

# A Gift for Father Mother, Sister, Brother or Sweetheart

It's going to be easy to select proper gifts for Christmas this year if you come to E. A. Foster's, for we have just received a line of Christmas goods that even surpasses our own expectations.

We planned on offering our customers something decidedly new and fine in Christmas gifts this year and we are sure you will not be disappointed when you see what we are displaying at the store now.

These stocks include everything in the way of special Christmas Candies, Parisian Ivory, in individual pieces and complete sets, Toilet Sets, Box Cigars and special holiday packages of Cigarettes, Pipes and Smoking Requisites, fine French and American Christmas Perfumes, combination toilet preparation sets, Kodaks, and many other appropriate gifts, sure to appeal to everyone.

Arrange to make up your Christmas list from our offerings now while you have plenty of time and can make a better selection.

Prices are very reasonable and we feel sure you can take care of all your relatives and friends from our great variety of holiday offerings.

**E. A. FOSTER**  
Central Drug Store.

## Only 8 Days to Christmas

Not much time left for you to do your Christmas baking.

Better attend to that important work right now, today, for you cannot do justice to yourself, if you leave it till the last moment,—when you have to hurry and worry and,—then perhaps have poor luck.

Remember, we have everything you want for baking—Flour, cream of tartar, currants, soda, spices, flavoring, candied fruits, nuts, raisins,—everything you need.

Christmas Confectionery Big Showing of Fresh Fruits  
You will find an excellent line of chocolates, bonbons, and other choice confections here,—put up in boxes, or in bulk.

Also a most complete stock of candies both imported and domestic,—the right spread for the stockings on Christmas morning.

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"THE HOME OF GOOD GROCERIES"

## Christmas Goods For Men

Give a man something to wear and your gift is sure to be acceptable.

Select your gift from our stock, and you can be sure that it is right in quality, style and price.

Our showing of Men's Goods for the Christmas trade is complete. Run down the list below and then come in and see the goods.

- Paris Garters in pretty boxes . . . . . 25c pr.
- Silk Armlets . . . . . 25c and 50c pr.
- Lawn Handkerchiefs . . . . . \$1.00 doz.
- Linen Handkerchiefs, plain and initial . . . . . \$2.00 to \$4.00 doz.
- Cashmere Sox, plain and ribbed 40c, 50c, 75c pr.
- Unlined Kid Gloves . . . . . \$1.25 \$1.50 ea.
- Woolen Gloves, black, grey, tan. . . . . \$1.25 pr.
- Lined Gloves, Kid and Mocha . . . . . \$1.35 up
- Silk Mufflers, every style . . . . . \$1.25, \$1.50 ea.
- Fur Lined Gloves . . . . . \$5.00 pr.
- Men's Shirts, every style . . . . . \$1.00 up
- Night Shirts, warm flannelette . . . . . \$1.25 ea.
- Pyjamas, an ideal present . . . . . \$2.15, \$2.25 pr.
- Umbrellas . . . . . \$1.25 to \$5.00 ea.
- Coat Sweaters, all styles . . . . . \$2.75 to \$5.00 ea.

Shop early while the assortment of goods is best. We will put aside until Christmas any goods selected now. Pretty Boxes and Greeting Cards Free.

**McLELLAN BROS**  
MEN'S FURNISHERS

## LETTER FROM GUNNER GAMSTER

Gunner Arthur Gamster, whose letter is given herewith, is an Island soldier and was from Hunter River. He enlisted in Bridgewater, where he was doing business. His letter will be particularly interesting to so many of his old friends, as he is now in a convalescent hospital in Berks, England. The letter is taken from the Bridgewater Bulletin:

The following letter from Gunner A. B. Gamster, formerly of Bridgewater, to a friend, is particularly interesting:

You will see I am back in England again for repairs, got a bad blowing up but coming round O. K.

In times of peace this hospital served as a school, where some of the future men and women of England received their education; now its floors ring no more to the sound of childish feet nor its walls re-echo to the music of childish laughter. The moans of the wounded have usurped the place of laughter and the heavy feet of men straining under the weight of stretchers cause the floor to creak as though in protest.

These are the days for the shells and bullets of the enemy have laid claim to a heavy toll of our men. I have seen sights within the walls of this hospital calculated to draw tears of sorrow and sympathy from the eyes of any entitled to rank as human beings.

I was lucky enough to be in a battery operating on the Somme offensive and I can assure you I never worked so hard in my life or any other heavy artilleryman that happened to be there.

I will try to give you an idea of our work. We will suppose that we are taking up a new position and that everything has got to be done according to Hoyle.

To begin with, you dig 4 gun-pits for the guns, "no small job" after that is completed you bring up your guns and place them in position, after that you dig four ammunition pits 10 ft. x 15 ft. and 12 ft. deep; then four dug-outs for the men, 11 ft. x 20 ft. and 16 ft. deep, besides reserve ammunition pits; lastly, and the worst of all the officers' quarters, depth no limit, the same as to strength.

However, after the offensive got well started we had no time to dig in that way as we were shifting about every two weeks. All we could do then was dig our gun-pits cordite recesses and officers' quarters. Ammunition could stay outside in the open. To do all this work requires a great many tons of steel and a heavy timber and corrugated sheet iron.

We all hated a shift as it meant a week with little or no sleep, in fact sleep with heavy guns during an offensive is almost out of the question.

In regards fire discipline it all depends on the rapidity of fire. If you are firing 10, 15 or even 20 rounds per hour the work is not extra hard, but if you get gun-fire, that is, load, lay, and fire as fast as possible for an hour, it is a man killer; you have to rest every 15 minutes and another gun crew fires for the next 15 minutes.

The heavy siege guns or "Howitzers" as we call them here, never stop firing only at rare intervals as the solution of trench warfare is found in those guns. In the first place what their shells do when they fall is on quite another scale from the shells of field artillery. In the more usual case the computation (which is not every thing) they have an effect varying with the size of their calibre.

A six-inch gun does not fire a shell twice as effective as a three-inch gun. It fires a shell eight times as effective, consequently you cannot put the thing numerically at all, because a six inch shell falling into a trench has far more than eight times the effect on the defenders, both in actual losses and in the confusion caused, than the three inch shell. Another advantage the Howitzers have over the field pieces is they operate at a much greater range with a higher angle of fire and are much harder to locate by the enemy. Another advantage the heavy piece has over its smaller brother and perhaps the most important of all is found in the angle at which the shell falls. At very long ranges it has the effect of falling almost perpendicularly, and with an accurate aim of destroying everything in its immediate vicinity.

The Germans at the present time seem to be sparing of their ammunition. Probably it is the fear of the future that makes them count every shot. The chances are he is getting short of copper. As I have said before we have the solution of trench warfare in the big gun; the all important thing now is ammunition. There never can be too much for the appetite of the great pieces. There can only too easily be an insupportable and further swelling of its stream depends the immediate future of the Allies more than any other single factor, because the side which is free to use as rash a supply as it chooses must ultimately have its will over the side which is hampered and counts every shot. However, you will have to wait till the spring for the Grand Offensive when all the Allies will be ready to strike at once on all fronts; then, and not till then, will the advantage possessed by Germany of its interior lines disappear.

Germany lost her last chance of beating the French and English in the spring of 1915 when she turned her covetous eyes on Poland. She had conquered and held that part of industrial France which contains all her iron and coal deposits then dug herself in. Her only offensive after that was against Verdun that was for nothing more than to give the Crown Prince a great military reputation.

Well, I have had a few narrow escapes, everyone has, and during my stay in the war zone I have stumbled across quite a number of incidents which my friends in Bridgewater would have found difficult to believe but for the fact that they have always—rightly or wrongly—regarded me as being something in the nature of a fitting successor to the immortal Washington.

I will not distress you with any more "war wisdom" except to say that the fellow who has been out there really becomes a convert to East Indian philosophy, or in other words, a fatalist, and at the same time it

sharpens his intellect and deepens and broadens his sympathy for his fellowman. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain,  
Yours truly,  
GR. A. B. GAMESTER,  
Birmingham, Eng.,  
Nov. 10, 1916.

## WHAT THE S'SIDE FIRE HAS TAUGHT

Last Wednesday's conflagration at Summerside should be an object lesson for increased protection against fires.

Perhaps no more pathetic picture could be imagined than the charred remains of more than a score of buildings, the heaps of debris, the smouldering ruins, the sickly smell of partially consumed merchandise of every description—such a weird picture has been painted in Summerside by the demon-fire.

Despite the ghastly spectacle Summerside has much to be thankful for (due partly to the unconquerable spirit of the citizens, and largely to the indefatigable work of the brave band of fire-fighters.) Summerside has every reason to be proud of its Fire Department. The difficulties under which the department labored made their accomplishment all the more brilliant.

And it would be unjust to the Charlottetown Fire Department not to say that the citizens of Summerside appreciate more than words can express how nobly and magnificently they fought, side by side, with the Summerside firemen until the fire was under control.

Everyone was keenly interested as to whether or not the immense interior and exterior Automatic Sprinkler System of R. T. Holman, Limited could halt the fire. It was the universal belief that if the Holman Buildings had become destroyed it would be a physical impossibility to save the most important part of the town. The system had not yet been tested by a large fire, but Holman's did not wait for the fire to reach their buildings, but fought at it doggedly with three long lines of hose from their own hydrants. Members of Holman's Fire Brigade manned the lines and contested the fire. They were driven back step by step, but taking advantage of a driveway between two buildings they made their last stand, and in order to secure highest pressure, tapped on their reserve of 50,000 gallons of water. They worked and won, and as a result Holman's immense store and warehouses stand to-day as a towering contrast, and a monument to the completeness of their fire-fighting equipment and organization.

To see people from town and country working unitedly and in some cases, even imperilling their lives, to stay the flames, was certainly inspiring—to all of which the citizens of Summerside tender their sincerest thanks.

## MEETING OF INTEREST TO P.E.I. FARMERS

A meeting of the committee appointed by the directors of the Central Farmers Institute was held in this city on Friday afternoon, the 15th inst.

Rev. Dr. Gauthier, chairman of the committee presided and explained the object of the meeting.

He emphasized the necessity of making co-operation more effective and suggested that the Central Farm-

ers Institute might do more in this regard than they had been doing in the past. Perhaps the best co-operative organization on the Island said Dr. Gauthier, is represented by the Egg Circle. There is apparently no bank of union existing among the several institutes, said he.

Discussion among the members of the committee followed and it was pointed out that the Central Institute had done many things for which they should receive credit.

It must not be understood or sup-

posed that the Institutes activities consist in boosting prices at the expense of the consumers. The objection is the lack of understanding between the consumer and the producer which acts detrimentally to the latter; such a condition is engendered by the margin between prices received by the former and those paid by the consumer.

The work accomplished by the Institutes is a foundation upon which future operations could rest: Education and the activities of the

younger were the two features pointing to future success. It was agreed that loyalty to the principles advocated on the part of all members was absolutely necessary. On motion it was decided to hold the annual meeting on the 18th and 19th of January, 1917. It was suggested that Principal Cummings be invited to attend. Rev. Dr. Gauthier agreed to open a general discussion on marketing problems at this meeting.

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## HANDKERCHIEFS

# Beer & Weeks

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The man is helpless without munitions.  
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munitions plants are "doing their bit"  
second only to the soldiers in the trenches.

The Munitions you make  
may save the life of some  
one near and dear to you.

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National Service Board,  
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