# The Ideal Christmas Present

Perhaps you have put it off until the last moment and now you are in doubt as to the best Christmas present for your wife or family. Maybe you have intended to dispose of that old piano and get a new one for some time, but you have put it off until you have almost forgotten your good intentions. What a surprise it would be to have that new piano installed Christmas morning, and what delight would shine in somebody's face. Drop into our Local Warerooms and see what can be done. Of course, when you get a new piano you want the best. The best artists, musicians, music lovers everywhere agree that for elegance of construction and musical perfection

# The New Scale Williams

has no equal. Read the extracts from letters of prominent people all over Canada, and well-known artists, in regard to the New Scale Williams, which we give below, and be sure and call in this evening or tomorrow and talk it over with our Salesman.

#### Mr. Ross Approves

OF THE NEW SCALE WILLIAMS PIANO.

The Hon, G. W. Ross, Premier of the Ontario Government, who, besides his eminent qualities of statesmanship, possesses a keen artistic musical sense, has placed the stamp of his approval on the New Scale Williams Piano by purchasing one from the Toronto warerooms of R. S. Williams & Sons. The New Scale, Style 20, was the one selected and the Williams Piano

Co., are to be congratulated on the honor conferred on them. The New Scale Williams, Style 20. may be seen at the local warerooms of the local agents of this celebrated

#### Dr. Edward Fisher

THE DISTINGUISHED MUSICAL DIRECTOR OF THE TORONTO CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC,

Is so pleased with the New Scale Williams Piano that he has written the company the following congratu-

"Gentlemen,-It affords me pleasure to tell you that I have found your New Scale Williams Piano to be extremely satisfactory. It seems to be an artistic instrument in every respect. I have no doubt that its qualities of strength and endurance will prove to be up to the standard of its tone and strength of design, both of which are certainly very beautiful, You have my sincere congratulations on achieving so distinct a success."

Dr. Fisher expresses the general sentiment of all artists on the excellent manner in which these celebrated pianos are made, and the beauty of tone and case construction which is noted and appreciated on all sides. It is pleasing to note that the determination to produce an instrument of the highest artistic attainments by the Williams Piano Co., Limited, is so well appreciated and indorsed by connoisseurs all over Canada, in fact ail

over the English-speaking world. The New Scale Williams is a piano which has been constructed along entirely new lines and possesses so many advantages over other makes that is is well worth one's calling at warerooms to examine it. The Williams Piano Co., Oshawa, publish three booklets on the history and construction of a piano, which can be had direct by mail on application, or from the local representatives of this celebrated piano.

#### Cannot Be Excelled

MISS FREEK'S OPINION OF THE NEW SCALE WILLIAMS PIANO.

Miss Florence Edna Freek, vocal instructress of Alma Ladies' College, writes of the New Scale Williams Piano as follows:

Gentlemen-The New Scale Williams Piano which I have purchased has given me perfect satisfaction. The tone is delightfully mellow and sustaining, and the action marvelously clear. For accompanying the voice it cannot be excelled. Wishing you all success, I am, sincerely yours.

FLORENCE EDNA FREEK. Vocal Instructress Alma Ladies' College

#### Miss Edythe Hill

MEZZO - CONTRALTO, TORONTO, EXPRESSES HER DELIGHT.

So delighted was Miss Edythe Hill with the excellent results obtained from the New Scale Williams that she has written the following letter. "Gentlemen-Allow me to congratulate you on the New Scale Williams Piano. There is a charming freshness about them that is delightful. They answer perfectly all requirements of

artists, in beauty of tone, evenness of scale and exquisite singing quality. The case is handsome and the action finely adjusted, giving that delightful touch, so much sought after. Wishing you the successes you deserve. I am, yours respectfully,

H. EDYTHE HILL." Miss Hill's words of praise are additional evidence of the satisfaction given on every hand by the New Scale Williams. If you are thinking of buying a piano, it will be well worth your while calling at the local warerooms to examine the many advantages possessed by this piano over other makes. The Williams Piano Co., Oshawa, publish three booklets on the history and construction of a piano which can be had direct by mail on application, or from the local representatives of this celebrated piano.

#### The "Premier" Piano

THE NEW SCALE WILLIAMS PIANO SUPPLIED TO FOUR DIS-TINGUISHED PREMIERS IN CANADA.

First there was the Right Hon, Sir

Chas. Tupper, Bart., Premier of Canada, 1896; then the Hon. G. W. Ross, Premier of Ontario; Hon. R. P. Roblin, Premier of Manitoba; lastly Hon. F. W. G. Haultain, Premier of the Northwest Territories. All of these gentlemen. after considering carefully the merits of all makes of pianos, decided on the New Scale Williams for their homes, satisfied that it is the first piano in Canada today in point of beautiful workmanship, finish and artistic intrinsic value. It is the music lovers' piano

#### **Wonderful Purity and Power**

BANDMASTER E. T. MURRAY, OF 42nd BLACK WATCH BAND, GREATLY PLEASED WITH THE PURITY AND VOLUME OF TONE OF THE NEW SCALE WILLIAMS

Bandmaster E. T. Murray visited the exhibit of the Williams Piano Co., Limited, of Oshawa, at the Toronto Exhibition, and after beng shown the New Scale Williams Piano, gave his tribute in the following words: After examining your New Scale Williams Piano I am pleased to say that I have found it to be most satisfactory in every respect. I was greatly surprised at the beautiful purity and wonderful volume of tone which is so rarely found in an upright piano. The musical qualities resemble those of a fine Baby Grand more than an upright Its acoustic properties have been very finely perfected, while the solidity of construction and workmanship are greatly to be admired.

(Signed,) E. T. MURRAY, Bandmaster 42nd Black Watch.

## Greatest English Tenor's

THE THE - SHIPE Canadians must feel gratified when the highest musical critics of the mother land speak in glowing and complimentary terms of one of Canada's eading pianos. Mr. Ben Davis, England's greatest tenor, who delighted everyone who was fortunate enough to hear him with Sir Alexander Mackenzie's Festival Choirs last spring, was so pleased with the New Scale Williams Piano that he has written the following appreciative letter to the Williams

"Gentlemen-I want to tell you how much pleased I am with the New Scale Williams Piano you supplied me. It is magnificent. The tone color strikes me as very beautiful. It is everything I could desire, and I predict for it a distinctive place among the great pianos. I trust it will be my good fortune to use your instrument frequently."

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#### Premier Haultain's Opinion

DELIGHTED WITH HIS NEW SCALE WILLIAMS PIANO.

ever ready to express their appreciation of Canadian productions. Here is a letter recently received by the Williams Piano Co., of Oshawa, from Premier Haultain, of the Northwest

Dear Sirs,-I am delighted with my new piano (New Scale Williams), which arrived the other day. It is as good in quality as it is handsome in appearance, and has been very highly praised by my musical friends who have played it and heard it.

Yours faithfully, F. W. G. HAULTAIN.

#### A Favorite Among Singers

A MUSICAL ARTIST'S OPINION OF THE NEW SCALE WIL-LIAMS PIANO.

Miss Margaret B. McCoy, vocal teacher and soloist of Dundas Center Methodist Church, London, writes as follows:

The Williams Piano Co., Limited, Oshawa, Ont.:

Gentlemen,-It is a great pleasure for me to add a few words of praise regardng the excellence of the New Scale Williams Piano with which you supplied me. The tone is rich and sympathetic, making it a beautiful piano for accompanying and sustaining the voice. I am sure it will be a great favorite among the singers of this country. Wishing you every success, I am, Very sincerely yours,

MARGARET B. McCOY. Soloist of Dundas Center Methodist Church, London. Vocal teacher, 493 Dundas street, London, Ont.

### Prominent men all over Canada are THE WILLIAMS PIANO COMPANY, LTD., AGENTS, 171 DUNDAS STREET.

## THE RISE OF THE FOREST CITY; **LONDON FROM 1826 TO 1836**

(Continued from page 7.) than Wilson and Becher. bold expression and tilted nose verged on coarseness-Becher, tall, and even sallow complexion, polished manners and gentlemanly bearing, H. L. Askin, son of Colonel Askin; Stewart, afterward of Goderich; Alex. McLean, who became a pioneer lawyer at Chatham; James Shanly, better known afterward as Colonel and Mr., afterward Judge. Askland, of Goderich. Fred Cleverly was a student with John Stuart, the early practitioner already referred to, ter years. was familiarly known as "Horse Stuart," from his partiality for horses, in contradistinction to John Stewart, Wilson's student, then known as "Four-Eyed Stewart" from some peculiarity vision, which, presumably, en abled him to look in four directions at Woods, of Chatham, Hugh Barwick, and W. S. Light, of Woodstock, J. P. Captain McCormack, of Adelaide, af-

acted as solicitor for the first char-

#### The Learned Professions.

Dr. Chisholm with Dr. Lee and Dr. Donnelly endeavored to preserve the health of the infant town. The pioneer doctors' efforts were largely unavailing when the cholera reached the village in 1832, when great was the consternation and numerous the deaths for a community so small—not too small, the opinion of E. A. Talbot, who established the Sun, London's first paper, in 1831, but had soon reason for believing his enterprise a little prematice—for the paper was short-lived.

de by many scenes and incidents of London's first decade—of the first decade—of the first court house and jail surrounded by stumps, to one of which the first privations, to one of which the first privations and numerous the deaths for a settler's most privation and numerous the deaths for a settler's most privation and numerous the deaths for a settler's most privation and numerous the deaths for a settler's most privation. The rules were such as only million and others.

The rules were such as only million anterecipt of resoult hope to live up to. For instance, no member was allowed to lose more than \$5,000 a week at cards on the club prematical the privation of the club. The subscribed capital, he said, was only \$35, while the liabli-site were \$55,000 or \$60,000. Several the most popular Am ture—for the paper was short-lived. His brother John, however, for some time conducted the St. Thomas Liberal,

times he frequently broke a lance with don nine years later, with a view to his former preceptor, Mr. Wilson. As educating the growing family with his name will recur in these pages, it which his union with Ann Farley, his play beneath its shadow, released from will suffice at present to see pages, it which his union with Ann Farley, his play beneath its shadow, released from the second in the seco will suffice at present to say that two Nissouri neighbor's daughter, had been men could scarcely present a wider blessed. He determined to try mercancontrast in appearance and manner tile life for a time and opened a store Wilson, on the north side of Dundas street, sturdy, inclined to stoutness, with broad, open, strong countenance, be had—the latter for the first time in London, it has been stated. Mr. Scatchslight, straight featured, with dark, Colonel Burwell at the first parliamenterd was the candidate in opposition to ary election for London, when the latter was, however, returned. After five which he never laid aside, was suave which he never laid aside, was suave and smooth of speech. In addition to tional plans for the children, who Mr. Becher, Mr. Wilson's students in meantime were taught at Miss Stimson's and the district grammar schools, he returned once more to Wyton, became warden of the county and mem-ber of parliament for West Middlesex until his death. His son Thomas was, however, destined to become a permanent resident and prominent lawyer of the city, and member of parliament for North Middlesex in af-

London's Early Appearance. The Forest City was gradually emerging from the forest. Even the postoffice, which had been opened in 1828 in the farm house of Ira Schowas found to be at an inconvenient distance from the business center, and Alexander Drummond and was acordingly moved down to Mr. Goodhue's store. For the next few in 1837, of which mention is

and Thomas D. Warren were already Mr. Goodhue was postmaster during practising in St. Thomas. The former most of the period from 1829 until the tered bank in London, the Bank of Upper Canada, established under the management of Richard Richardson in more after that date. In the mean-1835, and was soon called over from St. time Mr. Goodhue had taken a partner at \$250, from the payment of which but all the loopholes are defended by Thomas to be closer at hand, and to in the person of Mr. Lawrence Lawra- ministers and ambassadors were exson, afterwards police magistrate, who empt. The members of the committee

ed by many scenes and incidents of ford, J. Pierpont Morgan, John Jacob release some convicted turkey thieves, drawing forth a sharp reprimand from High Constable Peter Schram, endorsed Capt. Okeely, the director, continued time conducted the St. Thomas Liberal, whose violent radicalism as opposed to the equally violent Toryism of the St. Thomas Journal, published by Mr. Hodgkinson, was remarked by Mrs. Jamieson in 1837. After the Liberal's suppression and the flight of its proprietor across the border at the close of that year, the former editor of the Sun, E. A. Talbot, launched a fresh venture, the London Freeman's Journal, in 1839.

John Scatcherd, who had come in 1821 from Wyton, near Hull, in England, to become the pioneer and found-

counter supported by barrels, in a dis-used blacksmith shop, his first station-ary place of business; of the first court house moving off on a December night of 1828, on runners drawn by oxen, to the southwest corner of the square; of Robert Carfrae crossing the first quiring of a man at work putting up a log house, "How far is it to Lon-don?" and Yerex's prompt reply, "You er of Wyton in Nissouri Township in are in it"; of the rearing of that bar-Canada, moved into the village of Lonwhich Carfrae worked; of the future men and women of the setlement at school in the temporary court house

hard by.\* Surveyor-General Ridout had had north branch Southwold road incident, for was not Ridout street the scene of while Talbot street was as yet a back ish mission. street?

\*Among others who attended the school in early days may be mentioned the following names: The Parkes. Scatcherds, Schofield, Trowbridge, Mc-Fadden, Thos. Robertson, (afterwards a justice of the High Court). Hugh Richardson (afterwards a justice of the N. W. Supreme Court), Rapelje, the Kents, Rob, Darling, the Harrises, Askins, H. Hamilton, the Stevenses Lees, Hughes (afterwards Judge of Cronyns, Travers, Cornishes. and Charles, son of Dr. Elijah Dun-combe and W. C. VanBuskirk, the well known St. Thomas physician.

#### RICH CLUB IS "ROTTEN"

Can't Pay Laundry Bill.

London, Dec. 22. - There is a paterward took part in the exploit of cutyears it hovered about Ridout and thetic story attaching to the Atlantic luctance to intrust these forces with when they cease to be under the control of the grandless three of weapons. ting out the Caroline on the Niagara Dundas streets, moving up and down Club, owned by the Grafton syndicate, the latest type of weapons. and across those thoroughfares-if which was wound up today in Justice hereafter made.

Thomas Kerr also dispensed law to the pioneers in London before 1840.

The pioneers in London before 1840. fire, at others by business exigencies. owing \$245. The club was formed only

postoffice was established in its present \_\_ It was intended as a combination of son, afterwards police magistrate, who empt. The members of the committee ame in from Hall's Mills.

Had not this chapter already reached Kintore, Earl Lonsdale, Earl Craven, abnormal length, it might be embelish- Col. Lord Suffield, Lord Charles Beres-

# BY THE AMEER

of Spies on Both Sides of Frontier.

London, Dec. 22. - It was recently

as hostages for the good behavior of their people during that period. This is regarded as a very wise and necessary step, in view of the effect that cholera, famine, and heavy taxation have had upon the tribesmen. Owing to the reports of Russian ac-

tivity on the Afghan frontier, a steady concentration of the Ameer's troops at Cabul has been taking place for some time past. In the late Ameer's time the Cabul garrison numbered about 40,000 men, but its present strength is estimated

sists of cavalry, infantry and artil-

The number of Maxims, and three, six and nine pounder guns poss Practically no new guns have been dispatched from the frontier garrisons

strengthened. There are not only very far more healthy, mentally and bodily but all the loopholes are defended by

modern guns. The Ameer's bodyguard at this palace consists of 400 infantry, all of whom are picked men, and

King and Queen being present, that her majesty laughed more heartily and continuously at the ambassador's sallies than she had been known to do for years. As a rule an American is easily distinguished from a native of Great Britain, but this does not hold good in the case of Mr. Choate, who, in accent, manner and general air is almost invariably set down by those who do not knew him as a subject of

### DETAILS OF PLAN OF MRS. CLOSE

ren Sent to Canada and Settled on Farms.

London, Dec, 23.-The Daily Mail his revenge on Colonel Talbot, for the announced that the Ameer of Afghan-says; One of the most serious items in istan had summoned two representa- the municipal rates is the money spent most of the life of the town, and did tives of each important tribe to remain upon pauper children. Though by no not the court house look out upon it- in Cabul during the stay of the Brit- means extravagantly managed, the capital expended in this way is enor-This really means that they are held mous. It worked out at about £34.000

for every 200 children. Mrs. Mary Close, who has just returned from Canada, has a plan which break up the so-called Farmers' died of benzine asphyxiation, but asserted that the poison fell into the her proposals under consideration. Mrs. Close's idea is that boards of guardians should be empowered to pur- one man to the penitentiary for life, farms in any of the colonies. farms should be capable of accommo-

as being not less than double. It conby the Ameer is enormous, but the Close suggests that as many of these the state's funds to uncover the crimes one time. Cleverly, with young Askin, field, the early magistrate, who lived Robert S. Woods, afterward Judge among the pine woods east of the town.

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sent back to England. The inclusive cost of transit from London to Halifax is £5 10s. per head. As the cost of maintenance in Canada facture until all existing weapons had is considerably lower than in England, and the capital expenditure on sites large, the advantage to the ratepayer is obvious, while the life is, of course The Government of New Brunswick has offered Mrs. Close a free grant of 200 acres for each group of four adults and twenty children, the land to be years, and free education will be given

#### AN AVOWED SOCIALIST

to the children.

The Beautiful Countess of Warwick Comes Out for Them.

Democratic Federation. Last night the countess addressed a meeting of the unemployed at Stratford. She was introduced as "our
comrade," and the crowd cheered. The
low peril, and exhorts the white nalow peril, and exhorts the white nalow peril, and exhorts the white nasuch as "our pared at the relow peril pa countess said she appeared at the request of her Cocialist friends, and "that the country is passing through strange times. Chaos reigns in Essex and Wells, and in the remainder of England it is terrible that large num-

done to remedy the evils. men must understand the necessity of organization and of backing their eaders. I agree with the chairman's resolution that under capitalism lack of employment is a permanent condi-tion with large masses of the working classes. This can only be remedied by the collective ownership of

co-operative commonwealth."
The countess' radical declaration was uproariously applauded, and a crowd of workmen dragged her carriage to the hotel. The countess is strenuous advocate of the principle that the state ought to support those children whose parents cannot.

#### LIFE FOR WHITECAPPER

Five Others Given Fifty Years and One Twenty-Five.

might largely reduce this expenditure. League, the whitecapping organization serted that the poison fell into the in Southern Mississippi, which has child's mouth by accident when the waged a war of extermination against mother attempted to commit suicide by the negroes, resulted today in sending drinking it. Miss Adler thought it was chase or rent a number of outlying five for fifteen years each, and one for The twenty-five years. The sentence imposed by Judge Wil-

dating fifteen or twenty children, and kinson, at Brookhaven, after the vershould have between 200 or 300 acres dicts of guilty today startled the south. Severity had been expected in case of Guardians in England and Wales ex- conviction, because of the attitude of ercise entire parental rights over about Gov. Wardaman, who instituted the 7,000 children, and are more or less re- prosecution, employing private detecsponsible for many more; and Mrs. tives for months and spending \$2,500 of

The oaths taken by the farmers trol of the guardians, those for whom been credited with the murder of sevsituations could be found might be eral negroes, and many left the county under threats.

#### RUSSIA HAS NO CHANCE

General Staft's Opinion.

Berlin, Dec. 22. - Gen. Mockel, for- peal and summoned a rabbi to give merly military adviser to the Japanese, is quoted as saying that the German almost free from taxation for twenty general staff concurs in his conviction that the Russians have not the faintest chance of winning the war, the Detroit Woman Blown to Pleces by esult of which is already irrevocably decided. Admiral Rojestvensky will be as powerless as Gen. Kuropatkin is to turn the scale in Russia's favor

the present tranquility in Manchuria pieces today in her home at 253 Pine will continue through the winter, but street, by a cartridge that had been London, Dec. 23.—The beautiful wise to defer attacking, if possible, United States navy. The cartridge Countess of Warwick has become an avowed Socialist, and has been electhim big reinforcements, especially of inche in diameter, and 3 to 4 inches

The Kreuz Zeitung, which is very intions to organize diplomatic opposition Barnes' body was badly mangled. to the aspirations of Japan, which it declares, menace Great Britain in India, France in Siam and Tonquin, and the United States in the Philippines.

# THROUGH COURT

"You Afghan Monarch Has Network How She Proposes to Have Child- and exchange and the institution of a Girl Charged With Infanticide Acquitted - Jury Give Her \$100.

> New York, Dec. 23.—The spectators in the Court of General Sessions today cheered when the jury returned a verdict of acquittal for Clara Adler, aged 18, who was accused of killing her baby. The members of the jury took up a subscription, and gave \$100 to the defendant whom they had just set free. carbolic acid. Her friend knocked the bottle from her lips, as she was about to drink. Judge Nerburger fully concurred in the verdict.

#### JEWS AND POLYGAMY

A Russian Jew Claims It Is Authorized by the Talmud.

Odessa, Dec. 23.-The question whether Jews are prohibited by their religion from contracting plural marriages has been raised in the case of a man named Cronstein convicted of polygamy, owing to his taking advantage of the Russian law, which recognized the legality of plural marriages where the religion of the contracting parties authorizes it. Constein appealed, claiming that although the practice was discontinued in western countries, the Jews were following the teaching of Gorshon as defenses of the fortified palace and buildings only about a quarter as Gen. Mockel Says That's the German patriarchs, David, Solomon, etc., and that the practice was now followed by the Israelites in the mountains of the Caucasus. The court allowed the ap-

#### expert testimony. KILLED BY SOUVENIR

Discharge of Cartridge.

Gen. Mockel does not believe that Barnes, aged 21 years, was blown to Detroit, Dec. 23.-Mrs, Thomas E. long, was sent to Mrs. Barnes as a souvenir. It is supposed that she was fluential in conservative military cir- walking from the sitting room into her

The explosion damaged the stove and started a smouldering fire in the room. Smoke from this attracted neighbors, King Edward.

IS THERE anything more annoying than having your corn stepped upon? Is there anything more delightful than get into the present social evils are called will do it. Try it and be convinced.

England it is terrible that large numbers of men and women should starve because they cannot find work. I am not afraid because those who point out the present social evils are called rebels. It is time that something be