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Fruit Cake For Christmas

We have a large stock of it, all sizes and shapes, small ones for small families, that are just as good as the larger ones. We should get more money for Christmas cake on account of high prices of fruit, but we are in a position to give them to you at last year's prices—25c per lb.

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Dentist
Co. 8th and King Sts.
Over Geo. E. Young's Grocery.

THE PROBABILITIES.

G. N. W. Special.

Toronto, Dec. 14—10 a. m.—Moderate to fresh north-west winds; fair and decidedly cold to-day and on Saturday.

LOCAL BRIEFS

John B. Grant, of Ridgeway, was in the city yesterday.

Christmas sale of silk waist and silk at the Gordon store now on.

Mrs. Alex. Askin, of Biddoon street, Dover, who has been ill for the past month, is improving.

Last evening, upon the suggestion of Mayor Smith, the Chief Ranger of Court McGregor, No. 6, I. O. F., the court drafted a strong committee of workers to arrange the getting up of an entertainment in aid of the Donegan monument fund.

Chas. W. Graves, District Freight and Passenger Agent, Grand Northern Railway, at Toronto, and Barton H. Bennett, General Agent, Chicago & Northwestern Railway, Toronto, were in the city to-day.

For Christmas and New Year holidays, W. E. Rispa, City Passenger and Ticket Agent, 115 King street, will issue return tickets at single fare to points in Canada, Dec. 22nd to 25th, returning 26th, and Dec. 30th to 1st of January, returning Jan. 2, and at fare and one-third, Dec. 21st to 25th, returning 27th, and Dec. 29th to Jan. 1st, returning Jan. 3rd; and will also sell at fare and one-third return tickets to points in Central Passenger Association Territory west of Detroit, Dec. 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th and 31st and Jan. 1st, good returning until Jan. 2nd. Also special excursion rates to teachers and students for the holidays, Dec. 31.

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A GREAT COUNTRY

Walter O'Hara is Pleased With the Great West

Magnificent Mineral Fields North of Winnipeg—A New Industry Being Inaugurated.

Walter O'Hara, Dominion Land Surveyor, formerly of this city, who has been engaged in government work in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories during the past eight months, returned to the Maple City yesterday on a short visit. Mr. O'Hara appears to be in the best of health and speaks enthusiastically of the northern country.

In an interview with "The Planet" Mr. O'Hara said the most of his time had been spent in Manitoba, at the north end of Lake Manitoba, situated about 180 miles from Winnipeg.

"The country," he said, "is level, with the exception of a few slight elevations and depressions, due to volcanic action. The country round about this vicinity and extending easterly and north-westerly is very rich with minerals. Good indications have been found of iron, gold, silver and copper, and also large deposits of gypsum. The total area covered by the last named has been purchased by the Manitoba Union Manufacturing Co. with a view to manufacturing all products taken therefrom and supplying the western market. The chief industry is that of the manufacture of plaster paris and that has been found, after careful examination, to be the purest of its kind in the world.

"The machinery is now upon the ground and plant in course of construction at the north end, (of the lake). The company has a freight boat plying on the lake, which is used to convey the manufactured article to the nearest railway, the point of which is situated at the south end of Lake Manitoba.

Mr. O'Hara surveyed the locations for this company, and has taken considerable stock in it. He states his conviction that the possibilities of the material are required for nearly all kinds of building and decorating. The company also owns large deposits of marl, from which they manufacture Portland cement, which, together with the plaster paris, will supply a long felt want.

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John Milburn and Miss Rosie Henderson, of Chatham township, were united in marriage in this city this week by the Rev. Mr. Henderson, of the Campbell A. M. E. Church.

The very latest styles and patterns in Xmas ties at Thibodeau & Jacques', 25 and 50.

Major Coogan received a telegram this morning from his son, Gunner Coogan, of the Canadian South African artillery, announcing the latter's arrival in London, Ont.

Sliver Slippers and Shoes for Xmas. "Two (soles) but but a single thought"—comfort. That's the sort of gift to bring grateful remembrance of the giver. The 2 Ts Sole Agents.

Morris Hart, of Simcoe, entered St. Joseph's Hospital to-day for treatment. Mr. Hart was sent by Dr. Stanton, of Simcoe, to this city to consult Dr. J. P. Rutherford in regard to surgical treatment.

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Mr. Brodick, Secretary of State for War, announced that the policy of the War Office was not to give commands to some of those who had not succeeded with commands in the field.

The supplementary war loan and appropriation bills were then passed to a second reading.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

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Wheat—Dec.	76 1/2	76 3/4	76 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2
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ALLEGED CRUELTY.

Dr. Kime, sr., Accused of Starving a Dog—Result of the Trial.

"Judge, the dog was so ill it couldn't eat, and I tried to tempt it with butter toast, but even that failed," was the plea that Dr. Kime, sr., urged this morning at the police court in defending himself on the charge of starving one of his dogs.

Mrs. Brooks, P. C. Groves, and Humane Officer Dagnieu had given evidence for the prosecution. Dr. Kime defended himself in the words given above.

Judge Houston adjourned the case till Monday, to allow Mr. Kime to secure corroborative evidence, but agreed to the charge being withdrawn provided the veterinary surgeon paid the costs, \$3 in all. Dr. Kime paid the \$3 and settled the case. In his evidence he said that he had had the dog for 10 years and disliked to destroy it, but after trying in every way to induce it to eat, he had at last been compelled to kill it, and the execution had taken place before he received the summons.

Twenty-five years ago Dr. McKenough "walked" on the great London River. On his recent trip to the Old Country he went to visit the familiar institution. It was still there, but he looked in vain for a face he knew. Such was the change of a quarter of a century. The doctor in a descriptive article (which will appear to-morrow, incidentally refers to this interesting fact.

FOUR COMPANIES NOW.

Last evening the drill shed was thronged with the largest number of recruits yet in attendance at the company of the regiment were on hand, and Capt. Mowbray, McLaren, Bell and Massey were busy rounding them into shape. At the conclusion of the drill, which was already completed and put them through a short test drill.

Mr. O'Hara will be home during the winter months, after which he will return to Manitoba to complete work already commenced for the Manitoba Union Mining Co.

TRANSVAAL MINES

May Have to Bear the Entire Cost of the War

The British Parliament Discusses the Matter—Tim Healy's Query not Answered.

London, Dec. 14.—In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Chamberlain said Great Britain had proposed to establish cheaper postage with the United States, but Washington had not been prepared to entertain the matter.

Lord Cranborne, Under Secretary for the foreign office, said he regretted Canada was excluded from the most favored treatment by Germany. But, he explained, in the absence of a commercial treaty between Great Britain and Germany, there was no remedy at present.

Powell Williams, the former financial secretary of the war office, answering a question, said 182,400 horses and mules had been landed in South Africa during the war. Timothy M. Healy's interpellation as to the number of asses sent to South Africa was not answered.