

ROSS' Christmas Furs.

To give some present that will be appreciated is the wish of every person. What would be more suitable than a set of handsome furs?

ALASKA SABLE RUFFS, \$9 50, \$10, \$11 50 and \$15. ALASKA SABLE MUFFS, \$10, \$11 and \$12.

BEAUTIFUL FOX SETS, from \$20 to \$30. COLUMBIA SABLE RUFFS, \$6 and \$7. COLUMBIA SABLE MUFFS, \$4, \$5 and \$6 50.

BIRDS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS.

BORN. NICHOLLS—On Dec. 18, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Nicholls, of this city, a daughter.

DIED. POWELL—At London, on Dec. 19, 1902, Thomas Powell, in his 97th year.

EMIGH—On Dec. 18, 1902, Nancy, the beloved wife of Nelson Emigh, in her 64th year.

ELLIOTT—On Dec. 19, 1902, Robert Elliott, youngest son of late John Elliott, aged 44 years and 5 months.

ANDERSON—In this city, on Dec. 18, 1902, James Anderson, aged 87 years, brother of the late David Anderson.

AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES, ETC. LONDON—Two Weeks. COMMENCING MONDAY.

Marks Bros. IN NEW PLAYS. 20 PEOPLE—10 SPECIALTIES.

GRAND—TODOROW. THE GORGEOUS SPECTACULAR MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA.

The Wizard of Oz. SEATS NOW SELLING. Matinee, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30. Evening, 8:30, 10:30.

AUDITORIUM—REPEATED TONIGHT. MR. LEONARD GARVER DRAMATIC LECTURER.

DANCING, PALACE ACADEMY—WEEK Dec. 15. Classes will meet, gentlemen, Monday; ladies, Tuesday; advanced, ladies and gentlemen, Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock.

ORIGINAL LONDON HARBERS—Music furnished for all occasions, Tony Cortese, 239 Richmond street, Phone 1274.

WESTMINSTER RINK—SKATING TONIGHT. Ice in good condition. Cortese's Orchestra Saturday night.

PRINCE OF PALACE—CLOSED UNTIL further notice.

F. B. CLARKE, AGENT ALLAN LINE. Richmond street, next Advertiser—Parisian sails Monday, Dec. 23; Bavarian, Monday, Jan. 6. Very low fares to or from the Old Country.

LONDON DANCING ACADEMY CORNER. Ladies' classes, Tuesday night; gentlemen's classes, Wednesday night; ladies' week-day. Come and learn the latest dances, the "Florida" and the "Buffalo Glide."

Everything In Music

GUITARS, MANDOLINS, BANJOS, VIOLINS, MOUTH ORGANS, MUSIC STANDS, MUSIC HOLDERS.

New Christmas Songs and beautifully bound books of Both Vocal and Instrumental Music.

NORDHEIMER'S, 188 Dundas St. 62 Years Established.

MALE HELP WANTED. MAN WANTED FOR STABLE AND PORTER WORK.

A GOOD GENERAL BLACKSMITH WANTED at once for country shop.

BUTCHER—AT ONCE: GOOD WAGES. Right man. Box 8, Advertiser.

WANTED—ENERGETIC MAN. ALSO lady, to take orders; \$35 per month. Call at once. Office over McCallum's drug store. A. Wilkins. 68c

STRONG BOYS WANTED FOR FACTORY. Apply D. S. Perrin & Co., Limited. 6011

LOST AND FOUND. LOST, DEC. 16—WIDE BAND GOLD ring, belonging to the late J. B. Davidson.

UMBRELLA LOST—NEAR YEO'S GROCERY. Finder kindly leave at this office.

LOST, SATURDAY NIGHT—BUNCH OF KEYS. Finder kindly return to Advertiser office.

AGENTS WANTED. AGENTS WANTED BY THE LARGEST direct importer and wholesale manufacturer of goods, household supplies in Canada.

AGENTS WANTED, TO MAKE \$10 A DAY; free canvassing outfit sent prepaid to reliable agents. Write for terms of proposal. Cooper, 322-6 Clarence street, London.

ARTICLES FOR SALE. SEND YOUR CHRISTMAS PICTURES away in good, strong mailing tubes. For sale at Advertiser office.

FOR SALE—THREE GOOD PRACTICE pianos, \$15, \$15 and \$15, payable \$2 per month, guaranteed. Organs for \$10 and \$15, payable \$2 per month. Heintzman & Co., 217 Dundas, corner Clarence.

SKATES HOLLOW-GROUND at 10c a pair. D. McKenzie & Co., 288 Richmond street.

CHOICE PEDIGREED COLLIE DOGS and puppies. Pedigrees furnished. Our dogs are working, sound, healthy, stock. Write for information and say what you want. Our prices are reasonable. The London Collie Club, 187 Strand street, London, Ont. Phone 611.

GREEN'S LOTION—GUARANTEED CURE (not money returned) for all sores and ulcerated wounds on limbs and feet, running sores of long standing. Price, 12¢ per bottle. Queen's Hotel, London, Ont.

FOR SALE—LARGE IRON SAFE. CONTAINS private drawers and lots of books for large books. Apply Advertiser office. 3211

TORONTO CHRISTMAS GLOBE FOR sale at Red Star News Company, Market Lane.

FOR SALE—ONE 16-FOOT LATHE, one 6-foot lathe, one 8-foot planer. Apply Thomas B. McGregor, Windsor, Ont.

CHOICE LARGE ROLL AND CROCK butter, 1c to 2c lb; second quality, 1c lb; best 1 1/2 cents, 2c to 2c; creamery, 2c lb. Fresh eggs, 22c dozen. 137 T. Faulds, 13 Market House, London, Ont. zxy

GREEN & CO. HAVE RECEIVED A supply of West Virginia smokeless coal; will burn well in furnace or range. Massillon lump, a first-class domestic coal. Good, dry mixed slabs at \$15 50 a load. Good wood in blocks or split. 23c lb. Fresh eggs, 22c dozen. 137 T. Faulds, 13 Market House, London, Ont. zxy

ENAPS—WE ARE CLEARING OUT ALL second-hand organs and pianos at prices never heard of before. First-class organs \$10 and \$15, and elegant pianos at \$15 and \$20. Payable \$2, \$2 and \$3 per month. Heintzman & Co., 217 Dundas street, corner Clarence.

ALL KINDS OF WOOD AND SOFT COALS. Wm. Buchanan, 633 Colborne street.

ORDERS FOR HARD AND SOFT WOOD received. Order ahead. Leading East End wood yard. D. H. Gillies & Co., Phone 1212.

SHOES, BASEBURNERS AND HATS of all kinds for wood and coal; second-hand furniture; cheap; at F. Keene's, 141 King street.

HOUSES, ETC., TO LET. TO LET—UNION FURNITURE VAN—Furniture carefully handled. John Biggs, Cathcart and Bruce, South London, late of London Furniture Company. Phone 310.

COMFORTABLE SIX-ROOM COTTAGE for rent. No. 1 Nelson street. Apply King. 6111

REAL ESTATE. FOR SALE—FIRST CLASS CITY property, situated 541 to 558 Hamilton street, London, consisting of store doing prosperous business, good brick bakery (two ovens), three dwellings, stables, etc. Five minutes walk to new industries. Apply F. W. J. Ball, 165 Adelaide street, London. 70n by

NOTICE—LOTS OF THE OLIVER SURVEY will be advanced in price on the 15th of January, 1903. Get your choice now, as there are only a few left. Easy terms. J. P. Sangster, 112 Masonic Temple.

ARCHITECTS. MOORE & HENRY—ARCHITECTS, LAND SURVEYORS, CIVIL ENGINEERS. John M. Moore. Frederick Henry.



UNITED STATES CONSULATE AT PUERTO CABELLO, VENEZUELA.

LAST SATURDAY THE BRITISH AND GERMAN GUNBOATS BOMBARDED THE PORTS AT PUERTO CABELLO BECAUSE THE BRITISH FLAG HAD BEEN RUN DOWN FROM AN ENGLISH STEAMER CAPTURED BY A VENEZUELAN MOB.

(From photo by the Detroit Photographic Company.)

BRITAIN'S REPLY WILL TEND TO STRAIGHTEN MATTERS OUT

Answer Re Arbitration Sent to United States. GERMANY'S SENT TO HAY

Secretary is Favorable to Settlement of Controversy Through U. S. Minister Bowen.

Rome, Italy, Dec. 19.—United States Minister Prinetti at the foreign office today and communicated to him a cable message from Secretary Hay saying the secretary was disposed to consent to the investment of Minister Bowen with full powers to settle the Venezuelan controversy if agreeable to Germany, Great Britain and Italy.

BRITAIN'S REPLY. London, Dec. 19.—Great Britain has sent a reply to the United States in regard to the suggestion that the Venezuelan question should be submitted to arbitration.

U. S. WON'T GUARANTEE. Washington, Dec. 19.—As far as England is concerned, the safeguards required to be believed to deal with the question of guarantee which is full of difficulties. In this connection some consideration is again being given to the feasibility of the assumption of responsibility for any award assessed against Venezuela by responsible private agencies, but the United States Government does not intend to allow itself to be drawn into the position of a guarantor.

GERMANY'S ANSWER READY. Berlin, Dec. 19.—Germany's answer to Venezuela's proposition for arbitration is ready, and will be sent to the United States Government in a day or two. The officials here maintain absolute silence regarding the character of the answer.

NO OBJECTIONS HEARD. London, Dec. 19.—In a printed reply, made public today, to the recent question in Parliament of Gibson Bowles, M. P., Conservative, Premier Balfour says no intimation has been received from the Government of the United States that it will object to American shipping being interfered with in the event of a blockade of the Venezuelan coast.

OPEN TO QUESTION. The note to Reuter's Telegram Company announcing that Great Britain had sent a reply to the United States.

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DEATH OF TWO CENTENARIANS

Woman Dies at Montreal at the Age of One Hundred and Five Years.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—A remarkable woman passed away at her home in St. Charles this afternoon in the person of Mrs. Esther Dunn Jones, at the age of 105 years.

DEATH OF A CENTENARIAN. Brockville, Ont., Dec. 19.—The death took place in Brockville Hospital today of Sally Barnett, relict of the late John Barnett, a widely-known farmer of Wilford Township.

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ONLY 9,000 TONS FOR ALL CANADA

Distribution of Daily Output of Mines as Shown by Operators' Statement.

New York, Dec. 18.—More coal came to the city yesterday than on any day since the ending of the strike.

WHERE THE COAL GOES. The following statement was also given, showing where the 215,750 tons mined daily is now going:

To New York, 45,000 tons; To Boston, 2,000 tons; To other New England ports, 12,750 tons; To New Jersey, 6,000 tons; To Buffalo, 5,000 tons; To Western States, 25,000 tons; To Southern States, 20,000 tons; To Canada, 2,000 tons; To New York State and Pennsylvania, 75,000 tons.

As a result of the coal receipts here yesterday, Barber's Sons, No. 37 Water street, sold 10,000 pails at 10 cents a pail.

LYNCH TO STAND TRIAL. True Bill Found Against Leader of Irish Brigade.

Jury Deals With High Treason Charge First Time in 62 Years.

London, Dec. 19.—The grand jury summoned to consider the indictment of Colonel Arthur Lynch, member of Parliament for Galway, who was arrested June 11 on landing in England from the continent, on the charge of high treason in connection with the part he took in the South African war, where he is alleged to have commanded the Irish Brigade, returned a true bill today against the defendant.

E. A. MACDONALD DEAD. End of Unique Career in History of Toronto.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—After an illness lasting nearly six months, Ernest A. Macdonald, ex-mayor of Toronto, died last night at his home, 45 Grenville street. Deceased had been suffering from nervous prostration for nearly a year, and on July 10 was confined to his bed, gradually growing weaker until the end came shortly after 10 o'clock.

PROMINENT AS A PROMOTER. The late E. A. Macdonald was one of the best known men in Toronto, as he entered public life at an early age.

CAREER IN CITY COUNCIL. His first big deal was the creating of St. Matthew's ward, which is now part of ward 1. This was followed by booming the place now known as Chester. Mr. Macdonald was the means of opening many streets in this locality and securing the car service on Broadview avenue, where he lived for many years. He next turned his attention to establishing a suburb ten miles east of Toronto on the Grand Trunk.

Suggestions for Gift Buyers.

LADIES always welcome pleasant remembrances of delicate perfumes, toilet articles, etc. An inspection of our Christmas display will help you solve the question concerning gifts for the fair sex.

GIFTS FOR MEN, TOO. In perfumes we have all the leading odors of Piver, Roger & Gallet, Atkinson, Pinaud, Le Grand, Gwelin, Woodworth, etc.

Cairncross & Lawrence, Chemists and Druggists, 216 Dundas Street.

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RICH RECLUSE DEAD

Owen McCarten Stayed in House for Forty Years.

New York, Dec. 19.—Owen McCarten, a rich recluse, of Oceanic, N. J., is dead. Though he had spent forty years at Oceanic he was scarcely known to anyone except the members of his own family.

For thirty years he had not crossed the threshold of his dwelling from sunrise and sunset, because of an election bet. During the presidential campaign of 1872 between Grant and Greeley, McCarten was so excited after the most enthusiastic supporters. He made a bet with a friend that if Grant was elected he would not leave his house except during the night as long as he lived.

McCarten lived up to his wager. About five years ago his house caught fire, and for a time he looked as if he would have to break his agreement, but the flames were extinguished before they had gained sufficient headway to compel him to leave the premises.

NOW FRANCE IS INTERESTED

Anxious Lest Other Powers Should Get Ahead of Her—Presents Her Claims.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The foreign office here desires to have it understood that the note sent to the French chargé d'affaires at Caracas does not ask Venezuela to give preferential treatment to French claims, but only treatment equal to that which the other powers may receive through their recourse to force.

This applies only to its claims which have arisen since 1859, previous claims being submitted to arbitration. Concerning recent claims, France first offered to permit the Venezuelan courts to pass upon them, but since Germany and Great Britain expect to secure preference by the adoption of forcible collection the French chargé d'affaires has been ordered to inform Venezuela that France expects the same advantages in the adjustment of claims as Venezuela grants to Germany and Great Britain.

GOAL STRIKE COMMISSION. Scranton, Pa., Dec. 19.—Chairman Gray, when the anthracite strike commission opened its session today, recalled the incident of Wednesday when the accuracy of the wage statements of two men employed by the Pennsylvania Coal Company was questioned. The lawyers for the miners challenged the good faith of the general manager of the company, and Chairman Gray said if the company could not show how many men figured in the wages handed to the commission, it might shake the faith of the commission in the wage statement. Chairman Gray said that he has since been informed that the auditor of the company notified one of the assistant recorders when the figures were handed in, that the company was unable to give in all cases the exact number of men sharing in the earnings. The chairman said he did not wish to convey the impression that the commission impugned the good faith of the company.

Diamond Rings

Our stock of popular-priced Diamond Rings is very full for this season. We are showing many very fine combinations of Diamonds with Pearls, Rubies, Emeralds, Opals and Sapphires.

Our range of Single Stone Rings, from \$15 to \$25, is very good.

JOHN S. BARNARD, 170 Dundas Street, LONDON.