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## JOHN CATTO &amp; SON

## GOOD XMAS GIFTS

LACE GOWNS—Splendid stock of Shaped Lace Gowns, Black and Ivory, in Chantilly, Ecru, Alençon, Embroidered Brussels Net, etc., from \$14.00 to \$60.00 each.

## Real Lace Berthes

\$15.00 to \$50.00.

## Real Lace Collars

\$2.00 to \$20.00.

## Special Xmas Silk Values.

## Black Beau de Soie Silks

"Catto's Specials" at 75c, 90c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 per yard.

## Black Gros Grains

"Catto's Specials" at 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 per yard.

## Figured Armures

at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.40, \$1.70 per yard.

## Paillettes and Satin de Chenes

at 80c, \$1.00, \$1.20, \$1.50.

## Chiffon Duchesse

at \$1.00, \$1.20, \$1.50 per yard.

## Messaline Taffetas (Figured and Spot)

at \$1.10, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.50.

Also an immense selection of Fancy Silks, suitable for Shirt Waist Suits, in Checks, Stripes, Dresden, Messaline and Fancy Taffetas, at 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 per yard.

MAIL ORDERS RECEIVE EXPERT ATTENTION.

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55, 57, 59, 61 KING ST. EAST.

(Opposite the Postoffice.)

TORONTO.

## LOWER SCHEDULES

## FOR LARGER PARCELS

Smaller Parcels Subject to Higher Express Rates—General Manager Says They Are Justified.

MONTREAL, Dec. 12.—The investigation into the Canadian Express Company by the railway commission was continued to-day, General Manager Stout of the Dominion Express Company reviewing the entire case. The company was organized, and the basis on which it operated. He covered practically the same lines as Mr. Bryce of the Canadian Express Company.

The Dominion Company, he stated, was organized by the C.P.R. interests at the same time and the railway company, and had gradually expanded along with the railway. The company operated on the same basis as the other express companies, the main charge being for 100 pounds, and then a scale for larger amounts. For parcels weighing less than 100 pounds a higher schedule was charged, and he considered this higher charge was justified by the trouble the company was put to in handling it. The company had no other what different way of doing business with other railways. Instead of paying 50 per cent. of earnings, it made a contract on the amount of business handled. This contract, however, figured out something equal to 50 per cent.

Mr. Stout took for the entire morning session—Mr. Bernier, one of the members of the commission, was absent through illness.

## C.P.R. PLANNING

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nections whereby the Canadian Pacific could send traffic over its lines and those of its subsidiaries. The Canadian Pacific has not been able to prevent an invasion of American railroad territory in the east. It has no ice free seaport on the Atlantic coast, and the advantages of an outlet at Boston as well as Maine ports are obvious.

"The Canadian Pacific directors recently authorized an issue of \$25,000,000 additional stock, and was not definitely stated at the time to just what purposes this stock might be applied, but it was generally believed that the money would be used for extensions in the west. It was considered possible yesterday that Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and his associates had an eastern invasion in mind.

"The New Haven's acquisition of the Boston and Maine met with opposition from the legislature of Massachusetts. A bill was passed making the merger illegal for a period of one year after enactment of the law, and since then the New Haven has been in the peculiar position of holding stocks in the Boston and Maine and being unable to exercise rights for its stock control. The two systems are not competitive. For that matter the Canadian Pacific cannot be considered a sharp competitor of the Boston and Maine. In case the Canadian Pacific, however, turns out to be the purchaser of the transaction, which undoubtedly is closely scrutinized by the Massachusetts authorities and the interstate commerce commission."

## Pontiac Conservatives.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—At the Conservative convention of Pontiac County at Shawville to-day, Gerald H. Brabazon, the present member, was unanimously endorsed as candidate for the next federal elections. For the time being Dr. Lemon McNally of Campbell's Bay was nominated.

## "The Savoy's"

## Special Light Lunch

for business people, 12 to 2, in the Japanese room and parlor.

YONGE AND ADELAIDE STS.

## THE WEATHER

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, Dec. 12.—8 p.m.—The depression which has been over New Brunswick last night is now centred in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, having caused a light fall of snow in the lower St. Lawrence Valley and light local falls in the Maritime Provinces. In Ontario and the western portion of Quebec fine cold weather has prevailed, whilst in the western provinces it has been fair and mild.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 24-44; Prince Albert, 14-22; Regina, 3-42; Winnipeg, 10-30; Port Arthur, 10-24; Fanny Sound, 2-18; Toronto, 16-24; Ottawa, 10-12; Montreal, 10-14; Quebec, 12-22; St. John, 28-42; Halifax, 36-50.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Moderate winds; fair and cold.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Moderate variable winds; fine and cold.

Lower St. Lawrence—Decreasing westerly winds; fine and cold.

Gulf—Fresh to strong westerly and northwesterly winds; fair and colder; local snow flurries.

Maritime—Fresh westerly and northwesterly winds; fair and colder.

Lake Superior—Fair and milder.

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—Fair and mild.

THE BAROMETER.

Time. Ther. Bar. Wind.

8 a.m. 17 29.63 16 W.

10 a.m. 17 29.63 16 W.

2 p.m. 23 29.70 16 N.W.

4 p.m. 23 29.70 16 N.W.

8 p.m. 19 29.82 6 W.

10 p.m. 14 29.86 6 W.

Mean 19.5; difference from average, 10 below; highest, 24; lowest, 13; snow, .3.

## STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Dec. 12 At From

Adriatic.....Plymouth.....New York

La Provence.....Havre.....New York

Calabria.....Naples.....New York

Satavla.....Genoa.....New York

Moltke.....Naples.....New York

Cedric.....Quebec.....New York

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Friday, the 13th.

Public Library Board, 5 p.m.

Press Club, 8 p.m.

Laymen's Missionary Movement—Massey Hall, 8.

## MARRIAGES.

LOUGHEED—WRIGHT—On Dec. 11, 1907, at the residence of the bride's father, 15 Elmwood avenue, by the Rev. W. H. Vance, Kathleen, eldest daughter of the late William Lougheed, to Edward Wright, both of Toronto.

## DEATHS.

KELLOW—At 24 Howland-avenue, Toronto, on Thursday, Dec. 12, 1907, M. S. Kellow, aged 73 years 1 month and 13 days.

Funeral at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14, to Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Please omit flowers.

PARSONS—At Eglington-avenue, Toronto, on Monday night, Dec. 12, Edna May Quinn, aged 25 years, the beloved wife of T. J. Parsons.

Funeral notice later.

Montreal, Kingston and Owen Sound papers please copy.

TAYLOR—On Dec. 12, at Grace Hospital, Thomas C. Taylor, aged 55, formerly of Crown lands department.

Funeral on Friday, Dec. 13, from 415 Dovercourt-road, to Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

WILLIAMS—On Dec. 12, at the residence of the late Mrs. Williams, George R. Williams, aged 38 years, youngest son of the late Thomas R. Williams.

Funeral from the above address on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 2:30 p.m. to Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

## SNATCHED HER PURSE.

Second Street Robbery of Women in Two Days.

As Miss A. Taylor, 238 Lisgar-street, was leaving her house last night, a man passed her. He turned and knocking her hat over her eyes and grasped her chatelaine containing \$15. In the struggle which ensued the handle of the bag was broken and her assailant made off with the property.

A similar robbery was committed at St. George and College-streets Wednesday night.

Frederic Harrison, 11 years old, of 917 Yonge-street, was arrested by Detective Newton yesterday, charged with theft of a purse from a woman in Sackville-street. He returned the money and the purse was found in a lane.

## FUNERAL OF B. B. GUNN

VERY LARGELY ATTENDED

SEAFORTH, Dec. 12.—The funeral of the late B. B. Gunn, M.P., this afternoon was one of the largest ever seen in this part of the country. The public services in the Methodist Church were very largely attended, hundreds being turned away. The church was draped. The services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Rogers, pastor, assisted by Revs. Messrs. Walwin and Birks of London, former pastors of the deceased, and by the other clergymen of the town.

The procession from the church to the cemetery was headed by the Seaforth band, the fire brigade, the Canadian Foresters, the members of the town council and others. The stores and other places in town were closed.

At the Liberal caucus to-day, D. H. MacKenzie was chairman. Lavergne of Montmagny, who invited, was not present.

## LAVERGNE IGNORES CAUCUS.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Committee organize to-morrow. It is expected W. S. Calvert will be elected the chairman of railways and canals.

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## DEMOCRATS IN DENVER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—After deciding to hold the next Democratic national convention at Denver on July 7, 1908, the Democratic national committee entered upon a spirited debate on the propriety of accepting more of the \$100,000 offered by Denver for the convention than the committee needed to pay the convention expenses in that city.

On the first ballot Denver received 22 votes, as against 17 for Louisville, 5 for Chicago and 1 for St. Paul.

## Men Shoplifters.

Leon and Magnus Burash, 195 York-street, were arrested in the Eaton store yesterday by Detectives Tipton and Twigg, charged with shoplifting.

When searched at police headquarters, a cup and saucer and a necktie were found on them.

They were admitted to bail.

LONDON—A new navy league to be called the Imperial Maritime League is in process of formation. It threatens to deprive the older organization of much of its authority.

Try Watson's Cough Drops.

## Public School a Weapon In Fight With Disease

The public school is to be used as a weapon in the fight to prevent the spread of tuberculosis. A movement has been started to establish an adequate system for protecting the countless army of school children from the White Plague. Among other innovations, children suffering with tuberculosis in a contagious form will be segregated, and provision made for their special education.

Parents should be very careful to act promptly in checking a cough or cold. The strain on the respiratory organs from coughing leaves them sore and susceptible to the tubercular germ.

To break up a cold quickly and cure any cough that is curable, the mixture of two ounces of glycerine with a half ounce of Virgin Oil of Pine and eight ounces of good whiskey, given in doses of a teaspoonful every four hours, is a powerful remedy.

Five drops of this mixture, taken internally usually cause nausea. Their use is mainly confined to the manufacture of soap and similar purposes.

Instead of whiskey, with the same effect.

The ingredients are inexpensive and can be purchased without trouble at any good drug store. To avoid substitution of some inferior pine product for the Virgin Oil of Pine, it is better to purchase each separately and mix them at home.

The genuine Virgin Oil of Pine is put up for dispensing, only in 1-2 ounce vials, each vial securely sealed by a round wooden case with an engraved wrapper showing plain—the name—Virgin Oil of Pine, prepared only by Leach Chemical Co., Windsor, Ont. Be sure to get the genuine.

As the oil sold in bulk and cheap imitations put out to resemble Virgin Oil of Pine in name and style of package are ineffective, being largely composed of a distillation of pine needles, or leaves, instead of from the pine tree proper.

These pine needle oils are not intended for internal use, and when taken internally usually cause nausea. Their use is mainly confined to the manufacture of soap and similar purposes.

MUTUAL RESERVE ROW.

Allegations Reflecting on Solvency of Big Company.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Trouble in the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company in the home office, New York, has developed a condition of affairs most serious for the \$7,000 policyholders of the company, most of whom have been paying in premiums for many years and are now too old to get new insurance in other companies.

Some of the secrets of the report recently made by State Insurance Superintendent Kelsey on the financial condition of the Mutual Reserve were disclosed during the rumour at the directors' meeting, the leading belligerents being Archibald C. Haynes, president of the company, its counsel, John B. Stanchfield, once Democratic candidate for governor, and William Hepburn Russell, secondary partner, were played by George D. Eldridge, the venerable vice-president of the company, and Mr. Russell's law partner, Frank H. Wagoner.

Extraordinary care has been taken to keep the Kelsey findings from the public, but it is positively stated that the findings, as they now stand, declare the company to be without sufficient legal reserve, and therefore insolvent.

During the row William Hepburn Russell declared that to cover up its deficit in reserve the company has for years been arbitrarily putting liens on the policies of assessment members, charging up these liens on its books as loans and figuring the loans as assets.

President Haynes says:

"I can only say that the method of valuing the liens adopted by the insurance department, George R. F. Fennell, and I am confident of our ability to convince Mr. Kelsey that our valuation is correct. The same holds true for our loanhold properties."

There is probably \$2,000,000 of Mutual Reserve insurance held in Canada.

## KNOCKING THE "ALL-RED."

Lloyd-George Commended for Not Participating in Proposal.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—(C.A.P. Cable.)—The Aberdeen Advertiser says the caution showed by Lloyd George at the colonial conference in declining to commit this country to any heavy burden in the lead, with a score of 15 to 20, is a very wise one.

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