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We have them from $1 up.
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Our Frames are MADE IN KINGSTON and are guaranteed by the makers.
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We beg to announce that we have opened a branch office in Exchange Chambers, 114 Brock street, with direct wire connections to all the leading exchanges. We buy stocks outright for investment or on margin, all orders are executed on legitimate exchange. The latest market advices from New York, Boston, Chicago and Toronto, are always on file at our office for the benefit of those interested in the markets.
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We are selling out our stock of Violins, Banjos, Guitars, Mandolins, Piccolos, Mouth Organs, Accordians, all kinds of strings, etc., etc.
AT COST.
Pianos and Organs at a Big Reduction for Next 30 Days.
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MASSAGE AND DRESSMAKING Parlors, Capilli Forma, produces new growth of hair at once, prevents falling and gray hair, cures Dandruff, Neuralgia and Eczema. Latest styles in Carriage and Evening Gowns, Tailor Made Suits, Coats and Wraps. Ladies' Waists reduced one inch in fitting. Elocutionary reading and Recitations for social gatherings and entertainments (Scotch dialect a specialty), E. ELDER, 251 Princess street.

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THREE GOOD, NEW MILCH COWS, one of them half-bred Jersey. Apply to Dr. Gibson, City, corner Queen and Barrie streets.

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TO PLAY FOR DANCING (PIANO). Apply 131 Alfred street.

The Last Day, and Then Christmas

With its realizations of many thousands of happy dreams, you can condense a great deal of shopping into this evening. Please remember, our supply of attractive and useful Christmas gifts is by no means exhausted.
Our Special for This Evening:
We have decided to place the balance of our Neckwear on sale this evening underpriced, as follows:
1 table 48 doz. 50c. Ties for 25c.
1 table 32 doz. 75c. Ties for 50c.
1 table 23 doz. $1 and $1.25 Ties, for 75c.
Please note, this takes in all Neckwear in the house, which is composed of Four-in-hand, Ascots, Flowing Ends, Puffs, Strings, all new and this season's purchase.
The year about closing shows the largest business in our experience.
We extend to our army of patrons and friends a Christmas greeting.
C. LIVINGSTON & BRO.

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COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

What Is Going On In The Business World—The Markets.

Detroit United earnings last week were $71,955, an increase of $8,507.

Toronto Railway earnings for last week were $40,280, an increase of $5,979.

A shortage of more than 100,000,000 feet in the Ontario lumber cut is the estimate of the inspectors of the National Lumber trust, of Chicago.

The Imperial Coal company, commencing with $4,000,000 capital, has secured a coal area, extending over 100 square miles, near Crow's Nest Pass. Operations will begin in spring.

Menominee, Mich., lumber mills manufactured last year 266,000,000 feet of lumber, 140,000,000 shingles and 65,000,000 lath. Two mills have been dismantled owing to the disappearance of pine in Northern Michigan.

The total number of apples shipped from Montreal this season was 728,132 barrels, as against 476,756 for 1902, and 122,406 for 1901. This has been the largest shipment recorded from the port of Montreal, the next largest was in 1896, when the total reached 700,274, and the smallest since 1880 was 7,445 barrels in 1889. Total number of barrels shipped in the largest year on record for the total season of 1896-97 was 2,919,846. It is thought that by the time this season ends the shipment will reach 3,500,000; end of season will be about April, 1904.

ARBITRATION ENDED.

And In Favor Of The Railway Company.

Decision in the case of Hungerford Marble Quarry company vs. The Bay of Quinte railway company, has been reached. This was another case of arbitration to secure crossing at an equity suitable to land taken by the railway company. For some years the marble company had been anxious for railway facilities and expressed themselves agreeable to a free concession of right of way if they could get the railway company to extend their line to their quarry. Everything pointed to an agreeable co-operation up to the time of construction when General Manager Ellis, of the marble company, claimed damages. In consequence the marble company presented evidence of the value of an untested commodity lying buried in the ground innumerable feet. The evidence was not sufficiently strong, however, to carry a verdict. The case was decided Saturday by the arbitrators, Judges McTavish and Morgan and Attorney George E. Deroche, in favor of the railway company. The marble company were allowed the sum offered by the railway company for the crossing $250. The quarry company's costs will not fall short of $1,000. It is the desire of the railway company to fully compensate all parties for land taken and offer such figures for right of way for land taken as to provide for a fairly sure judgment in their favor, if case goes to arbitration.

HUSBAND SKIPPED OUT.

And Left Note Notifying Wife Of His Tiring Love.

This week the Whig contained an exclusive item to the effect that an employee of a local manufacturing concern had suddenly made up his mind to leave Kingston, and had immediately taken his departure from the city. Along with this announcement is another story. Before leaving he wrote a note and addressed it to his wife, warning her that he could no longer remain with her, that he was tired of her society and longed for more freedom.

She did not receive this notice until the morning after he had disappeared.

The couple were guests at a King street boarding house, where they had a piano supposed to be valued at $600. On this the wife tried to raise a loan, but was unsuccessful. However, on Wednesday night she seemed to be in possession of enough money to take her to her home in Detroit, as she purchased a ticket for that place.

Looking For A Veteran.

Thursday morning City Clerk Shannon received from the mayor of Ottawa a letter and a packet in which was a gold locket presented by the city of Ottawa to Ryan E. Cooke, who served in the South African campaign. The whereabouts of Mr. Cooke were unknown, but recently the Ottawa authorities heard that his wife was living in Kingston. Mr. Shannon has so far been unable to locate her, and would be thankful for any information that would lead to the finding of her address.

Jenkins: Braces.

One pair in a box, fancy silk web, with roll leather ends, 75c. Jenkins.

Moccasins.

All sizes and prices at Abernethy's.

Fashionable neckwear for Christmas presents at J. P Forrest's.

GOOD IS BETTER

AND MANY HOPE HE WILL BE BEST SOON

And Remain Permanently Well—Mr. Pugsley Is The Conservative Candidate In Centre York For The Elections.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—H. J. P. Good, the well-known journalist and editor of the Sunday World, who has been seriously ill in St. Michael's hospital, for several weeks from an attack of appendicitis, has sufficiently recovered to permit of his removal from the hospital to his own home. His medical advisers believe that Mr. Good is in a fair way of permanent recovery.

At one of the most enthusiastic conventions ever held in the district, ex-County Warden William Pugsley, of Richmond Hill, was, yesterday afternoon, chosen conservative standard bearer to contest the new riding of Centre York against Archibald Campbell, M.P. Mr. Pugsley accepted the nomination.

Mrs. W. F. Robertson expired suddenly, yesterday, at her home, 164 University avenue, a few hours after she received a letter stating that her son, Sergt. Robertson, of the Winnipeg police force, would be home for Christmas and would arrive to-day. Mrs. Robertson was about sixty-five years of age. Sergt. Robertson was formerly sergeant-major of the 48th Highlanders and a member of the Toronto fire department. A few weeks ago when Sergt. Robertson was promoted, six members of the Winnipeg police force refused to go on duty and were dismissed.

A heavy snow storm in the district north of Toronto, together with the beginning of the Christmas rush and the exceptionally heavy freight traffic operated to make nearly all incoming trains late yesterday. The C.P.R. authorities reported that the greatest difficulty was encountered on the Owen Sound and Teeswater branches, the drifts in many places being so deep as to cover the fences.

The grain men of Toronto are convinced that the trouble between Russia and Japan is at a critical stage. A prominent dealer stated that the foreign cables for grain had been so far in excess of previous orders as to lead to a conference of the various exporters. The orders were for the most part from the north coast of Britain, although there were several unusual orders from Germany and France. The cable orders for grain yesterday at Montreal and Toronto exceeded $2,000,000. The prices offered were in line with prevailing quotations, but not a single order was filled, the grain men being confident that the present complications will lead to a higher price for Canadian grain.

NO CUT AT PRESENT.

But It Is Not Likely To Be Delayed Long.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—At a meeting of the directors of the Dominion Cotton company, yesterday, a proposition was made to order a cut of ten per cent. in the wages of the operatives numbering about four thousand in the nine mills operated by the company. Objection sufficiently strong to over-rule the suggestion was forthcoming, however, and no cut will be made for the present. The lack of adequate protection and the high price of cotton were offered as the reason for making the cut but as the operatives in Montreal, who comprise about half the total number employed, had lost considerable time during the past summer owing to the inability of the mills to secure electrical power, due to the breakdown of the power plant at Chambly, it was thought it would not be just to make a reduction at this time. A prominent interest connected with the company stated, today, that he did not believe a reduction in wages could be very long delayed owing to the adverse conditions at present affecting the cotton trade. At present the hands are working on short time knocking off work at four o'clock in the afternoon, making a total of eight hours for the day.

The topic of conversation, in railway circles, is regarding the changes in the management of the C.P.R. affecting the western division. It is generally conceded that William Whyte, the new second vice-president, with head quarters at Winnipeg, will give him supreme control of the west subject to the orders of the president and general manager and first vice-president but no mention is made of J. W. Leonard as assistant to the general manager, whom it is agreed Mr. Whyte will supercede. As Mr. Whyte will be practically general manager of the western division, it is believed Mr. Leonard will be assigned to other duties. In this respect the recent rumors that Mr. Whyte would take Mr. Leonard's place are right and in another sense are wrong.

WANTS LOVE LETTERS BACK.

Rich Widower Fell Victim to Widow And Girl.

Sioux City, Iowa., Dec. 24.—Nathan Phipps, a wealthy widower of Cherokee, wants to recover seventy love letters which he wrote Miss Mayme Farran, a pretty school teacher at Primghar.

Miss Farran is willing to return them for $10,000. She has sued Phipps for that amount for damages on a breach-of-promise charge. Her petition alleges that for two years Phipps courted her assiduously. He wrote the seventy letters, besides getting to Primghar many times to visit her. His change of heart came, it is alleged, when he hired a Council Bluffs widow, buxom and bewitching, as housekeeper. He demanded the return of his letters, and the answer was the filing of the suit. It has caused a sensation because of Phipps' prominence and wealth, and the assurance that it will be warmly contested.

How To Do It In Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—The largest retail stores here are closing from Thursday night till Monday morning.

Fire did damage to the machine shop of Watts Bros., Gananoque, on Wednesday. The loss is covered by insurance.

Initial silk handkerchiefs for Christmas presents, 25c., 50c., 75c. J. P. Forrest, King street.

MUST COMPLY.

Or Else Be Thrown Out Of Series.

A despatch from Toronto says: "At a meeting of the O.H.A. sub-committee, it was decided to take action in regard to group two of the senior series, which, so far, has failed to elect its original schedule so as to return a winner for the district by January 30th, the clubs refusing to come together to re-arrange the games. A peremptory notice was sent each club, and to the convenor of the district, that, unless a winner was returned by January 30th, the district would be thrown out of the series."

In this connection Frontenacs have received a notice from Convenor Jones, Brockville, calling a meeting for next week to re-arrange the schedule. As far as Frontenacs are concerned there will not be a re-arrangement. All the dates have been fixed, with local rink management, and cannot very well be interfered with. In this connection Kingston occupies a unique position, as there are so many teams playing, and the matches of two leagues—O.H.A. and Intercollegiate—have to be so fixed so that they will not clash. The dates are all agreed to and Frontenacs will not agree to a change.

MISS IVY LANGHAM,
Sister of the Baroness Von Sternberg, wife of the German Ambassador, who makes her debut in Washington during the holidays.

ARM BROKEN AND CUT.

James Lyon Met With a Distressing Accident.

James Lyon, Ontario street, an employee of James Nugent & Co., met with a distressing accident Thursday morning. He was working at an elevator when his right arm caught in the shaft and was wound around it. Fortunately his coat was torn off or the accident might have been more serious. It was bad enough as it was, for Mr. Lyon's arm was broken between the shoulder and the elbow and the flesh was badly lacerated. The sufferer was taken to the general hospital where his injuries received attention.

Are In Hospital.

Little Mignon Telgmann, who has taken such great interest, for the last three seasons, studying the violin with the hope of playing before Santa Claus at St. Andrew's church, had, this year, prepared a Scotch selection, as her papa informed her that there was a good deal of Scotch in Sandy. But she will be obliged to disappoint dear old Sandy owing to illness, as both she and her younger sister, Norma, are restricted to milk diet at the Hotel Dieu and will not be allowed a Christmas dinner.

Ordered To Montreal.

LeMesieur, the brilliant forward of the Limestone football team, engaged in the local branch of the Merchants' Bank, received word from headquarters to report there for duty on Monday morning. He left on Thursday for the scene of his new duties. LeMesieur is a skilful footballist and a clever hockeyist. He was one whose brilliant work helped Limestones to win the O.R.F.U. junior championship, and Frontenacs hoped to have in capturing the O.H.A. senior championship.

Chalmers' Entertainment.

Chalmers Sunday school had its Christmas entertainment on Wednesday evening. After the serving of supper, Dr. Knight entertained the children with magic lantern views. A pleasing feature was the announcement that the pupils and their friends had contributed provisions and clothing to make up eighteen large parcels to be distributed among poor families on Christmas morning.

Had Rare Good Time.

Miss Lizzie Allen and the pupils of public school, No. 4, Wolfe Island, held a successful "At Home" in the schoolhouse on Monday evening, 21st. The room was beautifully decorated and all admired the black board representation of Santa Claus which Walter Watts cleverely drew. The proceeds, $16, will be used to add books to the school library.

Choir To Sing Carols.

Thursday night, the choir of St. George's Cathedral will make its annual Christmas eve trip around the city. Carols will be sung at various places, among those on the list being Bishop Mills, Dean Smith, Rev. Dr. Mackie and Mrs. Fortescue. A van will be used and R. R. F. Harvey will preside at a small organ. This old English custom is a very happy one.

Wedded In Kingston.

The marriage took place Thursday morning, at Collins Bay, of Miss Annie Rankin, eldest daughter of Andrew Rankin, and Alexander Tait, son of Alexander Tait, grain and feed merchant, Brock street, this city. Only immediate friends were invited. A number of personal friends in the city attended.

Corsets of every description at 25c., 40c., 50c., and up. New York Dress Reform.

Oranges, 12c. dozen at Rees'.

AIDED BOERS.

ROMANCE OF A HUNGARIAN NOBLEMAN.

Found Ill In a Hospital—Mother Searched For Years and Detectives Finally Located Him In Hospital.

Vienna, Dec. 24.—A curious echo of the recent war in South Africa has just been heard, making known a very romantic story.

Five years ago Baron Aczel, a young Hungarian nobleman, quarreled very seriously with his father, and in consequence disappeared from Budauest, leaving no clue either as to his whereabouts or his intentions. Shortly after his disappearance his father died, and, having repented of his anger towards his son, left him all his belongings.

The widow caused extensive enquiries to be made as to the whereabouts of her son, and at last, after years of research, she discovered that a young man answering his description had fought on the side of the Boers during the Transvaal war. Thereupon the baroness sent two detectives to South Africa, where they spent many months in an apparently fruitless search.

Finally, however, just as they were on the point of relinquishing their quest, they heard of a baron who was lying dangerously ill in a hospital in the Transvaal. They set off post-haste to the place, and discovered that the patient was the man they sought.

Every attention was lavished upon him, and ultimately he was restored to health. As soon as he is strong enough to travel he will return to his mother and his ancestral estates.

TAKEN FROM HER SIDE.

He Was a Thief And He Pleaded Guilty.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—A small-pox case is reported from Thorah, Ontario county, and Georgina, York county. Both are supposed to have come from Dakota lumber camps.

Morley B. Schack, arrested last night from beside his best girl, charged with several thefts, pleaded guilty in to-day's police court, but was remanded for sentence. His parents live in Hamilton, the police say.

Frank Pringle, found guilty of extensive shop lifting thefts, was sentenced, to-day, to twenty-three months in Central prison. He is believed to be a New York crook.

OFF IN NIGHT CLOTHES.

Disaster To A Vessel Off Copp's Rock.

Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 24.—The steamer Erastus Oorning, plying between New Haven and New York, ran on Copp's Rock, off Norwalk, this morning, and stove a big hole in her underbody and sank. The passengers, thirty in number, took to the small boats, but put back to the Corning after she had settled, as two of the boats were found to be leaking. One boat containing four women and two men, are missing. The women are in their night clothes, and, it is thought, they have made the land or some nearby island and are safe.

Has Done Well.

Toronto Telegram.

It is stated that Lieut.-Col. F. S. Skinner, of H. M. Royal Sussex Regiment, who has just been gazetted to the command of the battalion, is the first graduate of the Royal Military College, Kingston, who has obtained that distinction. It will also be interesting to recall the fact that the first native born Canadian to obtain the command of a British regiment of infantry was colonel the Baron de Rottenburg, C.B., who was gazetted to the command of the 100th or P. W.R.C. Regiment on its formation in May, 1858. Col de Rottenburg was born in Kingston, and Col. Skinner received his military education in the same place, having graduated from the R.M.C. in 1882. From second lieutenant to lieutenant-colonel in twenty-one years is pretty quick promotion. Lieut.-Col. Skinner, barring accidents, may now safely hope to become a major-general by the time he has completed thirty-one years' service.

A Railway Train Ran Off.

Brandon, Man., Dec. 24.—A spread rail caused the incoming Hamiota train to be wrecked yesterday near Forest. Nearly the whole train left the track, but no one was injured. About one hundred yards of track and several cars were damaged. The passengers were brought into Brandon by a special.

To Hold Inquest.

Quebec, Dec. 24.—A furrier, named Lapointe, employed at J. I. Laliberte's store, poisoned himself at his residence, this morning, with a very strong dose of paris green. The coroner will hold an inquest.

Judge Osler reserved judgment on the motion in the North York election protest proceedings to compel Hon. E. J. Davis to attend to answer questions in his examination for discovery.

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UMBRELLAS, a lot of very stylish handles just received for the Christmas trade. Prices are $2, $2.25, $1 50, $3, $1.25, $1.75, $3.99.
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HANDKERCHIEFS in Lace and Embroidery at 25c., 20c., 12½c., 35c., 69c., 40c., and many others.
FANCY KNITTED GLOVES, a warm and comfortable winter glove at 25c., 35c., 39c.

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MEN'S KID GLOVES AND MITTS.
TIES, BRACES, SOCKS,
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Stuffed Olives at 25 cents per bott
Stuffed Olives at 35 cents per bott
Olives stuffed with Anchories 50 c per bottle.
Crushed Olives for Sandwiches, s thing new, 30 cents per bottle.
Have you seen Bisho California Goods; the fin ot their kind?
Bishop's Glace Prunes, stuffed Walnuts, 75 cents per box.
Bishop's Guava Jelly, 25 cents pot.
Bishop's Red Currant Jelly, 25 c per pot.
Bishop's Orangeate, 30 cents per
Bishop's Preserved Figs, 45 cents jar.
Bishop's Spiced Figs, 45 cents per
Bishop's Preserved Cherries, 45 c per jar.
Bishop's Grape Fruitate, 45 cents jar.
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MARRIAGE DIRECTORY, FREE all. Pay when married. New p Send no money. For particulars dress H. A. Horton, Dept. 339 Kenosha, Mich.
Felt The Shock.
Morrisburg, Ont., Dec. 26.— earthquake shock was felt very timetly in this district yester morning lasting several seconds. damage was done.
Butter, 20c.; sweet apples, 15c. p sausages, fanan haddies, Crawfo