Mid-Winter Sale.

WINTER juggling with Overcoats.

No, they are not heavy weights; if they were winter could not toss them about this lightly;

but they are just the average weight for average weather at less than average price.

Overcoats at the Mid-Winter Sale have about one-third clipped off the price.

Oak Hall Clothiers,

115 to 121 King Street East and 116 Yonge Street.

BODY HORRIBLY MUTILATED.

Mr. Frank Matthews of Crowland Met Death on the Railroad Track.

Port Robinson, Ont., Jan. 15.—About 7.30 this morning the horribly mutilated body of a man, apparently about 65 years old, was found lying between the Wabash and G.T.R. tracks, half a mile north of here. Until 11 a.m. the body was not identified, when it was found to be that of Frank Matthews, a prosperous and highly respected farmer, who resided two miles south of here, in the Township of Crowland. Just how or when the deceased met his death will likely remain a mystery. He had set out from his home yesterday, intending to walk to Thorold, to witness the reception to Gunner John Greenfield, who has just returned from South Africa, and to receive his medal as one of the veterans of '66. As shown by the footprints in the snow, the unfortunate man was on his way home when the messenger of death came to him.

PIANO RECITAL THIS AFTERNOON.

A program that will delight all lovers of music will be presented at the Pianola Recital, 4 o'clock this (Wednesday) afternoon in the warerooms of the Mason & Risch Piano Co., 32 West King-street. Anyone who has not experienced the pleasure of attending a Pianola Recital should avail themselves of this opportunity.

A most cordial invitation is extended to all.

1. Goldmark ...Sakuntala Overture
   Aeolian Orchestrelle.
2. Wagner ..... Evening Star Song
   Pianola.
3. Leybach ....Parfum des Roses (Valse elegante).
   Pianola.
4. Schubert .....Ave Maria
   Aeolian Orchestrelle.
5. Gottschalk .....Pasquinade
6. Chopin .....Barcarolle op. 60
   Pianola.

BRAMPTON FREEMASONS

Had a Field Night, With Visitors From Toronto.

Brampton, Ont., Jan. 15.—The Masons of Brampton had a field night in their rooms here this evening. It was called Past Masters' Night, and the work was performed by the past masters of the lodge. About 35 members of Occident Lodge, Toronto, were present by invitation, among whom were: Bros. Brown, Muir, Williams, Crackle, of Occident Lodge, and Bro. St. John of Alpha Lodge, Bros. Barber, Rosevear, Young, King, Slain, Pile, Lackie and others, about 40 in all.

The D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. McFadden, also visited the lodge in his official capacity. After the work of the lodge, a banquet was tendered the visitors, at which speeches and songs were indulged in until a late hour.

U. S. SENATORS CHOSEN.

A number of Senators were elected in the United States yesterday, including the following:

Pennsylvania—M. S. Quay, Republican.

Massachusetts—George F. Hoar, Republican (re-elected).

Colorado—Thomas M. Patterson, Fusionist.

Maine—W. P. Frye, Republican (re-elected).

New Hampshire—Henry E. Burnham, Republican.

Police Want Shorter Hours.

The policemen who do station duty in Nos. 2, 3 and 4 Divisions want shorter hours. They petitioned Chief Grasett some time ago, they having 36 hours of continuous duty, including attendance at the Police Court. The Chief left the matter in the hands of the inspectors of the divisions, and an arrangement was made whereby the men are relieved of court duty one day in every two weeks.

The station duty men are not by any means satisfied with this small concession. They are of the opinion that they should not be compelled to work more than 24 hours in each 48.

Will Hold an Inquest.

Coroner Johnson yesterday issued a warrant for an inquest to be held to-night at E. J. Humphrey's undertaking establishment, 407 West Queen-street, on the body of Miss Margaret Cain, the young woman who died at her home, 64 Shuter-street, on Monday night. A post mortem examination will be made at 10 o'clock this morning by Drs. Spencer and McCollum.

Leacock—Hamilton.

The announcement is made that Miss Beatrix Hamilton, daughter of Col. R. B. Hamilton of the Registrar-General's Department, was married to Mr. Stephen B. Leacock, late modern master at Upper Canada College. The wedding took place last August.

The Demon Dyspepsia—In olden times it was a popular belief that demons moved invisibly through the ambient air seeking to enter into men and trouble them. At the present day the demon, dyspepsia, is at large in the same way, seeking habitation in those who by careless or unwise living invite him. And once he enters a man it is difficult to dislodge him. He that finds himself so disposed should know that a valiant friend to do battle for him with the unseen foe is Parmelee's Vegetable Pills, which are ever ready for the trial. ed

Got a Job in Africa.

Montreal, Jan. 15.—Captain Dixon, who went to South Africa with the first Canadian contingent, has been appointed assistant railway transport officer in South Africa.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 135

Toronto Gentlemen in Society.

Toronto social functions are noted for their correctly attired gentlemen, and perhaps most credit is due Harry A. Taylor, draper, the Rossin block. That such is the fact most people would like to give him credit. He is authority on correct dress.

HAMILTON NEWS

BOARD OF HEALTH'S FINAL

The Business of Last Year Wound Up With Votes of Thanks All Round.

SURGEON OSBORNE BANQUETED.

A Nice Point of Law Taken Into the Serious Consideration of Magistrate Jelfs.

Hamilton, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—This evening the final meeting of the Board of Health of 1900 was held. Very little business was done. The report of the subcommittee appointed to rearrange the scavenger system was presented by Mr. Kirkpatrick, and was adopted. The chairman, T. Crooks, stated that the board had not exceeded the appropriations.

Votes of thanks were tendered the chairman and officials and $25 was voted to the secretary.

At the close of the meeting Chairman Crooks tendered a banquet to the members in the Brunswick Cafe.

Banquet to Surgeon Osborne.

A banquet was tendered Surgeon Osborne, who has just returned from the South African battlefields, at the Hamilton Club to-night, by a number of friends. On Friday night the medical profession will tender him a banquet at the same club.

Shaving on Sunday.

Magistrate Jelfs has taken into his serious consideration a fine point of law. Chief Smith, at to-day's Police Court charged Vernon Phillips, South Hughson-street, with having violated the Lord's Day Act by shaving customers. The facts were not denied. The defendant's counsel relied on a judgment given in England, in which it was held that the Sunday act did not apply to barbers. He argued that the Canadian statute was based on the English law.

Magistrate Jelfs reserved judgment to think that point over.

Sergeants' Mess Officers.

The members of the Sergeants' Mess of the 13th Regiment have elected the following officers: Sergt. Hill, president; Sergt. Will, vice-president; Sergt. Millen, secretary; Sergt. Bismarck, treasurer; Sergts. Woodcroft and Dingwell, auditors; Sergts. Allen, Parkhill and Bowstead, Managing Committee.

Minor Matters.

It is understood that Henry New will be the chairman of this year's Board of Education. Adam Zimmerman and James Chisholm aspire to be chairman of the Internal Management Committee.

Ward's restaurant, 6 York-street, open day and night; beds 10c, 15c and 25c. 36

The Canadian Club will give a complimentary reception to the returned members of the second contingent next Tuesday evening. It will take the form of an open public meeting.

The new City Council committees will begin the weary round next Monday night.

MAYOR HOWLAND'S "CABINET" PLAN INCUBATED AT A SECRET SESSION

An Attorney-General and Ministers of Public Works, Finance and Interior--Ald. Lamb Recalcitrant—St. Lawrence Market Muddle—Reconnoitering Robert John--Urquhart and Bell Telephone Co.

Whatever merit there may be in Mayor Howland's scheme of constituting the Board of Control a council of responsible ministers within the City Council, his method of incubating his cabinet yesterday was distinguished by all the elements of amateur farce.

The Board of Control was called for 2 o'clock. It was some time after that hour when the Mayor entered the City Hall. He immediately went to his office and summoned the controllers to a private meeting. They were closeted together till 15 minutes after 3 o'clock, when the Board of Control met.

All the controllers admitted that the Mayor had been forming his "cabinet" during that secret hour. They had no opinions to offer upon the propriety of fixing up questions of public policy at secret meetings of a public board.

It was not until the tail end of the open meeting that the Mayor mentioned the agreement which had been arrived at by the secret meeting. Addressing Ald. Sheppard, he said:

"In regard to my plan of placing responsibility on the Board of Control, it is agreed that Mr. Ald. Sheppard shall take charge of the finance of the treasury department."

Ald. Sheppard's countenance indicated that he was willing.

The Mayor: And that Mr. Ald. Lamb shall take charge of the Property Committee.

Ald. Lamb: If by "charge" you mean simply obtaining information and trying to convey that to the board—

The Mayor: With your exception to that, Mr. Ald. Lamb—

Ald. Lamb: With regard to matters connected with the Property Committee, I have no intention of interfering with the chairman of the Property Committee.

The Mayor: With that exception in your case, Mr. Ald. Lamb. Ald. Hubbard will take charge of the Works Department.

Ald. Hubbard's eye glistened, but he said nothing.

The Mayor: And Mr. Ald. Frame will take charge of the Fire and Light, Parks and Exhibition Committees.

Ald. Frame also said nothing.

The Mayor: With the exception of Ald. Lamb, you all agree.

Ald. Lamb: I would not think of interfering with business in any way.

Ald. Sheppard: I am going to do to the best of my ability for the city of Toronto.

Ald. Frame (aside): You are always doing that.

The Mayor: Since it is part of my duty to sign contracts, I will have some such function as attorney-general. Perhaps we had better pass a resolution now.

Council is Supreme.

The facts are awkward in connection with this blossoming out of:

The Mayor as attorney-general.
Ald. Sheppard, finance minister.
Ald. Frame, minister of interior.
Ald. Hubbard, minister of public works.
Ald. Lamb, minister without portfolio.

It was only on Monday that the Council elected the Board of Control and also elected chairmen of the various departments to discharge the duties which the controllers hereafter intend to parallel or oversee. The duties of the Board of Control are defined by statute. But sec. 10 says: "The Council may, by bylaw or resolution, impose upon or assign to the Board of Control, such other duties as to the Council shall seem meet."

The Council in fact, while hgave the Board of Control its life, only can extend its functions.

Cabinet May Be Dismissed.

But the Council may remove controllers, which is the weak spot in the order of things called into vogue yesterday. In fact, in its nature and constitution the Board of Control has no resemblance at all to a Ministry in a party Government. Sec. 7 says: "The Council, at any time may, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Council present and voting, remove any member of the Board of Control other than the Mayor, and may, after such removal, proceed to fill the vacancy thus created."

The Ontario Legislature or the Dominion Parliament could not dismiss Cabinet Ministers and proceed to fill their places.

After the Board of Control rose, Ald. Sheppard solemnly declared that the new duties and responsibilities loaded upon him by Mayor Howland meant nothing new at all. Ald. Frame laughed, and said he was not going to take charge of anything.

Mayor Howland said there was no stretch of statutory powers involved in the proposition, and Ald. Hubbard got thru the front door before anyone had time to ask him a question.

It is Up to Robert John.

Mayor Howland took the opportunity of suggesting an investigation into the methods of the Assessment Department. Mr. Fleming was in the room, sitting just behind, and his countenance was eloquent of his deep interest in these remarks.

St. Lawrence Market.

A new phase of the St. Lawrence Market muddle looms up with the birth of the new Council and the appointment of new controllers.

Sheppard is Vice-Chairman.

When the board met very late in the afternoon, the Mayor said: Gentlemen, we are commencing the business of the year. The first business is that of organization by appointing a vice-chairman.

Ald. Hubbard, in a short complimentary speech, proposed Ald. Sheppard as vice-chairman. Ald. Frame and Lamb supported what he had said, and the appointment was declared unanimous.

The Mayor believed that the board should have an order of the day, just like the Council. This practice has not heretofore been followed by the Board of Control.

A motion to this effect was carried.

Sheppard's Census Plan.

Ald. Sheppard moved that the Board of Control send a recommendation to Council asking that a census be taken on March 31 by the police, at a cost probably of $100. His reason for making the motion was that the Dominion Government would take the census of Canada on that day, on what was called the de jure system. The population of Toronto, he thought, should be taken on the per capita basis.

Ald. Lamb thought the motion, if carried, might be construed as an expression of want of confidence in the Dominion census. Perhaps it would be better to wait, and look into its probable effect.

The Mayor suggested that, as the business was not pressing, it be allowed to stand for the present.

Early Estimates Demanded.

Ald. Sheppard moved that the heads of all the departments of the city government be instructed to send in their estimates by Feb. 1. He thought the rate should be struck by March 1.

Ald. Lamb: I think it is impossible to have it all completed by March 1. If we can get the rate struck by April 1 or May 1, it will be the greatest record made in the city of Toronto.

Ald. Sheppard: My object is to get it in at the earliest possible moment.

Treasurer Coady said last year the rate was struck in April.

After some discussion Ald. Sheppard changed his motion to read at the earliest possible moment instead of Feb. 1, as a definite date.

To Start Works Early.

Ald. Hubbard moved that an advertisement be inserted in all the city papers notifying the ratepayers who intend petitioning for local improvements to send in the petitions at the earliest possible moment, so that the works could be commenced in good time. Ald. Sheppard opposed the request for three months' supplies. It meant, he said, the giving of 25 per cent. of the year's appropriations without any check upon it. The Board of Control could not in this way exercise the fullest supervision of the estimates.

A resolution was accordingly carried.

Interim Appropriations.

City Treasurer Coady sent in a statement of the interim appropriations needed to carry on the business of the city till the end of March. The total amount was $462,000.

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On the suggestion of the Mayor, Mr. Coady was requested to take out his interim appropriations from month to month.

The following sums for the first month were put thru:

—Uncontrollable Expenditure.—

Administration of justice	$ 350
Inquests	200
Police Department	20,000
Jail maintenance	2,500
Public Library	2,500
Children's aid societies	300
Public Schools	40,000
Separate Schools	3,500
High Schools	3,500
Technical Schools	1,000
Industrial Schools	1,000
Public hospitals	2,500
Local Board of Health	2,000
Isolation Hospital	2,000
	$81,300

—Controllable Expenditure—

Law Department	$ 1,700
Civic legislation	500
Claims for damages	1,000
Printing	1,000
Advertising	750
Stationery	750
Assessment Department	2,000
Interments	200
Election expenses	2,500
Miscellaneous	1,500
Reception of distinguished visitors	500
Official salaries	5,000
Waterworks, racing and revenue branch	2,000
License office	200
Charitable grants	5,000
Insurance (casual risks)	200
	$24,800

—Board of Works.—

Roadways—Macadam	$400
Cedar block	400
Stone	200
General repairs	200
Tools and miscellaneous	100
Asphalt repairs	400
	$ 1,700
Sidewalks	750
Street cleaning	2,500
Street cleaning, snow	2,500
Scavenging	3,500
Street watering	500
Culvert cleaning	400
Stone and wooden kerbs	50
Stone and wooden crossings	125
General purposes	1,750
Street railway matters	250
Sewage disposal	400
Sand pump	200
Bridge repairs and maintenance	400
Level crossings, protection of	400
Engineering and expenses	2,500
	$17,975

—Waterworks—Maintenance.—

Maintenance of distribution	$ 1,500
Main Pumping Station	2,500
Main Pumping Station coal	3,000
Meter and machine shop	750
Press and store house	600
Reservoir	500
High Level Station	500
Carage	250
Miscellaneous	100
	$10,000

Water Works—Renewals.—

House service renewals	$ 300
	$ 7,850

—Committee on Fire and Light.—

General purposes	$15,000
Street lighting	8,000
	$23,000

—Committee on Property.—

General markets	$ 350
Cattle Market	1,500
Crematories	1,000
Public buildings	1,000
Fuel	500
New City Hall maintenance	3,500
	$ 7,850

—Committee on Parks and Exhibition.—

Maintenance of parks	$ 2,500

—Summary.—

Uncontrollable	$81,300
Controllable by committees—	
Board of Control	$24,800
Board of Works	17,975
Board of Works (Waterworks Branch)	10,000
Fire and Light	23,000
Property	7,850
Parks and Exhibition	2,500
	$86,125
	$167,425

Dominion Bridge Co.'s Position.

Ald. Lamb moved that the City Solicitor report upon all suits entered by the city against companies, particularly the Gas Co. and the Street Railway Co. He would also wish that a communication be sent to Mr. Siddall, asking him to report upon the condition of the work on the St. Lawrence market.

"The Montreal Bridge Co.," said Ald. Lamb, "simply took advantage of the price of iron at the beginning of last year. The representatives of the iron and steel work saw the members of the Board of Control and said that the iron was on the ground. But I understand that the iron they had there was for the Robert Simpson Company's building. As far as I can learn, the company are not now taking any steps whatever to go on with the work. I think this company ought to be censured. They have been looking to themselves, and trifling with us. We should not have any more patience with them. Everything is ready. The bricklayer has finished his work on that part of the building, and the company should be ready to proceed at once. Instead of that, they have not shown the slightest disposition to make a commencement of their department. I think Mr. Siddall should be written to upon the matter."

Who is Architect?

Ald. Sheppard: Mr. Siddall is not the city's architect. Why not write to the city's architect, Mr. Jarvis?

Ald. Lamb: Well, write to both.

The Mayor: There is a letter here with regard to that subject from Mr. Siddall, which, I suppose, should have been read.

Mr. Siddall's Letter.

Mr. Siddall's letter was as follows:

Dear Sir,—As you are probably aware, the Dominion Bridge Co., who were the contractors for the iron and steel work in the new St. Lawrence Market, about a year ago, found fault with my plans, claiming that, while the carrying capacity of the piers was sufficient, the necessary allowance for wind pressure on the roof of the building was lacking, and after receiving several reports the municipality gave effect to their complaint, the plans were altered, the necessary additional contracts let, and Mr. Beaumont Jarvis was associated with me for the undertaking. I might say that my contention at the time was that the plans were amply sufficient for all purposes, and that the real object of the company was to obtain time, so that they might have the advantage of the anticipated fall in the market price of iron before they were called upon to complete their contract, and that, as a matter of fact, they did not have the material on hand for the undertaking, as they alleged. However, whether I was right or wrong, the plans were altered, and the complaint given effect to after reports had been had confirming the position taken by the contractors. Considerably more than a year has now elapsed since the company were first given notice to proceed with their work under the contract, but it is at a standstill. All work at the market has practically stopped owing to the Bridge Company's delay in supplying and putting in place the necessary iron work. Piers have been ready to have the roof trusses placed on them since about Dec. 17 last, quite a sufficient number to enable them to have gone on with their work, and kept a large gang of men employed, but no material has been placed in position nor, indeed, is there any on the ground. I have made numerous complaints to Mr. Evans, the Toronto agent of the Dominion Bridge Company, as to the delay, but without getting any satisfactory or proper assurance as to when the work was going on. He states the delay to be at Montreal, and in connection with preliminaries as to the necessary scaffolding to be used in placing the trusses, which are of considerable weight, in place. This means that the material is not yet shipped. I might say that at the time of my former complaint the real object of the company's objections to the plans was to obtain a delay; that their agent pointed out to some members of the Property Committee a considerable amount of manufactured stuff ready for the building operations, telling them in answer to my objections that that was the material that had been manufactured for the market, and that the company was ready to proceed with its contract. Mr. Evans, indeed, went so far, I understand, as to subsequently state that his company expected to be paid interest on the money which was tacked up on the amount of the manufactured material for the time completion was delayed, by reason of the change of plans. I regret very much to say that the material which was in the yard of the company on the Esplanade has been used, and, apparently, was never intended for this contract, but in connection with the work of extending the Robert Simpson Company's store, which was then under way. The continued delays of the company are most serious, and entirely retard the whole undertaking. The fact that all work is practically at a standstill is entirely owing to the company's default in proceeding with their contract, and I feel it my duty to bring the matter to your attention at the earliest possible moment. I would respectfully ask that an opportunity be given for consultation by Mr. Jarvis and myself with Your Worship and the Board of Control. Some course of action should be settled on and adhered to.

J. W. Siddall.

Architects Will Appear.

The Mayor observed that he was probably not as well acquainted with the details of the matter as the other members of the board. He thought it necessary that he should be thoroly informed, as he believed the work should be extricated from the present muddle as quickly as possible. His idea was to have the architects come before the Board of Control at the earliest opportunity, and give all the information that the board might require.

Ald. Sheppard said it was true that the representative of the Bridge Company did come before the Board of Control, and did state that the iron was on the ground in readiness for putting on the roof. If the statements in Mr. Siddall's letter were correct, Ald. Lamb was certainly justified in his references to the company, and there could be no other conclusion save that event than that the company had put the city to all this trouble for their own advantage.

Special Meeting Will be Held.

After Ald. Sheppard had told the board of the treatment of the question by the Council of last year, and explained the respective positions of Architects Jarvis and Siddall, it was decided to hold a special meeting on Thursday next at 2.30 o'clock, with the market muddle will be specially dealt with.

A suggestion that the carpenter be notified to come before the board with the architects was not acted upon.

Happy Go Lucky Assessment.

Letters were read from the Legal and Assessment Department with regard to unpaid taxes on property owned by the Industrial Refuge and Aged Men and Aged Women's Home. The ladies in charge of the home had a notice from Fleming & McTamney, bailiffs, acting for one of the tax collectors, claiming about $80 from them for taxes in respect to 100 feet of their property fronting Belmont-street. For the years 1894 and 1895, the taxes in respect of this property had been allowed to go into arrears and the land, having been sold for taxes, was redeemed by the ladies at $192. The property was assessed to William Forbes for some years prior to 1894 and 1895, and also down to and including 1898. About 1894 or 1895 the west portion of the land was leased to Forbes as a tenant. He failed and gave up possession about 1896. The taxes for 1897-8-9 have not been paid and as the land for those years has been assessed to Forbes as owner the home had no notice of the assessment. The ladies ask that the general taxes for the three years be cancelled. They are willing to pay the local improvements.

The Mayor said the Solicitor's opinion was that the taxes should be remitted.

Ald. Sheppard could not understand how the land could have been assessed to the tenant. He would put the blame on the assessor.

Ald. Lamb thought the assessor had only followed the usual course.

Investigate the Department.

The Mayor: Th's is one of the cases that I think show the necessity for a thoro investigation of the methods of assessment here. That may be a matter for Council. I cannot see how this could have been done with a registry office in the city.

The taxes were ordered to be remitted.

A PRIVILEGE

Thrown Away Entirely.

It is curious to observe how hard it is for some people to give up coffee drinking after they have become at least half satisfied that it is the cause of their ill-health, but it becomes an easy task to give it up when one takes Postum Food Coffee in its place, providing, of course, that Postum is made according to directions, for then it has the rich, beautiful color, and a satisfying taste, while the rapid improvement in health clinches the argument.

A young lady at Cambridgeport, Mass., says: "When it was shown to me plainly that my ill-health and excessive nervousness was largely due to the coffee habit, I realized that it must give it up, but it was next to impossible to do so. However, I made the trial, and took Postum Food Coffee, with the mental reservation of the 'privilege,' as I termed it, of drinking coffee once a week.

"Little did I dream what a true friend Postum was destined to become to me. The old stomach trouble left, the nervousness vanished, and good, natural, healthy sleep came to my relief. In less than six months I felt like another person, I was so well and happy.

"The 'reserve privilege' in regard to using regular coffee was thrown to the winds. I have not the slightest desire for it; in fact, I very much prefer my Postum to any coffee."

BRANT-SERO WOULD BE A SOLDIER.

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send 300 warriors to South Africa, most of whom are members of the 37th Haldimand Rifles. The offer was courteously declined by the Minister of Militia. I, in the meantime, made a personal application to the Militia Department, asking that if it was decided to send any portion of the Six Nations Indians I might be identified with them. My offer was declined. I then made up my mind to proceed to the seat of war on my own account. The results are as I have stated.

The history of the Mohawk and others of the Six Nations Confederacy residing in Canada is well known in Canada, in fact, a history of Canada cannot be written impartially without recounting the warlike deeds of the Six Nations. We believe we have an interest in the Empire, bought by the blood of our ancestors. The name of Captain Joseph Brant (Thayandanegea) is inscribed upon the land on every student and traveler. It was under his banner the Mohawks left their once beautiful homes in the Mohawk Valley, New York State, trekking northward to Grand River and the Bay of Juriste [Quinte], where they might enjoy a comfortable retreat safe to follow the customs of their forefathers. Here for over a century they have lived, cultivating their farms, and their progress is the pride of all true Canadians. They are not degenerating, neither are they decreasing, but upon the other hand, in common with the Indian population of Canada, they are rapidly increasing in numbers. There is scarcely a calling, trade or profession in which these Indians are not represented. In social life, politics and literature we occupy no small place.

J. O. Brant-Sero.

8 Dartmouth-street, Westminster, S.W., Dec. 30.

Times Took it Up.

The Times took the matter up, and in a leading article declared that Mr. Brant-Sero was the victim of the letter of the ordinance, and not of the spirit. Incidentally an interesting exposition of one phase of the war is elucidated. The editorial on Jan. 2 is as follows:

A letter which we publish this morning from Mr. Brant-Sero, who describes himself as a Canadian Mohawk Indian, is very interesting from more than one point of view. On the outbreak of the present war the Canadian Indian subjects of the Queen offered, thru the Council of the Six Nations, to send three hundred men, mostly members of the 37th Haldimand Rifles, to South Africa to take part in the defence of the Empire. Their forefathers had fought on our side, and subsequently migrated in a body from their home in the Mohawk Valley, State of New York, to Brant County, Ontario. There the Six Nations have lived in peace for more than a century, and have learned to take their part in Canadian life, a part which Mr. Brant-Sero assures us is a very considerable one.

Natural Patriotism.

It was, therefore, quite natural that they should share the feelings of their white fellow-subjects in Canada, and should wish to take their share in the defence of the Empire to which they belong. Their request, however, was courteously refused, and in the special circumstances of warfare in South Africa it could not but be refused, as Mr. Brant-Sero himself now doubtless understands. But he thought that the objection to a body of three hundred men might not be strictly enforced against an individual volunteer, so he went to South Africa and attempted as a Canadian to join one or other of the mounted forces which have done such excellent work in aid of the regular army. He was everywhere met with blank refusal, but, being willing to serve in any capacity, he managed to get upon the civilian staff, and was employed in taking animals up to the front. However, we gather that, even so, he did not meet with much encouragement, and after another vain attempt to join a mounted corps he gave up the struggle in despair.

No Excuse Given.

Probably the authorities had no choice in the matter. It was all-essential that no excuse should be given for the native populations of South Africa to try and exterminate the Boers, a task many of them would undertake with no small pleasure, and it had, therefore, been decided that we should not employ troops of other than what is called European descent, altho the phrase has no accurate meaning, since there are European populations which are ethnologically not remotely related to the aboriginal population of the American continent. The general meaning, however, is that we should employ only those who are popularly regarded as white men, tho the phrase again is as wanting as the other in scientific precision. That being the general rule, Mr. Brant-Sero was excluded from military employment, tho it can hardly be doubted by anyone who reads his letter that his case is a hard one, and that it is the letter and not the spirit of the ordinance which has defeated his hopes.

War Conditions Peculiar.

Mr. Brant-Sero, and all his loyal compatriots, Canadian Indians, British Indians or Maoris, who volunteered for service under the flag, may, however, find consolation in the reflection that the conditions of the present war are peculiar, and that it is only in view of these conditions that this country has resolved to impose upon the majority of Her Majesty's subjects the disability under which he suffers. The South African war is a war between two white races, or two races of European descent, waged in presence of an enormously preponderant population of a totally different character. In such a war it was thought better not to call in the aid of races who habitually furnish a whole army of defenders of the Empire.

Quixotic Ordinance.

As the Boers are in some cases very largely mixed with native blood, it was, perhaps, a little Quixotic to pass this self-denying ordinance, but at any rate it has been passed. It is just as well, however, to remind all whom it may concern that our resolution to employ only white soldiers was taken in view of the special conditions of South Africa, and that it does not constitute a precedent binding us in any degree to follow a similar course in any other emergency that may arise. That would be a fetter upon our power of Imperial defence which could not be tolerated for a moment. There is no justification for such a thing in the character of the non-European troops at our disposal, whether in Asia or in Africa. Nor is there any argument in favor of such a course to be drawn from the practice of other nations, which, when opportunity offers, and when their occasions make it convenient, resort without any hesitation to the enrolment of races not European, not of the Caucasian stock, and not so civilized as the auxiliaries upon which we rely.

Public Amusements

Hear Al. H. Wilson Sing.

Al. Wilson is entertaining large houses at the Toronto Opera House this week, in his pretty German comedy-drama, "The Watch on the Rhine." The story related is an interesting one, dealing with the German diplomatic service, and the dialog is arranged in a manner that enables the comedian to introduce the songs which have made him famous and gained for him the title of the "golden voiced singer," His "Tea Kettle Song" and "Love is Love in All" are delightfully simple, and his rendition of them is the occasion for outbursts of applause. The sale for the balance of the week, as usual at the Toronto, indicates big business; there is an unusual demand for seats for the matinees, Thursday and Saturday. Manager Small announces for next week "The Night Before Christmas," a pastoral drama that has been well received wherever presented.

At the Princess.

There is but one opinion among patrons of the Princess regarding the Valentine Company's production of "The Stowaway," and that is that it is far and away the most entertaining of the many splendid productions which the popular stock company has offered in Toronto. The sequel to the immense hit which "The Stowaway" has scored is found in the unusual increase in patronage, the audiences at the three performances already given taxing the capacity of the theatre and the enthusiasm of the public being such that the performance is lengthened to an appreciable extent on account of the numerous recalls. There have been few, if any, instances in the current season when the members of the company all appeared to such good advantage as in the current bill. Every one of the ladies and gentlemen seems to be especially fitted for the roles assigned them, and strong hits have been scored by several of those who have hitherto had no opportunity of giving the public a taste of their quality. "The Stowaway" will run all week, with matinees to-morrow and Saturday, and, if the present demand for tickets continues, those who put off attending until the close of the week will be very lucky if they can procure seats in any part of the house. "Bootle's Baby," an English military comedy, is underlined for the coming week, and souvenirs of Osborne Searle will be the special attraction for the opening performance.

The Only Comedian, Wilson.

We are to have a favorite comedian at the Grand on the conclusion of "The Cadet Girl" engagement, when Francis Wilson and his company will appear in the new comic opera, "The Monks of Malabar." Mr. Wilson gave the first production of this work at the opening of the present season in New York, and the success was instantaneous. Chevver Goodwin wrote the book and Ludwig Englander is the composer of the music. "The Monks of Malabar" is one of those topsy-turvey affairs where the acrobatics of language and the upside-downness of the situation keep the audience amused while the curtain is up. Mr. Wilson has gone yack to the style of opera in which he made his greatest successes, and the results indorse his wisdom in that choice. Indeed, the scene of the new opera, and a more picturesque region could not be imagined for the absurdities thru which Boolboom, the hero, impersonated by Mr. Wilson, passes. Picturesqueness of scenery and costuming will make the piece doubly attractive, and everything connected with the production will be new and bright. Mr. Wilson has a new company to support him this season. Foremost of all is Marie Celeste, who has made so many successes. Van Rensselaer Wheeler, Hallen Mostyn, Clara Palmer, Grace Orr-Myers, Edith Bradford, Louise Lawton will be seen in congenial characters, and there will be a chorus of the prettiest girls who have ever appeared with Mr. Wilson in this city.

Holy Trinity Y.P.G. Concert.

The program presented by Holy Trinity Church Young People's Guild at their new century concert in the school houses last evening was of a high order. The instrumental selections were given by Miss Craig, piano; Mr. Switzer, violin; Mr. Crosby, cornet; Mr. Brandreth, harp; Miss Hatzfeld, accompanist. Mrs. Hatzfeld sang with her usual charm and grace, and Master Jack Charles (accompanist Mr. Fairclough) pleased all his hearers with his beautifully sweet voice. Mr. Scott recited "The Settlers' Story" with credit to himself. Six young ladies from the Y.W.C. Guild, the Misses M. Bolton, L. Sheppard, A. Preston, Elsie Fowler, A Mosey and Bessie Beales, contributed an amusing sketch entitled, "A love of a bonnet," which closed the entertainment.

A.O.U.W.'s Splendid Concert.

The twenty-third annual concert, held last night in Massey Hall, under the auspices of the Toronto District Ancient Order of United Workmen was a pronounced success. A program that delighted all lovers of music was presented, those taking part being: Miss Bessie Bonsall, contralto; Mr. Adam Dockray, tenor; Mr. W. J. A. Carmichael, baritone; Miss Emma T. Irons, elocutionist; Mr. James Fax, comic; Mr. Harry Bennett, comic, and Master Frank Clegg, soloist. Mr. Ernest Bowles officiated as accompanist. Timson's orchestra also rendered several musical selections.

Inspector Stark, D.D.G.M., made an excellent chairman, and prior to the concert made a brief address, outlining the benefits to be derived from becoming a member of the order. He pointed out that the A.O.U.W. is the oldest and one of the best fraternal societies doing business in Canada. The membership in Ontario at present is about 40,000, and is steadily and rapidly growing. The beneficial system is ample, easily understood, economical in its workings, and in all its details comes under the direct observation and care of its members. In conclusion, he said a careful examination of the system will satisfy any intelligent person that the order is conducted on a sound business basis.

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POLICEMAN HAD TWO FIGHTS.

Constable Mackie Landed a Couple of Prisoners After Considerable Pugilistic Persuasion.

Robert Storey and William Fowler, two men who have no particular place of abode, are under arrest at the Agnes-street Station, charged with vagrancy. Constable Mackie received information last night that the men had made a begging tour of the stores on Yonge-street below College-street, and had also visited the private houses on Hayter-street. He located them on Christopher-street.

The men quietly submitted to arrest, but while on the way to the station Storey put up a fight and allowed his companion to escape. Constable Mackie then handed Storey over to Constable Armstrong, and went in search of Fowler. Only a short time elapsed before the prisoner who had escaped was found on University-avenue and was again taken into custody. Fowler resisted arrest, and had it not been for a citizen who assisted the policeman, he would in all probability have secured his liberty a second time.

Eastern District L.O.L. Officers.

The members of the Eastern District Lodge of the Orange Association met last night in Victoria Hall and prepared reports which will be presented at the annual meeting of the County Lodge next month.

The annual election of officers took place, with this result: D M, C J Wilson; D D M, Jas E Thompson; recording secretary, W J Hodgson; financial secretary, T H Wilson; treasurer, John Lang; chaplain, D Hamilton; D O C, James Edwards; lecturer, James Lee.

John McMillan, D G M of Ontario West, assisted by Ald. Hodgson, deputy county master, conducted the election and installation of officers.

Into the Jaws of Death.

Chambersburg, Pa., Jan. 14.—Charles Reed, who was injured in an accident on the Cumberland Valley Railroad, at Shippensburg, last night, died at the Children's Aid Society Hospital there this morning. Reed's companion, Miss Joanna Wolf, had her collarbone broken. A peculiar mishap caused the accident. Reed was driving along the track in the same direction the train was going. The lines became twisted, and instead of guiding the horses away from the railroad the driver unwittingly urged the animals on to the