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THE WEEK.

"LACLEDE," in the *Gazette*, continues to urge the bestowing of Imperial honors on Sir John Macdonald, on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of his entrance into public life.

AN Annamite devoted to the Chinese policy will possibly be nominated for King of Annam to succeed King Hiepnam, who was recently poisoned. The new King, if necessary, will reside at Bac-Ninh or Soutay, surrounded by Chinese soldiers. China has taken the Black Flags into her pay.

FURTHER native accounts of the battle between El Mahdi and Hicks Pasha state that Hicks' hands were cut off and he was afterwards cut to pieces. Three thousand of Hicks' men were taken prisoners. Two Europeans and twelve Egyptians, who were trying to reach Khartoum via Darfour, have not yet arrived. They have probably lost their way. It is believed that the Europeans are Edmund O'Donovan and Frank Vizetelly.

THE Chinese Ambassador, in an interview, said he wished to distinctly affirm that China would break off official relations with France if she took possession of Bac-Ninh or Soutay. He should rejoice to see M. Ferry go to London and talk with Earl Granville on the Tonquin matter. There was not much time left, and he sincerely trusted M. Ferry would find a disinterested party who is entitled to ask of each nation concessions they are inclined to make directly.

Too much attention cannot be called to the following noble tribute made to the Provinces of Canada, by the Marquis of Lorne, in a lecture lately delivered at Birmingham: "Together they form a grand country, for there is not any cause for discontent and quarrel among any of the members of this great family. They have a population of about five millions, and soon will possess a far greater number; indeed, it has been calculated that in all probability within the next hundred years they will have more people than we have in these islands to-day. They are thoroughly devoted to the connection which exists between them and the mother country, a parent land which has allowed to its children the utmost liberty. If it had not been so they would long ago have cast off the allegiance of which they are now proud, and which is so useful to them, and will in the future be of such value to ourselves. It is our duty to cherish and to foster to the utmost those feelings of regard and loyalty which they cherish for us, only because the union with us is one of perfect freedom. We must remember at home what a strong nation their dependants must become, and how it is for our interest to make them satisfied to be under the flag we serve, for commerce always follows the flag, and a greater commerce, both for them and for us, will be obtained by an adhesion to the sentiment which made them one with ourselves. Their countries offer to our youth, unable to find a proper outlet at home, an unending field for success. There is hardly a man who has left these shores and has cast in

his lot with them who has not found it to his benefit. With the single exception of the comparatively few Chinese upon their Pacific coast, a number certain to decrease because the advent of the Celestials is not encouraged, their population consists of the elements which have made our own so strong, and exhibits the blended blood of the strongest European races. Almost everywhere our own tongue predominates and our own customs are observed. With the Dominion of Canada and the Australian continent in close relation to England, she never need fear that the proud position she has gained in the world can be shaken or even questioned.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

WE wish all the readers of the CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS a merry Christmas. As the labours of the year are rounding to an end, and the festive season approaches, wherein most men meet in brotherhood, we take a special pleasure in greeting those numerous and faithful friends who have been in communion with us during the year, and who have kept up their acquaintance with the NEWS, both in its literary and pictorial departments. The work of the editor and publisher is often strewn with difficulties, and it is by the sympathy and co-operation of his readers that these troubles are softened. Christmas presents itself this year under favorable auspices, and we are therefore more encouraged to extend its welcome to all the patrons of our journal.

OUR COMMERCIAL HOUSES.

As there are many of our respected citizens who experience great difficulty in deciding as to where to purchase their Christmas presents, our reporter took a walk around the city, visiting our advertisers' Stores with the determination to give our Subscribers an opportunity of making up their minds at home, without the trouble of travelling all over the town looking for the most suitable place to buy.

Every where he was met with an exceedingly lavish display of goods of all description from the two cents Christmas card up to the five hundred dollar Seal Skin Dolmans or the twelve hundred dollar Piano.

Well the first question our ladies' friends will ask is "Where can we get a nice present for the children without going down town." First of all we may step into

R. N. McCALLUM'S

Fancy Goods and Toy Store in the Queen's Hall Block, on St. Catherine Street, just two doors from University Street, being perhaps the most conveniently situated warehouse of the kind in the city. It would be useless to attempt to give anything like a list of the various beautiful goods here displayed, but the selection has evidently been made with great care and taste. The lines in Xmas and New Year's cards are really exquisite and the designs very numerous. Leaving this grand array of Rocking Horses, Toy Express Carts, Albums, Writing Cases, Fancy Photographs, Vases, Purses, Toy Books, &c., &c., we will next visit

MR. WILLIAM DAVIDSON'S

Toy and Fancy Goods Store, No. 1367 St. Catherine Street. Here you can scarcely get a word in edge ways with the genial proprietor, he is so busy selling Children's Carriages, Boy's Sleighs, Toboggans, Fancy articles of all kinds, including one of the most wonderful inventions of the present age in the shape of a Webber Singing Doll. This strange little lifelike creature actually favored the writer with the "Blue Bells of Scotland," while another little fairy sister finished up with "God save the Queen." Leaving Mr. Davidson, the next visit was to

H. F. JACKSON'S

Drug Store, No. 1369 St. Catherine Street. One might say well a druggist's is a strange place to go to buy a Xmas or New Year's present, but any one conversant with the style of our city drug stores would know better where, instead of uniting the old hum drum look of the ancient medicine vendors, we see everything in the brightest lights showing to the best advantage an array of Fancy Flower Baskets, Toilet Sets, Hand Mirrors, Bath Sponges, Fancy Combs and Brushes, together with hundreds of just such articles as the dear friends at home would receive with a "Thanks just the very thing I wanted." Next we call on our friend

C. E. DELANO.

The 5c's., 10c's., 25c's. and One Dollar Store, No. 1387 St. Catherine Street. Now this is the Store par excellence for the little ones. Scarcely an article you can mention but what may be found on the shelves' counters and show cases. Dear old Santa Claus may come along here and fill his spacious basket with thousands upon thousands of such little articles as will brighten and gladden and make merry the sweet faces of our little children at home. Buy your lovely Xmas cards, wonderful toys, Picture Books, Albums, bric a brac articles of vertu, things of grace, beauty and utility here. The proprietor will be most happy to meet you and give you a merry Xmas of welcome. Don't forget the number

of the Street, 1387. It is a newly opened store although the proprietor has long been known in the 5 and 10 cent store on Notre Dame Street, near Place d'Armes Square. Now we must visit friend

R. G. BROWN

Of the Beehive, near the corner of Metcalfe and St. Catherine St. Well this is "Westward Ho" with a vengeance. Trade uptown as it is. Christmas times at the Beehive beggars description. Such a hum and buzz of hurrying clerks and eager buyers. Mr. Brown has been fortunate in the adoption of such a name for his establishment as it gives a true idea of the place at once. The past year has been an exceptionally busy one and has kept him increasing the staff almost every month as well as necessitating the enlargement of the store. The stock comprises a full assortment of Gents' Furnishings, embracing all the needful as well as ornamental articles for men and boys' wear at really wonderfully low prices. Hosiery was always a favorite department with Mr. Brown and in the Beehive he has given it a special attention, having Socks for the weest tot up to hose for the largest of woman-kind, such an endless variety of Plains and Ribbed in self mottled and fancy. France, Germany and England have contributed to complete the assortment and with the Canadian and American Hose fill the shelves and load the tables. Smallwares must, of course, for years to come, be a large part of the trade uptown and the Beehive has led the van in introducing all the novelties in Dressmakers' Furnishings, Toilet articles, neckties and Fancy Goods, Ribbons, Laces and Frillings in a surprisingly great variety of shades and styles are being shown and in demand at the Beehive. Velvet-ens are more and more worn every year and this season some lovely shades are being shown. A full range of prices are always on hand and, judging from the number of buyers we saw in this department, the Beehive does the uptown trade in that line. A very great show room in the rear of the store contains Corsets, Skirts, Mantles and Shawls of all the very latest varieties and to suit all purses. One feature which is a novelty in Dry Goods stores in Montreal is the plaque and fancy good department. All the very latest things just out from the Chromographic Press of New York and Boston can be got at from five to ten cents each—wonders of artistic art and a boon to the public. We would advise those who are on the look out for full value for their money to pay a visit to the West End Broadway Emporium of Fancy Goods, Dry Goods and Gents' Furnishings at 1397 St. Catherine St. kept by our old friend R. G. Brown, formerly of the Recollet House. Our next visit is to

MR. S. D. STEWART'S

New Auction Rooms, next to the Erskine Presbyterian Church, No. 1419 St. Catherine St. Here may be found a class of goods to suit all tastes and pockets, from the finest plated ware and jewellery to the cheapest toy for the children of the poor. There are also some very choice Oil Paintings, including a copy of the celebrated picture by Leonardi da Vinci. All these will be sold by auction during this and New Year's week and a visit will repay any one looking for presents useful and cheap. Leaving Mr. Stewart we pay a visit to

MR. E. H. BRYSON,

Proprietor of Bryson's Medical Dispensary, No. 1427 St. Catherine Street, corner of Peel Street. This gentleman is so well known by the residents of the locality to which he principally dispenses, and so long and favorably known in other parts of the city, that a word from us here seems almost out of place. Sufficient be it to say that his stock at present is laid out showing to the very best advantage and the variety of his Perfumes, Toilet Sets, Toilet Soaps, &c., &c., together with such a large number of articles, that are really indispensable in every family, cannot be but profitable and satisfactory to any one visiting this establishment. Our next visit is to

MR. WATT'S

Grocery Warehouse, 1645 St. Catherine Street. Here the immense display of good things was a surprise to the writer and the immense variety of Canned Goods in the shape of Peaches, Pears, Plums and all kinds of sugared Fruits, just suitable for this season, gave the establishment more of the appearance of a Wholesale Emporium than a Retail House. Next door to Mr. Watt we visit

MESSRS. A. P. SCOTT & CO'S

Drug Store, No. 1643 1/2 St. Catherine Street. This is a well appointed dispensary and must be a great convenience to the residents of that locality, saving many a weary tramp to more distant establishments. Coming back to town again we visit

MR. C. W. LINDSAY'S

Piano warehouse, No. 1312 St. Catherine Street. Here we are treated to a musical feast on the celebrated Miller Piano as used by Dr. Louis Naas, the same style as used by Miss Thurbay on her visit to this city in the early part of the month. Next we call on our old friend W. A. Dyer of the firm of

MESSRS. W. A. DYER

of the Medical Hall, corner of Phillip's square and St. Catherine Streets. This store is such a credit to the city that we are tempted to take a sketch of the interior and in this issue produce a 1/4 page picture of it. Such a large and spacious retail Drug store was a thing totally unknown until

within the last few years. Messrs. Dyer & Co. enjoy a very liberal share of the uptown patronage and well deserve it as a harder working and more obliging firm cannot be found in the city. Next we step into

MR. JOHN ROBERTSON'S

Grocery warehouse, 12 Phillips' square, where there is such a rush of customers, clerks and bustling around that it is almost impossible to get an interview with the busy proprietor. Three or four doors further down we find

MR. W. B. DAVIDSON

The Florist, No. 2 Phillip square. Here is a very neat display of fancy straw baskets of almost unmentionable designs together with all kinds of decorations suitable for Xmas or New Year festivities. Then we visit

MR. M. F. CAHILL,

Picture Framer and Gilder, 666 Dorchester Street, where we find supplied a long felt want in that locality and on examination of the work discover it to be first class in every particular. Our next visit is to

MR. W. J. CLARKE,

Corner of Beaver Hall square. His immense variety of cheap as well as expensive presents is so well known that a passing notice is all that is required.

MESSRS. HENRY GRANT & SON,

No. 26 Beaver Hall Terrace, is also so long and favorably known that the same may be said of their establishment. Our next visit is to

MR. ABLESS,

The Photographer, 251 St. James Street, where the excellent specimens of art on view will at once convince visitors that this is the Studio in which their Picture Photo can best be taken.

MR. JOSEPH FORTIER'S

Stationery Establishment, 258 St. James Street, is next in order and will well repay a visit where an immense display of useful presents delights the eye.

MESSRS. WM. DRYSDALE & CO.

Booksellers, 232 St. James Street, is another of the well known downtown establishments and the display of Fancy Goods, Books and Stationery there this season is ahead of any of former years.

MESSRS. BY. BIRKS & CO.,

Jewellers, 222 St. James Street, show a magnificent assortment of all kinds of jewellery and are doing a well deserved rushing business.

MESSRS. H. A. NELSON & SONS,

Nos. 57 to 63 St. Peter Street, has such an immense variety of Fancy Goods, Woodens, Clocks, Dolls, Baby Carriages, &c., &c., that to particularize here, would be utterly impossible.

MESSRS. WM. SCOTT & SON'S

Fine Art Gallery, 363 Notre Dame Street, was our next stopping place and the superb works of art on view there cannot be equaled in the Dominion. Persons of taste will be charmed with a visit to this gallery.

MR. L. E. S. PRATTE,

Organ and Piano dealer, 250 Notre Dame Street, has a very large assortment of imported American, European and Canadian Pianos and Organs and the beautiful show room is well worth a visit.

MR. A. BRAHADI,

Proprietor of the First Premium Fur Establishment, 249 Notre Dame Street, having been established since 1845, needs little additional commendation. He has an immense stock of valuable furs on hand, in expectation of a rushing business during the coming carnival week as well as for New Year's presents. Our American cousins will find a good opportunity for opening their purse strings in this old established house.

MESSRS. MILLS & HUTCHISON,

Wholesale Canadian Woollen Merchants, have permitted us to give a half-page cut of their magnificent new building on the corner of Craig street and Victoria square. This firm is entering upon its tenth year in business, during which time it has devoted itself exclusively to the sale of Canadian manufactured woollens, embracing tweeds, flannels, blankets and knitted goods; the only house in the Dominion devoting itself exclusively to this speciality. Its success and expansion may be fairly taken as an index of the progress and development of our Canadian industries. Occupying the front rank in that trade, their business extends (to use a somewhat hackneyed phrase) from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and even beyond these limits, as they are doing quite a trade in the West Indies. There is, perhaps, no Canadian industry that has made more solid and rapid advancement than that of the manufacture of tweeds and coatings.

A glance at the crude styles and fabrics of ten years ago, as compared with the beautiful designs and fabrics now turned out, would satisfactorily demonstrate this.

In their new warehouse, Messrs. Mills & Hutchison will have increased facilities for extending their business, as it contains all the latest requirements of a woollen warehouse, not the least of which is plenty of light, occupying, as already mentioned, the prominent position, the corner of Victoria square and Craig street.