

# To the Trade

December 13th

## Looking Forward for

business from those who purpose holding white goods sales during the month of January is one point on the trade compass upon which our eyes are directed at present. If you want white goods see us or hear from us before

## Placing Your Orders.

**John Macdonald & Co.,**  
Wellington and Front Streets East,  
TORONTO.

## WILL SETTLE THE GAS SUIT

On a Close Vote Council Decides to Accept Recommendation of Board of Control.

## COMPANY YET TO BE HEARD FROM

Only Change Provides That Eighty Cent Gas Will Prevail for Three Years.

Council has endorsed the settlement with the Gas Company as recommended by the Board of Control. The company has not as yet officially signified its ac-

the city fight the suit, the gas question was reopened at yesterday's special meeting of the Council.

Ald. Urquhart continued his searching criticism of the settlement, and he pertinently asked what it meant. As far as he could see it meant that for a paltry reduction of 10¢ a thousand feet we go on in the same way and condone all past offences of the company. We get rid of all claims the consumers have against the company, and we are placed on a worse footing than ever. We permit them to retain the reserve fund and to increase it. We have no assurance that the reduction of 10 cents a thousand will be retained. If the company wants to increase the price of gas at the end of the year what remedy has the city got? Why, only more litigation and more settlements. The Gas Company are not fools, and if the act of 1887 is so much in their favor we are supposed to expect that they would accept a settlement if they did not know they were at the mercy of the city, and that they were wrong. They know on which side their bread is buttered, said Ald. Urquhart.

### City Asking Settlement.

The alderman continued that the City of Toronto was itself asking for settlement of an action which judges and great legal minds had said was all in favor of the city. "Who fathered the settlement?" he asked, and he answered himself. He said there was every evidence that negotiations had been going on for months, and the Council had been kept in the dark. In fact, he said, the Mayor of this city has been carrying on the negotiations without the knowledge of the Council.

### The Mayor: Nonsense!

Ald. Urquhart said it might be called nonsense, but it was nevertheless correct. He pointed out that there were at least ten companies living on the Gas Company, and he named the Economical Gas Co., of which Mr. Pearson, manager of the Gas Co., was president, and his son manager. He also mentioned the Michigan Ammonia, which practically had the same officers. Ald. Urquhart emphatically declared that there should be no settlement until the city had a representation on the board of the Gas Co. In any event the company should not get more than 10 per cent profit of the capital stock of \$1,750,000.

### Sheppard Knows a Hyman.

The request of the Mayor to the com-

able to shareholders and not to the city. That Act of '87.

Ald. Hubbard said the act of 1887 allowing the company to do just as it liked, and the proposed settlement was of benefit to the city. He took up the criticism for the Mayor in regard to Ald. Urquhart's remarks relating to the 10¢ an hour clause. He challenged Ald. Urquhart to come out and measure swords with Mayor Howland at the coming elections, and Mr. Urquhart, he said, would not cut what he thinks of himself, but what the people think of him.

### Dr. Izard Objected.

Ald. Urquhart wanted to make it easy for yourself in Ward 4, don't you? The two members of the Fourth Ward included in a little further repartee, and then Ald. Hubbard went on with his defence of the proposed settlement.

### Oliver Looking Ahead.

Mr. Oliver wanted the agreement amended so that 80¢ gas would prevail for at least three years, and that no more than \$200,000 per year be spent on renewals and repairs. The three-year system eventually carried, but the other was killed.

### For Municipal Ownership.

A motion was introduced by Ald. Graham that the effect that the report be not adopted, but be sent back to the Board of Control, with instructions to forthwith prepare a report on the price to be paid the Gas Company for the franchise, the plant and works of the company, and that the City Solicitor be instructed to bring the pending action to trial at the earliest possible date. Ald. Graham said the large majority at the last election in favor of purchase of the gas plant showed that the city wanted to own the gas supply.

### Mayor Explains Delay.

Mayor Howland made a vigorous defence of the proposed settlement, and urged as excuse for the delay in negotiations that the legal representative of the company, Mr. Creelman, had removed to Montreal, and could not be reached by the city occasionally. He said the present opposition to the agreement was founded on a careless reading of the city's position, not business criticism. He thought that much good had come from the delay of which he was being made a victim. He thought Ald. Urquhart owed the Council an apology for attempting to mislead it in regard to the company's right to manipulate and distribute electricity and to the use of the city streets therefor, which, he pointed out, had been done since the act of 1887 contingent upon an agreement being made with the city.

### Purchase of the Company.

Ald. Starr said it was to be understood that if the settlement was not made, the city would be at liberty to purchase the gas company, just the same as it could to-day. He said that the settlement would not affect the city eventually getting control of the company. He did not think the directors of the company should be held personally liable for the alleged misdeeds of the company. The city had been chosen aware of what the company had been doing for years. "Get out of law and get the 10¢ reduction of gas" was his advice.

### Easy for Corporation.

Ald. Richardson said it didn't matter whether a corporation lived up to its agreement or not. When it was used for wrong-doing a settlement could be made with the city and there was no reason for the damage already occasioned. That was what he understood the present settlement would mean as a precedent for future trouble with corporations.

### The Vote in Committee.

Ald. Urquhart's motion to defeat the suit was defeated in committee on the following vote: Aye—Ald. Frame, Graham, Richardson, Ward, London, Urquhart, Bell, Foster, Hodgson, Lamb, Sheppard, Fraleigh, Russell, 10. No—Ald. Starr, Ald. Creelman, Oliver, Sheard, Starr, Hubbard, Woods, Lamb, Sheppard, Fraleigh, Russell, 12.

### Graham's Motion Defeated.

Ald. Graham's motion to send the report to the Board of Control for a possible purchase of the Gas Company plant was defeated as follows: Aye—Ald. Graham, Frame, Richardson, London, Fraleigh, Bell, Urquhart, Foster—9. No—Ald. Starr, Ald. Russell, Crane, Sheard, Oliver, Sheard, Starr, Hubbard, Lamb, Sheppard—11. Ald. Hodgson did not vote.

### Where the Committee rose there was but a short discussion in Council, and the gas settlement as amended was endorsed by the vote given above. The members of the Council were Ald. McMurich and Ald. Cox, who are out of the city.

### WILL TEST FIRE ENGINES.

### Inspector Home Paying an Official Visit to the Capital.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Robert Howe of Toronto, Inspector of the Board of Fire Toronto, has arrived in the city on an official visit. He has ordered a test to be made of the two fire engines, and both machines will be taken down to the Chaudiere tomorrow and given a trial under fire conditions. As the engines are of different makes, a good deal of interest attaches to the trial.

### Mr. and Mrs. Reddell of Glen.

Mr. and Mrs. Reddell of Glen, Ont., have been visiting in Toronto for a number of days. They are the friends of J. W. Whitworth, who leaves for England to-day.

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# Fairweather's

## Xmas Furs



## Have it Good and Have it Nice!

Two points you're particular about in making a present—in making a present of furs you'll be most particular—and we're doing no unnecessary boasting when we claim to have the best and nicest stock of furs in Canada to select from—we've the low priced—the moderate priced and the high priced—and our guarantee for quality and style goes with everything we sell—to-day is none too soon to make your choice—many of the handsomest things in all lines will be picked up in the next few days—and while with us it's "first come first served"—we wouldn't like to have you miss getting just exactly what you've set your mind to have—

- Alaska Seal Jackets—150.00 to 250.00.
- Persian Lamb Jackets—85.00 to 150.00.
- Electric Seal Jackets—85.00 to 150.00.
- Raccoon Jackets—80.00 up.
- Astrachan and Bokharan Jackets—25.00 up.
- Columbia Sable Scarfs—4.00 up.
- Western and Alaska Sable Scarfs—6.00 up.
- The Best Alaska Sable Scarf in Canada—50 inches long—for 10.00.
- Muffs to match—4.00 to 12.00.
- Capelines—in all the popular styles—furs and combinations from electric and Columbia sable—4.00 up.
- Right on up to the finest Persian Lamb and Alaska Sable Capeline at 90.00.

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## Shirt Waists.

The finest of shirt waists ever sold at a trade sale will be sold by Suckling & Co. on Wednesday next. They are the manufacture of one of the best known makers of high-grade goods in the States, and are of the newest materials, such as French Flannels, plain colors, red, with black spots, French Wool Delaines, fancy

velvetines, taffetas and fancy silks, fine black satens, etc. They are all up-to-date, with full and tucked fronts, blouse fronts, centre box pleats, plain backs, etc.; also 150 pairs fine silk tapestry curtains, picture, embroidered tapestry for up-holders, table covers, all sizes, and 500 pairs all-wool white blankets, extra super. Buyers can have any of their purchases sent by express the same day.

Suckling & Co. on Wednesday next.

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## Pairs Men's, Women's, Boys' and Girls' Slippers

We've got about 1000 pairs of Slippers to dispose of within the next ten days. There is no present so acceptable as a Shoe or Slipper present, and when you can buy them at and below cost you can afford to give two pairs.

## TO-DAY WILL BE SLIPPER DAY.

Infants' 75c and 1.00 Slippers.....	50c	Ladies' 1.50 and 1.75 Slippers.....	\$1.25
Children's 95c, 1.00 and 1.15 Slippers.....	85c	Ladies' 2.00 and 2.25 Slippers.....	1.75
Girls' 1.25, 1.35 and 1.50 Slippers.....	\$1.00	Ladies' 2.50, 2.75 and 3.00 Slippers.....	2.00
Boys' 75c, 85c and 1.00 Slippers.....	65c	Men's 90c and 1.00 Slippers.....	75c
Ladies' 1.00 Slippers.....	75c	Men's 1.25 and 1.50 Slippers.....	1.00
Ladies' 1.25 and 1.35 Slippers.....	1.00	Men's 1.75 and 2.00 Slippers.....	1.50
		Men's 2.25 and 2.50 Slippers.....	1.75

Store open evenings to accommodate those who cannot find it convenient to shop during the day.

**KINGSLEY & CO., 186 Yonge St. Giving up Business.**

# SIMPSON

THE ROBERT SIMPSON COMPANY, LIMITED  
Toronto, Friday, Dec. 13th.

## The Victor Anniversary

One year ago to-day Victor Shoes were introduced to the public. For twelve months they have been under fire, so to speak; for twelve months they have been undergoing the test. Were they really five dollar shoes in quality while selling for \$3.50?

The answer is best given by those who bought them a year ago. We believe that almost without exception our early customers have since purchased a second pair. They are thoroughly satisfied that the Victor Shoe is the best \$3.50 shoe offering in Canada to-day.

Thousands of pairs of Victor Shoes have been sold during the past year and that many more thousands will be sold during their second year, it is only reasonable on our part to expect. We have done our best to bring a high-grade shoe down to a moderate price, and, judging by the appreciation expressed by Victor wearers, we have succeeded.

Patent kidskin, smooth calf top, medium weight, Goodyear welt soles, the most popular shoe of the day, The "Victor"—price \$3.50.

Enamelled calf-skin, stout Goodyear welted soles, calf top, "The Business Man's Favorite," all sizes and widths, The "Victor"—price \$3.50.

Heavy black box calf, leather lined throughout, extra heavy Goodyear welted soles, the most serviceable for winter wear, The "Victor"—price \$3.50.

320 pairs Men's Choice Box Calf Lace Boots, extra-stylish, solid leather, hand-sewn soles, sizes 6 to 10, regular value, \$12.50, Saturday, 8 a.m.—1.95

120 pairs Men's Fine All-Wool Black Lace Boots, extra-stylish, solid leather, hand-sewn soles, sizes 6 to 10, regular value, \$12.50, Saturday, 8 a.m.—.85

Men's Best Quality Neptune Rubber, sizes 6 to 11, wholesale price, 78c, Saturday, 8 a.m.—.55

## A Saturday Special

We will finish up a line of our overcoats to-morrow. We are pretty near out anyway and we cannot import fresh cloth from England in time to make more for this season. So cut they go altogether, 55 for men and 35 for boys, at savings that we are confident will bring you to the men's store to-morrow sharp at 8. 55 only Men's Overcoats, of a grey flannel cloth, heavy, soft, finish material, cut three-quarter length, box back style, lined with farmers' satin, and finished with velvet collars, regular \$7.50, we have decided to drop this line on Saturday morning, they go on sale, sizes 34 to 42, only one to a customer, at..... 4.00

35 only Boys' Overcoats, of same material and style as the men's in the above item, regular \$5.00, sizes 31 to 38, to clear Saturday morning, at \$3.50

## Men's Overcoats, Suits, Smoking Jackets.

Men's High-Grade Overcoats, made of dark Oxford grey cheviot, showing slight twist effect, cut in the swell yoke style, with broad military shawl collar, cuffs on sleeves and vertical pockets, single breast, fly front, with pointed lapels, giving broad effects, lined with twilled mohair, and finished with silk velvet collars, sizes 34 to 42..... 17.50

Men's Dark Oxford Grey Smooth-Finish Cheviot Overcoats, in Raglanette style, cut extra long, full bodies, with vertical pockets and cuffs on the sleeves, lined with Italian cloth, silk sewn, finished with velvet collars, sizes 34 to 42, Saturday morning..... 11.00

Men's Fine English Imported Tuxedo Coats and Vests, made of a strictly all-wool vicuña cloth, the very latest goods for party and evening wear, double-breasted, single-breasted, and cut in the latest style, with silk roll collar, silk faced, low-cut vest, sizes 35 to 42..... 13.50

Men's Fine All-Wool West of England Worsted Suits, in a black cheviot, worsted material, four-button, single-breasted, with best of Italian cloth linings, silk sewn, perfect fitting, sizes from 36 to 44..... 10.00

Men's All-Wool English Imported Dressing Gowns, in a pretty blue, also also camel's hair, in a variety of patterns and colors, Tartan plaids, in green, ground with red and white overplaid, brown ground, green and white plaid, also plain red gold cloth, cuffs and collars trimmed with reverse of goods, silk cord, all sizes..... 7.00

Men's English Imported House Coats or Smoking Jackets, made of smooth all-wool Saxony-finished tweed, also soft camel's hair, in a variety of patterns and colors, Tartan plaids, in green, ground with red and white overplaid, brown ground, green and white plaid, also plain red gold cloth, cuffs and collars trimmed with reverse of goods, silk cord, all sizes..... 7.00

Men's Fine All-Wool Shirts and Drawers, fancy stripes, shirts double-breasted, buttoned, ribbed shirt, cuffs and ankles, soft, lofty finish, regular 65¢ per garment, Saturday..... 50

Men's Fine Heavy Arctic Underwear, stamped and warranted wool fleece, overlocked seams, double-ribbed cuffs and ankles, mohair bound, pearl buttons, natural shade, sizes 34 to 44, regular 75¢ per garment, Saturday..... 50

## Men's Furs.

16 only Men's Fur Coats, in black China dog, swamp wallaby or Russian calfskins, these coats are all made from No. 1 skins, and have fine quilted linings and finish, regular prices \$21.00, \$23.00 and \$25.00, special for Saturday..... 17.65

Men's Fur Gauntlet Mitts, special at \$2.75, \$3.50, \$5.00, \$6.50 and..... \$10.00

Men's Fur Gauntlet Gloves, special at \$7.10, \$10.00, \$11.75 and..... 12.50

## The Popular Books

Simpson's book Prices will interest the host of people who give books at Christmas. You will find these figures on the new books compare with a favorable balance to any others you have seen yet:

The Man From Glenary, by Ian MacLaren, \$1.10.	The Portion of Labor, by Mary Williams, \$1.20.
MacLaren, \$1.10.	God With Us, by W. Davis, \$1.20.
MacLaren, \$1.10.	Over of the Plum Pudding, by Bangs, \$1.20.
MacLaren, \$1.10.	Tobacco in Song and Story, by Hain, \$1.20.
MacLaren, \$1.10.	David Harum, Illustrated, by David Harum, \$1.20.
MacLaren, \$1.10.	Wanted, a Match-Maker, by Ford, \$1.20.
MacLaren, \$1.10.	Love Songs of Scotland, by Ford, \$1.20.
MacLaren, \$1.10.	Lives of the Hunted, by Seton, \$1.20.
MacLaren, \$1.10.	Wild Animals, by Seton, \$1.20.
MacLaren, \$1.10.	Winning Womanhood, by Seton, \$1.20.
MacLaren, \$1.10.	The Benefactors, by Seton, \$1.20.
MacLaren, \$1.10.	German Garden, \$1.10.
MacLaren, \$1.10.	Married, a Maid of Venice, by Marion Crawford, \$1.15.
MacLaren, \$1.10.	"D" and "L", by Batchelor, \$1.20.
MacLaren, \$1.10.	Kim, by Kipling, \$1.20.
MacLaren, \$1.10.	"Moons", by A. W. Fraser, \$1.20.
MacLaren, \$1.10.	"Love Affairs", by Crockett, \$1.20.

## 5c Samples of Dollar Perfumes.

So that our customers may have an opportunity of testing the quality of Eastman's Royal Perfumes, we have arranged with the factory to supply us 5000 sample bottles of the different odors, which we have for sale in a large variety of more expensive bottles. For these prett little kid-capped gold labelled bottles we make A NOMINAL CHARGE OF FIVE CENTS. That's practically giving you the perfume. When you test it you'll come or send for Eastman's Royal Perfumes, in fancy Christmas packages, from one dollar upwards. There are several odors and you may have as many samples as you like at 5 Cents Each.

## Lubin's French Perfumes

\$5 Holiday Packages, \$2.95.

These are the handsomest French Xmas Perfume Box on the market to-day. The case in itself is a work of art, while the goods it contains are the best that the best maker in the world can make. There is in each box a cut glass bottle of quintessence perfume, a cake of the richest soap and a box of the choicest powder yet produced. For a lady one of these handsome cases makes the most acceptable gift of this character we can suggest. Our price is \$5.00—Saturday it will be \$2.95.

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