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Subject of Discussion

in England.

London, Dec. 29. - The Manchester

Guardian devotes a column to

Government had been in power.

The Westminster Gazette says:

Canada is not in favor of Chamber-

lain." But "fine words butter no parsnips." The test of Canada's sup-

port is whether she is able to live ur

to the standard of "no payment, no

preference." Referring to Colonel

Denison's quoting the resolution of

mote legislation towards offering

training, the cost of emigration

eighteen years, emigrants are

EDWARD TO IGNORE ABDUL

Mediterranean Cruise.

London, Dec. 29.-King Edward next

earth to induce the King to extend

a time when public opinion throughout

MOSOUITOES AND ZERO

For 1904.

New York, Dec. 29.-New York Bay

was frozen for a mile from the Bay-

onne, N. J., shore yesterday, and New-

ark Bay almost from shore to shore.

Early yesterday, when the thermom-

tered a cloud of mosquitoes in Rail-road avenue, near Thirtieth street.

Some of the mosquitoes followed him

Most of the rubber

in THISTLE Brand

Rubber Belting goes

between the plies

where it is needed-

they do not separate.

On both bays men and boys skated.

ARE CANADIANS THE NEW YEAR THE VINDICATION OF CAPT. DREYFUS WILLING TO PAY SEES CHANGES

London Society Has Modified The Commission Expected to Imperial Preference Still the Many Old Customs—The King's Influence.

London, Dec. 29 .- New Years is so near at hand that one is inclined to look back and sit in judgment upon the year that which Dreyfus depends for vindica- letter, signed "A Son of the Soil." is so nearly added to the past. It is tion and restoration to the army have The writer fails to see how Chambertrue 1903 has not been overwhelmingly been communicated to the press. Drey- lain's proposal to tax foreign corn brilliant in a social way. There has been no big event, such as the coronation, to fus charges that a telegram from and dairy produce, while admitting star it with, but at the same time the Colonel Schwartzkoppen, the late Ger- the same from the colonies free of fact that the King and Queen have man military attache here, to Colonel duty, is going to help the British taken such an interest in the accom- Panizzardi, formerly Italian military farmer. It makes no difference to plishment of certain little social reforms attache at Paris, as presented to the the son of the soil whether his comis noteworthy. For example, there is court-marial at Rennes, bore the date he does feel is the increasing severa revival of interest in Sunday, when of April, 1894, when he was occupied ity of his competition with the colon London is not nearly so deserted as formerly at the week-end. Then, too, social merly at the week-end. Then, too, social whereas the actual date of the telegram treated, to benefit financially, but because they also actual the social whereas the actual date of the telegram treated, whereas the actual date of the telegram treated, they are the college the telegram treated. hours have been advanced, and lastly, gram was the last of March, 1895, after onies would have helped whatever and what is, after all, of more import-he (Dreyfus) had been tried. A copy ance, children have become fashionable which has been found has established again, owing mainly to the interest manifested by their majesties in little chil-

been the fashion of the year. Dinners begin now at 8 o'clock instead of halfdivided sway, must be attributed in part Colonel Henry, in his own hand, annothat a general support is of little the changes in society dinner arrange- tated the telegram, April, 1894. The use. What is wanted is an evidence night. Others give what is called a month." might. Others give what is called a month."

The unauthenticity of the telegram price to such an extent that it was could have been established had the court at Rennes appreciated the internal countries. The o'clock, with an hour of bridge, followed court at Rennes appreciated the imby a bountiful repast of hot soup, en- portance of the error. trees several cold dishes, sweet savories.

champagnes and liqueurs.

By pointedly remaining in town over sunday all through the summer and autumn, the King has brought his insulation, the King has brought his insulation, the keeper of the archives of the proposal autumn, the King has brought his insulation, the keeper of the archives of the proposal autumn, the King has brought his insulation, the keeper of the archives of the proposal autumn, the King has brought his insulation, the keeper of the archives of the proposal autumn, the King has brought his insulation to proposal autumn, the king has been his proposal autum from Friday morning to Tuesday morning no longer becomes socially a deserted village. Sunday afternoon calls upon their fair friends gain in vogue among the men of the west end, and the church parade in Hyde Park has returned to The Anderson House of Petrolea Defavor. Hostesses who are still climbers give table d'hote luncheons, and, in fact,

COLUMBIA PACKING UP

Severance of Relations With U. S. But

a Few Days Off.

Secretary Hay has not replied to the roof, where it was extremely difficult will take advantage thereof to pay are rapidly going on for the closing and despite all that could be done, rid, and to his brother-in-law, King the reply of Mr. Hay as a result of interviews with him, and that General Reyes and Dr. Herran are awaiting gard, of Toronto, while the place was any manifestations of regard and of

Will Head Gendarme.

Rome, Dec. 29.—The Italia says that THE MARQUETTE DISASTER failure to receive the English order of the Italian gendarmes is likely to be donia under the Austro-Russian reform scheme. Gen. Sismondo is one of the best officers in the Italian service and is especially competent for his proposed task. He is 68 years old.

Costs Nothing If It Fails.

Any honest person who suffers from Rapids; Peter W. Wierengo, of Grand rheumatism is welcome to this offer. For Rapids, and a man named Peterson, or years I searched everywhere to find a specific for rheumatism. For nearly 20 years I worked to this end. At last, in Germany, my search was rewarded. I found a costly chemical that did not disappoint me as other rheumatic prescription. Thomson, of Sioux City, Ia., who were included in the list of dead, were not killed. A mistake was also made in the name of F. M. Gillett, of Portland, one of the victims. It should

I do not mean that Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure can turn bony joints into flesh again. That is impossible. But it will drive from the blood the poison that causes pain and swelling, and then that is the end of rheumatism. I know this so well that I will furnish for a full month my Rheumatic Cure on trial. I cannot cure all cases within a month. It would be unreasonable to expect that. But most cases will yield within 30 days. This trial treatment will convince you that Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure is a power against disease that

faith. My faith is but the outcome of experience — of actual knowledge. I KNOW what it can do. And I know this know what it can do. And I know this so well that I will furnish my remedy on trial. Simply write me a postal for my book on rheumatism. I will then arrange with a druggist in your vicinity, so that you can secure six bottles of Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure to make the test. You may take it a full month on trial. If it succeeds the cost to you is \$5.50. If it fails the loss is mine and mine alone. It will be left entirely to you. I mean that exactly. If you say the trial is not satisfactory I don't expect a penny from you.

Settle Tragments are not part of a body heretofore recovered, but represent another victim. Identification is impossible.

The unidentified body in the morgue has been identified as John Metheny McSweeny, of Reed City, Mich.

New York has the largest apartment house in the world in the Ansoma. It is seventeen stories high, and has sixteen elevators, 1,800 people can live in it, and the building alone cost \$4,000,000.

Clear Him On the Testimony of a Telegram.

[By Associated Press.] Paris, Dec. 29.-The grounds upon the correctness of Dreyfus' claim in "Colonel Denison is very eloquent in the opinion of the commission, which denunciation of the statement that recommended a revision of the case.

The statement of the case against There have been some notable enter- Dreyfus, containing the telegram, when tainments, and fancy dress bails have it arrived at the ministry for war, was dated April 1, 1895, which Dreyfus claims shows the telegram was written in the latter part of March that past, and concerts begin at 10, and balls year. The late Colonel Henry clipped about half an hour later. To the in- off a corner of the telegram, and thus Auence of bridge, which still holds un- the actual date disappeared. Then berlain, the Westminster Gazette says ments. Some hostesses ask guests for ber that the month of April had only from many years. Bramhal to play bridge an hour, and 30 days, for in the document there is in Cheshire, has been a great haythen dine and resume cards till mid- a mention of the "31st of the current growing region, but competition, prin-

fluence to bear on the week-end exodus, the war office, carried the letter "D." and as most of the court entourage and The scratching upon the paper was many others are quick to observe the apparent, but M. Bertillon, the handdirection of the royal straws, London Writing expert, testified that the letter "D" was correct. It is now claimed he was in error.

OLD LANDMARK BURNED

stroyed by Fire.

Petrolea, Ont., Dec. 29. - Fire completely gutted the old Anderson one of the landmarks of this Will Not Visit Sultan During His town shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday chen, where a pail of grease was upset on the stove, the flames spread to all portions of the old wooden structure, penetrating into the spaces Washington, Dec. 29. - Although between the ceilings and the shingled Mediterranean on board his yacht and note of General Reyes, preparations to get at. The rafters soon took fire, visits both to the young King of Madof the Colombian legation here, and the flames broke through the roof in George of Greece, at Athens. The the departure of Colombian represents several places before the firemen Turkish ambassador in London, Mus-They have little finally got the conflagration under urus Pasha, is moving heaven and hope of a satisfactory response by the control. The hotel was practically earth to induce the King to extenuited States Government. General gutted, the windows being all burned his cruise to Constantinople, pointing Reyes for several days has denied him- out, and the whole of the front de- out that if he goes to Athens without self to callers. It is believed here stroyed. The furniture was nearly calling on the Sultan it will be contact that the Colombians have forecasted all removed, but suffering consider-strued by the entire world as in the only as a matter of form and diplorum by Mr. Thomas Edis, whose loss friendship to the Sultan, especially at matic courtesy the official communicary will be considerable. The loss on the tion of Mr. Hay setting forth the rea- building is covered by insurance. It the civilized world is aroused against sons why the United States Government cannot accept their view of the Mr. Ford, the drygoods merchant, outrages perpetrated by his troops in Panama situation before severing diplo- next door, suffered a small loss by matic relations with the United States. smoke, but it is fully covered by in-

chosen to organize and command the A Revised List Places the Dead at Nineteen.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 29. - A complete list of dead in Saturday night's wreck on the Pere Marquette Means a Poor Crop of the Insects DR. SHOOP'S RHEUMATIC CURE Railroad shows a total of 19 victims instead of 23. W. F. Wells, of Big have been written Wm. G. Smith, of Portland. The mistake arose from Smith's middle name being Gillett.

power against rheumatism—a potent force against disease that is irresistible.

My offer is made to convince you of my wreck, have been discovered at the ed to be the twentieth victim of the gether. The coroner is convinced that the fragments are not part of a body

SPEAKER GULLY

Grandson of Prizefighter Will - Enter Peerage.

MASTER OF BRITISH COMMONS

low He Keeps the House in Oraer A Magnificent Functionary-He Refuses Re-election.

London, Dec. 29. - Mr. Gully, grandon of that John Gully who was so famous as a prizefighter, bookmaker, race horse owner, and Derby winner in the early years of Queen Victoria's reign, drama, which alone promises to be worth has announced his intention of refusthe admission fee. A lunch will also be served. Admission, "in cents twice the size of the hose you wear." Invitations Speaker of the House of Commons on the completion of his present term. He has held office for nearly nine years, and on the even-ing of the entertainment, at the hall. Come to something novel and entertainand will, on his retirement, receive, as ing. usual, a pension, for the remainder of

in the land, a title which the Speaker of the House of Commons holds by virtue of a statute enacted several centuries ago, may resign before the dissolution of the present Parliament, and good deal of Tory pressure is being brought to bear upon him in order to induce him to do this. For it would enable the Torics, who possess a large majority in the present House, to elect one of their own party to the vacant

It is a singular fact that for the last 0 years the speakers of the House of commons have all been Liberals, this being due to the fact that the Liberils were usually in office when the chair was vacant. It is a matter of etiquette that as long as the speaker offers himself for re-election on the opening of a new parliament he should be accepted without any contest, even If he belongs to the party which is in opposition—that is to say, in numerical minority in the House. In fact, conests for the speakership are relativey rare, and the last five or six speakers of the House of Commons have in each instance when first elected been chosen without any opposition. In the event of Speaker Gully resigning before the dissolution of Parliament the next Speaker will be non-

the Canadian Manufacturers' Association as being in support of Chammated by the Conservatives, who are power, and would be a Tory but if Mr. Gully defers his retirement until after the dissolution and merely meets that he does not offer himself for re-election, and if the Liberals wer to have carried the day at the polls and to have a majority in the new farmers, as a body, are strong, un-bending protectionists, but they will doubtedly be once more a Liberal. The Speaker of the English House of The Speaker of the English House of Commons is a magnificent functionary, and has sometimes been declared to be the most powerful personage of the British Empire, for the latter is governed by Parliament, representing the will of the people, and by ministers of state, representing the majority of votes in the House of Commons and it is the in the House of Commons, and it is the Speaker who is the supreme authority of the latter. He can suspend a member family. On his reaching the age of he can stop the Prime Minister on point of procedure, he can close a debate provided with an outfit, their passage out, and a sum of money placed in done. They will then be received in the colonies by the authorities of the colonial governments, under whom the training should be completed.

be vital to its policy, and which may either enhance of discredit the authority of the house; and it is he alone who determines who is to speak and who is to remain silent, no secretary of state, not even the first lord of the treasury, who holds the title of leader of the house, or the Premier, if he happens to be a member of the lower chamber, being able to address a single remark in Parliament without having previously obtained the permission of the first commoner in the land by means of the peculiar process known as "catching the Speaker's eye." The office of Speaker carries with it a spring will make another cruise in the

nagnificent official residence in the minster, the bright and lofty rooms being lighted with great windows looking out on to the Thames. In addition to this residence, which is furnished and maintained for him at public expense, the Speaker receives a salary of \$30,000 a year, besides most generous allowances. When the house is in section When the house is in session the Speaker gives a series of official banquets and the men who attend them are expected to appear eithr in uniform of in court

dress, the ordinary evening dress being trictly tabooed. The Speaker himself receives his guests the ordinary evening dress being in a black court suit and steel-hilted sword, and is attended by his train-bearer, his purse-bearer, his gentleman in waiting, his chaplain, and by the King's sergeant-at-arms. The banquets Abdul Hamid in connection with the King's sergeant-at-arms. The banquets outrages perpetrated by his troops in Macedonia. And so it is probable that windows of which look out to the north, and from them may be seen the long stretch of the Thames Embankment, Constantinople will not be visited by the King, and that the Sultan, who with its perfect fairyland of electric lamps and moving lights. The paneled walls of this apartment are adorned already feels himself slighted by his the garter, which has been conferred upon the Shah of Persia, will be still Speakers in the robes of office. The further soured against the court of table, as well as the huge sideboards, are loaded down with superb old plate, the ex-officio property of the Speaker of the House of Commons, some of it con-St. James by the refusal of the Kingthe House of Commons, some of it constituting part of the loot taken from the Spanish armada during the reign of Queen Elizabeth. The Speaker takes wine, with an old-fashioned courtesy, with each of his guests in turn, and, of course, the health of the sovereign is

The nine or ten years which constitute the ordinary duration of a Speaker's re-tention of the chair before definitely resigning his post and accepting his pen-sion and his peerage, are exhausting, for and prosy twaddler who happens to be on his legs, and careful to see that there eter was almost at zero, City Hall Engineer Patrick W. Donnelly encounis no violation of the rules of order, and quick to rebuke the speaker if he hap-The Speaker cannot slip out to the smoking-room or to the lobby, but must remain in the chair, bored literally to

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SOOTHING OIL.—To throw oil upon a troubled waters means to subdue to liminess the most boisterous sea. To liminess the liminess the most boisterous sea. To liminess the most boisterous sea. To liminess the most boisterous sea. To lim

NEAR-BY JOTTINGS

WILL STEP OUT By Special Correspondents of the Daily and Weekly Advertiser.

LAMBETH.

Lambeth, Dec. 28.—On Wednesday evening a huge crowd filled to the doors the prettily-decorated hall at Lambeth, when the Methodist Sunday school held their annual entertainment. An excellent programme was given, consisting of songs, recitations, and, most interesting of all, drills. A Christmas tree added enjoyment to the evening, Santa Claus entering at the close of the programme and distributing the gifts, very few members of the audience being forgotten.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 29, the Trinity Church Sunday school at Lambeth intends holding a stocking social in the Masonic Hall. Everyone is cordially invited to attend and enjoy the excellent

sual, a pension, for the remainder of his life of \$20,000 a year, together with a peerage, which in the case of expeakers invariably takes the form of a viscount.

St. Marys, Dec. 23.—Christmas passed off quietly. Many enjoyed a cutter drive, as sleighing here was excellent. There was a plentiful supply of poultry at the Christmas market, excellent in quality and size. One turkey purchased by a local butcher weighed 27 pounds. by a local butcher weighed 27 pounds.

Mr. L. J. Gilleland, formerly teller in

Mr. L. J. Gilleland, tormerly teller in the Traders' Bank, St. Marys, and now manager of the Traders' Bank at Schomberg. Ont., spent Christmas with friends in St. Marys and vicinity.

Charles J. Humphries, of Ogden, Utah, is a visitor with his brother, Mr. Joseph Humphries, architect. It is sixteeen years since Mr. Humphries left St. Marys. He finds many changes in the growth of the town. He owns and runs a planing mill in Ogden. When here, sixteen years ago, he was a member of the firm of Humphries, Richardson & Humphries, builders and contractors.

Professor J. W. Baird, of Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.; is home on a Christmas vacation, and spent a short time with his brother, Mr. A. Baird, grocer. He then proceeded on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baird, Motherwell.

D. McRae, merchant tallor, Water street, has introduced an electric incandescent flash light in his shop window.

street, has introduced an electric incan-descent flash light in his shop window. A pretty effect is produced. Mr. McRae s the first in town to introduce electric flashlights.

At a special meeting of the Collegiate Institute board, held on Saturday, the salaries of Principal S. K. Martin and Miss Clayson, who were re-engaged for 1904, were increased as follows: Mr. Martin, from \$1,200 to \$1,350; Miss Clayson, from \$875 to \$925.

SOUTH DELAWARE.

South Delaware, Dec. 28.-Our school held their closing exercises on Tuesday afternoon, and the singing and other forms of entertainment did credit to the

Henderson Bros. have purchased the Weld farm, which is one of the finest in the township.
Chester Leach left on Saturday for his home in Wanstead, accompanied by I sister, Miss Jessie Leach, of Toronto. William Scott has sold his high-step-ping colt, Lord Russell, to James Mc-Cartney, of London.

Mrs. John McFarlane and two so have gone to Wallacetown to spend the

Christmas holidays.
Philip Smydth has sold some thoroughbred Yorkshire hogs to Nathan Camp-bell, of Payne's Mills, Peter Love and G. Dalglish paid a flyng visit to New Ireland on Tuesday. Neil Love is sending his Christmas he can decide the most momentous constitutional questions by a few words spoken in private conference, he can his father's, John Kent, ex-postmaster J. W. Henderson is remodeling his Q Arthur Vicary is laid up with illness.

D. Campbell has sold his fast chestnut

pacer for a fancy figure. James Bale, traveler for the McClary Company, London, is spending his Christmas holidays at Henry Johnstone's, Rev. R. McIntyre had a busy time of it last week with weddings and being chairman at the different Christmas tree events. Mr. McLatyre had the good luck each tree, which speaks well for his popularity.
Miss McKenzie has left for her nome in Hyde Park.
Miss Edith Johnstone is laid up with

severe attack of neuralgia.

N. Love spent Tuesday at Oneida Miss Pearce is visiting her sister, Mrs. up his abode in Mr. James Hender-Miss Pearce is visiting her sister, Mrs.

John Jones, of White Oak.

McPherson Bros. postponed their threshing until after the holidays.

Miss Mary McFarlane is laid up with carlet fever. Henderson Bros. have their teams busy hese days drawing wood. Thomas Brooks found thieves in the act of stealing his turkeys the other

night, and gave them a merry chase.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dynes were returning from London with their speedy road horse on Saturday, and when pass-A. Davis, of Middlemiss, shipped a load of calves from here last week.

James McNichol, who has been chairnan of the trustee board for the past three years, will retire from public life at the end of the year. One of William Baker's valuable horses sister, Mrs. James Keys. was kicked badly the other day. ome family sleigh.

night. A. Brooks, of Fernhill, is home for a few weeks.

A. McFarlane has in his stable a 2-year-old gray filly that has the style and makeup of a very speedy trotter.

Thomas Parsons has returned from Europe, by way of Boston. He reports

Mr. Lorne Barclay the ministry, is speed and the ministry, is speed and the ministry of the Rev. R. McIntyre held a successful bee, getting in his winter's fuel.
Parsons Bros. have sold their hand-

some gray pacer for a fancy figure.

Miss Bella McFarlane, of West Magdala, is spending a few days with rela-Miss Bertha Vicary and brothers will spend New Years at Lambeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baker had a
Christmas tree at their residence for the
pleasure of their children, nieces and
nephews, who had a most enjoyable Mr. and Mrs. C. Poole and daughter, of

Strathburn, are spending their Christmas holidays with relatives here. THAMESFORD. Thamesford, Dec. 28 .-- We were vis-

ited on Sunday by a very heavy snowfall, and the roads will be heavy to get to the nomination booths in this and adjoining localities. Mr. John Talbot and family, Cherry Grove, are visiting friends at ford and Evelyn.

Fred McTaggart, formerly of this when village, but now operating for the G. N. W. Telegraph Company at Hamilton, was visiting the parental home on

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30c and 40c Books, Wednes- | 75c Underwear, Wednesday. day 7c.

Men's Sanitary Wool, Fleece-In going through our stock, after our big Christmas trade, we have a few lines of odd Lined Shirts and Drawers, ribbed wrist and ankles, full skirt, Books, all titles and bindings, value 75c, Wednesday, each 50c Wednesday at, each 7e

CANDY OFFER FOR WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY.

Some time previous to Christmas we advertised every Candy in our store for 10c per pound, of which we sold a great lot. Out of this wonderful sale we had four complaints, which we count as very small, considering the amount of business we do. During this great sale some of the Candies, the higher priced cheaper ones, got knocked about, but are otherwise fresh. We have three hundred pounds of it to clear out Wednesday, and

and late John Bates, of this village, has gone to live with her daughter, David Foster, of this village. Mr. McGee, who has been working for the Sutherland-Innes Company at Chencoe, has been sent to Thamesford by the company to work for their interests in this vicinity. He has taken

son's house for the present. Miss Iva Foster has been visiting friends in Woodstock the past week. Buffalo. He also shipped a carload of sheep and lambs last week to Buffalo. the guests of Mr. Dennis Reavely last

The concert held under the auspices Much credit is due the young people of the Methodist Sunday school on who managed the training. Proceeds, Christmas Eve was well attended and ing a load the horse became frightened the programme was excellent.

and threw the two out. Mrs. Dynes got The Church of England Sunday as severe shaking up, while Mr. Dynes school will hold there annual Christwas hurt severely internally. The horse mas tree today in St. John's Church. was caught at Lambeth.

A good time is expected. friends in the village. Christopher Haley is home from Detroit, looking well.

Miss Maud Flood is the guest of her Asa Day is home for the holiday sea-John Johnstone has bought a hand- son. No doubt he will soon be study-George Dynes has engaged Mr. Adams as foreman of his foundry. So many orders are in that it is running day and be home for the holiday season. ing for one of the professions.

Poplar Hill, Dec. 28.-To Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkins, a son.

the ministry, is spending Christmas holi-days at his home. Mr. Robert Armstrong and his sister Mr. Max Owen has returned from a visit to friends and old acquaintances. held a concert and entertainment in the

afternoon. Parents and visitors say was the best that has been seen in th chool for years. The members of the Foresters' Court intend holding a grand entertainment on Wednesday evening, Dec. 30, in the Cold-stream hall. This event is expected to be the best ever given in the hall, as the Foresters have taken extraordinary pains to secure the best talen possible.

Mr G. E. Zavitz has returned for the holidays.

The Christmas tree held in the Baptist programme was a surprise and an enjoyment to both young and old.

MOUNT BRYDGES. Mount Brydges, Dec. 28.—The Baptist Sunday school held their annual entertainment in the church on Christmas

home of Mrs. Gibson on Christmas Eve. when her youngest daughter. Amelia, was united in marriage to Mr. James Christmas Eve and broke her arm. Dr. and Mrs. Woods spent Christmas

concession, died very suddenly at his Carmel on Sunday. Mrs. L. Fisher is spending the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. Chappell, of Wyoming.
Mr. Edward Clark and family are spending the Christmas and New Year holidays with Mrs. Clark's parents, Mr and Mrs. Gamble, of Petrolea. Mr. J. Badge is visiting friends in

Mr. George Robertson, of Hamilton, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. H. Badge The Methodist Sunday school held their annual entertainment on night, and as usual the town hall was crowded to its utmost capacity. class programme was rendered by the young people and children, consisting of recitations, drills and dialogues

DELAWARE.

Delaware, Dec. 28 .- A close and exciting game of hockey was played in the Delaware rink on Saturday evening last, between the home team and the Waterloos, of London. Score, 3-2, in favor of Delaware. W. S. Bennett refereed the game, to the satisfaction of both teams, Mr. W. Wagner, of London, is spending the Christmas holidays with parents here.

A ball will be held in the town hall on the evening of Dec. 29, by the Delaware

the evening of Dec. 29, by the Delaware Social Dancing Club. The merchants of this place have done a very extensive Christmas trade this Mr. Wm. Hotham, of London, is spend John Wilkins, a son.

Mr. Lorne Barclay, who is studying for the ministry is spending Christman by the ministry is spending the ministry is spending the ministry is spending the ministry in the ministry in the ministry is spending the ministry in the ministry in the ministry is spending the ministry in th

Jane Armstrong, of Toronto, spent Christmas with H. W. Acres. BRIGDEN. Brigden, Dec. 28 .- Mr. John MacNaugh

ton, of Sarnia, is spending his holiday, with his many friends. Miss Belle McKee has returned to our town, and will go to Middlesex County after Jan. 1, 1904. The Liberals of the West Lambton riding will meet on Dec. 30 in the township hall. Quite a spirited contest will be carried Dominion election is ordered. The temperance people are soliciting for the

children of the Presbyterian Sunday school promises to be excellent. Teachers and scholars are busily engaged prepar ing for it.
Miss McRobie, one of our teachers, has gone to Petrolea. Miss Polly and Principal Westerfelt also left for their respective homes. They have been engaged by

our school board for the next year. The staff comprises three of the best teachers The annual meeting of the ratepayers in this school district will be held next Wednesday in the public school building. Dr. F. R. Seager, who is the retiring school trustee, will probably be re-elected. The present board has proved a very efficient one.

The W. C. T. U. of this place will