

CANADA'S NICKEL MINES

All Future Grants of Mining Lands in Ontario Shall Provide That the Output Must be Refined in the Province.

The recently issued Order-in-Council defining the policy of the Ontario Government with regard to our growing mining interests and the industrial interests connected with them has naturally directed attention to the valuable resources which the Province possesses in its nickel mines. The expansion of the nickel industry has hitherto been handicapped by the adverse American tariff, which prevented our finding a market for the finished metal, though the United States imports increasing quantities of ore and nickel matte to be refined within their own borders. The policy laid down by the Hon. G. W. Ross is the development of the nickel industry by providing that all future grants of mining lands shall provide that copper and nickel ore mined shall be treated and refined in the Province, so as to produce the finished metal, instead of exporting the raw material, and it is also contemplated to request the Dominion Government to put in operation an existing Act giving them the power to place an export duty on nickel and copper ore and to request negotiations with the British Government with the view of inducing them to accept an interest in nickel mines to be operated for Imperial purposes.

The impetus which such a measure will give to nickel production may be understood from a comparison of some of the statistics furnished by the last report of the Bureau of Mines and the figures showing the nickel production and manufacture of the United States. The figures, covering a period of seven years from 1892 to 1898 inclusive, show that the total quantity of ore mined in the Sudbury district was 591,852 tons, giving a product of 29,705,000 pounds of nickel and 34,570,000 pounds of copper. At the same time, the value of the nickel product was \$1,302,805, a total of \$4,596,805. Last year the yield was 4,567,500 pounds of nickel and 8,373,500 pounds of copper, having a total selling value of \$782,300. The price of nickel per pound last year was 9.23 cents, showing a slight rise as compared with the three previous years.

Taking the statistics furnished concerning the nickel industry in the United States by a publication entitled "The Mineral Industry, Its Statistics, Technology and Trade," a recognized authority on the subject, we find that the total home production of nickel in that country was 33,700 pounds in 1897, which had diminished to 11,145 pounds in 1898, all from Missouri, and whereas the product of the manufactured metal from both domestic and imported ore during the latter year amounted to 7,138,929 pounds. The average value of the refined metal in New York during both years was over 34 cents per pound. A comparison of this figure with the 9 cents per pound received by the Canadian exporter shows the benefit received by the American refiner at our expense, by working up the ore to an advanced stage of manufacture.

The Canadian Manufacturer gives some further figures supplied by Mr. R. P. Rothwell of the above-mentioned publication, showing the extent to which the American nickel market is supplied by the crude material from the Ontario mines. According to this authority the amount of nickel contained in Canadian ores imported into the United States has increased from 2,297,661 pounds, valued at \$294,504 in 1895, to 1,277,754 pounds, of the value of \$2,459,085, in 1898. The value of nickel in the construction of warships and the strong feeling now existing among our neighbors in favor of greatly increasing their naval strength points to a still further augmentation of this demand in the future. As the Americans possess so little nickel that it is, as has been shown, hardly an appreciable factor in the output of their refineries, and with their large deposits of this valuable metal practically controls the situation and can safely oppose the import tariff of the United States on the refined metal, an export duty on the shipment of matte and ore, which will result in the transfer of the refining industry to our Province. The Americans must come to Ontario for a supply, and it lies with the people of the Province to determine whether they shall have it in a crude form or as a finished product.

The expansion of the nickel industry in all its branches would result in the distribution here of a very large amount in wages, which now goes to foreigners. Mr. Blane of the Bureau of Mines gives the amount of wages paid in the nickel and copper industries during the last seven years at \$1,929,891, being an average of \$480.45 per year for each employee. The total number of hands employed last year was 637. Considering the difference between the price at which nickel and copper matte were exported and the value of the refined metals at an average selling price it is estimated that as a result of final shipment of the finished metal carried on abroad instead of in Ontario the foreigners realized some \$10,000,000 for wages, services and profits which should have gone to build up our own community.

Not the Kind of Talk.  
"I'll bet you it is," cried Spark.  
"The argument has reached a most exciting point."  
"Put up or shut up," answered Mr. Spark, in a common vulgar way.  
"It does," he said again. "It speaks a language which I can understand but in which I cannot converse."

Quickly Framed.  
"That woman over there looks as if she were painted."  
"Yes, that is my wife."  
"I had not finished my sentence. She looks as if she were painted by Raphael and had just stepped out of the frame."

# GORDON'S CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS GREETING

The closing weeks of this month are always marked by a crush of Christmas trading. We therefore invite you to call and select at once. We are ready with a large and varied stock of choice Staples and Fancy articles suitable for Holiday buying. Those who have a keen appreciation for GETTING THE BEST VALUE FOR THE LEAST MONEY will find our large stock new and desirable and at prices the lowest for qualities the best. The wise ones will do their Christmas shopping here.

## Bargains in Holiday Hdkfs

Ladies' Handkerchiefs	Men's Handkerchiefs
Ladies' Hemstitched Embroidered Initial Hdkfs, all linen, 10c	Men's all Linen Hand Embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs, 25c
Ladies' Fine Hemstitched Hdkfs, all linen, full finished, 15c	Men's Plain Hemstitched Hdkfs, all linen, full finished, 16, 18, 20, 25, to 50c
Ladies' Embroidered Lawn Hdkfs, 10c, 15c, 18c, 20c and 25c	Men's Japanese Silk Initial Hdkfs, 25c to 50c
Ladies' Embroidered Linen Hdkfs, 25c to 60c	Men's Fancy Colored border Japanese Hdkfs, 19c to 50c
Ladies' Lace Trimmed Hdkfs, 12c to 25c	Men's large Silk Mufflers, all colors and styles, and black, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.35, \$1.50 and \$2.25
Ladies' Lace Trimmed, very fine Hdkfs, 25c to \$1.35	
Ladies' Hemstitched Hand Embroidered Initial Hdkfs, all linen, 16c to 25c	
Ladies' Lawn Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 5c	
Children's White and Fancy Handkerchiefs, 10c to 5c	

## HOLIDAY APRONS

Ladies' Lawn Aprons, 25c, 40c, and 50c	50c
Ladies' Aprons, with Bibs, 40c to 72c	72c
Children's White Mother Hubbard Aprons, 42c, 50c, 60c, 65c, 75c and 80c	80c
Children's Fine Gingham Dresses with yokes, embroidered trimmed, 50c to \$1.35	\$1.35
Children's Pique Dresses, with yoke embroidery trimmed, 50c and 90c	90c

Something new in Lace Dresser Covers just received.

## MEN'S HOLIDAY NECKWEAR

Men's English Neckwear, Silk and Satin, beautiful Stripes, Checks and Figures, all colors.

Men's Imperial Four-in-hands, Puffs, Bow, Flowering Ends, Graduated Derbys in choice variety of colors, from 50c to 20c

## HOLIDAY SPECIALS IN

Men's and Boys' Suspenders

Men's Silk Embroidered Suspenders, fancy goods in boxes, \$1.50 to 50c

Great variety of Braces for Young and old, from 25c to 10c

Children's and Babies'—Mitts, Booties, Bibs, Linens, etc.

## DRESS GOODS

Nothing nicer for a Christmas Box than a Black Crepon Skirt Pattern, our Battered Crepon at \$1 a yard are a wonder to our customers.

Special prices for two weeks in Fancy Dress Patterns.

Ladies' Dress Skirts, in variety, all colors and materials, \$8 to \$2

Plaid Bias Skirts, heavy, 14c to \$4.30

Ladies' Tailor made Suits, in variety, from \$7 to \$10

Ladies' Cloth Jackets, from \$1 to \$10

## FINE FURS

Finest Holiday Presents—Caprices of every description, ranging in price from \$1.50 to \$35.00.

Persian Lamb and Sable combination, Seal and Sable combination, Bear and Seal combination, on Seal and Astrachan combination, Electric Seal and Thibet combination, Lynx, Astrachan, Fox, etc.

Far Caps, Gauntlets, Muffs, Boas, Heads, Tails, Pelts, etc.

Fur Capes, Astrachan, \$18 \$17.50 \$12

Cloth Capes, Fur Liners, \$30 to \$12.50

Fur Coats and Jackets, from \$80 to \$22

Electric Seal Jackets, dainty, \$35

Holiday Kid Gloves



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Ladies' 4 buttoned Kid Gloves, good colors, tan and black, 50c

Ladies' 4 pearl button Kid Gloves, tan and black, 75c

Ladies' 2 dome fasteners, colors ex blood navy, green, plum, tan and drab, Fownes Kid Gloves, warranted, \$1

Fownes pearl fastened Kid Gloves, tan or drab, warranted, \$1.25

Laced and buttoned Kid Gloves, Chastise Gabriella and Hypatia

Ladies' finest Mocha Kid Glove, \$2

Ladies' Fancy Gaiters and Ladies' Hose Supporters, etc.

Men's Lined Kid and Mocha Gloves, 50c, 75c and 100c

Men's Fur Lined Kid Gloves, selling at 1.50

Men's Unlined Kid Gloves, the latest popular shades, \$1 and 75c

Men's Celebrated Kangaroo, \$1.50

Mens heavy Wool Mitts, knit, leather faced in variety, 25c and 50c

Special Knives Underwear, Cardigan Jackets, etc.

Gents' Sock Pairs, Cuff Buttons, Collar Buttons, etc., in pearl or gold variety.

## Christmas Silks and Satins

Handsome English Silks, bargains—50c for 25c, 75c for 50c, \$1 for 75c per yard, in plaids, stripes and brocades.

Japanese Silks, 27 in. wide, bain, pick, blue, red, etc., 50c

Satins, all shades, for fancy work or linings, etc., 50c

Special Peau-de-seigne, \$1.00

New Tulle Chiffon for dress fronts.

Beautiful Silk Waists—For gifts, nothing pleases your mother, sister, wife or daughter like one of these beautiful, we sell them in all colors and black, \$3.50 to \$5.00

Superb Elder Down—Comforters, \$5, \$10 and \$15

## WHITE CROCHET QUILTS

And Maudsley Coverlets

75c, \$1, \$1.20, \$1.30, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$1.85, \$2, \$2.50 up to \$5.00

Beautiful Large Fugs—Unsurpassed in coloring and design, \$1, \$1.25 to \$2

Ladies' Night Robes—In white long cloth, Lorraine Cream, pink and fancy Flannellette, lace and embroidery trimmed or plain, from 50c up

Men's Night Wear—In white twill cotton headed at \$1.00

Flannellette Night Shirts, 75c

Natural Wool Night Robes.

## HOLIDAY SPECIALS

In Umbrellas

Nothing nicer for ladies and gents, a fine assortment from \$1.00 to \$5.00

## DAINTY COLLARS

Five long flowing haired dolls, 9 in. long for 35c

13 inches long, 9c. 16 inches long, 15c and 23 inches long for 19c

They are beauties

Shopping Bags with pocketbook attached, 50c and 25c

Pocketbooks, Card Holders, Needle Cases, Bracelets, Combs, Brushes, Fans, Belts, Belt Buckles, Etc.

Dolls, Dogs and Brownies for stuffing, per yd, 20c

## HOUSEKEEPING LINENS

Two tone Cream Table Damask, 60 in. wide, 25c

Cream Satin Table Damask, all widths and qualities, 30c, 34c, 40c, 50c, 60c, to 75c

Diced Table Damask, extra heavy, 90c and 100c

White Satin Table Damask, with Napkins to match, from 50c to \$1.50

Pearl white Irish Linen Table Cloth, superb goods, \$2, \$2.75, \$3, \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50, up to \$13.50 each

Table Napkins—Great bargains at 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.80, \$2, \$2.25, up to \$5.00

Towels—Fine Damask, size 44 x 20, knotted fringe, 25c

Instead of Calendars we have secured several hundreds of Souvenir Song Books, containing 72 of the gems of song of the century, with the Music for Piano or Organ; and we hope as they ring in harmony through your homes they will contribute to your happiness.

The Standard Patterns For Dolls Clothing on hand

# WILLIAM GORDON

Make your Children's Clothing from Standard Patterns

## Rich Coffee 35c a lb.

The richness and Strength of our "American" blend of Coffee will please you. It is good coffee, good flavor and lots of strength.

Next On up a 25c and 30c doz  
Good Orange, 20c doz  
Good Lemons, 20c doz  
Grapes, 10c and 30c tin.

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## WANTED

VIOLIN WANTED—A good violin, with full particulars to Box 157, Chatham.

WANTED—An experienced printer, a setter and a compositor, one who is capable of setting a general type house. Apply for employment for the right party. Apply to H. L. WRIGHT, 101

## FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

HOUSE TO RENT—A fine large 7 room frame residence on West St. Apply to MISS GLENN, 101

TWO HOUSES FOR SALE—Corner Barrie and Bloor. About eight minutes walk from Post Office. Apply to LOUIS STANIEWICZ, 101

FOR SALE—Two shares to St. Luke's Club. Apply to A. C. McKAY, 101

LOTS FOR SALE—One and one-half acres at the head of Victoria Avenue, and six lots on Maple Street. Apply to, MRS. TISHMAN, 101

FOR SALE—E. Farm, being the North West half of Lot 20, in the Township of Hawick, 100 acres, situated within one mile of Northwood. For particulars address Post Office Box 430, Chatham, Ont.

FARM FOR SALE—Lot 14, S. H. Con. 7, Raleigh 160 acres, all under cultivation. 30 acres fallow in the ground. Good water. Good buildings. For further particulars apply to J. K. LONG, Chatham.

FOR SALE—Five George and Virginia Streets. Warranted Pit Game. Address Importer, care of this office.

SQUARE PIANO FOR SALE. American make. In good repair. Very little used. Address G. F. Jones, 101

TO RENT—Good or unfurnished dwelling with large lot and stable, on one corner. Apply to THOMAS & ARNOLD, 101

LOVE—On the road, between W. M. Stone and J. L. McCombs, a brown horse, weighing a small amount of money, 25c and 50c. The rider will be rewarded by turning to Police Office.

Minard's agent for sale everywhere.

## THE DISTRICT FILBURY.

Dec. 26.—Mrs. Forrest returned to her home in Leamington on Saturday, after a short visit with relatives here.

A daughter of Joseph Duplisse, of Tilbury West, aged 15, was buried in St. Francis' cemetery on Sunday last. Mr. and Mrs. Westland spent Sunday and Monday in Ridgeway.

Miss Macdonald arrived on Saturday from Tavistock, to spend her holidays at her home here.

A young son of Mr. Jinks, of Stewart, accidentally shot himself in the leg with his father's gun on Saturday last.

There will be no election here, as all have resigned except the requisite number. For reeve—Jas. Stewart; for councilors, Jos. Wilson, Jos. Magee, A. Russell, Jos. Stewart.

P. S. trustees—Dr. Sharp, R. H. Smith, T. Anderson.

Miss Rice returns to-day, after spending Christmas at her home in Ridgeway.

F. M. Scarff was in St. Thomas on Sunday and Monday.

Mr. James Taylor spent Christmas at Old Springs.

Miss Bell Shaw, of Merlin was the guest of her parents here yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Richardson, of Detroit, visited relatives here this week.

J. W. Hill was in Detroit yesterday. The Chatham Daily Planet is on sale at Johnson's Drug Store.

## WALL CEBURG.

Dec. 26.—A large number attended the Kenosau camp club's first annual ball in the town hall last evening.

The Methodist S. S. entertainment drew a good crowd in the church last night.

George Powers and Mr. and Miss Burgess, of Port Huron, and George Powers, Jr., over Sunday.

J. Donnan, formerly on the "News" staff here, spent Christmas in town. H. Rotz and son Gordon spent yesterday at their home in Blenheim.

Allan Fraser, of the Bank of Commerce, Ridgeway, spent Christmas at home.

Clyde Little, of Ailes Craig, and Willie Little, of Detroit, visited their parents here last week.

Orlando Smith, Jr., and wife, of Lorain, Ohio, spent Christmas here, the guests of O. Allan, Jr.

Morris McCoy has returned from a trip to Bay City and other Michigan points.

Ed. and Chas. Branton, of Detroit, renewed old acquaintance here on Monday.

The brickwork of the new Presbyterian church has been completed.

Marks Bros. Comedy Co. next week in the opera house.

Hector Southland, at present in Weidman, was home over Sunday.

J. Leak spent Sunday and Monday at his home in Chatham.

Miss Bessie Boyd, of Wisbeach, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. W. McDonald.

John Currie, who is attending business college in Chatham, is home for the vacation.

Harvey Morris spent Christmas at his home here.

Richard Saunders visited his parents here over Sunday and Monday.

D. J. Downes and W. D. O'Leary

## Dr. A. W. Thornton Dentist

D. D. S. Toronto University. Associate Dr. C. A. Snell, Honor Graduate Toronto University. Office (F. & D.) East of Standard Bank. Telephone 164

were in Port Lambton yesterday. A number of venturesome boys were skating on the river yesterday.

Ed. Johnston visited with his sister, Mrs. W. N. Ayres, on Monday.

A. Pepperman and G. Cottingham, of Detroit, spent Christmas the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Cottingham, here.

## DRESDEN.

Dec. 26.—Mrs. Frances E. Denham, of London, spent Christmas with Mrs. J. E. McGlothin.

A. V. Penfound, of Brantford, visited D. V. Hicks on Sunday and Monday.

Los. Cronk and George Caister have returned from their season's sail.

Mr. Pickard, of Kent Bridge, visited Mrs. J. E. McGlothin and Margaret Huff at Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Love are visiting Windsor relatives.

Mrs. Harry Colville and daughter Winnie have returned from an extended visit to Dr. I. Weston, Muir, Mich. Mr. Colville was also home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. McKinley and daughter, Miss Jean Tallach are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. H. McEwen.

Miss Grace Miller, of Detroit, is the guest of Miss Eva Aikin.

Thos. Laird and family and Ernie Laird and family are visiting Chatham relatives.

Alfred Hughes, of Detroit, is in town.

Irvine Hayhow, of Detroit, spent Christmas day with his mother, Mrs. Hayhow, Lindsay street.

Miss Alice Hughes, of Mount Forest, is spending her holidays in Dresden.

Cherry Bodkin, an old Dresden boy, is visiting his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shain, of 372 Morell st., Detroit, and their family are guests of their daughter, Mrs. S. Shaw.

Lewis Allan Lewis, former Dresdenite, is visiting his brothers-in-law, L. J. Wright and A. J. Davis.

Silvanus Waffle spent the holidays with his parents in North Dresden.

## FUNERAL NOTICE.

The members of Peninsular Lodge No. 2, A. O. U. W., are requested to meet at their lodge room at 2.30 Wednesday afternoon, 27th inst., to attend the funeral of our late brother, Charles Sullivan.

J. H. RYAN. JOHN E. SNELL, M. W. Recorder.

Forty children were drowned while skating on a river in Holland. The ice gave way.

While rehearsing for a Christmas entertainment at St. Francis school, Quincy, Ill., ten little girls were burned to death by their clothes catching fire.

Stone the Hatter has just returned from Toronto, where he has purchased over \$500 worth of the finest neckwear ever displayed in the city. You must remember that you can get these goods at least 25 per cent less than in any other store in the city.

## KING, CUMMINGHAM AND DREW.

Our reporter called at their store and was much pleased with his visit and what he saw. Their windows are most unique and artistically arranged. One is devoted to cutlery and silver ware while in the other they show one of their "Happy Home" ranges with break up stoves, a full cabinet sewing machine and a fine display of granite and enamel ware artistically arranged with a back ground of evergreen. Passersby are seen to stop and gaze on its intense beauty and remarks are heard of the highest praise.

Inside the store the same order and neatness is carried out and on every hand is marked prosperity. They have added many new lines among which are engines, threshers, wind mills, pumps, harvesting machines, corn planters, corn harvesters and shellers, cultivators, etc., of the new and most approved patterns. They have a fine display of stoves and ranges of superior material and finish which for beauty of design and performance are not approached by any. We were told they have increased their stock until it is now one of the largest in the city. A large staff is employed and every attention is given to visitors.

They have bought a large stock of goods suitable for substantial New Year's presents such as pocket knives, cutlery, silverware, fancy carvers, berry shakers, fishers, novelties, fancy goods, lamps, fancy dishes, skates in a large variety, pipes, pipe cases, revolvers, rifles and guns, fancy, useful and ornamental granite ware, a very small amount of carpets, rugs, blankets and sleigh bells would do credit to any store.

We cannot go through the large stock and enumerate the different articles that attracted our attention as the stock certainly is full and complete in both price and heavy hardware.

Although prices have advanced a great deal above those of former years, they had bought heavily before the advance, and carefully and systematically since, the result being that they can give their customers goods at a very small advance on former years.

To the New Year's buyer who is on the lookout for good substantial goods suitable for a present for a wife, husband, mother, father, friend or sweet heart can surely find such at the establishment of King, Cunningham & Drew, where fair dealing and courteous treatment awaits.

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## Splendid Opening

River front Lot, Dwelling and Grain warehouse

For sale or Exchange

For small dwelling or farm, splendid sight for Planning Mill.

Lumber Yard Both Sides

Also Three Lots in North-west Survey, south of G. T. St., on a House on Raleigh Street for Sale or Rent, small monthly payments. Apply to

S. BARFOT, Postmaster.

Professional Fruit Tree Pruner and Landscape Gardener.

Graduate of the Southern Ohio Agricultural College. Twenty-eight years experience. Special attention to handling and pruning of fruit trees. Plain and ornamental law grading a specialty. Address—

G. F. KERRMAN, Keweenaw, Ont.

Minard's Liniment, Cures Dandruff, Friend.

## During Christmas Week

Our Tremendous Stock of Clothing will be sold at quick selling prices. Overcoats, Ulsters, Suits, Pea jackets, Leather Coats, Odd Vests, Odd Pants, Etc.

## Scott & Co.

Chatham's Leading Clothiers.

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BY JANUARY 1, 1900

Then we must move. We don't want to move any more goods than necessary. To do so, we regardlessly

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Regular CHRISTMAS PRESENTS to the purchasers of Shoes.

Turrill, THE SHOE DEALER, At Atwell's Old Stand, Doors East of Standard Bank

Fine Sugar Cured Boneless Hams at the Chatham Pork Store, F. CHAPLIN, Opera House Block, Phone 210.

LADIES DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER That you can have your Curtains made to look like new at the PARISIAN STEAM LAUNDRY, CO. of Ontario, Ltd. TELEPHONE 20

Minard's Liniment, Cures Dandruff, Friend.