

Cards are out for a Children's Fancy Dress Dance at Mrs. Leigh's on Tuesday, December 30th.

This is the season and this the week that every one, no matter who, has to do some shopping. There ought to be the same joy in buying Christmas presents as there is in receiving them, but it is a pleasure to most people to go a-shopping Christmas-time, that is if the shops are pretty and there are plenty of things to buy alas—we do not find that here. The shops look far worse than they did last year, and there is absolutely nothing original or new to see or buy. I hope they will brace up before Christmas eve, so that we can buy some presents for our friends.

The late Hon. J. W. Ritchie was a man of great ability, and will long be remembered by the middle-aged generation among us, not only for his talents but for his kindly disposition. He belonged to a family whose name is not likely to be soon forgotten in the history of Canadian Law. Himself for many years equity judge of the supreme court of the province, his brother Sir William Ritchie, is chief justice of the supreme court of Canada, his half-brother a judge the supreme court here, and two of his sons, Mr. T. and Mr. G. Ritchie, well-known barristers in this city.

Capt. Oxley, H. G. A., has appealed to head-quarters against the decision of Col. Irwin in the skirmishing competition. It appears that the conditions of the competition require that the captain of each battery should be present. Col. Irwin awarded 1st prize to the best battery, in spite of the fact that its Captain was absent. Of course common sense is an excellent thing in an inspecting officer, but we do not see the good of regulations if they are not to be complied with. The Dominion Artillery Association supported the decision, and ruled that the point should be more clearly defined. To our civilian mind it would have seemed more military to act strictly according to regulations this year, and have the regulations altered before the next competition. Certainly Capt. Oxley did quite right to appeal.

Mr. Laurier, the liberal leader, is staying at the Hon. H. H. Fuller's.

Mr. Douglas R. Wilson has resigned his post of Accountant in the Bank of B. N. A. here, to enter into partnership with a firm of Stock Brokers in San Francisco. Mr. Wilson, though a native of Bonnie Scotland, thinks the celestial city is just about the finest place on earth. Mr. Wilson left on the S. S. *Halifax*, on Wednesday morning, carrying with him the good wishes of all his friends, and Sundry "tokens of esteem." He is succeeded by Mr. G. W. C. Bonnor who comes from the London (Ontario) Branch of the Bank.

We hear that Mr. Frank Hope of the Halifax Banking Company, has resigned his post to enable him to return to England. Mr. Hope will leave early in January.

Mr. R. A. Metzler is spending a few days at Windsor.

In the middle of all the Christmas rush, when everyone is sending off cards and Christmas numbers—not to mention copies of the latest "Our Society"—it has been a great luxury to find a shop where a writing-table is provided for the use of customers, with every appliance for sending off letters and papers all ready to the mail. Knowles' Book-store has taken the lead in this respect, and we hope to see their example followed by T. C. Allen's and the others, before the Holidays are over.

The case of the Queen vs. Sheraton, on the action of the Law and order League, will be a very interesting one. Even if the verdict goes against Mr. Sheraton, he will have the sympathy even of the most Lawful and orderly amongst us. This is especially the case in a city like Halifax, where many families live permanently in a Hotel, and large numbers of quiet and respectable citizens do a large part of their business and entertain their friends there. Under such circumstances a great deal of liberty must be allowed in the matter of serving people with drink,—whether whiskey or ginger-beer; and it is little short of persecution to insist on the barman supplying liquor to none but inmates of the hotel.

M. A. QUINN,

25 BARRINGTON STREET.

Fancy Goods, Indian Work and Curios. as  
Christmas & New Year's Cards & Booklets, Station to 10

Mr. G. C. Cassells has been appointed to the staff of the 10  
Montreal in this city. Mr. Cassells comes from the Toronto 10

We are making arrangements with an officer of the North 2X  
Squadron to send us notes of the doings of Admiral Watson HC  
men, during their sojourn in the sunny South.

The following bon-mot—apropos of a Cuban gentleman st 0X  
to learn the language—has just reached us:

No WONDER. Said Ulmo:

"When such name as Mahon  
I read of, and spell that of Meagher,  
My patience grows weary and wuhon  
And I yearn for my Cuban home feagher." 10

## Sporting Notes.

The Rink Committee have at last issued their long-  
circular, which is exactly on the lines stated by us last week  
day and Friday afternoons, and Wednesday mornings, start  
26th. On Wednesday evenings an admission fee of 25 cents 11  
charged.

Applications for admission must be sent in before the 22 11  
CAPT. JENKINS, A. D. C., Brigade 11  
or Mr. J. F. KENNY, 6 Prince St. 11

The other members of the committee are Col. Clerke, Maj 11  
R. E., Major Trench, W. R. R., and Capt. Bateman, R. A. 11

Charges for season tickets are as follows:— 11

Single (gentlemen) - - - - -	\$ 5 00
" (ladies) - - - - -	3 00
For 3 persons of the same family - - - - -	10 00
For each additional one - - - - -	2 00
Promenade Tickets - - - - -	1 00

It is a very good idea to admit strangers (if introduced by 11  
at a charge of 25 cents each. 11

Towards the end of the season at Studley, there is always 11  
talk about starting a Bowling Alley during the winter; but 11  
has so far—until now—ended in talk. If some one would only 11  
the idea early in the summer, there would be more chance of 11  
it out in time to be of use for the next winter. There is certainly 11  
for something of the kind, and we do not think it would more 11  
interfere with the Curling Club; as it is now, there are five 11  
least—October, November, December, April and May,—when 11  
practically nothing to do,—there are plenty summer sports, 11  
supply for the winter, but the intermediate season—which in the 11  
is the longest—is entirely unprovided for. We hope some 11  
movement will be made towards filling this gap before the 11  
comes, at any rate. 11

The new skate put on the market by the Forbes' Manu 11  
Company has become very popular. Everyone either is, or is 11  
become, the happy possessor of a pair. The wide edge is a 11  
advantage over the narrow blade so far as figure skating is 11  
The arrangements for gripping the boots are so contrived 11  
levers do not tend to curve the blade at all. At present the 11  
skate is manufactured only in steel. The company should con 11  
advisability of producing them in silver or nickel-plated 11  
rusty skate is the "abomination of desolation" (more so than 11  
even), and to keep a steel skate free from rust is a task al 11  
hopeless as that of poor Sisyphus. 11

GABRIEL'S, 17 BUCKINGHAM ST.

Dr. SEARS: Mrs. Smith, I understand your husband is suffering from a Curduncle.  
Mrs. SMITH: Suffering, why he is delighted with it. He wears it in his scarf!

TOMMY:—(who had concealed himself under the sofa during the bet)  
Sister, lemme see your ring.  
His SISTER:—Why Tommy?  
TOMMY:—I want to see if the galoot told the truth when he said his he r

Call and get a Gold or Silver Wish-bone Pin, \$1.00 to \$5.00, and 2, 3, 4, 5 strand Fine Silver Cut Bangles. Gold ones with Moons