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Christmas Suggestions

Not long now—only a few days—before the great day of giving. You who are bent on giving useful gifts we invite to come in and look around at our holiday display. Here are a few hints of what you might wish to buy.

Umbrellas

Ladies' umbrellas, put up in the neatest possible fashion, the higher priced ones with silk cases, handles neat and new, best quality tops, special values at \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$5.00.

Men's umbrellas, with the most up-to-date handles, excellent quality tops, tight rollers, self openers and closers, very special holiday values at \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$5.00.

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30x60 Smyrna and Moquette rugs, in an immense variety of designs, just received for the holiday trade, very special value at \$1.35.

Shawls

Fine knitted shawls in white, black, pink, sky and cardinal, just the thing for house and evening wear, very special values at \$1.00 and \$1.35.

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A most useful gift and appreciated above most. Comforters of all descriptions are here in the prettiest designs and best fillings from the clean filled cotton comforter at \$1.35 each to the elegant eider filled at \$7.50.

Handkerchiefs

We have always been recognized as the handkerchief house, and this year is no exception. An assortment is here for you which beggars description, from the fancy lawn at 3c each to the real lace at \$6.00.

Dressing Sacques

A necessary winter garment for a lady and an extra one is always acceptable. Especially if it is a pretty one, hence a good article to buy for a present.

Ladies' knitted dressing sacques in very pretty colors of pink and sky, neatly trimmed and well made, special at \$2.00.

Other varieties made of cotton and wool eider, in a variety of colors, all sizes, special at \$1.50 to \$2.50.

Lace Curtains

We have made special preparations this season for those who wish to give Lace Curtains as a gift, and have made the prices very enticing.

3 yards and 3-1/2 yards long, very new and dainty designs in Nottingham Lace and Cable Nets, in white and cream, very special values, at a pair \$1.98 to \$6.00.

Bonne Fenne Curtains for glass doors in the very newest frilled effects, very neat, at \$1.00 and \$2.00.

PREMIER ROSS ADMITS

That His Party is Smirched, But Says He Will Forget.

Advices Ottawa Liberals to Smother Their Political Conscience, Regardless of the Great Law That What He Has Done He Will Undoubtedly Repeat—Premier's Government Sustained in Prince Edward Island.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—Hon. G. W. Ross, who dropped in to the Liberal nomination convention last night, announced that he had just come on a business trip and did not know he was to be privileged to speak at a Liberal gathering.

The men selected are G. J. MacDougall, barrister, who was the unanimous choice for the Catholic nominee, and G. S. May, merchant, who was elected on the second ballot for the Protestant candidate.

"Can't You Forget?"

In commencing his address, which was brief, as he had to catch the train, to return to Toronto, the Premier said, "I had no idea that I would be privileged to attend a Liberal gathering, met to select two candidates to represent Ottawa in the Ontario House. But you are at the right kind of work, at the right time, and not any too soon. I must not tell you secrets, but I may say that there will probably be a general election before many months, if not before many weeks."

"Whatever," he continued, "is written on the pages of past history that is not pleasant, we are going to forget, and take good care that no such writing shall appear on the pages of the future. The past is closed and sealed with seven seals. But we are not going to forget that the Conservatives have a record, too, and one with which we need not fear comparison. If I had my way I would begin now and ask what we are going to do in the future. We can't live in the past."

The Premier had a conference with some of the party later and discussed the situation.

PREMIER PETERS IN.

Prince Edward Island Local Government Returned to Power.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 8.—The Prince Edward Island Government was returned yesterday by about the same majority as when it went to the country. Commissioner of Public Works Cummings was defeated and Premier Peters, who now has a majority of six, will likely lose his seat when the special votes are counted. Matheson, the leader of the Opposition, was elected, with a good majority. Both governments worked hard to defeat the Conservatives. Imported hay, which was obtained in large quantities, was freely distributed and every possible scheme was worked.

The members elected so far are: Conservatives—Matheson, Prowse, McKinnon, A. J. McDonald (acclamation), Leonard, Wood, McCourt, Morson, John Kichham, Fraser. Liberals—Godkin, Clarke, Simpson, Smith, Bonar Reid, Warburton, Hughes, Irving, Hazzard, Richards (acclamation), McInnis, Bowlen, Agnew, Gallant, Peters. Doubtful—McNutt, J. F. H. Arsenault, McWilliams, McMillan, Douglas.

Full returns in close districts will not be known until the special votes are counted next week.

NOMINATIONS ON WEDNESDAY.

West Lambton—F. F. Pardee, Liberal. North Renfrew—Dr. M. McKay, Liberal. Kingston—E. J. B. Pense, M.P.P., Liberal. Ottawa—E. J. MacDougall, Liberal. Ottawa—G. S. May, Liberal.

New Pleated Dress Goods at Northway's, colors cardinal, cream, sky, navy, old rose and brown, 42 in. wide, at 50c. a yard.

LOCAL LEGAL

O'LEARY AND DOWNS vs. PERKINS

Defendants appealed from judgment of Judge Bell in favor of plaintiffs claiming that instead of the verdict being in favor of the plaintiffs that their action should have been dismissed and judgment in favor of defendants entered for \$1,936.00.

The appeal was heard before the court in Toronto, on Wednesday, when after some minor changes Judge Bell's decision was upheld and the plaintiffs got \$3,528.

John S. Fraser for plaintiffs; W. T. Hanna for defendants.

ELECTION DAY NEXT TUESDAY

Members of the Young Men's Association will then Ballot for their Officers.

Enthusiastic Nominating Conference Held Last Evening—Much Enthusiasm Evidenced

The new rooms of the Young Men's Liberal-Conservative Association, over Gray's China Hall, were formally opened by the young men last evening with a rousing rally.

For over a month the young men have been at work. Recruits from both parties who favored a new, clean and progressive Government in Ontario have been enlisted, and the nucleus of the present association has been busy working. Membership buttons have sold like hot cakes and lots of genuine enthusiasm and activity have characterized the growth of the association.

The meeting last evening for the purpose of nominating officers for the association was a splendid one. The hall was crowded, even standing room being at a premium, and the appearance of the different popular workers was always the signal for an outbreak of hearty applause. S. B. Arnold, the popular secretary of the County Association, was unanimously voted to the chair, and the business of the evening proceeded. It was decided to set next Monday, the 12th inst., as election night, when a poll will take place among the various candidates named for the different offices. Arthur J. Dunn was appointed as returning officer and will make his poll clerk and scrutineers.

There was a flood of nominations, but it was decided that the younger men of the association only should be eligible for election to office, while a strong list of honorary patrons and officers were enthusiastically chosen.

Regular ballot papers will be printed and the voting will take place next Monday evening, commencing at the hour of eight o'clock.

The following honorary officers were enthusiastically elected by acclamation.

Honorary Patrons—James Clancy, H. S. Clements, M. P., Manson Campbell, Wm. B. Ball, W. M. Brader, Dr. A. W. Thornton, Dr. W. R. Hall, Chas. Austin and S. Stephenson.

Honorary President—ex-Mayor T. A. Smith.

Election night—next Monday—will be a memorable one. Addresses will be delivered by the honorary officers and the officers-elect, and the organization completed for the coming campaign.

MR. CLANCY WILL BE THERE.

It was the unanimous desire of the Young Men's Association to have their candidate, Mr. Clancy, present on election night to address them. It was learned this afternoon that Mr. Clancy would be unable to be present Monday night and it was consequently unanimously decided to postpone the election till TUESDAY NIGHT at eight o'clock, when Mr. Clancy and others will address the young men.

GOOD SOCIAL

The handkerchief social held last evening in Park Street Methodist S. S. hall under the auspices of the Junior League was a very enjoyable affair. The program was a bright one, provided by the children, with an address by Rev. F. E. Mallott, which was very much appreciated. Those who took part were: Miss Geraldine Wilson, vocal selection; John Barfoot, vocal selection; instrumental duet, Norma Shillington and Grace Gammage; reading, Douglas Cobbleick; recitations, Jennie Morris, Dora Thornton, and Mildred Rouse. Music on the gramophone was furnished by Mr. Percy Morley. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Cobbleick, acted as chairman in his usual pleasing manner. During the evening a number of handkerchiefs were disposed of by Misses Pearl White and Norma Shillington. Candy was also sold. About \$30 was realized, which will be devoted to League work.

OFFICERS ELECTED

At a well attended meeting of Typographical Union No. 460, held last evening, the following officers were elected:

President—Andrew Eddell. Vice-President—W. D. Ingram. Secretary—A. J. Owens. Cor. Secretary—A. J. Carroll. Sergeant at Arms—F. Miller. Auditors—O. H. Blakely and W. E. Cosgrave.

WESTERN VISITOR

Frank Cummings, of Winnipeg, was in the city yesterday and to-day; coming here to attend the wedding of his brother. In conversation with a Planet reporter he gave some very interesting facts about the growth of Winnipeg.

"Winnipeg has a great future," said he, "the building trade is carried on, on a very large scale. For the past year eleven millions worth of building permits were issued and the population has increased this year by nearly ten thousand. It is increasing every year at this rate. The city is making improvements as fast as it is possible, and the property holders realize that their property is increasing steadily and rapidly in value."

"The new subway was opened last week, and it is a credit to the contractor. The new C. P. R. hotel and station is well on in the course of construction and will be positively the finest in Canada. The new post office is also now under way."

"The West and the western towns is the place for all ambitious young men who have the least sign of business ability." Mr. Cummings leaves Chatham for Port Elgin, where he will spend Christmas with his parents. His father was one of the promoters of the Chatham Binder Twine Co.

ROBIN HOOD OFFICERS

Court Hope, No. 6244, A. O. F., held their nominations and election last evening in the Workmen Hall, and the result is as follows:

P. C. R.—Bro. James Dyer. C. R.—Bro. Burville Oldershaw. S. C. R.—Bro. Wm. Palmer. Treasurer—Bro. Edwin Cape. Secretary—Bro. Wm. H. Benson. J. W.—Bro. Robert McFauld. J. B.—Bro. John Conbeare. S. B.—Bro. James Martin. J. B.—Bro. Wm. Wood. Organist—Bro. John Robertson. Medical Officer—Bro. Dr. Geo. T. McKee.

Auditors—Bros. J. A. Wilson, Wm. Conbeare, John Head. Trustees—Bros. Ed. Wanless, J. W. Humphrey and Albert Knott.

Bro. Wm. H. Benson, Secretary, held the office for 17 consecutive years, and is certainly the right man in the right place.

Bro. Edwin Cape, Treasurer, has been in his office for six years and fills his office capably. A game of carpet ball was played between the Sons of England and Hope, resulting in a win for the Foresters. Other amusements were provided and about 40 brethren with the visitors were present.

JAPS SINK RUSS SHIPS

Three of Port Arthur Fleet Already Put Out of Business.

One Hundred and Twenty-Nine Shells Struck and Did Terrible Execution—The Persiev, the Retvizan and the Poltava Sunk, and Bayan Aground—Kussians Coast Attempt to Re-take 203-Metre Hill—Japs Gain New Heights.

London, Dec. 8.—A report from Tientsin states that the Japanese shell fire at Port Arthur also sank the Russian battleship Persiev, besides the Retvizan and the Poltava. The Bayan is aground. The Daily Telegraph correspondent before Port Arthur, cabling Dec. 7, says that the Russians ceased their attempts to recapture 203-Metre Hill on Dec. 6.

POLTAVA SUNK.

Retvizan Has Bad List and Bayan Is Aground—Effects of Jap Bombardment.

Tokio, Dec. 8.—It was officially announced yesterday that the Russian battleship Poltava had been sunk in the harbor of Port Arthur as a result of the Japanese bombardment and that the battleship Retvizan had been seriously damaged.

The Japanese troops occupied Akasaka Hill, fronting on Port Arthur, Tuesday, Dec. 6.

The Russian armored cruiser Bayan is reported to be aground.

Retvizan Has Bad List.

The commander of the Japanese naval guns in front of Port Arthur, telegraphing on Dec. 6, says:

"An observation taken from 203-Metre Hill shows that the turret-ship Poltava is sunk, and that the battleship Retvizan is listing heavily to port."

"Observations taken Dec. 6 covered the results of the bombardment of Dec. 5. Are now taking observations from a hill near Shushiping. Since Dec. 2 we have daily bombarded the enemy's fleet lying south of Palyu Mountain. From that point only the masts and funnel tops of the battleships Pobieda, Retvizan, or the cruiser Pallada could be seen, but it was impossible to count the number of our shells taking effect."

"On other ships explosions resulting from our shells could be seen, but owing to their positions behind hills it was difficult exactly to identify them."

Shells Which Struck.

"The total of our shells taking effect on the enemy's ships were as follows: On a vessel of the Pobieda type, 34; on the battleship Retvizan or the cruiser Pallada, 34; on the turretship Poltava, 11. Besides these, 50 other shells struck, from which explosions followed."

"On Dec. 5 seven shells struck the battleship Pobieda, and about 3.30 p.m. a big explosion was observed south of Palyu Mountain resulting from the effects of our shells, evidently on a powder magazine. The successful result of the bombardment on Dec. 5 is inspiring our men to still greater effort."

Report Is Confirmed.

The headquarters of the Japanese army in front of Port Arthur has reported, confirming the disabling of the Russian battleships Retvizan and Poltava, and stating that the cruiser Bayan is aground. The report goes on to say as follows:

"Owing to the plunging fire from 203-Metre Hill, the enemy had withdrawn to Akasaka Hill. On December 6 our forces occupied an entire fort at 1 p.m. Subsequently our forces, after dislodging the enemy, occupied an eminence north of Suerh Kou and two eminences north of Sanichiam, at 3 p.m."

"On December 8, at 4 p.m., in response to the bearer of the enemy's flag of truce, an armistice of five hours was granted for the removal of the dead."

St. Petersburg, Dec. 8.—The news that the Japanese have mounted heavy guns on 203-Metre Hill is regarded as seriously significant, and has created a deep depression at the War Office. If the reports of the sinking of the Russian warships in the harbor of Port Arthur are confirmed it destroys the last hope of a sortie, and when the end comes nothing remains but to sink those that remain in deep water to prevent them from falling into Japanese hands.

Will Investigate Shooting.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—Game Warden Tinsley will take part in the enquiry into the death of Archibald Van Ness at Cloyne, shot in mistake for a deer. The season closed on Nov. 19, and if Cloyne is in an organized district, the offence is the more serious. This was the only misadventure of the kind in Ontario during the season.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Home Dec. 20.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—Word was received in the city Wednesday that Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier will leave Monterey, California, on their return trip, on Tuesday next, Dec. 12. After spending a few days at Los Angeles, they will leave there on the evening of the 15th, and will arrive in Ottawa on Dec. 20.

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THE ROSS GOVERNMENT AND THE MAN WHO SUPPORTS IT

"Definitely and positively I will not be the candidate. I couldn't if I would and I wouldn't if I could."

"What use would it be to me to go down to the Legislature and sit in some back bench in opposition? And what use would it be to my constituents to have me there?"

"I think the Ross government is a goner. They've been there altogether too long and they've got too many heels and hangers-on."

"The whole thing is corrupt and rotten, and I believe they should be turned out."

"No; I tell you solemnly and honestly, I wouldn't be their candidate if I could."—A. B. McCOIG, November, 19, 1904.

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