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During Xmas week our stock of Choice Perfumes will be sure to please you, having imported them from France, England and the United States. Also you should examine our choice line of Toilet Cases, Manicures, Collar, Cuff and Necktie Boxes. Our prices are sure to suit you. Inspection invited.
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4,000 of them to sell by 'Xmas. Bordered, three for 10c; four for 10c; 5c, 10c and up. Embroidered edge, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c. Silk Handkerchiefs 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c. Initial Silk Handkerchiefs, large size, 25c.

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Until 'Xmas. Shop this evening or to-morrow evening, make selections at leisure.

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179 Wellington Street.

CARD OF THANKS.

I DESIRE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE thanks to all those who so kindly helped my son when he was fatally injured by the cars on Monday last; and also to the nurses of the hospital for the service they rendered.
WM. CRUSE.

Election Of Officers.

At the annual meeting of L.O.L., No. 577, the following officers were elected for 1897: R. W. Gowan, W.M. (re-elected); G. W. Knapp, D.M.; S. Wood, chaplain; W. Corbett, recording secretary, (re-elected); W. Newman, financial treasurer; T. Lemmon, treasurer; F. Patridge, D. of C.; W. McEwin, lecturer; J. Evans, J. Bell, J. Griffin, J. Peters, committeemen; W. Corbett, trustee. The lodge is in good standing financially after paying sick benefits, etc.

The Request Refused.

The senate of Queen's refused to extend the Christmas vacation as asked for by the students, and classes will be held until Wednesday next. The greater number of the students, however, will leave for home on Saturday.

25c. Cider. Cider 25c.

Sweet cider, 25c. gallon; snow apples, table raisins; fine candies. J. Crawford.

The Canadian Military Gazette shows a decided improvement in regard to its editorial articles since the new editor, C. F. Hamilton, Toronto took charge. Mr. Hamilton is an old Queen's Own man, and is thoroughly competent to deal with military matters.

The Peterboro newspapers have nominated Lieut.-Col. Bell, of the 57th batt., Peterboro Rangers, for the command of the Canadian Bisley team in 1897.

Are You Nervous?
Horsford's Acid Phosphate
Quiets the nerves and induces sleep.

BYE FOR THE SECOND TIME.

QUEEN'S CLUB LIKELY TO BE IN THE FINALS.

How the Games Will Likely Result in the Several Series—The Hockeyists Will be Telegraphed For When They Are Required—Sporting Notes.

For the second season in succession Queen's senior hockey team has drawn a bye in the Ontario league series. This means that the team will not play a league match until February 6th, when it will meet the winner of the Royal military college-Peterboro group in the semi-final round. This practically means that Queen's goes into the final, and will in all probability meet "Chimmie Fadden's" pet aggregation from the classic city of Stratford. In the intermediate series the probabilities are that the Frontenacs will face the Peterboro team. In the event of the Frontenacs winning, the London team will likely be the next to conquer in the semi-final. The final struggle will likely simmer down to the Frontenacs and Osgoode hall teams. It will be a difficult matter to name any of the winners in the junior series, but the Frontenacs II will, in all likelihood, make a good showing. The Wellingtons, of Toronto, ought to show up well also.

Yesterday Jock Harty received a letter from Pittsburg, Pa., concerning the engagement of Messrs. "Herb" Reyner and "Mack" Murray by a hockey club there. Both boys are guaranteed first-class positions. As soon as their services are required they will be telegraphed for.

It is now illegal to kill any kind of game except foxes and wolves. The close season went into effect on Tuesday last, 15th inst. Hunters took advantage of the closing by making an onslaught on partridge, hare, etc.

Preparations are being made towards getting the skating rink at the Royal military college in order. Electric lights have been placed in position. By the time the cadets return from their Christmas vacation there will be good ice for them to practice hockey on.

The employees at the G.T.R. freight sheds in this city are organizing a hockey club.

Martin Jenman has issued a challenge to trot his mare Kitty against any carter's horse owned in this city.

W. A. Mitchell, hardware merchant, has shipped to the Johns Hopkins university hockey club a dozen hockey sticks, two pucks, and several pairs of hockey skates.

Howard Folger's ice yacht, The Breeze, is ready for the ice, at Carnovsky's yard. Her sails will be bent to-day. The verdict of all who have seen her is: "Pretty as a picture."

Hockey practice for all local clubs will begin actively next week. The different teams have not much time at their disposal to fit themselves before the Ontario league series begin.

Recently the Johns Hopkins university hockey team defeated the Baltimore team. The last named held the championship of the United States last year. S. Alf. Mitchell, of this city, is captain of the university team.

The contemplated American tour of Queen's college hockey team has been "knocked in the head." About eight o'clock this morning Jock Harty received a telegram from Pittsburg, Pa., informing him of the complete destruction of the Casino rink by fire at two o'clock this morning and also cancelling the trip of Queen's hockey team. The loss totals up to $400,000. The rink was a veritible palace, ice being manufactured by chemical process. During the tour last winter Queen's team played several matches in this rink. By its destruction Reyner and Murray, who expected to go down to Pittsburg to play hockey with the team there, have been deprived of their trip.

The rink at Rockwood hospital for the insane has been flooded, and it is expected that by to-morrow night the hockey team will be able to begin practice.

A Funny Incident.

Dogs now and then get into the street cars. A funny incident occurred recently. A dog followed its owner into the car. The conductor asked for its removal. He was accommodated. A moment after a member of the electric car company entered with his dog. The conductor said nothing. The citizen's dog ran in and the owner said "Fair play all round." The upshot was that a rule was declared that a dog could be carried on the lap of its owner. The two men held their canines and chatted as the car buzzed along.

O'Neill Was In Town.

There is pretty good authority for the opinion that O'Neill, the man wanted in connection with the McCarney and Miller case, at Napanee, came to this city direct from the last named place after the money had been secured from VanBlaricom. He left his valise and overcoat at the outer depot, and after having arrived in the city sent a hackman to bring them here. O'Neill is said to be an ex-detective and an expert at disguising himself. He is believed to be in Detroit at present.

There Is Gold In It This Time.

What's the good of digging around and carting a lot of useless stuff, if you want to make money call at Offord's old stand, Princess street. Abernethy is selling off that stock and means to clear it out. Now is a chance to make money, you can buy boots, shoes, all kinds of rubber goods, moccasins, trunks, etc., for less than original cost. Don't forget the place, 127 Princess street. A. Abernethy.

Additional Church Offerings.

The following additional contributions, in aid of the general hospital, have been sent in to secretary Clark: St. Luke's, Anglican, church, Williamsville, $7; Christ church, Cataraqui, $5; Gananoque East Methodist church, $5; Wolfe Island Methodist, $6; Portsmouth Methodist church, thanksgiving contribution, $2 25. From St. George's cathedral $10 additional has been received, making the total contribution of that church, $82.

Offered Him The Trust.

William Allen, Brock street, was chairman of the school board about twenty years ago, when Augustus Thibado urged him to assume control of the Lancastarian school fund, then totalling $16,000. The trustees at that time wanted to be relieved of the trust. There were several conditions the board could not comply with and the negotiations failed.

A Drug On The Market.

Poultry, it would appear, is a drug on the market at present. Prices are low, chickens selling at from five to five and one-half cents a pound and geese at six cents. A Princess street merchant yesterday evening sold chickens to the weight of 193 pounds in ten minutes.

Children Free.

Adams & Sons Co., 11 and 13 Jarvis street, Toronto, Ont., are sending out some very handsome paper dolls with moveable heads and bodies. They send a set of sixteen for nine cents in stamps or a sample one for the children free.

A Novel Scheme.

A wealthy resident of King street west, who has a large family, has conceived the idea of having each member learn to play a musical instrument. The family is large enough to form a good sized brass band. T. C. Carey gives instruction to the members twice a week.

Do You Know

Of anything nicer for Christmas than a nice pair of shoes or warm slippers, we have a couple of them and are prepared to sell them very cheap. Call and see them at Offord's old stand Princess street. A. Abernethy.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

Newsy Paragraphs Picked Up By Our Reporters on Their Rounds.

King of Pills is Beecham's—BEECHAM'S.

Christmas presents. R. Uglow & Co.

Oysters, oysters, oysters. Gilbert's grocery.

Choice roses, carnations, smylax, etc. Johnson, the florist.

Fresh eggs, butter and cheese. The best at Gilbert's grocery.

Let low prices be the guiding star that will lead all wise buyers to Silver's.

The Christmas freight trade is about over, but the usual holiday passenger traffic is daily increasing.

Holiday books. R. Uglow & Co.

Telephone No. 379 has been placed in the store of J. Schroder, Brock street.

Headquarters for ye old English holly. Johnson, the florist.

On Friday you can buy 40c. blouse silks at Steacy's sale for 15c. yard.

Home-made red and black currant jelly at Gilbert's grocery.

See the goods in the Japanese store before buying your Xmas presents.

Christmas trees were in great demand on the market to-day, and the supply was more than equal to the call.

Fine leather goods. R. Uglow & Co.

A car load of scrap leather was shipped over the C.P.R. to St. Henri, Que., from Carrington's tannery to-day.

Buy your Xmas presents at the Japanese store, directly opposite the City hotel.

The minister of education will be invited to attend the opening exercises at Frontenac school and deliver an address.

6c bottle catsup. J. Crawford.

This will be a very cold winter for the partizan civil servants. He was decidedly "hot" last June; he will be very cold soon.

Ladies purses. R. Uglow & Co.

Spanish olives 30c. per quart. Gilbert's grocery.

Our goods are imported direct from Japan to Kingston. No two profits. Japanese store.

Nominations in the county for commissioners will be held on Monday next. This will give the candidates two weeks in which to canvass their constituents.

Toys and games. R. Uglow & Co.

At a raffle held last evening A. Ilett won a horse owned by Dr. A. Irwin. The animal is well bred and possesses speed.

Christmas presents. R. Uglow & Co.

Sofa cushions and tea cosies ready for covering at R. McFaul's.

It would be an inexcusable injustice to your pocketbook to pass by Silver's when you want a suit or overcoat.

Quaker rolled oats, pancake flour, Pettijohn's food. J. Crawford.

The Philomathean society of the Kingston business college may give a concert at an early date. The matter is under consideration.

Ladies purses. R. Uglow & Co.

Drink Mecca coffee, the purest and best. Gilbert's grocery.

A tailor employed in a Princess street store is credited with matrimonial intentions, which he will carry into effect soon after Advent.

Come early to the Japanese store and get the best and avoid the great crowds.

Your wife would like a pair of handsome curtains to finish her drawing room. Handsome silk, damask or chenille curtains at R. McFaul's.

Fancy biscuits at plain prices. Gilbert's grocery.

Finest chocolates at half the American or English prices. J. Crawford.

The R. M. C. sergeants appeared on the streets yesterday wearing their sashes outside their greatcoats, in compliance with the new regulation.

Fine leather goods. R. Uglow & Co.

Williamsville people complain of the shabby and uncleanly condition of the electric car used on the service through that section of the city.

We are offering this week excellent overcoats and the most durable and stylish suits at prices within the reach of all. B. Silver & Co.

From far and near the people come for honest teas and coffees. Gilbert's grocery.

Every person says the goods in the Japanese store are the finest and cheapest ever shown in the city.

Mrs. Chadwick, Johnston street, has purchased a plot of land on Albert street south, and next spring will have a desirable residence reared.

Almeria grapes, figs, oranges, lemons, walnuts, almonds, dates. All new and No. 1 at Gilbert's grocery.

To day is pay-day on the G.T.R. No official notice of the rumored change of the date of this important event has been received by the employees.

Toys and games. R. Uglow & Co.

Christmas presents will not be distributed with prodigality this year. Times are so keen that the bread winner has no money to put into luxuries.

25c. sweet cider. Crawford.

The very latest invention being sold to Kingstonians is a smokeless lamp glass. It is claimed to give nearly double as bright a light as the old style chimneys.

Before you buy your Christmas presents see our palms, rubbers, arancarias, aralia, umbrella plants, ferns, azaleas, begonias, primroses and hyacinths. Johnson, the florist.

For holiday goods go to Henderson's book store. R. Uglow & Co.

An unusually large number came in on the K. & P. market excursion this morning, and the station was literally packed with poultry and produce.

Holiday books. R. Uglow & Co.

A car load of personal effects, the property of Major Kitson, thenewly-appointed commandant of the Royal military college, arrived at the C.P.R. freight sheds here this morning.

Handkerchiefs, gloves and hosiery for Xmas presents, extra cheap at Steacy's free trade sale to morrow.

An assembly held at J. Guess', Cataraqui driving park, on Tuesday night, was well attended. A considerable contingent of Kingston dancers participated and spent a pleasant time.

Baskets of chocolates. Crawford.

The aldermanic candidates should begin to devise means for a reduction in civic expenses. This is the time of year when ways and means are devised only to be laid on the shelf after election.

Avoid the rush and crush of Xmas week and attend Steacy's sale to-morrow. Everything at reduced prices.

A couple of old siege cannon have been secured for mounting at the Aylmer, Ont., collegiate institute. The relics were cast in England in 1806 and sent to Kingston, where they were mounted in the old fort and used in 1812.

Remember everyone calling at Gallagher's tie carnival receives a free guess on the silk umbrella valued at $7.

Yesterday the cadets at the Royal military college handed over their arms and accoutrements preparatory to leaving for their Christmas holidays. Some will leave the city to-night and the remainder will follow to-morrow.

Fancy work and scrap baskets and thousands of useful presents at bargain prices at Steacy's free trade sale

A WHIG man on a visit to Brockville remarked the absence of generous play grounds about the schools. At several places the streets were utilized for breathing spots. Kingston has pretty fine plots for the children to play on.

Attend Steacy's free trade sale on Friday and you can save money on every article you require in dry goods.

B. Silver & Co. carry all the lines in clothing and furs, and all these lines full to overflowing, so that a customer cannot leave the store without being able to find anything and everything that a progressive merchant in these lines should carry.

A Verona woman is credited with being able to remove cancers while in their incipient stages. She has successfully operated on many persons who rejoice over her skill. The operation is painful, for the destructive growth is drawn out roots and all.

FAITHLESS MRS. NEWELL.

DESERTED HER HUSBAND FOR A "HANDSOMER MAN."

Took Newell's Little Daughter With Her—She and Her Guilty Companion Came to Kingston—Newell Wants His Child, But is Not Anxious About the Woman.

Some time ago a letter was written to chief Horsey by a man named Thomas L. Newell, 410 Walnut street, Nevada, Mo., asking that search be made for a man giving the name of Jacob Brunner, alias Holland. The request was complied with, but the man could not be found.

A WHIG representative got a clue regarding the case through enquiries that the police had made in their search, and Mr. Newell was communicated with. He wrote, in reply, that Brunner, or Holland, eloped with his (Newell's) wife, Helen Newell, in March last, from Nevada City, Mo., and that the couple had taken with them the writer's little daughter Bessie. Brunner, Mr. Newell says, is a piano tuner, and after leaving Nevada the guilty pair, with the little girl, took up their residence in this city, where Brunner worked at his trade for some time. Mr. Newell states that he is not anxious about his faithless wife, who, he has been informed, is not now living with Brunner, but, he says, he would very much like to ascertain the whereabouts of either her or Brunner, in order that he can recover possession of his child. He says that he sent a second letter to the Kingston police, recently, asking that enquiries be made in the case, and that he be informed whether or not Brunner or Mrs. Newell were still living in the city.

The WHIG representative, on receipt of Mr. Newell's letter, set out on a still hunt for either or both of the elopers, and made a thorough search about town in quest of them. The music stores, piano warerooms and all places at which Brunner would be likely to frequent, or work, were visited, and enquiries were made through channels available only to members of the "fourth estate." But no trace of either the man or the woman wanted could be found. There have been several piano tuners from outside points in the city during the past summer, but so far as can be ascertained none of them answered to the description of Brunner as given by the man he so grievously wronged.

A CLERGYMAN DEAD.

Rev. A. M. Phillips of Douglas Methodist Church at Rest.

MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—Rev. A. M Phillips, pastor of Douglas Methodist church and one of the best known Methodist ministers in the country, died in Montreal last night. Mr. Phillips underwent an operation on Thursday last for renal calculus. The operation was entirely successful but complications ensued and the patient had only a few rational moments since.

Deceased was born in Prince Edward county and educated in the public school of the township of Murray. In early life he was a school teacher for a number of years. He pursued his theological studies at Victoria college, Cobourg, where he graduated with the degree of B.D.S. in 1878. He acted as a local preacher for several years in the Sarnia and Oil Springs district. In 1875 he was received into full connection with the Methodist conference at Brantford, and in 1878 was ordained to the ministry. His first charge was at Chatham, whence he was transferred to St. Thomas, and later he occupied charges at Galt, Brampton and Toronto. In Toronto he was pastor of the Avenue road and Euclid avenue churches, respectively, and had hosts of friends. In 1894 he was appointed to be pastor of Douglas church, Montreal. Mr. Phillips leaves a widow and three children. The remains will be taken to Toronto for interment.

The announcement was received with sincere sorrow in Kingston where deceased was known and esteemed. Last year he preached in Queen street Methodist church. He had also been heard on frequent conferential and conventional occasions. He was a leading Endeavorer and was one of the officers of that great body. He was formerly of Toronto, scholarly and devout, and greatly attached to all movements for the winning of the young people to His Master.

Rev. Mr. Starr heard of the death with inexpressible regret. He said that he had been associated with him for several years in city work, and had come to have the highest regard for his character. Perhaps the range of his preaching was not as wide as it might have been, being in later years confined for the most part to the paternal side of the character of God and to the social side of christianity. He was a teacher rather than a preacher, as popularly understood, and no one could be more earnest in his work. He was one of the manliest of men, one whom to know was to love, one to whom the wrongs of oppressed manhood and womanhood mightily appealed.

Rev. Dr Ryckman said: Rev. Mr. Phillips was a really modest unassuming man, although possessed of much more than average natural ability and more than ordinary educational attainments. Beyond his graduation from the university he took a liberal post-graduate course. He was a spiritually-minded man, as all his intimate acquaintances well knew. He was original, logical, incisive, racy as a preacher, and often really eloquent. Possessed of large general information, and conscious of the fact, he was courageous and effective in debate and public discussion. When a famous secularist was giving his lectures in a western city and challenged the orthodox clergy to meet him on the platform, and when there was no other and older champion to take up the gauntlet, he did it, though then quite a young man, and ably sustained the cause of christianity against his practical antagonist. In the early days of the Scott act agitation there was no abler advocate of the prohibition side of the question than he. His ample information and extemporaneous readiness gave him easy victory in many a battle. He was very fond of literary work, and did more of it than, perhaps, any other pastor in the Methodist church. In addition to the large and laborious pastorates, he was chief editor of the late Canadian Methodist Quarterly Review and a large contributor to its list of articles It is not improbable that overwork was the cause of his early death. The Methodist ministry has lost one of its very best and most promising man ere yet he had reached the prime of life.

Dr. Ryckman added that he was very fond of Mr. Phillips. He ordained him while he was president of London conference, in 1878. The first speech Dr. Ryckman ever made in conference, in 1875, was against those who opposed Mr. Phillips' request to delay ordination in order to let him take a post-graduate course. He got his request.

Not In Canada

Will you find a greater variety of oranges than at Carnovsky's "On the Corner." He has oranges from Florida, California, Mexico, West Indies, Spain, Syria, Jaffa: also Japanese tangerines, Jamaica bananas, California pears, Florida pineapples and Malaga grapes.

Electricity Will Be Introduced.

Within a short time Princess street Methodist church will be lighted by electricity. The talent system is being operated to cover the expense of the improvement. As soon as the fund is large enough the work will be carried out.

More New Mantles.

Ranging in price from $3.50 to $9 have been added to the stock of George Mills & Co., 170 Wellington street, next door to Waldron's.

THE MAYOR VINDICATED.

The Position He Took Was Fully Justified by the Facts.

The mayor received the following letter from the city solicitor this morning, and while not intended for publication, he feels that in justice to Mr. McIntyre and to further substantiate the position he took at the council meeting last Monday he is justified in having it made public:

"KINGSTON, Dec. 16.—(Dear Mr. Mayor): As legal adviser of the city council I was asked by you last Monday to advise as to the status of alderman Milne in view of that gentleman's absence from the meetings of the council for three months. In response I stated that in my opinion under the statute alderman Milne's seat was not declared vacant until so declared by the council. I observe by the report of the last council meeting that alderman Walkem expresses the opinion that alderman Milne's seat became vacant by three months' absence and without any declaration of vacancy by the council. I would not have referred to the matter further, assuming that Alderman Walkem's difference of opinion was due to his speaking off handed, without consideration, were it not that he is reported to have said in council "that on the authority of two eminent legal authorities he could say that Alderman Milne's seat was legally vacant." Who Alderman Walkem's "eminent legal authorities" are I do not know, but certain it is that their opinion is opposed to the law as interpreted by the courts. In the case Chaplain against public school board of town of Woodstock, reported in volume sixteen of the Ontario reports, upon a section of the public school act, similar to the section of the municipal act, disqualifying a member of council by reason of absence, the court held that the seat did not become vacant until the other members of the board declared it to have become vacant, and no action having been taken by the remaining members of the board that the seat was still full, I was bound in advising you to adhere to the law, as interpreted by the courts.

Of course, where an alderman has once become disqualified by absence from council meetings, all attempts to rehabilitate him short of a valid re-election, must be obviously unavailing.—Yours truly, D. M. McINTYRE.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A Challenge to "Fair Play."

KINGSTON, Dec. 17.—(To the Editor): A letter appeared in your issue of the 14th inst., in which the writer states that I am aiding the by-law breakers, thereby classing me as one. Secondly, that my resignation has been in the hands of the mayor for some time. Thirdly, that, being an alderman, I am a spineless creature to be moulded as putty by King Ben and his tools. Now I have no objections to the criticism of my actions by any elector of the city when done over his signature, but I do object when done by something that is afraid to give its name. But for "Fair Play's" comfort I will give him a change to prove his statements by meeting me in public, giving the citizens the opportunity to decide. As to statement No. 1, I would advise him to be careful, as the city records will show for the past forty years. Secondly, if he will refer to the report given of Monday night's meeting he will withdraw the statement. As to the third statement, if he will accept my offer he will find that I am not a spineless creature, but a workinman worthy of his steel, and lastly, as being a tool of King Ben, I can state without fear of contradiction that I care no more for King Ben than the smallest boy in the city, and have no "axe to grind," neither can I be bought or moulded like putty as "Fair Play" would like to have some people believe. Hoping that "Fair Play" may come out of his shell, I remain, A. R. MILNE, alderman.

BORNE BY HIS CLASS-MATES.

Remains of the Late H. S. Cruse Laid to Rest.

The remains of the late H. S. Cruse, who was killed by an electric street car on Monday, were laid to rest in the vault at Cataraqui cemetery yesterday afternoon. Rev. D. Laing, of the Johnston street Baptist church, conducted the obsequies at the residence of W. H. Cruse, Albert street, father of the unfortunate lad.

The funeral was very largely attended, the boys of the senior third class of Queen street school, headed by the principal, W. H. Godwin, being present in a body. The coffin was covered with memorial wreaths sent by friends of the family and of the deceased boy. Three of the Sunday school classmates of deceased and three of the members of his class at Queen street school were bearers.

Mr. Cruse speaks very feelingly of the kindness shown during the family's affliction by the hospital authorities and nurses, and by the many friends of his son.

The Soldier Acquitted.

A young man belonging to "A" battery was charged before judge Price to-day with having attempted to criminally assault a comely young woman in Frontenac park, last Sunday evening. The young woman gave the details of the assault. P. C. McCullagh also gave evidence for the prosecution. A number of the prisoner's comrades gave evidence on his behalf which very materially modified the evidence of the young woman.

Judge Price having heard all the evidence, while observing that both parties had acted unwisely, said it would be unsafe to convict the accused, who accordingly was found not guilty. He was on leaving the court warmly congratulated by his comrades. The county crown attorney prosecuted, and John McIntyre, Q.C., defended the prisoner.

The Contagious Holiday Spirit

Pervades our store, a thousand suggestions obtrude themselves telling you appropriate thoughts for this joyous holiday season. There's no perplexity as to what to give, for there is a variety of goods that meet every gentleman's need. Latest winter neckwear, silk mufflers, silk and linen handkerchiefs, reindeer, Angora and kid gloves, braces, shirts, collars and cuffs, and many other lines that will win. We are ready with everything that goes to make a man's holiday joy complete. Greatest variety and lowest prices at Baker's gents' furnishing store, opposite Windsor hotel.

An Incipient Fire.

An incipient fire occurred in a bedroom in the residence of Dr. Clarke, medical superintendent of Rockwood hospital for the insane last night. The blaze was caused by a lighted match dropped on the floor. The damage done was light, as the blaze was extinguished in a few minutes. The loss is covered by insurance.

Married In London, Eng.

On the 1st inst. John Forsyth Burstall, brother of Capt. Burstall, of "A" battery, was married in St. Gabriel's church, London, England, to Ethel, eldest daughter of Sir Henry Rodes Green. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Canon Morris. Mr. Burstall, with his bride, is now visiting his sister in Quebec.

Gold Mine Discovered.

Citizens are finding that they can get anything that gold can make much easier and cheaper than digging for it by calling at C. L. Bass' Gold Mine, 343 King street.

A Big Run

On warm felt shoes and slippers at "Offord's" old stand, Princess street, the prices are low that is what is doing it. A. Abernethy, 127 Princess street.

Let Her Go, Gallagher!

That is just what we are doing this week at our tie carnival. Every ties goes at 22 cents.

A ROUND ISLAND RECEIVER.

PROCEEDINGS BEGUN DECLARING THE COMPANY INSOLVENT.

Judge McLennan Issues an Order to Show Cause—A Statement of Its Financial Affairs—The Receiver Named.

Watertown, N.Y., Times.

The papers in the matter of the voluntary dissolution of the Round Island park corporation were filed in the county clerk's office. The matter came up before justice P. B. McLennan in special term at Syracuse, on Saturday, on the petition of Jacob Hays, Hubert Van Wagenen, Charles A. Myers and Frank H. Taylor, a majority of trustees of the corporation, for the dissolution of the association. Justice McLennan appointed as temporary receiver Joseph Tate, of New York, and the petitioners have asked that his appointment be made permanent.

The petition for a voluntary dissolution states that the stock, effects and other property of the corporation is not sufficient to pay the just demands for which the corporation is liable or to afford a reasonable security to those dealing with it, and that it is several years in arrears for interest on two of its mortgages and on promissory notes and certificates of indebtedness; that certain creditors are pressing their claims; that one action has been commenced on one of the corporation's promissory notes and others are threatened, and that to avert the probability of having the corporation's assets eaten up in litigation a receiver should be appointed. The statement of the financial condition of the corporation, which was annexed to the position, shows that the corporation owns 150 acres of land at Round Island, with hotel, stables, stone and appurtenant buildings, hotel furniture and furnishings, about twenty-five row boats, bowling alley and billiard tables with the usual appurtenances and farming implements and appliances.

On this property there are incumbrances as follows:

Bond and mortgage held by Jessie Lansing Crouse, $30,000.

Bond and mortgage held by Joseph Tate and Raymond C. Johnson, as trustees, $10,000.

Bonds, secured by mortgage held by F. W. Baker, as trustee for the holders of the bonds, $35,250.

Interest from April 1st, 1890.

Chattel mortgage, held by Joseph Tait and Raymond C. Johnson, as trustees, covering the furniture and fixtures of the hotel, and being additional security for the above mentioned bond and mortgage of $10,000.

There is also due the corporation from various sources sums aggregating over $2,500, and it has liabilities aggregating between $85,000 and $90,000.

Justice McLellan fixed the amount of the temporary receiver's bond at $10,000, and granted an order directing all parties interested to show cause before Louis L. Waters at his office in the Kirk building, Syracuse, on March 18th, 1897, why the corporation should not be dissolved.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Movements of the People—What They Are Saying and Doing.

Miss Margaret Ash, Elginburg, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. Breden, Princess street.

Joseph Forsythe, Portsmouth, will spend the Christmas tide with relatives at Odessa.

Archibald Ferguson, Winnipeg, son of Rev. Prof. Ferguson is in the city to spend Christmas.

W. Cruse, Stirling, in the city for the purpose of attending the funeral of his brother, left to-day for his home.

E. H. Dunham, manager of the Balmoral hotel, Montreal, is at present lying at death's door at Hot Springs, Ark.

Madame Albani and company sail on February 8th from Vancouver for Sydney, Australia. This will be her first visit to the antipodes.

Hon. R. P. Flower has been elected a vice-president of the Cuban league of the United States. Its object is to secure self-government for Cuba.

Frederick Lawson, township clerk, Sydenham, has been appointed an issuer of marriage licenses. No one could do the delicate service more agreeably.

Misses Miriam and Grace Sears have returned from the Ontario ladies' college, Whitby, to spend the Christmas vacation with their parents at Heathfield.

Miss Maud Mitchell, nurse in a hospital at Patterson, N.J., is visiting her mother, Nelson street. Miss Mitchell was highly successful in her exams this fall.

Stanley Guess, who conducted a business on Johnston street, has been obliged to sell out and return to his farm at Replar. This action on his part was due to his health.

Capt. V. A. S. Williams has been appointed adjutant of "B" squadron at Winnipeg. Capt. J. C. MacDougall, one of Kingston's old favorites, will occupy a similar position at St. John's, Que.

Harry E. Devendorf, editor of the Utica Sunday Tribune, has been tendered the appointment of private secretary by congressman James S. Sherman. Mr. Devendorf was formerly with the Watertown Times.

Mrs. (Dr.) Tillman and her sister, Miss Laura Landeryou, who recently left here for Kingston, Jamaica, arrived at their journey's end safely. They were transported from a land of frost to one of continual summer.

Tuesday Miss Ella Edwards, Union street west, left for Georgia to visit relatives. She is in delicate health and will remain in the south during the term of the rigid Canadian winter. She has 1,500 miles to travel.

Rev. Dr. Griffith is greatly esteemed in Brockville. His pastorate has been most successful. It is said he is likely to be invited to remain a fourth year in view of his labors in connection with the erection of the new church.

M. Trousdale, reeve of the township of Loborough, will be a candidate for commissionership at the approaching elections. Mr. Trousdale has a good record in the old county council, and should make a good run in the approaching contest.

Parents Oppose Home-Work.

Many of the parents of pupils attending the local public schools endorse the position taken by the Westport Mirror regarding home-work given to pupils by the teachers. One citizen stated to a WHIG reporter this morning that his little daughter is occupied during four hours of the evening of every school-day preparing her lessons for next day and that she spends an hour every morning reviewing her work of the previous evening. He says that this is not right, that children should have a reasonable time given them every day for recreation and that his children are deprived of their rightful play time by the amount of home-work they have to do after school hours. They do not complain, but he is very much opposed to the system.

The Walker Relief.

His grace archbishop Cleary has placed with the WHIG $2 for the relief of Henry Walker, of Verona, whose case has excited no little sympathy. It is hoped other offerings may come in the same way.

6c. Tomato Catsup, 6c.

Tomato catsup, 6c. bottle; mixed pickles, 10c.; cleaned raisins; cleaned currants. Jas. Crawford.

Ernest Butler, of Winnipeg, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid. Mr. Butler formerly resided in Toronto and the body will be brought here for interment.

Next Tuesday the public schools will close to give pupils their annual Christmas holidays. They will not re-open until Monday, January 4th.

SNOW WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—10 a.m.—Northeast to northwest winds, little change in temperature.

Our Reputation For High-Class Goods Is Unequalled.....

Our lines have always been known for extreme choiceness in style and good solid value. We haven't aimed to sell the cheapest goods. We always have aimed to sell the best goods. Our aim is still the same. But just now best goods are here at lower prices than those asked for trashy articles—and all because of our

"Free Trade Sale."

It's wisdom to see after Xmas selections early—assortments begin to get broken. It's well to shop in the morning—not so crowded—better attention.

Xmas Glove Selling.

We've planned for it this year as never before. Our Kid Glove stock is now at its best; size range, color range, style range and price range all as they should be, and your every desire in this important matter carefully catered to.

Sound Kid Glove Logic.

The secret of our great success in this department is selling only clean, reliable makes. We give jobby, ill-fitting, non-wearing substitutes a wide berth. They are disappointing alike to seller and consumer. The best Kid Gloves, like the best of everything, are the cheapest in the end. You can buy the best here, and you can buy them right: further than that, our personal guarantee goes with every pair we sell you and the good grades.

Holiday Dress Stuffs,

No more sensible gift can be made than a nice dress pattern to mother, sister or daughter. Here are four special lots priced to tempt you:

Black, Navy and Brown.

New effect CANVAS WEAVE, 50 in., all wool, worth $1. Sale price 60c.

Eight Patterns

In new 54 in. Tweeds, $3.24 Dress were $5.50.

Black Figured Mohairs

For Skirts were 65c now 50c.
High Class Novelty Black Dress Goods were $1.35 now 80c.

A visit to our store will convince you that one "Free Trade Sale" gives you the chance of buying Dry Goods in general at bargain prices.

STEACY & STEACY.

COULDN'T STAY AWAY.

The Authorities Will See That He Does Not Again Get Away.

The notorious Angus McDonald is once more behind the walls of his old home, the