

# Cable News.

Special to the Evening Telegram.  
LONDON, Dec. 15.

The mystery of the resignation of Sir Francis Bridgeman, as First Sea Lord deepens. Sir Francis refuses to discuss the circumstances of his retirement, but says plainly that his resignation was not voluntary, nor was it on the grounds of ill-health. The Morning Post vouches for the truth of the statement that Admiral Bridgeman, some time ago, took the initiative in urging his colleagues to tender their resignations on the subject of the pay and manning of the Navy. When he acquiesced in Mr. Churchill's suggestion to retire, he received the offer of the position of Admiral of the Fleet, which corresponds to that of Field-Marshal in the German Army. This offer he declined.

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When Churchill took control of the Admiralty as First Sea Lord, there was much speculation as to how the Minister, with his enterprising and pugnacious temperament would work with the Sea Lords, who had been accustomed to dominate in professional matters. The resignation of the First Lord, Vice-Admiral Bridgeman, whom Prince Louis of Battenburg succeeds, followed by rumours that all the Sea Lords threatened to resign, is now a question of veracity between the First Lord of the Admiralty and Bridgeman. The matter has created a sensation, and Churchill has been pressed by Lord Beresford in the House of Commons for an explanation. Churchill has declared that Bridgeman's retirement is due solely to ill-health, and at Churchill's request. The Vice-Admiral asked by a reporter if he had resigned owing to ill-health, answered in the negative. The friction is believed to have begun by Churchill insisting upon directing the details of the last manoeuvre against the advice of the Sea Lords. There is considerable opposition to Prince Louis of Battenburg holding the position in the Navy, on the same grounds that the Army long opposed the Duke of Cambridge having the highest command, namely, that it was given him because he was a member of the Royal Family, instead of through merits of professional competency. The First Lord of the Admiralty and the leading Admirals unquestionably are antagonistic, and some Liberals even express the fear that the efficiency of the Navy may be jeopardized on this account.

## Here and There

**MISSING CRAFT REPORTED.**—The schr. Florence, which left here on Thursday last with supplies for Bay Roberts, and which was reported missing, has reached her destination. She experienced a heavy gale and harbored out of it at Bell Island.

**SHOULDER DISLOCATED.**—There arrived by Saturday's train a man named Wm. Leary from Conception Harbor to enter Hospital for treatment. Last week his horse took fright and ran away. Leary was thrown to the ground and had his shoulder dislocated.

**WORKING NIGHTLY.**—Large consignments of freight are now being sent along by the Reid Nfld. Co's. trains, and their sheds are piled almost to the ceilings with Christmas goods. The freight traffic to date is far larger than last year and each night men are engaged loading up trains.

**T. A. SOCIETY.**—The T. A. & B. Society held a special meeting yesterday afternoon when the following new guardians were appointed for the Juvenile Branch during the ensuing term: Messrs. W. Billingsby, A. O'Brien, M. Dunn, M. Tobin, T. Walsh, J. Murphy, J. O'Toole, W. Gallivan and P. Breen. Sashes of Honor were given Messrs. J. J. Norris and J. Clancy, the retiring guardians. The inauguration of an Employment Bureau was then introduced.

**NOTE OF THANKS.**—Miss Carroll and Mrs. McGettigan wish to thank the following who so generously helped them with money and goods, for the stall at St. Patrick's Fair: A. F. Goodridge, \$20; Miss Ennis, \$18; Miss Keough, Boston, Miss L. Maher, \$12; J. H. Munn and Wm. King, \$10; Mrs. M. Furlong, Grand Falls, \$8.30; Mrs. Whitten and Otto Oppelt, \$5; Mrs. N. Murphy, \$3.50; Tasker Cook, J. H. Morey, Aden O'Driscoll, P. Smith, Bride Power, \$2; M. Aylward, C. Ryan, Mrs. Rodgers, J. Angel, \$1 each; J. Huelley, Jos. Roper, W. Goobie, Alf McNamara and others for plain and fancy goods. While thanking the many ladies who contributed some beautiful fancy work, we would make special mention of that sent in by the Sisters of the Mercy Convent, Military Road; this work drew considerable attention and praise from all observers and proved to be a feature of the Bazaar. This work sold so rapidly that many would-be-purchasers came forward when all was disposed of. To those and others we would say that the good Sisters take orders in this line and will give entire satisfaction to their patrons.—adv. 11.

## BAIRD'S SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SALE!

**FOR 4 DAYS** MONDAY. TUESDAY. WEDNESDAY. THURSDAY.  
All kinds of Xmas Goods at Cut Prices. This Sale offers exceptional opportunities for solving that vexatious question, "Where to find the correct gift?"  
**MEET ME AT BAIRD'S BAZAAR.**



**TOYS!**  
If the Toy question is a proposition with you, come and have a look over our immense stock, where you'll find anything you want in the Toy line; and bear in mind that during this Special Xmas Sale your requirements can be bought economically at prices for which our sales to-day stand out pre-eminently.  
**TOYS!**

## USEFUL GIFTS FOR HER



### Blouses. Blouses.

**For Christmas Don a New Blouse.**  
We are offering this week a line of American high grade Muslin Blouses that should appeal both to the excellence of appearance and the attractive price at which they are offered for Christmas Sale. See this beautiful assortment, a description of which would tax a connoisseur to describe eloquently enough the charming appearance of this particular line; all sizes. Your choice. Special Christmas Sale . . . . . **1.29**

**UNDERSKIRTS.**  
A gift like this will be appreciated. We offer a line of Ladies' Underskirts in Colored Moreen, Sky, Brown, Purple, Electric, Hello, Black and Green, etc. The Skirts sell at \$2.00. We offer them at Special Christmas Sale . . . . . **1.69**

**LADIES' EMBROIDERED COLLARS.**  
8 doz. of Stylish Linen Collars, very neatly embroidered in various designs; medium height. Reg. 1.00. Special Christmas Sale, 3 for . . . . . **25c**

**We Offer Unequaled Values in LADIES' BELTS.**  
Black and Colored Silk, Leather and Elastic. This is a handsome assortment, particularly pleasing as a Christmas Gift. Regular prices to 45c. Special Christmas Sale . . . . . **34c**

**ACCEPTABLE GIFTS.**  
A bright and chic assortment of Ladies' Muffs and Watch Chains. These are in a great variety of makes; hardly any two alike; Enamel, Black and Gilt; some with Colored Stones, others in Plain Gold and Silver; full lengths. Prices in these up to \$1.20. Special Christmas Sale, each . . . . . **55c**

**LADIES' HAND BAGS.**  
In suggesting gifts we think you will be pleased with our display of dainty Hand Bags, fringed edge and silk cord handles; a useful and serviceable gift. Reg. 75c. Special Christmas Sale . . . . . **66c**

**HANDKERCHIEFS**  
Always an Ideal Gift for Her.  
**LADIES' BOXED HANDKERCHIEFS.**  
We are showing for this Special Sale a rare lot of dainty Handkerchiefs in gift boxes. Handkerchiefs of extra fine quality, plain, hemstitched and embroidered, some with scalloped edge. Here are a few prices for your perusal:  
16 boxes containing 6 Hdksfs. Special Xmas Sale . . . . . **90c. box**  
11 boxes containing 6 Hdksfs. Special Xmas Sale . . . . . **\$1.00 box**  
23 boxes containing 6 Hdksfs. Special Xmas Sale . . . . . **\$1.20 box**  
16 boxes containing 6 Hdksfs. each. Special Xmas Sale . . . . . **\$1.60 box**  
Other offers in Single Handkerchiefs, not boxed, but dainty Handkerchiefs in finish and quality. Special Xmas Sale.  
**3 FOR 25c.**  
Lace edged and embroidered.

**HOSIERY FOR HER.**  
7 doz. of Women's Cashmere "Hose, in Black, Tan and Myrtle, plain and ribbed. Prices in this in the regular way run up to 65c. To clear the lot we offer them—Special Christmas Sale, **49c. PAIR.**

8 doz. of Black and Colored Cashmere, plain, fancy stripes and embroidered; all up-to-date footwear. Reg. up to 60c. Special Christmas Sale, **36c. PAIR.**

**BOYS' SWEATERS.**  
A seasonable and serviceable gift. These come in assorted colors, flannels boys from 3 to 8 years. For outdoors you should get one of these for your boy. Reg. 55c. Special Christmas Sale . . . . . **47c**

**SPRING BLINDS.**  
Everybody brightens up for Christmas. We'll help you to do so economically this Christmas.  
18 doz. of Spring Blinds, in colors of Buff and Green, reliable rollers, 36 inches wide; Blinds 6 feet long with fringe; complete. Special Christmas Sale, each . . . . . **25c**  
10 1/2 doz. of a better grade, finished with insertion and fringe, in colors of Buff and Green. Reg. 45 and 50c. Special Christmas Sale (complete) . . . . . **39c**

**STAIR OIL CLOTHS.**  
33 pieces of this in assorted patterns and different widths, plain and fancy centres and fancy borders. Special Christmas Sale, per yard . . . . . **7 1/2c**

**STAIR CARPETS.**  
2 pieces of Fancy Stair Carpet, 23 inches wide; nice warm colors; good quality Tapestry. Reg. 60c. Special Christmas Sale . . . . . **54c**  
3 pieces of very neat patterns on warm grounds, 23 inches wide. A better grade than the cheaper one, being heavier and closer finish. Reg. 80c. Special Christmas Sale . . . . . **72c**

**COTTON BLANKETS.**  
66 pairs of American Blankets, size 50 x 72; Pale Blue and Pink colored borders, well fleeced, crochet edge. Reg. \$1.00. Special Christmas Sale, per pair . . . . . **88c**

## Brighten Up 'Tis Xmas Time

### A FEW NEEDS FOR THE HOUSE

**TAPESTRY TABLE COVERS.**  
25 only in assorted patterns and colors, size 66 x 66, each finished with knotted fringe; a nice selection of warm and cozy colors for winter wear. Reg. \$1.70. Special Christmas Sale . . . . . **1.54**

**Here is something you might call a gift.**  
**QUILTS.**  
**White American Quilts.**  
2 1/2 doz. of these Imitation Marshalls, full size, 78 x 85 inches; extra heavy and guaranteed a perfect washing quilt; plain edges; a fine line of patterns. Reg. \$2.20. Special Christmas Sale . . . . . **1.90**

**TAPESTRY CUSHION COVERS.**  
We offer you a large assortment of these to choose from, each cover size 21 x 21; a good wearing and washable cover for everyday wear. Reg. 40c. Special Christmas Sale . . . . . **33c**

**USEFUL GIFTS FOR HIM**

**MEN'S SILK HANDKERCHIEFS.**  
Our stock of these is complete in White and Coloured, Plain and Initial. This line contains many samples which you could not buy under \$1.00. Special Christmas Sale, your choice . . . . . **78c**

**GENTS' WALKING STICKS.**  
We can offer you a line of Smart Walking Sticks, sterling silver mounting, assorted handles, at a very low figure. These Sticks in the usual way sell at prices from \$1.10 to \$1.40. Special Christmas Sale . . . . . **95c**

**SILK MUFFLERS.**  
2 doz. of Black and White Shepherd's Plaid Mufflers, full size, fine quality silk; of superior finish. Special Christmas Sale, each . . . . . **1.00**

**MEN'S NECKWEAR.**  
See this display of Gent's Neckwear, revealing only the newest in English and American styles; each Tie neatly boxed. Special Christmas Sale, each . . . . . **48c**

**MEN'S HOSE SUPPORTERS.**  
5 doz. of the favourite "Boston" Hose Supporters; every pair warranted, good Mercerised Cotton web and secure fastenings. Special Christmas Sale per pair . . . . . **33c**

**FANCY VESTS.**  
In deciding what to give him, don't forget our stock of Knitted Vests; reliable English make in fancy Heather mixtures and fancy stripes; superior quality; select style. Reg. \$3.80. Special Christmas Sale . . . . . **3.33**

**BRACES.**  
He will appreciate our Braces, nicely boxed; inviting gifts. If you are in a quandry as to what to give, why, give him a pair of these; just what is required and always useful. Our range is complete. Special Sale Prices . . . . . **49c, 59c, 69c up**

**MEN'S FANCY VEST BUTTONS.**  
Cuff Studs, Links, full sets of Studs and Scarf Pins, etc., arrayed in great profusion at a price that is worth your investing. See this line of goods, that is certainly an ideal one as Gift Goods. All one price. Special Christmas Sale, each . . . . . **48c**

**MEN'S SCOTCH KNIT GLOVES.**  
The only Gloves that will positively keep your hands warm and comfortable in cold weather; finished with leather bound wrist and dome fastener. Reg. 95c. Special Christmas Sale, per pair . . . . . **86c**

**MEN'S KID GLOVES.**  
4 doz. Fowne's Kid Gloves, in Tan, a perfect fitting Glove with very warm lining; 1 dome fastener. Reg. \$1.40. Special Christmas Sale . . . . . **1.25**

**CHILDREN'S WOOL MOTOR SCARFS.**  
The kind that keeps them warm and comfortable out-o'-doors. This selection is complete in many colours to choose from and is certainly a choice Xmas Gift. Regular 95c. Special Christmas Sale . . . . . **83c**

**CHILDREN'S TOBOGGAN SETS.**  
These include Cap, Mitts and Sash, in colors of Scarlet and White, Navy and White, Cardinal and White; also in plain Navy, Scarlet, etc. A suggestion for gifts. Regular \$1.00. Special Christmas Sale . . . . . **88c**

# James Baird LIMITED

Come Early and Often

Baird's Xmas Bazaar.



Gifts!

A dainty and useful gift for a lady.

For a lady.

Man!

Pen, calendar, etc.

Man!

Man!