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PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.
Toronto, Dec. 22—11 a. m.—South-
erly winds, fair, with a little higher
temperature. Friday, mild with light
snow, change to colder at night.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

J. A. McRae, of Ottawa, is in town to-day.
Velvet ice cream for Christmas can be had only at R. H. Crump's, King street west.
Will Murphy, the popular head clerk in Wilson's grocery, is on the sick list.

Briscoe's have two delivery wagons delivering toys to convenient places for Santa.
Midnight mass will be held at Big Point Church on Saturday night next.

Urban fairs make Urban presents. To-morrow morning any Cloth Mantle in the store \$10. Urban.

Miss La Bombardiere, Head street, entertained a few of her friends last evening. A very enjoyable time was spent by all.

Finest kind of candies at the lowest prices in Chatham. R. H. Crump, King street west.

I have rings to meet every taste, fit every hand, match every purse in my unequalled stock. Lailey, the jeweler.

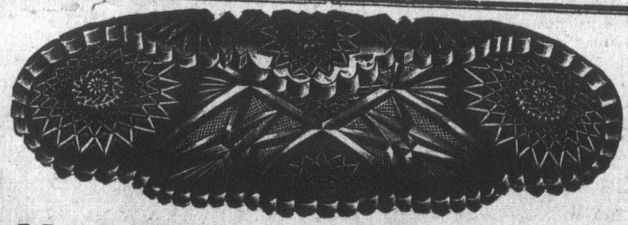
Sydney Falls has returned from boarding school at Lakefield to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

The leading Canadian piano, the Mason & Hinch, at a special Christmas offer, in our new piano rooms, Geo. Stephens & Co.

The Board of Jury Selectors met this morning in the Judge's Chambers, Harrison Hall, and completed the selection of jurors for 1905.

Miss Helen Atkinson, daughter of G. K. Atkinson, has returned, after an extended visit with friends and relatives in Virginia, Toronto and other places.

Miss Clara Jackson, daughter of William Jackson, Dover Centre, and Patrick McNairne, of Detroit, formerly of Dover, were married to-day at Dover Centre.



HAWKES CUT GLASS

A yellow diamond makes a good show until compared with a white one, and can show you five other makes, Canadian and American, but Hawkes stands out in a class by itself. Come in and let us show you the difference, and it won't take long either. There is comparatively very little difference in the cost but oh what a difference in quality.

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JAPS TOLD THE TRUTH

Stoessel Admits the Partial Disabling of Russian Fleet.

Admiral Still Claims, However, That Some of the Vessels Are Able to Put to Sea—An Amazing Jap-Russ War Feature—Rival Armies Laugh At Each Other's Effort to Catch a Manchurian Shear.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—While declining to give details, the Admiralty admits that Russian advice from Port Arthur, sent by General Stoessel, substantially confirmed the Japanese advice of the partial wrecking of the Russian ships in the harbor, and the censor has been instructed to permit the publication of the despatches.

It is claimed that several of the larger ships and a respectable number of torpedo boat destroyers are still seaworthy, but that they are not being considered as a factor in the coming fight between Admiral Togo's ships and the Russian second Pacific squadron. If the fortress is relieved, it is believed that most of the ships will be raised and saved.

The reports that a Japanese squadron of 40 vessels had already sailed to meet the second Pacific squadron is regarded as the Admiralty here as being incorrect and circulated for a purpose.

Truly A Historic Pig.

Correspondence of the Associated Press, on the Front Line of Russian Defence, Below Mukden, Nov. 22.—During a ride around the front, from which we have just returned, we noted a row towards the forward line of trenches that might have presaged a Japanese attack. From a seemingly deserted Chinese hut rushed a half grown pig, a shoat of the Manchurian variety. After it went a Cossack in hot pursuit. Other Cossacks joined the chase, but the pig, threading the trenches, gained the open ground and headed for the Japanese lines, less than 400 yards away.

Regardless of the possible consequences, six Cossacks dashed in pursuit with their long brown coats tucked about their waists. But the pig had the legs of them and with ear-piercing shrieks headed across the imaginary dividing line and charged the Japanese position. The opposite hill slope had been to all appearance vacant and silent as the grave, but a hidden trench suddenly gave up a party of Japanese and away they went after the pig. The Cossacks stopped and the Japanese headed the pig diagonally back towards the Russian lines. They did not catch it, but a fresh relay of Russians took up the chase and the pig veered over again to the Japanese lines.

Not a shot was fired at this time, but Japanese and Cossacks stood within a hundred paces of each other in the open, laughing at each other's non-success and hurling mutual maledictions after the pig. The last we saw of it the pig was keeping strictly to the neutral strip between the two forces and heading westward in the direction of the Liao River.

Sevastopol Disabled.

Tokio, Dec. 22.—Admiral Togo, who has personally made a series of observations of the Russian battle-ship Sevastopol, telegraphs to the Naval Department, expressing the opinion that the Sevastopol is disabled. Great weight is attached to Togo's personal observations and when the Russian battleship Petrovsk was sunk, Togo was one of the few officers of the entire Japanese fleet whose eye caught the vision of speedy disaster.

Steamer Nigretia.

Tokio, Dec. 22.—The examination of the cargo, passengers and crew of the British steamer Nigretia is progressing. Seemingly it is understood whether parole-breaking Russian officers are on board the Nigretia. The Japanese are carefully investigating this feature of the case, because of the question of the ability of the Chinese officials to properly conduct the internment of Russians who seek refuge at ports in China, which is considered to be vitally important.

Jap Trophies.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The following cablegram, dated Tokio, Dec. 21, has been received at the Japanese Legation: "Port Arthur army reports our trophies at the battle of the north fort of Pankkeewanshan were four quick-firers, whereof two are usable; four machine guns, usable and five field guns, which are under examination, besides rifles, shells, ammunition, grenades, etc."

Trip For Military Attaches.

Tokio, Dec. 22.—The Japanese transport Manish leaves Japan for Port Arthur about Dec. 26, carrying the foreign naval attaches and Parliamentary delegations. The trip is intended to give the attaches an opportunity to make technical observations.

Urban Kid Gloves are the gloves to buy for Christmas.

Nothing nearer for Christmas than a new White sewing machine, 35 points of superiority, Geo. Stephens & Co.

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Veilings and Ribbons, the best value and colors for Christmas.

Felt hats, trimmed and untrimmed, at the lowest prices.
Made hats of velvet or silk from \$2.49 and \$2.99.

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Is now complete. Price from 25c. to \$2.00.

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Special lines of Bates Patent Colt, \$3.50; Packard \$4.00 and \$5.00

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For Christmas Trade

WE OFFER

Finest Almonds Grapes at 20c per lb.

"Table Raisins," Imperial Clusters," at 20c per lb.

California Oranges, "Navels," at 25c, 30c and 40c per doz.

Messina Lemons at 25c per doz.

Cape Cod Cranberries, 2 qts. for 25c

Valencia Raisins, re-cleaned, 3 lbs. for 25c

Finest Currants, re-cleaned, 3 lbs. for 25c

Finest Seeded Raisins in 1 lb. pkgs., 10c per lb.

Imperial Figs in layers at 10c, 15c and 20c per lb.

Crosse & Blackwell's Peels, "orange, lemon and citron," at 20 lb.

Choice Mince Meat, 10c per lb.

Coing Sugar, 3 lbs. for 25c

Cut Leaf Sugar, 3 lbs. for 25c

Mixed Nuts at 15c lb.

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The Original ALICE NIELSEN \$40,000 Production

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Music by VICTOR HERBERT Book by HARRY B. SMITH STARRING

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The World's Greatest Imitator

Prices—25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00
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NEW BOOKS JUST ARRIVED

—FOR THE—
HOLIDAY TRADE

Suitable for Christmas Presents:

LITTLE FOLKS—476 pages, for young people.

CHILDREN'S TREASURES—for younger people.

THE QUIVER—for Sunday and general reading

HEART IN EXILE—By John Oxenham.

JESSE & CO.—By J. J. Bell.

WHOSOEVER SHALL OF FEND

HELIANTHUS—ONEIDA

THE LOVES OF MISS ANNE

THE PRISON OF MADEMOISELLE

DOUBLE HARNESS—LOVE FINDS THE WAY—A LADDER OF SWORDS—

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Boy's Watches

\$1.50

We have just received a case of special regular \$3 Watches, stem wind and stem set, which we are selling from now till Christmas for

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Toys, Sleighs, Doll Carriages, Tool Chests, Dolls, Rocking Horses, Exercisers, Punching Bags, Boxing Gloves, etc.

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HEALTHY CHRISTMAS CANDIES

By which we mean Candies which aid good health instead of destroying it.

Such Are...
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The reason is that they are made of the best and purest materials obtainable. Having visited the factory, we know that it is as clean and neat as the kitchen of a good housekeeper.

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Up-to-date Millinery.

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White Spreads

Best quality Honeycomb Bedspreads, choice patterns, soft make, finished ends, 10-4 size \$1.10, 11-4 size \$1.25, 12-4 size \$1.40, each.

English Marseilles Spreads, a few special values, choice designs: 10-4 sizes at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00; 11-4 full size at \$2.00, \$2.25, \$3.00 and \$3.75 each.

Wool Blankets

Best Canadian makes, full bed sizes, nice clean yarns, fancy pink or blue borders, \$2.75 up to \$4.75 a pair.

Eiderdown Quilts

Just the thing to give for a Christmas gift, pure down filled, covered with choice quality fine saten, hand-some patterns, nicely quilted, 66x72 size at \$4.50, \$5.00 and \$5.75 each.

Fancy Linens

Just in, New Damask Linen, Side-

board Scarfs, hemstitched all round, beautiful designs: 18x68 in., 75c and \$1.00 each; 18x50 in., 75c. Very choice fine damask runners, open-work centres with scalloped ends, 18x50 in., \$1.00; 18x76 in., \$1.25 each.

Table Napkins

Three special values, 5-8 and 3-4 sizes, choice assorted designs, best quality linen, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00 per dozen.

Fancy Towels

Excellent value in fine Damask and Huck Towels, for Christmas Gifts, hemstitched ends, beautiful patterns, at 25c, 45c, 50c, 60c and 65c each.

Tucked Apron Lawns

New goods, just in for the Christmas trade, plain tucks, double rows of embroidery or lace insertion, fine quality lawn, wide widths, at 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c and 40c yard.

IF THE GIFT BE

GLOVES

SEND THE BEST. The ideal gift, whatever price is paid for it, is to send a thing which is the best of its kind that money can buy. For this reason gloves are the very best suggestion when one wishes to confine the amount to a moderate sum.

TREFOUSSE CLOVES

ARE THE BEST. The woman who receives them knows that the sender secured the best that money could buy in selecting the gift. They are shown in the following assortment.

PAULINE KID AT \$1.00—A 2-clasp Glove with self back or white, seams well sewn; colors are tan, brown, black, grey, castor.

BRATRICE SUEDE, \$1.25—A 3-clasp, undressed Glove, nicely finished, with self or white backs; colors, black, castor, tan.

GREYLOCK KID AT \$1.25—A 3-clasp Kid Glove, seams evenly stitched, self or white backs; colors, grey, castor, black, tan, etc.

We carry a complete range of Fancy Ringwood Gloves in all sizes; colors, black, white, and fancy, at 20c to 25c.

A Sensible Gift FOR A MAN

Perhaps your husband really needs a new Dress Suit or a Business Suit; but is making the old one do. We suggest that making him a present of a new suit on Christmas will be a pleasant surprise, and will probably be much more appreciated than a gift of less serviceable qualities.

The Austin Ready-made Stocks of these important suits are made in the same careful and skillful style as custom-made clothing. All of the important work is done by the most skillful workmen; the materials are carefully selected, and the garments are finished in the smart manner, characteristic of fine clothing. We can help you in discovering the proper size by measuring any of his present suits, and, of course, the suit can be exchanged and the man properly fitted after Christmas.

BLACK WORSTED SUITS

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MEN'S BUSINESS SUITS

Of reliable All Wool Tweeds and Pattern Worsted in the popular styles of three button D. B. & S. B. Sack Coats, serviceable linings and well made, nobly effects and quiet patterns to suit every taste, prices range \$7.50 to \$13.50

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in Plain Black and Novelty Patterns, the long coat is the popular garment—some with belt, others plain, also the Three-Quarter Dress Coat for the conservative man; cloths are of Cheviots, Tweeds, Beavers and Meltons.

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For all sizes and ages, from 3 years to 16.

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