

Give Your Wife a Bond As a Christmas Gift

Yes, it is a little early to talk of such matters, but we want to call your attention to it before you make other arrangements. Have you ever thought of giving such a handsome and enduring gift? Just think what it would mean to her—every six months a little coupon to cut off and money coming in—a practical and welcome reminder of your thoughtfulness. And this will continue year after year until the bond is due, then she will have the face value of the bond to re-invest. She will also have joined the "BONDHOLDER" ranks—a distinction that any thoughtful and careful woman would be glad to attain.

We offer a number of safe bonds in as low a denomination as \$100. Think it over. Better send for our list to-day.

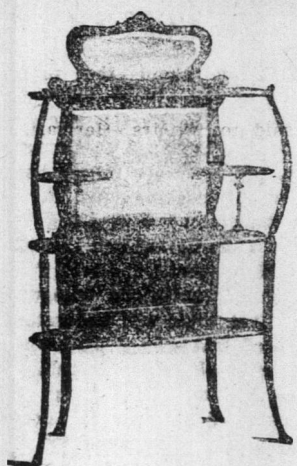
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Members Montreal Stock Exchange.
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In each of the past four years the Canada Life has earned a LARGER SURPLUS than ever before in its history.

Favorable mortality, and low expenses, the result of good management, have helped.

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with the largest and finest stock of Holiday Furniture that we have ever shown.

The Furniture has been selected with the view of having as many exclusive designs as possible, and the finish is the best.

There is assurance of satisfaction if you choose your Xmas Presents from us.

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PORTRAIT CO.**

Complete Home Furnishers.



Xmas GIFTS!

When purchasing your Xmas Gifts don't forget to see our large and varied assortment of
Useful and Very Appropriate Presents
for Ladies and Gent's.

Also a great showing of Toys for the little ones. All at our usual low prices.

WILLAM FREW.

We Pay Highest Prices for

**Codfish,
Cod Oil,
Herring,
Canned
Salmon, etc.**

A. H. MURRAY, St. John's.

Verdict in Duke Case. Insane When He Killed Sears.

Yesterday afternoon, upon the resumption of the hearing, the Attorney General addressed the Jury. At ten minutes to 4, the Attorney General having concluded his address, the Chief Justice began his charge. The charge resolved itself into two questions—Did the prisoner commit the act, and was he at the time of committing the act in such a state of mind as not to know what he was doing? In his charge the Chief Justice, summed up the evidence and instructed the Jury as to the law in the matter. The charge of the Chief Justice was concluded at 4.20 and the Jury then retired to consider their verdict.

THE VERDICT:

The following questions as submitted by Chief Justice Horwood, were answered thus:

Question (1)—Did the prisoner commit the act charged?

The Jury—Yes.
Question (2)—If so, was he insane so as not to be responsible according to law for his actions at the time the action was done?

The Jury—Yes.

THE SENTENCE.

After the verdict had been recorded, His Lordship the Chief Justice imposed sentence. The decision of the Court is: "The prisoner shall be kept in custody as a criminal lunatic at His Majesty's pleasure."

Stop Coughing.

It's quite as foolish as it is annoying to keep on coughing, since "PHORATONE COUGH CURE" is guaranteed to soothe and heal the irritated parts at once, and to rapidly destroy the very cause of this miserable feeling. Hundreds of persons are complaining every day about the Cough or Cold they have had for a long time, and are not able to get rid of it.

Don't let this Cough or Cold hang on to you day after day and run the chance of catching and developing the Cough that is not easy to throw off. You will avoid all this unnecessary worry (about the Cough or Cold you have) by obtaining a bottle of Phoratone Cough Cure at once.

Stafford's Liniment is also an excellent preparation for all kinds of Coughs and Colds.

Two equal parts of Stafford's Liniment and Sweet Oil and pour it upon a piece of thick flannel and wrap it around the throat of the sufferer from Bronchitis, Asthma, Tonsillitis, etc., and you will find relief at once.

LaGrippe is very prevalent in town at present.—adv.t.f

Here and There.

Don't forget that Fridays and Saturdays are Bargain Days at the NATIONAL STORES, Greaves & Sons, Ltd.—dec18,tf

METHODIST COLLEGE.—Prize Distribution Thursday Evening. Doors open at 7.30. Commence at 8.—dec18,2f

Come and see our New Goods suitable for Christmas Gifts. Our stores are the cheapest in town. NATIONAL STORES, Greaves & Sons, Ltd.—dec18,tf

TO KNITTERS.—We offer at cost and charges to close out last of this stock, one of the celebrated Creelman's World's Star Knitting Machines—brand new and a great bargain. CHESLEY WOODS & CO.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL.—The man Kelly of the South Side, who while handling a revolver Monday night accidentally lodged a bullet in his head, was removed to Hospital yesterday afternoon. As early as possible an effort will be made to extra t the bullet, and it is hoped that this may be done without his sight being affected.

Just a word to persons that are contemplating a substantial Christmas Box for boys. We suggest your giving them a good, warm Winter Overcoat. We have them all sizes and prices. The double-breasted Prussian Collar Coat for boys is a marvel of comfort. As we just opened a large shipment, there are a number of new patterns to select from. JACKMAN THE TAILOR, LTD.—dec14,4f

POSTAL OFFICIALS BUSY.—The officials of the Post Office since the Christmas season began, and in fact for the past two weeks, have been exceptionally busy, and the volume of outgoing mail—letters, papers and parcels—has been the largest possibly in the history of the department. Yesterday so much matter was despatched that the mail closed a half hour earlier than usual to give the hands an opportunity to prepare the mail going by the express.

Note of Thanks.

The Local Officers of the Salvation Army, under the leadership of Brigadier Morehen, are very busy making preparations for the Annual Christmas Dinner to be given to the poor of the City. The usual appeal has been made to the citizens and a number have very liberally come to the assistance of the Army in this direction. The sum subscribed to date is somewhat below last year, and as the number of dinners given will depend on the amount subscribed, the Army is very anxious that those desiring to spread a little cheer this Christmas would send along their donation, as they are anxious to provide for all deserving cases. The Brigadier acknowledges with thanks, the following donations:—

Reid Nrd. Co.	\$50.00
A. S. Rendell	10.00
W. H. Davidson	5.00
Sir E. P. Morris	5.00
J. W. Withers	5.00
Hon. J. Harris	5.00
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The Daily News	5.00
D. Browning & Sons	5.00
Stacy Ellis	5.00
The Royal Stores, Ltd.	5.00
Imperial Tobacco Co.	5.00
Hon. W. R. Warren	3.00
A Friend, No. 35	3.00
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Chas. Howlett	2.00
A. Harvey & Co.	2.00
J. F. Meehan	1.00
S. O. Steele	1.50
D. Windelar	1.00
W. Carlson, Esq.	1.00
A Friend	1.00
No. 109	1.00
S. Bowcock	1.00
1 Brl. Potatoes	

Here and There.

Great Sale of Dress Goods now on. STEER BROS.—dec12,tf

HERRING PLENTIFUL.—Herring were reported very plentiful at Bonne Bay yesterday and all the boats were loaded.

TEN FOR THIRTY.—We have cut our music lines and are selling whole stock at 30c. for 10 pieces. CHESLEY WOODS & CO.—dec11,tf

A LARGE FREIGHT.—The s.s. Florizel, Capt. Smith, left Halifax last evening and is due here to-morrow. She is bringing a large amount of Christmas goods from New York.

Don't forget that little 10 cent bottle of Essence of Ginger Wine for Xmas at Stafford's Drug Store.—dec9,tf

FORCED BACK.—The s.s. Sinbad left port yesterday for Sydney, but owing to the roughness of the sea, and as she was light in ballast, had to return again to port.

Dr. de Van's Female Pills
A reliable French regulator; never fails. These pills are exceedingly powerful in regulating the generative portion of the female system. Refuse all cheap imitations. Dr. de Van's are sold at 1/6 the box, or three for 3/6. Mailed to any address. The Scotch Drug Co., St. Catharines, Ont.

CEASED OPERATIONS.—The few fishermen from the North Battery, who used to venture out on the local fishing grounds in their motor boats lately, have now discontinued for the season, and hauled up their boats.

You can be fashionably and becomingly dressed if you order your clothing from W. H. JACKMAN, the West End Tailor, 39 Water St. West, 2 doors East Reid Nrd. Co. Station. nov27,tu,w,tey

PRODUCE CARGO.—The s.s. Morwenna, Capt. Holmes, arrived last midnight from Charlottetown and Sydney. She had a very rough passage from the latter port and last evening got the full force of a strong easterly gale. She brought a large cargo of produce, including hay, oats, potatoes, poultry, etc.

When you are considering the Boys' Christmas Box, and have decided on presenting him with one of Jackman's warm, comfortable double-breasted Prussian Collar Overcoats, please remember that the boy's age and a general idea of his size is sufficient. We will guarantee a fit and alter the garment if necessary free of charge. JACKMAN THE TAILOR, LTD. dec14,4f

BEOTHIC REPORTED.—The s.s. Beothic, which left Portland, Maine, for Hamburg, has put into Falmouth short of coal, a message to that effect having been received by her owners. The steamer is heavily laden with apples and must have met with terrific weather to have all her coal consumed.



Uncle Jim, please go out in the woods with me to shoot squirrels and rabbits with my new Stevens.
Get the boy who loves the Outdoors a real Rifle for Xmas. It helps to make a real man of him.
The Stevens Rifles are moderate in price and shoot where you hold them. Perfectly safe.

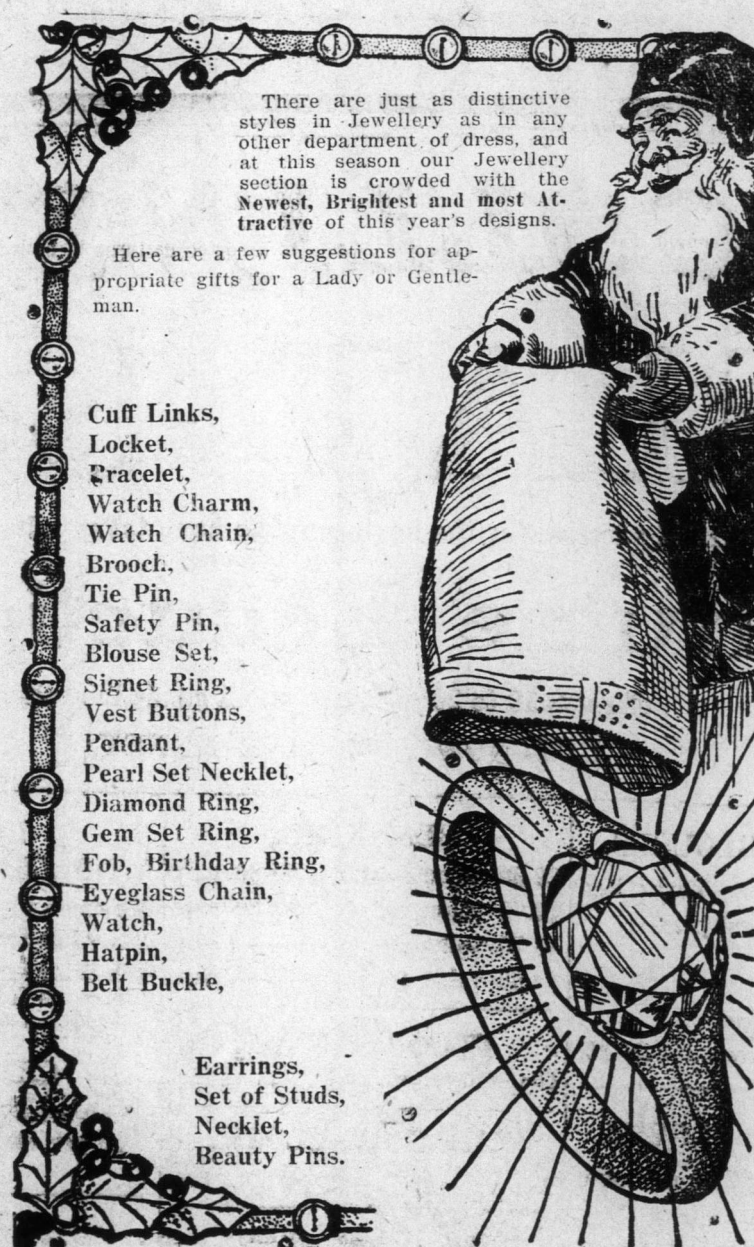
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GIFTS FOR BOYS.
Rifles, Skates,
Hockey Sticks, Pucks,

Ayre & Sons
LIMITED
Hardware Dept.

GIFTS FOR BOYS.
Sleds, Snowshoes,
Penknives, Boxing
Gloves, etc.

DULEY'S —FOR— Xmas Jewellery!



There are just as distinctive styles in Jewellery as in any other department of dress, and at this season our Jewellery section is crowded with the Newest, Brightest and most Attractive of this year's designs.

Here are a few suggestions for appropriate gifts for a Lady or Gentleman.

Cuff Links,
Locket,
Tracelet,
Watch Charm,
Watch Chain,
Brooch,
Tie Pin,
Safety Pin,
Blouse Set,
Signet Ring,
Vest Buttons,
Pendant,
Pearl Set Necklet,
Diamond Ring,
Gem Set Ring,
Fob, Birthday Ring,
Eyeglass Chain,
Watch,
Hatpin,
Belt Buckle,

Earrings,
Set of Studs,
Necklet,
Beauty Pins.

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THE RELIABLE JEWELLERS.



The Popular London Dry Gin is

VICKERS' GIN

D. O. ROBIN, Toronto
Canadian Agent

J. JACKSON, St. John's,
Resident Agent



USEFUL



Blouse

For Christmas Don't

We are offering this week a beautiful assortment of Blouses that should appeal both to excellence of appearance and to attractive price at which they are offered for Christmas sale. A beautiful assortment of Blouses which would tax a connoisseur's scribe eloquently enough the appearance of this blouse. All sizes. Your choice at Christmas Sale.

UNDERSKIRTS

A gift like this will be appreciated. We offer a line of Ladies' skirts in Colored Mosaic, Brown, Purple, Electric, Black and Green, etc. The sell at \$2.00. We offer the Special Christmas Sale.

LADIES' EMBROIDERED COLLARS

8 doz. of Stylish, Lined, very neatly embroidered in various designs, medium height. Special Christmas Sale, 3 for 1.

We Offer Unequalled values in

LADIES' BELTS

Black and Colored Silk, Laid and Elastic. This is a handsome assortment, particularly pleasing Christmas gift. Ladies' price 45c. Special Christmas Sale.

ACCEPTABLE GIFTS

A bright and chic assortment of Ladies' Mitts and Watch Cases are in a great variety makes; hardly any two alike. Black and white, some Colored Stripes, others in Plain and Silver; full lengths. For these up to \$1.20. Special Christmas Sale.

LADIES' HAND BAGS

In suggesting gifts we think you will be pleased with our dainty Hand Bags, made of silk cord handbags, a beautiful and valuable gift. Reg. 50c. Christmas Sale.

HANDKERCHIEFS

Always an Id at GIFT

LADIES' BOXED HANDKERCHIEFS

We are showing for Sale a rare lot of dainty handkerchiefs in gift boxes. Handkerchiefs of extra fine quality, stitched and embroidered, scalloped edge. Here are for your perusal:

16 boxes containing 6 Handkerchiefs each
Special Xmas Sale
11 boxes containing 6 Handkerchiefs each
Special Xmas Sale
23 boxes containing 6 Handkerchiefs each
Special Xmas Sale
16 boxes containing 6 Handkerchiefs each
Special Xmas Sale
Other offers in Single handkerchiefs, not boxed, but dainty handkerchiefs in finish and quality Xmas Sale.

3 For 25c.
Lace edged and embroidered.