WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4, 1907.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING. Many women put off their Christmas shopping until the very last. They can-not make up their minds what to buywhat to give to their many friends, and they delay and procrastinate, forgetting that the longer they delay the more difficult it will be to get what they real ly want. It is just as easy to make their minds to-night as to-morrow night. The merchants are certainly doing their share to help everybody to de cide what is wanted. The Christmas shopper has recourse to the advertising ns of the daily paper; and it is on the data found there, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, that the list of poliday purchases is founded. The Times advertisers are Johnny-on-the-spot with belpful suggestions and information for Make your purchases to-morrow

THE MOUNTAIN TROLLEY.

and make them early in the day, and the

derks will feel thankful to you.

The Times has on more than one occa sion broached the subject of a trolley line for the mountain, believing that it would be a good thing for Hamilton, for the mountain and for the promoters. It would be a good thing for the mountain, for a line up there would undoubt edly be the means of making it become a popular place for summer residences Not only so, but many people would prefer to live up there all the year round. for the benefit of their health, if it was made easier for them to get up and down. It would be a good thing for Hamilton, because a trolley line leading up to and along the mountain would form a strong attraction, especially in the summer season, as a belt line upon which the citizens could take an airing in the hot weather, and it would be a good thing for the promoters, we believe, because we think it would be a paying venture. People would be at tracted to the proposed mountain parks and the driveway, and if the road was continued so that it could be made to run around by the reservoir, for instance, it would be sure to become popu-The men behind the scheme should receive every assistance from the citi-

FREAK LEGISLATION.

The Australian Commonwealth is un dertaking a big task and one that offers many opportunities for evil. To illus- copy of its Illustrated Winnipeg Statis trate its tariff scheme we may take the case of harvesters. The duty on each is To prevent the home manufacturers from profiting by increasing prices it commands them to cut down their prices from \$405 to a maximum of \$375 beginning of this year, and to Capital of the Prairie Province. \$325 within the following twelve months. To prevent them from reducing wages, a Government Board will fix them, excise duty of \$30 will be levied on each machine, but if the wages paid are approved by the government as fair, the amount is remitted. The task of deciding will be no little one, but once government approves the article will be labelled with a government trade label ex-These proposals are somewhat startling. and evidently open the way to very extensive corruption. They place a dangerous power in the hands of corrupt governments, and one that is almost impossible or reasonably fair and efficient exercise by the best of administra tions. We must go to the antipodes when we wish to study freak legislation and see men worshipping the product of the ballot box.

A GOOD CUSTOMER.

For the year ending June 30th last Newfoundland imported from Great Britain \$2,669,934 worth of goods and exported to her \$1,492,795 worth. From Canada she imported \$3,669,098 worth goods. From the United States the Is er Duplication nor Confiscation." them \$1 394 289 The total imports ilton's case:

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enue \$809,000; the total revenue of the Dominion in 1906 was \$80,000,000 to which \$60,000,000 was contributed from customs and excise. In 1800 the United States did not have a steamboat or a mile of railway. Canada, on the other hand, at the end of June, 1905, had a network of steam railways with a trackage of 20,600 miles. Finally, the inhabitants of all the chief cities of the United States in 1800 did not constitute more than a fraction of the present population of Montreal.

No doubt the twentieth century is to grow with accelerated speed. She has everything in her favor. Inventions of which the United States in their infancy rapid development of the Dominion

EDITORIAL NOTES.

As Hon. Mr. Fielding aptly said last evening, Mr. Borden is not a fool, neither s Mr. Foster an angel.

Six months in the Central for theft, quite a few dollars honestly in that

Winnipeg has organized a Women's Canadian Club. Will they have dinners and things just like the clubs composed

The east end revival seems to be young men's movement, which is something out of the usual run of things. All good people will wish that it may result in permanent good to the city.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley has repeated his charges of wholesale bribery by the Tories down by the sea, offers names of bribers, and challenges Mr. Borden to sue him for libel. What is Mr. Borden

The London case, tried at Toronto will make a difference in the doings dur-ing future election campaigns.—Hamil-

Yes. It should make the Hamilton Tories more careful as to the distribution of the boodle, so that it won't be necessary to have a saw-off to prevent investigation.

It is said that there is to be a clearing out of all Grit help at the London Insane Asylum. Billy Gray and Major Beattie, it is said, promised that all Lib erals employed there would be "formed in procession and marched from the asylum gates." Now the Tory office hunters have become so clamorous that the procession is expected to start soon.

We have received from the Winnipeg Development and Industrial Bureau a tical Calendar for 1908. These statistics have been compiled for ready reference and give an accurate statement of the growth and prosperity of Winnipeg. It is mounted and finely illustrated and full of statistical information of the

Those people who talk as if the Pro vince of Ontario was hopelessly Tory should note that according to the figures quoted by the Toronto Mail, the voting in Ontario at the last general election was Conservatives, 223.547; Liberals, 220,049. It ought to be easy for the Lib erals to overcome a majority of thout 11/2 per cent. Let the Liberals buckle down to work and redeem the Province.

Timely loans in England would have enabled the Ottawa Government to finance its own extravagance without borrowing from the Canadian banks money that is needed to move the crops and otherwise carry on the private business of the country—Toronto Telegram.

If the oracular blunderer of the Tele gram cares to inquire he will learn that not for many years has the Government n the Canadian banks, and that some of the banks are borrowers from the Government. But we do not suppose that the Telegram would be anxious to set itself right; its object is to misrepresent the Liberal Govern-

In the Toronto electric light and power question the News declares itself for and exported to her \$1,611,480 worth of "Regulation or Expropriation, but neithland took \$3.447,359 and exported to remarks have some application to Ham-

them \$1,394,289. The total imports from all sources, were \$10,426,040, the duty collected \$2,334,056, and the total exports \$12,101,161. a slight increase in imports and exports over those of the previous year. The figures show that Newfoundland buys, more from this country than she does from either Britain or the United States, and that Canadas ells her more goods than either of the other two. Comparative figures also show that Canadian trade with Newfoundland increased \$147,159 during the year, while that of the United States decreased \$161,833. Evidently Canadian trade with Newfoundlanders is worth cultivating.

CANADA'S CENTURY.

Dr. Theodor Barth, a distinguished remarks have some application to Hamilton's case: remarks have some application to Hamilton's case: remarks have some application to Hamilton's case: Apart from the disadvantage of long delay, duplication would hiv only leavy, duplication would hive chart was successfully established as a competing plant that the United States are provided by the remaining one. It is true that the proceedings of the Electric Light Company might be hampered vexationsly by the city authorities, but public opinion would be unlikely to justify action of this kind. Even if the company developed a policy of mere pugnacious resistance, practical confiscation, once it was fully understood by the public, would not be likely to be permitted. Apart from the moral aspects of the question, the injury to municipal credit would be irretrievable.

is incomparably more favorable to policy, and in Manitoba he made a text expansion than obtained in the of the boundary question, striving to rapid expansion than obtained in the United States at the beginning of the inneteenth. In support of this statement the following facts and figures are given:

The population of the United States in 1800 was 5,308,000; that of the Dominion in 1901 (exclusive of Newfoundland) was 5,371,000. The total imports and exports of the United States in 1800 were valued at less than \$163,000,000; the total imports and exports of the States in 1800 were valued at less than \$163,000,000; the total imports and exports of the Dominion of Canada in 1901 exceeded \$340,000,000. The receipts of the United States Treasury in 1800 were from custive \$340,000,000 and from internal reviews \$40,000,000 and from internal reviews \$40

way to a point one hundred miles east of Rat Portage, leaving a substantial area on the eastern side of Keewatin to be annexed to Ontario. Borden will have to find some other grievance.

Kingston Whig: What's the matter with the times? They won't go bad, or they won't stay bad, and black ruin seems to be the only hope of the Conservative party. How the late financial flurry is misrepresented! How dismally the crisis has been painted!

Montreal Herald: Persons who post-pone buying their Christmas gifts, un-der the impression that no one has any money, that there will be no rush, and that there may be a slump in toy prices, are going to get very badly disappoint-ed, Santa Claus has not yet noticed that there are any hard times.

Montreal Gazette: Two strikers at Kingston have been fined \$100 each for using abusive terms towards: a man who was working. Like the sentence in the case of the convicted Buckingham rioters—the incident goes to show that going on strike does not confer on a man any rights that do not belong to the rest of the community.

The Toronto Star says "Tom Longboat has asked the city to spend the five hundred dollars it voted him on a home for his mother. This still leaves The Globe fund of \$187.39 free to be applied on a pianola." The investigation into the administration of the parks discloses that The Star promised to pay \$25 for its advertising bill-boards on city property, but has never paid up. Suppose it "loosens up" and contributes this sum to the fund, making it \$212.39. That might be more than sufficient for a pianola. It might be enough to buy a newspaper, not an organ.

Our Exchanges

Sweet Sixteen

(Brantford Expositor.)

"Sweet Sixteen!" does not adequately escribe the sixteen million dollar sur-lus which the Canadian Finance Min-ter is able to announce for this year. The Poor Turkey.

(Toronto Star. The turkey, poor, deluded bird, Struts round with manner most absurd, He does not know the future grim, But shortly we'll attend to him.

Honor for Bruiser Brusso.

(Toronto Telegram.)

Come Down to the Point

The Hydro-Electric Commission will position, so far as Kingston is con-cerned, if the power question is to take people seriously.

Wonderful Tribute (Kingston Whig.)

Abraham Shaw was in Hamilton on Saturday, attending the funeral of the late Hugh Murray. About 1.000 Masons were in the procession. It was a won-derful tribute to an eminent man.

Got the Wrong Idea.

The idea of the Hamilton people claiming that their's is the first of the Canadian Clubs when they are now discussing whether the residents should take a bath or not.

Reasons to Cheer Up. (Toronto News.)

Under the heading, "Reasons to Che Up, No. 23," a correspondent writes: The price of butter will not be higher than 35 cents per pound this winter, as the imported variety will keep it down to this very moderate price. The Canadian hen will not stand for eggs going above 55 cents per dozen, as it might injure her health. The city real estate union has decided not to further increase rents for the next 90 days, as the price of station ery has gone up. The coal dealers have also decided to not charge more than \$7.50 for black diamonds this winter.

Whitney and Private Interests,

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(Toronto News).

It has to be remembered that throughout the whole Power controversy the Provice was assured by Mr. Whitney that no injustice would be done to private interests, that British investors would be protected and that the Provincial credit would not be prejudiced. From the outset The News has contended for expropriation or regulation. Up to the day that the Whitney Government came into office we had no idea that any remedy other than regulation was available under the conditions which had developed. When Ministers began had developed. When Ministers began to suggest public ownership it was as-sumed that this would be carried out on the basis of expropriation under an arrangement between the Government and the Electrical Development Company. rangement between the Government and the Electrical Development Company. When the British bondholders sent their agent to Canada he was assured that no robbery of British capitalists would be tolerated. This word was sent out to British financial publications. Mr Whitchain or the United States, and that Canada sells her more goods than cittler of the other two. Comparative figures also show that Canadian trade with Newfoundland increased \$147.159 during the year, while that of the United States decreased \$161,833. Evidently Canadian trade with Newfoundlanders is worth cultivating.

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MISS YAW'S ADVICE.

Canadian Singers Should Not Go Abroad, She Says.

Thoroughly alive to the advantages of foreign study, by reason of nine ardu-ous years in the song-centres of Italy and France. Ellen Beach Yaw still opine

and France. Ellen Beach Yaw still opines that the place for a U. S. A. girl—or a Canadian girl—to study is at home. The internationly famous songstress, is comfortably located in a cosy suite at the Hotel Royal to-day.

"There are few opportunities for an American girl in the musical circles of France or Italy, without an unlimited supply of funds or a thorough preparation obtained in America," said Miss Yaw. "In either France or Italy it takes years to acquire the accent without which no singer will be admitted to the opera. Further, these countries expect a singer to be thoroughly in touch with the traditions of the opera, and this is something that must come only after hard study.

"If fer a thorough foundation is laid."

"After a thorough foundation is laid in the art of singing," said Miss Yaw,

STRAUSS-HOFFMAN.

Hamilton Young Lady Married in Toronto on Monday.

A very quiet but interesting ceremony was performed on Monday evening at the residence of the chief rabbi, Rev. S. Jacobs, Grenville street, Toronto, on the Jacobs, Grenville street, Loronto, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Hannah Hoffman, of this city, and Mr. Max Strauss, of Toronto, both late of Manchester, England. The engagement of the couple was announced last week. The bride looked very pretty in a travelling costume of grey. Immediately after

BANK WINS

In Action Tried at Toronto For \$75, 000 Damages.

In Cosgrave vs. the Bank of Hamilton. udgment was given yesterday in an ac tion tried at Toronto, 25th November tion tried at Toronto, 25th November last, upon an alleged agreement that de-fendants would advance to plaintiffs the sum of \$75,000 upon the joint note of the plaintiffs. Held, that plaintiffs case fails and must be dismissed with costs. H. Moss and C. A. Moss for plaintiff. S. Osler, K. C., and Britton Osler for

GEN. OTTER RESIGNS.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.— La is announced in the militia orders assued to day that Capt. R. K. Barker, Queen's Own Rilles, has been granted the brevet rank of ma-jor. The resignation of Brigadier-Genor. The resignation of Brigadier-Gen-ral Otter as honorally aide de camp on eral Otter as honorary aide decamp on the staff of the Governor-General has been accepted by Earl Grey. Capt. P. H. French is appointed assistant dire-tor of the engineers service on the head-quarters staff.

Still They Come.

Vancouver, Dec. 3.—The steamer Monteagle arrived last night. Among her steerage passengers are 189 Hindus, 83 Chinese, 45 Japanese; there were 116 Hinus admitted, 40 detained on account of disease and lack of funds. Ten Japanese were deported. Twenty-two Chinese paid the \$500 head tax.

Goes to Prison for Double Murder. New York, Dec. 3.—Frank H. Warner, who shot and killed Esther C. Norling, whom he had previously employed as a stenographer, and who then killed John C. Wilson, was sentenced to a term of not less than 20 years fo-day.

Spent \$300 on Doctors and Remedies Which Gave No Relief-Skin on Limbs and Feet Rough and Sore-Work Often Impossible.

TRIES CUTICURA. **WELL IN SEVEN DAYS**

"Cuticura Remedies have entirely cured me after all other remedies had failed. Up to a week or so ago I had triet and the remedies had failed. Up to a week or so ago I had triet and y other remedies and several dollars, without any success, but this is to-day the seventh day that I have been using the Cuticura Remedies (costing a dollar and a half), which have cured me completely, so that I can again attend to my business. I went to work again to-night. My troublo was as follows: Upon the limbs and between the toes my skin was rough and sore, and also sore under the arms. I am a chef for a large café on Broadway, and I had to stay at home several times because of this affection. I had been suffering for eight years and have now been cured by the Cuticura Remedies within a week. I am much indebted to Cuticura, and shall certainly recommend it to all my friends and colleagues in the kitchen. Fritz Hirschlaff, 24 Columbus Ave., New York, N. Y., March 29 and April 6, 1906."

HAIR FALLING OUT Very Bad Dandruff on Scalp, Pimples Cover Face.

Cuticura Cures.

"I used the Cuticura Remedies with great success. My face was a mass of pimples and the dandruff was so bad on my scalp that, my hair all began to to fall out, and a friend of mine told me of Cuticura and I began to use Cuticura Soap and Ointment. Before a month I saw a great change for the better, and now I am entirely cured. I had no physician in charge. My little girl is now four years of age, and knows the use of no other than Cuticura Soap. Her skin is perfect and her hair remarkable for her age. Mrs. W. C. Howard, 132 N. Tenn. Ave., Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 22, 4906."

Complete External and Internal Treatment for Every Humor of Infants. Children, and Adults concurred to the control of the con

ONLY 17 More Buying

Days Before Christmas

Never have we had such a nice showing of pretty things, specially purchased for Christma gifts. More goods were bought and they have been marked at a lower rate of profit than any previous season. Big stocks of Toys, Dolls Fine China, Books, Calendars, Jewel Cases, Glove Boxes, Manicure Sets, Toilet Sets, Shaving Sets. See our window display of Christmas nov-

Good Bargains from our Infants' Dept. SPECIAL Suitable for Children's Presents

\$3 Child's Coat \$1.99 16 in all, Brown Beaver Coats, deep ollar, front of coats trimmed with rogs, worth up to \$3, for \$1.99

Toques and Scarfs 50c Wool Toques, made of fine wool, in iavy, cardinal, scarlet and white. with scarves to match, special Thurs-

39c Bonnets 25c

\$2.25 Red Fur Coats \$1.49 4 only Red Bear Coats, regular \$2.25, r \$1.49; 4 regular \$2.95, for 1.89; regular \$3.25, for \$2.20

\$2.50 Robes \$1.49

\$2.25 Black Coats \$1.49

Colossal Story Book for 39c

The Colossal Story Book for children contains 192 pages and 150 illus trations. It is printed in big type, for easy reading. Our price for this big book Thursday is 39c

We Continue Our Great Sale of Jackets

Every Jacket in the house must be sold, and sold quick. That is the rea-

Children's Jackets Reduced

Children's Jackets, colors navy, brown, grey and green, some made with capes and trimmed with straps and buttons; others with bands, lined in red and red facings.

...... \$6.99 \$11 Jackets for \$6.50 Jackets for \$4.99 \$5.00 Jackets for \$3.49

seven-eighth lengths, worth up to \$30, this lot will be cleared Thursday for \$20.00

A Great Bargain Jacket at \$15 We have about 25 Ladies' Jackets, in black, brown, green, navy and fawn; also a few Tweeds, with velvet collar and strapping of self. These were this season's \$20 garments. You can have your choice Thursday for .. \$15.00

\$30 Jackets \$20

handsomely trimmed with black silk

braid and velvet, three-quarter and

8 only Ladies' Black Cloth Jackets

Ready-to-Wear Department

\$6 Shirtwaists \$2.99

Ladies' Silk Waists, made of best quality of taffeta and China silk, nicely tucked, with trimmings of in-sertion and lace, colors, black, white, green, cardinal and brown, worth regu-larly up to 86.00, Thursday's price \$2.99

Ladies' Fascinators

Silk Shawls

Handsome Silk Shawls, suitable for evening wear, edged with fringe, in pink, pale blue, cream and black, special value, from ...\$1.25 to \$2.25

Ladies' Neck Scarfs

Ladies' Neck Scarfs, made of ice wool and mohair, very pretty designs, 2½ yards in length, colors, black or white, price 75c, \$1.00, \$1.35

\$6 Blankets \$4.99

Heavy Pure Wool Blanket, twill weave, 8-lb. weight, full double bed size, value for \$6.00, Thursday. \$4.99

\$5.50 Blankets \$4.49

6 pairs only Heavy Twill Wool Blankets, slightly soiled, size 68x86, 8-lb. weight, regularly \$5.50, for ... \$4.49

\$5 Blankets \$3.99

Thursday we again make a special offer in Furs. Thousands of dollars' worth of this season's up-to-date Furs will go on sale Thursday at just $\frac{1}{2}$ the regular selling price.

Sharp at 8.15 Thursday Morning

1,000 yards of White Lawn, manufacture's remnant, and value regular at from 10c to 20c per yard. Not more than 10 vards to a customer; price 5c.

Great Sale of Black Dress Goods Thursday

10,000 yards of this season's up-to-date Black Dress Goods goes on sale Thursday at a big reduction on ordinary retail prices.

44-inch	Black	Voiles, fine we	eave, regul	ar 65c, for .			500
46-inch	Black	Voiles, fine ar	d coarse v	veave, regula	r 85c, for		690
46-inch	Black	Voiles, fine ar	nd coarse v	veave, regula	r 98c, for		750
48-inch	Black	Voiles, fine ar	id coarse v	veave, regula	r \$1.25, for	!	980
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		Satin Panne a					

Special Values From Silk Section

Japan Silks 25c

Raw Silks \$1

75c Corduroy Velvet 50c

25c to 50c Handkerchiefs for 15c

Wray Mufflers

Handsome Handkerchiefs The John Knox Samples of Knitted Handkerchiefs, all in good condition samples of the John Knox Co., at manufacturer's prices. Wray Mufflers will be put on sale on Thursday at manufacturer's prices.

SWEET ORANGES

1,000 Mexican Sweet Oranges will be sold on Thursday, com-mencing at nine o'clock for 1c

Toys, Dolls, etc.

A stupendous array of the newest and brightest Play Things for the little folks now being shown in our basement Thursday specials. Advantage of these reductions.

Boys' Sleighs 25c for 19c 3 dozen Little Boys' Sieigns, nicely painted top, hardwood runners, cheap at 25c, will be sold Thursday

Magic Lanterns 25c Square shape Magic Lanterns, com-plete with slides, done up in a box, on

15c Whips for 7c 6 dozen Whips, with whistle at end, regular 15c line, on sale Thursday for 7c each

Boy Dolls 29c for 19c 6 dozen Little Boy Dolls, curly hair, 6 dozen Little Boy Done, both in light and dark, regular price

Cups and Saucers 10c each

China Cups and Saucers, some with pink band, others with blue, also some

China at 50c per piece, worth to \$1 Thursday we will place on sale a range of dainty pieces of China, worth up to \$1.00, for only ... 50c each

Grocery Dept.

12 lbs. Redpath's Best Granulated Sugar, 52c, to customers leaving an order for \$1.00 worth of other gro-

Best Valencia Raisins, lb 7e
Ceylon Black Tea, 40c, for 25e
6 bars Surprise Soap 25e
4 lbs Japan Rice 25c
Best Cleaned Currants 10c
Dates, per pkg Se
Royal Yeast Cakes, each 5e
Good Lard, per lb 15e
Pickled Walnuts, bottle 15c
Cowan's Cocoa, tin
Mixed Peel, per lb 15c
Pastry Spice, per pkg 5c
Red Salmon can

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