WOODS'FAIR

Santa Claus' Headquarters and Workroom

Toys from every part of the globe to be found there. Be sure and let the children come this week and see the real live Santa Claus, who walks and talks with them. Our immense toy department (upstairs) is now a perfect fairyland. Come and see the doll show, the pretty faces and handsome dresses.

We easily have the largest variety, easily the best values, and we are easily the most popular store in Lon-

Shop in the morning if possible, as more can be seen and accomplished from 9 to 12 than in twice as many hours in the afternoon.

SPECIAL VALUES IN TOYS THIS WEEK.

Kindergarten Sets, table and 2 chairs, beautifully red enamelled, large size, well made. Special at, set \$1.50 Something new. Tucks's mechanical animals, 5 in box, instructing and full of surprises. Price, box 25c. Hockey Sticks, made of best seasoned rock elm. Special at, Hockey Pucks, each...... 15c and 25c Doll's Carriage-Wicker doll carriages at, each 25c, 35c, 40c and 50c Also Bicycle-Wheeled Carriages and Go-Carts. Special line at, each 65c and \$1 Also an extra fine Carriage, upholstered, and with fancy parasol, special price this week \$1.75 Boys' and Cirls' Sleighs-Special values in boys' and girls' low and high sleighs at 25c and 35c Extra fine spring-runner sleighs at 50c and 75c Baby Sleighs, with steel runners, high and low back, finished in light oak. Price, each \$1.25 and \$1.50 PRETTY BOXES OF STATIONERY, 25c.

Our Stationery Boxes were never as nice. They are simply beautiful, and you will wonder how we can sell them at the prices. See our special at, this week, 25c Other lines at 10c, 15c, 19c and up as high \$1.50 a box THOUSANDS OF BOOKS AT POPULAR PRICES. Cloth-Bound Books at 10c and 15c Pansy Books for Girls at 19c An especially attractive line, with beautiful, fancy covers, Christmas Umbrellas, in gold and silver mounting, extra

WOODS' FAIR J. M. THOMSON

RALPH SMITH MAY

nan, minister of inland revenue,

Ralph Smith, M. P. for Nanaimo, and

Wm. Sloan, M. P. for Comox-Atlin,

the two Liberal members from British Columbia, are in conference with the

Prime Minister, regarding the cabinet

representation of the Pacific coast

Mr. Sloan arrived yesterday morn-

ing on the heels of Mr. Smith, and both

were favored with an opportunity of

In the event of Mr. Templeman's

Smith is spoken of as his successor.

ALL ORIENTAL BUSINESS

Hill and Harriman Lines Refuse to

Publish Freight Tariffs.

corporation, is the only railway doing usiness in the United States with the

Drient which has complied with the

umission that carriers handling

ruling of the interstate commerce

freight and merchandise partly by rail

and partly by ocean steamship shall

publish the amount charged for the

rail haul and the amount represented

for the ocean journey separately. The

Canadian Pacific has filed with the

commission a statement of its tariffs

showing its through and proportioned

class commodity rates from points in

Illinois and seven other middle west-

ern states to Vancouver B. C., and from that point to points in the Orient and

Other transcontinental lines, includ-

ing the Hill and Harriman combina-

tions, declined to comply with the

ruling of the commission and with-

drew their tariffs, substituting in their

places tariffs showing heavy increases

from all points east to the Pacific

and purposes this means the with-

drawal of the American lines from the

Oriental trade, and most of it will now

go via Vancouver, giving the Canadian

Pacific a practical monopoly with its

niddle western railway connections of

Members of the commission express

themselves as puzzled at the attitude

of the big transcontinental lines in

practically withdrawing from the

ransportation of merchandise and

POINT IN LIFE INSURANCE.

St. Paul, Dec. 15 .- A life insurance

policy contained the following condi-

tion in a case tried in Minnesota:

"Provided, however, that noo bliga-

tion is assumed by the company prior

to the date hereof, nor unless on said

date the assured is alive and in sound

health." The supreme court of Minne-

sota held, in an action against the

company on the policy (Murphy vs.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Com-

pany), that the defendant's promise

was conditional; that it was the fact

of the sound health of the insured which determined the liability of the

defendant; not his apparent health, or his or anyone's opinion or belief that

the policy did not mean perfect

health, but an absence of any disease

that had a direct tendency to shorter

was in sound health, and that the term "sound health" as it was used in

reight to the Orient.

this valuable transportation business.

Coast, but not beyond. To all intents

C. P. R. LINE SECURES

Unsolicited Praise

At the Franco-**British Exhibition**

London, England, Musical

News, July 25, 1908: The Nordheimer pianos, in particular, need fear no comparison, as far as uprights go, with any competitor, and it is a matter for congratulation that such excellent instruments are manufactured in Can-

The above is one of the many unsolicited testimonials bestowed upon NORDHEIMER PIANOS. These famous instruments are known and adover the British mired all

We have a slightly used Nordheimer Piano on sale this week. Regular price, \$350; now, \$275. Terms-\$10 cash, and

188 DUNDAS STREET, T. C. WRIGHT, Manager. Established 1840.



know Will make the Bread that's And all my skill On Beaver Flour's reputation;
"The popular flour of the nation."

Beaver Flour the original Blended Flour

TO PROBE WALL STREET

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 15 .- Governor Hughes last night anunced the appointment of a committee of nine consisting of bankers, businessmen and economics to inquire into the facts surrounding the business of exchanges in New York, and to suggest "what changes, if any, are advisable in the state bearupon speculation in securities and commodities, or relating to the protection of investors; or with regard to the instrumental ties and organizations used in dealing in securities and commodities which are the subject of speculation."

The committee named includes: Horace White, author and editor; Charles A. Schleren, merchant, formerly mayor of Brooklyn; David Leaventritt, former justice of the supreme court; Clark Williams, state superintendent of banks; John B. Clark, professor of political economy in Columbia University; William B. King, banker, president Columbia Trust Company, a member of the firm of Faulkner, Page & Co.; Samuel H. Orday, lawyer, New York; Edward D. Page, of New York, and Charles Sprague Smith, director of People's Institute, all of New York

The committee is to serve without compensation, and it is understood that all have signified their willingness to act. The commission has been asked by the governor to report as early

The Night Riders and State Troops Face to Face in Battle Array

Trial of Rankin's Murderers May troops all available men have been sworn in as deputy officers. Bring on a Bloody

Conflict. Union City, Tenn., Dec. 15.-What diery of the state to aid the civil may mean the last bloody stand of authorities in the hunting down and the famous Tennessee nightriders is prosecution of the members of the The investigation of the depreda-

by no means an impossibility in this clan. city within the next day or so. Eight tions of the nightriders clan began of the mountaineers are in a prison within two days of the killing of

attorney, Rankin.

be seen on the streets at any time, which was questioned, ending a week while pending the arrival of the state ago,

The eight men are charged with the putting to death of Captain Quentin Rankin, a prominent attorney of Trenton, Tenn., the culminating act of a series of outlawry so highhanded as to call for the mustering of the sol-

er's dock charged with murder, and Captain Rankin on the night of Oct. hundreds of their fellow clansmen are 19. Since that time, under the perpouring into Union City, vowing by the sonal direction of Governor Patterclan bond of the mountains that not a son, an unrelenting crusade has been hair of the heads of their leaders shall waged, and resulted in the arrest of several hundred men. The circuit It is to guard against this that Gov. court was convened in special session Patterson has rushed state troops to and as fast as secured, the evidence this city to preserve law and order was presented and more than 150 inand convict the murderers of the slain dictments have been found, charging various degrees of lawlessness. The The townspeople are staying in- present is the second term of the doors. Women and children are not to court, the first term, the legality of

Premature Blast Knocks Out Four

Ottawa, Dec. 15.-As the result of Bigras, Gatineau Point, aged 19, fracan explosion in one of the Portland tured shoulder and arm; Louis Guiv-Cement Company quarries, outside rement, Ottawa, fractured leg, in the Hull, yesterday morning, four men lie hospital, and Wm. McEwen and J. FOLLOW TEMPLEMAN in the Water Street Hospital, one of Transblay, of Hull, are less seriously

Nanaimo Man Spoken of as Probability others are slightly injured.

Thomas McKinstry was connecting The injured are: Thomas McKins- fuses for a blast at the bottom of the try, Wrightville, aged 32, fractured quarry, but the explosion occurred feet; Alphonse Belanger, Hull, aged prematurely and the laborers had not Ottawa, Dec. 15.-Hon. Wm. Temple- 47, skull seriously fractured; Zelphas time to clamber within safe distance.

Good News for York Loan Folk

Toronto, Dec. 15. - There was good This month so far over \$17,000 worth news today for the shareholders of has been disposed of, and with the the defunct Yo.k Loan Company at the noon the amount will go up to \$20,000. offices of the National Trust Company, discussing the matter with Sir Wilfrid liquidators.

This represents a sale of about 750 feet of land in all sizes of parcels from Last December, which was consider- 25 to 150 feet. The lots sold are those ed a better month for real estate in on the west side of Roncesvalles avewithdrawal from the cabinet, Mr. general than the present month, saw nue, and extending west to Sunnyside \$300 worth of York Loan lands sold, avenue,

No More Japs To Enter United States

Washington, Dec. 15 .- The Canadian Pacific Railway Company, a foreign

Washington, Dec. 15 .- All Japanese | lem that is said to be upon the eve of emigration to America to be stopped fruition. Secured through the tact of by a voluntary order of the Mikado's Secretary or State Root, R is declared the edict is expected to remove at Secretary of State Root, it is declared | Government — this is the immediate once and for all time the last possible solution of the Jap-American prob- cause of trouble between the two

THE STARR HOCKEY SKATES

To every boy and girl in London who will bring four of the fol

The Advertiser Office

I hereby state that I have not taken THE LONDON ADVER TISER regularly for the past 30 days, and in consideration of The Advertiser furnishing a pair of Hockey Skates free to

(Boy's or Girl's Name)

I order The London Advertiser and agree to pay for the same at the rate of 10 cents per week for at least twelve (12) weeks.

Start Paper Address

SPECIAL NOTICE Start Today To Earn a Prizo

Bring in each order as soon as you get it, and it will be placed

- A Bone-Handled (2 blades) Knife for one order.
- A Pearl-Handled (2 blades) Knife for two orders. A Gunmetal Watch for three orders.
- A Waterson Fountain Pen for one order. Better ones for two or

Hockey Stick for one order.

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WEATHER PROBS:

Fair

TUESDAY, DEC. 15. Limited

TEAROOM OPEN TOMORROW

Temporary arrangements having been completed, everything is now in running order for serving light refreshments on the fourth floor-and our TEAROOM will hold its initial reception tomorrow. This will be found a restful and refreshing spot for the tired shopper, and an innovation that will be heartily welcomed by the ladies. Take the elevator to the fourth floor.

IT'S SIMPLE AFTER ALL

The Solution of the Christmas Problem.

This is the report from many sources everywhere you turn these mornings. You hear expressions of pleasure from the early-morning shoppers. These delighted shoppers are telling their friends what a pleasure it is to come out first thing in the morning to arrive at SMALLMAN & INGRAM'S early, and be able to turn in any direction and find someone, not only willing, but able, and with leisure to help, and to make sure that the right address is put on your packages, and the delivery be made when it

your selections are made with ease. The importance of these little things is so well known and worth while, that we are not surprised to find the band of morning shoppers increasing daily. STORE OPENS AT 8 O'CLOCK. USE THE PRECIOUS MORNING HOURS.

should; and instead of rushing your-

self into the purchase of something,

Fancy Wool Waistings

Fast Color, Printed (All-Wool).

Fine French Serges, 55c Quality, 35c Yard

To clear out quickly, we have made a collection of these good odd lines and short ends; some only a couple of waist lengths. The material is heavier than wool delaine, but not quite as heavy as French flannel—a nice weight for odd waists or sacks, and consists of plaid and fancy stripes. Stripes are in old rose, red and purple; plaid in green; also some cream grounds with black ring design of small dots. A splendid opportunity this for Christmas. But come now, the quantities are not large. All were 55c a yard.

French Wool Challies

Cream grounds with dainty, colored spots, sprigs and floral designs; also navy and black grounds, with white spots. These make pretty waists, sacks, kimonos and children's dresses; 30 inches wide. A yard 45¢, 50¢, 75¢ and 85¢

A length of one of these in a pretty box makes a pretty and acceptable gift. Boxed free of charge. SECOND FLOOR.

Store closes

6 p.m. daily,

under the passport agreement.

vas dedicated on Sunday last.

tains 26 schools at a yearly cost of \$12,-

greement.

A long series of negotiations

Saturday.

included.

Men's House Coats---These Are an Actual Necessity

Better have your pick of these while such values are to be had.

Long House Robes, \$3 and \$4.75

This assortment consists of German Velour and Tweed Robes, all nicely finished, and good range of colors. Exceptional prices for such coats. Each \$3 and \$4.75

Also another special-priced lot of two-tone German Velour Robes, in navy, brown, green and grey; finished with satin binding; handsome styles for such a low price. Each \$5.75

Other lines in soft wool blanketing, handsome scroll designs, in cardinal, grey and brown. Comfortable and durable. Only, each.....

... \$5.75 and \$8.75 Men's Long House Robes of double-faced cloth, light and dark colors, finished down front, collar, pockets, etc., with stitched broadcloth; bands same, with facings of cloth, and finished with cord also. Prices \$7.50 to \$12

Smoking Jackets, \$3.75 to \$11.00

A handsome assortment of these popular Double-Faced Cloth House Coats for Men, pockets, collar and cuffs trimmed with reverse side of cloth, and at prices to suit all purses. Each \$3.75, \$5, \$5.50, \$6.50, \$7.50 to \$11

Now is the time to make your selection in these, while the assortment and sizes are complete. If you wish, have your choice reserved. THIRD FLOOR-TAKE ELEVATOR.

For Your Evening Dress New Mercerized Mulls

Beautiful quality these, in pretty evening shades of pink, pale blue, yellow, mauve, brown, nile, black and white, with the finish of silk (note the width), 46-inch; fast colors. Yard 25¢

For Fancy Aprons

Dotted Swiss Muslins, in pin dot and large pots. These make very dainty, fancy aprons; 30-inch. At, yard 20¢, 25¢, 35¢, 40¢ and 50¢

Mercerised Brocade Sateens

40-inch, self-colors. A yard 35¢ The new idea in coat and bodice lining.

These are now being shown in our lining department, in myrtle, navy, brown, fawn, rose, cream and black; 40-inch. A yard 35¢ RICHMOND ST .- SOUTH AISLE.

IN TOYTOWN Drums and Horns

It would not seem like Christmas morning to awaken and not hear the sound of the children's drums and horns, and the boys' brigade Q on the march. They will take a dollar's worth of fun out of a 15c horn.

HORNS, 15¢ up to \$1 each. Our dollar \$ instrument is a solid brass, three-tone cornet—

DRUMS, 30¢ to \$1.25 each. The \$1.25 Drum is a snare drum, and a good one. IN THE BASEMENT.

Richmond

cause Mr. Stratton was not personally SIR WILFRID'S ANSWER

power the support, and co-operation of the United States in its interna-To Protest Against His Election fo tional relations whenever this country Ottawa City. can take such pronounced stand withcat endangering its own peaceful re-Toronto, Dec. 15 .- Sir Wilfrid Laurlations with other treaty powers. ier's preliminary objections to the elec-

The formal announcement of the tion petition entered against him in new order is expected from Baron Ottawa were filed at Osgoode Hall, Komura, Japanese foreign minister, yesterday. when the Jap Diet meets in a few

kett in the election, that by promises and highway robbery. Martin, who is ween Secretary Root and Baron of employment, the giving of money said to be well connected in the Cana-Takahira, Japanese ambassador in and other considerations he was guilty dian town, is accused with two comof bribery; that no affidavit was pre- panions, also under arrest, of enticing Washington, is given credit for the sented or filed by the petitioner; the George Robinson, a rich oil producer, paper purporting to be such being sign- of Butler, Pa., to the Water street ed and sworn to by him without his wharf, attacking him and leaving him The Lutheran Church in Stratford having any knowledge of its contents, for dead. Robinson is still in a hos-

The township of Yarmouth main- good faith, but is purely vexatious. life.

F. Hanson, a Danish wrestler, was J. H. Burnham in West Peterboro were his guilt, but the police say they have committed for trial yesterday ot heard by Mr. Justice Britton. George got the right man. Martin refused to Stratford, on a charge of carrying ex- Holmstead, K. C., clerk of the court, tell of his Brantford friends, saying he Work on the Ontario West Shore give evidence as to the currency in graced. that the protest should be void be tured.

served with notice. BRANTFORD MAN IN TROUBLE

and Charged With Assault.

Pitsburg, Pa., Dec. 15. - Following a chase extending through several Among the objections are that the states and lasting two months, Thos. weeks. It will put an absolute ban petition of Menard was not presented P. Martin, of Brantford, Ont., was arupon emigration, but will permit by a person who has a right to vote, rested last night at Rochester, Pa., by travel, so that merchants, students and on that ground Menard is dis- Detectives Lally and Dillon, and and tourists from that country will be qualified; that the petitioner hired brought to Pittsburg, and placed in free to come and go as at present horses, carriages and other vehicles Central station. He will have to anfor John L. Chabot and Thomas Bir- swer a charge of attempted murder

and that the petition is not made in pital, and will leave it a cripple for The preliminary objections of Hon. Martin was caught while visiting a J. R. Stratton to the protest filed by female friend in Rochester. He denies

was subpoenzed by the petitioner to didn't wish to have his relatives dis-

Electric Railway from Goderich to which the security was paid. The Brantford police will be asked Kincardine is progressing rapidly. The petitioner alleges that the \$1,000 bill in for information concerning him. Marbonds have been floated and the con- which the security was paid was legal tin was traced through Ohio, Marystruction work will be hurried in the tender. The petitioner also claims land and New York before being cap-