

### BANK OF TORONTO

Profit for Year, 10.37 per cent. on Capital Totalled \$677,964.

The Statement of the Bank of Toronto, just issued, gives figures which should prove gratifying to the shareholders at the Annual Meeting on 15th January.

To the Net Profits earned \$677,964 are added premiums on stock issued \$699,020, which with \$134,777 brought forward from last year, gave a total of \$1,511,761, for distribution.

From this amount Dividends of 11 per cent. aggregating \$465,721, were paid the shareholders, \$100,000 written off Bank Premiums, \$15,000 transferred to Officers' Pension Fund, and \$89,040 added to Ret. Account, leaving \$85,000 to be carried in Profit and Loss.

The Ret. Account is now \$5,000,000, or an even million more than the paid-up Capital.

The general business of the Bank showed splendid growth, the demand being \$4,140,944, and Current Loans \$5,114,722 greater than a year ago. The total assets of this Bank now aggregate \$57,967,084.

**KINGSTON BRANCH**  
107 PRINCESS ST.  
GEORGE B. MCKAY,  
Manager.

### BRASS GOODS FOR CHRISTMAS

The nicest line of Brass Goods ever offered in Kingston.

Brass Fenders from \$6.00 to \$12.00.

Fire Sets, both Black and Brass, from \$3.50 to \$15.00.

Brass Andirons from \$3.50 to \$10.00.

Black Andirons from \$2.00 to \$5.00.

See our large Brass Jardiner for \$1.49.

Best value ever offered in Kingston.

**W. A. MITCHELL**  
HARDWARE  
85 PRINCESS STREET.

### THAT TOBACCO

With the "Rooster" as it is crowing louder as he goes along only 45c per pound. For chewing and smoking.

AT A. MACLEAN'S, Ontario Street.

## Big Reduction Sale

### Thursday, 8.30 o'clock

150 Silk and Allover Net Blouses, Cream, White and Black, Kimona sleeves, long sleeves and short sleeves, the biggest bargain in Blouses ever offered to the trade in Kingston; prices range from \$4 to \$9.

Thursday \$1.98

20 Dozen White Muslin Waists, regular goods, made for Spring 1912; all sizes, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Thursday 68c

200 Ladies' Umbrellas, long mission wood handles, gold and silver mountings, also silver and gold with pearl mountings, tape border on cover. You cannot buy the handle for the price.

Thursday \$1.25

60 Pink and Blue Fancy Long Kimonas, made from heavy German Flannel. Regular \$3.50.

Thursday 98c

85 Heavy Black Satene Underskirts, made with three frills and pleating, lined with red flannel. Regular price, \$1.75.

Thursday 98c

140 Ladies' Flannellette Night Gowns, made from good heavy cloth, extra wide, trimmed with silk embroidery. Regular \$1.50.

Thursday 98c

40 Ladies' Navy and Black Cloth Skirts, all sizes, made with pleats and fancy braided trimming, \$4.50 regular.

\$1.98

35 Misses' and Small Ladies' Heavy Cloth Winter Coats, a good assortment of colors. Price \$9 to \$15.

Thursday \$3.98

See Window Display.

## R. Waldron

Open Thursday and Friday Evenings

### ARRANGING DETAILS

#### FOR THE VISIT OF THE SCOTCH CURLERS.

Teams From District Towns to be Present—A Luncheon to be Given the Curiers in the City Hall.

A meeting of the executive of the Kingston Curling Club was held on Tuesday evening to make further arrangements for the visit of the Scotch curlers to the city on the 19th and 20th of January. It was decided to invite the following clubs to send teams for the event: Belleville, Brockville, Coburne, Eastern Hospital, Napanee, Prescott and Rockwood hospital.

The Scotch will be given a grand reception on their arrival on Friday. After dinner they will proceed to the local rink and will engage in a friendly twelve-end game. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

On Saturday morning the visitors will be given a drive around the city, visiting the principal places. The drive will be followed by a public luncheon in the city hall, from one to three o'clock. A number of addresses will be given and the presentation by the local club to the visitors will take place. After luncheon an adjournment will be made to the rink, where games will be played by two of the outside teams and three local teams against five teams from the Scotch curlers. In the evening five local teams will play the Scotch curlers, from seven to nine o'clock. After the games a smoking concert will be given until it is time for the curlers to leave on the midnight train. An official programme will be issued.

Committees were appointed with the following members: Reception and hotel, President E. O. Siler; the drive, Hugh Macpherson; finance, E. Lyons; entertainment, invitation, presentation and programme, T. M. Asselstine. The decoration of the rink will be in charge of the Queen's Curling Club, with P. T. Pilkey as co-convenor. These convenors will be given the privilege of appointing their own committees.

#### Stratford Wants a Game.

Secretary Stanley E. Trotter, of the Frontenac Hockey Club, has received a letter from the management of the Stratford senior O.H.A. hockey team, asking if it would be possible to arrange a game with that team and Frontenac, in Stratford, Christmas afternoon. No answer has been sent yet, but as there is no ice here, and the team has not had a practice, it will be unable to accept.

#### Have Issued Challenge.

The officials of the City Hockey League have issued a challenge to the Montreal City Hockey League for the Jubilee cup, which the Granites went after, unsuccessfully, last winter.

#### Croquet Tournament.

The croquet tournament of the Y.M.C.A. is progressing finely. The first round has not been played yet, but it has narrowed down to about six players.

### THERE IS NO STIR

#### OVER THE COMING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

No Mayoralty Candidates Yet Announced—Only Two Days Remain Until Nomination—Retiring Aldermen and School Trustees.

Never before has the interest in the municipal elections been so unobtrusive as it has this December. Probably the reason is that the people are sick and tired of elections. Only two days remain till the nominations, and no one can tell who will be in the mayoralty or aldermanic contests. For the former, the names of Mayor Graham and Ald. Hoag and Toye have been mentioned, but no announcement has been made. It is known that Mayor Graham is wisely "laying down" for an acclamation. He is saying nothing as to his plans. It is reported that the mayor may not seek re-election by way of the polls, as there is nothing to be gained by fighting for a second term for the mayor's chair, and run the chance of being defeated. As far as can be learned, the mayor will be opposed by either Ald. Toye or Ald. Hoag, if he wishes to be chief magistrate for another year.

The retiring aldermen this year are: R. H. Toye, Sydenham ward; T. J. Higgins, Ontario ward; John Carson, St. Lawrence ward; Robert Fraser, Cataraqui ward; J. S. R. McCann, Frontenac ward; W. Clugston, Rideau ward; J. W. Litton, Victoria ward. All of the above will again be nominated, and, no doubt, there will be some acclamations.

The retiring members of the Board of Education are: J. R. Henderson, Sydenham ward; A. W. Maclean, Ontario ward; J. G. Elliott, St. Lawrence ward; F. R. Anglin, Cataraqui ward; R. Walker, Frontenac ward; James Craig, Rideau ward; P. Chown, Victoria ward. R. Meek and J. R. Donaldson are the retiring representatives of the city council.

### TO AID SANTA CLAUS

#### TO HELP HIM MAKE MANY HOMES HAPPY.

The Citizens Are Urged to Help Make a Fund That Will Bring Cheer and Gladness to Every Destitute Home.

The Whig's Santa Claus fund is now over \$100. Gifts have come to us unsolicited, save through the publication of the needs, so that Santa Claus might find a place in every home. The messages keep coming to hand. A Johnson street lad wishes Santa to "Send me a new overcoat, as someone was kind enough to steal mine."

A Clergy street child sees by the British Whig that Santa Claus is at this office, and says: "Will you bring me a pair of stockings and a pair of boots, size 11, as I know otherwise I wouldn't get anything this Christmas."

A Collingwood street girl, after enumerating her desires, adds: "Please do not forget my brother. He has had a broken leg and has been in the hospital for eight weeks."

A Durham street child writes: "I have three brothers and two sisters. Give me anything you like. You did not call at our home last Christmas."

Already acknowledged	\$101.93
R. Meek	2.00
J. H.	1.00
A. B. Haffner	1.00
R. J.	1.00
A Friend	1.00
Bessie Wilson	.50

#### INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

#### News Paragraphs Picked Up By Our Reporters.

Genuine holly wreaths, Purdy. Pictures not injured, all reduced at Weese's fire sale.

Sidney Scobell, of Cape Vincent, spent Wednesday in the city.

Miss Ethel Farrow left for her home in Ottawa to spend the Christmas holidays.

"Christmas morning delivery" high class sweets, from Gibson's.

The work of digging the sewer at Kensington Place continues. The sewer will not be completed till late spring.

A. M. Rankin's majority over J. P. McInnes in the recent Frontenac election is about 625.

Dainty boxes, containing tube tooth paste, cake soap, and box of cold cream, all for 25c, at Best's.

Miss Hilda Mullin is up from Ottawa to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Mullin, Johnson street.

William McCammon, the harbor master, reports that the water in the harbor has raised eight inches within the past month.

Fairian marble statuery half price at Robertson Bros'.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Robbs took place on Wednesday afternoon at Cataraqui cemetery. The funeral service was taken charge of by Rev. Canon Starr.

"Santa Claus delivery" of high-class sweets on Christmas morning from Gibson's.

W. R. Stackhouse and W. Green, students attending Queen's, left Wednesday morning to spend the Christmas vacation with Mr. Stackhouse's parents at Blythe, Ont.

"Don't forget" Christmas morning delivery of high-class sweets from Gibson's.

The British-American Insurance Co. has paid insurance on the premises of J. John Kelly, Barry, and Eliza Herigan, Earl street, recently injured by fire. W. H. Godwin & Son are the agents.

"Christmas morning" delivery of high-class sweets from Gibson's Red Cross drug store.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Villier, of London, Eng., who have been visiting in the United States, are now spending the Christmas season with Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall, Colborne street.

Manicure sets, silver-mounted, in fancy boxes, 75c, at Best's.

The funeral of the late Herbert Arnd took place from his mother's residence, on Princess street, on Wednesday afternoon, by Cataraqui cemetery. The service was in charge of Rev. Prof. Laird.

### GROWS DESPITE LICENSE REDUCTION AND LOCAL OPTION.

#### What the Figures Show—They Are a Surprising Revelation—Not to be Disputed.

Those people who tell us that under license reduction and local option there will be less drinking than now are simply talking nonsense. All the facts and all the figures are against the statement. The truth is that there is more liquor drunk to-day than ever there has been, and this despite license reduction and all other false methods of reform.

A recent article in the Canadian Courier sums up the situation fairly in respect to liquor. Says the Courier:

"Considerable surprise has been created by the announcement from Ottawa as to the growth in the consumption of liquor and tobacco. The prohibitionists and local option advocates have been telling us about the great advance in temperance sentiment throughout the country. They have been pouring into our ears most wonderful tales about the reduction in the number of licenses and the growth of the 'dry belt.' If one should hear only their side of the story, one might easily imagine that in a short time people would be making pilgrimages to view 'the last distillery' and 'the last brewery' existence in this country. Indeed, some of us already have had this pleasing and inspiring delusion.

Now comes the report of the inland revenue department of the dominion government apparently issued to shatter these fond illusions of ours. This report states that the consumption of spirits per capita has increased during the last year from 15 gallons to 359 gallons. In other words, more whiskey is being consumed in Canada than at any time in her history, even after making allowance for the increase in the population. If these figures are true and accurate then the money spent on local option and prohibition, and license reduction campaigns must be largely wasted, and the efforts of many good men must be going for naught.

Let there should be any thought that the whiskey figures might be exceptional, the department adds the figures for wine and beer. In 1910 the per capita consumption of beer was 5,276 gallons; while in 1911 it had grown to 5,276 gallons. This is a small but decided increase. In the consumption of wine there has been a similar increase. The figures for 1910 were 2,097 gallons and for 1911 1,041 gallons. If there had been a decrease in the quantity of spirits and wine and an increase in the consumption of beer, one might have felt that the temperance cause was gaining ground. But even this privilege is denied us.

"Perhaps it would be well at this juncture for the officials of the W.C.T.U. to call upon the new minister of inland revenue and point out how outrageous is this information. Under these circumstances the people of Kingston will do well to vote against the license reduction by-law. It simply will mean a great loss of revenue, and will not decrease the consumption of liquor.—Advt.

#### The Scotch Land Bill.

Ballymoney Free Press. The Scotch land bill, called the "small Landholders' bill," has passed the second reading in the house of lords without a vote. The three main objects of the bill are to amend the law relating to small holdings, to provide machinery for same, and to establish a board of agriculture for Scotland. The measure had received the approval of the House of commons in three separate sessions, and it has the support of public opinion.

Lord Pentland, who moved the second reading, said what was desired was to give a man an opportunity of reaping the fruits of his own labor on the land in Scotland as elsewhere in the empire. Lord Lovat believed there were many things in the bill which would be greater injury than gain.

Lord Camperdown followed this up by remarking that it was the worst-drafted bill he had ever seen. After a few other "shots" were taken at the second reading was passed without a division. Verily, the Scotch farmers are expected to be thankful for small mercies.

#### Good Sporting Spirit.

The list of subscribers to the Toronto Sick Children's hospital, in the Toronto Telegram, includes \$125 which was the proceeds from the Frontenac All Star game in Toronto last season. Frontenac and All-Stars also contributed \$100 to the Hotel Dieu and general hospital of Kingston, last year. That's the sort of sporting spirit it is well to develop.

#### Prince Rupert Growing.

Prince Rupert, B.C., the Pacific coast terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, is going apace, and for a young city, the business now done there is remarkable. During the month of September there were eighty steamers called at the port and eighty-one departures.

#### Special Christmas Package, 25c.

Contains tube tooth paste, cake of soap and box of cold cream, all for 25c, at Best's.

#### Bay of Fundy Fillets.

Finnan haddies, Yarmouth bloaters, and smoked ciscoes at Carnovsky's.

Boston ferns, holly, at Purdy's.

William J. Baker, of Vancouver, B.C., is on a visit to his uncle, W. F. Webster, King street west.

"Santa Claus delivery" of high-class sweets from Gibson's on Christmas morning.

Heman L. Chapman died, in Belleville, on Monday, aged seventy-nine years.

There is nothing more convenient than occasional absent-mindedness. Courtship is a sparkling device that is out of place on a gasoline engine. Luck, good or bad, is in a way a manufactured product.



Store will close as usual at 6 o'clock and re-open at 7.30 sharp.

TO-NIGHT we will place on sale several very special bargains just received

### 150 Boxes Ladies' Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs

A very fine sheer make of absolutely PURE-LINEN, with a dainty narrow hem.

3 Handkerchiefs in each Fancy Gift Box.

### Very Special To-Night 29c box

### 125 Boxes Men's Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs

3 in each Fancy Gift Box.

### Special To-Night 50c box

### 140 Boxes Men's Linen Handkerchiefs

With Hand-Worked INITIAL on the corner.

3 in Fancy Gift Box.

### Special To-Night 50c box

We have a fair range of Initials, but not all.

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Could You Find a Girl Who Doesn't Wear RIBBONS?  
Or a Woman who Doesn't Need Them?  
Or a Baby who Doesn't Look Better with Them?



Why it's part of their lives and more so at Christmas Time.

### We Have the Ribbons

Narrow Satin Ribbons, in all Wanted Shades, a nice, soft, silky make, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c.

### Ribbons for Fancy Work,

Shades most in use — all here, and in the widths you require. 8c, 10c, 12c and on up.

### Ribbons for Bags

A variety of Dainty French Ribbons.

### Ribbons for Hair Bows

## J. Laidlaw & Son.

#### Players Are Doing Well.

Writing to a friend in Kingston, William McCammon, who is now in Calgary, states: "Both Davidson and myself are well pleased with our positions out here. We are each making \$1,500 a year and working for it. We secured our positions through personal friendship of Mr. Gravelle, and not through our hockey ability. Whether we play hockey or not, we intend to remain here in Calgary, as we are well pleased with the city and are prospering beyond our most sanguine expectations. We send our best regards to all the Frontenacs, and trust they will win out again this year." Kingstonsians will be glad to learn that these boys are doing as well.

#### 30c—Chocolates Assorted—30c.

Finest assorted chocolates, 30c. B. J. Crawford.

"Christmas morning" delivery of high-class sweets from Gibson's Red Cross drug store.

L. L. Henderson, general manager of the Montreal Transportation company at Montreal, is in the city on business.

Sheet pictures, slightly damaged, very cheap. Weese's fire sale.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Cashey, of Annapolis Island, will leave, to-night, on a visit to relatives at Cleveland. Newman & Shaw's "to-night."

### HOCKEY BOOTS

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS, LADIES and GENTLEMEN.



Small Boys, Size 11, 12, 13, Good Hockey Boots, \$1.25 and 2.00.

BOYS' Hockey, Size 1 to 5, \$1.50, 2.00 and 2.50.

LADIES' Skating Boots, 2 1/2 to 6, at \$1.75, 2.00, 2.50.

GIRLS' Skating Boots, Size 11 to 2, at \$1.50 with ankle strap.

Men's Hockey Boots, \$2.00 up.

See our splendid assortment. Open Evenings.

## The LOCKETT SHOE STORE