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Public Amusements

Robert B. Mantell Coming.

Manager Small of the Grand Opera House has provided his patrons with a splendid attraction this week, and at both performances of "The Christian" to-day the famous play house should be taxed to its capacity. Those who have already witnessed the play, with W. S. Hart as "John Storm" and Lilla Vane as "Glory Quayle" are agreed that it is the equal of the original production. Manager Small is receiving the congratulations of the patrons for providing such an excellent attraction, especially at the Grand's special moderate prices. For New Year's week, Robert B. Mantell will be seen in a round of Shakespearean and classic dramas, and already there has been a good demand for seats. The bill for New Year's night is "Richard III."

New Year's Week at the Toronto.

"One of the Bravest," the firemen's drama at the Toronto Opera House, is drawing large audiences to the people's playhouse, and the story related is appreciated by the lover of thrilling melodrama. A most realistic fire scene is given and it never fails to arouse the enthusiasm of the audience. The New Year's attraction at the Toronto is "The Convict's Daughter," a new melodrama that has met with approval in the leading American cities. The story deals with the love affairs of the adopted child of a Kentucky colonel, and the plot is one of intense interest.

Our Navy.

Our Navy gives the first performance of its engagement in this city at Massey Hall to-day at 2.30. Judging from the way in which the advance sale has been taken up the engagement is sure to draw crowded houses. The new pictures are said to be the finest ever exhibited in this country. There will be two performances daily the remainder of the week. The prices are popular, being 25c, 35c and 50c. A special matinee will be given on Thursday, Friday and Saturday for children at 10c. The reserved seat plan is now open at Massey Hall.

At Shea's Next Week.

Wilfred Clarke & Co. will be seen in a one-act farce entitled "In the Blograph," at Shea's Theatre next week. Mr. Clarke is supported in this sketch by four very able actors, and it is said to be the best cast ever seen in vaudeville. Another special feature of the bill will be the Nine Nelsons, probably the most famous acrobats in the world. The World's Trio, with new songs, dances and costumes; the O'Meers Sisters, nimble young women on the tight wire; the Quaker City Quartet; Lillie Western, the Baileys and one or two other acts will complete the bill. There will be a special matinee New Year's Day. The show at Shea's Theatre this week is one of the best seen there in a long time. There is plenty of good comedy and several very pretty and bright acts. Herbert's dogs are attracting a large number of children to the matinees, and they are well repaid for their visit. Other bright spots in the bill include Hallan and Fuller, Felix and Barry, the Five Nosses, the Bison City Quartet, Hacker and Lester, Buoman and Adelle and May Walsh.

Presentation to Mr. C. T. Mead.

Last evening a number of gentlemen assembled at Mr. John Stormont's hotel on Colborne-street to make a presentation to Mr. C. T. Mead, agent for Mr. J. E. Seagram, in recognition of his long services to sport. The order was entrusted to Mr. Stormont himself, and he designed a very appropriate gift of a genuine old hunter's hat with crop and stirrups, all in solid silver. Mr. E. King Dodds was in the chair, and made the presentation. Speeches and songs carried the affair off with proper eclat.

MUNIFICENT MORGAN.

His Employes in Wall Street Are Well Remembered By Him.

New York, Dec. 24.—Happy are they who are in the intimate employ of J. Pierpont Morgan in his financial office in Wall-street. Fifty thousand dollars—no more and no less—is the sum he is reported to have distributed in the form of Christmas remembrances among ten of his clerks. Each received a $5000 gold certificate. A messenger of the millionaire drew the certificates from the sub-treasury just before closing time last Saturday. It may be interesting to those who do not enjoy the personal acquaintance of the great financier to know that the certificates are beautiful creations of the art of the engraver and printer. In color they are a most effective blending of green, orange and black. Of course this does not make them any more valuable, but it may possibly lend three shades of color to the story.

Successful Profit-Sharing.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 24.—The employes of the Bourne Mills, just over the Rhode Island line, in Tiverton, received to-day their 25th consecutive semi-annual profit-sharing dividend, and the announcement that the directors had voted to continue the plan another year. The dividends paid the employes have averaged more than 60 per cent. greater than savings banks' rates.

Offensive Even to Myself.—F. A. Bottom, druggist, Cookshire, Que., says: "For twenty years I suffered from catarrh. My breath was very offensive, even to myself. I tried everything which promised me a cure. I was induced to try Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. I got relief instantly after first application. It cured me and I am free from all the effects of it."—19.

MUNICIPAL DEBATE TO PROD COUNCILS

Glasgow is the Birthplace of a Decidedly Important Innovation.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—The North American's London correspondent says: Glasgow insists that it is the best governed large city in the world. The population at the last government enumeration exceeded 1,000,000. The water supply is brought some twenty-five miles from Scott's famous Lake Katrine, its tramways are said to be the cheapest and best in the kingdom, while the tax rate and rentals are low.

Notwithstanding this, something entirely new in the way of city government has been started there. It is a municipal debating society, and it has started with a great flourish. There is no official status to this organization; it cannot pass laws or in any way veto what the City Council has done.

The municipal debating society will embrace the leading men of all professions and business in Glasgow. The object will be to discuss public questions. Municipal improvements, taxation, public health, representation in Parliament, homes for the working classes, saloons, parks and theatres will all come up for consideration.

While this new and decidedly important body will have no legislative powers, it will be in the nature of a weekly town meeting, thoroly organized, where a free forum will be offered for the discussion of all pertinent matters.

The debating society can recommend things, and it will recommend them, and unless the opening meeting is a false criterion, its endorsements will be of momentous importance in future municipal transactions.

MURDERS OF NATIVES.

War Office Issues a Statement Giving Full Details in Each Case.

London, Dec. 24.—On official War Office paper has been issued containing Lord Kitchener's report specifying several cases of the shooting of natives by Boers.

Full details are given in each instance, and the evidence is thoroly conclusive. Besides the eight cases reported, involving the shooting of thirty-three natives, in which the killing of about fifty-five natives is involved, in which the full statements have not yet been received.

Here are three typical cases:

Case at Sandspruit.

On the night of Oct. 1, 1901, about 11.30 p.m., a party of Boers surrounded a native house at Dassie Klip, near Sandspruit, and killed four natives in or about the house. The party consisted of twenty-four, under the following leaders: Dirk Badenhirst of Dassie Klip; Cornelius Erasmus of Streepfontein, and C. Van der Merwe of Rool Draai.

The witnesses in this case are all natives residing at Dassie Klip, who knew the assailants well. In one case, a native called Karle was endeavoring to escape over a wall, but was wounded in the thigh. On seeing he was not dead, Stoffel Visagie of Skuilhock drew a revolver and shot him thru the head.

The charge against these natives appears to have been that they had harbored British scouts.

Case of John Makran.

John Makran and Alius Rampa (the witness) are unarmed natives living near Warmbath, north of Pretoria. On the evening of Sept. 17, 1901, Andries Van der Walt and a party of Boers surrounded Makran's house; Van der Walt told the boy to come out, and when he did so two men seized him; while two men held Makran's hands up, Van der Walt stood five yards behind him and shot him thru the head with a Mauser rifle.

When the boy fell he shot him again thru the heart, and then with a knife cut a deep gash across his forehead. Both these boys formerly worked for Van der Walt.

Case of Eight Boys.

On or about July 17, 1901, eight Kaffir boys, between the ages of twelve and fourteen, went out from Uitkijk, near Edenburg, to get oranges. None were armed. Boers opened fire, shot one, captured six; one escaped, and is now with Major Damant.

Corporal Willett, Damant's Horse, afterwards saw boys bodies near the farm, but so disfigured that they could not be recognized. Some Kaffirs were then sent out from Edenburg and recognized them.

One boy is supposed to have been spared by Boers, body not found. Lieutenant Kentish, Royal Irish Fusiliers, saw bodies, and substantially confirms murder, and states Boers were under Field-Cornet Dutoit.

MUTINEERS IN FRENCH ARMY

Resent Hardships and Object to Un-Christian Warfare.

Paris, Dec. 24.—For the third time in three months a French youth refused to serve in the army because of religious convictions or as a protest against the arbitrary military system. Private Deressol of the garrison at Belfort declares no punishment will induce him to carry arms, since it is forbidden by Christian doctrine. The government will court-martial him to-morrow, and he will be sent to join an African regiment. The military authorities are growing disturbed at the frequent recurrence of such cases, which they declared began with the pernicious example of Private Gourronier, who, after living a dozen years in the United States, returned to France at the age of 21, animated "by lawlessness and a false idea of liberty masked in the guise of evangelical Christian convictions." He suffered four years of imprisonment.

It is believed even in militarist quarters that it would be wise to reduce the length of service to two years, and a plan for such reduction was favorably reported yesterday by a committee of the Senate.

GAVE UP WEAPONS.

Manila, Dec. 24.—The Filipino Gen. Samson and all the other insurgent chiefs on the Island of Bohol have surrendered with 28 cannon and 45 guns.

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YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS.

A. E. Ames Will Hold a Meeting in Bracondale on Thursday Night.

Toronto Junction, Dec. 24.—The employes of the Comfort Soap Works waited upon Mr. Masecar, manager, in his office, after work this afternoon, wished him a Merry Christmas, and presented him with a very handsome writing desk, in oak.

WEST YORK ELECTIONS.

Joint public meetings will be held at the following places, and will be addressed by the two candidates—Mr. T. F. Wallace and Mr. Arch. Campbell.

Maple—Thursday, Dec. 26.
Richmond Hill—Friday, Dec. 27.
Eglinton—Saturday, Dec. 28.
Kleinburg—Tuesday, Dec. 31.
Thistletown—Thursday, Jan. 2.
Toronto Junction—Friday, Jan. 3.
Parkdale—Masonic Hall, Saturday, Jan. 4.
Douglas Hall, Bloor and Bathurst-streets—Tuesday, Jan. 7.
Humber Bay—Wednesday, Jan. 8.
Brockton—Sampson's Hall, Thursday, Jan. 9.
Woodbridge—Friday, Jan. 10.
Bracondale—Saturday, Jan. 11.

EAST TORONTO.

Messrs. Ames, Maclean and Snyder will address the ratepayers of sub-division No. 2 on Friday night in the Little York Fire Hall. They will also address another on Saturday night in the Norway School house.

The Court York Lodge, I.O.F., held a meeting on Monday and installed twenty new members. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable evening was spent by all.

Mr. W. J. A. and Mr. Harold Carnahan go to Meaford this morning to spend Xmas. They will return in a few days.

Mr. W. James Potter, who wandered away from home yesterday, found his way home, arriving there about midnight.

NORTH TORONTO.

It is understood that Mr. F. C. Miller, who was supposed to be in the running for the York Township Council, has retired. At the present time it is expected that the present members of the Council, with Mr. Wanless, will be the only candidates for councillorships.

It is rumored that Mr. G. H. Lawrence, formerly chief of police, will be a candidate for municipal honors.

A double wedding took place yesterday at the Davisville Methodist Church. Miss M. Thwaites of Deer Park was married to Mr. Travers of Sudbury, and Miss Emma Thwaites and Mr. C. A. Goulding were also united in matrimony. The Rev. G. A. Hudson was the officiating minister, and there was a large attendance of friends.

The children attending the Merton-street Mission had a very successful Christmas tree and entertainment on Monday evening, under the management of Mr. B. Arnott, the superintendent.

A special meeting of the Town Council was held last evening at the Town Hall, Mayor Davis presiding. A number of accounts were passed by the Finance Committee, and a bylaw was passed extending the time for sale of lands of non-residents for arrears of taxes until 1902. A resolution passed the Council remitting the sum of $45.98 on account of uncollectable dog taxes, statute labor and certain other uncollectable amounts on the 1900 roll. A general purpose money bylaw closed the meeting. The Mayor stated before the close of the meeting that he would have to call another meeting in the course of a few days.

There will be the usual Christmas Day service at Christ Church, Deer Park, this morning. Mr. Jones, the organist and choir master, has arranged a very good musical program.

BROWN'S CORNERS.

The annual meeting of Brown's Corners L.O.L. was held on Thursday evening last for the election of officers. The meeting was presided over by Bro. Richardson of Markham Lodge, District County Master, when the following officers were elected: W.M., Bro. Hugh Leaf; D.M., Bro. W. A. Elliott; chaplain, Bro. W. H. Silver; recording secretary, Bro. Frank Bliss; financial secretary, Bro. Thomas Ogden; D. of C., Bro. J. Rosebrough; first committeeman, Bro. J. Brillinger; second committeeman, Bro. J. Sutton; third committeeman, Bro. R. Scott; fourth committeeman, Bro. Thos. Wice; treasurer, Bro. Thomas McQuay; lecturer, Bro. R. B. Elliott.

The annual tea and entertainment in connection with Brown's Corners Presbyterian Church on Monday evening was an unqualified success. The Rev. Mr. Duncan was an admirable chairman. The receipts will be devoted to the reduction of the church debt.

YORK TOWNSHIP ELECTIONS.

There will be a meeting in Richmond Hall, Bracondale, on Thursday night, in favor of Mr. A. E. Ames, as Reeve. Several members of the old Council will speak, and also some new candidates.

Mr. D. C. Snider of Deer Park has announced his intention of coming out as a candidate for the Council.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF DAY.

Mr. Bernard Cosgrove, born in the County of Monaghan, Ireland, Dec. 24, 1810. Mr. Cosgrove has resided on Lot 30, Con. 2, Township of Markham, for 50 years, is hale and hearty, altho 91 years of age. J. J. Cosgrove, Collector, Inland Revenue Department, is one of five sons.

COUNTY NEWS.

Smith Wilson is a candidate for councillor in the Township of Scarboro.

BANQUETS FOR WAIFS.

One Organization Alone Will Feed Twenty Thousand Poor.

London, Dec. 24.—Beginning to-morrow, London will pass thru an unparalleled series of philanthropic holiday festivities. The Ragged School Union, which looks after needy children in 152 schools, will alone give away 20,000 Christmas dinners, consisting of goose, turkey, tea and plum pudding. Churches, missions and charity societies of all kinds will dispense substantial Christmas cheer on a scale hitherto unapproached.

John Kirk, secretary of the Ragged School Union, said to-day: "Whether or not the nation feels the necessity of laying an unusually heavy tribute on itself as a matter of conscience I cannot say, but the provision for feeding and clothing the poor this year breaks all records. I feel warranted in saying that not a single poor man, woman or child in London will be left out."

The most picturesque affair of the season will be at the Guildhall on New Year's night, when the Lord Mayor will entertain 1300 poor children at a banquet. His Lordship will appear in the full glory of his robes and chains of state. Every child will be given a showy toy. At the end the Lord Mayor will take his position at the door, when the youngsters march past. As each rank goes by His Lordship will cry "Happy New Year, Children!" The children are to answer, "And a Happy New Year to you, sir!"

On New Year's day the Lord Mayor will personally supervise and despatch 5000 hampers of food to needy crippled children.

Walker—Featherstone.

Miss Vera Featherstone, daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Featherstone, 119 Shaw-street, was married yesterday in Wesley Methodist Church, corner Dundas-street and Ossington-avenue, to Mr. John Walker of Ingersoll, and formely of Toronto. The ceremony, which was attended by only a few intimate friends, was performed by Rev. Isaac Tovell, pastor of the church. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. James Featherstone, ex-M.P. The bride's dress was of brown cloth, relieved by stone marten, and she wore a brown velvet toque. The bridesmaid, Miss Nana Wright, wore a brown cloth traveling suit and large black picture hat.

The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome sunburst of pearls, and to the bridesmaid, a dainty pearl pin. The happy couple left on the evening train for Ingersoll, their future home.

The Clyde Hotel has been doing a heavy and prosperous trade during the fall months. On Saturday, Monday and Tuesday Mr. Lemon and his two sons were kept hustling to find accommodation for his many patrons.

PET DOGS GOING OUT BABES THE FASHION

Tots Beginning to Appear at London Drawingrooms, Thanks to Princess' Action.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—The North-American's London correspondent says: The Princess of Wales has made babies fashionable in England. Children are supplanting lap dogs and silken-coated cats as drawing-room pets. How long the babies will rule no one can tell, but at present they are wearing the crown of popularity.

There are three bright children in the palace of the Princess of Wales, two boys and a flaxen, curly-haired little girl. These tots were left behind when the Prince and Princess went on the great colonial tour from which they but recently returned. And when they came home the glad welcome the royal mother received from her three children was so touching that the whole nation was put into a sympathetic mood. Now the Princess is rarely seen without having one or more of her babies with her.

Naturally, when the future Queen does a thing, that sets the fashion which all other titled ladies follow. That is the reason why fewer dogs and more children are seen in the fashionable drawing rooms today.

One thing the Princess absolutely forbids and it is for any member of her suite or one of her servants to kiss a dog or a cat. She does this for sanitary reasons, having been informed by her physician that such animals frequently communicate eczema to human beings.

Very little gossip concerning the royal tour has been printed here, one London editor having been imprisoned for publishing an article that seemed to reflect upon royal dignity. Henry Labouchere, however, notes one bit of gossip. A tea merchant of Ceylon presented a large quantity of the finest tea to the crew of the royal yacht Ophir. Each officer afterward kept four pounds of the tea, while the common sailors got but one pound. This was said to violate the spirit of the gift, the merchant intending all should have alike.

WISE CANADIAN HORSES.

The Beginning of a Possibly New Breed—An Equine Blondin.

Knowlton, Que., Dec. 24.—To most people it would seem to be impossible that the horse, by nature a denizen of a warm or at least a temperate country, could thrive in a wild state amid the rigors of a Canadian climate. That this is possible is shown by a recent incident.

A brace of moose hunters, who were camping out in the woods a few nights ago, in the extreme north of Pontiac County, thought they saw a white moose feeding in the scrub near by. Some scientific and painful stalking was done and just as the rifles were being levelled at the game it saved its life, and startled the hunters by giving utterance to a decidedly equine neighing.

It was then joined by a second dark-colored horse from the shadow of the woods, and this one also proceeded to browse upon the twigs and branches. As soon as the men showed themselves, the pair dashed back into the woods and disappeared.

The next day they narrated their experience to a band of shanty men and found that three or four of them had also seen the pair of horses running wild in the woods. At times the pair were accompanied by a big, red mare and a young foal.

The mare was recognized as one abandoned in the woods two years ago. The two horses are supposed to be the team of a lumberman who was drowned.

These animals have managed to subsist upon the beaver meadows in summer, and by browsing on twigs in winter for several years. Who knows but that there is a nucleus here for the raising of a drove of hardy tho perhaps stunted wild horses such as are found on the Welsh mountains or in the cold and barren Shetland and Orkney Islands to the north of Scotland?

The wonderful sagacity of horses often avails to prevent accidents in those northern wilds in the early winter. For instance, the writer once started to drive down Bark Lake on new ice at night fall. After ten hours' travel the horse, a very speedy Norman thorobred, came to a dead stop, and refused to go forward.

The beast had by her past actions inspired such confidence in her intelligence that her driver, not daring to attempt a turn in the pitchy darkness for fear of losing his bearings, covered her with the sleigh robes, and stamped about on the ice near her all thru the longest night in his experience.

When morning came it revealed an almost frozen man and horse upon the ice and open water just 30 feet in front of them. At the mare's feet was a man's toque or cap and a man's body was frozen into the ice, four or five yards away.

Experiment showed that six feet before the sleigh the ice was after the night's frost only three inches thick. Had another step been taken, there would probably have been one more added to the unwritten fatalities of the pine region.

The mail carrier on the Gatineau road in the ante-railway days once had a notable experience with a horse. He rode up one very dark night in the late autumn to the Aylwin postoffice and stalked into the little store with his bags, where he was greeted with the utmost amazement by the crowd around the stove.

"How did you get here?" they asked. "How did you cross the big Hamilton creek?"

"What do you mean? How do I always cross it?"

"Why, man," cried the crowd, "the bridge went out just at sundown. There is no crossing there."

The driver laughed incredulously and said he had ridden up the road in the usual manner. To settle the matter the men took their lanterns and walked down to the site of the bridge.

Sure enough the bridge had been washed away, leaving only some of the crib work and the middle logs or stringers upon which the centre of the bridge covering used to lie. These were about 18 inches wide, extending right across the 150-foot gully and were swaying with the current on their uncertain foundation.

And on these logs laid singly end to end were the marks of the mail man's horse's shoes. Over 30 feet of raging water in a night of Egyptian darkness, the horse had unfalteringly traversed that narrow pathway.

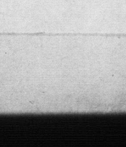
So unhesitating had his movements been that the man on his back was all unconscious of his danger, and unaware of the fact that the bridge had been carried away and that his beast was doing the Blondin act upon a swinging stringer.

There was not a man in the crowd of observers who would venture to make the same passage next day in broad daylight. The mail carrier threw up his job the next trip.

Thomas A. Russell, secretary of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, left for Exeter last night, where he will spend Christmas at his home.

General Superintendent Timmerman of the C.P.R. was in Montreal yesterday laying before the Board of Directors the estimates for the coming year's expenditures.

Mrs. Yeomans of Oswego, N.Y., and Mr. George R. Parker of Buffalo, brother and sister, are visiting their sister, Mrs. Lucas, at the corner of John and Adelaide-streets.



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LOCAL TOPICS.

R. L. Patterson, typefounder, has been appointed a justice of the peace for York County.

Miss Strickland, who went from the Church of England Deaconess' Training School, to do zenana work in Tarntaran, India, has written encouragingly of her work.

The Smith's Falls, Rideau & Southern Railway Company has given notice that application will be made to the legislature for an extension of time for the commencement and completion of their line.

W. E. H. Carter of the Bureau of Mines has returned from a trip thru the eastern part of the province. He visited the mica, graphite, hematite and felspar deposits, and reports that many improvements have been made at the mines.

The special committee of the Board of Trade to consider the needs of Toronto's Industrial Exhibition met yesterday afternoon, and prepared a report. It will be presented at the next meeting of the Council.

Increase of 10 Per Cent.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 24.—Notices were posted in the Iron Works Mills here to-day by H. C. B. Borden, owner, announcing that the operatives would receive as a Christmas gift an amount equivalent to an increase of 10 per cent. in wages of six weeks.

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Men's Siberian Dog Fur Gauntlet Mitts, buck paling fur lined, long full and close fur, regular $5.00, special..... **3.50**

Men's Astrachan Gauntlets, No. 1 skins, glossy and even curl, leather inside cuffs, and black calf kid palms, fur lined, special, mitts, $6.50; gloves..... **7.00**

Men's No. 1 Quality Persian Lamb Gauntlet Gloves, made from best European dyed skins, very best finish, special..... **12.00**

Men's Fine Grade English or American Fur Felt Stiff or Soft Hats, latest and the most fashionable styles for this season's wear, in black, brown, or grey colors, best binding and finish; our special price..... **2.00**

$1.50 Axminsters at 85c

Many of our regular customers have no doubt friends in town for the holidays. You would do a genuine service to your visitors by telling them about our Axminster and Velvet Carpets. They are in such choice designs, many of them made exclusively for us. And see what money you can save Thursday—65 cents a yard—making and lining included in the price.

Tapestry Carpet and Scotch Linoleum are also exceedingly interesting features for Thursday.

875 yds. AXMINSTER and VELVET CARPETS, with 5-8 borders to match, deep rich pile, beautiful colorings and patterns, blues, greens, reds, fawns, a carpet very suitable for parlor, sitting room or dining room. This carpet is good at the former price, made and laid complete Thursday, per yard..... **.85**

689 YARDS BEST QUALITY TAPESTRY CARPET, with 3-4 stairs to match, some with 5-8 borders, all the newest patterns, that have sold down to odd lengths, but large enough for room or hall, regular value 75c and 80c yard, Thursday morning..... **.55**

583 SQUARE YARDS HEAVY SCOTCH LINOLEUMS, 2 and 4 yards wide, in light block, tile and floral patterns, well printed and well seasoned; a cloth that will give good wear in a dining room or kitchen; our price 55c and 60c per square yard, on sale Thursday, per yard..... **.39**

In our Curtain Section, too, we can interest those who would like to take advantage of their Christmas visit to do a little shopping at this low-priced store:

69 PAIRS FINE QUALITY NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS, 50 in. wide, full 3 1-2 yards long, both in white and cream, suitable for any window, all finished with lock-stitch edges, a variety of patterns to choose from, never sold for less than $2.50, Thursday, per pair..... **1.48**

42 PAIRS ONLY TAPESTRY AND CHENILLE CURTAINS, 3 yards long, 50 inches wide, some with dadoes top and bottom, others with all-over patterns, a full range of colorings to choose from, our price $5.00 per pair, Thursday..... **3.98**

200 WINDOW SHADES, MOUNTED ON GOOD SPRING ROLLERS, trimmed with braid, lace, etc., some with insertion trimmings, complete with tassel, our usual selling price is 50c, 65c and 75c each, Thursday, all one price..... **.38**

VICTOR TRADE MARK

The Great $3.50 Shoe for Men

A credit to Canadian manufacturing.
A triumph of economic production.
An exclusive achievement of this store.
Victor Shoes are in quality equal to the best of shoes.
A $5 Shoe for $3.50—all sizes, widths, styles

$4 Jewellery for 50c

In the Jewellery Department Thursday we offer the following bargains as the aftermath of the immense Christmas business done in this section.

A number of odd pieces include Gold Brooches, Gold Shirt Stud Sets, Gold Stick Pins, Gold Cuff Links, Gold Cuff Pins in pairs, etc., etc. Every piece solid gold, and sold regularly from one to four dollars. Thursday all one price..... **.50**

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