

MACKAY'S

Three Day Xmas Sale

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Next

Unusual Offerings at this season, Very Liberally Underpriced

Men's Underwear Black Label Shirts and Drawers (Hewson's) reg. \$1.00 quality Sale Price 79c. Gar. Fleece Lined reg. 50c Sale Price 39c. each	Shaker Flannel Striped Shaker 36 inches wide reg. 12c. value. Sale Price 9c. yd.	Grey Cotton Fine Grade Cotton 34 ins. wide Reg. 9c. cotton 38 ins wide Sale Price 10 yds for 75c. Reg. 12c Cotton Sale price 10 yds. for 1.00
Boys' Underwear Fleece Lined Shirts and Drawers Sale Price 29c. Gar.	Apron Gingham Light and Dark patterns reg. 12c value Sale Price 9c. yd.	Table Linen Bleached and Unbleached reg. 35c. quality Sale price 24c. yd.
Worsted Hose Heavy Ribbed Stockings reg. 20c value Sale Price 15c. pair	Wrapperettes and Waistings In big variety of patterns Sale Price 9c. yd.	Table Oil Cloth All colors Sale price 20c. yd.
Excelsa Handkerchiefs Men's Fancy Hdkfs. Hem-stitched reg. 10c. Sale Price 3 for 20c.	Corded Velvet In all the best colors 27 in. wide reg. 50c. quality Sale Price 38c. yd.	Toweling Reg. 8c and 10c values cotton toweling and linen crash Sale price 7c. yd.
Colored Silk Hdkfs. Reg. 25c. quality Sale Price 15c. each	Ladies' Boots Dongolo Kid Boots reg. \$1.57 to \$2.00 quality Sale Price 1.49	Childrens Coats In white and colored Bear cloth etc., reg. \$2.00 to \$5.00 in all sizes up to age 6 Sale prices 1.50 to 3.50
Men's Heavy Socks A quantity of Grey Wool Socks which have become slightly soiled through jigs being broken. Sale Price 19c. pair	Ladies' Wool Caps Aviation caps in all colors reg. 75c and 85c quality Sale Price 49c. each	Pound Patches Reg. 20c. per pound Sale price 15c. lb.

We have hundreds of other lines specially priced which we have not space to mention. In a number of cases these prices will remain the same until Christmas but we are holding this sale in order to encourage our customers to do their Christmas Shopping Early. The early shopper always gets the best choice as many lines are sure to be sold out long before Christmas.

Our range of **Toys, Dolls, Games, Books, Fancy Goods, Etc.** is full and complete but we are already having a rush on these lines, and again we would advise early buying.

A. H. MACKAY, - - - Newcastle

NEWCASTLE MAN SHOT IN THIGH

Frank Tardy Shot by Comrade Who Was Cleaning a Gun.

Just a few moments after he had come off guard duty about noon today, Thomas Cardy, a member of the 26th Infantry Battalion was shot in the left thigh by a comrade-in-arms who was cleaning his gun. Both had been on guard duty and had been relieved. The accident happened in one of the smaller rooms off the main floor of the army, Cardy was rushed to the General Public Hospital where he is now being treated for the wound. It is not definitely known how serious the injury is, but it is not regarded as tending to be fatal. Witnesses of the shooting say it was purely accidental. Cardy belongs to the North Shore.—Times-Star.

[It has since been learned that the Thomas Cardy mentioned above is Frank Tardy, of Newcastle, who enlisted a short while ago. It was reported this morning that the unfortunate man had since died, but it is not definitely known whether true or not.]

Red Cross Society Held Business Meeting

One Hundred Members in Society

---List of Contributions

The first business report of the Newcastle branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, has just been sent to the headquarters in Toronto. Considering the short time the branch here has been organized, a great deal of work has been accomplished. There are one hundred members in the Society, and three life members. The treasurer's report shows a balance of \$331.02.

The following is the list to date of special cash contributions received:

- Miss Crocker \$.75
- Miss Jean Robinson .50
- Mrs. McQuarrie .50
- Mrs. Cleveland .50
- Mrs. Belyea .50
- Mrs. R. Crocker .50
- Mrs. Bate .50
- Mrs. Handley .35
- Mrs. Stothart .50
- Mrs. J. O. Fish 9.75
- Miss Parker .75
- Mrs. McMillan 1.00
- Mrs. Phinney .50
- Mrs. Hutchison 10.00
- Mrs. R. Nicholson 2.00
- Mrs. MacArthur 2.00
- Mrs. Aitken 25.00
- Mrs. A. Doyle .25
- Mrs. H. Williston 2.00
- Mrs. Bell 1.00
- Mrs. McCurdy 10.00
- Mrs. Walker 25.00
- Mrs. Hamilton .75
- Miss Hockin 1.00
- Miss E. Parker 1.75
- Miss Hickson 5.00
- Miss Hazel Hickson 5.00
- Mrs. E. H. Sinclair 10.00
- Mrs. W. M. Sinclair 5.00
- Miss Alice Falconer 2.00
- Mrs. Fitzmaurice 1.00
- Mrs. G. Stothart .75
- Mrs. Harrison 2.00
- Mrs. J. O. Fish 5.00
- Miss Ritchie 5.00
- Lost Chaparrone Co. 46.77
- Mr. E. A. McCurdy 5.00
- Miss A. A. Aitken 15.00

General Beyers Has Been Shot

Johannesburg, via London, Dec. 9.—Brigadier General Christian Frederick Beyers, one of the leaders of the rebellion in the Union of South Africa has been shot. It is officially announced and is believed to be dead.

General Beyers formerly was commandant-general of the Defence Forces in the Union of South Africa, but resigned last September because of his disapproval of British action against the Germans in Africa. He joined with General De Wet in a rebellion, but his forces met with several defeats.

CARDINAL PIETRO IS DEAD AT ROME

London, Dec. 5.—The Central News has received a despatch from its Rome correspondent saying that Cardinal Angelo Di Pietro, Doyen of the Sacred College, died this morning.

Cardinal Di Pietro was born May 26, 1828. He was Papal nuncio at Madrid in 1887 and he was created and proclaimed a Cardinal priest in 1893.

Presbytery of Miramichi Met Here Yesterday

Rev. Geo. Wood of Chatham Given Leave of Absence to Accompany Second Contingent to Europe.

The Presbytery of Miramichi met in St. James' Hall here yesterday. Those present were R. vs. J. R. Miller, Metapedia, P. A., elected Moderator for the next six months; E. E. Mowatt, Loggieville, clerk; Alex. Rettie, Millerton; S. J. MacArthur, Newcastle, Alex. Firth, Douglastown; Geo. Wood, St. Andrew's (Chatham); J. F. McCurdy, Redbank; Geo. Grant, Black River; W. McN. Matthews, Bathurst; G. P. Tattrie, Tabusintac; John Harris, St. John's (Chatham); D. Henderson, Chatham; J. F. Pooley, D. D. of Dalhousie College, and Rev. Mr. Greenlease, a corresponding member without pastorate.

Rev. Mr. Matthews reported that the following theological students had been engaged as Home Missionaries during the coming winter: Isaac Grant, for Bass River, Kent Co.; Stephen Dick, for Gloucester Co., and Mr. Lewis, for Doaktown.

The following delegation from Chatham were heard re resignation of Rev. Geo. Wood of St. Andrew's church, Chatham, in order to accompany the Canadian Army to Europe: Messrs. Alex. Watling, John Fowle, Howard Fleisher, R. A. Loggie and Wallace Watling. These commissioners all expressed deep affection for and the utmost confidence in Rev. Mr. Wood, and their desire that he remain their pastor, although at the front. Rev. Mr. Wood's resignation was withdrawn and he was given leave of absence until the close of the war. Rev. Mr. Firth was appointed inter-moderator of the church during Mr. Wood's absence.

Rev. Mr. Wood said that the present Hymn Book did not contain enough hymns for the young, and for Sunday schools and prayer meetings. Rev. Mr. McCurdy gave notice that at next meeting he would move that the Committee on Systematic Giving with that of Statistics and Finance.

Rev. Mr. McCurdy was chosen substitute for Rev. Mr. Wood on the Synod's Foreign Mission Committee.

Rev. E. E. Mowatt, who lately refused a call to Chipman, on the earnest solicitation of the Miramichi Presbytery and his Loggieville congregation, had since become convinced that it was his duty to accept. The call was sent to him although he had never preached in Chipman and was so insistent that he felt compelled to go. The Chipman salary is considerably less than that of Loggieville. The Presbytery reluctantly agreed to expedite Mr. Mowatt's exchange to St. John Pres'ytery.

It was decided to hold next meeting in St. John's church hall, Chatham, on the second Tuesday of March, at 2 p. m., the reports of committees to be taken up right after the reading of minutes.

Adjourned.

Disguised as Pilgrims Were to Take Quebec

Could Bring Men Across Border on Crowded Pilgrim Trains and Arm Them at Secret Store.

It is understood, says the Ottawa Free Press, that the German plan against Quebec was most ingenious and elaborate.

Those who devised it took into consideration the custom of making pilgrimages to Ste. Anne de Beaupre.

Authorities now suspect that the concrete foundation built on the Island of Orleans by a German manufacturer of concrete blocks and the store of rifles and heavy guns which German moving picture men are thought to have hidden there last summer were to have been made use of in a surprise attack by German-Americans who had been trained in the Kaiser's army.

Though all of the details have not been obtained, it is understood that the German statesmen proposed to direct their efforts against Canada as soon as they had rendered England helpless by invasion after a rush across northern France.

The strategists who prepared the ground for Germany's war against the world and who had gun foundations built before Liege, Antwerp, Paris and Edinburgh, concluded that Quebec could be most easily taken and a foothold gained in Canada at the proper time through a surprise carried out by bands of trained men who would assemble at Quebec under the guise of pilgrims to a holy shrine and who would find arms waiting for them there.

Quebec is resorted to each summer by pilgrims from all parts of Canada and the United States. They arrive by train loads and boat loads from points as distant as New Orleans, St. Louis, Minneapolis and St. Paul. So accustomed have people become to such crowds that five or six thousand strangers attract no attention in Quebec.

The Germans who planned the stroke calculated that if a few thousand trained men could be assembled in Quebec without attracting notice and then be adequately armed they could with one stroke capture the big guns which guard the St. Lawrence against the ascent of hostile craft; they could seize the Canadian rifle and ammunition factories, and would be in a position to dominate eastern Canada and open the gates to a general invasion.

Fortunately their plans have come to naught.

The failure of the German armies to carry through the Kaiser's purpose in Europe has made not merely Quebec and Canada secure, but has guaranteed the integrity of the British Isles. The superiority of the British fleet has made it impossible for German force to be carried across the water, and today along the American border, United States and Canadian secret service men are watching for suspicious strangers. Upon the Island of Orleans the hidden arms are being sought.

If any danger ever existed it has been removed.

The affair is interesting chiefly as showing how far German ambitions extended and to what length plans were made to carry them out.

DE WET FACING COURT-MARTIAL

Boer Rebel Lodged in Fort at Johannesburg.

London, Dec. 4.—Telegraphing from Johannesburg, Reuter's correspondent says:

"Ill and haggard, but calmly smoking his pipe, Gen. Christian De Wet, the rebel leader, arrived here today guarded by soldiers with fixed bayonets. He was taken through the streets, which were lined with excited people, and placed in the fort a prisoner, pending a probable court martial.

"Whether he will be hanged as a traitor cannot yet be predicted. That some factions favor this, however is indicated by the tone of the national press, which urged government action against those beyond the scenes, who stimulated De Wet and other rebels in action. Those contrators, it is added, should be brought to the shadow of the gallows."

Proposed Good Work By Salvation Army

Will Give Xmas Dinners to the Poor and Aged People, and Other Charity

Is it well with Thee? It will make your own Christmas much happier to know that you have remembered those this Christmas tide with whom it is not well, if you are fortunate and it "is well with thee" may we not ask that you will be good enough to share your prosperity and comforts with others not forgetting the promise, "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord."

We are anxious to serve the poor locally by undertaking to distribute your Christmas Cheer and Winter Relief. Will you make the Salvation Army your Almoner? What we propose doing locally:

1. Giving Xmas Dinners to poor and Aged People.
2. Monthly hot suppers and religious entertainments for poor children.
3. Relief during the winter where intelligent investigation proves this necessary.

Donations for this work will be thankfully received and acknowledged by Captain P. Forbes, Salvation Army, Newcastle, N. B. We will make fullest investigation before distributing your gifts.

LOGGIEVILLE ITEMS

Dec. 7.—Miss Smallwood of Harcourt is visiting at the home of Mrs. Dunbar.

Miss Mary McDermald of Nelson is spending some time in town at present.

The many friends of Rev. E. E. Mowatt regret to learn that he gives up his work in this town with the close of the year. The announcement in regard to this was made in Knox church on the 6th inst., came as a very great surprise to the congregation, as up to the last few days Mr. Mowatt had practically decided to remain here. At the last meeting of Presbytery held in Chatham Mr. Mowatt declined to accept the Chipman call, but since that time he has reconsidered the matter, and now feels that owing to the peculiar nature, and the urgency of the call to that place, that it is his duty to go. During Mr. and Mrs. Mowatt's stay in town they have made many friends, and the manse has been a place where everybody was made welcome.

Mrs. William Gillis and family of Napan have the sympathy of the town folk in their recent sad bereavement. Mr. Gillis and son Frank both passed away within a few days of each other. Interment was made in Pine Grove cemetery here.

Miss Mable McDonald entertained the Swatiska Club on Thursday evening of last week. The Ladies' Aid meets this week at Mrs. Fowle's, and the Missionary Society at Rev. John Robertson's.

Mrs. O'Brien of Chatham is visiting relatives here.

Miss Marcella Kelly, recently of Boston was in town last week.

Miss Jennie Noble spent Sunday in Hardwick.

Miss Ethel Dickson visited her home at Napan recently.

Miss Mary Jessamine and Miss Belle Jessamine of Douglastown, left Thursday for Boston. Miss Mary Jessamine will spend three weeks there before returning to New York and her sister will enter the Boston City hospital as nurse.

Call and See Our Christmas Display

All new goods and mostly Made in Canada. Our Japanese China this year is daintier than ever, and our assortment of Xmas trimmings and Xmas tree decorations is unsurpassed. See our Silk Canadian Flags at 10c. each.

A. E. SHAW, Druggist

Special Xmas Sale

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Hear the famous **Amherst Player** and other Pianos, which we are offering at a big discount for the Holiday season. A beautiful gift for the home. Guaranteed for twenty years.

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See our full line of Furniture which includes Morris Chairs, Leather Covered Chairs, Buffets, Sideboards, Brass Beds, Iron Beds, Springs and Mattresses, Etc.

MEN'S COATS

A big line of Men's Coats. Also Robes, Blankets, Harness and a full stock of

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ALL AT BIG REDUCTIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

See our line before purchasing elsewhere. Store open evenings

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The Clock in Belgium Has Absolutely Stopped

Millions Depend on Help We Send Them--Mothers with Babies in Arms Stand at Canteens Waiting for Rations.

London, Dec. 4.—Herbert Clark Hoover, chairman of the American commission for relief in Belgium, returned to London tonight after a week's trip of inspection in Belgium. Mr. Hoover reported that the distribution of foodstuffs sent in care of the American commission is well under way, but stated that the condition of famine which threatened the population of Belgium is still desperate, and that on account of the attitude of the belligerents, the Belgians must still appeal to the people of the United States for relief.

"It is difficult to state the position of the population of Belgium without appearing hysterical," said Mr. Hoover in his statement. "I do not know that history presents any parallel of a population of seven million people surrounded by a ring of steel and utterly unable by any conceivable effort of their own, to save themselves."

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