

THE HAMILTON TIMES

SATURDAY, DEC. 28, 1907.

POWER PRICES.

All through the discussions which have taken place about the cost of power, the Hydro-Electric people have made no attempt to give a rate on the basis of power used. They say \$17.50 per horse power per annum, but they do not give a meter rate. It has been shown that \$17.50 per horse power, if only used twelve hours out of the twenty-four, would mean a cost of \$35.00 per horse power—that every consumer must have a maximum supply considerably exceeding his ordinary requirements and anyone ought to be able to see that if a flat rate is paid for the maximum amount required the cost of the average actually used must jump up very fast. Manifestly, therefore, although some people have been loudly clamoring for figures that they can understand and wanting to know just how much a "horse power" will cost per annum, a quotation of prices on that basis is the least, most deceptive and most misleading form possible to use in figuring on cost of power. But when one meters the power and pays for what he uses at a certain price per horse power hour or per kilowatt hour (one kilowatt equals one and one-third horse power) he knows exactly what he is buying. If he is not using power all night or during meal hours or on Sundays or holidays or any other time, or if he is using only a part of his machinery and plant, he is not penalized, but simply pays for what he gets. There is not a manufacturer in this city we know of, who does not know all about it, or who would be willing to buy his power on any other basis. Why won't Mr. Beck and the Hydro-Electric people talk on that basis? They have been asked and urged to do so, but will not. There is a reason. They cannot. On Saturday last one of their engineers, Mr. Chase, in giving his testimony before Judge Snider, spoke of 2 cents per kilowatt hour as an ordinary and fair charge. What would the manufacturers of Hamilton say to two cents which is very considerably more than double what they are paying? The Cataract Company has offered power for pumping, which involves a good deal of night as well as day consumption, at one-half a cent per horse power hour. That would be nearly as low as one-fourth of what the electric expert, giving evidence on behalf of the city, said was a reasonable rate—and would be very much cheaper than the city can get its power from any other source.

Then what about air lighting? It is understood that the Cataract Company is quite willing also to furnish power to the city to be used for air lighting at a cheap rate if the city wants to go into the air lighting business. The Cataract Company, we understand, insists that all talk about \$40 and \$50 a year per air lamp is absurd under any system of accounting that is both accurate and honest. An exhaustive enquiry on this subject has recently been made by a highly respectable and responsible commission at Syracuse, whose report deals with electric air lighting systems all over the United States, and makes it quite plain that there is no money in lighting a city the size of Hamilton when you get below a higher figure than \$60—the Cataract's tender. Should the city insist on having flat rate power for air lighting the Cataract Company can easily afford, it is said, to go substantially below \$17.50, and would do so, though believing such a basis to be inaccurate and unbusinesslike.

In the one case, the city has to do with actual facts and binding offers. In the other the city has to do with estimates of experts, almost always below the mark. Does anyone believe that the estimates cover the expenditures that will be made? Does anyone believe that the figures for annual charges bear any relation to the figures which experience will reveal to the taxpayer if the city goes into this business just now? Is anyone so blind as not to see that the only result of going into debt just now as proposed will be to help other municipalities to procure better power facilities without any advantage to ourselves? The duty of the citizens is to rotate down the by-law. The amount involved is too large and the benefits to be received too problematical to leave the responsibility with the City Council. Thirty years is a long time to tie up the city. We have been told over and over again that electrical development is yet in its infancy. What might happen in thirty years might make it advisable that Hamilton should be left free to take advantage of all advances in the electrical world.

THAT TORY \$100,000.

The Toronto World, the other day, gave currency to a report that it was stated that the general manager of a bank had been guilty of a breach of faith in divulging where the \$100,000 came from that was to be used in debauching the New Brunswick electorate at the last general elections, and that by that means the information came to the ears of Hon. Mr. Pugsley. The Ottawa Free Press has another story to tell and a more likely one. The Liberals of New Brunswick, indeed of the whole Maritime Provinces, knew at the time that this large sum of money was going into the first named Province. They had suspicions as to where it came from, but it was not until a few months ago that they were able to get in touch with the facts. And their illumination was not due to any breach of faith by the bank manager or any one else. It was the direct result of an order of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia under which the bank was compelled to submit its

books to examination by a commissioner appointed by that court in connection with the contested election cases in Halifax. The bank dare not refuse to obey that order, and once its books were opened to inspection the "high finance" of the Conservative party could no longer be concealed. The conspirators cannot lay the blame for the exposure at the door of either the bank manager, Mr. Russell, or of any other person. They should have realized before they began their campaign that there are such things as rogatory commissions and that when the machinery of the law once gets started, somebody is liable to get caught in the wheels. The above seems pretty good proof that the "reptile fund" was there ready to do its deadly work, and it will be interesting to see how the Tories will manage to repudiate it. Mr. Borden must have some misgivings on the subject, else why this hesitating to ask Dr. Pugsley for particulars? The doctor has already announced his readiness to answer all questions or charges as soon as Mr. Borden is ready to ask them or make them.

UNRELIABLE ESTIMATES.

It is equally bad business to load the city with a debt of a quarter of a million or more on the mere estimate of the Hydro-Electric engineers, especially after they have sworn before Judge Snider that certain contingencies that have added greatly to the cost of electric power in the history of all companies have not been taken into account at all in compiling the Hydro-Electric estimate. This statement is not true. No evidence whatever relating to the manner in which the Hydro-Electric estimates were compiled was given before Judge Snider—Herald.

The knowledge possessed by the Hydro-Electric engineers when they compiled their estimates upon which the city of Hamilton is asked to commit itself to an expenditure of \$275,000, is the same as that which they possessed when giving evidence before Judge Snider in an arbitration in this city a week ago. Mr. F. A. Gavey, assistant engineer of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, said, while under examination, that he had made no allowance for damage done by storms. If no allowance was made for damage done by storms in the estimate given to the cost of electric lighting in Hamilton, it is quite safe to say that the same is true of the estimate of the cost of power. If any factor in the cost of power has been left out of the consideration the estimate is unreliable, and it would be bad business for Hamilton to bind itself, by by-law, to an estimate so compiled.

PARTYISM IN CITY AFFAIRS.

Toronto has been particularly free in the past from having politics mixed up with municipal affairs, and no doubt that city has benefited in many ways in consequence. The following from the Toronto Telegram may show our Tory friends that the Conservative Executive's course in this city is bad for the city, and not of much benefit to the party: Conservatism carries as many Parliamentary elections in Toronto under a Liberal Mayor as under a Tory Mayor. Toronto has been free to leave partisanship out of the reckoning and vote according to the principles of citizenship in the civic contests of the past. Toronto's exercise of this freedom has often done good to the interests of the city and has never done harm to the interests of the Conservative party. The Conservative party has never lost anything in Toronto by the tendency of its members to vote as citizens at municipal elections. Whereas the city of Toronto has lost much by the tendency of citizens to vote as partisans at municipal elections. Civic government is business, not politics—this belief is firmly held by thoughtful Conservatives and Liberal citizens who forget the divisions of party sentiment and remember the unities of civic interest at the municipal election season.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

This is a poor time to borrow money. Let us have an independent expert, Mr. Mayor. Electricity is yet in its infancy. Why tie the city up to a thirty years' electrical bargain? If the "at-large" system is right, we would all vote for the whole 200 or more members of Parliament. Wheat has been selling at 92 cents for a month or more, but the price of flour is the same as when it was \$1.03. Never mind what the Executive insists upon, any one can be an aldermanic candidate who can qualify. This mild weather and rain will not help the roads or make markets good, but it will help make a short winter. The Herald says that Hamilton proposes to take only a small quantity of power from the Government Commission. Then why spend \$300,000 on it? That was a hot one the Globe gave Dr. Beattie Nesbitt this morning. If the story is true, his chances of winning the Toronto mayoralty ought to be slim. Mayor Stewart's estimates are a good deal like those of the Hydro-Electric engineers—not good enough to be depended upon. When the Hydro-Electric Commission has its plans matured will be time for Hamilton to pass a money-by-law. The ratepayers have already approved of the scheme, by by-law. That is enough for the present. The Liberal Club rooms in the Arcade are open every afternoon and evening. The club provides good reading and facilities for amusement under the most

careful supervision. The rooms are a good place for a young man to spend an evening. Old and Young Liberals, whether members of the club or not, are always welcome. That most useful publication, the Canadian Almanac for 1908, published by the Com. Clark Company, of Toronto, has just come to hand. It is full of statistical and other reliable information about Canada which every one should know—the tariff, members of Parliament, ministers of various churches, etc. First, the Herald told Col. Gibson that he did not know what he said. Second, it told Magistrate Jeffs that he didn't say. The true version may be that the Herald does not know what it says itself. This is the more likely from the fact that it talks such rubbish in an irresponsible sort of a way. According to the report of the Pennsylvania Health Department the death rate in that State for 1906 was 16.5 per 1,000 of population. The urban rate was 18.1, the rural rate 16.1. Nearly 25 per cent. of the total number of deaths were of infants less than one year old. The death rate among the negro population was 27.5 per 1,000, as against 16.2 per 1,000 among the whites. There were 10,180 deaths as a result of violence. The deaths among the children and the negro population, no doubt, show the need of better sanitary arrangements and more enlightened care in rearing the infants. There is one way in which the United States Miners' Unions could turn their power for concentrated effort to an important use. Conjointly with mine owners, or acting for themselves, they should take steps looking to their own protection and prevention against the known dangers which face them at their occupation. The presence of gas and dust of explosive quality is a constant and continuing peril which can only be counteracted by a thorough, systematized, unremittent enforcement of preventive methods of operation and expert inspection. Laws are of no avail that are not enforced by men educated in all the detail and all the danger incident to one of the most hazardous of human undertakings. Careless and ignorant men must be protected against the results of their carelessness and ignorance.

HERE AND THERE.

Montreal Herald: Halifax, where Mr. Borden used to live, is now solidly Liberal. Ottawa, where he lives now, goes Liberal by over three thousand. He seems to be quite influential, by opinion, as further witness the fall of the Quebec bridge the day he arrived there, and the unexpected defeat of the Conservative candidate in Centre York after he had spoken in the riding. Peterboro' Examiner: The merchants of Peterboro', as a rule, have had the best Christmas trade in years. Yet New York, under the Haman's galloway high tariff of Mr. Guernsey and Mr. Cockshutt, has had the dullest Christmas trade in years. The people are not prosperous—they buy less or buy cheaper articles. The Gun Club will hold a shoot for turkeys on New Year's Day, commencing at ten o'clock a. m. There will be ten events, of fifteen turkeys each, and the entrance fee will be \$1, including cost of targets for each event. Money will be divided by the Rose System—5, 4, 3, 2. Besides the money division, there will be a turkey, goose and duck for 1st, 2nd and 3rd, respectively, for each event. The Hamilton Gun Club will give a large delegation from the city club is expected down. Harry and Mrs. Prudhomme, of Ridgeway, were in town this week for a couple of days. Mr. and Mrs. James Fowler, of Woodstock, and a former much respected resident, is staying with T. A. and Mrs. Filby. W. C. and Mrs. Mackie, of Hagersville, came down to spend the holiday with Mr. Mackie's mother. At "Inverurie" for the holidays, were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Darling and family, of Toronto; Mrs. John Jennings, and family, of Toronto; Mrs. Squires, of England; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Eastwood, of Hamilton. Miss McKemair was at Smithville on Wednesday, visiting relatives. Walter Cameron, of Dundas, was home for the holiday. The Model School examination results are out, and the following are new teachers. The local school deserves a great deal of credit, as the results show. The candidates have been divided into three grades: A—Miss Elsie Reed, Miss Elinor Redhead, Miss Ellen Smith. B—Miss Della Carter, Miss Francis Bradt, Miss Gladys Best, Miss Edith Bartlett. C—Miss Lillie Neal, Miss Susie West, Miss Leila Disher, Miss Norma Perkins, Miss Olga Elliott, Miss Isabel Kew, Miss Pearl Hendershott, Miss Amelia Yorkston. The regulations in regard to the age limit will be strictly enforced, and no candidate under 18 years of age will be granted a certificate. Leonard Riggins, of Detroit, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Glover, of Boston, Mass., are in town this week. Miss Georgina Coxe, Miss Beatty, Dr. Orth, H. V. Groat, Mrs. and Miss Brine and Charles Brine were in St. Kitts, on Saturday. C. C. Osborne Edward Osborne, and Miss McPerson, all of Toronto, were at the "Cottage" for Christmas Day. The Baptist Church Christmas tree and carols were of the most successful of the many fine entertainments that have taken place in this historic old church. The singing was splendid and the recitations and dialogues full of vim. O. E. Henry and M. Henry, of Toronto, were home for Christmas. C. W. MacIntyre, of the Dental College, Toronto, and L. B. Ritchie, of Parry Sound, are here for a couple of weeks. Rev. Judson Kelley, of Hagersville, and family are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Buck. Wallace Painter, of Welland, came in to spend the holiday with his parents. Horace and Mrs. Bolton, of Ridgeway, were at Jordan Station during the mid-week. Miss Viola Hendershott is home from Ottawa. Dr. J. Freeman was at his home in Burlington for Christmas Day. If a real man should make love like a girl, he would be a play the girl would be scared to death.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On Thursday evening the following officers were elected for Council 118, Canadian Order of Chosen Friends, for 1908: J. H. Rooney, Past Councilor. W. S. Conley, Chief Councilor. J. S. Cunningham, Vice-Councilor. R. H. McKay, Recorder. G. Purrott, Treasurer. A. Hewitt, Marshall. M. Hewitt, Warden. J. Jones, Guard. A. E. Case, Sentinel. J. Stanton, Organist. Rolls and Stanton, Auditors. Dr. Gilrie and Dr. Cockburn, Medical Examiners.

REGINA TENT K. O. T. M.

At the regular meeting of Regina Tent, No. 106, held on Wednesday evening, three candidates were initiated. The following officers were elected for 1908: John Nixon, past commander; Thos. Costello, commander. John Wells, lieut. commander. R. H. McKay, record keeper. J. H. Gage, chaplain. Dr. Haist, physician. W. J. Hayward, sergeant. Thos. Gentile, M. of Arms. J. Maloney, 2nd M. of Guards. Thos. Oakes, 1st M. of Guards. Geo. Shaw, sentinel. P. McNally, picket. R. Linke, organist. W. Davison, Thos. Gentile, auditors.

SUITABLE XMAS GIFTS.

Fountain pens, from \$1 to \$6; pocket knives, 25c to \$1.75; Hohner mouth organs, 25c to \$1.50; perfumes, in cases, 25c to \$2; safety razors, \$1 to \$6; pocket brushes, 25c to \$3; mirrors, 25c to \$4; ebony brushes, 50c to \$3.75; shaving brushes, 25c to \$1.75, etc., at Gerrie's drug store, 32 James street north.

GRIMSBY AND BEAMSVILLE.

Latest News From Fruit Garden of Canada.

Christmas Day Wedding of Popular Beamsville Girl.

Gun Club Tourney—Mr. Drope's New School.

Grimsbly, Dec. 28.—(Special).—To the readers of this column, a very happy New Year. Reeve William Mitchell is again a candidate for municipal honors. J. D. and Mrs. Christie, of Simcoe, are in town for the holiday. Mrs. A. B. Randall is in town this week, visiting her mother. Miss Bullock, of Toronto, spent the week end with friends in town. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver McNinch, lost their little son to the grim reaper on Friday last. The sympathy of many friends goes out to them in their bereavement. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hughes, of Attercliffe, are again back in Grimsby, after a four years' absence. Miss Mabel Van Duzer is spending the holidays at her home in Winona. St. John's Church entertainment in the Institute Hall was a gratifying success from every standpoint. Mr. H. Pickering has returned to his home for a couple of weeks. John D. Smith, of Chicago, Ill., spent a few days with friends in this vicinity during the week end. From every indication at present a big boom in house building will start in town as soon as the winter is over. C. A. Cook, of Berlin, was in town on business on Tuesday. The new addition to the Preparatory School, Lake Lodge, is about completed, and will be ready for occupation after the holidays. The entire building will make a most complete and up-to-date school, and Mr. Drope is to be congratulated on the success that has already crowned his effort in establishing this most modern school for boys, and the satisfactory results it is giving to parents of the students in attendance. Beamsville and Vicinity.

A quiet little wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents here on Christmas afternoon, when Mr. George Russell Borden of Providence, R. I., was married to a very popular and esteemed Beamsville girl, Miss Bella Woods, only daughter of Thomas and Mrs. Woods. Rev. Dr. D. C. MacIntyre officiated. The bride was the recipient of many pretty presents, among them being a beautiful cocoa pot, from the choir of the Presbyterian Church, of which Miss Woods was a member. Mr. and Mrs. Borden will live in the American city. A. N. and Mrs. Myer, of Thorold, are welcome visitors in town this holiday season. Little Charlie Hunter, of St. Catharines, is the guest of Mrs. Brine over the week. Rev. Cyril Russ, of Woodstock, is staying with his grandfather for a short holiday. The Gun Club will hold a shoot for turkeys on New Year's Day, commencing at ten o'clock a. m. There will be ten events, of fifteen turkeys each, and the entrance fee will be \$1, including cost of targets for each event. Money will be divided by the Rose System—5, 4, 3, 2. Besides the money division, there will be a turkey, goose and duck for 1st, 2nd and 3rd, respectively, for each event. The Hamilton Gun Club will give a large delegation from the city club is expected down. Harry and Mrs. Prudhomme, of Ridgeway, were in town this week for a couple of days. Mr. and Mrs. James Fowler, of Woodstock, and a former much respected resident, is staying with T. A. and Mrs. Filby. W. C. and Mrs. Mackie, of Hagersville, came down to spend the holiday with Mr. Mackie's mother. At "Inverurie" for the holidays, were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Darling and family, of Toronto; Mrs. John Jennings, and family, of Toronto; Mrs. Squires, of England; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Eastwood, of Hamilton. Miss McKemair was at Smithville on Wednesday, visiting relatives. Walter Cameron, of Dundas, was home for the holiday. The Model School examination results are out, and the following are new teachers. The local school deserves a great deal of credit, as the results show. The candidates have been divided into three grades: A—Miss Elsie Reed, Miss Elinor Redhead, Miss Ellen Smith. B—Miss Della Carter, Miss Francis Bradt, Miss Gladys Best, Miss Edith Bartlett. C—Miss Lillie Neal, Miss Susie West, Miss Leila Disher, Miss Norma Perkins, Miss Olga Elliott, Miss Isabel Kew, Miss Pearl Hendershott, Miss Amelia Yorkston. The regulations in regard to the age limit will be strictly enforced, and no candidate under 18 years of age will be granted a certificate. Leonard Riggins, of Detroit, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Glover, of Boston, Mass., are in town this week. Miss Georgina Coxe, Miss Beatty, Dr. Orth, H. V. Groat, Mrs. and Miss Brine and Charles Brine were in St. Kitts, on Saturday. C. C. Osborne Edward Osborne, and Miss McPerson, all of Toronto, were at the "Cottage" for Christmas Day. The Baptist Church Christmas tree and carols were of the most successful of the many fine entertainments that have taken place in this historic old church. The singing was splendid and the recitations and dialogues full of vim. O. E. Henry and M. Henry, of Toronto, were home for Christmas. C. W. MacIntyre, of the Dental College, Toronto, and L. B. Ritchie, of Parry Sound, are here for a couple of weeks. Rev. Judson Kelley, of Hagersville, and family are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Buck. Wallace Painter, of Welland, came in to spend the holiday with his parents. Horace and Mrs. Bolton, of Ridgeway, were at Jordan Station during the mid-week. Miss Viola Hendershott is home from Ottawa. Dr. J. Freeman was at his home in Burlington for Christmas Day. If a real man should make love like a girl, he would be a play the girl would be scared to death.

Closing the Old Year with Splendid Values

Starting Monday morning we will clear up many lines of seasonal goods at the lowest prices ever quoted. Many articles suitable for New Year's gifts will be included in this sale which will be well for you to investigate. We know that you will appreciate the values we are offering.

- 50c Handkerchiefs 10c
A quantity of dainty embroidered Handkerchiefs that are worth up to 50c each, but are soiled and mused, so out they go on Monday for 10c each.
Set of Combs 75c for 49c
2 dozen sets of Combs, each set in a neat box, regular price 75c, on sale Monday for 49c.
25c Linen Collars 2 for 25c
Ladies' Lined Collars with fancy stitching and embroidered work, value 25c, on sale Monday at 2 for 25c.
\$4 Real Lace Handkerchiefs \$1.98
4 only handsome real lace Handkerchiefs, regular price \$4, on sale Monday for only \$1.98.
Valenciennes Edgings 25c Dozen
A quantity of fancy Valenciennes Edgings and Insertions, regular 65 yard, selling on Monday for 25c dozen yards.
Nine Inch Fancy Ribbons 75c for 12 1/2c
Several pretty shades of nine inch Ribbons, with neat floral patterns, regular 75c yard, on sale between 9 and 10 Monday morning for 12 1/2c.
25c Taffeta Ribbons 19c
3 1/2 to 4 inch Taffeta Ribbons all in good reliable shades, and value at 25c, will be sold on Monday for 19c.
Sale of Fans
A quantity of pretty White Fans, some with sequa trimming, others floral decorated, will be reduced as follows for Monday.
6c Dainty White Fans on sale for 29c
30c Dainty White Fans, on sale for 15c.
75c Ready Made Veils 39c
Splendid quality Chiffon Veils, with neat hemstitched hem, a wide range of shades, value regular 75c, on sale on Monday for 39c.
Men's Ties at 5c Each
A quantity of Men's Neck-on and Four-in-Hand Ties will be cleared on Monday for only 5c each.
Men's Flannelette Shirts 29c
Men's Shirts, made of splendid quality flannelette, with turn-down collars, all sizes, will be sold on Monday for only 29c each.
Cashmere Mufflers 45c
Men's White Cashmere Mufflers, with small blue, pink and red dot pattern, will be sold on Monday for only 45c each.
\$1 Underwear for 50c
A number of Men's Undergarments, in odd sizes and makes which are value in the regular way at \$1.00, will be cleared on Monday at only 50c per garment.

- Clearing Sale of Furs
1 Natural Lynx Stole, \$35.00, for \$19.99
6 only Neverset Collars, \$3.50, for \$1.99
6 only Collars, regular \$1.00, for 75c
12 only Astrachan Collars, 30c, for 25c
2 only Grey Lamb Collars, \$3.50, for \$3.99
2 only Grey Lamb Collars, \$9.00, for \$5.99
12 only Grey Caps, 50 and 75c, for 39c
12 only Marmot Mink Stoles, \$4.90, for \$2.50
1 only Sable Ruft, regular \$15.00, for \$6.00
\$5 to \$8 Dress Skirts \$2.98
A number of Ladies' Tweed and Cloth Dress Skirts, value regular from \$5 to \$8, will be sold on Monday for only \$2.98.
Ends of Sheetting Worth 35c for 19c
500 yards of Plain Sheetting, in ends from 1 to 7 yards, good firm quality, 64, 72 and 90 inches wide, value up to 35c yard, selling on Monday at 9 o'clock for only 19c yard.
15c Roller Towing 10c
300 yards of nice soft finished Roller Towing, 16 inches wide, excellent value at 15c, will go on sale Monday at 9 o'clock for 10c yard.
22 1/2c English Flannelette 17 1/2c
1,000 yards good heavy quality English Flannelette, pretty striped patterns, a quality that is good value at 22 1/2c, will be reduced for Monday to 17 1/2c yard.
\$1 Dress Goods 49c
Splendid quality Tweed Dress Goods, running from 44 to 64 inches in width and value up to \$1.00 yard, will be sold on Monday, starting at nine o'clock for 49c yard.
White Lawn at 5c Yard
About 300 yards of White Lawn, from 36 to 40 inches wide will be sold promptly at nine o'clock Monday morning for 5c yard. Limit 5 yards.
Mill Ends of Prints Worth 12 1/2c for 5c
From 9 to 10 a. m. on Monday morning we will place on sale about 500 yards of light and dark Prints, mill ends, the real value of which is 12 1/2c yard, for only 5c yard. Limit 10 yards.
Ladies' 50c and 65c Vests 39c
Women's Fine Knitted Union Vests, valued at 50 and 65c each, can be secured here on Monday for only, each 39c.
To-night All Fancy Calendars at Half Price and Less
\$1.50 Calendars 39c
15 only handsome Calendars, large size, regular price \$1.50, sale to-night at 39c.
In addition we have other fancy Calendars, marked regular from 19c, 25c, 30c and 35c, will be sold to-night at half the mark price.

THE T. H. PRATT CO. LIMITED

WELLAND'S INDUSTRIES.

Large Additions to Ontario Steel Works—New Implement Factory. Welland, Dec. 27.—The Page-Hersey Iron Tube & Pipe Company, which has lately built large works here, called the Ontario Iron & Steel Company, and which started work in them last summer, has increased its capital from two million to three million five hundred thousand dollars. It has started to build a large additional plant here, which will employ about one thousand hands. The furnace building will be two hundred feet long, with wings three hundred and eighty feet long, and a number of other large buildings will be erected. The Warner-Gibson Company is starting a new factory in Welland. The buildings will be opened shortly. It will manufacture agricultural implements of various kinds. The Bank of Nova Scotia has been for the last three months occupying premises in the Opera House block, and will open in a few days. Mr. P. A. Rowley, of Fredericton, N. B., is appointed manager, and is in town. The Royal Bank, which lately opened offices here, has leased the McMurray premises, and will completely renovate and refit them.

English "Show-Places"

It is a pathetic fact that there are several men in the United Kingdom who would consider themselves on the brink of bankruptcy if they were reduced, by an evil stroke of fate, to a mere pittance of £1,000 a week—who would find it simply impossible to "rub along anyhow" on the income of a simple millionaire, which would be barely sufficient in some cases to pay the expenses of the lordly pleasure houses which they have inherited from their ancestors. The Duke of Devonshire, for example, says the London Tit-bits, has no fewer than seven of these stately homes—six in England and one in Ireland—each of them fit for the reception of a king, and not one of them is tenanted. The other day, he has yet lived in long he himself does not know within £1,000 how much these palatial homes cost yearly to maintain, but the annual cost has been said to make a very big hole in £100,000. In Wentworth Wood House, which is only one of his four "palaces," Lord Fitzwilliam owns the largest private house in England. It has a frontage of 600 feet, its hall is so enormous that four suburban villas could be built inside it, and its owner could live in a different room every day for six weeks and still leave several rooms unseent. The Duke of Portland owns five regal homes in England and Scotland, the value of which runs into millions, and which, with the attached gardens and estates, keep hundreds of servants employed. At Welbeck he has over 30 acres of kitchen gardens alone; in the glass houses and garden proper he employs about 70 men and boys, and his horticultural bill for this one house is said to exceed £5,000 a year. Blenheim Palace, the Duke of Marlborough's Oxford seat, is so colossal that the late Duke used to declare he spent £800 a year on putty alone for his window-panes. It actually cost £300,000 to build in days when money was more valuable than it is to-day; it is 348 feet long, has 15 staircases, and when it was raised some time ago his grace found it necessary to sell his pictures and books to pay the cost, which amounted to over £300,000. The Duke of Northumberland owns five stately seats, at one alone of which—Syon House, Brentford—a staff of 30 or 40 men is kept busy largely in the magnificent kitchen garden and fruit houses. And yet the Duke spends only a small portion of the year in this princely home, the rental value of which probably exceeds the Lord Chancellor's official income. The Marquis of Bute has five seats in England, Scotland and Wales, and one of them, Mountstuart, Rothsay, covers an acre of ground, has 150 rooms, and has actually cost over £2,000,000, representing, even at a modest 4 per cent, a value of £800,000 a year. One can easily understand that his lordship's income of £200,000 a year is not a penny too much for the demands on it. Lord Lonsdownery's four seats, Wynydd Park (Stockton-on-Tees), is 100 yards long, and boasts a sculpture gallery 100 feet long and 58 feet high; Gledwood, one of the Duke of Rich-

ALABAMA BOY KILLED AT A CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 27.—Dan Bracey, the sixteen-year-old son of a widow at Pratt City, died to-day as the result of injuries received in an explosion of dynamite at a Christmas party. The boy carried a piece of dynamite in his coat pocket. While on the porch he was jarred and the dynamite exploded. The boy's right leg was torn off and his body was thrown violently through a window into the parlor where the guests were assembled. Several boys and girls were knocked down and others were badly shaken up by the explosion and by the boy striking them. The house was badly wrecked.

EYES OF DEEP SEA FISH.

"Few people know that when deep sea fish are taken from the water their eyes pop from their heads," said E. B. Wynn, of Mobile. "This is due to being relieved of the tremendous water pressure and coming in contact with air. On the Gulf coast, where thousands of fish are caught daily, one can see hundreds and hundreds of deep water fish with eyes hanging from their sockets." Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 27.—Lord Mount Cashell, who has just celebrated his 78th birthday, has never married, and has no heir to any of the titles which he enjoys in the Irish Peerage. Several of the daughters of the third and fifth earls are still living, but Lord Mount Cashell has neither brother, uncle, nor male cousins, so that as things are at present the titles will expire at his death.