

XMAS DISPLAY

of useful presents—Not Jack-in-the-box monkeys and sticks, glass-ware etc., etc. We leave that class of goods to the toy stores, where they belong.

We are showing **Dry Good Presents**, the most acceptable, useful and serviceable.

1000 Elegant Silk Handkerchiefs

China silk hemstitch handkerchiefs, 22c up, cream white and colored brocades at all prices.

Embroidered and Linen Handkerchiefs

A grand Xmas display, 5c up. We have some very nice mourning handkerchiefs, also white embroidered, and hemstitch linen, for ladies and gents.

Kid Gloves, Ladies and Gents

Just received Saturday, kid gloves to sort our stock, all sizes for Xmas trade. Prices—50, 75, 89, \$1.10, \$1.35 and \$1.50

Lined Kid Gloves,

Special prices, mens—59, 69, 79, 89, and 95.

Ladies fur tops, 85, worth \$1.10.

FUR GOODS.

Muffs, Collars, Gloves, Mitts, Caps etc., etc., in all makes of furs, at Xmas prices.

—ALSO—

Men's Neckties, Men's Collars, Men's Shirts, Men's Underclothing, Men's and Boys Sweaters.

Special Xmas Prices and Xmas Goods

W. A. WEEKS & Co.

The People's Store.

our big

Xmas

bazaar

now in full swing

All New Goods

no old second hand or shopworn stuff here.

Liberal

Discounts

in all departments; see our big display before you buy.

HASZARD & MOORE

RINK

Opens Xmas night, ice permitting. Galbraith's Band in attendance.

Tickets

For Xmas boxes. What do you say?

Gents, only	\$5.50
Ladies'	2.50
Children's	1.50
Afternoon	1.50
Promenade,	1.00

Special prices for family tickets. On sale at Drug Stores or of the Managers.

PROWSE, BEER & LORDLY MANAGERS.

Application to Parliament.

Public notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada, at the next session thereof, for an Act changing the name of The Dominion Building and Loan Association, to that of The Dominion Permanent Loan Company. Dated at Toronto, this 17th day of November, A. D. 1897.

MAUDONALD, BOLAND & THOMPSON 2 Toronto Street, Toronto, Solicitors for Applicants

WANTED—To borrow \$220 at 5 per cent. on 28 acres on Lot 22, worth \$8000 cash. Write A. A. Box 315, Charlottetown. dec23/97

TELEGRAPHIC.

SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.

OUR POSTMASTER PREMATURE.

Cannot Float his Three Cent Stamp Scheme and gets a Sharp rap over the Knuckles.

AWARD OF THE BEHRING SEA COMMISSION—\$464,000!

English Diplomacy in the East.

Italy Declines a Proposal.

Indefinitely Postponed.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—The new link of the Empire, in the shape of three-cent postage to Great Britain and the colonies, which was announced with such a flourish of trumpets during the Toronto election, will not be enforced for the present.

The Colonial Office has pulled the Postmaster-General up sharply, by informing him that this matter is not of the purely domestic character which Hon. Mr. Mulock has assumed it to be. Hence the proposed reduction is indefinitely postponed.

Sir Louis Davies, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, received a despatch from Sir Julian Pauncefote today, stating that the award of the Behring Sea claims commissioners is \$464,000. This sum covers all the items, including interest, involved in the different claims of the masters and crews of twenty-four vessels seized by the United States cruisers during the years from 1886 to 1892,—with the exception of two minor cases—the Black Diamond and the master of the Ada.

Anglo-Russian Conference.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A despatch to the Daily Chronicle, from Rome, says it is rumored there that, owing to her obligations to Germany, Italy has declined England's proposal for common action in the far east, including a joint occupation of Chusan.

According to the same despatch, it is asserted that England has proposed to Russia a conference on the Chinese question, with a view of avoiding dangerous rivalries.

A Merry Christmas

We are sure this will be the experience of the children of this city on Christmas morning. Mr. Santa Claus has been making great preparations. We know he has, because our store is his headquarters. We are not allowed to tell what he has for each child, but it will all be known on Xmas morning. This is the day before Christmas. It is our busy day. The store will be crowded, and clerks will be busy, and goods will sell at a great rate.

Come Everybody.

We will see that all have proper attention. We have plenty of goods and a big crowd of attentive clerks; the goods are good and the prices low, and we are ready for a jolly, rushing trade until 11 o'clock at night, and then for our customers and ourselves will follow

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Geo. Carter & Co.

Food for Gold-diggers.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 24.—A. P. McQuibban, a passenger from the north on the Steamer City of Seattle, arrived here today. He says there is enough food in Dawson City to last the six thousand men now there all winter. Those without food—about two thousand—have gone to Fort Yukon.

Murderer Sentenced.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 24.—John Anderson was today convicted of the murder of William Wallace Saunders, mate of the schooner Olive Pecker, and sentenced to be hanged on the 18th of March next.

LATEST NEWS BY WIRE AND MAIL

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Vienna records instances showing that racial animosity has extended to the army. A racial quarrel in the Ferdinand infantry barracks resulted in a fight with side arms between the 102nd Bohemian regiments. One soldier was killed and seven were dangerously wounded. The Bohemian regiment was transferred to another place, the 28th infantry regiment, which was recruited entirely in Prague, only refused to do duty on the streets during the recent rioting in the city. Since then the regiment has been confined to its barracks.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Times in an editorial on the China situation, sarcastically asks whether the German press in claiming a Russo German entente in China, and Emperor William in his speech at Graudenz anticipated Russia's demand for the removal of German drilled sergeants from the Chinese army. With reference to the possibility of Russia advancing China money to pay the war indemnity to Japan and thus compelling Japan to evacuate Wei-hai-wei, the Times openly recognized the advisability of an Anglo-Japanese entente, arguing that the combined British and Japanese fleet would be able to prevent a disturbance of the balance of the powers in China. Other London papers express the same opinion.

Some of the Russian papers are ironical at Germany's expense. The Bourse Gazette of Odessa hints that by the time Prince Henry and the German squadron reach China they will find the Tzun-Li-Yamen has prepared an unexpected reception for intrusive guests. The Mirevice Orogolowski reminds Emperor William of Napoleon III on an attempt to plant his power in Mexico.

The Vienna correspondent of the Standard says he has ascertained that the first news of the occupation of Port Arthur emanated from Tokio, a fact significant of Japanese vigilance. Discussing Japan's position the correspondent says she cannot declare war against either China or Russia, because if she did the ten large iron-clads that are being built for her in Europe and America and are nearly finished, would be shut up till the war was over. She will, therefore, risk nothing by herself.

The Pekin correspondent of the Times says the Chinese are provisioning Port Arthur and will reconstruct the forts there, Russia supervising and furnishing the money. In the face of this indication of permanent occupation, the necessity of safe-guarding our position in the east increases. The Russo-Chinese bank, which is the agent of the Russian Government, has offered China 120,000 Berdan rifles with payment five years hence. China has accepted the proposed offer. According to a despatch to the Times from Kobe, Japan, the news from Port Arthur has greatly disturbed the Mikado's ministers. Long cabinet councils have been held, and the high military officials have attended. The Japanese newspapers, the despatch says, are unphased at the situation in the far east; while the ministry is in domestic troubles connected with its taxation proposals, to which the Diet is hostile.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—The reciprocity negotiations between the United States and Germany are practically suspended. They never got beyond the initial stage. There appears to have been a willingness on the part of both governments to look into the subject, but the enquiry did not develop any prospect of material concessions on either side. It was thought that the arrival of the new German ambassador Dr. Von Holben would give an impetus to the negotiations and perhaps result in the conclusion of a treaty, but on the contrary, the subject has lapsed and neither government is showing any anxiety to urge the matter to a conclusion. The negotiations with France are similarly at a standstill owing to the course of the French government



Your wife will want a Carpet Sweeper Paton & Co have the best and the very newest. **JAMES PATON & CO**

No Trouble to Show Goods

Getting Near Xmas.

Young and old alike look forward with much expectation to the great event. What to buy is the question that worries all. Don't let it worry you any longer. Come here and let our stock suggest something useful and beautiful. Don't wait till the eleventh hour. Come now and get a better choice and more comfort, and time to choose. Here is a list that suggests many givable articles at prices from 5c upwards. Let it help you.

FOR GENTLEMEN.	FOR LADIES	FOR CHILDREN.
Silk Handkerchiefs, Silk Mufflers, Silk Neckties, Pollars and Cuffs, Suspenders, Wool Sox, Cashmere Sox, Kid Gloves, Kid Mitts, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Shaving Mirrors, White Shirts, Colored Shirts, Cardigan Jackets, Shaving Mugs	Dress Goods, Silk Handkerchiefs, Lawn Aprons, Kid Gloves, Lawn Handkerchiefs, Collars and Cuffs, latest style. Silk Evening Gloves, Silks for evening waists, Jewelry Boxes, Toilet Sets, Hand Mirrors, Card Receivers, Trimmed Hats, Fur Collars and Muffs.	Kid Dolls, Pointed Dolls, Bisque Dolls, Doll's Bureaus, Doll's Dishie, Doll's Table, Knife, Fork and Spoon Sets, Game of Crokinole, Game of Pillow Dex, Game of Parlor Croquet Game of Lotto, Dolls, Sideboards, Doll's Carriages.

F. Perkins & Co.,

Agents for Moncton Woolen Mills.

in raising the duties on lard and other American products. The reciprocity negotiations with Great Britain as to the British West Indies are proceeding slowly but an agreement is not expected in the near future.

LUXEMBURG, December 22.—A sad double drowning accident occurred at Luenburg last evening, the victims being two lad seven and eight years old, sons of George Mitchell. A number of little fellows were playing on the ice of the back harbor, some with their sleds and others on skates. The Mitchell boys had their sleds as well as a sled with them, but towards evening they put their sleds ashore and amused themselves dragging each other along on the ice on the sled. As dusk came on the crowd of youngsters decreased, until finally the Mitchell boys were the only ones left on the ice. When last seen one of them was on the sled and the other was drawing him. In the darkness they got into a hole and both went under. When their long absence had caused alarm search was instituted, and it was discovered that they must have got into the water. Search for the bodies was commenced, and shortly after midnight they were recovered.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Hon. J. S. Hamlin, associated secretary of the treasury, spoke today before the members of the shoe and leather association rooms on the question of "Trade relations between the United States and Canada." After remarking upon the commercial treaty of Canada in 1864, but which was only for raw materials and the commercial convention to Detroit in 1869, Mr. Hamlin said: The same interests that prompted that commercial convention then exist today; and to even a greater degree do we now need cordial co-operation with our northern neighbors. I believe it possible to conclude certain reciprocal treaties by which may be set at rest forever any apprehensions as to the repeal of the bonded privileges. We can then settle the disputed fishery question on the great lakes and on the coast of Nova Scotia. We can have passed new immigration laws permitting citizens to go into the great Klondyke region, etc. Such a treaty will add to the wealth of Canada as well as it would that of New England and increase our prosperity."

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec 22.—Representative Johnson of North Dakota, has furnished the Congressional Record an interesting statement of what it cost the government to make an unsuccessful claim for damages before the Paris tribunal on the seal fisheries. According to Mr. Johnson's statement Justice Harlan of the supreme court received \$13,000 and Senator Morgan, of Alabama, received \$13,273 as arbitrators, as counsel James C. Carter was paid \$30,000; E. J. Phelps \$31,000; Henry W. Blodgett, \$12,000; and Frederic R. Coudert \$15,400; as agent, John W. Foster received \$10,000. Over \$106,000 was paid for lawyers fees alone. The total cost of the United States government was \$224,514. The original bills presented called for a much larger sum but were scaled down by the auditors of the treasury to the sums mentioned, which were allowed.

CAUSES OF PAIN.

A pain caused by a corn is due to the inflammation of the flesh around the hardened skin or corn. A little "Quicken" spread on the corn and covered with thin paper reduces the inflammation and stops the pain. Try it. It also relieves bunions, etc.

Dainty and Beautiful Things for Presents....

At Paton's

Ladies and gentlemen—How about good winter gloves. We have all the very best makes in stock and will sell each and every line at special prices.—Prowse Bros. Say, you people who buy Xmas boxes for your friends, drop around to our store and see the many useful articles that will be appreciated if given.—Prowse Bros.

"If it's good it's here, If it's here it's good."

SILK HANDKERCHIEFS FOR MEN

- 12c a lot of plain Silk Handkerchiefs, different colors, 12c each.
- 20c a lot of white and colored brocades, nice size 20 cents each.
- 30c a nice line of brocades in white and colors, 30c each.
- 34c a choice line of Jap Silk, hemstitched, and elaborately initialled, 24c each.
- 38c another nice line of brocades, in white, and colors, large size 38c each.
- 50c an assorted lot of brocades, some white, some colored, all large, regular prices 60 to 95, clearing at 50c.
- 58c an elegant range of gentlemen's Jap Silk, hemstitch and initialled, 58c each.
- 75c a very choice line of men's plain silk, cream hemstitch, 75c each.
- 80c a clearing lot of brocades, worth up to \$1.25, go at 80 cents.

Moore & McLeod

What We Advertise We Have.

NOTHING MORE SUITABLE

For a Christmas gift

Than a pair of Kid Shoes or slippers, for either lady or gentlemen for boys or girls, a pair of Hockey or Skating Boots. We show some nice lines of ladies and gentlemen's slippers, overshoes gaiters. Felt boots at low prices.

W. H. Stewart & Co

200 Bicycles Wanted

To be stored (free of charge) for the winter, and cleaned repaired, nicked or enameled, thoroughly renewed, ready for spring.

ENAMELING

We use the highest grade Enamel (black or colors) that money can buy in New York, and bake it on in a manner that the most fastidious cannot criticize, and the cost is the same as others charge for ordinary paint. See sample at shop.

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