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**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING**

The Christmas season is again near at hand, and The Advocate once more makes an appeal to its many readers to patronize home merchants and thus help to keep their money in circulation in their own town that it may act as an offset for the large amount of money that is being raised for the relief of the Belgians and others who are affected by the present war.

A good portion of the money raised has to be sent away, and in order to offset this and keep the wheels of prosperity moving in our own town, it is almost imperative that every dollar spent during the Christmas, as well as other seasons, is spent here.

The merchants of Newcastle and in particular those whose ads appear weekly in this paper, have gone to the same expense and pains to stock up for the Christmas trade the most suitable goods to please the tastes of their customers, notwithstanding the business depression existing all over Canada due to the war, and the buying public should realize the necessity of patronizing them and thereby leaving their money to circulate here in town.

This issue of The Advocate is full of Christmas offerings. Offerings that are bargains, and Christmas novelties that are the equal of any mail order house in Canada. Why make other cities rich with your husband's hard earned money he receives in town? Why cry hard times, no work and low wages, when there are many so anxious to send their low wages out of town for their wants?

We know of an instance of a man here in Newcastle who knocked the town because he could not get employment, the merchants because they charged too much for their goods, (according to his view) and everything else that came in his way, and at the same time every article of wearing apparel on his back came from a mail order house. What right has that man to complain? Where does a man of that class fit in any town? As we tell the man who spends his money in booze and then begs for a meal to go to those who got his money, so we should say to the man who sends his money out of town, to look to the mail order houses for work. This is a plain case of reciprocity between the man of labor and the merchant which the former should always bear in mind and encourage.

There is one fact in regard to the mail order house, and that is, that people living in the cities where these houses are have to pay more there for that same article than the merchants ask for it here. This goes to show local merchants do not overcharge for their goods but find it hard in some cases to compete with the mail order system. The shrewd buyer will find in many instances that goods purchased at home are cheaper in the end than the same lines of goods purchased by mail. During the next few days just take a walk around town and make a visit to each store you see advertised in this paper. Look over their Xmas novelties and see if you cannot find something at a price suitable to your

purse. Remember the privilege you have at home of examining each article, a privilege you do not get from the mail order houses.

Remember also that brisk business brings good cheer and drives away dull cares. Both good cheer and a lively business are wanted at this particular season of the year, and it remains with the buying public to have it so. More Xmas advertisements will appear in our next issue, and we would respectfully advise the good housewife to keep an eye on these columns.

Mrs. Harry Doan and daughter Beatrice, of Halifax, are in town visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson.

**THE CLOCK OF BELGIUM HAS ABSOLUTELY STOPPED**

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"From the nature of things, it is impossible for the commission even to possess an opinion on the rights and wrongs which have created this situation. The Germans flatly state that the people of Belgium are normally dependent on the importation of foodstuffs for five-sixths of their subsistence, that the Germans have not the slightest objection to the Belgians, or any one else, importing foodstuffs into Belgium, that it is not the Germans who have blocked the overseas supply, and that there is no obligation upon them to feed the civil population which could, through the normal course of trade, obtain subsistence. The allies, on the other hand, contend that a free port for the importation of foodstuffs into Belgium, would practically amount to an entrapment for food supplies for the Germans. It is enough for us that there are seven million people ground between two gigantic millstones.

"We are meeting with no obstruction from the military authorities of Belgium in the prosecution of our work. Not one loaf of bread, or one spoonful of salt, that we have introduced, has been taken by the military. The most stringent orders have been given that we shall have no interference, and our members meet with respect and assistance in all quarters.

"There are considerable quantities of vegetables available in certain districts. In some localities there is still a supply of cereals for two weeks, but in certain localities there has been no bread available for over a fortnight. Every soul will be dependent upon us for bread within thirty days.

"So far, our efforts have necessarily been devoted to provisioning the larger centres. It requires organization and patience to be able to penetrate the outlying towns and villages. It will be difficult for the people of the United States to comprehend the difficulties which we meet with, in purely executive matters, in the elaboration of this work.

"The clock has absolutely stopped in Belgium. An industrial country which was dependent upon the overseas before, is now walled up with seventy per cent. of the people idle. There are no telegraphs, telephones, railways or postoffices, except for military purposes. The Belgians, of a military necessity, are not allowed to pass from their own home towns, and consequently there is no communication throughout the country, except by personal visits of our own members.

"Transportation by rail is possible in only a few directions, and then must await military necessity. The wonderful canal system is blocked in many places by the destruction of bridges, and some canals have been allowed to run dry. Therefore, it becomes part of our business to get these cleared, and to stimulate the subsidiary transport services of the country, not only for the transportation of our food, but to permit the transportation of coal from the Belgian mines—a sore necessity this winter.

"There are no courts and the prisons have been emptied, but the gendarmerie have remained at their posts, and are themselves both policemen and judges. The people are most law-abiding. The central and

provincial governments have disappeared. The city and communal governments, however, still exist, and through them the distribution of food is being arranged. The Belgians are applying themselves with the most extraordinary devotion to the perfection of this organization, and if we lacked any other inspiration for exertion in our part of the labor to save these people, sufficient lies in this devoted work of the rich and the poor, a veritable democracy of fame which is working right and day to perform their part.

"The detail of the method is that after investigation by the communal authorities, food tickets are issued, indicating the number and amount of rations the holder is entitled to, and twice daily this ticket is presented by the holder to the food canteens for its quota, and is duly purchased. The rations consist of bread, soup, containing potatoes, together with a little coffee and salt.

"All those who can afford to pay are compelled to pay the communal authorities at the rate of four cents per ration. The destitute are given tickets free. The communal authorities contribute to the relief committees one cent per diem per capita on the local tickets issued in their district, they obtaining this revenue from the tickets sold, or by public subscription in the districts through the national committee, under our supervision. These funds ultimately become available to us for the purchase of food. Furthermore, the same ration of bread and salt per diem is sold through the bakeries to agreed lists of the more well-to-do population, and as this bread is disposed of at a positive profit, our income has some further increase. Taking it altogether, about one half of the funds which we send to Belgium are paid for, so when the American people contribute two shiploads of food, they enable us to buy one more cargo.

"As a type of organization, that of Brussels is simply a large example of those in each locality. In that city at present there are fourteen communal kitchens and 137 canteens for adults, and there are sixteen kitchens and thirty-four canteens for children under three years of age. For adults service, food is prepared in the communal kitchen and is distributed to the canteens twice daily. The kitchen and canteens for babies are maintained as a separate organization in each commune.

"In order to guarantee that children are properly fed, and that they are not subjected to the rigorous rations issued to adults, parents are compelled to produce all children to communal doctors, who are on constant duty in charge of the canteens. Five different kinds of tickets are issued to the mothers calling for different types of rations. The tickets for the first six months of a child's life are practically for milk alone. Various grades of tickets gradually evolve into the introduction of more solid foods, until children three years old and over, fall on the general canteen. In order to provide milk, the communes have taken over dairies.

"The amount and character of the destitution may perhaps be appreciated from the present conditions in Brussels. Of the population of about 650,000 remaining in the city, an average of 218,000 were on the adult

canteens, and 31,000 babies were on the baby canteens last week or more than one-third of the total population. There is probably no more pitiable sight ever presented than the long lines of mothers with children in arms, waiting their turn at these canteens. In the industrial districts where the people naturally would have less stores or hand than in the capital, a much larger population is now on the communal canteens, in some instances over sixty per cent. of the whole number.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY**  
SUNDAY SERVICES

**Salvation Army**  
Capt. P. Forbes  
Holiness Meeting—11 a. m.  
Praise and Testimony Meeting—3.00 p. m.  
Salvation Meeting—8 p. m.  
Public Meetings—Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays—8.00 p. m.

**HOT SUPPER**

The Ladies Aid of St. James Church will hold their annual

**Tea and Sale**

of Aprons and Fancy Articles suitable for Xmas Gifts, also Home made Candy in the

**NEW HALL**  
ON  
**THURS. DEC. 10**

Doors open for sale at 4 o'clock. Supper served from 5.30 to 7.30.

Supper Tickets 50c

**Teacher Wanted**

First or Second Class teacher wanted for Strathadam School, District No. 12, to commence Jan. 1st. Salary \$200 a year. Apply to MAJOR McTAVISH, Secretary.

**WHERE YOU CAN BUY THE ADVOCATE**

BURTON ANDERSON... Douglstown  
JOHNSON'S BOOKSTORE... Chatham  
GEO. R. VANDERBECK... Millerton  
JARVIS McCURDY... Redbank

**I HAVE MOVED**

My Entire Stock of Harness, Horse Furnishings  
Shoe Packs and Leather Goods  
**TO THE FISH BUILDING**

Next door to Ferguson's Grocery, where I will be in a better position to wait upon the needs of my many customers.

Thanking you for your past patronage and trusting to merit a continuance of same,

Respectfully yours,  
**G. M. LAKE, - NEWCASTLE, N. B.**  
Phone 161

**COME AND LET US SHOW YOU CHRISTMAS GIFTS THAT ARE JUST WHAT YOU WANT**

Our Holiday stock gives you new ideas and is easy to select from it supplies exactly what you want and does it at prices that delight you. This is to let you know that we are fully prepared to take the contract of supplying you with just what you want for Christmas. Our beautiful holiday stock is full of quality, variety, beauty and good taste displayed in scores of the nicest gifts imaginable for old and young. We invite your patronage because we will make it worth your while not to pass us by.

Popular Presents at Popular Prices  
**H. WILLISTON & CO.**  
JEWELERS, ESTABLISHED 1889  
NEWCASTLE, N. B.

**Buy Gifts for Christmas that are "Made in Canada"**



**Buy All You Need in Newcastle**

Make a Resolution to be Patriotic to Your Own Community by doing all your shopping at home.

**GIFTS FOR MEN**

The Gifts the Men Folks will Value can best be selected here

**MEN'S GLOVES**

Fur lined, Silk lined, Jersey lined, in Kid or Mocha, in grey and tan. 85c to \$1.25.

**SHIRTS**

"Tooke Made-in-Canada" in fancy flannels, Cambrics, Percales, in numerous natty designs. Fine soft pleats and now reversible cuffs. \$1.25 to \$1.75.

**NECKWEAR**

Open End, Four-in-Han, Hook-on Knot Ties of high grade French Silks, in numerous stripes, spot, figure or shot effects; also in all the nobby plain colors and black or white. An assortment unequalled to choose from. 25c to \$1.50 each.

**MAKINAW COATS**

Hawson Tailor made coats in Fancy Red, Green, Blue, Black and Brown checks and Black. Extra long and beautifully tailored. Prices \$6.00 to 8.50

**SUSPENSERS**

in Fancy Xmas Boxes. 50c to \$1.25 a pair.



**FANCY MUFFLERS**

Silk knitted and Fancy square mufflers in an enormous variety of shades, lengths and qualities. There's not a style that's not represented in the showing. 50c, \$1.00 to \$3.00.

**ARMLETS**

in Fancy Boxes, 25c to 75c a pair

**SWEATER COATS**

Excellent values, especially when you consider the tremendous advance of woolen goods. All at less than the old prices. Hewson Monarch, Penman, and Visor makes, all colors, all sizes, all weights. \$1.50 to \$5.00.

Fancy Hose, Fancy Vests, Umbrellas, Caps, Hats, Underwear and dressing gowns, in a big variety.

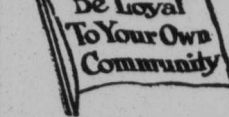
Every gift is packed in a nice Holly Box free of charge.



**MORRIS' - COMPOUND**

The only safe cure for Dysentery, Cholera Morbus, Colic, Cramps and all forms of Summer Complaint. Composition of blackberry root, wild strawberry, camphor, cloves, capsicum, etc. All safe ingredients for children.

JUST RECEIVED A full line of Colgate's Toilet Articles. Orders taken for Xmas Booklets.



**MORRIS' PHARMACY**  
E. J. MORRIS, Chemist and Druggist

**THE "REXALL" STORE**

Has a Nicer Display of Appropriate CHRISTMAS GIFTS than ever before. Our stock comprises Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, Sewing Sets, Hand Painted China, Pipes, Pouches, and Smokers' Sundries and other useful articles too numerous to mention.—Call and inspect our line.

**DICKISON & TROY, Newcastle and Millerton, N. B.**

**COME BUY! COME BUY!**

**BENEFIT SALE AT MOODY'S**  
---IN AID OF THE---

**Red Cross Society**  
**MON. DECEMBER 14th.**

THIS SALE WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE FOLLOWING LADIES OF THE SOCIETY:  
**MANAGER---Mrs. E. H. Sinclair**  
**FLOOR DIRECTORS**

9 to 12 o'clock---Miss Davidson, Mrs. Shaw, Park, Robinson, Morrissy.  
12 to 3 o'clock---Misses Parker, Creaghan, Armstrong, McCormick, Mrs. Mason.

3 to 6 o'clock---Mrs. Nicholson, Armstrong, Sinclair, Misses Ferguson, Harley.

All the stock of Moody & Co. will be offered at this sale consisting of **Dry Goods, House Furnishing, Ladies' and Gent's ready to wear.** If you want "To Help the Boys" at the front there is no better way than through the **Red Cross Society.** Get some of your Christmas buying done at this sale and come early.

**Quick Help for Strains and Sprains**  
**Wonderful Relief in One Hour**

Rare Herb and Root Extracts  
in This Liniment Give it  
Marvelous Power

**RUB ON NERVILINE**

Quick Help . . . . . 4 . . . . . 44  
You'll be astonished at the rapid pain relieving action of "Nerviline." Its effectiveness is due to its remarkable, penetrating power—it strikes deeply, strikes to the very core of the trouble.

Nerviline is stronger, many times stronger, than ordinary liniments, and it is not greasy, ill-smelling or disagreeable. Every drop rubs in, bringing comfort and healing wherever applied.

You would scarcely believe how it

will relieve a sprain, how it takes out lameness, how it soothes and eases a bruise.

Thousands say no liniment is half so useful in the home. This must be so, because Nerviline is a safe remedy—you can rub it on even a child with fine results.

Just you keep Nerviline on hand—it's a panacea for the aches, pains and slight ills of the whole family. One bottle will keep the doctor's bill small, and can be depended on to cure rheumatism, neuralgia, lumbago, sciatica, toothache, pleurisy, strains or swelling. Whenever there is a pain rub on Nerviline; it will always cure.

The large 50c. family size bottle is the most economical; trial size 25c. Sold everywhere by dealers, or direct from the Catarrhstone Co., Kingston, Canada.