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Everything in the house suggests Xmas—and today we think it worth your while to take a little jaunt to our store if for nothing else than to see the special window decorations and displays—inside the new pretty novelties in neckwear and other fine furnishings are just as attractive in price—but with all the holiday spirit and the gift-buying ideas we mustn't forget that we are clothiers first and make your clothing needs our first study and we do—
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DEATH OF MRS. TOWNSEND
Widow of the Late E. J. Townsend
Passed Away After a Long Illness From Asthma.
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CONCERT BY THE VOCAL SOCIETY
Ald. Morden the Only One in the Field for Mayor—Died in the Penitentiary.
Hamilton, Dec. 16.—The Vocal Society, of which Mr. R. Thomas Steele is the musical director, gave a concert at Association Hall to-night. The society was assisted by Miss Isabel Henderson, H. S. Saunders and H. J. Allen. There was a large and appreciative audience present.
Mrs. Harriet Townsend, relict of the late E. J. Townsend, passed away at her late residence, 102 North Park street, to-day. The deceased lady had for many years been a sufferer from asthma, but about a week ago this took an acute turn and developed into bronchitis, which resulted in her death. One son, Edmund Townsend, and four daughters, Misses Frank, Clara, Louise and Janette survive her. The funeral will be held on Thursday afternoon.
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Running for Office.
The Mayor's candidature is yet in a state of uncertainty. Charles Morden is the only one in the field who has announced himself as a likely candidate. Ald. James Dixon still among the uncertainties. He has not yet said that he will enter the contest.
Sanderson's Mountain Dew Scotch.
Could Not Agree.
Queen Elizabeth had just enjoyed why dinner was not ready.
"Because your majesty," answered the chamberlain, "the poison experts we have engaged for tastings cannot agree."
Enraged at the march of progress, the virgin queen ordered "beef and" on the double-quick.
The Bliss of Ignorance.
From The Baltimore American.
"What do you think of Charlie's proposing to me when he hasn't known me a week?"
"I think that's the reason."

PIANO RECITAL
This Afternoon at Three o'Clock
The program for the regular Wednesday afternoon Pianola Recital this afternoon, will, like its predecessors, prove most attractive. Among the numbers is the Masanelli Overture by Ayber on the Aeolian Organ, and Mendelssohn's Priests' March, on the Pianola.
Any one considering the purchase of a piano player before Christmas should avail himself of this opportunity and hear the Pianola. After the program will be pleased to answer any questions regarding the playing of the Pianola, and also furnish full particulars as to price and terms.
PROGRAMME.
1. Anther, Masanelli Overture, Aeolian Organ. 2. Leontine, Path. Bell. 3. Marche, Mon. Piazzi, op. 7. 4. Piazzi, 3. No. 4. 5. Mendelssohn, Priests' March, H. 6. 7. Sullivan, Mikado Potpourri, Aeolian Organ. 8. The Beautiful Country (B). 9. The Gems of Yve. 10. Mendelssohn, Athalia, Priests' March, Pianola. 11. God Save the King.

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CONSOLIDATED RURAL SCHOOLS
MANY RESULTANT ADVANTAGES

System Well Adapted for Townships in Neighborhood of Toronto.
The World has repeatedly presented to its readers the merits of the consolidated rural school system, now maintained in a number of townships in the United States. We believe that this system is well adapted to the Province of Ontario, and there are townships in the immediate neighborhood of Toronto where the experiment could be made if the Educational Department would facilitate it.
Prof. Robertson, the Dairy Commissioner at Ottawa, has recently been investigating this consolidated school system in the State of Ohio, and from his report we gather that he has been greatly impressed by it.
Prof. Robertson was accompanied by R. H. Cowley, Inspector of Schools for the County of Carleton, and Prof. Lockard of the Ontario Agricultural College, and the findings are the result of observations made in Trumbull County, Ohio, where, in the matter of climate, of roads, the distribution of population and the character of the school system, a fair comparison can be made with the Province of Ontario. The country level and dairy farming occupies the attention of the greater part of the community. The townships are five square miles in extent, and are divided into blocks of a mile and a quarter square.
Some Advantages.
Gustavus Township inaugurated the rural consolidated school system six years ago, when nine school districts in the township were consolidated in the organization of one central building. It is a frame building, with about thirty classrooms, a small recreation room and cloak room, and cost \$2000. The teaching staff consists of five principals, who receive \$65 a month, and four assistants at \$32 and \$30 a month. The children are conveyed to the school by means of nine vans, neat and well-equipped for the work. As a result of the consolidation, the cost of education has increased materially, and while the cost of maintenance of the nine schools amounted to \$20,000 the year before the change was made, and four years afterwards it was \$3150, yet the average attendance at the central school has increased from 1500 to 2500. The cost of education \$1.50 per pupil, three years of High School work are carried on, the cost of which is covered by the annual maintenance of the central school.
Five adjoining townships have followed the lead of the people of Gustavus, and in the year 1901, the system has been in force for two years. At Gustavus, 102 pupils are enrolled; at Johnson, 100; at Carleton Place, 145. The number of vans employed are nine, ten and eight, respectively. They are arranged on exact regular routes, and carry 25 children. The longest trip made is about six miles. At Kinsman the school cost of the eight vans for the school year is \$2707. At Gustavus, \$120, and at Johnson, \$135. The vans are drawn by two horses. They are timed to arrive at the school from 10 to 20 minutes before the session opens, and leave almost directly after it. The vans are equipped with work undertaken in the schools embraces in the three lowest grades of the school order. The Public Schools of the province. The highest grade goes as far as our continuation class grade A, being similar to the secondary school, and the average attendance is 1000. The children who have to foot the bills—the ratepayers—seem to be unanimous in their satisfaction with the present method of school system, so apparently the benefits resulting therefrom.

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Montreal Star: A province unprogressive enough to lack free schools will be unlikely to promote consolidated rural schools, the theory is really an inconsistency between the objectionable pay system and consolidation. This is effected by constituting five or six school sections one large district, and transporting the children by means of vans to a central school house. By assembling all the pupils in one large building, it is to say, the pupils of like age or advancement can be taught together, separately from those of other stages of learning. This benefits all scholastically. They gain, too, from the central school, the form, and many of them benefit by escaping the labor of long walks to and from home.
The plan has been tried with much success in the United States, particularly in Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and Kansas. It is economical because the maintenance, heating, etc., of one large, comfortable, well-ventilated school house is so much cheaper than the maintenance of four or five small, uncomfortable ones. It saves more than pays for transportation of the children. Fewer and better teachers at enlarged salaries are employed by the consolidated systems. It greatly increases the school attendance because all the children like it, and vehicles enable many of the weaker and younger to get safely to school in winter. They are hauled distances of from half a mile to four or five miles, and are delivered at the school houses at 8.45 a.m., and carried back home by 4 p.m.
The plan of course, is peculiarly suitable to rural districts, but there is no reason why it should not be tried in wooded and hilly country, where it would surmount difficulties of nature that young and weakly children cannot overcome successfully on their feet. We hope to find Canadian educational authorities considering carefully the possibilities of the school attendance, and to see the article on the subject which appears in the Review of the number of the American Review of Reviews.

BORN IN TOWN OF DSHAWA
Now Bishop of Chicago

Canadian Who is Given High Office Among the Catholics of United States.
The appointment of the Right Rev. James Edward Quigley, D.D., Bishop of the diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., to be Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago, to succeed the late Cardinal Gibbons, is of special interest to Canadians, in view of the fact that the distinguished and highly-honored prelate first saw the light of day in the village of Oriskany, in this province, where he was born on Oct. 15, 1825.
The action of the College of Propaganda at Rome has been received in Buffalo with mingled feelings of gratification and grief. Propaganda, the supreme office of the Roman See, in the matter of the appointment of the Right Rev. James Edward Quigley, D.D., to be Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago, and to be formally installed on or about Feb. 1, last. Bishop Quigley was appointed to his present position on Dec. 13, 1896. It is a great honor to be appointed to the office of Bishop of Buffalo, in the year 1879, and he was appointed Bishop of Buffalo in 1896, and consecrated in 1897.
Tricks of British Soldiers.
"The adjutant bird's voracity," said a traveler, to a Philadelphia Record reporter, "forms the subject of one of Kipling's stories, and I can assure you that in the story this voracity is not overrated. I have seen British soldiers in India pull a pair of birds two pieces of meat fast together by a piece of twine five or six yards long. Each bird would swallow its own morsel, and then, in trying to pull the twine down, and then perch itself on a stump. Suddenly a muffled explosion would come, and the adjutant would be blown into a thousand pieces."
During last year \$200,000,000 was invested in the stock market. About 3000 dry wells represent a loss of nearly \$1,000,000. The unfulfilled wells represent a still larger loss.

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U. S. WATCHFUL.
Washington, Dec. 16.—Nothing has been heard to-day from Minister Bowen at Caracas, so Secretary Hay had no fresh information to carry to the cabinet meeting to-day relative to the Venezuelan affair.
The Venezuelan situation was discussed at the meeting to-day in all its phases, but no recession on the part of this government with respect to questions involving Venezuela, or any of the other governments of South or Central America as laid down by the President in his messages to Congress was suggested. No apprehension exists that serious trouble growing out of the situation will accrue to this country. It is believed both Great Britain and Germany will act within the arrangement originally presented to this government, and to which the United States passively assented.
One of the comforting features of the day's developments, to the official mind, was the reception of information that so far as the respect of Italy was concerned, she was disposed to accept of the limitations of a "peaceful blockade." That is to say, the disposition is to avoid interference with neutral merchant shipping where its movements do not give actual aid to the Venezuelan government.
The Senate held a secret session to-day on the Venezuelan affair. In none of the addresses was anything harsh said in regard to the Italian position, speeches, whether by Republicans or Democrats, was that this country's position should be one of watchfulness.
"Not in two generations," Senator Lodge said, "has any country been so weak as that of Great Britain, but we can strengthen our coast fortifications, and in view of Venezuela's experience, it behooves us to do so."
ITALY SELF SATISFIED.
Rome, Dec. 16.—Italian participation in the Anglo-German action against Venezuela produces an effect here, not anti-American, but one of self-satisfaction and pride at taking a part which is considered the first break in the Monroe Doctrine. Parliament and the public press, without distinction of party, which is very strange in Italy,

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