THEY WANT PALMA TROPHY

American Rifle Association Directors Decide to Send Team to Canada.

WAS WON LAST YEAR AT SEAGIRT

Will Not Send Team to Ireland—Paper on Association's Policy.

New York, Jan. 11.—Directors of the National Rifle Association held to-night an important meeting in this city. Brig.-Gen. Bird W. Spencer presided.

A resolution was passed favoring the sending of a team to Canada during the year in an attempt to regain possession of the Palma Trophy, won by the riflemen from over the border last September, in the international matches at Seagirt, N.J.

Questions bearing upon the future policy and welfare of the association were discussed, among which were the following. Closer relations between the association and government and details of the bill to be presented to Congress.

A line of action looking to the co-operation and support of the National Guard organizations thruout the country; establishment of affiliated branches in different states; the best method of promulgating rifle shooting literature and the class of same liable to produce the best results.

These subjects were exhaustively treated in a paper read by Lieut. Jones, secretary of the association, which received the commendation of the military men present. Among other points touched upon by Mr. Jones were these:

"That it is the consensus of opinion among all classes of riflemen that something should be done to bring about a condition of affairs wherein rifle shooting will again become a popular pastime and a more serious duty of our soldiers, both regular and volunteer.

"In view of the work done by foreign countries I would recommend that we take up the subject also with the National Guard authorities for the purpose of having established in each state a rifle association, to be affiliated with our association.

"I am inclined to think that the chief executive of the land will give his earnest support to any movement looking to the popularizing of rifle shooting."

The ideas involved in the paper read were indorsed and it was suggested that they be presented at the next meeting of the National Guard Association in Washington.

It was decided not to send a team to Ireland this year. An Irish team last summer at Seagirt won the J. A. Haskin prize cup in the international match.

FATAL RIDE ON BUMPERS.

Charles Thomas, Colored, Springfield, O., Killed at Niagara Falls.

Niagara Falls, Jan. 11.—At an early hour this morning Charlie Thomas, colored, aged 20 years, fell from the bumpers of a stock train as it was pulling in the Michigan Central Montrose yard here, and the wheels passed over his left leg, badly crushing it. The young man fell under the train and was picked up unconscious. He was taken to the M.C.R. Emergency Hospital, where the company's doctor, J. H. McGarry, amputated the limb near the trunk. The shock was too much for the unfortunate young man, and his life slowly ebbed away until death relieved his sufferings about 1 o'clock. He became conscious just before death and gave his name as the above, claiming to have ridden on the freight train all the way from Springfield, Ohio, and had ridden on the bumpers on the stock train from Windsor, which place he left yesterday afternoon, and had fallen asleep and was knocked off upon the train being stopped entering Montrose.

EVIL DAYS MENACE IRELAND.

Boycott Enforced in Sligo, and Disorder is Feared.

New York, Jan. 12.—The Herald's London correspondent says: The state of affairs in Ireland is really worse, I am told, than many persons in this country have any idea of. In Sligo, for instance, several well-known men have been boycotted. Those "in the know" declare the United Irish League is only another name for the Land League, which some years ago created such disturbances in Ireland.

A well-known Irishman told me the other day he considered things so serious that the King and Queen would not pay a visit to Ireland this spring. He also said that, altho "shooting hadn't commenced," as he expressed it, he was quite sure one might hear of such things any day.

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NOT YET SETTLED.

Mexico City, Jan. 11.—The arbitration difficulty in the Pan-American Conference was not settled to-day.

Actors and Their Clothes.

"How many suits of clothes does an actor need to buy every year?" asked the matinee girl of the man she knew in the box office.

"Oh, about six or eight, I suppose!" replied the theatre man.

"It must cost them a lot of money just for clothes," ventured the nice young thing inquisitively.

"Oh, I don't know!" said the man. "You see as it is now a man can get a first-class suit made to order by Archambault, the tailor, at 125 Yonge-street, for thirteen-fifty. He can get trousers of the latest pattern made thoroughly up-to-date for three twenty-five, and, as to overcoats, it almost seems like giving them away at the figures Archambault is quoting during his slack season sale."

The matinee girl hardly believed it.

An Authority

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Everything points to the success of Professor Brashear's lecture next Wednesday evening on the subject of "The Making of a Great Telescope," for which the Astronomical Society is now issuing cards of invitation.

CHAUNCEY RETURNS

And Talks Entertainingly of His Trip to the Continent.

New York, Jan. 11.—Senator Chauncey M. Depew and his bride arrived from Europe to-night on the steamship St. Louis. The Senator was in excellent health and spirits, but Mrs. Depew suffered much from seasickness. Senator Depew talked entertainingly of his visit to France. He described the trouble he had in having to attend three marriage ceremonies.

Senator Depew was asked what he thought about the Panama Canal, also the condition of European countries that he had been visiting.

"I think the Panama route is better than the Nicaraguan," said he, "and I also think that the price of $40,000,000 is reasonable. You know the French people put two hundred and forty million dollars into that canal, and it is the general belief that ninety millions was spent on the canal, and the rest—well, it evaporated.

"France, I think, will always be prosperous. The French people live among and within themselves. You never hear of a Frenchman engaging in any large enterprise or speculating to any great extent, but with Germany it is very different. I am told that there are 500,000 people out of employment in Germany who are suffering frightfully. The cause of Germany's condition is its over-exploiting manufacturing concerns.

"Italy is all right, and the past year has been a very prosperous one for that country.

"In England the majority of the people want to finish the Boer war, no matter what the expense may be, and Rosebery is trying to reform the Liberal party."

The Senator concluded by saying that he would leave for Washington Monday, and would take his seat in the Senate Tuesday.

DON'T FEAR SILVERSMITHS.

English Makers Not Alarmed Over Prospect of American Competition.

London, Jan. 12.—The Pall Mall Gazette has made an investigation into the report that American silversmiths were preparing to invade the English market with their goods. Hitherto the trouble has been the difficulty of obtaining the hall mark (the official stamp of the Goldsmiths' Company and other assay offices in the United Kingdom) after the goods had been finished. The report was that the Americans had arranged to overcome this difficulty by shipping partly finished goods and having them hall-marked. Then they would be returned, and finished.

The Gazette made investigations in the chief silversmith sections of Sheffield and London and found that the method is not new. France, Russia, Germany and Austria adopted it some years ago. Such goods bear the additional mark F, which shows that they are of foreign manufacture. The Gazette's investigator concludes that American competition need not be feared because the double freight would wipe out the profit and American makers would be obliged to comply with English standards of quality, which would mean that they would have to raise their own. He adds that American taste and machine workmanship in precious metals have never been popular in Great Britain.

ENGLISH TOBACCO TRUST.

Firms Combine to Resist the Invasion By American Company.

London, Jan. 12.—Thirteen British tobacco firms, who have combined to fight Mr. Duke and his American invaders, are apparently preparing to come to close grips. The contest is serious, and may be disastrous for them. Recognizing this, their intention now is to call in the public to bear the brunt of the war, relying upon the past prosperity of the business as the inducement to investors to respond.

The Imperial Tobacco Company will be floated about the end of next week. Its share capital will be divided into four classes. There will be debentures amounting to £1,500,000 at 4½ per cent.; £5,000,000 in preference shares at 5½ per cent.; £5,000,000 in ordinary shares and £5,000,000 in ordinary preference shares. The purchase price is approximately £15,000,000. The federated firms will take £10,000,000 of ordinary deferred shares. The payment for good will, stock, assets, etc., is put by valuation at £5,000,000. The vendors will take two-thirds payment in cash and the balance in shares, leaving the working capital at £1,500,000.

Sir William Henry Wills, head of the great Bristol tobacco firm, will be chairman, and Mr. Harry Wills, head of its export department, chief manager.

DR. SPARHAM DEAD.

Brockville, Jan. 11.—Dr. T. Sparham died to-day at the advanced age of 89 years. He lived in Brockville 40 years. He is survived by his son, Lieut.-Col. Sparham, and two daughters, Mrs. T. A. Stayner and Miss Sparham, all residing in Brockville.

SUSPENDED PUBLICATION.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 11.—The Windsor Herald, Conservative, which was established here about three weeks ago, suspended publication with to-night's issue. The publishers, Messrs. Whalley and Craig, say that they will resume publication after the Ontario elections or some time in May.

BRIGHT AT 108.

Middletown, N.Y., Jan. 11.—Mrs. D. B. Stamp celebrated her 108th birthday today at her home near Finchville, this county. She is in full possession of all her faculties and spends much of her time in spinning.

SHIPPING BELGIAN POTATOES.

Antwerp, Jan. 12.—The records for shipments of Belgian potatoes to the United States are being broken every week. The merchants continue to make heavy contracts.

SOUTHERN BRUTALITY.

Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 11.—Mrs. Ralph Webber, wife of the superintendent of one of the departments at the cotton mill, was outraged and her throat cut by an unknown negro this morning.

FORMER EDITOR DEAD.

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 11.—Mr. Horace Elisha Scudder, the author and litterateur, and a former editor of The Atlantic Monthly, died at his residence here to-night in the 64th year of his age.

Wabash Railroad Co.

If you are contemplating a trip south or west for the winter, please consider the merits of the Wabash line, the short and fine route to the south or west, including Old Mexico, the Egypt of the New World, Texas and California, the lands of sunshine and flowers. Travelers will tell you that the Wabash is the best-equipped line in America, everything is up-to-date and first-class in every respect.

Passengers leaving Toronto and west via evening trains reach Chicago next morning, St. Louis next afternoon at 2 p.m., Kansas City same evening 9.30 p.m.

Rates, time-tables and all information from any R. R. agent, or J. A. Richardson, District Passenger Agent, northeast corner King and Yonge-streets, Toronto. ed

Cunards Have Wireless Chat at Sea.

Queenstown, Jan. 11.—The Cunard Line steamship Umbria, from New York, arrived here to-day. The captain reports that he was in wireless communication under the Marconi system with the steamship Etruria of the same line on Jan. 8 for two hours and forty minutes. The distance varied from 40 to 104 miles.

A MOST DELICATE APPARATUS.

One of the most delicate pieces of apparatus is that used for counting the number of cells in the blood. Medical scholars tell us that in a minute drop of blood no larger than the head of a pin there are from three to four million of those red cells. In health there are a certain number in a certain amount of blood; while in certain diseases, as anemia, this number is greatly deficient, causing pale cheeks, white lips, transparent ears and great debility. This delicate apparatus has proven over and over again that Scott's Emulsion increases these red corpuscles faster than any other known preparation, thus curing or preventing the many diseases and conditions caused by thin, poor blood. 51

REVOLT IS NEAR IN SERVIA

Alarming Discontent is Growing at King Alexander's Weak Rule.

QUEEN DRAGA IS IN CONTROL

King Said to Be Little More Than an Idiot—Troops Not Paid.

New York, Jan. 12.—The Sun has this from Vienna: The following despatch, which may be relied upon as giving a faithful picture of the situation in Servia, has reached The Sun's Vienna correspondent to-day from a high quarter in Belgrade:

"The situation is truly alarming. Every one feels that a revolution is imminent. King Alexander is at this moment little more than an idiot. Queen Draga is queen both in fact and in name, and she and her grasping and avaricious family are directing the affairs of the country so far as they have any direction at all.

"Discontent is universal. The State treasury is empty. The government is unable to pay the salaries of its employes, or even of the officers of its army. We shall wake some morning and find the army in possession of the capital and the king and queen in flight or assassinated.

"The choice of a successor to the crown lies between Prince Peter Karageorgevitch, son-in-law of Prince Nicholas of Montenegro, and Col. Constantinovitch, uncle of King Alexander, and an Obrenovitch on his mother's side. There is also a party in Servia which favors the election of a prince of some reigning European house on the lines that have been adopted in Greece and Bulgaria. This party is for the moment lying low, but may become dominant."

NORTH GREY CONSERVATIVES

Met Saturday in Owen Sound and Elected Their Officers.

Owen Sound, Jan. 11.—The annual meeting of the North Grey Liberal-Conservative Association was held this afternoon in the Council chamber. The severe snow storm prevented attendance of some of the rural delegates, but the meeting was enthusiastic. Stirring addresses were given by President Middlebro, G. M. Boyd, M.L.A., who is again the candidate, Chas. Gordon, Wm. Breeze and others. Resolutions were unanimously passed expressing confidence in Messrs. Borden and Whitney and the Local member, Mr. Boyd. The following officers were elected: President, W. S. Middlebro; Vice-Presidents, Wm. Bereze of Chatsworth; Recording Secretary, James H. Rutherford; Corresponding Secretary, Dr. A. E. Little; Auditors, Mayor Reid and Daniel Darragh. The local vice-presidents appointed were: Sarawak—A. Quinlan, J. S. Wilson, Brooke, Thomas A. Ross, C. E. Street. Keppel—John Jones, George E. Stephens, J. C. Johnston, A. McInnis. Derby—J. J. Jones, Thomas Frost, jr., J. C. Smith, R. S. Donald. Sullivan—Wm. Tedford, Wm. Smith, Joseph Pringle, R. Mills. Sydenham—T. Frizzell, D. Reilly, J. W. Vanwyck, James McCutcheon. St. Vincent—Nicholas Read, James Cavers, Andrew Howe, Jas. Carnahan. Meaford—George A. Brown, C. T. Sutherland, Holland—James Gillespie, Wm. Hampton, Wm. Foster, R. Clark. The meeting closed with cheers for the King and for Messrs. Borden, Whitney and Boyd.

NORTH ESSEX CONSERVATIVES.

Windsor, Jan. 12.—The Conservative Association of North Essex met here this afternoon. The meeting was a large and representative one, at which the utmost harmony prevailed. A large number of the most prominent Conservatives of the riding spoke at to-day's meeting, at which an Executive Committee, composed of fifteen representatives, one from very subdivision in the riding, was elected. Each of these representatives will call a meeting in his own district, at which all the details of thoro organization will be completed. The other officers elected were: President, John Cada, Pike Creek; Vice-President, R. H. Revell, Walkerville; 2nd Vice-President, Patrick Marantette, Sandwich West; Secretary, J. E. O'Connor, Windsor; Treasurer, John Sale, Windsor.

DEATHS FORETOLD BY A SEER.

Three Well-Known Louisville Men Meet Fate as Predicted.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 12.—Within six months three of the most prominent of the younger men in Louisville society have met with violent deaths, and in each instance it is said the circumstances have been foretold by a blind fortune-teller, living in this city. The men were Stuart R. Young, former city treasurer, who committed suicide Nov. 29; Austin Kent, who, while visiting in St. Louis, was struck by a train and killed, and Will Goddard, who was killed a few days ago by the discharge of a gun he was cleaning. Goddard increased the insurance on his life from $20,000 to $35,000 on the strength of the fortune-teller's prophecy.

SHERLOCK HOLMES IN DUTCH.

London, Jan. 12.—Mr. William Gillette's production of "Sherlock Holmes," which has for some time been doing the biggest business ever known at the Lyceum Theatre, has been translated into Dutch and will be presented at the Grand Theatre, Amsterdam, next Monday. The entire production has been prepared in London and shipped to Holland.

The Dutch artists have been in London for three weeks studying the play. Productions of "Sherlock Holmes" for Berlin, Paris and Vienna have all been arranged and will be made within about three weeks.

A meeting of the Givens-street School Old Boys' Association will be held on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst., in West End YM.C.A. Election of officers will be held and arrangements made for the annual re-union.

DR. WOOD'S NORWAY PINE SYRUP

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OUR NATIONAL PARKS.

Interesting Papers Read at Canadian Institute Meeting.

The first meeting of the Canadian Institute after the vacation was held on Saturday night. President Bain read a paper on "National Parks and Forest Reservations," in which he reviewed the action of European nations in preserving large spaces for the benefit of their citizens and for the supply of timber and wood products. He pointed out how generously the American government had, during the past twenty years, reserved immense tracts of country in the West for parks and reservations, preserving from injury for all time the great natural beauties of such world-known resorts as the Yellowstone, Yosemite Valley, and the Sequoia forests of California, and at the same time providing on the western slopes of the Cascade and Rocky Mountains reserves for the supply of timber, which, under proper management, were practically inexhaustible. The total area set apart amounts to 59 millions of acres, or nearly the acreage of Great Britain. He stated also that it had been proposed to form a large park in the mountainous country in the States of North Carolina and Virginia, to be called the Appalachian. In Ontario the government has entered upon the wise policy of conserving these timber lands, and has set apart the Algonquin Park, containing 1733 square miles, or over 1,100,000 acres; the Rondeau Park, on Lake Erie, of 4400 acres, and forest reservations in the Counties of Frontenac and Addington of 80,000 acres; on Temiskaming Lake, of 1,400,000 acres; in the Township of Sibley, on Lake Superior, of 45,000. Mr. Bain urged the extension of the Temiskaming reserve over the whole of the country near the height of land north of Lake Huron.

Mr. Duff's paper was entirely devoted to a description of the scenery, physical characteristics and fauna of the Algonquin Park and of the regulations under which it is governed and the games preserved.

A number of interesting lantern illustrations were exhibited to show some of the more striking physical features of these forest lands.

AMERICAN WORKMEN SLAVES.

Editor of an English Labor Organ Discusses Their Situation.

London, Jan. 12.—In The Trades and Labor Gazette, the organ of the London trade unionists, Mr. James MacDonald, its editor, who is also secretary of the London Trades Council, has the following very brotherly remarks to make about his fellow-workers in the United States apropos apparently of Ben Tillett's visit to America:

"The American workman, it appears to us, may grumble less and more readily respond to the invitation of his capitalist taskmaster because he is a better broken-in animal. He recognizes capital as king and fully understands that the capitalist owns him body and soul, and that he must lay at the feet of his king, capital, all his physical and intellectual energies and fight his battles. He is entirely the creature of capital, and has no more real independence than the machine he works. He claims to be the most independent worker on earth, but that independence is, nevertheless, entirely subject to a money value, and up to the present he has sold it to the highest bidder.

"Industrially and politically the American worker is the most degraded of creatures — most degraded because his opportunities are greatest. American workmen do but obey their animal instincts when they favor the survival of any particular group of employers, for it is under such a group that they live and have their being."

STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE.

Whereabouts of a Young Englishman Subject of Talk.

Woodstock, Jan. 11.—The Sentinel-Review says: West Zorra people have been talking for some time of the strange disappearance of an Englishman who was known as "Little Charlie," and whose sudden departure from the vicinity is paralleled only by the Whipple case of Paris. "Little Charlie" was a painter by trade, his real name being Charles Howlett, and he was a mite of a man, barely five feet in height, inclined to nervousness, and about 35 years of age. For years he had worked in the neighborhood of Braemar, and during part of 1901, up to Christmas time, was employed at the farm of Peter Smith of Embro. A few days before Christmas he drew his summer's pay, amounting to about $80. On Christmas Day "Little Charlie" disappeared, and has not been seen since. He left a trunk of clothes at Smith's, and it is thought if he had gone to the Old Country he would have taken them with him.

WOMAN IS CURED BY PRAYER.

Remarkable Case of Baptist Minister's Wife of Hobbs, Ind.

Dublin, Ind., Jan. 12.—Mrs. Knivrie, wife of a Baptist minister at Hobbs, Tipton County, who had been sick for several weeks, was thought to be dying yesterday. Rev. Mr. Yokes of Clinton County was called in, and while he held her hands prayers were offered and hymns sung by relatives. Mrs. Knivrie began to smile, saying she felt much improved. In a short time she arose from her bed, walked to the piano in an adjoining room, and began playing accompaniments to the songs which Rev. Mr. Yokes rendered. Mrs. Knivrie's physician pronounces her a well woman.

AMERICAN EXHIBITION IN LONDON

London, Jan. 12.—At a meeting of forty American business men, located in London, it was decided to support the American Exhibition at the Crystal Palace at Sydenham next summer. It was resolved also to send memorials to the governors of the various states of the United States asking for their co-operation. Sub-committees were appointed on various matters in connection with the exposition.

NEW AMOY SETTLEMENT.

Hong Kong, Jan. 12.—The consuls of the powers and the Chinese authorities have just signed an agreement for the administration of the new international settlement at Kulangsu in the island of Amoy. The endeavors of Japan to obtain an exclusive settlement there have been opposed by other foreigners possessing larger interests. The Japanese landed a force of troops in Amoy last year, but afterwards withdrew.

Modern Store-keeping.

One of the most striking characteristics of scientific storekeeping is the use of varied devices for keeping up the interest of customers and co-operators, and nowhere is this more noticeable than at Simpson's. This week they have for the entertainment of patrons a moving picture exhibition, with views unsurpassed in execution and in living interest by any in the world. Recently the whole suite of offices was moved one floor higher up, giving nearly 12,000 square feet of selling space. The new wall paper department occupies part of this floor—what the balance will be devoted to will be determined when the moving picture exhibition is closed. Another incidental is the black costumes of all the salesladies. Shoppers who visit the swell stores in New York will appreciate how dignified and tasteful is this last change.

Knights of the Grip.

The knights of the grip met in their rooms, Temple Building, on Saturday night, and installed officers for the year 1902. After business an informal entertainment took place, in which the following took part: Ed. Burns, Eddie Piggott and Geoffrey, "the lady impersonator." Norman Duperow is the high chief and Harry Barker the chief. A committee was appointed to draft a new set of bylaws. A prize of $10 was awarded to the sir knight bringing in the most members during the year by the high chief. The "at home" will be held on Saturday, January 25.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

West York Bye-Election Campaign Goes Along Merrily With Meetings in Sight.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT BRACONDALE

Messrs. Hill, Calvert, St. John and Wright With the Candidates.

Toronto Junction, Jan. 12.—Hon. George E. Foster, T. F. Wallace and others will address the political meeting in Kilburn Hall Monday night. On Tuesday night, in the same hall, Dr. Samson, Dr. Landerkin, Senator, and Arch. Campbell will address the electors of West York.

To-morrow evening the Reformers will hold a political meeting at Islington. Senator Landerkin and Arch. Campbell will address the electors.

The last of a series of meetings in connection with the Young Liberal Club was held in Thompson Hall last night. The speakers were: N. H. Stephens of Chatham, late business partner of Arch. Campbell, the Reform candidate in West York; W. E. Raney and Dr. Landerkin. A. M. Mathews presided.

The Public School Board met last night and fixed the hour for the inauguration of the new board at 9 p.m. on Wednesday evening. This hour was chosen in order that the members could join in the excitement of the bye-election until the returns are in.

The new school on Western-avenue will be formally opened to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. J. F. Goedike, chairman of the board, will preside, and there have been invited the High School trustees, the Mayor and Council, local clergymen, school inspectors and principals of the schools.

An over-heated stove in the cottage occupied by Mrs. Lamb, No. 246 Keele-street, set fire to the wall in the sitting room to-night, which rapidly spread to the outside, where the wind caught the flames. The fire brigade was soon on the scene and got the fire under control, but the front room was badly burned and the furniture, including a good piano, was ruined.

BRACONDALE.

The last of the series of joint meetings between T. F. Wallace and Arch. Campbell, candidates in the West York bye-election, which takes place on Wednesday, was held on Saturday night at Bracondale. Dr. McNabb occupied the chair. The hall was filled to suffocation with an interested audience, somewhat noisy at times, and very inquisitive, yet nevertheless good-natured, and apparently imbued with the idea that political meetings are held with a view of furnishing the electorate with amusement. The speaker who dealt with figures and facts had a sorry time of it on Saturday night; the one who was quick at repartee and could answer questions quickly had undoubtedly the best of it. Mr. Wallace spoke in that candid manner which has characterized his speeches thruout the campaign, and dealt with the National Policy and trade questions in a fifteen minutes speech. W. J. Hill, who is becoming an eloquent speaker on patriotism and devotion to the empire, spoke on matters affecting the Motherland, the Drummond County Railway and the crossings at Bathurst and Dufferin-street. F. C. Miller, ex-councillor of York, said that Mr. Hill was endeavoring to make the electors believe that this question of placing the cost of the crossings upon the railway company or the city was a new question, and had not been urged before, whereas, when he was a member of the Council, he (Mr. Miller) was one of a deputation to have the grievances removed.

Mr. Wright said it had been asked what the Conservative party had done to stop the exodus from Canada. He replied that they adopted the National Policy in opposition to the Liberals, and thru it had built up places like Parkdale and Toronto Junction, thereby giving employment to men and stopping them from going abroad. He said, altho in opposition, the Conservatives were loyal. They were not decrying the country as the Reformers did and they would rejoice in the present prosperity. The Reformers claimed that the prosperity to-day was largely due to the administration. This might be true in so far as they had adopted the policy of the Conservatives in trade matters; but, in opposition, they were a drag on the country's progress by threatening capitalists, who had money to invest in Canadian enterprises, that the moment they got into office they would adopt a policy of free trade and remove every vestige of protection. Capitalists, afraid that the Reformers would carry out their pledges, refused to invest in Canadian securities, but when the Reformers came into power and the threat of free trade vanished like a ghost, then capital was invested, and prosperity returned. The prosperity was due not to the promises of the Liberals, but to the fulfillment of their promises.

J. W. St. John said that no man like Mr. Campbell, who had been all his life a free trader, could, with any degree of sincerity, now claim to be a protectionist. He said that Mr. Tarte had nominated Mr. Campbell for West York between the death of Clarke Wallace and the late Mr. Clarke Wallace, a sentiment altogether too unkindly, more especially since within the past few days, La Patrie, Mr. Tarte's organ, which is opposing Mr. Bergeron in a bye-election taking place on the same date as West York, said, in denouncing Bergeron, that he was the ally of the late Clarke Wallace, the instigator of all the intolerance and fanaticism that has perpetrated the villanies of the last decade.

Mr. Campbell said that it gave him great pleasure to address such a large assembly in this magnificent hall. Here the audience roared with laughter, and Mr. Campbell, continuing, said, he meant magnificent, compared with the small hall they were in a year ago. Mr. Campbell defended his action in supporting a government that spent 46 millions last year, and said that 38 millions was too much under the Conservative regime. The people must take note of the changes thru which the country is passing. He spoke on the Drummond County Railway matter, and said he favored the first offer made by the company, which the Senate threw out. This offer was a payment of $65,000 a year for 99 years. After 99 years the road would be owned by the country. The second offer, which was accepted, was a cash amount of $1,500,000. This amount at 3 per cent. meant $45,000 a year. He thought it would have been better to pay the $65,000 a year, and not pay out a lump sum.

Mr. Calvert, Liberal whip, and others addressed the meeting, which broke up at a late hour.

Women's Ailments.

Women are coming to understand that the Backaches, Headaches, Tired Feelings and weak Spells from which they suffer are due to wrong action of the kidneys.

DOAN'S Kidney Pills

are the most reliable remedy for any form of kidney complaint. They drive away pains and aches, make women healthy and happy—able to enjoy life to the fullest.

Mrs. C. H. Gillespie, 204 Britain Street, St. John, N.B., says:

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EAST TORONTO.

The hydro-carbon lights at Coleman and Norway are not giving perfect satisfaction. The residents of Little York say that the lights are only lit part of the time, but while lighted they are all right. They also say that they need new mantles very often, and it was said that three or four would do for a year. Last night the light on Berkeley-avenue was not lit, and the one on Woodbine-avenue has one mantle gone and the globe broken.

The Sons of Scotland held a large meeting on Friday night. General business was transacted, and they have decided to hold their annual dinner in Society Hall, Little York, in the near future.

The electric lights in East Toronto have not been light since Friday night about 10 o'clock. The village ordered coal about two weeks ago, and it has not arrived yet. They always order coal about two weeks ahead, so as to be sure, but this time two weeks was not long enough.

The Aberdeen Curling Club expect a large turnout to-night at the rink, as they want all members to get into shape for coming matches.

Mr. William T. James of Waverley-road purchased three lots on Berkeley-avenue at the tax sale in November, 1900. When he applied for a deed, he was informed by Treasurer Armstrong that they had been redeemed. It now turns out that the lots had not been redeemed, but that Mr. John Small had inadvertently paid the overdue taxes, thinking the lots were his. Mr. James claims he is entitled to the lots, but the Township Council does not see the way to give him the deed. He will apply to the Council to-day to have the matter settled.

NORTH TORONTO.

York Township Council will hold their inaugural meeting this morning at 10 o'clock.

The Eglinton Hockey Club defeated the Gowans, Kent & Co team on Friday evening, scoring 17 goals against the latter's 1.

The Sunday School anniversary entertainment at the Methodist Church, Eglinton, will take place this evening. An excellent program of 40 numbers or thereabouts, consisting of songs, dialogs, recitations, etc., has been arranged. The anniversary services held yesterday were well attended. The preachers during the day were the Revs. Dr. German, Mr. Pickett and J. W. Stewart, the pastor. A small but efficient orchestra assisted the organist and the choir.

Host Martin of the Eglinton Hotel has issued invitations to the town and township officials and a number of friends to a dinner this evening.

The Leaside Anglican Mission at Davisville had their annual Christmas entertainment at the mission on Friday evening last. Mr. H. H. Ball presided over a very excellent program provided by the children. The building was uncomfortably filled; the distribution of prizes was made by the rector, Rev. T. W. Paterson. Mr. George Johnson, who has charge of the mission, Mrs. C. W. Lea, and Miss S. Lawrence, teachers in the school, are to be congratulated on the splendid showing of the children in the several selections.

AURORA.

The funeral of Mrs. C. Doan, for over half a century a resident of the town, took place at the cemetery on Saturday. Rev. E. A. Pearson officiated and there was a large attendance of friends. Mrs. Doan was in her 93rd year; her husband was years ago postmaster here, and the deceased was the oldest resident at the time of her death. No children survive her.

Rev. Dr. F. C. Stephenson and wife spoke in the interests of the Woman's Missionary Society at the Methodist Church yesterday. The Doctor presides over the student volunteer movement for foreign missions of the Canadian Methodist Church and the addresses were interesting and thoughtful.

The Town Council hold their first meeting of the year to-day at 11 o'clock. The Board of Directors of the Public Library will meet in the evening and elect officers.

Mr. A. Wells returned lately from New York, where he underwent a very painful operation at one of the hospitals. Mr. Wells has resided for several years in the Klondike, where he engaged in mining pursuits, he has also been connected with the Dawson City postoffice, and speaks enthusiastically of the place, and its possibilities. Mr. Wells is residing with his brother, the proprietor of the Queen's Hotel, and will probably, if his health permits, return to the Klondike in the spring.

RICHMOND HILL.

The opening of the hockey club season with the match announced for this evening has been called off and will take place later.

BALMY BEACH NEWS.

The Beach is becoming a very lively place now since the residents have started a skating rink, which is fast becoming a great source of amusement for the children in the district, as well as for the parents and their friends. On Saturday night there was a very large attendance at the rink, tho quite unexpected, considering the mild weather for the past few days, but the ice was in excellent condition. Owing to some trouble at the power-house in the village of East Toronto, the source from which the light is supplied, darkness prevailed and the management were obliged to get together all the lamps and lanterns they could to light up the rink, but it is hoped this will be overcome in a day or two and the electric light will be once more in use. Owing to the mild weather lately and trouble at the power-house, music was not provided on Saturday, as was expected, but this is not likely to occur again.

DONCASTER.

A sleighing party of the choir and young ladies of St. Barnabas' Church was held on Friday night to Leaside mission, where a Christmas tree and Sunday School festival were held. The party was in charge of Mr. A. E. Playter, a churchwarden.

The pupils of Mlle. Marguerite Saxton's class in elocution will give a dramatic and musical recital on Thursday night next in Danforth Hall. Miss Minnie Pedlar will appear as Juliet in Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet."

MARKHAM.

The annual meeting of the Markham Township Agricultural Society was held at the Queen's Hotel on Wednesday afternoon. The following were elected officers: President, M. Hemmingway; first vice-president, George Gormley; secretary-treasurer, J. F. Davison; directors, S. G. Little, R. Trick, Alex. Russell, A. Pingle, Ed. Kirk, William Grant, J. B. Gould and Robert Ash; auditors, William Padget and George Neville.

Work on the new rink is rapidly nearing completion, and the opening will be celebrated by a carnival, of which due notice will be given.

Mr. James Baird of the well-known firm of Lobb & Baird was acting judge at the Division Court, held here on Wednesday.

EBENEZER.

The members and friends of the Methodist Church in this place will hold their anniversary services on Sunday, Jan. 19. The Sherlock Male Quartet will give a sacred concert on the following Tuesday evening.

CHRISTIE.

The Christie Methodist Church will hold their anniversary services on Sunday and Monday next, Jan. 12 and 13.

UNIONVILLE.

The many friends of Mr. D. Meyer of Mount Joy, and father of Mr. Philip Meyer of this village, will receive with pleasure the news of his rapid recovery from the severe accident received at Sunnidale some three weeks ago.

The joint meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Unionville and Buttonville Lutheran Church will be held at the home of Mrs. Clements on Jan. 16.

Mr. George Mann, the Montreal representative of "Salada," was in town on Saturday. He reports business as exceedingly brisk.

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