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PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.
Toronto, Dec. 29.—11 a. m.—Strong westerly winds, fair and moderately cold. Friday, northwest winds, fair, with about the same temperature.

Local Briefs

H. N. Brown, of the steamer C. W. Watson, is spending the winter with his brother, R. J. Brown, West St. There will be a full rally of Mr. Clancy's workers in the young men's club rooms to-morrow evening. All are invited to be present.

Mrs. Fred Earl and Mrs. Frank Tickner, of Pontiac, and Mrs. James Carruth, of Detroit, are spending the holidays with Mrs. George Clements, West St.

The Industrial Committee are busy sending out circulars re the Defence Iron Works By-law. The ratifiers are requested to look out for them.

Rev. A. H. MacGillivray will give special address to the young people meeting next Sunday afternoon. Mr. Harry Horstead will sing a solo, and a good time is expected.

The first annual report from the Public Schools of East Kent received by the Inspector is that of No. 1, Harwich. Promptness in official matters like this is very much appreciated by the Inspector.

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Massage, Electric Treatment and Physical Culture. Try my treatment for Rheumatism and Neuralgia.
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A yellow diamond makes a good show until compared with a white one, and can show you five other makes, Canadian and American, but Hawkes stands out in either. There is comparatively very little difference in the cost but oh what a difference in quality.

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COCHRANE MAY REMAIN UPON CERTAIN CONDITIONS

East Kent Ross Executive Pleaded with Him and Promised Special Inducements—Mr. Cochrane Allows Resignation to Remain in Abeyance and Will Take Time to Consider New Proposals—Long and Anxious Meeting

Special To The Planet.

Regina, Dec. 29.—The announcement yesterday that John Cochrane had withdrawn his name from the Ross candidacy in East Kent created considerable interest and much satisfaction among the men of both parties. Many Liberals and Independents in this town who felt themselves morally pledged to the support of Mr. Bowyer were outspoken in their commendation of Mr. Cochrane's course in withdrawing.

Considerable annoyance was manifested among the Rossite workers that the information had leaked out. It was hoped that Mr. Cochrane's resignation might have been kept quiet and the meeting might have secured its withdrawal without publicity, and there is some unpleasantness felt among the members of the executive who are inclined to blame each other for revealing its existence.

The secretary of the executive spent yesterday in Wallaceburg whether it is thought he went to secure the good offices of D. A. Gordon, M. P., in their extremities.

Mr. Cochrane met the executive at their meeting this morning. He said he had no desire to enter the contest and had only accepted when they figuratively went down on their knees to him. He felt that the bat-

tle was a hard if not a hopeless one and it was altogether against his inclinations to enter the arena at all.

At the time he had reluctantly accepted certain promises were made to him, and additional guarantees were made privately at the convention. These related it is understood to money matters and special workers. These promises and assurances Mr. Cochrane felt had not been carried out, and for that reason and the fact that he did not desire to be their candidate anyway, he had decided to resign and let them name a successor at their earliest opportunity.

The members of the executive pleaded hard this morning and with some success. The visit to Wallaceburg enabled the secretary to promise further special considerations. On the conditions named Mr. Cochrane was finally prevailed upon to allow his resignation to stand until he thought over the new propositions and the executive of their ability and willingness to fulfill them.

What the ultimate decision will be is hard to say. As one member of the executive expressed it, "If that resignation is not definitely withdrawn and we are thus able to deny it, we might as well throw it all up as a forlorn hope. It all comes of getting men who are neither anxious nor willing in the first place."

ville will do even better for Mr. Clancy than its old-time big majority.

ROUSING RALLY AT LOUISVILLE

Big Gathering of Electors Applaud James Clancy, the People's Candidate.

Addresses by the Standard-Bearer and Ward Stanworth—Some Pertinent Points

A rousing rally was held last night at Louisville last night in the late James Clancy, the people's candidate in West Kent. Despite the inclemency of the weather a large crowd turned out, and they listened with careful attention and were generous in their applause. C. W. Harwood was chosen chairman, and in an appropriate speech introduced Mr. Clancy, who received a magnificent reception.

Mr. Clancy spoke at considerable length, and the frequent outbursts of applause were proof that his auditors were with him. He dwelt on the Ross-Stratton-Sullivan-McKay combination, showing conclusively that supported Ross throughout the Conmee-Bowman deal, and the shady franchise of North Bedford, whom Ross professed to have turned out. Special attention was directed to the West Elgin frauds, the timely court was sitting on the prosecution of Cahill. He also drew attention to the fact that at Mr. McKay's election trial, when damaging disclosures were being made, a special telegraph message was sent from the Clerk of the House to judges and counsel, telling of the dissolution of parliament, which ended the trial and saved Mr. McKay from the publication of the damaging truth.

Mr. Clancy dwelt on the progressive platform of Mr. Whitney, especially the scheme for loaning funds to farmers and municipalities for interest—a proposition especially worthy of the support of Kent. Mr. Clancy closed a magnificent and logical address amid loud and prolonged applause.

Ward Stanworth, who followed, met with a rousing reception. He discussed the respective merits of the two candidates and clearly pointed out the utter fallacy of the non-resident cry, raised against a man who owned from 300 to 400 acres of land in Chatham Twp., was one of the largest taxpayers in the country, and had represented Kent for three terms in the Legislature and two in the Dominion House. Mr. Clancy was a man with whose public record not even the most ardent Liberal could find the least fault. He drew attention to the inconsistency of Ald. McCoig in supporting the Ross Government after the expression of his opinion published day after day in the Planet and which Mr. McCoig had been told that Mr. McCoig had canvassed men in his audience saying: "Oh, vote for me." This seems to be his canvass wherever he goes. Mr. McCoig didn't want to hear of the Ross Government.

Mr. Stanworth concluded with a strong appeal to support Mr. Clancy. The meeting closed with cheers for the King, Mr. Whitney and the candidate, and from the enthusiasm evinced there is no doubt that Louis-

SEE PORT ARTHUR FALL

Japanese Have Mounted Big Guns On 203-Metre Hill.

No Truth in Story That Russian Torpedo Boat Destroyers Escaped and Landed in Vladivostok—Gen. Kondrachenko Meets Death in the Fortress, and Gen. Stoessel Has Been Injured By Falling From His Horse.

Chefoo, Dec. 29.—It is reported here that the Japanese in front of Port Arthur have mounted two 28-centimetre guns on 203-Metre Hill.

No Torpedo Boats Escaped. Chefoo, Dec. 29.—The persistent rumor which has been in circulation for the past two weeks that several torpedo boat destroyers had escaped from Port Arthur and succeeded in reaching Vladivostok, is denied by the office of the British steamer Elmay, which arrived here from Vladivostok yesterday. These officers say that the cruisers Rossia and Grombol are in good shape.

Russ General Killed. Tokio, Dec. 29.—Trustworthy advices from Port Arthur confirm the report that Gen. Kondrachenko has been killed and that Gen. Stoessel has been injured by falling from his horse. Gen. Suihlo is also reported wounded.

Jap List of Dead. Tokio, Dec. 29.—The navy department publishes a list of nine officers and 65 men who were killed while on special duty.

The army department publishes a list of 23 officers killed and 66 wounded, presumably at Port Arthur.

Food Prices Are High.

Tokio, Dec. 29.—Reports from Port Arthur say the garrison is confident in the belief that relief will arrive before March 1. Despite the heavy losses Nov. 26 and subsequently, the garrison is said to be cheerful and resolved to continue the struggle as long as a single soldier remains. The army claims to have sufficient provisions to last until February. The navy possesses about one month's stores. The price of food in the beleaguered fortress is high. Beef is a rouble and one-half per pound; horse meat is six copecks per pound; dog meat 25 copecks per pound; turkeys 150 roubles apiece; eggs 160 roubles per hundred. The Russian rouble to-day is worth about 77 cents.

Getting Ready For Spring.

Huanan, Dec. 29.—Everything continues quiet along the front of the hostile armies. There is little till spring, when it will be possible for both sides to throw in strong reinforcements to commence the campaign in earnest. In the meantime the chief business of the Japanese seems to be regarding their communication eastward. They have an unusually full equipment of narrow gauge field railways, one of which connects General Fengwang with a branch to Saintsa. A supplementary line is being laid in connecting Liaoyang with Hancheng. There is an important river and many bridges have recently been constructed with a care unusual in field operation. This elaborate system has been seriously threatened by Gen. Rennenkampf's raids southward.

SKATING RINK

A number of the non-coms. of the Regiment met last night at the shed to decide on different matters pertaining to the skating rink. A delegation from the hockey club will meet with the non-coms. on Friday night next at the drill shed to make arrangements for privileges of practice and games.

A caretaker has been engaged and work on the rink is being pushed ahead. It is altogether likely that the rink will be opened on January 2nd.

The price of season tickets was placed at \$2.00 for outsiders and \$1.00 for members of the Regiment. Saturdays will be set aside for the children, who will be charged 10c.

Another Fire Victim.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—Another victim has been added to the list of the dead as a result of the fire in Perault lane on Christmas morning, in the death of Ida St. George, who was taken from the building so badly burned that there was no hope for her recovery. The victim was 19 years of age.

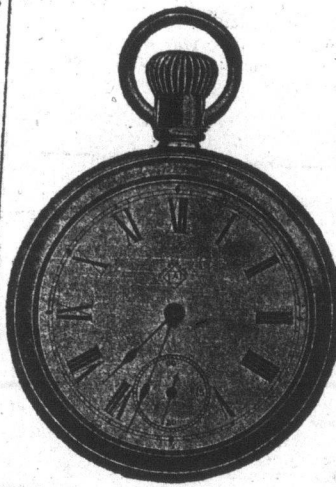
No Play With a Revolver.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—John Farmer, aged 15, was brought to the General Hospital from Clarendon yesterday. While toying with a revolver, he got a bullet in the right thigh.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

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We have just received a case of special regular \$3 Watches, stem wind and stem set, which we are selling from now till New Years for

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Toys, Sleighs, Doll Carriages, Tool Chests, Dolls, Rocking Horses, Exercisers, Punching Bags, Boxing Gloves, etc.

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Our regular dress goods news is frequently punctuated with timely offerings, at special prices. This week for instance:—

- 200 yds. of Homespun, worth \$1.00 for 75c.
- 40 inch Green Serge, regular 40c for 25c.
- Fancy Plaids and Checks, regular 50c for 35c.
- 40 inch Colored Habit Twill, 20c per yd.
- 54 inch Black and Blue Serge, 50c per yd.
- 42 inch Brown and Blue Plaid, regular 75c, for 50c.
- 42 inch Grey Flake Dress Goods, 35c per yd.
- 56 inch Black Broadcloth 75c per yd.
- 42 inch Colored Flake Goods, 50c per yd.
- 42 inch Black and Blue Spot Lustre, 50c per yd.
- 54 inch Navy Blue Cheviot, \$1.00 per yd.
- 48 inch Brown and Blue Amazon, 75c per yd.

Winter Underwear

FOR WOMEN

Valuable hints for Women who need warm and comfortable Underwear for the cold weather. Though prices are little, you may rest assured that the qualities they buy are above criticism.

AT 25c—

Women's heavy union vests, long sleeves, high neck, shaped, lace trimmed, drawers to match.

AT 50c—

Women's wool vests, unshrinkable, nicely trimmed, fashioned, drawers to match.

AT 69c—

Women's wool vests in all sizes, nicely finished, worth 75c, drawers to match.

AT 35c—

Women's fine union vests, full fashioned, nicely trimmed, drawers to match.

AT \$1.00—

Watson's pure wool unshrinkable vests, lace trimmed, all sizes, drawers to match.

AT \$1.25—

Pennan's pure natural wool vests, warranted unshrinkable, sizes 3, 4 and 5, drawers to match.

AFTER CHRISTMAS PRICES

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Sideboards

Solid hardwood, golden oak finish Sideboards, thoroughly well made, top 20"x44", one long drawer and two short ones, neatly carved and fitted with 14x24 inch mirror, special after Christmas price..... **\$10**

Sideboard, surface quarter cut oak finish, same size as above, two drawers and two large cupboards under, 14x24 inch mirror, price only..... **\$9**



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We quote solid oak frame Morris Chair, adjustable back, new design, reversible velvet cushions for..... **\$7.50**

Parlor Table Special

Delayed in shipment, arrived too late for Christmas, we marked them at a price to make them move out quickly.

Genuine selected quarter cut golden oak tables, highly polished, tops 24x24 inches with shelf to match, legs are hand turned and fluted with brass claw feet. Price only..... **\$3.00**

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