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Here You Are for Christmas.

In the line of presents for men and boys Santa Claus has opened his bag in our store and we have selected the best.

Your choice of Boys' Reefers from 2.50 to 8.50.

A fine selection of Boys' Vestee Suits, 2.50 to 8.50.

Men's Overcoats in all styles, 5.00 to 15.00.

Suits for men, correct in every detail, 5.00 to 25.00.

Here are a few particulars of price reductions for the holiday season:

Young Men's Extra Fine Suits, with double breasted vests, some with reversible vests, reg. 12.00, 14.00 and 15.00 values, sizes 33 to 35 ..... **10.75**

Men's Fine Winter Overcoats, most popular materials, all cut in the prevailing style, sizes 34 to 44, sold all season at 14.00, 15.00 and 16.00, for the Christmas sale your choice **11.75**

Dressing Gowns for gentlemen, fine showy patterns in thick, warm goods, reg. 10.00 and 12.00 values, choice for.. **8.75**

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Vestee Suits, made of thoroughly reliable cloths, neatly finished and well trimmed, sizes 22 to 27, the regular 3.50 value, during the Christmas sale at **2.39**

Oak Hall Clothiers, 115 to 121 King St.E. 116 Yonge Street, TORONTO.

HAMILTON NEWS

THE WIDTH OF WAGON TIRES

Was Discussed by the Board of Works and a Motion Made to Amend the Bylaw.

THE CATARACT CO.'S CONTRACT

Also Came Up for Discussion and Several Claims for Damages—General News.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The Board of Works this evening had another discussion on the subject of wagon tires. A deputation, headed by ex-Ald. Hancock, asked that for wagons carrying more than 3000 pounds the tires be three inches, instead of four inches, wide. One of the reasons given for asking for the narrow tire was that the roads in the country were in bad shape for wide tires.

Engineer Wingate presented a voluminous report on the subject, which showed that all over the world countries legislated for wide tires, which were found to be the best for all concerned. Mr. Wingate thought the present bylaw was a good one. For loads over 4000 pounds, the tires should be five inches.

Ald. Kerr introduced this amendment to the bylaw: Up to 6000 pounds, 2-inch tire; up to 8000 pounds, 3-inch, and over that weight, 4-inch.

Electric Lighting Contract.

The matters concerning the Cataract Power Company's electric lighting contract received some attention. It was reported that nothing had been paid on the lighting account for two months. Engineer Wingate said he believed the lights were not yet up to the standard. It was decided to have them tested, on motion of Ald. Reid.

Ald. Findlay, Dunlop and Kerr were appointed a sub-committee to adjust the accounts and disputes between the company and the city.

Claims for Damages.

The Sub-Committee on Claims for Damages reported. The claims allowed were: Mrs. James O'Donnell, $175; Mrs. Ann Stapleton, $100; Miss H. Cliff, $75; Miss Grace McIntosh, $150; E. O. Shaver, $175. A number of claims, including that of Hendrie & Co., were reported against.

Frank Franey is Dead.

Frank P. Franey, late timekeeper at the city quarry, died at the General Hospital to-night. He was taken to the institution on Monday night, suffering from hemorrhage of the lungs. Franey was about 50 years of age, and, years ago, was a traveling phrenologist. He was exceedingly well read and was a good entertainer. As a wag, he had quite a reputation, and was known to "the boys" as "The Prog." he being prognosticator of the Human Nature Club. He leaves two grown-up sons.

Socialist Mayoralty Meeting.

William Barrett, the Socialist candidate for Mayor, held a mass meeting in the Foresters' Hall to-night. There was only a small crowd present. G. Gordon presided. Barrett spoke for 20 minutes about the way the workingmen are ground down, and gave way to Darch of London, who delivered a stirring address.

St. John's Lodge Officers.

The annual election of officers of St. John's Lodge, A.F. & A.M., was held to-night in the Masonic Temple. It was followed by a banquet.

St. Peter's Infirmary.

The annual meeting of supporters of St. Peter's Infirmary was held this afternoon. P. D. Crerar presided. The report of the warden, Rev. T. Geoghegan, showed that 55 persons suffering from incurable diseases were cared for during the year. Six deaths occurred. T. B. Martin presented the financial statement, showing the receipts had been $2,306.55 and the expenditure $10.51 less. It was announced that $2520 had been received for capital account from the estate of the late George Lee. Of this bequest $800 will be used to apply on mortgage on the home, and a Lee ward will be established.

R. A. Lucas, F. W. Gates, jr., T. B. Martin and H. P. Bonny were elected to fill vacancies on the Board of Management, and T. B. Martin was elected secretary.

Damages for Injuries.

Judge Snider held a session of the County Court to-day. Olmstead v. the City was tried and resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff for $100 and costs. William T. Olmstead of Grimsby was the plaintiff, and sued for $200 damages for injuries sustained by a fall from his bicycle on East King-street.

William Ballentine, a corporation laborer, was awarded $24 for injuries received thru carelessness on the part of William Kirk, a driver for H. Kuntz, brewer. Judgment was entered against Mr. Kuntz.

About Departed Ones.

The funeral of the late Geo. W. Gage took place this afternoon from the family residence to Lake Church Cemetery. Rev. W. L. Rutledge conducted the services, and the pallbearers were Walter Ghent, Robert Gage, jr., Arthur Bates, Frank and George Gage and Samuel Stipe.

Ald. Hurd received word to-day of the death of his brother, Ruben Hurd, in Morris, Ill.

The funeral of the late Robert Woods, ex-hotelkeeper, will take place to-morrow afternoon and will be private.

Police Points.

This morning James Ross of the Grand Central Hotel was fined $2 for obstructing P. C. Campaign in the discharge of his duty on Saturday night.

Mrs. Annie Muntz, Railway-street, will be tried at the Police Court to-morrow on a charge of stealing wearing apparel from Mary Logan.

Strike in Montreal.

Our felt goods, delayed a few days on account of the strike, came to hand to-day. Women's Felt Foxed Bals and Congress, Women's and Men's Felt Congress, Women's Felt House Shoes, Fur Bound and Felt Slippers. Telephone or wire at our expense. Goods expressed same day. John Lennox & Co., 27 King-street West, Hamilton.

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Permanently Cured and all its Ill Effects Removed by

Burdock Blood Bitters.

If you've suffered from constipation for years, tried all the remedies you ever heard or read of, without getting more than the relief the one dose of the medicine afforded—if you've been subject to all the miseries associated with constipation, such as sick headache, nausea, biliousness, pimples, eruptions, blood humors, blotches, piles, etc., wouldn't you consider it a blessing to be cured of your constipation so that it would stay cured?

Burdock Blood Bitters can cure you—cure so that the cure will be permanent. It has done so in thousands of cases during the past twenty years.

Just one statement to prove what we say is right.

Mrs. G. Gasby, Portage La Prairie, Man., writes: "For over two years I was troubled with sick headache and constipation. I tried many different pills and patent medicines, but they only gave me slight, temporary relief.

"A lady friend of mine induced me to try Burdock Blood Bitters, and sent me half a bottle of it to start with. I derived so much benefit from that that I continued to use it, and took in allthree bottles, which completely cured me.

"That was ten months ago, and as my health has been splendid ever since I have only my kind friend to thank who advised me to take B.B.B."

NATURAL GAS EXPLOSIONS.

Three Houses Wrecked and Seven Persons Injured—A Valve Gate Broke.

Beaver Falls, Pa., Dec. 20.—Three houses were wrecked and seven persons injured by two natural gas explosions here to-day. The injured include: Three-year-old son of Frank Barns, burned fatally; one-year-old daughter of Frank Barns, burned very seriously, may die; Mrs. Frank Barns, burned about head and hands, and Mary Moore, burned about head. The first explosion occurred about 6 o'clock in the house where the Barns family lived. The gas had accumulated in the cellar and lower part of the house, having followed the water pipe from the street. An hour later the residence of H. A. Moore, just across the street, was torn to pieces by a terrific explosion. The inmates were slightly burned, but not seriously. The explosions were caused by the breaking of a valve gate of the Fort Pitt Gas Line.

147 Were Given Tickets.

The distribution of tickets for the "good cheer" to be given away by the St. George's Society commenced yesterday. During the day 147 obtained tickets. They were handed out by Messrs. J. H. Ames, William Moss and Secretary R. W. Barker. The distribution will be continued to-day.

Tarantula Bite Killed Him.

Mount Vernon, N.Y., Dec. 20.—William C. Griffing, 52 years old, died yesterday at his home in New Rochelle. Several months ago while traveling in Florida he was bitten by a tarantula. The bite, it is believed, poisoned his blood and led to the disease which caused his death.

There is absolutely no spectacle so humiliating to womankind as that of groups of idiotic girls gathered about a theatre door, waiting for the appearance of some wretched actor, for whom they have lost what little sense they had, and for whom they have thrown their maidenly pride and self-respect to the winds. It is a spectacle so humiliating and so odious that one hates even to mention it—one which one would go a long way out of one's road to avoid. That the majority of such girls are silly, vulgar, badly brought-up-creatures, is seen at a glance—the girls who run to exaggerated hairdressing and huge hats, covered with hearse-like plumes. Yet one knows that there are also among these mentally-perverted creatures, girls who ought to know better, girls who have been decently brought up, girls who are being educated at expensive pensions, girls who, in after years, will burn with shame when they remember the unwomanly folly which prompted them to make public exhibitions of themselves. If such girls do not see the folly of their conduct, they should be made to see it, and that in no uncertain way. Are all these girls in their teens without parental authority of any kind that they are permitted to go to theatres, unescorted, or unchaperoned? Have they no brothers to guard them, as brothers should, or guardians or friends, to tell them that they are wilfully shaming their womanhood, separating themselves from all nice women, and placing themselves in a certain class for all time? Where are the mothers of these girls, and what sort of irresponsible creatures can they be, to permit their daughters to stoop to such indelicacy? But what shocks one most is the very evident lack of pride, of decent, innate maidenly pride, in so many girls! How can they bear to make themselves so cheap, to hang round, waiting for a glimpse of some miserable man, in company with a few dozen idiots like themselves, to run after him at every possible opportunity, and get only the derisive laughter and open contempt of all beholders for their reward? The girl without pride, the girl who publicly or privately makes herself cheap, for the sake of any man living, richly deserves all the contempt that the world is so ready to pour upon her.

It is significant of how conservative is the world's estimate of what constitutes the glory of woman, says Harper's Bazar, that but three women in recent times have been accorded the national distinction of being buried in Westminster Abbey, and these three are famous in the world's history merely as good wives. Mrs. Gladstone was the latest of these. Preceding her, Lady Palmerston was buried in Westminster Abbey in 1869; Lady Augusta Stanley, in 1876. Lady Palmerston was especially distinguished as a hostess. She exerted an influence upon men and measures by the entertainments she provided in her husband's home. As wife of the famous dean, Lady Stanley secured her husband's interests in life, engaging in works of charity and reform. Mrs. Gladstone is well known for having faithfully fulfilled the mission described by a poet, writing lines to her on her marriage with England's great statesman:

Be thou a perfect wife to him,
A fountain singing by his side,
A star whose light is never dim,
A pillar, thru the waste to guide.

Across the line, they call the girl with the new figure—that is, the figure that leans forward from the waist, that curves in below the belt, out at the back, and takes on a sort of mincing gait in walking—the "kangaroo girl." And, really, when one recalls the Australian creature, as one has seen it at different zoos, the comparison is not a bad one! Discussing the kangaroo girl and her walk—we have been calling her the poster girl—an irate editor describes her manner of locomotion as a series of absurd contortions practised by the young women who are devoid of brains or common sense. They lean very far forward, swing their arms, and take long steps, not unlike the hops made familiar to the public by the animal that is exhibited by every well-conducted menagerie and zoo. So far, he continues, the new style of gait is limited to the few foolish maidens who enjoy making themselves conspicuous, and it will never become really prevalent, because the women of fashion are nowadays trained to walk scientifically. Thirty years ago the Grecian bend was the horror of all who admired the human form divine. Women wore a hump on their backs, and they bent forward and minced along in a manner that would have amused an ape. The Grecian bend accompanied many exaggerations of dress and coiffure, and it was the final absurdity that made persons strive for much-needed reforms. It was possible for the fashion to become popular, because at that time little attention was paid to the art and science of beauty. Physical training and aesthetic philosophies were not studied then, and there was little individuality in dress. Each season had its distinguishing style, and everyone followed it. The evolution of true ideals has made it impossible for artificial and nonsensical modes to be considered good form. The fashions will always be caricatured by a certain class of women, the women whose dress denotes their mental and moral decadence. There is only one way to walk, says the editor truly, and that is the right way, the way in which nature designed us to move. There is nothing in the world more graceful than the free gait of a child, it is the poetry of motion. Persons who walk properly have the body perfectly balanced. They walk with the straight foot, well set-up head, straight back, firm shoulders, and easy, graceful, unexaggerated movements.

She dwelt among the untrodden ways,
Beside the springs of dove,
A maid whom there was none to praise,
And very few to love.

A violet by a mossy stone,
Half hidden from the eye!
Fair as a star, when only one
Is shining in the sky.

She lived unknown, and few could know
When Lucy ceased to be;
But she is in her grave, and, oh,
The difference to me!

—Wordsworth.

An established feature of fashion in Paris is the wide lace collar in varied widths and conditions. It is used as a finish for decollete necks, falling low over the shoulder in the old-fashioned manner. Some of the lace collars cover the shoulders entirely, and are supplied with a neckband of some other material, but some of the prettiest effects are made with the Vandyke lace collar, narrow enough to form the finish below a guimpe neck. A pretty effect is obtained by lining a lace collar with yellow chiffon, deepening the tint of cream.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

Annual Commencement Exercises of Toronto Junction High School Largely Attended.

PRESENTATION TO MISS EASTWOOD.

Prof. Baker of Toronto University, in the Absence of Hon. Mr. Harcourt, Gave an Address.

Toronto Junction, Dec. 20.—The auditorium of the High School was prettily decorated with bunting and flags, and a large and fashionable audience greeted the students at the annual commencement held this evening in the stately pile which overlooks Evelyn and Forest-crescents. For many years this school has held an enviable reputation among the High Schools of the province, eclipsing many Collegiate Institutes in the number of matriculants and honored graduates who annually leave its precincts, and this year has not been the exception, 95 per cent. of those writing at the examination having passed.

Mr. A. R. Fawcett, chairman of the High School Board, occupied the chair, and there were with him on the platform the faculty in cap and gown, resident ministers and school trustees.

The proceedings opened with a chorus from the Glee Club, entitled "Hail to the Chief," which was well balanced in vocal tonation and given with precision and expression. Mr. F. C. Colbeck, B.A., principal of the school, read his annual report, which contained good advice to scholars and parents, and showed the school to have maintained its high prestige and reputation.

Diplomas Presented.

After a pianoforte solo by Miss Zoelner, in which she displayed rare execution, the following students received certificates and diplomas:

Junior Leaving, Part I.—A M Adams, M L Allison, E Bain, A Bell, A Black, B H Brook, S E Chandler, E L L Doane, A A Doner, L S Doyle, C G Fraser, T Gracey, K M Graydon, E W Hancock, C R Howson, F Hunter, F B Irvine, N R Johnson, H Johns, A J M McClelland, R L McGregor, H May, C N Mooney, F A Orth, D Stafield, M W Scott.

Matriculation, Part I.—C A Dann, G S H Mavety, A G Rice, H W Tasker, G H Whitmore, G D McLean, W Mabee.

Junior Leaving, Part II.—N E Agar, M Allison, B Baillie, W H Brydon, J O Carlisle, E L Chubb, S Fotheringham, John Hemphill, E M Lailey, R P McBride, J R G Murray, M Rae, G Robb, R Ross, M E Scott, P H Scott, M C Shand, H Shipe, H E Watson, H Watson, R N Watt.

Matriculation, Part II.—F Conboy, A Kinghorn, H M Latter, D F McKinley, P Maloy, G Robb, W T Standish, B H A Streight.

Senior Leaving, Part I.—M E Conron, G Dix, M Johnston, E Leighton, L A Price, A M Watt (honors).

Senior Leaving, Part II.—R Downey, A E Duncan (honors), I Hamshaw, A Kinghorn (honors), J B McFarlane.

Senior Leaving Diplomas—A E Duncan, I Hamshaw, J B McFarlane.

Matriculation Honors—Allan Kinghorn, first-class honors in Latin and Science; Annie E. Duncan, first-class honors in Latin, Modern Languages and Physics, first scholarship in Moderns (Trinity); H M Latter first-class honors in French and German, second-class honors in English; Blanche Streight, first-class honors in English and French, second-class honors in German.

Prof. Baker Speaks.

In the absence of Hon. R. Harcourt, M.A., an address was given by Prof. Baker of Toronto University, who congratulated the High School upon the position it held among the educational institutes of the province, and spoke of the days when he attended the old Toronto Grammar School, an institution which in appearance would not compare with the poorest High School in the province to-day. He spoke in the highest terms of Miss I. G. Eastwood, B.A., teacher of modern languages, who, after teaching in the school since its inception eight years ago, has retired from the staff. He also spoke most favorably of Miss George, who is to be her successor.

Miss Eastwood Remembered.

Miss Eastwood was then presented with an address from the members of the High School Board, which was read by Trustee H. E. Irwin, and feelingly replied to. Later, her pupils presented her with another address in the school colors, and a book case and set of volumes. The Glee Club again contributed with the glee, "Auf Wiedersehen," and the proceedings closed with the National Anthem.

Lodge Worcester, S.O.E.B.S., met to-night in their lodge-room in the Campbell Block, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, T. Harris; vice-president, A. Raven; chaplain, G. Kimmis; secretary, William Hawes; treasurer, George Nicholls; committee, Bros. A. Bain, George Pinkney, W. G. Moore, E Archer, W. Workworth, G. French; I.G., George Davidge; O.G., W. Bennett; hospital delegate, W. Mould; auditors, P. Laughton, T. Chapman, Marshall J. Raybould.

The Sunday School children of Victoria Presbyterian Church to-night enjoyed the usual Christmas festivities at their annual entertainment.

North Toronto.

The adjourned sale of lands for taxes in York Township was held yesterday at the Court House, Adelaide-street. The attendance was smaller than at the first sale, but the bidding was spirited in many instances. More than half the lots left over were disposed of yesterday, and the list will be completed this morning at 11 o'clock. The municipality was represented by Reeve Duncan and Councillors Goulding, Syme and Sylvester, and a number of lots were purchased by them for the township. The lots sold in the majority of cases for less than the taxes against them, and heavy purchases were made by Messrs. B. W. Clarke, Alf. Essery and J. Moore.

Councillor F. C. Miller of Bracondale is confined to his home by a serious trouble in one of his eyes.

Mr. Robert Cook, the well-known cattle buyer, celebrated his silver wedding at his home at Bedford Park last night, amid a large gathering of friends and relatives.

The children of the Merton-street Mission Sunday School provided a very entertaining program to a crowded house last evening, and were afterwards treated to the contents of a well-arranged Xmas tree.

Thornhill.

Court Union 7772, A.O.F., elected the following officers on Monday night: C.R., G. A. Pearson; P.C.R., E. A. James; C.R.S., J. A. Pearson; Secretary, A. Pearson; Treasurer, J. E. Francis; S.W., Dr. Dame; J.W., T. Moore; S.B., J. White; J.B., J. Baker.

The annual meeting of the electors of school section number 1, Vaughan, has been called for Wednesday afternoon next.

Mr. T. Rogers brought down two foxes with his gun during a trip thru the bush here on Wednesday afternoon.

The annual entertainment and Christmas tree to the children of the Presbyterian Sabbath School will take place to-night.

Messrs. Parr Bros. are attracting much attention by the splendid showing of poultry and meats at their store.

Mr. William Dickenson has secured an engagement with the Metropolitan Railway Company.

Bracondale.

The following officers were elected in Yarmouth Lodge, S.O.E., on Tuesday last: President, W. Collins; past president, W. B. Gee; vice-president, T. Heron; chaplain, W. Carter; secretary, R. Felyus; committee, W. Smith, A. E. Pugh, J. Pugh, H. Sharpley, E. Boggis, J. Chapell; I. G., A. Edwards; O. G., J. Maddaford; hospital delegate, J. Edwards. Officers will be installed on Tuesday evening, Jan. 8.

Successful Charity Ball.

A pleasant time was spent at the second annual charity ball of the Toronto Hebrews' Ladies' Aid Society, held last night in St. George's Hall. About 75 couples were present.

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A "Ryrie Bros." Watch — whether in gold, filled, silver or gun-metal case—stands for good time-making.

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SPAIN WANTS CANADIAN TRADE.

Chevalier J. Enoch Thompson, Spanish Consul, Tells of His Interesting Trip.

Chevalier J. Enoch Thompson arrived yesterday from Spain via Paris and London. He secured a concession to build a tramway thru the Valley of Malaga, well known for its production of grapes and raisins.

In Madrid he had an interview with the Minister of State, who referred in very complimentary terms to Mr. Thompson's services in Toronto as consul.

Under the guidance of General Baldasano, ex-Governor of the Philippine Islands, Mr. Thompson visited the Cortes, then in session, and the various Government departments and would have had an audience with the Queen Regent but for the absence from Madrid of the royal family.

The business prospects and finances of Spain, relieved from the burdens of Cuba and the Philippines, are improving, the Government revenue for the first time in many years exceeds the expenditure, the railway traffic in some cases shows an increase of 35 to 45 per cent. over a year ago and the imports and exports likewise show marked increases.

The Secretary of State, the member of the Cortes for Malaga, and several prominent merchants are interested in a project to promote direct trade between Spain and Canada, and have asked Mr. Thompson to give this matter his attention. Several large houses are desirous of appointing agents in Canada for the sale of Spanish products.

It was intimated to Mr. Thompson that the interest he has taken in Spanish affairs and the assistance he has been able to give from time to time will shortly receive special recognition.

COULD NOT HELP STEALING.

A Girl of Ten Years Sent to Prison for Burglary.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 20.—Ten-year-old Gertrude Geretz was yesterday sent to the Industrial School for Girls on the charge of burglary. Doctors who have examined the child say she is a hopeless kleptomaniac.

On Monday night she left her home while her parents were asleep and entered the home of Dr. J. H. Huenneckens. She found the garments of the doctor's daughter in the house, which she entered thru a window from the porch, and, taking off her own clothes, donned those of the doctor's girl. The next day the physician saw the girl on the street with the stolen garments and this led to her arrest and the discovery that she had been making regular midnight raids. She said she wanted the stolen things for Christmas presents.

Lines of the Lawson Boat.

Boston, Dec. 20.—B. B. Crowninshield provisionally completed the lines of the Lawson boat yesterday. The order for the steel frames has been placed.

In spite of statements to the contrary, the Defender may become the trial craft for the Boston boat, provided Mr. Lawson can obtain her at a reasonable sum, and a representative of Mr. Lawson is now in New York looking her over.

The top side of the Boston boat will be of nickel steel, the bronze plating coming up about as high as the plating on the Defender.

York L.O.L. No. 375.

York Lodge, L.O.L., No. 375, elected the following officers at their meeting held last night in the County Oranze Hall: W.M., Thomas Cook; D.M., William Campbell; chaplain, Andrew Kidd; recording secretary, Robert Cook; financial secretary, John Jess; treasurer, Thomas Brooks; D. of C., William Childs; lecturer, James Lance; auditors, J. Slater, A. H. Richardson; committee, James Leroy, S. Fry, J. Stanley, William Reeves, J. Nuttall.

Albion Lodge No. 1, S.O.E.

The following officers were elected at the meeting last night of Albion Lodge, No. 1, S.O.E.B.S.: President, W. H. Neal; vice-president, G. Smith; secretary, W. G. Partridge; treasurer, T. Brennand; chaplain, A. V. Pearce; I.G., J. Sanderson; O.G., F. Francis; physicians, Drs. Beatty and McFaul; committee, A. Neal, J. Hare, A. Wright, J. Fidler, E. Harneth, G. Nash.

Holy Trinity Y.P.G.

A pound concert for the benefit of the poor was given under the auspices of the Young People's Guild in Holy Trinity Schoolhouse last night. Those contributing to the program were Miss Parr and Miss Staneland, piano; Miss Whitt, violin; Miss Evelyn Davis and Mr. Scott, recitations; Mr. Crosby, cornet; Mr. C. J. Agar, reading. A number of homes will be rendered a bit brighter by the proceeds.

Australian Trip Abandoned.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—At the regular meeting of the Montreal Lacrosse Club last night, the Australian tour was considered, and the secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Allingham of Melbourne. Montreal does not see its way to go into the scheme unless Cornwall, National and Shamrocks are represented from the East, as well as Montreal and Toronto. This practically puts a veto on the proposition.

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Our Gents' Furnishing Department is crowded with useful Xmas Gifts, such as Lined Gloves, Mitts and Gauntlets, Silk Ties, Silk Handkerchiefs, Fancy Shirts, Dress Shirts, Collars, Cuffs, Braces, Neck Mufflers and Fine Underwear, in fleece-lined, Scotch wool, Ward's OK and natural wool. We also carry the best the market affords in Men's and Boys' Hats and Caps, in frieze cloth and fur (all shapes) at prices that will defy competition. Don't buy until you see us. Our prices are the lowest.

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Imperial Government Will Provide Sixty Cents a Day for Private Mulloy.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The War Office has notified the Militia Department that an Imperial pension of two shillings and sixpence a day has been granted to Private Mulloy of Winchester, who lost his eyesight from a Boer bullet. With the per diem allowance of $1, which it is said will be made to him from the Patriotic Fund, the blind veteran will receive about $1.60 a day. Private Mulloy, it is said, will resume his studies for the ministry, which he abandoned to serve in South Africa.

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HE ADMITTED FORGERIES.

Albert Hudson of Ottawa Sentenced Lightly Because of Previous Good Character.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 20.—Albert Hudson pleaded guilty at the Police Court to-day to the charges of forging A. Bannerman's name to a note for $95; of forging W. A. Cole's name to a note for $25, and to uttering these two forged notes, and Magistrate O'Keefe sentenced him to 12 months in the Central Prison. Mr. J. W. Patterson and Mr. R. G. Hay gave evidence regarding the previous good character of the prisoner.

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