SUB-CONDUCTOR M. DOWNIE THE PEAK OF PROSPERITY

WRITES INTERESTING LETTER, REACHED BY THE RAILWAYS ABOUT ORDNANCE WORK.

He Mentions Several Names of later- Great

Doing Big Work. William J. Clarke, Wellington street, has received a newsy letter of prosperity in railroad operations from Sub-Conductor M. Downie, W.O., who is with the Canadian Ordnance Corps at Ashford, Kent, England. It reads as follows:

"This job keeps us so busy that we do not feel like writing letters when you get through at night . I got my warrant rank fourteen months ago. and have now passed the doctor and been recommended for my commission. Self is now located at Liphook. near Bramshott camp. He is being recommended for the warrant rank Harry Bray is still in London, but have not seen him. Lam told that he is not in very good health. Capt. Potter, who used to be at the Armouries, is attached to the C.O.C. at Liphook, but I do not think he will be able to be with us long. We have two Kingston chaps here with the ordnance, Flaherty and Cottman. They came over with the 21st.

Cottman is not in very good health, back to Canada soon. We have also got Sergt. Hanson, who is in charge of the taior's shop. He worked for Livingston's for some time before going west. His father, I believe, is employed by Crawford & Walsh.

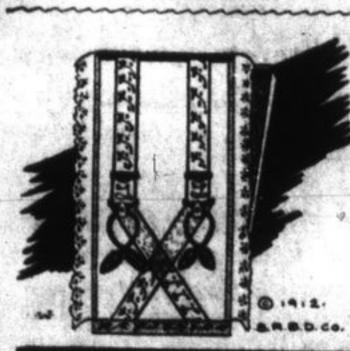
"We have got all sorts of depart ments here now. We repair all clothing, boots, saddlery, etc., for the quite an important branch, and means a big saving to the country, Boots and clothing that were formerly destroyed are now made fit for reissue. We also employ about seventy carpenters and wheelers, so that we do not have to rely on outside contractors. We have altogether about 600 men here in the C.O.C. It is sti increasing: in fact, we have not accommodation enough in this town."

New Year's Greetings.

New Year's greeting cards and calend-

Drug Store

Open Sundays



XMAS SUGGESTIONS FOR MEN.

ticles:

and garters, 75c and \$1

\$1 up to \$5. Wool Scarfs, \$1.50 to

\$2.50. Silk lined grey gloves, \$2.50.

Dent's lined gloves, \$1.75 and \$2.00.

cuffs, \$2.50 to \$3.50. flannelette, \$2 to \$3.

Neck ties, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00.

Our boxes, being the best, are always appreci-

Clothing Company place until Day has his course, it is said.

DUBING THIS YEAR

Earning Record of 1913 Eclipsed by Estimate of \$1,908,est to Kingstonians-The C.O.C. 000,000 Net for Year Now Closing. Washington, Dec. 26 .- The peak was reached in the year now closing. Statistics gathered by the interstate Commerce Commission,

plete for nine months and made the basis for calculation for the entire year, indicate that the total net income from operations will be approximately \$1,908,000,000, more than one-third greater than the total of 1913, hitherto the banner year.

The estimate is regarded by officials as conservative. It makes no allowance for normal increase. business during the hast three months of the year. There is no being as to its size.

An analysis of the returns for the first nine months shows a startling increase from January to September. amounting to more than 67 per cent. Thus net income in January \$64,915,286, had amounted to \$197. 910,814 in September, an increase of nearly \$43,000,000.

For the first nine months the commission's figures show that the rail roads collected \$2,654,829,647 from all sources of operation.

This total, using the first nine months as a basis will reach \$3,660,-640:502 when the year closes, afficials estimate, and without doubt will xceed it. Never before in the history of railroad operations have the roads had so great a gross income.

Expenses have not kept pace with the rapid rise in receipts, although they have measurably increased. proximately 35 per cent.

066,990, leaving net revenue from self in a very pronounced way during do canteen work at Rouen. We have just opened a new line of operations \$1,254,573,512. the last figure, however, must be de- of Toronto. The street Arabs all is the guest of Mrs. R. Uglow, Barrie Beautiful stock at all prices at ducted the railroad's enormous annual tax bill, approximately \$155 .-265,546, and bad debts-down on the books as uncollectible revenueapproximately \$965,928, a total of \$156,951,474.

About 230,500 miles of railroad were in operation during the year. In the first month the total fell below the 230,000; during the latter part of the year it exceeded 230,000. Using 230,000 as a average, returns show that for every mile of road operated in the country the railroads will receive this year approximately \$15,655 in gross receipts and a net 30 per cent, of the gross.

Compared with previous earnings, net income for 1916 shows an increase of more than 52 per cent, over the fiscal year of 1915; 59 per cent. over 1914, and 34 per cent. over 1913.

the cream of the traffic.

the country's factories, munition give the child a peep into larger life, and otherwise, in the East are attributed as prime causes for this condition, secondary attributes are of the Street'-the poor, helpless said to lie in the fact that Eastern crippte in a wretched tenement in roads for the most part have short the most squalid part of New York hauls and traverse densely populated City, whose only friend in the world.

A NEW TIE BINDS BRITAIN AND U. S.

Bank of England and Federal Reserve Bank of New York Linked.

Washington, Dec. 27 .- Official announcement is made by the federal reserve board that the Bank of England has been named as the foreign

continuous financial relationship. od garters, 75c and \$1. probably will result when the war closes, and to provide a ready means books.

Silk Scarfs, 25c, 50c, to offset any tendency on the part of foreign bankers to withdraw the huge supply of gold accumulated here dur-

MURDERER MAKES ESCAPE.

Bridgeport, Conn., Man Shot Through Heart by Youth.

Pyjamas in silkein and der magnate and dairyman, on his forts of a superior army to press country estate in Norton. The au- through. Victory approaches at last. thorities have not yet learned the Soon the sun of our deliverance will

Romantic Bethrothal.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 27.—The an- graves laurels and roses. nouncement that Myrtle E. Gass, people at length return from their daughter of a milk wagon driver, is long exile and build anew their engaged to marry Ellison Goddard ruined hearths and homes, they and Day, a sophomore at Harvard and their children will celebrate for all heir to a fortune of \$7,000,000 left time to come the glorious deeds of by his father, the late Frank A. Day, England and Canada." a Boston banker, has caused a sensa-tion. Miss Gass, who is a clerk in a

************** Norman Duncan Literary Loss

O interested have Canadians been in the struggle in Europe that one of the leading writauthor of "Dr. Luke of the Labra- Fraser, Mess Marion Booth, Miss been rather slow to realize that in Evelyn Gilbert, Miss Evelyn Stokes, Miss Florence Knox, Miss Harriet recent years Norman Duncan de Gardiner, Miss Mary Strange, Miss veloped into one of the finest short- Beth Small, Miss Ethelyn Macgowan, story writers of the day. There is a Hiss Helen Meek, Miss Bertha White, question, officials say, that there prominent literary man in Boston and Messrs, Ted Rogers, Carroll Ashshall be an increase, the only doubt who makes a classification of all the by, Jack Hickey, Sherman Hill, Henry short stories published on this con- Hill, George Kirkpatrick, L. F. Gutttinent every year, arranging them man, Dumlevy, McCarter, H. Penhale, according to merit. There are about Phinney, Powell, Langford, Omstead, fifty out of several thousand that are Douglas Chown and W. Kent Macnee. recorded first rank every twelve months. Last year Norman Duncan wrote two of these, a fact that speaks tertained at a Christmas tea on for itself of his literary skill. Still Christmas night, when her very young.

this side of the line. It is as a writer of boys' books age successfully in literature as in life, says a writer in The Toronto News. Very few writers have sueceded in developing their boy-char-ucters in an altogether satisfactory ed at tea to-day in honor of Mrs. C. way. Kipling gives us little savages, and Dean Farrar gives us little guest. saints. Boys as a general thing are neither the one nor the other. No popular writer has succeeded better ing the artillery course are planning a From a total of \$182,881,269 in Jan- with his boys than the brilliant dance for Friday evening. nary expenses had increased to young Canadian whose call into the \$203,235,394 in September, approx- other life came so suddenly on the imately 11 per cent. During that Fredoxia golf links a few days ago, entertaining at tea to-morrow in honperiod receipts had increased from It was said of Henry Ward Beecher or of Mrs. C. S. Parsons. \$260,054,306 to \$324,954,301, ap- that he was an eternal boy. This maywell be said of Norman Duncan. His On the same basis the year's ex- love for boys, especially for unfor- present with Major Compton in the years he spent at the University knew him, and looked upon him as a street. friend to whom they could flee for refuge at any time, who wanted to help them, not only to get out of the J. P. Day. hands of the cop, but to make something good of life.

"Every book Norman Duncan wrote contains an interesting boycharacter, Davy Roth, in "Dr Luke," er, Brock street. is one of the most interesting boys shores of Labrador waken a ques- Mrs. J. P. Day in Harrowsmith. tioning spirit in the boy's heart as comes to understand life better, al- | and Mrs. Loucks, Division street. though he can never get beyond the income of \$4,774, or little more than mystery which lurks at the heart of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bongard, Uni-

Shining Light," creeps into our Christmas. heart of old Nicholas Top of Twist the week-end with her parents, Ald. to make a bit of a gentleman out avenue The wide divergence in receipts of the boy he loved so much. When among the roads of various sections Dannie was tucked into his little bed is disclosed. The overburdened at night and old Nicholas sat by his Mrs. H. L. Ashby, William street. railroads of the East have skimmed side out of sheer loneliness, what interesting talks they had together. A While the usual eastward trend of host of readers have sat by that little traffic, the great demands of nations bed and listened with a tender touch at war and the location of most of of emotion to the old man's efforts to

Who can ever forget Billy Halloran, the little frish boy, in "The Soul little plant like bimself which he Macnee, Union street. loved very dearly. When the old Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Watrons have Syrian, in telling the boy the story returned to Brockville after a short of Saint George and the Dragon, visit with Mrs. W. T. Minnes at "Hillcomes to the part where Saint George | croft." rides against the Dragon, crying, "The Lord for George and the Lady," the child asks: "Who is the Lord" The old man stared at Billy, with a great sorrow in his eyes. "Oh, do you not know, my boy? He is our Heavenly Father."

foundland, is Norman Duncan's last correspondent of the Federal Reserve boy. We cannot belp a bit of heart-Bank of New York, and authority ache as we say this, for this brilwas given the eleven other reserve liant writer of whom Canadians are banks to participate in the agency re- so proud, will never create for us lations. This action marks a radical another of his lovable boy-characters. departure from the previous financial Through three books-"The Advenpolicy of the country, inasmuch as it tures of Billy Topsail," "Billy Top-Beautifully boxed ar- places the governments of the United Sail and Co.," and "Billy Topsail, M. States and Great Britain in direct, D."-we follow the boy as he develops all the finer qualities of soul, initialed, 6 in box, \$1.50. connections that will strengthen the United States as a creditor nation in Connections that will account to find in the literature of the boys. Christmas with her sisters, the Misses during the Christmas-tide. Suspenders, arm bands the commercial competition, which world anything so wholesome and in- Fraser, Barrie street.

Billy Topsail of Ruddy Cove, New

A Tribute to Our Men. M. Rene Cilaert, burgomaster of Ypres, has paid the following tribute to the men of Canada. It is given as a foreword in the booklet by Mr. Beckles Wilson, entitled "The Ypres Salient": "On its departure from Ypres on October 7 and 8, 1914, the German army, in making me hostage, Stamford, Conn., Dec. 27 .- Joseph threatened me with a prompt return Macey, a Bridgeport (Conn.) shoe to the city which it called the key dealer, 25 years old, was shot of Calais,' which was itself the door through the heart at Norton Heights, of England. Since then your heroic 2 Shirts, soft or stiff Conn., by a youth known as Joseph troops have kept the key, the door Pelli, and employed by William has remained closed, and during two Ziegler, the millionaire baking pow- years have rendered vain all the efmotive of the murder. Pelli escaped, shine on the sallent of Ypres, bathed in the blood of your heroes, who have fallen on the field of honor in the cause of justice and civilization We of Ypres will strew

Told In **Twilight**

ers of the Dominion passed Yacht Club on Christmas night, when a few days ago and very little some of the guests were: Mr. and said about the literary loss suf- Mrs. Wendling Anglin, Miss Lassie by the country. Norman Dun Kirkpatrick, Miss Sybil Kirkpatrick was known and loved as the Miss Winifred Claxton, Miss May a novel that found readers in Margaret Cunningham. Miss Elizapart of the American contin- beth Cunningham, Miss Margaret in this country, people have Hemming, Miss Ethel Kent, Miss

it is not for his short stories that guests were much delighted by a visit! Norman Duncan is known best on from Santa Claus.

Mrs. J. B. Carruthers, "Annanthat Norman Duncan will be remem- dale," was hostess at a children's bered. Boys are as difficult to man-Christmas tree on Christmas afternoon in honor of her grandchildren.

Mrs. Charles Livingston entertain-

Some of the officers who are tak-

Miss Myra Dyde, Johnson street, is Mrs. S. J. M. Compton, who is at

penses will approximately \$2,346,- tunate street urchins, manifested it- Hastings, leaves shortly for France to

Miss Flora Stewart spent Christmas in Harrowsmith with her aunt, Mrs.

Henry Fowler returned to To

ronto yesterday after spending a few Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stewart of literature, The bleak, rugged Campbellford, spent Christmas with

Mrs. Stratford Dawson and son to why God made so many rocks and Stratford, have returned to Monfrea so little soil. As he grows older he after spending the holiday with Canon

versity avenue, were the guests of Little Dannie in ."The Cruise of the Capt, and Mrs. Bangard in Picton for hearts from the start, as into the Miss Bertha White, Ottawa, spent

Tickle whose chief object in life was and Mrs. W. J. B. White, University Carroll Ashby came from Ottawa to spend Christmas with his mother

Mrs. John McKay, sr., and Mrs Lionel Smith are expected from Mont real at the end of the week to spend New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. John McKay, Sydenham street.

Mrs. E. J. Adams has returned to Ottawa after spending Christmas with her eister, Mrs. James Craig, Earl

Capt. W. Kent Macnee came down except the old Syrian in the next from Belleville to spend Christmas room, was a twisted, scrawny, pale with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Craig, Ottawa

spent Christmas at Cape Vincent, and arrived to-day to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Craig, Barrie street. Capt, and Mrs. Frank Stewart, who ave been in town for the past week, have returned to Campbellford.

Major A. P. Miller, D.S.O. has returned to Trenton after spending some time in town. J. B. Davidson spent Christmas

Mrs. E. G. Craig, Brock street, is the guest of the Rev. R. J. Craig.

Mrs. John Wellwood (formerly Miss Eleda Perley), who is at present the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. It is understood that authorization in a life of stirring adventures in a in England, has been singing for the J. Robinson, Division street. Linen Handk'fs, hand of this appointment is a part of a land of hardship and peril till he Red Cross in Crowborough, in Sus-

Mrs. Lawrence Lockett and her two

Miss Edna Aiken, nurse-in-training at the Wellesley Hospital, Toronto, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ottawa. Aiken, Collingwood street, A. S. Lane, of the Standard Bank

staff, spent the holiday at his home in Mr. and Mrs. William G. Gordon, Toronto, spent Christmas with the Principal and Miss Wilhelmina Gor- Kingston,

visiting Mrs. Brown in Montreal. tertaining at the tea hour to-day in will receive with her. honor of Miss Florrie Stewart and Miss Dorothy Chown. Dr. and Mrs. Leggett, Ottawa, spent

Christmas in Harrowsmith with Mr.

and Mrs. J. S. Gallagher.

Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Sellery and Miss Mildred Sellery, who were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor's Christmas guests, left to-day for Cobourg.

Miss Florence Elliott, Barrie street,

Probs: Milder, with snow or sleet Thursday.



Winter Warm Stockings

FOR WOMEN

Black Cashmere Hose, with wide elastic knit tops, 35c, 50c, 60c and 75c. White cashmere hose. Special values at 50c and 75c.

FOR CHILDREN.

Ribbed cashmere in black, white and colors, from 25c to 50c. Boys' "Wearwell" hose in black, priced at 25c to 35c. Overstockings in black, white, sky and red, from 25c to 75c.

FOR MEN.

Fine cashmere socks, old values at 25c, 35c, 50c, 60c and 75c. Grey working and army socks, priced at 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c and

STEACYS "The Woman's Store of Kingston."

CANADA



NATIONAL SERVICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given under the authority of the "War Measures Act, 1914," that during the first week in January, 1917, an inventory will be made by the Post Office Authorities, of every male between the ages of sixteen and sixtyfive, residing in Canada.

National Service Cards and addressed envelopes for their return to Ottawa have been placed in the hands of all Postmasters for distribution amongst the persons required to fill in such cards. Every male person of the prescribed ages is required to fill in and return a card enclosed in an envelope within ten days of its receipt.

Any person who fails to receive a card and envelope may obtain the same upon application to the nearest Postmaster.

R. B. BENNETT.

NATIONAL SERVICE WEEK : 1st to 7th JANUARY.

Director General. GOD SAVE THE KING.

are expected from Belviel to spend | [---New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Henry

Ottawa, 15th December, 1916.

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Waddell and children, Seeley's Bay, are spending W. B. Storms and niece, Miss Mary Booth, of New York city, are

Merrick, William street.

visiting relatives at 142 Collingwood Mrs. W. A. Baker, Odessa, has gone to Toronto to spend the holiday sons are visiting friends in Montreal. season with her son and family. Mrs. D. Carter and her daughter, Miss Gwen Carter, of Kingston, are the guests of the former's sister. Mrs. Shortt and Dr. Adam Shortt,

> at the marriage of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. David Burdon, Mont

Miss Etta Ward, Johnson street, is will receive on Friday, when her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Chown, who Miss Eva Coon, Brock street, is en- is here from Virginia on her holidays,

(Continued on page 10.) PROHIBIT NETTING Petition Circulated in Lansdown

Urging Government Action. Gananoque, Dec. 27.—Resident of Rockport, Ivy Lea and Lansdowne are agitating against the issuance of fishing licences, as it has the effect. of lepleting the river of fish, and thus acts against the summer tourist press Company at De Kalb, III., Congregational Church. is visiting her aunts in Toronto. trade, fishing being the attraction dropped dead some little time ago at Ottawa after spending Christmas with from the United States as well as resided for many years. He was Tremont street store in Boston, will, by her marriage, become the sistering in-law of the Countess Montanari of built an additional roof tank for fire of this place. Three sisters, Mrs. of Cobourg, has been appointed to Hamilton after payers and about three builts are about three builts and about three builts. The was colored for many years, He was cobourg, Dec. 27.—Word has been received here that Major F. D. Mr. and Mrs. J. Franklin Pound has been circulated among the rate-of this place. Three sisters, Mrs. of Cobourg, has been appointed

IN THE CITY. HAVE MADE OVERCOATS FOR 35

KNOW WHAT I AM TALKING ABOUT.

John Tweddell, Civil and Military Tailor.

Ottawa.

Mrs. W. Fred Jackson, Brockville, has salled for England to be present.

Footwear for Xmas

Men's Hockey Boots real, will spend, the New Year in Boys' Hockey Boots . Men's Felt Boots Mrs. H. R. Chown, Albert street, All kinds of Rubber Footwear, Moccasins, Etc., at

70 Brock Street.

FRANCIS RIDDELL. Brother of Mr. Justice Riddell Passed away at De Kaib, Ill.

another sister, Mrs. Nicholson, at Kent, England,

llot Mound, Mr. Riddell is survived also by three brothers, Walter Riddell, Winnipeg, Justice Riddell, Toronto and Robert Riddell, Calgary, and by his wife, four sons and Cobonrg, Dec. 27 .- Francis Rid- two daughters. Mr. Riddell was a Idell, agent for the Wells-Fargo Ex- member and active worker in the

have returned to Hamilton after payers and about three hundred sig- Ballagh, Miss Riddell and Mrs. President of the District Court-marplace until Day has finished fifs col- Lieut. Howard Hatton, Araprior, is spending Christmas with relatives. natures obtained. It will be for- James Davidson, reside here, and tial Board at West Sandling Camp,