

Important Industrial Reform To Be Inaugurated by Smallman & Ingram--An Era of Prosperity for London--Good Times Have Come To Stay.

There is no doubt about the good times. They are here and they have come to stay. Throughout the entire Dominion can be felt the full, strong throbbing of prosperity, pulsing through every artery of the nation's commercial and industrial system. The farmer, the mechanic, the merchant and the manufacturer, have all felt the impulse of the growing time. It is pleasant to note that London has not missed her share of the general prosperity. Evidence of it is apparent on every side. It is only necessary to turn to London's PROSPEROUS MERCHANTS who furnish the best index of the city's welfare. No citizen of London can go, for instance, into Smallman & Ingram's superb drygoods store without feeling a thrill of pride in his city and in the men who, by their capacity, energy, enterprise and public spirit

have helped to place London in the first rank of Canadian cities. There are few larger retail drygoods stores on the continent. There is none more complete in every detail, more perfectly equipped, or that offers greater advantages to its customers. The place breathes an atmosphere of success and prosperity. It is a mainstay of the city of London, as its most important business center. That the firm has confidence in the future of the city is apparent in the extensive additions and numerous improvements that have been made recently at great expense. The store now has a frontage on Dundas street of 60 feet, a depth of 145 feet, running clear back to the market square, and is four stories in height. Every foot of space is utilized to the best advantage, and every inch of space is needed to accommodate the business.

In every department one is struck by the entire absence of hurry and bustle and confusion. The vast business moves on with the smoothness and precision of a perfectly adjusted machine. SHOPPING A PLEASURE.

Ladies find shopping in Smallman & Ingram's pleasant and restful, rather than a source of fatigue and annoyance, as is so often the case. An army of polite, attentive, thoroughly trained clerks is ready at all times to cheerfully furnish information, or promptly attend to the wants of customers. But there is no opportunity to buy and no attempt to force sales.

BEHIND THE COUNTERS.

One of the pleasantest features of the store is the cheerful and obliging manner of the employees. They appear to take a genuine interest in their work and in the business. That is one of the reasons for Smallman & Ingram's success. The firm has always treated its employees with kindness and consideration. And it is purely out of

making their purchases during the day, even at some inconvenience to themselves. In this way alone can the change, which would be of incalculable benefit to the clerks, become general.

PLEASANT READING.

A brief sketch of what Smallman & Ingram have accomplished in their business, and of how the results were obtained, should not prove uninteresting. Messrs. J. B. Smallman and L. H. Ingram, both London boys, who received their education and served their apprenticeship in the city, started in the retail drygoods business on their own account in September, 1871, or a little over 22 years ago. They began in a very modest way, but at the outset they adopted and faithfully adhered to the principles which largely govern their business today, and which have been rewarded with a more than ordinary degree of success.

SUCCESSFUL PRINCIPLES.

They had only one price; they were straightforward in all their dealings;

parcel-wrapping counters reduce the time of waiting to a minimum. Smallman & Ingram do business entirely on the cash basis, and the people who are good pay are not required to make up for losses incurred through bad accounts.

ANTIQUATED METHODS.

None of the primitive, "cheap John" methods of securing trade, such as holding pedestrians up at the door or button-holing visitors to the store are countenanced.

A WORD ABOUT CHRISTMAS.

It was not the intention of the writer to say anything about the goods sold in Smallman & Ingram's—the subject is much too big. It is impossible, how-

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BIDDULPH PARISH HAS A LIBRARY

Established Yesterday by Mr. Justice MacMahon—An Interesting Event.

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We have just opened up, to give variety and interest to our Great Holiday Sale, a choice assortment of

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HIS SKULL WAS CRUSHED

Fatal Accident to a Stoney Creek Man at Hamilton.

Young Man Falls Into a Vat of Boiling Water in Woodstock.

Hamilton, Dec. 15.—Yesterday afternoon a fatal accident occurred at the corner of Emerald and Main streets, the victim being J. M. Ellis, a young man employed as driver by Miller & Pyott, basket manufacturers of Stoney Creek. As his wagon heavily laden with lumber, was going over the crossing, one wheel collapsed, upsetting the load and throwing the driver backward. He was struck on the head by the falling lumber, and his head was crushed.

TERIBLY SCALDED.

Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 15.—Edward Youmans, age 18, was the victim of a terrible accident yesterday. Youmans was engaged at his work in the Hay factory. Having occasion to go over near the large hot water vat, used for steaming logs, in some unaccountable manner he stumbled and fell in. The water is constantly kept near the boiling point, and but for the quick moves of a number of men who saw him fall in, the young man would have been boiled alive. The men heard Youmans' cry and pulled him out. Fortunately the young man succeeded in keeping his head above water. He was taken to the hospital, where the doctors said the result could not be predicted. He is an Englishman, and has only been in the country about a year.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Yarmouth, N. S., Dec. 14.—A cottage on the Burill Johnson estate was burned yesterday. Mrs. Thomas Carr, the only occupant, was burned to death. Neighbors saw the woman through the window, but were unable to render aid until the fire was subdued.

FELL FROM A LOAD OF STRAW.

Pleasant, Man, Dec. 15.—Jos. Wright, aged 19 years, son of Robert Wright, of Antlers, N. D., was thrown from a load of straw by a runaway team, and received injuries which resulted in his death.

JUMPED TO DEATH.

New York, Dec. 15.—Because of the reverses which have befallen British arms in South Africa, and thoroughly

convinced that England will be beaten in the Transvaal, Daniel A. Weber, an Englishman, jumped out of his window on the 14th floor of No. 209 East Eightieth street, Wednesday night, and was instantly killed. He was 57 years old, and lived with his son Daniel, and the latter's wife.

THE HEALTH HABIT

Just as Easy to Form as Any Other.

We do not deliberately form our pet habits, but they are unconsciously acquired, and grow as we grow, and by the time we learn they are hunting us we find them too strong to be easily broken.

Then why not form a good habit, a habit which will counteract the many bad ones; in other words, contract the unfashionable one of being always well.

The best health habit to get into is to have and keep a vigorous stomach; if you have a healthy digestion you can drink your beloved coffee, smoke your favorite brand of tobacco, with little or no harm; the mischief begins when these things are forced upon the faithful stomach without any assistance.

Form the habit of taking after meals some harmless but efficient digestive which will relieve the stomach of so much extra work.

Nature furnishes us with such digestives, and when they are combined in such a pleasant preparation as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, they give the overworked stomach just the necessary assistance without any of the harmful effects of cathartics and similar drugs.

The habit of taking Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after meals is as necessary to the weak stomach as food itself, and indeed, it gets the benefit from food, nothing better and certainly nothing safer can be used.

Many families consider Stuart's Tablets as essential in the house as knives and forks.

They consist entirely of natural digestive principles without the effect or character of drugs; they have a cathartic action, but simply go to work on the food eaten and digest it.

Take into account your bad habits and the expense they entail, and then invest 50 cents in a box of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and see if your digestion for the next month is not vastly improved.

Ask the clerk in any drug store the name of the most successful and popular stomach remedy, and he will say "Stuart's."

The most costly parliament in Europe is that of France. The senate and chamber of deputies eat up annually \$1,500,000.

FIVE HUNDRED PUPILS IN PERIL

And Rescued From a Burning Building.

Big Sawmill Fire in Detroit—Blaze at St. George, N. B.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 15.—The West-ern Pennsylvania Institute for Deaf and Dumb, at Edgewood, was completely destroyed by fire last evening. The 500 pupils in the building were panic-stricken but teachers quickly secured control of them, and it is believed all were saved. The institute was an immense five-story brick building, which covered an acre of ground, and was considered one of the best institutions under the care of Pennsylvania. Children from all parts of the state were pupils of the school, where they received a thorough general education and were taught trades. The value of the destroyed property is very large, but has not as yet been estimated. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

Detroit, Dec. 15.—Fire destroyed the mold loft and sawmills in the Wyandotte yards of the Detroit Shipbuilding Company on Wednesday. The mold loft was a two-story building, 250 by 40 feet, where were kept hundreds of shalable patterns, and were the ships and designs were first laid out for working of the yard. The building was entirely wiped out of existence, and most of the molds, patterns and designs, valued at many thousands of dollars, were lost. Some of the designs cannot be duplicated, which makes the loss a serious one. The fire communicated to the sawmills adjacent and destroyed that part of the plant.

St. George, N. B., Dec. 15.—Fire broke out early Wednesday morning in the roof of the Yacht Yards, granite works. It spread rapidly, destroying beside the polishing mill and cutters' shed of the granite company, the Shore Line machine shop, in which was a passenger car; two blacksmith shops, outhouses and a flat car. Loss between \$10,000 and \$15,000. The Shore Line had \$5,500 insurance in the Guardian Insurance Company.

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—A Glenbrook dispatch says Peter Campbell's elevator at that point was burned down last night, with 10,000 bushels of wheat. There is \$5,000 insurance on the building.

INGERSOLL POULTRY SHOW.

Ingersoll, Ont., Dec. 15.—The third annual poultry show under the auspices of the Ingersoll Poultry and Fat Stock Association is in full swing in the town hall here. Between 400 and 500 birds are on exhibition, and the classes are all well filled. Exhibitors are here from Stratford, London, St. Thomas and other points. The judging is all over and a large number of the prizes were won by the local exhibitors.

FOR GOOD ROADS.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—The good roads convention before assembled the following resolutions: First, that the convention indorses the principle of provincial aid for highways, as assumed by the committee; second, that "the time has arrived in the interest of good roads, that the Provincial Legislature should intervene in cases where electric railways fail to agree as to terms and conditions of ingress and egress of markets, and pass such legislation as shall impose such fair conditions as shall avert the present outlook of radial railways seeking markets of this province."

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AFTER THE FIRST FULL DOSE OF APENTA, taken early in the morning, followed perhaps by a little hot water, or hot coffee or tea, smaller doses may be persevered with, in gradually reduced quantities, at intervals of a day or two, until the habitual constipation is completely overcome. Further particulars from United Agency Co., Seymour Building, New York, Agents of the Apollinaris Co., Ltd., London.

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Managing Director and Editor, John Cameron

London, Friday, Dec. 13.

The Fat Stock Show.

The attendance of citizens and the interest manifested in the fat stock, dairy and poultry show, which closes this afternoon, have not been as great as in certain smaller cities. The same complaint was made when the show was held in Toronto. There are several reasons for this. The occasion was new to London, and the style of advertising that would be suitable to smaller places was not adequate to impress the importance of the event upon a city preoccupied with many interests just previous to the holidays. We venture to say if the show is brought here again, as it ought to be next year, it will attract vastly more attention. It is of great importance to Canada, and the section it visits is highly favored. What should be done next year is to have a strong local committee appointed by the City Council, to make all the arrangements, and the show should be boomed throughout the early fall, instead of leaving everything to the last moment. If this is done we predict that the fat stock show will be as large a success, relatively, as the Western Fair.

Buffalo Vs. Montreal.

The Buffalo Express sagely remarks that the more the Canadians fight among themselves over the Connors syndicate, the better it will suit Buffalo. The attack on the syndicate originates in this country from mere political spite, and shows a flagrant disregard of national interests. If there is not enough public spirit in Montreal to defeat such narrow-mindedness, then so much the worse for Montreal. The Connors syndicate is receiving no special favors. All it gets is the lease of a small portion of the water front, on which to erect warehouses and elevators. There is plenty of room left for others to engage in the same business. The harbor commissioners invite competition. A monopoly is absolutely impossible. And yet the enemies of the Connors syndicate have the childishness to say that Mr. Connors is an enemy in disguise, and has a deep-laid scheme for seizing control of the St. Lawrence route, and the harbor of Montreal, in order to keep the grain trade for the city of Buffalo, where he resides. The best answer to this lunacy is to be found in the Buffalo press, which is daily denouncing Connors as an enemy to Buffalo's interests, and crying out that the syndicate's operations will be ruinous to the local shipping and grain trade by diverting traffic to Montreal. The fact of the matter is that Connors, as a far-sighted and vigilant capitalist, sees that the St. Lawrence route is bound to spring into great importance at once, and he proposes, if possible, to be first on the ground. His willingness to spend seven or eight millions in this country as a starter is pretty good proof of his confidence in the future of the Canadian waterway as a supreme factor in the transportation problem.

Meanwhile Buffalo sincerely hopes that Montreal will be foolish enough to shut the door against Canadian enterprise.

Life of Rev. Dr. Cochrane.

"The Life of William Cochrane," by Rev. R. N. Grant ("Knoxonian") published by William Briggs, Toronto, is a decidedly interesting biography. The relations between Rev. Dr. Cochrane and his biographer were evidently close and kindly, and the materials at the latter's disposal were full. Dr. Grant has made good use of them, and as we read the story of the young Scotchman's early labors, we are led to see that the old proverb was verified in his case, and that the "boy was father to the man." From the very first Dr. Cochrane was a glutton for work, and it cannot be doubted that had his energies been devoted to other lines of effort, in commerce or politics, he would still have been a distinguished man. Several characteristics stand out prominently in this record of his life. He was an indefatigable toiler; exceptionally versatile; truly devout; and exceedingly warm-hearted. The large part that he played in the development of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, especially in regard to its home mission work, is brought before us in this volume as fully as such a busy and useful life may be recorded in printed pages. The many readers who are familiar with Dr. Grant's literary style will not be surprised to find here the caustic sentences with which he punctures pretense of any sort; and in writing the life of Dr. Cochrane this skill is used only when some contrast is made with the sterling qualities and thorough manliness of his friend. To those who knew Dr. Cochrane only in the full tide of his eminently useful and honorable life it will be a surprise to note that as a young man particularly he was evidently much troubled with the demon of despondency, and this fact redounds to his honor; for only to his diary or some very dear friend was any such revelation ever made. Dr. Cochrane was greatly blessed in natural endowments, in providential surroundings, in swift removal when at the very height of his usefulness at Brantford; and now that this worthy life has been reviewed and published, it may be said that he has been blessed, too, in his biographer. Many who knew and loved "the doctor" in life will be glad to have this record of his life and labors in their homes.

Ontario's Premier.

Hon. George W. Ross, as Premier, has already made a distinct impression on the Province. He is full of enthusiasm and creative energy, and infused his own party with a new confidence, besides winning the support of an otherwise neutral element by his vigorous and progressive policy. He has now a clear course before him, and the electors can trust him to work out his ideas, and fulfill his pledges with reasonable celerity.

Tuesday's elections were unique in the sense that both parties seem to be well satisfied.

The standing in the Ontario Legislature is: Liberal seats, 51; Conservative, 41; vacant, 2. The two vacancies are East Middlesex and North Waterloo.

It is estimated that the laboring classes of foreign extraction in the United States have remitted three million dollars to Europe as Christmas cheer for the old folks at home. Most of it is in the form of small postal orders.

Eleven seats in the Manitoba election were carried by majorities under 40. Nine of these belong to the Opposition and two to the Government. In three constituencies of Brandon, Rosefeld and Saskatchewan, the aggregate Opposition majority was 24. Hugh John owes his victory to those two dozen votes. And there will be recounts.

No importance need be attached to the anti-British and pro-Ber speech of Senator Mason, of Illinois. Mason is a laughing-stock in his own country, and has been practically read out of the Republican party because of his violent attacks on the President's war policy. Mason seems to have had a swelled head ever since a Chicago brand of ham was named after him.

The late Sir George Kirkpatrick was an ornament to Canadian public life. His long political career was never blemished by the least suspicion of scandal or inordinate self-seeking. Though a strong party man he never lost the goodwill of his opponents, thanks to his genial, kindly disposition. He was a very popular Lieutenant-Governor, the office giving him scope for his fine social qualities.

Canada seems to have spent a hundred million dollars on canals to provide a channel to the elevators an American syndicate intend to erect at Montreal.—Toronto News.

The same syndicate undertakes to spend six or eight million good American dollars in Canada, including a million and a half in Toronto shipyards. It is no monopoly, either. Why not discuss a business transaction in a business-like way?

The direct cause of the revival of the Ontario lumber industry is the protective policy of the Ontario Government.—Hamilton Herald.

We admit the policy is protective in the sense that it interferes with the principle of free exchange. Still we believe that the free exchange of all forest products between the two countries would be better than their present policies. The trouble is that our neighbors will not agree to it, and Ontario has been compelled to act in self-defense.

The Christmas number of the Toronto Globe is a credit to Canadian art and literature. It contains a wealth of illustration, and, altogether, makes a fine pictorial effect. The literary side is attended to by Kathleen Blake Coleman (Kio), Duncan Campbell Scott, "The Khan," Pauline Johnson, William Wilfrid Campbell, Theodore Roberts, J. S. Willison, John Lewis, Stewart Lyon, and other graceful writers in prose and verse. The number was produced exclusively by Canadian talent.

What Others Say.

Justice Swift and Sure.

[Detroit Journal.]

Canadian justice has a way of getting to the finish that precludes any suspicion of a false start for reversal of form. Murderer Stewart got his deserts in one brief day.

A Puzzled Outsider.

[Boston Herald.]

Manitoba's population has increased threefold in eighteen years, and she was never more prosperous than she is today. And yet the voters have turned down the government.

Alliteration's Artful Aid.

[Toronto Globe.]

"Greenway is a goner" seems to have been more successful than "Mowat must go." It must be the alliteration. We, therefore, beg to suggest "Ross Must Remain;" also "Whitney Will Wait."

The Shock That Failed.

[Ottawa Citizen, Monday.]

Mr. Ross' platform is so broad that both parties can stand on it.—London Advertiser.

Yes, but when the Ross outfit sustains the shock of tomorrow's bye-elections it will be too groggy to stand on a platform as broad as the horizon.

High Praise From Boston.

[Boston Transcript.]

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has now been in power more than three years and is stronger today than when he first took the reins of government. He is a statesman in the highest and best sense of the word, many and independent, of broad and liberal views, a profound and accurate student of political science, a born orator, whose speeches are always clothed with dignity and grace. No colonial premier is more highly esteemed in the mother country, not only on account of his unquestioned ability and unwavering devotion to the crown, but because he wears the white flower of a blameless life.

1899

Phone 1046 THE RUNIANS, GRAY, CARRIE CO. Phone 1046

1900

Important Discount Sale

According to our usual custom, previous to stock taking, we will hold a Special Discount Sale, commencing tomorrow (in addition to our usual Friday Bargains), and continuing till January 10th, when we take stock. A discount sale like this of new and seasonable goods, and at a time when this class of goods is most needed, will no doubt be appreciated and heartily responded to. This is not an ordinary advertisement, but a special reminder of our usual stock taking discount sale. Cut this ad. out of your paper, bring it with you and see that you get everything as advertised.

Mantles and Furs

All Ladies' and Children's Jackets and Furs, Fur Jackets and Capes, Special Discount 10 Per Cent.

Carpets and Curtains

Lace Curtains, Draperies, Cushions and Carpets. Special Discount 10 Per Cent.

Staple Department

Wool Blankets, Comforters, Eider Comforters, Wrapperettes, Cotton Shirtings, Loch Lomond Flannels and Tickings. Discount 10 Per Cent.

Hats and Caps

25 per cent off all Men's, Boys' and Youths' Hats—hard or soft—Discount 25 Per Cent.

25 per cent off all Men's and Boys' Fancy Tweed and Corduroy Caps—Discount 25 Per Cent.

10 per cent off all Men's Fur Caps—Discount 10 Per Cent.

10 per cent off all Men's Underclothing—Discount 10 Per Cent.

China & Crockery Dept

Tea Sets, Japanese Ware, Fancy Cups and Saucers, and all China-Ware. Special Discount 10 Per Cent.

Shoe Department

10 per cent off all Women's Laced and Button Boots—10 Per Cent Off

15 per cent off all Women's Oxford Shoes—15 Per Cent Off.

10 per cent off all Misses' and Children's Laced and Button Boots—10 Per Cent Off.

10 per cent off all Men's Laced and Congress Shoes—10 Per Cent Off.

10 per cent off Boys' and Youths' Shoes—10 Per Cent Off.

10 per cent off all Men's Rubbers and Overshoes—10 Per Cent Off.

Table Linens

Bleached and Unbleached Table Linens, Tablecloths, Linen Sets, Towel Cloths, Fancy Linens and Towelings.

Special Discount 10 Per Cent.

Ladies' Skirts Made Free ... Special Sale of New York Tailor-Made Jackets

Every One Up to Date in Style and Finish.

Quantity	Size.	Selling Price.	Reduced Price.
1 Oxford Gray Covert Cloth, velvet collar, fly front and Mercerized Satin lined.....	36	\$ 9.75	\$ 8.00
2 Blue and Black Kersey Cloth, satin lined, fly front.....	36	20.00	15.00
1 Black Kersey, Satin lined, fly front, welted seams.....	36	18.00	15.00
1 Fawn Kersey, silk lined, six pearl buttons.....	36	12.00	10.00
1 Castor Kersey, satin lined, inlaid velvet collar, eight pearl buttons.....	36	18.75	15.00
1 Blue Kersey, silk lined, ten pearl buttons.....	34	15.00	12.50
1 Fawn Kersey, silk lined, velvet collar, six pearl buttons.....	34	15.00	13.50
1 Fawn Kersey, fancy silk lined, fly front.....	36	22.00	17.00
1 Blue Kersey, fancy silk lined, black braided fly front.....	34	35.00	15.00
1 Green Kersey, satin lined, black cloth, fly front, storm collar.....	36	22.50	12.50
1 Electric Blue Kersey, satin lined, applique trimmed fly front.....	34	22.00	15.00
1 Green Kersey, satin lined, black braid pipings, tight fitting, six button.....	34	24.00	16.50
2 Brown Kerseys, satin lined, black braid pipings, tight fitting, six buttons, 34 and 36.....	34 and 36	24.00	16.50
2 Blue Kerseys, satin lined, black cord pipings, tight fitting, six buttons, 32 and.....	36	24.00	16.50
1 Fawn Kersey, satin lined, inlaid velvet collar, eight pearl buttons.....	36	18.75	15.00

Special Sacrifice Silk Sale.

Lot No. 1.—900 yards Blouse Silks, fancy stripes and plaids, prices 50c, 69c and 75c a yard. ale price.....	44c
Lot No. 2.—About 600 yards Taffeta Stripes and Checks, pure Silk, new goods, price 75c and \$1 a yard. Sale price.....	59c
Lot No. 3.—About 450 yards Taffeta and Satin Stripes and Checks, light and dark colors, price \$1 and \$1.25 a yard. ale price.....	69c
Lot No. 4.—About 300 yards Swiss Taffeta, mostly in exclusive waist patterns, 3½ to 4 yards each, price \$1 50 to \$2 a yard. Sale price.....	98c
Lot No. 5.—About 350 yards stripe and Fancy Blouse Silks, price 35c to 50c a yard. Sale price.....	25c

Ladies' Woolen Underwear

All Ladies' and Children's Vests and Drawers and Combination Suits. Special Discount 10 per Cent.

Dress Goods Dept.

All Black and Colored Dress Goods, Velvets and Silks (except specially-reduced lines.

10 Per Cent Off

Millinery Department

All Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats, Wings, Fancy Feathers, Plumes and Ribbons.

Special Discount 25 Per Cent.

Clothing Department

25 per cent off all New Frieze Ulsters and Fancy Tweed Overcoats—25 Per Cent Off.

15 per cent off all Men's and Youths' Tweed Suits, also Men's Black Worsted Suits and Coats and Vests—15 Per Cent Off.

10 per cent off all Men's Fine Serge Suits and Men's Dress Overcoats—10 Per Cent Off.

10 per cent off all Children's Vestee Suits, Boys' Two and Three-Piece Suits—10 Per Cent Off.

10 per cent off all Men's Tweed and Worsted Pants—10 Per Cent Off.

20 per cent off all Boys' Reefers and Overcoats—20 Per Cent Off.

15 per cent off all Men's Water proof Coats—15 Per Cent Off.

Blouses.

Ladies' Silk Blouses, in stripes, plaids or plain colors, lined with fitted lining, were \$3 00 and \$3 50, special, each..... \$2 50 |

Ladies' Striped Silk Blouses, in red, black, blue or mauve, with strong fitted lining and tucked fronts and sleeves, regular \$4 00, Friday, each..... \$3 25 |

Ladies' Silk Blouses, in plain surahs, all colors, made with tucked fronts and sleeves and lined throughout, regular \$5 00, special, Friday, each..... \$4 00 |

Ladies' Silk Blouses—A large assortment in silk and satin, all the new shades and styles, any of our \$5 50, \$6 00 and \$6 50, to sell, special, Friday, each..... \$5 00 |

We guarantee all our Blouses perfect fit.

RUNIANS, GRAY, CARRIE COMPANY

208, 210, 210½ and 212 Dundas Street.

A Great Kid Glove Bargain.

WOODSTOCK

500 pounds of Choice Candy, worth \$1.00, at .80c. For Sunday Schools and Church, every day. Candy.

Over 50 Styles. Candy.

CHRISTMAS KID GLOVES—Make a nice Christmas gift for a pair of nice Kid Gloves! Complete line of PERKINS BROS. PEWEE'S Kid Gloves, known as the most reliable for quality and fit.

Ladies' Real Kid Gloves, Perkin's make, two-clasp, in blue, ox-bloods, green, tan and brown shades, all sizes; regular \$1.00 glove Saturday, per pair, 59c.

Ladies' Black Kid Gloves, Pewee's make, black, with lacing studs; all sizes; regular price \$1.00, at 59c.

Lewy's Kid Gloves, all sizes, in cream, gray, ox-blood, brown and tan shades; regular price \$1.00, at 59c.

Ladies' Extra Fine Black and English Kid Gloves, silk lined, all sizes; regular \$1.50 and \$1.85 gloves, Saturday only \$1 a pair.

WARM GLOVES

Latex Linenwood Gloves, fancy colors, black and white, and 1000 pairs of black and white, at 25c. Ladies' Linenwood Gloves, fancy colors, black and white, and 1000 pairs of black and white, at 25c.

CHRISTMAS BOOKS

G. A. Henry's Bound Books, 35c. G. A. Henry's Bound Books, 35c.

FOR GIRLS

300 good titles, bound in cloth, 15c. 300 good titles, bound in cloth, 15c.

FOR BOYS

300 good titles, bound in cloth, 15c. 300 good titles, bound in cloth, 15c.

LEATHER ARTICLES

Handkerchiefs, 10c. Handkerchiefs, 10c.

UPSTAIRS

Handkerchiefs, 10c. Handkerchiefs, 10c.

Store Open Every Night.

Santa Claus is here every afternoon from two o'clock till four, and would like to see all the children.

Imperial Oxford

THE DOLLARS YOU SPEND IN BUYING AN

JOSEPH V. CHAMBERS,

322 RICHMOND STREET, TORONTO.

Hockey Skates.

See Our Special Hyde Park Hockey Skates, Plain and Nickel, 40 cents up.

Hand Seigths, Coasters.

Cutters—plain, \$3.50, Upholstered, \$5.

CARVERS

Stag and Celluloid Handles in pairs, sets and cases.

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FORKS, POONS, SCISSORS.

Reid's Hard Ware.

No. 118 North Side Dundas Street, London.

Grand Rapids and Navigation

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

1898-1900.

RAILWAY SYSTEM

500 pounds of Choice Candy, worth \$1.00, at .80c. For Sunday Schools and Church, every day. Candy.

INTERCONTINENTAL RAILWAY

On and after Sunday, Dec. 13, 1898, the train leaving Union Station, Toronto, for Montreal, will arrive at Montreal at 10:00 a.m. and will leave Montreal at 10:00 a.m. and will arrive at Toronto at 10:00 a.m.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

Christmas Rates. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has reduced its rates for Christmas travel. The rates for travel between Toronto and Montreal are as follows:

Class	Rate
First Class	\$1.00
Second Class	.75
Third Class	.50

WATER STAR LINE

REMOVED FARM. The Water Star Line has removed its farm to a new location. The new location is at the corner of Dundas Street and Richmond Street, Toronto.

ALLAN LINE

E. De la Hooke, Sole Agent for London. The Allan Line has a new ship, the "Allan", which is a fast and comfortable vessel. The ship is 100 feet long and 20 feet wide. It has a speed of 15 knots per hour.

ALONG THE IRON HIGHWAYS

Increased Burnings of the Big Canadian Road. The Canadian Road has increased its burnings of the big iron highways. The burnings are now being made at a rate of 100,000 tons per year.

WESTERN ONTARIO

The Western Ontario Railway Company has announced that it will be opening up new routes for travel. The new routes will be between Toronto and London, and between Toronto and Windsor.

THE QUESTION OF PAKA CROSS

The question of Paka Cross has been discussed in the House of Commons. The discussion was held on December 10, 1898. The Minister of the Interior, Mr. T. A. B. C., stated that the government was considering the question of Paka Cross.

WHISKY NERVES

Been drinking a little whisky. The advertisement for Whisky Nerves states that it is a good remedy for nervousness. It is made from the finest whisky and is sold in bottles of 100 and 200 doses.

Campbell & Chantler,

176 BATHURST STREET, TORONTO.

Wood cut to order, call Phone 347.

Not Compulsory.

But decidedly in your own interest.

CEYLON TEA

Lead packets only 25c, 30c.

40c, 50c, 60c. All grocers.

A DEAD HEART

A Love Story.

The advertisement for "A Dead Heart" describes it as a love story. It is a novel by Mrs. J. B. C. and is published by the Toronto Book Company.

CHAPTER XIV

The advertisement for Chapter XIV of a book describes the events of the chapter. It is a chapter from a novel by Mrs. J. B. C. and is published by the Toronto Book Company.

BOY AND GIRL

The advertisement for "Boy and Girl" describes the story of a boy and a girl. It is a story by Mrs. J. B. C. and is published by the Toronto Book Company.

CEYLON

Pure Indian or we recommend the use of. The advertisement for Ceylon tea states that it is a pure Indian product. It is made from the finest tea leaves and is sold in packets of 25c, 30c, 40c, 50c, and 60c.

Novelties for Xmas

Some of the choicest and most desirable presents can be had from us. You are sure to see something either useful or ornamental.

O. B. GRAVES,
222 Dundas Street.

ELECTRIC
Lighted Houses

are always brighter and more cheerful than those lighted by gas. It gives a soft, white, powerful light, and "lights up" the furnishings of a room wonderfully. Best to read by. The current costs little. Phone 942 and our representative will call and give further particulars.

LONDON ELECTRIC CO.
339 Richmond Street.

Xmas Novelties.

Manicure Sets, Military Brushes, Dressing Cases, Necktie Boxes, Smokers' Sets, Shaving Sets, Hair Brushes, Ebony Goods, Mirrors, and a choice line of Perfumes.

N. W. EMERSON, Druggist,
120 Dundas Street.

Obituary.

William Ross, a pioneer resident of London township, died at the family residence, con. 3 and Adelaide street, on Monday, aged 81 years. Deceased was a native of Devonshire, and came to Canada when 13 years of age. He settled in Toronto, at that time known as "Muddy York," but 30 years ago removed to the locality where he died. One of the episodes of his life was his taking up arms during the rebellion of 1837-38. His aged widow survives, together with a family comprising the following: Mrs. Cartledge, of this city; Mrs. Buckingham, of Detroit; Mrs. Armstrong, of Hamilton; and Mrs. Price, of this city. Richard, of Simcoe street, and Robert, at home. At the funeral the six grandsons of the deceased, William, Joseph, John, Thomas, Robert, and George, sons of Mr. Wm. Cartledge, city, acted as pall-bearers.

The Children's
Christmas.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:
Would you kindly permit me to ask through you that the children in the Children's Shelter Home, 137 Pallaton street, be remembered by our citizens at the approaching holiday season. The board of the Children's Aid Society is also desirous of remembering every one of the 141 children now in foster homes; such remembrances are much appreciated by the children, and help to show them that they are not forgotten. A card, a book, a toy or cash to help procure such articles will serve this purpose. Contributions will be sent for to any address in the city by notifying me at the office, city hall, and gratefully acknowledged. Miss Hungerford has kindly consented to collect for the general funds of the society. **JOSEPH SANDERS,** Executive officer, Children's Aid Society, London, Dec. 12, 1899.

BE PATIENT AND COURTEOUS.

This is the time of year when shoppers should use special care with salespeople in the stores. Just now the men, women and girls behind counters in stores, big and little alike, are working at the highest tension from morning until night, and their exacting and often rendered much more arduous by the thoughtlessness, or worse, of careless customers. Exercise unselfishness when you go shopping. Do not ask unnecessary questions. Do not require the employees to display goods that you have no thought of purchasing. Try to visit the stores at hours when you know they will not be so crowded. Don't wait to do your shopping until the last few days before Christmas. By following these easy rules and cultivating patience and the sentiment of good will towards all, both clerks and customers will be cheered and brightened at a most trying season.—Toronto Star.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Cushions and Tea Cosies.—We have a great variety of down and feather cushions, 50c each; iron and brass bedsteads; hair mattresses; goose-feather pillows, at the Bed and Mattress Cleaning Factory, 533 Richmond street, north. Telephone 997. J. F. HUNT & SONS.

Cheap Fares for Christmas Holidays on Intercolonial Railway.

For the Christmas holidays the I. C. R. will issue return tickets to all points on the system at greatly reduced rates. For full information apply to I. C. R. ticket office, room No. 11, Lawlor building, Toronto. 27n

"Andrews' Plugs" fill the tooth without pain; the Plug hinders and stays there. Dry the cavity and apply with a toothpick.

Decet is the false road to happiness; and all the joys we travel through to vice, like fairy banquets, vanish when we touch them.—A. Hill.



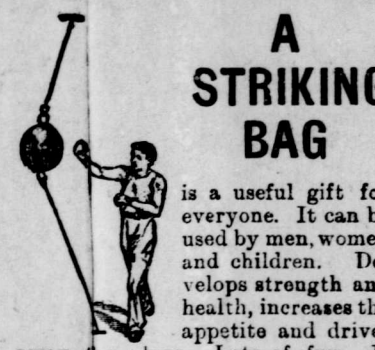
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HEATING STOVES.

We have some beauties for the parlor, bedroom or dining-room, in all sizes. They are good stoves, too, and you won't find any fault with them, we'll guarantee. If you want a stove that you can depend on you had better come here.

RELIABLE STOVES ONLY.

STEVELY'S, 339 Richmond St.



is a useful gift for everyone. It can be used by men, women and children. Develops strength and health, increases the appetite and drives away the blues. Lots of fun. It can be used in a doorway or small place.

Prices from \$1.50 to \$5

WM. GURD & CO.
145 Dundas Street.

METEOROLOGICAL

Toronto Dec. 14, 8 p.m.—An area of low pressure has moved quickly northward from the Southwest States, and is now centered over Pennsylvania, and is causing a moderate snowfall throughout Southern Ontario. It is likely to continue its northward course and cause a fall of snow in Quebec and N.-W. Brunswick, and rain in Nova Scotia. High pressure and cold weather continues in the Northwest. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 49-42; Prince Albert, 14 below-4; Winnipeg, 10 below-19; Port Arthur, 8 below-8; Parry Sound, 1-12; Toronto, 20-22; Ottawa, 18-24; Montreal, 13-15; Quebec, 12-20; Halifax, 32-42.

Local temperatures.—The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory on Thursday, Dec. 14, were: Highest, 26; lowest 20.5 degrees.

Today sun rises at 7:45 a.m.; sets, 4:42 p.m. Moon rises at 2:43 p.m.; sets, 5:19 a.m.

COIL DEALERS

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Preston Furnaces

OR....

Hot Water Boilers

as they always give big heat and but very little cost. Estimates given for all class of heating at

THOMPSON'S,
24 RICHMOND ST.

Third floor north of Advertiser Office.



London Advertiser.



A LOCAL BUDGET

—Mr. Denis Daly, Forward avenue, West London, is seriously ill.

—Mrs. Wm. H. Gurd will be at home, 633 Waterloo street, Jan. 2 to 15, 1900.

—The trustees of school section No. 21, Elfrida, ave. engaged Mr. Rice, of Elfrida township, as teacher for 1900, at a salary of \$300.

—Mr. Thomas Wheatley and daughter, of Peoria, are attending the funeral of a late Mrs. William Simpson, who was Mr. Wheatley's only sister.

—The Wadsworth Express says that Elder Evan the Latter-Day Saints' leader, was forcibly ejected from a special meeting in that town on Monday night.

—The regular meeting of the sewer committee was held last night. The city engineer presented a report of the work done on the trunk sewers during the last.

—Mr. L. H. Huffman, who was recently transferred from the G. T. R. offices here to the superintendent's office, Toronto, has been appointed chief clerk to the Registrar in at Durand, Mich.

—Col. Leghas now an assurance in writing from Dr. Porden, the minister of militia, that no change will be made.

**THE REAL THING!
PURE WOOL
UNDERWEAR.**

We have the best lines of Pure Wool Underwear, this season, have ever shown, at very low prices.

ANDERSON'S

Speak Volumes.

Get one of our Xmas Book Catalogues. See our immense stock. Nothing like it in the city. New books by Ford, Hocking, Egerton, Castle, Lyall, Moore, Crockett, Barr, Crawford, Merriman, Hilly, Ralph Connor, Drummond, etc., etc. Genus for presentation at 25c, 50c, etc. and in many bindings.

Large stock of Sunday School Books from 10c up. The Poets, Bible, Prayer Books, Hymnals, Albums, Puzzles, Games, Calendars, Cards, Booklets, Leather and Brass Goods in great variety.

See the Snap Tables—Genuine Goods at Small Prices.

We Give Trading Stamps.

RANGES

Steel Ovens.....\$22
Baseburners.....\$30 to \$25
Cook Stoves.....\$10
Air-Tight Heaters.....\$5
Palmerston Cutters.....\$25

STRINGER'S, 141 King Street, Opp. Market.

Palace Cafe.

American and European Plan. Regular business men's dinner from 12 to 1:30, 25 cents.

388 Richmond Street. Opp. City Hall.

in the military school at London, and that its removal to Toronto is not now contemplated.

—Miss Isabel Love leaves tomorrow for Aguas Calientes, Mexico, on a six months' visit to her brother, Mr. W. D. Love. Miss Tena McCallum, niece of Dr. McCallum, will accompany Miss Love as far as Kansas City.

—Chief Justice Meredith has handed down his decision in the case of Mrs. Mary Horsman, of the Ironworks Hotel, Toronto, formerly of London, against that city for illegal distress of taxes. The judgment awards her \$344.44 taxes paid under protest, and also awards \$250 damages.

—A very successful concert was held last night in Lambeth under the auspices of Court Lambeth No. 14, I. O. E., and Lambeth Lodge, No. 217, A. O. U. W. Its object was to wipe off the mortgage resting upon Union Hall. Receipts of upwards of \$100 were realized.

Dr. Routledge, who presided, gave a short opening address, upon the conclusion of which he introduced the programme. Those taking part were: Corbin brothers and Williamson, J. Gilmore, James Fax, and Miss McBride.

ECLIPSE OF THE MOON.

Tomorrow there will occur one of those interesting astronomical phenomena, an eclipse of the moon, which will be visible here as well as to all places where the moon is above the horizon during its continuance, providing, of course, that the sky is clear. As the moon rises about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, it will be up in a favorable position for observation during the whole course of the eclipse, which, while not total, is nearly so, all but about one two-hundredth of the moon's disk being obscured.

BUSY BEE ENTERTAINMENT.

The entertainment given by the Busy Bees, 200 strong, at the Wesley Hall last night, was largely attended by the parents and friends of the little Bees, who thoroughly enjoyed the programme. Miss Allen, the Queen Bee, presided on the throne, and Mr. Thomas McCormick, the Counsellor Bee, occupied a seat in the midst of the children. Mrs. Gregson undertook the training of the Bees, and the manner in which the little tots recited, sang and performed kindergarten exercises, was decidedly creditable to her.

THE SHEEP BREEDERS

Annual Meeting of the Dominion Association.

Officers Elected.—Addresses by Judges—Delegates to Fairs and Export Judges Chosen.

The Dominion Sheep Breeders held their annual meeting in the stockmen's pavilion, at the fair grounds, last night. President D. G. Hamner, Burford, presided. In his opening address he referred to the successful year that had been enjoyed by the breeders.

The judges in the block tests, in the sheep department, Messrs. H. A. Paulds and C. W. Yapp, of Bradford, gave reasons for the awards made by them, and explained the requirements of the foreign market.

Hon. John Dryden and Mr. George McKerrrow, of Sussex, Wis., gave brief addresses.

The officers elected were: President—A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge.

Vice-President—R. H. Harding, Thorndale.

Secretary-Treasurer—A. P. Westcott, Toronto.

Directors—Cotswolds—D. McCrae, Leicester; W. Whitelaw, Guelph; Hampshire and Suffolk—John Kelly, Sharnbrook; Dorset—John Hunter, Wyoming; Southdowns—John Jackson, Abingdon; Oxford—Jas. Tolton, Walkerton; Lincoln—E. B. Robson, Hilderton; Merino—W. M. Smith, Fairfield Plains; Shropshire—D. G. Hamner, Burford; Ontario Agricultural College—Prof. G. E. Day, Guelph.

Auditor—J. M. Duff, Guelph. Representatives to Fair Boards—Toronto Industrial, J. M. Guardhouse, Highfield; Abingdon, Abingdon; Ottawa—F. W. Hodson, Ottawa; London—W. H. Beattie, Wilton Grove; A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge.

Delegates to the Board of Provincial Winter Fair—R. H. Harding, Thorndale; A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge; Jas. Tolton, Walkerton.

With a very few exceptions, the expert judges of 1899 were re-elected. The following were added to the list: Southdowns—D. H. Dale, Glendale;

Geo. McKerrrow, Sussex, Wis.; J. C. Duncan, Lewiston, N. Y.; Merino—George McKerrrow, Sussex, Wis.

Leicesters—Geo. Penhale, Exeter; James Snell, Clinton; John Wright, Chesley; Prof. Grisdale, Ottawa; Prof. Day, Guelph; M. Campbell, Northwood; D. R. Ayer, Northwood; Cotswolds—Samuel Bailey, Uttoxeter; J. Slater, Burtonville; George Allen, Oriel.

Oxford—A. Elliott, Pond Mills; D. Brown, Iona; A. McKenzie, N. Gibson, Delaware; W. Lee, Simcoe; Prof. Craig and Prof. Curtis, Ames, Iowa; Shropshire—J. C. Duncan, Lewiston; Geo. L. Telfer, Paris.

Hampshire—W. H. Beattie, James Bowman, John Kelly.

Lincoln—T. Currie, Fullerton; Henry Shore, Wilton; J. H. Patrick, Hilderton; James P. H. Hensall; James Cranston, Denfield; A. McLeod, Shakespeare.

Dorset—J. McKerrrow, Sussex, Wis.; Guelph; Henry Arkell, Teeswater; Henry Arkell, Arkell; M. N. Oresford, N. Y.; Herbert Hamner, Hilderton; R. Bailey, Union; R. H. Harding.

The judges named for the principal fairs were:

Leicesters—Toronto Industrial—James Snell, Clinton; Jos. Grant, St. Helens; Napamere, Jos. Grant, St. Helens; London—Wm. McIntosh, Burgoyne; reserve, W. Parkinson, Bramosa; Ottawa—John Orr, Galt, Brantford; W. Whitelaw, Guelph; Director—W. Whitelaw, Guelph.

Cotswolds—Toronto Industrial—O. Weeks, W. Thompson, London; J. Russell, Richmond; W. G. Laidlaw, Wilton Grove, Ottawa; V. Pich, Oriel; J. D. Davidson, Bethaven, Director—D. McCrae.

Oxford Judges—Toronto Industrial—James Tolton, Walkerton; Henry Arkell, Arkell, London—W. H. Arkell, Teeswater; J. L. Tolton, Walkerton; Shropshire—For Toronto, Geo. Allen, Allerton, Ill.; Geo. Hindmarsh, Ailsa Craig; reserve, W. H. Beattie, Wilton Grove; London—J. C. Duncan, Lewiston, N. Y.; reserve, Geo. Pinn, Hespeler, Ont. Ottawa—R. Gibson, Delaware; reserve, A. Elliott, Galt.

Fat Stock Show—George McKerrrow, Sussex, Wis.; reserve, Prof. Curtis Ames, Iowa.

Oxford—For Toronto—James Pettit, Hensall; L. Parkinson, Greenock; London—Ernest Parkinson, Bramosa; Hardy Shore, Guelph; reserve, F. W. Hodson, the retiring secretary, was elected a life member of the association.

NOT A MILCH COW

Claims Against the City for Damages Must Be Proved in Court.

At the meeting of the board of works last night, City Treasurer Pope reported that the board had overruled their appropriation \$4,035.

City Solicitor Meredith replied pertinently to a request for a general opinion as to the city's liability for damages caused by imperfect sidewalks, that much depended on the state of the walks. Mrs. Laddell's claim for damages was laid over. Miss Carrie McKerrrow's claim of \$100 damages for injuries to her knee alleged to have been caused by falling on a projecting nail on the sidewalk, was filed on motion of Aid. Farnell, who remarked that such claims should be taken into court, it was about time, he said, that people learned the city was not a milch cow.

leather Goods

—FOR—

Christmas Presents.

Portfolios, all leather.....\$2 00
Portfolios, all leather.....\$12 00
Collar and Cuff Sets.....\$1 25
Collars, separate.....65c
Cuffs.....65c
Cigar Cases.....\$1 00
Playing Card Cases and Counters.....75c
Handkerchief Cases.....\$1 25
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