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TOO MUCH STARS AND STRIPES. The "Stars and Stripes" and the national musical airs of the United States have of late been far too much in evidence at our local playhouses. In a piece put on a few weeks ago at one theatre "Old Glory" constituted the theme, the plot and the stage setting. From first to last the flag, over which the Yankees may, if they see fit, enthrone to their hearts' content, was flaunted and sung about until many of the Canadians present have been thoroughly nauseated.

AN OPENING FOR CANADA. An interesting compilation is being made in the Old Country with a view to ascertaining the proportions of British-fed, colonial-fed and foreign-fed meat consumed per capita by the population of Great Britain. That Canada should, if possible, establish a successful domestic industry is shown by the already ascertained fact that British imports of that article have grown enormously during the past decade until last year. Britain absorbed no less than 938,436 tons of it. It has moreover been announced that the receipts from the United States, which country until recently supplied England with 45 per cent. of her imported dead meats, have recently shown signs of curtailment. This falling off is attributed by a writer in "The London Live Stock Journal" to the increased demands of the "American" home market, but it is no doubt partially due also to the fact that the United States crop failure of 1901.

THE BERLIN MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. This enterprising institution, whose head office is at the middle of last year was removed from Berlin to Toronto on account of the better facilities afforded here for doing a larger business, has just secured from the government an Order-in-Council whereby the name will be changed after January 1 to the Metropolitan Fire Insurance Company.

NEW ONTARIO PRODUCTS. On East King-street, near the C.P.R. Co. there is a splendid exhibit of cereals and other products of Northern Ontario, that is attracting much attention. A visit to the place will give one a good idea of the country and its vast latent resources, which only await development. The exhibits are continuously on hand to give intending settlers and others any information that they may desire. The exhibit is tastefully arranged, and is well worth a visit.

HAVE YOU ANY OF THESE Symptoms of a Very Common Trouble? There is no disease so common in the United States as catarrh because it appears in so many forms and attacks so many different organs.

BRITISH-CANADIAN WIRELESS PRESS SERVICE. We hope that Marconi's triumph means that wireless telegraphy is now a commercial proposition, and that we shall shortly see the system in every-day use between the Old World and the New.

Legislation Committee of the City Council Holds Its Final Meeting for This Year. Much Legislation Requested. Smoke Consumer Matter Turned Over to Next Year's Aldermen.

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Want the Coal Yards. The committee decided to request legislation to enable the Municipal Council to acquire the coal yards for the purpose of providing a sum for keeping the work in repair for the lifetime of the city. The sum, as well as the actual cost, in the amount to be assessed against the city.

To Establish Fairness. The desired legislation in regard to water mains, to provide for the person who gives the 6 per cent. guarantee shall be passed by the City Council.

After the Railways. Numerous differences between the railway companies and the city are involved in the proposed amendments to the Act of 1890, so as to be applied to any railway company.

Tax Sale Troubles. The City Engineer has been asked to assess the taxes on the land for the purpose of the assessment.

Firemen's Benefit Fund. Firemen will be interested in the application for legislation to provide for the incorporation of the Firemen's Benefit Fund.

Mystic Shrine. Mecca Temple, New York, the mother temple of the Mystic Shrine, will hold its annual session in Madison Square Garden on Saturday evening next.

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Gifts for Men. Thermometers, Paper Knives, Handkerchiefs, Jewel Boxes, Writing Desks, Silver Tins, Perfumes, Cigarettes, etc.

Gifts for the Baby. Baby Carriage, Picture Books, Dolls, Toys, etc.

Gifts for Girls. Calendars, Books, Stationery, Music, etc.

Gifts for Boys. Toys, Books, Building Blocks, Cameras, etc.

Gifts for Women. Boxes of Candies, Perfumes, Stationery, etc.

T. EATON CO. LIMITED. Store Closes at 6 p.m. This is the one season of the year when every consideration should be shown salespeople. With the extra strain and worry of such a busy, rushing holiday trade, from eight until six is long enough for them to stand behind counters.

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But Events Indicate That Something Should Be Done Regarding Private Banking Institutions. DIVING OUT IN THIS PROVINCE. About 200 Are Doing Business Today in Ontario, It is Estimated.

While there is no law governing private banking institutions more than there is governing an ordinary private business, events during the past few years, and particularly the past few months, have shown that some measures are necessary to protect the public against entrusting their hard-earned money with institutions whose security is doubtful.

Several cases of failure of private banks are fresh in the minds of the bankers incorporated in Ontario, and especially those who had deposits in them. These include the Bank of Montreal, the Bank of Toronto, the Bank of Nova Scotia, etc.

CHARTERED BANKS. Ottawa, Dec. 22.—According to the statement for November of the chartered banks of Canada, which will be issued this week, the cash and short loans on stocks and bonds in the Dominion aggregated \$51,068,911, an increase of \$14,408,488, compared with the same month of 1901.

Their New Offices. St. Helen's Court, C.O.P., has elected the following officers for 1903: President, J. H. Strickland; Vice-President, R. S. E. Bell; Secretary, J. H. Strickland; Treasurer, J. H. Strickland; Auditor, J. H. Strickland.

Noted Quaker Family. London, Dec. 22.—The British banking firm of J. & J. W. Pease has assigned the business to the North Eastern Railway Company.

Ward Number Five. M. J. Mallory, the well-known estate insurance agent, has so far been assisted by the ratepayers of his ward and influence that he has been elected to the office of ward number five.

2500 People Killed from Margharan, Russian Turkistan, reports that the recent earthquake at Andkhan killed 2500 people in and near that city and destroyed 16,000 houses.

Phenomenal Sale of Umbrellas. We have decided to clear out our entire wholesale stock of Umbrellas before Christmas (just two days to do so), consisting of about six thousand Umbrellas, all made for a select Xmas trade—over a thousand different styles of handles to choose from. Prices are away less than regular wholesale prices, and every Umbrella carries the EAST guarantee.

LOT NO. 1.—500, Fast Color Austrian Cover, Congo and fancy trimmed handles, in men's and women's sizes, 1.00. LOT NO. 2.—500, Fine Gloria Silk Cover, men's and women's sizes, 1.50.

LOT NO. 3.—500, Fine Gloria Silk Cover, men's and women's sizes, 2.50. LOT NO. 4.—500, Very Fine Gloria Silk Covering, elegant ivory, horn, Dresden, natural woods, gold and sterling silver trimmed handles, in men's and women's sizes, close roll, with case and tassel, 3.50.

Gift Hints in Leather. Beautiful and appropriate leather gifts for ladies or gentlemen. These are merely suggestions—we have hundreds of other things to show you when you come.

Trunks. 150 different styles of Trunks, all East-made. Prices \$1 to \$25. Toilet Cases. Toilet Cases, fitted with brush and comb and all the other necessities, a very handsome case, \$24 2.50.

East & Co. 300 Yonge St., Cor. Agnes St. See Our Window. W. H. STONE Undertaker. YONGE 343 STREET. Phone M. 932.

SMOTHER A COUGH. You can smother a cough with your hand but you can't cure it that way. Some medicines only smother coughs. Scott's Emulsion cures them. Old coughs and deep-rooted coughs can't be cured until the inflammation which causes them has been replaced by healthy tissue.

"Karn Is King" We are the agents in Toronto for Karn's and Organs. Visit our warehouse at 4 Westcarrie instruments. W. B. BURNETT & CO. 9 and 11 Queen Street East.

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