

40TH YEAR, NO. 891.

LONDON, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1903.

## Births, Marriage, &amp; Deaths.

**DIED.**  
NEWTON—At the family residence, 16 Cartwright street, on Dec. 29, 1902, Helen Thomson, widow of the late Dr. J. H. Newton.  
Funeral (private) on Thursday, Jan. 1; services, 2:30.

## AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES, ETC.

**GRAND—TODAY AT 3.**  
THE LATEST MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA.

**THE SMART SET**  
IN ENCHANTMENT.

Matinee, 2:30, 5:00, 8:00. Evening, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30.

**Saturday, Matinee and Evening.**  
THE GREAT ENGLISH COMEDY.

Presented by an all-star company, and staged with special scenery.  
MATINEE, 2:30, 5:00, 8:00. Evening, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30.

**Monday Next, Jan. 5.**  
Superb Scenic Production of the Four-Act Comedy-Drama.

**SWEET CLOVER**  
with Otis B. Thayer and an excellent company. Special scenery, 2:30, 5:00, 8:00. Seats on Sale Tomorrow Morning.

## LONDON—TODAY

**MARKS BROS.**  
Mat.—(Reserved)—"In Duty Bound."

Night—"An Irish-American Gent."

**GRAND PRIZE**—Ton of Real Hard Coal given Saturday night to lucky holder.

## PRINCESS PALACE.

Happy New Year, Jan. 1, 7th Band, afternoon and evening. Season books at 50c.

## Auditorium.

**NEW YEAR'S NIGHT.**  
EXTRA.

MARION SHORT, Reader.  
LOUISE MACKAY, Soprano.  
RUSADA, Soprano.  
HENRY S. SANDERS, Cello.  
A. D. JORDAN, Pianist.

Lovers of music cannot afford to miss this concert. Seats now on sale, 25c, 50c, 75c.

**ELDER, DEMPSTER & CO., BEAVER**  
Line—The steamship Lake Michigan sails from St. John to Bristol direct, Friday, Jan. 10. E. B. Clarke, agent, Richmond street, next Advertiser. ywt

**CUNARD LINE**—PITTED WITH MARCONI'S system wireless telegraphy. Umbria, Saturday, Jan. 10. This line has never lost the life of a passenger. E. B. Clarke, Richmond street, next Advertiser. ywt

**JUBILEE RINK—HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
Musical Society Band this afternoon and evening.

**DANCING—NEW CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS** open as follows: Gentlemen, Monday evening, Jan. 5, 8 o'clock. Tuesday evening, Jan. 6, 8 o'clock. Saturday afternoon, Jan. 10, 2 o'clock. Ladies, Monday evening, Jan. 5, 8 o'clock. Tuesday evening, Jan. 6, 8 o'clock. Saturday afternoon, Jan. 10, 2 o'clock. Admission, 15c and 25c.

**HOCKEY—OPENING GAME AT JUBILEE RINK.** Friday evening, Jan. 2, Stratford vs. London. Admission, 15c and 25c.

**ORIGINAL LONDON HARBERS**—Music furnished for all occasions. Tony Caruso, 280 Richmond street. Phone 1370.

**PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING** by M. B. Murray, 201 Princess avenue. Season opens Oct. 1. Special attention given to waltz and two-step. Lessons any hour.

**MEETINGS.**  
THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE election of officers of the London Horticultural Society will be held in the rooms of the Entomological Society, Y. M. C. A. building, Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m. R. W. Beattie, secretary. 82u

**MACCABEES—A PUBLIC JOINT INSTALLATION** of officers for 1903, of Forest City Hall, No. 220, O. T. H. and London Text, No. 10, O. T. H. will take place in Macabees Hall, Dufferin block, 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 2. All welcome. 82u

**FARMERS' INSTITUTE MEETINGS** will be held at Lambeth, Jan. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. For particulars see poster. A. H. Scott, president; Varnack; H. H. Harding, secretary. Thorncliffe. 80k

**FEMALE HELP WANTED.**  
HOUSEMAID WANTED. APPLY Mrs. John Bowman, 555 Talbot street. 81c

**GENERAL SERVANT WANTED.** Family of three. Apply Mrs. Munro, 270 Piccadilly. 80u

**COOK AT ONCE.** APPLY TO HARRY M. Ryan, Clarence House. 80c

**HOUSEMAID, DINING-ROOM GIRL** and laundress wanted at once. Apply Victoria Hospital. 80c

**WANTED AT ONCE—A GOOD COOK;** family of four; no laundry work; \$12 a month. Apply to Mrs. Furness, 652 Talbot street. 79t

**WIRL WANTED.** REASON'S PAPER Box Works, 30 Dundas street. 79t

**WANTED—PARTY COOK AND KITCHEN GIRL;** liberal wages. Apply City Hotel. 79t

**WANTED—A GOOD GENERAL SERVANT** for a family of three; no washing. Apply to Mrs. W. F. Bullen, 532 Queen's avenue, corner William street. 78t

**GENERAL SERVANT WANTED.** APPLY between 6 and 8 p.m., 350 Waterloo street. 77t

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No need to cut the price of good furs; they are hard to get any time, but now they are very scarce. We sell nothing but good furs, and still have left a few of the best quality Ladies' Fur Jackets and Men's Fur Coats.

Make your selection at once.

## MALE HELP WANTED.

WANTED—STRONG BOY FOR CAP factory; one with some experience in cap blocking preferred. Apply at once, John Marshall & Co. 82u

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WANTED—YOUNG MAN AS PORTER. Apply City Hotel. 79t

A GOOD GENERAL BLACKSMITH wanted at once for country shop; first job. Apply C. Dresser, Scottsville. 74t

**BOARDING, ROOMS, ETC.**  
BOARDING ACCOMMODATIONS REQUIRED for lady and gentlemen students. J. W. Westervelt, Y. M. C. A. 81u

**HOUSES, ETC., TO LET.**  
TO LET—NO. 73 CLARENCE STREET; comfortable cottage. Rent, \$1, including water rate. London Soap Company. 73t

TO LET—UNION FURNITURE VAN—Furniture carefully handled. John Biggs, Cathcart and Bruce, South London of London Furniture Company. Phone 310. 81u

COMFORTABLE SIX-ROOM COTTAGE to let, No. 1 Nelson street. Apply 500 King. 81u

TO RENT—GOOD BLACKSMITH SHOP and dwelling house, suitable for first-class blacksmith. Apply Paxson Bros., Littlewood. 80u-ywt

**REAL ESTATE.**  
A Place for Your Money Where It Will Increase.

We'll give you value for value in real estate. We'll make your money go as far as it ought, and get for you that which you want. If you have property for sale, call on our hands. If you wish to purchase, call and see us.

**DULMAGE & MOORHOUSE.**  
Phone 1355. 6 Albion Block.

FOR SALE—100-ACRE FARM IN LONDON Township, lot 31, con. 15; frame buildings, well watered, one mile from station and postoffice. Apply B. W. Rosser, Denfield. 82k

NOTICE—LOTS ON THE OLIVER SURVEY will be advanced in price on the 15th of January, 1903. Get your choice now, as there are only a few left. Easy terms. J. F. Sangster, 112 Elmwood Temple. 82u

FOR SALE—100 ACRES, KNOWN AS the farm of the late James Ralph, on lot 10, con. 5, London Township; well watered, and half tract house and good outbuildings. Apply Ralph Bros., Ballymore or Edward Ralph, Delaware. 74u-ywt

**ARTICLES FOR SALE.**  
WE HAVE REDUCED OUR PRICES in pork. Come and get them when they're cheap, at 1 to 5 Market House. James A. Anderson. 82u

ONE WEEK ONLY—MEN'S \$25 FINE fur felt hats for \$10. 215 hats for \$12. J. H. Cunningham, 662 Dundas street. 80u

BOOKS, PAPERS, MAGAZINES, FROM J. H. Cunningham, 662 Dundas street. 80u

FOR SALE—THREE GOOD PRACTICE Pianos, \$35, \$45 and \$50, payable \$2 per month, guaranteed. Organs for \$10 and \$20, payable \$2 per month. William & Co., 217 Dundas, corner Clarence. 80u

\$9.99 CARD TABLE, WITH FOUR drawers, card table and highly polished, for \$5, at Keene Bros., 120 and 127 King street. 80u

GREEN & CO. HAVE ON HAND GOOD supply of best quality soft coal for domestic purposes. Good dry wood, 12 and 16-inch blocks, or split. Green & Co., Mainland street and Grand Trunk Railway. Phone 1291. 80u

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GREEN'S LOTION—GUARANTEED cure (or money refunded) for all sores and ulcerated wounds on limbs and body, running sores of long standing. Price, \$1 per bottle. William Green, coachman, Queen's Hotel, London, Ont. 79t

FOR SALE—LARGE IRON SAFE; CONTAINS private drawers and lots of room for large boxes. Apply Advertiser office. 79t

STOVES, BARBURNERS AND Ranges of all kinds for wood and coal; second-hand furniture; cheap. At F. Keene's, 141 King street. 79t

ORDERS FOR HARD AND SOFT wood received. Order ahead. Leading East End wood yard. D. H. Gillies & Co., Phone 1351. 79t

**AGENTS WANTED.**  
AGENTS—WE HAVE A LINE OF ARTICLES that are selling like wildfire, and guarantee you \$250 per day clear profit. Your efforts will be such that no man or woman can refuse them. You need no capital. We guarantee to send you, prepaid, complete samples. We want local traveling agents and men of ability. To them we offer this opportunity of a lifetime. Write at once and secure outfit and territory. Cooper, 332-6 Clarence street, London. 80u

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Deeks &amp; Munson,

Tailors and Drapers,

363 Richmond Street.

DRESS CUTTING SCHOOL.

LEARN CUTTING, GRADING AND DESIGNING costumes—Lessons daily. Satisfaction guaranteed. Dressmaking instructions begin Jan. 15. Number of pupils limited. Apply for particulars Cutting School, 233 Dundas street, London. 80u

**LOST AND FOUND.**  
DOG LOST—BLACK AND WHITE setter bitch pup; leather collar on neck. Edward W. S. Lockhart, Beaconsfield avenue. 80c

**MISCELLANEOUS.**  
HAIR GOODS—NOTHING MORE APPROPRIATE for Christmas gift than a switch, pompadour, wig, or hair ornament. Miller's Hair Store, 223 Dundas street. 80u

**EDUCATIONAL.**  
LONDON BUSINESS UNIVERSITY RE-OPENS on Monday, Jan. 6. Full and complete regular commercial and short-hand courses. Evening classes for those who cannot attend during the day. W. N. Yerex, B.C. principal. 76u-wty

THE MISSES WESTCOTT'S SCHOOL, 41 Ridout street, reopens Jan. 12. 81u

**WANTED.**  
HORSE WANTED—NICE, QUIET driver, about 5 years old. Apply 513 Grey street, between 12 and 1. 81c

WANTED—CITY LUMBER COMPANIES' stocks. John Wright, stock broker, London. 80u

**HOTEL CARDS.**  
ROYAL HOTEL—OPPOSITE G. T. R. depot. Central location. First-class in every respect. Louis Risk, proprietor. 80u

THE ST. LAWRENCE HOTEL, MONTE-TRIAL, Quebec, located in the heart of the city in every respect. H. Hogan, proprietor. 80u

OFFICE HOTEL AND RESTAURANT—Excellent lunch and only one in city. W. J. Wright, proprietor. 80u

**ARCHITECTS.**  
MOORE & HENRY, ARCHITECTS AND SURVEYORS. JOHN M. MOORE. Frederick Henry. 80u

**VETERINARY SURGEONS.**  
TENNETT & BARNES, VETERINARY Surgeons—Telephones 278 and 688. Treatment of dogs a specialty. We breed and have for sale pure bred collies. 80u

**BUSINESS CARDS.**  
WATSON & CO., HOUSE MOVERS—Steam hoists, speciality. 194 Hamilton road. Phone 1231. 80u

WILLIAM HODGSON, PAINTER, paperhanger. Estimates free. 40 Horton street. 80u

**MONEY TO LOAN.**  
\$1000 AND UPWARDS TO LOAN ON real estate, at 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 per cent. Apply J. W. G. Winnett, barrister, 420 Talbot street. 80u

**MONEY TO LOAN—\$5000 PRIVATE** and trust funds, at 5 per cent. on 5 per cent; also on notes and other securities. Tennent & Coleridge, barristers, solicitors, etc., 75 D'Arny street. 80u

**PRIVATE FUNDS TO LOAN—LOWEST** rates. Butcher, Campbell & Gunn, 93 Dundas street. 80u

**PRIVATE AND TRUST FUNDS TO** loan at 4 1/2 and 5 per cent on real estate security, in sums to suit. No commission charged. F. W. Scandrett, solicitor, 82 Dundas street, London. 80u

**MONEY TO LOAN—LARGE OR SMALL** amounts. Casey & Morwood, barristers, 574 Dundas street. 80u

**WELLAND CANAL.**  
Tenders for Supplies for the Year 1903

Sealed tenders for supplies, addressed to the Superintendent Engineer Welland Canal, St. Catharines, will be received until 2 o'clock on Friday, the 31st of January, 1903, for the supply and delivery of various articles of Timber, Hardware, Castings, Fuel, Paints, Oils, etc. for use on the Welland Canal and its branches for the year 1903.

Specifications, forms of tender and other information may be obtained at the Superintendent Engineer's Office, St. Catharines, on and after Monday, the 22nd December, 1902.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

L. K. JONES, Secretary, Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, December 10th, 1902.

Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the department will not be paid for it. 80u

**TO FIGHT THE OCTOPUS**  
Russian Petroleum Companies to Compete With Standard Oil Co.

Odesa, Dec. 31.—A newspaper states that a powerful combination of Bakou petroleum concerns, under the leadership and in the name of the Gukasoff firm, is about to establish repositories in a number of British centers for the purpose of competing with the Standard Oil Company. It is similar to an enterprise that was recently projected, but which did not materialize owing to lack of Government sanction. A feature of the new scheme is that it will open the campaign by sacrificing prices in Western Europe and maintaining high prices in the East, as done in the Russian sugar export trade.

John Harvey has been elected mayor of Arnprior by acclamation.

Miss R. A. Aitken, for the past two years deputy superintendent of the private wards in the Toronto General Hospital, has been appointed general superintendent of the Western General Hospital at Montreal. Miss Aitken will enter upon her new duties next week.

At Fort William Mr. Dykes has been re-elected mayor by acclamation.

F. COOPER, PHOTO.



MR. GEO. M. REID,  
Candidate for Hospital Trustee.

FEATURES OF THE CORONATION  
DURBAR IN THE MOGUL CAPITAL

Especial Honors Bestowed on Lady Curzon.

PROGRAMME FOR CEREMONIES

Will Take Place in a Huge Amphitheater—Forty Thousand Troops To Be in Line.

Dehli, India, Dec. 31.—In commemoration of the coronation durbar, orders have been issued to release certain classes of military offenders and 16,188 prisoners who are in civil jails. Among the durbar honors Lady Curzon of Kedleston gets the Kaiser-i-Hind (Emperor of India) gold medal for public services in India. Lord Curzon is not included in the durbar honor list, which is very lengthy and of little interest outside Anglo-Indian circles. Decorations and orders are lavished on the Indian princes, members of the government departments and naval and military officers. Lord George Hamilton, the Indian secretary, is made a Knight Grand Commander of the Star of India.

**A QUIET DAY.**  
Yesterday was a comparatively quiet day at Dehli after the brilliant scenes of Monday, but at the opening of the arts exhibition, which had been gathered together there by great efforts, the victory made a clever and entertaining speech on art, depicting the tendency of the present day towards the cheap, tawdry and comfortable. Dehli now resembles London in the height of the season more than an ancient Indian city. There are no very special ceremonies today, but all will be prepared for the great durbar proper tomorrow.

**THE PROGRAMME.**  
The programme for the remainder of the durbar ceremonies is as follows: Tomorrow coronation durbar at noon

or early in the afternoon. State dinner in vice-regal camp at 8 p.m.

Jan. 2—Fireworks and illuminations at 10 p.m.

Jan. 3—A chapter of the Indian orders will be held in the fort at 9 p.m.

Jan. 4—State service at 11 a.m.

Jan. 5—Review of the retainers of native chiefs.

Jan. 6—State ball in the durwan.

Jan. 7—Review of British and Indian troops at 11 a.m.

Jan. 8—Reception of native chiefs in vice-regal camp.

Jan. 10—Public departure of the vicerey.

**THE SCENE.**  
The durbar will take place in a vast amphitheater shaped like a horseshoe, erected upon the spot where on Jan. 1, 1877, Lord Lytton, then vicerey, held the first imperial assembly which proclaimed Victoria Empress of India. This amphitheater is about four miles distant from the city, and from the main camp about two miles, lying to the northwest of the city. In the center of the horseshoe, the vicerey's stand and standing room for 12,000 people, and in the toe of the horseshoe is the dais where the vicerey will sit with the ruling chiefs and distinguished guests in the front rows of the adjoining tiers. The viceregal party will go in full state to the camp to the amphitheater, passing the quarters of many of the bodies of troops posted along the road, and proceeding to the dais around a driveway within the horseshoe, in the center of which will float the royal standard. The ceremonies will consist of the proclamation of Edward as Kaiser-i-Hind, or Emperor of India, the royal salute, the playing of muffled bands, the vicerey's address and the presentation of the ruling chiefs. In the surrounding plain will be the vicerey's camp, and the vicerey's headquarters, which have been maneuvering in the vicinity, and which have during Christmas week converged at Dehli for the durbar. These troops consist of about 13,000 British, 18,500 native, 4,800 imperial service troops, and 1,000 volunteers. The native troops represent all parts of India, while the followers of the vicerey are the troops which will probably furnish such a variety of races and costumes as has never been seen in modern times.

**PEOPLE OF NATAL WITHDRAW**  
WAR CLAIMS OF \$10,000,000

Chamberlain Cables the News to England.

Rebels Got a Pile of Money Besides Capturing the Floors' Guns—Europeans Not Yet Warned to Leave.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Pietermaritzburg, Dec. 31.—The ministers of Natal have informed Colonial Secretary Chamberlain that they do not think it worthy of the colony to haggle over its war claims against the Imperial Government, and wishing to show their appreciation of the sacrifices the latter has made in behalf of the colony, they withdrew all such claims, amounting to nearly \$10,000,000, undertaking that the colony will bear the expense itself. Mr. Chamberlain, with much gratification, announced this gift to Great Britain at a banquet tonight. His statement was greeted with extraordinary enthusiasm, notwithstanding

the fact that the withdrawal of the claims involved an increase of taxation in the colony.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Tangier, Dec. 31.—It is well known that of the missionaries stationed at Mequinez, Mr. and Mrs. Welliver, of Minneapolis, and Mr. George Reed, of Kansas City, left that place for Fez, where it is presumed they are at the present time. There is no information as to the whereabouts of the other six American missionaries, who were at Mequinez.

**BIG INCREASE IN REVENUE.**  
[Special to The Advertiser.]  
London, Dec. 31.—The British revenue returns for the nine months ended today were nearly \$37,500,000 more than for the corresponding period last year.

The stock exchange closed the year today with a very cheerful tone. The members expressed themselves as feeling hopeful of an increased business at the beginning of the new year.

**AUSTRIANS PLEASED.**  
[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Vienna, Dec. 31.—Late this even-

ing the Austrian Ministers re-considered the conclusion of the Ausgleich, approving in special editions of newspapers, caused a pleasant sensation among the New Year's crowds.

**REBELS TOOK A PILE OF MONEY.**  
[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Paris, Dec. 31.—A dispatch to the Temps from Tangier says that communication with Fez is still open. The Europeans in Fez have not been warned to leave for the coast. In addition to guns, the rebels captured a large sum of money that was owned by the imperial troops. The Sultan is recovering a hold on his people and his defenses are being organized rapidly, now that the surprise at the success of the pretender is passing.

**PRINCE HENRY COMING.**  
[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Berlin, Dec. 31.—It is reported that Prince Henry of Prussia, and not the Crown Prince, will represent Germany at the St. Louis Exposition. It is also stated that Prince Henry will unveil the German warriors' monument in Philadelphia.

**THE AILING KING.**  
Curschmann, a specialist, was summoned from Leipzig to Dresden to hold a consultation concerning the condition of the King of Saxony. After the consultation it was announced that the King's malady was nothing more serious than influenza. His majesty attended a ministerial conference today, but his physicians did not allow him to speak. It is stated that he can take little food.

**A PROGRESSIVE SULTAN.**  
[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Madrid, Dec. 31.—The American vice-consul at Fez has arrived at Angier. He speaks enthusiastically of the Sultan's progressive tendencies. He has a photograph of the Sultan and himself.

**PRETENDER BACKS DOWN.**  
[Special to The Advertiser.]  
The Hague, Dec. 31.—A cable dispatch from Batavia, Java, in the Dutch Netherlands, says the pretender, who was fighting the Sultan of Achin, has offered to surrender.

**DIVORCED FOR DESERTION**  
Interesting Proceedings Taken at Ottawa.

According to the Customs and Laws of Hebrew Religion.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 31.—According to the rites and laws of the Hebrew religion, Louis Gross, who has been in the country jail for the past week, is no longer the husband of the daughter of Max Siegel, of Baltimore, Md. Gross was arrested, charged with stealing \$300 from his father-in-law, Max Siegel, of Baltimore, but was released tonight, proceedings being dropped as a result of the divorce. There being no rabbi at the court, an authority in the synagogues of Ottawa to grant the divorce, Chief Rabbi B. Sprinco, of Montreal, assisted by Rabbi M. B. Lattimer, of the same place, officiated at the divorce granted until Friday. Immediately after court he entered a cab with his counsel, Mr. E. Mahon, and a policeman, to see fair play. They drove to the Rileys' street house, and there Gross was questioned for a time in Hebrew by Rabbi Sprinco. At the conclusion of the examination, in which Gross admitted the desertion of his wife, the divorce was granted, the decree being written in ancient Hebrew with a quill pen. The reason the father-in-law is so anxious for the divorce granted is that, which would, of course, be valuable in any civil court either in Canada or the States, is that a civil divorce is not recognized by the Hebrew religion without preliminary religious ceremony. Once having the rabbi's decree, Mrs. Louis Gross will find it an easy matter to secure a civil divorce on the grounds of desertion.

**Victim of Natural Gas Explosion.**  
Port Colborne, Ont., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Isaac Schooley, an old lady, of the village of Humberstone, was burned to death last night by an explosion of natural gas, when she was starting a fire. She had turned on the gas before striking a match, thus causing the gas to explode, setting fire to her clothes.

**Dead From Chickensox.**  
St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 31.—The British schooner Grace (Capt. Strong), from Oporto, reached here yesterday with one man dead from chickensox. Another man is dying, and a third is ill of the disease. The schooner has been quarantined.

**Failures for 1902.**  
Halifax, N. S., Dec. 31.—Failures in Nova Scotia during the year 1902 were \$9,000,000, with liabilities of \$24,237, and assets of \$18,129. Prince Edward Island had 15 failures, with liabilities of \$13,490 and assets of \$2,870. In Newfoundland the failures totaled 8, with liabilities of \$27,500 and assets of \$8,500.

**Retires From Morgan Firm.**  
New York, Dec. 31.—J. P. Morgan & Co. announce that Robert Bacon has retired from the firm and temporarily from active business. It is understood that his health has not been good for some time past. Reports of Mr. Bacon's outgoing from the firm are being widely spread. He was officially denied at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., where it was said that ill-health was the sole cause. A member of the firm said Mr. Bacon's retirement

## A Card...

Since our commencement, upwards of seventeen years ago, our trade has shown a steady and rapid growth, each year giving a marked increase over the year before. The Christmas trade just completed has been no exception—it has shown a large increase over that of any previous year.

We are always careful that our stock of Drugs, Perfumes, etc., are of the highest quality, and in the future, as in the past, our aim will be to supply only the choicest goods obtainable.

**With Compliments Of the Season.**

CAIRNCROSS & LAWRENCE