

### The Dawn of Another Year.

Before starting another year we desire to express our most sincere thanks for the increasing favor which this store has enjoyed during the past twelve months.

We ask for a continuation of your good will and shall constantly endeavor to merit it by making this a store which shall at all times conserve the best interests of those who favor it with their patronage. We wish you A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

**A. HIGINBOTHAM**  
DRUGGIST  
Nearly Opposite Postoffice, Lindsay

### The Weekly Post

WILSON & WILSON, Proprietors.  
LINDSAY, FRIDAY, DEC. 23, '05.

#### THE COAL QUESTION.

There are very few people in the North Temperate Zone to whom the question of coal—its supply and use—is no tone of vital importance. To us in Canada, especially country newspaper men, it looks as if we worked and slaved all summer in order to save up enough to pay the coal man in the winter and if we indulge over-much in any one line during the saving time we generally have to visit our neighbors to get warm. We do not know yet what the future may have in store for us in the way of substitutes, such as electric energy developed from our water powers or peat fuel developed from our peat beds. We are in hopes they will yet be wonderful assets in their time—just at present coal is what we are intensely interested in, especially at 7.50 per ton. In looking over the world's production and consumption there are some very interesting figures which will be of interest to our readers. There are four charts with diagrams lying before us which we wish we could reproduce, but space will not permit. The first diagram shows the production of coal in the five principal countries. The United States heads the list with some 314 1-2 millions of tons; Britain next with 232 1-2 millions, Germany nearly 121 millions, France nearly 34 millions and Belgium last with 23 1-2 millions. Canada with its 8 or 9 million tons looks small in comparison, but as yet we use only babas. The second diagram shows the consumption of coal in the seven principal consuming countries. The figures are as follows:

United States	307 1-2 millions
Britain	266 1-2 "
Germany	107 "
France	45 1-2 "
Russia	23 "
Belgium	21 "
Austria	18 "

The total known coal production of the world is about 790 million long tons of which Britain produces rather less than one third and the United States rather more. As will be seen by the figures of the above two diagrams:

United States	3.75 tons per head
Britain	3.89 "
Germany	2.98 "
France	1.80 "
Russia	1.16 "
Belgium	.39 "
Austria	.16 "

It will be noticed from this then that Germany will have to be more than double her output before she is at all approaches either the United States or Britain. The last diagram shows the excess of exports over imports and in this item no nation compares at all with Britain, her exports being something like 64 million tons and the next, Germany, 6 million tons and from that down to Belgium 2 1-2 millions. It is a debatable question whether Britain is wise in exporting so much of her raw material—in the meantime she is getting exchange for it. The following statement shows what the production of the colonies were in 1903:

India	7,438,000 tons
Australia	7,112,000 tons
New Zealand	1,420,000 tons
Canada	6,825,000 tons
South Africa	2,900,000 tons

It will be seen that we in Canada have a long way to travel yet before we can be called a manufacturing nation. In spite of the fact that we need to use more coal per head for heat than any other nation, still we don't use over a ton and a quarter for all purposes and yet we beat Russia, Austria, France and are close on to the heels of Germany.

#### We Stand Corrected.

(Exchange.)  
A gallon is exactly ten pounds of distilled water; so when housewives say "a pint's a pound" the world around them are mistaken.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

The sudden death of Hon Raymond Prefontaine, Minister of Marine, in Paris on Sunday night, will be learned of with regret by Canadians generally. He was a genial man and a Minister who was devoted to the success of the department to which he succeeded in 1902. The news of his death caused much sadness in Montreal, where he was best known and where he enjoyed a great popularity. His deep interest in the city and provincial affairs, his twenty years' service in the commons, and his personal social qualities, had won him general friendship, and he will be much missed.

Hamilton Times: The success on a small scale achieved in smelting iron by electricity is a hopeful indication for the future of Canada's mineral industry. We have vast ore deposits—some of them of a somewhat refractory character as tried by present methods—and the bringing of them into productivity is of the first importance. Perhaps electric smelting may solve the problem. Moreover, we have in Canada almost unlimited water power. Coal we have to bring long distances, and freight eats up the profits. If the electric system can be made a practical success we can harness our numerous streams and wire the power to the mines, shipping only the smelted product.

"Bystander," in Weekly Sun: It seems there are still people capable of denying that the money levied in the shape of protective duty comes out of the pocket of the consumer, and goes into that of the manufacturer. Whence, then, does it come, and whither does it go? In the early days of the Northwest a protective duty of thirty-five per cent., since happily reduced, to twenty-five per cent., was levied on the settlers' farm implements. He could have bought his binder for thirty-five per cent. less at Minneapolis. Whence was the thirty-five per cent. taken, and whither did it go? Whence it was taken the settler knew too well. Whither it went anyone at the seat of manufacture could not fail to see. One protectionist before the Commission, arguing for protection against British goods, frankly avowed that it was impossible to produce here goods equal to the British at the same price. What did this mean but that the Canadian consumer was to give more than the fair price for his goods or have them of an inferior quality? Who paid and who received the extra price of steel which built the enormous fortunes of the Steel Trust? Would not the consumer have had his steel cheaper if the market had been free? It is not unlikely that on this question the Northwest may be destined to lead out of Egypt. It has had experience, and it evidently has light.

#### Summoned Home.

Owing to the serious illness of their father, Rev. Dr. W. P. O'Boyle, secretary of Ottawa University, and Mr. Austin O'Boyle, of the staff of the Sherbrooke Daily Record, have been summoned home and will spend some days in town. The many friends of Mr. O'Boyle, sr., will learn with much satisfaction that his condition has taken a turn for the better, and he has now a fair chance of recovery.

#### Home From the West.

Mr. George Ramsay, formerly of the G. T. R. but now a resident of Carleton Place, N.W.T., arrived home on Friday evening, and will remain a short time, when he will return to the west with his family. Mr. Ramsay tells great stories of the west and its wonderful big things and substantiates his assertion by the production of a mammoth jack rabbit shot by him just before leaving Carleton, which is more than twice the size of our native breed. He has also a photograph of the town of Sherwood, N.W.T., which, though only eighteen months old, boasts of a population of over eleven hundred, and has three banks, six elevators and many other evidences of prosperity.

Westminster Lodge No. 26, S.E.E.S. At the regular meeting of the above lodge the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. Past Pres., Bro. John Rathmell; W. Pres., Bro. John Milburn; W. Vice-Pres., Bro. A. W. Stollard; W. Chap., Bro. Harry Wesley; W. Secretary, Bro. John E. Way; W. Treas., Bro. Sam. Parsons; W. 1st Committeeman, Bro. Geo. S. Pratt; 2nd Com. Bro. C. Pym; 3rd Com., Bro. F. A. Rathbone; 4th Com., Bro. Harry Moore; 5th Com., Bro. Wm. Honeybourne; 6th Com., Bro. Geo. E. Rathmell; Inner Guard, Bro. Wm. Wingrove; Outer Guard, Bro. Jas. M. Clarke; Physician, Bro. Dr. W. H. Stollard; Auditors, Bro. Rathmell, Stollard and Harris; Trustees, Bro. John Hore and J. D. Graham; Supreme Lodge Delegate, Bro. John E. Way.

#### A Dangerous Situation.

Last week a lady drove up to a store east of the Benson house and went inside, leaving her two young sons in the cutter. Before she finished her buying the horse became restive and cramped the cutter, which upset on the occupants. Fortunately the snow was deep and while the cutter was dragged some distance the lady was unharmed. The mother—a very stout person—looked out as the vehicle was upsetting, and becoming alarmed for the safety of her children she rushed out of the store door to their rescue, but forgot about the deep bank of snow, which enveloped her to the waist, and in trying to extricate herself she lost both breath and balance and fell face downward in the drift. Half-a-dozen men witnessed the incident, but it was so intensely comical that they were unable to move to the victim's assistance as readily as they would otherwise have done.

### AS TRAVELLERS COME AND GO

#### PITHY PERSONAL POINTERS.

Movements of Citizens and Strangers Within Our Gates.  
From Wednesday's Daily.  
—Mr. M. Cain, of Bobcaygeon, was in town yesterday.  
—Mr. Henry Harding spent Christmas day in Lindsay.  
—Mr. M. Carlson, of Toronto, is home for the holidays.  
—Mr. Wm. Channon, of Oshawa, was in town yesterday.  
—Baillif Silver visited his brother in Sutton over Christmas.  
—Mr. Angus McEachern, of Woodville, was in town yesterday.  
—Mr. Wilbert Irwin, of Toronto, spent Christmas day in town.  
—Mr. D. VanNostrand, of Bobcaygeon, was in town yesterday.  
—Mr. W. Kennedy, of Bobcaygeon, visited town friends yesterday.  
—Mr. Andie W. Grant, of Woodville, spent Christmas in town.  
—Mrs. Clara Marshall, of Toronto, spent a few days at home.  
—Miss Liza Broad, of Manilla, spent Christmas holidays in town.  
—Mayor D. Ray and wife spent Christmas day with Manilla friends.  
—Mr. and Mrs. Truscott, are the guests of Mrs. Jeff Bates, north ward.  
—Miss N. Oviatt, of Texas, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. D. Adams, Bond-st.  
—Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Brown, of Bobcaygeon, were visitors to town yesterday.  
—Miss Emma Kennedy, of McMaster University, Toronto, is home for her vacation.  
—Miss McLaughlin, teacher, has left to spend the vacation at her home in Nestleton.  
—Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Shannon spent Christmas with Mrs. David Bingham, of Woodville.  
—Mr. T. W. Greer, of Toronto, spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Thurston, William-st.  
—Mr. and Mrs. Gourlay were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Macdonald, Christmas Day.  
—Miss Jewell, public school teacher, is spending her vacation at her home in Prince Albert.  
—Mrs. D. Hall, of Peterboro, is the holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wes. Fanning, William-st.  
—Miss Edgar, of the L. H. & P. Co's office, spent the holiday with her mother, at Bobcaygeon.  
—Mr. Fred Helson, teacher at Balsam Lake school is spending his vacation in town at his home.  
—Mr. S. Irwin, of Toronto, spent a couple of days under the parental roof, Glenoid-st., this week.  
—Miss Clara Ballagham, vocalist, of Peterboro, was in town to-day, a guest at the Simpson house.  
—Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McDougall and family spent Christmas with friends in Grass Hill vicinity.  
—Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Middleton, of Toronto, are the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Curtis.  
—Mr. John Williams, of London, is home for the holidays, and is a guest of his mother, Fair-ave.  
—Mr. Hubert Higginbotham, of the Standard, spent Bradford, spent Christmas with friends in town.  
—Miss Annie L. Robson, who has been attending Macdonald Institute, Guelph, is home for the holidays.  
—Mr. and Mrs. Hays, of Toronto, are the Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Boxall, Wellington-st.  
—Mr. Wesley Thurston, of Guelph, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Thurston, William-st. north.  
—Mr. Jack Douglas, of Queen's, Kingston, is spending his Christmas vacation with his parents, Bond-st.  
—Mr. Eddie Jackson, of Ottawa, formerly of Mr. W. F. McCarty's jewellery store, is home for a few holidays.  
—Miss Mollie E. Johnke, of Austin, Minnesota, is in town for a month's visit with her sister, Mrs. A. H. Cottingham.  
—Miss Birdie Jeffers, of Toronto, is home for the holidays, visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Jeffers, Wellington-st.  
—Mrs. W. Innis and son, of Cobocok, are the holiday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Frampton, north ward.  
—Mrs. S. Pritchard and Miss Mabel Pritchard, of Toronto, are the guests of Mrs. W. D. Brethour, 39 Cambridge-st. south.  
—Mrs. (Dr.) Chambers, of Oakwood, was the guest of her parents, Inspector and Mrs. W. H. Stevens, Colborne-st., over Sunday.  
—Mr. E. W. Morgan, of Victoria College, Toronto, was a Christmas guest of his brother, Mr. H. A. Morgan, Cambridge-st. south.  
—Miss Lena Fowler, of New York, is visiting her parents, corner of Victoria-ave. and Wellington-st., and will remain over the holidays.  
—Miss Laura Robson and Messrs. Albert and Fred Robson, of Toronto, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Robson, Albert-st.  
—Mr. Allie Pearson, general secretary of Collingwood Y. M. C. A., spent Christmas in town, the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Pearson, town.  
—Mr. Alex. Keith, of the Office Specialty Co., Toronto, was home for Christmas, spending the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Keith, north ward.  
—Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Blackwell, Miss Lulu Taber and Mr. J. W. Blackwell, of Toronto, were the Christmas guests at the home of Mr. T. W. Blackwell, Lindsay-st.  
—Port Hope Guide: Mr. Geo. Millishead, Pleasant Point, Sturgeon Lake, called on the Guide to-day. He came in to see the Misses Milligan, Pine-st., and friends in Newcastle.  
—Miss May Allan, who is at present a patient at Ross Hospital, was visited by a large number of friends Christmas day, and received so many gifts of flowers that her ward resembled a conservatory.  
—Peterboro Examiner: Mr. and Mrs. Seth Adium spent the holiday in Lindsay. Mr. Fred Drake paid a holiday visit to Lindsay. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Elliott were in Lindsay for a Christmas visit.  
—The marriage of Mr. Henry Emerson, jr., only son of Hon. H. B. Emerson, Minister of Railways and Canals, to Miss Pauline Price, of

Parraboro, N. S., will take place on Thursday, Dec. 28th, at Parraboro.

—Mr. Art McEvoy, of Toronto, visited town friends Sunday and Monday.  
—Miss Sadie Sinclair, of Toronto, is visiting relatives in town for a few days.  
—Dr. Bert Taylor, of St. Thomas, spent Christmas with his mother, Bond-st.  
—Mr. Edward Woodland, druggist, of Bobcaygeon, called on town friends to-day.  
—Miss Olive Thomas, teacher at Midland, is home for a couple of weeks' holidays.  
—Mr. Charles Graham, of Toronto, spent Christmas day under the parental roof, north ward.  
—Mr. W. Neddo, of Peterboro, an old Lindsay boy, spent Christmas with relatives in town.  
—Miss Edna Young, of Toronto, is visiting her parents, Conductor and Mrs. Young, south ward.  
—Mr. W. L. Richmond, traveller for the R. M. Beal Leather Co., spent a couple of days in town.  
—Misses Eva Tully and T. McFayden, of Toronto, are visiting friends in town during the holidays.  
—Miss Anna V. Walton, is spending the holidays in town, the guest of Mrs. Thos. Begg, Durham-st.  
—Mr. N. McGill and wife spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Nugent, Wellington-st.  
—Mr. W. Begley, of Hamilton, visited town friends over the holiday, and renewed old acquaintances. He was home for Christmas.  
—Mr. Jack Kennedy, of Chicago, arrived in town Saturday to spend Christmas week under the parental roof.  
—Mrs. J. Brandon and Miss Brandon, of Fenelon Falls, were in town Saturday, guests of north ward friends.  
—Mr. J. J. King, manager of the Singer Sewing Machine Co., is spending a few holidays with his family at Guelph.  
—Miss Florence Winters, of Toronto, spent Sunday and Monday the guest of her mother and sister, Victoria-ave.  
—Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Staples and daughter Olga returned last evening from Port Hope, where they spent Christmas.  
—Mr. Jack O'Leary, of Port Arthur, is spending a few holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Leary, Queen-st., east ward.  
—Clerk Ed. Mogrove, of Eldon township, has returned to his home in Kirkfield, after spending a couple of days in town.  
—Mr. E. L. Fortt, accountant in the Ontario Bank, Kingston, was in town Christmas Day, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Knowlson.  
—Mr. Fred H. Bryson, Calgary, Alta., traveller for Merrick, Anderson & Co., Winnipeg, Man., is home for a holiday with his parents.  
—Mr. Geo. L. Pedlar, of British Columbia, arrived home to spend the holidays with his parents, Fair-ave., north ward, after an absence of five years.  
—Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Bryson and Master Herbert, of New York, are in town for a few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Bryson, Victoria-ave.  
—Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Workman, of Toronto, were the holiday guests of her mother, Mrs. Thos. Wetherup, 91 Fair-ave. They returned to the city this morning.  
—Christmas Greeting.  
Christmas mail brought us a very choice package of mistletoe, cut fresh from the bush. It also conveyed the good wishes and Christmas greetings of Mr. Fred Burke, late manager of the Academy of Music, and now a resident of Harri-man, Tennessee. The remembrance that Mr. Burke is enjoying the same good health and that health and happiness may be his portion in his new home.  
—Diphtheria.  
Bob. Independent: Mr. Robt. Hill arrived home on Saturday, from Hayes camp in the Dickson limits with a case of diphtheria, and was at once put under quarantine. Two other men came home on Monday. They were in good health, but were at once disinfected, and put under quarantine. The Board of Health with the co-operation of the attending physicians are taking all precautions in the matter, and are fully alive to the condition of affairs existing in the woods. There should be no unnecessary alarm, but while the public should make known to the Board any information they may have they should place confidence in the Board, and the medical men performing their duties with a full sense of their trust and responsibility.  
—How He Failed.  
(Philadelphia Inquirer.)  
A friend of the proprietor went into a cigar store the other day and stepped up to the slot telephone. Taking down the receiver, he told the girl at the central station what number he wanted. Then, while she was ringing up that number he called out to the proprietor of the store.  
"Say, Bert, why isn't this a good place to work off this plugged dime?"  
"Bert," said the proprietor. "Put it in."  
In a moment the girl said: "Ten cents, please."  
"Down went the plugged dime into the slot."  
"Too-oo-out," went the little horn in the machine.  
"Ten cents, please," said the girl again.  
"I just put in a dime," he protested.  
"I know," she answered, "but you'll have to put in another. That one was plugged."  
"I thought probably it would be a good place to work off the plugged dime," the proprietor laughed later.  
"It was. You worked it off all right!"  
"But how the mischief did she know it was plugged?" asked the friend.  
"The horn tutted," the proprietor, "but she's a pretty smart girl. She knows especially when you hold the receiver in your hand and tell somebody you are going to put in a plugged coin."

# Dundas & Havelles Limited

DIRECT IMPORTERS.

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## OUR JANUARY CASH SALE.

We beg to announce that our regular January Cash Sale begins next Tuesday, January 2nd, and will continue until the end of the month. Special prices will be made in all departments and we ask our friends to make it their convenience to attend this sale. A full price list will be sent you next week.

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#### One Thousand Husbands Wanted.

A despatch from London says: Encouragement is being given here to Mr. Neill, inventor of automatic telephones, who promised the French government to find husbands in Canada for one thousand girls his invention has thrown out of work. It is said there will be no difficulty in keeping his promise if Neill goes to Western Canada or the secretary of Canadian emigration.

#### Municipal Matters.

The north ward looms up big this year on the municipal horizon, presenting no fewer than seven candidates for the eight seats at the Council board. The south ward offers four—Messrs. Smyth, Duke, Beaton and Robson, and the east ward one—the old ward system no longer cuts any ice in municipal matters. We were misinformed yesterday when we stated that Messrs. Sam. McGill and Wm. McWaters were unable to qualify as school trustees for the east ward. Town Clerk Knowlson states that the latter can qualify, and practically stands elected by acclamation.

#### A Visitor from the West.

Mr. B. F. Pearson, a former citizen of Lindsay, who left about 14 years ago for the West and took up land near Oxbow, Sask., spent Christmas in town with his brother, Mr. John Pearson. The present is B. F.'s first visit east since he left the old town to seek his fortune. He farms a half-section of land and this past season his wheat crop averaged 25 bushels to the acre. He is in Souris constituency, which is represented in the Dominion Parliament by Mr. J. T. Currie, and in the new provincial legislature by Mr. J. T. Brown, Equal Righter. Mr. Wm. Staples, who formerly lived near Cobocok, is located only three miles from Mr. Pearson; he works nine quarter-sections of land, and his crop this year was 12,000 bushels of wheat and 2,000 of oats. His wife is a first cousin of the Messrs. Pearson. B. F. has a three months' ticket and will spend some time at Beaverton, where he will visit his father-in-law, Mr. Richard Rilance, an old Norland where he will visit his sister, Mrs. W. F. Adair, and other friends.

#### Church Notes.

Port Hope Guide: Rev. E. B. Laneley, pastor of the Dundas-st. Methodist church, London, and formerly of the Methodist church here, preached on "The Man for the Majority." In his sermon he deplored the indifference of churches in regard to their civil duties. His advice to every man was to go into politics. No duty was too dirty, or despicable for God's people to take hold of, he said. It is an infinite pity we have got to consult the Reform or the Conservative party before we dare mention a man's name for the Mayor's chair. Why should any man become an exponent of any party? We stand there as citizens of a great city and not as Tories or Grits. There are many people who hold with Mr. Laneley that in civic affairs we should know neither Grit nor Tory, but that will not prevent the issuance of a Tory municipal slate this or next week. There is no more reason why a man should ask to be elected as alderman because he is a Tory than that the should make the same request because he is an Englishman, or a Presbyterian, or a Free Mason, or has red hair or plays golf.

## BAKER'S HOLIDAY BARGAINS.

#### GROCERY DEPARTMENT.

Just one more week in which to boom our Xmas business. We want our business this year to exceed all former years, and if quality and prices are of any consequence we are sure of success. Look over this list and buy your Santa Claus supplies from us.

- Choice Lemons, 2 dozen for 25c.
- Choice Sweet Oranges, per dozen, 25c.
- Jumbo Mixed Candies, special Xmas goods, 3 lbs for 25c.
- Mixed Nuts, all kinds, new per lb., 15c.
- New Dates, 4 lbs 25c.
- Figs, finest brand, 1 lb and 5c.
- Choice Layer Raisins, 25c and 15c.
- Chocolates, per lb., 15c.
- Creams, 2 lbs for 25c.
- Xmas Stockings, already filled, 5c, 10c, and 25c.

#### CROCKERY DEPARTMENT.

This week will put a big hole in our Fancy Goods Stock. Come down some evening in the first of the week and view our stock. Store open until 9 o'clock each night.

#### JAPANESE VASES.

We are offering special discounts on this line. Our stock is heavy and we don't want to carry any over. Come in and hear our prices.

#### TOILET SETS.

Positively the biggest value in Lindsay. \$4.00 Sets for \$3.00.

#### DINNER SETS.

See our Special at \$10.00. Don't forget you can buy a Dinner Set on the weekly payment plan just as cheap as if you paid the cash.

## W. E. BAKER,

THE BARGAIN GIVER.  
54 KENT-ST., LINDSAY

## THE NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS - - -

We wish our friends and the public generally  
**A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.**

3 STORES IN CANADA **R. NEILL,** CASH AND ONE PRICE.  
Sole Local Agent for the Slater Shoe.  
90 KENT-ST., LINDSAY

#### Living by Eggs Alone.

The other day a number of persons attending a meeting of pure food advocates in New York made the announcement that the only really pure food is the fresh egg. This raises the question whether a man's life might be prolonged indefinitely if he limited his diet to eggs. Luigi Cor-naro, the famous Italian of some centuries back who at the age of 40, with his constitution apparently ruined by excesses, adopted a regime

that enabled him to live as long as he wanted to live, and died of cancer on the threshold of his hundredth year, set great store by the egg. It was this interesting gentleman who reduced his diet by degrees until he sustained himself in serene comfort on a single egg a day.  
—The Evening Post Was. Contd.  
and found column is read by of 4,000 citizens every night. See the point 2 Make use of it—the cost is but a trifle.