PROSPERITY IN CHRISTMAS
PURCHASES.

The festival season in more ways than one indicates the extraordinary prosperity that flourishes in this section of Canada. For several days every retail merchant in Toronto has employed, a double force of clerks to handle the Christmas traffic. In many of the emporiums of trade the crowds have been so dense during the ante-Christmas days that ingress and excess were difficult. This was especially true the first three days of the present week. Many outsiders were among the shoppers. They came to the city from distances of fifty and one hundred miles to participate in the traffic. The reduced rates of transportation parmitted this. Merchants generally assert that the character of the purchases, were much more substantial than in previous years. Parents who selected cheap presents for the children at other times were investing heavily in a superior line of articles. Where a pair of gloves was presented last year this time full suits were ordered. Jewelry stores especially did an enormous trade. When people buy jewelry they are prosperity. Railroad traffic is estimated to have been doulned what it was last year. Every trial was crowded, and many extras were operous. Luxuries are the last to feel the wave of prosperity. Railroad traffic is estimated to have been doulned what it was last year. Every trial was crowded, and many extras were operous. Canada and many extras were operous. Canada many extras were operous. Canada many extras were operous. Canada many extras were operous and many extras were operous. Canada many extras were operous and many extras were operous and many extras were operous and many extras were operous content to the content of the c what it was last year. Every train was become a mere cash register. crowded, and many extras were operated to accommodate the vast number of Christmas travelers. The Union Depot presented an animated appearance for several days. All parts of

city last week the public was treated to an exaggerated story calculated to show the prevalency of selfishness in every day life. A very unnatural sort of a fellow was taken thru a dream out into the world and forced to contribute in his vision to begar whom.

Tribute in his vision to begar whom. skepticism has met almost all of the great inventions which have revolutionable would not have treated so generously except with stage money. As a matter of fact, the milk of human kindness flows freely in this fine land, and especially during the Yuletide festivals. Here in Toronto one religious organization alone sent to the homes of two thousand especially during the yuletide festivals. Here in Toronto one religious of the propose substantial successful and the special propose substantial many minds before they were finally the first participants.

At St. Joseph's.

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The parishioners of St. Joseph's filled their pretty edifice on the occasion of several masses. Rev. Father Frachon was the celebrant, and the choir was under the efficient direction of Sister Ethelburd. The music rendered by the choir was particularly good, evidencing careful preparation by the different participants. of two thousand people substantial Christmas dinners accompanied by substantial presents in the way of clothing. While this undertaking was on a scale of magnificance, and the substantial christmas dinners accompanied by substantial presents in the way has been impending over the opening years of the twentieth century. Its use for short distances, by ships and overland, has become almost as much a substantial presents at the statement of course of the talentage. of clothing. While this undertaking was on a scale of magnificence not attempted n any other direction, yet every church in the city supplied presents to the poor of their community. Even the criminals in the prisons were made to feel the alluring influence of the Christian spirit which pervades the very atmosphere on such an occasion. An authority on the subject asserts that no person went hungry in Toronto Thursday. The people are seen at their best on such an occasion but as an original proposition it may be accepted that charity is a predominating influence in the civilized world. It manifests itself in a thousand different ways. Some prefer the so-called indiscriminate charity, while others dispense their gifts to their less fortunate acquaintances thru channels that are supposed to reach the most deserving cases. But, on the whole, it may be said that at no period in the history of the world has there been a finer display of sympathy for the unfortunates and a desire to contribute to their substantial upbuilding than an even and the supplementation. The substantial upbuilding than an even and the su to their substantial upbuilding than

fy the point. For thirty years this man was a street beggar, and the other day he found his way to a hospital, a ragged, foul and shivering wretch. His last words were, "My vest! my vest!" and he raised himself in bed for the garment. Then he fell back dead.

In Hyman's vest and other clothing

A Small Pill, But Powerfu!.—They that Judge of the powers or a pill by its size would consider Parmelee's Vegetable Pills to be lacking. It is a little wonder among pills. What it lacks in size it makes up in potency. The remedies which it carries are put up in these small doses, because they are so powerful that only small doses are required. The full strength of the extracts is secured in this form and do their work thoroughly.

Good-bye, dear heart; I go to dwell A weary way from thee; Our first kiss is our last farewell; Yet, darling, keep for me—Who wander outside in the night, One little corner of thy light.

—G. Massey.

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But the middle-good of olders.

MARCONI'S WIRELESS MESSAGE.

Depot presented an animated appearance for several days. All parts of Canada share in this remarkuble exhibition of good times. Railroad companies are the first to feel trade depression and the last to secure the benefits of improving conditions. Under the circumstances this is a barometer which may be accepted as measuring the pulse of the people. Toronto jobbers report an enormous trade with the interior towns. Certainly the new year is to be ushered in under most flattering conditions. Not in many years has the Dominion presented an industrially. With the new blood assimilated during the year, and the increased investment in all parts of the country, 1908 will, in all human probability, mark a distinct epoch in the affairs of Canada. Within the next few days the hundreds of corporations in this vicinity will put in circulation large sums of money from dividends carned during the past six months. All these things will contribute to start all classes into the new year on a very satisfactory footing.

Brooklyn Eagle: The congratulatory measured to Kang Barbard on King Edward in Interest to the King Edward in Interest to the Canada. Within the next few days the hundreds of corporations in the during the past six months. All these things will contribute to start all classes into the new year on a very satisfactory footing.

No LESSONS IN CHARITY

NECESSARY.

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Whitaker's Almanae for 1903, The World is in receipt of a copy of witaker's Almanac for 1903, now in ing in the knowledge that it is better to give than to receive. Unselfishness has become in a large measure a distinguishing trait of humanity, and the testimonials of this advance are innumerable. It is a false sentiment that can be successfully appealed to by a dramatization similar to that which is best in markind, and the exceptions merely make the rule more emphatic.

VIRTUES THAT MAY BECOME VICES New York American: Thrift is a virtue, but, like some other virtues, it can be carried too far.

Eli Hyman's life and death exemplify the point. For thirty years this successing the government, find and the exceptions merely make the point. For thirty years this successfully and death exemplify the point. For thirty years this successfully and death exemplify the point. For thirty years this successfully and the successfully and the description of the properties of the thirty-fifth year of its publication. It contains nearly 800 closely printed to the thirty-fifth year of its publication. It contains nearly 800 closely printed to the thirty-fifth year of its publication. It contains nearly 800 closely printed to the thirty-fifth year of its publication. It contains nearly 800 closely printed to contains nearly 800 closely printed to contains nearly 800 closely printed in the thirty-fifth year of its publication. It contains nearly 800 closely printed in the thirty-fifth year of its publication. It contains nearly 800 closely printed in the thirty-fifth year of its publication. It contains nearly 800 closely printed pages of general information, including the the thirty-fifth year of its publication. It contains nearly 800 closely printed pages of general information, including the the two reliable astronomical ables and a large amount of information. Including the the two remains on the evaluation including to once the fifth and the feather bages of general information, including the pages of general information, including the testimonical st wisdom, so the inhabitants are grow- Whitaker's Almanac for 1903, now in last night he was reported to be doing

mas were visited by large crowds during the day, while the different ser-Brooklyn Eagle: The congratulatory singing was excellent and the decora-

St. Michael's Cathedral.

St. Paul's Church presented a bright appearance with a handsome array of floral decorations. At high mass in the evening Rev. Father Hand, the pastor, preached on the gospel of the

leg was broken, his thigh slightly injured, and he also sustained a painto-day. As the world is growing in

Whitaker's Almarae for 1903.
The World is in receipt of a copy of taken to the General Hospital, where

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Men's Stylish Overcoats

Overcoats that won't fail to give satisfaction. They confirm the latest dress styles; they're honestly made in every respect; they will fit perfectly. As for values, you can match them against all comers at these prices and always find them the best :

MEN'S RAGLANETTE OVERCOATS, dark Oxford greys, heavy cheviot cloth, Talma pockets, velvet collars, good linings..... 10.00

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Stylish, seasonable and up-to-date furnishings at substantial reductions. Qualities that have given this department country-wide prominence. Can you afford to miss these snaps on Saturday morning?

Men's Heavy Fleece-lined Underwear, shirts and drawers, overlocked seams and pearl buttons, double ribbed cuffs and ankles, fine soft fleece, sizes in shirts 34 to 46 in. chest measure, sizes in drawers 40 to 44 in waist, regular price 50c, Saturday Men's Fine Silk and Satin Neckwear, four-in-hand and made-

up shapes, dark and medium shades, neat patterns and satin lined, our regular 25c tie, Saturday, 2 for

Two Dollar Bargain Boot

Don't let the headline mislead you. It isn't a two dollar "bargain" boot, but a two dollar bargain in boots. These are \$3.00 and \$4.00 values you can have on Saturday:

Four Clothing Specials

Note carefully these Clothing prices. They're of special interest to those who come to the store on Saturday:

Smoking Jackets and Dressing Gowns. Men's House Jackets and Dressing Gowns, the broken lines, odd sizes,

Boys' \$5.00 Overcoats for \$3.95.

Men's \$4.00 Trousers for \$2.69.

Boys' Tweed Suits for \$3.50. Boys' 3-piece Suits, short pants, made of heavy domestic tweeds, in neat patterns, dark colors, double-breasted sacque shape,

Here's for Your New Carpet

For wear this quality is not easily surpassed. The colorings are up-to-date and the patterns quite new. From 25c to 35c a yard saving for those who buy on Saturday, and no extra charge for sewing and making the Carpets for your room:

1085 yards English Body Brussels Carpet, 27 inches wide, a well-assorted range of up-to-date designs in Oriental, conventional and geometrical exects, with handsome colorings in green, rose, fawn, brown, blue and wood shades, suitable for any room or hall, with 2-4 and 5-8 borders to match, regular prices \$1.15 and \$1.25 per yard, on sale Saturday, with sewing

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First of all a fur-lined overcoat at \$50, just ten dollars less than we generally ask for it, and the original price was always considered very reasonable:

Men's Fur Lined Overcoats, extra quality English beaver cloth shell, Men's Fine English Beaver Cloth, shell Indigo dye, body and sleeves

lined with natural dark muskrat, otter or Persian lamb collar, chamois pockets, our regular \$60.00 overcoat 50.00 Men's Natural Dark Raccoon 75.00 Men's Corsican Lamb Fur Fur Overcoats; \$30.00 to.. 75.00

The Toronto Daily Star Will Have a More Complete List

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St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.-The condition

of the winter crops in nearly all European the building at 17 St. Lawrence-street, with.

Russia is regarded as bad. This condition occupied by N. Rudolph & Co., mercharises from the delay in sowing, which was ant tailors, and J. N. Brule, photographical due to the late harvest and the rainy auers, threatened a serious blaze before that, by the time I've calculated it out, and I think that, by the time I'm a man, I shall that, by the time I'm a man, I shall that, by the time I'm a man, I shall that, by the time I'm a man, I shall that, by the time I'm a man, I shall that, by the time I'm a man, I shall that, by the time I'm a man, I shall that, by the time I'm a man, I shall that, by the time I'm a man, I shall that, by the time I'm a man, I shall that the shall the shall that the shall the shall the shall that the shall the shall that the shall that the shall that the shall the shall that the shall that the shall the shall that the shall due to the late harvest and the rainy autumn and winter. The seed did not germinate sufficiently before the early and intense frosts. The crop outlook is serious, even in several of the southern provinces of the country.

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The seed did not germinate a serious blaze before it was got under control. The place was badly gutted, the damage being set in the soldiers.

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The place that, by the time I'm a man, I shall have enough, with care, to keep my-self in the soldiers.

Dorothy (pensively). Poor dear father, he's very good and kind, and all that, you know—but he doesn't seem to understand things quite.

Harold. What sort of things?

Dorothy (more in sorrow than in

Grand Central Station, New York, on the "Empire State Express" 10 p.m. by the New York Central, Information at 691/2 Yonge-street. Telephone Main 4361. ed

IT LAYS A STILLING HAND ON PAIN.

RUN OVER BY A TRAIN.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 25.—William Kirwin, machinist of Albion Mines, was run over by a train near New Glasgow early this morning, and was instantly killed. He leaves a family.

Harold. What sort of things?
Dorothy (more in sorrow than in anger). Well, he won't let me keep my rabbits in the drawingroom!
[Harold is naturally indignant at this instance of parental narrow-mindedness.]

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Ferocious Pacific Island Natives Attack an Armed Boat's Crew Thru Superstitions Fear.

BRITISH CAPTAIN THE VICTIM

Rifles Seized by Mob of Savages During Funeral

Ceremony. Victoria, B.C., Dec. 25.-The steamer of an attack on the recruiting schooner Lilly by the natives of Mallicolo, in the New Hebrides, who murdered Capt. Henry Asmos Atkinson, a Britisher, and wounded two of the Lilly's crew. The schooner was employed in taking a large number of natives who had been employed in New Caledonia by heen employed in New Caledonia by French planters to their homes, and one of those consigned to Mallicolo died when near there, and Capt. Atkinson decided to bury the body ashore instead of at sea. When Capt. Atkinson landed from the whaler which brought the natives ashore, he was rushed and his rifle taken by the blacks on shore. He was then shot and killed with his own rifle, two balls being sent into his breast. Some of the native crew tried to save the dead captain's body, but the natives who were just landed aided those ashore, and the crew fied , two of them being wounded as they swam back to the schooner.

The attack was the result of a superstition attached to the burying of dead bodies, the natives believing it to be necessary to kill the white to prevent further deaths from occurring. The schooner Pearl was attacked on this island a few days later. She called at Espiegle Bay, another part of the island to land natives, when she was fired upon and several of the native crew were wounded.

The rescued captain and crew of the ketch Marquise of Limlithgow have been brought to Launcester by a steamer which picked them up in Buss Straits, where they had remained on a small rock two miles and a half from the mainland without food or water and with the sea sweeping over them for three days. The ketch was wrecked close by, and they ultimately patched up a broken dinghy, which enabled the seven unfortunates to reach the shore.

Christmas having passed with a rushing business our unshing business our sushing business French planters to their homes, and

FINED FOR INHUMANITY, Child Slave's Mother Gave False

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 25.-Judge Fray and the other members of the nthracite arbitration commission were moved to indignation several days ago when 11-year-old Theresa McDermott Q told how she and other tots had to told how she and other tots had to leave school and work in a factory early and late to aid their parents in keeping the home together. The first results of this indignation became manifest yesterday.

Mrs. Annie McDermott was arraigned before Ald. Miller, charged with giving false information under oath to enable her to put the child to work. It was alleged she had sworn that Theresa was thirteen vears two months and nine days old. Little attempt was made at a defence.

months and name days out. Interest tempt was made at a defence.

Because the child had left the milland is now attending school, the alderman took a merciful view of the case and fined Mirs, McDermott \$4 and costs, which she paid.

TRAFFIC THRU SOO CANALS.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 25 .-The greatest volume of commerce in the history of the greatest ship canals of the world is shown by the completed statistics of the traffic thru the waterways at Sault Ste, Marie, Mich., and Ontario, for the present year, which amounted to 35,961,146 freight tons, exceeding that of last year, also a banner season, by 7,558,081 tons. Of this freight, the east-bound amounted

DIED FROM A CAT BITE

to 30,275,989 tons; west-bound 5,695,-

Lyons, N.Y., Dec. 25.-Mrs Louisa Grueschow died to-day as the result of the bite of a cat. The bite was on the wrist. Two months ago the hand and arm swelled, and the fingers and arm to the shoulder became discolored. Lockjaw threatened. Dr. Carmer operated on the wrist to-day. The woman rallied from the operation, but died, however, a few hours later. She was 70 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Sellers of 126 Peter-street celebrated the thirty-third anniversary of their wedding by the marriage of their daughter Jessie to Albert L. Gauslin Thursday night. The for its wholesomeness and delicacy of ceremony was performed by Rev. E. flavor and aroma. Morris of the McCaul-street Methodist Church. Miss Deerling of Hamilton was bridesmaid, while the groom was supported by George Ellis. The presents received by the newly married pair were numerous and handsome. Mr. and Mrs. Gauslin will spend a few days at Pickering, the former home of the groom.

At a Children's Party. On the stairs. Denis (aged nine, to lda, aged eight).

Ida. Yes; but you said not till you were out of knickerbockers, you know, and I couldn't wait all that time.

Denis. But you don't really love Jock, do you, Ida?

Ida Yes; but you said not till you from 5 to 500 Founds safely delivered to any part of Ontario. Silver, china, stone and glassware, tea and coffee urns, tables and table linen Jock, do you, Ida.?

Ida. Yes, I do. I've got to, now we're going to be married.

Denis. But suppose Jock dies, Ida—what will you do then?

Ida. Oh, I should go and cry over his grave once a week.

Jock, do you, Ida.?

Ida. Yes, I do. I've got to, now and all table necessaries rented at at reasonable rates.

390 Gollege St., Toronto.

I'd let you garden on my grave, Ida.

Winnie. But won't it hurt? The last one didn't a Lit. Work promptly attended to.

Work promptly attended to.

GEO. M. MACKAY, Manager. Besides, I can have gas. And when

Montreal, Dec. 25.—A fire to-night in you lose one tooth, another comes, you know; and I've quite a lot to go on

vest! my vest!" and he raised himself in bed for the garment. Then he
fell back dead.

In Hyman's vest and other clothing
bonds and money to the amount of
over \$80,000 were discovered.

There was nothing this prize economist would not do to save a penny

There was nothing the prize and the raised himself in bed for the garment. Then he
tracts is secured in this form and do their
work thoroughly.

GALE SWEEPS ENGLAND.

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Wise Ways of Women. No "prizes/" offered with common soaps will long tempt the wise woman to use common soaps. The wise woman soon sees she has to pay dearly for "prizes" in the low quality of soap, in the damage common soaps do her clothes and her hands. The wise woman considers her health-so soon ruined if she were to continue breathing the steam of adulterated common soaps. The wise woman recognizes the difference between such soaps and Sunlight Soap—Octagon Bar. 212

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Calendars A few left at C greatly reduc. O

tage of our bargain prices.

Bain's Yonge Street.

Happy Women

No matter how heavy your heart, few moments caring for a happy singing canary will lighten the deepest gloom. A few dollars for a bird, follow directions on COT-TAM seed, and for years you'll have a refuge from the blues. [106]

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But you're not going to marry Jock, lda? You asked me to marry you wedding breakfast. Brides' cakes

my (to Winnie). No; I don't 52 Richmond St. E. Phone Main 3458

mean to work when I grow up. When I want any money, I shall go to the dentist, and have a tooth out.

Winnie. But how will that—?

Tommy. Why, don't you see? I shall get half a crown every time from clare in the following state of the competition of the compet Make a Specialty of Cleaning Residences, Callars & Furnaces, Yards Carpets, etc.

Carpets, etc.

We clean brass signs, take down blinds, put us storm windows. Work and prices will suit you work to constitute the control of the cont

Opening Mass Meeting in Interest of Tommy. Well, not exactly rich, but WAYOR HOWLAND on Saturday, Dec. 27th, at 8 p.m. in DINGMAN'S HALL.

Cor. Queen and Broadview Ave The Mayor and others will speak. NOTICE—To-Night (Friday) December 26, at 8 o'clock, the Mayor will meet his friends and supporters in Ward 3, at Central Y.M.C.A. (corner Yonge and McGili-streets), for organization purposes.