

### British Blizzard!

Heavy Snow Falls in the South of England.

Furious Snow Storm on the North Sea and the Baltic.

The Body of Sir Samuel Baker Cremated at Woking.

Death of the Duchess of Argyll—Progress of the Parish Council's Bill.

Ashes to Ashes!

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The body of Sir Samuel White Baker, the African explorer who died on Saturday last, was reduced to ashes at the Working Crematorium today.

Death of the Duchess of Argyll. LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Duchess of Argyll died this evening at Inverary Castle, Inverary, Argyllshire. She was the duke's second wife, and was a daughter of the Bishop of St. Albans.

All the Clauses Passed. LONDON, Jan. 4.—The 71st and last of the clauses of the Parish Councils Bill was passed by the House of Commons this evening. The announcement was received with loud Ministerial cheers.

Blizzards in Europe. LONDON, Jan. 4.—A blizzard prevails in England to-day. There is a heavy snow fall in the southern counties. A severe gale is blowing in the channel.

The weather in Austria and Hungary is bitterly cold. In Vienna last night the mercury registered 18° below the freezing point. The suffering among the poor is terrible. The Danube is frozen over from Vienna to Belgrade, Servia.

At Trieste the cold is intensified by a hurricane blowing from the north. Traffic of all kinds is stopped and the streets are deserted.

Dispatches from the North Sea and Baltic ports state that a furious storm is raging.

At Paris the weather is becoming colder, and the River Seine is covered with thick ice.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—The thermometer yesterday afternoon registered but 12 degrees above zero Fahrenheit. In Périgueux, amongst the mildest of winter resorts, everything is snowed up. Heavy snow storms are reported from Corsica.

ROME, Jan. 5.—The snow continues and the cold grows more intense.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—At midnight the thermometer stood 19 degrees above zero Fahrenheit. It is much colder in the country. The snow continues.

MADRID, Jan. 5.—Heavy snow storms are reported through the north of Spain.

BERLIN, Jan. 5.—At 2 o'clock this morning the thermometer registered seven degrees above zero Fahrenheit. Four persons have been frozen to death in Berlin. Many deaths from cold have occurred elsewhere.

The electric lights in Nuremberg are out, as the river which provides the generating power is frozen. There is no snow in most parts of the empire and the crops will suffer severely.

English Weather. LONDON, Jan. 5.—The extremely cold weather now prevailing has delayed the mails in the north of England. A mail train running between Sleaford, Lancashire, and Peterboro, Northamptonshire, has not yet arrived at the latter place and is thirteen hours overdue. At Spalding, Lancashire, a laborer named Smith has been found frozen to death.

A Dangerous Outlook. LONDON, Jan. 5.—C. Robert Ashe, who returned lately from Uganda, asserts that a dangerous Arab ferment threatens to disturb the whole country. The Arabs are well armed and provided with ammunition, he says, and intimidated that arms are smuggled to them through Mombasa having been openly admitted. Immediate definite action is necessary, Mr. Ashe says, in order to avert another Sudan experience.

Victoria's Oldest Subject. LONDON, Jan. 5.—Queen Victoria's oldest subject, William Hampson, is dying at Salford, not of old age, but of the effects of an accident. He is believed to be 113 years old, and until a week ago he used to get about as well as many men of half his age. Last week Hampson started to join an old folks' party. He fell from a street car and was run over by a passing cab, seriously injuring his spine. The accident ought to have killed the average old man, and the fact that Hampson is still alive proves him to be the toughest of centenarians.

Duke Alfred's Piffling Income. LONDON, Jan. 5.—The Berlin correspondent of the Standard has this apology for Duke Alfred of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha and his retention of the £10,000 income from the British exchequer: "Duke Alfred's income from the two duchies hardly exceeds £30,000, from which he must defray the court expenses, the dowager's allowance and the various pensions. In reality, since he renounced part of his English income, his pecuniary position has been worse than before his accession to the throne of the duchies."

BOOKKEEPING TRICKS. (Ottawa Free Press.) After his boasting about the economies he had effected in connection with the management of the Intercolonial Railway, Mr. Haggart must find it unpleasant to have a Ministerial organ like the St. John Sun pointing out that his apparent economies are only the result of bookkeeping tricks, or the charging of operating expenses to capital account. If the Sun's statements are correct Mr. Haggart's Intercolonial economies are as unreal as Mr. Foster's surplus. It is easy to figure out a surplus by allocating a part of the country's annual expenditure with the whole of its annual revenue.

The Marquis of Londonderry is the owner of the smallest pony known. It weighs sixteen pounds, and at its birth was 19 inches high.

### THE LIBERAL LEADER HONORED

Three Hundred Guests Attend the Banquet in Quebec.

QUEBEC, Jan. 4.—At 8 o'clock to-night some 300 guests were ushered into the vast banquet hall of the Frontenac. This was a Liberal banquet in honor of Mr. Laurier. He made his appearance in company with Mr. Joly de Lotbinière, ex-Premier of the Province of Quebec. Mr. Mercier's absence was noticeable.

When the health of the Queen was proposed uproarious applause took place. Then came the toast of the Governor-General, which was also received with wild enthusiasm.

The next toast was Lieutenant-Governor Chapleau.

"Our Guest," the next toast, was received with great enthusiasm, everyone present waving what came to their hands. Letters were read from Premier Mowat, of Ontario, Premier Fielding, of Nova Scotia, Premier Blair, of New Brunswick, Premier Peters, of Prince Edward Island, Hon. Mr. Sefton, Attorney-General of Manitoba, and from Hon. Mr. Sheyn, M. P. for Quebec East, and Dr. Guay, of Lévis, expressing deep regret for their absence, which was due to unavoidable causes.

Mr. Laurier, in his speech, attacked the protective policy, the great enemy of the free people, and of all people loving liberty. He spoke of Glasgow as a city maddened by free trade, which has developed itself in iron ship building. Mr. Laurier could not see why Quebec could not start a similar industry.

There was evidently something abnormal in the government of the country. Fancy a country which ought to be productive and prosperous—being so vast as it is, and which could give a living to 100,000,000 of people—that same country could not now give a living to a paltry 5,000,000.

Mr. Laurier maintained a patriotic stand from beginning to end. He eulogized the French past and present and then dwelt on the great English institutions and the spirit of liberty which existed commercially and constitutionally in that great nation. He was not afraid, he said, to repeat in Quebec what he said in Toronto, nor was he afraid to repeat in Ontario what he had uttered in Quebec.

Mr. Laurier sat down amid cheers, but he got up again to address the English-speaking people. He was followed by Messrs. Langelier, Choquette, Tarte and Stewart.

Mr. Laurier spoke also to the toast to the president, and declared himself enchanted with the demonstration in his honor. The party broke up at 1:30 a.m.

### PLAYED ON THE PIANO

With an Axe to the Tune of Three Hundred Dollars.

St. Thomas Times: A Courtwright man because his wife insisted on sending her little daughter to take music lessons, got drunk yesterday, went home and chopped up a \$300 piano and wrecked the furniture generally. Courtwright gave a majority of 40 against the plebeians.

### THE TARIFF REFORM BILL.

The House May Consume Fourteen Days and Nights in Debate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Chairman Wilson said this afternoon that it was his own impression that the vote on the tariff bill would be reached in the House on the 22nd inst. He says that his own introductory speech will be brief. Burrows, of Michigan, has been selected as the heavyweight of the Republican minority, and he will make an extended speech directly following Wilson's. The members of the Democratic majority of the committee will appear quite prominently in what is known as the five-minute debate, which will follow the formal opening. The House will give about fourteen days and nights to the tariff debate.

### RUINED A \$100,000 PICTURE.

"Le Roi S'amusé" torn and cut in an Elevator in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 5.—An attempt was made to-day to remove from the Laclede building "Le Roi S'amusé," a masterpiece by the French painter Jules Arsene Garnier, valued at \$100,000 and owned by the estate of the late S. A. Conover.

The picture was too large for the elevator, and caught in a projection of the wall. The elevator boy became rattled and pulled the lever the wrong way. The frame and glass broke, tearing and cutting the painting beyond all hope of repair.

The painting since its creation in 1884 has had an eventful history. Once it was ordered out of England by the authorities.

### ALONG THE RAILWAY LINES.

C. P. R. earnings for week ending Dec. 31, \$522,000; same week last year \$691,000.

Every man in the employ of the Chicago City Railway Company, from the president down—3,000 in all—has been vaccinated. For five days three doctors have been kept busy. A bushel basket full of vaccine points was used in the work.

Detective Heenan, of the M. C. R., reports that during 1893 there were 163 persons arrested on the Canadian division, of whom 59 were sent to jail, 60 paid fines, 32 had sentence suspended, and 1 got off.

The nature of the cases were: Placing obstructions on track, 4; larceny, 20; stealing trains, 6; drunken trespass; carrying dangerous weapons, and boys jumping on trains made up the rest.

### A Big Criminal Docket.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Fifty-two prisoners are now in the Cook county jail charged with murder. Five hundred other prisoners are in the jail awaiting trial. In many cases three or four men are crowded into one cell.

### Patrons in Politics.

TORONTO, Jan. 5.—The Grand Executive Committee of the Patrons of Industry concluded an important session yesterday afternoon. The reports presented showed the organization to be in a very prosperous condition. There are 30 Patron candidates already in the field for the Ontario Legislature and 19 for the Dominion Parliament.

### To Give Men Work.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Before sailing for Europe yesterday, Andrew Carnegie said he had decided to keep his mills open, principally because he was required to give work to his men. He was convinced that workers did not want charity but an opportunity to earn a living. He had no hope of making money but he thought he would lose very little if anything.

### Late Canadian News

Sad Surprise for a Chesley Farmer's Wife.

Toronto's Street Railway Company Pays the City \$72,234 in Percentages Out of 1893's Earnings.

H. W. Sewell, a well-known Hamilton grocer, died on Wednesday, aged 49.

Ex-Mayor James Beatty, of Toronto, is very ill and his recovery is hardly expected. There is not a single female prisoner in the jail at Kingston, for the first time in years.

Mrs. Maher, of Prescott, is 110 years old. She is still fond of her life-long habit of a gentle whiff of the pipe.

The trial of John R. Hooper on the charge of poisoning his wife was continued on Thursday at Joliet, Que.

The water supplied to the city in Toronto is said by the public analyst to be worse now than any time last winter.

The Toronto News says that "there is double the amount of distress in Toronto now that there was at this season last year."

A groundless report was current Thursday that tuberculosis had again broken out with fatal results on the Experimental Farm.

A large number of Montreal citizens held a mass meeting Thursday night, and protested against the Quebec Government's tax bill.

Madame Laurier held a reception at the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec, Thursday afternoon. The levee was attended by the elite of society.

At a meeting of the congregation of the James Street Baptist Church, Hamilton, the resignation of the pastor, Rev. E. G. Boville, was accepted.

Mr. Robert Hopkins, a member of the Huggison Street (Toronto) Congregational Church, has accepted a call to the Congregational Church at Listowel.

The Legislature of Nova Scotia was opened Thursday afternoon by Lieut. Gov. Daly with the usual ceremonies. There was a large number of spectators present.

The Quebec Legislative Council passed the Beaufort Asylum Bill Thursday night, but amended the bill so that the Government guarantee on the asylum contract was annulled.

A Montreal telegram says that 60 immoral women who were driven out of New York, because of the Dr. Parkhurst crusade, are now stopping in second class hotels there.

An accidental victim of the struggle at Rio Janeiro between Admiral Mello and President Peixoto was Robert Harris, brother of Miss Harris, 250 Kew street, Toronto Junction.

At Woodbridge, on the 3rd inst., the stables of N. Clarke Wallace, controller of customs, and Dr. P. D. McLean, were burned. One cow was so badly burned that it had to be killed.

Rev. John A. Rogers, an old and much-respected Methodist minister, died at his residence at Lindsay on the 28th inst., aged 82 years. She was 68 years of age.

The Volunteer Electoral League of Montreal has prepared a list of 700 names of dead men, minors and others in the four English wards of that city. The league will try to have the names struck off.

The revenue of the Toronto Street Railway during 1893 was \$902,927, of which \$72,234 went to the city in percentages. Last year the earnings of the company were \$815,492 and the city's share \$65,239.

Rumor says that a new weekly paper is to be established in Toronto in the interests of the licensed victuallers and the cigar manufacturers. Mr. L. P. Krebs will be editor and Mr. Geo. Darby business manager.

The son of L. Buckingham, Stuart street west, Hamilton, who was supposed to have fallen through the ice on the bay while skating, has not yet been heard of, and his parents are now confident that he was drowned.

John Lent, a prominent farmer of Pilot Mound, went to Winnipeg last week and advertised in a daily paper for a wife. Among the applicants he selected Miss Mabel Pearson and they were married at Christ Church.

At Kingston property belonging to the Church of England has been for years rented as a saloon. Lately the ministers refused to consent to renting it again for such a purpose. The building will now be torn down and a new one erected in its place.

James George, a boy of 11, was confined in the cells at Toronto for six hours Wednesday as punishment for stabbing with a penknife a still smaller boy, named James Hughes. The two were coming from Sunday school, and got fighting over a book, George producing and using the knife in the fight.

Burnett & Co., publishers of London, Eng., have taken steps to enter an action for \$500 damages against the publishers of Ontario school books for infringement of the copyright of a piece called "I Am a Merry Squirrel." They want all books containing the piece destroyed.

There are 1,539,107 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William and Port Arthur. The city of Hamilton has received for the past year \$12,554.07 from the street railway company.

The Toronto Board of Trade on Thursday presented an address to the Governor-General, whose reply was vociferously cheered.

### A DOZEN CADETS EXECUTED

Because Suspected of Treason by President Peixoto.

A Reign of Terror in Brazil—Martial Law in Pernambuco—The Half-Breed Indian Soldiers Tyrannize the Populace—Regulars and Militia Fight.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—According to Capt. C. B. Anderson, of the British Legation, Portuguese Brazil, which arrived yesterday from Brazil, twelve naval cadets of the guardship Parahyba were shot at Pernambuco by Peixoto's soldiers on Nov. 29. The cadets were accused of conspiring to turn the guardship over to Admiral Mello.

The young men were escorted to the place by a platoon of soldiers and were blindfolded with handkerchiefs. At the first volley seven cadets fell. One of the wounded boys started to run. He was killed with his comrades who had not succumbed at the first fire. The people were much frightened by the execution.

New York, Jan. 5.—The bark Merritt, Capt. Gilmore, which has arrived from Pernambuco, brings confirmation of the story told by Capt. Anderson, of the Portuguese Prince, to the effect that twelve men sailors from the guardship were among those shot.

### ELECTION RETURNS.

The Vote in Westminster on Prohibition, Reeve, and Town Hall.

Division.	Reeve.	Prohibition.
1.	20	84
2.	69	51
3.	40	61
4.	39	133
5.	27	75
6.	14	70
7.	32	129
8.	63	68
Totals.	303	745

Majority against town hall, 442.

Majority for prohibition, 442.

Division.	Murray.	Liberal.
1.	72	23
2.	93	25
3.	75	25
4.	92	21
5.	101	26
6.	103	21
7.	53	42
8.	31	147
Totals.	751	376

Majority for Murray, 376.

David Nichols elected councillor.

### THE PLEBISCITE VOTE IN ENGLIN.

For.	Against.	Major.
St. Thomas.	801	753
Melville.	510	202
Aldborough.	210	219
Bayham.	441	220
Yarmouth.	532	193
Port Stanley.	45	44
Springfield.	68	1
Southwold.	59	378
Lincoln.	187	203
Yarmouth.	81	123
Vienna.	54	35
Dutton.	42	12
Totals.	3,360	2,262

Total number of male voters, 1,531; female, 148.

### TILBURY FURTHER RETURNS.

Tilbury North—For prohibition, 99; against, 228.

Although the returns for the county of Essex are still incomplete, it is estimated that the majority for the plebiscite will reach between 1,500 and 2,000.

### "IN FINE FEATHER."

Success of the Ontario Poultry Association's Annual Exhibition.

NEW HAMBURG, Ont., Jan. 4.—The twentieth annual exhibition of the Ontario Poultry Association opened here last Monday and continued all week. Exhibitors are present from Kingston, Port Hope, Toronto, Hamilton, London, and many other places in the Province, and \$1,500 was offered in prizes. It is claimed on all sides that this exhibition is the best ever held in Canada.

The annual meeting took place to-day. Charles E. Ernst, of New Hamburg, was elected president. Thor. A. Browne, of London, secretary for the ensuing year. New Hamburg was again selected as the place of meeting. Several valuable papers were read. Hon. Mr. Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, delivered an able address. There was a large attendance of exhibitors and visitors, and the show is a financial success. To-night the exhibitors are being entertained to a banquet at the Station Hotel.

### Hamilton Saloon-Keepers Anxious.

HAMILTON, Jan. 4.—There is much anxiety among the saloon-keepers, and prospects are the new city council will reduce the number of licenses.

There are 96 saloon and tavern licenses in Hamilton, and a majority of the new council are in favor of a reduction to 75 or 50.

### The Williams Murder.

COOKSVILLE, Ont., Dec. 4.—The inquest on the bodies of James and Eliza Williams, who were brutally murdered in their house near Cooksville on Friday, Dec. 5, was resumed here to-day. About eighteen witnesses were examined and corroborated the statements which have been already published, but nothing new was disclosed.

### ALL MEN

Young, old or middle-aged, who find themselves nervous, weak and exhausted, who are broken down from excess of work, resulting in many of the following symptoms: Mental depression, premature old age, loss of vitality, loss of memory, bad dreams, dimness of sight, palpitation of the heart, emissions, lack of energy, pain in the kidneys, headaches, pimples on the face and body, itching or peculiar sensation about the scrotum, wasting of the organs, dizziness, specks before the eyes, twitching of the muscles, eyelids and elsewhere, bashfulness, deposits in the urine, loss of will power, tenderness of the scalp and spine, weak and flabby muscles, desire to sleep, failure to be rested by sleep, constipation, dullness of hearing, loss of voice, desire for solitude, excitability of temper, swollen eyes, surrounded with LEADEN CIRCLES, all looking - kin, etc., are all symptoms of nervous debility that lead to insanity unless cured. The spring of vital force having lost its tension every function goes on in consequence. Those who through abuse committed in ignorance, may be permanently cured. Send your address and 10c in stamps for book on diseases peculiar to man, sent sealed. Address M. V. LUBON, 24 Macdonnell avenue, Toronto, Ont., Canada.

Please mention this paper.

### TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

Harry Kennedy, the well-known ventriloquist, died Wednesday night in Brooklyn, N. Y.

A long distance telephone is about to be put into operation between Berlin and Stockholm, Sweden.

St. Louis people would not put up with the dance due venture by the Midway Plaisance women, and they had to give up the performances.

Arthur Ellis, financial editor of the Daily News, who was offered the financial editorship of the Times, made vacant by the retirement of Mr. Crump, has declined to accept.

Alfred Pequette, 17 years old, has been arrested in Saginaw, Mich., on advice from Windsor, Ont., where he is wanted on charge of being concerned in the burning of three barns belonging to F. Martin, a farmer near that place.

### THE ST. THOMAS MURDER.

Inquest on the Allan Tragedy Finished—The Verdict.

ST. THOMAS, Ont., Jan. 5.—The coronor's inquest in the Allan murder case was resumed at the court house here last night. No new evidence of importance was given. The jury retired at 11:40, and at 12:20 they returned with the following verdict: "That the said Roger Allan came to his death on the 29th of November or on the morning of the 30th from the effects of a wound in the neck, and that the said wound was inflicted with murderous intent by some person or persons to the jurors unknown."

### A HARD FIGHT

Will Be Made Against the Income Tax—Most Democrats Favor It.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—A conference was held at the White House between President Cleveland, Secretary Carlisle and Bourke Cockran yesterday afternoon. The object was to decide upon a plan of campaign against the proposed income tax feature of the tariff bill. The conclusion reached will probably not be divulged before Mr. Cockran is heard in the caucus of Democrats, to be held tomorrow night, when it is believed that, acting as spokesman of the Administration, he will make the hardest fight of his life to induce the party to substitute some other method for raising the necessary revenue.

A poll of Democratic representatives shows the following result: Opposed to income tax, 59; in favor of income tax, 128.

### DIED IN DIRT.

The Terrible Life of a Miserly Recluse—Worth a Fortune.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 5.—Mary McGrath, an aged recluse, was dug out of a mass of dirt and rubbish at her home on Clarke avenue on Wednesday night, and an hour later she died of privation brought about by sickness and want of attention. She had rentals amounting to nearly \$3,000 per year. For the past five years she had led the life of a hermit, never opening the front door or windows of her home. No person had ever been seen to enter her home, and her only companions were half a dozen dogs, several chickens and some canary birds and cats. The room which she occupied was devoid of all furniture, and rubbish to the depth of nearly two feet covered the floor. On this the old woman made her bed each night surrounded by her pets. A partial search of the house by the public administrator revealed a box containing deeds and other papers worth between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

### A SYMPATHETIC RESOLUTION

Passed by the Middlesex Bar. Re the Death of E. U. Sayers—Officers Elected.

The annual meeting of the Middlesex Law Association was held in the library at the Court House yesterday afternoon. The following members were present: E. Jones Parke, Q.C., president, and Messrs. Bayly, Q.C., Gibbons, Q.C., M. D. E. Bartram; F. Purdon, E. P. Betts, W. H. Bartram; Love, T. H. Luscombe, W. J. Harvey; Macbeth, A. O. Jeffery, C. G. Jarvis, A. Stuart, E. W. M. Flock, W. J. Clarke and others.

The members had heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. E. U. Sayers, an esteemed member of the association. Mr. Sayers had been a member of the association since 1870, and his death was a great loss to the profession in Middlesex, and their sincere sympathy with his widow and family in their affliction.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, E. Jones Parke, Q.C.; vice-president, J. H. Flock, Q.C.; treasurer, A. O. Jeffery; secretary, A. C. Harvey.

### SHAVING GOLD PIECES.

New Industry Nipped in the Bud by Secret Service Detectives.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—An ingenious scheme for making money that surpasses anything ever before heard of in the counterfeiting line was brought to light yesterday by Capt. Porter, of the United States secret service. Three arrests have been made, but the two main conspirators have left the city. The scheme was to buy \$10 and \$20 gold pieces at the different banks and shave off from 75 cents to \$1.50 worth of the metal. The coins would then be re-milled, returned to the banks and passed without any trouble. It was by the merest accident that the scheme was detected.

Capt. Porter says \$12,000 in gold has been tampered with in this way in the last two weeks. About \$600 worth of shavings have been disposed of to dentists and jewelers after having been melted.

Those under arrest are: A. H. Peck, a dentist, and Mrs. James L. Wilcox and Ralph Wilcox. W. F. Shaw, one of the main conspirators escaped. His partner, J. L. Wilcox, husband of the woman in custody, also got away. Ralph Wilcox is a brother of the last named.

### Bosh!

TORONTO, Jan. 5.—A postal card has been sent to a Toronto evening paper stating that if McGreevy and Connolly get out of jail before their time expires (as is reported likely) the writer would shoot Sir John Thompson at the first opportunity.

Woodstock Opera House, recently destroyed by fire, will be rebuilt within the next three months.

### Perfumes!

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CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS, 216 Dundas St., corner Park Ave. Branch—Corner Richmond and Piccadilly Streets.

### A MIDNIGHT BLAZE.

The Pumping House of the Empire Oil Company Badly Gutted—Valuable Machinery Spoiled.

The firemen had their initial run of the year last night, and a couple of hours' work at midnight in the rain and mud in the blizzard. At 10:52 a telephone message was received at the central and No. 2 stations, stating that a fire was in progress at the Imperial Oil Company's premises, York and Adelaide streets. When the firemen reached there they found that the fire was at Minihnick's (Empire Oil Company), about a mile further east and outside of the city limits.

When the fire companies managed to get to the place it was found that a 30x40 brick pumping