

**Canadians Trend Away From Spirits**

Shows Less Liquor But More Beer and Tobacco Used.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 28.—Canada's per capita consumption of spirits is decreasing, but that of beer, tobacco and cigars has increased. The annual report of the Department of Customs and Excise for the year ending Dec. 31, 1923, shows that in the early days of the Dominion, Canadians were evidently heavy drinkers. In 1869, the earliest year for which figures are available, the per capita consumption of spirits was 1.124 gallons, or 4.5 pints. Since then the consumption of spirits per head has fallen away in the last fiscal year it stood at 0.624 gallons, a considerable decrease from 360 gallons, the per capita consumption in the year 1869.

At the same time consumption of beer and tobacco has increased. In 1869, Canadians consumed per head 3.1 gallons of beer, and 1.755 lbs. of tobacco. Last year the consumption was 4.028 gallons of beer and 3.243 pounds of tobacco. The maximum per capita consumption was reached in 1922, when per capita consumption of wine in 1869 was 1.037 per head. In the fiscal year 1922, the same.

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The figures represent spirits, beer, and tobacco on which Customs Excise duties were paid. They do not include home-brew.

Boots, Brogues and Slippers at SMALLWOOD'S.

To See His Child

Reason for Escaping From Infirmary.

While serving a term of imprisonment at Shrewsbury Prison, Charles Owen became ill and was confined to the Royal Salop Infirmary. He underwent an operation, he was allowed to walk about the corridors, but one day he disappeared. It was not until 18 days later that he was captured at his home in Shrewsbury. It was then found that he was in possession wearing an apparatus designed to Noel Lees, another inmate of the infirmary, who had hidden it from a cupboard. At Shrewsbury Owen was charged with theft of the clothing from Lees. In the charge, Owen declared he made his escape from the infirmary so that he might go back to his wife and see his child, knowing he would not otherwise see her during his long time. He was sent for trial.

Do you want a new suit or overcoat? We make a speciality of making up customers' own patterns at prices that are absolutely lowest for first class work. **WELL THE TAILOR, 310 St. John's St.**

Survived After Death

Lives Three Hours After Heart Had Stopped.

Though her heart stopped beating, Murray, 49, of Wallworth, lived three hours. This remarkable case was stated at a coroner's inquest, which was held by J. P. Galt at the Victoria Hospital, Vincent Square, St. John's. The woman was admitted to hospital, suffering from cancer, and collapsed under an anaesthetic during heart stopped beating. After ten minutes' hand massage she began to beat again. This went on for three hours, and, although there were occasional signs of respiration, she died. A verdict of "Death by misadventure" was recorded.

Shoes and Fads.

Some of the smartest and most comfortable shoes that are being worn in St. John's are of gold kid with jewelled tips. They are very smart for evening wear, and a charming helmet-like top and purse to match. The top of the shoe is made up on an extra smart little hat of black kid, which is very smartly crumpled, and exact shape of the head in the shoe.

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**COME! COMPARE!! CRITICIZE!!**

These, the Best BUYING OPPORTUNITIES of the Moment--

**BAIRD VALUES**

Stressing their Real Importance from an Economical Standpoint.

MANY fine values find a place on our Bargain Lists this week. Every one of them--notably good and contributing sure and certain economies for our patrons. Stock-taking has been responsible for bringing many of them to light. Cold weather wants dominate, and a careful perusal of the following will apply repay you by pointing out some of the rarest opportunities to procure the needs of the moment at low-level prices.

OURS IS A COSY STORE TO PASS THE AFTERNOONS OF

It's a wonderful time to buy

**REMNANTS**

at this Store

Absolutely a wonderful time to pick up suitable lengths of wanted yard goods for every day and every season's requirements. It is entirely unnecessary to mention the many materials involved, as they embrace such a variety and accumulate so rapidly here. Every remnant now bears a new re-pricing. It will pay you to inspect them.

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY and MONDAY**

**Do Not Miss These MASTER FOOTWEAR VALUES**

**BOYS' BOOTS (High Laced)**--A clearing line in good Black Calf, Yellow tongue, water-proofed, Stout sole and heel. A boy's boot through and through. Youths' Sizes, 9 to 13 Special \$4.28 Boys' Sizes, 5 to 8 Special \$4.68

**WOMEN'S BOOTS**--High laced Tan Calf Boots and others in fine Tan Veil, sizes 5 1/2 to 8; most extraordinary value at \$2.17

**SPATS**  
Comfortable, shapely high buttoned Cloth Spats, in mixed shades. Offer especially good values for Friday, Saturday and Monday. Ladies' Sizes, Special \$2.08 Misses' Sizes, Special \$1.48 Children's sizes, Special \$1.28

**MEN'S SHOES**--A super-value in Men's House Shoes. Your choice of Dark Tan or Black, leather sole and heel; sizes 6 to 10. Special \$2.28

**WOOL MITTS**--The kind they look for--great heavy ones in Cardinal, Navy and White. The smaller sizes 42c. Special \$1.48. The larger sizes, 48c.

**BLANKETS ON SALE--Good Values**

**CHILDREN'S BLANKETS**--Cosy, warm, fluffy Cotton Blankets in Greys and Fawns, with coloured striped borders; sold singly. Friday, Saturday and Monday 39c.

**COTTON BLANKETS**--Our most popular line goes on sale extra full size 45 x 76, striped borders. The Pair Friday, Saturday and Monday \$3.10

**WOOL BLANKETS**--English Wool Blankets 66 x 80 size, the weather is here for them, and we have singled out 22 pairs especially good in value; we recommend them. \$6.79 Reg. \$7.00 pair. Friday, Saturday & Monday the pair \$3.48

**PLAID RUGS**--Sleigh, Motor, Lounge or travelling Rugs, in reversible plaid patterns, fringed; just 15 of them slated for clearance. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$3.48

**WADDED QUILTS**

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**WADDED QUILTS**--18 of them, extra full size, good-looking patterns, reversible two-tone effects. A top-notch for quilt value. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$5.45

**FOR INFANTS' BEDS**.--These are beautiful, showing nice nursery patterns on one side, with borders of Pink or Blue; they are plump and warm; size 29 x 43. Regular \$3.50. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$2.39

**CASEMENTS** for 49c-36 inch Reversible Casements like our Metallic Casements, but lacking their brilliancy; however they make nice cosy hangings, in shades of Bronze, Prune, Gold, Mulberry, Blue, etc. Now 49c.

**BATH SHEETS**--Large White Turkish Bath Sheets. These offer particularly good value, fringed ends. Regular \$2.20. Friday, Saturday & Monday, each \$1.35

**SUPREME HOSIERY VALUES**

**OVERSTOCKINGS**--Now is the time for them; these are heavy quality Wool in shades of Cardinal, Navy, White; also full length. The larger sizes 89c. The smaller sizes 65c.

**WOOL SETS**--Overstockings, Cap and Mitts to match; they're great for the season at hand; they come in Cardinal, Navy and White; assorted sizes. The Set \$1.49

**GIRLS' and BOYS' HOSIERY**--Good wearing Black and Tan Stockings, in all sizes; values up to 80c. each. Friday, Saturday and Monday 19c.

**ENGLISH HOSIERY**--Plaid and fancy ribbed English Cashmere Hosiery, all the newer shades are here. Reg. \$1.18. \$1.40. Special \$1.18

**BLACK HOSIERY**--All Wool English Cashmere Hosiery, fast Black, seamless finish. Regular 90c. Special 79c.

**SILK and WOOL HOSIERY**--A splendid range, ribbed finish, popular shades of Greys, Browns and Heathers. Reg. 80c. Friday, Sat'y. & Mon. 69c.

**Coatings, Navy Serges and Beautiful Wash Goods**

**COTTON CREPES**--Beautifully fine, 30 inch width, shades of Pink, Mauve, Canary, Sky, Navy, Cream, White and Black. Reg. 37c. yard. Friday, Saturday and Monday 32c.

**FANCY CREPES**--Handsome figured Crepes, Blue Bird pattern and others in a very special grade, the shade is popular; also cloth, excellent. Reg. and White; 30 inch width; 40c. value. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$3.39

**SILKALENE**--Highly mercerized White and Light grounds; excellent for underthings. Reg. 76c. yard. Friday, Saturday and Monday 65c.

**NAVY SERGES**--Fast Navy Wool Dress Serges; 42 inches wide; these offer a really good value in good wearing Serges. Reg. \$1.30 yard. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$1.15

**COATINGS**--66 inch Fawn Coating. This is a very special grade, the shade is popular; also cloth, excellent. Reg. \$3.70 yard. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$3.39

**PLAID GINGHAMS**--The finest of quality. Blue and Light grounds; excellent for Children's wear. Reg. 35c. 29c. Friday, Saturday and Monday 29c.

**BLINDS To Clear**

900 of them in assorted Creams and Greens; some fringed, some lace trimmed; others with lace insertion, 36 inches wide, 6 feet long and mounted on dependable rollers. Special Friday, Saturday and Monday, complete.

each **85 cents**

Great Scope for Savings in the SHOWROOM

**CREPE-DE-CHENE WAISTS**--Handsome Waists and Jumpers, round, square and V-necks, with and without collar; long and short sleeves, embroidered and lace trimmed, 28 to 34 sizes. Reg. \$6.00. Friday, Saturday & Monday \$2.98

**NIDY DRESSES**--In Navy Serge; sailor collar, braided, Crimson bow, pleated skirt and long sleeves; to fit 8 to 16 years. Reg. \$3.25. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$2.79

**WOMEN'S CAPS**--Children's Wool Caps, rolled, select with tassel, mixed shades of Rose and Turquoise, Honeycomb and Peacock Camel and Peacock. They're Special at 69c.

**ALL SCARVES**--Ladies' plain and striped silk Scarves in all the newest windings. They're needed. Reg. \$3.00. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$1.90

**UNDERSHIRTS**--Good wearing sensible Moisture Under-shirts, fitted heavy full sizes; shades of Henna, Brown, Grey, Purple, Navy. To clear at 98c.

**COAT SWEATERS**--Ladies' snug, warm Woolen Coat Sweaters, V neck, long sleeves and pockets; shades of Fawn, Mole, Brown and Black; 38 to 44 sizes. To clear at \$2.29

**NIGHTGOWNS**--In White Flannellette, ladies' sizes, V-neck, long sleeves, embroidered in Pink and Pale Blue; assorted sizes. Regular \$2.00. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$1.69

**UNDER PANTS**--Ladies' Wincoyets Under Pants, tucked at knee; reasonable weight; open style. To clear at 69c.

**SLEEPING SUITS**--Children's Grey Jersey Sleeping Suits; to fit 1 to 6 years, long sleeves; really special value at \$1.00 each. Friday, Saturday and Monday 89c.

**WRAPPERS**--Children's White Jersey Wrappers, long sleeves, buttoned front, assorted sizes. Regular 65c. Friday, Saturday and Monday 39c.

**BARRETTES**--In fancy shell and amber, neat, dainty patterns, made to sell at 25c. each. Special 10c.

**Specials from the Men's Shop**

**MEN'S COAT SWEATERS**--Full fitting sizes in the best of English Wool, light and dark shades; the most sensible and the warmest Undercoat for Winter time. Reg. \$4.38. \$5.50 value. Special \$3.38

**KNICKER HOSE**--Men's English fancy topped Knicker Hose, in pretty Heather mix. A special value at \$2.95

**WRIST WATCHES**--In Nickel Cases and luminous figures and hands, reliable time keepers, in perfect condition. Regular \$2.50. \$5.00. Now \$1.50

**BUGBY SUITS**--Boys' 5-Piece Rugby Suits in good wearing English Tweeds, assorted mixtures, pants lined throughout; size to fit 3 years. They're Half Price. Special \$5.90

**BOYS' GLOVES**--The best Aberdeen Wool Gloves, leather bound, some fastened wrist. Sizes 5, 6 and 7. Special 85c.

**WHITE SWEATERS**--Pull-over Sweaters for ladies or gentlemen, ideal for skating, curling, hockey and outdoor sport, long roll collar, in White only. Special \$4.35

**BOYS' KID MITTS**--Great for the boys, warmly lined Kid Mitts, with knitted wrist, of the enduring kind; big sizes. Special 69c.

**FELT SLIPPERS**--A JOB Line of Women's warm-Felt Juliet Slippers; Fur trimmed tops, elastic sole and heels; mostly the smaller sizes. Special \$1.48

**MEN'S GAITERS**--Heavy Waterproof 4-Buckle Gaiters, fine quality Dominio Brand heavy soles and heels. Special \$4.38

**TAILORED TOP COATS \$25.90**

Men's Canadian Winter Overcoats, kid lined to waist, belted back, pretty Heather shades, patch pockets, 35 and 37 inch sizes. \$38.00 value. Special \$25.90

**Men's Tweed Suits \$14.75**

Well set-up Suits for everyday wear, and just what you need for winter time, when more time is spent indoors than usual; will save your high priced suits considerably. They show up splendidly in washings and dark Tweeds, smart form-fitting models. Just in. Special \$14.75

**LAKE CURTAINS 69c pair**

2 1/2 yards long, all white, suitable for bedroom and back windows; all in perfect condition, out they go at 69c pair

**The GLOVE Section Contributes its BEST VALUES**

**WOOL GLOVES**--Ladies' warm Woolen Gloves, with fancy Gauntlet wrist, very popular line. Friday, Saturday \$1.18 and Monday \$1.10

**GAUNTLET GLOVES**--Quality English Gauntlet Gloves, fabric Gloves with strap wrist; shades of Pastels, Chamois and White. Reg. \$1.10. Friday, 98c. Saturday and Monday \$1.10

**LINED GLOVES**--Ladies' lined Tan Kid Gloves, finest grade, 2 dons \$3.78 wrist. Reg. \$4.00. Special \$3.78

**BLACK GLOVES**--Our finest Black Kid Gloves, warmly lined, 2 done wrist. Regular \$4.35. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$3.98



**SYMUNA HEARTH RUGS**

Reversible Heavy Turkish patterned Rugs, fringed. Here is one of the very best rug values for years. Regular \$10.50. Friday, \$6.45 Saturday and Monday

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**A Young Rascal**

Youth Who Read "Shockers" Given Another Chance.

"It looks as if he wanted to model himself on Capt. Macbeth. Perhaps he has been to see 'The Beggar's Opera.'" The West London magistrate made this remark the other day with reference to Augustus John Stanford, 13, charged with being concerned in stealing £8 from women schoolteachers at Fulham. Frederick William Larkin, 38, night watchman, who was accused with the boy, was discharged. The magistrate, who described Stanford as a clever and extraordinary boy, but a thorough young rascal, was told that he had been reading "shockers". The father informed the Court that he had camed and thrashed him. The magistrate placed the boy under the care of the Probation Officer. He added: "If his father promises to give him a good thrashing I won't order a birching."

**Special Boot Sale! Girl's Boots \$3.50 and \$4.00 values, now only \$2.59 at SMALLWOOD'S.**

**Farmer Censured**

Harsh and Cowardly Treatment of Immigrant Boy.

Holding that there was no legal responsibility to provide medical attendance and care, Judge Maclean, sitting at Moosomin Assizes, Manitoba, Canada, acquitted George Ford, a farmer of Broadview, who was charged with the manslaughter of a British immigrant boy named John Bayns. In ordering Ford's discharge, his lordship severely censured him for his harsh and cowardly treatment. The case excited great interest and feeling, and more so because of recent criticisms of the immigration system as affecting the placing of lads from the home country. Bayns was alleged to have been neglected and ill-treated, and to have received no medical attendance when suffering from the double pneumonia which was the cause of his death.

**Barratt's English medium priced Boots and Oxfords for Ladies' and Gent's at SMALLWOOD'S.**

**Arab Outrage**

British Airman Killed and Companion Wounded.

Official intimation has been received of the death of Flight-Lieut. Albert Edward Gentile, 36, who was attacked by Arabs on the outskirts of Baghdad. Flight-Lieut. Arthur H. Pearce, who was with him, was wounded. Lieut. Gentile before his war service had been with the South Kensington Meteorological Department, and was selected early in the war to form the various meteorological observation stations of the R. N. A. S. throughout the British Isles. He later joined the Air Force, and was stationed at the Air Ministry. Here he carried out the meteorological surveys and observations in connection with the Transatlantic flights of the R. N. A. S. airships and aeroplane flights.

**STAFFORD'S Phoronine will cure your cough, 35c. bottle.**

**Steamer Turns Turtle**

Noise of Collision in Fog Heard on Lightship.

Within hearing of the crew of the Hapburgh lightship, off Cromer, a collision occurred between the Elluman liner Livorno, 1111 tons, outward bound from Hull to Algiers, and the steamship Rose Marie, on a voyage from this Tyne to London. Warning blasts from the system of the two ships pierced the fog, followed by a crash. The sea was too high for the launching of a boat, and the lightship men kept close watch until the grey shape of the Livorno revealed itself. Her stem was twisted and her after-deck was crowded with men leaning over the rail. The Rose Marie was so badly damaged that she heeled over and became a derelict, floating upside down. The crew were rescued by the Livorno, which turned back to Hull with the men on board.

**STAFFORD'S Liniment for Aches and Pains, 20c. bottle.**

An unusual width about the shoulders is noted in some of the latest models.

**Frost Bites**

Are often dangerous. Rub well with Minard's. It eases pain and heals.

**MINARD'S KING OF PAIN'S LINIMENT**