

INCREASED COST OF LIVING TO-DAY HAVE WORKERS BEEN COMPENSATED

Dominion Statistician Believes They Have—What U.S. Figures go to Show.

The claim of organized labor for increased wages on account of the material advance in the cost of living has prompted the Dominion Statistician to make a study to gather information to prove how far this argument holds good.

Three Classes of Expense. Class 1—On account of principal and interest of mortgages, taxes, fire and life insurance, labor and other social charges, education, charity, books and newspapers, amusements, sickness and death.

In England, Sauebeck's index numbers are generally taken, being the price of forty-five commodities in general use. The index numbers indicate in England a rise in 1902 of 10 per cent over 1894, of 11 per cent over 1895, and of 13 per cent over the lowest year in the decade, 1896.

Bradstreet's index for the United States is made up from the prices per pound of ninety articles in general use and seems to show an increase of 3 per cent in 1902, compared with 1896, and of 28 per cent, in 1902, compared with 1890—the year of lowest record.

Recently a careful study was made of the changes which had taken place in the cost of living in the United States for the working man. Two thousand five hundred and sixty-seven families were studied for the year 1901.

Miss Clara Brett Martin's absence from No. 2 station. He is accused of stealing a number of articles from the store. When searched he had a bunch of handkerchiefs, neckties and other stuff that could be secreted easily.

LODGES AND SOCIAL

Central Lodge, I. O. O. F., were visited by the District Committee in their annual inspection in the Temple Buildings under the leadership of Bro. J. E. Cooke.

After the inspection, supper was served. Bro. J. Morrison being in the chair, and a short address was given by Bro. J. E. Cooke, a whistling solo by Bro. Hilliard of Lakewood Lodge.

The members of Excelsior Division, Sons of Temperance, at the regular meeting at Temperance Hall, Bathurst street, gave a reception to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Galbraith, who were recently married.

The members of the Young Men's Christian Association, last night on the question of Woman Suffrage. The new Century Club argued for the affirmative.

Capital Lodge, No. 70, A.O.U.W., met last night in St. George's Hall, W. E. Griffiths in the chair. Among the visitors present were F. Hastings, P. Nudel, W. Hall, W. Williamson.

George Fraser is the name he gave at No. 2 station. He is accused of stealing a number of articles from the store. When searched he had a bunch of handkerchiefs, neckties and other stuff that could be secreted easily.

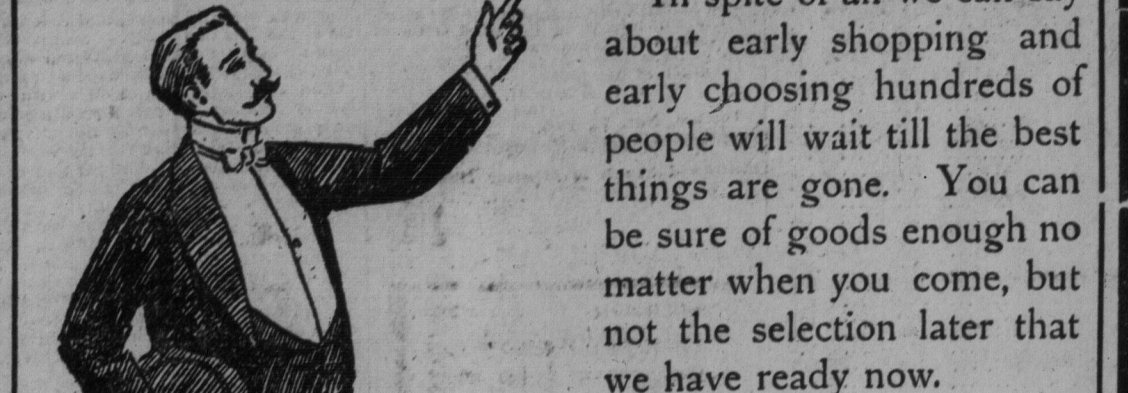
Comopolitan Circle, Companions of the Forest, met last night in St. George's Hall, with Miss Ida DeKay presiding.

The Upper Canada College Rifle Club held their annual dance at the college last night. Over 400 young people, members of the rifle club and their guests, were present.

The initial social function in military club took place last night, when No. 4 Beaver Company, Canadian Medical Corps, entertained a large number of guests.

The festive officers proposed "The King" and "The Queen" and "The Princess" which were all fittingly replied to.

Six Days Till Christmas



In spite of all we can say about early shopping and early choosing hundreds of people will wait till the best things are gone.

- Ladies' Fur-lined Cloaks, length, pleated back, roll collar, new models. \$45
Ladies' Fur-lined Cloaks, Scotch tweed-outside, Hamper linings, Russian, Otter and Western Sable collar. \$35
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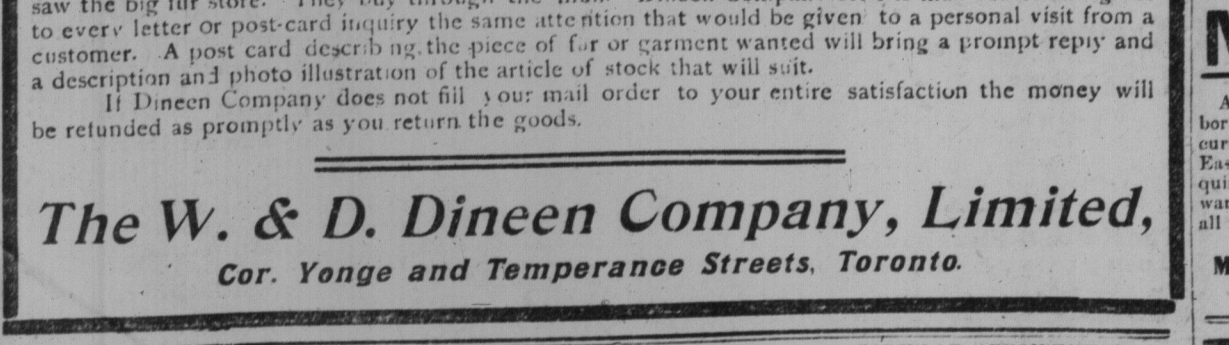
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CHAMBERLAIN IS SURPRISED. (Canadian Associated Press Cable.) London, Dec. 19.—Mr. Chamberlain has written a letter stating that he had no idea when he first introduced the Canadian preference that it would prove so beneficial to British trade.

Chinese Lanterns Caused Fire. There was a little blaze at 90 West King-street last night in the premises occupied by the Book-overs' Library. A number of Chinese lanterns, forming part of the Christmas decorations, had been left burning and when one of them burst down a little blaze emanated.

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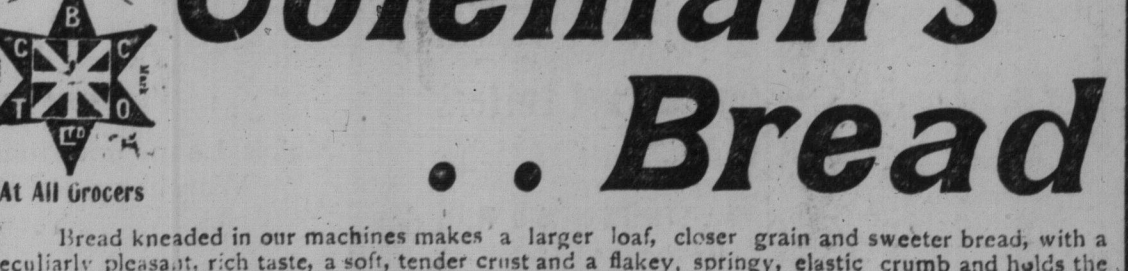
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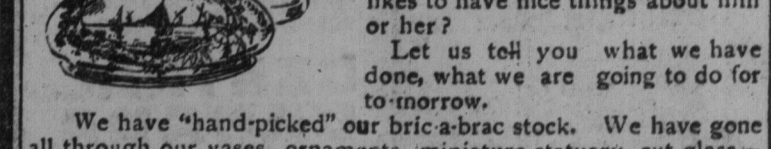
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No matter where you go or what you pay for it there is no better Watch formula than the above. It means that you add to quality accuracy, and to accuracy economy, with the result absolute satisfaction, or you get your money back.

A British Shilling's Worth of Sterling Silver.

Visitors in England at Christmas, find wonder at the variety of beautiful little silver novelties to be had for a shilling. This year they include dainty little fixings suitable for the new neckwear, as well as lace pins, brooches, etc., for misses and children.

860 Sterling Silver Brooches, Tie Pins and Novelties, a Christmas parcel of the neatest, most beautiful and newest silver jewelry from England.

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