

A Merry Christmas to Most of Us

Means a big family gathering and lots of good things to eat. For weeks past we have been preparing to supply the good things, and now we want to hand them over to you that you may have a Merry Christmas. For instance, we have:

CALIFORNIA ORANGES

Sweet and seedless, ripen better than ever before at Christmas time. Special value at, per dozen 20c
Other sizes 30c, 40c, 50c

FLORIDA ORANGES

Large, sweet, very juicy, per dozen 40c
Grapefruit, each 10c, 12 1/2c

TABLE RAISINS

Choice layers, pound 20c
Extra fancy Walnuts and Soft Shell Almonds, pound 20c
Same fruit, per box, 5 1/2 pounds \$1 25

JUICY FIGS—BIG VARIETY

Small boxes 10c
Small baskets of pulled figs 15c
Lombard Figs, per box 40c
Layer Figs, per pound 12 1/2c, 15c, 20c

TURKEYS AND GEES

We expect a good supply of fowl at reasonable prices. Leave your orders with us, and we will send you fine birds.
Summer Savory and Sage, two bunches for 50c

CRANBERRIES

Finest Late Howe, Cape Cod Cranberries, per quart 15c

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

The fun-makers for the children. One dozen to the box. Per box 25c and 40c

ICING SUGAR

Per pound 8c
Loaf Sugar, pound 10c
Mixed Candy, pound 15c
Cream Candy, pound 25c
One-pound boxes Chocolates 15c
Fresh Lettuce, Celery, Ripe Tomatoes and Parsley.

ALMERIA GRAPES

Firm and crisp, green 15c
Pink tinted 25c

GOLDEN GRAPES

Best quality, 3 pounds for 25c
FARD DATES (DARK COLOR)

Very rich fruit, with small pits, two pounds for 25c

NEW NUTS

We have been particular to get good, new season's nuts.
Brazil and Pecans, pound 25c
Grenoble Walnuts and Soft Shell Almonds, pound 20c
Filberts, pound 15c
We have a special mixture of Walnuts, Almonds and Filberts, per pound 15c

MINCEMEAT FOR PIES

Not ordinary so-called home-made Mince-meat, but something far better; made in our own home of the very best fruit, spices, suet, etc., in just the right proportions, in the cleanest possible manner, and thoroughly mixed. We highly recommend it to the most particular people. Pound 10c

HOLLY AND HOLLY WREATHS

Brighten up the homes so much that every house should have its share. Order early, as it will, as usual, be scarce the last days.
Holly, pound 15c
Holly Wreaths, each 25c

SEALSHIPT OYSTERS

Consider that they are solid meat, that the flavor is far superior, and that they are perfectly clean; and the extra price over ordinary bulk oysters is well spent.
Per quart 75c
Per pint 38c

JOHN DIPROSE

THREE POPULAR STORES

Dundas and Ridout Sts., Phone 386; Dundas and Wellington Sts., Phone 2262; Richmond and Hyman Sts., Phone 1291

Saturday at Peters'

TEAROOM

Beef Tea 5c
Tomato Bouillon 5c
Hot Chocolate 5c
And Tea, Coffee and many other nice things, served delightfully.

CANDY SPECIAL

CREAM WAFERS,
Peppermint, Wintergreen and Maple, regular 15c each. On Saturday, ONLY 12c

CHRISTMAS CAKE

Plain or almond iced.

PLUM PUDDINGS

In several sizes. Our stock is being reduced rapidly. It would be well to order soon.

PETERS' 2 SHOPS

For high-class moldings and picture frames, call at the Dominion Art Store, 296 Dundas street. xzv

ARNOLD BROS.

PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHERS
FINE WORK A SPECIALTY
ARTISTICALLY EXECUTED
EAST LONDON.

CASH GROCERY

Best mixed nuts, per lb. 20c
Sweet Navel Oranges, per doz. 40c
Home-Made Mince-meat (not factory made), 3 lb. 25c
Molasses, per quart 25c
Cremable Iceing, ready for use, per tin 25c
Shelled Walnuts, per lb. 40c
Cranberries, per quart 40c
Seeded Raisins, 1 lb. packages 10c

E. D. McROBERTS

PHONE 1863. 328 HAMILTON RD.

ENGINE OFF TRACK AT HAMILTON

Accident to G. T. R. Express This Morning.

The engine of Grand Trunk train No. 1 jumped the track at Hamilton this morning, tying up traffic for an hour and ten minutes. No person was hurt.

The train was coming from Hamilton and jumped a switch point. It was not going very fast, and the rest of the train kept the track.

The auxiliary from Hamilton soon put it on again.

Mr. R. N. Hannon, of Edmonton, Alta., is in this city, visiting with his parents, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Hannon, of 706 Colborne street. Mr. Hannon is employed in the survey department of the Alberta Government.

Ex-Ald. William Skinner, of 326 York street, left this morning for Buffalo, where he will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Hall will be at home to their friends at Oakhurst on Tuesday afternoon and evening next.

WHAT HAPPENINGS OF A DAY IN BUSY EAST LONDON.

STREET RAILWAY HAD BAD TIME

Snow on Rails Made It Difficult to Operate Cars Last Night.

The street railway company was "up against it" last evening, the stiff wind drifting the snow on the tracks, particularly along the Ridout line, making it almost impossible to run the cars.
The sweeper was kept busy all evening, but it was practically unable to look after the whole system. On the lines which had little or no protection the crews had the greatest difficulty. The trouble was overcome, however, when the rain came, and formed a crust over the snow, making drifting impossible. On many lines the cars were unable to maintain any sort of a schedule.

BAD BOYS BREAK ARC LIGHT GLOBES

Police Are Looking for the Culprits in the East End.

The local police are hunting for a number of boys who have been amusing themselves by breaking the globes on the arc lights at the street corners in the east end.
The globes are very costly, and the boys may have caused to regret their actions, as the company will push any cases brought up. Some time ago a number of boys were arrested on the same charge.

CHURCH STANDS AS A MONUMENT

Christian Church on Dundas Street East Was Erected by Late Rev. J. J. Rice.

Rev. J. J. Rice, D. D., of Toronto, who died Tuesday as a result of injuries received in a street car accident, was a former Londoner, having been stationed in this city for a number of years, as pastor of the Bible Christian Church, previous to his Methodist union. While in this city he erected two churches, one of which is now used by the members of the Christian Church, at the corner of Dundas and Elizabeth streets. He left this city about 25 years ago. Many of his former parishioners are still in London.

Rev. Dr. Rice was on his way to the hospital, of which he was chaplain, when he was struck by a car. He was unconscious for several days, having received injuries to his head.

A CANTATA IN CENTENNIAL CHURCH

Splendid Christmas Musical Entertainment Held Last Night.

The members of Centennial Sunday school gave a decidedly successful Christmas cantata at the church last evening, and the income from the performance succeeded in filling every seat in the edifice. The receipts amounted to over \$40, which will be applied to the Sunday school funds.

He Chopped Off Offending Members

Cornwall, Dec. 18.—Wm. Bero, married, 40 years old, was on the way to the police court this morning in charge of a policeman to receive sentence for stealing six hides, when he

Local Items

—Dr. Whittaker, of Edmonton, is visiting his parents in South London. He seems remarkably improved in London since he left nine years ago. He is enthusiastic over the future of Edmonton and Alberta.

—Mr. F. M. Bell-Smith, who formerly lived in this city, and Mr. T. M. Martin of the Royal Canadian Academy, have been elected members of the Royal British Colonial Society of Artists.

—Mr. John M. Carson, of Dawson City, is visiting his brother, Mr. Wm. Carson, public librarian, after an absence of seven years. Mr. Carson has been practicing law in the Yukon, and has recently joined a law firm in Calgary, Alta.

The regular weekly whist match will be held in the South London clubrooms tonight. A large crowd is expected. Every Liberal is invited.

A Barracks Dance.
A very successful dance was held on Thursday evening by the N. C. O. and men of Wolsey Barracks. The next dance will be held on New Year's Eve, Thursday, 31st inst.

Power Committee.
A meeting of the special power committee will be held this evening at the city hall. The appointment of an electrical engineer will be considered. It is likely the appointment will be made.

Death of Wm. Ching.
Mr. William Ching, the well known contractor and member of Wellington Street Methodist Church, died at his late residence, 91 High street, Wednesday, aged 83 years. He is survived by a son, W. J. Ching, of the Northwest, and two sisters in England. He was born in Hoxworthy, Devonshire, England, and came to this country in 1862. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 to Woodland

THE TITLE OF THE SKETCH GIVEN WAS "A VISIT TO GRANDPA'S," THE PARTS BEING TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

Grandma Miss Elsie Watch
Grandpa Mr. Ed Adams
Shiny-Eyes Miss Hazel Holman
Betty, the maid Miss Nellie Holman
Among those who took minor parts were Victor Scott, Percy Dowling, Wilfred Shortt and others. All the members of the cast handled their parts capably.
The musical part of the programme was supplied by the following:
Trio, Misses Gladys Gower, Cora Sinclair and Gladys Gower.
Duet, Misses Peterson and Crocker.
Trio, Miss Gerlie Essingham, Blanche Ball and Albert Wright.
Miss Lillian Hardy deserves great credit for the part in which she trained the members of the cast in their dialogue. Mr. Bert Weir, who had charge of the musical part of the programme, is also deserving of much credit.

CRIPPLED CARS TO GO TO SARNIA

Orders Have Been Received Here to Send Them There.

Orders have been received in the offices of the Grand Trunk in East London, to send trains composed of about 200 crippled cars to Blackwell Sliding, north of Sarnia.
There are about 500 cripples in the yards at present, and it has been found necessary to send some of them to the slidings for the winter.
The disabled cars accumulate very rapidly, and are sent to this city from weeks on all parts of the system.

EAST END BANK MANAGER WEDS.

Mr. George L. McHattie Married to Estimable Woodstock Lady.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Ald. (Dr.) Mearns, of Woodstock, last night, when his daughter, Louise, was wedded to Mr. George L. McHattie, manager of the east end branch of the Bank of Toronto.
Rev. R. B. Cochrane, of Woodstock, performed the ceremony in the presence of a large number of guests from this city, Toronto, Grimsby and Petrolia.
The bride was assisted by her sister, Miss Mearns, and the groom by Mr. Vanstone, of the London offices of the Bank of Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. McHattie left for a honeymoon trip to New York, and will return to this city about Jan. 1.

EAST END NOTES.

Rev. Father Teeffey, of Toronto, who addressed the Canadian Club at its banquet today, will speak at St. Charles this evening on the "Incarnation." There will be no entrance fee, and no collection will be taken.

The many friends of Mrs. Bernard, of Anderson avenue, will be pleased to hear that she is recovering from her illness.

Mr. A. J. Graber, Ontario street, is receiving the congratulations of his friends, he having held the lucky number that drew the handsome pair of rose jars at St. Mary's Church bazaar.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stinson, of 787 Lorne avenue, desire to thank their friends, and particularly the employees of the C. P. R., for the kindness during their recent bereavement.

pany will sue us," said his worship, Mr. Cotter, the general manager, told me some time ago that they would sue us for the cost of the bridges, but so far I have heard nothing further.
"I understand that the work is finished and we can look for a bill at any time."
"It will probably mean a suit. Mr. Meredith some time ago informed us that the city was not liable for the cost, and we will refuse to pay for them on his advice. The company insist that we are responsible and they will sue us for the amount."
"There has been nothing done about it yet."

LONDON DOCTORS TREAT IT LIGHTLY

Don't Take Stock in the Talk of People Buried Alive.

NEVER KNEW OF SINGLE CASE

Although It Is Admitted That Such Things Have Occurred Elsewhere.

Dr. George R. McEwen, a prominent New York physician, and formerly professor of anatomy in Rush Medical College, in an address on sanitation and cleanliness at the South Side Woman's Club, Chicago, strongly urged the advisability of death tests to eliminate the possibility of burying persons alive.
Dr. McEwen advocated the use of an electric battery immediately after death, as a vigorous attempt to revive the action of the nervous system.
Local Opinions.
Several local doctors, in speaking to an advertiser reporter, refused to take the matter as of great consequence. There is far more talk on the subject, they believe, than the number of cases where there is even the remote possibility of such a thing happening seems to warrant.
Never Knew of a Case.
Three medical men stated that in a period covering many years of practice they had never met with a case of suspended animation nor even come remotely in contact with such a case. They all agree that there have been such cases, but they are very, very rare, and only attack persons of a highly nervous organism, known as cataleptic subjects.
In such a case the electric battery would undoubtedly be of service, as while life remains there would be a nervous and muscular response to the electric stimulation, while if no response followed death could be taken as certain. This being practically an infallible test.

THE GREAT FEAR.

Regarding the fear some people have that they will come to life after being buried, there is nothing in the idea. There is a certain amount of cold truth in the fact that if one does not happen to be dead in the first instance one would certainly be dead before leaving the undertaker's hands.

EMBALMING DOES IT.

The modern system of embalming necessitates the injection into the large arteries of a very strong poison, which would effectually settle the matter.
The consensus of opinion, though, seems to be that there is altogether too much talk and too little foundation for the talk.
Harvey Paul Found Guilty
Remanded for Sentence for Stealing "Laundry Girl."

At a special session of the police court held yesterday afternoon, Magistrate Love found Harvey Paul guilty of stealing "Laundry Girl," the once well known racehorse, from William Klue, and he was remanded until Saturday for sentence.

At the same time Paul will be sentenced on a charge of stealing an overcoat from the City Hotel. He pleaded guilty to this charge yesterday morning.

W. Stevenson, an employee of Wilkin's livery, was examined yesterday afternoon and gave evidence to the effect that Paul had borrowed a set of harness from the stable and had not returned it.

In court yesterday morning, Paul made the statement that he had been told by Klue's father that young Klue had "jumped out" and that he had left instructions for Paul to sell the horse.

In the box yesterday afternoon, Mr. Klue, sen., denied having made these statements.

Magistrate Love fined Paul guilty. The latter states that his home is in Brookville, Ont.

Alex. Judd, who bought the horse from Paul, and who was locked up yesterday for being disorderly in the court room and wanting to fight Klue, also appeared yesterday afternoon and was fined \$1 and \$5.85 costs.

GRAFTERS SENTENCED

Five Hundred Dollar Fine and Two Years in the Penitentiary.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 18.—Judge Kunkel this morning imposed the following sentence upon the men convicted on March 13 of the charge of conspiracy to defraud the state in contracts for supplies of furniture to the new state capital:

J. H. Sanderson, W. P. Snyder, W. L. Mathews and J. M. Shumaker, \$500 fine and two years imprisonment—the maximum penalty.

A motion for a supersedeas—that an appeal may be made to the superior court will be made at once.

INDIAN LISTERS ARE A NUISANCE

Talbot Street People Complain of the Actions of Local "Redmen."

Merchants, lawyers and others on Talbot street, from Dundas to Carling, complain that members of London's Indian list brigade, congregated daily on that block to such an extent that they have become a positive nuisance, and the businessmen have appealed to the newspapers to assist them in having the redmen "hang out" somewhere else.

It is said that on a day when one of the listers is to appear in court, the other members of the tribe hang around and discuss the matter for hours before the case comes up, and as they are afraid to go around the police station, they congregate on Talbot street, and render themselves a nuisance to the business and professional men and people who walk along the thoroughfare.

An enterprising gentleman has brought a camera into use, and has secured several photos of the Indians standing on the corner of Talbot and Carling street. The picture was taken out of a second-story window, and it shows several of the big chiefs of the brigade earnestly discussing the pros and cons of the tribe's welfare. This photo is likely to be followed by a series, and the pictures will likely be used in evidence against the offenders.

LATEST STOCK MARKET REPORTS

COBALT MINING STOCKS.
Noon quotations on Cobalt mining stock, telegraphed The Advertiser by Edward Cronin & Co., members of the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Today's noon quotations on Mining Exchange are as follows: Beaver 24, Chambers 81, Reserve 271, Cobalt Lake 15, Conings 650, Foster 40, Meehan 23, Kerr Lake 734, La Rose 625, Nipissing 1025, Otis 47, Peterson Lake 31, Rochester 19, Scotia 54, Leaf 12, Queen 91, Temiskaming 139, Tresthway 133.

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.
Reported by C. N. Spencer, Stock Broker, Market Lane, for The Advertiser.

Chicago, Dec. 18.
Wheat—One. Open. High. Low. Close.
December 1.05 1.05 1.05 1.05 1.05
May 1.05 1.05 1.05 1.05 1.05
Corn—One.
December 57 57 57 57 57
May 57 57 57 57 57
Pork—One.
January 15 15 15 15 15
Lard—One.
January 9 9 9 9 9
Short Ribs—One.
January 8 8 8 8 8
May 8 8 8 8 8

NEW YORK.
Reported by C. N. Spencer, Stock Broker, Market Lane, for The Advertiser.

New York, Dec. 18.
Open. High. Low. Close.
Amal. Copper 75 75 75 75 75
Am. Sugar Co. 12 12 12 12 12
Am. Locomotive 54 54 54 54 54
Am. Foundry 45 45 45 45 45
Am. Refining Co. 3 3 3 3 3
Atchafalpa 96 96 96 96 96
Balt. & Ohio 108 108 108 108 108
Brooklyn R. T. 11 11 11 11 11
Can. Pacific Ry. 17 17 17 17 17
Ches. & Ohio 50 50 50 50 50
Chicago G. W. 11 11 11 11 11
Distillers 38 38 38 38 38
Erie 33 33 33 33 33
Great Nor. pfd. 14 14 14 14 14
Illinois Central 14 14 14 14 14
Int. Met. 17 17 17 17 17
Kan. & Texas com. 38 38 38 38 38
Louis. & Nash. 12 12 12 12 12
Missouri Pacific 6 6 6 6 6
N. Y. Central 118 118 118 118 118
Nor. Pacific 140 140 140 140 140
Rock Island 7 7 7 7 7
Southern Ry. 24 24 24 24 24
Southern Ry. pfd. 24 24 24 24 24
Southern Ry. pfd. 24 24 24 24 24
People's Gas 100 100 100 100 100
Press Steel 41 41 41 41 41
Reading 135 135 135 135 135
Republic I. & S. 23 23 23 23 23
Rock Island 7 7 7 7 7
Southern Ry. 24 24 24 24 24
Southern Ry. pfd. 24 24 24 24 24
Southern Ry. pfd. 24 24 24 24 24
St. Paul 147 147 147 147 147
Texas 32 32 32 32 32
Union Pacific 108 108 108 108 108
Central Leather 25 25 25 25 25
U. S. Steel 53 53 53 53 53
U. S. Steel pfd. 114 114 114 114 114
Wabash com. 46 46 46 46 46
Wabash pfd. 46 46 46 46 46
West. Union Tel. 67 67 67 67 67

MONTREAL.
Montreal, Dec. 18.
Bell Telephone 143 143 143 143 143
Can. Converters 143 143 143 143 143
Canadian Pacific 175 175 175 175 175
Detroit Elec. Railway 54 54 54 54 54
Dom. Coal, com. 55 55 55 55 55
Dom. Iron and Steel, com. 18 18 18 18 18
Dom. Iron and Steel, pfd. 68 68 68 68 68
Halifax Elec. Ry. 105 105 105 105 105
Havana Electric 57 57 57 57 57
Havana Electric, pfd. 57 57 57 57 57
Illinois Trac. pfd. 92 92 92 92 92
Lake of Woods, com. 97 97 97 97 97
Laurentide Paper 110 110 110 110 110
Mackay, com. 74 74 74 74 74
Mexican, L. and P. 73 73 73 73 73
Min. and St. Paul 130 130 130 130 130
Mt. L. H. and Power 107 107 107 107 107
Mont. St. Ry. 203 203 203 203 203
Mont. Steel Works, pfd. 105 105 105 105 105
N. S. Steel and Coal 56 56 56 56 56
Ogilvie, Milling, com. 112 112 112 112 112
O. & N. Nav. 77 77 77 77 77
Rio de Jan. L. and P. 76 76 76 76 76
Toledo Electric Ry. 91 91 91 91 91
Toronto Railway, xld. 106 106 106 106 106
Shaw 79 79 79 79 79
Reserve 275 275 275 275 275
Molsons Bank, xld. 207 207 207 207 207
Bank of Montreal, xld. 245 245 245 245 245
Royal Bank, xld. 100 100 100 100 100
Union Bank 125 125 125 125 125
Penman 44 44 44 44 44
Dominion Textile, com. 60 60 60 60 60
Can. Cotton 52 52 52 52 52
Dominion Textile, pfd. 100 100 100 100 100
Montreal 125 125 125 125 125
Laurentide Paper 110 110 110 110 110
Mex. L. and P. 80 80 80 80 80
Mt. L. H. and P. 101 101 101 101 101
Montreal St. Ry. 100 100 100 100 100
Textile, Ser. A. 96 96 96 96 96
Textile, Ser. C. 95 95 95 95 95
Morning Sales: R. and O. 50 at 74 1/2, 55 at 75, 58 at 76, 20 at 74 1/2, 25

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at 70 1/2, 25 at 77, 100 at 76 1/2, 5 at 76 1/2, 25 at 76 1/2, 100 at 77, 25 at 76 1/2, 10 at 77, 25 at 76 1/2, Reserve, 500 at 280 (30 days), 500 at 280 (30 days), 1,200 at 272, 500 at 273; 100 at 280 (30 days), 50 at 274, 500 at