

**SOME QUALIFY
AS CANDIDATES**

Two Gentlemen Go Through
Necessary Form to Run For
Water Commission.

MAYOR TAKES THE OATH

A Dozen or So Are Now Out for Al-
dermen—At 9 O'Clock Tonight the
List Will Be Completed.

It begins to look as if there will be but little excitement over the municipal elections.

This morning few had qualified for office, and the withdrawals were numerous. The field for aldermen is large, but there will not be many contestants for the other offices.

There will probably be a contest for the water commission. Yesterday it was expected that Mr. John Marr and Mr. William Wright would run. Had they done so, it is more than probable that they would have had a clear field. However, both refused today, and it seems as if there will be several other aspirants for the office.

Among those who have already qualified are Dr. H. A. Stevenson and Ald. James Fitzgerald. It is rumored that Ald. Richter and Ald. Tancock will also run. Ex-Mayor Samuel Stevely may also be a candidate.

None of the others would make a declaration until tonight. All will undoubtedly play a waiting game, just to see what is going to happen.

Hospital Trust.

It begins to look as if ex-Ald. Richard Booth will have a walkaway for the hospital trust.

Although great pressure was brought to bear upon Mr. S. Scream to run again, he has definitely decided not to do so. He has today withdrawn from the field.

None of the others are seriously considering the matter, and it was rumored in the city hall today that Mr. Booth would have an acclamation.

Board of Education.

All five retiring members of the board of education, Messrs. W. W. Gamgane, C. M. R. Graham, W. T. Strong, John M. Gunn and Dr. A. J. Wyckoff will run. Mr. H. H. Archer will be a candidate also, so there will be a contest there. Dr. Geo. L. Clarke and J. H. Fowler have already withdrawn, and it is expected that the others will do so before 9 o'clock tonight.

A full dozen have qualified for aldermanic honors.

Among those who withdrew are Geo. T. Brown, T. S. Hobbs, William Jeffrey, and Dr. R. W. Shaw.

Mayor Beattie qualified at noon today, and also took the oath of office.

The Qualified.

The full number who have qualified to date are:

For Mayor—Mayor J. H. A. Beattie.

For Hospital Trustee—Richard Booth.

For Water Commissioner—Dr. H. A. Stevenson and James Fitzgerald.

For Aldermen—James Donnelly, William Hayman, James Jeffrey, W. J. Lashbrook, Charles G. Moorhead, A. J. Morgan, Henry Pocock, J. H. Ward, W. A. Wilson and R. C. Eckert.

A Warning.

"All those who wish to run for the board of education or the hospital trust must withdraw in writing before 9 o'clock tonight, or their names will appear on the ballot papers," City Clerk Baker said today. "The candidates named should remember this. Those who wish to run for other offices must qualify."

Possible Candidates.

The nearest gate that could be arrived at today gave the following as likely candidates for the election on Jan. 2:

Hospital Trustee—Richard Booth.

For Water Commissioners—Dr. H. A. Stevenson, James Fitzgerald, J. G. Richter, Samuel Stevely and John M. Parsons.

For School Trustees—Dr. A. J. Wyckoff, W. W. Gamgane, C. M. R. Graham, John M. Gunn, W. T. Strong, H. B. Archer, Hugh M. Douglass, J. A. Tancock, William A. Asplund, James Jeffrey, Charles G. Moorhead, R. A. J. Stinchcombe, William Scarrow, Murray W. Bennett, John H. Saunders, James Donnelly, John G. Richter, W. J. Lashbrook, Dr. W. J. Stevenson, A. J. Morgan, Henry Pocock, Wm. J. Underwood, W. H. Ward, J. A. Tancock, H. B. Archer, Richard C. Eckert, George Ernest Rose, Robert A. Carrothers, Neil Cooper, A. O. Graydon, Joshua Garratt, George Goddard, William Hayman, James Donnelly, Fred G. Mitchell.

**SHORT WEIGHT CASES
REPORTED ON MARKET**

Some Prosecutions Are Likely
To Be Made by Clerk
Maker.

Market Clerk Maker has issued a warning to householders who are in the habit of purchasing butter and other goods on the local market. During the past couple of days a number of short-weight cases have been brought to light, but it is thought that failure on the part of farmers to have their scales tested periodically is responsible for the trouble, rather than deliberate dishonesty. For that reason, the clerk has refrained thus far from prosecuting the vendors. On Thursday two ladies purchased turkeys in the shed, and brought them to the scales to be weighed after paying for them. They discovered that they had paid about 35 cents on each bird, that the farmer who sold them was not entitled to. They reported the matter to the market clerk and received their money back. Several other cases of pound rolls of butter being sold a couple of ounces short are also reported. It is advisable to have every thing weighed at the city scales, as it is alleged, that many farmers' scales are very inaccurate. In cases where it is known that the sellers are dishonest, prosecutions will be made.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT
NOT TO FOLLOW GREY**

Has to Remain in England to
Assist in Coronation
Functions.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Dec. 23.—It is reported here that the Duke of Connaught cannot come to Canada as governor-general, as successor to Earl Grey, because King George has to have his help in England to represent him at coronation functions, the Prince of Wales being too young. A semi-official hint to this effect was received in Ottawa.

**VANSTONE COMMITTED
ON A MURDER CHARGE**

But Will Not Be Tried Until the
Assizes Next Spring.

Goderich, Dec. 22.—George Vanstone was arraigned before Police Magistrate Butler this afternoon and committed to stand trial on a charge of murder, in connection with the death of his 6-year-old son.

Vanstone will come up at the next assizes in March. M. G. Cameron, K. C., is defending the prisoner.

**BURGLAR BAND RAID
STORE AT ORWELL, ONT.**

Gang of Three Break Into File's
Shop and Carry Off
Cash.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Orwell, Ont., Dec. 23.—The store of George Fife, at this place, was entered by three burglars last night and the sum of \$20 in bills and silver was taken. Fife had been out to an entertainment, and when he returned at 10:15 he discovered the loss. The police are trying to get into the postoffice department of the general store, where there was \$100 worth of cash, and made a speedy exit, going east toward Ashtabula. There is no clue to the identity of the robbers, but the Ashtabula police are working on the case.

**NO CHEERS GREET
COOK ON ARRIVAL**

Arctic Explorer Returns From
His Quiet Sojourn in
Foreign Parts.

New York, Dec. 22.—The steamer George Washington, which arrived tonight from Bremen, Southampton and Cherbourg brought Dr. F. A. Cook, the Arctic explorer. Dr. Cook said newspaper comments on his recent magazine article which reached him in London did not express matters clearly.

"I have been in London and on the continent," he said, "only family was with me, and when I came here I avoided New York and stayed in Newburgh, where I met the magazine people. When I went away I felt that I was being harassed, and I was worried so that I could not get sleep. I determined that I would go away for a year and get rest and I got it."

**NO TURKEYS OFFERED
ON LONDON MARKET**

A Big Supply Is Expected To-
morrow—Comparison
of Prices.

Owing to the total absence of turkeys on the market this morning it was a hard matter to obtain an idea of what the prices will likely be tomorrow, when one of the biggest markets of the year is expected, if the weather conditions are favorable. Of course, the prices largely depend on the supply and the demand, and as the present high prices have lessened the supply to a certain extent it is not improbable that with a good supply the price will be lowered to 20 cents a pound. At this time last year turkeys were selling at 17 to 20 cents a pound, and the last day such large quantities were brought in, that in order to create a demand the farmers had to ask lower prices. It is not unlikely that the same thing will be repeated tomorrow, as many of the farmers and poultry dealers have been holding the birds back for the higher prices.

**PRISONER GLAD TO
GO TO THE JAIL**

John Brazell Was Unable to Secure
Work.

Friendless, homeless, and in entirely destitute circumstances, John Brazell pleaded guilty to a charge of vagrancy in the police court this morning. All summer he has been working in Petrolia, but work falling there, he returned a few days ago to London. He was fined \$2, or four months, by the acting Magistrate, Mayor Beattie, and seemed quite pleased with the certain prospect of being cared for through the winter, as he was led back to the station cells, preparatory to "taking the month."

Three boys were charged with obstructing the sidewalk traffic on Dundas street Sunday night. Mayor Beattie dismissed the case, on the ground that the evidence was insufficient to show that the three youths had really obstructed the sidewalk traffic.

**ALL RECORDS
WERE BROKEN**

Grand Trunk Railway Claims
Business of Last Six Weeks
Was Phenomenal in
London.

THE PASSENGER TRAFFIC

Christmas Rates Cause the People to
Travel—Trunk Company Doing
Big Business.

Freight Agent Harold, of the Grand Trunk, stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that the business of the company has done in London during the past six weeks has smashed all records, even the record made in 1907, when the greatest volume of business that the Grand Trunk has ever handled in London was done.

"We have done a splendid business," said Mr. Harold, "and immense quantities of goods have been handled both into and out of London. We expect things to slacken up a little after Christmas, but the outlook is for heavy traffic."

C. P. R. officials state that they have also done a record-breaking business in both passenger and freight traffic.

Passenger Traffic.

If today's passenger traffic on the railways is any indication of the business that is to come tomorrow, when the half-holiday rates go into effect, all records will be smashed easily. Every train in and out of London today carried extra coaches, and even more than that, it was practically impossible to get accommodation, and many people had to stand or dispose of themselves as best they could.

"We are having troubles of our own," said one Grand Trunk conductor told The Advertiser. "It is an awful job getting through the coaches to get the tickets. We lose all kinds of time and have all sorts of trouble. Personally, I will be more than glad when tomorrow night is over."

The Traction, Too.

The Traction Company reports that its Christmas business has been very fine. Thousands of shoppers have been brought into London during the last few days.

**TWO HURT; ONE FATALLY
RY. BOILER LETS GO;**

Fireman's Lungs Filled With
Steam—Engineer Brings
Train to Stop.

Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 22.—Two railroad employees were injured, one fatally, when the arch pipe in the boiler of the engine of the second section of Grand Trunk freight train No. 92 burst while the train was speeding east between this city and Bellevue Thursday.

The injured are: Louis Hillemann, 35, fireman, face scalded by steam, lungs injured by steam and left collar bone broken, will die; M. J. Forsberg, brakeman, Port Huron, skull and ankle fractured.

The fireman received the full blast of the explosion, as it occurred just as he opened the fire door of the boiler to put in coal. The brakeman received his injuries when he jumped from the moving engine. Edwin H. Erwin, of this city, the engineer, stuck to his post at the throttle and brought the train under control. He was not injured.

The injured were brought to this city late this afternoon and taken to Nichols Hospital. Hillemann is single. The engineer is married.

**FIRE CHIEF AITKEN
KNEW CHIEF HORAN**

Londoner Says Chicago Man Was a
Very Fine Fellow.

Fire Chief Aitken was well acquainted with Fire Chief Horan, the gallant head of the Chicago department, who was killed yesterday in the big fire in that city.

"I was with him a great deal during the Syracuse convention," said the chief. "He was a remarkably fine man and one of the best fellows who attended the convention. Horan was a very large man, over six feet tall, broad and strong, one of the finest fellows you ever looked at. A genial whole-souled fellow, he was very popular with the fire chiefs, and his death will cause a very great deal of regret among the members of the association. I felt very sorry when I heard he was killed. It was an awful day Thursday for firemen. We can ill spare men of Horan's type. His wife was with him at Syracuse, and I met her also. She is a very fine woman, and we regret exceedingly her misfortune."

A message of condolence was wired from the department here to Chicago, conveying sympathy for the families of the brave fire laddies who were killed.

**A PRESENTATION TO
PRINCIPAL M'QUEEN**

Given a Bible by Members of His
Entrance Class.

A very interesting presentation was made Thursday afternoon during the closing exercises of Victoria school, when Principal McQueen was presented with a handsome Bible by the scholars in his entrance class.

Thursday morning while conducting prayers, the Bible used continuously by him since coming to the school in 1878, fell apart.

"I guess I will have to get a new Bible," he said to the scholars. "This one is about gone."

Some time ago some of the boys had noticed that it was breaking up, and in the meantime they had collected sufficient money to purchase a Bible to replace it.

So Thursday afternoon just before closing the school, the presentation was made.

Principal McQueen made a feeling reply. He alluded to the fact that Thursday he had completed his forty-fourth year as a public school teacher.

**AGED ARVA FARMER SUCCUMBS
TO THE EFFECTS OF COAL GAS**

Mr. Duncan Donaldson Found in His Home by Neighbors in a
Dying Condition—All Efforts to Revive
Him Failed.

Duncan Donaldson, an aged retired farmer, living at Arva, Ont., with his son Alexander, died this morning from the effects of partial asphyxiation with coal gas on Wednesday night. That night the old gentleman was left alone, his son, being away with a threshing outfit, on which he was working.

Neighbors noticed on Thursday morning that there were no signs of activity about the Donaldson home, and wondering why the old gentleman did not appear, set out to investigate shortly after noon.

Raising a window, the doors being fastened, they found the house filled with coal gas, and entering they discovered Mr. Donaldson unconscious from the effects of inhaling the poisonous atmosphere.

Dr. McNeil, of Arva, was immediately sent for, and first aid measures were resorted to by neighbors, in the attempt to restore the unfortunate man to life.

It was some time before a physician could be secured, however, Dr. McNeil being absent from the village.

Lingered for Some Hours, Dr. Gould, of Ilderton, had to be sent for, and he arrived as soon as possible. For a while it was thought that Mr. Donaldson would rally, but after lingering in a precarious condition yesterday afternoon and last night, he died at 5 o'clock this morning.

The deceased was a well-known resident of London Township, where he was a leading farmer for many years. He removed to Arva a few years ago, and had since been living in retirement.

It was found by Mr. Donaldson's rescuers that one of the lids of the coal stove had in some way been left off the stove, and the aged man had been overcome in his bed by the escaping gas.

The funeral will be held on Saturday at 3 o'clock. Services will be conducted in St. John's Church at 2:30 o'clock.

An Arrest Made in Colborne Mystery

Colborne, Ont., Dec. 22.—Henry Matthews, jun., was arrested here tonight in connection with the death of Josephine Brimacombe, a deaf and dumb cook, who was found dead in a room at the Teesdale Hotel Monday. This action followed the verdict of the coroner's jury, which decided that she had been strangled to death. At the effect that Matthews was seen leaving her room.

Matthews is well connected, and is a lake mariner, holding a first mate's papers.

**WIFE DECLARED INSANE,
RELEASED FROM ASYLUM**

Troubles of Wallaceburg Couple
Will Be Aired in the
Local Courts.

A great array of marital troubles during a union of approximately 40 years is aired in the action brought by Mrs. Sarah Nelson against her husband, John Nelson, of Wallaceburg, for alimony, which has been set down for decision at the winter assizes, which commences at the court house on the 9th of January.

Mrs. Nelson declares that her husband is janitor of a bank in Wallaceburg, owns three houses and two cottages in this town, and that he frequently threatened her life and beat her cruelly. Mr. Nelson replies that he has had the lady examined by competent physicians, who declare that she is mentally unbalanced. As a result of this examination, Mrs. Nelson was committed to the London Asylum, but she was released one week later, having been adjudged an average individual by the medical staff at the local hospital for the insane. Mr. T. H. Luscombe is acting for the plaintiff, and Mr. J. S. Fraser, of Wallaceburg, for the defendant.

This case will be heard by a judge without a jury.

Some Jury Cases.

Two jury cases have also been set down. The administrators of the estate through Gibbons, Harper & Co., are suing the executor of the estate of John C. Burchell, who was killed in a head-on collision while acting as driver on a work train Dec. 6, 1908. The case was first heard before Judge Magee last April, when a verdict was given for \$1,800, two-thirds of which was to go to the mother, and one-third to the minor child of the deceased. Both the parents reside in London, England, and were dependent on their son for their livelihood, it is alleged. The claim for \$5,000 is continued. Mr. Gibbons, of Toronto, is acting for the company, and Gibbons, Harper & Co. for the plaintiff.

Sues For Insurance.

Vera A. Martyn, daughter of the late Edward Martyn, an East London contractor, who died of blood-poisoning, is suing an insurance policy for \$5,000, in which the plaintiff was beneficiary, is suing the London and Lancashire Guarantee and Accident Company, through her nearest relative, Elizabeth Martyn, for the full amount of the policy. The company claims that notice of the accident was not given within the specified time, while the plaintiff alleges that the deceased died of blood-poisoning two days after stepping on a rusty nail, and that he was therefore unable to give the required notice under the sick-benefit stipulation. Gibbons, Harper & Co. for the plaintiff, and Smith, Rae & Greer for the defendants.

FIRE AT LAKEFIELD.

Lakefield, Ont., Dec. 23.—The Lakefield Canoe Building and Manufacturing Company's factory was totally destroyed by fire early this morning. The origin of the fire is unknown. Loss \$5,000, partly covered by insurance.

THE WEATHER

Tomorrow—Fair and Cold.

FORECASTS.

Today—Strong southerly and southwesterly winds; mild, with moderate snowfall.

Saturday—Strong westerly to northwesterly winds; fair and turning much colder; local snow flurries.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	Max.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	24	18	Cloudy
Winnipeg	22	16	Cloudy
Port Arthur	24	18	Cloudy
Park Sound	26	20	Cloudy
Ottawa	28	22	Snow
Montreal	30	24	Cloudy
Quebec	32	26	Fair
Minus (—) means below zero.			

The disturbance centered yesterday is now centered over Lake Superior, accompanied by milder weather in Ontario. Wintry conditions have set in over Manitoba, and temperatures there are below zero.

Snow is falling in many parts of the lake region.

**SCHOOL LAW
WAS VIOLATED**

Educational Department Report
On Investigation of
Charges.

MANY GRANTS WITHELD

Several Agreed to Stop the Illegal
Practices—Thirteen Schools
Involved.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 23.—Premier Whitney today made public the report of the Government's investigation of schools in Eastern Ontario. Dr. Marchant's report as to bilingual schools will not be published for some days.

The report is as follows: "The public school inspectors in the counties of Stormont, Glengarry, Prescott and Russell have just finished the investigation ordered by the Government into those schools in Eastern Ontario where violations of the school law took place. Their report covers all violations of law complained of. The inspectors were instructed to visit all the schools to inquire into the complaints made, to forbid all illegal practices, and to stop any further violations of the legislative grants where the school continues to be conducted in defiance of the act and regulations."

Omitted Scriptures.

No. 16, Roxborough, Stormont—During 1910 this school was conducted according to law, except that reading of Scripture was omitted. The trustees and teachers promise to observe the law in all respects. Grant recommended.

No. 12, Finch, Stormont—Found that Roman Catholic prayers and catechism were used in school hours. Both French and English taught; all pupils French. Trustees have been notified of illegality and the teacher told to teach more English. Grant withheld pending satisfactory assurances.

No. 10, Lanark, Glengarry—School attended by both Protestant and Roman Catholics. Catechism has been taught a quarter of an hour each day during school hours. Teachers instructed to cease doing so. Inspector thinks law is observed.

Some Grants Withheld.

No. 9, Caledonia, Prescott—During the year 1910 Roman Catholic prayers and catechism, Grant withheld pending receipt of trustees' certificate to observe the law.

No. 13 and 14, Caledonia, and South Plantagenet—Roman Catholic religious exercises contrary to law; English well taught. Grant withheld.

No. 14, E. Hawkesbury—Defective teaching of English and use of Roman Catholic prayers in past years, but now there is a well-qualified teacher and law is observed.

Complaints of Insufficiency.

No. 12 and 13, Cambridge—Complaints of insufficiency of English taught and religious exercises contrary to law. Inspector finds English fairly well taught. Catholic prayers used and school closed on holy days three or four times a year. Trustees have undertaken to stop this and to observe the law.

Union 13 and 14, Plantagenet and Cambridge—This school is now conducted according to law.

No. 1, Cumberland—Roman Catholic prayers during school hours. With a poor teacher the French instruction causes loss of time to English-speaking pupils. At present a good teacher, with satisfactory instruction in both languages, Grant withheld, pending assurances that inspector's instructions are being followed.

No. 16, Cambridge (given as No. 4 Cambridge)—Complaints of catechism in school hours, of children being allowed to go home at 2:30 p.m., and poor English instruction. Present teacher is doing fairly well, though English is still weak. No Protestant pupils attend this school. Children of Form I, are allowed to go home at recess.

No. 10, Clarence—Teacher has promised to stop teaching catechism at recess. No complaint made to the inspector since June, but grant withheld as in other cases, until satisfactory assurances are received from trustees.

**WORTMAN & WARD
HELP EMPLOYEES**

Men of Local Factory Will Have \$2,000
Distributed Among Them.

London manufacturers show their appreciation of their employees in various ways at this season of the year, but probably none of them have adopted a more practicable plan than that at Wortman & Ward's. Tomorrow at noon 90 employees of the firm will have \$2,000 divided among them.

This amount is their share of the profits of the year. For some time it has been the practice of the firm to divide at Christmas time the profits of the year with their employees. Every man who has been with the firm continuously for a year gets a share, and the longer a man has been there the more he receives.

**CORONER WIRES
FOR THE BODY**

Remains of London Man, Killed at
Swansea, Returned to Toronto.

The funeral of Allan McEachan will be held on Monday morning from the residence of his parents, in Stephen Township, to Mount Carmel Church, and interment will be made at Mount Carmel Cemetery.

The remains arrived in London last night from Toronto, but through some mistake the post mortem was not completed, and the coroner telegraphed here to have the body sent back. This was done.

A pathetic feature in connection with McEachan's death is that he was intending to have celebrated his own birthday and that of his only daughter on Christmas Day.

**TATE TESTIFIES
IN GRAFT PROBE**

Startling Evidence Regarding
Oxford Road Deal.

ACTED AS A DUMMY

Knew Nothing of Value of Road—Got
Money From Bank, But It
"Disappeared."

Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 22.—Mr. E. F. B. Johnston's promise that evidence of a sensational character would be produced at today's proceedings in the Oxford County graft investigation was amply redeemed when the mysterious Robert Tate was produced to testify regarding his knowledge of the transaction relating to the purchase of the Northern gravel road by the county. Tate's appearance had been foreshadowed by statement of Mr. Yeomans, of Toronto, who informed the court that he had trekked up from Toronto with him, but though his name was called three times at the morning session, he put in no appearance.

Mr. Buchanan, however, assured the court that Tate would be present at the afternoon session, as he had received word that he would attend. Mr. Buchanan's declaration gave a spice of interest to the proceedings and long before Tate actually put in his appearance the court room was thronged with spectators who were anxious to see the mysterious man for whom detectives had been searching for over six months without avail.

It transpired that Tate's presence at the court had been secured by the counsel for the county, as the result of an inquiry through the Bell Telephone records, which showed that Tate had been in communication with a Mr. Yeomans, of 371 Close Avenue, Toronto, who was subpoenaed at this morning's investigation. For more than three hours Mr. Johnston, acting as counsel for the county, subjected Tate to a searching examination, during the course of which it was learned that he knew nothing about the Northern gravel road, that he had only learned of its existence from having read Toronto papers since the investigation had first started. When asked for the reason why he had not appeared in court, when his name had been looked for, he replied that he had not received a subpoena to attend. He admitted, however, that he had not the slightest idea where he had first met Buchanan, nor had he ever been in Oxford or Woodstock until he had been requested by Buchanan to come to Woodstock.

He further admitted that he was entirely ignorant of the geography of the county, and that he had no knowledge of the value of the road in question, acquiescing in counsel's statement that he did not know the difference between it and the road to the north. He could not explain how the title deed came to be put in his name, though, after some hesitation, he thought that he had been suggested by one Mills, who is now dead. Witness' deliberation in reply drew forth a warning from Mr. Johnston that unless he was more frank he would ask his honor to commit him to the penitentiary for contempt of court, relating all he knew about the transaction, but that his memory failed him upon certain points.

**FARMERS COMPLAIN
OF TREE VANDALS**

City People in Search of Christmas Decorations Create Havoc
in the Woods.

Many farmers in the vicinity of London are loud in their complaints against various persons who have cut down trees at this time of the year in search of Christmas trees. These persons seem to have no regard for the slaughtering all the young cedar and fir trees that they can, whether they can use them or not, and that look like the damage has been done to the property. Particularly is this true of large parties of boys, who journey out into the country armed with axes and hatchets, and in order to display their skill at felling a tree they begin by cutting every-thing and anything that looks like a good Christmas tree, until sometimes dozens of these trees are cut down and are left to rot. This practice should be brought to the notice of the county authorities and steps should be taken to put an end to it.

Farmers Provoked.

Many of the farmers have taken the law into their own hands, and in some cases where the law has been broken, caught red-handed a severe thrashing has been dealt out. A somewhat humorous incident was reported yesterday morning. A couple of boys had been caught cutting a couple of Christmas trees, but after a good scolding they succeeded in getting away. They told him that two good ones lay just inside the gate opening into the woods, and he rode down the road. The man reached the farm, climbed the gate, and had almost reached the top of the tree when he was collared by the farmer. After a long and heated interview, in which the farmer came out victorious, the man was allowed to depart. The man told the boys had left the scene.

**BANQUET TENDERED
REV. CANON TUCKER**

New Pastor of St. Paul's Rejoices in
Co-operation of Churches.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—"We want comity and co-operation now," said Rev. Canon Tucker, D. C. L., in the course of his reply to the vote of appreciation of the services rendered to the Canadian Council of the Layman's Missionary Movement by him since its organization, which was passed unanimously at a luncheon of the council yesterday afternoon. The gathering was held in the hall of the resolution, referring to the friendly relations between Dr. Tucker and the other members of the council, and the secretary's departure, and assured him that he was carried with him their best wishes.

To Curiers.

Any players who are to compete in the President-Vice-President match at the Thistle Rink on Christmas Day, should telegraph the secretary of members of the board of directors, stating whether they will be on hand for the morning match at 9:30 or the afternoon at 3 o'clock.