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THE CHRISTMAS TRADE.

The business men of Fredericton were never in better shape for the holiday trade than during the present season. An inspection of the stores will convince anyone that Fredericton merchants know how to select seasonable and quick selling stocks, and we trust that their expectations of a brisk trade will be more than realized. The displays in the windows are most attractive whether in dry goods, jewellery stores, groceries or other lines, and the buyer who cannot be satisfied in Fredericton must indeed be hard to please. There is no need for our people to send abroad for their goods, no more than there is for the business men to send abroad for their printing.

Our friends from the country are realizing good prices for their products; they will have more money to spend, and they will find just what they want in the Fredericton stores.

THE VENEZUELAN CRISIS.

There are loud-mouthed, irresponsible men and newspapers in the United States that profess to believe that the Monroe doctrine is being disregarded and trampled upon by Great Britain and Germany, in their effort to collect money due from the Venezuelan government by force of arms, but the solid, thinking men and press of the Union, see no wrong to the doctrine in the present crisis forced by the European nations. As has been very sensibly remarked by someone, the United States if it really upholds the Monroe doctrine, cannot stretch its faith so far as to become a party to Venezuela or any other American power repudiating its honest financial obligations with a hope of enlisting the sympathy and support of the government at Washington and the people who are behind it.

The New York Times, a high class American newspaper observes that

'Any fears that may have arisen here, in stock market circles or elsewhere, of serious complications involving our Government with the Governments of Great Britain and Germany, are simply foolish. Such complications could arise only if the two powers whose warships are now at La Guayra had agreed between themselves to seek in Venezuela ends not compatible with our interests and our declared policy. Conceivably there may be European powers who would not be unwilling to make a test of the efficacy of the Monroe Doctrine. Great Britain is surely not one of these powers, and if Germany harbored any such purpose, which is not for a moment to be believed, the British Government would not be associated with her in the present undertaking. The seizure of Venezuelan property and the occupation of Venezuelan buildings and territory necessary for the collection of the same due to British and German subjects for such time as may be reasonably required is not an attempt to extend the European monarchical system on this continent, it is not an attempt to control the destiny of an American republic; that is to say, it is not in contravention of the Monroe Doctrine. Such an attempt may be viewed by us without apprehension, since it in no way threatens our peace and security. Our friends in the South American republics should understand by this time, and all Europe should understand, that the Monroe Doctrine was not formulated alone or chiefly for the peace and protection of the peoples of Central and South America. It is primarily as a measure of self-protection

it is first of all in the interest of our own National security, that we have declared and continue to uphold that doctrine. Under it it is no part of our policy or of our duty to protect South American governments against the consequences of their own wrongful acts. Our government is not engaged in the business of insuring repudiators.'

This is a calm common sense view of the situation, and quite creditable to the people whom the Times represents. President Castro evidently counted on the assistance of the United States to repel the European debt collectors, but he is receiving no substantial support from that quarter.

The spectators in the Montreal police court Monday had the laugh on Judge Choquet, the presiding justice. A man pleaded guilty to the theft of \$70. "Nice way to start the week," thundered the judge, "Where do you come from?" and the High Constable joined in the look of severity. "From Vercheres," the prisoner replied, and a smile flashed around the court room, the occupants being aware that both the judge and the High constable also hailed from Vercheres. The judge tumbled to the situation and joined in the general titter.

The Dominion department of Agriculture, always alive to the interests of Canada, will send a representative to Halifax to welcome the Scottish curlers and accompany them in their tour of Canada. The visitors will include prominent men, among them the Mayor of Stirling and several gentlemen farmers, and Hon. Mr. Fisher, the Minister of Agriculture, believes that it will be a good thing to send the curlers back to Scotland with the best possible impressions of this country as a field for immigrants.

If Great Britain and Germany find it necessary to land troops in Venezuela to enforce their claims, they may find it a difficult job to reach the capital, which while it is only six miles from the coast in a straight line, is twenty-four miles by rail, owing to the mountainous character of the region. If the Venezuelans were as good fighters as the Boers the European allies might find themselves up against a very difficult proposition when they attempted to capture Caracas, Castro's seat of government.

The returns of the Ontario referendum are not yet complete, but the majority for prohibition has largely increased by recent counts. The totals so far are: for prohibition, 170,838; against, 90,310; a majority of 80,528 for.

The charitable people of Halifax are heading a movement for the starting of a home for aged men, and a journalist—Mr. C. C. Blackadar, of the Recorder—tops the list of subscribers with a donation of \$1,000.

And now Spain, Italy and Belgium are presenting their little claims against Venezuela. President Castro is having a lively Christmas season.

A report is current at Ottawa that legislation will be sought, extending the annual drill of the Canadian militia to nineteen days.

The United States government declines to guarantee the payment of Venezuela's indebtedness to the various European claimants.

John D. Rockefeller has given another million dollars to Chicago University.

MIDDLE SOUTHAMPTON.

(Special correspondence to the Herald.)
Dec. 15.—Fine, but cold weather prevails.

The river closed over at this place on the 10th inst.

Our school closed on the 12th. The children presented the teacher, Mr. Huggard, with a fine gold chain. Mr. Huggard left on the 13th for his home in Kings Co. After staying there a few weeks he goes to Burlington, Vermont, to resume his studies at the Medical College there.

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On the evening of the 12th., Rev. J. J. Barnes, entertained a number of the young people to a party in honor of their teacher, Mr. L. H. Huggard. During the evening several selections of music, was well rendered by Miss Beatrice Thompson. A very pleasant time was spent by all present. Refreshments were served. At 10.30 this pleasant social function came to a close.

W. S. Tompkins has gone to Amherst, N. S., to attend the Fat Stock Show.

Joseph Oldham has finished the work on his house. Mr. Oldham has now one of the finest residences in this section.

B. W. Akerly, who has been laid up with a sprained ankle, is now able to be around again.

Interprovincial Conference.

Quebec, Dec. 17.—Replies have been received from the premiers of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, saying they would attend next Thursday's conference. Ross of Ontario wires he could not attend on account of pressure of business. British Columbia will concur, but will have no representative present.

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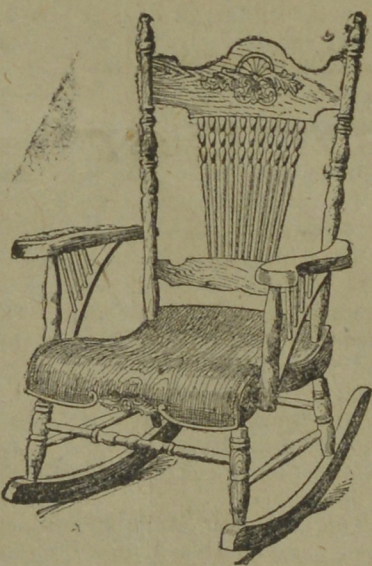
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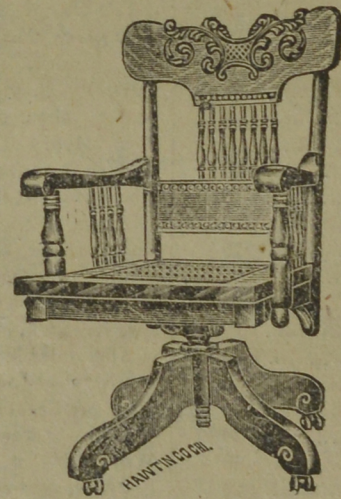
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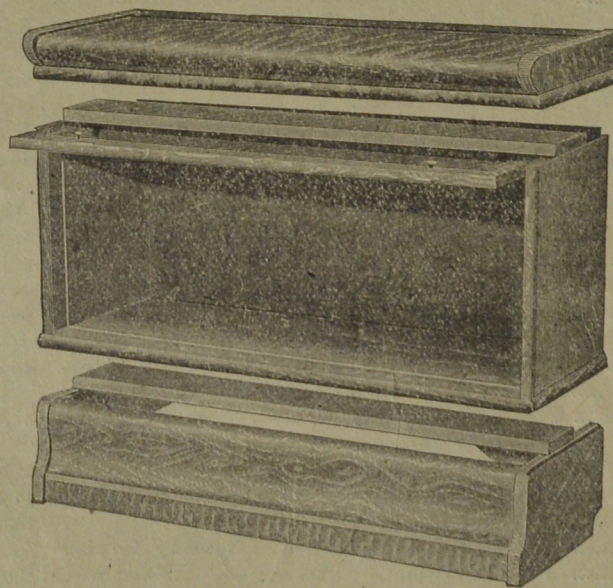


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