

5 Shopping Days Till Christmas

PROBABILITIES—Strong westerly winds; cloudy and much colder, with light snowfalls.

THE ROBERT SIMPSON COMPANY'S CHRISTMAS STORE

This Store Remains Open Until 10 p.m. To-Night, Saturday

Ladies' \$35.00 Coats for \$26.00

A distinguished Coat of cloth in exact imitation of the real beaver fur, good heavy pile, seven-eighths length, with semi-fitted back, lined throughout with rich brocaded lining, high roll collar and deep cuffs. The regular selling price of these coats was \$35.00. Special 26.00 Monday.

Some Exquisite New Waists

Just imported and here in time for Christmas. A new silk with a little wool in it, called "Clair de Lune," an excellent wearing silk, made up into a model waist, front of lovely close tucking, no less than 50 tucks in front, group pin tucking at back, bishop sleeves, with 4 half-inch tucks at shoulder; cuffs and collar of close tucking; colors black, navy, crushed rose, mauve and reseda green. Monday, \$35.50.

\$1.50 "Taffetine" Petticoats 98c

200 Petticoats of "Taffetine" or cotton taffeta, navy, black, green or brown; a number of different styles, fitted and pleated flounces, lengths 38, 40 and 42 inches. Regular \$1.50. Monday 98c.

Sleighs for Everybody, Fourth Floor

Boys' Sleds, Regular 25c. Monday 15c. Girls' Sleds, Regular 75c. Monday 40c. Children's Sleds, Regular \$1.00. Monday 50c. Babies' Sleds, Regular 50c. Monday 25c. Dolls' Sleds, Regular \$2.25. Monday \$1.25. DOLL CARRIAGES AND WAGONS. \$1.00 Folders. Monday. \$1.00 Wagons. Monday.

New Gloves Have Arrived From Grenoble to Help Us Out for Christmas

Look Over This Splendid List of Useful Christmas Presents Contributed by Our Furniture Department

A Score of Tabourettes, in every design and finish. Prices ranging from 90c up to \$12.50.

Fifteen designs of Bachelors' Smoking Cabinets, in the prevailing finishes. Ranging in price from \$3.00 to \$42.00. Foot Rests, early English frames, leather tops. From \$2.50 to \$7.50. Scores of Card Tables, in all finishes and designs. From \$3.00 to \$44.00. Smokers' Trays (something entirely new, can be adjusted to any piece of furniture). Price 95c. Magazine Stands, in great variety. Prices from \$2.35 up to \$23.00. Dinner Carts, a sort of gondola on the order of chiming bells, new idea. Price \$5.00. Reading Lamps, early English frame, and glass shades, in all colors. \$1.25 to \$16.75. Table Book Slides, in all manner of sizes and styles, early English finish. Price \$1.75. A nest of Card Tables. (The nest is composed of four tables so constructed that by placing them together they only take up the space of one table). Mahogany and oiled oak. Prices \$23.00 to \$35.00. Telephone Tables, in early English finish, with swing arm for the receiver, place for the telephone book, and a combination stool. Price \$6.00. Library Tables, in all finishes, from \$2.50 to \$28.50. Library Chairs, with Spanish leather reversible cushions, in every kind of finish. Ranging in price from \$14.00 to \$30.00. Large and small sized Settees, with cushion seats and reversible Spanish leather cushion backs, early English and modern finish, representing the different periods. From \$32.00 to \$82.00. Sectional Book Cases in all the modern finishes and designs. Prices are as varied as their styles. Lacier's Writing Tables and Desks. From \$8.00 to \$40.00. Reed Rockers and Reed Chairs, in all colors and designs. Ranging in price from \$2.35 up to \$24.00. Children's Rockers, from 65c to \$4.90. Ladies' Sewing Tables, in all modern finishes. From \$4.50 to \$12.00. Ladies' Sewing Baskets, in all modern designs, from \$4.50 to \$7.00. Muffin Stands and Curstets, in mahogany and rattan goods, in all finishes. Prices \$4.50 to \$10.00. Grandfather Clocks, in early English finish and solid mahogany. Prices from \$15.50 to \$165.00. Music Stands, in solid mahogany and birch mahogany, from \$3.50 to \$30.00. Parlor Cabinets, from \$8.50 to \$70.00. Large Easy Leather Rockers, from \$25.00 to \$150.00. Morris Chairs, from \$7.00 to \$24.00. Book Cases and Combination Book Cases, in all finishes, from \$2.50 up to \$30.00. 100 only Jewel Trays, on high stand, quaint conventional decoration. Regular 50c. Monday 25c. German China Salad or Fruit Bowls, prettily decorated with clusters of pink roses on shaded pink, blue or green background, scalloped gold raised edges, Regular 75c. Monday 45c. Japanese China Fern Pots, with peacock zinc lining, beautifully decorated with shaded pink roses and rich gold band. Regular 85c. Monday 45c. 2000 pieces of Fancy German, Austrian and Japanese China, including Cups and Saucers, Half Receivers, Powder Boxes, Fancy Plates, Bon-bon Dishes, Handled Jolly Trays, Salt and Pepper Shakers. Regular up to 35c. Monday 19c. A large assortment of Fancy China Cups and Saucers, Bleist Jars, Candy Trays, Sugars and Creams, Comb and Brush Trays, Tobacco Jars, Fruit, etc. Regular up to \$2.00. Monday \$1.49. Hand Painted Teapots, Sugar and Cream, decorated with shaded pink and rich red roses, prettily arranged with green foliage, wide gold edge and gold handles. Regular \$9.00. Monday \$4.50. 7-piece Fruit Sets, German china, including one large bowl and six nappies, in pretty floral decorations. Monday 98c. A large assortment of Fancy China Cups and Saucers, Bleist Jars, Candy Trays, Sugars and Creams, Comb and Brush Trays, Tobacco Jars, Fruit, etc. Regular up to \$2.00. Monday \$1.49. Hand Painted Teapots, Sugar and Cream, decorated with shaded pink and rich red roses, prettily arranged with green foliage, wide gold edge and gold handles. Regular \$9.00. Monday \$4.50.

The Christmas Time Table

Table with 2 columns: Day, Closing Time. Store opens 8 a.m. daily. Closes Friday 10.00 p.m., Saturday 10.00 p.m., Monday 5.30 p.m., Tuesday 5.30 p.m., Wednesday 10.00 p.m., Thursday 10.00 p.m., Friday 10.00 p.m. Restaurant serves until closing time.

What \$20 or Less Will Do in the Fur Department

SOME people may imagine a Christmas present of fur sounds expensive. It need not. It's a gift that lasts for years, and can hardly be surpassed for acceptability. See what you can buy in this store of reputable guaranteed quality furs for \$20.00 or less. Mink Muffs, \$30.00. Mink Neck Pieces, \$15.50 to \$20.00. Isabella Fox Muffs, \$15.00 to \$20.00. Isabella Fox Neck Pieces, \$5.50 to \$18.00. Black Fox Muffs, \$20.00. Black Fox Stoles, \$20.00. Black Wolf Sets, stole and muff, \$20.00. Alaska Sable Muffs, \$9.00 to \$15.50. Alaska Sable Neck Pieces, \$7.50 to \$20.00. Western Sable Muffs, \$6.00 and \$7.50. Western Sable Neck Pieces, \$5.00 to \$15.50. Natural Raccoon Muffs, \$5.50 to \$9.00. Natural Raccoon Stoles, \$9.00 to \$12.00. English Mole Sets, muff and tie, \$20.00. Persian Lamb Muffs, \$10.00 to \$30.00. Persian Lamb Neck Pieces, \$7.50 to \$18.00. Persian Paw Muffs, \$9.00 to \$15.00. Persian Paw Neck Pieces, \$4.50 to \$13.00. Grey Squirrel Muffs, \$8.00 to \$13.00. Grey Squirrel Neck Pieces, \$6.50 to \$18.00. White Thibet Muffs, \$3.50 to \$7.50. White Thibet Stoles, \$5.00 to \$12.00. Mink Marmot Muffs, \$3.50 to \$13.50. Mink Marmot Stoles, \$3.75 to \$15.00. Black Belgian Hare Sets, \$9.00 and \$9.00. Grey Lamb Muffs, \$4.00 to \$5.50. Grey Lamb Collars, \$4.00 to \$10.00. Grey Opossum Muffs, \$6.00. Grey Opossum Ties, \$4.50 and \$5.00. Children's White Rabbit Coats, \$3.50, \$9.50 and \$10.50. Children's Blue Rabbit Coats, \$11.00, \$12.00 and \$13.00. Baby Carriage Fugs, white goat, \$4.00; Iceland lamb, \$8.00; white rabbit, \$5.00. Ladies' Corsets, great variety of models and styles. Prices 50c to \$10.00. Ladies' Silk and Silk-mix Vests, an ideal present in a fancy box. Prices 50c to \$2.50. Infants' Wear, Dresses, Robes, Coats, Cloaks, Wrappers, Knitted Jackets, Bonnets, Booties, Mitts, great variety of styles. Mothers appreciate this kind of gift as much as the kids. All prices. Children's Wear, Dressing Gowns, Pyjamas, Leggings, Dresses, Toques, scarfs, Overalls, Sashes, Sweaters. Just what the children want now. You can't do better than choose from this list. \$4.00 UMBRELLAS FOR \$2.75. 48 only Ladies' Umbrellas, extra fine quality taffeta silk tops, with tarp edge; the latest novelties in handles, no two alike, \$3.55 and \$4.00 values. To clear Monday, \$2.75.

A Sale of Fancy China on Monday

HUNDREDS and hundreds of pretty Cups and Saucers, hundreds of Bowls and Vases, scores of pretty Tea Pots, Salt Cellars and odd things for the table, the plate rail, the bric-a-brac cabinet, the shelves and the mantel. Just exactly what every woman wants for Christmas. Come and choose from an underpriced shipment reserved for this very occasion, on the Monday before Christmas. On Sale in the Basement

LA RIVE QUALITY GLOVES

Women's extra quality French Kid Gloves, made in France from selected skins, two dome fasteners, gusset fingers, silk stitched points, perfect fitting; every pair guaranteed; all sizes, black, white and all the wanted shades. Monday, each pair in fancy box, \$1.00. Women's Fine Imported French Kid Gloves, made in France from selected skins, two dome fasteners, gusset fingers, silk stitched points, perfect fitting; every pair guaranteed; all sizes, black, white and all the wanted shades. Monday, each pair in fancy box, \$1.00. Women's extra quality French Kid Gloves, made in France from selected skins, two dome fasteners, gusset fingers, silk stitched points, perfect fitting; every pair guaranteed; all sizes, black, white and all the wanted shades. Monday, each pair in fancy box, \$1.00. Women's Fine Imported French Kid Gloves, made in France from selected skins, two dome fasteners, gusset fingers, silk stitched points, perfect fitting; every pair guaranteed; all sizes, black, white and all the wanted shades. Monday, each pair in fancy box, \$1.00.

Monday's Provision List

Cholice Picnic Hams, 6 to 8 lbs., per lb. 15c. One car finest California Navel Oranges, large size, excellent, regular 45c, per dozen 35c. Finest Canned Corn, 2 tins 15c. Canned Tomatoes, 2 tins 15c. Canned Peas, 3 tins 25c. Cholice Red Cranberries, per quart 1c. Fancy Japan Rice, 4 lbs. 25c. Finest White Sugar, 4 lbs. 25c. Lake of the Woods Five Roses Flour, 1-4 bag, 35c. Cholice Meringue Lemons, large size, 2 dozen 25c. Salt, in 5-lb. bag, 3 bags 15c. Quaker Oats, 3 packages 25c. Telephone direct to department. Main 7941. 5 LBS. PURE CELONA TEA, \$1 Monday. 500 lbs., black or mixed. 5 lbs. \$1.00.

Six Suggestions From the Staple Department

(Second Floor, Yonge Street.) A fine French Flannel Waist Length in Christmas box. At the Flannel Circle. Per length Monday \$1.50. Warm White Bearskin, for Children's Coats, long, shaggy fur, 48 inches wide. At the Flannel Counter. Per yard Monday \$2.45. Fine All Linen Spoke Hemstitched, Hucksback Bedroom Towels, full bleached, 12 dozen in box. Per box Monday \$15.00. Spoke Hemstitched Pillow Cases, best make and finish, 43 x 33 and 41 x 33 inches, Monday 2 mats for \$12.00. Do not Bleached Irish Sateen Damask Table Linen, pure linen, handsome bordered designs, one 2 x 2 1/2 yard cloth, dozen 22 x 22 inch napkins to match. Each set in box. Per set Monday \$3.68. Very fine lot of Everleth Scotch Steamer Rugs, genuine Scotch plaids, in the Blanket Section. Each Monday \$4.41. Phone orders direct to department. Our phone service has been doubled.

A Christmas Event in the Picture Gallery

75 Original Paintings and Water Colors to be Sold for Half Market Price

We feel that our present galleries do not do these pictures justice—they lack privacy and quiet essential to the proper display of art. Our new galleries will not be ready for some little time, and so, rather than have pictures of merit lose caste, we will sell them and give them new homes immediately. The artists' names are well known to you—some of them are citizens of Toronto. Prices range from \$5.00 to \$50.00—in every case one-half of its fair market value under ordinary conditions of picture selling.

Useful Presents for Ladies' Wear

A short resume of the kind of gifts you will find in the northwest corner of the third floor. Useful and sensible gifts, every one of them; the kind that can't fail to be valued long after the Christmas excitement is over. Abundance of choice. Prices to suit every purse. Ladies' Corsets, great variety of models and styles. Prices 50c to \$10.00. Ladies' Silk and Silk-mix Vests, an ideal present in a fancy box. Prices 50c to \$2.50. Infants' Wear, Dresses, Robes, Coats, Cloaks, Wrappers, Knitted Jackets, Bonnets, Booties, Mitts, great variety of styles. Mothers appreciate this kind of gift as much as the kids. All prices. Children's Wear, Dressing Gowns, Pyjamas, Leggings, Dresses, Toques, scarfs, Overalls, Sashes, Sweaters. Just what the children want now. You can't do better than choose from this list. \$4.00 UMBRELLAS FOR \$2.75. 48 only Ladies' Umbrellas, extra fine quality taffeta silk tops, with tarp edge; the latest novelties in handles, no two alike, \$3.55 and \$4.00 values. To clear Monday, \$2.75.

Give Umbrellas and Never Go Wrong

We have heard of people complaining because they got eight Cut Glass Berry Bowls given to them, but nobody ever complained of having too many umbrellas—except the factory man, who sacrificed these to us, enabling us to sell: \$4.00 UMBRELLAS FOR \$2.75. 48 only Ladies' Umbrellas, extra fine quality taffeta silk tops, with tarp edge; the latest novelties in handles, no two alike, \$3.55 and \$4.00 values. To clear Monday, \$2.75.

How Would a Silk Muffler Do?

Most men wear them. No fabric so comfortable as silk. No place better to buy than Simpson's. No time better than now, when stocks are complete. Men's Silk Mufflers, water styles, plain colored and fancy designs, from 75c to \$2.50. Men's Silk Mufflers, English square styles, plain colors and many splendid patterns, 50c to \$2.00. (As Xmas gift box with each.)

Children's College Ulsters and Fancy Overcoats

FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. Boys' English Tweed Ulsters in grey and brown grounds, with fancy broken stripes; made up in the latest single-breasted college style, with strap on sleeves. Sizes 24 to 28, \$4.50; 26 to 30, \$5.00. Boys' Soft Saxony Finished English Tweed Fancy Overcoats in a dark grey stripe effect, made up in college ulster style, with new stand-up collar, lined throughout with red flannel, sizes 8 to 8 years. Special price \$4.00. Ladies' Fascinators, Head Drapes, Scarfs, all right in season now. Prices 50c to \$2.50. Ladies' House Slippers, easy and warm, always appreciated, \$1.00 and \$1.25. Shawls, honeycomb knit wool, silk hand-crochet, English wrap. Prices 50c to \$5.50. Afternoon Aprons, dainty and fine, every lady should have a few. Prices 50c, 55c, 75c, and \$1.00. Princess Slippers, fashion demands you have one; these are exceptional values. Prices \$1.25, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.75.

Work Bags, Cushion Slips, Etc.

(On sale in Art Needlework Department, Main Floor.) Pretty and useful Shoe or Work Bags of natural or colored linen; some are hand embroidered—others are just hemstitched. Special Monday 25c. A very large Linen Laundry Bag, with "Linen" worked across same. Special Monday, 25c. Natural Linen Cushion Slips with roll round same, and handsomely embroidered, ready for filling. Special Monday 35c. Ladies' House Slippers, easy and warm, always appreciated, \$1.00 and \$1.25. Shawls, honeycomb knit wool, silk hand-crochet, English wrap. Prices 50c to \$5.50. Afternoon Aprons, dainty and fine, every lady should have a few. Prices 50c, 55c, 75c, and \$1.00. Princess Slippers, fashion demands you have one; these are exceptional values. Prices \$1.25, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.75.

LAURIER TAKES QUEBEC OTTAWA SEAT VACATED

Budget Debate is Resumed — House Adjourns Until January 12. OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced in the commons today that he had decided to continue to sit in parliament for Quebec East, the constituency he has represented almost since his entry into public life. This means that Ottawa City is now vacant, in so far as the French-Canadian representation is concerned. An official statement was read by Hon. L. P. Brodeur bearing on the wreck of the car ferry Bessemer No.

2, and the loss of 40 of her crew on Lake Erie. Mr. Brodeur stated that the vessel was not subject to inspection as it was a United States craft. Port Stanley, he said, was equipped with two splendid lights, which could be seen for many miles, and no complaints had reached the department as to the inefficiency of the aids to navigation at that port. The statement quoted the president of the Lake Carriers Association to the effect that all navigation on the lakes should close not later than Dec. 1. J. G. Turriff, East Assinibola, introduced a bill to amend the act authorizing a bounty to volunteers who served in South Africa. The object of the bill is to enable either a veteran or his substitute who has been, unfortunately, discharged from the military service which is worthless, to get another act section. Mr. Turriff said that in a few cases veterans, or their substitutes, had secured land of no value. The bill was given a first reading. For the Homesteader. Mr. Turriff also introduced a bill to enable second homesteaders who have paid their fee and one dollar an acre on quarter sections which are worthless, to get a credit of \$100 on another quarter section. Major Currie objected to the bill on the ground that as it would affect the revenue it should be preceded by a resolution. The Speaker was not prepared to give an immediate decision, and Mr. Turriff agreed to its standing over. Major Currie introduced a bill to amend the grain inspection act to prevent shortages in grain shipments. Grain weighed into terminals at Port William was often found to be short when it reached the lower lake ports. The bill would provide for the weighing of it both when taken in and taken out of terminal elevators. Budget Debate Resumed. Mr. Sinclair, Liberal member for Guyaboro, who resumed the budget debate, entered into a general defence of the government's policy and expenditure. Dealing with the I.C.R., he expressed the belief that the cultivation of business was worth a long way in the direction of making the railway a success. Touching on the naval question he declared that the followers of the government to a man would stand firmly back of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in carrying out the terms of the joint resolution of last session. He doubted if the opposition would present the same united front. Mr. Sinclair said that Sir Charles Tupper, who at one time predicted that the Liberals could not rule Canada for six months, was now appearing to be the government in respect to a Canadian navy. Deceiving the Public. Major Currie criticized the method of declaring a surplus by charging certain payments up to special accounts and so deceiving the public. He objected to the finance minister taking uncalled for money from the Treasury to himself regarding the flotation of loans, when it was found that Australia got better terms than Canada. He would like to see the British principle adopted, namely, a clear statement of revenue and expenditure. As regards capital account, there was no reckoning whether the assets of the country equaled the capital expenditure. Since confederation \$72,000,000 had been spent on capital account and since 1894, \$17,000,000. But the \$200,000,000 spent during the Conservative administration was represented by the C.P.R., western lands, Soo Canal, Welland Canal, the Intercolonial Railway, etc., valuable assets, whereas the Liberals could show no substantial asset which was a paying investment. He warned the government that the present tariff policy foredoomed an evil day for Canada. Private Bills. The adjournment of the debate was moved by Maxwell Scheel of South Oxford, and the following private bills were given a second reading. Respecting the improved Paper Machinery Company. Respecting the Prince Albert and Hudson Bay Railway Company, Mr. Neely. To incorporate the Toronto Central Terminal Company—Mr. Harris. Respecting the Edmonton Diversion

and British Columbia Railway Company—Mr. Douglas. Respecting the Hamilton, Waterloo and Ouelph Railway Company—Mr. Harris. The house then adjourned until Jan. 12. FIRE CAPTAIN RETIRES. Alexander Auchincloss of Hosiery 3 Retires After Thirty-Five Years. Captain Alex. Auchincloss of Hosiery 3, College-street, one of the veterans of the fire department, has resigned to take effect at the end of the year. Capt. Auchincloss joined the department in Oct. 1874, and leaves with an unblemished record. He was in command of his company for over fifteen years. Of late months he has had trouble with his eyes brought on and aggravated by constant work amid smoke. He will retire on half pay. His brother is messenger for the fire department office. The awful smoke at White & Co's warehouse the other night more or less knocked out quite a number of the men who were on the job for several hours. Capt. Adamson of Hose 16 is old duty, his eyes being badly inflamed, while Lieut. Dave Gordon of Hose 3 was also off duty until yesterday for a similar cause. Lieut. Wm. Corbett of Aerial 1, who fell 15 feet thru the glass verandah, will be in St. Michael's hospital for several days yet. The doctors say that his escape from a broken back was almost miraculous. When he fell, he had a 9 lb. regulation fire axe in his hand. Thirty-Five Hurt in Wreck. FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., Dec. 17.—It was learned today that 35 persons were injured in last night's wreck on the Santa Fe at Winslow, in which Mrs. Alcott D. Bennett of Hartford, Conn., was killed. Ex-Judge declines to be sworn in as the only one whose faith of the National promise had kept.

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