

It Will Pay Shoppers to Read Times Christmas Advertisements

DEFINITE OFFER OF RESPONSIBLE FIRM.

What Cataract Manager Tells the Aldermen.

Power \$10.00 to \$15.00 Cheaper Than Hydro.

Water Committee Discussed Matter To-day.

"There is one thing you must bear in mind, I am giving you the offer of a responsible concern that will carry into effect what it says it will do, and am matching it against estimates that are not guaranteed."

This was one of the thoughts General Manager Hawkins, of the Cataract Power Company, impressed upon the members of the Fire and Water Committee this morning, when he appeared before that body to explain at length the offer made to install pumps at the Beach pumping station.

Mr. Hawkins at the outset, in reply to a question from Ald. Allen, said it was quite clear, in his offer, that if it was necessary to build a pump house the city would be expected to do it. He did not think, however, that another building would be required. If the city accepted the offer, it would be, at the end of six years, in exactly the same position as it was to-day if it did not care to go on. The city would risk no money in the proposition, and at the end of six years it would have the pumps and be free from the capital cost of installing them, not only for the six years, but forever.

"How much would you charge us for power?" inquired Ald. Allen. "That would be determined on the cost of water pumped in 1906," was the reply. The city was sure to grow considerably in the next six years, and if it was found necessary to increase the pumping capacity above the twelve million gallon electric pumps the company would install another pump.

Engineer Barrow wanted to know if the steam pumps were used part of the time if a reduction would be made. Mr. Hawkins said he would not advise disturbing the pumps when they were running smoothly, as it might result in breaking valves, twisting machinery and other inconveniences.

Mr. Barrow wanted to know if it would not be advisable to have the steam plant ready all the time. Mr. Hawkins thought it would be. The city might run its steam pumps for two hours or so each day to make sure that they were always in good working order.

"I think to be safe we should keep the steam plant ready all the time," observed the engineer. "Absolutely," said Mr. Hawkins. "It would not do to depend on the transmission lines." The company, he said, operated the steam plant at its sub-station five minutes each day, as a test, and kept steam up twenty-four hours a day. "That is what we will have to do," agreed the engineer.

Mr. Hawkins explained that the first call now was on the arc lamps. The pumps would be placed next, if the offer was accepted, and to that extent the city would be relieved from the danger of depending on the transmission lines. Chairman Clark—I would like the engineer to state what his objections are. If this is a good proposition I have nothing against it.

Ald. Allen—It seems quite simple. Mr. Hawkins is going to pump the water at so much per million gallons. Ald. Perogine—Which is just what the engineer has asked for. Mr. Barrow enquired about the \$35 a horse power, which he estimated, the (Continued on page 10.)

VERDICT OF GUILTY IN ONE OF PERJURY CASES.

Sentence Will Not be Passed Until Questions of Law are Settled.

After three hours and a half deliberation on the part of the jury, yesterday afternoon, in the case of James Yaldon, who was charged with perjury by the Crown, a verdict of guilty was returned. The case went to the jury at 1.45, and it was nearly 5.30 before it could agree. Twice the jury returned, so that some points in the evidence might be cleared up. The first time it came in was at 2.45, and it was thought a verdict had been reached. "Gentlemen of the jury, have you agreed upon a verdict?" asked the clerk of the court. "We have," replied the foreman. "What is your verdict?" asked the court.

In the Chair.

Columbus, O., Dec. 20.—Howard West, alias Frank Earl, was electrocuted in the annex at the Ohio Penitentiary early to-day for the murder of Wm. Megg, a butcher of Sydney, Ohio, on April 20, 1907. Earl protested his innocence to the last. The condemned man faced death calmly.

SUNFIELD'S CASE.

No Decision Probably Before Monday of Next Week.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 20.—(Special)—As there will be no meeting of the Cabinet to-day there can be no decision on the Sunfield case before tomorrow. And with so many members out of town it will be difficult to get a meeting before Monday. This in no way interferes with the arrangements for the execution. The prerogative of the crown is merely to stay proceedings if it is deemed advisable to do so. In the absence of any such order preparations for the execution in accordance with the sentence of the court go on.

A \$10,000 FIRE.

Sub-Station at Irontale was Visited Last Night.

There was a \$10,000 fire at the sub-station of the Cataract Power Company at Irontale last night, which caused inconvenience to the railway companies and to theatregoers and users of the power. The fire was very much the same as the last one which took place, and was caused by a shot circuit in the roof, where the wires come through. Transformers and machinery were ruined. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

BAD HOUSES.

Keepers Sent to Jail and Inmates Paid Fines.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—(Special)—The Attorney-General's Department has been recently engaged in a campaign against the disorderly houses which existed in the outskirts of the towns of North Bay and Sturgeon Falls. As a result the keepers and inmates were prosecuted, and nineteen persons were convicted. The proprietors of the establishments were sent to jail for terms of from two to six months. The inmates were fined.

MARTIE ROWAN'S FUNERAL.

Mr. Martin Rowan, son of the late Mr. Martin Rowan, cigarmaker, of this city, who died on Tuesday in New Orleans of typhoid fever, will be buried here. The funeral will take place on the arrival of the 1.35 G. T. R. train to St. Mary's Cathedral, thence to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

NEW ARCHBISHOP.

Rome, Dec. 20.—The ceremony of imposing the pallium upon the Right Rev. W. H. O'Connell, coadjutor archbishop of Boston, was performed here to-day by Cardinal Francesco Segna. The new archbishop was represented by Monsignor Tampieri.

Smokers' Christmas Presents.

Genuine amber and meerschaum cigar holders, with gold or silver mounting, are shown at peace's pipe store. Fine leather pocket cigar cases, in all the latest styles, and at low prices, are sold at 107 King street east.

IS HE CONKLE ?

A Strong Mixed Things Up at a Detroit Theatre Last Night.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 20.—An attempt to put down Cutler, the star of the John L. Sullivan combination at the Gayety Theatre gave the audience a spicy bit of wrestling. Cutler's opponent, who entered as "Moore, of Sarnia," was in reality Charles Conkle, the Canadian wrestler, and he gave Cutler eleven very busy minutes of work before the referee announced a fall for Cutler. The Gayety people are trying to make a match with Conkle, claiming that Cutler can put him down again considerably inside of 11 minutes. (The Detroit sports have made a poor guess, in all probability. Conkle is billed to appear at the Century Theatre, in Kansas City, this week. He left here last Saturday for Kansas City and he appeared in that city on Monday night, according to press reports. It is not likely that Conkle would travel to Detroit to go after Cutler.—Sporting Editor.)

To-morrow afternoon at the Hamilton Gun Club grounds the annual president vs. vice-president shoot will be held. After the shoot dinner will be served at Dynes' Hotel, where an excellent entertainment has been provided for the members.

New York, Dec. 20.—President Harry C. Pulliam, of the National League, to-day announced the following contracts and releases:

Contracts.—With Chicago, Curt Elston, with Pittsburgh, S. Camnitz. Releases.—By Pittsburgh to Cleveland (A. L.), Harry Hinchman; by St. Louis to St. Paul (A. A.), Justin Bennett.

DESERTED BABY.

Little Child Left on Door Step on Stuart Street.

A gentleman named McGowan, 103 Stuart street west, reported to the police last night that he had found a baby on his doorstep about 9.50. He gave the child in charge of Constables Venard and Hallisey and it was taken to the infants' home. The child was about a month old and the police so far have no clear idea as to its parentage. A woman was seen coming from the G. T. R. depot with a child in her arms on the arrival of the Guelph train and the police of that town have been communicated with.

WHO WERE THEY ?

Supposed Detectives Visit Quiet Poker Games

Citizen League detectives are still at work in the city, it is stated. Last night two men answering the description of the sleuths who figured in the liquor cases at the Police Court to-day, walked upstairs in an uptown hotel and right into a room where a sociable game of poker was being played. They made no explanation of their intrusion, and quickly withdrew. The pair also tried to get some of the sports to accept bets on the races.

DISMISSED CASE

Growing Out of the Crocker Horse Show.

At the Ninth Division Court this morning Mr. W. S. McBrayne, who was acting as judge, dismissed the action brought by P. J. Culhane, the bill-poster, against Mr. Crocker, of Crocker's Educated Horses. Mr. McBrayne held that the contract was not valid against Mr. Crocker, as he had nothing to do with the billing. Culhane had a bill against the company the previous time it appeared here, and when it appeared this year he garnished the box office receipts. Mr. James Dickson was, for Mr. Crocker and Mr. John Counsel for Mr. Culhane.

DEACONESS' XMAS.

Happy Gathering at the Home Yesterday Afternoon.

Yesterday there was a very happy gathering at the Deaconess' Home, it being the occasion of the annual Christmas, friends of the deaconesses, began to arrive, and at the appointed hour all were ready for the feast. Long tables were set in the drawing rooms, nicely decorated with carnations and smilax, and laden with the staple provisions of a Christmas board. All present enjoyed the realization of a treat, quite beyond their anticipation. Mr. Arthur Ostler, by his selections on the violin, provided much enjoyment during the afternoon hours, which were spent in games and music. A Christmas gift made happy each departing guest. The deaconesses desire to express their gratitude to their friends in the city and surrounding country, who, by their gifts, enabled them to provide so bountifully for the occasion.

LEMIEUX GETS ASSURANCE

That Japan Will Restrict Immigration to Canada.

Canada Will Get Same Treatment as the States.

Lemieux Failed to Get a Written Agreement From Japan.

Tokio, Dec. 20.—Negotiations between Canadian Minister of Labor Rudolph Lemieux and the Japanese Government, which have been delayed by a hitch over details, will be concluded within the next few days. It is understood that Minister Lemieux has finally agreed to accept Japanese assurance that she will undertake the self-imposed task of limiting emigration to Canada. The exact method of limitation will be left entirely in the hands of the Japanese Government.

It is stated that the hitch arose over the desire of the Canadian Government to secure a definite promise in writing outlining the undertaking. This was positively declined by Japan because it would entail a sacrifice of treaty rights. Minister Lemieux also desired to secure from the Japanese Government a note giving the exact number of Japanese that the government proposed to allow to emigrate to Canada. This was also refused.

There is reason to believe that Canada will receive a verbal assurance identical with that given the United States, the Japanese Government declining to surrender any right contained in its treaty of alliance with Great Britain whereinto Canada became a party.

The Japanese Government is engaged in preparing a programme of administration under which the promise of limitation can be carried out. Minister Lemieux will probably leave for Canada next week, going by way of Siberia and through London.

MINISTERS' SCATTER

So To-day's Cabinet Meeting Was Cancelled.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 20.—The meeting of the Cabinet called for to-day has been cancelled on account of so many Ministers leaving here. Hon. L. P. Brodeur left this morning for Montreal and will attend the funeral of Mr. Tarte to-morrow morning. From there he will go to Nicolet to speak for the Liberal candidate, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. W. S. Fielding leave this afternoon to be present at the funeral of Mr. Tarte. Hon. Geo. P. Graham has gone to Centre York to take part in the political contest there and Hon. Sydney Fisher has gone to St. Annes to attend the Liberal convention to select a candidate in the place of the late Mr. Lovell.

AFTER LONG.

Fuss Over Refusal to Drink Roosevelt's Health.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 20.—A Stamford, Conn., despatch says: Dr. William J. Long, has received many letters commenting on what was printed on Wednesday about the refusal of three hundred diners to drink President Roosevelt's health at the dinner of the Quebec Fish and Game Protective Association. He is threatened by some of the writers with assassination for what he refused to do. "It is a very large fuss to make over a very small teapot," says Dr. Long, referring to his correspondents, some of whom sign with skull and cross bones, "and besides, they are after the wrong man."

TRAIN WRECK.

North Bay, Ont., Dec. 20.—The C. P. R. Soo line train No. 8, due at North Bay at 8.50 last night, was wrecked six miles west of here, the cause being the breaking of the middle axle on the engine. The entire train left the track. No one was injured. The track was cleared by 9.30 this morning.

—Read the big Right House Christmas sale ad. in to-night's paper.

The Man In Overalls

The Times greatest Christmas number, ready for mailing, only 3 cents a copy. Get them at business office.

Wanted—A few first-class, able-bodied level-headed men as aldermanic candidates.

Got them yet? G'wan!

To live things up a bit at the Beck meeting to-night, Mayor Stewart might sing that song of his. A lot of people never heard it.

The Queen's statue will be something else we will have to show our friends from a distance when they make a visit.

The weather is doing its share to make things pleasant all round these holiday times.

Toronto does not seem to be bothering its head about whether the Radial road is for the general advantage of Canada or not.

Hamilton's House of Refuge is said to be a model for all the others. But then Mr. Rae is a model man.

Are you helping the Sals, to keep the pot boiling for the poor's Christmas dinner?

Who says corporations have no souls? Look at the Grand Trunk Railway Company's pension scheme.

After all the abuse heaped upon him, the City Engineer is able to close the year with the statement that he has been able to keep the citizens supplied with an abundance of good clean fresh water all the year round. The Provincial Bacteriologist only wishes that Toronto had as good water as Hamilton has.

Schools closed to-day. Happy children, with Santa Claus right at hand.

Perhaps Mr. Beck will tell the meeting this evening how the Hydro-electric power scheme is to clip the wings of Hamilton manufacturers.

I hope Mr. Beck will be able to tell us to-night just what the Government is prepared to offer Hamilton—what the terms are and what the responsibility is.

When the city is under "Tory control" will we have to ask Mr. Milne every time we want to go to Toronto, for instance?

The time is fast approaching when you will just have to take what you can get.

How many tickets are in the field now?

GREAT XMAS SALE.

Right House Announces Big Sale of Xmas Gift Things.

The Thomas C. Watkins firm announce in their immense advertisements in to-night's papers a tremendous sale of desirable and sensible gift goods. Many of the lines will only be on sale from 8 to 10.30 in the morning, so that it behooves every one to make an early morning trip to the Right House. It will be the greatest special Christmas sale ever. Every department in this reliable old Christmas store of quality and character, contributes its quota to the great special Christmas offerings.

No wise person will want to miss visiting the Right House to-morrow. Early in the morning is the best time if you want to share in the best bargains. The Right House will open at 8 a. m. and close at 10 p. m. to-morrow.

LATE MRS. GALLAGHER.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Gallagher took place this afternoon from the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. J. Whitney, 306 King street east. It was very largely attended by sorrowing friends. Rev. E. J. Etherington conducted the services, and the pall-bearers were James Weaver, Thomas Towers, James Reding, John Guy, J. T. Wilson and J. Hardiman. The floral tributes were very numerous.

TO LIVE IN CHICAGO.

Mr. Robert Young, of the late firm of Young Bros., plumbers, leaves for Chicago to-morrow morning, where he will reside in future. Mr. Young is an old and respected resident, and many will regret to hear of his removal. The other evening the members of St. John Presbyterian Church presented him with a gold-headed cane as a parting memento.

Xmas Opportunity.

Owing to late arrival of our Ebony goods we have decided to sacrifice them rather than carry them over. We have the most complete line of Ebony goods ever shown in Hamilton before and the prices at which we are going to clear these out will surprise you. Call early and get best choice. Parke & Parke, Druggists.

OLD MAN DROWNED.

Pembroke, Ont., Dec. 20.—Richard Richardson, aged 72 years, a respected resident of Allumette Island, was drowned last night by going through the ice, while crossing the river from Chichester. The body has not yet been recovered. Mr. Richardson was unmarried.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRAEBS BANK OF CANADA

LEAGUE FAILED IN ITS FIRST CHARGE.

To Open Grave.

London, Dec. 20.—The Home Office has consented to the opening of the grave of T. C. Druce in Highgate Cemetery, and shortly after Christmas the question whether the coffin contains a body or a roll of lead should be definitely answered. Professor Augustus J. Pepper, of the University of London, will attend the exhumation on behalf of Scotland Yard.

LAST CIVIL CASE.

General Sessions Concluded With Harper vs. Brown.

Judge Snider took up the last case of the non-jury list of the General Sessions this morning. The rest of the cases will go over until the next sittings of the court. The case was Matthew Harper vs. John Brown, for \$200 damages for the destruction of a summer kitchen in the rear of the Harper residence, at 66 Macaulay street east. Brown lives at 68. It was claimed by the plaintiff that he built a workshop next to his house, and the roof of the workshop was under the roof of the summer kitchen. Brown began to jack up the workshop, and in doing so dislodged the roof of the summer kitchen. Brown put in a counter claim, on the ground that Harper was using over a foot and a half of his property. Judgment was reserved. Mr. John Farmer for the plaintiff; Mr. W. M. McClement for the defendant.

CARS TO ANCASTER.

Road Opened This Morning Without Ceremony.

The first trip over the Brantford & Hamilton Electric Railway was made this morning. There was no ceremony attached to the departure of the car, and Superintendent Gibson, of the traction department, together with the motorman and conductor, made the trip. It was uneventful, and the road was found to be in splendid condition, the storm not having blocked it all. The cars will be run regularly throughout the winter as far as Ancaster.

LYMAN LEE

May Appear Before Banking and Commerce Committee.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 20.—(Special).—Mr. Lyman Lee, barrister, Hamilton, is here to-day. Mr. Lee is interested in various fraternal societies and will likely appear before the Banking and Commerce Committee of the House of Commons when the new insurance bill comes up for consideration.

Mirth and Merriment.

Every box of our Christmas crackers is a box of concentrated mirth and merriment. Everyone enjoys them; they are the delight of children. Our Christmas stockings, full of toys, always please the little children, and save you a lot of trouble selecting. Our grocery store invites an early visit. Our grocery section has anticipated all your requirements with goodness the keynote of everything. Bain & Adams, 89-91 King street east.

HILDRETH AND YOUNG GET FIVE-YEAR TERMS EACH.

Howard Campbell Will Go to Central For Two Years Less One Week.

Judge Snider passed sentence upon the three housebreakers who were found guilty of entering the residences of John Sintzel, R. S. Boniface and John Wright, this afternoon. George Young was sentenced to five years in Kingston Penitentiary, and Walter Hildreth was also given five years. Howard Campbell was let down easier, being given twenty-four months, less a week, in Central Prison. Judge Snider, in addressing the prisoners, Young and Hildreth, said that they were a blot on the comfort of the community. People were afraid to leave their houses for an evening, or to go to church on Sunday lest they would be broken into and ransacked. The crimes with which they were charged were serious ones, and would have to be given serious consideration. Addressing himself to Young, His Hon-

Case Against James Lynch Was Dismissed.

Spotters Will be Prosecuted Says Defence.

Mr. O'Reilly Will Press Charge Against Them.

The Citizens' League cases were a great drawing card at the Police Court this morning. After the court room had been jammed full many stood clamoring at the door, which was effectually blocked by P. C. Pete Brannon.

The legal fraternity were out in force and much interest was shown in the cases. Regular business was soon transacted, and the league's cases came on.

Through M. J. O'Reilly, John Lynch, of the Opera House Hotel, pleaded guilty to selling after hours on December 6. Frederick McCrae, one of the private detectives, said he went into the hotel in company with his partner, Arthur Roberts, shortly before 11 o'clock on the night in question. He and his partner and another man with two bartenders made up the party. "After 11 o'clock we got some liquor," he said, and the Crown pressed it no further. "I ordered some liquor after eleven," said McCrae.

"How long after?" queried Mr. Washington. "Oh! er—5 minutes past," said McCrae amid groans from the back benches, which were quickly hushed.

M. J. O'Reilly asked McCrae where he lived. McCrae refused to tell, but the Magistrate ruled against him, and McCrae gave his address as 157 Parliament street, Toronto. Something suspiciously like subdued clapping and stamping interrupted the court at this point.

McCrae did not know anything about the proprietor of the hotel, or said he didn't. Mr. O'Reilly asked him if he saw some one close the doors, and got an affirmative answer. McCrae denied that he was told to go out, and Mr. O'Reilly asked to have it noted that he claimed he was not told "once, twice or three times" to leave the bar at 11 o'clock. There was only one other cushion again. "Don't you think it is an unfair way to take proceedings against a man so long as this after the offence," asked the Magistrate.

The Crown Attorney asked to have McCrae's notes put in as evidence but Mr. O'Reilly insisted on McCrae signing the deposition before allowing it to go in.

Arthur Roberts was called next. He is the short man. His evidence was taken in fact but was purely corroborative. To Mr. O'Reilly, Roberts said his address was 142 Parliament street, Toronto, that he came here from England two years ago. He is an ex-Provincial man and worked for the Government four months ago, he said, and also worked along the same line as this in Toronto some time ago.

Roberts also swore that no one had told him and McCrae to go out at 11 o'clock. He said he was with his partner the next evening, but he was not sure whether or not they had gone back to the defendant's bar.

"Were you instructed to see if they were selling or instructed to buy to see if they would break the law?" asked the Magistrate of Roberts, but he got no satisfactory answer as Roberts claimed his partner had got the instructions. He asked Roberts if he was ever asked to be a party to lawbreaking by buying drinks himself and was given the same answer as to the previous street east.

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HIS LORDSHIP'S ROMANCE

CHAPTER XI.

"At last—at last," murmured Inez, as she reached the quiet sanctuary of her own room. "I have won him, and I will only live to make him happy. He shall never repeat the words he said this night. I will make him happier and greater than my cold, quiet sister could have done."

In that hour of triumph Inez forgot the false, cruel treachery that had led to her present happiness; she never thought of her sister, betrayed and unhappy; she remembered only her love and its success. The fatigue and weariness that a short time before had almost overpowered her, disappeared; it was a fresh and radiant face that smiled so brightly, as busy thoughts painted the past and present in strong colors.

"It is not only that I love him," she cried; "were he penniless and obscure I would endow him with all my wealth; but there is triumph to me in the fact that my father's neglected child will be Lady Lynne, mistress of this round home; exiled and neglected no longer; loved and revered as Lady Lynne."

She would not remember the day that had crowned her with success. By a strong effort of her indomitable will she swept away all unpleasant thoughts. She remembered only that she loved and was loved, that the one thing she coveted was now hers—her hopes gratified, her wounded pride soothed, the cup she had craved for filled to the brim.

If all this could have been attained by fair and honorable means, Inez would have been better pleased. She did not like to remember the false words that had stained her lips, or the pain she had seen in her sister's face. But she had never done anything wrong, and she knew that she was going to marry and settle, as you call it, at last.

"So I am, Philip," said Mrs. Lynne. "Do not mistake me. I forgot my happiness in the greatness of my surprise. But I never saw any signs of love for Inez."

"You will welcome her as your daughter," will you not?" he asked.

"That I will," she replied, warmly.

"You know, Philip, I have always stood a little in awe of her; she is so beautiful and stately; so reserved, and unlike our English girls. But I will go to her at once; she shall find no want of love or welcome in my mother's arms."

Philip watched his mother as she entered the house, like a sigh trembled on his lips as he thought how differently both he and Mrs. Lynne would have felt had Agatha been his promised bride; then he reproached himself for his injustice. Had not one refused him, while the other had lavished a world of love upon him. Even Mrs. Lynne reproached herself, and felt that she had never done Inez justice, when the young girl clasped her arms around her, and laying her beautiful head upon her mother's shoulder, promised that she would always be to her a devoted and most loving child.

"I cannot see any reason for delaying your marriage, Philip," said Mrs. Lynne to her son.

"I cannot see any," she replied, in a careless and listless tone.

"You must ask Inez if she has any objections to being married in May."

When Lord Lynne proposed that question to his beautiful fiancée, she smiled, and said in reply, that she considered it the brightest and fairest month in the year.

"So you know the old superstition," she added, with a smile—"May marriages are proverbially unlucky."

"I do not believe it," he said, warmly.

"What is the origin of that superstition?"

"I do not quite remember," she replied; "but I have heard it several times."

"Then, Inez, let us prove its falsity, darling. As far as human eyes can see, there is nothing to cloud our future. We have youth, love, happiness, wealth, position—everything, in fact, that could be wished for. What bad luck can come to us, even supposing the foolish legend to be a true one?"

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When Lord Lynne proposed that question to his beautiful fiancée, she smiled, and said in reply, that she considered it the brightest and fairest month in the year.

"So it was arranged that the twentieth of May should be the wedding day of Lord Lynne. It was now Agatha's turn. The time was short enough; for Mrs. Lynne was anxious to attend to the trousseau of her daughter-in-law-elect which was to be of unrivaled magnificence. Lord Lynne was constantly engaged; settlements and deeds of all kinds had to be prepared, and he had arranged a charming surprise for Inez. The family jewels, that had never seen light since Agatha's mother, Lady Lynne, had worn them at her last ball, twelve years ago, were all to be reset and presented to her.

"She will be peerless," thought the young lover; "she was born to live in magnificence. Diamonds will add to her beauty, and she will wear them with the grace and dignity of a queen."

Many were his consultations with the celebrated jeweler in Bond street before that matchless parure, admired by the whole fashionable world, was finished. And so time ran on until the first of May came round.

CHAPTER XII.

"The first of May," said Mrs. Lynne to Inez, one beautiful morning. "The flowers and birds seem to know May has come. I shall soon have a daughter of my own, Inez."

The beautiful, proud face softened, and the rich voice whispered some loving words that cheered the mother's heart. Lord Lynne was in London—he had been there for more than a month—and he was not expected home until the sixteenth. He was busily engaged in furnishing and preparing one of the finest mansions in Belgravia for his wife.

Mrs. Lynne and Inez lingered over the breakfast table. They had much to discuss, and the hours passed pleasantly enough, until the little ornamental clock upon the mantelpiece chimed twelve.

"How late we are!" cried Inez; and just at that moment a footman announced Mr. Bohun to see Miss Lynne.

"Poor Bertie!" said Mrs. Lynne to her young companion. "I quite forgot to tell you, Inez, his regiment is ordered off to Canada. He has come to say good-bye to you, no doubt. Be kind to him, my dear—he is going to danger, if not death."

Something like remorse or pity smote the young girl as she noted the pale, worn, face of the young soldier.

"I have just heard the news, Mr. Bohun," she said, holding out her hand to him. "I am very sorry we are going to lose you."

"You are very kind, Miss Lynne," he replied, with the least touch of bitterness. "I am glad to go; for many weeks now I have longed to be off to the wars."

"You like active service," she said, coldly.

"Yes," he replied, "and I should like anything better than staying at home married. You laughed at me, Miss Lynne, the last time I dared to tell you something of the love that has made me blind, and deaf, and careless to all but you. You laughed at me, and in your heart you called me a foolish boy, did you not?"

"I never intended anything unkind to you," she replied, proudly. "I have always liked and esteemed you."

"Have you?" he cried, his honest young face brightening at her words; "then I am happier, for I thought you despised me for loving you so much. I could not help it, you know. I have never been presumptuous in my folly. I was never mad enough to dream that you would love me. I do not care for that; but if you were to ask me for my life at this moment I would give it to you; and if ever you want a friend remember my words, that I will give my life to serve you."

"Thank you," she said, simply. "If the time should come when I want you, I shall not forget."

"I should like to hear from your own lips," she continued, "that you are happy. It will comfort me when I am far away to think of you as bright, and radiant, and beloved. If I fall, my last thoughts will be of your face. Tell me, do you love Lord Lynne?"

"I do," she replied. "If it will make you happy to know that I am happy, I will tell you that my heart has not wish left ungratified."

"I am heartily glad," he said; but the brave young face turned a shade paler. "Will you tell me the day settled for your wedding? I shall be upon the blue sea then, but I shall like to know it."

She told him the twentieth of May; then he rose and said to her, "but Inez—Miss Lynne, I have given you all the love of my heart. The world is all over for me. I can care for no woman living after loving you. Before I go, will you say to me, 'God bless you, Bertie?'"

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"At last—at last," murmured Inez, as she reached the quiet sanctuary of her own room. "I have won him, and I will only live to make him happy. He shall never repeat the words he said this night. I will make him happier and greater than my cold, quiet sister could have done."

In that hour of triumph Inez forgot the false, cruel treachery that had led to her present happiness; she never thought of her sister, betrayed and unhappy; she remembered only her love and its success. The fatigue and weariness that a short time before had almost overpowered her, disappeared; it was a fresh and radiant face that smiled so brightly, as busy thoughts painted the past and present in strong colors.

"It is not only that I love him," she cried; "were he penniless and obscure I would endow him with all my wealth; but there is triumph to me in the fact that my father's neglected child will be Lady Lynne, mistress of this round home; exiled and neglected no longer; loved and revered as Lady Lynne."

She would not remember the day that had crowned her with success. By a strong effort of her indomitable will she swept away all unpleasant thoughts. She remembered only that she loved and was loved, that the one thing she coveted was now hers—her hopes gratified, her wounded pride soothed, the cup she had craved for filled to the brim.

If all this could have been attained by fair and honorable means, Inez would have been better pleased. She did not like to remember the false words that had stained her lips, or the pain she had seen in her sister's face. But she had never done anything wrong, and she knew that she was going to marry and settle, as you call it, at last.

"So I am, Philip," said Mrs. Lynne. "Do not mistake me. I forgot my happiness in the greatness of my surprise. But I never saw any signs of love for Inez."

"You will welcome her as your daughter," will you not?" he asked.

"That I will," she replied, warmly.

"You know, Philip, I have always stood a little in awe of her; she is so beautiful and stately; so reserved, and unlike our English girls. But I will go to her at once; she shall find no want of love or welcome in my mother's arms."

Philip watched his mother as she entered the house, like a sigh trembled on his lips as he thought how differently both he and Mrs. Lynne would have felt had Agatha been his promised bride; then he reproached himself for his injustice. Had not one refused him, while the other had lavished a world of love upon him. Even Mrs. Lynne reproached herself, and felt that she had never done Inez justice, when the young girl clasped her arms around her, and laying her beautiful head upon her mother's shoulder, promised that she would always be to her a devoted and most loving child.

"I cannot see any reason for delaying your marriage, Philip," said Mrs. Lynne to her son.

"I cannot see any," she replied, in a careless and listless tone.

"You must ask Inez if she has any objections to being married in May."

When Lord Lynne proposed that question to his beautiful fiancée, she smiled, and said in reply, that she considered it the brightest and fairest month in the year.

"So you know the old superstition," she added, with a smile—"May marriages are proverbially unlucky."

"I do not believe it," he said, warmly.

"What is the origin of that superstition?"

"I do not quite remember," she replied; "but I have heard it several times."

"Then, Inez, let us prove its falsity, darling. As far as human eyes can see, there is nothing to cloud our future. We have youth, love, happiness, wealth, position—everything, in fact, that could be wished for. What bad luck can come to us, even supposing the foolish legend to be a true one?"

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The beautiful, proud face softened, and the rich voice whispered some loving words that cheered the mother's heart. Lord Lynne was in London—he had been there for more than a month—and he was not expected home until the sixteenth. He was busily engaged in furnishing and preparing one of the finest mansions in Belgravia for his wife.

Mrs. Lynne and Inez lingered over the breakfast table. They had much to discuss, and the hours passed pleasantly enough, until the little ornamental clock upon the mantelpiece chimed twelve.

"How late we are!" cried Inez; and just at that moment a footman announced Mr. Bohun to see Miss Lynne.

"Poor Bertie!" said Mrs. Lynne to her young companion. "I quite forgot to tell you, Inez, his regiment is ordered off to Canada. He has come to say good-bye to you, no doubt. Be kind to him, my dear—he is going to danger, if not death."

Something like remorse or pity smote the young girl as she noted the pale, worn, face of the young soldier.

"I have just heard the news, Mr. Bohun," she said, holding out her hand to him. "I am very sorry we are going to lose you."

"You are very kind, Miss Lynne," he replied, with the least touch of bitterness. "I am glad to go; for many weeks now I have longed to be off to the wars."

"You like active service," she said, coldly.

"Yes," he replied, "and I should like anything better than staying at home married. You laughed at me, Miss Lynne, the last time I dared to tell you something of the love that has made me blind, and deaf, and careless to all but you. You laughed at me, and in your heart you called me a foolish boy, did you not?"

"I never intended anything unkind to you," she replied, proudly. "I have always liked and esteemed you."

"Have you?" he cried, his honest young face brightening at her words; "then I am happier, for I thought you despised me for loving you so much. I could not help it, you know. I have never been presumptuous in my folly. I was never mad enough to dream that you would love me. I do not care for that; but if you were to ask me for my life at this moment I would give it to you; and if ever you want a friend remember my words, that I will give my life to serve you."

"Thank you," she said, simply. "If the time should come when I want you, I shall not forget."

"I should like to hear from your own lips," she continued, "that you are happy. It will comfort me when I am far away to think of you as bright, and radiant, and beloved. If I fall, my last thoughts will be of your face. Tell me, do you love Lord Lynne?"

"I do," she replied. "If it will make you happy to know that I am happy, I will tell you that my heart has not wish left ungratified."

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Plates, Cups and Saucers, Bon Bons, Trays, Bowls, regularly 25c, for 18c
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 Plates, Cups and Saucers, Bon Bons, Trays, Bowls, regularly 50c, for 33c
 Plates, Cups and Saucers, Bon Bons, Trays, Bowls, regularly 65c, for 39c
 Plates, Cups and Saucers, Bon Bons, Trays, Bowls, regularly 75c, for 53c
 Plates, Cups and Saucers, Bon Bons, Trays, Bowls, regularly 85c, for 69c
 Plates, Cups and Saucers, Bon Bons, Trays, Bowls, regularly \$1.00, \$1.25, for 75c
 Plates, Cups and Saucers, Bon Bons, Trays, Bowls, etc., regularly \$1.25 and \$1.35, for 98c
 Plates, Cups and Saucers, Bon Bons, Trays, Bowls, regularly \$1.50 and \$1.75, for \$1.19

Special Xmas Gifts For the Little Tots

\$5 Robes for \$3.49
 Children's Bearette Double Carriage Robes, also pocket effect, worth regularly \$5.00, Christmas sale price \$3.49

\$3.50 Bearette Throws at \$1.98
 Children's White Bearette Throws, good quality, worth regularly \$3.50, Christmas sale price \$1.98

\$7 Silk Underskirts at \$4.98

Handsome Taffeta Silk Underskirts, made with deep circular tucked flounce and finished with frill, deep peraline dust flounce, worth regularly \$7.00, Christmas sale price \$4.98

Xmas Handkerchief Sale Nicely Boxed With Card

5 Ladies' Fine Irish Linen, hemstitched, regular 8c, in dainty box for 25c
 3 Fine Irish Linen, hemstitched, regular 15c, in dainty box for 25c
 2 Irish Linen, regular 20c each, put up in picture box for 25c
 3 Fine Embroidered Handkerchiefs, scalloped edge, regular 25c, in box for 50c
 2 Fine Embroidered Handkerchiefs, scalloped edge, regular 35c, in box for 50c
 3 Linen Handkerchiefs, regular 35c, in dainty box for 75c
 2 Embroidered, Scalloped or Hemstitched, regular 35c each, in dainty box for 75c

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As the season advances one bargain follows another in quick succession in this department, each one more extraordinary than the last; but looking at these Coats, it seems as if we must have reached the limit in value at last; never mind how we are able to sell such Coats at the price; make your selection early Saturday morning.

Coats of black, brown, blue and a lovely assortment of light and dark hazy tweeds, box, semi and tight fitting styles, all the season's best models, double breasted, lined with a good serviceable lining; these coats are marked \$15.50, on sale Saturday morning at 9 o'clock at \$9.98.

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 These Suits are worth double the price asked, and have a limited number to sell, all up-to-date shadow tweeds, beautifully stitched, new skirts with folds, regular \$19.00, special price \$9.75

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Silk Tailor-made Collars, regular 75c, in box, for 50c
 Fancy Chiffon Collars, regular 75c, in box, for 50c
 Chiffon Plotted Collars, with jabot, regular \$1.00, in box, for 75c
 Evening Lace and Chiffon Collars, regular \$1.50, for 98c
 5 yards of Silk and Satin Baby Ribbon, regular 3c yard, for 2c

Xmas Ribbon Sale

4 yards of Satin-faced Baby Ribbon, regular 4c yard, for 10c
 3 yards of Satin Duchess Ribbon, 1 1/2 inch wide, regular 5c, for 10c
 3 yards of Satin Duchess Ribbon, 1 1/2 inch wide, regular 10c, for 19c
 3 yards of Satin Duchess Ribbon, 2 inch wide, regular 10c, for 29c
 4 1/2 yards Satin Taffeta Ribbon, all colors, regular 25c, for 17c

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This special offer for to-morrow should be of interest to a great many desiring pretty evening waists and dresses. French Dresden Silks in light grounds and a nice assortment of colorings. All regular \$1.00; on sale for to-morrow 69c

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 Ladies' lined Suede, reg. \$1.65, guar., in dainty box, for \$1.50
 Ladies' fur lined Moccas, reg. \$2.98, in dainty box, for \$2.49
 Fur lined Glove Kid Gloves, reg. \$2.75, dainty box, for \$2.49
 Squirrel lined Moccas, reg. \$3, dainty box, for \$2.49
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 12 button Suede Kid Gloves, reg. \$2.75, dainty box, for \$2.19

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- Ladies' Brown Mocha Mitts, wool fleece lined, all sizes; regular \$1, Saturday morning 75c
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- 12-inch Handsome Dresden Ribbons, that in the ordinary way would retail for 75c, sharp 7.30 to-night 13c

Now For A Tremendous Business Saturday In Our Great Basement

Starting at 8.30 sharp business will start and will not cease until 10 p. m. hundreds of lines of acceptable gifts can be procured here at the lowest possible prices, and we feel confident that our customers will appreciate this fact and will come straight here. Some extra special bargains will be offered at 8.30 sharp. Do not miss the opportunity to secure these as it means considerable money saved.

In the Toy Dept.

- 25c Mechanical Toys 25c for 15c
- At 8.30 Saturday morning we will sell a quantity of Mechanical Toys, such as Flying Birds, Busy Coolies, Cabs, etc., now marked regularly 25c, for only, each 15c
- Covered Horses 50c for 25c
- 3 dozen Covered Horses, complete with bridle, saddle and stirrups, and mounted on four wheels, marked regularly at 50c, will be sold promptly at 8.30 for, each 25c
- 50c Wall Blackboards 39c
- Just 3 dozen large size Wood Blackboards, complete with chalk tray, all ready to hang up, regularly 50c, at 8.30 Saturday for 39c each
- Music Boxes Half Price
- We have several small Music Boxes, which are marked regularly from 50c up to \$2.00, will be sold at 8.30 on Saturday morning at half price in each instance.
- Toy Irons 10c
- 6 dozen Toy Sad Irons, nickel plated, complete with stand, on sale Saturday for only 10c each
- 50c and 65c Dressed Dolls 39c
- 3 dozen only neatly dressed Dolls, both fair and dark hair, each done up in a separate box, value regularly 50 and 65c, on sale Saturday morning at 8.30 for only 39c each
- Child's Kitchen Enamel Sets
- Made in several pieces, tinted in fawn and brown shades, to be cleared on Saturday at the following prices:
- 2 only Enamel Sets, regular \$5.00, for \$3.35
- 4 only Enamel Sets, regular \$3.50, for \$2.25
- 6 only Enamel Sets, regular \$3.00, for \$2.00
- 6 only Enamel Sets, regular \$1.75, for \$1.20
- \$1 Drums 79c
- 1 dozen only large size Drums, with skin head, marked regular at \$1.00, will be sold at 8.30 sharp Saturday morning for only 79c each
- 15c Donkey Party Game 10c
- 3 dozen games Donkey Party will be sold on Saturday morning for only 10c each

WE ALSO HAVE A Splendid assortment of other good Toys at the right prices.

- Double Rocking Horses 75c and \$1.00
- Triangolo Game, each \$3.00
- Crokinole Boards, oak grained \$1.25
- Boys' Sleighs 25, 30, 35, 50, 75 and 90c
- Mechanical Trains 50, 75c, \$1 up to \$1.12
- Covered Rocking Horses \$7, \$10 and \$12
- Dressed Dolls 25, 35, 50c, \$1, \$2 to \$12

In the China Dept.

- Five O'clock Tea Sets Half Price
- At 8.30 sharp Saturday morning we will sell a number of dainty china five o'clock sets, consisting of two cups and saucers, teapot, cream pitcher and sugar bowl, complete with tray for exactly half price.
- China Plates 15c for 7c
- About 5 dozen altogether fancy Plates, in neat floral decoration, now marked regular 15c, will be sold at 8.30 on Saturday morning for only 7c each
- 25c Thin Cups and Saucers 12½c
- 6 dozen thin China Cups and Saucers, in pink, pale green and blue decorations, value regular 25c, on sale at 8.30 for 12½c each
- \$1.50 dozen Tea Plates 89c
- About 12 dozen China Tea Plates with gold band around edge, marked regular at \$1.50 dozen, will be sold promptly at 8.30 Saturday morning for only 89c dozen
- 20c China Cream Pitchers 10c
- Individual China Cream Pitchers in violet and rose patterns, marked regular 20c, on sale at 8.30 Saturday morning for 10c each
- Fancy Vases at 1-3 Price
- We have a few Italian Vases that we intend to dispose of quickly, so on Saturday we will sell them at one-third their actual price.
- Japanese Bread and Butter Plates on sale at 10c Each
- Several dainty floral and oriental pattern Bread and Butter Plates, Japanese make, will be sold Saturday morning for only 10c each
- \$1 China Articles 50c
- Bread and Milk Sets, Marmalade Pots, Marking Mugs, Chocolate Pots and other pieces of china, marked up to \$1.00, on sale Saturday morning for only 50c each
- \$1.25 French Sets 89c and \$1
- 1 dozen Fruit Sets, consisting of 1 large dish and 12 small fruit dishes, \$1.25, for 89c
- Many Other Dainty Pieces
- Of china, suitable for gift giving can be seen in our great basement at special prices, and if you wish to select from a splendid variety do not leave it, or you will have to take what is left. Come on Saturday morning, and as early as you can. We would suggest 8.30 a. m.

Saturday Sale of Choice Fresh Groceries

- 12 lbs. of Redpath's best Granulated Sugar 49c, or 7 lbs. for 29c, to customers leaving an order for \$1 worth of other groceries.
- 25c SEEDLESS ORANGES 19c DOZEN
- Sharp at 8.30 Saturday morning we will sell 3 cases of California Seedless Oranges for only 19c dozen. These are regular 25c. None sold to children.
- Ceylon Black Tea, 40c, for 25c
- Mocha Java Coffee, lb. 40c
- Cheese, per lb. 17c
- Pastry Spice, package 5c
- Poultry Dressing, tin 8c
- Nutmeg, per package 5c
- 4 lbs. Japan Rice 25c
- 6 lbs. White Beans 25c
- Lard, per lb. 15c
- Red Salmon, per can 15c
- 3 cans Peas 25c
- Pickled Onions, bottle 15c
- Worcester Sauce, bottle 10c
- Plum Pudding, 50c, for 39c
- Animal Biscuits, package 10c
- Jelly Crystal, package 5c
- Best Cleaned Currants, lb. 10c
- 3 lbs. Raisins, lb. 25c
- Prunes, per lb. 10c
- Cooking Figs, lb. 5c
- Table Raisins, lb. 20c
- Dates, per package 5c
- Lemon and Orange Peel, lb. 15c
- Marmalade, per jar 15c
- Valencia Oranges, each 1c
- Mexican Oranges, dozen 15 and 20c
- Royalty Coffee, lb. 25c

Again To-night at 7.30 Sharp

- We will place on sale the following goods at ridiculous low prices
- These prices hold good for ¼ of an hour only, so it will be necessary for you to be on hand promptly at the hour mentioned. Some lines of course are limited and will not last long after 7.30, so again we advise you to be here sharp at the time mentioned.
- 35c Ring Toss 15c
 - 6 dozen games of Ring Toss, marked regularly at 35c, will be sold at 7.30 to-night for only 15c set
 - 75c Flying Tops 49c
 - 2 dozen Patent Flying Tops, a new idea in the toy line, marked regularly 75c, on sale at 7.30 to-night for 49c
 - 35c Airships 25c
 - 3 dozen Airships, another novelty in the toy line, value 35c, will be sold promptly at 7.30 to-night for only 25c
 - \$1 Toys 49c
 - About 7 Counting Board and five sets of Table Croquet, marked regularly at \$1.00, will go on sale to-night at 7.30 sharp for only 49c each
 - 25c Violins 15c
 - 3 dozen Toy Violins, cheap at the regular price of 25c on sale to-night at 7.30 for 15c each
 - 60c Trombones 39c
 - 2 dozen Trombones and Trumpets, with keys, regular price 60c, on sale at 7.30 to-night for 39c
 - Any Undressed Doll at 20 Per Cent. Discount
 - From 7.30 until 8.30 to-night we will sell you any variety of Undressed Dolls at a discount of 20 per cent. off the regular prices. Hurry up.
 - Fancy China Worth to \$1.35 for 49c
 - Fancy Salad Dishes, Bon-Bon Dishes, Hair Receivers and other pieces, about 3 dozen altogether, worth up to \$1.35, on sale at 7.30 to-night for only 49c each
 - Fancy China at 10 per cent. Discount
 - From 7.30 until 8.30 to-night (Friday), we will give you your choice of any fancy piece in stock at 10 per cent. off the regular prices.
 - Water Sets at 10 per cent. Discount
 - Every fancy Glass Water Sets, consisting of six tumblers and large jug, will be placed on sale to-night at 7.30 sharp at 10 per cent. off the usual prices.
 - Fancy Vases at 15c Each
 - 10 dozen dainty Vases, a leader at 25c, will be cleared at 7.30 to-night for only 15c each
 - China Plates 19c
 - A number of China Cake Plates in pretty floral designs and value at 25 to 35c, will be cleared promptly at 7.30 to-night for 19c each
 - 44-Piece Tea Sets \$2.59
 - 3 only 44 piece Tea Sets, in the gift clover leaf patterns, will be sold at 7.30 to-night for the low price of per set \$2.59

Now for the Greatest Selling Day of the Year

Never have we shown half the quantity of pretty useful things for Christmas. This season, in order to clear up our immense stock, we have marked all Christmas goods at a lower percentage of profit. We do not care what you want you can save on your purchase here.

- \$10 Ladies' Tweed Coats 98c
- 10 only Ladies' Dark Heavy Tweed Coats, that sold in the regular way for \$10.00, Saturday morning at 8.30 the price 98c
- \$7.50 Ladies' Jackets \$2.99
- Misses' Tweed Jackets, in navy, brown and green, three-quarter length, loose back, double breasted, velvet collar and trimmed with straps and buttons, worth up to \$10.00, Saturday 2.99
- \$6.50 Ladies' Jackets \$2.99
- Ladies' Navy Serge Cloth Jackets, seven-eighth length, loose back, double breasted, all sizes, regular price \$6.50, Thursday 2.99
- \$10 Jackets \$7.50
- Ladies' Jackets in black or dark tweeds, three-quarter length, loose back, velvet collar and trimmed with straps and buttons, worth up to \$10.00, Saturday's price 7.50

Big Reduction in Children's Jackets

Children's Jackets in navy, brown and grey, nicely trimmed with capes and straps, 2 buttons, regular price \$11.00, Saturday morning price \$6.99; Jackets, regular \$5.00, for \$3.99; \$6.50 Jackets, Saturday morning \$4.99

3 Great Bargains from the Ready-to-Wear Section

- \$2 Ladies' Dressing Gowns 69c
- 6 only Ladies' Eiderdown Dressing Gowns, in green, red and grey, sizes 34 and 36, regular \$2.00 value, Saturday at 8.30 the price 69c
- \$1.25 Black Sateen Waists 79c
- Saturday morning at 8.30 we put on sale 13 only Ladies' Black Sateen Waists, nicely trimmed with tucks, full length sleeves, regular price \$1.25, sizes 32, 34, 36, bargain price 79c
- \$1.25 Black Sateen Underskirts 49c
- 8 only Ladies' Underskirts, made of best quality black sateen, trimmed with tucks and small ruffles, ordinary \$1.25 value, for 49c

Great Sacrifice Sale of Dresden RIBBONS

- For one hour Saturday morning, from 8.30 to 9.30, you can have your choice at exactly half to-day's selling price. Make no mistake about the hour of selling.
- 10c Handsome Dresden Ribbons, 8.30 to 9.30 9½c
 - 25c Handsome Dresden Ribbons, 8.30 to 9.30 12½c
 - 29c Handsome Dresden Ribbons, 8.30 to 9.30 14½c
 - 33c Handsome Dresden Ribbons, 8.30 to 9.30 16½c
 - 45c Handsome Dresden Ribbons, 8.30 to 9.30 22½c
 - 50c Handsome Dresden Ribbons, 8.30 to 9.30 25c
 - 60c Handsome Dresden Ribbons, 8.30 to 9.30 34½c
 - \$1.00 Handsome Dresden Ribbons, 8.30 to 9.30 50c

Four Great Bargains from the Shoe Dept.

- Sale will only last for one hour, 8.30 to 9.30 in the morning.
- \$4 Men's Shoes \$1.98
 - Sample Men's Shoes, in patent leather and patent kid, dull and fancy tops, also vici kid, dongola kid, box calf, heavy Goodyear welt soles, also fine turn; this is a mixed lot and worth up to \$4.00, Saturday morning between 8.30 and 9.30 the price \$1.98
 - \$1.50 Men's Slippers 99c
 - Men's House Slippers, fine dongola kid, also the Romeo Slipper, regular \$1.50, sale price 99c
 - \$3 Evening Slippers 49c
 - Ladies' Evening Slippers in black, white, green, purple, grey and blue, regular \$3 value, Saturday morning's clearing price 49c
 - 65c Child's Felt Slippers 39c
 - Children's Felt Slippers in black and red, fur trimmed, felt soles and outer leather soles, regular 65c, for 39c

Bargain List from the Notion Dept.

- Hose Supporters, 33c, for 25c
- Morocco bound Bibles, 75c, for 50c
- Catholic Prayer Books 50c
- Linon Note Paper, in pretty holly boxes, regular 25c, for 19c
- Holly Seals and Tags, no Christmas gift complete without them, price 5c and 10c
- Post Card Albums, will hold 200 post-cards, special 25c
- Canvas School Bags, large size, with straps, 15 to 20c, 35c each

Great Bargains for 8.30 from Collar Section

- \$2 Lace Boleros 99c
- Lace Boleros in black, white and cream, in silk or cotton braids, regular \$2 value, 8.30 Saturday 99c
- \$1 and \$1.19 Hand Bags 75c
- 5 dozen Ladies' Black Leather Hand-Bags, regular price \$1 and \$1.19, Saturday 75c
- \$1 Lace Collars 39c
- 50 dozen Guipure Laces Collars, cream or white, this lot of collars extra good value for \$1, our sale price 39c
- \$1.50 Waist Fronts 99c
- Silk Embroidered Taffeta Waist Fronts in white and black, regular \$1.50, Saturday at 8.30 the price 99c

Infants' Head Wear, Coats, Etc. At About Half

- \$5 Velvet Coats \$3.50
- Children's Crushed Velvet Coats, in red and brown, made with circular collar, sizes 3 to 8 years, regular price \$5.00, sale price \$3.50
- 50c Toques 39c
- Children's Fine Wool Toques, in scarlet, navy, black and white, regularly 50c, for 39c
- \$1.98 Bonnets 99c
- Infants' Silk and Wool and Bearette Bonnets, trimmed with swansdown and ribbon, worth \$1.75, Saturday 99c
- \$1 Wool Jackets 50c
- Infants' Hand Made Wool Jackets, in white with pink or blue yokes, ordinarily \$1.00 value, for 50c
- \$2.25 Bearette Pocket Robes \$1.49
- Infants' White Bearette Pocket Robes, lined with flannellette, regularly \$2.25, Saturday 1.49
- 65c Sleepers 49c
- Children's Fleece Lined Sleepers, size 2 to 6, regularly 65c, on sale Saturday 49c

THE HAMILTON TIMES

FRIDAY, DEC. 20, 1907.

A POLITICAL CITY COUNCIL.

The confession of the Spectator on Tuesday evening and its repetition last evening that one of the functions of the Tory party in Hamilton is to see that none but Conservatives are elected to the office of alderman, and that only those who are chosen by the Tory Executive are the pure quill and worthy of the support of the great Tory party, and that none but Tories shall be appointed to office in the gift of the city, have opened the eyes of the citizens to the impudence of the position assumed by the Tory Executive and the effrontery of the organ that made the confession. We asked why the Tory party should wish to gain control of the City Council, and we did not have to wait long for an answer. Here it is, as it appeared in last evening's Spec.:

"The executive of the Conservative party has no excuse to offer for its open and above-board appearance in this campaign. There are issues at stake that warrant its action. Aside from the advantage that a municipal election success would give the party in the greater contests to come later, there is the much more important matter of the proper government of the city."

There you are. The object is to use the Council, its influence and patronage for the benefit of the Tories in the Provincial and Dominion elections. How do the citizens like it? We must elect a Tory Mayor because he would be useful around election times in whipping the city officials and city employees into line. We must have a Tory Council to dispense patronage where it will do the most good, and appoint none but Tories to act as deputy returning officers, and generally to bedevil civic affairs for the sake of the party. And who are the men who masquerade under the name of the Conservative Executive and said to plan to bring this city under ring rule? Here they are. At least, here, we believe, are the names of the most prominent members:

- PRESIDENT JOHN MILNE. VICE-PRES. WM. ARMSTRONG. VICE-PRES. J. W. LAMOREAUX. SECRETARY W. L. ROSS. HON. PRESIDENT WILLIAM BELL.

Read the names over again. Is there anything about these men that would make the citizens desirous that they should control the civic affairs of this city? Take them collectively or individually, are they experts in any branch of civic government? No. Certainly not. They are, in our opinion, about as mediocre a lot of men one could choose to run the affairs of a city like Hamilton. They are politicians, every one of them, working principally for the good of their party—the good of the city seems to be a secondary consideration. Of course, they may have other motives of which we are ignorant. We have no reason to suppose, for instance, that Mr. John Milne is looking for another city grant or bonus to help defray the recent fire loss on his factory. But it is not easy to say what these men will do or not do. If, as their organ says, they will insist that none but Tories be appointed to civic office, it becomes a question whether or not by such action they bring themselves within the pale of the Criminal Code. Perhaps Mr. Bell will look the matter up. It would be unfortunate were they to run foul of the Act, for it might be a serious matter were they to insist in interfering with the duly elected representatives of the city in the discharge of their public duties.

This leads us to take a glance at the hydro-electric power scheme in view of this unwarranted stand taken by the Conservative party of Hamilton. If the Executive insists that none but Tories shall receive city appointments, and if the city should close with Mr. Beck's scheme, we should, under "Tory control," have the electrical department of the city manned by Tories—no Grits, Labor men or anybody else need apply. We can readily see how this hydro power business would become a powerful political engine in the hands of the Tory party, and how the city's affairs would be sacrificed in the interests of the Tories. Dost like the picture?

THE IMMIGRANTS.

The effort of Leader Borden and some of his friends in the House on Tuesday evening to make some political capital out of the immigration question was a dismal failure. An attempt was made to show that the Government was responsible for the bringing out to Canada of a lot of mechanics who were unable to obtain work. Mr. Oliver explained that no encouragement was given by the Government to immigrants other than agricultural laborers or farmers and domestic servants, that it gave no bonuses or assistance of any sort to any others, mechanics included. That in fact it discouraged all such immigration, and had already cabled to England instructions that all bonuses were to be suspended until spring, so that not even the farm laborer or domestic will be asked to come. It was shown, however, that the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, the members of which are composed of Mr. Borden's friends, had tried to get the Government to bring out mechanics. Letters had been received from it and others urging the Government to aid in the immigration of skilled mechanics. But they urged in vain. The Government refused their request. Mr. Oliver countered rather cleverly on Blue Ruin Cockshutt, of Brantford, who was forwarding the resolution to cease assisting immigration, by reading a letter showing that that gentleman had been in favor of the "emptying of the tenements of England into the cities of Ontario," so as to crowd the labor market and depress the wages of the workmen. In other words, Cockshutt favored "pumping" the immigrants in

no matter what became of the Canadian workmen. The Government's immigration policy, however, had been a great success. The immigration returns for the past year showed the total for the period was 400,159, of these 217,150 came from across the ocean, 183,009 being from Great Britain, 85,813 from the continent and 55,859 from the United States. These were composed of farmers and domestic servants. The figures are a standing evidence of the untruthfulness of the charge that the Liberal Government is bringing to Canada the offscourings of the continent. The debate must have proved to the workmen of Canada that Sir Wilfrid's Government is not only not doing anything to glut the labor market, but is preventing the Tory manufacturers' union from doing it. By bringing on the discussion Mr. Borden conferred a distinct favor on the Government, as it gave it the opportunity to show the country just who it was that was glutting the labor market.

IT'S BAD BUSINESS.

And so it has come at last! Some one, described as a "Toronto expert," and acting on the authority of no one in particular, has reported "That the Hamilton Street Railway has not a decent car, and that all should be in the scrap heap." And this report will assuredly satisfy the people for whom it was made. Nothing short of this broad condemnation would do. The Toronto expert has evidently carried out instructions to the letter. And his report is to be used "when the city makes its next application for relief to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board about the first of the year."

Two competent and reliable officials of the city recently made an inspection. They reported that many changes and improvements had been made. They handed in their reports and some one who probably had not been posted gave out the information they contained. Because they did not condemn everything pertaining to the street railway they were promptly smothered. Indeed, it was estimated that the said officials would have to do better—get new instructions and report, not in accordance with what they found, but to suit the desire of the persons who wanted a report particularly unfavorable to the company.

And there you are! Two sets of reports, one from anonymous Toronto experts, the other from competent and trusted city officials. And when the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board meets the two sets of reports will be presented. Of course, the favorable reports will not be submitted by the people they did not suit; but they will be put in. Knowing how the reports were obtained the gentlemen of the Board will draw their own conclusions, and will probably send their own engineers, over the system to make an independent report. But hold! Perhaps the Municipal Council of 1908 will have something to say in the matter. That's a contingency which does not appear to have occurred to those who had the latest "report" made to order.

By the way, who was responsible for the previous reports being pigeonholed? Engineer Barrow was instructed to have them prepared, and he detailed two men in whom he has explicit confidence to carry on the examination and prepare the reports. The reports were handed to him in due time. Why have they never been submitted to any committee? Why are they being held back to be called for by the company, if another application should be made to the Ontario Board? Mr. Barrow is not holding them back of his own accord, and whenever they are produced they will place the city in a nasty predicament. There has been bungling and interference throughout, and they will not do the city any good. The whole thing has a bad flavor.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

In your giving remember the poor.

Vote for none but untaged municipal candidates.

Perhaps the Beck scheme may also be ultra vires.

Mr. Beck should have his piece almost off by heart by this time.

Send copies of the Times' great Christmas number to your friends out of the city.

The Herald did not attempt to crack a joke last night. It seems it lost the key.

Don't be odd. Hamilton is the only city of any consequence in Canada that votes by the at-large system.

Christmas

for Distant Friends

What is better than a beautifully colored picture of dear old HAMILTON? Size: 11 inches by 20 inches; price 50c each. Tube for mailing 5c extra. Framed \$2 each.

A. C. Turnbull Bookseller & Stationer 17 King Street East.

Walker's Golden Rule Policy

Walker's is a Credit Store that's different. Where the people play fair with us we play generous with the people.

"Instalment Credit" at this house has deeper significance than elsewhere in Hamilton—co-operation and a friendly desire on our part to make purchasing easy for you.

We are willing to wait for our money and we are not afraid to trust you for anything or any amount you want.

We are not cold-blooded.

Here's our Golden Rule policy—the policy that has made this a big business:

"IN CASE OF SICKNESS, OUT OF EMPLOYMENT OR ANY KIND OF TROUBLE YOUR REGULAR PAYMENTS TO US ARE OFF."

No one ever regrets trading here. There never has been any dissatisfaction, proving that our plan must be the right one.

Come here to-morrow, open a charge account. We'll do the rest and you'll like us for what we do.

The Frank E. Walker Co., Limited

Canada's Greatest Instalment

Furniture, Carpet and Stove Store, King and Catharine Streets.

Terminal Station opposite.

Mr. John Milne insists that none but Tories get city jobs. Mr. Milne must imagine that he pays the salaries.

The hydro people selected a poor time to hold a public meeting when everybody is busy chasing around after Santa Claus.

It turns out that the Tories have been encouraging the immigration of mechanics to Canada, and urging the Government to do the same. The Government very properly refused.

The London Advertiser gives a list of seven officials of the London Asylum who have been discharged without given cause since Whitney came into office. The Advertiser says: "The Government's course has been brutal and outrageous, and a flat repudiation of the Premier's pledge to dismiss no public servant unless charges were preferred against him and supported by evidence." But the "workers" must be rewarded, we suppose.

The Health Commissioner of Chicago has taken alarm at the rapid increase of pneumonia and consumption in that city, and has issued a bulletin in which it is stated that walking is "almost a specific against them." He advises every person living within two miles of his work to walk the distance twice daily instead of riding in the cars. If this advice was heeded in Hamilton the street cars would not be so crowded at the meal hours.

London wants a technical school from the Whitney Government. Hon. Dr. Pyne was interviewed the other day on the matter. He said the Dominion Government should give to the Province a large subsidy to help meet the expense of our school systems. We thought it would come to that. Sir Wilfrid may yet have to build our Technical College. Then we must be careful not to wound Sir Wilfrid's feelings, lest he should take umbrage at us, and we lose the college.

Mr. L. G. Read, Chief Engineer of the Colonial Engineering Company, of Montreal, has been talking producer gas to the members of the Brantford Board of Trade. After listening to his remarks, Mr. J. B. Detwiler said he did not think the Government power scheme adduced so far was definite enough to be attractive to a manufacturer. He himself could not accept the Government proposition at present. Mayor Bowly and ex-Mayor Waterous said there would be no contract without further information. Ald. Wood admitted that the municipalities were sadly in need of more information. Mr. Beck seems to be keeping the people too much in the dark.

It doesn't pay to mortgage your opportunities. A new broom sweeps clean, but field glasses are better for sweeping the horizon.

A Great Editor.

(Toronto Star.) Not in Paris, not in all France, is there a writer for the press that could excel Joseph Israel Tarte in the use of nervous French. He is witty, sententious, epigrammatic. He was graphic, he was colloquial. He dignified simple words with deep thoughts. Like Swift, like Steele, like Voltaire, he made homely language shine. He was a master of short sentences.

The Radial.

(Toronto News.) If the promoters of the Hamilton Radial Railway seek only an entrance to Toronto under a fair agreement it should be easy to effect the necessary arrangements. Toronto needs and invites the entrance of the radial roads. It is not its disposition nor is it to its interest to impose embarrassing restrictions.

What Maclean Got.

(Kingston Whig.) Mr. Maclean, M. P., got \$2,500 for his services in the common law case. He was once thought that anything over \$1,000 was simply robbery. How did he calm his conscience?

An Irish Scotchman.

(Montreal Gazette.) Lord Kelvin, son of a teacher of mathematics in Glasgow, died a knight and a member of the United Kingdom and a member of the King's Privy Council. His career could hardly be duplicated outside of his own country.

The Power Situation.

(Montreal Gazette.) Consequently, in order to avoid waste, a number of the candidates for the majority, controller-ships and seats in the council have pledged themselves that if elected, about the by-law authorizing the city to go into the power business be passed, they will not invest the city's money in the undertaking unless the civic authorities are unable to make a satisfactory arrangement with the existing company, either for the supply of power to the city and the citizens, or for the purchase of the company's business. The by-law will only be considered as a whip to the by-law authorizing the city to go into the power business. If they do it will follow that Toronto will not require any power under the scheme, and the cost of the transmission lines will have to fall upon the other municipalities, instead of a large share being borne by Toronto. These Hamiltoners are distinctly enamored with the scheme. Why? It is asked, should Hamilton, already possessing a fairly cheap electric supply, contribute its money towards making the cost of electric power cheaper in Toronto? This position is selfish, but it is at least sensible. With Toronto and Hamilton out, it will be a question whether or not the remaining municipalities can afford to finance it, and, if they can, whether or not the cost will give Niagara power any advantage over power generated as at present, by local water powers, etc. The friends of the scheme see this, and are proclaiming that Toronto must accept it, and not enter into any arrangement with a company or else accept responsibility for administering a snub to the Government.

DICKSON-WARD.

Happy Matrimonial Event at Mr. Alfred Ward's.

A very pretty wedding took place last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ward, when their second daughter, Evelyn Hannah, was united in marriage to Mr. Samuel Dickson, of Edmonton, Alberta, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dickson, Seaforth. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. T. J. Mansell, of Dundas, assisted by the Rev. Richard Whiting, of Centenary church. The bride was given away by her father. She wore ivory crepe de chene, elaborately trimmed with Swiss embroidery and made lace. She was attended by her sister, Miss Alice M. Ward, as maid of honor, and Miss Alice M. Dickson, of Seaforth, and Miss

ROLLER RACE.

The two-mile City Championship roller skating race for the gold and silver medals will take place at Britannia roller rink tonight. The rules of the contest are that the medals have to be won twice to be retained. Saddy McMaster, an east end lad, has one win to his credit, with the well-known skater, Elmer Hawkes, second. The second race went to young McMichael, a speedy west end skater, while Gordon Riggs, a well-known prize winner of last year had to be content with second. Besides these fast skaters, W. Daniels, an east-end, has suddenly sprung into prominence. McMaster, the old reliable bicycle rider, W. Smith, an ice skater from Burlington, Harvey Meir, Stone and others are entered. The spectators to-night who visit this popular rink will see a most exciting contest.

CONCORD LODGE, A. O. U. W.

At the regular meeting of Concord Lodge, A. O. U. W., held last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. Past Master Workman, Jos. Pountney; M. W., F. Leighton; foreman, G. W. Smith; Overseer, Jos. M. Ross; recorder, A. W. Charlesworth; treasurer, Jos. Ross; financial, John G. Sherring; guide, R. C. Leighton; inside watchman, Geo. Nash; pianist, F. J. Domville; representative to Grand Lodge, Jos. Journey, P. M.; Almoner, David Fraser; physicians, Drs. Wallace, Emory, Hillier and Langs; trustees, W. C. Toye, F. Smith, F. L. Briggs.

LAST OF THE YEAR.

The social season to-night at the Alexandra will be the last this year, as the management has several other ideas for the holiday season. Programmes will be furnished as usual, couplet tickets have been sold fast for this entertainment, so a good big crowd will be looked for. The grand march will be one of the pleasing features and the special music for to-night is bright and catchy.

D. D. G. M. AT DUNDAS.

District Deputy Grand Master C. H. Mann, of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, accompanied by P. G.'s Ald. Anderson, James Connor and G. O. Luke, made an official visit to Valley City Lodge, Dundas, last evening. They were heartily welcomed and found the lodge to be prosperous. Supper was served and toasts, speeches and songs made the evening pass pleasantly.

Stanley Mills & Co., Limited

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20th, 1907

Saturday at 8.15 Sharp

THE TEST of this store's organization will be the business of the next three days—and while we guarantee a perfect service, no matter how big the rush, still we believe it will be greatly to your advantage to do your shopping during the forenoon.

To-morrow the store will open sharp at 8.15 (15 minutes earlier than usual) with a list of the most interesting bargains ever offered in Hamilton.

Remember the hour—8.15 sharp.

At 8.15 Sharp

You'll hardly believe these Coat prices, but there's no mistake. We mean just what we print. It's our Christmas box to you—all we ask is for you to be here without fail at 8.15 sharp.

\$10.00 Coats for 98c

6 only Women's Winter Coats of dark brown check material, 7/8 length, loose fitting back, coat collar and fly front, full sleeves, all good sizes and regular price of each coat \$10.00, at 8.15 sharp yours for 98c

\$12.00 Coats for \$1.98

6 more Women's Winter Coats in dark brown and green, check and stripe material, 7/8 length, easy fitting style with stylish sleeves and cuffs, some self strapped, all good sizes and first class, comfortable winter coats, each worth regularly \$12.00, at 8.15 sharp yours for \$1.98

\$15.00 Coats for \$4.98

And 25 Women's Stylish Winter Coats of the very choicest dark check and stripe material, 7/8 and 3/4 lengths, popular loose fitting style, splendidly made and finished, some with collar and fly front, others collarless, latest style sleeves; in fact, in every way thoroughly desirable coats that have been selling right along at \$12.00 and \$15.00 each, all one price at 8.15 sharp, your choice \$4.98

Flannelette 5 Yards for 23c

Another 50 pieces (5 yards in each) of Fancy Striped Flannelette, 33 inches wide, in neat pink, grey and blue stripes, regular price 36c yard, at 8.15 sharp 5 yards for 23c

Not more than 5 yards to a customer.

Cream Table Linen 2 Yards 64c

60-inch Cream Table Linen in handsome floral effects, good damask finish, regular 45c yard, at 8.15 sharp yours for 64c

Table Napkins 95c Dozen

20 dozen % Table Napkins, hemmed ready for use, regular \$1.50 dozen, at 8.15 sharp 95c dozen

\$1.25 Fancy Eohenne for 59c Yard

150 yards of Fancy Silk and Wool Eohenne, 42 inches wide, suitable for evening dresses or separate waists (a very fine Christmas gift), choice of rose, grey, navy, pale blue, green and old rose, regular \$1.25 yard, at 8.15 sharp 59c yard

Figured Plaid Silks 39c Yard

Dainty Figured Plaid Silks white ground, with self figure, suitable for waists, full 25 inches wide, regularly 50c yard, at 8.15 sharp 39c yard

29c Fancy Ribbons for 12 1/2c

Special lot (limited), of fancy Striped, Dresden and Polka Dot Ribbons, 4 inches wide, regularly 25c yard, at 8.15 sharp your choice 12 1/2c yard

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Special lot (limited), of fancy Striped, Dresden and Polka Dot Ribbons, 4 inches wide, regularly 25c yard, at 8.15 sharp your choice 12 1/2c yard

Hemstitched Handkerchiefs 3 for 25c

10 dozen only Dainty Embroidered Handkerchiefs, hemstitched edges, regular price 15c each, at 8.15 sharp your choice, 3 for 25c

Hemstitched Handkerchiefs 12 1/2c Box

100 boxes Plain White Linen Lawn Handkerchiefs, 3 in a box, on sale at 8.15 sharp 12 1/2c box

Not more than one box to a customer.

Women's Heavy Vests 19c

6 dozen Women's Extra Heavy Union Undervests, long sleeves, shaped waist, buttoned front, unshrinkable quality, and a correct winter weight, regularly 25c each, at 8.15 sharp 19c

\$5.00 Wool Blankets for \$3.75 Pair

50 pairs of fine White Wool Blankets, extra large size, heavy twill weave, and lofty finish, regular price \$5.00 pair, one of the best Blanket bargains of the season, at 8.15 sharp \$3.75 pair

Flannelette Blankets 89c Pair

Also 25 pairs of best quality Flannelette Blankets, soft finish, white with colored border, at 8.15 sharp 89c pair

Others at 8.15 sharp \$1.19 and \$1.39 pair

Toys! Toys! Toys!

On Sale at 8.15 Sharp

15c Toy Tubs 8c

65c Toy Pianos 49c

35c White Enamelled Tables 19c

35c Rocking Chairs 19c

15c Wagon Bicycles 8c

15c Patent Dolls 8c

15c Dolls' Chairs 7c

15c Soldier Caps 7c

15c Tools on Carus 8c

65c White Enamelled Cradles 49c

\$2.50 Kindergarten Sets 8c

50c Black Chairs 39c

50c Dolls' Wicker Carriages 20c

35c Wooden Carts 20c

25c China Dishes 12 1/2c

25c Dressed Dolls 19c

8c Rocking Horses 1.75

8c Rocking Horses, Shooly 99c

25c Plush Horses 12 1/2c

\$1.50 Gas Ranges and Utensils \$1.25

Men's Umbrellas \$1

Men's Umbrellas, heavy quality twilled gloria covering, natural handle, with silver trimmings, suitable for tailoring, a special purchase. Grand value, regularly at \$1.50, on sale at 8.15 sharp \$1 each

Men's Suspenders 38c Pair

Men's Suspenders, English web elastic, light neat patterns, kid ends, solid brass trimmings, worth regularly 50c pair, on sale at 8.15 sharp 38c

Women's \$1.00 Slippers for 65c

Women's Black Felt Romeo Slippers, wool lined, elastic sides, leather soles, sizes 3 to 8, worth regularly \$1 per pair, at 8.15 sharp 65c

Perfumes in Boxes 19c

Perfumes in fancy boxes, assorted, dainty odors, worth regularly 35c, at 8.15 sharp 19c

\$1.00 Butter Knives 49c

3 dozen Pearl Handled Butter Knives, plated blade, warranted sterling silver ferrules, regular \$1, at 8.15 sharp 49c

Cold Meat Forks 59c

1 dozen Cold Meat Forks, Wm. Rogers' AA quality, regular \$1.00, at 8.15 sharp 59c

Porridge Sets 2 for 25c

6 dozen 3-Piece Porridge Sets (Pitcher, Bowl and Plate), pink decorations, 2 sets for 25c

Christmas Gifts

This store has always been noted for goods of HIGHEST QUALITY, and this year the stock is better than ever.

- Perfumes
- Sachet Powders
- Toilet Waters

A full line of all the best imported odors in bulk and cases. A bottle of HUDNUT'S VIOLET WATER makes a dainty present.

Genuine Ebony

Large assortment of Brushes, MIRRORS, ETC. Every piece stamped "REAL EBONY." A few nice Toilet Sets in Morocco Cases.

Quality Chocolates

H. D. Foss Co., Boston. These are without doubt the finest American Chocolates made bar none. We have just received a fresh stock for Christmas direct from Boston. Some in FANCY BOXES suitable for GIFTS.

Mack's Drug Store

Corner King and James Streets

Extraordinary Price Reductions for Early Buyers

Commencing at 8.30 a. m.

- \$15 Women's Tweed Coats in semi-loose and tight fitting styles. New York samples, half price Saturday ... \$7.50
- \$10 Women's Frieze and Beaver Coats in the smart 42 inch length, manufacturer's samples, 8.30 a. m., at ... \$5
- \$30 Beautiful Chiffon Broadcloth Opera Cloaks, in light evening shades, silk-lined, applique trimmed at ... \$18.50
- \$3.50 Children's Tweed and Frieze Winter Coats, double breasts, high collars, velvet trimmed, 8.30 a. m. Saturday ... \$1.29
- \$5 Women's Frieze and Tweed Winter Coats, loose-fitting styles, on sale 8.30 a. m. until all are gone, at ... \$1.69
- \$4.50 Women's Fancy Cambric Shirt Waist Suits, pleated waists and skirts, embroidery trimmed, 8.30 a. m. sharp ... \$1.98
- \$5.50 Women's Marmot Fur Stoles, long and short lengths, head and tail trimmed, Saturday ... \$1.96
- \$2 Baby's and Children's Lawn and Fancy Cambric Dresses, lace and embroidery trimmed, 8.30 a. m. ... 78c
- \$1.50 Women's Flannelette Dressing Sacques, fine cashmere finish in medium and dark colors at ... 68c
- \$6 Women's Tweed and Venetian Cloth Dress Skirts, smart styles in side and box pleats, Saturday at ... \$3.49
- \$5 Women's Jap Silk Blouses, in all white and all black, pin tuck front and insertion trimmed, at ... \$2.49
- \$7 New Net Blouses, in plain and fancy styles, kimona sleeves, lace and applique trimmed, sale at ... \$4.79
- \$7.50 Handsome Jap Silk Quilted Dressing Sacques, in assorted colors, sale Saturday ... \$5
- \$32.50 Chiffon Broadcloth Fur-lined Cloaks, in brown, navy and black, high storm opossum collar, Saturday ... \$23.50
- \$15 French Pattern Hats and Bonnets to clear at ... \$5

FINCH BROS. 29 and 31 King Street West

AUSSEM'S

- Pure Candies
- Fresh Candies
- Delicious Candies
- All-priced Candies
- Never Better Made Candies
- No Prettier Candies
- No Sweeter Candies

- Jakes of an endless variety
- Cakes made of good butter
- Cakes made of good eggs
- Cakes that are always fresh
- Cakes without Cointaine

AT OLD RELIABLE'S

84 James North 'PHONE 700

TELEGRAPH LINES.

Over 7,000 Miles Controlled by Canada.

The Canadian Department of Public Works has under its control at present over 7,000 miles of telegraph lines, according to the last annual report. There are 6,291.4 miles of land lines and 380 1/2 knots of cables, a total of 7,175 miles. On this there are 382 offices, that is, an office about every nineteen miles on the average. During the year 104,187 messages were sent, an average of about 273 messages per office, or much less than one per day. The total expenditure for the year was \$366,227.20, and the revenue \$91,061.70. A big deficit surely, but no argument whatever against Government ownership of telegraph lines, since these lines have been constructed in most cases far remote from the centre of business, and where private companies declined to venture.

The only Government-owned line in Ontario is the Pelee Island system, comprising 25 1/2 miles of land line and 17 miles of cable. On this there are ten offices, which during the year sent 1,217 messages, at a total cost of \$700.96, the revenue being \$190.85. Reporting on July 30, 1907, regarding the Pelee Island system, John McE. Set, kirk, the district superintendent, says: "The land line on Pelee Island is in good shape and good working order, except a piece about 400 yards in length near the north point lighthouse, where the beach has been washed out considerably, and some poles were also washed out during the spring storms which struck the island from westerly directions, causing the lake to break over beach into the marsh east thereof. In April last, when the worst damage was done, we repaired as well as we could for rough weather, but did not at that time recapture all the poles that were washed out, and were obliged to temporarily place insulators and wires on tree limbs until repairs could be made later. Since then we have recaptured all the poles, but have been unable, owing to inability to get men, to put them and shift a few others out of the flooded marsh, close by where they are leaning rather heavily, and may make trouble soon.

"On the mainland the line is in good working order, but a number of the old poles need to be replaced by new ones, as they are badly rotted and unsafe to climb when making necessary repairs.

From Lenington towards the lake about 50 4-pin cross arms will be required, together with braces, bolts, pins, insulators and wire necessary for the work.

"Cable communication was interrupted on Sept. 29, and restored on Oct. 15, 1906, and again interrupted on June 3, and restored on June 29, 1907. In both instances the damage was slight, and fortunately no additional cable beyond that in use was required for repairs."

TSAR FEARS DEATH.

Chef and Court Officials Taste Food for Poison.

The kitchens in which the food of the Great White Czar is prepared are extraordinary for the elaborate precautions taken to prevent any of his household tampering with his food. The kitchens themselves present the appearance of a strong room of a modern bank, guarded by a regiment of soldiers, rather than the culinary department of a royal palace.

Even the chef—M. Eugenio Kratz—who presides over the imperial kitchen, enjoying a salary of £4,000 a year and social privileges equal to those of a general of the Russian army, is not to be envied in his peculiar position.

As soon as dinner or luncheon is ready to be placed a very elaborate system of "tasting" has to be gone through; and when the Czar is in residence at Peterhof not only M. Kratz but also his imperial chefs and certain high officials of the imperial army are called in to taste every dish that goes to the Emperor's table, after which experiment a reasonable time is permitted to elapse to see whether or not the "tasters" are poisoned.

This curious survival of other days comes from the time of Ivan the Terrible. When the meals prepared for his majesty are served M. Kratz begins to taste, and after the strange "poisoning" interval has elapsed the dishes are placed in an electric railway with a closed shaft, into which the military officials are locked, and up goes the lift to the ante-chamber of the imperial dining room. Here again the major on duty samples the dishes under the eyes of the Czar, after which the imperial family sit down to dinner.

SEVEN CANDIDATES.

But Eleven Are Wanted For Temperance Ticket.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Municipal Electoral Association was held last night to further consider the question of candidates to run on the temperance and moral reform slate at the coming aldermanic elections. Dr. Crawford presided, and there was a full attendance of members. The Executive agreed that there should be eleven men on the slate. Only seven candidates were approved at the meeting, and four more are to be secured. These will be secured as soon as possible, and the slate will be formally announced at a general meeting of the Association, a week from tomorrow night.

Some of the temperance candidates expect to be on other tickets, and at least one—ex-Ald. H. A. Martin—expects to be on the Conservative slate, although some of the Tory bosses have stated that no temperance party candidates will be endorsed by the machine or get a place on its ticket.

A member of the Temperance Executive stated to-day that all they want their candidates to do in the license matter is to promise to support a motion to reduce the number of liquor licenses. No number is specified, and the reduction may be one or ten.

QUALITY STORES.

Treble's Values Will Attract Customers To-morrow.

Treble's two stores will be a centre of activity to-morrow, and there are no better stores on this continent for values. Special prices for the Christmas trade will prevail on Saturday and next week. There are thousands of suggestions that a young man will appreciate as a gift. When you deal at Treble's you get the latest goods at lowest prices, because they transact business on a cash basis. This elegant stock consists of neckwear, gloves, handkerchiefs, umbrellas, mufflers, waistcoats, gowns, etc. The stores, corner of James and King streets and corner of John and King streets, will be open evenings until after Christmas. See advertisement on back page.

SENT TO JAIL.

Irish M. P. Gets Six Months for Contempt.

Dublin, Dec. 20.—Lawrence Ginnell, member of Parliament for northwest Meath, who has been prominent in the cattle driving campaign in the west of Ireland, was sentenced to-day to six months' imprisonment for contempt of court. Mr. Ginnell committed his offence in a recent speech in which he commented upon the cattle driving trials.

Specials Extraordinary To-morrow at Shea's.

Ladies' black and colored silk under-skirts, a clearing of samples, worth \$5 to \$9, for each \$3.99; beautiful embroidered shirt waists, worth \$3 to \$5, clearing at \$1.50 to \$2.95; ladies' coats, the cream of the season's productions, will be sold at about one half regular prices, \$10 coats for \$5, \$15 coats for \$7.50, \$18 to \$20 coats for \$10, \$25 and \$35 coats for \$13 to \$20; a sweeping clearance of misses' coats, 12 to 18 years, at prices cut in two; children's tweed cloth and white bear coats at less than manufacturer's cost; ladies' cloth and tweed skirts, \$8.50, for \$4.95, \$4 to \$5 for \$2.95, \$3 to \$4 for \$1.95. Most extraordinary cut prices in most reliable neck wear, some of them very little more than half price, and the biggest showing of stylish stock collars and scarfs in silk net lace and chiffon at less than wholesale. Hundreds of silk and leather belts at less than manufacturer's price. Men's hosiery and underwear, for \$4 and \$5 for \$3. Special values in Christmas table linens. Gift umbrellas at special prices.—James Shea.

ST. PATRICK'S CHRISTMAS TREE

St. Patrick's school children had a Christmas tree yesterday afternoon, from which the little ones received nice presents, and all had a good time. Trustees M. J. Foster, J. A. Reding, P. S. Bateman and T. Coghlin were present, as were Rev. Father Lyles, superintendent, and Rev. Father Coty, priest of the parish. Speeches, songs, recitations, etc., were given and the event passed off happily.

LIVE TEDDY BEARS.

Manager Jack Appleton has secured a special live the Sassy Theatre for to-morrow. The new act is put on by a team of real live Teddy bears. The bears are the cinnamon variety, and are said to be the funniest ever. They do all sorts of capers—just like the Teddy bears of the story. They will be seen both afternoon and evening.

DON'T LIKE THE LANGUAGE.

Some of the members of the North End Improvement Society are not at all pleased with some of the language used at last night's and previous meetings. They think greater respect should be shown for the sacredness of the building in which the meetings have been held. There is a movement on foot among them to insist on better things in this respect.

An Entertaining Christmas Box.

Before purchasing a Christmas present for your wife or husband be sure to hear the Victor talking machine. You could not buy anything that would be appreciated more or that would make home life more pleasant than one of these fine musical instruments. The Victor will play any kind of music from grand opera to ragtime, and with the large catalogue of records to choose from you can from time to time enlarge your musical library. Goulay, Winter & Leeming, 96 King street west, have a large stock on hand and invite the public of Hamilton to call and hear the Victor. The warerooms will be open evenings from now till Christmas until 9.30.

FATAL FALL.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—Wm. Magee, a well known shipping man, died to-day as the result of injuries received by falling over a stair banister in his home in this city. Magee was 65 years old.



ELECTRICITY HEATS HOTEL.

First Use of the Power in That Character in the United States.

The Eagle Hotel, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is the first hotel in this country to be heated by electricity, says the Electric News Bulletin. The first installation was Oct. 17, 1907, when twenty-seven rooms were equipped with luminous electric radiators. The upper rooms in the hotel, including the offices, parlors, cafe and barber shop, will be electrically heated with the same type of radiators as soon as possible. With electric heat only those rooms occupied need be heated, and the warmth from the luminous radiators is instantaneous. When a guest wants accommodations the clerk assigns him a room, and while he is waiting for the elevator a turn of the switch starts the radiator, and the room is soon warmed. The principal advantages of electric heat will be in the fall and spring or on cold, damp days during the summer. It will not be necessary to keep a steam heating plant running and guests can keep their rooms at any desired temperature.

A casual inspection won't convince you of the age of an egg or a woman.

IN THE LAND OF THE APPLE.

THE ANNAPOLIS VALLEY A VAST FRUIT GARDEN.

The Yield This Year is 700,000 Barrels of Apples Alone—Blueness Farmers Reap a \$4,000,000 Profit From Their Orchards—Fruit of Rare Excellence.

Didn't you get just a wee bit tired of "Evangelical" in your school days? You remember that you had to commit the plagues thing to memory and scan it until the song of the verse got on your nerves? Can't you hear yourself now, upraised on two rather shaky legs, chanting unmusically:

This is the forest primeval. The murmuring pines and the hemlocks. Bearded with moss and in gorgeous green, Indistinct in the twilight. Stand like Druids of old—

But why go on? The whole horrid scene comes back to you. How you did hate that forest primeval! So it will be good news to you who were children to learn that the forest primeval isn't there any more on the shores of the Basin of Minas. But another forest has arisen, a forest of fruit trees. Mostly apple trees.

There are those who will tell you that an apple is an apple no matter from whence it comes. That isn't so. A Nova Scotia apple is something quite different. At least that's what they tell you in the land of the blueness.

It must have been a Nova Scotia apple, they tell you, containing an anachronism clearly, which Eric threw at the marriage feast of Peleus and Thetis, thereby causing the marriage to be marred by Jano, Minerva and Venus. But they say that it was to the fault of the apple that the decision of that impressionable ungrate Paris, awarding the game to Venus, caused the Trojan war and gave after page of Greek that had to be read in our late school days.

The history of the apple is still to be written. The reference books tell us that the tree is indigenous to Anatolia, the southern Caucasus and northern Russia. In the spring time when a sea of red and pink and white blossoms meets the eye and a riot of perfume assaults the nostrils, or in the autumn when the trees are laden with their burden of fruit, you will think it well named.

Robustly speaking the Valley—they just call it a Valley in eastern Canada and let it go at that—is 100 miles long and thirty miles wide. The soil is rich and well watered. Rivers and tidal estuaries divide it riverbeds into a series of ridges. The river bottoms and the Nova Scotia orchardists have given over to hay fields and pasture lands.

The ridges are devoted largely to fruit-growing. If you stand somewhere in the bottom lands you will see rising gently from the meadows and near the water, the orchard. If it is blossom time the picture will be brilliant. Here and there you will see a house and farm buildings rising amid the trees. There are occasional patches of tilled land, but it is mostly all fruit.

The yield of the Annapolis Valley this year is the greatest in its history. The crop has all been gathered and marketed. It is estimated that more than 700,000 barrels of apples were shipped to the market.

Most of the apples have gone to England, as usual, but this year some shipments have been made to the American market than ever before. The prices have ranged from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per barrel. The Nova Scotia orchardists have received about \$2,000,000 for their harvest.

Last year the crop was about half as big. This year's harvest is seventeen times as great as that of fifteen years ago. For a farm to clear from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year on the apple is not unusual.

Twenty years ago the farmer who shipped 100 barrels a year was a rarity; now there are many. The greatest orchard in the valley is Hillcrest, near Kentville. It contains more than 25,000 trees. The apples of Nova Scotia have a flavor all their own. Though the fruit grows large, it does not become gross, as is the case with the Red and the Golden Wonder.

There are any number of varieties. In the late summer come the Red and the Golden Wonder. Later on come the Graystrains—the King of the Mountains, the Strawberry Apples and the Bishop Pippins.

The list of winter apples would be interminable. The two varieties which command the highest prices are the Blueness Pippins and the Ripston Pippins. They're both pippins in the colloquial sense of that word.

King's trees are in the apple family—far above the rank of Baldwin's and King of Tompkins and Spitzenberg's and Greenings and even Russet Sweet's. The Northern Spy, considered very highly in some parts, is an also ran in Nova Scotia.

The apples of the valley are of great size. You will notice in one view that considerable space is left between the trees. The vines of the trees will shoot up and reach out until the sunlight can scarcely pierce the gloom.



EMPEROR WILLIAM OF GERMANY.

The upper picture shows the War Kaiser as he really looks from a snapshot taken on the day of his arrival in London. The lower picture shows the ideal Kaiser, from the Emperor's favorite photograph.

one looking; many of them have pretentious flower gardens. Fences have been generally abolished. Almost every house has its telegraph and smart rigs for pleasure driving. Altogether it is an unusual farming community. The rounds of social life go on as in a city. The sons go to college and return to the farm content to make that their calling in life.

Here and there the houses get close enough together to form a settlement which gets a name of its own. But there are no large towns. Annapolis, Bridgetown, Kentville and Wolfville are all under 2,000 population. It is just one big city, prosperous and content.

There is one great lack. Applejack is scarcely known. New Scotland might well take a lesson from New Jersey.

An Actor's Friendly Tribune.

A pretty story attesting to the popularity of James O'Neill with his admirers comes not from the actor, but from an old schoolmate and friend, Mr. George Moore, of New York. "In 1885, when I was running a hotel in Manchester," said Mr. Moore, "it was during the holidays, and I had driven to Concord to get some decorations and presents. While there I heard that my old friend Jimmy was opening there that night in 'Monte Cristo.' I looked him up to give him a welcome, and during our chat he asked me to stay down for the performance. 'No,' I replied, 'but I will drive back and get Mrs. Moore, and if it is possible to get back here in time I will do it.' As it happened, that night was a snowy and windy one and we were late in starting and slow in making the distance, and after reaching the city and putting up the horses we found that we had just missed the first act. The house was still applauding and there were calls of 'Speech! Speech!' As we were going down the aisle Mr. O'Neill spied us taking the horses in good humor, he said, 'I have just noticed two of my oldest friends, one a schoolmate, who have driven out on this stormy night eighteen miles to see me play 'Monte Cristo.' Neither of them has ever seen the play. Now, as you have proved that you liked the first act, suppose we do it all over again. With my first act I'll entertain first act, and in a moment rise on the first act for the second time that evening. When he had finished O'Neill had to make another speech."—Harriet Quimby in Leslie's Weekly.

Dogs Cannot Reason.

The dog is, no doubt, the most intelligent of our domestic animals, and I yield to none in my affection for him. I can almost eat and sleep with a fine dog winter and summer. But I try not to deceive myself about his intelligence. It seems to me that if the dog had the least spark of wit akin to our own that he, in power of reason—his long association with man would have fanned it into a flame, however small. But after all these thousands of years human companionship and love he has less wit in some respects than his wild brothers, the fox and the wolf. Having been spared the struggle to live that falls to his lot, he cunning and sagacity have deteriorated. The same is true of the horse, which has less intelligence than the wild ass. In other words, we cannot reason on things and make it fruitful in intelligence. The gem will not take—John Burroughs, in the Outlook Magazine.

Reclaiming the Zuyder Zee.

The old Dutch proverb "God made the sea, and we made the land" is recalled by the news that the Dutch Government has in contemplation a vast scheme of reclamation on the Zuyder Zee, at an estimated cost of \$11,422,322, by which Holland would gain an additional province of 687 square miles, or something like 40,000 acres. Apart from the cost of pumping and maintenance, passage of the extremely valuable nature of the older lands, as the reclaimed meadows are called, in Holland, would lead to the supposition that the returns from the land thus regained, the cost of which would amount to a trifle more than \$300 an acre, would amply repay the expenditure. Moreover, owing to its configuration and its landward character, the Zuyder Zee lends itself admirably to works of this kind.—New York Sun.

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Our large stock is at your disposal and you are assured of courteous treatment whether you purchase or not.

Headquarters for Fountain Pens. Our Prices range from \$1 to \$8.

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- Ebony Brushes and Mirrors, \$1 to \$4.
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- Scarfs Pins from 25c to \$10.
- Silver Thimbles from 50c to \$2. These are not like paper, but made to wear.
- Cuff Links from 40c to \$7.

These are only a few lines from our immense stock. We believe we can suit you if you will but call, and you know our reputation for square dealing.

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For CHRISTMAS COOKING must be good. GOLD MEDAL and LILY WHITE are the best brands. Always reliable. LAKE & BAILEY Main St. East

The True Christmas Spirit.

It is not in days of property and of brightness that the true Christmas spirit finds the most fitting occasion to manifest itself. At such a time to be cheerful is as easy as breathing, and liberal giving is not felt as a burden. But in a juncture like the present, when the clouds of a financial storm have barely rolled by and depression has manifested not a few industries, there is an exceptional opportunity to exercise the sentiment proper to the holiday season. In many circles of acquaintance there may be those who are distressed because losses suffered in the panic have crippled their resources, and seriously lessened their incomes. To these, even more scrupulously than before, kindly consideration should be shown by their friends. The smile and the hearty handshake of good-will should characterize the greeting of them now as surely as in the past. If any man, once prosperous, requires a helping hand, the chance should be seized to prove to him that long-proffered friendship is genuine. Even where no substantial aid is given or needed, encouraging words and optimistic counsel may serve to cheer a troubled heart.

Under the circumstances of the hour, also, it should be realized more profoundly than ever that Christmas is especially a holiday for the children. For them, at least, it should be made as happy a day as possible. They should be sedulously shielded from the troubles that may sadden older members of the family. For this the latter will not be without their reward, since, infected by the little ones' joyous and care-free observance of the day, the grown-ups may be induced for the time to put away anxiety and foreboding.—From Leslie's Weekly.

Castles in the air may have their disadvantages, but, at any rate, the water pipes never freeze up.

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It will pay you to use the Want Column of the Times. BUSINESS TELEPHONE 368.

Announcement
Store closes to-night
at 6 o'clock
open to-morrow night
until 10 o'clock



THE RIGHT HOUSE

A great Christmas store of character and quality.



Announcement
Store closes to-night
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Ready to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock--great Xmas values

TO-MORROW morning at 8 o'clock The Right House opens with stupendously vast assortments of Xmas gift goods of quality at prices astoundingly low. Prices are lowered on desirable gift things all over the store. Special purchases, outright price reductions and special offerings for the day will make to-morrow a day long to be remembered as the greatest

special Xmas offering day ever known. Some lines are on sale from 8 to 10.30 a. m. only. Come right out to The Right House at 8 o'clock or as soon after as you can. You cannot afford to miss these great special offerings to-morrow. Store open until 10 p. m. to-morrow. Read every item of these special Xmas offerings carefully.

Splendid Xmas gifts for men

CHOOSE them here and you will be sure of getting Furnishings of distinction, style and of that high standard of quality which is characteristic of the Right House. Lowest prices, too—but that is expected. Men of taste like Right House Furnishings, because of the smart, up-to-date, yet quiet style of everything. Come early to-morrow, there will be a great demand. "Just right" presents are easy to choose here.

MEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS—Immense variety; quite exceptional values; nice reliable qualities in linen, silk and cambrie for men and boys.

HEMSTITCHED IRISH LINEN—Fine qualities and good sizes, 20, 25, 35, 40, 50c.

INITIALED IRISH LINEN—Neat styles of initials, prettily worked on fine qualities, 25, 35 and 50c each.

TAPE EDGE IRISH CAMBRIC—Good sizes and qualities; values are splendid, 12½, 15, 20 and 25c each.

MEN'S NOBBY NECKWEAR, 50c—Each tie in a dainty box free. Neat new designs and colorings in the very smartest Xmas styles; a great assortment for selection.

FANCY BORDER SILK HANDKERCHIEFS—Prettily novelty styles that are very popular, 50, 75 and 85c.

CARDIGAN JACKETS—English knitted of wear-resisting tight twisted all wool worsted yarn. Splendid fitting and thoroughly well made; pockets. Direct to us from leading English manufacturers, and very special values, \$1.35, \$1.60, \$1.75, \$1.90, \$2.50 up to \$4.75.

Choose in the morning if you can.



FANCY BORDER EXCELSA HANDKERCHIEFS—Neat novelty borders, 10, 15c each.

RELIABLE GLOVES FOR GIFTS—Best makes; splendid varieties; exceptional values resultant of immense purchasing direct from great makers.

Lined Gloves, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75 to \$2.00.
Fur Lined Gloves, \$2.50, \$3.25 up to \$4.75.
Unlined Gloves, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 to \$2.

SILK MUFFLERS AND SQUARES—English woven, pure silk, large square Mufflers in nice variety. Black and light and dark colorings. Exceptional values to-morrow, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$3.00 each.

MEN'S SILK EMBROIDERED SOX—Fine English cashmere in pretty neat designs, 35, 50, 65 to 75c pair.

MANY OTHER GIFT THINGS—Embroidered and plain Suspenders in boxes; new Shirts in white or colors; smart Collars and Cuffs; good underwear, Sweaters and Jerseys; Travelling Bags, Suit Cases, Trunks; Silk Sox, Bath Robes, Dressing Gowns, House and Smoking Jackets and dozens of other things "he" will appreciate.



House coats dressing gowns

NOTHING so acceptable to a man, young or old, as a nice House Coat, Smoking Jacket, Dressing Gown or Bath Robe.

These Right House garments are the best productions of New York and London and reflect the best efforts of master tailors.

The wanted colors are all here in a handsome assortment of smart materials. Perfect in fit. Neat effective trimmings. A large assortment ready for gift seekers to-morrow.

HOUSE AND SMOKING COATS—\$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$12.50 each.

DRESSING GOWNS AND BATH ROBES—\$3.50, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$9.50 to \$15.

Dainty, fancy Xmas gift goods

NO one will wisely miss the great Leather Goods and fancy gift displays in the East Aisle. There is a world of choice in practical, acceptable gift things that everyone would appreciate. You will find a happy solution to the puzzling gift problem here. But the immense assortments and the good qualities are not the only interesting news. The low prices you will find are creating widespread interest and attention. Come early to-morrow morning. Don't miss the display of leather goods. Here are just hints of the showing.

Beautiful Paris combs for Xmas
Exquisite Fancy Combs and Hair Ornaments direct from the Parisian makers. Some are hand-somely mounted and inset with brilliants; all are exclusive, beautiful styles; novelty new Back Combs and Sets of three pieces for Christmas gifts, 35c, 50, 65c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50 to \$8.50.

Exquisite French fans for Xmas
Prettily styles in hand painted designs, in pastel shades on white grounds; carved ivory frames; many have lace edges. Regular \$1.50 value. Christmas sale price only \$1 each. Other pretty to elaborate creations at \$1.25 to \$14.

Handsome toilet sets
Leather and novelty cases, beautiful new art designs in silver and ebony, with silver mountings. Many are toilet and manicure cases combined, \$1.75 to \$19 each.

New Xmas belts
Silk and Kid Belts, in black and colors. Newest Paris and New York styles, including the new Dresden of fects, handsome buckles and trimmings, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 to \$4.50 each.

Novelty jewelry direct from Paris
Exquisite new designs in Brooches, Necklaces, Jewel Hair Pins, Buckles, Blouse Sets, Stick Pins, Beauty Pins, etc. Included are many dainty pieces from Canadian and American manufacturing jewelers. Beautiful and novel new styles at 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50 to \$6.50 each.

Depont's real ebony brushes
French made real Ebony Brushes, imported direct for Christmas gift giving. Military Brushes, Hair Brushes, Clothes Brushes, Hat Brushes, and Nail Brushes, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2 to \$2.50 each.

Manicure sets
Leather and novelty cases; pretty art designs and superior qualities; a very practical, useful gift, \$1.75, \$2.50, \$3 to \$6.75 each.

Hand bags and purses
Newest styles for Christmas gift-giving. Seal, morocco, walrus, alligator and many other leathers. Novel new shapes. Many are nicely mounted. 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$3, \$4 to \$8.50 each.



Buy Xmas gift gloves here

Immense assortments: great values

THE Right House has long been the Glove centre of this vicinity, because of its complete stocks and unusual values, because of the superb quality of every pair sold.

Select the Christmas Gift Gloves now. You will find here every size, every length, every color and all fit perfectly. Your friends will appreciate Right House Gloves because of their unquestioned style and quality supremacy.

Long Kid Gloves, \$1.50, \$1.80, \$2, \$2.25, \$2.50 to \$3.75.
Wrist Length Kid Gloves, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$2.
Pleace, Wool and Fur Lined Gloves, \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$4.75.
Children's Pleace Lined and Fur Trimmed Gloves, 85c, to \$1.50.

Xmas neckwear

Dainty Xmas gifts

TO-MORROW we place on sale another lot of beautiful Collars for Xmas gifts at about HALF PRICE.

Five pretty styles in stock and turnover Collars in combination of lace and silk with beautiful colored silk embroidery work. Real values \$1 to \$1.50. Xmas sale price 69c.

Other handsome new Xmas styles in Jabots and Stocks of silk, lace and chiffon, in white and pretty evening shades, 50c, 75c, \$1 to \$2.50.



Holiday gift handkerchiefs

An answer to the what-to-give question

HANDKERCHIEFS solve the what-to-give question to everyone's satisfaction. Who ever had too many? The greatest values, the largest assortments, the daintiest sorts, and the prettiest novelties are here ready for your selections.

Come to-morrow morning and come early. All those at 25c and up will be put in a dainty gift box free of charge. Of course the prettiest ones will go first, that's the reason we want you to come early.

SWISS MUSLIN HANDKERCHIEFS—Elaborately embroidered patterns, hemstitched or scalloped edges, 10, 20, 25, 35, 40 to 50c each.

LACE EDGED HANDKERCHIEFS—Valencienne and Oriental lace edged and inserted Handkerchiefs, linen and muslin centres, 25c, 35c to \$1.00 and \$1.75 each.

EMBROIDERED LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS—Prettily handwork on fine Irish linen, scalloped and hemstitched edges, exquisite designs, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c to \$2 each.

INITIAL IRISH LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS—Hemstitched hems; neat initials; many styles, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 to 50c.

PLAIN IRISH LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS—Various widths hems, plain and sheer finishes, extra fine qualities, 8½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25 to 50c each.

NOVELTY LACE HANDKERCHIEFS—Clever imitations of Cluny, Bruges, Princess, Point Venise and Rose Point; exquisite styles, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2 to \$5 each.

REAL LACE HANDKERCHIEFS—Beautiful novelty styles and exquisite designs in Cluny, Bruges, Princess and Point Venise, \$1.75, \$2, \$2.75, \$3.50 to \$18 each.

CHILDREN'S PICTURE HANDKERCHIEFS—A great variety of pretty patterns, 3c each or 2 for 5c.

Sale of Xmas fancy silks

Blouse lengths in pretty gift boxes

69c the yard, real value \$1.25
98c the yard, real value \$1.50
\$1.39 the yard, real value \$2.00

Or put up, in a pretty gift box, in 4½ yard blouse lengths at \$3.19, \$4.41 and \$6.25 each.

These beautiful fancy Silks are specially woven for blouses. Taffeta and Louise weaves in a great assortment of dainty to rich darker colorings and many exquisite Dresden, stripe, check and other patterns. On sale to-morrow.

\$8.50 skirts 4.50

Sensible gifts

SMART well tailored, perfect-fitting Grey Tweed Skirts in handsome winter styles and correct weight; light and dark tones in neat to novelty patterns. All sizes. Real value \$7.50 to \$8.50. Three days' Christmas sale price \$4.50.

Other handsome Xmas Skirts in black or colors—Voiles, Panamas, Worsted, Broadcloths and other popular skirt materials, \$5.00, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$10 to \$15.

\$18.50 sable stoles \$12.50

A BEAUTIFUL holiday gift. One dozen Western Sable Stoles; large double fur neck; flat, satin-lined fronts, finished with tails. Real value \$18.50. Xmas sale price \$12.50 each.

Muffs to match. Real value \$9. Xmas sale price \$6.95.

\$18 fur pieces at \$10 each to-morrow
Muffs, Ruffs, Stoles, Throwscarves, Ties, etc., sable, marmot, Russian mink, squirrel, coon, etc. Handsome smart styles for Xmas gift giving. Real value \$15 to \$18, at only \$10 to-morrow.

Long neck scarfs

DIRECT from Paris they come for Xmas gift-giving. Spanish lace, fancy French chiffon, hand appliqued Brussels, Dresden and stripe crepe de chine and Oriental Net Scarfs.

Beautiful colorings, also white and black; exquisite patterns; immense assortments, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5 to \$10.

Each in a pretty gift box free.

Umbrellas: grand values

THE elegance of this season's showing of Right House Umbrellas is causing much comment. The values are indeed exceptional. New and novel handle styles, all specially selected and constructed in England with best frames and covers of all silk or silk and wool.

Comparisons show that they are in every case from \$1 to \$2.50 better value than elsewhere. Greatest saving for Xmas gift choosing to-morrow, \$2.75, \$4.50, \$4, \$4.50, \$5 to \$10.

One special \$2.50 value at \$1.95 to-morrow. Those at \$3 or more in a pretty gift box free.

\$5.50 taffeta silk underskirts 3.75

A GIFT buying snap. Black, navy, wine, brown and fawn shades. Made with dust frill and deep flounce, finished with tucks and frills. A neat, dainty and effective Silk Underskirt that will give good wear. Regular \$5.50 value. Xmas sale price only \$3.75.

Beautiful new lawn blouses

SPECIALS for Xmas gift giving

\$1.19, real value \$1.75 \$1.49, real value \$2.00

FRESH, crisp, new White Muslin Blouses in next summer's fashionable designs. These are a special purchase and reach us in time for a special pre-Xmas sale to-morrow.

Very beautiful new style effects, trimmed with lace insertions and embroidery in dainty effective designs; fancy yokes; baby tucks in back.

NOTE—These special Blouses will be on sale in the Millinery Department all day to-morrow. Get first sight of next spring and summer's new styles and select some for Xmas gifts and for your own use. They are very popular for wear under heavy wraps. Real value \$1.75 and \$2. Xmas sale prices to-morrow \$1.19 and \$1.49.

Xmas blouses: a great sale

From 8 a. m. and as long as they last, two great and extraordinary special Xmas sale offerings of beautiful Silk, Lace and Net Blouses. Better come early to make sure of yours.

\$8.50 Xmas blouses in a pretty gift box \$4.88
Beautiful new Guipure and Oriental Net Lace Blouses, and exquisite Silk Blouses at nearly half price. What a gift buying chance! White, cream and ecru in dainty effective new styles, with elaborate and beautiful trimming. They are really wonderful bargains that you must see to fully appreciate. On sale to-morrow. Real value \$8.50 each, Xmas sale price \$4.88 each, a saving of \$3.62 on each blouse.

Beautiful \$5 silk Xmas blouses at \$2.95 each
Very dainty and appropriate for a Xmas gift. Black or white Jap silk, with a pretty yoke of silk Maltese lace, finished with several rows of tucks behind, back and front. Pretty ¾ sleeves with tucked and insertion trimmed cuffs. Regular good value at \$5. Xmas sale price \$2.95 each.

Great showing silk and lace blouses for Xmas \$5, \$6, \$7.50, \$9, \$10, \$12.50 to \$18.50 each
Come to-morrow and select beautiful lace or silk blouse for Xmas gifts, or your own wear. You will be surprised at the exquisite showing of altogether beautiful blouses and you'll be amazed at the extraordinary values. Why in many cases the materials could not be bought at the prices we ask for the finished garments. You must see them to-morrow.

Men's goods reduced: a morning Xmas sale

SOME remarkable bargains, for early morning shoppers, in Men and Boys' Furnishings for Xmas gifts. On sale from 8 to 10.30 a. m. only. Come out early and get your share of the savings. It is well worth an early morning trip.

NECKTIES REDUCED—17c, formerly 25 and 35c. 25c, formerly 50c each. Hundreds of nice Silk 4-in-hand Ties in fancy to plain weaves, all nicely made, good colorings and smart designs, on sale from 8 to 10.30 a. m.

DRESSING GOWNS REDUCED—Formerly \$7.00, \$8.00, \$12.50, \$15.00. Now \$3.69, \$5.88, \$7.88, \$9.88. English and American tailored, in medium to heavy weights, nice colorings and neatly finished.

25c LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, 18c—Slightly imperfect; fine quality; pure Irish linen; hemstitched hems; a great bargain.

TURKISH BATH ROBES REDUCED—Nice stripe designs, finished with hood and girdle; regular \$3.75 quality for \$3.19.

BOYS' SWEATERS REDUCED—Boys' and Youths' Fine Wool Sweaters and Jerseys in plain and fancy weaves and assorted good colorings that boys like. Just the thing for a useful gift for the boy; on sale from 8 to 10.30 a. m.

69c, reduced from \$1.00.
\$1.19, reduced from \$1.50.
\$1.39, reduced from \$1.85.

GLOVES REDUCED—Unlined Kid and Suede Gloves in light and heavy makes, assorted tan shades, men's and youth's sizes. 88c, reduced from \$1.25. \$1.00, reduced from \$1.35.

50c WHITE WOOL GLOVES AT 32c—Nice fine qualities; warm, unshrinkable; will wash.

50c SUSPENDERS, 35c—A famous French make; embroidered dots and woven stripes; light and dark colorings, all suitable for Xmas gift giving; on sale from 8 to 10.30 a. m.

Women's gloves: great morning sale

REGULAR \$1.35 and \$1.50 qualities for 88c the pair. Our enormously increased selling of Gloves this season has left us with many broken lines. These we have gathered together for this great morning sale. Assorted tans, greys, modes, in glace and suede finishes; all sizes. Two dome fasteners. Select Christmas Gloves early.

\$1 and \$1.15 fancy gifts at 69c each

LEATHER Handbags, Purses, Wallets, Comb Sets, Military Brushes, Brushes, etc., a variety of odd pieces, regularly priced here at \$1.00 and \$1.15, to-morrow morning from 8 to 10.30 they go on sale at only 69c each. Select the Christmas gift things while you may take advantage of this splendid special offering.

\$1 cushion slips 59c

Fine French Chiffon Cushion Slips, all ready for the pillow; rich to dainty frills, reversible, terms; double frills, reversible, washable, superior qualities, real value \$1.50, sale price 59c each.

\$4 hearth rugs \$3.19

Mohair Plush Hearth Rugs, in plain crimson, green, blue, gold, drab and rose. Size 24 by 48 inches. An excellent Christmas gift. 8 to 10.30 a. m. at \$3.19 each, regularly \$4.00.

75c stockings at 59c

Silk Embroidered Stockings, each pair in a pretty gift box, good English knitted black cashmere with neat designs in white, cardinal and blue, special for Christmas gifts, 8 to 10.30 at 59c the pair.

75c aprons and caps 59c

Maid's Aprons, in assorted styles, plain, tucked bibs and patterned, extra large sizes. Aprons and Caps, real value 75c, 8 to 10.30 at 59c.

Carpet sweepers \$2.48

A "Just Right" gift for mother, good finishes, famous Bissell make, saves the carpets, our regular \$3.25 line, 8 to 10.30 at \$2.48 for Christmas gifts.

75c night gowns at 49c

White Flannel Gowns, finished with frilled collar, plain and cuffs, edged with silk stitching, a great snap, sizes 56, 58, 60, real 75c value, 8 to 10.30 at 49c each.

Corner King East and Hughson Sts. **THOMAS C. WATKINS** Hamilton Ontario

Great morning bargains from 8 to 10.30 o'clock

Women's 75c cotton and wool vests, 8 to 10.30 a. m., at 39c
Nice, warm, good-wearing winter qualities; all sizes

Women's 50c cotton and wool vests, 8 to 10.30 a. m., at 33c
Cotton and wool in nice winter qualities that wear well

20c imperfect linen handkerchiefs, 8 to 10.30 a. m., 12½c
Laundered, hemstitched hems, large size; pure linen

\$40 mink muffs, 8 to 10.30 a. m., at only \$29.88 each
Natural mink; 6 stripe markings; pillow style; down beds

Women's \$1.50 black sateen underskirts, 8 to 10.30, \$1.19
Thoroughly well made; neatly tucked, flounced, trimmed

85c hand embroidered tray cloths, 8 to 10.30 a. m., at 63c
Size 18 by 27 inches; pure Irish linen; excellent gifts

\$3.25 table cloths and napkins, 8 to 10.30 a. m., \$2.69 each
All linen Damask and regular table size. Nice patterns

\$1.25 worsted suitings, 8 to 10.30 a. m., at only 69c yard
Shadow checks in desirable colors; all wool; 46 in. wide

60c all-wool Henrietta dress materials, 8 to 10.30 at 48c
Assortment of wanted colors; nice finish; good weight

75c all wool French voiles, 8 to 10.30 a. m., at 58c yard
For dresses, skirts, suits; rich black; crisp, snappy finish

85c pure all wool black armure dress goods 8 to 10.30, 69c
Nice rich finish; wide width, 46 inches; for women's wear

25c box of 5 ruch frills, 8 to 10.30 a. m., at only 17c
Dainty colorings and white in chiffon neck frills

\$1.50 cretonne frilled sofa cushions, 8 to 10.30, at \$1.09
Rich colorings and designs; French materials reversible

35c embroidered turnover collars, 8 to 10.30 a. m., at 9c
Will wash; prettily embroidered in colors on white

\$7.50 fine Swiss point curtains, 8 to 10.30 a. m., at \$4.98
Very neat, dainty designs, suitable for any room; bargain

\$7 warm down comforters, 8 to 10.30 a. m., at \$4.19
Best quality fluffy Alaska down filling; very warm

IN SYMPATHY WITH SCHEME.

Aldermen Approve of Idea of Hospital for Children.

Mayor Stewart Suggested Appointing a Permanent Auditor.

Would Remove Appointing of Poll Clerks From Aldermen.

The members of the Finance Committee at its final session of the year last evening had unfolded to them the scheme by which Miss Jeanette Lewis hopes to raise sufficient funds to build a hospital for sick children similar to the John Ross Robertson institution in Toronto.

Miss Lewis said she had arranged with her brother-in-law, C. E. Kohl, of Kohl & Castle, who control the western vaudeville circuit, to do the booking for Bennett's Theatre for five weeks, beginning January 27th to March 10th.

Of course, the city will be expected to maintain the institution. Asked about equipping the institution, Miss Lewis said her brother-in-law had undertaken effect in what is called "a jay town like Hamilton."

The aldermen expressed themselves greatly in sympathy with the move, and after thanking Miss Lewis for her courageous work in which she had undertaken such a task, approved of the scheme, providing subject to the approval of the Corporation.

When the committee came to deal with the by-law appointing poll clerks, Mayor Stewart suggested that it should be recommended to next year's council that hereafter the removal of the poll clerks be removed entirely from aldermanic control and be placed entirely in the hands of the City Clerk.

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Mr. Kent was authorized to employ a clerk for three months at a salary not to exceed \$10 a week.

The city agreed, in addition to the \$1,000 grant made to the Queen Victoria memorial fund, to give another \$500 in case the ladies were unable to collect \$10,000.

It was announced that they had collected within \$300 of the required amount. Mayor Stewart urged the committee to pay the money over.

The Finance Committee will recommend that the council appeal to the Legislature for permission for Hamilton to elect a Board of Control, similar to Toronto, if it sees fit.

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BOY HELD HIS SLEIGH, And Was Dragged to His Death Beneath Train.

Kingston, Dec. 19.—A sad accident occurred at the point where the Bay of Quinte Railway crosses Montreal street.

SAW CASTAWAYS.

WERE ON DESERT ISLAND—SHIP SAW THE SIGNAL FIRES.

British Vessel Arriving at Montevideo Reports That Men Are Inhabiting an Isle Off Cape Horn—Are Having a Hard Time.

New York, Dec. 19.—From advices received at the Maritime Exchange, it is believed that a shipwrecked crew is on one of the small islands off Cape Horn.

The fires were evidently maintained as signals, as they were large and burned brightly while they could be seen from the Raphael. The machinery of the Raphael was defective at the time, and she kept on her course.

Shipping men are of the opinion that the castaways may be the crew of part of the crew of the American four-masted barque Arthur Sewall, long overdue at Seattle from Philadelphia.

There are two other vessels now posted as missing at Lloyd's. These are the American barque Adolf Oborg, which sailed from this port for San Francisco on April 10th, and the British barque Silberhorn, which sailed from Newcastle, N. S. W., for Pisagua, Chili, on March 24th.

A party cast away on one of the islands off the Horn would have a hard time. They are merely fragments of time.

KNOX VS COOKE.

Debate in Toronto Next Month—Essay Contest Winners.

Knox Church Young Men's Union held its weekly meeting last night, and considerable business was transacted.

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Already an attendance of representative stock men from each of the several provinces is assured. Most of the Record and Provincial Live Stock Associations have fulfilled the requirements of affiliation.

The members of the assembly building, and the intention is that the assembly meet again in ordinary session tomorrow.

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MEDIUM FAILED.

To Confuse the Sa Heras at Bennett's Theatre.

Accepting the invitation that is given at every performance at Bennett's Theatre, by the Sa Heras, yesterday afternoon a medium took the opportunity to display his occult power.

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Several Ministers and one Republican Senator rebuked M. Elbers, declaring that the person of King Leopold should be respected.

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The little, old man was Franz Hoffmann, aged 67, who went to Sing Sing 47 years ago to serve a life term for murder.

On the journey to Mrs. Booth's office the two men gazed in amazement at the elevated road, the subway, and the surface cars speeding along.

MAY BE ALL LOST.

Schooner Capsized and Sank Off Westbrook, Conn.

Westbrook, Conn., Dec. 20.—An unknown two-masted schooner, bound east was capsized and sunk to-day off this place shortly after 9 o'clock to-day and it is thought that every man of the crew perished.

Among the lines advertised is a line of women's winter coats, worth regularly \$10 to \$15, at 98c, \$1.98 and \$4.98.

GREAT CHRISTMAS STORE.

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Think That Section Has Been Well Looked After.

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Mr. Edward Porter, President of the Society, occupied the chair, and with him on the platform were Ald. Kennedy, Ald. Jutten, Ald. A. J. Wright and Mr. J. A. Williamson.

Ald. Jutten was the first representative to take the stump and when the time bell sounded he said he was not more than half through and asked for an extension of time.

According to figures given by him, over \$11,000 was expended by the city below the bridge, not including the two bridges, he said, that \$1,900 more had been spent below the bridge this year than last when the two Mayorality candidates were making a big play for the North Enders' votes.

Mr. Jutten announced that he would do all he could as a representative of the North End Improvement Society if re-elected. He said, however, that he will be on another ticket.

Ald. Kennedy made a short, pithy address. He said he had a great deal to prepare as an alderman, but his record was no doubt known to all present, if not to most of the north side ratepayers.

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Gifts that Carry with them Messages of Comfort and Cheer

Buy practical gifts. Cheer the Christmas fireside with articles of constant home interest; surround it with objects that grow into the affections of home hearts: pieces of furniture, rugs, with an extra touch of useful elegance. Gifts with a real existence that next Christmas and many Christmases after remind you of the joys and gratitudes of this one. The Souter store contains thousands of such presents.

CHINA CABINETS

At no time in the history of this store have we had such a splendid array of China Cabinets. There's a reason for it, of course; the demand for these increases day by day, and where you have a lot of fine decorated china it's really a necessity to have a cabinet to protect it from dust and breakage, as well as giving an opportunity of showing it to advantage. Oak, Early English or Mahogany, \$15 to \$75.

SECTIONAL BOOKCASES

If you have in mind the purchase of a Sectional Bookcase for yourself or a gift for a friend, come in and let us show you what a good line the "Macey" is. Remember that whatever make you start with you are going to continue when additions are wanted. Start with the best. We have it.

Parlor Cabinets

Will be found in abundance on the third floor. Reliable qualities and priced strictly to actual worth. \$10 to \$75.

Morris Chairs

Of real merit, that will please whoever knows how to appreciate luxury and comfort. Cushions are plain and figured velours and leather. The frames are solid oak and polished.

Prices, \$5.50, \$7.50, \$10, \$14, \$15, \$20.

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Two large floors full of fine Parlor Furniture, much of it made especially for the holiday trade. Handsome Parlor Chairs in fine silk covering, specially priced at \$6, should be marked at \$8.00.

Music Cabinets

A complete line of Handsome Music Cabinets just came in, and we are certain to have something in this line to suit you. Every desirable style and finish found here.

Prices, \$5.50 to \$40.

- Gold Chairs \$5 to \$20
- Mahogany Parlor Cabinets \$10 to \$50
- Gold Parlor Cabinets \$75
- Music Cabinets, walnut and mahogany \$5.50 to \$35
- Gold Framed Mirrors \$6.50 to \$20
- Sewing Tables \$10 to \$18
- China Cabinets \$15 to \$75
- Extension Tables \$5.50 to \$60
- Dining Chairs, wood seat 75c to \$2
- Diners, leather seat, per set \$18 to \$75
- Buffets, Golden Oak \$25 to \$150
- Rockers, Golden Oak, Cobbler Seat \$2.50 to \$5.25
- Sideboards, Oak and Mahogany \$9.50 to \$100
- Combination Sideboard and Cabinet \$30 to \$95
- Rockers, shape roll seat \$3.75 to \$8
- Solid Mahogany Rockers \$9.59 to \$20
- Kitchen Cabinets \$7.50 to \$30
- Smokers' Tables \$7.50 to \$17
- Den Clocks, solid oak \$5 to \$20
- Grandfather's Clock, oak, mahogany \$15 to \$60
- Hall Stands \$7.50 to \$45

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- Umbrella Stands \$2 to \$10
- Secretary Bookcases \$11.50 to \$48
- Chiffonieres \$8.50 to \$75
- Dressers \$6 to \$150
- English Dressers \$9 to \$45
- Princess Dressers \$15 to \$30
- Rattan Rockers \$3.15 to \$12
- Mission Rockers \$6.50 to \$30
- Mission Tables \$5 to \$25
- Secretaries, oak or mahogany \$4.50 to \$50
- Bissell's Carpet Sweepers \$2.50 to \$3.50
- Morris Chairs \$5.50 to \$25
- Children's Toy Sets \$2 to \$2.50
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- Bookcases \$2.50 to \$30
- Leather Easy Chairs \$22 to \$50
- Couches \$8 to \$35

Husbands!

If you are undecided as to the present you will make your wife, let us suggest that gift of all gifts, a

Kitchen Cabinet

If you would be a much beloved Santa Claus, if you would be remembered every day in the year and for many years to come for your generosity and consideration of your wife's comfort in her daily housework, by all means decide upon a kitchen cabinet.

Christmas Rattan Rocker Special



This handsome Roll Edge Rattan Rocker, exactly like illustration, strong, roomy and comfortable, with back high enough to rest the head on. Price \$3.15, sells regularly at \$4.50.

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LEAGUE FAILED IN ITS FIRST CHARGE

(Continued from page 1.)

question, Mr. Lynch a license was put in and that closed the case for the Crown. Mr. O'Reilly called Mr. Lynch. He said he had been in the hotel business for over 11 years and never had a complaint. He remembered the evening of December quite well. He also remembered seeing the two detectives there. It was the first time he had seen them, but when he yelled "11 o'clock, all get out," he knew who they were, and pointed them out to several people as informers. He told the two men two or three times, he said, to get out, but they would not go and kept asking for a drink. "They were not served with a drink after 11 o'clock," Mr. Lynch swore. Crown Attorney Washington cross-examined Lynch. He asked him what made him suspicious and got the reply that when strangers wanted to stick it looked a little bit funny. Lynch said he had told Dinny McCarthy that the men looked suspicious because they lingered behind.

To the Crown Attorney, Mr. Lynch said he had mentioned the fact that whiskey spotters were in town to Bob Merigold and several others. "In a fraternal spirit," remarked the Crown Attorney. George Knapman said he was in the defendant's hotel on the Friday night in question, and remembered seeing McCrae there. He heard Mr. Lynch ordering all out at 11 o'clock and heard him refuse to have a drink with McCrae. Mr. Washington was cross-examining Knapman to find out who was in the bar at the time, when Mr. O'Reilly interjected and said he was telling the truth. "How do you know?" asked Mr. Washington. "I was there," calmly announced the accused's counsel. Mr. Knapman said that when he and his friends got as far as the corner the detectives came out, thus disputing the story that the men left at 11.30. Dennis McCarthy was called, and told a story similar to Mr. Knapman's. Mr. O'Reilly then announced that his evidence was all in, and he made no comment on the charge or the evidence, except a few words. "You have the evidence of some of the most respectable witnesses in the city, who swear positively to the time. I could call other men, but I think you have sufficient evidence before you to dismiss it."

The Magistrate said that possibly there were invention and addition on both sides, but that the two detectives for the prosecution had shown remarkable discrepancies in their evidence. McCrae said he knew Lynch by sight, and did not see him all evening in the bar, while Roberts swore Lynch was there all evening and was talking to them. Mr. Washington questioned the correctness of this statement, but the clerk read out the answers as the Magistrate had quoted. His worship then dismissed the case. Mr. O'Reilly asked that a prosecution be instituted against the two men for endeavoring to make a man break the law, as is provided for in the criminal code. The Magistrate said it could not be done while the session was on, and Mr. O'Reilly said he intended to press it. Mr. Washington started to jolly Mr. O'Reilly on putting up such a "bluff" and was hotly reprimanded by the defendant's counsel, who again asserted that he intended to press the charge.

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KOWTOWING.

A Chinese Custom to Which Foreigners Have Objected.

The Chinese censor has memorialized the throne on the necessity of abolishing the degrading custom of high native Ministers of the Crown kowtowing and addressing or replying to their Majesties on bended knees. Kowtowing has been a fruitful theme for discussion and controversy ever since the nations of the West first invaded the shores of the great central kingdom. Hitherto the question concerned only those who came from foreign lands on diplomatic or other missions. No one for a moment thought of suggesting that the kowtow was a degrading custom so far as the Chinese high officials themselves were concerned. The kowtow before the throne consisted in kneeling three times and touching the ground with the head thrice at each genuflection. Western diplomats and others in China have not been in the past unanimous in their opposition to the performance of the kowtow; but the British representatives from the first have consistently refused to submit to it. Lord Macartney, who arrived in China in 1793 as the head of the first British Embassy, when presenting his credentials would only consent to bend one knee in the presence of the Emperor. Over twenty years elapsed before the second British mission arrived in China. The question of the kowtow was again raised, and as a result of his refusal to perform the ceremony Lord Amherst was never officially received by the Emperor, who issued an imperial edict to the effect that the British Ambassador had not observed the rules of politeness in vogue in the Celestial Empire. The French Ambassador sent to China in 1844 received special instructions not to submit to the kowtow. These instructions, however, he ignored, as he held the opinion that Ambassadors must conduct themselves according to the usages of the court to which they were accredited. The whole question during the last half century has assumed an altogether different aspect. For over one hundred years prior to the establishment of permanent foreign legations in the Chinese capital in 1860 European representatives were not accorded an imperial audience. Since that date the kowtow has never been insisted upon.—North China Herald.

VEGETABLES.

Plant Life Found in Arctic Snows and in Hot Springs.

The more we become acquainted with the resources of nature as they are displayed in the vegetable kingdom we cannot fail to be deeply impressed with the far-reaching extremes that are made to illustrate plant life in its multitudinous forms and in the division of flowering plants we see a marvelous variety in range, abundance and characteristics. But it is in the flowerless plants where the great extremes are found. As to temperature, the many of the Arctic

WHAT ARE WATTS?

A Question Apt to Puzzle All But the Expert in Electricity.

In the world of electricity one hears a good deal about "watts," says the Washington Herald. The current is measured by watts, the machinery is rated by watts, lamps by watts. The man to whom we owe this symbol of power was John Watt, a Scotch inventor, and when the electric unit, involving the idea of working capacity, came to be formulated, the name of Watt was chosen to indicate this unit just as the name of Volta gave us the term volt, and Faraday, the farad. Watt considered that, taking the average, the London dray horse was capable of doing the work of lifting 33,000 pounds through one foot of distance in one minute of time. This introduction of the time limit, the minute, gave the unit of power or rate of performing work. This, or its equivalent, has since been called a horse-power. Electrical unit, called a watt, is capable of being represented in terms of the horse-power, and in that form it is, perhaps, most intelligible to those who are familiar with mechanical rather than with electrical expressions. The electrical watt is the product of volts, multiplied by amperes, where the volt is the unit of electrical pressure, and the ampere is the unit of measuring the density of volume of an electrical current. Experiments have demonstrated that 746 watts per second are equal to 550 foot pounds per second, or, to state the equation in its usual form, 746 watts equals one horse-power. The form in which electrical power is generally sold is computed on the basis of kilowatt hours. The prefix kilo comes from the Greek (Chilo, 1,000), kilowatt is therefore, 1,000 watts. The kilowatt hour is the performance of work at such a rate that 1,000 watts per second shall be delivered continuously, for sixty seconds.

ENGLISH BOYS TO-DAY.

Fear That They Are Degernerating Into Unintelligence.

Ninety per cent. of our schoolboys are being educated to present a deplorable smoothness of mental surface, very soon they will show an equally monotonous sameness of physical build. Now what is the outcome of all this undue constraint on an ad's character? There is reason to suppose that its effect is one of compression on the mind; as regards its result on the disposition, it is necessary to speak with caution. It is perhaps impossible accurately to sum up the average characteristics of the average product of our athletic school system; but, broadly speaking, such a boy may be described as an incarnate hurricane; for his existence is a continuous banging about, he is naturally impatient with everything out of keeping with his own robust being, is intolerant of anything purely literary or artistic, treats with contempt (thanks to the precept and example of his directors) all "non-sportsmen" and, when he has reached sixth form status, confines his literary studies out of school hours to certain gaudy weeklies and one or two "muscular" monthlies. He has a fluent command of language which is not English, is apt to be rough in manner, and is by no means free from what the moralists call viciousness. On the other hand, he is not without some good qualities—notably a certain bluff straightforwardness arising in part from his steady obedience to the sporting maxim of "fair play" and in part from his usual want of mental depth; he shows in his quieter moments a patronizing consideration for his weaker brethren, and now and then there peep out traits of character which tell us that, given a happier training, he might not have made his life incessantly rotate round a center of muscle unaffected by other worthier centers. In fact, there is every sign that many of our boys are degenerating into an unintelligent animalism.—From the Westminster Review.

AN IDEAL RUMOR IS REALLY ABOUT THE MOST INDUSTRIOUS THING IN THE WORLD.

It is better to take time by the forelock than to jump at conclusions.

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PRAISE FOR LONDON CLUB.

Memsic Camping on Trail of Battling Nelson.

Jeckey Mountain Rode Four Winners Yesterday—St. Catharines Enters a Team in the O. H. A.—Martin Road Race.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—Ben Vickery, well known to Philadelphia sporting men, has returned from England. He went to England for the purpose of taking a short vacation and also incidentally to take in the Burns-Moir fight. He was the guest of Burns at the National Sporting Club and was enabled to witness the contest. He had several bets that the Canadian would win, but he states that he had to give odds of 2 to 1 and that there was no truth in the published statements that odds were 10 to 8 in Moir's favor, Burns being the favorite at all times. But he seemed well satisfied, as he won enough to more than cover the expenses of the trip. Vickery is loud in his praise of the manner in which the few Americans present were treated by the Englishmen, and in an interview said: "The National Sporting Club is the finest place in the world for the holding of this kind of sport, and the way in which the fighting is conducted by the managers is far superior in some respects to that of this country. "I happened to be a guest at the Hotel Bedford, Southampton, and was in daily conversation with Burns, who was also stopping at the same place. In a chat with him the evening before my departure for this side, he said: 'Tell all my friends that the first thing I shall do on my arrival in the United States will be to go after Jack Johnson, the colored man, who has been acting for a chance to meet me for some time.'"

up to-day over a story that was sent out by a correspondent, in which he was quoted as saying that entries would be accepted from "Boots" Durnell, and that the action of the Jockey Club would not affect his standing there. Mr. Winn, on the contrary, said: "All rulings of the Jockey Club will be respected by both the Fair Grounds and City Park officials, and I may add, by every track in the west. If Durnell is not good enough to race in the east or in California, he will not be permitted to race here." It is understood that Durnell wired asking if he could race his horses at the New Orleans tracks.

CRICKET IN ENGLAND. Method of Play for County Honors May be Changed.

It is proposed in England to alter somewhat the method of playing for county cricket honors, and a championship scheme has been submitted to the cricket committee of the M. C. C. to the effect that the first-class counties be limited to twelve, and each be obliged to play home and home matches with the others. That after 1908 the four counties at the bottom of division 1 be relegated to division 2, and take the place of the four second elevens of re-organized counties. In other respects, the second-class competition be conducted as in 1907. That each season, commencing at the end of 1909, the two leading counties in division 2 be promoted to division 1, and take the places of the two counties at the bottom of division 1.

BIG SCORES IN A QUANDARY. Ottawa A. A. C. Asked to Stand by Rugby Players.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—The O. A. A. C. meeting called for last night to decide whether the club would expel certain players at the request of the C. A. A. U. under pain of suspension, did not materialize. It will be held later on. However, a petition is being circulated among the members asking whether they are willing to stand by the Rugby men affected, and thereby defy the C. A. A. U. or whether they will bow to the union and turn out Ryan, Church, Disney, Kilt, Williams and others. It is likely the members will refuse to do this, and it is promised, in the event of their refusal, that several bodies now in the Federation will stand by the O. A. A. U. and, by joining the club, strengthen its position. Should this carry, only Ottawa College and the Civil Service will be the C. A. A. U. organizations in Ottawa outside the Y. M. C. A.

IN THE TEST GAME. Winnipeg Hockey Team Left the Ice Last Evening.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 20.—The test game last evening between the Maple Leafs and the Winnipeg team for admission to the Manitoba Hockey League, resulted in a victory for the Maple Leafs by the score of 7 to 4, on account of Winnipeg leaving the ice shortly after half-time on account of roughness on the part of the Maple Leafs, which disgusted the large audience, and which will, if continued, kill hockey in the west. The game was fast and exciting while it lasted, but it was marred by numerous delays due to roughness of play. Several men were carried from the ice.

ST. KITTS IS IN. St. Catharines Applied Yesterday for Permission to Enter a Team in the In-

WILL WALTER KNOX BE REINSTATED BY C. A. A. U?

Toronto News:—To Walter Knox a member of the Canadian Olympic team next year in England is the fond wish of thousands of lovers of athletics in Canada and there is just a bare chance that their wishes may be realized. Knox arrived in the city yesterday and will stay here for a few days before going to his home in Orillia, where he will spend Christmas. He then expects to take up his home in Toronto and retire permanently from athletics unless the C. A. A. U. reinstates him, thus losing to Canada perhaps the greatest all round athlete ever produced in the Dominion. Knox, since his disqualification by the C. A. A. U., has spent most of his time in Port Arthur and has obtained almost wholly from athletics for several months past. He has hopes of reinstatement by the governing union and will apply at once for a re-hearing in the hope that he may be able to induce the governors to take a lenient view or his case. That the Orillia boy is sincere in his desire to secure a restoration of his amateur status and is willing to make every sacrifice if he is allowed to return

intermediate series of the O. H. A. They will likely be played in the district with Toronto A. A. C. and Beamsville. The St. Kitts' application was delayed because of the fact that the rink was being used for roller skating, and the hockeyists did not know whether or not it would be flooded.

MEMSIC PERSISTS. Camps on Trial of Great Battling Nelson.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 20.—George Memsic, who is camping on the trail of Nelson, has written an open letter in which he agrees to fight the Dane at 144 pounds ringside. He also offers Nelson his choice from any one of five referees who are named, and declares that he will post a forfeit to bind his agreement and that a \$5,000 side bet can stand if the Dane declines to accept. Memsic offers a clean-cut proposition concerning everything in hopes that he will secure a match. Memsic offers these rules: "All rulings of the Eddie Groney, Jack Walsh, Eddie Smith, Sam Berger or Phil Ward.

"CHIEF" MONTOUR AT BUFFALO.

Buffalo, Dec. 20.—To-night at the Lafayette Theater Chief Montour, the Indian wrestler, will wrestle Otto Roehm, the former A. A. U. champion, in a match which will be held on Monday night the men wrestled forty-five minutes without a fall and the referee, mistaking a foul, decided in favor of Roehm, but the Indian was so incensed that he grasped his opponent and wanted to continue the bout after the curtain had fallen amid great excitement.

ROAD RACE. Hamilton Runners will be Interested in the Martie Electric Road Race which will be held in St. Catharines New Year's Day.

Hamilton runners will be interested in the Martie Electric Road Race which will be held in St. Catharines New Year's Day. The entries close on Dec. 20th. For the benefit of Hamilton runners intending to participate, entry blanks for their use can be procured at Carroll's cigar store or may be had on application to the secretary at St. Catharines. A greater entry list than heretofore is expected. Hamilton contestants in the Christmas Day race will have no trouble in keeping in condition a week longer for the St. Catharines race. John Smith, Caroline street, endeavored to enter in the Junior event in St. Catharines, but the Junior race is already St. Catharines affair.

DRILL STRUCK CHARGE. Evare Hasen, a Norwegian, Fatally Injured at Cobalt.

Cobalt, Dec. 19.—Yesterday afternoon Evare Hasen, partner of E. A. Aselstine, contractor, while sinking a shaft on the property of the Youngstown Cobalt Silver Mining Co., close to Sassaugan Lake, at a depth of 75 feet, met with a fatal accident. It seems Hasen, with two assistants, was working in the bottom of the shaft and had blasted round holes and begun drilling into one of the holes which had been blasted. Apparently some powder had been frozen in the bottom of the hole and was exploded by hammering on the drill. The two men who were with Hasen were uninjured. Hasen received serious abdominal injuries and his right hand was badly lacerated. The injured man was removed to the Red Cross Hospital, where he was attended by Dr. McLaren, who had dressed the abdominal injury and was dressing the hand when death came. Deceased was aged 32, unmarried, and a Norwegian by birth.

TUNNEL FOREMAN KILLED. Dynamite Explosion on National Transcontinental Near Kenora.

Kenora, Dec. 19.—Yesterday afternoon a fatal dynamite explosion occurred at Dutton & McArthur's camp, No. 5, about twenty miles north of here, on the Transcontinental Railway. J. Duffy, employed as tunnel foreman, was taking the tamping out of a loaded hole when the explosion occurred, and a considerable distance and killing him instantly. He was 26 years old and came from the United States about a year ago. No one else was injured. Dr. Chapman will hold an inquest.

AN ENGINEER'S PLUCK. Brought Fast Train Into Station, Though Dying Himself.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 19.—Engineer Frank Krug, fifty years old, of Buffalo, N. Y., though ill and faint, stayed at his throttle till he brought his fast Lake Shore train safely into Collinwood yards this afternoon. Then he stepped from his cab and in a few minutes was dead. Krug was in his usual health when he took his train out of Buffalo. His illness came after the train had left Erie. The engineer had hardly strength enough to lower himself from the cab at Collinwood.

The Methodist Court of Appeal has upheld the decision disbanding Rev. Dr. Workman from the Wesleyan Theological College.

Comment and Chat

The Irish-Canadians of Toronto now recognize a Creed.

The annual banquet of the Hamilton Football Club to-night will start at 8 o'clock.

Later reports of the Burns-Moir battle in London indicate that Tommy Burns was not hit by the National Sporting Club members when he was patriotically trying to tell them he was a Canadian. Tommy was not thinking of home and mother at that moment at all, but of a little side bet he had on the fight and the crowd somehow got it into their heads that he doubted their ability to put up the purse if he won, but they did the goose act. But a man of many parts is Tommy.

Here's a pretty good limerick from the Toronto Star: There's an Irish athlete named Creed, Who's known wherever they read, Jumped clear across the sea Without price or fee, And now at Tom Flanagan's he'll feed.

Very grudgingly is the admission ever made by writers in the United States magazines that anything good in the way of competitive sport ever comes out of Canada. At our own special pastimes, and at practically everything else that calls for severe and sustained effort the people who live north of the great lakes are superior to those of the territory to the south. Particularly is this so in the strenuous sport of rowing, which, whether amateur or professional, we have always dominated on this continent. Though our population is small and scattered over a vast expanse of territory, and rowing can be practiced with comfort or pleasure during only a portion of the year, the professional sculling championship has been ours since Edward Hanlan assumed it at the Centennial Exhibition, and even before that time Walter Brown and the men of Hallifax and St. John were the masters of anybody in the United States.—Toronto Globe.

FOUND DEAD IN THE HOUSE. J. E. Caron's Decomposing Body Discovers by a Neighbor.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—J. E. Caron, merchant tailor, was found dead in his home, Longueuil, early to-day. The discovery was made by a next door neighbor named Mr. Tison. Not having noticed the deceased about for some days he thought he was out of town. To-day when he noticed an odor emanating from the house, he decided to force the door, and was shocked to find Mr. Caron dead, and his body in an advanced state of decomposition. The coroner found that death was due to natural causes.

CANNOT FULFIL CONDITIONS. The Endowments for Masses to be Annulled in France.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The bill of M. Briand, Minister of Education, regulating the disposition of church property, reached one of its crucial points in the Chamber of Deputies this evening, when article 14 was reached. This article annuls endowments for the saying of masses, on the ground that the State, department or commune is unable to fulfill the conditions attached to such endowments. The Chamber, by a vote of 373 to 180, showed its opinion by refusing to suppress the article.

LION TURNS. Attacks Trainer, Inflicting Fatal Injuries—Torn to Pieces.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 19.—Alfred Clarke, trainer with Ferris' wild animal show at Idlewood Park, was attacked to-night by Sutton, one of the most ferocious lions in the collection, sustaining such injuries that he will die. The lion attacked the trainer when the latter entered its cage before the performance. Clarke, fighting desperately, was hurled to the floor of the cage and was literally torn to pieces. The lion was subdued only after fifteen shots had been fired in his face.

TWENTY-FIVE KILLED. Military Powder Magazine Blew Up at Palermo Sicily.

Palermo, Dec. 19.—A terrific explosion occurred this evening in the military powder magazine, where a large quantity of dynamite was stored, and was followed by a number of lesser explosions, the whole town being badly shaken and the people thrown into a panic. Almost immediately flames shot high in the air and spread to the ruins of houses that had fallen, adding greatly to the terror of those who were in the immediate neighborhood of the disaster. It is estimated that about twenty-five persons were killed and a hundred others injured. Wild rumors followed fast upon the explosion, placing the numbers of killed and wounded into the thousands, and troops were ordered out to aid the firemen in clearing away the wreck and stitching the wounded. Several houses collapsed, and their destruction was completed by the fire.

Thomas Bailey, for highway robbery, was at Toronto yesterday sent to Kingston Penitentiary for four years.

Mrs. McTavish, wife of Rev. Dr. McTavish, is lying very ill in a Baltimore hospital, where an operation was performed.

That married women baving property in their own name should have votes was decided by the Legislative Committee of the Toronto City Council.

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VICTIMS OF THE STARRING BEE. Actresses Whose Ambition Brings Misfortune. The recent death of an actress who had been attempting to continue her career as a star had a deeper significance for those who understood theatrical conditions than for the general public. She was a victim of the desire to be a star which has led many actresses into misfortune. There are many different kinds of stars, said a manager to a Sun reporter. "Just because a man or a woman has his or her name in big letters on a trace sheet it does not mean that the well known manager who is mentioned as presiding this person is paying the bills. Not long ago a manager who has a reputation for discerning new talent announced that he had decided to make a star of a young woman who had acted two seasons but had had no particular success, although her talent was generally recognized. Accordingly she started out in a production which had been used for one season by another star in the employ of the manager. When the actress need not have looked employment during that or any other season. She could have found a good position although she could not have been a star. Her ambition to achieve that position had been a great deal more comfortable than she was bargaining through the country. But the starring bee had stung her and she was poisoned." Essence of Lemon. In making oil of lemon, one man takes a lemon in his hand and with three rapid strokes with a large knife cuts off nearly all the peel in three slices. The central position which is left consists of most of the pulp with a little of the peel, top and bottom. This is simply pressed for making lemon juice. The slices pass to a second workman, who sits on a low chair with an ordinary common quality bath sponge. With the other he presses the slice of peel against the orange, pressing the edge of the peel as nearly flat as possible. One man can extract about two pounds essence per day. To insure the cells being fully charged with moisture, it is usual to allow the lemons to stand in water for a short time.



Evening Dress Clothes for Stout Men I am showing this week some fine Evening Dress Clothes for men of all physique types, but I particularly wish to emphasize the sizes, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44, which are designed for stout gentlemen. Dress Suits \$25 and \$30 Tuxedo Coats \$20 Frock Coats \$20 and \$25 It is in dress for formal occasions that the Semi-ready Tailoring gives its best demonstration of superiority. Semi-Ready Wardrobe J. McClung, Proprietor, 46 James Street North The Saskatchewan Government will appeal against the exemption of the C. P. R. in that Province.

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THE GREAT MINE HORROR NEAR JACOBS CREEK.

Only One Man Escaped of All Who Went Down Into Darr Mine Yesterday—Many Celebrated St. Nicholas Day at Church, or Death List Would Have Been Greater.

Jacobs Creek, Pa., Dec. 19.—An explosion of gas in the Darr mine of the Lehigh Coal Company, located here, today entombed between 200 and 250 miners, and there is scarcely a ray of hope that a single one of them will be taken from the mine alive. Partially rescued survivors in the vicinity of the mine and the condition of the few bodies found daily in the rescue work indicate the exposure of such terrible force that it is almost impossible that anyone could have survived. All of the 10 bodies taken out up to this time are terribly mangled, and none of them are recognizable.

This is the third mine disaster since the start of the month in the veins of the Lehigh coal company, located here, today entombed between 200 and 250 miners, and there is scarcely a ray of hope that a single one of them will be taken from the mine alive. Partially rescued survivors in the vicinity of the mine and the condition of the few bodies found daily in the rescue work indicate the exposure of such terrible force that it is almost impossible that anyone could have survived. All of the 10 bodies taken out up to this time are terribly mangled, and none of them are recognizable.

The coal mines of the United States are killing three times as many men per 1,000 employed as those of most European countries. In the last seventeen years 22,800 men have given up their lives in the mines in the United States. The number of fatalities each year is now double that of the year 1895.

Deaths of Previous Disasters.

Mine accident at Courrières, France, March 10, 1906	1,060
General Slocum wreck and fire	958
San Francisco disaster, estimated	800
Froquois Theatre fire, Chicago	281
Died in battle in war with Spain	46
Mine accident, Hartley, England, January, 1862	202
Mine accident, Schofield, Utah	200
Railroad accident at Mexico City, February, 1905	140
Chicago Bazaar fire, Paris, 1887	130
Mine disaster at Fairmont, west Virginia	500
Quebec bridge disaster	75

UNDER BULLION CAR.

St. John Youth Charged With Attempted Robbery at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—Charged with making a daring attempt to rob a car on the Buffalo express containing \$60,000 in gold bullion while the train was standing in the Reading terminal last night, William A. Hewitt was to-day held in heavy bail for a further hearing.

The alleged robbery was discovered quite by accident. A yard man while at work on a track adjoining the one on which the express train stood heard a peculiar grating noise, and on investigation discovered Hewitt under the bullion car at work with a saw on a gas pipe. The yardman gave the alarm, and Hewitt was pursued through the station and caught before he could escape in the crowd of Christmas shoppers on the street.

Hewitt, who is twenty-one years old, gives the impression of a man of education and refinement who had adopted desperate methods to secure funds. He was unarmed, and had but fifteen cents. The young man has a mother living at St. John. Recently he had charge of the billiard room of a local hotel, and worked at the Somerset Club in Boston.

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THAW WILL PLEAD INSANITY.

Prisoner Will Probably be Sent to Mattawan Asylum.

New York, Dec. 19.—The second trial of Harry K. Thaw for the murder of Stanford White, set for Jan. 6, will be cut short by admission on the part of the defence that Thaw was insane when he shot White, and that he is insane now and has been insane from birth.

A man connected with the case, and close to Thaw's new counsel, said today: "Personally I believe Thaw to be absolutely crazy. The second trial will be much shorter than the first."

Thaw's lawyer expects to reach an agreement with the district attorney, by which his prisoner will be sent to Mattawan Asylum for the Insane. This step probably will be taken as soon as the jury is chosen and before the taking of evidence is begun.

It is said Thaw's wife may spring another surprise at the next trial.

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HONOR ROLLS OF SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

The Separate Schools of the city closed for the Christmas holidays to-day. The honor rolls will be found below:

Special prizes for English composition were awarded to Mary Tshann, M. O'Connor, K. Nelligan, R. Fitzgerald, Martha Trojan, L. Hundy, Josephine Morrissey, Matthew Flynn, Wm. Blatz, Luke Donlay, Leonard Shaw.

For Latin, Wm. Blatz, Frank Land.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL.

Senior Commercial—Louis Arland, Herman Badaeu, Leo Beaudoin, Donald Campbell, Joseph Donovan, Matthew Flynn, Albert Ford, Francis Fee, Edward Harmon, Joseph Hanrahan, Daniel Hunter, John Kennedy, Austin Laing, William Marriott, Harry Murray, Walter Nihil, Daniel Phelan, Clifford Quirk, Harry Shields, Thomas Wright.

Junior Commercial—Wilhelm Blatz, Stanley Wells, George Grady, Walter Martin, Daniel Shields, Harry O'Brien, Edward Regan, Raymond McEtrick, Thomas Daly, Leo Golden, Edward Krane, Frank Somerville, Leo Keane, Ambrose Gurry, Arthur O'Brien, Willie Cummings, Willie Rooney, Charles Zhoemis, Sheridan Smith, Frank Land, Patrick Sullivan, Norman Badaeu, John Boswell, Joseph McKenna, Charles Gardner, Guss Cleary, Matthew Hayes, Robert McDermott, Charles Baskie, Ferdinand Clochey, John Harmon.

Fourth form—William Perry, Thomas Connor, Joseph Badaeu, Albert Solobas, Edward Duffy, Ernest Langway, Joseph Murphy, Luke Donlay, Leonard Shaw, Robert Anderson, Francis O'Connor, Willie Brick, Louis Lardie, Fred Mahony, Joseph Hughes, George Nelligan, Robert Kirk, Edward Hayes, Joseph Hyslop, Leo Long, John Maloney, Vincent Harper, Willie Dwyer.

ST. ANN'S SCHOOL.

Third form—Mona Barton, Burnice Roolofson, Kathleen Murphy, Sarah O'Brien, Susie Flynn, Marian Allan, Margaret Beaudoin, Rose Bulmer, Marie Lavis, Lillian Flynn, Mary Distefan, Mary Maloney, Edith Freeth, Jessie McKeown, Josephine Goodwin, Bernice Reding, Beatrice Foley, Mary Grove, Myrtle Douglas, Carrie Sidle, Geraldine Phoenix, Marie Cherriere, Clara Mahoney, Mary Bradd, Thelma Carson, Viola Liston, Bessie O'Brien, Edna LeBlanc, Annie Edwards, Edna Williams, Agnes Mowatt, Gertrude Farr, Myrtle Sullivan, Edna Harper, Mary Reding, Courtney Dennis, Ruth McMaster, Evelyn Strible, Clara Kennedy, Jennie Kirkpatrick, Carmelina Cipolla, Mary Sanzone, Genevieve Rodgers.

Second form—Marie Fell, Ella Badaeu, Olive Parr, Mary Kappel, Mary Hinchey, Irene Gribben, Marian Hishon, Teresa O'Connor, Mary McBride, Ella Freeth, Agnes Fowl, Katie Hinds, Mary Jeffery, Sarah Goodwin, Helena Furlong, Rose Bernhardt, Ella Kirk, Elizabeth Clifton, Katie Sullivan, Irene Kelly, Mary Faundie, Alma Liston, Gertrude Sullivan, Marguerite Cherriere, Freida Protich, Katie Kennedy, Agnes Thompson, Annie England, Edna Harper, Mary Red, Katie Wilvert, Eleanor Power, Sophie Anderson, Mary Perry, Mary Kennedy, Marguerite McNeill, Mary Clarkson, Florence Hennessey, Mary Kelly, Mary Paton.

ST. YAWRENCE SCHOOL.

Fourth form—Annie Monte, Olivine Venator, Elsie Kavanagh, Sara Kinella, Lizzie Mundy, Sara Madigan, Gertrude Mahoney, Teresa Fleming, Marie Dowd, Katie Gruener, Harry O'Brien, Edith Dutton, Virginia Carroll, James Murphy, Vincent O'Toole, Lawrence Thomas, James Mulvale.

Senior third form—Aileen Burns, Irene McMahon, Maggie Dunn, Rosal McEtrick, Agnes Fleming, Annie Flaherty, Edith Mannix, E. Stone, J. Greener, T. Dwyer, J. O'Dowd, M. Mahony, M. Mulvale, M. Saunders, L. Curry, J. Jackson, O. Walton, M. Murphy, L. Stone, J. Kennedy, M. Sullivan, W. Kinella, E. Drolot, M. Gray, S. Crofton, A. Ambrose, D. Gallagher, A. Guitar, N. Kelley, J. Worron, L. Valle.

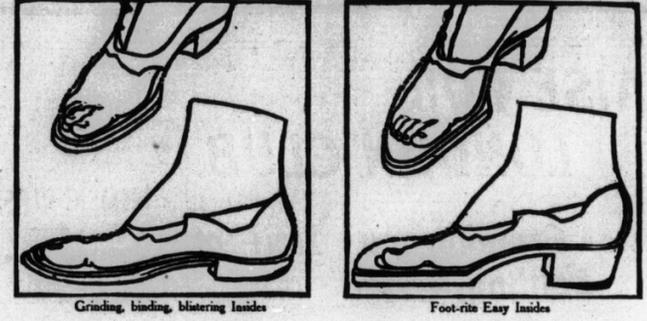
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ST. THOMAS SCHOOL.

Fourth—Gordon Filgiano, Leo Makinson, William Filgiano, Leon Osier, Lloyd Kelly, Anthony Tegler, Elmer Kelly, Elmer Rogers, Percy Gaynor, Henry Redman, Elton Downes, Gertrude La-

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Second—Alfred Bourque, Francis McGarity, John Morrison, Brumie Ratkinsey, Dorsey Wilson, Lawrence O'Grady, Kibler Kieker, Francis Schott, Andrew Kieker, Aloysius Pickering, Harold Walsh, Donald McDonald, Irene Haley, Clara Christie, Marguerite McKenna, Vera Lagarie, Rose Gallagher, Kathleen Gallagher, Tessie Dittrecks, Viola Tracy, Beatrice Lamond, Margaret Hattrig, Viola Bieker, Mary Raven, Christina Phyllis Costigan.

Part second—Lloyd Osier, Willie Jamieson, John Upper, Francis Launders, John Gordon, John McGough, Norman Murphy, Charlie Baldwin, Leo Carte, John Kenny, Edward McGarity, Eddie Curry, Willie Taylor, John Chosie, George Sells, Christie Lapher Schott, Marguerite Filgiano, Cecil Brown, Annie Sell, Mary O'Shaughnessy, Mrs. Agnes Carter, Helen Lardie, Helen Hishon, Edna Duffy, Gladys Smallwood, Phyllis Costigan.

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ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL.

Fourth—Mary Flynn, Katie Nolan, Maggie Joyce, Katie O'Reilly, Mary Scannlan, Annie Russell, Wilfred Duffy, Willie Russell, Rose, Boyle, Pearl Quinlan, Agnes Visheau, Edward McNulty, James Cheeseman, Elmer Moshier, Roy Cutler, John Keenikie.

Third form—Leslie Cutler, Willie Murphy, Clement Scanlan, Charles Colton, Ruth McCowell, Myrtle Cutler, John Laaha, Joseph Nolan, Richard Simpson, Robert Simpson, Eveline Hempstock, Pearl Hempstock, Nellie Joyce, Edna Foley, George Quinlan, John Fitzgerald.

Second form—Annie Joyce, Katie Foley, Francis Maloney, John Eyd, Wilfred Theoral, Kathleen Eustace, Vere Meehan, Beatrice McCowley, Margaret Russell, Milton Somerville, Fred Laaha, Grace McNulty, William Maloney, Elizabeth Salisbury, Bernard Smith, Dorothy Fitzgerald, Bernice Tierney.

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BARRIE MAN KILLED.

Joseph H. Moss, Car Repairer, Steps in Front of Engine.

Barrie, Dec. 10.—Joseph H. Moss, a car repairer, 24 years of age, and a married man, was killed here about midnight by a yard engine when about to board another train which was being made up.

One of the train crew saw his danger and shouted out. Evidently he did not hear, as he stepped in front of the engine. He was so severely injured that he died in three hours after reaching the hospital.

Both parents and his young widow reside here.

Lord Middleton Coming.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Viscount Middleton, better known in English political life as Mr. Brodriek, War Secretary in the Balfour Ministry, is coming to Ottawa. Viscount Middleton leaves Liverpool tomorrow, with Lady Middleton and Hon. Cyril Brodriek, on a visit to their Excellencies.

Wants to be Left Alone.

London, Dec. 18.—Dr. Carman writes the Methodist Recorder, referring to R. W. Perks and denying that the Church Union movement in Canada is due to economic causes. Dr. Carman asks the leaders of English Methodism to leave Canadians alone in the matter of union, as did the parent stock twenty-five years ago.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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WESTOVER

It is confidently expected that great good will be done. The meetings close on Sunday, the 22nd.

Mr. Fiddling spent Friday with his son Alton.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Potts recently moved into the late George Munn's house.

Mrs. Christopher Almas, of this place, is the guest of her daughter at present.

Several from here attended a party on Tuesday evening at Mr. R. Malinin's, at Hatchley.

Mrs. William Almas and son are at present spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. George Mason, of Brantford.

Mr. Horace Fenton, of Hamilton, is spending a few days with friends in Kelvin.

Mr. Arthur Almas is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Williams, of Fairfield, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Almas one day this week.

MERRITT SETTLEMENT

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SMITHVILLE

Camp's School Literary Society held its first meeting on Friday evening last. Mr. J. M. Middaugh occupied the chair, and Mr. Rodgers acted as critic for the evening. The debate was, "Resolved, that country life is preferable to city life," affirmed by Mr. Abram Erb and Miss Lily Huetner, and denied by Miss Cynthia Krick and Mr. Charles Frisbaw. The decision of the debate was given as a tie. The following programme was rendered: Gramophone selection, Mr. Smith; recitation, Miss Cynthia Krick; gramophone selection; reading, Master Ernie Grant; recitation, Mr. Delman Lane; gramophone selection; recitation, Miss Myrtle Krick. The next meeting will be held on Saturday evening next, Dec. 21, instead of Friday evening, Dec. 20, owing to other entertainments on Friday evening.

Mr. E. E. Code, Inspector of the Union Bank of Canada, visited the Smithville and Fenwick branches, that are under the management of G. Moffat, and expressed himself as highly pleased with the manner in which the business was conducted, and with the condition of the bank generally.

On Wednesday evening last a good audience were present to listen to a fine address by Rev. F. D. Roxborough on his visit to the Kingston Penitentiary, which was full of information, and was much enjoyed by all.

At the communion at the Presbyterian Church on Sabbath the individual communion cups presented to the church by the Y. P. S. C. E. were first used, and are a great improvement on the old way.

A session of the Third Division Court for Lincoln was held here before Judge Carman on Wednesday, when eight suits were tried. The counsel present were Messrs. Pettit, of Welland, Carpenter, of Hamilton, and Shipman, of Smithville.

MILLGROVE

Quite a number of young people from this vicinity enjoyed the dance held at Carroll's on Thursday evening of last week.

Miss Irene Markle paid a flying visit to Miss Alma Tufgar last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and son, Alfred, sailed for England on Wednesday last for a two months' visit.

Mrs. E. W. Tufgar, Mrs. Wm. Tufgar and Mrs. J. Tufgar called to see the young daughter of Mrs. Walter Forester on Thursday.

Miss Alma Tufgar is able to be around again after a severe attack of grip.

Mr. Fred Thomas is keeping batch these days, no wonder he is doing so much driving.

The Xmas entertainment will be held on Monday evening, Dec. 23rd.

ATTERCLIFFE

Mr. Thos. Shirton is suffering from an attack of lumbago.

Mr. P. S. Cole is still overrun with work, paper hanging.

Mr. Andrew Somsalough is helping to build the new saw mill at Attercliffe station.

Mr. Robert Carter is making regular trips to Hamilton with butter, eggs and poultry, and is paying good prices.

Mr. Russell Nelson has about completed his house at Port Davidson, and expects to occupy it next week.

Mr. Joseph Harrington is at work for his son at the Smithville cheese factory. With municipal and local option a lively election on the 6th of January is expected.

VINELAND

Mr. Harold Fry spent Sunday with friends in Campden.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Albright, of Akron, N. Y., are spending a few days in this vicinity.

The new bakery is progressing nicely. Sleighing is quite good at present.

The funeral of the late Mrs. John Al-

THEY FOUGHT.

PERSONAL ENCOUNTER ON FLOOR OF HOUSE OF CONGRESS.

Representatives Williams, of Mississippi, and De Armond, of Missouri, Struck One Another Several Blows—Williams' Cheek Gashed.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Immediately after the House adjourned to-day Representative John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, and Representative DeArmond, of Missouri, became engaged in a personal encounter on the floor of the House. The men closed in and dealt each other several blows. So startled and so astounded were the members of the House and the officials that for a moment no one offered to interfere, and the leader of the minority and the member from Missouri lunged back and forth between the desks, both swaying wildly and each in apparent danger of going down.

Blood was flowing freely from a gash in Mr. Williams' cheek when Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Sinnett sprang upon them, grasped Mr. DeArmond and held him back, while representatives and attendants, following suit, effected a separation.

The trouble arose over a misunderstanding regarding a conversation of a week ago about some committee appointments.

A SPRIG OF HEATHER.

To my worthy friend, Bard and brother Mr. Wm. Murray, on receiving his annual address to the St. Andrew's Benevolent Society in Hamilton, Ont., and enclosing therewith a sprig of heather.

THE PAST: Thy tiny purple bloom Recalls the glowing yellow broom. Thy bells will ring in sweetest tones. When stalwart men wrought deeds sublime. Of fearless Bruce and Wallace might. Of Scottish spirit, at least, into all he writes. Tells of a faithful hunked band Who met at the heather took their stand. Thy ending in sweetest tones. Proved they were true whole-hearted men. Through these the memory fondly turns To Auld Lang Syne and Robert Burns. Thy purple bloom my being thrills. Oh, for a blink of Scotia's hills!

THE PRESENT gives a throb of pain As all those comes back again. Sweet emblem of a loving hand. In fellowship to greet, to count. We feel the heart that throbs to-day For those who may be far away. Love, friendship, brighten as we go And so we reap just as we sow. The purple bloom is here and now. Its fitting lesson to bestow. The heather bell will bloom again On brass and broad and brow. The present moment is our ain. "The next we never saw."

THE FUTURE firmly hangs on thee. Just what we are we still shall be. The heather bell will fall and grow And deck the hills with glory here. This little sprig so fresh and neat Sprang from a seed beneath our feet. And faithful to the end of years? God's plan is better understood. In man's eternal Brotherhood. And faithful close to me in thee An emblem of eternity.

Your truly,
JOHN McMASTER.
Wheeling, Dec. 14th, 1907.

TRouble AT THE R. M. C.

Cadets "Swiped" Stuff From One Another's Rooms.

Kingston, Dec. 9.—The offences for which the Commandant of the Royal Military College rusticated five cadets was apparently of a minor nature, but one which has to be given attention in a boarding academy like the Military College. The property of young men attending the college has to be protected, and when some of the cadets complained about their boxes being rifled an inquiry was at once instituted. The "swiping" of a cake from one box was a feature of the case. Money had been missed by more than one of the cadets, but the taking of this could not be proved against any of the unfortunate young men who had made merry with their comrades' edibles.

The evidence brought out some other irregularities. It is against the rules for the cadets to play cards in their rooms or about the college. Card-playing has been very prevalent, and it will now cease, special orders to that effect having been given.

The Commandant found the five cadets guilty of irregularities, and rusticated one for four months and the other four for one month each.

CRIPPLED IN MID-OCEAN.

British Steamer Cambrian at Sea With Broken Shaft.

London, Dec. 19.—The Cunard liner Laetitia, when in communication by wireless telegraph with Fastnet at 8:30 this evening, signalled that she had been in communication with the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Britain from St. John, N. B., for Liverpool, which reported that she had spoken with the British steamer Cambrian, bound from London for Philadelphia, in latitude 50, longitude 30, with shaft broken.

The British steamer William Gull, from New Orleans for Liverpool, was standing by and rendering all the assistance necessary.

The Cambrian left London Dec. 7, and was almost in mid-ocean when reported.

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CHARGE CHANGED.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Antonio Lambardo, an Italian, accused of attempted murder on Nov. 7, last, was this morning set up for trial on a charge of wounding, the evidence not being sufficient to warrant the more serious accusation. Both of Lambardo's victims recovered after several weeks in the hospital.

Don't butt in unless you are headstrong.

CAR KILLS CHILD.

RUNNING TO GREET HIS FATHER IS CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Motorman is Threatened—Harlem Has Series of Trolley Mishaps in Which Death and Serious Injury Are the Results.

New York, Dec. 19.—Three surface car accidents within five minutes in Harlem last night resulted in the death of a child, the probably fatal injury of one man, the serious injury of two others, and the pursuit of a motorman by a mob with threats of lynching.

Albert Clay, six years old, was returning with his mother to their home at No. 2431 Third avenue when at 11th street and Third avenue he saw his father approaching on the opposite side of the avenue. With a shout of greeting the boy ran toward his father into the crowded street.

Waiting until a northbound car had passed, the child ran behind it and directly in front of a southbound car, which was crowded to the doors. The motorman applied the emergency brake but the momentum of the car was so great that it struck the child with terrific force, throwing him forward on the track for some distance.

Before the car could be stopped it was upon the boy again and his body was wedged in the forward trucks. The passengers were thrown into excitement by the victim's screams and rushed to the street. Men gathered about the car and lifted it from the track, but were still unable to dislodge the boy.

Threats and curses were showered upon the motorman, whose name was given as Patrick Kelly. The crowd became bolder and began to throw sticks, stones and whatever came to hand. Kelly waited until the attack became dangerous and then fled. The crowd followed him down Third avenue for several blocks until he escaped through a basement in a side street.

A HAPPY SEQUEL.

OTTAWA GIRL WEDS MAN WHO SAVED HER LIFE.

She Was in Peril of Drowning—With Sister Was Swept Away by Waves—Young Operator Arrived in Nick of Time.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The romantic sequel to the heroic rescue of a young Ottawa lady from drowning by a Canadian Pacific Railway telegraph operator at Barnett, B. C., in the summer transpired last evening, when Rev. Robert Eddie united in marriage Miss Edith Olive Thompson, daughter of Edward Thompson, to Clement Young, of Barnett.

Nearly 12 months ago, Mr. Thompson and his daughters, Edith and Nellie, left for a visit to the Pacific. The young people were bathing, when the two girls were swept off their feet and were in immediate danger of drowning. The father rushed in to their aid, but, being unable to swim, he, too, was in serious difficulty, until Mr. Young came to the rescue. Although not by any means a good swimmer, the young fellow succeeded after several attempts in rescuing all three from the clutch of the receding waves. Mr. Young got his reward yesterday. On his way to the capital to be married, Mr. Young was a passenger on the train which plunged into the ditch at Angler, with fatal results to the engineer and fireman. Mr. Young took a lengthy turn at the telegraph instrument until the line was cleared.

OSCAR BURIED.

Late King of Sweden's Remains Laid at Rest.

Stockholm, Dec. 19.—The body of the late King Oscar of Sweden, who died Dec. 8, was interred at noon to-day in the Riddarholm Church, the burial place of Swedish Kings, with ceremony the simple impressiveness of which was accentuated by the widespread evidences of popular sorrow. Along the snow-covered route of the funeral procession thousands of people gathered and stood bareheaded in the biting cold during the passage of the hearse and the mourners. Every bell in the city tolled throughout the progress of the funeral. Black draperies and other emblems of mourning lunged from the front of the buildings facing the streets down which the funeral cortege passed, and both sides of the route of march were hedged with lines of troops.

The Archbishop of Stockholm officiated at the ceremony. The conclusion of the service was marked by a salute of forty-two guns and volley firing by a party of infantry.

CONCRETE ARCH.

Another Bridge Catastrophe Feared at New York.

New York, Dec. 19.—That the new Hudson Memorial bridge, planned to span the Spuyten Duyvil creek and to cost \$4,000,000, is liable to furnish New York with a bridge horror surpassing the recent disaster at Quebec, is the fear expressed by the Engineering News in its issue of to-day. Editorially the News says: "We do not say that the great structure could not be built if unlimited expenditure of time and money is permissible, or that, if built, it might not stand up. What we do say is that the accumulated knowledge and experience of the engineering profession is not now sufficient to build a concrete arch of 703 feet span with the assurance of safety that the public properly demands. In other words, the construction of the huge arch involves serious risk."

KELVIN'S BURIAL.

London, Dec. 19.—In accordance with the desire of the Royal Society, Lord Kelvin, who died two days ago, will be buried in Westminster Abbey. The last scientist to be buried in the Abbey was Charles Robert Darwin, who died in 1882. The funeral of Lord Kelvin will take place next Monday.

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Local Option Winks At Drink

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Local Option Profits The Few

Under local option, the man who profits is the keeper of the "blind pig," who sells adulterated stuff by stealth and contributes naught to the local revenues. Under license, the community benefits as a whole, for the liquor traffic is regulated, is taxed, and is conducted under the watch of the whole population, with all the restrictions that implies. Local option takes the traffic from the grip of the law and delivers it over to private greed.

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"BANK CLERKS' UNION."

Grievances Alleged, and There is Talk of Organization.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—There is talk of the formation of an organization of bank clerks at an early date, in fact it is said that the men who take care of the money in Toronto met recently at one of the big hotels and decided to band themselves in an association for mutual protection.

It has long been known that the bank clerks have nursed a number of grievances. The importation of young men from Scotland to take positions here has caused considerable feeling. Then there is the ever present dissatisfaction with the low rate of salaries, the minimum being \$200 a year, which goes only a short way toward meeting expenses. Objection is also taken to the cast iron rule prohibiting marriage unless with the consent of the bank management.

BIG WHEAT CONTRACT.
C. P. R. Will Ship a Million and a Half Bushels to Europe This Winter.

Fort William, Dec. 19.—Eastern lines of the Canadian Pacific Railway will be busy this winter. The C. P. R. have made a contract for the delivery of 1,500,000 bushels of grain to European markets this winter. The grain will be shipped via the all-rail route to St. John, where it will be taken to the old country as ballast in C. P. R. steamers. A large amount of grain is being shipped through here now.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST Homestead Regulations

ANY even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Provinces, excepting 5 and 25, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person the sole head of a family, or male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section, of 160 acres, more or less.

Application for homesteaded entry must be made in person by the applicant at a Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-agency. Entry by proxy may, however, be made at an Agency on certain conditions by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of an intending homesteader.

An application for entry or cancellation may personally at any Sub-agent's office may be filed to the Agent by the Sub-agent, at the expense of the applicant, and if the land applied for is vacant on receipt of the telegram such application is to have priority and the land will be held until the necessary papers to complete the transaction are received by mail.

In case of "pre-emption" or fraud the applicant will forfeit all priority of claim or if entry has been granted it will be summarily cancelled.

An application for cancellation must be made in person. The applicant must be eligible for homestead entry, and only one application for cancellation will be received from an individual until that application has been disposed of.

Where an entry is cancelled subsequent to a homesteaded entry, the applicant for cancellation will be entitled to prior right of entry.

Application for cancellation must state in what particular the homesteader is in default.

A homesteader whose entry is not the subject of cancellation proceedings, may, subject to the approval of the Minister, relinquish it in favour of father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister if eligible, but in no case, on filing declaration of abandonment.

DUTIES—A settler is required to perform the duties under one of the following plans:

- (1) At least 80 acres in extent, and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.
- (2) A homesteader may, if he so desires, perform the required residence duties by tilling on farming land owned solely by him, such land being not less than 80 acres in extent in the vicinity of his homestead. Joint ownership in land will not meet this requirement.
- (3) If the settler has eighty acres in extent, a homesteader may, if the father (if deceased) of a homesteader has previously resided on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty acres in extent, in the vicinity of the homestead, or if a homesteader entered by him in the vicinity, such homestead being performed in residence duties by living with the father (or mother).
- (4) The term "vicinity" in the two preceding paragraphs is defined as meaning not more than nine miles in a direct line, exclusive of road allowances crossed in the measurement.
- (5) A homesteader intending to perform his residence duties in accordance with the above conditions, and who owns or has an interest in land owned by himself must notify the Agent for the district of such intention.

Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, of his intention to do so.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTHWEST MINING REGULATIONS.

COAL—Coal mining rights may be leased for a period of twenty-one years at an annual rental of \$1 per acre. Not more than 2,500 acres shall be leased to one individual or company. A royalty at the rate of five cents per ton shall be collected on the merchantable coal mined, purchase the land at \$1 per acre.

QUARTZ—A person discovered mineral in place, or over, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,000 x 1,000 feet. The fee for recording a claim is \$5.

At least \$100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$200 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1 per acre.

The patent provides for the payment of a royalty of 2% per cent on the net proceeds of the mine. Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entrance fee, \$5; renewable yearly.

An applicant may obtain two leases to dredge for gold of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles. Rental \$10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of 2% per cent collected on the output after it exceeds \$10,000.

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DEFINITE OFFER OF RESPONSIBLE FIRM.

(Continued from page 1.)

Cataract offer figured out at, while the Hydro estimate was \$17.50. He said Mr. Hawkins figured out that on a meter basis the prices were nearly the same.

Mr. Hawkins said this was merely a power question and had nothing to do with transmission. People thought that to much a horse power per year was a very definite thing while it was exactly the reverse. "If you have so much horse power per hour you are perfectly sure you will get value for every dollar spent. Mr. Hawkins said that this was illustrated in letting contracts with ordinary power users. In almost every case starting out the customer said he knew what the kilowatt hour meant. The company put meters on all these and then rendered two accounts, as a comparison. "We have not a flat rate customer on our system now and we have them all from those who use power one hour to twenty-four hours," said Mr. Hawkins. "Buying by the flat rate you have to have enough for all emergencies, although you may not use 60 per cent of it. Under our offer you will have sufficient reserve all the time and yet will only pay for what you actually use."

Mr. Hawkins quoted statistics, showing how this worked out with some of the large power users and the result was certainly startling. "That shows plainly," he said, "that what seems most definite is really indefinite and vice versa." This was caused he explained by light loads, shut downs and times when the motors were not operating at all.

The city would find that the Cataract offer of \$35 would correspond to from \$45 to \$50 under the other words, the Hydro offer was bound to be higher to meet contingencies that might arise.

"Under our system," he declared, "when the goods are not delivered you cease paying. It is the only correct and fair system, and one that appeals to your power user. The other way of doing it is by men inexperienced who must have something to talk about, and who do not know enough about it to talk about the real substance of it."

This was illustrated, he said, in the street lighting arbitration where two of the engineers had admitted that they had not had any experience in operating plants.

Chairman Clark—Yes, I believe the more you hear about it the less you know about it.

Mr. Hawkins—To a certain extent. Ald. Wright—Is there any reason why the Hydro-Electric people should not put their price on the same basis? Mr. Hawkins—I do not know that there is. But I don't think that they can touch it.

Ald. Wright—How do you figure out that you can beat them? Mr. Hawkins—We have a less costly plant.

Mr. Hawkins made his position about the cost of the pumps quite clear. "I expect to make the cost of the pumps," he said, "There is no doubt about that. I could not make a present of them to the city; it would be against the law."

The company hoped that at the end of six years the city would be so pleased with the proposition that it would continue it and be a good customer, he said.

Chairman Clark—Suppose at the end of that time we wanted to change the cycle? Mr. Hawkins—All you would have to do is to change the motors.

Chairman Clark—That is an expensive item. Mr. Hawkins—But you will not be in any worse a position than to-day, for you will not be paying for the cost of the pumps.

Secretary James—We will on the power. Mr. Hawkins argued that the city would be only paying the interest. Mr. Barrow wanted to know if the company would install first-class pumps. Mr. Hawkins replied that it was figuring on the Worthington three-stage pumps, which Mr. Barrow admitted were first-class.

Ald. Farrar thought the matter should be dealt with along business lines. Referring to the Hydro proposition, he said: "There is a problem on which we will have to spend \$227,000 to bring it to an issue. We would be very foolish aldermen if we did not give this matter very serious attention. This antagonistic feeling toward the Cataract Power Company is dead."

Chairman Clark replied that he would make a business deal with his greatest enemy. "But," said he, "we have been hoodwinked and bamboozled by the connivance of some of our city officials with the members of the Cataract Power Company. There was no doubt that a by-law was fixed up after passing the Council which we could not make head or tail of."

Ald. Clark explained that this was not intended for the present officials of the company. "Our word is our bond with others," smiled Mr. Hawkins. "This is the only place where it is not our bond." The committee then adjourned, to hear the argument in favor of the Hydro scheme to-night.

Here, Gentlemen, Is the best proposition in well suits and overcoats it has been our pleasure to offer you 20 per cent less than regular price on any men's suit or overcoat in our clothes shop, for Saturday, Monday and Tuesday.

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TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

—Last special social session of the year at the Alexandra to-night.

—Mr. W. K. Pearce, manager of the Dominion Bank, of this city, was in St. Thomas yesterday.

—The Right House closes to-night at 6 o'clock. Open to-morrow night until 10 o'clock.

—Get out to the Right House early to-morrow morning and share in the wonderful Christmas bargains.

—Ninth Division Court was held at the Court House this morning. Mr. W. S. McBryne presiding as judge. There were about 25 cases on the list.

—In distributing your gifts at this Christmas season, do not forget the Aged Women's Home. Any gifts for the comfort of the inmates or contributions towards the work of this institution will be gratefully accepted.

—Donations of Christmas cheer for St. Peter's Infirmary may be sent to Fiebels, Hobson & Co., by whom they will be forwarded to the home. Friends will kindly send their contributions as early as possible.

—Ties gloves muffs umbrellas suspenders and things post office opposite

THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS.—Fresh to strong south-westerly winds; fair to-day and on Saturday; not much change in temperature.

The following is issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries: Temperature.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Locations include Calgary, Winnipeg, Parry Sound, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Father Point, Port Arthur.

WEATHER NOTES.

Pressure continues comparatively low over the northern portion of the continent, and high elsewhere. The weather has remained fair and moderately cold in Canada, with the exception of a few light local snow falls in the lake region.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Forecasts: Eastern States and Northern New York: Partly cloudy to-night and Saturday; light to fresh west winds.

Following is the temperature as registered at Parke & Parke's drug store:

9 a. m., 29; 12 noon, 34; 2 p. m., 36. Lowest in 24 hours, 19; highest, 36.

Markets and Finance.

Table with 3 columns: Commodity, Price, and Bid. Items include Buffalo, Clear Lake, Cognac, Foster, Green Mocha, Kerr Lake, Nipissing, Nova Scotia, Peterson Lake, Red Rock, Silver Leaf, Silver Bar, Silver Queen, Freshbery, University, Watts.

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Toronto, Dec. 20.—(Received by A. E. Carpenter.)

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Items include Banks, Dominion, Imperial, Nova Scotia, Sovereign, Traders, Twin City, Bell Telephone.

THE BRUNSWICK GERM AN LAGER ON DRAFT

Municipal Elections

A meeting of the electors of the City of Hamilton for the nomination of candidates for the Office of Mayor and Aldermen, will be held at the City Hall, Monday, Dec. 30th, 1907.

At 10 o'clock a. m. for the nomination of Mayor, and at 12 o'clock noon for the nomination of Aldermen.

Dec. 20th, 1907. A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER ONE will be held at Stinson street school, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number One.

WILLIAM ALLEN, Returning Officer. Dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907.

A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER TWO will be held at Queen Victoria school, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number Two.

JOHN MALLOY, Returning Officer. Dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907.

A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER THREE will be held at Carolina street school, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number Three.

JAMES BYRNE, Returning Officer. Dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907.

A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER FOUR will be held at Hess street school, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number Four.

BYRON RICHARDSON, Returning Officer. Dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907.

A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER FIVE will be held at Carolina street school, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number Five.

GUY JUDD, Returning Officer. Dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907.

A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER SIX will be held at Queen Victoria school, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number Six.

ALLEN LAND, Returning Officer. Dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907.

A meeting of the electors of WARD NUMBER SEVEN will be held at Victoria avenue school, Monday, 20th December, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates for the office of School Trustees for Ward Number Seven.

A. P. NICHOL, Returning Officer. Dated the 20th day of December, A. D. 1907.

Gift Hunters

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PUBLIC MEETING

A meeting of the citizens of Hamilton will be held in ASSOCIATION HALL ON Friday Evening, Dec. 20th

at 8 p. m. to discuss the electric power and light question. The Hon. Adam Beck and others interested will address the meeting. All citizens cordially invited to attend. T. J. STEWART, Mayor. Hamilton, Dec. 17th, 1907.

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MARRIAGES

DICKSON-WARD—At the home of the bride's parents, on Thursday, Dec. 12th, 1907, by the Rev. T. J. Mansell, assisted by the Rev. Richard Whiting, Evelyn Hannah, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ward to Samuel Archibald Dickson, of Edmonton, Alberta.

DEATHS

ROWAN—Died in New Orleans, on Tuesday December 17th, 1907, Martie Rowan, aged 29 years. Funeral on Saturday afternoon on arrival of Chicago express at 1:30, to St. Mary's Cathedral, thence to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

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By order of the Board of Directors, WM. C. HAWKINS, Secretary. December 13th, 1907.

Dominion Power & Transmission Co., Limited

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of 6% per annum on the outstanding preference stock and 2% per annum on the outstanding limited preference stock of the Company, has been declared for the half year ending December 31st, 1907, payable on the 15th of January, 1908, to shareholders of record on the books of the Company on 31st December, 1907. The transfer books will be closed from December 20th to December 31st, 1907, both days inclusive.

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