

Wine Suggestions At Michie's.

If economy is necessary in your selection of wine for this Christmas we can meet your requirements. Quality considered these prices are the best possible value:

- 40c for a bottle of thoroughly sound, pure full bodied Native Wine, from the pick of the Canadian Vineyards and containing no added alcohol.
- 50c for an excellent French Claret or a choice of several fine California wines.
- 60c for a bottle of pure imported Ginger Wine, one of the favorites for Christmas, because it contains so little alcohol.
- 75c for a wholesome Rhine Wine, the favorite wine of Germany.
- 90c for a pure old Marsala—a wine of distinctive character.

- \$1.00 for a good sound dinner Port or Sherry, a rich Burgundy or Superior Claret.
- \$1.25 for a fine old smooth port, Tino de Porto Sherry, or a bottle of good Champagne.
- \$1.50 for as fine a bottle of Port or Sherry as you would wish to drink.

Michie & Co.,

Wine Merchants,
59 King St. West.
Phone 409.

JUST AS IT WAS EXPECTED!

Mr. Bertram Explains to the People
What Sir Wilfrid Will Say
When He Comes Back.

CANADIANS WON'T PAY ANYTHING

For Co-Operation With the United States This is the Only Possible Basis for a Treaty.

St. George's Hall was filled last night with enthusiastic supporters of Mr. George H. Bertram, M. P. for Centre Toronto, who, following the British custom, called the electors together to hear him give an account of his stewardship. Mr. Bertram is a host of himself, but he has fortified him a member of the Ontario Government, Hon. G. W. Ross, and the Postmaster-General of Canada, Hon. Mulock. Some of the speakers, however, told any political secrets, and for the early part of the meeting the proceedings took the nature of a jubilation over the recent elections.

Hon. G. W. Ross presided and presented were many of the members of the Liberal associations of the city, amongst whom were: Elias Rogers, Mr. Dewar, Malcolm Gibbe, Edward Meek, Aid Burns, R. J. Fleming, Dr. E. H. Adams, S. H. Jones, William McEhee, Stanley Caldwell, D. Thomson, W. B. Rogers.

The Minister of Education, Hon. G. W. Ross, led off with an address over the results of the previous day's elections. He hoped the good luck would continue, and that when the provincial difficulties were settled they might be able to help the Government of Canada. The Minister became complimentary to Mr. Bertram, who had been well and worthily discharged his duties in the House of Commons. Mr. Bertram's knowledge of public affairs, and particularly trade questions, recently fitted him to represent a large industrial constituency like Centre Toronto. A glance at the past events that had transpired since the Liberals assumed power at Ottawa led the chairman up to the statement that the Government of Canada had been the most successful in the history of the country more prosperous than they are to-day. The tariff had been adjusted so as to promote the prosperity of Canada, the attachment of Canada to the Empire and the interests of the British Empire had increased one thousand times. Of course, the Minister praised the Liberal Governments and their policies, and was eloquent on the Anglo-Saxon alliance and its possibilities. He referred to previous, and, for the most part, fruitless, efforts to remove causes of irritation between Canada and the United States. The most important question was that of reciprocity. Once we had a reciprocity treaty that was good for us, but it was repeated that they would do or consent to anything against Canadian interests.

Prospects Extremely Doubtful.

Then Mr. Bertram pointed out that there was no occasion for the cry "Come home" that came from any section for this. The Canadian commissioners must arrive to break the business to a successful issue, but not ask any favors from the Americans. "We have no favors to ask of anyone," [Applause.] "We are looking for equity and fair dealing, which I cannot get there do not want anything. If we get a treaty good; if not, we are not crying. Canada never was independent, and she is not now, and she has no new avenues for her trade."

"This," said Mr. Bertram, "is the reason why I am not concerning myself much whether we should have a treaty with the United States. The prospect is extremely doubtful, but the attitude and ability of our Canadian commissioners is not doubt a factor in the matter."

In the remainder of his able address Mr. Bertram justified the increased expenditure of the Government for opening up the country and for improved transportation facilities, most emphatically advocated the abolition of the Canadian Senate, which he termed as being in great part a hindrance for political progress, especially the James Bay and other northern railways; commended the proposed creation of a large new hotel, and hoped that capitalists would invest in anything to promote the prosperity of Toronto.

To-day at 2 p.m.

Rev. Mr. McLaughlin arrived in the city last night, and will be present to press the charges against Mr. Jenkinson. The editor of The Westminster made the significant remark yesterday that the committee would not need to telegraph him to be present. The meeting promises to be of more than passing interest.

To Regulate Railway Charges.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 15.—The proclamation calling an extra session of the Kansas Legislature to pass "suitable legislation for the regulation of railroad charges," was issued to-day by Governor Leedy.

PERMANENTLY CURED

Without penalty or loss of time from business, by a purely vegetable, harmless home treatment. Immediate results. No narcotics. Calm sleep. Indisputable testimony to a young man for \$3.50. Ten dollars bought a sample

Unclaimed Baggage Sold.

A sale of unclaimed baggage was held at Charles M. Henderson & Co.'s salerooms yesterday morning. There was a big crowd and bidding was brisk. There were 700 pieces of baggage, 500 umbrellas, and a variety of nondescript articles. One man bought a kilt that contained two greasy pillows. An actress outfit for a young man for \$3.50. Ten dollars bought a sample

SAVONAROLA, the Florentine.

Rev. Dr. Barclay of Montreal delivered a lecture last night in St. James' square Presbyterian Church upon the life and work of Savonarola, the Florentine ascetic. It was a masterly effort. A large audience was present.

SPORTING GOODS FOR XMAS.

Anyone intending to give sporting goods should take advantage of the closing-out sale at the Griffiths Corporation, 235 Yonge street. Although a great part of the large stock has been cleared out, there are still some fine bargains to be had in skates, snowshoes, hockey supplies, excelsiors, etc. etc. The goods are of the very best quality and the prices are, in nearly every instance, below cost.

PROF. SHIELDS A CONVERT.

New York, Dec. 15.—Prof. Charles W. Shields, D. D., LL. D., of Princeton University, and until last spring prominent in the Presbyterian denomination, entered the Protestant Episcopal ministry yesterday, having been previously confirmed.

TO GET RID OF BED BUGS USE PERMATHIC BED BUG EXTERMINATOR. At all your dealers.

Men's Clothing.

Men's All-Over Suits, in single or double-breasted, black or dark navy blue, fast colors, heavy farmer satin lining, attached edges, velvet collar, in a hair sleeve lining, 5.00

Men's Fine Extra Quality Imported English Coats, blue, black and brown, single or double-breasted style, with double wavy Italian cloth, in a hair sleeve lining, 5.00

Men's White Body Shirts, with neck and cuffs, 1.00

Men's New Cambric Shirts, neat stripe and check patterns, made of fine English cloth, warranted fast colors, open front and back, two collars and cuffs detached, all sizes, 1.00

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Everybody's Christmas Box: We expect everybody in Toronto and for miles around will be in this store to-morrow—Saturday—because the money-saving items in to-day's store news mean practically a Xmas box for everybody. We are so pleased with our holiday trade that we prepared these Christmas welcome prices on the very goods you will be looking for. Please come at 8 o'clock in the morning—or as soon after as possible.

STORE OPEN SATURDAY NIGHT.

Jewellery and People are Silverware. amazed at what they save buying Jewellery and Silverware here. They know we sell nothing but worthy goods, and this makes the prices more marvellous—

- Cake Baskets, chased and engraved, in the latest designs, Saturday 2.85
- Butter Dishes, attractive new designs, Saturday 1.75
- Rogers' Tea Spoons, fancy designs, Saturday 1.90
- Ladies' Gem Rings, beautiful, Saturday 2.50
- Solid Gold Keeper Rings, Saturday 1.00
- FANS AND FANCY STATIONERY.
- Silk Gown Evening Fans, in latest designs, per dozen, Saturday 1.25
- Pearl Handle Pins, Saturday .25
- Hurd's Royal Stationery, special, Saturday .75

Xmas in the Curtain Section. In this department we show an extensive assortment of fancy pillows in a variety of handsome coverings. Screens made and fitted to order. All orders for window seats, cosy corners and settees placed before 20th will be made and put in position by Xmas—

- Large Curtains, in fine Nottingham lace, in white or ivory, big yards long, 63 in. wide, a very useful present, Saturday 2.00
- Swiss Net Curtains, white or ivory, very handsome designs, in applique work, 3 1/2 yards long, an artistic and useful present, Saturday 3.00
- Chiffon Curtains, in handsome designs, plain centre, handsome drap top and bottom, with heavily fringed ends, in white, blue, green, gold, and crimson, etc., Saturday 3.75
- Elite Dolls. A dollar will Real Kid Dollar Gloves, more neat and worthy a gift—for there is character, beauty and comfort in "Elite" Kid Gloves. Not equalled elsewhere at less than a dollar and a quarter—

- Real French Kid's gloves, silk embroidered, in red, blue, green, brown or black, every pair guaranteed, also in white and cream, Saturday 1.00
- Ladies' Elite Kid's Gloves, "La Reine," 2 domes, 3 strand silk, extra fine, in red, green, blue, white or black, fit and wear guaranteed, also in white, pearl and primrose, Saturday 1.25
- Ladies' Finest Quality Kid Gloves, imported, handsome embroidery, large pattern, in red, green, blue, white, light green, pink, pearl grey and primrose, Saturday 1.65
- 20 Pairs children's Kid's Gloves, manufacturers' samples, regular 12 1/2 and 15 1/2 a pair, Saturday 1.00

Attractions in Have you Perfumes and seen our Toilet Articles. display of perfumes? Probably the best ever made in Toronto—extra store space given to the showing. Attractions in toilet articles, too:

- Gossami's "Betrothal Bouquet," 2 ounce bottle, in very pretty case, Saturday .75
- Taylor's Moss Rose, in handsome decorated box, regular \$1.00, for Saturday .80
- Roger & Gallet's 1 ounce fancy bottle of any odor, regular 75c, for Saturday .50
- White Metal Fancy Perfumery Boxes, with decorative designs, regular 50c, for Saturday .30
- Ebony Hair Brushes, that were made in France, Saturday 1.00
- Dupont's Ebony Bonnet Brushes, largest size, special at 1.25

"Something in China for My Xmas Box, Please."

- Almost every lady is saying so this year. Two sample items from our china display, one useful, the other ornamental, are fair indications of what you can buy Saturday—
- 6 only 101-piece Fine Imported China Dinner Sets, Princess and Ruby decorations, never sold less than 12.00, Saturday 8.15
- 21 Maple Ornaments, mostly vases, including Doulton, Japanese and Royal Chelsea, the price we ask is not a fraction of their value, Saturday 1.50

Lamps.

- 24 only Globe Shaped Vase Lamp, 20 in. high, decorated in best hand designs, with removable oil pot and central draught burner, great value at 3.25
- 40 only Jardinieres from the Royal Chelsea potteries, Burslem, Eng., decorated with sprays of flowers and gold-traced, regular price 90c, Saturday 65c

The Robert SIMPSON Co. Limited
TORONTO.

Toy Specials. us that another enlargement of the Toy Department was necessary. We've made it. Cut Flowers are now on First Floor, and the biggest value Toys in Canada take their space on the Fourth—



There are 6 useful carpenter's tools in this chest, size 18 x 12 x 10. BRITANNIA METAL TOY DISHES. Large set of 12 pieces, teapot, cups and saucers, etc., nicely embossed design, regular \$1.00, Saturday .75

GAME MARGIN. On Saturday we put out 100 good Parlor Games, such as—Palm Fand, Parcheesi, Upper Ten, Christmas Dinner, regular \$2.00, Saturday 2 for \$2.50. Main and many others, regular prices 50c to 60c each, Saturday 25c

TEA AND COFFEE SERVICE. For the little folks. Decorated Tea Set, tray, teapot and cream, 2 cups and saucers, in box, complete, 20c

FIERCE'S HATS. A chance for every boy to be "On the top of the fashion," soldiers and women's hats, Saturday .25

SMALL DRESSES. These dolls are "quality" rather than "quantity," 6 to 8 in. high, dressed in fancy colored costumes, regular \$2.00, Saturday 2 for \$2.50

100 Jointed Body Dolls, 14-in. tall, body and limbs painted natural color, blouse head and colored muslin slip, curly hair, regular price 80c, Saturday .20

100 Pretty Kid Body Dolls, in stock, 12 1/2 inches long, with shoes and open work stockings, fine blouse head, curly hair, regular price 50c, Saturday .50

60 very Life-like Dolls, 21 inches long, clothes its eyes, with open mouth, head and limbs, regular \$1.25, for .75

Christmas Groceries. First Quality of Christmas Cake, per lb. .25

Honest Tea, per box, 10c

Kelly & Rose's Assorted Soup, per can, .20

Shelled Almonds, per lb. .25

Grape Fruit (catap), per bottle, .10

Preserved Ginger, per jar .25

Millinery Bargain.

On Saturday morning we will offer 15 only Paris and New York Models. These dolls are "quality" rather than "quantity," 6 to 8 in. high, dressed in one of their costumes less than 50c, some as high as \$2.00, regular \$2.00, Saturday 4.90

One more chance at Felt Hats. Saturday you can choose from a table of 100 perfect salons, round, oval, cutting hats, fedora and other walking shapes, assorted colors, regular prices from 75c to \$1.50, Saturday .25

Ladies' Umbrellas.

Ladies' Taffeta Silk Umbrellas, full size, silk lined, close roll, with pearl, tortoise, Dresden or other designs, and sterling or gilt mounts, .300

Walking Sticks.

Men's Walking Sticks, in Congo wood, opera of palm, with sterling mounts, .60

Calendars, These are Xmas Cards conveniently and Booklets. located on first floor, east side of light well. The item named is one of hundreds that will interest you—

CALENDARS. Pretty Calendars of all shapes and sizes, Folding Calendars, with floral decorations, the Beautiful Year, the Psalm of Life, the 365 Days of the Year, Drop Calendars, in new and pretty designs, such as Pantheons for Thoughts, Moore, Burns, Shelley, Byron, Milton, with a choice assortment of others, all one price .35

Onyx Perhaps you had put Tables, them out of your thought because of the usual price. We bought these so that they will cost you half price—

16 Beautiful Mexican Onyx Tables, brass mounted, regular prices \$5.00 to \$11.00, your choice on Saturday for .600

12 only Brass Tables, with onyx tops, these we consider good value \$4.50, Saturday 3.50