

SWEEPING ON!

After an experience of 21 years we find ourselves to-day in a position to offer to the Great Army of

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

Better Bargains than ever. We emphasize the fact that we mean what we say, and that is, we are

Headquarters For Bargains.

Be careful that you don't buy an article elsewhere and pay more for it. Twenty cents, fifty cents and one dollar savings are worth looking after.

WHAT WILL YOU HAVE?

We will merely mention some of the Articles you can find in our Stock.

GLOVES—Black and Colored, Lined and Unlined, at \$1.00; regular price, \$1.25.

HANDKERCHIEF DEPARTMENT—We simply challenge any house in town to give you better for your money, from 5c. to 50c.

HEALTH UNDERWEAR.

A large assortment for Children, Women and Men. The Hygiene and Magnet brands. Every article guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction.

LINEN DEPARTMENT—Table Scarfs, Tray Cloths, Bureau Scarfs, D'yoleys, Fine Towels, Table Covers and Napkins. We still keep up our reputation in **Dress Goods: Ladies' Jackets** in Cheviots, Covert and Beaver Cloths, all well made and marked down.

Men's Reefers, :: Boys' Ulsters.

Too great stress cannot be placed on our Men's Reefers. The celebrated Rugby Waterproof, for Teamsters or any class of men who are obliged to be out doors in cold or stormy weather.

FUR GOODS.

In this department we have exceeded any previous year's sale by all odds. We have still left Ladies' Seal and Astrachan Capes, Jackets, Caps and Muffs. Gents' Coon, Bear and Wombat Coats at great bargains.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Our whole Stock at Cost. Men's, Women's and Children's **SLIPPERS** at 25 cents, worth 50 cents.

DRESS GOODS in all Colors, Makes and Styles.

CASHMERES marked down from 65c. to 39c.

SAMPLE DRESS LENGTHS—Only a few left, in all-wool, marked down.

SILK WAIST BARGAINS—The balance of our Sample and Odd Waists in a variety of styles.

Now don't forget to call and see what we have got, for we can't positively enumerate our whole stock, only remember there are Bargains on all sides.

SAUNDERS BROS.

To the Farmers of Canada.

The annual distribution of samples of some of the best varieties of seed grain to farmers, for test in different parts of the Dominion, has, during the past ten years done much to direct attention to the importance of sowing the best sorts of seed, and in many sections of the country this introduction of new sorts has resulted in a decided improvement in the yield and quality of the grain produced. Nearly all the varieties sent out are grown on the Experimental Farms and are selected from among those which, after being submitted to careful and repeated tests, have produced the largest average crops of grain of good quality.

Having received instructions from the Honorable Minister of Agriculture to continue this useful work and make another distribution during the coming season, I shall be pleased to receive applications from all who desire samples. As heretofore, one sample of one variety only can be sent to each applicant, and the distribution will be confined to samples of wheat, oats, barley, field peas, Indian corn and potatoes.

Among the varieties of grain to be distributed during the coming season will be some of the more promising of the new cross-bred sorts which have been produced at the Experimental Farms. All the grain sent out

will be carefully cleaned and true to name. To prevent the disappointment which occurs when parties receive samples of varieties they already have, it would be well for each person applying to name two or three sorts which he would prefer, arranging them in the order of preference; when, in case the stock of the first named variety is exhausted, the second or third could be substituted. As it is proposed to only send these samples on personal, single application, it is important that every farmer who desires a sample should apply for himself. Lists of names will not be considered. All letters addressed to the Central Farm at Ottawa may be sent free of postage, and the samples weighing three pounds each will be sent free to the applicants, through the mail. The distribution will begin early in December, and as the stock is limited and the applications will be filled in the order in which they are received, those sent in early will have the advantage. Applications may, however, be sent in at any time before the 1st of March; but after that date the list will be closed so as to ensure the sending out of all the samples in time for early sowing.

WM. SAUNDERS.
Director, Experimental Farms.
Central Experimental Farm,
Ottawa, Dec. 8th, 1897.

ST. JOHN LETTER.

Every day topics—The markets, etc.

A sum of money deposited in a bank here to the credit of the Lancashire (England) operatives relief fund, thirty years ago, is wanted by the society who have just heard of its existence. It is said that the St. John Fire Relief Association also want it—not for the fire sufferers but for their own support.

The principals of the St. John Sunday dog fight have been arrested and jailed, but the spectators who were responsible for the brutality, being men of another kidney, escape punishment.

James Bennett, burglar, and Arthur Bell, thief, have been sentenced to the penitentiary for five and three years respectively. For the murder of John Meahan, John Walsh spends seven years in the same institution.

Two men and a boy are in a precarious condition, the result of a driving accident at Haymarket square last Wednesday. A good deal of sympathy is felt for the boy who is the victim of the men's criminal recklessness.

There were in port uncleaned on Thursday one steamer, one ship, two barques, four barquentines and 33 schooners.

Manifests were received at the custom house two or three days ago for 100 carloads of grain and flour from the western states for shipment to Great Britain.

Lieut Governor McOlellan will preside at the reception of General Booth in this city, Jan 18.

Mrs Frederick Coster of this city entered upon the 95th year of her age last Thursday.

Over 300 carloads of freight are on the tracks between here and Montreal and are expected to arrive here to-day.

Thirteen marriages, sixteen births and nine deaths were recorded in the city last week.

Steamers Lake Winnipeg of the Beaver line, Concordia of the Donaldson line and Felina Head of the Head line arrived in port last Saturday.

William Hawker & Son, Prince William street, originators of the celebrated Hawker remedies, carry a large stock of trusses, abdominal belts, chest protectors, catheters, etc, and are meeting with a growing demand for their infallible Whooping Cough Cure which is sent by mail for 75 cents.

The secret of success in farming is disclosed in the following terse paragraph. "Cultivate thoroughly with the plough, harrow and cultivator. Grow clover, peas, etc, for turning down green. Use Thomas Phosphate Powder liberally." The first crop pays for the extra cultivation and the fertilizer the first year and the soil grows more productive every season.

The volume of business has been maintained during the last week. The market for flour keeps steady at recent advance in prices. A further advance of 1-16 cent per pound has gone on sugar and the demand is exceedingly heavy for this time of year. Dried fish continue in limited supply and prices are somewhat higher. Pure lard is very scarce owing to the small delivery of hogs, in consequence of which refiners are unable to meet the demand. Charles Heaton & Co's English pickles are now on the market; a fine class of goods in large open mouth bottles with patent stops; very popular and sell at \$2 per dozen. Some brands of tobacco have gone still higher in price; Lucky Strike, a popular smoking now sells at 64 cents per pound and is in good demand at the advance. The demand for tea continues large and latest reports from London indicate higher prices at the turn of the year. No 1 winter apples sell at \$4 and good No 2 at \$3. Eggs are scarce and sought for at 18 cents. Choice butter is in scant supply at 17 cents and much higher prices are looked for in the near future. Already inquiries for butter are coming from Montreal which is a clear indication of the state of the western markets.

EDWARD EDWARDS

St John, Dec 13.

Farm Property Decreasing.

According to a return shortly to be laid before the legislature by the Department of Agriculture, the value of farm property in Ontario is decreasing. In 1886 it was estimated at \$989,497,911; in 1892, at \$979,977,244; in 1893, at \$970,361,070; in 1894 at \$954,395,507; in 1895, at \$931,989,974; and in 1896, at \$910,291,623. The average value per acre is according to this \$30.20. Chattel mortgages are also increasing. They ran up last year from \$11,012,320 to \$13,561,716. The average farm laborer's wages is \$174 per year or \$14.57 per month.

According to the report nearly 55 per cent of the 23,172,408 acres of assessed land in the province is cleared. Of this cleared land 876,955 acres were during the past year under tillage. The average yield of fall wheat is 17.2 bushels per acre or about two bushels less than last year. The average yield across the line was much below that of Ontario. Spring wheat averaged 13.8 bushels per acre; barley 27.8 and oats 34.2, all large as compared with the United States yield. The total Ontario grain crop in 1896 was valued at \$88,900,135, as compared with an average for years before of \$110,467,836. The live stock returns show that there are to day in the country 64,000 fewer horses and 142,800 more cattle than there were in 1892.

Excursion tickets for dogs are now issued by two English railroads.

About 74 per cent in value of the exports of the United States comes from the farms.

Sir Donald Currie estimates the engineering dispute has caused the loss of nearly £4,000,000.

Extensive deposits of coal have been discovered at Dominion City, thirty miles from Winnipeg.