially closed.

A year ago the last boat downbound passed Detroit Dec. 16, but this year the date will probably be much later, as vesselmen are yet sending vessels

A young man, named Ball, who resides in Raleigh, was brought into the city this afternoon and taken to Dr. Bray's office. The unfortunate young man got his arm caught in a corn shredder, resulting in the member being broken and severely lacerated.

as vesselmen are yet sending vessels up to Lake Michigan ports with coal.

Sent For Trial.

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Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Alex. Maclaren, vice-president of the Maclaren Milling Co., Buckingham, and six police were committed for trial yesterday afternoon on charges of manslaughter arising from the Buckingham riots. The judge said that in his opinion Alex. Maclaren was not the man who fired the shot which killed Strike Leader Belanger.

Big Fire At Winnipeg.

Big Fire At Winnipeg.
Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—Damage to the extent of \$60,600 resulted from a boy stepping on a match in the sweat pad room of the Winnipeg Saddlery Co. yesterday morning. Nineteen had narrow escapes, being rescued in the nick of time from the fifth storey by the firemen. Highly inflammable material caused the fire to spread rapidly.

The undersigned will sell by public auction on Tuesday, Dec. 18th, on 14th concession, Chatham Township, a number of fat cattle and fine colts. Electric cars run within one-half a mile of place of sale.

JAMES LANGSTAFF, SR., Proprietor.

McCOIG & HARRINGTON, Auctioneers. Australian Elections.

London, Dec. 14.—According to The Condon, Dec. 14.—According to The Chronicle, the constitution of the new Australian Parliament, on present figures, is: Labor, 25 sents; Reidites, 20; Liberal Protectionists, 18; Conservative Protectionists, 12. The new Senate will probably contain 16 Laborites.

1,200 Passengers Sail.
St. John, N.B., Dec. 14.—The Empress of Britain, which set sail for the old country from St. John yesterday carried over 1,200 passengers, the largest number ever taken by one boat from the shores of the Dominion.

Vanderbilt's Escape.

New York, Dec. 14.—W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., had a narrow escape from death yesterday. His 60-horse-power racing auto collapsed at high speed, throwing him into a lake. He sank through the ice, but swam ashore.

Guilty of Manslaughter Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Napoleon I Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Napoleon Roy, on trial at Hull on a charge of murder-ing Arthur Richard, by stabbing him in a drunken row, was found guilty of manslaughter, the jury recommend-ing him to mercy.

Shah Surely Dying.
Teheren, Dec. 14.—The condition of the Shah became worse yesterday. He lost consciousness at an early hour, and at 7.20 p.m. was still unconscious.

LEHIGH VALLEY REDUCES PAS-SENGER FARES.

SENGER FARES.

To take effect November 1st, or as soon thereafter as possible, the maximum rate per mile on the Lehigh Valley Railroad will be on the basis of 2 1-2c.

This will not change passenger rates now based on charge of less than 2 1-2c per mile.

Interchangeable mileage books, which are now sold at \$30.00, will be sold at \$25.00 with a rebate of \$5.00 on each 1,000 mile book instead of \$19.00, as at present,

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Special Holiday Neckwear Display In the Austin Men's Store.

New Lines just opened up this week. All the popular and new styles, nicely displayed for early selling.

25c, 50c, 75c. Fancy Separate Boxes. FANCY NECK SCARFS. HANDSOME UMBRELLAS

PERRIN'S CELEBRATED GLOVES.
CHRISTY'S NOTED HATS. FANCY VESTS.

SMOKING JACKETS

GIFTS THAT THRILL

Are of many classes—those that shine but do no practical good, those that are useful but not ornate, and those that combine beauty, form and splendor with comfort, utility and convenience. The class of Christmas surprises that now brighten the floors of this Store are jewels in the form of Christmas Chairs, Tables, Bookcases and Writing Desks, Christmas Sidebocrds. Buffets, China Cabinets, Parlor Cabinets, and scores of Pretty Parlor Pieces. Gorgeous Presents in Turkish Rockers, large Easy Chairs, Morris Chairs, Davenports, Etc.

We believe that the people generally are more apt to be thrilled with delight over beautiful gifts of things they need than over those that are empty ornaments.

Solid Mahogany parlor Cabinet, bent glass, enclosed case, British bevelled mirror on top, worth \$35.00, very special at only \$27.00.

Three piece parlor suite, polished mahogany finish frames, best quality upholstering

plain seats, lufted backs, price \$37.00.

It will pay you to come around the corner and see our window on the

THE MERRY CHRISTMAS SALE

More beautiful and delightful than ever is the holiday display this year We have spent months gathering this bewildering assortment from domestic and foreign markets. Everything is here to delight the men, women and children. Every Department is loaded down with exquisite beauteousness and offers superb assortments. Come here during the Merry Christmas Sale to do your holiday shopping. You will be sure of getting excellent things and the prices they are really remarkably low.

Big sale of Japanese China, consisting of cups and saucers, bon bon, fern dishes, creams and sugars, vases, spoon trays. See our 25c, 5oc, 75c and \$1.25 collecion. Very choice pieces at \$1.50 to \$3 each.

Handkerchiefs.

Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs; escalloped and hemstitched, special at 12 1-2c.

Ladies' All-linen Hemstitched Initial Handk-rchiefs 1-4 in. hem, special at \$1, \$1.35, \$1 50 for a box

of six, or 20c, 25c, 30c each. Ladies' Silk Umbrellas with cold, gun metal or natural wood handles, \$2.50 to \$6.

different styles at 50c and 25c each. Christmas Gloves. A superb line of Women's Kid Gloves, lined or

Ladies' Neckwear

tiful than ever this year. We have some very exclusive

designs at 75c, \$1, to \$2 each. No two alike. A dozen

Our collection of Ladies' Neckwear is more beau-

unlined, made by the best French manufacturers. There is no more acceptable gift for a lady than a pair of kid g,oves, All sizes and colors. A guarantee with all gloves at \$1 and \$1.25.

Furs as Practical Christmas Gifts

Let usmake a few suggestions, handsome, appropriate and useful articles at prices to fit the demands of every purse and to suit each individual taste.

A Nice Fur Neck Piece at this popular price, the sable marmot, and river mink, ties, stoles and double riffs, very special values. Xmas Gift.

50—A black or brown coney stole ed with 6 large tails. \$6.50—Isabhila coney set, muff is empire shape and the neck piece is a wide at the long tapering fronts finished with tails.

A Special Showing of Jackets

\$10.00-A broad variety of styles at

\$20.00—22.50 and 25.00. These three lines are all natural alaska sable specially priced for Christmas selling, all have large full double neck pieces pieces with satin-lined or double fronts, trimed with heads and tails.

\$7.50—Of light or mixed grey and fawn tweed mixtures, loose medels trimmed with silk stitched bias, strapping and buttons, newly priced to-day at 7.50

\$10.00— Of black all wool kersy cheviot, light tweeds add plaid effects. Some are the plain failored and others are trimmed with stitched strapping velvet and buttons.

\$15.00- Of heavy all wool black and white platd, plain black kersey cloth and light twedds 7-8 lengths with full sweep, fly front or duble breasted cloth or velvet collar and cuffs and splendidly tailored

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Whether for gift purposes or for your own use, this stock of linens has much in it to attract you. Plain linens for table use in exceptional values from 25c per yd. up to \$1.00 or choice sets of pattern cloths and napkins to match worth all the way up \$9.00 per set.

Handsome Hand Drawn Linens-The work of the skillful Japanese in peautiful design in many styles and qualities for centre pieces, doylies, sideboard scarfs, toilet sets, tray cloths and other purposes and at prices that make you wonder how they can possibly be made for the money.

Special Table Linen for this Week-Pattern cloths already hemmed with raised border in Rose, Tulir and Floral designs, large size 60 x 72, a regular \$1.25 cloth for pecial selling this week we have marked them \$1.00.

KENT COUNTY'S LARGEST RETAILERS-CHATHAM AND DRESDEN

Xmas Perfumes To meet the Christmas rush we have just received a complete assortment of Christmas, Perfumes ranging in price from 10c to \$5.00 All the Leading Lines

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