

There are Many Suitable Gifts for Everybody in Our Large Christmas Stock

We can give you some suggestions that will not only save you money, but will prove highly acceptable.

Ask to see our new arrivals in Parisian Ivory—they are exquisite.

We have also received a new shipment of **Thermos Goods**, any one of which will make a very serviceable gift.

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Central Drugstore

The Home of Penslar Remedies

The Stranger in Your Cup

Those stalks you see in your tea cup have no business there at all. They contain absolutely no tea essence; they are like stones in fruit, adding to the weight and price, but you cannot digest them.

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It is good because it is from carefully selected leaves from which the stalks have been extracted. That is why it is so richly flavored, so healthful and more economical than most teas. It is all tea, the good part of the tea leaf without the bad, wasteful parts.

The product of the celebrated **Rakwana Tea Estate** in Ceylon and Behali Tea Estate in India has for many years been controlled by

John Tobin & Co., Halifax, Canada

Established 1820

The bare statement that we have been in business nearly one hundred years merely says that we are a very old firm, but there is a great significance in the fact that John Tobin & Co. are today one of the most progressive wholesale firms in America, and carry the most extensive range of staple, heavy and fancy groceries in Canada. The leading manufacturers in England, United States, Canada and elsewhere are always eager to appoint us their distributing agents, and we have exclusive control in Nova Scotia for

H. J. Heinz 57 Varieties Delicatessen

France-American Pure Food Company,

Cairn's Marmalades and Jams, Brands A. I. Sauces, etc.

Riley's Toffee, Welch's Grape Juice

and many other lines.

Our Tea Blending Department is equipped with most modern machinery, and we also import the choicest Java, Mocha, Brazil and Jamaica coffees which we roast and grind on our premises. Our own wheat at rear of our stores provides accommodations for thousands of purchasers of molasses which we import direct from Barbadoes each year.

JOHN TOBIN & CO.

Halifax, Canada

Local Representatives Mr. E. C. Scott, Revere Hotel.

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STOCK QUOTATIONS

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 19.—(Quotations furnished by F. B. MacCurdy & Co., stock and bond brokers, members Montreal Stock Exchange, McBurney Building, Halifax, N. S.)

CLOSING PRICES.

Today

Archison 79

A. E. 62

Am Loco N. D. 41 1/2

Anaconda	55
Am S & R	69 1/2
Can Pac—N. D. 2 1/2	129
Gen	66
Imperial	48 1/2
M. F. C.	77 1/2
Mex Nor Power	69
P.R.S.	50
Reading	67 1/2
South Pac	79 1/2
S. T. U.	43 1/2
U. S.	71 1/2
U. T.	62
U.P.—X. D. 2 1/2	115 1/2

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Classified ads, under this head cost one cent per word per insertion where cash accompanies order, with minimum charge of 25 cents per insertion. Count your words and save money by remitting with order. Stamps accepted. Ads. taken by phone or sent by mail will be charged at 2c per word, to cover book-keeping charges, stationery and postage on accounts.

AGENTS WANTED

AGENTS WANTED TO SELL FOR "The old reliable Fonthill Nursery." We teach our men highest experience unnecessary. Highest commissions paid; handsome free equipment. Stone & Wellington, Toronto, Ont. 1494-12-ME11Dec.31st.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—FURNITURE AT 29 King Square. 1739-12-17M31.

OLD NEWSPAPERS FOR SALE AT 5 cents per bundle. Guardian Office. 1580-12-7M1.

FARADOR MACHINE TO LET BY week or month. Apply 224 Easton street. 600-10-12M1.

HEAVY BROWN PAPER FOR sale, excellent for putting under sashcloths or carpets. Apply at The Guardian Office. 732-10-20M1.

MISCELLANEOUS.

DOMINION EXPRESS FOREIGN Cheques are accepted by Field Cashiers and Paymasters in France for their full face value. There is no better way to send money to the boys in the trenches. 1949-12-1ME11Dec. 31st.

HELP WANTED—MALE

WANTED—BOY ABOUT 14 OR 15 year. W. N. Tanton, Jeweler. 1252-11-19M1.

SALESMEN.—EXCLUSIVE LINE for city, town or country. Big earnings guaranteed. Permanent full-time job. No experience necessary. Write Luke Brothers, Ltd., Montreal. 1718-12-15ME61

WANTED.

WANTED SMELTS AND EELS James England, Traveller's Rest. 1717-12-15M121p.

WANTED AT ONCE.—A FEW CARS hrewood, Dry Hardwood preferred. Apply to D. Stewart, 164 Kent St. 1344-11-23MDT.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE

WANTED AT ONCE A GIRL FOR general housework in a family of three. Apply at 146 Pownall St. 1591-12-7M1.

The Central Guardian

IT PAYS to buy in this Province.

ATTENTION—Everyone wanting smelts for fox feed should apply to John MacQuillan & Co., Queen Street. 1733-12-19M1.

XMAS SUGGESTION.—No matter what else you give her—include a fancy box of chocolates. All prices and a large assortment to choose from. Johnson & Johnson Druggists. 1738.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—Rev. E. McDougall will preach Wed. 19th at Murray River at 6.30 on Thursday 20th at Belle River at 6.30. Also if travelling is favorable on Sabbath 23rd at KJross at 10.30 Millview at 2.30 and Birch Hill at 6.30.

SCHOOL CLOSING.—The closing of the city schools for the holiday season will be held on Friday next, 21st inst., in the following order: Rochford Square School, 9.15-10.30; West Kent School 10.30-12 noon; Prince Street School, 1.30-2.30 and Queen Square School 2.30-3.30.

RAILWAY MANAGEMENT GRATEFUL.—The management of the Canadian Government Railways desires to publicly express keen appreciation to those who by reason of the Halifax disaster so uncomplainingly suffered inconvenience and discomfort in consequence of the temporary disorganization of the sleeping and dining car services, and the disarrangement of train schedule. They further desire to express their thanks for the many kind recognitions of the efforts made in restoring the service to more normal conditions under exceptional and trying circumstances.

HUGHES MAJORITY REDUCED.—In the report of the election returns as published yesterday, there were several errors in the County figures, those for Glen William, Georgetown and High Bank having been reversed. The correct returns for these three polls are Glen William—Hughes 62, McIsaac 98; Georgetown—Hughes 97, McIsaac 172; High Bank Hughes 90, McIsaac 96. These changes reduced Hughes' majority to 109. Doubtless in the haste consequent upon the transmission of the reports there may be other errors which may not be rectified till Declaration day when the correct returns will be published.

As Asthma Victims.—The man or woman subject to asthma is indeed a victim. What can be more terrifying than to suddenly be seized with paroxysms of choking which seems to fairly threaten the existence of life itself. From such a condition Dr. J. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy has brought many to completely restored health and happiness. It is known and prized in every section of this broad land.

BERLIN VERSION OF RUSSIAN ARMISTICE

The German Version. BERLIN, via London, Dec. 16.—An armistice agreement between the Bolshevik government in Russia and the Teutonic allies was signed at Brest-Litovsk Saturday, according to an official communication issued today. The text of the communication follows:

"An armistice agreement was signed at Brest-Litovsk yesterday by plenipotentiary representatives of the Russian army administration on the one hand and those of the upper army administrations of Germany, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey on the other hand."

"The armistice begins at noon Dec. 17 and remains in force until Jan. 14, 1918. Unless seven days' notice is given, it continues in force automatically. It extends to all land fronts."

"According to clause 9 of the treaty, peace negotiations are to begin immediately after the signing of an armistice."

The Russian delegates constituting an armistice committee at Brest-Litovsk, have advised the Bolshevik authorities at the Smolny Institute that an agreement was reached with the Germans on Friday concerning the transfer of troops. It was to this effect: "Both sides signing this agreement bind themselves until December 30, 1917, (January 12, 1918), not to carry on any offensive military transfers on the front from the Baltic to the Black Sea, except such transfers as were already begun up to the moment of signing this agreement."

PRODUCE MARKET.—There was a splendid market yesterday, one of the biggest of the year. Pork brought 21c, potatoes 65c, oats 86-90c, and hay \$15.

"FOR HIM"—A good pipe makes a very useful gift. We have them from 35c to \$10.50—an appropriate gift for "Father." Johnson & Johnson Druggists. 1738.

MILTON SERVICES.—Services in Milton Parish will be as follows, weather permitting, Sunday, Dec. 23rd. Morning Prayer in Milton Church at 10.30 a. m. and a Christmas Service in Hampshire Church at 7 p. m. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 11 a. m. on Christmas Day in Milton Church.

PERSONALS

Dr. Collins, Vernon River, was a recent visitor to the city.

Mr. A. A. Pomeroy, City, left yesterday on a business trip to Halifax.

Mr. David Schurman, Bedouque, is visiting in the city.

Mr. Robert Bagnall, Hunter River is visiting friends in the city.

Mr. W. B. Brown, representing the National Drug Co., left yesterday on a business trip to Tignish.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Prowse, have returned home from Montreal. It is pleasing to see Mr. Prowse out again and feeling much improved in health after his very serious operation.

Most Enjoyable Concert Last Night

One of the most successful and probably the most enjoyable of all the entertainments this year was the Halifax Relief Fund concert in the Market Hall last night.

The overture at 7.30 was by the famous Fourth Regiment Band and was a fitting "appetizer" for the musical feast which followed.

The other numbers on the program were:

Symphony "Apple Blossoms" by Grace Church Orchestra.

Vocal solo "Adieu Marie" by Mr. C. J. Gallagher.

Vocal solo "Elsa's Dream" from Lohengrin by Miss D. Sutherland.

Vocal solo "Jenny Jones" by F. H. Littlejohns.

Vocal solo "Just Awearin'" for you by Miss Smith.

Piano solo, "Chimes" by Prof. F. T. Watkins.

Vocal solo, "Who knows" by Mrs. H. S. Hinton.

Vocal solo, "God-bye, Sweet heart, good-bye" by Charles Earle.

Recitation "The King," (Written by Basil King) by Mrs. Charman.

Piano duet, "Charge of the Hussars," by Misses K. and E. Stanley.

Vocal solo, "Tost's Good-bye" by Miss L. Blanchard.

Vocal solo, "Fiona" by Miss M. Ross.

Vocal solo, "H Trovatore" by Rev. F. H. Littlejohns.

Vocal solo, "Remember" by Prof. H. S. Hinton.

Recitation by Miss Edna Gordon.

Vocal solo, "When the Birds Go North Again" by Mrs. Seth Henderson.

Vocal solo, "Queen of the Earth" by Mr. P. Barlow.

Final "War March of the Priests" by the Grace Church Orchestra.

The length of the program made it impossible for the artists to respond to the repeated encores.

The entertainment was excellent, practically every musical lover in the city being present and all were thoroughly pleased with the exceptionally high character of the entertainment.

That few cities of its size can boast of musical talent such as was offered the city last night is the opinion of many who have travelled far and fast, and who have expressed by many last night, that a repeat performance would be forthcoming.

The proceeds "all of which goes to the Halifax Relief Fund, was very satisfactory."

WAR MENUS

How to Save Wheat, Beef and Bacon for the men at the front issued from the Office of the Food Controller for Canada

MENU FOR THURSDAY

Breakfast

Oatmeal Porridge

Toast Coffee Marmalade

Potatoes Beef Stew Turnips

Steamed Blueberry Pudding

Supper

Celery Soup Stewed Figs Tea

Brown Bread Steamed Blueberry Pudding.

The recipe for Blueberry Pudding, mentioned above, is as follows:—

Blueberry Pudding—

2 tablespoons butter

1/2 cup sugar

1 egg

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 cup milk

1 cup white flour

1 1/2 cups graham flour

4 teaspoons baking powder

Cream the butter, add sugar gradually, and egg well beaten; mix and sift flour, baking powder, and salt; add alternately with milk to first mixture. Then put the Blueberry Jam in the bottom of individual cups of a glass-baker. Pour over this the batter and bake in the oven thirty-five minutes or steam.

! Trial is inexpensive.—To those who suffer from dyspepsia, indigestion, rheumatism or any ailment, arising from derangement of the digestive system a trial of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills is recommended, should the sufferer be unacquainted with them. The trial will be inexpensive and the result will be another customer for this excellent medicine. So effective is their action that many cures can certainly be traced to their use where other pills have proved ineffective.

PATRIOTIC FAMILY

The enclosed letter was received by Mrs. H. A. Campbell, Whitin Road, from her son Howard E. Campbell, who enlisted with the 105th. He has now been in France fourteen months. He has a brother, Cecil E. Just arrived in England with the MacLean Militia, and a brother, Arthur, in France since the beginning of the war. Howard was sixteen years of age when he enlisted.

Somehow in France. Nov. 18, 1917.

Dear Mother—I guess it is time I wrote you a letter to England— you think your soldier boy has forgotten his old mother and father, but not so, dear. I am always thinking of you and longing to see you again, and if I don't write very often it is not because I don't want to; it is because it is so hard to get time. We travel so much here, I really believe I know every blooming town in France. Well, mother, how are you and dad feeling this winter? Pretty well, I hope. Here it is another Christmas and still the war goes on, but never mind, dear, it can't go on forever, anyway, and I will get home some day, and the dear old home will look pretty good to me, you can bet.

We are having very nice weather here now, so different from last winter. I saw a farmer sowing grain the other day, so you can imagine from this, that I am not in the tropics.

No doubt you have had snow at home by this time. How I would like a good sleigh ride again behind the old mare. How many horses have we now, anyway?

I had to leave this letter unfinished last night, but will finish it today. I just got a letter from you, and you don't know how glad I am to get your letters. There is more news in one page of yours than there is in ten of mine.

So old Cecil is in England. I expect to get a letter to England within the next three weeks, probably around Christmas and New Year, and if I do I will look him up, and show him around. I could see by his letter that you sent me that he is pretty lonesome and homesick. He will get to you that, when he gets used to England, and where everything is so different from Canada. It is funny, mother, but I have never been lonesome since I enlisted.

The potatoes were good after all. I see by the papers that things are very high in Canada now. Your dad must have made pretty good this year.

I see by the papers that some men in Canada are taking drugs and doing all sorts of things to keep away from the army. They have my pity, the miserable cowards. Did I tell you, mother, I got you last parcel of socks and cigarettes (and also the cake). It was fine. I needed those socks too, for we went up to Ypres at that time, and you know, mother, there is mud and water to the knees there. Thank God we didn't stay there long, and we are back in France again. You know Ypres is in Belgium.

Oh! mother, dear, I was into our canteen this morning, and they have some silk pillow cases that are just dandy. There is one big one with our badge embroidered in it. I am going to get it for you. Tell dad I am going to get him something pretty nice when I go to England. Well, dear, I will close for this time. Give my regards to all the neighbors and with piles of love for you and dad, and Wellie, I am, as ever,

Your loving son,

HOWARD

BELGIAN DECORATION GIVEN GEN. CURRIE

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Gen. Sir Arthur Currie has been decorated on the battlefield by King Albert, of Belgium, with the highest Belgian military honor. The award is made in recognition of his great services in the capture of Passchendaele Ridge.

ANNUAL SWEET CLOVER IS A NEW DISCOVERY

Annual sweet clover, a variety not known previous to last year, has been grown at the Iowa State College. This plant, at three and a half months from seeding, made a growth of four and a half feet in height, producing a heavy crop of seed as well as foliage. This novelty was discovered by H. D. Hughes, of the Iowa Agricultural Experimental Station, who saved the few plants growing in one of 500 plots planted with seed from as many different sources. Planted this year, the seed was found to produce uniformly, making very rapid growth and producing a seed crop in a few months. The chief possibility of the new variety of clover lies in its apparent great value as a green manure crop as its growth in the first year is double as strong as that of the common biennial white sweet clover.



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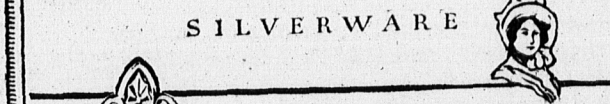
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New Xmas Ties The Swellest in Town

We have just received the new Ties, and they're beauties. The biggest and best assortment we have ever shown—and that's saying a whole lot. A pretty Tie makes a most suitable and acceptable present. A man always has room for more Ties, and the nicer the Ties the more room he has. See our big range of pretty Ties at 50c EACH

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The Nurse

—I have seen so many cases of Tuberculosis, Anemia, La Grippe and General Debility helped by Wilson's Invalids' Port that it is indispensable for the proper treatment of all wasting diseases and convalescent cases.

Wilson's INVALIDS' PORT Fruit Acids, Aromatics, Salts, and Old Oporto Wine. Absolutely no alcohol is added.



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