The Home of the Christmas Crackers

is assuredly in our store — for here we have them in greater variety of size and kind and in greater numbers than elsewhere in Canada. They are for big people as well as for little people, and their merry cracking is one of the most enjoyable features of Christmas day.

Christmas Crackers or Cossaques, or Bon Bons, as they are variously called in different parts of the world, are packed, one dozen in a pretty box, and as the prices range from 15c a box upwards, no one need be without them for the sake of economy.

Michie & Co.,
Grocers and Confectioners,
3 King St. West. 466 Spadina Ave.
TORONTO.

LIVE STOCK AT OTTAWA.

A Cattle Market is Wanted and Then a Big Business Could Be Done.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—"It is hard to believe it," said a prominent live stock dealer last evening, "but 17,605 head of cattle, sheep and hogs have been brought into this city by the C.P.J. and Gatineau Railways during the past year. This is only a small portion of the live stock raised for market in the districts surrounding Ottawa, and if Ottawa had a good stock market all of this stock would be purchased here and as a consequence, a large amount of money left in the city. This is one of the principal arguments in favor of the establishing of stock yards in the city, and it is a strong one."

Plague Extinct in Turkestan.

Moscow, Dec. 13.—The bubonic plague, which has raged for months in Turkestan around about Anzowa and Samarcand, is now said to be extinct. Prince Alexander Oldenburg, a near relative of the Czar, who was ordered to Samarcand towards the end of October to supervise the Government measures for the stamping out of the pest, finding his work accomplished, has left Samarcand and has gone to Tashkend, where is the residence of the Governor-General of Turkestan.

Cucumbers and melons are "forbidden fruit" to many persons so constituted that the least indulgence is followed by attacks of cholera, dysentery, griping, etc. Those persons are not aware that they can indulge to their heart's content if they have on hand a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kellog's Dysentery Cordial, a medicine that will give immediate relief and is a sure cure for the worst cases. ed

Death of Mrs. R. E. Gosnell.

Victoria, B. C. Dec. 13.—Mrs. Agnes T. Gosnell, wife of Provincial Librarian Gosnell, who died from the effects of an operation yesterday, was well known in Eastern Canada.

DRY GOODS ONLY

Wednesday, 14th Dec., 1898.

Christmas Specials For This Week

Will to-day be principally represented by a grand display of

Dress Lengths

in Black and Colored Fabrics, of all the newest and most stylish weaves. Skirt and full dress lengths, starting in price at $2.50 each.

We are now making a specially attractive display in all the principal Scottish Clan and Family Tartan patterns—various widths and prices.

A Table of Ribbons at 5c per yard.
Table of Ribbons at 12½c per yard.
Table of Ribbons at 25c per yard.

Handkerchiefs

An immense counter display of Pure Irish Linen and Sheer Swiss makes. Ladies' fine Sheer Swiss embroidered at 12½c, 15c, 20c, 25c to 75c each. Pure Linen Hand Embroidered at 75c, 90c, $1, $1.25, $1.50 each. Linen Hemstitched, with hems ¼, ½, ⅝ and 1 in. wide, $1.00 per doz. Box of half dozen, with embroidered initial, for $1.75. Men's hemmed from $1.50, and hemstitched from $3 up.

Evening and Opera Wraps and Cloaks

Plain, embroidered and fur-trimmed, showing new flounce effects, poplin circulars in choice assortment of new shades. Handsome specials in Evening Cloaks, in cardinal, fawns, blues, bronze, greys, etc., fur-trimmed.

Mantle Clearing

Ladies' Jackets and Coats, all colors, full range of sizes in this season's goods, marked off to clear at the following reduced prices: $3.25, $3.75, $4.50, $5.50, $7, $8, $10.50, $12.50, $15, $17.50, $20, $25.

Children's Ulsters marked down to $2.75, $3, $4, $5, $6, $7, $8, $9, $10. Reefers at $2.25, $2.75, $3, $3.50, $4, $4.50, $5, $6.

Handsome Walking Skirts

In Tweeds, Serges, Crepons, Silk, plain and brocade, being latest models from foremost dress tailors.

Rustling Underskirts

The handsomest patterns shown in Striped Taffetas, Moreen and Moretta, in all the new styles of flounce and frills.

Silk Blouse Waists

A special Xmas collection in all the new styles offering at special prices.

Neckwear

Handsome effects in Lace and Chiffon Ties, Bows, Scarves, the "Wilhelmina" Jabot, and an immense collection of Scottish tartan patterns in four-in-hand, club and puff styles.

Umbrellas

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Steel Rods, Silver Mounts; newest styles in handles, fancy, plain and rustic. On these initials engraved free of charge for the holidays.

Kid Gloves

Two special Christmas offers in black and colors, at 75c and $1 per pair.

John Catto & Son
KING STREET,
OPPOSITE THE POSTOFFICE.

The Robert SIMPSON Co. Limited

TORONTO, Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1898.

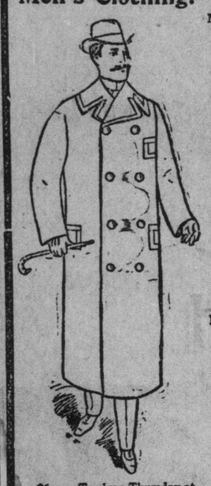
The Swing of the Crowd.

No need to beg for customers. Everybody will be here as a matter of course, looking and buying until the store's wealth of room seems inadequate. Our people are doing their best. It's a time to be obliging and patient and to swing with the crowd. If everybody kept strictly to the right the crowding would be greatly diminished.

We are being complimented on all sides. Holiday goods were surrounded all day yesterday by a most enthusiastic audience. We know the enthusiasm was deep-seated because the money came. We look at results to determine the popular feeling regarding anything and everything.

A special feature of Thursday's selling will be "dozen prices" in Toys and Dolls.

Men's Clothing.



Men's Ulsters, extra heavy all-wool Harris frieze ulsters, in blue, black and heather mixture, lined with heavy all-wool tweed lining, mohair sleeve lining, made with deep French facing, guaranteed waterproof as well as windproof, sizes 36 to 44. These coats are regular $10.50 value. Our price— **$8.50**

Men's Fine Blue Beaver Overcoats, in single and double breast style, strongly made, lined with fancy plaid lining, finished with deep velvet collar, sizes 36, 37, 38, 40 and 44, regular $6.50. To clear Thursday at..... **3.95**

Boys' Reefers, nap and all-wool blue serges, heavy weight, sizes 26 to 32, some lined with farmers' satin, some with plaid wool lining. These reefers are an assorted lot of odd lines which sold regular at from $3.00 to $4.50. Thursday to clear at **2.00**

Suspenders for Gifts. Lots of Suspenders for gifts. Good, good-looking and neatly put together—some handsome lines:—

Men's Plain Satin Suspenders, with elastic at back, lined with white twilled satin, roll plate trimmings, silk plaited ends, box with each pair, in white, black, sky blue, pink, cardinal and peacock, special, pair, 50c, 75c and **1.00**

Men's Fancy Silk Non-Elastic Web Suspenders, with elastic at back, roll plate trimmings, silk plaited ends, box with each pair, good 75c value, special, pair ..... **.50**

Men's Hand Embroidered Satin Suspenders, with elastic at back, white twilled satin lining, roll plate trimmings, silk plaited ends, box with each pair, in white, black, sky blue, pink, cardinal and peacock, very spec. cial, pair, 75c and **1.75**

Men's Fancy Silk Elastic Web Suspenders, finest roll plate trimmings, wear resisting, mohair ends, highest quality web, regular 75c line, Christmas, special, pair ..... **.50**

Men's Furs for Xmas.

Boys' Fine Quality Imitation Persian Lamb Caps, in grey or black, small, medium or large curls, lined fancy sateen, wedge or Dominion shapes, special ..... **.50**

Men's Winter Caps, in beaver cloth, corduroy or tweed, sliding band, 6-4 crown, cap newest American shape, warm and comfortable, special price ..... **.50**

Men's Astrachan Fur Caps, driver shape, stationary peak, with sliding bands, glossy and even curl, lined fancy satin, sizes 7 to 7½, special **3.50**

Fine Quality Skirt Lengths for Xmas. An offering in high-class dress goods is always appreciated. At the Xmas season the goods come along better, perhaps, than anything else as a holiday gift—sure to win appreciation. We tell of specials in skirt lengths for Thursday:—

350 yards of Figured Mohair Matalasse Suitings, beautiful rich new designs, very choice, and one of our leaders, sold regularly at 85c per yard, Thursday, per yard ..... **.50**

French Novelty Dress Fabrics, hard twisted boucle cloth, in all the leading colorings, regular price for 4 yards, skirt length, $2.40, special Thursday **1.60**

Black Figured Mohair Matalasse Suiting, in a choice lot of designs to select from, goods sold at from 75c to 90c per yard, we will make skirt to your order and guarantee a perfect fit, all for **4.25**

Silk and Wool French Novelties, tweed effects, navy and black serges and goods that sold from $1.75 to $2 for 4 yards, skirt length, Thursday, special **1.00**

Useful Presents in the Curtain Section.

Chenille Curtains, in handsome designs, assorted colors, with deep dado top and bottom, and heavy fringed ends, in green, terra cotta, crimson, reseda, blue, etc. **3.75**

Sofa Cushions, in assorted sizes, with heavy moquette covers and fancy tapestries, with velour and brocatelle back, trimmed with cord or silk frill, regular $3.75, special **3.15**

Nottingham Lace Curtains, in fine quality of net, in all the newest designs, with colbert edges, white or navy, 3½ yards long, special.. **2.00**

Fancy Cushion Tops, size 22 x 22, in artistic patterns, in sporting and rustic designs, special, each ..... **.50**

Swiss and Brussels Net Curtains, in handsome goods, in white only, suitable for any room, special **3.75**

Tapestry or Derby Curtains, in handsome colors and combinations, very artistic effects, assorted colors, with heavy fringed ends and all-over patterns, special **5.00**

Fancy Hosiery for Xmas.

Ladies' Embroidered Front Black Cashmere Hose, every line full fashioned, high-spliced heels, and made of pure wool yarns, embroidered in neat designs, at 3 pair for $1, 3 pair for $1.40, or 3 pair for **1.70**

Ladies' Lisle Thread Hose, plain, drop stitch, lace fronts, fancy plaid or fancy drop stitch, with opera shade tops, at 3 pair for **1.00**

Ladies' Fancy Plaid Cashmere Hose, made of pure wool yarn, double heel and toes, all sizes, at, per pair, 50c, 65c ..... **.75**

Christmas Groceries and Confectionery. One particular department of the many departments of this big store that stands out prominent in the holiday season. Busy selling Xmas Groceries—sure, for you buy groceries a little ahead of Xmas Eve. Pies and cakes and puddings to be made up—and the purity of everything sold in our Grocery makes this the popular Grocery store. What a business we're doing in the Confectionery section! Everything from our own bakery. Scores—we should say hundreds—leaving their orders for Xmas cake and plum pudding. Have you left yours? Better, now:—

Finest Quality Selected Valencia Raisins, 3 lbs. for ..... **.20**
Best Quality Patras Currants, cleaned, 3 lbs. for ..... **.20**
Raspberry and Lemon Tarts, per dozen ..... **.10**
Valencia Oranges, per dozen ..... **.10**
Choice Christmas Mixture, per lb. ..... **.8**
Lunch Tongue, per lb. ..... **.15**

Fancy Goods Dept.

CHOICE GIFTS FOR EVERYBODY.

30 Celluloid Handkerchief Boxes, twilled satin lining, size 5½ x 5½ inches, embossed and wording decoration, each ..... **.75**

Assortment of Celluloid Jewel Boxes, containing movable watch and trinket tray, embossed floral decorations, satin lined, size 5 x 5½, each **1.75**

30 Celluloid Dressing Cases, assorted designs and decorations, specially selected, Thursday, $3 to **4.50**

5 Desk Cabinets, in oak and walnut, make handsome table escritoires, invaluable in office or study, $6.50 to **10.00**

Symphonium, 12 x 12 x 15½ inches, carved walnut case, 12 airs, regular price $30, Thursday's price **22.50**

XMAS CARDS, BOOKLETS AND CALENDARS—FIRST FLOOR.

Our line of 40c Calendars represents some new and pretty designs in drop and folding calendars, including The Ruralist, Kind Thoughts, For Remembrance, By Lake and Mountain, Calendar of Cronies, God is Good, Sapphire, any of these and many others, for ..... **.40**

"Longfellow Calendar," 12 pages, heavy gold edges, floral decoration, with pretty scenery, silk cord hanger, other calendars of same description, Boy's Busy Little People, Golden Words, Remembrance, Flowery Ways, Lowell, etc., boxed ..... **.75**

Bibles, Prayers and Hymns. Unless you've spent some time on First Floor within the last day or two our display will surprise you:—

A special line of Bibles, leather bound, clear print, red gold edges, maps, handy size ..... **.50**

Hymns, ancient and modern, with music, good clear print, on fine paper, feather binding, special value **1.00**

Catholic Prayer Books.

A large variety of Catholic Prayer Books at all prices. Our dollar line represents some choice books, Key of Heaven, Garden of the Soul, Catholic Piety and Vest Pocket Prayer Books, in Morocco, calf and other bindings, yapped or plain edges, clear print, good paper, extra value **1.00**

Dainty Gift Books.

Susan Warner's Popular Works, in fine cloth binding, gold stampings and head bands, clear print, good paper, includes Diana, The End of a Coil, Say and Seal, The Gold of Chickaree, Wych Hazel, Nobody, What She Could, My Desire, The Old Helmet, etc. ..... **.40**

Lansdowne Edition of Poets, in padded leather binding, red gold edges, printed in clear type on fine paper, illustrated, an extra fine edition, boxed **1.00**

Selections from "Point Lace and Diamonds" and Hiawatha, in polished buckram binding, gold design on cover, illustrated ..... **.40**

Cushions and Cushion Tops. The quantities in these lines are small—the value is big. If you want any of these be early on Thursday:—

50 Japanese Embroidered Cushion Tops, pure silk, pale blue, cadet blue and odd shades, regular 50c, Thursday ..... **.25**

65 only Embossed Silk Plush Tops, 18 x 18, in olive, old gold, peacock and terra cotta, usual price 40c, our clearing price ..... **.25**

175 yards Japanese Draping Silks, beautifully embossed, will make a handsome cushion, regular value 60c, clearing price ..... **.25**

40 only White Cambric Cushions, 16 x 16 and 18 x 18, odd lines, worth more than this price, Thursday ..... **.25**

Dress Linings. Just one item from this busy counter—but it is the better on that account:—

30 pieces Double Fold Black Linenette, full 36-in., guaranteed fast color, our regular selling price 10c, Thursday ..... **.7**

A Growing Time in Our Fur Department

One of the busy sections of the First Floor. Weather conditions have helped, of course, but more than favorable weather has made necessary another move in the way of increased space for furs. The plain fact is: We have the goods, lots of them and dependable stock. And the prices are to your liking. You need not pay an extravagant price for high-class furs here:—

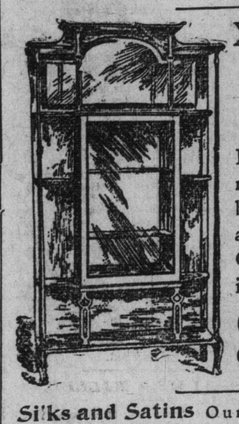
6 only Ladies' and Misses' Grey Lamb Jackets, extra quality, full large medium curl, satin lined, some seal-faced inside, high storm collar, inside chamois pockets, regular $47.50. Special..... **35.00**

12 only Fur-lined Capes, plain and fancy covering, squirrel and Hamster lined, full sweep, Thibet collar and edging down front, regular $22.50. Special **15.00**

10 only Fur-lined Capes, extra fine silk broche covering, or broadcloth covering, best squirrel lining, garments now marked $29.50 to $32.50. Special **20.00**

Electric Seal and Sable Caperine, 16 inches deep, electric seal yoke, with 10 inch skirt of sable, storm collar, face sable, lined fancy silk, a bargain, regular $35. Special **25.00**

Mink Caperine, long fronts, finished with heads, claws and tails, rich dark prime Canadian fur, fancy silk lined, regular $35. Special **25.00**



Xmas in the Furniture Section.

Parlor Cabinets, China Cabinets, Music Cabinets, solid oak, birch mahoganized and solid mahogany, beautifully finished, make most acceptable Christmas presents.—Our stock is very complete, ranging in price from

$3.75 to $35.00.

Silks and Satins For Xmas Gifts. Our assortment of Silks and Satins specially suited to holiday giving is altogether too large for extended newspaper mention. We hint in the items that follow of a few of the opportunities that come for buying a handsome silk waist or black satin skirt—what more sensible for a Xmas present?

22-in. Plaid, on checked taffetas, bayadere stripes and best quality changeable glacies, regular prices $1 to $1.25, the waist length of 4 yards Thursday **3.00**

22-in. Lyons Fancy Broches, evening shades, rich color effects of silk, on satin ground, rare novelties, the waist pattern of 4 yards Thursday **4.00**

22-in. Colored Brocades, evening shades, neat waist designs, all pure silk designs, on satin ground, regular value 75c, the waist pattern of 4 yards Thursday **2.00**

25-in. Heavy Black Satin Duchesse, warranted all silk, Lyons manufacture, beautiful rich quality, our regular price $1.35, the skirt pattern of 7 yards, Thursday **8.00**

24-in. Black Satin, brilliant finish, the proper weight for skirts, regular value 75c, the skirt pattern of 7 yards, for **3.85**

40c Dress Goods 15c. These goods for sale at the counter near Parasol Department:—

300 yards Heavy Tweed Dress Goods, winter weights and colors, the balance of a case of goods that was damaged by salt water; with exception of the marks of the salt these goods are perfect, this line was imported to sell at 40c, our price for this lot on Thursday ..... **.15**

48-in. Venetian Cloth, fine finish, firm quality, in fawn, light and dark grey, cardinal, blue, navy blue, myrtle, dark mixtures and black, this quality usually retails for 35c, our special price is ..... **.25**

Jewellery. The number of pretty Xmas tokens for men and women to be found here will surprise you—no less than the very little money we ask for them—Opened up for Thursday two or three little booths—for holiday jewelry alone:—

Solid Gold Dagger Stick Pins, with scabbard, set with pearls... **1.25**

Solid Gold 10 Karat Ring, set with a real chip diamond, suitable for a young girl..... **1.00**

Sterling Silver Chain Bracelet, with padlock and key, plain $1.25, chased **1.40**

Bangle Bracelets, in good rolled gold plate ..... **.25**

Solid Gold Scarf Pins, set with pearl in fancy scroll and crescent shape **1.75**

Feather Collars And Boas. About as nice an article as one can select for a Xmas present for a lady:—

Ladies' Ostrich Feather Collar, in black, with ribbon ties..... **1.25**

Ladies' Ostrich Feather Collars, in black, long fibre, with ribbon ties **3.00**

Extra Quality Fibre, full back, $4 and **5.00**

Ladies' Ostrich Feather Boa, 50-in. long, in black, long fibre, full back, $8, $10 and **15.00**

Ladies' Ostrich Feather Boa, 50-in. long, in black, pearl grey or natural **5.00**

Hackle Feather Collar, in black, with ribbon ties ..... **.35**

Decorative and Table China. With the knowledge that just now CHINA is the recognized favorite in Xmas presents, we name the very things you want at half and less than half their value:—

DINNER SETS.

9 only English Semi-Porcelaine Dinner Sets, 56 pieces, very neatly decorated, your choice of three different colorings, a useful present, worth fifty shillings sterling, Thursday..... **7.50**

VASES.

1 table of Assorted Vases, Lepiltz, Copenhagen and Austrian goods, beautifully decorated, ranging in prices from $3 to $6, Thursday **2.50**

1 table of Assorted Vases, just the thing for Xmas presents, and the price brings them within reach of all, some are worth $3, your choice Thursday **1.00**

Lamps. No one who has in their thought for Christmas a Banquet Lamp, Student's Lamp, Parlor Lamp—in fact any kind of a Lamp—should fail to see our display on Thursday. The offering includes these specials:—

12 only Banquet Lamps, average height 32 in., with brass and onyx column, removable brass oil pot and centre draught burner, regular price from $6.50 to $11, Thursday **3.75**

50 only Brass Cupid and Onyx Column Banquet Lamps, average height 30 in., removable oil pot and centre draught burner, usually sold at $2.50, Thursday **1.75**

22 only Dining Room Lamps, opal glass column, fount and globe decorated in neat floral designs, very special value, Thursday **1.50**

Purses.

A choice assortment of Purses, in smooth and grained leathers, combination purses, pocket books, French clasp purses, in all colors and sizes, leather linings, extra value for the money ..... **.25**

Quilts and Blankets. The Quilts are fine eiderdown and make an appropriate gift. The Blanket offer is special for Thursday, and with stiff winter weather you're interested in knowing about them:—

Fine Eiderdown Quilts, covered with heavy American down proof sateen, in beautiful dark colored floral designs, finished with frill all around:—

Size 60 x 72, regular price $6.75 for $5.65.
Size 66 x 72, regular price $7.00, for $6.00.
Size 72 x 72, regular price $7.75, for $6.75.

100 pairs of Fine Super Unshrinkable White Wool Blankets, full bleach, soft lofty finish, standard size, 7 lbs. weight, regular $2.75, special for Thursday **2.10**

The Merchandise Of Silver. The reason our Sterling Silver Department is filled with customers is that they know the quality is right. And then we treat silver as merchandise, and sell it at a dry goods profit:—

Beeswax, for thread, strawberry shape, sterling silver mounted, each ..... **.25**

Sterling Silver Souvenir Spoons, gilt bowls, with "Xmas '98" or "Toronto" engraved, each..... **.40**

Sterling Silver Bread Forks Louis XV. pattern, each..... **1.75**

Sterling Silver Pocket Match Case, gilt lining **1.25**

Sterling Silver Napkin Ring, beaded edge **1.50**

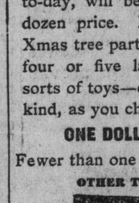
Baby Brush, good quality, heavy sterling silver handle, each ..... **.75**

Toy and Doll Department. To-morrow we shall have another chance for those who buy dozens. The dolls on the Top Floor, if there are any left after to-day, will be continued at the dozen price. But the snap for Xmas tree parties will consist of four or five large tables of all sorts of toys—one or more of a kind, as you choose—for

ONE DOLLAR A DOZEN.

Fewer than one dozen, 10c each.

OTHER TOY SPECIALS



Are a combination that finds favor with the little girls: One Painted Tin Stove, with utensils; one Wooden Bureau with drawers, 8 inches high; one Wooden Chiffonier or Sideboard, put up in one package for..... **.25**

Or this outfit of Dolls' Furniture:

One Wooden Chiffonier, varnished, 12 inches high; one Wooden Bureau, 6 drawers; one Wooden Sideboard, all large pieces, regular 25c each, Thursday the set for ..... **.50**

Thursday we divide the balance of our building blocks—A B C blocks and Picture blocks into three lots:—

At 25c { Building Blocks, A B C Blocks, Picture Blocks. Regular prices up to 50c.

At 50c { Fine Imported Carved Blocks, Stone Building Blocks. Regular prices up to $1.00.

At 75c { All of our finest building blocks and expensive picture-making blocks. Regular prices up to $1.50.

We want to sell some drums on Thursday, so we make one bargain for the little boy and also one for the big boy:—

75 Drums, 6½ in. in diameter, skin head, our regular 15c kind, for..... **.10**

45 Drums, 11 in. size, skin head, a first-class noise maker, regular 50c, for..... **.35**

This is a military year, and every boy is a soldier. For quick selling Thursday we divide the stock of Painted Metal Soldiers lot into 4 prices. It will be to your advantage to get an early choice from these lots. Correct uniforms—attractive boxes.

$1, 75c, 50c, 25c.

Hardware Section.

12 dozen Lever Sash Fasteners, bronze plated, complete, with screws. Thursday, dozen..... **.50**

12 dozen Sash Lifts, bronze plated, complete, with screws. Thursday, dozen..... **.25**

1-inch Chisel, these chisels are made by Sorby of Sheffield, every one warranted, the regular price is 25c. Thursday we will sell this chisel, with a good applewood handle for **.19**

The Robert SIMPSON Co. Limited
TORONTO.

COUNTY AND SUBURBAN

Toronto Junction, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The brethren of Stanley Lodge, A.F. and A.M., No. 423, Havelock Lodge, A.F. and A.M., No. 435, and the brethren of Lodge Worcester, S.O.E.B.S. turned out in large numbers this afternoon to the funeral of the late Frederick G. Drewett. The funeral service of the Church of England was read by Rev. Mr. Seaborne of St. Martin's-in-the-Field, after which the remains were handed over to the Masonic fraternity and interred at Prospect Cemetery with Masonic honors. The coffin was heaped with floral tributes from the societies and kindred societies of which he was a member, also from the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and other railway fraternities. Among the visiting Masons, who brought the remains from Havelock, were: E Williams, W.M.; A McAuley, W Code, J A Martin, Alexander Anderson, W Uptheгrove, J Marriott, J Cunninghaun, E M. Williams, W H Post, William Sanderson, P.M. of St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls, and Mr. A Lemon of the same lodge.

A sociable evening was enjoyed to-night at the residence of Mrs. Rutherford, Pacific-avenue, by a number of the young people of the town. The affair was gotten up under the auspices of the W.C.T.U., and after games had been indulged in until a late hour refreshments were served.

Lodge Worcester, S.O.E.B.S., Juveniles, No. 23, to-night elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Bro W Sharpe; vice-president, Bro F Sharpe; chaplain, Bro R I Harris; secretary-treasurer, Bro George Kimmis; inside guard, Bro W Ineson; auditors, Bros T Harris and E Williams; surgeon, A T McNamara; guides, W Newson, W H Atton, E Williams, C Kimmis and W H Pooler.

At the regular meeting of the Public Library Board to-night the librarian reported the membership to be increasing. There are now 39 yearly and 48 half-yearly members. The Board has recently added 193 new volumes to its catalog.

James McCarthy arrived from Buffalo today. He hadn't been back long before he was arrested on a charge of robbing Mr. Aikens, a cattle dealer from Oakville, of $23 last spring. Detective Slemin took his man to the city this afternoon.

The Executive Committee of the West York Sabbath School Association met today, and decided to hold the annual convention in Victoria Presbyterian Church on Feb. 3 and 4.

Weston.

At a special meeting of the High School Board the agreement between Mr. Elliott, principal of the school, and the Board, was amended by striking out the figures "$1200, including house rent," and inserting there for "$1000." This salary will come into effect on Feb. 1, but Mr. Elliott will continue to occupy the house in connection with the school until such times as the Board are ready to go on with their contemplated improvements.

The opening of St. John's Hall was a very successful event, and on the following evening a most enjoyable time was spent by the members of the church and friends.

The family of Dr. Irwin, who have been dangerously ill for the past few weeks, is nearly convalescent.

North Toronto.

Assessor Brown, who was knocked down by a car on Monday, is making favorable progress towards recovery.

The Metropolitan have made full amends in the lateness of the introduction of heat to their cars, and now have them fitted with a stove that Manager Hoyes claims surpassed anything of the kind on the continent. The idea emanates from Mr. Moyes himself, the stove being the product of the Gurney Foundry.

A concert fully in keeping with the reputation already attained by Mr. J. Churchill Arlidge was given last evening at Christ Church, Deer Park, Schoolhouse. There was a good attendance. Among the artists who took part were Miss Olivia Arlidge, Messrs. J. Augustine Arlidge, J. C. Arlidge, J. Allen and Arthur Blakely. These were ably assisted by the church choir.

Lodge Sherwood, S.O.E., met last evening, initiated two new members, and elected the following officers for the year: President, Bro. A. E. Anderson, V.P., Bro. J. Shackleton; treasurer, Bro. G. H. Lawrence; secretary, Bro. D. Robertson; chaplain, Bro. T. Boulden; committeemen, Bros. Hughes, Muston and Darling. I.G., Bro. F. Lambe; O.G., Bro. H. Thornbury; surgeon, Dr. S. R. Richardson; Grand Lodge delegate, Bro. H. H. Ball.

A live wire caused a slight blaze at the Metropolitan power house last night. The town fire brigade was called out, but the conflagration was quenched by the company's hose before the arrival of the brigade.

Richmond Hill.

At Friday's Epworth League meeting a variety of essays will be read by Principal Coombes and others.

The firemen are holding frequent rehearsals of the comedy, "District School," which they will play on New Year's night, and expect a large increase in their fund from the proceeds.

The council met on Monday evening and spent a couple of hours under Reeve Sayage in closing up matters for the year, among them the granting of a number of rebates in matters of assessment.

Caretaker Brownlee has resigned the charge of public rink this season, owing to ill-health. The council will endeavor to secure other services, and have the rink open to the public on Saturday evening next.

FIREMEN WANT NEW BOOTS.

East Toronto Council Decide to Buy Them — Joseph Trebilcock for Reeve—Other Eastern Sparks.

East Toronto, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The village fathers met this evening, there being at the table Dr. Walters, Reeve, and Councillors McMillan, Davidson and Rogerson. Among others attending were the clerk, treasurer, solicitor, assessor, constable and a few spectators.

Mr. J. A. Carnahan asked the Council for permission to string a wire on the village poles to connect with the Massey Farm. This was granted. "I'll give you a drink of soda water," said the popular chemist as he retired.

Among the communications were several letters asking for remittances of taxes, one of these being from the G.N.W. Telegraph Company. No action was taken. Mr. B. Morton was not relieved of his tax on the pound, but the hall on Swanwick-avenue, formerly used as a schoolhouse, was granted a refund.

The chief of the fire fighters, in telling the Council of the dilapidated condition in which the appliances of his department were, said: "The rubber boots, coats and hats leak like sieves, one reel is so weak that the firemen have to run behind, only the driver being allowed to ride, and we are short of ladders." It was shown that many of the boots had been stolen from the hall, and workmen on the corporation were blamed. It was even hinted that councillors had been seen on the streets on rainy days in the fire department's rubber coats. It was agreed to get new rubber goods for the men.

Medical Health Officer Britton reported that during the last year he had only four scarlet fever cases and one of typhoid. No deaths had resulted from contagious diseases.

The solicitor was instructed to write to J. P. Wheeler, ex-collector, asking him to return that $58.

The Tribune's tender for printing was laid over until Thursday evening, when a special meeting will be held. The pay sheets and other accounts passed unaltered.

Mr. Joseph Trebilcock informed The World this afternoon that he had sold a number of ratepayers, who waited upon him to-day, that he would stand for election as reeve.

Local Orangemen will hold their annual oyster supper to-morrow evening in Society Hall, Little York.

The trustees of the Little York school will meet on Saturday evening.

A sleighing party of young people, early this evening, when a short distance above this place, on the Kingston-road, was upset on the track, but no one was seriously injured. The spot was so dark that the electric car was within a few feet of the rig when the motorman observed it, and a collision was but barely escaped.

LINDSAY OLD BOYS

Will Hold a Reunion in the Collegiate Institute on Dec. 29.

Lindsay, Dec. 13.—Elaborate preparations are now being made by the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association of the Lindsay Collegiate Institute and old High School for the holding of a re-union of all the old students of the school on Dec. 29. Over 3000 invitations have been sent out and already many old Lindsay boys have signified their intention of being present. Among the prominent Toronto men who are expected to be present are: Messrs. William McKenzie, Hon. S. C. Wood, Major John Bruce, J. C. Grace and D. Carruthers, Dr. Fred Smale and Mr. W. S. Milner of Toronto University. Many other well-known men throughout Canada and the United States, it is hoped, will be present, and the committee which has the affair in hand is composed of Misses E. G. Flavelle, B. A.; J. Hillock, B. A.; M. Lumsden, E. McDonald, M. McAlpine and Lees M. Taylor, secretary; Dr. E. A. Gladman, Rev. A. M. Irwin, Messrs. E. A. Hardy, C. A. Sutherland, E. J. Kylie, W. E. Smith and Barristers D. R. Anderson, Thomas Stewart, L. V. O'Connor, M. J. Kenny and J. E. Weldon (president).

Secretary Bliss is about to tender his resignation to President McKinley.

All Must Have Perished.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 13.—A special from Yarmouth says: The schooner Annie G., before reported dismasted and abandoned, has been towed into Clark's Harbor. One body was found in the cabin, which leads to the belief that all on board must have perished, though hopes are still entertained for the others.