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Pontifical High Mass—Address and Purse Presented to Bishop LeBlanc—His Lordship's Reply—Large Gathering of Priests and Laymen.

ST. JOSEPH, N. B., Dec. 17.—There was a large gathering of Acadians from all parts of the country at St. Joseph's College to-day at the presentation of the Acadian testimonial to the Right Rev. E. A. LeBlanc, Bishop of St. John.

After the celebration of Pontifical High Mass, the following address, read by His Honor Mr. Justice Landry, and accompanied by a well-filled purse, was read:

To the Right Reverend E. A. LeBlanc, Bishop of St. John:

My Lord,—The Holy Scriptures relate that for centuries the chosen people of God awaited the Messiah, and when the prophecies were at last fulfilled there was great joy in Israel. Without wishing to push the analogy further, we can say that during long years the Acadian people desired to see one of their children in the hierarchy of the Catholic and Roman Church.

Permit, Your Lordship, all the Acadians of America to lay at your feet their homage and felicitation, as well as the expression of their joy and delight on the occasion of this first elevation of one of their own to the sublime dignity of the Episcopate. Some thought, no doubt in good faith, that this desire to have Acadian Bishops interested but a small number and an isolated group; the results have answered this. We wish no other proof than what Your Lordship wrote a priest shortly after your nomination, viz., "I never appreciated the intensity of the desire to have an Acadian Bishop. There were needed the events of the last few days to make me understand it. The numerous letters which I received from all parts of Canada abundantly prove it."

There is another proof, my Lord, which we cannot pass over in silence, viz., the consoling fact that from the most distant hamlets of Cape Breton to the confines of Louisiana, from the shores of the Atlantic to the Pacific slopes, have come to us from Acadians dispersed all over expressions of the happiness, the felicitations, and filial affection which we offer you to-day.

Casting a retrospective glance over certain epochs of our history, we find that no people in the world have suffered more to preserve its faith and remain faithful to the church than the Acadian people. That is why, in the light of history, we are to-day sur-named "the martyred people." Irish and Poles, our brothers in faith and persecution, have also had much to endure, and a great number were obliged to leave their country to escape persecution, but none of those peoples were violently wrenched from their friends and scattered to the four corners of the world, as was the Acadian people because it wished to remain Catholic and French.

To-day, we proclaim with delight that God has blessed our misfortunes, for we can truly say that despite persecution and exile, no people has had less defection from the faith than that of which you are the distinguished son. Practically, we have all remained Catholics. Our faith is a living faith, and has preserved its primitive qualities, even according to the admissions of those who have studied our religious physiognomy. For over three centuries our fidelity to the church and our filial attachment to the Holy See has not suffered any diminution. Let us forever bless God.

We dare to believe that it is to console us for the sufferings of our ancestors, the pioneers of faith and civilization in North America, that God and Mary, our patroness, have heard the prayers which every day ascended to heaven from Acadian hamlets asking to be admitted on a footing of equality with other races into the Episcopate. We are certain that it is in this aspect of our history which touched the paternal heart of the immortal Pius X., to whom we are directly indebted for the nomination of our first Acadian Bishop. Glory and love to the great Pope who to-day governs the church; we vow to him eternal gratitude. This act of paternal goodness will draw more

closely to him the hearts of his Acadian children; and our fidelity to the church and to the Holy See will be but more and more strengthened. Judging by the manifestations of warm felicitations which we have received from the whole of the North American continent, and by the intense joy which your elevation to the Episcopal See of St. John has awakened in all Acadian hearts, we have cherished the illusion that the whole of Acadia was your diocese; and so this universal joy has carried the conviction to our souls that your real diocesans must be considered happy to have you for their chief pastor.

How many things should we not have to say to you, my Lord. But yesterday we were simply a little group, humble, poor, resourceless, without influence in either church or state. This little group nevertheless has manifested its special character of vitality in its regular development, due to the conservation of our ancestral morals. It has found in its profound faith that strength of soul which consoles, elevates and fortifies. One of the fruits of this development was the foundation of the work of the Society of the Assumption by a few true patriots in the United States, who maintain in the classical courses of our Catholic colleges forty Acadian pupils. All the efforts of Acadian parents of the three provinces united do not do more to-day for the higher education of our children than the splendid working of these scholarships.

If then, my Lord, this little group, without resources, without influence, having for its ideal only its love for country, has been able to organize such a work for the good of education among us, cannot we inaugurate an era of prodigious prosperity under the protection of a devoted pastor of one of the most beautiful and richest dioceses of the Maritime Provinces, especially when this pastor is filled with the spirit of love and sympathy for his compatriots. St. Joseph's College, the hope of our race, your college now, my Lord, came at a providential moment to spread the beneficent and regenerating work of higher education in Acadia, and already a pleiad of valiant and zealous men have issued from this blessed institution and are laboring in the fields of action where God has called them for the development and advancement of their fellow-citizens. St. Joseph's College counts upon your sympathy for the continuation of its sublime work. Our primary schools will further progress, by the good counsels which you can impart to parents and by the encouragement which you can give to teachers. Under your inspiration our farmers will devote more time to the cultivation of the soil upon which they have been born, knowing that this very soil was the cradle and the tomb of their ancestors. Our convents, favored and patronized by Your Lordship, will redouble their efforts in works of devotion, charity and sacrifice. In a word, under your pastoral care, our population will take a marvellous flight towards the highest peaks of material progress, and for the expansion of Christian faith in their souls.

There is one institution to which we specially wish to direct your attention—that is the splendid building recently erected at Shediac, which has already received within its walls a goodly number of the unfortunate; those whom financial distress has left in indigence find succor and assistance in this house of God directed and maintained by charity. We recommend this work to your good will.

Permit us to assure Your Lordship that you can count upon our ardent patriotism, upon our profound faith and upon our filial submission, to second all your efforts in the discharge of your ministry; that you can count upon our entire approbation for whatever your paternal heart will do for the members of your flock of another language. You can count upon our joy even for whatever will contribute to increase their prestige and their influence. Under your wise direction

we desire to march hand in hand with them for the well being of the church. They have won our admiration and our gratitude by the grand demonstration and magnificent reception which they gave Your Lordship on your entry to your Episcopal city.

We will pray especially to the Star of the Sea, asking her to guide your steps in the way of justice and of charity towards all the national groups of the beautiful diocese confided to your care, in order that peace and harmony may reign among us, and that we may no longer have but one heart and soul. Accept then, my Lord, our most respectful homage, our most sincere felicitations and our most ardent good wishes. Our prayers each day will ascend, earnest and fervent, to the throne of God and Mary, that the years of your Episcopate may be happy, long and fruitful.

In conclusion, we respectfully ask Your Lordship to be pleased to accept the accompanying purse, the result of the modest offerings of thousands of Acadians—men, women and children—as well of the Maritime Provinces as of the rest of Canada and the United States. It is the obole of the poor, it is also the obole of love towards Your Lordship and of gratitude towards Pope Pius X., who has been graciously pleased to recompense our long fidelity to the church by giving us to-day for the first time in the annals of our history a great joy, of assisting at a fete whose end and object is to honor the first child of Acadia admitted to the sublime dignity of the Episcopate.

AD MULTOS ANNOS.

Signed on behalf of the Acadians.

P. A. LANDRY,

Judge of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick.

His Lordship made an appropriate reply.

Mgr. Richard, of Rogersville, preached the sermon at the Pontifical Mass celebrated by His Lordship.

DORCHESTER, N. B., Dec. 18.—Notwithstanding the adverse weather conditions the ceremonies in connection with the reception of His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc were carried out with becoming effect. On the arrival of the Bishop and his train at College Bridge on Monday, he was met by Rev. B. LeCavaller, President of St. Joseph's University, under the escort of a bodyguard, bearing lighted torches. The procession proceeded to the college. In the evening the formal reception was held in the Lefebvre Memorial Hall, a literary programme being rendered in French and English. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Father LeCavaller, on behalf of the members of the faculty, and by Messrs. Allen and Landry on behalf of the student body. In reply, His Lordship feelingly thanked all present for their heartfelt reception tendered him. Speaking to the students, he counselled them in the duties incumbent upon them while students and their obligations hereafter in their relations to church and state.

Yesterday solemn Pontifical Mass was celebrated in St. Thomas's church. Monsignor Richard delivered an eloquent address on the Acadian people, their trials and triumphs. Following the address of Monsignor Richard, Hon. Judge Landry, representing the people, read an address of welcome, at the conclusion of which His Lordship presented with a monetary testimonial.

His Lordship, leaving the throne, approached the altar rail, his manner bearing evidence of the deep feelings agitating him, and said: Words cannot express the feelings dominating me. I thank you sincerely for the marks of profound respect and homage manifested in the eloquent addresses and testimonial offered me. I have but to exhort you always to continue as you have in the past, ever faithful and devoted children. We have but to turn to the history of the past and regard the education and fortitude of our ancestors when trials and distress weighed heavily upon them to know of what our people are capable. Our ancestors were martyrs, because

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MADGE

A Story of the
Former West

By JAMES G. FRIEBERG

What a change a generation has made in what was once "the west!" When "wild west" shows first appeared they represented what was really going on between the Missouri river and the Pacific ocean, or, rather, what was then dying out. Now the western half of the continent is dotted with cities containing mercantile establishments, manufactories and dwellings with every convenience, including luxuries. The western settler has given place to the ranchman, the prospector to the capitalist, the gambler to the teacher and the Indian to all.

These people of former times constitute a unique society. They were good and bad mingled, the good constantly striving to throw off the bad, though the line was not sharply drawn between them.

The women, though disproportionately small in numbers, partook of the same general characteristics as the men. There was a type of western woman, personated on the mimic stage in eastern cities during the latter part of the nineteenth century, who was very popular—a diamond in the rough, independent, free hearted, free handed and supposed to be fairly moral. She could ride, shoot or throw a lariat tackle a grizzly or bring down an antelope at long range. Some had fought Indians, and all were fearless.

When a very young man, desiring to see people of whom I had heard so much, I went to spend a season among them. The Union Pacific railroad was being built, and I traveled on a train to the foot of the Rocky mountains. Then I went on by stagecoach till I reached a region in which gold had recently been discovered, and I put up for a while at the boarding house of a woman named Hayward. Madge was her first name, and she was seldom called by any other. Those who addressed her by the last name usually prefixed a Mrs., but whether she was married, single or divorced I didn't know. No one there cared.

There was that freedom about her and her house of which I had read. Certainly nothing was conventional. And yet there was a line drawn beyond which no one ever passed. I saw one man attempt to pass it, and I also saw Madge put him out of her house with a revolver.

I was not over nineteen years old at the time and looked even younger. Madge took me under her protection. The first man who appeared to grieve me for a tenderfoot got a dressing down from her that shut him up instantly, and from that time, being considered by the frequenters of the house as her pet, I was let alone.

Every one in the community gambled, and Madge was no exception to the rule. Every evening after she had washed and put away the supper dishes she would sit down with whoever was ready to play the national game of poker, and more or less money would change hands. But at 11 o'clock, no matter who had won or lost, she would take the cards from the table and put them away. She said she didn't propose that the house should get the reputation of being a gambling den. On one occasion a man who had lost a good deal of money protested at the game being summarily closed, whereupon Madge informed him that he would not be permitted to play there again. Had she been a man there would doubtless have been a fracas, but Madge had the support of every man in the party, though it is questionable if she needed it. I think she could have taken care of herself had the necessity arisen.

I wished to take a hand at some of these poker parties, but Madge would not consent to my doing so. One evening I begged so hard that she consented. When I left the table I had lost \$50. Madge handed me the money, which I refused to accept from her, whereupon she forced it upon me. It is needless to say that this was the last time I played the game to her house.

Of course those who came and went to and from Madge Hayward's were a floating throng. Now and then some one who played poker there would drop out, and I suspected that he had been cleaned out, though nothing was said about it, and it was generally understood that any application for a small loan would be honored by the mistress of the house. Madge was considered an excellent poker player, but I never understood that she was much ahead in the long run. She was so liberal that sometimes it looked as if she must be

Nevertheless occasionally I saw her win large pots. One evening I was looking over a game at which she was playing with some miners who had come in during the day loaded with dust. The miners were anxious for high stakes, and Madge was continually trying to keep the limit down. Presently a jack pot began to grow upon the table. A number of hands were dealt, but nobody got the requisite cards to open the pot, and at every new deal the pot was sweetened.

A man by the name of Plunket was dealer when some one got a hand that warranted his opening the betting. Every one at the table was "in," and everybody "saw" the bets that were made till all were satisfied. Then it was proposed, since there was a good deal of money already on the table, that after the draw the best hand should rake it in. Madge was the last person to call for a card. Throwing her hand on the table face up, she displayed three aces, a knave and a deuce. She hesitated some time as to which of the two lower cards to discard and finally threw out the knave. Plunket dealt her a card in its place. It was another deuce, which gave her an ace full. It was a winner.

Madge scraped the money off the table, and soon after that a Connecticut clock on the mantle wheezed out the hour of 11, and the game came to an end through limitation.

The next day I left Madge Hayward's boarding house to pursue my travels and soon afterward returned to the east. I did not go back to the west for a matter of twenty years. During the interval the region where Madge Hayward had lived had been comprised within the limits of a newly admitted state. I found all much changed. I visited the capital, and a friend took me to call upon the governor. The latter was a man about fifty-five years of age and, though he dressed in the professional black, bore marks of having belonged to the early times. There was something about him that seemed familiar to me, and I fancied I might have met him during my western tour years ago. But I couldn't place him, nor could he remember having seen me before. He invited me to dinner at his home, and I accepted.

The moment I laid eyes on his wife I noticed in her, too, something familiar. If I had met her during my previous visit to the region I now beheld her twenty years older than she was then. The moment she looked at me I saw by the expression on her face that there was something about me that was not strange to her, but as she received me as a stranger I did not claim a previous acquaintance.

The dinner passed off pleasantly, the governor leaving his wife to do most of the entertaining. They both evidently had been denizens of the country in its primitive days, but women take to new conditions easier than men, and the wife would have passed for a lady anywhere. Indeed, she had spent some time with her husband in Washington while he had represented his state in congress. I heard afterward that she had been quite prominent socially at the capital.

Suddenly a look, a motion, a gesture—I can't tell which—told me that she was Madge Hayward. I was convinced that she had recognized me from the first, and if she had wished to be known as her former self she would have greeted me as her former boarder. But since she had not thus made herself known I did not feel warranted in claiming a former acquaintance. Therefore when I took leave of my hosts I did not mention the matter of bygone days. But the lady gave me a pressure of the hand that assured me I was not only remembered by her, but remembered favorably. I fancied, however, that gratitude was mingled with other sentiments, I not having given away her previous condition to her husband.

But in the latter supposition I was mistaken. While smoking in the hotel at which I was stopping a man stepped up to me who recognized in the man of thirty-nine the youth of nineteen. He proved to be one of the poker party convened at Madge Hayward's the evening before my departure. I told him that I had dined with the governor and his wife, had recognized the wife as Madge and the governor seemed familiar to me. I also asked him if he remembered how Madge had drawn the deuce that had filled her hand and won a large pot. He said he did and straightway let me into a secret.

"What I am going to tell you," he said, "is confidential. I am the only man now about here who was here then."

The record of the governor and his wife is not known, and I wouldn't make it known to any one here. Madge ostensibly kept a boarding house, but it was really a gambling house. She had a husband, and the two worked the scheme together. Do you remember a man called Plunket, who dealt her that deuce? Well, he was her husband and is now the governor. He was very clever as a dealer and had fixed her hand for her before filling it with the deuce. I didn't know this at the time. I inferred it afterward when I learned the rest of the secret. Plunket

was not his real name. The pair made no end of money through their scheme, and afterward the husband became prominent in politics. Having invested the money made as a card sharper in mines, he became very rich, was elected to congress and is now, as you know, governor.

"I am sorry," I said to my informant, "to hear this. I always liked Madge, and I know that she liked me. I wish you had not told me."

"You should remember that this couple were then a part of their surroundings. Would you expect to find flowers in a donkey pasture or thistles in a conservatory?"

"But the dishonesty of it all!" I exclaimed.

"Where was the dishonesty? It was the common custom of those days for those playing cards to beat one another if they could. Did Madge take your money that way? No. She would not allow you to play. I do not doubt that she and her husband, having arisen from that lowly condition which then prevailed, now look back upon it with horror."

I was not convinced, but I called on my old friend Madge and claimed an acquaintance. Her eyes filled with tears as I did so, and she and the governor kept me their guest as long as I could be induced to remain with them.

Knights of Old.

The knights of the days of chivalry were so well protected by their armor that they were practically invincible to all ordinary weapons. Even when dismounted they could not be injured save by the misericorde, a thin dagger, which penetrated the chains of the armors. In more than one battle knights fallen from their horses could not be killed until their armor had been broken up with axes and hammers.

The Traitors' Gate.

One of the most famous entrances in the world is doubtless the ancient Traitors' Gate, in the Tower of London. It was through this portal for several centuries that traitors were conducted from the shores of the river Thames into the tower. To Canadians probably the most familiar of these unfortunates was Sir Walter Raleigh.

Feminine Finesse.

Duffer—My wife got a fiver out of me to-day with one happy remark.
Puffer—Let's have it.
Duffer—She told our boy Willie that she was his nearest relative, but that I was his closest.

Kind of Him.

"George, I'm very much worried. The landlord says he is going to raise the rent."
"Is he? Then why do you want me to worry trying to do it?"

Some British Glad Raiment.

The new mantle and cloak which the king has commanded for the knights of the Grand Cross of the Victorian Order will be very handsome indeed, of dark blue satin, with a border two inches deep of red, a cordon of blue and gold and white silk lining. The collar to be worn on "collar days" is beautiful indeed—all blue enamel and gold roses, with carbuncle centres and white enamel inscriptions. In the centre of all Queen Victoria's medallion is shown in gold. —London Gentlewoman.

Whole Hog or None.

"Whole hog or none" refers to the alleged custom of Mohammed to allow his followers to eat all except one portion of a pig, which portion, however, was not specified. The result, therefore, was that if a Mohammedan did not wholly avoid the use of pork he might as well run the risk of consuming the whole hog as to eat any portion thereof.

The Otter's Wanderlust.

Of all the beasts in the world, the otter, that fierce outlaw, is the greatest wanderer. It is as if he were afflicted with a curse that forbids him to be still, that forces him ever to push on—on—on! Rest as rest he knows not. Three days will see the end of his longest inaction, and the amount of miles he covers in a fortnight would amaze some folk.

A Poetical Feat.

"That writer is a praxical poet."
"In what way?"
"I called to see him one day and found that his idyl moments were keeping him busy."

Portraits.

"I don't think your portrait is much like the original, old man."
"Only once have I painted a portrait that was really like my sitter, and she sued me for libel afterward."

Fairy Stories.

Mr. Bacon—When a woman tells a fairy story she always begins like this, "Once upon a time." Mrs. Bacon—Yes, and when a man tells a fairy story he always begins like this: "There, now, dear, don't be angry with me. You see, it was like this."—Yonkers Statesman.

Didn't Have to Make Her.

"Well, I saw my wife off for the West Indies this morning."
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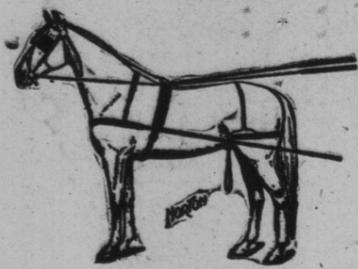
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In the midnight sky a wonder; A star in the east aglow; And mellowest voice thereunder, Christmas of long ago.

With gaze upraised the sages, Poor shepherds bending low; A rapture to light the ages; Christmas of long ago.

O, Child-God laid in the manger, Who bore no diadem; To the lords of earth a stranger—Outcast of Bethlehem!

Thy message came to the lowly; Thy star was sent to the wise; And peace and love were the holy Words from the midnight skies.

They filled the heart of one other, To its own sweet overflow; Peace and Love to the Mother, Christmas of long ago.

Has Time's dust dulled its glory? Have tear mists blurred its rays? Is it now too old a story For hurrying, changing days?

Oh, ever our hearts shall hearken To the angel's chant above, And never shall distance darken The star that shines in love.

And ever shall smile the Mother, Mother whose child was God; God, who took man for brother; Brother our ways who trod.

Forever in joy completer Shall the clear, glad message show, And its angel voice sound sweeter—Christmas of long ago.

A WINTER'S NIGHT.

(Wilfred Campbell.)

Shadowy white, Over the fields are sleeping fences, Silent and still in the fading light, As the wintry night commences. The forest lies

On the edge of the heavens, bearded and brown; He pulls still closer his cloak, and sighs, As the evening winds come down.

The snows are wound As a winding sheet on the river's breast, And the shivering blast goes walling round, As a spirit that cannot rest.

Calm sleeping night! Whose jewelled couch reflects the million stars That murmur silent music in their flight— O, naught thy fair sleep mars.

And all a dream— Thy spangled forest in its frosty sleep, Thy pallid moon that sheds its misty beam O'er waters dead and deep.

WANTED THE HAPPY MEDIUM.

(Stray Stories.)

Employment Agent—Why did you leave your last place?

Domestic—The couple had only been married a month, and I couldn't stand the love-making.

Agent—Well, here's a chance in a house where the couple have been married ten years.

Domestic—That's too long. I like peace and quiet.

THE NEW MAID.

(Cleveland Plain Dealer.)

Mrs. Browne-Jones (which isn't her name at all, nor nothing like it) has a new parlor maid. Last Thursday was Mrs. B. J.'s day at home. Six callers were at the door, and each proffered her card.

Hilda looked the cards over carefully one by one. "Youse ladies iss all wrong!" she decided, finally. "One of your tickets iss fer Mrs. Coseph Thompson, one iss fer Mrs. Miller, one iss fer Miss Chunks and Miss Mabel Chunks—and den dere's t'ree odders, all wrong names, yet. Try next door; good-by."

Then she went back to her mistress. "None of 'em wanted to see you," she beamed. "Deir tickets was fer odder houses, I guess maybe dey ain't liffed here long."

A GREAT TIME AT

CHRISTMAS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. — The Christmas celebration promises to be the most notable in the history of little old New York. From the Battery to the Bronx and from the East River to the North River the people are now in the midst of their preparations for the Yuletide festivities. The streets, the shops, the cars are thronged all day and until late in the evening with persons making their purchases. Broadway and the Bowery alike appear to have caught the atmospheric buoyancy of the holiday season.

The hotels are making more elaborate preparations for the Christmas festivities this year than ever before. A decade ago the travelling man whose business held him in New York for Christmas Day wandered through a deserted hotel lobby musing on his isolation. Nowadays the well-to-do class, when they have completed their own celebration in their homes, come down to the Plaza, the Knickerbocker, the Ritz-Carlton of another of the

city is famous, to enjoy as keenly the spirit of Christmas times as did the little group about an old New England hearthstone or an aten-bellum chimney corner.

But the good-cheer of the metropolitan Christmas is not monopolized by the rich. It is so abundant that it overflows into every nook and corner of the big city and fills the lowliest tenement in Rivington Street as well as the most palatial mansion on Riverside Drive. If there is a single man, woman or child in the whole of New York who is not gladdened the coming Christmas Day by a bounteous dinner, a useful present or the enjoyment of some sort of free entertainment, it will not be for lack of effort on the part of the churches, the charitable organizations and individual philanthropists.

The Salvation Army, the Volunteers of America and kindred orders are preparing to distribute 10,000 dinners to the very poor of the metropolis this Christmas, each basket dinner being sufficient for five people, making 50,000 fed. In addition to this, the Salvation Army will give its customary dinner to the homeless, at which never less than 5,000 sit down at the tables. The Salvation Army street kettles are being well filled this year and from them will be drawn the money to feed the thousands.

For several weeks the floaters along the Bowery have been asking one another if "Big Tim's" annual feast is likely to materialize this year. The feast is the dinner which has been given each Christmas for many years by the Timothy D. Sullivan Association. Every derelict has been welcomed at the festal board, providing only that his appearance gave evidence that he belonged to the Bowery. In addition to receiving his fill of turkey and all the trimmings each "guest" was given a ticket for a little personal present from "Big Tim." Usually the present was a pair of new shoes.

"Big Tim" has been taken away to a sanitarium, broken down by domestic sorrow and political reverses. According to general belief it is not at all likely he will ever see his beloved Bowery again. But the former Congressman and old Tammany leader has not forgotten his former charges, even in his misfortune. Acting under his instructions his relatives will see that the denizens of the Bowery are provided with "Big Tim's" annual feast.

Special dinners will be given on Christmas Day for the newsboys, the crippled children, the immigrants detained at Ellis Island, the unfortunate confined in the Tombs and at Blackwell's and the inmates of the numerous hospitals and homes for orphans, the aged and destitute throughout New York. Then there will be the customary dinner for the "Little Mothers," as are known the hundreds of little girls whose days are nearly all taken up with tending the babies while the mothers are out at work.

THE RIGHT PARAPHRASE.

(The Citizen, Ottawa.)

An eminent religious minister who was spending the summer in the Scottish Highlands, was invited to baptize the infant son of a local minister. When the time for the ceremony arrived the guest gave out for congregational singing a paraphrase much favored on such occasions. "Let us," said he, "sing from the fifth paraphrase, beginning at the second verse, 'As sparks in close succession rise.'" To his consternation, the congregation giggled. Afterwards, asking what he had done wrong, he was told, "You must know, sir, the minister's name is Sparks, and yonder is his tenth bairn!"

DOES NOT COUNT THE DAYS.

(Knud Rasmussen, in "The People of the Polar North.")

Where the physical struggle for life is at its keenest, as it is among the Eskimos, the years glide by free from the more subtle cares and worries of the civilized man. The Eskimo does not count the days and keeps no record of time. All his thoughts are centred on hunting.

Once I asked an Eskimo who seemed to be plunged in reflection, "What are you thinking about?"

He laughed at my question, and said "O, it is only you white men who go in so much for thinking! Up here we only think of our flesh-pits, and whether we have enough for the long dark of the Winter. If we have meat enough, then there is no need to think. I have meat and to spare!"

I saw that I had insulted him by crediting him with thought.

On another occasion I asked an unusually intelligent Eskimo, Panigpak, who had taken part in Peary's last North Polar expedition:

"Tell me, what did you suppose was the object of all your exertions? What did you think when you saw the land disappear behind you and you found yourself out on the drifting ice floes?" "Think?" said Panigpak, astonished. "I did not need to think. Peary did that!"

Eating becomes the great thing with the Eskimos. I once excused myself, when paying a visit, with the plea that I had already eaten and had had enough. I was laughed at, and the answer I received was:

"There thou talkest like a dog! Dogs can be stuffed till they are satisfied and can eat no more; but people—newer and larger hotels for which the people can always eat!"

PEACE OR WAR.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The delegates of Bulgaria, Servia, Montenegro and Greece assembled at noon to-day in the picture gallery of St. James Palace to meet the Turkish delegates in the momentous conference which is to settle the question of whether there is to be peace or a continuation of the war in the Balkans.

With the eyes of the British sovereigns who have reigned in succession for four centuries surveying them from the walls, the plenipotentiaries were welcomed by Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign minister. His address was brief but full of sympathy and good wishes for the success of the gathering. The chief of each delegation cordially acknowledged the welcome and the sentiments expressed by Sir Edward Grey, who was elected to the honorary presidency of the conference.

The Turkish plenipotentiaries were the first to arrive. They were followed at brief intervals by the Servians, Montenegrins and Bulgarians. All these arrived in piebald taxicabs. The Greeks alone rose to the level of a private automobile.

The delegates of the Balkan States before entering the conference chamber declared that within this week either Turkey will find a way to surrender Adrianople, or the war will be resumed. They believe that Turkey will yield unless she is impelled to resistance by Austrian and German support.

The peace delegates adjourned after lunch until 11 o'clock to-morrow. It had been arranged that the chair shall be taken alternately by the delegates representing the five nations concerned, and this is to be done alphabetically.

Bulgaria will thus be first and Turkey last.

The principal conditions of peace demanded by the allies comprise the immediate surrender of the Turkish fortresses of Scutari, Adrianople and Janina to the garrisons of which full military honors will be granted; the evacuation of Eastern Europe by Turkey as far as East Tehatalja, to a line to be delimited on the spot; the cession to Greece of all the Aegean islands; the annexation of Crete to Greece and the payment by Turkey of a war indemnity and of the expenses incurred by the allies on account of the Turkish prisoners. The allies in return are prepared to grant complete amnesty to the Mussulman population in the territories they annex for any acts of hostility during the war; the return of all prisoners, the recognition of the spiritual sovereignty of the Sultan over Ottomans becoming subjects of the Balkan States, and the free administration by the Mussulmans of their pious foundations in the Balkans.

To these conditions has now been added the taking over by the Balkan States of that part of the Ottoman public debt corresponding to the territories which they annex unless the powers controlling the Ottoman debt allow them to deduct that part from the war indemnity imposed upon Turkey, which would thus remain the only debtor.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

OTTAWA, Dec. 14.—The results in a number of important civil service examinations held during November are announced in the Canada Gazette to-day. Fifth on the list of successful candidates in a competition examination for candidates in the naval service of Canada is R. H. Oland, Halifax, and E. L. Dodwell, Halifax, is seventh.

In the competitive examination for clerkship in sub-division B. of the second division of the civil service, 35 candidates passed. C. K. Jones, St. John, is 25th.

Candidates from all over Canada figure in the pass list of the qualifying examinations for the outside service. Those from Eastern points are: St. John—Herbert Brown, Arlie F. Ganong, Elsie M. Knowlton, Frank G. Lawson, E. Frank McDonald and Olga Magee. Charlottetown—James E. Coady, James P. Coady, Charles MacDonald. Sydney—Adrian Macaulay. Yarmouth—Simon Amiraunt, and Henry Bourgeois.

Those who passed in the last preliminary examinations held at St. John for outside service were: Harry A. Ackerly, F. W. Brownell, Fred Clifford, Thomas Clifford, W. Douglas Cody, K. H. Colwell, Bertrand Cosman, Gerard R. Craigie, W. H. Emery, George F. Ensor, Percy W. Flewelling, Tnomas W. Foley, George P. Fraser, Urban L. Kelly, Joseph Kennedy, James McCallum, F. S. MacFarlane, A. Everett Megarty, Daniel Monahan, Aubrey F. Pearson, Gordon Pinney, W. K. Polley, A. C. Powers, George M. Scott, Bennett Wilson, Benjamin Wishart. At Moncton—Launcelot Swift. At Charlottetown, P. E. I.—William J. Gill, Ivan E. Linkeletter and Arthemas Murphy.

MEAN THING.

(Stray Stories.)

"Want to go to the theatre to-night?"

"I have nothing to wear," said the wife pointedly.

"Then we'll go to one of those moving picture shows where it's dark!"

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TIMOTHY O'BRIEN, Editor.

A Merry Christmas to all our readers.

ANTI-HOME RULE CONTROVERSY.

A number of the London papers have printed in their columns the oath which in the interest of the anti-Home Rule campaign is credited to the Ancient Order of Hibernians. It is too absurd and its language savours too much of savagery to deserve reproduction in these columns. The leading members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians have, of course, scornfully repudiated the idea that anything like the alleged oath would be tolerated for a moment by the organization. Yet in a controversy which is proceeding in the columns of the Yorkshire Post correspondents actually contend that this oath is not only tolerated but taken. Their proof is that in times long past when efforts were made to destroy the Catholic Church in Ireland with fire and sword some Catholics formed Ribbon Societies the object of which was retaliation for butchery. The aim of these controversialists is to create the impression amongst the readers of the Yorkshire Post that the Catholics of Ireland are only waiting for the establishment of a Parliament in Dublin to make life insupportable for the Irish Protestants. Fortunately the proof is too ridiculous and the charge too monstrous to obtain credence even from the simplest readers.

THE QUIRINAL AND THE HOLY SEE.

The Italian Government's refusal of the exequatur to Mgr. Caron, the new Archbishop of Genoa, is an incident which cannot but have serious effects on the mutual attitude of Church and State in Italy. That Mgr. Caron is a prelate whose zeal for the salvation of souls is apostolic cannot be denied. The ground of the Government's objection to him is that immediately after his nomination by the Pope he held an enquiry and then made an order requiring Father Semaria, a Barnabite priest and the author of works on the early ages of Christianity, to leave the diocese. Father Semaria has sympathizers at the Court of the Quirinal and the decision of the Government was the result of an investigation in which their influence is believed to have played no inconsiderable part. The Law of Guarantees of the 13th May 1871, makes it difficult for the Government to maintain that there is a pretence of legality in the position it has taken up. That law distinctly states that so far as the validity of the acts of the ecclesiastical authority is concerned the royal "placet" and the exequatur are abolished. A reservation, it is true, is made with regard to "the destination of ecclesiastical property," but the terms of the law obviously imply that this cannot legally be used to nullify an ecclesiastical act of the Holy See.

GERMANY AND GREAT BRITAIN.

We should not like to say that all the systems and theories of the British and German authors mentioned by Prince Lichnowsky, the German Ambassador, in his speech at the Royal Society's dinner on Nov. 30th are commendable, but undoubtedly he struck the right key. His statement that never have relations between England and Germany been more intimate and more sincere than they are at present, and that it will always be his anxious desire to help to keep them pleasant

has been received with evident gratification by the journals of that country. The gratification was increased by the confirmation of the statement in the Reichstag on Monday. The declaration of Herr von Kinderlin-Waechter, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, that throughout the recent crisis Germany's relations with England have been particularly confidential and that he is convinced they will remain so is taken as a clear indication that the Germans have begun to recognize that there is no disposition in this country to provoke a quarrel with them. The desire on the contrary is to cultivate friendship with them and to proceed in a happy rivalry with that struggle of which Prince Lichnowsky spoke—the struggle against the misery that is too often felt by the families of the workers both here and in the German lands.

THE ACADIAN TESTIMONIAL AT MEMRAMCOOK.

(Continued from Page One.)

despite the calamitous conditions of the times, they, staunch to the faith, so were their children, and we have kept the faith; therefore, be you always ready to accept with the same Christian spirit whatever trials and pains must fall to your lot. Concluding, His Lordship spoke in praise of the great progress of the different educational institutes of the diocese, also of the splendid and meritorious work of charity of the Assumption Society in educating the poor sons of Acadia.

On the conclusion of the ceremonies, His Lordship imparted the episcopal benediction, and all adjourned to the banquet hall, where the Acadian people tendered the Bishop a banquet.

The officers of the Pontifical Mass on Tuesday morning were: His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc, celebrant; Revs. J. Herbert, Bouchette, and Phillip L. Bellevue, of Grand Digue, Deacon and Sub-deacon of honor; Revs. D. J. LeBlanc, Shediac, and F. X. Cormier, Central Kingslear, deacon and sub-deacon of office; Rev. S. J. Doucet, of Grand Aube, high priest; masters of ceremonies, Revs. H. D. Cormier, of Aboujane, and J. V. Gaudet, of Adamsville.

The following clergymen attended the ceremony and celebration: Revs. P. LeBastard, Provincial of Redists, P. Sabillet, Rogersville, A. D. Cormier, C. S. O., Dorchester, D. F. Leger, St. Paul's, A. Hudon, Soudouac, A. Rochand, Fox Creek, A. J. Trudel, Lomeque, Thos. Albert, Shippegan, E. Bourneuf, Amherst, F. Bourgeois, Moncton, Jos. Ouellet, St. Mary's, Ant. LeBlanc, Sackville, E. Savage and Wm. M. Duke, Moncton, P. Dufour, Notre Dame, J. B. T. Martineau, Richibucto Village, J. Lapointe, St. Anne; J. E. Dutoit, Acadiaville; and A. V. Landry, Cape Bald.

Among the well known laymen were: Hon. O. J. LeBlanc, St. Mary's; Hon. D. V. Landry, M. A., M. P. P., Bouchette; Hon. P. Poirier, M. A., and Dr. A. Sormany, Shediac; Messrs. J. D. Gallant, H. H. Melanson, C. B. Boudreau, A. J. Leger, William, Chandler, and E. Girouard, Moncton; Hon. A. D. Richard, Dorchester; Mr. O. M. Melanson, M. P. P., and Dr. F. J. Bourque, M. P. P., Richibucto; Drs. F. and A. J. Gaudet, St. Joseph, and A. O. LeBlanc, Cape Bald; Val. Bourque, D. J. Dorion, Theophile M. and D. LeBlanc, Shediac; Andrew Gorman, Amherst; Louis Comeau, Saint John, and many others.

The purse presented to St. John's new Ordinary amounted to \$3,500.

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FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL STATEMENT

of

The Royal Bank of Canada



LIABILITIES

TO THE PUBLIC:		November 30, 1912
Deposits bearing interest.....		\$100,663,364.59
Deposits not bearing interest.....		26,058,812.94
Interest accrued on deposits.....		749,739.56
Deposits by other Banks in Canada.....		419,750.63
Total Deposits.....		\$127,891,667.72
Notes of the Bank in Circulation.....		12,584,617.69
Balances due to Banks in Foreign Countries.....		1,524,415.60
Bills Payable (Acceptances by London Branch) £439,113.3.10		2,127,917.94
		\$154,127,718.55
TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:		
Capital Paid-up.....		\$ 11,560,000.00
Reserve Fund.....		12,560,000.00
Dividend No. 101 (at 12% per annum).....		341,613.32
Former Dividends Unclaimed.....		1,206.85
Balance of Profits carried forward.....		610,219.36
		\$179,210,758.08

ASSETS

Gold and Silver Coins.....	\$ 5,204,964.22
Dominion Government Notes.....	14,443,785.28
Deposit with Dominion Government for security of Note Circulation.....	578,000.00
Notes of and Cheques on other Banks.....	9,749,273.86
Balances due from other Banks in Canada.....	122,482.32
Balances due from Agents in United Kingdom and Banks in Foreign Countries.....	3,645,837.91
Government and Municipal Securities.....	3,950,698.14
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks.....	11,715,900.62
Call and Short Loans on Stocks and Bonds in Canada.....	9,422,451.90
Call and Short Loans on Stocks and Bonds in Foreign Countries.....	14,856,189.97
	\$ 73,428,782.49
Loans to Provincial Governments.....	185,488.77
Current Loans and Discounts, less rebate interest reserved.....	99,828,879.54
Overdue Debts (Loss provided for).....	246,816.20
Bank Premises.....	5,520,791.08
	\$179,210,758.08

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES:
Acceptances under Commercial Letters of Credit... £ 88,186.13.5

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For The Eleven Months Ending 30th November, 1912

By Balance, 30th December, 1911.....	\$ 401,480.56
Net Profits for Eleven Months ending 30th November, 1912, after deducting Charges of Management, Accrued Interest on Deposits, Full Provision for all Bad and Doubtful Debts and Rebate of Interest on Unmatured Bills and General Bonus granted to the Staff	\$1,527,324.77
Premium on new Capital Stock.....	5,508,512.00
	\$7,437,317.33
To Dividends Nos. 96, 99, 100 and 101, at 12% per annum.....	\$ 943,808.97
Officers' Pension Fund.....	75,000.00
Written off Bank Premises Account.....	306,680.00
Transferred to Reserve Fund.....	5,993,512.00
Balance carried forward.....	610,219.36
	\$7,437,317.33

RESERVE FUND

By Balance at Credit, 30th December, 1911.....	\$7,684,188.00
Premium on new Capital Stock.....	5,993,512.00
	\$13,677,699.00

Net Profits for the Eleven Months of 1912 the Average Paid-up Capital, \$3,400,756.—19.19%.

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REMARKABLE STRIDES OF
ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

First Statement Since Acquisition of Traders' Bank Shows Deposits of \$137,000,000—Bank Has Liquid Assets in Excess of 47 per cent. of Total Liabilities to Public.

The annual statement of the Royal Bank of Canada this year marks an epoch in the growth and development of the institution, as it is the first one published since the important transaction by which the Royal took over the Traders', thus rounding off its branch system throughout the entire Dominion. The acquisition was such a large one that it makes it impossible to compare the statement with that of previous years. As a result of a change in the fiscal year of the Bank, the statement is for the eleven months ending November 30th, 1912.

Net Profits, 19.19 per cent.

The net profits for the eleven months, after deducting charges of management, accrued interest on deposits, full provision for all bad and doubtful debts, rebate of interest on unmatured bills and general bonus granted to the staff, amounted to \$1,627,324.77, equal to 19.19 per cent. on the average paid-up capital of the Bank of \$8,680,756. These profits, together with the balance carried forward at the end of the previous year and the premiums on the new capital stock, made the amount available for distribution \$7,432,617.33. This amount was applied as follows: To Dividends, \$943,585; Officers' Pension fund, \$75,000; Written off Bank Premises' Account, \$300,000; Reserve Fund, \$5,503,512, leaving the amount to be carried forward, \$616,219.

The general statement of assets and liabilities shows the bank to be in a particularly strong position, the proportion of liquid assets being in excess of 47 per cent. of the total liabilities to the public.

The growth of the Bank is instanced by the deposit account, the total deposits now amounting to \$137,891,667. Of this amount, deposits bearing interest totaled \$100,663,364, and deposits not bearing interest, \$36,028,303. These figures show large increases over the combined deposits of the Royal and Traders' at the end of last year.

The amount applied to reserve fund brings the total of this account up to \$12,560,000, being \$1,000,000 in excess of the paid-up capital of \$11,560,000.

The current loans and discounts amount to \$99,828,879. Among the liquid assets are call and short loans in foreign countries of \$14,556,189, call and short loans in Canada of \$9,422,451; railway and other bonds, debentures and stock, \$11,715,900; Dominion Government notes, \$14,443,785. Notes and cheques of other banks, \$9,769,273.

FREDERICTON.

Branch No. 242, C.M.B. A., has elected the following officers for the ensuing year:—

- Chancellor—A. Belliveau.
- President—R. O'Brien.
- 1st Vice President—P. J. Hughes.
- 2nd Vice President—J. Doohan.
- Recording Secretary—J. Cain.
- Asst. Rec. Secretary—F. Shea.
- Treasurer—P. Collins.
- Guard—M. M. Doohan.
- Trustees—J. A. Hughes, Ald. H. O'Neil, D. Toomey.
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- Rev. Miles Howland is the Spiritual Adviser.

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GREAT WEEK-END BILL.

There really seems to be a new theatre in Waterloo street where the old Gem used to be. Since the house has been enlarged to practically twice its former size, it has actually taken on the appearance of a new theatre inside, so much more accommodation is provided. And it is well that this is so. The popularity of the theatre is ever increasing and it has transpired in the past that the Gem has been forced to turn away patrons because of lack of seating privileges. But such is not now so noticeable. When the patrons stream into the theatre they find about twice as much seating accommodation, and with the aid of the gentlemanly staff of ushers, can easily find a seat.

For the week end show several interesting feature successes have been introduced, and while you are doing your shopping, take a run to the Gem, have a rest and refresh yourself after your tiresome meanderings with seeing a thoroughly pleasing programme. The picture features for Saturday are particularly appealing, and the new singer, Jack Manchester, has a nice late novelty offering all of which with the orchestral programme make up an entertaining bill.

DEATH OF A PRIEST.

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 18.—At Chatham on Sunday morning a well known priest of the diocese of Chatham, Rev. Edmund Patenaude, passed away. For 29 years he endeared himself to the people of St. Margaret's as their spiritual advisor, and only two years ago removed to Chatham. Father Patenaude had not been seriously ill until last Friday, when he was stricken with paralysis. He was 70 years of age.

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(London Chronicle.)

The news from Windsor of a wedding which was all complete save for the bridegroom, the non-appearance of whom broke up the party, reminds one that in earlier days a keener foresight was occasionally displayed in these matters. The following entry, dug from a Huntingdonshire parish register, points the illustration: "December, 1649: Item, paid for wages spent upon the man that watched John Pickle all night and the next day till he was married."

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Miss Cathrine R. Shea, Simond street, went to Margerville on Monday.

His Grace Archbishop Casey opened the Christmas sale at St. Ann's Academy, Vancouver, on the evening of Dec. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Courtney left on Wednesday for Norfolk, V., where they will spend the winter.

Richibucto Review: Miss Margaret Murray returned from New York, Friday evening. She was accompanied by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. O. Murray, who met her in St. John.

Mr. Hugh H. McLellan, who resigned from the assessors' office recently to take up a position in Fort William, left for that city Sunday evening.

Mr. John Gallagher, a former resident of St. John, died in Brooklyn, New York, Wednesday afternoon. Deceased was nearly 90 years old. Before leaving for Brooklyn, sixteen years ago, Mr. Gallagher was a mason contractor and was well known throughout this city. He is survived by one son, Mr. D. J. Gallagher, inspector of gas buoys of this city, and two daughters, Mrs. Peter McLaughlin and Mrs. Thomas O'Neil, of Brooklyn, New York. The remains will be brought here for interment.

SUNDAY NIGHT LECTURE.

The life and career of Joseph Howe was the subject of address Sunday night by Leonard A. Conlon before a large audience in the rooms of the C. M. B. A. The lecture was one of a series and was greatly appreciated.

Mr. Conlon outlined the early life of the great statesman and told of his education, his early life training in journalism and his entry into public life; of



how he was prosecuted for libel for an editorial which he had published criticizing and even denouncing the magistrate of Halifax. During his address the lecturer introduced several quotations from Howe and included paragraphs from his most famous addresses. At the conclusion, the speaker was tendered a hearty vote of thanks to which he briefly responded. Mr. R. J. Walsh, President of the Branch, occupied the chair.

NEW BOOK.

Between now and Christmas Mr. H. E. Holmes, the talented editor of The Catholic Opinion, of Lewiston, Maine, will bring forth his series of historical essays, which appeared under the title of "A View of Maine History," in the Opinion over a year ago, in attractive book form. This book, entitled "The Makers of Maine," is now being published at the Haswell Press Office and will be already for distribution just before Christmas. Attractive full page illustrations, drawn by the author's sister, Mrs. Frances Everett, of Kansas City, Mo., will be used throughout the book.

DEATHS AND BURIALS.

Mr. John Bourke, son of the late William and Mary Bourke, and brother of the late Thos. L. Bourke, died on Monday morning at the family residence Courtenay street. Deceased was a painter by trade, and is survived by one sister, Miss Ellen, and one brother, Robert C. Bourke. A large number of friends heard of his death with great regret. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, from his late residence to the Cathedral, where the usual services were recited by Rev. E. J. Conway. Interment took place in the old Catholic cemetery.

Another of Chatham's old and respected residents passed away, Dec. 12th, in the person of Mrs. Edward Halsey, aged 93. She was born in Palaoe, Limerick, 1819, and came to Chatham in 1841. The deceased is survived by Bridget, Michael F., and John, of Chatham, William of Portland, Frank and Edward of Moberly, Mo. James Hynes of Moncton and Miss Leona Hynes of Chatham are grandchildren. The funeral was held Saturday morning and was largely attended. Interment was in St. Michael's cemetery.

Mrs. James Dever received news on Tuesday afternoon of the death of her daughter, Mrs. Frederic A. R. Roberts, of Fulmer, Bucks, Eng., which sad event occurred in London on that day. Mrs. Roberts had been ill for a month past, but it was not until Wednesday last that news of her serious condition was received. As Miss Adah F. Dever, Mrs. Roberts had hosts of friends in St. John, who will deeply regret to hear of her death, and there will be much sympathy for Mrs. Dever in her affliction—the first death in a large family of daughters and sons, Mr. Roberts who is a nephew of Lord Roberts, and one son survive.

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HOME RULE BILL.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—It is expected it will be well along in January before the Home Rule Bill goes to the House of Lords.

The government's hope to complete all stages of the bill before Christmas was frustrated when the ministers were defeated recently on a snap vote, and it will not be possible now to take up the report stage until after the Christmas recess.

The opposition leaders have been indefatigable in attending the divisions through the committee stage, but the ministerial supporters were always present in ample numbers to reject the opposition amendments by substantial majorities, while hosts of amendments were crowded out without discussion under the government's "guillotine" time-table.

The debate yesterday led to a little breeze on the proposal to make it compulsory that the Union Jack should fly over the Irish parliament buildings. Jeremiah MacVeigh, of South Down, in behalf of the Nationalists, spoke disparagingly of the Union Jack.

Mr. Balfour indignantly rebuked MacVeigh for the insult to the flag. He invited the House to take note of the use the United States made of the flag, and reminded the Irish leader of how difficult he had made the realization of his hope of a loyal and contented Ireland, by the lessons of furious hatred of the flag which he and his colleagues for years had been teaching.

John Redmond replied in a speech full of loyal expressions that the Union Jack would be flown in a contented Ireland, when Home Rule was passed. He added that no doubt Ireland would have its own flag, but the two would be flown side by side.

The proposal was defeated.

BRILLIANT RECEPTION.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia were the guests on Tuesday night at a brilliant reception given by the president and members of the Mount Royal Club, Montreal.

One hundred and fifty guests assembled to greet the Royal Party, which consisted of the Duke and Duchess, Princess Patricia, Miss Kelly, Miss Adam, Captain Buller, Bulkeley and Long, Major Worthington and Mr. Arthur Sladen. On arrival, their Royal Highnesses were received by the president, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, and Lady Shaughnessy. H. R. H. the Duchess of Connaught wore a beautiful gown of lavender satin and brocaded velvet with silver embroidery, and diamond ornaments.

H. R. H. the Princess Patricia was in a lovely gown of white satin with panner draping of pale blue veiling magenta, with silver and crystal embroidery.

Lady Shaughnessy wore black jetted net over white; bouquet of orchids and lilies of the valley.

Mrs. Stavert wore a royal blue skirt with gold embroidered overdress.

The Marchioness of Donegall wore a white gown with pointed back and front panels of black satin.

Miss Edith Creelman was gowned in pink and mauve satin with frills of laces.

A MYSTERY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A cable to the Tribune from London says:

The mystery of the resignation of Sir Francis Bridgeman, as first sea lord of the admiralty, deepens. Sir Francis refuses to discuss the circumstances of his retirement, but says plainly that his resignation was not voluntary or on grounds of ill-health.

The Morning Post vouches for the truth of the statement that Admiral Bridgeman some time ago took the initiative of urging his colleagues to tender their resignations on the subject of pay and manning in the navy, and that when Admiral Bridgeman acquiesced in Winston Churchill's suggestion that he should retire, he received the offer of the position of admiral of the fleet, which corresponds with the rank of field marshal in the army. This offer he declined.

WILL MAKE NEW REGULATIONS.

The attention of the commissioners has been directed to the practice of the crews of steamers docking at Carleton of disposing of their rubbish around the shores of the harbor. It has been customary among other things to burn straw from mattresses on the beaches, and this practice is felt to involve considerable danger to houses and property in the vicinity. The regulations governing the disposal of rubbish from steamers, as they now stand, are anything but stringent and it is the intention of the commissioners to endeavor to devise a more rigid code.

GIFTS TO BISHOP LEBLANC.

In addition to the gifts to His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc previously mentioned, were a crozier, presented by the Rev. P. Belliveau, of Grande Digue; the Episcopal ring, presented by the parishioners of Weymouth and the parish priest, Father Dion; the Precious Mitre, presented by St. Ann's

College and the Seminary at Halifax; other mitres from the college at Memramcook and the Rev. Father Miha, of Amherst, and the Cappa Magna, presented by several priests in the city of Montreal.

INTERVIEW WITH ARCHBISHOP CASEY.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser, Dec. 8, publishes the following interview with Archbishop Casey:

"I am delighted to be in this delightful city," he declared, "although naturally I left many pleasant associations behind me in St. John, where I spent many pleasant years. I enjoyed my long trip immensely, all the more because this was my first visit to the great western part of the Dominion. I believe it is a country of glorious possibilities, and none of its fair cities has a brighter future than Vancouver. I received word of my appointment to succeed Archbishop McNeill in August, and I was glad in many ways that the will of the church authorities was to send me to the coast. I regard it not only as a promotion but as an added honor.

"I think it is an interesting coincidence that the year of the incorporation of Vancouver was the year of my ordination to the priesthood. I have looked forward to my arrival in this city and believe my relations with all classes of citizens will be of the most cordial and profitable nature.

"This is my fourth title as Bishop. I was first a titular bishop to the See of Utina in Africa, then I was coadjutor bishop of St. John, then bishop of St. John, and now Archbishop of Vancouver. I succeeded the late Bishop Sweeney as the Bishop of St. John. For the past 21 years I have resided in New Brunswick, and for the past thirteen years have been stationed in St. John. An interesting fact is that one of my professors during my period in Laval University was Archbishop Bruchesi, now in charge of the Montreal diocese. His name has been connected with a Cardinalate for some time.

"My successor at St. John will be Bishop LeBlanc, an Acadian. He will be installed next Tuesday. It may be news out here that Bishop Macdonald, of Charlottetown, died the other day. Mgr. Phelan is administrator until a successor is appointed."

The Archbishop, through the same paper, gave the following message to the people of Vancouver:

"I take this opportunity, through the courtesy of the News-Advertiser, to offer greetings to all the good people of Vancouver, this promising and flourishing city. While still in the Eastern part of Canada, I heard magnificent reports of you, and I am glad to state that my first impressions, both of the beautiful city of Vancouver and of the few of its fine citizens whom I was privileged to meet, already fully justify the most flattering words I had heard of you. Vancouver has struck me as a very young city, and it is perfectly modern in the strictest sense of the word. I am sure that an institution as venerable as the Catholic Church will receive from it much respect on account of its venerable history. I am coming to the city not only as the Archbishop of the Catholic Church but to become a citizen as well. It goes without saying that in my own unobtrusive way the city and the Province of British Columbia will always have the best that is in me for its advancement and progress, not only morally but materially as well."

PROPERTY TRANSFERS.

Messrs. Allison & Thomas have just completed the sale of a vacant lot on Harding street. This lot is situated on the north side of the street and commences about 120 feet from Germain street. It has a frontage of 40 feet and a depth of 100 feet. The former owner was Mr. Thos. L. Baxter and the purchaser an outside party who has come to St. John to live and will probably build on the lot.

City of St. John to H. J. Garson, for \$800, property on Duke street.

Robert Dion to Mrs. Samuel Maxwell, property at Lancaster.

F. C. Durant to Atlantic Sugar Refining Company, property near Ballast wharf.

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W. H. Holder to National Drug & Chemical Company, property on Peters' wharf.

Miss M. E. Knowlton to S. P. Mc-Cavour, property on Princess street.

PROPERTY PURCHASE.

Messrs. Allison & Thomas have just purchased for outside parties the freehold property number 81 Spring street known as the John Roberts property. The lot is a large one with 40 feet frontage on the street and a depth of 171 feet. There is a large two tenement house.

TRANSFERRED TO SARATOGA.

Brother Dominic, who was stationed at St. Peter's Redemptorist Church, North End, for several months, has been transferred to Saratoga, N. Y. Brother Linus, who was formerly stationed at St. Peter's, has returned from Toronto, and will resume his old duties.

AUTOMOBILE DELIVERY CAR

Messrs. Manchester Robertson Allison, Ltd., have always maintained an up to the minute delivery service and their barns on Leinster street have been looked upon as a good example of the modern type of well managed and highly efficient stables. In order to continue and improve the efficient service to their patrons they have purchased an automobile delivery car which goes into commission this week and it is understood that this is the first of a number of such cars which they intend to purchase in the coming year for the better handling of their delivery business. This car was purchased from Messrs. J. A. Pugsley & Company, of this city. The chassis is that of the Reo Special with Timken axles and transmission and centre control. The body was especially designed to meet their requirements. It is of the regular delivery type of ample capacity. It is painted brewster green with black running gear and trimmings and presents an exceptionally fine appearance.

THE NEW ELEVATOR.

In response to the request of the Mayor, copies of the plans and proposals under which the government have leased to the C. P. R. the site upon which they will erect their new elevator, have been forwarded by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries. Under the agreement the C. P. R. control 279,000 square feet, for which they pay an annual rental of \$1. The work of building the sea wall and filling in is being done at the expense of the government. The government has reserved the right to take over the property and purchase the elevator at actual cost price at the expiration of five years. The commissioners were anxious to know the terms of the agreement as the property in question had been acquired by the government from the city.

Should the government wish at any time to put into effect the policy of national ports, this agreement will fit in well with the plan and the reclaimed area together with the new elevator will become the property of the Dominion. Practically the entire expense of the work with the exception of the construction of the elevator is being done by the government and it will not be necessary to renew the lease to the C. P. R. on its expiration.

HOTEL PROJECT.

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—It was announced this morning that the C. N. R. has definitely decided to launch a content wide hotel project.

Mr. Walter Pratt, superintendent of the hotel service of the C. N. R., said that the new scheme was well under way and its completion would see a chain of more than a dozen of the finest hotels in the Dominion in all the large centres along the line of the C. N. R. right across the continent. He said the wonderful success that has attended our new hotels in Brandon and Port Arthur led to the formation of this greater scheme. I have no hesitation in prophesying that when our Winnipeg and Montreal hotels are completed, which should be before long, we will be able to set a new pace in the hotel business on this continent."

SIX DAY RACE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Twelve teams were still in the six-day bicycle race at daybreak today. All the riders were in bad shape after a night of furious sprints and disastrous spills. The pace had slackened to an easy jog at one o'clock in the morning, but there were crafty attempts at frequent intervals, first by one rider, and then by another, to break away from the bunch and gain a coveted lap. None of the later attempts were very spirited, however, and racers found that they were dropping farther and farther behind the old record. It was evident with the beginning of the last day's work that the full six-day record of 2,737.1 miles, made by Macfarland and Moran in 1908, was in no danger. At midnight the leaders were 25 miles behind the record, and at four o'clock this morning they were 26 miles behind. At 8 a. m., the leaders were 25 miles and 8 laps behind the mark set by former competitors. At that time the riders had fourteen hours' more work ahead of them before the race closed at ten o'clock tonight. Hope of a new record, however, was abandoned.

The only change in the relative positions during the night was the elimination of the Suter brothers, who had been declared formally out of the race. The scores at 8 o'clock were: Pye-Grenda, Root-Hepr, Rutt-Fogler, Clarke-Hill, Bedell-Mitten, and Drobach-Collins, 2,444 miles, 1 lap; Kramer-Moran, Perlicot-Egg, 2,444 miles; Wells-Walker, Brocco-Berthot, 2,443.9; Cameron-Thomas, 2,438; Carman-Lottes, 2,442.7. The Carman-Lottes team, fourteen laps in the rear of the leaders and with no prospect of winning, was officially declared out of the race before ten o'clock.

DEATH AT PARRSBORO.

The death of Mr. Daniel Gillespie, of Parrsboro, N. S., occurred a few days ago. Mr. Gillespie's wife was formerly Miss Johanna Hartnett, daughter of the late Mr. John and Hamorah Hartnett, of Melrose, West. Co.

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THE LATE WHITELAW REID.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The British Government has proposed to the government of the United States that a British battleship should convey the body of the late ambassador to his native land.

Premier Asquith in announcing this decision of the government formally in the House of Commons, paid a graceful tribute to the dead diplomat. It has been arranged to hold a memorial service for the late Ambassador in Westminster Abbey at noon on Friday.

The Bishop of London had intimated his desire to hold the memorial service in St. Paul's Cathedral, but the service was arranged for the Abbey. At the British Foreign Office this morning, the greatest regret was expressed in regard to the death of the Ambassador. Sir Edward Grey, the foreign minister, had already sent a cablegram to James Bryce, the British Ambassador at Washington, requesting him to express the condolence of the British Government with the State Department.

There has been a stream of callers at Dorchester House all day leaving cards of regret and thousands of cablegrams and telegrams have been received. Messages came from Prince and Princess Alexander of Teck, Princess Christian, President Taft, Sir David Burnett, Lord Mayor of London; Premier Robert L. Borden of Canada, the Earl of Aberdeen, and most of the public in the United Kingdom and America.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—President Taft to-day began informal consideration of the appointment of a successor to Whitelaw Reid, as United States Ambassador to Great Britain. He discussed the appointment with callers. It was expected that he would take it up with the cabinet at to-morrow's session.

There was a report in Washington to-day that the President might ask Secretary Knox to take the London post, but it was given little credence. Another man mentioned was Myron T. Merrick, former governor of Ohio and at present Ambassador to France. Mr. Merrick is generally understood to be well able to afford the honor of a London assignment.

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AN IMPORTANT SUIT.

Mr. Justice White gave judgment to-day in the important suit tried before him some time ago in which Messrs. J. C. Mackintosh & Co., stock brokers, were plaintiffs and the Bank of New Brunswick defendant, deciding in favor of the bank.

The suit arose out of transactions by Harry B. Clarke, who had been manager of the Charlotte street branch of the Bank of New Brunswick. Clarke, commencing in 1909, had been dealing in stocks on margin on his personal account through the plaintiffs' office. In September, 1909, his debit balance was \$19,000, against which the plaintiffs held as collateral stocks of the market value of \$16,800. Clarke promised to pay \$125 monthly in reduction of the debt thus incurred, and he made nine or ten payments. In December, 1910, he again began dealing on margin in both stocks and cotton. In 1911, H. H. Smith became manager of J. C. Mackintosh Co.'s office here, and in February of that year Clarke was joined in his operations in cotton by a man known as MacBeth, the latter agreeing to furnish such collateral as should be necessary to satisfy the plaintiffs and to bear all losses and share with Clarke all profits. MacBeth had 55 Vanderbilt bonds and 9 Elko bonds, all of \$1,000 face value, and these he gave to Clarke with liberty to deposit such as from time to time he saw fit as margin on collateral with the Mackintoshs. Smith agreed to accept these as collateral for Clarke's account and on the 20th of February Clarke gave him twenty of the Vanderbilt and five of the Elko bonds, and on May 3 twenty more of the Vanderbilt bonds and the following day the remaining fifteen, with a letter from MacBeth approving the transaction. On February 25 the plaintiffs loaned Clarke \$25,000, which they charged to his account against the collateral. It was not until March 6, 1911, that Smith learned that MacBeth had an interest in Clarke's dealings, and that he then transferred the account to a new one in the name of Clarke and MacBeth and afterwards carried two accounts, one of Clarke and MacBeth and the other Clarke alone, covering his individual dealings mainly in stocks as distinguished from cotton. On March 17 the plaintiffs returned to Clarke \$10,000 of the Vanderbilt bonds and got a check for \$5,000, dated March 23, 1911. When about March 7 the Mackintoshs asked to have the bonds replaced by other security, Clarke gave forty-five Vanderbilt Realty Co. and five Elko Development Company bonds with a letter signed for the Bank of New Brunswick Market Branch, H. B. Clarke, Manager, and agreeing to redeem them at 80 at any time. It is upon this letter the plaintiffs rely in seeking to recover. After pointing out that the Clarke and MacBeth account showed a debit and the Clarke account a credit, the Judge said one Ed. L. Collins called on Smith and offered to substitute the securities and give a check as additional collateral, which he did for \$10,000 on the Bank of New Brunswick, and that Clarke told him the check was all right, who the next day certified it "good when properly endorsed." Clarke's evidence shows Collins opened an account on April 19, 1911, that it ran until June 15, and that he agreed to assume MacBeth's liability and that it was overdrawn for a greater part of the time. No entry of the Collins check was ever made in the bank books, and the bank, except through Clarke, had no knowledge of its existence until about the 8th of June.

The plaintiffs claim to recover on the certified check for \$10,000 and interest, and also in respect of the letter of March 20, that it constitutes an agreement whereby the plaintiffs suffered to the extent of 80 per cent of the face value of the bonds. The defendants set up many claims, including fraud, but under the evidence the principal grounds of defence I am called upon to consider and the only ones pressed at the argument may be summarized as follows, said Judge White: First—That the circumstances under which the check and the 20th of March letter were given to and received by the plaintiffs were such as to put the plaintiffs upon inquiry as to Clarke's authority to bind the bank by certifying the check and signing said letter, and that Clarke had no authority to so bind the defendants. That as to the 20th March letter, no officer of the bank, even with the express authority of the directors, could bind the bank by such letter, as it was not business of banking within the meaning of the Bank Act.

Secondly—That the check was certified and the letter given in payment of or as security for a debt which was a stock gambling debt contracted in violation of section 231 of the Criminal Code, or failing that in violation of the common law; and that consequently the plaintiffs cannot recover thereon.

The plaintiffs in reply contend that even if Clarke had no authority to bind the bank, Kessen, the manager, subsequently ratified both check and letter. The defendants say on to this, and even if there was that Kessen had no such authority.

This, the judge said, raised the vital question whether or not the letter was such as to make the plaintiffs inquire as to Clarke's authority. That Clarke had no such actual authority he thinks absolutely clear by Clarke's own evidence. Clarke had such authority as banks customarily

give managers, but this did not enable him to pledge the bank for his personal debts. Judge White quoted recent decisions in support of the position that a principal is only responsible for an agent in so far as the agent is acting within his proper authority, and where the transaction was for the principal's benefit. He "knew of no authority that held a principal liable for the fraud of an agent, where the agent while professing to bind his principal, was to the knowledge of the plaintiff, acting in his own interest, or for his own benefit," so it becomes necessary to determine whether the plaintiff had such knowledge. Smith claimed he believed Clarke was acting merely as agent for MacBeth, but he was convinced that Smith knew Clarke had more than an agents interest in the transaction. Clarke and Smith were at variance in their evidence as regards this, but he accepted the statement of Clarke, as quoted at some length in support of his reasons for so doing. He also quoted from the evidence to show why he took the statement of Mr. Kessen. The Judge said he came to the conclusion that when the 20th of March letter was written the plaintiffs knew he was interested in the Clarke-MacBeth account. He next considered the plaintiffs' contention that the defendant's manager, Mr. Kessen, subsequently ratified Clarke's acts. Judge McLeod quoted from the evidence at some length and held that Mr. Kessen's alleged ratification by asking Mackintosh to close out Clarke's account with Mackintosh, saying that he would accept the responsibility of so doing, in no sense bound his principals, because in this respect he advised to sell the collateral in the interests of all parties concerned. They made a gain by selling the collateral when they did. He, therefore, decided that the plaintiffs failed to establish their claim that the bank ratified Clarke's acts in certifying the check and giving the 20th of March letter and also found that there is no estoppel. Judge White in closing said he did not think there was anything in the bank's contention that the matter was a gambling transaction. He ordered a verdict for the defendants. At the trial Mr. H. A. Powell, K.C., Mr. Mellish, K.C., and Mr. W. H. Harrison, appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., M. G. Teed, K.C. and Mr. W. A. Ewing, K.C., appeared for the defendants.

BORDEN'S NAVAL POLICY.

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—Hon. Mr. Borden's naval policy will give the Empire three empty ships, while Sir Wilfrid Laurier's substitute is equally ridiculous, "when he knows full well that even now it is impossible for the Niobe or the Rainbow to secure sufficient complements of men." This is, according to Henri Bourassa, head of the Nationalist party, who in a long editorial in Le Devoir to-day condemns both the naval proposals. "For to-day as yesterday," he says, "both policies are equally fatal," he says, and adds: "To all as to Mr. Laurier and Mr. Borden, to all Liberals and Conservatives, we say now as in the past: 'You have no right to vote the proposed naval laws without first consulting the people.'"

To the tribute of gold, the Nationalist editorial says: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier wishes at all costs to add that of blood, he desires to fill the three dreadnoughts with human cargoes, food for guns. On the day when these diverse elements, which do not yet know their strength, when they allow themselves to be seized by the powerful flood of Nationalism, the play of the politicians will finish, parliament will cease to transform itself into a music hall, the days of jingo imperialism will have ceased and the sane majority of the people will return to its old motto, 'Canada for the Canadians,' in its larger and its broader sense, for the sentiment of national duty adds to that this variation, 'Canadians to Canada.'"

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Dec. 14.—Following a rear-end collision between an incoming freight and a standing freight train in the yards of the New York Central Railroad this morning, Henry A. Grover and Patrick H. Thornton, both of Syracuse, were burned to death. The men were imprisoned in the debris and were slowly roasted to death despite the efforts of the train crew to rescue them. A locomotive and eight cars were demolished.

DAYS AND SEASONS.

Winter begins December 21 at midnight.

This day, Monday, December 16, the sun rose at four minutes past eight o'clock, and will be a little later in the mornings until the end of the year. On December 31 it will not rise until eleven minutes past 8 a. m.

This day the sun will set at 38 minutes past 4 p. m. The days have already commenced to lengthen in the afternoon, though the gain of four minutes so far is scarcely observable.

HOLIDAY GIFTS

The real spirit of Christmas pervades every nook and corner of this immense establishment. No other year has given greater cause for rejoicing at Yuletide, nor has any other season brought forth such a wondrous and delightful array of gift things to make glad the hearts of both young and old. The big store's endeavor to provide suitable and beautiful gifts within the range of every purse has been outdone, and this year's harvest of presents brought from all four corners of the globe bids welcome to one and all--and in pleasure to be bestowed and in remembrances to be treasured, embraces the widest and most delight giving myriad of merchandise in this great firm's history. Come and provide for your Christmas needs while plenty and variety hold sway.

Choose Generously from the Large, New Stocks This Store Unfolds to Happy Holiday Shoppers. Many Pages Would be Needed to Enumerate all the Appropriate Things that Await Your Coming--But Here are Random Suggestions to Aid in the Pleasant Task of Making Everybody Glad on Christmas Morning.

A Clothing Gift is the Practical Thing---Here Are Some Hints for Men and Boys

FOR MEN	FOR BOYS
Overcoats \$ 7.50 to \$40.00	Boys' Two-Piece Suits \$2.50 to \$10.00
Suits 10.00 to 26.00	Boys' Three-Piece Suits 3.75 to 13.00
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Waterproof Coats 6.50 to 18.50	Boys' Sailor Suits . . . 2.75 to 7.50
Trousers 1.25 to 7.50	Boys' Reefers 3.25 to 7.50
Fancy Vests 2.75 to 5.00	Boys' Fancy Overcoats 3.50 to 8.50
Smoking Jackets 5.50 to 15.00	Boys' Regular Overcoats 5.25 to 13.50
Dressing Gowns 6.00 to 19.00	Boys' Bath Robes 4.25 to 5.95
Bath Robes 4.50 to 5.75	Boys' Hockey Caps and Toques 35c to 75c
Fur Lined Coats 20.00 to 87.75	Boys' Grey Lamb Caps and Toms 3.00 to 4.50
Fur Coats 20.00 to 88.00	Children's Bo-Peep Bath Robes 3.50
Fur Caps 1.90 to 27.00	Boys Rubber Coats 3.75
Fur Collars 3.00 to 15.00	Boys' Waterproof Coats 5.75
Fur Gloves (Gauntlet) 6.75 to 21.00	Play Suits, Rough Rider, Cowboy and Indian in a variety of styles and prices.
	Boys' Knitted Jersey Suits, including Cap \$1.65

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Gifts in Brassware, Sterling Silver, Silver Plated Ware, Cut Glass, Etched Crystal Glass

BRASSWARE—Jardinières, Umbrella Stands, Smokers' Accessories, Five O'clock Kettles, Dinner Gongs, Trump Markers, Cigar Boxes, Candle Sticks, Calendars, Cigarette Boxes, Tobacco Jars, Serving Trays, Jewel Boxes, Ash Trays, Clocks, Writing Pads, Hanging Flower Baskets, Pin Trays, Fern Dishes, Table Lamps, Candle Shades, Desk Sets, Book Racks, Ink Wells, Spark Screens, Tea Stands, Plate Stands, also a great range of other appropriate gift novelties.

STERLING SILVER—Bon-Bon Dishes, Sugar and Creams, Trinket Boxes, Photo Frames, Dinner and Dessert Forks and Spoons, Napkin Rings and a variety of odd pieces.

SILVER PLATED WARE—Scallop Dishes, Entree Dishes, Tea Pots, Coffee Pots, Hot Water Jugs, Sugar

and Cream Sets, Toast Racks, Butter Dishes, Olive Dishes, Breakfast Cruets, Marmalade Pots, Spoon Holders, Fern Dishes, Dessert Knives and Forks, also Fish Sets in Polished Wood and Leather Cases.

CUT GLASS—Mustard Pots, Carver Rests, Individual Salt Dishes, Vases, Bowls, Comport Dishes, Sugar and Cream Sets, Spoon Trays, Oil Bottles, Sugar Shakers, Butter Plates, Ice Cream Trays, Decanters, Water Bottles, Water Pitchers, Nappies, Bon-Bon Dishes, Spoon Trays, Electric Lamps, etc.

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Dolls' Brass Beds.
Children's Rockers.
Dolls' White Enamel Beds.
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Baby Yards.
Manual Training Work-Benches.

Toboggans, 5, 6 and 7 feet.
Dolls' Sleighs.
Baby's Sleighs.
Boys' Board Sleds.
Kindergarten Tables.
Dolls' Carriages, English Pattern, with leather hood.
Dolls' Carriages with hoods.
Some with Rubber Tire Wheels.
Dolls' Chimioners.
Dolls' Tables.
Dolls' Jinrickshas.
Boys' Sleds and "Pigstickers."
Children's Combination High Chair and Carriage.

Children's Rocking chairs, in hardwood and Rattan.
Children's Tables, both stationary and folding.
Kindergarten Chairs, to match tables.
Children's Desks, blackboard inside.
Children's Secretaries, with drop front.
Children's Swinging Horses.
Baby's Sleighs, \$3.25 up.
Children's High Chairs, all have Tray in front.
Boys' Express Wagons, very strong and nicely finished.

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Flexible Framers, nicest sled made for boy or girl.
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Children's Rattan Rockers.
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