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M. J. KENT, Manager.
London, Dec. 7, 1909.

PREMIER EXPLAINS.

Lisbon, Dec. 20.—Wenslow de Lima, the premier, gives as the reason for the resignation of the cabinet, which took place Saturday, the detection of two groups of the coalition parties, by which the ministry had been supported.

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The season when all the [illegible] up—the time of family reunion, of merriment and generous giving.

Santa Likes To Drive Our Sled

May we remind those who are giving out of their fulness to our little brethren in want and need that

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to keep the body warm to keep the pot boiling
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LONDON AND DISTRICT

Christmas Tree at Ilderton.

The Ilderton Methodist Sunday School will hold its annual Christmas tree on Thursday evening, Dec. 23, in the Oddfellows' Hall. A good programme is being prepared by the children of the school.

Confirmation at Hyde Park.

Bishop Williams held a special confirmation service at Hyde Park yesterday afternoon, when a class of eight candidates was presented by Rev. H. H. Tancock. Bishop Williams preached a special sermon at the service.

More Petitions.

A large number of petitions against gambling, which were circulated in city churches on Sunday will be forwarded to Ottawa to be presented in support of the anti-gambling bill which is at present being discussed in committee in parliament. The petitions will be presented by Major Beattie.

Gave "Red" a "Hooker."

Johnston S. Alexander, of Ailsa Craig, appeared before Squires Chittick and Hodgins yesterday, charged with having bought whiskey for an Indian-lister. Alexander pleaded that he did not know that the man was on the Indian list, but the magistrates decided that this did not justify him in the eyes of the law and he was fined $25.

Very Sudden Death.

Mrs. Ethel Maud Wallace, wife of Mr. A. W. Wallace, of the International Harvester Company, died very unexpectedly yesterday at her home, 205 John street. Mrs. Wallace had been ill for some time, but it was not thought seriously. She was 28 years old. The remains were taken to Chatham this morning, via the C. P. R., and the funeral will be held there on Wednesday.

Little Too Festive.

Anthony Thomas Kerivan who hails from Boston, but who has lately resided in Strathroy, appeared before Squire Noble Saturday for having imbibed too freely. Had he been a common man he would have been described as a drunk, but such language seemed hardly fitting for a Bostonian, so the squire, after a diligent search through his brain cells, described the man as "a loose, idle and disorderly person," on which charge Anthony was transferred to the county jail where for a month he will bend his classic knees in scrubbing the courthouse corridors.

LADIES' BRILLIANT COMBS

Opened up a large consignment of these, and now offer some bargains. New goods, new designs, at the lowest prices.

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BUBONIC IN ECUADOR.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Dec. 20.—During the first two weeks of December, 60 cases of bubonic plague, of which 23 proved fatal, were officially reported here. In the same period there were twelve cases of yellow fever and five deaths.

TO REPLACE CLARION.

Detroit, Dec. 20.—Negotiations have been closed between the Anchor line and the Detroit Shipbuilding Company for a big package freighter to take the place of the Clarion burnt off Pelee Island, Lake Erie, two weeks ago. The new steamer will be 374 feet long, 46 feet beam, and 28 feet deep, and probably will cost $300,000 to $350,000. She will be exclusively a freighter.

Christmas and New Year's Rates.

The Canadian Pacific will sell tickets between all stations in Canada, east of Port Arthur, at rate of single fare and fare and one-third, according to the limit required. Also to many points in the United States, including Lower Peninsula of Michigan, Indiana, Many points in Illinois, including Chicago, points in Ohio, on and west of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railway. Rate lowest one way first-class fare and one-half. Going dates, Dec. 24 and 25, also Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Return limit, Jan. 3. Full information at C. P. R. City Ticket Office, 161 Dundas trect, corner Richmond. 54c

Closed, heated carriages for all occasions. Hueston's Livery.

CITY PAYS FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHS

Account of $30 for Ald. Garratt and Friends Passes the Council.

A WRANGLE ENSUES

Some of the Aldermen Tell Picture "Fiends" They Should Pay Bill and Not Saddle It on City.

The celebrated pictures of No. 3 committee, the cause of not a little argument in the council, have at last been paid for.

For some time the little bill of $30 has been the victim of unsympathetic treatment and has been jostled hither and hence.

The finance committee threw it out on several occasions, but it always bobbed up serenely. Last night it came up smiling, and was cherished to the bosom of the city fathers. The money will be transferred to the photograph man today.

At the last meeting of the finance committee the account was presented duly signed and was passed.

Ald. Garratt Angry.

When the report of No. 1 committee moved by Ald. Garratt that the account pass.

Ald. Fitzgerald then inquired what did the account for $30 for photograps mean.

"He knows mighty well what it means," shot back Ald. Garratt. "He is not selling oil to the city now."

Ald. Fitzgerald declared that he had not passed the account in committee, and he did not intend to support it now.

Ald. Moorhead also declared that he had not sanctioned the passing of the account. He objected to it.

Ald. Ferguson explained that the account had come to him from No. 3 committee fully signed, and that was the reason it was passed by the finance committee.

A Roast for No. 3.

"You men sat for your pictures and you knew it was being taken," said Ald. Saunders. "If you did not mean the city to pay for it why did you not go down in your pockets like men and pay for it. You accepted the pictures all right. Now, why don't you settle?"

Ald. Moorhead declared that he could not afford to do so, but he would willingly pay for his rather than allow the city to do it.

Ald. Stewart explained his attitude. "This has been the custom for years," said he. "It is not a new thing. I suggest that the six pictures be given to the fire halls, the extra one going to Chief Aitken's office."

Nothing New.

"It is not a new thing to have the pictures taken and the city pay for them," said Mayor Stevely. "I think perhaps the chairman, Ald. Garratt, might have the extra copy, as one in each fire hall is sufficient."

After a little inconsequential wrangling the account passed. Ald. Moorhead and Ald. Fitzgerald voted against it.

So ended this famous picture episode.

CHURCHES ARE MAKING READY FOR CHRISTMAS

Enjoyable Entertainment Given by a Male Chorus.

A great many of the city churches and Sunday school rooms are being decorated for Christmas, and some of them when completed will be very beautiful. Sunday school pupils and members of various congregations are working hard, and under their hands the pulpits and school rooms are being transformed by evergreens, holly and bunting. In several churches special services will be held on Christmas Day, while in others the Christmas sermons will be preached on Sunday. Some very fine programmes of Christmas sacred music will be rendered.

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS
At Purdom's Hardware

This store will help you to make Christmas shopping easy. **Remember,** you choose from a **bigger variety** here and get **better value** than you can possibly get elsewhere.

Store open every evening until 10 p.m. Prompt attention to mail and phone orders.

Some unusually good Smokers' Supplies, a practical gift to any smoker. Prices from **$2 to $13.**

What is home without a Chafing Dish? We have a very large range of these goods and they make a very acceptable gift. Prices, **$8 to $15.**

Bathroom Fixtures make another very suitable gift and something that helps to make a bathroom look nice at a very small cost. Every article guaranteed not to rust.

Coffee Percolators — A large assortment. Prices range from **$5 50 to $13.** Very suitable gift.

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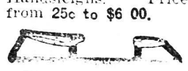
We carry a full line of Baby Cutters and Handsleighs. Prices, from **25c to $6 00.**



The boys and girls want a pair of Skates. We have a full line of the celebrated Starr make. Prices: **50c to $5.**

Pearl Handled Knives and Forks in oak cases. We have just received a large shipment of these goods that we are selling at low prices. We solicit your inspection.

Hockey Sticks — We carry a full line of all the best makes. Prices: **15c to 75c.**

Razor Strops — We have a large assortment for Christmas gifts — **50c to $3.**

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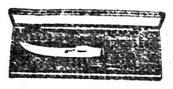
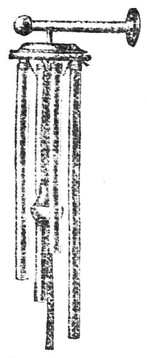
Cut Glass — We carry a full line of the best manufactures. Call and see it.



Carvers — We are headquarters. Do not buy until you inspect our stock. With and without cases. Prices, from **90c to $12.**



Something new in Dinner Chimes — Dull brass tubes, silk cord, with mission oak strike. Makes a very suitable Christmas gift. Prices: **$5 50 and $6 00.**

Coffee and Tea Spoons — In satin and plush lined cases, **$2 00 to $5 50.**

Butter Knives, pearl handled, in box	50c to $1 50	Ball-Bearing Carpet Sweepers	$3 00
Berry Spoons, plain and gilt	$1 00 to $1 75	Food Choppers	$1 10
Sugar Shells	25c to $1 50	Dog Collars	15c to $4 00
Girls' Sleighs	$1 00 to $1 75	Gillette Safety Razors	$5 00
Washing Machines. See our assortment.		Boys' Tool Chests	60c to $1 50
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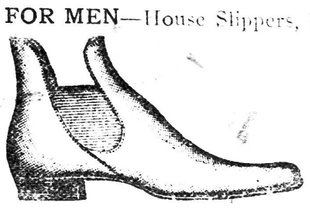

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Dress or Street Shoes, all styles.... **$2.50** to **$6**
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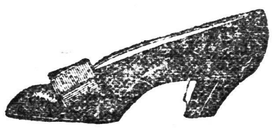
Cosy Felt Slippers, all colors and designs, **60c** to **$1.50**
Evening Slippers, newest styles in patent, kid and satin.. **$2.00** to **$4.50**



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MENELIK DEAD AGAIN.

Rome, Dec. 20.—A dispatch to the Tribuna from Jubitil says that Emperor Menelik, of Abyssinia, died a few days ago. The news of his death was withheld until the arrival at Addis Abeba, the capital, of Lidj Jeassu, the heir to the throne, and his father with troops.

The Government has taken precautions to safeguard the life and property of Europeans. Disorders are not feared, except possibly at Harrar where great agitation prevails. The influence of the empress is still considerable.

News of Menelik's death has not reached the ministry of foreign affairs