

**ACCLAIM ANDREW ROBSON LIBERAL CLUB PRESIDENT**

Nominations of officers for 1922 for the Liberal Club were held at Hyman Hall Friday night. Election for the office of first vice-president will take place Friday night. The other posts were filled by acclamation.

The result is as follows: President, Andrew Robson (acclamation); second vice-presidents, Peter Cameron and J. S. Brown; secretary, J. Vivian; treasurer, C. C. Ferguson.

**FRENCH COMPOSER DIES IN AFRICA**

ALGIERS, Africa, Dec. 16.—Camille Saint Saens, the French composer, died suddenly here this morning.

## GIFTS THAT LAST A YEAR AT THE ARMY STORE

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Heavy All-Wool Khaki Overcoats	\$4.00	Army Slippers, woolen soles, rubber heels	75c
Heavy All-Wool Khaki Pants	\$6.25	Army Leather Halters	\$1.50
Heavy All-Wool Khaki Breeches	\$6.25	Army Nose-Bags	25c
Heavy All-Wool Grey Blankets	\$5.00	Army Heavy Rubbers, red	75c
Heavy All-Wool Socks, 3 pairs for	\$1.25	Army Puttees	75c pair
Regular All-Wool Slacks	\$5.00	Army Leggings, khaki	\$5.00
Regular Issue Fatigue Pants	\$3.00	Army Leggings, black	\$4.50
Khaki Shirts	\$1.50	Army Bed Ticks	\$2.25
Grey Back Shirts	\$1.50	Rubber Coats, can't crack	\$10.00
Officers' Shoes, Khaki	\$5.50	Rubber Hats	75c
French Shoes, black	\$6.00	Rubber Aprons, second	\$1.00
Army Underwear, ribbed	\$2.50	Rubber Ground Sheets	\$1.00
Army Haversacks or School Bags	25c	Rubber Capes	\$1.25
Army Larger Haversacks or Tool Bags	50c	Mitts and Gloves, from	25c to \$3.00
Army Knapsacks	50c	Extra Heavy Sweaters	\$3.50
		Khaki Heavy Sweaters	\$3.75
		Pullovers, fine	\$4.00
		Boys' Sweaters	\$1.00 to \$2.25
		Lumbermen's Rubbers, from	\$2.50 to \$4.25

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Cashmere Socks, in black, fawn and heather	50c to \$1.00
Mocha and Kid Lined Gloves	\$2.00 to \$3.50 pair
Unlined and Silk Lined Fine Mocha Gloves	\$2.50 to \$3.50
Neckwear, Handsome Ties	65c, 2 for \$1.25
Best Swiss Silk Ties, exclusive styles	\$1.00 each
Neckscarfs, wool	\$1.00 to \$3.00 each
Silk Knitted and Fancy Silk Mufflers	\$2.00 to \$4.00
Silk Shirts, natural and white	\$4.00 and \$5.00
Silk Shirts, striped	\$7.00 each
Fine Gingham and Cambric Shirts	\$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00
Leather Belts, Initialed silver buckles	\$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00 each
Handkerchiefs Initialed, Lawn, 25c and 35c. Initialed, Linen	50c
Silk Umbrellas, Pyjamas Suits, Sweater Coats, Bath Robes	
House Plants. Big Stock to Choose From.	

STORE OPEN EVERY NIGHT NEXT WEEK.  
SHOP EARLY AND GET FIRST PICK.

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## MERCHANTS TO BE ABSORBED BY MONTREAL BANK

Directors Issue Statement Advising Shareholders To Form Amalgamation.

### RESERVE FUND IMPAIRED

President Allan Forwards Request Asking Withdrawal of Stock.

MONTREAL, Dec. 16.—An official statement was issued this afternoon to the effect that the directors of the Merchants Bank of Canada have decided to advise their shareholders to accept an offer made by the Bank of Montreal to take over the institution.

This was found necessary, according to the official statement, because "an examination of the bank's affairs showed that its rest was seriously impaired."

The official announcement was made by Sir H. Montague Allen, president of the Merchants Bank. Immediately after the stock exchange wires carried notice that the Merchants Bank stock had been taken off the trading list. The ticker announcement reads as follows:

Copy of letter received from the president of the Merchants Bank of Canada to the chairman of Montreal Stock Exchange:

"You are requested herewith to withdraw Merchants Bank of Canada stock from your list, as arrangements have been made with the Bank of Montreal, subject to the approval of the governor-in-council and the shareholders of both banks, to take over the Merchants Bank in view of letter, the committee has decided that there will be no further trading in the Merchants Bank of Canada stock."

#### Here's Official Statement.

The statement issued by Sir H. Montague Allen, president of the Merchants Bank of Canada, this afternoon, following a lengthy conference of directors of the bank, reads as follows:

"The directors of the Merchants Bank of Canada have decided to recommend to their shareholders the approval of the absorption of the Merchants Bank of Canada by the Bank of Montreal. They have come to this decision on account of the following circumstances: 'Some time ago the directors of the Merchants Bank, having reason to fear that the bank's affairs were not in the condition as disclosed to them, came to the conclusion that it was necessary, in the bank's interests, that a thorough examination of the bank's affairs should be made by a suitable person. They secured the services of H. B. MacKenzie, who was formerly the general manager of the Bank of British North America, and is now the general manager of the Royal Trust Company, and his report showed that the bank's rest was seriously impaired. The directors of the Merchants Bank have now obtained from the directors of the Bank of Montreal, subject to the approval of the governor-in-council and the shareholders of both banks, an offer to absorb the Merchants Bank and in view of the above facts the directors of the Merchants Bank (who control large holdings of its stock) have decided to advise their shareholders to accept the offer of the Bank of Montreal. A meeting of the shareholders of the Merchants Bank of Canada will soon be called to submit the matter to them as required by the bank act.'"

Let Down Statement.

In connection with the proposed absorption of the Merchants Bank of Canada by the Bank of Montreal, the following figures are of interest:

The bank statement for October 31 showed paid-up capital of the Bank of Montreal to be \$22,000,000, and the paid-up capital of the Merchants, \$19,500,000, so that the two combined would have a paid-up capital of \$41,500,000. The authorized capital is \$25,000,000 for the Bank of Montreal and \$15,000,000 for the Merchants.

The Bank of Montreal has a reserve fund of \$22,000,000 and the Merchants \$9,450,000.

The total non-interest bearing deposits of the banks are \$11,731,321.32, of which \$25,732,831 are Merchants Bank.

The deposits bearing interest would total \$148,840,420.94, of which \$317,935,871.58 are Bank of Montreal.

The total deposits under all headings would total \$556,191,953.26.

The total sums under the headings of liabilities would total \$707,770,571.98, of which \$190,367,409 are Merchants Bank.

The gold and silver coin current for both would be \$29,820,416, of which \$25,622,287.14 is Bank of Montreal.

Domestic notes issued total \$72,293,304.74, of which \$62,627,391.50 are Bank of Montreal.

Deposits in the central gold reserve total \$15,400,000, of which \$11,200,000 is Bank of Montreal.

Total call and short loans in Canada and elsewhere of both institutions would amount to \$117,953,555.08, of which \$97,780,365.03 are Bank of Montreal.

Current loans of both in Canada total \$239,055,000, of which \$217,155,794 are Bank of Montreal.

In the case of mergers the two merged organizations are usually operated as separate entities for some time after the final notification to the plan has been secured.

## FIND MOONSHINE AND SOME COLOR

Authorities Raid Raleigh Township Farm—Arrest One Man.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

CHATHAM, Dec. 16.—Inspector M. Side, accompanied by Detective Love of the provincial police and Revenue Officer Lamont, Thursday afternoon raided a farm on the fifth concession, Raleigh Township, and found a large still, together with a large quantity of mash.

Edward Ven, a Belgian, who is alleged by the police to be one of the operators of the still, was found in a helplessly intoxicated condition in the building. A search of the building revealed a good supply of moonshine and a bottle of coloring. Another Belgian, companion of the one arrested, is wanted by the county police, a detail of which is out looking for him.

Orchestra Today—  
Afternoon and Evening

## Store Open Tonight UNTIL TEN.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday store will close at 5:30.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday (Christmas Eve), store will be open until 10 o'clock.

As customary, for the convenience of Christmas shoppers, this store will be open on nights stated above until 10 o'clock.

Supper will be served in the Restaurant from 5 to 7:30.

## TWO-DOLLAR GIFTS

- AN UMBRELLA
- A BRASSIERE
- A CAMISOLE
- A LACE VESTEE
- A COLLAR AND CUFF SET
- A BOUDOIR CAP
- A LEATHER BILLFOLD
- A COLLAR BAG
- A LUCILLE BAG
- A BOX OF STATIONERY
- AN EVERSHARP PENCIL
- A FOUNTAIN PEN
- A PIECE OF IVORY
- A BOTTLE OF PERFUME
- A SET OF EBONY

## A KNITTED GIFT

- Ladies' Pure Wool Sweater Coats, knitted in plain or fancy stitch ..... \$6.75 to \$27.50
- Ladies' Wide All-Wool Scarfs ..... \$1.98 to \$7.50
- Fancy Crochet Hug-Me-Tights ..... \$2.50 to \$6.50
- Cosy Spencers, a lovely garment to wear under a suit or separate coat ..... \$1.75 and \$1.95

#### CHRISTMAS CANDIES.

Mint Mixed	35c lb.
Gum Drops	25c lb.
Mixed Creams	30c lb.
Cut Rock	25c lb.
Creamed Almonds	35c lb.

## GIVEN A YEAR AT BURWASH FARM

Orie Hoshal of Port Stanley Sentenced Friday by Judge Smith.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 16.—Orie Hoshal, a young fisherman of Port Stanley, who was found guilty of perjury in Thursday's session of the general session of the peace, in progress here, was sentenced to serve one year in Burwash by Judge G. S. Smith of Windsor. As

the sentence was made to run concurrently with a three-months' sentence for bootlegging which Hoshal has already served, he will remain in prison only nine months more.

Judge Smith, when sentencing the prisoner, stated that he was not in favor of sending men to a penitentiary to become hardened, but would much rather send them where they would be given an opportunity of learning a useful trade.

Hoshal was convicted on a charge of swearing to a false statement when he took out double insurance on a car which was burned recently.

Barrister A. A. Ingram, appearing for Hoshal, renewed his motion of Thursday to quash the indictment and to arrest judgment, on grounds that the indictment as drawn up disclosed no offence, nor did it contain allegations necessary to prove and to bring home the offence, and that it did not state the facts of the crime.

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## Gifts for Her



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Christmas just around the corner brings to mind a hundred and one little things that you have almost forgotten. Let us remind you. Have you bought the gift for her?

### BOUDOIR SLIPPERS

Juliette Slippers, fur trimmed, in cardinal, grey, black and brown. Price, \$2.75

Felt Cosy, ribbon trimmed; cardinal, grey and black. Price ..... \$1.65

Felt Cosy, trimmed, stitching, in black or grey. Price ..... \$1.25

Japanese Quilted Silk Slippers, all shades. Prices ..... \$1.25 and \$2.00

Suede Cosy Boudoirs, trimmed with pompom, all shades. Prices, \$1.95 and \$2.25

Glazed Kid Slippers, all shades. Prices ..... \$1.95 and \$2.25

Felt Cosy, with cuff, in sky, pink, helio and cardinal. Price ..... \$2.75

### Petticoats, Negligees, Robes and Blouses.

All Silk Jersey Petticoats. Price ..... \$6.75

Habutai Petticoats, in all the new shades. Prices ..... \$4.95 to \$9.50

Silk Moresen Petticoats, plain and two-toned effects. Prices ..... \$4.95 to \$8.50

Dainty Negligees of Georgette and Crepe de Chine, daintily trimmed with lace and ribbons. Prices ..... \$2.00 to \$2.50

Habutai and Crepe de Chine Negligees. Prices ..... \$7.50 to \$18.50

Warm Cosy Lounging Robes, in all the beautiful shades, ribbon and cord trimmings. Prices ..... \$9.75 to \$22.50

Dainty Lay Blouses, over satin or georgette, in beautiful rich shades. Prices ..... \$11.50 to \$22.50

Smart Tricotee Blouses, embroidered in wool or silk in contrasting shades. Price ..... \$11.50

### SILK HOSE

Ladies' Black Pure Silk Hose, beaded fronts, good quality, double garter top and sole; sizes 8 1/2 to 10. Price, \$4.00 pair

Ladies' Pure Silk Hose, in white, black, navy, Russia, calf and silver, with fancy clocks, reinforced sole and top. Sizes 8 1/2 to 10. Price ..... \$2.50

Ladies' Pure Silk Lace Hose, black only, double top and sole, full fashioned; sizes 8 1/2 to 10. Price ..... \$7.00 pair

Our Special—Ladies' Pure Silk Hose, in white, black or colors, with double lisle top and sole, extra fine value, plain or ribbed tops; sizes 8 1/2 to 10. Price ..... \$1.85 pair

### A GIFT OF LINGERIE

Ladies' Night Gowns of crepe de chine, habutai silk and wash satin ..... \$5.50 to \$14.50

Ladies' Knickers of heavy habutai silk, crepe de chine and wash satin ..... \$3.00 to \$7.50

Envelope Combinations of habutai silk, satin and crepe de chine, \$3.50 to \$10.50

Ladies' Philippine Hand Embroidery and Hand-Made Gowns and Envelope Chemise ..... \$4.50 to \$7.50

Camisoles of silk, crepe de chine or wash satin ..... 98c to \$6.75

## Shopping Service Suggestions

FOR NEXT WEEK.

Come in the Morning. Begin Monday.

Use West Side Elevator. Save time and avoid crowding.

Parceling Booth, for customers' use on Third Floor. Christmas seals, tags, string, boxes, wrapping paper and stamps may be had here, and your parcels weighed and mailed.

Christmas Bazaar—Second Floor.

Bazaar of Men's Gifts—Main Floor.

## DOLLAR GIFTS

- A STRING OF BEADS
- A BANGLE BRACELET
- A VANITY CASE
- BEAUTY PINS AND BROOCHES
- A PAIR OF EARRINGS
- A CHILD'S MESH PURSE
- A BOX OF FACE POWDER
- A BOTTLE OF PERFUME
- AN INCENSE BURNER
- A BOX OF FACE CREAM
- A BOUDOIR CAP
- A LACE COLLAR
- A BOTTLE OF TOILET WATER (MINTY'S) BOXED

## THE CHRISTMAS BLOUSE

These feature Canton Crepe, with beaded panel in front, new embroidered models, others beaded. In all the smart shades. Prices \$1.50 to \$2.50

Beautiful Heavy Silk Crepe four, very beautifully embroidered in collar, cuffs and large motifs in front. Prices ..... \$12.50 to \$18.50

Radium and Spanish Lace Blouses; these fall very softly over georgette or satin, made with the new sleeve, in all the newest shades, including moiré, cambré, sand, navy, brown and fawn. Prices ..... \$10.50 to \$22.50

Soft pretty georgette, in light shades, finished with lace and darker shades, embroidered in silk or wool. Prices ..... \$8.50 to \$18.50

Tricotee models; these are lovely heavy quality, in all the newest styles and shades. Prices ..... \$6.75 to \$12.50

#### CANDY SPECIAL.

300 1-lb boxes Chocolates, Saturday, only ..... 33c box  
Chocolate Bars, 6 for ..... 25c

#### GIVES DOMINION FIRE LOSSES.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—Fire losses in Canada during the week ended Dec. 14 are estimated by the Monetary Times at \$450,500, compared with \$437,500 the previous week.

#### CATERPILLAR PARADE.

MELBOURNE—Myriads of caterpillars are passing over the lower part of the river at Murwillumbah, on the border of New South Wales and Queensland. Eating and working over the ground, they sound like rustling wind.

## CATARRAHAL DEAFNESS AND HEAD NOISES

TELLS SAFE AND SIMPLE WAY TO TREAT AND RELIEVE AT HOME.

If you have catarrh, catarrhal deafness or head noises caused by catarrh, or if phlegm drops in your throat and has caused catarrh of the stomach or bowels you will be glad to know that these distressing symptoms may be entirely overcome in many instances by the following treatment which you can easily prepare in your own home at little cost. Secure from your druggist 1 ounce of Eucalypti (Double Strength). Take this home and add to it 1/2 pint of hot water and a little granulated sugar; stir until dissolved. Take one tablespoonful four times a day. An improvement is sometimes noted after the first day's treatment. Breathing should be easy, while the distressing head noises, headaches, dullness, cloudy thinking, etc., should gradually disappear under the tonic action of the treatment. Loss of smell, taste, defective hearing and mucus dropping in the back of the throat are other symptoms which suggest the presence of catarrh and which may often be overcome by this efficacious treatment. It is said that nearly ninety per cent of all ear troubles are caused by catarrh and there must, therefore, be many people whose hearing may be restored by this simple, harmless, home treatment.—Adv.

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