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At Michie's

If everyone left their shopping until Christ nas eve, some would be

Plum Puddings in tins at Michie's for those who have not made any this season— and the finest Fruit, Peel and Spices for those who still intend to make.

"If it's from Michie's it's good." For Dessert - we offer good quality and good value in Almonds, Raisins, Nuts, Ginger, Glace Fruit, Figs, etc.

"Santa Chus Stockings are go-ing fast." Fancy Imported Biscuits, made by Huntley & Palmers, make up an excellent dessert mixture, containing up-

wards of 15 kinds of fine, "Ca-dinal Cream colates are always good."

While thinking of fancy products, remember also the essentials. Among these are good Tea and Coffee good Ham, Bacon and Butter-in these we excel at Michie's.

"The true measure of cheapness is quality." The Christmas Cracker

should be in every homeit is the mirth maker. Prices to suit all pursesover 100 varieties—from 15c

Michie & Co., 7 King St. West, 466 Spadina Ave. "The Home of the Christmas Cracker."

A CASE OF OATH AGAINST OATH.

London Cigar Firm's Suit Against A Peculiar One.

London, Dec. 20 .- The County Court here wound up with the disposal of the case of McKay & Co., cigar manufacturers of this city, against Edward McCormick, a Toronto otty, against Edward ancoormick, a forther hotelkeeper. The action was brought to re-cover \$133, the balance due on a promissory note. McCormick claimed to have paid the amount in dispute to the late Hugh Mc-Kay during the last week of April, 1897, when the latter called at his hotel, and, in support of his story, called two witnesses, who corroborated it in every detail. The plaintiffs swore in direct opposition to this twice during April, 1897, on both of which occasions he was returning from Ottawa. In one instance Mr. R. D. McDonald was with him and in the other Mr. O. E. Brener. Both these gentlemen, in the witness box, swore that Mr. McKay did not on either occasion see Mr. McCormick. Judgment was given for plaintiffs for the full amount of the note, with interest, in all \$170. Gibbons, Q. C., for plaintiff; McBrady, Toronto, for defendant.

THE HOUSE OF INDUSTRY

Will Permit Casuals to Remain All Winter.

The usual monthly meeting of the House of Industry Board was held yesterday afternoon, with Ald. Crane in the chair. The question of allowing casuals to remain in the wards for over three days was thoroughly discussed, and the superintendent's suggestion, that tramps be allowed to remain in the institution all winter, on the condition that they perform the labor tests, will be acted upon. The superintendent's report showed that for the past month 782 new families, including 1312 children, were relieved. The following were also distributed among the poor: 196 tons of coal, 30½ cords of wood, 3388 four-pound loaves of bread, a large amount of groceries, eight gallons of soup dally. One hundred and forty-five orders for breaking stone were issued, and the men in return received coal and wood for their labor. There were 251 casuals admitted, 11 being Torontonians. The treasurer's report showed an overdrawn bank account of \$488.49. of Industry Board was held yesterday af-

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY.

Hems of Passing Interest Gathered in and Around this Rusy City.

Organ holders in meerschaum; fine present
or smokers. Alive Bollard.

The Y.M.C.A. Debating Society held their regular weekly debate last night. Alive Boltary's famous cool mixture, in decorated tins, and only 30c; fine present. Holy Trinity Guild will visit the young people of St. John's Church, Norway, on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 10. Trustee Baird's special committee of the Public School Bourd were obliged to adjourn resterday for lack of a quorum.

The annual meeting of the Astronomical Association will be neld on Tuesday, 27th inst., at 8 o'clock, at the Canadian Institute.

George and William Travers of 459 Par-liament-street were arrested last night charged with being disorderly on Yonge-There are many applicants for the posi-tion of registrar of the Court of Appeal rendered vacant by the death of Alexander

Arabel Fenwick writes to the editor advocacing the cat-o'-nine tails as a punishment for women who brutally treat their children.

At the Armouries on Monday evening a fast game of baseball was played. The score was: Stanley Barracks 44, Royal Grenadiers 19. Grenadiers 19.
In the Divisional Court yesterday J. Mc-Cormack sued J. J. Walsh for \$60 on a horse deal. Judgment was given in favor of the defendant.

The reports sent in to the School Board officials by the tenchers of the various schools show a marked improvement in discipline during the year.

John Hammian was yesterday, by a de-dision of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court, allowed to rank as a preferred creditor in the estate of Reid & Co., Jum-ber merchants.

The members of Dr. Wilmott's Bible class called at his residence last night, to express their appreciation of his valuable services, by presenting him with "The Life and Times of Christ." Among the visitors at the Parliament Buildings yesterday were: W. Johnston of Peterboro; Percy Dewey of Buffalo, N.Y.; Gussie Lemon of Chicago, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Driscall of St. Paul, Mian.

Persiatic Plant Food gives strong, 719 orcus growth, hardy foliage and healthy roots. At your dealers or the Pickhardt-Renfrew Co. (limited), Stouffville,

THE BOYS WERE BOISTEROUS

And Principal Macdonald Called Them Down-They Said, "Hear!

The regret that a delighted andience feels is Now the Scheme of Mr. Tarte, of a favorite performer, was experienced by the crowded house that witnessed the exit last evening for their Xmas holidays of the ladies of the Presbyterian College. The closing program contained such merry pieces as Moszkowski's "Air de Ballet" and

deces as Moszkowski's "Air de Ballet" and orbett's "Butterflies," and the audience idn't need any doses of strychnine or abuilthe to enjoy it.

So celebrated an entertainment, of course, drew a host of joily male students from adjoining colleges, but their exhibitation for once got a douche of cold water to the fun was at its height, the princial, Rev. J. A. Macdonald, rushed with a ery flushed face to the front of the platform, and with menacing gestures told the tudents that they had stumbled into the tudents that they had stumbled into the trong hall and were too vulgar to associate the breath right out of the Dominion



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LADIES' JACKETS

KID GLOVES The newest styles and shades of relimble Gloves at moderate prices.



extend every facility at their disposal for

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in order to make shopping a pleasure at the Dry Goods Store.

DRESS PATTERNS Lengths of 6, 6½, 7 yards, \$1.95 to \$4.25; heretofore \$2.50 to \$7. KELVIN CAPES

are the correct shape of the fashion-able and serviceable golf cape, in the leading tartans of Scotland. LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS Hemstitched or Plain, in dainty boxes of a dozen; the most exten-sive of fine goods at low prices.

DUCHESS SATINS of which we keep the choicest col-lection, are much in demand this season, and form a pleasing gift. LACE CURTAINS

The warrantable makes in a variety of moderate prices and beautiful

TARTAN CLUB TIES in the rich patterns of the clans and families of Scotland.



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has been of service to our customers who appreciate the importance of quick, accurate service.

WALKING SKIRTS of Silk, Satin, Crepons, Tweeds, Serges, newest cut and colorings, best linings; our own make. MAIDS' AND

NURSES' CAPS Muslin and Lawn, 7c to 50c. MAIDS' APRONS with strings and bibs, fullest sizes, 35c to 75c.

BLANKETS of the best Canadian and English manufacture, single and double bed sizes, \$2 to \$20. THE "WILHELMINA" JABOT

in a variety of shades and sizes in Chiffon and Lace. 25c to \$7. EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS The choicest variety of patterns and best values, 15c to \$10.

OUR AIM-to sell only the best at the price in Dry Goods, and only Dry Goods.

KING STREET OPPOSITE THE POSTOFFICE.

According to Well-Grounded Reports in Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Would it real to Parry Sound? A great many peo-ple will reply in the affirmative, yet this is the grand project which the ever-active Mr. Tarte is evolving in his busy brain. For months it was known only to the few. The public caught on to the fact that La Patrie was giving column after column to booming the Parry Sound section of the road, yet the ultimate object was hidden by a veiled piea for trade for the Intercolonial. Mr. Tarte, it is said, has started out to convert the whole Cabinet to his way of thinking and that already Hon. Mr. Blair has succumbed to the great project of the Minister of Public Works and that two other Ministers are open to conviction. The idea is to buy the Booth system, unite it with the LC.E., and thus have one Government trunk line, extending from Halifax to the great lakes. Hon. Mr. Blair favors the scheme, so it is said, simply because the Canadian Pacific would oppose it, and although Mr. Tarte would not do anything to hurt Sir William Van Horne and Mr. Shauchnessy's feelings, he believes that a "business' feelings, he believes that a "business' stellar, and that a mighty campaign fund could in this manner be easily secured. This feature of the case has, it is reported, silenced the objections of more than one over-scrupulous member for Ontario. for months it was known only to the few

YOU MAY REST ASSURED That if it is From Jamieson's It's Good.

By shrewd business enterprise, by buy-ing in tremendous quantities, and by tak-ing the output of several large manufactur-ing concerns Mr. Philip Jamieson is thus able to give to his patrons goods of the first quality at a figure far below the usual retail one. Men's 25c Ties for 15c Each For Christmas the Rounded Corner has secured an extra fine and selected stock in all the latest and seasonable suggestions, the sale of which is now in progress. Those who desire to get something really superlative as a Yuletide gift should visit the Jamieson store, and they may then rest assured that their purchase is the best that can be procured for the money, and, what is more, it bears the name of "Jamieson," which is now universally recognized as the hallmark of quality.

BORING FOR OIL.

The Standard Oil Company Drill-200 feet below the surface. Work is carried on continuously, as there are shifts working night and day.

MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR,

The Blind Chaplain of the U.S. Senate Enumerates Some Mercies. Washington, D.C., Dec. 20.—In his invocation at the opening of to-day's session of the Senate, the chaplain returned thanks for the mercles of this memorable year, praised God for His guardianship of our soldiers and sailors, for the notable triumphs attending our arms, for the successful negotiations resulting in the treaty of peace soon to be delivered to the President, for the growing friendship between this country and the Dominion of Canada, and for all other mercles of which this country and its people have been the beneficiaries.

The Gordon Memorial College.
Editor World: General Lord Kitchener has proposed that "at Khartoum there should be founded and maintained with British money a college bearing the name of the Gordon Memorial College, to be a pledge that the memory of Gordon is still alive among us, and that his aspirations are at length to be realized."

The college is intended to inaugurate the education of the 3,000,000 inhabitants of the Soudan; it will be under the direction of the Governor-General of the Soudan, and the principal teachers will be British. There will be no interference with the religion of the inhabitants.

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Lord Kitchener has telegraphed to the Governor-General that he hopes the Canadian public will support his proposal, and His Excellency believes that the people of Canada will gladly welcome an opportunity of doing 80.

With this view an account has been opened in the name of Major Drummond, Governor-General's secretary, at the Bank of Montread, and all its branches throughout the Dominion, to which account subscriptions should be paid.

The amount of subscriptions will be voluntary down to a minimum of 25 cents. The subscription list will remain open for two months. L. G. Drummond, Major, Governor-General's Secretary.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.

A Special Christmas Delivery. A Special Christmas Delivery.

In addition to the regular daily delivery of fur purchases at Dineens', a spec'al Christmas Eve delivery has been provided for, which will assure the delivery in any part of the city before bedtime next Saturday night of every article purchased at Dineens' in the meantime, and which is to be cared for at the store until then. A small deposit payment can be made on any purchase at Dineens' now, and the article will be reserved for Dineens' special delivery on Christmas Eve. The store remains open until 10 every night until then.

The Demon Dyspepsia.—in olden time it was a popular belief that demons moved invisibly through the ablent air, seeking to enter into men and trouble them. At the present day the demon, dyspepsia, is at large in the same way, seeking habitation in those who by careless or unwise living invite him. And once he enters a man it is difficult to dislodge him. He that finds himself so possessed should know that a valiant friend to do battle for him with the unseen foe is Parmelee's Vegetable Pills, which are ever ready for the trial. ed

Sucker Creek Indians. Manitoulin Expositor; The Indians of Sucker Creek are coming to the front more and more, and are to-day a prosperous people. That they can appreciate efforts in their behalf was clearly shown yesterday, when they made a bee and got out about nine cords of wood for their pastor, Rev. W. J. Eccleston. That their kindness is appreciated goes without saying, and the Sucker Creek band deserve great credit for their thoughtfulness and kindness.

Rises to Explain. Rev. Arthur Browning desires it to be stated that the letter read at the Jenanyan investigation by Mr. Anderson had been passed upon aix years ago by the New York Presbytery, and Mr. Jenanyan wholly exonerated.

## The SIMPSON GO. Limited



To clear them out we have decided to put the price Thursday at \$6.75 each. A decided bargain for anyone wanting these sizes, and the 2 dozen quantity won't last long into the day.

Men's Thursday Morning. Ties in our large special puffs and graduate four-in-hands, new Christmas patterns, in light and dark fancy patterns of silk and satin. They are our regular special 25c ties, but on Thursday morning the above quantity go on sale at 8 o'clock for 15c each.

Fancy Goods Department. THREE SPECIALTIES FOR THURSDAY. Japan Wall Pockets, papier nache, wild rose decorations,

box measures 5½ x 5½ inches, slikolius linings, embossed fioral and wording decorations, per set....1.50

Mexican Onyx Three lines of Tables. these attractive tables, so much in vogue for parlor furnishing, will be on sale Thursday morning at these little prices made little in the interest of Christmas shoppers :-

Covered Sofa Cushions. 

Children's Picture Books. Young Folks Classics, large quarto size, board covers, illuminated, illustrations on every page, contain such good tales as Grimms' Fairy Tales, Wood's Natural History, The Arabian Nights, Anderson's Fairy Stories, Robinson Crusoe, The Pilgrims Progress, Aesop's Fables, etc., 25

Prayer and Hymn Books. English Church Prayer and Hymn Books, in padded or limp leather bind-ings, plain and fancy designs, gilt edges, good clear print, a large as-sortment to choose from.

Books Are All Right.

Poets, in cloth binding, gold headbands, good clear print, contains Longfellow, Burns, Moore, Shakespeare, Byron, Whittler. 40 "Escutcheon Library." bound in Holliston buckram, new design, in gold and inks, on side and back, ribbon marker, boxed to match binding, includes Makers' of Venice Makers' of Florence. Scottish Chiefs, Notre Dame, Rienzi, Henry Esmond, Fifteen Decisive Battles, French Revolution, and a lot of other standard works, publisher's price \$1, our price.

Millinery Specials. 65 only Children's and Infants' Silk Embroidered Knitted and Elder Wool Hoods, 90c, \$1, \$1.25, Thurs- 50

A table of Trimmed Hats and Bonnets for Thursday, you can choose from 40 of them at half price,

Handkerchiefs for Presents. 

How About It is time Your Xmas Tree? you had all the trimming selected for your Xmas tree.

# Handsome Turkish



Nothing like the display ever before shown in Toronto-real Oriental rugs. A rug for \$25.00, rugs at \$35.00, rugs at \$50.00, rugs at \$100.00, rugs at \$150.00, and, prince of them all, a magnificent Persian rug at \$1,900.00. Everyone should see this exhibi-

Table One of the staple de- | Men's Clothing Thursday. Linens. partments of the store that's doing its share in answering the question, "What Shall the Present Be?"

2 x 2½ yards Full Bleached Table Cloth, finished with border all around, guaranteed all pure linen, superior quality and finish, in newest floral 1.50 designs, each.

1½ x 1½ yards Table Cloth, full bleached, with border all around, warranted all pure linen, double damask and satin finish, in new floral 80 patterns, each ... 80 patterns, each ... 80 Bleached, Double Damask, Satin Finished Table. Napkins, in Irish and Scotch makes, warranted all linen, in full assortment of new de 1.50 18 x 26 inches Bleached Damask Tray Cloth, with hemstitched edge, in very fine quality, double damask 40 22 x 32 inches Fine All White Damask 5 O'Clock Tea Cloth, with sewn fringe and fancy open work centre, guaranteed pure linen and very fine quality, each ... 60

Our dress goods
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Horse Show—Top Floor. While you are on the top floor take a look at the Horse showsome fine horses are being sold for small prices, such as :-15 Large Skin Covered Rocking and Platform Horses, dapple greys, blacks and chestnuts, big enough for boys of 5 years, many have been bringing \$3.50, some \$3.75, Thurs. 2.75

White Sofa Cushions. 300 White Cambric Sofa Cushlons, extra well filled with Manitoba down, the best imitation of real feather down, light in weight, odorless and guaranteed not to mat. These prices are for Thursday only:—

18 x 18...300 20 x 20...450

22x 22....580 24 x 24....680

Purses. -GROUND Ladies' Combination Purse and Card Case, in real morocco, alligator and crushed morocco, ticket pocket, 2,00 Rugs.

Must go around well dressed at the holiday season. See how easy it is to accomplish this end at our Thursday

prices :-Imported Black Clay Worsted Prince Albert Coat style, lined with fine farmer satin, best of sleeve lin-ings, finished with silk stitched edges and silk facings, elegantly tailored, perfect in fit and finish, for—

Dress Goods Extras.



Men's Fine Imported All Wool Black Clay Worsted Suits, cut in slugge-breasted sacque or cutaway morning style, lined with best farmer's satin, superior trimmings, extra well tallored, warranted fast colors, fit and fluish equal to ordered work, on 10.00 Men's All Wool English Frieze Overcoats, in black and heather mixture, good heavy fancy check tweed lining. French facings, medium length, finished with velyet collar and satin piping. S. B. fly front style, in sizes 36 to 44, warranted fast colors, 8.00

and Vest, cut and made in the latest style, lined with

Print Dress Lengths. 

Gloves for Gitts. 

A Twenty-five Cent Circle. You cannot afford to miss paying a visit to our top floor on Thursday, and those who come early can pick up such snaps as these:—Box of Metal Furniture, 7 pieces, regular 50c; Nickel-Plated Banks, combination lock; Tin Stoves and Furniture, regular 50c; Skin Covered Horses, on platform, regular 50c; Leather Covered Animals, regular 50c; Craniteware Dishes, in box, regular 50c; Graniteware Dishes, in box, regular 50c; Painted Metal Soldiers, regular 50c; These and many other 50c toys will be found on the top floor Thursday 25

Calendars and Xmas Cards. ON FIRST FLOOR. "God is Our Hope," a 4 leaf calendar, with chain, shaped edges, Scripture verses, floral designs, Thurs. 20 "Gifts and Graces," a large 6 leaf drop calendar, cut out edges, bouquets of carnations, roses and forget. 25 me-nots, Thursday. 25 "He Careth for You;" a 12 page turnover calendar, assorted flowers and rustic scenes, Thurs. 50

Majolica Pedestals, Jardinieres and Umbrella Stands.

These attractive pieces have been much admired on the stairways leading to our Basement during the past few weeks. We have many more and could sell all these also at regular prices. We are afraid they would be broken in the crush of the last days before Christmas, and so will sell them Thursday morning at the following broken prices :-

7 Majolica Umbrella Stands, assorted colors, regular price \$4.50, 3.00 Thursday
5 Decorated Porcelain Umbrella Stands, a useful and ornamental piece for the hall regular \$7.50 and \$8, 5.00 Thursday \$7 and \$7.50, Thursday.

7 Tall Pedestals, with large handsome jardiniere to match, new and selected designs, hardly two alike, regular \$9, \$10 and \$12, Thurs 8.00

Italian Marble Columns, for supporting bust or jardiniere, \$8 kind for \$5, \$10 kind for \$7, \$17 kind 12.00

Under the At Xmas tide Evening Lamp. and longafter you will enjoy the cosy comfort of a well-lighted room if you profit by this suggestion. Real profit to you it will be at the prices we name for Thursday. Your saving below the actual value will be from \$3.00 to \$10.00, according to the choice you make. Here are the items :

you make. Here are the items:

15 Banquet Lamps, some all brass, some with onyx column, some decorated opal with globes, all centre draft burner with lift out oil pot, these have been marked regularly at from \$5.50.

12 Reception Table and Banquet Lamps, some massive decorated lamps, with globes, some rich Roman gold table lamps, some fine solid brass banquet lamps, regular prices \$11.50 to 6.75.

A Few Very Fine Lamps, the most select designs of best American makers, really handsome works of art, regular prices up to \$21, 10.50.

Thursday's Attractions at the Xmas Sections of the Drug Department.

Beautiful Flannel Covered Hot Water Bottles, an excellent present for a delicate person, Thurs- 1.75 Roger & Gallet's Bulk Perfumes, genuine, all odors, Thurs- 30 A Pair of Solid Ebony Genuine Dupont Military Hair Brushes, the best made, in a handsome leather case, an ideal Xmas gift for a gentleman, Thursday. 5.00

Art Needlework Hand paint-Department. ed Limoges china, consisting of bon-bon trays. celery dishes, pin trays, cups and saucers-we are going to clear these goods out on Thursday regardless of cost-they are beautiful goods and well worth seeing: Handsome Hand Embroidered Irish Linen 5 O'Clock Table Covers, with drawn work, regular \$4.50, 3.00

A spiendid assortment of the popular Renaissance Lace Goods, in dolleys, centres, tray cloths, runners and table covers: 

Silks for Xmas Special sell-Decorations. ing in Japanese and China Silks at the time