

WHISKARD'S

Three Busy Stores,
228, 230 and 232 Dundas St.

Seasonable Furs

AT 50 OFF.

The "Three Busy Stores" are today more than ever rich in opportunity for the economical expenditure of money, but nowhere, even in the other departments of our own stores, will better or more unusual offerings be met with than in our Fur Department.

Two only Fur Capelines at \$4.75 each.
One only Fur Capeline, worth \$25, for \$12.
Three only Mink Muffs, worth \$4, for \$1.97 each.
Large Black Fur Muffs, only \$1 each.
Four only Fox Ruffs, worth \$4, for \$1.99 each.

Hosiery Department.

We are proud of our Hosiery offerings. There is everything new or staple that is desirable for men, women or children. We feel our money-saving prices cannot be beaten.
Very heavy line of Wool Hose for children, 6½, 7, 7½, 8, only 25c pair.
Ladies' Heavy Wool Ribbed Hose, 23c pair.
Ladies' Plain Wool Hose, 25c pair.
Ladies' Fine Ribbed Cashmere hose, 25c, 30c, 40c, 65c pair.
Ladies' Plain Cashmere Hose, 25c, 35c, 40c, 49c pair.
Ladies' Special Cashmere Hose, 3 pairs for \$1.

Ladies' & Children's Seasonable Underwear

Ladies' Fleece Vests, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 50c each.
Ladies' Fleece Drawers, 25c, 35c, 49c pair.
Ladies' Hygiene Vests, 40c, 50c, 75c each.
Ladies' Hygiene Drawers, 40c, 50c, 75c pair.
Children's Fleece Vests, 10c, 12½c, 15c, 19c, 25c each.
Children's Hygiene Vests, 19c, 23c, 29c, 32c, 35c each.
Children's Hygiene Drawers, 19c, 20c, 25c pair.

Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Dress Skirts.

Ladies' Cloth Skirts, in fawn and gray, \$2.19 each.
Ladies' Cloth Skirts, in black and navy, \$2.39 each.
Ladies' Heavy Twilled Serge Skirts, \$3.25 each.
Ladies' Tailor-made Skirts, Heavy serge, stitched seams, at \$3.59.
These skirts are cheap at \$4.50.

Dress Goods Department.

Homespun Suitings in plain gray, brown and gray checks. Special, 69c yard.
Special line of very heavy 50-inch Serge Dress Goods, in navy and black, 50c yard.
Fine Cardinal Cashmere Dress Goods, 39c, 49c yard.
Ladies' Costume Cloth, in gray, fawn, navy blue and black, 25c yard.
Costume Cloth, 54 inches wide, brown, navy, blue and black, 35c yard.
Children's Wool Comforters for the neck, 15c, 25c each.

Fancy Art Satene Department.

Fancy Art Satene, 15c, 18c, 20c yard.
Mercerized Satene, 25c yard.
Plain Satene, all colors, 12½c yard.
Reversible Double Fold Cretonne for curtains, 20c yard.

CANADA'S COMMERCE GROWING

The Last Fiscal Year Shows an Enormous Increase

In Our Trade With Both Great Britain and the United States.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—Canadians have reason to feel jubilant over the state of the Dominion commerce, as disclosed by the trade and navigation returns for the year ended on June 30 last. The total imports amounted to \$189,622,513, and the exports to \$191,594,723, giving a total aggregate trade on the basis of imports and exports of \$381,517,236. Comparing the returns for last year with those for the previous four years, one is able to see at a glance with what rapidity the trade of Canada has advanced. In 1899 the aggregate trade was \$321,661,212; in 1898, \$304,475,786; in 1897, \$267,168,862; in 1896, \$239,025,569. Thus it will be seen that the increase for the year for the twelve months immediately preceding was no less than \$60,000,000, while compared with the last year prior to the advent of the present administration the increase amounted to \$142,000,000, an advance in the rate of 60 per cent. To put the matter in condensed form, Canada's foreign trade last year amounted to over one million dollars per diem. The showing is almost as satisfactory if the aggregate trade is taken on the basis of imports entered for consumption and exports of Canadian products only. The imports for consumption amounted to \$180,804,316, and the exports of Canadian products only to \$170,642,369, or a total of \$351,446,685. For the preceding years the aggregate trade on the same basis was as follows: 1899, \$292,513,630; 1898, \$276,292,391; 1897, \$225,253,859; and 1896, \$220,502,817. The increase for the past year over 1899 was therefore \$58,933,055, and over the twelve months immediately preceding that in which the present government took office, \$100,947,369, or an increase over the latter period of 59 per cent.

WITH THE UNITED STATES.
Taking the imports from the United States last year, the value of dutiable goods entered for consumption was \$32,297,569, and of free goods \$55,946,817, or a total of \$88,244,386. In the preceding year the total value of goods from the United States entered for consumption was \$32,607,189, of which quantity \$44,471,824 was dutiable and \$43,553,342 free. Comparing the two years there is an increase of \$16,837,212 in the value of goods entered for consumption in favor of last year. The increase in free goods amounted to \$7,411,518, and in dutiable goods to \$9,425,737. The exports of Canadian produce to the United States last year, exclusive of short returned, amounted to \$12,534,377. For the previous year on the same basis they were \$25,867,326, showing the very satisfactory increase of nearly seventeen millions.

WITH GREAT BRITAIN.
Turning to our trade with Great Britain, it is evident that the preferential

tariff has resulted in largely increased sales of British goods to Canada. For years prior to its adoption Great Britain's export trade had steadily fallen off. The preference at once arrested the decline, and the trade has increased ever since. In 1899 the total imports for consumption from Great Britain amounted to \$43,390,241, while in 1897, the last fiscal year prior to the adoption of the preference, they had fallen to \$23,412,188. The first year of the preference they increased to \$32,500,917, the second year to \$37,060,123, and the third year to \$44,789,730.

THE PREFERENCE.
The preference, coupled with the development of the cold storage facilities, has already resulted in a wonderful increase in the exports of Canadian produce to Great Britain. The exports of Canadian produce last year to Great Britain amounted to \$96,562,875. In 1899 they were \$35,114,551, in 1898, \$33,065,019, and in 1897, which was practically the last fiscal year prior to the adoption of the preference, they were only \$69,533,852. The total exports of Canadian produce to all countries last year amounted to \$170,642,369, which is an increase of \$22,133,332 as compared with the previous year, and an advance of over \$50,000,000 over the fiscal year 1896. Calculating on the basis of the total imports and exports for the Dominion for the four fiscal years since the present administration took office, the balance of trade has been in Canada's favor to the extent of \$40,966,081.

A Wonderfully Delicious and Nutritious Breakfast Food.

Princes and Potentates of the Past Never Enjoyed Such a Morning Dish as

Malt Breakfast Food

Affords.

King Solomon in his time, with all his riches, power and greatness, could not command such a delicious dish for breakfast as Malt Breakfast Food. Kings and Queens of the past would have given any price for such a palatable health food for the breakfast table.

The science of our progressive age has evolved an ideal food combining the health-giving properties of pure Malt with the strength-yielding virtues of the choicest Wheat—a food that is relished and used today by the titled, the affluent, the middle class and the sons and daughters of toil.
There are many reasons why Malt Breakfast Food is fast becoming a universal food. The present low price puts it within reach of all families. It is the most nourishing and the most satisfying of all grain foods. Being partially pre-digested, it does not task digestion; the weakest stomach can appropriate every particle. It does not irritate the stomach and digestive organs like ordinary oatmeal. It builds up flesh, bone and muscle; it gives activity and clearness to the mind.
Your Grocer sells Malt Breakfast Food. Ask him for a package; he will recommend it with pleasure.

Last year 1,000,000 barrels of American flour were shipped to Hong Kong.

Latest Weather Probabilities

FAIR AND COLD.
Toronto, Jan. 5—10 a.m.—Weather probabilities for the next twenty-four hours for the lower lakes region: Fair and cold.
Sunday—Fair and cold.

REGISTER YOUR VOTE

Against the Bylaw to Abolish the Hospital Trust.

Hospital Has Capable Men Controlling It.

This is our last opportunity to call on all the voters entitled to vote to mark their ballots against the bylaw to abolish the hospital trust, and we do so with every confidence that there will be a large majority in favor of continuing the management of the hospital in the hands of the trustees. There are many reasons for this. It is not often that any public institution has such good men interested in the management. Every member of the trust is above suspicion. Its worst enemies have not dared to bring forward one charge.

On the other hand, who are the men who seek a change? No one knows. They hatched their schemes in secret, and have not, with any degree of manliness, come forward to give a reason for their conduct. They would destroy, without any reason, the system of management that has done so much good to the hospital. There might as well have been fifty thousand dollars or sixty thousand saved in the construction of the hospital. Where the trustees made a mistake was when they allowed the city council to make change of the building. That was a dead loss to the city, and its increased cost of maintenance is also a dead loss; yet with what recklessness one or two citizens tried to throw the blame for this on the trustees.

These same men have but illy concealed the dagger they would plunge in the back of the Medical School. Why they would destroy that excellent institution is hard to imagine. But the medical men interested have all spoken out, and we hope there will be no uncertain sound, and that the voters will pile up such a large majority against the abolition of the board of trustees that it will not be heard of again during the present century.

ON FEBRUARY 6

The Provincial Legislature of Ontario Summoned to Meet.

Toronto, Jan. 15.—The Provincial Legislature has been called to meet on Wednesday, Feb. 6.

Telegraphic Briefs.

Woodstock citizens have drafted a resolution to incorporate the town as a city.
Brantford Young Liberals will tender a banquet to Premier Ross before the legislature meets.

The safe of the Tivoli Brewing Company, Detroit, was blown open and \$700 stolen. The six robbers gagged will not begin, it is understood in official circles here, until not only the note of the powers, but also the Chinese acceptance of the preliminaries shall have become a formal international agreement on the part of the powers at present engaged in this matter.

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WATCHING THEM CLOSELY.
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Telegrams from Nevada, Eldorado Springs and Appleton City, Nev., say a distinct earthquake shock was felt at those points at 9:12 p.m. Thursday. At Eldorado Springs window panes were broken and other slight damage occurred.
The aggregate production of gold in

Dr. Chase's Help To the Workers.

When the Brain Lags, the Body Weakens and Physical Bankruptcy Threatens, Dr. Chase's Nerve Food Seeks Out the Weak Spots and Builds Them Up.

Canadians are workers. Some from necessity, others from ambition. Some to provide for self, others for the daily bread of those dependent on them. All alike find when the system weakens and health gives way to disease. The strain of the work of the mind, on the bodies of others, but the nourishment of both is in the nerves and blood.

When the mind refuses to concentrate in thought, when the brain aches and aches, when sleepless nights are followed by days of languor and discouragement, when the heart palpitates, the stomach weakens and there are pains and aches of the heart and body, Dr. Chase will help you by means of his Nerve Food, the greatest blood-builder and nerve restorative of the age.

Without deadening the nerves, without stimulating the heart to overaction, Dr. Chase's Nerve Food gradually and certainly reconstructs the tissues wasted by overwork and disease. The quality of the blood is enriched, the nerves are revitalized, and the body and strengthening tide com-

GOLD MEDAL, PARIS, 1900

The Judges at the Paris Exposition have awarded a

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to
Walter Baker & Co. Ltd.

the largest manufacturers of cocoa and chocolate in the world. This is the third award from a Paris Exposition.

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the United States during 1900 is estimated by the director of the mint at 3,372,216 fine ounces valued at \$73,322,281, and of silver 39,610,545 fine ounces valued at \$3,362,431. During the calendar year of 1899 the gold production was \$11,663,400 and the silver production \$4,764,600 fine ounces. The gold and silver production for 1900 is given as \$15,100,000, and that of the Klondike, which includes both the American and Canadian fields, \$22,287,566.

RUSSIA IS SKEPTICAL

As to China's Sincerity in Regard to Negotiations.

Prediction of Another Catastrophe—Apprehension Created by Russia's Attitude in Manchuria.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 5.—The Russian press is skeptical regarding Chinese sincerity.

The Novoe Vremya characterizes the Chinese acceptance of the peace terms of the powers as being a formality due to China's inability to oppose the European armies. The paper adds that the next catastrophe is probably not far distant, and that it will far surpass the recent occurrences. The entire Russian press pessimistically and fiercely attacks "plundering, vandalism and the destruction of the libraries and other monuments of the ancient civilization of the German and English troops." The Rissiya complacently observes that the London Times' dispatch will hardly cement German-English friendship.

WALDBERSEE IS OPTIMISTIC.
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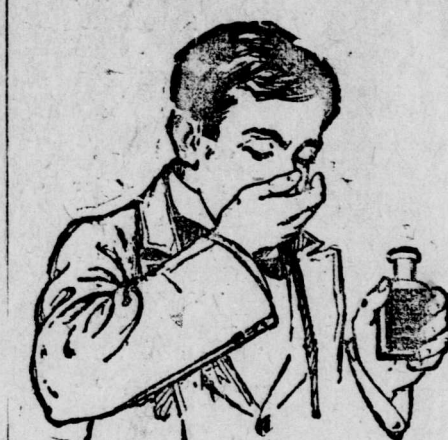
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In order that all sufferers may have an opportunity to thoroughly test the new treatment for Catarrh, arrangements have been entered into for a series of FREE TESTS at the

DRUG STORE OF ANDERSON & NELLES, 240 DUNDAS ST.,

Commencing this evening at 7 to 9 o'clock. If you have Catarrh in any form whatever you are welcome to test Dr. Arnold's new treatment without a penny to pay. A representative from Dr. Arnold's English offices, with a staff of attendants, will be ready to wait upon you, and every courtesy will be extended to those who attend the demonstration on Friday night and Saturday 9 a.m., until 9 p.m.

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MOST RELIABLE and Successful Authority in treatment of Rupture without an operation. He who makes a specialty of one department must be more experienced and capable than those having "many irons in the fire." Stop wasting time money in useless efforts elsewhere, but go to one whose life study has taught him what to do. Consultation Free. Have you not had experience enough to justify you adopting some change? If you look for a cure now is the best time—"next week may be too late." READ THIS TESTIMONY.
DEAR SIR,—I am glad you visited Stratford and that I shared with others your skillful treatment. My ruptures have not appeared since under your care. No trouble now, in fact, your treatment has gone beyond my most sanguine expectations. I can, with all confidence, recommend your system of treatment to anyone.
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I will send any woman information of a harmless monthly regulator that will relieve in two to five days. A simple home treatment.
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Undertakers and Embalmers
Scientific work, first-class ap-
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Every day housekeepers are asked to try this or that new breakfast food. Why should YOU be the subject of these experiments for the benefit of others?

You can avoid this by using a standard article that has stood every test, that has a reputation like

Pan-Dried Oats.

The best grain with the best milling are combined in them.

The Tillson Co., Limited,
Tillsonburg, Ont.

Amusements.

Prof. Pauline, the hypnotist and mind reader, will appear at the London Opera House on Monday evening, and continue all week. Prof. Pauline does not pretend to tell you what you are thinking about, nor read your mind, but will, with a committee of London's leading citizens, find hidden articles in the opera house and return same to their rightful owners. One great test Prof. Pauline will perform is known as the ring test. Another test which is simply wonderful is the great pin test. The startling feature of the test will be the great catleptic test. These tests will be accomplished Monday night, also different ones during the week. Don't fail to see this wonderful performance. Election returns will be read from the stage. Pauline will on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock select a committee of leading citizens, who will decide upon a route, to be driven over, and also hide some article. Pauline will drive blindfolded over the selected route, with committee, find parcel, and return to the owner.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.
London, Jan. 4.—Here cattle are steady at 1½c to 1¾c per lb, dressed weight; at Liverpool, 1½c to 1¾c per lb, sheep are firm at 1½c to 1¾c per lb, dressed weight; refrigerator beef is steady at 1½c to 1¾c per lb.

TORONTO HAY MARKET.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—Baled hay, the receipts are moderate and the market is steady. No. 1 is quoted at \$10 to \$10.50 per ton, and No. 2 at \$9 to \$9.50 per ton. Car lots on track here. Baled straw, offerings very light and demand good; quotations range from \$5 to \$6 per ton for car lots on track here.

DETROIT BEAN MARKET.

Detroit, Jan. 4.—Beans are in good demand and prices are again higher. The leading options are up to 10c since the close on Thursday and the market had every appearance of strength at the close. Quotations: January, \$2.10 bid; February, 40c bid; closing at \$2.10.

The sum of 150 marks, heretofore annually voted in Germany for the support of German schools abroad, has been doubled this year.
MICKLE'S ANTI-CONSUMPTIVE SYRUP stands at the head of the list for all diseases of the throat and lungs. It acts like magic in breaking up a cold. A cough is soon subdued, tightness of the chest is relieved, even the worst case of consumption is relieved, while in recent cases it may be said never to fail. It is a medicine prepared from the active principles or virtues of several medicinal herbs, and can be depended upon for all pulmonary complaints.