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COMMISSIONERS ARE WELL WITHIN ESTIMATES

A Sum of \$25,000 Remains on Hand and Lighting System Is Practically Completed.

The water commissioners have still \$25,000 with which to complete the local distribution system for Niagara power.

The total expended to date, with contracts still to be completed, and with over \$42,000 worth of material on hand, is \$210,019 46, leaving practically \$25,000 still to come and \$0 on.

The items are as follows: Accounts paid, \$145,168 97; accounts unpaid, \$14,375 43; General Electric contracts, \$14,481 06; Westinghouse contracts, \$20,844 due on No. 2 station, \$950 due on No. 1 station, \$14,600; total, \$210,019 46.

"That statement is most satisfactory," declared Chairman Pocock. "With \$42,000 worth of goods on hand, we will be able to finish the work and have a surplus. We are keeping well within our estimates, I think." The total paid out for the pumping plant to date is \$72,510 26. Of this \$14,589 50 were paid last year.

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Three packages Selected Raisins, pound package... 25c. Three pounds Valencia Raisins... 25c.

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Holly, with lots of berries, per pound... 20c. Holly Wreaths, each... 25c. California Navel Oranges, per doz... 30c, 40c, 50c.

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LONDON AND DISTRICT

Lodge Carpet Ball.
Chelsea Green Lodge, S. O. E., carpet ball team defeated Forest City, W. O. V. team 55 to 43, taking two out of a series of three games.

Fire at Livery.
While endeavoring to thaw out a gas meter last evening at Burrows' Livery, on Richmond street, near the G. T. R. tracks, the machine caught fire, and an alarm was sent in. The fire was extinguished with little loss.

Orange Banquet.
Beaver Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 2101, South London, will hold their first annual banquet in commemoration of the anniversary of the closing of the gates of Derry, on Monday, Dec. 19. Prominent members of the order and others will be present.

To Help Hughes.
The fund for Albert Hughes is growing steadily and up to Saturday afternoon Magistrate Love had received \$16 as follows: A friend, \$2; T. Rodway, \$1; Mrs. Calderwell, \$5; William Scarrow, \$5; J. C. Duffield, \$1; J. B., \$2.

Fancy Chickens.
Some time ago High Constable J. A. Hughes shipped a number of chickens to a fancier in Sheffield, Eng., and Saturday he received a letter from their new owner telling of the winnings of the London birds in a big club show in the English city. The birds were entered for the show before their arrival in England and each one of them won a prize, one pullet taking a gold medal.

MRS. SNOWDEN LEAVES.

Mrs. Snowden, the English suffragette, sailing for Europe today on the Arabic, says that the woman's suffrage cause is gaining wonderful progress in the United States. "I have been in more than forty states, and in Canada," she said, "and I have seen signs of marked progress."

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MANAGER DARK SPEAKS WELL OF J. M. MOORE

First Report Presented to Water-works by New Official.

Manager Dark submitted his first annual report to the water commissioners on Saturday afternoon, and gave an interesting resume of the work done during the year.

In his introduction, he paid a tribute to Engineer John M. Moore, who for 19 years had filled the position of engineer most satisfactorily.

Mr. Dark pointed out that during the year 312 services had been put in, making a total of 12,644 at the present time. There were 326 new meters installed, making a total of 939 at present in use.

Forty-four new hydrants had been put in, and the number at present installed is 632, with 35 fire hydrants.

During the year the steam pumps at Springbank had worked 5,550 hours, and 322 gallons of water had been raised with one pound of coal.

The hydraulic pumps had worked as follows: No. 1, 6,380 hours; No. 2, 5,944 hours; No. 3, 5,387 hours. The water was low last year, and the hydraulics had worked none too satisfactorily. The Horton street plant worked 8,440 hours.

The breaks during the year were not numerous, nor were they at all serious.

New Mains.
During the year 16,033 feet of mains were laid as follows: 18-inch, 6,919 feet; 15-inch, 221 feet; 12-inch, 1,330 feet; 10-inch, 7,053 feet; 8-inch, 1,012 feet. There were at present 101½ miles of main in the city.

The machinery was in good shape, and the ponds showed good results during the summer months particularly.

Secretary Ellwood submitted his report, and explained that the receipts were \$11,931 28 in excess of last year. Some of the increase was due to the fact that \$4,000 was charged to street sprinkling, and \$3,260 to lawn service. He thought that meters had been responsible for a prevention of waste, and were highly satisfactory otherwise.

"The introduction of meters here

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has, I feel confident, borne out the testimony of many other cities that it is not only a preventative of waste, but the only equitable manner in which to serve the consumer, and I am glad to report that the system is daily gaining in popularity," declared Mr. Ellwood.

He furnished a detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements during the year.

NIAGARA POWER RATES ARE FINALLY SETTLED

Fixed Now at Straight Figure of 5 Cents a Kilowatt With No Floor Space.

The lighting rates have been finally settled.

The rate will be 5 cents a kilowatt hour with 10 per cent off for prompt payment. This is final, and the last word on this matter for some time at least.

At the meeting of the board on Saturday afternoon, the rate question came up. After some discussion, it was decided to do away with fancy methods of figuring, and adopt a schedule that could be understood without difficulty.

The rate of the London Electric was taken up, and it was decided to meet the rate. Consequently, it was adopted, and 5 cents a kilowatt, with 10 per cent off will be the rate.

"Experts are in favor of the other methods of figuring the rate," declared Manager Dark. "But the method we now have adopted, will suit our local conditions better, and will produce better results eventually. I have been in favor of this for some time."

"The rate we have agreed on will be satisfactory, I think," said Chairman Pocock. "We have simply met the London Electric Company's price. I am convinced that in the future the price will be reduced considerably."

The above rates apply to dwellings, business houses, hotels, theatres; in fact, all classes of light users.

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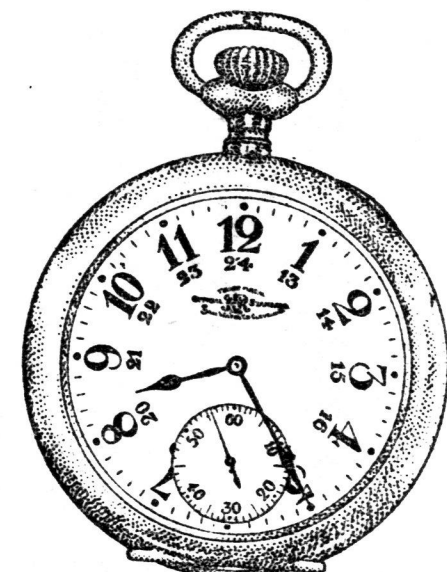
At this joyous Christmas season there is no gift that brings greater happiness than a nice piece of JEWELRY, or a WATCH, CLOCK, CUT GLASS, HAND-PAINTED CHINA, ROYAL CROWN DERBY, UMBRELLA, WALKING STICKS, JEWEL CASES, PEARL-HANDLED KNIVES AND FORKS AND CARVING SETS.

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6-inch Bonbon, with handle... \$1.75
Salt and Peppers, with sterling tops, per pair... \$1.00 and \$1.25

Watch Specials for Christmas Week



3 only Gents' 16 size Open-Face, Fortune, gold-filled case, American movement; regular \$12.00, for... \$6.00
Boys' Nickel Watches, regular \$1.50 for... \$0.90
Ladies' O size, Hunting case, gold-filled, Waltham movement, for... \$8.00
Ladies' O size, 14k solid gold case with Waltham movement, for... \$25.00
Ladies' O size, 14k solid gold case, with 17-jewel commercial Standard movement, for... \$25.00
And others as high as... \$175.00

See our Brush, Comb and Mirror Sets in silver, from... \$7.50 to \$9.50

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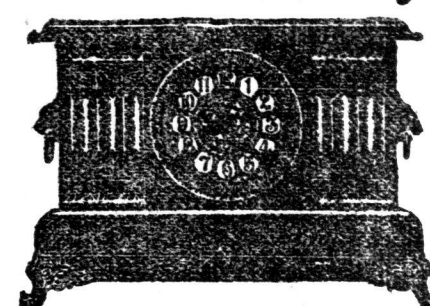
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Solid Gold Bracelets, from... \$5 to \$40

Special Clock Bargains for This Week Only



8-day Mantel Clock in solid oak case, strikes the gong at the hour and bell at the half-hour, for... \$3.00
Three-pillar 8-day Mantel Clock, strikes the gong and the bell, for... \$4.00
100 Alarm Clocks for this week; regular \$1. for... 50c

ALL CLOCKS CARRY OUR REGULAR GUARANTEE.

Diamond Special

Our regular \$5.00 Diamond Ring, mounted in 14k gold, this week for... \$3.65
We guarantee them all to be cut stones, not chips.

Specials in Jewel Cases

We are showing something new and artistic in Jewel Cases, fitted with lock and key, from... \$1.75 to \$15.00

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One dozen Silver-Mounted Walking Sticks, regular \$2.00 each, going, for each... \$1.00
Two dozen Hand-Painted Belt Pins, regular 65c, now, each... 40c

Rings! Rings!

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ORATORIO PROVED A RARE TREAT

Bach's Composition Rendered in First Methodist Church.

Impressive and sublime was the rendering of J. S. Bach's Christmas Oratorio by the choir of the First Methodist Church last night. This beautiful composition had never before been produced in Canada, and last night very favorably impressed an appreciative audience, as rendered under the able direction of Mr. A. D. Jordan, organist and choirmaster. Previous to the oratorio, a brief account of its composition was given by Rev. Mr. Whiting. It was written and composed 175 years ago for the Reformed Lutheran Church, and Bach has woven into his own original composition some of the popular hymns and songs of the German people.

It is divided into six parts, the first three parts dealing with the first three days of the festival of Christmas, namely, Dec. 25, 26, and 27; the fourth being composed of New Year's Day, the fifth for the Sunday after New Year's, and the sixth for the festival of the Epiphany.

It augurs well for the future popularity of Bach's Oratorio that on its first introduction to the Canadian musical world, it was so well presented by the First Methodist choir of this city. The choruses were excellently rendered, and the solo parts were effectively taken by Miss Beatrice Hunt, who is gifted with a clear and effective soprano voice; Miss Olive Vivian, whose singing is characterized by an exceptional depth and feeling; Mr. W. J. Sutherland, tenor, and Mr. Arthur Greenalade, basso, whose presentation of the male solo parts was all that could be desired.

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Poure to complete one of the best and most successful programmes of sacred music ever presented in London. Mr. Poure's playing was marked, as it always is, by a delicacy of charm and fineness of touch, which delighted the entire audience. So great was the interest taken by Londoners in the oratorio that many were unable to obtain seats in the First Methodist Church last night.

NEW TRIAL REFUSED.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17. — The United States district court here today refused to grant a new trial to the Phil-

adelphia and Reading Railway, the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and the Bethlehem Steel Company, recently convicted on charges of rebating. The alleged rebates were in the form of demurrage charges. The railroads were convicted for giving the rebates and the steel company for receiving them. Sentence in the cases was deferred.

RHODES SCHOLAR.
St. John, N. B., Dec. 19.—John B. McNair, aged 21, of Arthurette, Victoria County, was last night chosen as the Rhodes scholar from the University of New Brunswick.