

WOODS' FAIR J. M. THOMSON WOODS' FAIR

Last Call Before the Big Rush

STORE OPEN EVERY NIGHT UNTIL CHRISTMAS.
Look at this Great Spread of Pronounced Christmas Gift Bargains:

Our Candy Specials for Saturday Are:

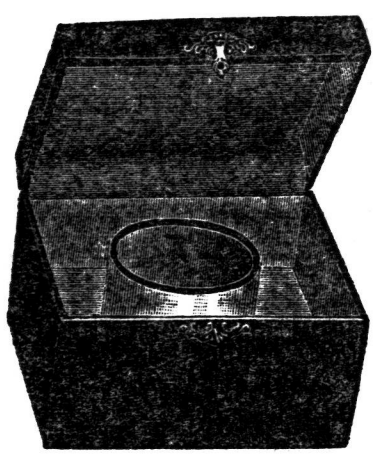
Our Broadway Mixed, at.....	3 lbs. 25¢	Peanut Crisp, lb.....	10¢
Fresh Maple Cream, lb.....	10¢	Christmas Stockings at.....	5¢
Fresh Cream Dates, lb.....	10¢	and up to \$2.00 each.	
Assorted Nut Taffies, lb.....	10¢		

Basement Sale Specials

15 Dinner Sets, 97 pieces, 3 colors, pink, green or blue, wreath pattern, reg. \$7.50, Saturday, set..... \$5.95

20 Per Cent Off Regular Price on All Our Fancy China

20 China Tea Sets, pink decoration, regular \$6, Saturday price..... \$4.39
China Cups and Saucers, reg. 75c, Saturday price, each, 35¢



You can get almost every imaginable toy in our "TOYLAND." Have you seen our grand display yet? Sleights at..... 35c, 50c, 75c. Iron Trains, three cars and engine, regular \$1.25, for..... 85c. See the new Toy Animal Study, five in each box, price..... 25c. Doll Buggies, wicker bodies, two colors, price..... 25c, 35c, 45c and 55c. Doll Buggies, iron wheels, special values at 75c. Also Doll Go-Carts at, each..... 50c and 75c. Boys' Hockey Sticks at..... 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c. Postcard Projector, something new; brings out the natural colors. Price..... \$5.00. Dennison's Crepe Paper Dolls, outfit very nobby, price..... 25c.

Books and Stationery, Bibles and Hymnals

Pansy Books, 19c. Latest Copyrights, \$1.00. Biggest 25c Book Values in London.

Fancy Mirrors Just In

A quantity of Fancy Celluloid Back English Plate Mirrors. Just the thing for Christmas presents. Prices are 75c, 85c, 95c, \$1.00 and up to \$1.75.

Our Christmas Soaps are very choice. Price, box 25c.

Another Lot of Alarm Clocks, 69c

See these Clocks at our front counter. All good, dependable timekeepers.

Our Fancy Goods Department, at rear of store, is a god place to select your gifts. Fancy Boxes and Novelties of all descriptions.

Hand Bags, 50c

We have just received a special purchase of Ladies' Hand Bags in black only, nicely lined, strong clasps.

Special Price, 50c.

Ladies' Fancy Collars for Christmas Gifts

We have a splendid line of Ladies' Fancy Collars for gifts. Prices from 25c up.

BIG SLEIGH SPECIAL: We expect to have a quantity of Boys' and Girls' Sleighs to sell at 15c and 25c on Saturday. Come early!

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Sunday School Committees

will find it to their advantage, both as regards price and assortment, to see our stock. We have certain "specials" to offer and they would make ideal presentation books.

Our 60c Holly Boxed Editions

of the \$1.25 and \$1.50 copy-right novels are selling fast. We predict that at the present rate of selling we will not have a single copy left by Christmas. We have a splendid lot of titles, and how much nicer it makes your gift if presented in a nice holly box.

The New Anglican Hymnal

In 147 different styles of bindings. We have a very large stock of these, and they are bound to be popular for Christmas gifts.

The Mallagh Bookshop

(Anderson's Old Stand.)

183 DUNDAS ST., LONDON.

Use Connell's Coal

We are the only retail coal company in Canada who mine their own coal. Our coal comes from the heart of the Pennsylvania Anthracite region, and when you buy from us you buy direct from miner to consumer. We are not members of any combine or association. These are reasons why we can sell the best HARD COAL at \$6.50 per ton for Egg, Stove and Nut, and \$5.50 per ton for Pea Coal.

THE CONNELL ANTHRACITE MINING COMPANY

(Limited.)

133-139 YORK ST. PHONE 770.

The largest known species of orchid grows in Ceylon. The leaves measure up to ten feet in length, and a single plant will have as many as 2,000 blossoms in one year.

ISAIAH NICHOLAS WAS FOUND NOT GUILTY

Was Charged With Shooting Holes Through An Indian's House.

"Not guilty," was the verdict in the case of the King against Isaiah Nicholas, an Indian, living on the Muncy reserve, charged with shooting with intent to do grievous bodily harm. It was claimed that on the night of Sept. 3 the accused had fired several shots into the house of Cornelius Logan, another Indian, with the intent to seriously injure him, as it was claimed by the crown. His honor, however, did not share this opinion, holding that the evidence was not sufficient to prove intent. The case was therefore withdrawn from the jury. The only witnesses called were the two examined by the crown.

No Amusement. "While I have held that the evidence was not sufficient to prove intent," said his honor, in addressing the accused, "I do not want you or any of your friends to imagine that it is a proper amusement to shoot bullets into other people's houses, and that such action might on another occasion cause you to be faced with a serious charge. And so I would distinctly warn you and all those present of the serious nature of such an offence, even were the act done without any intent to do harm."

The Evidence. Cornelius Logan was the first witness called in the case. He told of the occurrence on the night of Sept. 3. About 12 o'clock at night, while he was in bed, he heard a shot. He got up, and as he did so he heard another shot, apparently coming from the window end of the house. He looked out of the window and saw a man below. In company with his brother, he went down and looked out of the window, but saw no one. In the morning he and his brother Lewis went out to search for tracks, and found those of two men. They followed them, and found that one track was lost at Joe Johnston's, while the other went on to the home of Isaiah Nicholas.

Lewis Logan. Lewis Logan was the next witness called. He corroborated the statements made by Cornelius Logan. He was staying with his brother that night, and heard a shot. A few minutes later he heard another shot coming from the direction of the window, and in the morning they searched for the bullet, and found it embedded just above his window. He also told of following the tracks of two men, and finding the tracks ending at the home of Joe Johnston and Isaiah Nicholas, which was some 40 rods beyond Johnston's place.

Interesting Feature. An interesting circumstance arose at the conclusion of the trial. Ten witnesses had been called for the defence. They were discovered to have no means wherewith to buy tickets to return to the reservation, and it looked like walking for a while. It was finally decided by the crown to allow them for two witnesses, which amounted to \$8, enough to see them all to their homes.

Dog Killed. A large black and white dog was killed by a street car on Dundas street, west of Wellington street, yesterday morning.

LONDON AND DISTRICT

A Sale of Work. The Ladies' Guild of the church of the Hosanna, Hyde Park, held a most successful social and sale of work yesterday, from which they realized \$25.

Don't Boil It. Medical Health Officer Dr. Hutchinson has announced that there is no further necessity for boiling city water, as the analyses of several samples from Springbank and the Beck wells show the water to be pure.

Skating at Princess. Ice skating has commenced all over the city. Hinks, ponds and river are the rendezvous for skating parties. At the Princess Rink Wednesday a fine crowd enjoyed the winter exercise. The introduction of Tony Vile's Orchestra, instead of band music, is said to be greatly enjoyed by the skaters.

Hygienic Institute. The Hygienic Institute is practically completed, but no intimation as to what would be done with the building has been made public. It is now ready for occupancy, but there has been no announcement as to who would be appointed to the position of superintendent. Dr. H. A. Kingsmill was mentioned for the post, and he may be given it. Another report states that a Toronto physician will be selected.

Getting Coal Supplies. The loss of the Marquette and Bessmer, No. 2, and the stranding of the Ashtabula on the bar off Port Burwell is making the matter of keeping the railroads supplied with coal somewhat difficult. The C. P. R. are making arrangements by which all the district west of Toronto will be supplied by cars around by Detroit and points of east of Toronto will be supplied from Hamilton. The Grand Trunk are making similar arrangements for their coal supplies.

A Wonderful "Lid." A new and startling creation in feminine headgear attracted considerable attention downtown this morning. The hat which was about two and a half feet across, seemed to be of pure white fur. The crown was about ten inches high, and instead of being flat across the top, came to a sort of a peak. It was also of pure white fur, and a long white feather was fastened in it. The lady wearing it appeared to be aware of the attention she was attracting, and rather seemed to enjoy it. Some people opined that the lid was a new creation known as the "Dr. Cook" hat, and said that the pure white effects were intended to represent snow.

Christened a Boat. Little Herman Frasch Whitton, the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whitton, of New York, on Saturday last christened the new 5,000-ton sulphur boat built at Quincy, Mass., for the Union Sulphur Company, of New York. The name of the ship is the "Herman Frasch." Master Whitton is the grandson of Mr. Herman Frasch, of Boston, who a few years ago was a prominent citizen of London, residing on King street, near Colborne street.

Canadians consumed over \$70,000,000 worth of liquor of all kinds last year. The customs and excise duties collected thereon amounted to \$14,000,000. Street car fares in Bordeaux, France, are less than 2 cents a ride, and working people pay only half that between 5 and 6 in the morning and 6 to 7 at night.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM, LIMITED.

WEATHER PROBS: COLDER; WITH SNOW.

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Commencing Tomorrow

(Saturday) and continuing until Friday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve), store will be open from 7:30 to 10 o'clock in the evening. Doors will close at 6, as usual, and open again at 7:30. REFRESHMENTS will be served as usual in the restaurant, our regular service being continued each night. Almost everything you can think of in refreshments served in a first-class, metropolitan restaurant, will be found on our menu card.

Oysters in every style. FOURTH FLOOR.

METALOGRAPHY

HOMEWORKERS' SETS AND "NONRUB" STENCILLED BLANKS.

The "Nonrub" Blanks (both for chasing and piercing) are cut out in the required shapes, ready for working, thus enabling anyone to make beautiful articles, without any previous training or knowledge of metal-work.



THE BLANKS AND TOOLS required are simple and inexpensive. Full instructions furnished with each article, and thousands of amateurs are now making beautiful brass ornaments for the home, such as lamp shades, paper racks, stamp boxes, ink stands, belt and hat pins, smokers' articles, etc.

Demonstration, main floor, at dress goods counter, centre aisle.

IN TOY-TOWN

GUNBOATS, CRUISERS, FIREBOATS, OCEAN LINERS—Wind them up and they run in water like the big boats. Made of pressed steel and very durable. Prices, 75¢ to \$2.25

Circus Toys, Humpty-Dumpty

Our newest, Unbreakable Toy. The clowns and animals are all joined and make everybody laugh, with their clever and funny balancing tricks. Prices..... \$1.15 to \$3.50

IN THE BASEMENT.

OPEN SATURDAY NIGHT.

SOMETHING NEW IN GUEST TOWELS

This house is known far and near for reliable Linens. From all parts of Canada orders come by mail and through friends for Linens, which in many cases are not to be had elsewhere. We introduced these Towels for the first time this week, and venture to say you have not seen anything like them before.

Size 16x25, hemstitched Huck, with hand-embroidered spray of shamrocks on one end, at pair..... \$1.00

Size 16x25, hand-embroidered wreath design on one end; both ends scalloped. Pure linen huck. At per pair..... \$1.25

WEST SIDE—MAIN ENTRANCE.

MEN'S FURS

FUR-LINED COATS—Every Fur or Fur-Lined Coat we sell is the same as all other merchandise sold by us: guaranteed (Your money back if not satisfactory). Good beaver cloth shells, muskrat lining, otter and Persian lamb collars. Sizes 38 to 46. Prices..... \$50, \$60, \$75, \$90

MEN'S COONSKIN COATS, at each..... \$45 to \$75

MEN'S DETACHABLE FUR COLLARS, German otter..... \$5

Persian Lamb..... \$12, \$15 and \$20

Men's Persian Lamb Caps..... \$8, \$10, and \$12

Men's Persian Lamb Gauntlets, pair..... \$15 and \$18

Men's Otter Gauntlets, per pair..... \$15

SATURDAY NIGHT, 7:30 to 10 O'CLOCK.

Special in Men's Furnishings

See our Christmas Tie special, each, 39¢ Regular 50c to 75c values, separately boxed.

Men's Black and Tweed Military Style Overcoats

will be a special feature in our Clothing Department Saturday. Snug-fitting collars, just the kind for good winter weather. Sizes 34 to 42. Prices, each..... \$8.75, \$10, \$13.50 and \$15.00

See display of goods for evening wear—Christmas suggestions. West window, Dundas Street.

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MUTUAL RESERVE DIVIDEND. Toronto, Dec. 16.—Mr. E. R. C. Clarkson, the official liquidator of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company for the Canadian interests, is arranging to send out the last dividend to those who already have received a portion of their claim. The final dividend amounts to 14 1/2 cents, making a

total of 44 1/2 cents on the amount of policies approved by the courts, less the liens held against them. There are approximately 3,000 Canadian policies and the dividends had amounted in round figures to about \$275,000 of the net claims of approximately \$325,000.

A MODEST REQUEST. Ottawa, Dec. 16.—A letter comes from a French citizen of the United States and unobtrusively makes the modest request that Chief De La Ronde should exert the powers that be to locate a family of the name of Robedeau, who are in the varnish business, and who came to America "in

the late 1700, during the massacre of St. Bartholomew." The letter is dated from New York City and is signed by Mrs. George M. Robedeau, of 626 East One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street.

Santa Clause False-Faces, with long whiskers, 10c and 15c. Red Star News Company, 10 Market Lane.

Big Sale of Ladies' Fur Coats Will Commence Saturday

You will be lucky if you capture one of these. What Christmas presents they will be. Instead of waiting until after the holiday season to reduce our stock of Fur Coats, we have decided to give every person who anticipates purchasing this winter the opportunity of buying before Christmas at a low price and better selection than if you waited until February, and then choose from what is left, while now you have a choice stock from which to make your selection.

Electric Seal, Persian Lamb and Astrachan Coats \$37.50 to \$46.50 Fur Coats For \$29.00

We will give but partial description of them, as you must see the Furs to appreciate even such great reductions as are shown by prices quoted.

4 only Electric Seal Coats, plain coat style, satin-lined, with high storm collars. Were \$37.50 to \$40, for, each..... \$29.00

8 Ladies' Astrachan Coats, blouse or coat style, plain or trimmed, with Ohio sable collar and revers. Small, bright curl. Prices, \$38.50, \$40, \$42, and \$46.50. Your choice for..... \$29.00

\$45.00 to \$50.00 Fur Coats For \$35.00

4 only Ladies' Electric Seal Coats, with marmot or Ohio sable collar and revers. Prices \$45 to \$50. Your choice for..... \$35.00

6 only Astrachan Coats, blouse or coat style, with sable or coon collars; satin-lined. Prices, \$45.00, \$47.50 and \$50. Your choice for \$35

\$65.00 and \$75.00 Fur Coats For \$48.00

9 only Ladies' Bocharan Lamb and Near Seal Coats, in coat and blouse style, with mink or sable collar and revers; satin-lined. Prices \$65.00 to \$75.00. Your choice for..... \$48.00

\$120.00 and \$135.00 Fur Coats For \$98.00

5 only Ladies' Persian Lamb Coats, with mink or sable collar and revers; coat style. Prices \$120 to \$135. Your choice for \$98.00

2 only Persian Lamb Coats, with mink collar and revers; first quality Persian lamb and Canadian mink. Prices \$185 to \$200. Your choice for..... \$165

In above Coats you are almost sure of getting your size, as in most lines the prices have been grouped to complete the ranges. 38 Coats in all. A choice selection for Christmas buyers. SEE DISPLAY IN DUNDAS STREET WINDOW TODAY.

Forty \$24 Bellwarp Serge Suits, Black and Navy, For Men, at \$16 a Suit

These we have just received from the pressing board, and they surely look like made-to-measure clothes. They are specially tailored for us. We imported the material from a West-of-England maker of this renowned brand of Serge, and had it specially tailored, in sizes from 34 to 46. The Serge is full 22-oz. weight, a quality you seldom, if ever, see in made-up stock, and we have these suits built to fit the slender, big or short stout man. Here is your chance for a good suit of clothes for Christmas. We can fit you tomorrow, and will be mistaken if every suit is not sold before Saturday night at 10 o'clock. Only 40 Suits. Regular value \$24.00. Saturday, per suit..... \$16.00

Fifty-Six Boys' Reefer Overcoats \$3.50 and \$7.50 Coats for \$1.95 and \$3.95

No last season's left-overs here, as every garment in our clothing stock is this season's manufacture. The broken ranges and odd lines will be the same. The broken ranges and odd lines will be cleared away as we go along; that is, and always has been our way of doing

business. These are in blue, grey, brown, green, red and fawn. The little man will surely have a new Overcoat for Christmas at these prices. All the nice fancy styles of our new stock are in this sale, and include all sizes for boys from 3 to 8 years old.

21 Boys' Fancy Overcoats, \$3.50 to \$4.50, for each..... \$1.95

35 Boys' Fancy Overcoats, \$5 to \$7.50, for each..... \$3.95

RICHMOND STREET SECTION.

See display of Limoges Hand-Painted China. Opposite west side elevators.

