

Michie & Co.

TWO LARGE STORES:

466 and 468 Spadina Ave.
5½ and 7 King Street West12,000,000
TWELVE MILLION

Tom Smith's... Christmas Crackers

WERE MADE AND SOLD LAST YEAR

Do You
Know
What
They
Are
?SOME PEOPLE CALL THEM COSSAQUES
SOME PEOPLE CALL THEM BON-BONS

They Are Not Liscus, but Confections

There is nothing sets the tongues of a party going quicker nor makes them merrier than these pretty crissakes.

The mild but genuine excitement over the probabilities of the contents or the hilarity caused by the words of the mottoes often tends to promote the success of what might otherwise have turned out a dull evening.

A great many people are under the erroneous impression that crackers are only for children, but, as a matter of fact, they cater as well to the enjoyment of adults as of juveniles.

What They Are

These Christmas Crackers are made of paper, in the shape and style shown in the illustrations—brilliantly ornamented and designed. Inside each cracker is a little cap, which explodes, quite harmlessly, as the cracker is pulled by two persons. In addition to the little explosion, will be a paper hat, cap or bonnet, a little motto or a miniature toy, jewel, puzzle or other Indian or Japanese curio. Some also contain little bottles of scent; some contain harmless parlor fireworks; some contain little Christmas games, etc.

12 Crackers are packed in a handsome box. There are a hundred varieties, and the prices range

FROM 20 CENTS TO \$2 A BOX.

To suit everybody's pocket and everybody's taste.

It was in 1872, twenty-four years ago, we first imported and introduced these pretty little favors into Toronto. Now we sell several thousands.

NO CHILDREN'S PARTY
NO FESTIVAL
NO FETIVE GATHERING OF ADULTS OR CHILDREN
Is complete without them.

A Box of Tom Smith's Crackers will give the children as much rough enjoyment as an evening at the theatre, and there is no comparison in the cost.

ONLY A PULL!
ONLY A BANG
ONLY A TOY—A Jewel, a Paper
—Hat, Cap, Bonnet,
—a Motto, Puzzle
—or Curio.But—
Ask the Children!

SOME SEASONABLE SUGGESTIONS IN OUR CONFECTIONERY DEPARTMENT

Michie's Special Christmas Mixture, pure, fresh Chocolate Creams and Bon-Bons. 20c lb.

Michie's best Christmas Mixture, assorted flavors, Chocolate Creams, Bon-Bons, Cream Almonds and Gum Drops 25c lb.

Michie's Pure Jelly Beans, for little children 20c lb.

Michie's Celebrated Cardinal Cream Chocolates, assorted flavors. In plain bright cardinal boxes, 10, 15 and 30c box

In fancy boxes and baskets, from 10c to \$2 each

Michie's Pure Fresh Molasses Candy 20c lb.

Cadbury's English Chocolates, Rowntree's English Chocolates, Caley's English Chocolates, in fancy packages, from 40c doz

Empty Fancy Baskets, for filling, from 10c doz

Empty Fancy Boxes, for filling, from 25c doz

Christmas Tree Novelties, Christmas Tree Candles, from 5c doz

ORDER your Christmas
Provisions, Groceries, Fruits,
Nuts, etc., TO-DAY.This is a short week and a busy
week.
Get one of our complete Illustrated Price Lists.

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FINEST AND LARGEST RETAIL GROCERY IN CANADA

Two Stores: 51 and 7 King St. West
466 and 468 Spadina Ave.
Toronto

IN AID OF ST. JOSEPH'S.

An Excellent Cotton Up Fancy Fair is
Now in Full Swing—Father McEntee
in His Glory.

The great fancy fair opened last night at Poulton Hall in aid of St. Joseph's Church, and had the happiest of beginnings. Artists stalls were covered with good things, which found eager purchasers. The Catholic Order of Foresters provided a capital program and the hall had as large an audience as could well squeeze into it. The entertainment commenced a little after 8 with Mr. G. A. McCabe as chairman, and on the platform with him were Mayor Fleming, Father McEntee, Aldermen Russell and Small, Candidate Schoff and Chief Ranger J. Morgan.

The chairman in a neat speech introduced His Worship, who was greeted with loud cheering. He said it gave him supreme satisfaction to have the good will of all the people of Toronto, as he had ever endeavored to advance the moral, social and religious interests of the city as a whole. The work of the Lord was the greatest work any man could do and this Father McEntee was doing in a splendid way. He would make no definite announcement that he was to come out as a candidate for the mayor, but the chairman in stating that he would not want to "hear" "Lord" cheering and crying "He's in!"

Ald. Small and Russell and Candidate Schoff spoke to the point, and were well received.

Father McEntee, St. Joseph's popular priest, in his usual genial manner thanked the visitors for their presence and the contributions for their efforts. The program began with a capital song by Miss E. O'Connor, who sang "The Lord is My Shepherd." It was well received. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Bert Harvey, then sang "The Lord is My Shepherd." The choir was well received. The choir was well received. The choir was well received.

STREET CARS IN THE SNOW

Partial Blockade of the Toronto Railway
Service Last Night—Tracks
Clear To-Day.

The snowstorm didn't do a thing to the street cars. The fine, hard, beautiful got into the main and no matter how hard the motorman applied his brake the car stopped when it liked, and was reluctant to start off again without a vigorous application of power and the use of considerable sand. The case on nearly all the routes, and particularly on those streets where the wind was very strong. A motorman remarked to The World: "They were pretty slow getting out these sweeps today or a lot of this confounded work would not have been necessary." Roadmaster Nix said the cars were running very fair, but when Roadmaster Wallace checked at the corner of King and Yonge there was a long procession of cars on both streets that saved the reporter asking foolish questions. Mr. Wallace didn't care to say anything when told when the motorman said the cars were running very fair, but when Roadmaster Wallace checked at the corner of King and Yonge there was a long procession of cars on both streets that saved the reporter asking foolish questions. Mr. Wallace didn't care to say anything when told when the motorman said the cars were running very fair, but when Roadmaster Wallace checked at the corner of King and Yonge there was a long procession of cars on both streets that saved the reporter asking foolish questions.

The first of the Royal Grenadier assembles. The first of the Royal Grenadier assembles. The first of the Royal Grenadier assembles. The first of the Royal Grenadier assembles. The first of the Royal Grenadier assembles.

A large number of invitations have been sent out, and subscribers who have not yet received their invitations are urged to favor the committee by communicating with the hon. secretary, Capt. Gooderham, 49 Wellington-street east.

Wednesday, 23rd December, 1896.

Useful Gifts...

EIDER DOWN QUILTS
Coverings of fine beautiful satens,
at \$5, \$6, \$7 each.ALL-WOOL BLANKETS.
Full bed size, from \$2.50 to \$5 per
pair.BLACK SILK DRESS LENGTHS
Our two great Christmas specials,
at \$1 and \$2.50 per yard, represent
the best value going.WOOLEN DRESS LENGTHS
Black and colors—several hundred
lengths, in fashionable materials,
ranging in price from \$2.50 to \$5.
Some very rare chances embraced
in these.FRENCH PLAID SILK BLOUSE
LENGTHS
A big special lot of beautiful plaids,
in blouse lengths (5 yds.), at \$3.75
each, regular \$5.SILK UMBRELLAS
For ladies and gentlemen, from \$1
to \$5 each. Initials engraved
free of charge for Christmas.HANDKERCHIEFS
Ladies' fine linen hemstitched, at
\$1.75, \$1.90, \$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$4, \$5.
Embroidered linen handkerchiefs, at
\$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8, \$9, \$10.SILK TARTAN BELTS
Ladies' silk Tartan belts, in all the
leading clan and family tartan pat-
terns, gilt or silver buckles, with
calmings, at 65c and 75c each.RUSTLING SILK SHIRTS
Black and shot effects—one or more
frills, at \$5, \$6, \$7 and \$8 each.Grand....
Mantle Clearing
Christmas Chances
In
Mantles
Jackets
Capes
UmbrellasAll being cleared out regardless of
cost or marked prices. We have 115
jackets, marked \$10, and so onThrough the Whole
Mantle Stock.MAIL ORDERS Promptly
and Carefully Filled.
6363John Catto & Son,
King-st., Opp. the Postoffice.

COUNTING THE HOURS

In less than forty-eight hours the Christmas chimes will
ring and gladness will spread itself throughout
thousands of homes in Canada. We are crowding at
every hand that the pleasure of Christmas shall come to
all in completest form.The little ones are counting the hours, and the bigger
ones, in the pleasure that comes to them,
are not the less anxious that Christmas
shall be here.It is hard to realize the intensity of
business in this big store as the hours
before Christmas shorten. We are ready,
however, for any emergency. The crowds
have been something astonishing the
week through—we will meet the greater
crowds of the closing hours of Christmas
shopping.Has anything been forgotten? Doubtless it has. The
big store will help you to fill in the blank, for we can meet
every enquiry and cover in a satisfactory manner each
particular want.

STORE OPEN TILL 10 P.M.

Christmas Specials in China

The goods are in the basement—
the items that follow simply suggest
—give a bare hint of the immense
variety to be found:

China Mustard Pots, gilt sprays, with
spoon, regular 10c, for... 5c

French Linings China Spoon
Trays, worth 12c, for... 40c

Bargain table of Austrian and
French... 25c

Sauces, regular 30c to 40c, 25c

China Cups, saucers and Plate
Sets, worth 25c, for... 15c

Fine Semi-Porcelain Toilet Sets,
with jar, 12 pieces, decorated,
worth \$8, for... 6.00

Assorted Blaque Vases, worth 25c,
for... 15c

China Churn and Sugar Sets, dis-
cled and decorated, worth 50c, for... 35c

China Butter Dishes, special \$1.50,
for... 1.35c

China Cruets, salt, pepper and
mustard, special price \$1.50,
for... 1.35c

Maifolica Tobacco Jars, worth 75c,
for... 50c

China Bread and Butter Plates,
regular price 12c, for... 7c

Bibles for Christmas Presents.

We have a very large assortment. They
are all well made books, printed in very clear
type on an extra fine paper, and we make a
specialty of small books with large clear
type. Here are several noteworthy specials:

lined, publisher's price \$4.75, special
\$2.75; Algerian Morocco,
leather lined, silk sewn, maps,
gilt, publisher's price \$5, for... 4.15

A nice pocket Bible, with
red edge, padded round corners,
worth 50c, for... 25c

Special Teachers' Bible—French
text, rapped, gilt edge, leather
bound, publisher's price \$1.50,
for... 1.25

Pocket Bible—Fine French
text, rapped, gilt edge, leather
bound, publisher's price \$1.50,
for... 1.25

Special Teachers' Bible—French
text, rapped, gilt edge, leather
bound, publisher's price \$1.50,
for... 1.25

Old People's Bibles—French
Morocco Binding, gilt edge, rapped,
gilt edge, publisher's price \$4,
special \$2; extra quality leather

Toys and Games on the Fifth Floor.

You cannot forget the fifth floor at Christmas. The children
have been to you during the day time, but you come out at
night now to do the Santa Claus business. The Old Favorite is on
the fifth floor with no end of toys with which to fill the little ones'
stockings. Whatever is wanted in this direction you will find here.
A hint or two to help you:

Wool Body Animals.
Rabbits, Pigs, Dogs... 10c

Sheep, Rabbits, etc... 10c

Camels, Donkeys... 10c

Foxes, Rabbits, etc... 10c

Elephants, Dogs, Cats, etc... 10c

Games.
Ring Toss, a good parlor game... 1.00

Parlor Croquet, wood boxes and... 1.00

Table band, 45c, 65c and... 20c

Table Croquet, cardboard box, 50c

Parlor Target Game, with arrows... 1.00

Parlor Croquet, with arrows... 1.00

Parlor Croquet, with arrows... 1.00

Real French Bronze Figures

Our collection invites special attention, as it combines rare
assortment with attractive prices:

A special line of Bronze Statues,
in gilt gold finish, worth \$3.50,
for... 2.50

Real Bronze Figures, from \$5 to
\$50 each.

French Bronze Photo Frames.

Even now the suggestion is worthy of consideration, shop as
early in the day as possible, the evenings and the afternoons be-
come more than ever crowded.

THE ROBERT SIMPSON CO. LTD.

S.W. COR. YONGE AND QUEEN-STREETS,
179, 177, 175, 173, 171, 169, 167, 165, 163, 161, 159, 157, 155, 153, 151, 149, 147, 145, 143, 141, 139, 137, 135, 133, 131, 129, 127, 125, 123, 121, 119, 117, 115, 113, 111, 109, 107, 105, 103, 101, 99, 97, 95, 93, 91, 89, 87, 85, 83, 81, 79, 77, 75, 73, 71, 69, 67, 65, 63, 61, 59, 57, 55, 53, 51, 49, 47, 45, 43, 41, 39, 37, 35, 33, 31, 29, 27, 25, 23, 21, 19, 17, 15, 13, 11, 9, 7, 5, 3, 1.

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Awarded on this Continent, at the old's Fair,
Chicago, 1893.

James Good & Co.'s

AGENTS, Cor. Yonge and Albert-sts., Toronto.

FURS! FURS! FURS!

It pays to let the public know when
you have a good thing. Come and
see our prices, they are all cut in
two. You have the FINEST STOCK
of FURS to select from, warranted
all manufactured under the personal
supervision of Mr. J. HARRIS.We will make a perfect-fitting
Mantle of the finest Alaska Seal-
skin from \$175 to \$200 and \$225.

Our other Bargains are:

Pacific Seal Cape, worth \$50.00... 35.00

Siberian Raccoon Scarfs... 5.00

Alaska Sable Scarfs... 5.00

Mink Scarfs from \$2 to... 5.00

Alaska Sable Muffs, first quality... 7.00

Grey Lamb Gauntlets, \$3.50 and... 4.00

Persian Lamb Gauntlets... 9.00

Grey Lamb Tams... 3.50

A reduction of 25 to 50 per cent.
on all articles.

J. HARRIS, - 67 King West.

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WE CUT FINE

Short for XMAS.

For 25 Cents

Hemstitched Silk Handkerchiefs,
Cashmere Mufflers, silk spots,
Children's Kid and Mocha Mitts,
Spun Silk Cuffs,
Three 4-Ply English Collars,
Rolled Plate Cut Links,
Cashmere Cuffs,
English Link Cuffs,
Two 4-Ply English Collars,
Black Cashmere Half Hose,
Cashmere Mufflers,
Two White Dress Bowls.

For 50 Cents

Hemstitched Silk Handkerchiefs,
Cashmere Mufflers, silk spots,
Children's Kid and Mocha Mitts,
Spun Silk Cuffs,
Three 4-Ply English Collars,
Rolled Plate Cut Links,
Cashmere Cuffs,
English Link Cuffs,
Two 4-Ply English Collars,
Black Cashmere Half Hose,
Cashmere Mufflers,
Two White Dress Bowls.

For 100 Cents

Silk Tartan Mufflers,
Baroness Silk Mufflers,
Black Silk Mufflers,
Fancy Silk Mufflers,
Satin Braces, all colors,
Natural Crook Umbrellas,
Fur-Lined Kid Gloves and Mitts,
Silk Umbrellas, best natural sticks,
Silk and Wool Umbrellas \$1.50, worth \$2.50.

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Anything and everything you want in
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OPEN EVENINGS.

55 KING-STREET WEST.

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Seal Skin Jackets, Persian Lamb
Jackets, Grey Krim r Jackets, Evening
Wrap, Fur-line Shoulder Capes, Fur-
lined Circulars, Cap-rings, Bows, Rain-
Muffs, Gauntlets, Caps, Fur Coat, Fur-
lined Coats, Sligh Robes, Couchman-
Sets, Mounted Ears, Snow Shoes,
Moccasins.SEE OUR PRICES.
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TENDERS.

Notice to Contractors

COUNTY OF YORK.
Sealed tenders, endorsed "Tenders for
Abutments of York Mills Bridge," will be
received by the undersigned up to 12
o'clock noon of Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1897, for
the construction of two stone abutments
for a steel bridge at York Mills on Yonge
street. Plans and specifications may be
seen and all necessary information obtain-
ed at the office of the undersigned on and
after Monday, Dec. 28, 1896.
The lowest or any tender will not neces-
sarily be accepted.
By order,
JAMES McDUGALL, C.E.,
County Engineer,
Court House, Toronto, Dec. 21, 1896. 304

AMUSEMENTS.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

MONDAY AND
WEDNESDAY
GRAND OPERATIC PERFORMANCES
MME ALBAN—Prima Donna—
Miss Beverly Robinson...Meno Soprano
Mr. Braxton Smith...Tenor
Mr. Empereur Pringle...Primo Bass
Miss Beatrice Langley...Solo VioloncelloSigner Armando Lazzari...Conductor
Mr. Ernest Gye...Soloist of Scenic Promotions
and Vocalist
F. AUSTIN OF GORDON'S OPERA
FAUST Act I. The Garden scene.
and the overture
L. Weiss from Wagner's
TRISTAN AND ISOLDEOrchestra...\$2 50
First 8 rows...1 50
Balance of Parquette...1 00
Admission to Lower Floor...1 00
First 2 rows of Dress Circle...1 00
Balance of Dress Circle...75
Gallery...50
SALE OF SEATS
BEGINS...To - Morrow

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MR. ARTHUR BOURCHIER
TO-NIGHT TO-morrow
THE CHILL WIND
THE QUEEN'S
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BARGAIN MATINEES

Tues. Thurs. Sat.
Entire
Balcony 15c
Lower 25c
Extra Matinee Xmas Day
Floor Next week—Pair of Jacks

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Only Vandeville Theatre in Toronto.
All this
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Moving Pictures far superior to any other.
Three Barrets, Hatfield Sisters, Baby, and
Hague, Baker and Welsh and others. Prizes
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MASSEY MUSIC HALL

KNIGHTS OF THE MACJABEES
CHRISTMAS DAY.
Afternoon and EveningMiss World, Soprano; Miss La Dell,
elementalist; Mrs. Price, cornet soloist;
Lemon Blitt, contralto; Bert Harvey, com-
edian; Woody and Blund, humorists, and the AN-
TI-METROPOLITAN (evening only). Prizes—Ad-
mission, 25c to all parts of the hall. Even-
ing, reserved seats, 50c. Admission, 25c.
For a steel bridge at York Mills on Yonge
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Queen City Yacht Club have arranged for
a progressive euchre party to be held in
their club rooms on Saturday evening at
8 o'clock. Members and their friends are
cordially invited to attend.