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When you come in to see them notice the splendid value offered; there are no fancy prices.

Leather Collar Boxes, $1.00, 1.50, 2.00
Coat Hangers in Leather Case, $1.00, 1.25, 1.50
Fitted Leather Toilet Rolls, $6.00, 8.50, 10.00, 12.00
Military Brushes in Case, $3.00, 4.50, 6.00
Toilet Wraps, $1.50, 1.75, 2.00
Shaving Mirrors in Case, $1.50, 3.50.

These prices will interest every person looking for Gifts, and will be sure to please their

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This list gives you but an idea of the range; the best part of the store is in the goods themselves. Come and see them for yourself.

Neckwear—25, 50, 75c, $1.00, 1.50, 2.00.
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Tie Pins—75c, $1.00, 1.50.
Cuff Links—50, 75c, $1.00, 1.50, 2.00.
Braces in Fancy Boxes—25, 50, 75c, $1.00, 1.50.
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Silk Handerchiefs—25, 50, 75c, $1.00.
Armlets—25, 50, 75c.
Boy's Jerseys—all colors—75, 85c, $1.00, 1.25, 1.50.
Men's Coat Sweaters—$2.00, 3.00, 3.75, 4.50, 5.00, 7.00.
Umbrellas—$1.00, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00, 4.50.
Dressing Gowns—$5.00, 6.00, 7.50, 8.00, 10.00, 12.00, 15.00.
House Coats—$3.75, 5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 7.00, 8.50.
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Suit Cases—$1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.50.
Leather Suit Cases—$4.50, 5.50, 7.50, 9.50, 12.00, 14.00, 18.00.
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Now, here is something that every real, live, boyish boy and girlish girl will like to receive as Christmas Gifts—something that will give them a lot of pleasure, and you many thanks. They are well made, and at are prices are exceptionally good value:

Boy's Indian Suits—$1.00, 1.50, 2.00, 2.25, 2.75.
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Cow Girl Suits—$1.75, 2.50, 3.00.
Wigwam—$2.00, 4.00 and 6.00.

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Selig's Western Triumph, The Law and the Outlaw.

Grand spectacular production in two parts, showing A Real Bull Fight.

"He Wouldn't Give Up." 1000 GIGGLES. A Riot of Fun in this.

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"JOHNNY," I think a NICE COAT-SWEATER would be about as sensible a present as you could find for a young man, and we are going to give the Fathers and Mothers A CHANCE TO BUY THEM RIGHT.

To-morrow Only

they can buy one of our regular $8.00 new pattern German Coat-Sweaters for

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Take it from me, you Fathers and Mothers, this is some snap. They're the finest Sweater money can buy, and we have them in splendid plain colors and very pretty combinations of colors.

Come in Wednesday and get one.

Yours for Sensible Christmas Presents,

"Johnny,"

THE BOY AT

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Satisfactory Service.

Academy Players

THIS WEEK!

The Brilliant Comedy,

OUR WIVES.

Grand Benefit Week. Anti-Tuberculosis League and Halifax Infants' Home.

CHRISTMAS WEEK!

First Time in Halifax!

What Happened To Mary.

Suggested by the Mary Stories in "The Ladies' World," by Owen Davis.

SHORT OF COAL.

Steamer Montrose from Japan puts into Halifax. Other shipping news.

The steamer Montrose, Captain Reid, arrived in port this morning from Yokohama, Japan, which place she left on September 28th. She called at Hiogo, Japan, on Oct. 5th, and Shanghai, China, October 11 and Manilla on Oct. 24. She then went to Singapore reaching there Nov. 2, proceeding to Algiers, getting there Nov. 30. She was on her way to Boston and New York with a cargo from the different ports at which she called. On the way they met with a succession of gales, which meant not only delay but a short fuel supply, and consequently she put into Halifax for 100 tons of coal. Her crew is comprised of Chinamen only, and on board are a number of Japanese dogs.

The Montrose is owned by John Warnach & Co., of Leith, Scotland, and the Halifax agents are Pickford & Black.

The Allan liner Scotian left this morning for Boston.

The tug Scotsman left to-day for Bridgewater towing the tern schooners Ladysmith and Viola May.

The Ocamo left St. John yesterday for Halifax.

The West Indies Royal Mail steamer Chaleur, is expected here next Monday to load for the West Indies. She arrived at St. John on Thursday last.

The Czar is expected here next Friday from Lisbon with 267 passengers and 19 tons of cargo to land at Halifax.

The Allan liner Turk's Island Sunday for Halifax, and is due here next Sunday.

The schooner Century is in port from Newfoundland with a cargo of fish. She had a very hard passage during the recent storm, springing a leak, and her crew had to use the pumps almost continuously.

The schooner Ethel is in port from Louisburg with 190 tons of soft coal.

The Red Cross Liner Stephano is in port from New York.

Furness, Withy & Co. received a wireless from the Allan liner Corsican last night, giving her position at 9 p. m. as 458 miles east of Cape Race. She is due here on Thursday morning with 298 passengers and a large mail.

The cable steamer Minia left port yesterday on a cable repairing cruise just outside Halifax harbor that may last till after Coristmas.

The death occurred at Vinalhaven, Maine, on the 3rd inst., of Matilda Merrick, the third daughter of the late Charles Martin, of Halifax. She had been ailing some time, and, contracted a cold, which hastened the end. She is survived by her mother, three sisters and one brother—Mrs. A. P. Proctor, of Tynsboro; Mrs. F. H. G. Whitehouse, of Boston; Mrs. W. McC. Boak, of Halifax, and Joseph, of Boston. The deceased was well liked by a large circle of friends, who will regret to hear of her demise. Included among the floral offerings was a handsome pillow from Mr. Barquest. The family wish to thank those who in any way assisted in their sad bereavement. The services at the house and grave, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Robinson, were very impressive.—Boston and Rockland papers please copy.

CITY NEWS.

— The sudden change in the weather might cause a cold or cough, which if neglected may develop into Pneumonia, Pleurisy, or even Consumption.

Guard yourself and those around you from any of these terrible diseases.

J. A. Huggins' Menthol Liniment is the best household remedy; always keep it handy, and use it whenever you feel a cold or cough coming on, there is nothing better, nothing just so good. Price 25c.

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— Xmas Cakes, all kinds, at MOIRS, Limited, Argyle street. 6i dec12

Fresh every day.

Candies made on the premises. Delicious creams and crisp nut brittles. Get a pound to-day at our new candy store, 39 BARRINGTON ST.

TEAS & COMPANY, Barrington St.

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Why not get a Guaranteed Glove? Guaranteed Gloves are bound to be well made or they couldn't be guaranteed. The leather is bound to be good. Perrin's Men's Gloves are sold only by Isnor Bros. in the North End. Agents for the best in Men's Furnishings. ISNOR BROS., 69 Gottingen St. dec12

— Barley Toys and Xmas Candies, at MOIRS, Limited, Argyle street. 6i dec12

Water Notice.

In consequence of a serious leak in the High Service main, the water will be turned off on

Wednesday, December 17, at 9 a. m., to make repairs.

dec13 J. Wesley Smith Church.

A special feature of the morning service on Sunday in the J. Wesley Smith Memorial Church was the attendance of the "League of Worshipping Children," a recently formed society in the Methodist Church in Canada, which has a large organization in England. One of the great influences of the association is to induce large and regular attendance of children at church services. Previous to the sermon Rev. G. W. F. Glendenning gave a five-minute talk to the young people.

South-End Skating Club.

The South-End Rink will open for the season on Friday afternoon, December 26th, and the regular meetings will be on Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons. Admission by season ticket only, with the exception of non-residents, who will be admitted by paying 50c. Gentlemen's ticket $7; lady's $5; children's $2; promenade $1. The committee is as follows:

W A Black, chairman; L A Gastonguay, secretary; Captain C R Grant, Dr P Weatherbe W J Stairs, Dr E Farrell, Captain S A Howard, A N Jones, R E Murray, Captain Beeman, Edward Dwyer, Captain Law, L E White.

Ladies—Mrs L M Murray, Mrs C R Grant, Miss B Stairs, Miss E Redd, Mrs W J Stairs, Mrs G McG Mitchell, Mrs H E Mahon, Mrs George Roberts.

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Silver Mounted Briar Pipes for Xmas, at Sarre's.
Cigars, ten in box, for Xmas, at Sarre's.
Pocket Knives, good make, at Sarre's.
Cigar and Cigarette Cases, at Sarre's.
Silver Mounted Walking Sticks, at Sarre's.
Two Nice Pipes in case, for Xmas, at Sarre's.
Meerschaum Pipes, for Xmas, at Sarre's.
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Teddy Bears and Dolls, at Sarre's.
Finest stock of Pipes in Case, at Sarre's.
Tobaccos in tins, at Sarre's.
Tobacco Pouches, for Xmas, at Sarre's.
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— Our Famous Special 15 cent French Cream and Chocolate Mixture, 5,000 pounds now ready at T. F. COURTNEY & Co's.

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Our Big Trip Contest will end Dec. 31st, 1913.

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— Xmas Plum Puddings, the best you ever tasted, all sizes, at MOIRS, Limited, Argyle street. 6i dec12

— Moir's Sultana Cake; good for Christmas. 1i

— "Another Order," due to my always ready quick-letter-answering-system with the Smith Premier Typewriter.

A. MILNE FRASER, dec15—20 157 Hollis St., Halifax, N. S.

— Moir's Plain Pound Cake is delicious. 6i dec15

— Do your shopping early at Moir's, Limited, Argyle St. 6i dec15

Manicure Sets.

Our customers tell us we are showing the best values in Halifax in Manicure, Brush, and Brush, Comb and Mirror Sets. It will pay you to call in and see our range, as these Sets make ideal gifts. Open every evening. ISNOR BROS., 69 Gottingen Street.

— Candy Canes, Baskets, Cherries and other novelties for Christmas, at Moir's, Ltd. 1i

"The Riot."

The Jew shop-keeper chastises the Kelly kids. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly is retaliating and his neighbors take a hand. The Jews rally to the defence of their fellowman and a riot takes place. Stones and bricks fairly rain down on the combatants. The police are called out, but they cannot cope with the riot, in which bombs are being thrown. The militia is ordered to the scene, but it is not until the fire department arrives with its hose and pours powerful streams of water on the mob that the fighters are stopped. The Keystone comedy is shown for the last time to-day at the Nickel.

Dartmouth Items.

Captain Roome, who has accepted a position with the Consumers Cordage Company, left this morning in company with R. L. Graham, traveller for the company, on a business trip to Yarmouth.

Two cases were up in the police court yesterday morning, one being a cabman, for driving at night without lights. He was fined $1 and costs. A man was fined $2 and costs for allowing his pig to go at large.

A sketch of the new Post Office has arrived in Dartmouth and may be seen at the Ferry office.

— Moir's Fruit Pound Cake is the best you can get for Christmas. 6i dec 15

"The Law and the Outlaw."

"The Law and the Outlaw," which was shown last evening at the Empire Theatre drew a large audience. It is a romance of Plains' life in the West in two thrilling reels, representing Tom Mix, the world's most daring cowboy, in an incidental series of sensational, death-defying "stunts." The Motography Magazine says: "Action of a great character on every foot of its length—one of the most spectacular and interesting Western dramas it has ever been our privilege to witness." The New York Clipper says: "A two-part film which promises to go down in picture history as a triumph unequalled in two hours of lending, sensations galore—introducing several extremely sensational incidents, unlike any previously recorded in pictures.—From Dramatic Mirror.

— Moir's Plum Loaves are nice for Christmas. 1i

$10,000 CLAIM PAID.

W. E. Hebb, manager for Nova Scotia for the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York, received yesterday a $10,000 cheque in payment of the accident policy held by the late George A. Tracey. It was handed to the Eastern Trust Co.

— Have you tried Moir's Cherry Cake? It's nice. 1i

FATALLY INJURED.

Arthur Squires, aged 33 years, a stevedore, was fatally injured aboard the Red Cross liner Florizel last night. The steamer arrived from St. John's, Nfld., during the evening, and Squires was one of a gang of men put to work on the cargo.

As he was crossing the deck he stepped on one of the hatches, which tilted, and Squires fell into the hold of the ship.

When his fellow workmen reached him he was bleeding and unconscious. Medical aid was promptly summoned, and then the ambulance was called and the injured man was removed to the hospital. His skull was fractured.

The man, who lived at 167 Lower Water St., lingered until this morning, when he passed away.

— Immense stock Xmas Stockings, Bon-Bons, Lucky Tubs, etc., at T. F. COURTNEY & Co's.

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$3,000 Cedar Rapids Mfg. and Power Co., 5 p. c. Bonds.
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Prices on application.

Call and see us, or write, all information free.

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— Mahons' adv. to-night will smooth out the puzzle wrinkles. Read it, page 4.

— Try McLaren's imperial cream cheese now being demonstrated at WENTZELLS Limited.

— Next time you are down town, drop into WENTZELL'S Limited, and try some of the dainty McLaren's jellies which are demonstrated there this week.

— They are busy at WENTZELLS Limited making big shipments of Christmas groceries to all parts of the Province.

Wedded at Immigration Building.

Hymen was active at the Immigration Building yesterday, and as a result Miss Mary Calvin, of Edinburgh, is now the wife of Thomas Simpson, of MacAdam, N. B., the ceremony being performed by one of the Immigration Chaplains, Rev. J. M. Callum, Mr. Hetherington, of the Immigration Department, acting in the capacity of groomsman. Miss Calvin was a passenger on the steamer Scotian from Glasgow, and Mr. Simpson came down from McAdam, where he is employed as a clerk, to meet his bride.

— Cossacques, Tom Smith's, Clarke, Nicolls and Coombes, Batger's—all the best makers—at Moir's, Limited, Argyle St. 6i dec15

An old favorite.

Jere McAuliffe, the old Halifax favorite, is meeting with great success in vaudeville. A Harrisburg, Pa., paper says:—One of the best playlets seen here this season is that which is being presented by Jere McAuliffe and Lena Brown. The title of this happy offering is "The New Depot." The play recites a story that is out of the beaten path and deals in satirical humor in an original manner. Like all of the other playlets of Will Cressy, this is a gem.

Going to Pacific Coast.

Six sailors from the cruiser Niobe are going to the Pacific coast under a new contract of service, and they are to be joined by half a dozen men chosen from the cruiser Rainbow. The men chosen from the two warships are to engage in fishery protection service aboard the new cruiser Malaspina, now being golten under way at Victoria B. C. The Malaspina was finished in a British shipyard last summer and a short time ago arrived for delivery at Victoria. At present she is without a crew and the engine room staff and deck crew is being made up of the dozen referred to, whose experience on a warship is preferred to that of the merchant steamer engineers and seamen. The Malaspina was only last week taken over by the Dominion government. She is to be officered and manned. She will be dispatched on her initial cruize in the fishery service prior to Christmas.

The Malaspina will patrol the coast of British Columbia and prevent violations of international treaties by Japanese and American fishermen who attempt to fish in forbidden waters.

— Morns Chocolates are packed in pretty boxes, all sizes, all prices. 6i dec12

TWO MORE BURGLARIES.

In addition to those mentioned last night, there were two other robberies or attempt at robbery. Early Monday morning, Robert M. Anderson discovered that the door of his liquor store had been opened by a false key, and by certain marks on the floor ascertained that he had had a night visitor.

Mr. Anderson, however, keeps a dog, and the would be thief had to leave before he obtained any liquid refreshments.

Either early Sunday morning or late Sunday night some person or persons burglariously entered Barnes Bros'. store on Willow street, but finding the safe locked and no cash in sight they were satisfied with some cigars, etc.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows

Licensed to Sell Christmas Joy-Spirit and Happiness Generally

Orpheus Arthur Johnston and Lottie Briscoe in awful mix-up, "Her Husband's Wife."

A Lubin Serio-Comic Story that will get you.

Broncho One-Reel offering, May and December. The Twins and the Other Girl. Introducing the Thanhouser Kids.

Nickel Theatre TO-DAY

A CASE of LAUGH TILL YOU'RE SICK as "THE RIOT" A KEYSTONE RIOT OF FUN. A fight with bricks; the fire dept. turns out; the militia is called. Funnier than any "THE RIOT."

"THE BADGE OF HONOR." A WESTERN DRAMA.

"A YELLOW STREAK." PATHE-DRAMA.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC 'EN FETE'

Last night, in honor of Anti-Tuberculosis week.

"Our Wives" made a brilliant hit.

The Academy of Music was "en fete" last night, on the occasion of the initial performance of "Our Wives," the happily chosen comedy by the Academy Players for the week that they are generously sharing proceeds with the Anti-Tuberculosis League. Gay with decorations of crimson and white, and filled with a brilliant and distinguished audience, the house presented one of the brightest and cheeriest of scenes, and when the curtain was raised at the beginning of the performance the charm was completed by the very artistic furnishing of the stage, revealing the elegant studio apartment in Gramercy Park, New York, of the wealthy young librettist, Frank Bowers (Mr. Sidney Toler.)

"Our Wives" is a sparkling comedy, bubbling over with rich humor. It is a laugh from beginning to end, with just enough sentiment and romance to make the play one of delightful interest. The Players are at their very best, and have presented for the benefit work one of their choicest repertoires in the clean and exceedingly pretty comedy given for the first time in Halifax last night, and is sure to be enjoyed by crowded audiences all week.

The plot of the play deals with four jolly young bachelors who have vowed to remain single. In the first act, however, three have already succumbed to the charms of "lovely women" and confess their weakness to "Frank Bowers," much to the disgust of the librettist, who laughs them to scorn, but who later follows the fate of the others by falling in love with "Wilson," Miss Jane Morgan, with whom he has been brought in contact in collaboration work when both made a solemn compact to eschew sex and regard each other as "machines."

The circumstances surrounding the play are of the funniest, and the audience ripples with laughter throughout. Mr. Toler plays a splendidly strong role, and his acting and general interpretation leaves nothing to be desired.

Miss Jane Morgan, as "Wilson," gave a most charming presentation and was fascinating throughout. In the violin solo in the "Lost Melody," expressly written for the play, Miss Morgan revealed decided musical talent in addition to her fine dramatic gifts. The beautiful solo, with its exquisite orchestral accompaniment, delighted the audience and was encored to the echo.

Miss Anna Doherty, Miss Mabel Craig and Miss Alice Baker made a fascinating trio of "Our wives," and displayed their versatile gifts to greatest advantage.

Miss Doherty as "Elizabeth Tatum," has ample scope to display her special talent as a comedienne and delighted the audience.

Miss Craig gave one of her best impersonations, and Miss Baker as Emily was a dominating personality.

W. R. Coleman, Edmund Abbey and Alexander Leftwich as "Corkey," "Spider" and "Rattle," were of the jolliest type, whose serio-comic experience in their married lives kept the house in fits of laughter. Each was perfect in his particular role.

Maurice Burr gave an ideal characterization of the trusted and confidential brother.

Altogether the play is charming and one of the most popular that the Players have presented to date.

A specially enjoyed feature last night was the appearance on the stage of a trio of our leading amateur artists, consisting of Mrs. George E. Roberts, who rendered a delightful vocal solo; Captain du Domaine, who played with superb expression a violin number, and Mr. Fred Clarke, who acted as accompanist with his usual fine effect.

Before the performance commenced last evening, the Lieutenant Governor stepped before the curtain, and in behalf of the Anti Tuberculosis League welcomed the audience and thanked Manager O'Connell and the Academy Players for their generosity which made the benefit week possible. Handsomely illuminated programmes and boxes of Moir's chocolates were sold by the ladies of the Anti-Tuberculosis League, who looked very attractive in white gowns and crimson sashes.

Our Wives continues all week.

TO-DAY'S NOON STOCK LETTER.

(F. B. McCurdy & Co.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 15th, 1913.

The opening was firm and active and from the way the market acted, it looked as if the active issues had again become somewhat oversold on yesterday's decline. St. Paul and Canadian Pacific were the weakest features, the former opening at 962, while Canadian Pacific was again sold for foreign account.

There was also some selling of Illinois Central on the ground that this stock, as a 5 p. c. factor, was selling too high when compared with other issues in the same class. New Haven, however, rallied vigorously on the shorts, it having loned last night at 3-32 p. c. premium for delivery to-day, while Telephone also on short covering forced prices up sharply, it being contended in many quarters that the bugaboo of government control had been overdone.

The general market has held strong during the two hours of trading, but enough stock was supplied at the high range to check any further advance. During the last hour the market has fluctuated within very narrow limits, maintaining, however, a strong tone.

Sales to noon 136,000. Bonds $906,000.

— The taste of "Quality" Chocolates is remembered long after the price is forgotten. A smooth, high-grade chocolate covers the most delicious assortment of fruit, nut, hard and cream comfetes. Try a pound and be convinced that after all its "Quality" that counts.

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DEMANDS FOR FREE TRADE

With Britain within five years and for interchange of natural products with U. S.

Made on the Borden Government by Western farmers.

OTTAWA, December 16.—The Government met the twelve farmer delegates at noon to-day. Premier Borden, Hon. Geo. E. Foster and Finance Minister White heard them present the request of Saskatchewan, Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario for free wheat and flour, free agricultural implements, a fifty per cent British preference, and no more railway subsidies.

The following resolutions were presented:

"Whereas, the progress and development of the agricultural industry is of vital importance to the general welfare of the State, all other industries being largely dependent on its success, and as the Government has the interest and welfare of the country at heart, and is desirous of improving conditions; and

"Whereas, the cost of the production of all farm products is materially enhanced and the development of our agricultural resources retarded by the excessive cost of agricultural implements and other commodities, due to customs duties; and

"Whereas, an import tax on food-stuffs increases the cost of living to the extent of the tax imposed, and enables dealers and manufacturers to form combines and create artificial restrictions in the distribution of commercial commodities; and

"Whereas, the best interests of the people of Canada, and our loyalty to the British crown, demand that the tariff barriers of trade with the Motherland be removed and thus cheapen the cost to Canadian consumers of goods manufactured in Great Britain; and

Whereas, the free interchange of all natural products between Canada and the United States would tend to reduce the cost of living to town and country people alike; and

Whereas, the United States Congress has passed an Act which is still in force, offering free interchange of natural products between the two countries, therefore be it resolved—

1—That we urge the government to recommend to parliament at its next session a reduction in the tariff on imports from Great Britain to one half the general tariff, and to provide for a further gradual reduction until there is free trade with Great Britain in five years.

2—That parliament accept the offer of the United States of free interchange of all agricultural and animal products between the two countries.

3—That all foodstuffs not provided for in the above referred to offer of the United States be transferred to the free list.

4—That agricultural implements, lumber and cement be transferred to the free list.

5—That pending the passage of legislation asked for herein, any duties now imposed under the Canadian customs' tariff which are the cause of countervailing duties being imposed against any food products of this country by any foreign country be immediately removed.

6—That any tariff or trade concession granted to any other country be immediately extended to Great Britain.

CHURCH DAMAGED BY FIRE

By militant suffragettes to-day at Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, England, December 16.—Very extensive damage was done to Sinnty's Church, Liverpool, to-day, by an incendiary fire started by the militant suffragettes as a protest against the re-arrest of the leader, Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst.

The stalls on the south side of the church were destroyed, and the splendid organ was seriously damaged. Entrance was gained to the church by the arson squad, through a stained glass window, which they smashed. The usual suffrage literature was left scattered about the place.

OPEN AIR CHRISTMAS TREE

For New Yorkers, has been set up in Madison Square.

NEW YORK, December 16.—The municipal Christmas tree for the five millions of New Yorkers, has been set up in Madison Square.

The idea of a large Municipal Christmas tree in the open air was tried for the first time last year and met with such success that it is not only to be repeated here but to be adopted this Christmas in many cities throughout the country.

Electricians have begun trimming the tree in Madison Square and beneath its twinkling branches delegations from the city's choral societies will sing Yule Tide carolsson Christmas Eve.

KING GEORGE TO DECORATE

Former second officer of Majestic for bravery at sea.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—A Herald cable from London says:

David Blair, second officer of the Oceanic, is to be decorated by the King to-day. He was prominent in action when on board the Majestic in plunging overboard from the bridge to rescue a stoker in mid-Atlantic.

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS.

Yesterday was the last day for receiving liquor license applications. The present 46 holders of retail licenses all put in papers, as well as the six wholesalers and three breweries. In addition there were eight new applicants, seven of which held licenses last year.

The new applicants are Mrs. Wright, Duke street; Mrs. McGrath, Sackville street; Mrs. Meagher, Argyle street; Messrs. Garnier, Upper Water street; AuCoin, Water street; Donahoe, Buckingham street; Quirk and Hogan, Grafton street.

Many down with pleurisy.

Doctors say the country is full of it. First comes a chill, then cold develops—the inflammation grows—you can't draw a long breath—lungs and sides get sore, and pleurisy sets in. A good home-cure consists in taking twenty drops of Nerviline every four hours. Supplement this by vigorously rubbing the sides and chest with Nerviline, and when warmth and circulation are established, put a Nerviline Porous Plaster over the aching spot. Nerviline Treatment is always successful in colds, neuralgia, and pleurisy. Try it yourself.

The pupils of St. Joseph's School are holding a "Holly Fair" in the Assembly Hall of their school on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and evenings to raise a fund to pay for their school piano.

KING GEORGE RIDICULED

In a play in East end French theatre at Montreal.

Police action to be taken to-day.

MONTREAL, Dec. 16.—Police action is expected to be taken to-day to stop a play presented last night in an east-end French theatre, in which the King is ridiculed, and somewhat unsavory references directed toward the late King Edward. The piece, "Baptiste En Voyage", staged at the Theatre Des Nouveautes, is a mixture of revue and burlesque, being a series of "experiences" met with by the Mayor of St. Scholastique, his wife and daughter on a world tour.

Baptiste and his party happen to be visiting the French warship Descartes, when the anchors are dropped and the vessel starts on its way homeward, with London as the first stopping point. They meet with the King, the Prince of Wales and other notables, and the antics of the high personages form the subject matter of the piece.

The King of England, whose make-up is an excellent likeness of King George, is represented as a sort of weak-kneed Cockney attired in pyjamas, which he covers with a cloak of purple when occasion demands.

He is depicted as treating with levity the exalted position he holds, the general trend of conversation among himself and other royalties present, being a reference to the "king business" as a huge bluff.

His Majesty is further represented as officially opening the cow stables of "Sir" David Lafortune, at St. Laurent, and authorizing the latter by cable to name one of his strongest bulls after the sovereign.

The Prince of Wales is depicted as a "sissy" who endeavors to engage in flirtation with the daughter of the visiting Mayor of St. Scholastique. His capers give rise to an unsavory reference to the memory of the late King Edward.

BIGGEST REAL ESTATE DEAL

On record completed in London to-day.

LONDON, December 16.—What is believed to be the biggest private real estate deal on record, was completed today by the purchase of the Duke of Bedford's block of freehold property, covering about 19 acres in the vicinity of Covent Garden, in the centre of London, by Harry Mallaby Deeley, a Unionist member of the House of Commons.

Many millions of pounds sterling changed hands over the transaction, but the figures were withheld, the agents vouchsafing only the information that the price exceeds by several million pounds the sum paid for any other single property.

Roughly speaking, the estate stretches east and west from Kingsway to St. Martin's lane, near Trafalgar Square, and north and south from Longacre to the Strand.

It includes the Royal Opera, the Drury Lane, the Aldwych, the Strand the Lyceum Theatres, several hotels, Covent Garden Market, Bow Street Police Court, the National Sporting Club and a number of great printing establishments.

Here, There and Everywhere.

Fire yesterday morning destroyed the Tourigny and Morots' boot and shoe factory, Quebec, causing a loss of about $30,000, and throwing 450 hands out of employment. Miss Cateo and two firemen were injured.

William B. Macdonald, a brakeman employed at the open hearth department at Sydney Mines, was hit by a crane while at work early Monday morning and injured so badly that he died the same morning after being taken to Harbor View Hospital. The young man was 20 years of age.

Pencil Boxes, School Bags, Games, Puzzles, for all ages, at L. Clyde Davidson and Co., their new store, Davidson Building. Store open 8 a. m. until 11 p. m. Phone 321.

The funeral of the late Mary Ann Barry took place from her late residence Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Appleby conducted the service. The body was taken to Camp Hill cemetery and interred in the family lot. Mrs. J. T. McAlpine and Miss Beesie Craigen wish to thank Brunswick Street Church choir for their assistance, also for floral offerings that were kindly sent by friends.

An entire change of programme of pictures to-day at the Orpheus Theatre.

Cragg Bros. have issued a decidedly artistic calendar, adorned with a beautiful hand colored portrait of "Miss Quality." She is intended to emphasize two things, first, the appreciation in which they hold the patronage of their customers; and, secondly, the quality of merchandise it is their endeavour always to sell.

John Keeling has taken up a stand at the corner of George and Granville streets, where he will be found with the morning papers from 7 to 10 a. m., and the evening papers from 3 to 6.30 p. m.

If you contemplate engraving as a holiday gift, Connolly, the stationer, suggests that you leave your order now, so that it can be attended to with the utmost care. One hundred engraved calling cards from copper plate makes a most acceptable gift for either lady or gentleman.

An Ottawa despatch to the Montreal Herald says: "Hon. John Costigan, one of the veterans of the Senate, and a former member of the Macdonald ministry, is reported to be very ill at his home here. Mr. Costigan has been in feeble health for some time, and it is said will be unable to be in attendance at this session of the Senate. Mr. Costigan is in his 79th year."

The City Council meets Friday night to consider the estimates. A "hot time" is expected.

A small shop-keeper was fined $10 or 30 days for violating the Lord's Day's Act. A man was fined $5 for causing a disturbance. Two young men, charged with theft, were arraigned. One was dismissed for want of prosecution and the other was remanded for examination.

A correspondent writes: Permit me to call the attention of the police to a vicious dog whose owner lives in the vicinity of Salter and Hollis streets. Last evening it sprang at me and tore my clothing. Not knowing who its owner is, I am unable to take legal proceedings.

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Has 13 club hand at auction bridge.

One chance in 4,000,000 turns up for Philadelphia player and his side scores 234 points.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—Probably the most remarkable hand at auction bridge ever held in this city was held at the Germantown Cricket Club Wednesday evening, when William F. Robinson found all thirteen clubs in his hand.

Using the odds for and against the holding of poker hands, Mr. Robinson had just one chance in four million of holding the thirteen clubs.

Three players had to wait some time for the fourth, and the cards were thoroughly shuffled. When the fourth man arrived one hand was played. On the next hand Sheldon Potter, Jr., was the dealer, with Mr. Robinson at his left. When he picked up his cards Mr. Robinson was astounded to find he held all thirteen clubs. Mr. Potter, who found himself with a long run of hearts, headed by the top honors, bid "three hearts," hoping to block further bidding by his adversaries.

Mr. Robinson immediately bid "seven clubs" so forestall any more bidding by his opponents, as he realized they must have exceptionally good cards in the other suits.

His "seven club" bid was immediately doubled and Mr. Robinson let that stand, knowing his hand was useless unless he played it, and not doubling back for fear one of his adversaries would go into "hearts" or "royal spades" with a bid he could not top.

On the first lead Mr. Robertson trumped with the deuce of clubs, then spread his hand on the table. On this one hand alone Mr. Robinson and his partner scored 234 points.

Miss Rafuse, daughter of G. A. Rafuse, Barrington street, has been seriously ill with appendicitis at the Halifax Infirmary. Her many friends will learn with pleasure that she is now convalescent and expects