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OPEN EVENINGS

UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Xmas Bargains

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Coming Store Alterations Mean Sacrifice Prices on

Pianos and Player Pianos

Slightly Used—But Practically Good as New

Newcombe & Co.—Solid walnut case, seven octaves, sweet tone, double repeating action, a fine instrument for beginners.....\$150

Regal—Magnificent large piano, full seven and one-third octaves, walnut case, handsomely carved panels, three pedals, thoroughly overhauled and guaranteed.....\$150

Willard, Chicago—Fancy mahogany, full seven and one-third octaves, overstrung scale, cabinet Grand, splendid tone and high-class double repeating action, very little used.....\$250

Gilbert & Co., Boston—Full size mahogany case, double revolving fall board, three pedals, used for demonstrating only.....\$215

Hutchinson & Co.—Large size Cabinet Grand, rosewood case, full seven and one-third octaves, repolished and action and keys thoroughly overhauled; original price, \$475. Special at.....\$325

Schumann—Full seven and one-third octaves, overstrung scale, full metal plate with bushed tuning pins, ivory keys, double revolving fall board, and quick repeating action, a piano of exceptional tone and wearing quality.....\$225

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walnut, elegantly finished and a splendid deep, rich tone, with special double repeating action, made by one of the largest and oldest piano makers in the world. Sale price.....\$225

Bell, Guelph—Splendid mahogany, full scale, rich toned instrument of remarkable singing quality, containing the celebrated Bell-Soper, illuminable, quick repeating action, new in every respect.....\$325

Mason & Riech—Burl walnut case, in fine order, seven and one-third octaves, three pedals, good as new.....\$350

Grand Metastman—Fine large size piano, full scale, French walnut case, good tone and action. A real bargain at.....\$215

Player Pianos—A slightly used, one left with us on sale, the other two have been used for demonstrating purposes; original prices \$700 to \$350. For sale now.....\$485

Player Pianos—A New York sample of notes, full seven and one-third octaves, that will give you a better demonstration in our warerooms: will be sold to responsible parties who will appreciate value, and where they may possibly influence some other sales. Introductory price of.....\$445

Bell Piano and Music Warerooms

146 YONGE STREET - - - - TORONTO

TORONTO WATER RATES COMPARED WITH OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS

Cheapest in Ontario, For Good Supply of Pure Water—City Council Aims to Give Citizens an Unlimited Supply.

Commissioner Harris is dead against the expenditure of large sums of money on pumping facilities, when by the proper distribution of intake plants in the easterly, central, and westerly districts, water can be carried to the homes cheaper and with greater facility. He has time and again impressed upon council the desirability of duplicating the present Island plant and the subsequent erection of other plants at Scarborough and West Toronto, which, the necessitating big expenditures for construction,

will ultimately reduce the cost of water to the consumer. Harris says that Toronto citizens pay \$7.80 for their supply of water for an eight-roomed house. This is the cheapest rate in Ontario, the water being taken as it is, straight from the lake, or filtration plant, to the consumer by the operation of the pumping station on John street.

Some idea of how well off the citizens of Toronto are in the matter of cost of water to them is gained by the comparison of rates charged at other important cities and towns through the province.

For an eight-roomed house the St. Thomas taxpayer pays just 20 cents more than the Torontonians, namely, \$8. The water supply at that point is taken from springs and distributed by pumps. Citizens of London, from the same source of supply, pay \$13.60 per eight-roomed house; but the people of Lindsay have to forfeit \$14 for their water, which is pumped from the River Trent. At Ingersoll they pay as much as \$18.50. At Brockville \$15.40, pumped from the river; and at Brantford, \$15. The cost to the consumers of Barrie for the supply of water to an eight-roomed house, the water being taken from artesian wells, is \$12.60; while at Stratford, the highest rate, \$19.04, is reached. The other rates are: Guelph, \$9.38; Woodstock, \$12.40; Galt, \$12.74; St. Mary's, \$14.33; Belleville, \$12.75; Peterboro', \$10.33; and Sarnia, \$8.

Toronto's ever-increasing demands for a peerless water supply is giving the city fathers some trouble; but, so far as they are concerned now, it is up to the people to pass on the by-laws to be submitted in January. The discussions at recent City Council meetings, bearing upon the adoption of sand or mechanical filters, have no bearing upon the money to be expended. It is still a matter of expense as to which water will be the best means of water purification. The present method of sand filtration adopted by the city on the advice of Engineer Hazen, has given the city one of the best water supplies on the continent, except where the water is taken from springs, therefore not liable to contamination by the disposal of sewage from urban areas and shipping. The latter has been given serious attention by the International Commission on the pollution of boundary waters, which met at Washington recently.

Alderman Toomans has been a consistent fighter for the installation of mechanical filters, claiming, as he does, that sand filters have been a failure; chlorination after filtration being the main objection to the present mode of filtering the city's water supply. This, it is urged by Works Commissioner Harris, is absolutely necessary after all form of filtration, on account of the suspended matter left over after passing thru the filters. A complaint lodged by the advocate of the adoption of mechanical filters at council meeting, stated that the lime taken in the cleansing of the sand beds offsets their usefulness, also that the cold material affects the supply of water, on account of the increased precautions necessary during the colder months of the year.

The idea of installing mechanical filters at the Billie avenue pumping station has aroused considerable opposition in the west. The residents affirm that such a move would give them Humber Bay water for all time, which would mean an ever-present menace in the shape of a possible epidemic of fever on account of the contaminated condition of the water at this point. As an alternative to this, Commissioner Harris has recommended the construction of a main extending from the west end of Queen street to the pumping station, which means that dirty water will be supplied to the west end.

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London Plumages make the very best Xmas gifts, because they are inimitable for grace and elegance, and are marked at prices so reasonable and moderate as never to interfere with your purchase of the plume that pleases most.

The Special advantages offered during our **DECEMBER SALE** will be greatly to your advantage. Every line of Plumages, Mounts, Boas, etc., are reduced.

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The one reason why London Plumages are worn in every City and Town in Canada is because the values outweigh their cost. Excellence in style and workmanship has brought thousands of critical buyers from far and near, and made us the largest Ostrich Feather Company in the civilized world.

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rich and full, three ply, very thick and heavy, guaranteed hand-tied Willow Plumages, full 16 inches long and exceptionally wide. The lot includes black, white and new colors. Regular price \$4.50. **December Sale Price..... 1.95 and 2.95**

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OSTRICH MOUNTS

Very smart trimmings in late models of New York latest mounts, in all new colors, and black and white. They are clearing out during December Sale at ridiculously low prices, and while the price is reduced the quality is the same—such prices as 95c, \$1.45, \$1.95, \$2.35 for mounts regularly worth from \$1.50 to \$5.00.

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at John street will be reorganized and refitted up, so that should a possible emergency arise, the west will not have to transfer from the Island plant, rather than from Humber Bay, as is the case at present.

Satisfaction on all sides is being shown over the projected construction of a waterworks plant at Scarborough Bluffs. This is in accordance with the expense report published recently, and altho the cost will approximate \$8,000,000, the venture will eventually be revenue producing.

The water at this point is ninety-five per cent, as pure as water obtained from any reasonable distance from the city. It is not subject to contamination from the disposal of sewage as the area from which the city's supply is now being taken. The lake bottom at this point is practically solid rock, which means that, once the intake pipe is laid down, it will remain in place. The pipe, which is stretched out from the Island is located on shifting sands, causing damage whenever storms arise. Enormous sums of money have been wasted on its repair, with practically no avail, with the result that Mr. Harris has been forced to recommend the construction of a pipe with flexible joints to be laid below the bed of the lake.

On the whole, the city has a waterworks system which calls for admiration of experts, and within the next seven years there will exist a system which will be adequate for the needs of a city of a million souls; which will be immune from contamination by sewage, more so by the construction of the sewage disposal plant, which will be able to withstand the worst storms which visit this district. It is not, however, as yet, but in the last, but by no means least, will eventually place back in the city offers the initial expenditure on its construction.

Tribute of Blood As Well as of Gold

Bourassa Says Laurier's Policy is Equally as Ridiculous as Mr. Borden's.

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—"Sir Wilfrid Laurier wishes at all costs to add to Mr. Borden's tribute of gold that of blood," says Henri Bourassa, the Nationalist leader, in the course of an article in *Le Devoir* today, in which he unhesitatingly denounces the naval proposals of both the leaders of the government and the opposition.

Mr. Bourassa says Sir Wilfrid Laurier desires to fill the three Dreadnoughts Mr. Borden wants built with a human cargo, food for guns.

Later on he says both policies are fatal, humiliating and perilous. Sir Wilfrid's proposals are equally as ridiculous as those of Mr. Borden, for the leader of the opposition stands up in the house and tells the representatives of the people that their ships shall be built, manned and officered by the citizens, who he knows full well that even now it is impossible for the Niobe or the Rainbow to secure sufficient complement of men.

Summing up his remarks, Mr. Bourassa says:

"The sky is clearing and the summer incomes rapidly in all the provinces of honest people, faithful to the true tradition of their respective parties and careful of their own dignity, who realize the humiliating roles which are being played by the exploiters who guide the destinies of the two parties. To all, as to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Borden, to all Liberals and Conservatives, we say now as in the past: 'You have no right to vote the proposed naval laws without first consulting the people.'"

CANADA INTERLAKE LINE.

Points Made Regarding Security in Letter to Clients by Officers of the Firm.

In connection with their offering of preference shares of the Canada Interlake Line, Limited, with common stock bonus, Messrs. A. E. Ames & Co. have sent the following letter to their clients:

"Enclosed herewith please find folder and subscription form relating to an offering, at par, of \$500,000 of 7 per cent, cumulative preference stock, with bonus of 15 per cent, in common stock, of the above named company.

"The company is the largest purely freight lake transportation company in Canada and has been thoroughly established in business. Mr. J. W. Norcross, the managing director, being generally recognized as perhaps the most efficient and conservative conductor of transportation on the lakes.

"As stated in our letters referring to the offering of preference shares, it is our invariable custom, in arranging for flotations of preference shares, to provide that they be offered on a basis likely to furnish not only a good interest return, but also, a probable good increase in value of the shares, as indicated by market quotations. This policy has been very successful, resulting in market prices for the shares, when put out, being gone considerably in excess of the prices at which they were offered, and there seems no room for doubt that the same result will be made with the preference and common shares of the Canada Interlake Line, Limited.

"It will be seen that with dividends at the rate of 7 per cent on the preference stock and 5 per cent, on the common, the rate yielded on the money invested would be 7.4 per cent.

"The dividends mentioned seem well secured, both from the standpoint of assets and earnings, and we strongly recommend your making an early application for these shares, which may be paid for in full or in instalments. The earlier your application is in the better, in order to avoid as far as possible disappointment thru failure to secure allotment, as was the case with some subscribers whose applications were not received until after the close of the books in connection with the offering.

"Subscription books are now open at the offices of A. E. Ames & Co. The firm reports that subscriptions are coming in in good numbers, and that the issue is sure to be successful.

Sails for Scott's Relief CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Dec. 14.—The Antarctic steamer Terra Nova sailed from here today to the relief of Captain Robert F. Scott's Antarctic expedition.

The Terra Nova will proceed to McMurdo Sound and if it is expected she will arrive at Captain Scott's base at Cape Evans in the middle of January.

Heavy Storms at Dover POVER, Eng., Dec. 14.—The Red Star steamship Kronland was unable to land here yesterday owing to heavy weather. She left New York on Dec. 4 and should have called here, but the captain decided in consequence of the roughness of the sea to proceed to the north coast of Norway.

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