

5. Christmas shopping - The Christmas season brought a run on the stores in all parts of the country, and there have been many comments on the scarcity of desired merchandise. Observers report, however, that difficulties were met very good-temperedly. Complaints have reached us, particularly from the Maritimes, of acute local shortages of goods said to be plentiful elsewhere. Even in these cases, however, there was said to be surprisingly little grumbling, though observers suggest that information on the reasons for uneven distribution would be helpful.

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