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For your China for Christmas where you will be pleased with a variety of pretty goods at prices you don't dream of every day. Call and take a look at our Lamps, Dinner Sets, Chamber Sets and Glass Goods. A big Clearing Sale, with 6 per cent. reduction on all the above goods for 20 days. Come early and take your choice.

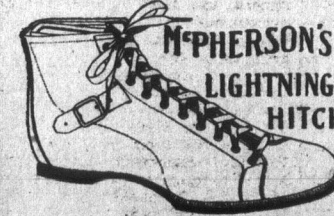
YES!!

We would like to fill your Christmas order for Groceries. Best Select Raisins, 6c per lb. 3 lbs. Cleaned Currants, 25c. Lemon, Orange and Citron Peel, mixed, 15c. to 20c. per lb. New season's Mixed Nuts, 15c. per lb.

New Dates, 7c. per lb. New Figs, 5c. per lb. 3 lbs. Mixed Candy for 25c. Cream Candy, 12c. per lb. Chocolates, 12c. per lb. Mince Meat, 9c. per lb. 3 lbs. Prunes, 25c. 2 lbs. Pure Lard, 25c. Soda Biscuits, 8c. Ginger Snaps, 6c. per lb.

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ROSEBERY'S BLESSING

Rests Upon and Abides With "C.B.'s" New Cabinet.

Dubious, However, on Home Rule Question, and Thinks It Strange That Premier Has Remained Silent After His Speech—Winston Churchill Gets the Under Secretaryship For the Colonies—Other Appointments.

London, Dec. 13.—The Ministerial appointments were officially announced yesterday: Financial Secretary to the Treasury—Reginald McKenna. Patronage Secretary to the Treasury—George Whitely. Under Secretary for Home Affairs—Herbert Louis Samuel. Under Secretary for the Colonies—Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill. Under Secretary for War—The Earl of Portsmouth. Paymaster General—Richard Knight Causton. Secretary of the Admiralty—Edmund Robertson. Under Secretary for India—John E. Ellis. Attorney-General—John Lawson Walton. Solicitor-General—J. S. Robson. Lord Advocate for Scotland—Thomas Shaw.

Rosebery's Compliments. Lord Rosebery gave his blessing to the new Cabinet at the meeting of the Council of the Liberal League. He said he thought the composition of the new Ministry must fill them all with pleasure, and congratulated Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman on his selection. His Lordship added that all the offices were well filled, and that the country might now expect economy in finance, continuity of strength and dignity in its foreign policy, and might even hope to see an army come soon.

Lord Rosebery, however, said that he "absolutely and steadfastly adhered" to his speech at Bodmin, in which he said he could not serve under Sir Henry's home rule banner. He added that he had not personally received any assurances from the Liberal Premier on the subject of home rule, but he was satisfied that the vice-presidents of the league, Sir Edward Grey, Mr. Asquith and Mr. Haldane, had received assurances to that effect. Lord Rosebery's interpretation of Sir Henry's speech at Bodmin was incorrect. Lord Rosebery, however, thought it strange that Sir Henry had not taken the opportunity in his more recent speeches to repudiate his (Lord Rosebery's) interpretation of it. He said, however, that at any rate, he said, he cleared the air, and that Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Asquith and Haldane as members of the Government, the country had a guarantee that an Irish home rule bill would not be introduced in the next Parliament.

United For Free Trade. Lord Rosebery added that as Liberals it was their duty to maintain a united free trade party. He hoped and prayed it might be absolutely independent of the Irish vote. A Liberal party relying on that vote would not possess the confidence of the country. Such an alliance would not be good for the Irish, and would be wholly bad for the Liberals.

INTEREST IS TO BE CONSIDERED. United Counties Deputation Get Some Encouragement.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Charles Dummer and Hon. Sir John Thompson received yesterday a large deputation from the Counties of Northumberland and Durham, asking the Government to lease the Northumberland-Durham Power Company a portion of the undeveloped power at Reay Falls on the Trent River. The deputation, which numbered about a hundred, was introduced by J. B. McColl, M.P., and was made up mainly of the Reeves, councillors and other municipal authorities. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that at first glance he could not see the necessity of the lease should not be granted. However, there were other interests to be considered, and he promised careful enquiry. Hon. Mr. Dummer said that the effect on the Trent Valley Canal system had to be a primary consideration. It might, in a way, interfere with the work. Hon. Mr. Thompson promised to look into the matter.

Devlin May Be Dropped. London, Dec. 13.—The Canadian Associated Press understands a movement is on foot in Galtway to induce Sir Anthony McDonnell to stand for Galtway City in room of Charles Devlin. C. R. Devlin, former Canadian Commissioner, was elected unopposed for Galtway City at the bye-election March 3, 1902. Sir Anthony McDonnell was under secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and whose resignation was a recent result of the Irish agitation against Secretary George Wyndham's reform measures.

Favor Postage Reduction. London, Dec. 13.—Under the auspices of the Victoria League, a large representative gathering comprising peers, members of Parliament, and literary, newspaper and commercial men unanimously passed a resolution in favor of a reduction of postage on newspapers and magazines to Canada. Lord Strathcona sent a letter of regret. Hon. Mr. Prefontaine spoke in favor.

Money For the Elections. United States Senator John F. Dryden of New Jersey, president of the Prudential Life Insurance Co. of America was on the witness stand all the remainder of the day. He testified that his company paid \$25,000 to the Republican national campaign fund in 1904, 1900 and 1904. It also paid \$5,000 to Andrew Hamilton, formerly the New York Life Insurance Co.'s legislative agent at Albany.

TALK WAS STRENUOUS

Thomas F. Ryan Tells Insurance Committee of Harriman.

Latter Wanted an Equal Share in the Equitable and Said Ryan Could Not Get Along Without His Aid—Mr. Ryan Gives His Recollection of the Conversation Because District Attorney Jerome Insisted.

New York, Dec. 13.—Thomas F. Ryan, who purchased the Hyde stock of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, was the first witness before the Insurance Investigating Committee yesterday. He said to Mr. Hughes, counsel for the committee, that he had meant no disrespect by declining to tell what E. H. Harriman had said to him at the time that Mr. Harriman sought to obtain a share in Mr. Ryan's purchase of the Hyde stock. Mr. Ryan said: "I do not mean any disrespect to the committee. I wish to preserve harmony. I did not wish to answer the question until I was satisfied that I was obliged to answer it. The District Attorney has determined that I shall answer the question and I shall give my best recollection of the conversation."

"What did Mr. Harriman say to you about sharing the Hyde stock?" asked Mr. Hughes. "Immediately after my purchase of the stock," said Mr. Ryan, "Mr. Harriman called on me. We had several conversations. Mr. Harriman said that I should share in the Hyde stock. He said that he would not consult him and that I ought to let him have an equal share in the Hyde stock. I declined. He objected to the trustees and wanted to name two of them. He said he did not think I could carry out my plans without his aid, and I said I intended to divest myself of control of the Equitable and I regretted very much to have his opposition, but I was going to carry out my plan whether I had his opposition or not."

The purchase of the Hyde stock, Mr. Ryan said, took place on Friday, June 3, Mr. Ryan first heard from Mr. Harriman on that day. Mr. Harriman, said the witness, suspected that he, Ryan, was in on the deal and had called him on the subject. Mr. Harriman saw him again on the following Monday or Tuesday, in company with Elihu Root and Paul Cavanaugh. Most of the things said were said in the second interview. Mr. Ryan told Harriman who the trustees were to be. Harriman then said that he had given much time to straighten out the Equitable. He said that he had given much time to straighten out the Equitable. He said that he had given much time to straighten out the Equitable. He said that he had given much time to straighten out the Equitable.

Did Not Mention Names. "For what reason did Mr. Harriman want half the stock?" asked Mr. Hughes. "For the reason that he had been in the Equitable, or otherwise. The witness said that the stock should be in his hands," replied Mr. Ryan. "He said his whole influence would be against me. He said his political influence would be against me, but he did not mention any names. He said the Legislature would probably take action, but I don't think he mentioned an investigation. The action would probably result and that his influence would be important. Mr. Harriman did not say anything about Legislative action in the event that I acceded to his request. He did not say how his actions in the matter would be important."

In reply to questions by Mr. Hughes, Mr. Ryan said that Mr. Harriman did not say in so many words that his principal influence would be against Ryan, but the witness understood Harriman to mean his entire influence, whether principal, financial, or otherwise. The witness stated that this included the possibility of Legislative action. The witness was not willing to allow Mr. Harriman to name two trustees, because he did not want anybody as a partner in the enterprise. The witness talked with Mr. Harriman over the telephone and finally Mr. Ryan said to Mr. Harriman that there was no one talking about it, he would not change his mind.

The Conversation Was Strenuous. "Did Harriman say there would be anything injurious to your interests if you refused to sell?" asked Mr. Hughes. "He said his entire influence would be against me," replied Mr. Ryan. "Did he threaten any action by an officer of the State Government?" "He did not," replied Mr. Ryan. "He testified that Harriman offered, if Mr. Ryan would sell, to put his conversation with him as a trust. 'My conversation with him was strenuous,' said Mr. Ryan. 'I think he said he did not want anybody to control this property unless he had a share in it. Mr. Harriman did not say anything to indicate what action the Legislature would take. He said that other persons made any such threats.' As Mr. Ryan left the stand Senator Armstrong said to him that the committee appreciated his coming to testify and recognized the motives of his unwillingness to reveal the actions of another man. 'But we are here on a serious and important business,' said Senator Armstrong.

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COREA'S EMPEROR FIRM

Cables That He Will Never Sign Agreement With Japan.

Says the One Already Obtained Is Null and Void Because It Was Got by Force—Disturbances Which Attended the "Outrage" on 17th Nov. Likely to Occur Again—First Signs of Cossack Disaffection.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—Homer B. Hulbert, the special messenger from the Emperor of Korea, is in receipt of a cablegram from Korea, in which the Emperor declares that the agreement between Korea and Japan is null and void, because it was obtained by force. He also declares that he will never sign this agreement in its present form, and that the disturbances which attended the "outrage" of Nov. 17 are likely to occur again.

Cossacks Mutinous? St. Petersburg, Dec. 12.—The members of the Workmen's Council have chosen an executive committee of three to guide the policy of the council until events bring forth a worthy successor of M. Krustaleff.

The sentiment of the workmen's delegates, which was extremely depressed, has been somewhat raised by the receipt of a despatch from Moscow, claiming that the revolutionary propaganda has finally taken root among the Cossacks, the last hope of the reactionaries.

A squadron of the 1st Regiment of Don Cossacks is reported to have drawn up service demands claiming that the men are like dogs and shabbily clothed. The government officers were forced to deprive the soldiers of their rifles and lances. This is the first sign of disaffection on the part of the Cossacks.

SOVEREIGNTY RECOGNIZED.

Sultan Quite Pacified and So Ends Demonstration of Powers. Constantinople, Dec. 13.—The Porte's reply to the note of the six powers on the subject of Macedonia, presented to the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador Monday evening, asks for a reconsideration of some of the modifications proposed by Turkey, which were rejected by the Ambassadors in their collective note presented Dec. 8, but it is an acceptance of terms nevertheless.

A joint Turko-Persian commission has been appointed to arrange the frontier dispute, if possible, with the view of averting a conflict. The settlement of the dispute is largely due to the fact that the powers consented that all decisions of the financial commission must be confirmed by an imperial irade before being put into execution. Some formalities yet remain to be settled, but this recognition of the Sultan's sovereign rights virtually terminates the dispute.

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OFFICIALS PREY UPON FARMERS

Hog Cholera Grafters Fatten on Fees at the Expense of Kent Yeomen

County Council Rightly Took Action to Protect People's Interest—Dominion Govt. Should Order Investigation

The attack upon the members of the Kent County Council and the unfortunate and long-suffering farmers of our county who have entered protest against the fee-grabbing and disgraceful hog-cholera officialdom which infects this locality, which appeared in yesterday's issue of the Buzzer-News, can only be partially excused by the explanation that these officials themselves dictated and forced the publication of the mis-statements and self-laudations the paper printed. It shows the dangerous power of these official autocrats when they are enabled to take a local newspaper by the throat and force the publication of a statement that they "are energetic and faithful servants of the people" and that any comment upon them is "notoriously disgraceful" performance of their "duties" by the members of Kent's Council or the farmers of our county is "rabid and uncalculated for."

The County Council will do well to press their request for a full and public investigation of the conduct and rake-offs of these officials upon the Dominion Government, and it is earnestly hoped, in the interest of our farmers, that D. A. Gordon, M. P., and H. S. Clements, M. P., will energetically take up the matter on behalf of their constituents. County Commissioner Ed. Brien is to be congratulated on calling attention to this matter, and the unanimous manner in which his colleagues at the County Council endorsed his position demonstrates the universal recognition of the abuses practiced. In the interest of the farmers and hog-raisers of our county there should be immediate and drastic reforms and the prompt removal of such officials as have brought the administration of the plague enactments into disrepute, sacrificing efficiency and justice to the fattening of their own pockets.

GOOD SHOW

"His Highness the Bey" is a good musical comedy and it was exceedingly well put on at the Grand Monday evening. It was the general comment after the show that it was one of the best attractions that Manager Brisco has brought here this year. The company carried a well balanced chorus and the work of the principals was very good. The scenery and stage effects were particularly well placed and the comedian was very funny.

There was a good house and the show was deserving of even a better one. Manager Brisco is to be commended for bringing this show to Chatham. He has started this season well and it is to be hoped he will bring many such productions to Chatham before the end of the season.

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PARK ST. MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

The regular meeting was held in the S. S. Hall of the church Dec. 6 and was well attended. Having paid \$25 to the Auxiliary Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. McNaughton received her certificate for life membership. The President and others referred with regret to the removal to Chatham of Mrs. Hamill, for many years a valued member. A kind invitation was received from Mrs. Drader to hold the January quarterly meeting at her residence, Wellington street. Satisfaction with conditions make a firm foundation upon which to build contentment.

Christmas Greetings From THE ARK

This season we greet you with the largest and most select stock of Christmas goods ever offered in Chatham. We have been, during the past 10 months, preparing for the coming two weeks trade. Would now ask you to come in and make your selections, while you can be quietly waited on, before the rush of the last few days. Here are a few of Our Specialties:—

- Dolls in every style, from 1c up to \$8.00.
- Toys—Mechanical and plain. A great variety.
- Sticks—All sizes and styles to suit everybody, 50c up.
- Sticks and Sticks—For boys and girls.
- Doll's Furniture.
- Christmas Books and Bibles—5c up.
- Children's Blocks in great variety.
- Games—Suitable for old and young.
- Stationery—Paper, envelopes and pencils.
- 1000 Japanese Cups and Saucers, regular 50c each for 35c.
- 500 Bread and Butter Plates, reg. 13c and 15c, at 10c.
- 5 Crown Derby effect Dinner Sets, \$15 for \$12.50.
- 500 Japanese and French China cheap.
- 5 different stock patterns of French China to select from, including the Rose pattern.
- 500 Banquet Reception, Hall, Library, and common glass from 50c up to \$20.00.
- Outlets—Carving Sets, from 75c up to \$8.00. Rodgers' Table and Rockers, also cheaper lines.

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