

TREMENDOUS CROWD AT POSTOFFICE ON MONDAY AFTERNOON

Heaviest Day of the Season
As Yet.

STAMP LICKERS TIRED

Wonder Why P. O. Authorities
Do Not Provide a Few
Sponges.

The local postoffice is perhaps the most frequented spot in the city just now. For several days past, the crowd of men, women and children with mysterious parcels of every shape, piled high in their arms, has been very large, coming to a head yesterday, when it was almost impossible to move within the postoffice and the auxiliary building, two doors south.

Where are sponges? The stamp books were literally stamped and the line-up behind the parcel weighing scales curved back and twisted around into a regular jam. It wasn't a case of waiting politely for someone else to go first. It was every man for himself. Tongues actually hung out from stamp licking. And men and women wondered why the Government wouldn't at least provide sponges to do the work. Children seemed to rather enjoy the business, however, and were turned into service by many a grown-up.

Quiet Today. Between yesterday and tomorrow, when the great local rush will take place, today stands as a period of quiet. Of course, there was a regular stream of people, going in and coming out of the postoffice this morning, but by no means a crowd which the authorities could not handle with the greatest ease. Tomorrow, however, packages directed to city people will be handed chiefly, as well as the belated presents for out-of-town. Then again a rush is anticipated.

BRITISH BANKS MERGE. LONDON, Dec. 22.—An agreement has been reached for the fusion of the "National Provincial and Union Bank of England" and "Coutts & Company's Bank." The Coutts bank is one of the oldest and best known in the country. At one time its customers included a large number of the aristocracy of England.

SLEEPLESS NIGHTS OVERCOME BY SAFE METHOD

Suggestions Given Whereby
Insomnia Can Be Safely
and Quickly Cured.

Worry, overwork, overstudy and indigestion cause insomnia, chiefly a circulation, because it soothes the irritation, because it removes congestion that it does cure insomnia.

For building blood and nerve, for fastidious force and life into overworked organs, for establishing strength and vitality, where can you find anything so efficient as Ferrozone? Remember, sleep is just as important as food.

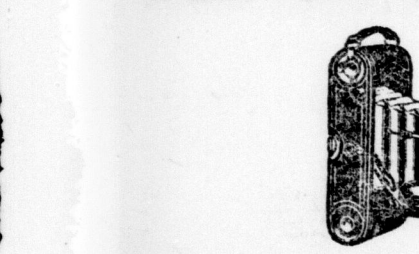
You must sleep, or break down, but if you'll use Ferrozone and thereby remove the conditions which now keep you from sleep, you'll get well quickly. Ferrozone is not a narcotic, not a dope; it is a health-giving tonic that any child or delicate woman can use. Absolutely safe in every sense.

Take it for a month, take it for a year—no harm, but immeasurable good will result.

To sleep well, look well, feel well, to be free from depression, nervousness or blues—use Ferrozone. It's a good tonic, a healer to the weak and wretched, a boon to the sleepless—sold in 50c boxes, six for \$2.50, at all dealers, or direct from The Cattarhouson Company, Kingston, Ont.

TRUSSES. \$1.50 to \$10.00. We have Trusses to fit all needs. Our fitters are experts. ANDERSON & NELLESEN, 265 Dundas St. W.

Will There Be a "Kodak" In Your Home This Christmas



The most famous picture-taking instrument made—
THE KODAK
in two sizes \$25.00 to \$35.50

THE KODAK SPECIAL
in three sizes, with the very finest Lenses and Shutters
..... \$53.50 to \$71.50

* Ask for Free Catalogue.
Mail Orders receive prompt attention.

Cairncross
the Chemists
216 DUNDAS STREET. PHONE 580
"Experts in KODAK Photography."

HE GAVE HIS LIFE TO MINISTRY; DIES REGRETTED BY ALL

Funeral Service For Rev.
Canon Craig in His
Church.

INTERMENT AT PETROLEA

Where He Was Rector For 19
Years Prior to Coming
Here.

The funeral of Rev. Canon William Craig, late rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, was held from his residence, 367 St. James street, to St. John the Evangelist Church at 3 o'clock this afternoon. A private service was conducted at the house by Rev. C. C. Waller and Archdeacon J. B. Richardson.

At the church Rev. Bishop David Williams conducted the service, and the services were held in the presence of the Anglican clergy of the city who attended in a body. He referred to the work of Canon Craig, who had given the greater part of his life to the ministry.

The remains were taken to Petrolea for interment. Canon Craig was rector of Christ Church, Petrolea, for 19 years prior to coming to London. The active pallbearers were Messrs. W. E. Greene, Clair Jarvis, S. G. Hungerford, Mr. Butchart and Mr. Wright. The honorary pallbearers were H. E. Gates, Col. Fisher, Stephen Grant, C. H. Beard, E. S. Murray and J. C. Butler.

Quantities of lovely flowers in wreaths, crosses, sprays and other designs were sent from all parts of the city.

J. C. BROWN, M. P. P. IN NORTH MIDDLESEX, FAVORS PROHIBITION

Would Allow Only Enough
Liquor in House For
Medicine.

The Advertiser was able to obtain only one statement of opinion from Middlesex M.P.P.s-elect on the proposed amendment to prohibit the sale of liquor in private homes. Dr. H. A. Stevenson, who is not a candidate, but who has been in the house for many years, said that he would allow only enough for medicinal purposes to be kept, and that only on a doctor's certificate.

WAS CARRYING REVOLVER; GETS SUSPENDED SENTENCE

Veteran Saw No Harm in Carrying
Empty Firearm.

James Dixon, a crippled soldier, appeared in police court this morning charged with carrying a revolver, after having a revolver confiscated, was allowed to go on suspended sentence. The prisoner stated that the gun was empty, and he did not think that it was a crime to carry it when he had no bullets.

Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon thought that there was too many murders and assassinations resulting from the carrying of weapons. If one got into an argument with the gun might be pulled, he was of the opinion.

When asked as to his identity Dixon said that he was a Scotchman originally. He enlisted at Toronto with the 32nd Battalion, and had been returned home in June, 1917. While overseas he became crippled as a result of wounds received in action.

He was arrested at the Salvation Army Hostel.

WOUNDED VETERANS WAS CAUGHT BURGLARIZING

ST. CATHARINES, Dec. 22.—With his uniform on and leaning on a crutch, for he is crippled, a man giving the name of Daniel Tylman was caught breaking into Bradley & Sons' grocery store early this morning. He had two panes sawed out of a rear door. He says he served with the 2nd Battalion. He wears ribbons of the Mons Star, Military Medal and General Service Medal. He will be held pending inquiry.

Christmas Business Has Been Biggest in Volume and Value Ever Experienced in This City

Merchants Declare Rush Greatest They Ever Saw—People
Have Money and Are Willing To Spend, But Insist
On Value.

That the "Christmas business has been the biggest in volume and in monetary value ever experienced in the city of London," was the unanimous verdict of the leading merchants interviewed today by The Advertiser.

"Last year was at that time the biggest we had ever experienced in the history of our firm," said a leading dry goods merchant, "but then we were to a certain extent looking for such a condition. The tremendous five years' struggle for the rights of humanity and freedom had just ended with success crowning the banners of the allies, and a certain reaction from the close threat of war was not unexpected. Therefore, to a certain extent a continuation of these conditions this year came as a surprise."

Tremendous Rush. "Yet they have not only continued, but even increased, and the volume of business done has been tremendous. What we call 'outside business,' that is the business brought to us by people who come into the city from the country districts, is certainly very far ahead of any previous year. Our parcel checking and cloak room was simply overwhelmed on Saturday with the demands made upon it to care for the property of our visitors."

Another well-known dry goods merchant declared: "Christmas business this year has been A1. Yesterday, despite the big rush which we experienced on Saturday, was the biggest business day in our history. People seem to have plenty of money and to be willing to spend it, but they insist on taking good care to get the value of their money. There is a greater demand than ever for good quality stuff in whatever they buy. From what I have heard other merchants say business in London is exceptionally good."

ONTARIO SPRING BED AND MATTRESS SOLD FOR SUM OF \$35,000

Business Purchased Monday
by Richard Edgecombe.

The Ontario Spring Bed and Mattress Company of London sold its entire business yesterday. Richard Edgecombe.

The deal was negotiated by Mr. Bradshaw of the London and Eastern Trusts Company, and the amount of sale was \$35,000.

MISTAKEN NOTIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR POOR VETERANS

Not Funds To Supply Money
for Christmas Holiday.

That the recently announced "Federal Appropriation for ex-Members of the Forces" has been provided in order to tide them over the enforced idleness of the Christmas holidays, appears to be the idea that some returned soldiers have gathered from the newspaper reports, said an official at the local Government Employment Bureau today.

"Another altogether mistaken idea is the granting of assistance from this fund in doing by the employment office. All that we have to do with is that if we cannot find work for a man we give him a certificate to that effect, known as a 'certificate A.' This certificate the man has to take to the office of the patriotic fund, in whose charge has been placed the distribution of the money. The fact that we issue a certificate to a man does not necessarily mean that he will receive any assistance from the fund, however."

"In the case of a man who is unable to earn sufficient to maintain himself and family, or for whom we can find work in another place, but who has not the necessary means to meet the cost of transportation to a 'Certificate B' is issued, on which the patriotic fund may advance him enough financial assistance to meet his immediate needs."

To date about five of the "A" and one of the "B" certificates have been issued at the local employment bureau.

MANY BASKETS NEEDED TO CHEER TUBERCULAR POOR

Women's Sanatorium Aid Hopes to Get
\$600—is Doing Well.

The Women's Sanatorium Aid is faced with a big work this Christmas. Many more baskets than usual will be needed to cheer the tubercular poor of the city, and the society is aiming at raising at least \$600 for this purpose.

There is something very attractive about this work, according to those women who are actively engaged in it. They feel that the giver not only helps the poor, but also brings happiness into the lives of the tubercular poor. The following contributions have been made:

McClary Manufacturing Co. \$50
S. E. Leonard & Son 20
S. J. Adams Beck 15
McLeod-Nolan 15
Victoria Mothers' Club 10
Mrs. Jeffery Hale 5
Thompson Smith 4
Miss Minnie Stewart 25
Miss Elsie Spencer 25
Miss D. Merritt 10
Miss Annie Meredith 10
Miss Annie White 5
Mrs. F. B. Barclay 3

DISPUTE AS TO BREAD; COURT IMPOSES FINE

The manager of a bread company was fined \$5 and costs in police court this morning for violating the bread act. The case had been tried in the court a week previous, and Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon had reserved judgment. In discussing the case, the court stated that he had not prepared any written judgment, as long as he had been written in courts of appeal. According to Ontario Law Records, page 235, two loaves could be sold together if twelve ounces or under. The loaves seized by Inspector J. W. McCullough weighed more than twelve ounces.

When examined accused swore that the articles seized were not loaves of bread, but were called "small breads."

FOUR WRITS ISSUED

Four writs were issued in the county court yesterday as follows: Macpherson & Co. v. The Ontario Creameries Ltd., London, entered suit against O'Brien Bros. St. Catharines, for the sum of \$145.50, the alleged price of goods sold and delivered by the plaintiff to defendants.

The same lawyers also entered suit on behalf of the Ontario Creameries against A. A. Hall, Woodstock, for \$147.97, balance of account due for goods sold and delivered to defendant.

Gibbons, Harper & Braden entered suit on behalf of R. C. Struthers & Co. against H. A. Boyce for the sum of \$236.76, with interest, alleged balance due on goods supplied.

The M. Smith & Co., city, suing C. H. Lucas, Middlesex, for \$100.00, alleged amount of a bill of exchange drawn by plaintiff on defendant, which was accepted by him as payable to the plaintiffs.

Christmas Gifts

SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY

Now On Display at Standard Drug Stores

ANSCO

Folding and Vest Pocket Cameras

Buster Brown Box Cameras, all styles. Prices range from \$2.75 up

Dainty Christmas Papeteries

Many styles, Various prices. An appreciable and useful gift for Milady.

Shaving Requisites For The Men

Shaving Lotions, 25c to \$1.00
Shaving Soaps, 15c to 40c
Razors (old style), up to \$3.75
Safety Razors, Gem and Ever-Ready \$1.00 each
Auto-Strop and Gillette \$5.00 each
Razor Blades, all kinds.
Razor Blade Stoppers, up to \$5.00
Shaving Brushes, Simms' and Rubberset. Every Brush guaranteed not to shed. Prices range from 35c to \$5.00
Razor Stroppers, 50c to \$2.50
Shaving Mirrors and Shaving Stands, in metal, ebony and ivory \$1.25 to \$7.25

Other Appreciable Christmas Gifts

Ebony Goods — Mirrors, Hair, Cloth, Hat and Bonnet Brushes, Trays, Powder Boxes, Manicure Pieces, etc.
Christmas Perfumes — Dainty packages of popular makes, at prices from 25c to \$5.00
Toilet Waters — Well-known kinds, in attractive boxes.
Manicure Roll-Ups, of ivory and ebony.
Dressing Cases, filled with ivory and ebony.
Traveling Roll-Ups, open.
Face Powders.
Talcum Powders.
Toilet Soaps.
Coffrets, consisting of an assortment of such well-known toilet lines as Mavis, Djerikis, Mintys, etc.

Neilon's Christmas Chocolates

Box of 10 Cigars, popular makes, at prices from 65c to \$1.25
Box of 25 and 50 Cigars, well-known brands, at prices that range from \$1.50 to \$3.00

Standard Drug Limited

Five Cut-Rate Drug Stores
LONDON AND ST. THOMAS
"We Save You Money"

Cliff Robinson

Quality Meat and Fish Shop

We invite you to see our display of Quality Meats and Poultry. Now, how about your Christmas dinner, if Poultry is too high? Our Christmas Beef is very reasonable.

CHRISTMAS ROAST BEEF	Loin Veal, per lb.	35c
Rolls Roast, per lb.	Filets Veal, per lb.	40c
Choice Oven Roast, per lb.	SPRING LAMB.	
Prime Rib Roast, per lb.	Leg Lamb, per lb.	40c
EXTRA QUALITY VEAL.	Loin Lamb, per lb.	40c
Shoulder Veal, per lb.	Shoulder Lamb, per lb.	25c
Smoked Cottage Hams, extra choice, per lb.	Extra Special! Leg Fresh Pork, 35c. Shoulder Fresh Pork, 25c per lb.	
Fresh Cranberries, Choice Celery, Lettuce and Radishes. Sugar-Cured Smoked Hams, 40c lb. This makes an excellent gift.		
Extra Fancy Sifted French Peas, 35c and 40c per tin.		
Try our All-Pork Sausage. Nothing better made. Sausage Meat for dressing.		
No charge for trussing poultry. Kindly let us have your order early.		
Two Phones, 7111-7112. Three Cars and a Big Staff of Obliging Salesmen.		

SWEATERS PROVIDED FOR BYRON PATIENTS

Red Cross Ladies Generous—
News of Sanatorium.

Byron Sanatorium was visited by the ladies of the Red Cross last week, and in addition to the smaller comforts, excellent sweaters were given to the patients who needed them.

During the last week the moving pictures have been of first-class quality, and have attracted crowded houses, while the orchestra is making good progress and adding considerably to the general entertainment.

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BRITISH PARLIAMENT

common, and to promote the welfare and progress of Persia.

The King referred to the visit of the Prince of Wales to Canada and Newfoundland, and said: "I feel my heart with feelings of pride and satisfaction."

"He subsequently" continued the King, visited the United States of America, where he was greeted with warmth and kindness which will I am quite confident, have the happiest effect upon the relations of the British Empire and that great republic."

Sending Prince to India. Referring to India, the speech said that a measure marking the first stage of the development of a responsible government in India has become a law.

"I rely on all my subjects," continued the speech, "to work together for its success. In a proclamation which I am addressing to my viceroy and to the princes and the people of India, I am expressing my hope that a harmonious political life will steadily be built up on the foundation thus laid, and I am announcing my intention of sending the Prince of Wales to India to inaugurate the new constitution. To the members of the House of Commons, the King gave his thanks for their provision during the year for the public expenditure, which had continued abnormal, largely exceeding the permanent and temporary revenue, and he trusted that next year, with the return of more normal conditions, he said, that the first steps would be taken toward the reduction of the national debt.

"The condition of our finances and the state of our credit continue to occupy the serious attention of my ministers," he went on. "Only by strict economy, both in public and private expenditure, and sustained by increased progress and adding considerably to the general entertainment."

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