

Messrs. John Catto & Son wish

A Pleasant Christmas for everyone.

After to-day's rest they will be again in readiness to-morrow (Saturday) morning to further establish their reputation for High-class Dry Goods, and will have pleasure in showing some extra values, specially gotten together for

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the holidays.

SEABOARD TRAFFIC COMPETITION. Dominion Line Deny C.P.R.'s St. John Service Hurts Them.

G. W. Torrance, local agent of the Dominion Steamship Line, was seen by The World yesterday in regard to the statement credited to his nephew. J. Torrance, jr., the Montreal agent of the line, the substance of which was that the steamers of the Grand Trunk running from Portland were suffering heavily from the competition of the Canadian Pacific steamers, running from St. John.

"I don't believe such a declaration was ever made," said Mr. Torrance, with emphasis. "For one thing, I don't believe my nephew is in Montreal at present, and anyway he would never make such remarks as those attri-buted to him. We have had a good season's business, nothing to complain of whatever. Another local official of the Dominion

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Tine characterized the report as a trumped-up story. "It is utter rot," he said, with a good deal of warmth. "This isn't the first time tales of the kind have been ported with the aim of damaging our business. Not that it does us any harm, tho, exporters know the facts too well to be misled by any such rubbish. S. J. Sharp, Toronto, agent of the Canadian Pacific Line, admitted frank-

ly that he did not care to express an opinion touching the authenticity or otherwise of the report.
"Let them fight it out," he said. "We are doing a splendid business. Have we any special advantages as compared with the Dominion Line? Well, for thing, shippers sending their freight by us, save themselves the trouble of getting it passed thru the United States. Sentiment, I believe, counts for conside rable, too. Canadians are beginning to ask themselves why they shouldn't give this country the benefit of their traffic."

Prof. J. H. Riddell in the City. Prof. J. H. Riddell, president of the faculty of the Alberta, the new college at Edmonton, is in the city. With reference to the new university, Prof. Riddell stated that it was enjoying the most enthusiastic support. Already, the no buildings have been prepared, there are thirty-two stud on the rolls. Of the registered students two are recently imported Galicians. Many of these people show great apti-tude for absorbing knowledge, and make good students. The new college commands an area of at least 400 miles diameter, in which there is inestimable material for future scholars.

The Christmas mails this year are by far the heaviest on record. At the Union depot, where the facilities are not as good as the general postoffile, In Bethlehem, in Jewry, this was very apparent. The postal This blessed babe was born, officials here had provided for every And laid within a manger contingency and an auxiliary staff of Upon this blessed morn:

An association will be formed at the Nothing did take in scorn. An association will be formed at the Jarvis-street Collegiate Institute next Wednesday, the 30th, at 4 o'clock of the "old girls" who in the past thirty years have been educated there. It has been decided to call the organization the "Old Girls' Association," as there is also the "Old Boys' Association."

The Son of God by name.



Our Store will be closed on the ing Christmas and New Year's Day.

To those of our patrons whose deep personal in-terest in the affairs of "Diamond Hall" highly appreciate, we are glad to report that our Christmas trade this year cord and surpassed our most sanguine expectations.

RVRIE RRAS MINIL DRUS., Cor. Yonge and Adelaide Sts.

"CAROL, SWEETLY CAROL."

Some Old Examples of Those Joyous Ballads in Celebration of Christ's Natal Day, Which Breathe in Simple Language the Full and Glorious Significance of the Merry Christmastide

The most ancient Christmas carols Or search the beds of spices thru, date from the Middle Ages and consist renerally of portions of miracle plays, The Star Answers: religious spectacles and old religious legends. One of the oldest and quaint-est is a legend of the childhood of A princely Babe, in 's Mother's k Jesus, called "The Holy Well":

As it fell out, one May morning, And on a bright holiday, Sweet Jesus asked of his dear If He might go to play.

To play, to play, sweet Jesus shall And to play now get you gone.
And let me hear of no complaint
At night when you come home.

Sweet Jesus went down to yonder As far as the Holy Well, And there did see as fine children As any tongue can tell.

He said, "God bless you, every one, May Christ your portion be, Little children, shall I play with you?
And you shall play with me,

But they made answer to him, They were lords' and ladies' sons, And he, the meanest of them all, Was born in an ox's stall.

Sweet Jesus turned him around, And he neither laughed nor smiled, But the tears came trickling from his eyes Like water from the skies.

Sweet Jesus turned him about, To his mother's dear home went And said, "I have been in yonder

As after you may see. As far as the Holy Well; There did I meet as fine children As any tongue can tell.

Your pockets full of money, your barrels full of beer-

mistress' beside, And all the pretty family around the

And all that he has got, I know he does

We'll drink master's health in water or

star all on his breast.

And when that he is dead we hope his soul will rest.
So I wish you all a Happy New Year.
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THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

" "I's the night before Christmas"-

"'Tis the night before Christmas"—
So old and so new'
With all of its dreamings,
So good and so true.
I see all the faces

"'Tis the night before Christmas"—
And here, by my grate,
The past rises, glowing;
The years lose their weight;
The boy days come trooping
At memory's call,
And gleam in the embers
That flicker and fall,

"Tis the night before Christmas"—Ah, could I but clutch The gold of my fancies!

" "Tis the night before Christmas"-

'Twould go at my touch!
The shouts and the laughter

Now sweet to my ear Would shrink to a silence Too deep and too drear.

Remembrances stir As sweet as the cherished

I whisper the rhyme
And wander in fancy
To "once on a time."
I see the big fireplace.
The girls and the boys,
The long, heaped up stockings,
The drums and the toy.

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And out of the twilight

"I bid God bless them, every one, And Christ their bodies see; Little children, shall I play with And you shall playe with me.

"But then they answered me 'No.'
They were lords' and ladies' sons;
And I, the meanest of them all,
Was born in an ox's, stall." The you are but a maiden's child,

Born in an ox's stall, Thou art the Christ, the King And the Savior of them all. "Sweet Jesus, go down to yonder

town, As far as the Holy Well, And take away those sinful souls, And dip them deep in Hell!" "Nay. nay," sweet Jesus mildly

said. "Nay, nay, that must not be, For there are too many sinful souls Crying out for help of me."

Another characteristic and well known carol is "Remember, O! Thou Man," the language of which somehow reminds one of the play of "Every-Here are a few verses: Remember, O! Thou Man.

Remember God's goodness, O, thou man; O, thou man, mber God's goodness And promise made.

Remember God's goodness, 'How He sent His Son, doubtless Our sins for to redress, Be not afraid.

The angels all did sing. O, thou man; O, thou man, The angels all did sing Upon the Shepherd's hill.

The angels all did sing Praises to our Heavenly King, And peace to man living With right good-will.

O, tidings, etc. "Fear not," then said the angel. "Let nothing you affright. This day is born a Savior. Of virtue, power and might So frequently to vanquish all The friends of Satan quite. O, tidings, etc.

Rejoiced much in mind. And left their flocks a-feeding In tempest, storm and wind, And went to Bethlehem straightway The Son of God to find.

But when to Bethlehem they came, Where as this infant lay, They found him in a manger. Where oxen fed on hay, His Mother Mary, kneeling, Unto the Lord did pray.

All you within this place, And with true love and brotherhood Each other now embrace. This holy tide of Christmas All others doth efface. O. tidings, etc.

Robert Herrick, a great English poet of the early Stuart times, wrote a beautiful carol called the

Tell us, thou clear and heavenly tongue,

Where is the babe that lately spring?

Star Song.

believe there was a sympathetic relation between the two diseases, or rather, that the stomach trouble was may make connection:

MAY MAKE CONNECTION:

Or say, if this new birth of ours

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Citizens' Committee, The Citizens' Education Committee have issued the following address to the electors: Citizens' Education Committee,

Toronto, December. 1903. Fellow Citizens: The election of the Board of Education on the 1st of January, 1904, will be the most important event that has ever taken place in the educational affairs of our city. A radi-

For we are come with our Christmas We are come, if you please, to help Wassail, wassail, all round the town, Our cup is white and our ale is Our bowl is made of a good ashen tree And here, my kind fellow, we drink We are in the old time; the new time The new time comes fast-the old time is past, So I wish you all a Happy New Year.

We'll drink master's health and our oring to bring out/candidates worthy of so high an office, and, secondly, by enquiring into the merits of the various candidates offering themselves, and recommending such as they consider best qualified. It is to be a such as they consider best qualified. It is to be a such as they consider best qualified. It is to be a such as they consider best qualified. We'll drink master's health with the

> to be in a position to submit for nomination the full number of twelve names. As this has been found impracticable, they have the honor and pleasure of recommending for the votes and support of their fellow electors the undermentioned six candidates, who, they feel confident, will zorthily serve the public confident, will worthily serve the public and educational interests of the city on the new board.

As sweet as the cherished Frankineense and myrth.
And, hark! As the visions Grow dim to the sight.
There comes: "Merry Christmas!
And, boy days, good night!"
—W.D.N.

dameter. In which there is inestimable material for future scholars.

Cabinet Announcements

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Where is the babe that lately sprung?
Lies He the lily banks among?
I the cause of the heart disturbances.
I hit upon Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets for a remedy and invested a dollar and a half for three boxes which lar and a half for t Sleep, laid within some ark of flowers.

Spangled with dew-light? Thou can'st clear
All doubts, and manifest the where.

Declare to us, bright star, if we shall seek
Him in the morning's blushing cheek,

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Declare to us, bright star, if we shall seek
Him in the morning's blushing cheek,

Sleep, laid within some ark of flowers.

I asted me three months, and I can eat power. An agreement has been drawn up in which the city grants the privilege of using the street on condition that the wire be removed at any time on three days' notice. The City Councilled in the morning's blushing cheek,

Dyspepsia Tablets."

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CHRISTMAS SHOW AT THE MARKET

Choice Offerings of Breeders and Superb Decorations of Stalls Attract Throngs of Buyers-Some of the Butchers Who Have Neat Displays.

There were creations of art in the and the cards showed the weight on the market house Yuletide display. It is hoof and dressed of each animal. Spring lambs, the genuine article in spite of the season, were to be found in great profunction in the breeders' art has enabled the house the season. The breeders' art has enabled the house the season are the season are the season and the season.

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Come then, come then, and let us bring Unito our prefty tweitful-fide king, Each one his several offering.

Chorus:

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quiring into the merits of the various candidates offering themselves, and recommending such as they consider best qualified. It is, of course, impossible for each individual elector in this large city to ascertain for himself the merits of all the candidates, and the advice of a body of his fellow-citizens whose only desire is to gerve his highest interests should be of some value in helping him to decide. The committee was appointed at a public meeting openly called and attended by all classes of the variety that carry an apple or a phonted and attended by all classes of the citizens, so that it is a citizens' committee in the fullest sense. Its recommendations are made on the ground of merit alone, and with absolute freedom from sectional, political or any other kind of bias.

The committee would have been glad

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UNIVERSITY SATURDAY LECTURES. L. O. David Are Coming.

such commercial, technical and classical courses as shall be adapted to the needs of an important and progressive community. Its duty will be to see that the fullest opportunity is afforded to the child of the poorest equally with the child of the richest citizen of Toronto to obtain not only a thorough primary education, but an equally toronto in these higher branches.

In these circumstances a special and weighty responsibility rests upon us all as voters. The character of the first board will largely determine that of future boards. For the wise and economical administration of such large fine and alministration of such large fine and call interests we need men of large practical business ability and experite five their children are too sacred to be entity. Above all to the parents of Toronto, the educational interests of their children are too sacred to be call were to e found in the array offered to hold of the ribbon in fine and a spray of hold and propped in, lending a speak of hold and spray of hold and a spray of hold and a spray of hold and a spray of hold as a proposition of the speak of the child of the richest citizen of Toronto to obtain not only a thorough primary education, but an equally thorough one in these higher branches.

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The choice loins sold to the big hotels and first-class boarding houses were labelled "not for sale." The prize winners bore the name of their producers, her list from.

In, any event, the miscellaneous assortment of good things gives a wide range for the good wife to make up her list from.

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Candidates Recommended.

BYRON E. WALKER,

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MRS. WILLOUGHBY CUMMINGS.

The advantages of having women on boards of education are everywhere recognized and Mrs. Cummings possesses the necessary qualifications in a high degree. Has demonstrated her executive and organizing ability as Secretary of the National Standard Sympathies. Has been for many there are a decreased and sympathies. Has been for many the process of the professor of the National Council of Women. Is a woman of culture, practical ideas and broad sympathies. Has been for many the commence of the States and sympathies. Has been for many the commence of the States and the National Council of Women. Is a woman of culture, practical ideas and broad sympathies. Has been for many the commence of the States and sympathies. The state series are considered to the commence of the state of the commence of the commence of the commence of the commence of the comm

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