

FASTING BECAUSE OF BABY WOMAN DIES
CALGARY, Dec. 15.—Fasting for more than a month in the hope that fasting would bring back to life the baby that had perished two months since its birth, Mrs. Henriette Louise Irwin, the wife of a rancher living ten miles from Calgary, is dead. Since October 1st the baby had lain in the cottage hidden by coverlets, dead. Nightly prayers were said for the salvation and restoration of the child. For weeks the mother, the father and an aunt of the child fasted in the hope that the child would be restored to life. Starvation eventually claimed its own.

COMMUNICATION CUT OFF FROM BURNING TOWN
SAGINAW, Mich., Dec. 14.—The Saginaw fire department shortly before noon today was urged to hurry apparatus to Brown City in Sanilac county. A message from that town said a serious conflagration was raging.

Communication with Brown City at noon had been cut off.
DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 14.—Minute Town burning up. The foregoing message was received here early this afternoon by the Western union telegraph company, when it attempted to communicate with its operator at Brown City for information concerning the fire raging there. Communication then ceased and the company has not been able to secure additional information.

NEW WORKING AGREEMENT WILL SOON BECOME LAW

MONTREAL, Dec. 13.—President T. Emmett Quinn of the National Hockey Association has received two copies of the agreement drawn up by himself and Mr. Isenor of Halifax and ratified by the Maritime Province Association. The copies are signed by the officers from the latter named organization and after Mr. Quinn has signed one he will return it and keep the other one. It will not go into effect till January 15.

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS
 Furnished by W. S. Lesson

COMPENSATION
 (By Francis Lockwood Green.)

I may not climb that high, lone path,
 That leads to power and fame,
 No laurels may crown my toil-worn brow,
 No lustre gild my name.
 But I do the work that my heart loves best,
 And life has its shining way;
 For the joy of life laughs at struggle and strife
 When the work that you do is play.
 I may not gloat on the piles of gold,
 And dream of art treasures fine,
 But I have a store which none can touch
 A treasure most divine,
 'Tis the priceless gift of a heart at rest,
 And my jewels are those I love.
 The lowliest life can face struggle and strife
 When its treasure is laid above.

CHEAP FARES FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

For the Christmas Holidays the customary excursion fares will prevail on the Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island Railway, good between all stations, and to points on connecting lines. The going dates are from December 21st, to January 1st, and the limit for return January 3rd. For stations beyond Montreal there will be a special excursion fare on the same dates with a similar return limit. The reduced fares prevail on these dates will make it convenient for those who wish to visit relatives and friends and for the absent ones to return to the old home for the happy Christmas-tide.

MINARD'S LINIMENT

BATARD McMULLIN,
 Chatham, Ont. I was cured of painful Goutte by MINARD'S LINIMENT.
MRS. W. A. JOHNSON,
 Walsh, Ont. I was cured of Facial Neuralgia by MINARD'S LINIMENT.
J. H. BAILEY,
 Parkdale, Ont.

A SENSATION

BERLIN, December 16.—A talking cat is arousing a sensation among the scientists and public. It says "Hurrah Anna, Helen and Mine, and a few words from a popular song."

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA IN STRONG POSITION.

First Annual Statement issued since absorption of Traders' Bank shows liquid assets in excess of 47 per cent of total liabilities to public. Earnings at rate 19.19 per cent.

The Annual Statement of the Royal Bank of Canada out today is sure to attract more than usual interest as it is the first published since the Royal took over the Traders' Bank.

Owing to the change in the fiscal year of the Royal Bank the statement is only for eleven months ending November 30th, 1912. The outstanding feature is the particularly strong position of the Bank as shown by the proportion of liquid assets in excess of 47 per cent of total liabilities to the public.

Total deposits now stand at \$137,891,667, showing large increases over the combined figures of the Royal and Traders' at the close of last year. The net profits for the eleven months ending November 30th, 1912, after deducting charges of management, accrued interest on deposits, full provision for all bad and doubtful debts, rebate of interest on unmatured bills and general bonuses granted to the staff, amounted to \$1,527,324.77, being at the rate of 19.19 per cent on the average paid-up capital of \$8,680,756.

The amount applied to the Reserve Fund totalled \$5,508,812, bringing the reserve up to the total of \$12,560,000, or \$1,000,000 in excess of the paid-up capital at the end of the year of \$11,560,000. With the balance carried forward

Lined Splend Cashmere
 Hose for women and men
 Ask for "Sovereign"
 Brand.



A Ring for Xmas
 For a gift that will be both pleasing and ornamental we would suggest a good ring. We have a splendid line here in size for men, women and children all radiating in price from \$1.25 to \$1.35.

W. N. Tanton
 Sunnyside

S. A. McDonald The Island's Leading Store

Great Sale of Overcoats

is Creating Deep Interest

For the next fifteen days we are going to conduct the greatest overcoat sale in our history. We have values to offer you that have never been equalled out side of our store. Among the lot are fifty overcoats, the regular values run from \$15.00 to \$20.00, which is to be sold now for exactly half-price. In some cases there is only one of a line, but they range in sizes from 34 breast to 44. Most of these are good patterns, some of them we carried over from last season.

\$10.00 for 5.00, \$14.00 for 7.00, \$15.00 for 7.50, \$18.00 for 9.00, \$20.00 for 10.75

\$10.00 for 7.00
 Lot No. 1 consists of fancy tweed overcoat, extra well finished with heavy twill Italian lining, regular \$10 value. During the sale these coats will be sold for \$7.00.

\$18.00 for 14.75
 Lot No. 2. Another good value in College style, herring-bone stripe material, regular \$18.00 coat for sale now at \$14.75.

\$19.00 for 15.00
 Lot No. 3 Consists of a line of brown tweed coats in the season's latest style, finishing equal to any custom made garment. The regular value was \$19.00 selling now for \$15.

\$10.00 for 7.00
 Black melton overcoat very heavy weight, splendid coat in every respect for \$10.00, our sale price in this is 7.00

\$15.00 for 12.78
 Another special in our black overcoat at \$15.00 which we are selling for 12.78.

Boys' Overcoats \$8.35 for 4.75
 Boys' overcoats. We handle a large range and have some interesting values for the next 15 days in this department, for instance a dark

gray melton overcoat to fit boys from 7 to 14 years of age. Regular value 8.35 for 4.75

\$4.50 for 3.25
 Dark brown striped tweeds regular value 4.50 for 3.25

\$6.00 for 3.98
 Another special value in boys' fancy tweed coats, extra long, regular 6.00 coat for 3.98.

All ready for Christmas with the biggest and best stock of goods ever shown in this Province

May we suggest a few Suitable Gifts

For Men

Men's fancy suspenders in individual boxes, arm bands and garters in fancy box. Silk hose with ties to match, silk mufflers all shades, initial handkerchiefs in silk, linen and mercerized. Gloves in suede, mocha, fur lined, chamois and wool, walking canes, coat sweater, fancy vests, military brushes, travelling setts, fur collar, suit cases, collar bags, umbrellas, neck-wear, shirts, cuffs, links.

Fur coats, rain coats, sheep lined coats, overalls, hats, and cap.

For Ladies

Beautiful furs, blouses in net and silk, babies' sweaters, ladies' sweaters, fancy table covers, kimonos, dressing jackets, wool toques and scarfs, tea aprons, embroidery and drawn linens, pillow soams, centre pieces, doilies, table covers, cushion tops, table linen, napkins, handkerchiefs. Gloves in kid, dogskin, mocha, fur-lined, fur-trimmed and silk-lined. Hand bags in suede, leather and alligator, opera scarfs, fancy collars, jabots, lovely belts, beauty pins. Children's bearskin coats, infants' wool jackets, booties and garters. Suit cases, umbrellas, gold mounted umbrellas, silk and folding umbrellas.

Mink ruffs and muffs from \$45 to \$75.00, mink stoles and throws \$35 to \$75. Persian Lamb and Persian Paw muffs and throws from \$3.50 to \$22.00. Seal setts, muffs and throws at \$36.00. Gray lamb coats, muffs and throws from \$7.50 to \$12. Marmot muffs and throws at all prices. Ostrich throws in black, gray and silver.

Chicappa coating, ladies' suit lengths, silk waist lengths, silks, velvets, etc.

December 30th, 1911, the net profits for the eleven months and the premium on new capital stock, the total \$75,000; Written off Bank Premises will be found as a contra asset amount available for distribution at \$480,000; Applied to Reserve Fund \$5,508,812; leaving a balance to be carried forward of \$810,219.36.

G. E. RITCHIE'S

When You Think "CHRISTMAS SHOPPING" Think "RITCHIE'S"

FANCY GOODS
 We are being congratulated right and left on our selection this year and can truly state that it is the best yet. BRASS GOODS dominate and are backed up by the finest line of TRAYS, CANDLE STICKS and VASES you could wish to see.

LEATHER GOODS
 This year's showing is very fine and includes ENGLISH, CANADIAN and GERMAN HAND BAGS. For GENTLEMEN - COLLAR BAGS and HANKERCHIEF BAGS are popular this year.

CHINAWARE
 If you do not know our line of HAND PAINTED NIPPON ware call and let us introduce you to the best selected line you have ever seen in this city of ours. I will do you good to see it.

BOOKS
 When you think BOOKS you naturally must think of a store where the buying is not done in a haphazard way. The greatest care is observed in selecting and it done by one of EXPERIENCE.

DOLLS
 RITCHIE'S BEAUTY DOLL is in a class by itself. It comes in three prices 60c \$1.00 and \$1.25 DRESSED and KID DOLL values are the biggest we have ever had. The values are "eye openers" to those who have seen them.

FOUNTAIN PENS
 The L. E. WATERMAN CO. makers of the famous "IDEAL PEN" make for us the "RITCHIE \$1.00 special" PEN. NUFF SAID. "WATERMAN'S IDEAL" from \$2.50 up. "WATERMAN'S LINCOLN" from \$3.50 up.

EBONY GOODS, HAT, HAIR, CLOTH and MILITARY BRUSHES and TOILET CASE

G. E. RITCHIE'S

See This Special Sleigh Exhibit

This special exhibit of high grade sleighs is an unusual opportunity for you to see the best that Canada can offer in auto seat sleighs, piano box sleighs, Lady of the Snows, men's drivers and semi-speeders.

We have arranged 50 sample sleighs, all styles, in our warehouses and have secured special lighting effects to give you a good idea of the unusual quality and value of the line. The stock includes a choice selection from the leading lines made in Canada, shown in all red finish, deep, rich color that is very popular in the large cities, also green and red gear with black, walnut and fancy burl bodies, grey and red plush and blue cloth upholstery with mountings of nickel and brass.

These sleighs are in a class all their own. We offer lowest prices for cash but will quote easy terms to suit customers. Reliable agents in all parts of the Province.

Get Your Supplies Now

FUR ROBES, waterproof, wind and storm proof, extra large sizes ranging from 54 x 52 to 56 x 66, shown in Saskatchewan, grey goat and brown goat. Prices range from \$5 to \$16.

HORSE RUGS heavily lined, with surcingles, buckles and straps, prices range from \$1.25 to \$3.

BELLS in full body, back strap and Victoria short strap styles, also saddle and shaft chimes, nickel or brass, 50c to \$3.

FUR COATS, in Sack, chewan, black Russian dog, black bear, black martin, Alaska beaver, wallaby and raccoon, also in heavy cloth with fur lining and collar. Prices range from \$12 to \$100.

HARNESSES, 25 different varieties in nickel, solid nickel, oroid and genuine rubber mountings a good line of driving harness, specially nice. Big increase in prices, expected next month, buy now and save money.

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A LARGE STOCK OF NEW SEASON'S CROP ARRIVED LATELY. THE RECORD OF SALES OF THIS POPULAR TEA IS ONE OF WHICH ANY IMPORTER CAN JUSTLY BE PROUD. FOR AS A MODERATELY PRICED TEA, IT IS EXCELLED BY NONE AND EQUALLED BY FEW.

IT PAYS TO BE CONSIDERED PROGRESSIVE; TO BE REGARDED AS THE LEADER IN YOUR PARTICULAR LINE IN YOUR COMMUNITY. AND WHEN THIS FAVORABLE OPINION CAN BE CREATED IN THE MINDS OF THE PUBLIC BY THE INTRODUCTION OF A TEA THAT IS LIKED BY ALL AND USED BY NEARLY ALL WHO ENJOY A GOOD CUP OF TEA IN FERRIOR GRADES CANNOT HOPE TO COMPETE.

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