

RITCHIE'S

JUST 16 MORE SHOPPING DAYS—THAN XMAS



And these will be 16 Busy Days at the Ritchie store, for with such Bounteous Stocks of appropriate Gift things to choose from here, it has made Ritchie's the truly Christmas store. Every department of our whole store has prepared for a Great Christmas Trade, and to that end they have assembled immense assortments of practical and useful Gift suggestions for every member of the Family and the Home. Shop Early and often at Ritchie's.

CHRISTMAS BLOUSES

All that's new in Blousedom is embraced somewhere in our extensive showing. The assemblage is brimfull of pleasing Novelty features, such as the new Roll Collars and button up at the neck style; all the Newest Shades in Georgette Crepes, Crepe de Chine and Colored Silks, priced at \$3.50 to \$12.00.

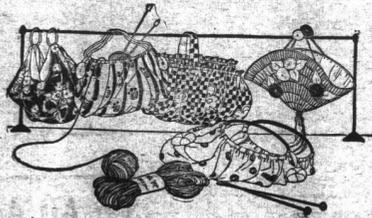
BEAUTIFUL HAND PAINTED CHINA

What would be more acceptable than a dainty piece of Hand Painted China? This new Christmas department of our store is becoming more popular every day with the Ladies who want to remember their friends with some appropriate yet inexpensive Gift. Here you will find scores of pretty pieces priced only 15c each piece.

Miss Early Shopper Says

The weeks are dwindling in days now and every twenty-four hours makes a difference and here's the Big Point, a few hours spent shopping on your Christmas list, will save you a whole day later on, with more complete stocks to select from. For instance it is a certainty that those lovely Hand-Woven Maderia Linens, which I saw today, will not be here on the last few days, so come tomorrow and choose yours for they are really inexpensive. In fact they were some pretty dollars priced as low as 25c.

Miss Early Shopper



Novelties That Are Made Of Chintz And Cretonnes

These Decorative Materials are used extensively this season for the making of Fancy Novelties such as WORK BAGS, CUSHIONS, SHADES FOR PEDESTAL LAMPS and UTILITY BOXES, ETC., and they are displayed in a wonderful showing on the Second Floor. There are many of these articles already made up to select from or you can buy your own material and fashion them as you may desire. ART CHINTZ and CRETONNES, priced 25c to \$1.00 yd. 50 inch SHADOW CLOTHS, \$1.00 to \$2.25 yd.

THE RITCHIE CO., LTD.

JAMES HUNTER INSTANTLY KILLED

Kingston.—A sad accident happened on the Grand Trunk railway about two miles east of Collin's Bay when James Hunter, section foreman on the Cataragut section, was struck by a passing engine and instantly killed. As soon as his companions realized what had happened, Corbett's ambulance was summoned and the remains were brought to the city. From what can be learned of the circumstances of the accident, it appears that Hunter and the rest of his gang were working near the east end of a heavy cut just at the head of the heavy grade near what is known as the Death Trap crossing. A train from the west had become stalled a short distance west and had brought part of the train to the city, and was returning to get the remainder. The engine was on the east bound track and as it came to where the men were working, Hunter stepped toward the west bound track to allow it to pass. Unfortunately just as he did so, a fast freight on the west bound track came along and struck the unfortunate man on the head, throwing him some distance. When his horrified companions reached him they found that he was dead, and a member of one of the train crews summoned the ambulance.

James Hunter had been in the employ of the Grand Trunk for many years, first as a trackman, and then as section foreman, and he stood high in the estimation of his employers as well as his fellow-workmen. He

had acquired much ability in his work, and was frequently called to take charge of important work for the company at outside points and he always performed his duties well. He will be much missed both as a workman and as a neighbor. In the Cataragut district, where he has made his home for about twenty years, he is highly respected and the news of his unfortunate accident cast a gloom over the entire district. He is survived by his widow and a large family, the members of which are all grown up. He was a Methodist in religion, and a Conservative in politics, and his chief characteristics were a love for his work and for his fellowmen.

TAKES NEW ZEALAND'S SURPLUS OF CHEESE

Imperial Authorities Will Pay 20 Cents P.O.B. Stomach
Ottawa, Dec. 4.—A cable from New Zealand announces that arrangements have been made by the imperial authorities to take the exportable surplus of New Zealand cheese for the season of 1917 and 1918, just now beginning, free on board steamer, the factory to pay the first three months' storage and insurance, and to receive 50 per cent. payment in 28 days. The fac-

ories also make an allowance of 2 1/2 per cent. on the marked weight of the cheese to cover shrinkage. The fixed price for New Zealand cheese for the season of 1917 and 1918 was 19 cents per pound, f.o.b. steamer. The price paid for Canadian cheese through the Cheese Commission for the season of 1917 was 21 1/2 cents, f.o.b. steamer, with out any deduction of any kind.

POLICE NOTES

Cat-o'-Nine-Tails Will be Used in the Future

Cobourg, Dec. 4.—On Wednesday twenty-nine young boys, ranging in age from twelve to seventeen years of age, appeared before P. M. Davidson on a charge of disorderly conduct. Thirteen of them, up in the Police Court for the first time, were let go with a warning, but sixteen, who have appeared before, were given a sound lecturing by the Magistrate, and told if they appeared again they would be sent to the industrial school. At the advice of Rev. T. D. McCullough, of the Children's Aid Society, a cat-o'-nine-tails was ordered, and in future boys arrested for being disorderly in any public place will receive a taste or set a term in the industrial school. So many complaints of cursing and rowdiness on the streets by young boys have been received that Chief Russ is determined to put a stop to it.—World.

Read "The Ontario" and get all the latest news.

Some of the Things Mr. R. J. Graham Has Done For Belleville, West Hastings and For Canada.

EIGHT FACTORIES IN NOVA SCOTIA

1. Owns and operates eight factories in the Province of Nova Scotia with docks at Windsor, N.S., including extensive coal sheds etc.

STARCH AND DESICCATING FACTORIES IN NEW BRUNSWICK

2. One factory in the Province of New Brunswick with vegetable storage and a factory adjoining for the manufacture of starch from potatoes.

THREE FACTORIES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

3. Three factories in the Province of British Columbia, two of them in the Okanagan Valley, and one near Vancouver. All large factories, using from twenty to forty tons of vegetables per day.

SIX FACTORIES IN ONTARIO

4. In Ontario, there are factories at Frankford, Concession, Mimico, Currie's, Stirling and Belleville (North), all running to capacity except Stirling.

MAIN PLANT AND COLD STORAGE AT BELLEVILLE

5. Main packing plant in Belleville with capacity of four carloads of dried vegetables per day, (representing 600 tons of raw vegetables per day) including can-making department, extensive storage, box-making and thoroughly modern cold storage plant with three floors and basement. This cold storage plant, which is not quite completed, will be a great convenience to the local cheese buyers, egg buyers, and others.

STARCH-MAKING PLANT FOR BELLEVILLE

6. Is installing a starch-making plant at Belleville and will be able to use all the farmers' potatoes, that are not suitable for marketing, by manufacturing starch from them.

BROUGHT ANOTHER LIVE INDUSTRY TO BELLEVILLE

7. Brought Fruit Machinery Company, Limited from Ingersoll to Belleville, later amalgamating it with the Walker Foundry. Both of these plants are now operating under the name of Fruit Machinery Co. Ltd.

FOUNDED DOMINION FRUIT EXCHANGE

8. Founded Dominion Fruit Exchange, Ottawa, of which Company he is President, and which still handles fruit and vegetables from Belleville District and North.

BUYS ALL SURPLUS VEGETABLES FROM LOCAL GROWERS

9. Buys every year all the vegetables that the farmers in West Hastings care to grow, including potatoes, onions, carrots, turnips, beans and peas. Also buys and handles the growers' apples.

FOUNDED FRANKFORD COOPERAGE COMPANY

10. Started the Frankford Cooperage Company, Limited, Frankford, and is still largely interested in it.

FARMS BOTH EXTENSIVELY AND INTENSIVELY

11. Also operates and owns a two-hundred-acre muck farm, devoted to vegetable growing, near Wellington, Ont., and about three hundred acres in Sidney Township; also over two hundred acres of black muck vegetable land, every inch of which is producing vegetables, at Middleport, New York, along with storage warehouse and two large evaporators.

HAS A LARGE FACTORY AT ELBA, N.Y.

12. Also one very large canning and evaporating factory at Elba, New York.

HAS TWO OTHER LARGE FACTORIES IN THE U.S.

13. One vegetable factory at Mayville, Michigan, and one at Caribou, Maine.

OWNS SECOND LARGEST CANNERY ON THE FRASER

14. Owns the Scottish-Canadian Cannery at Steveston, B.C., which is a very fine plant and about the second largest on the Fraser River.

FOUNDED NEW BRUNSWICK COLD STORAGE CO.

15. Founded and built and operated the New Brunswick Cold Storage Company, Limited, St. John, N.B., and was President for five years. Plant cost \$180,000.00.

FOUNDED BELLEVILLE HARDWARE COMPANY

16. Promoted, organized and started the Belleville Hardware & Lock Mfg. Company and is still a shareholder.

PROMOTED THE SPRINGER LOCK CO.

17. Assisted in forming the Springer Lock Mfg. Company and is one of the largest shareholders.

PROMOTED BELLEVILLE VINEGAR COMPANY

18. Promoted and operated for some time the Belleville Cider & Vinegar Company.

A LARGE SHAREHOLDER IN TIVANI STEEL COMPANY

19. One of the largest shareholders in the Tivani Electric Steel Company of Belleville.

A SHAREHOLDER IN GREELEAF'S, TWEED QUARRIES, ETC., ETC.

20. Is a shareholder in Greenleaf's Limited, Tweed Quarries, Limited, as well as a number of other concerns.

BROUGHT MILLIONS OF FOREIGN MONEY TO SPEND IN CANADA

21. Mr. Graham for twenty years, until the war commenced, has done a very large export business and has brought hundreds of thousands of dollars from Russia, Norway, Sweden, Germany, Holland, England, France and other European countries, which money has been spent in Canada for cheese and other

products of the farm, and is still bringing into this country large amounts of money from other countries which is being spent all through Canada in buying vegetables, etc., from the farmers.

WHAT HE PAYS OUT IN FREIGHT

22. In Belleville alone he pays about four thousand dollars per week freight to the C.P.R., and from five hundred to a thousand dollars per day to the G.T.R.

HIS ADVICE SOUGHT BY FOOD CONTROL OFFICE

23. Had deputation from Food Control Office at Ottawa to get his advice and assistance in connection with Nova Scotia apple crop and vegetable crop throughout Canada this year.

HAS ALSO BEEN ASKED TO ADVISE AMERICAN AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS

24. Has been in communication with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Herbert Hoover, U.S. Food Controller, and the British War Office authorities at their special request to advise on important details in connection with the conservation of the country's food supply.

IS ENGAGED ALSO IN SHIP-BUILDING

25. Is trying to assist Britain and the Allies by building two ships in Nova Scotia for trans-Atlantic trade. One of these ships takes the water in about two weeks, and in this way Mr. Graham will do what he can towards providing space to take Canada's food products to Britain, where they are badly needed.

HAS GIVEN ASSISTANCE TO MR. HANNA

26. Has been giving advice and assistance to Mr. Hanna, the Canadian Food Controller.

OFFERED FACTORIES FREE OF CHARGE TO CANADIAN GOVERNMENT

27. Offered all his Canadian factories to the Canadian Food Controller free of charge, to win the war, together with the operative staff of each of these factories.

SIMILAR OFFERS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS

28. Similar offers were made to Food Controller Hoover, the British War Office, and U.S. Government, and these offers are still open.

HAS ASSISTED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT REGARDING FOOD PRODUCTS

29. Has been actively co-operating with the U.S. Government in assisting them regarding food products.

WAS THREE TIMES MAYOR OF BELLEVILLE

30. Was Mayor of Belleville three years, during which term he purchased for the city at great advantage the city of Belleville gas works, one of the city's most useful assets today.

PURCHASED ZWICK'S ISLAND FOR THE CITY

31. Purchased for the city Zwick's Island for a city gravel supply to build sidewalks, pavements and roads, and also was intended as a filter for the water works intake.

CONSOLIDATED CITY DEBENTURES

32. Sold the water works bonds and consolidated city debentures at over par on a 4 per cent. interest basis for which the city is still getting the benefit.

EXPOSED MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

33. Personally audited the tax rolls which were then outstanding several years and as a result found the tax-collector had used large amounts of the city taxes for his private use, and as a result of much negotiating secured every dollar of these funds for the city.

PUT SINKING FUND ON SOUND FINANCIAL BASIS

34. Put the Sinking Fund on a sound financial basis: cleaned house in all city offices; and made a new start with city officials on a business basis with duties defined.

PROMOTED PORK-PACKING INDUSTRY

35. Promoted a pork-packing factory for Belleville which was not built for want of financial assistance from Belleville citizens.

DID MORE TO SECURE INTERSWITCHING THAN ANYONE ELSE

36. Went before the Railway Commission on several occasions and spent more time and energy in getting interswitching as an accomplished fact here than any other man.

SECURED CONCESSIONS FROM RAILWAYS

37. Secured concessions from the railways for Belleville as a stop-over station.

The above is only a partial statement of Mr. Graham's activities in behalf of the people of this district.

These are real benefits to Belleville and were not accomplished by government funds.

Let the government nominee name some of the things, exclusive of political pull, that he has done for this constituency.

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We have a fine assortment in Hockey Foot-wear Ladies', Mens, Boys and Girls at moderate prices.

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Men's \$2.50 to \$7.00
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