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We are all ready for the Christmas Rush
Be on hand early.

BEST BARLEY TOYS 20c lb, 2 lbs 39c.

Ribbon or Xmas Candy 18c lb, 2 lbs 35c.

All New Mixed Nuts 23c lb, 2 lbs 45c.

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Choice Seeded Raisins . . 13c.
2 pkgs. 25c
California Seedless Raisins
. 16c. pkg.
New Table Raisins . . 20c. lb.
Cleaned Currants (bulk) 18c lb
New Prunes . . 13c., 2 lbs. 25c.

ALL NEW MIXED NUTS

Best Mixed Nuts . . . 23c. lb.
2 lbs. 45c.
Brazils 28c. lb.
Almonds 28c. lb.
Filberts 25c. lb.
Walnuts 25c. lb.

SUGAR.

For the Xmas Season, 12 lbs.
Pure Cane Granulated, \$1.00.

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ANGES HAVE ARRIVED.
See Prices Below.

MOLASSES.

Fancy Barbadoes Molasses—
65c. a Gallon.

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Blue Banner Flour — You
can't beat the quality at any
price.

Half-barrel bags . . . 4.90
Barrels \$10.00

FRESH FRUITS

Our large shipment of Oranges, Grape Fruit and Bananas
has arrived. We are quantity buyers and can save you money.
Large Sweet Florida Oranges 40c. and 45c. dozen
Large California Navels 30c., 40c. and 45c. dozen
Large Grape Fruit 9c., 3 for 25c.
Tangerine Oranges 30c. dozen
Best Malaga Grapes 20c. lb.
Best Lemons 30c. dozen

We save you 20 per cent on Patent Medicines

Yerxa's

Branch Stores Woodstock and St. John

ALLIES HAVE DECLINED GERMANY'S PEACE OFFER

**Lloyd George in His Great Speech Made
It Clear That the German Note Furnish-
es no Common Ground for Peace--The
British Nation to be Organized on a
Basis of Compulsory National Service.**

London, Dec. 17.—The peace flurry is over—it is war to the knife.

France and Russia yesterday through governmental agencies, refused to enter into peace negotiations with Germany on the ground that the German Chancellor's offer could not be taken seriously.

Speaking for Great Britain, Premier Lloyd George left no room for doubt that the German note furnished no common meeting ground for peace as showing no evidence that Germany meant to accept the Allied terms as previously enunciated—complete restitution, full reparation, and effectual guarantees.

The new Premier, in these words, summed up the aims of the Allies and he declared he would put his faith in "our unbroken armies rather than in the broken faith of Germany."

In his momentous speech, Premier Lloyd George made announcement of government policies surpassing in far-reaching importance even his refusal to treat with Germany under present conditions. The whole nation is to be organized on a basis of compulsory national service—civil as well as military. The mobilization of labor for war purposes has been placed under the management of a new official—the director general of national service—and Neville Chamberlain, Lord Mayor of Birmingham, has already taken the post. Labor and industry are to be placed into two classes, essential and non-essential, with the object of weeding out the latter.

All shipping is to be nationalized under the direction of the shipping controller.

The Overseas Dominions are to be consulted more formally regarding the conduct of the war and an imperial conference is called to meet in London at an early date. In a special message to the people of Canada, Premier Lloyd George asks for "every man and every dollar" available.

In most impressive words, the new Premier declared a season of "national Lent" to endure as long as the war lasts, and declared that the food controller would see that no would starve.

THE STANFIELD FLAREUP CAUSES A SENSATION

**Col. John Stands by Brother Frank
In Row Over Patronage
Matters.**

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The resignation of Col. John Stanfield, chief whip of the Conservative party, from his seat in the Commons, has caused a real sensation in political circles at Ottawa.

Col. Stanfield's resignation, however, is still in the hands of the Conservative executive of Colchester county, and has not yet been tendered to the Speaker. The cause of Col. Stanfield's resignation is a squabble over patronage. The disciplinarian in chief of the government party in the House has kicked over the traces in protest against the methods of administration of the Minister of Railways, Hon. Frank Cochrane, and his general manager, F. P. Gutelius.

Frank Stanfield, local member from the county, in the absence of his brother overseas, insisted upon making the appointment of the train dispatcher at Truro, McNutt, to the position of assistant superintendent at Halifax.

Mr. Gutelius insisted on the appointment of J. W. Matheson, of Belleville, Ont., to the position. In protest, Frank Stanfield resigned. As endorsement of his action, Col. Stanfield did likewise. The action of Col. Stanfield and his brother may be characterized as a test case.

Conservative members in the Maritime provinces throughout whose constituencies the Intercolonial Railway runs, have for long been in more or less open revolt against the interference of Mr. Cochrane and his general manager with their patronage privileges. They have represented to Sir Robert Borden that if something is not done to curtail the "business" activities of Mr. Gutelius and to re-establish the right of patronage which the members have formerly enjoyed, they might or will not run at all at the next election.

even though others persisted in over indulgence.

His remark that "The nation is fighting for its life and has a right to the best and highest service of all its sons" was repeated by Lord Curzon in an announcement of the new government's line of policy in the House of Lords.

As regards the war situation, Premier Lloyd George called his review a "stern but not gloomy picture," and Lord Curzon said that while the Roumanian situation was bad enough it was not as serious as Germany, in desperation, sought to make it appear.

Ex-Premier Asquith, following the new Premier in the House, pointed to the significant fact that Germany was shouting peace and declared that his presence on the front opposition bench signified nothing, as "opposition there was none."

The Premier's peroration was as follows:

"If, in this war, I have paid scant heed to the call of party, it is because I realized from the moment the Prussian cannon hurled death at a peaceable and inoffensive little country, that a challenge had been sent to civilization to decide an issue higher than party, deeper than party, wider than all parties, an issue upon the settlement of which will depend the fate of the men in this world for generations, when existing parties will have fallen, like dead leaves on the highway.

"These issues are the issues I want to keep in front of the nation, so that we shall not falter or faint in our resolutions.

"There is a time in every prolonged and fierce war when, in the passion and rage of conflict, men forget the high purpose with which they entered it.

"This is a struggle for international right, international honor, international good faith—the channel along which peace, honor and good will must flow among men.

"The embankments laboriously built up by generations of men against barbarism have been broken, and had not the might of Britain passed into the breach, Europe would have been inundated with a flood of savagery and unbridled lust of power."

PUMPING STATION INSPECTED.

Minor Defects Found by Water Committee Yesterday.

The Fire Committee conducted an inspection of the Pumping Station and Filtration Plant yesterday afternoon. City Engineer McKnight accompanied the committee. Ald. Everett, the chairman of the committee, stated this morning that the inspection was for the purpose of getting better acquainted with the plant and probably would be repeated.

It was found that leaks in the roof were due to the fact that the lead flashings had been stolen. It is supposed that small boys have done this and sold the lead to junk dealers.

Needed repairs will be made. Between No. 1 and No. 2 filters a crack in the concrete was found. City Engineer McKnight does not know if this is due to settling or to overheating in sterilizing by steam. A crack in a supporting beam beneath the wash-water tank was also inspected. This is said to have existed for some time. The City Engineer has recommended that a vestibule be constructed to prevent soot from getting into the filters through a doorway.

Mr. C. K. Howard Here.
Mr. C. K. Howard, formerly of the St. John & Quebec Railway, but who now holds a position with the Canadian Government Railway service at Boston, is here renewing old acquaintances.

Highlander Married in Moncton.
Lieut. Allan Humphrey, of the 236th Highland Battalion, is to be married at Moncton this afternoon to Miss Rita Weir, daughter of Mr. James Weir, of the C. G. R. mechanical staff. Major Cecil R. Mersereau, of the 236th, is to be groomsmen. Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey will come to Fredericton shortly.

Off Railway Construction.

Six Austrians and two Bulgarians reported to Chief of Police Finley here yesterday and left last night, some for Montreal and some for St. John. The men were from Gagetown, having come off the construction work on the St. John & Quebec Railway. Italians and Canadians formed the rest of the party. One of the Canadians hailing from Nova Scotia was arrested last night for drunkenness. He forfeited a deposit of \$8.

A French professor says the greatest month of ideas comes between 2 and 5 o'clock in the morning. He never tried to invent a plausible one long about that time!

After the Day's Work is Over

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Ebony Mirrors, Hair Brushes, Oriental Ivory Hair Brushes
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Bethlehem.....	600
C. P. R.....	168½
Crucible steel.....	68½
Erie.....	36½
Erie 1st pfd.....	39 1-2
Marine Pfd.....	101 1-2
Union Pac.....	149½
U. S. Steel.....	111½
Air Brake.....	179
Kenn.....	46½
Marine Com.....	30½
Reading.....	108½
Rubber.....	64
Studebaker.....	112
Wool.....	50

MONTRÉAL.

Civic.....	81
Detroit.....	128
Quebec.....	48
Toronto.....	76
Braz.....	44½
Cement.....	62½
Iron.....	71
Steel Co.....	71
Spanish.....	18 1-2
Shaw.....	130
Can Cottons.....	62
Laur. Pulp.....	209
Scotia.....	130
War Loan.....	98½

After you do a man a favor he is apt to be afflicted with a partial loss of memory.

When the good man begins to swear, the bad man should be on hand to get a few pointers.

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