

**OUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.**

A TERCENTENARY.

## LITERARY TASTE

There came about a marked revolution in these things about fifteen years ago, when a new lot of romantic heroes was wrought into existence, who were tolerably ridiculous in their own exaggerations. The hero was a melodramatic character, whose stout sword was a sort of talisman, and the heroines of a score of ignoble varieties; the heroine was more beautiful than the law allows and combined with the amazon and a courage that in any one else would be called foolhardiness. The only reason, why she was not a heroine, was that she was not a mind, body and estate, was because it was essential to the story that she and her lover should be poor. The hero never altered. The later day romances ran their course, and did a lot of good. They were not only a protest against the old romances, but the writers, but also a relief from the

IMPORTANT BUT UNSATIS-  
FACTORY

## PROVINCIALISM

But our critic was a little more specific in what he said. He thought that our attitude towards English people was a little too "superior." It might be readily answered that this is true, we are only displaying a little criticism of ourselves. But we suppose there is a good reason for denying that Canadians think their way of doing things just a little better than the way of doing things of other people, not without a suspicion that the average Englishman is open to the same charge. Of course we know the class of people that think they are doing better in France," or rather who say they think so, because as a matter of fact they are doing better than the rest of the kind. But as a matter of fact the people of the "right line," right Irish island are quite as well as the people of the "common line," in way of doing things as any people under the canopy of heaven, and doubt-

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

upon such instructions. The moment  
a lieutenant governor declines the ad-

THE SHIPPING LAW

We print this for the information of shipping men in Victoria, who doubtless have some interest in the matter. There is not a government measure, and there is nothing in the measure, or the other proposed amendments, or the other proposed amendments, which call for consideration, the proper course would be to advise Mr. Templeman respecting them. The other proposed changes are the substitution of the words "three hundred" in place of "one hundred" in the first line of section 96; of "three hundred" in place of "two hundred" in the first

Senator Ellis thinks that the way to reform the Senate is to have senators elected by the people; Senator McMullen agrees with him. We have a shrewd suspicion that both these gentlemen feel confident that they would be elected. Senator Perley says he thinks that the Governor-General personally ought to select the senators. Senator Riley in a speech delivered in Victoria said that Providence was reforming the Senate, which was not an unnatural thought for our friend.

## SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

In commenting two or three days ago upon the annual statement of the Bank of Montreal, note was taken of two significant and connected facts, namely that despite the financial depression, none of prolonged existence, the bank's profits were larger than for the preceding year; and that the president and the general manager of the bank both expressed confidence in the underlying soundness of the commercial situation.

Ottawa Journal.

**Curious Lake Phenomena**

One of the natural curiosities of Switzerland is the lake of which the water is blood red every tenth year. For centuries this freak was regarded by the Swiss with superstitious dread, and not until the middle of the last century did the matter was the belief in the supernatural partly removed. Even now, in regarding the men of the lake as of import. The reddish color is given the water by a minute plant closely related to the red alga. When the water of the lake begins to propagate, and so quickly does it grow that in a short time the whole lake is a crimson tide. The color is not perceptible without the aid of a microscope, and there was some foundation for the old belief that the sea had turned into a sea of blood.

Earl Grey presented to the Quebec Symphony society last week the musical trophy won by the society last February.

Annual reports of the chief registrar of friendly societies shows a total membership of 512,424.

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| CLOTHS, 2 yds. x 2 yds.     |        | \$5.50          |
| and.....                    |        | <b>\$4.00</b>   |
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| CLOTHS, 2 yds. x 2 1/4 yds. |        | \$6.50 and..... |
|                             |        | <b>\$5.00</b>   |
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| per dozen, \$9.00 and.....  |        | <b>\$6.00</b>   |
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| Pieces and Tray Cloths, at  |        |                 |
| each \$6.50 and.....        |        | <b>\$1.75</b>   |

## "THE FINALS"

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## A Special Exhibit of Handsome Tapestry Panels

We are making a special show of Tapestry Panels on the First and Second Floors. These are excellent new pieces and worthy of your inspection. We should be pleased to show you these and others, equally interesting, which we are prevented from displaying through lack of display space. These are low in price and make excellent gifts.

## Fine Pottery

In our show rooms you will find a comprehensive collection of typical pieces from the world's leading potteries. Almost every country is a specialist in some line and it is our aim to gather the best pieces from the best makers. Wedgwood, Royal Worcester, Royal Doulton, Royal Copenhagen, Royal Vienna, Aynsley China, Marmorzahn, Royal Dux, Bretby Ware, Devon Ware, Dutch Delph, Ioga Art Ware, Japanese Cloisonne and Satsuma.

### First Floor

## Some Furniture Gifts

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Golden Oak, Weathered Oak,  
decorated or Wilcox, \$8.00, \$5.00,  
\$4.00, \$3.00, \$2.50, \$2.00, ....  
**FOOT STOLERS**—in weathered oak  
leather  
**BOOK AND MAGAZINE RACKS**  
in leather, painted or stained and miled  
\$12.00, \$10.00, \$7.50, \$3.75, \$3.50 and  
.....  
**HANDSOME REED CHAIRS**—Bible  
chairs, and cane chairs, painted or  
plain, chairs, Mission, cane, cane  
arm chairs, and designs, \$25.00,  
\$4.50, \$3.50 and .....  
**MIRRORS**—in Mahogany  
\$17.50, \$3.00 and .....  
**COBBLEST SEAT ROCKERS**—H  
.....  
**TEA AND CARD TABLES**—F  
latest designs, \$15.00, \$6.00, \$5.00  
and .....  
**FOLDING CARD TABLES**—H  
at .....  
In Golden Oak or Weathered Oak  
**POLING CHAIRS**—match, at .....  
Golden Oak or Weathered Oak

## Happy China Efforts

Among the bewildering array of dainty China it is hard to pick the winners. Stunning pieces are available in the most recent potteries are here in plenty. Painted china, the most popular, comes in mediocre artists either, artistic little bits being decorated with figure subjects, fine and elegant. The most popular is the "vase" variety, a great the bewildered shopper finds it difficult to decide which is the most attractive among so many.

TEA CUPS and SAUCERS, BREAKFAST CUPS, AFTER DINNER COFFEES AND AFTERNOON TEA, at each, \$5.00, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.00, 75c, 50c, 35c and 25c.

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MUSTACHE CUPS and SAUCERS, up from each \$1.00.

SUGARS and CREAMS, per pair \$2.00, .50, .75.

BERRY OR SALAD BOWLS, at each, \$3.50, \$1.50.

BON BON DISHES, each \$2.50, to 50c.

BISCUIT JARS, from, each, \$4.00, down to \$1.75.

COFFEE CUPS and SAUCERS, from, each, \$1.50.

CHEESE STANDS, from, each, \$2.00 to 50c.

CHOCOLATE POTS, from, each, \$4.00 to \$1.50.

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| CANDLE STICKS,             | each                            | \$7.50.            |
| CHINA, each                |                                 | \$8.00.            |
| GLASS, down to             |                                 | <b>\$3.50.</b>     |
| JUGS, each                 | \$20.00,                        | \$15.00, and       |
| WATER BOTTLES,             |                                 | each \$12.00.      |
|                            | \$10.00, \$9.00, \$7.50         | and <b>\$5.00.</b> |
| HAIR RECEIVERS,            | each                            | <b>\$5.00.</b>     |
| SAUCERS, each              |                                 | \$7.50.            |
| SERVE DISHES,              |                                 | each \$7.50.       |
|                            | \$7.00, \$6.00, \$5.00, \$4.00, | \$3.50.            |
| COLOGNE BOTTLES, each      |                                 | <b>\$7.50.</b>     |
| FLASK, each                |                                 | <b>\$4.50.</b>     |
| POWDER PASSES, 6 to 12 in. |                                 | each               |
|                            | \$3.00, \$2.00, and             | <b>\$3.00.</b>     |
| SUGARS AND CREAMS,         | patina                          |                    |
|                            | \$10.00, \$10.00 and            | <b>\$6.00.</b>     |
| BOWLS, shallow or deep,    | from                            |                    |
| each,                      |                                 | <b>\$6.00.</b>     |

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