

bells and a snow-covered landscape, with sometimes a mild bizzard thrown in just to make the scene more realis-tic. Any other condition as regards Christmas weather is abnormal, un-healthy, and must necessarily encour-age sickness of disease. Hence the as-sociations of a green Christmas with a full churchyard.

sociations of a green Christmas with a full churchyard. Here in To. onto we needh't be pessi-mistic. ndoUubtedly the weather has been a Little murky this past day or took by the coservatory officials. Be-sides, the rise in temperature appears to be just local. Reports from country districts adjoining the city and from nearby towns bring the country roads and God arich boasts of five feet of snow or that 's little satisfaction for Toronto 26 hours or so and there may be nothing to compla h about as fegards weather. There is something interesting in comhe was weighing inspector of the Grand Trunk Railway. Two of his brothers are railroad men, Mark being

to complan about as regards weather. There is something interesting in com-paring the Canadian Christmas as we see it and as the people of Europe, par-ticularly the people of the mother iand imagine it to be. Aliens would get a supprise to see "Our Lady of the Snows" bathed in sunchine at this sea-son of the year instead of being in the ticularly the people of the mother fail imagine it to be. Allens would get a surprise to see "Our Lady of the Snows" bathed in sunshine at this sea-son of the year instead of being in the gidp of icy breezes away down below zero, with the blue-nosed Canadian people wrapped in furs, as we gome-times read about.

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thes read about. As a matter of fact, the appearance of snow at Christmas is somewhat of a surplee to us. Take last year, for in- French Steamer Sunk in Collsion off

Surpise to us. Take last year, for in-stance, when all day long the flakes fell. In abundance and the ground was covered with a white carpet fully six inches deep. Not for several years to deen in collision off Oran, Algeria, were an experience, and only once between 1884 and 1902 was there sleighing on Christmas aDy.

and the Queen City has as metropol.tan a an appearance as any old world city of the same size can lay claim to. Hence we can't complain if our winters are losing some of their old-time rugged. ness, and becoming adaptable to the more modern ideas of what a sensible winter should be. Up in the backwoods bountry the snows of winter and the glizzards of early spring still hold un-disputed sway, but even the bardy plo-

disputed sway, but even the hardy plo-neers get wearles of the incessant cold-ness and dreariness. It is all very well to read about the pule-tide logs glazing

on the hearth while the moaning winds and slet outside beat against the little sixth. cabin walls in vain. But there is little time for sentiment nowadays and pen-ple have to get out and hustle to their various pursuits and occaupations, hence a little mildness in the climate is not such a regretable thing after all. We like the good o.d-fashioned winters anyhow, and even if there is no offense

to go tobogganing or sleighing at Christams we can eat the turkey just as heartily, knowing that there'll be lots of "cold snaps" and wintry wea-ther before the April thaws arrive.

VICTIMS OF PNEUMONIA Latchford Was Swept by Flames HUSBAND AND WIFE DEAD Entire Business Section Gutted by Fire-Worst Blaze in History of the Town. NORTH BAY, Dec. 24.-A big disaster, the worst in the history of the town, occurred at Latchford,

when the entire business section was guited by fire. Nine business places were burn-ed, and the loss will reach fully

\$100.000. \$100,000. J. L. Englehart, chairman of the Timiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission, when spoken to by The World, late yesterday afternoon, said he had had no word as to the details of the fire or the extent of the damage.

or the extent of the damage. Word might have come to the of-floces of the railway, he said, but these were closed, as it was Sat-udray afternoon. "I am very sorry to hear of the fire," said Mr. Englehart. "Tho there are a few fine brick build-ings in Latchford, most of the buildings are of wood, and if fire once started to get a headway, it would be hard to stop it." would be hard to stop it." Mr. McGhie of the T. & N.O. Com-

misison, had gone out of town Sat-urday morning and could not be reached.

THE SEARCH FOR GRACE

Toronto, and we certainly can boast of cosm. point we there in the the farbor at Cartagena to-day. According to a sailor who reached for the backwoods has almost-entirely in fact-disappeared from our midst, which, he says, sank in a few minutes and the Queen City has as metropolitan an appearance as any old world of the farbor at Cartagena to-day. According to a sailor who reached there on the steamer Yao, he was the sole survivor of the Jeanne Conseil, after the collision. The only development was an uncon-firmed rumor current at Amsterdam

Gift of Making Friends. Blessed is the man who has the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's heav gifts. It involves many things, but above all is the power of going out of one's self and seeing and appreciating whatever is noble and lovable in another.—Thomas Hughes.

THREE CANDIDATES DROP OUT. Aldermanic candidates have all quali-fied, with the exception of Charles Sher and Charles Ellard, both in the third ward, and T. G. Matheson in the

DEATHS, BARNES-On Saturday morning, Dec. 24 at St. Michael's Hospital, William James Barnes (late of the Grand Trunk Railway), beloved son of _ar. and Mrs. John Barnes, Funeral (private), Monday, Dec. 26.

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ONLY ONE SURVIVOR

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has a monument, the weighty men of onMureal will have to pay for it. Montreal has had the monument fever for generations. Soon after S. Honore Mercler died a great demon-stration took place, with a view to scaure a monument to the fallen chief-tain. The late George Washington Stephens subscribed \$50, Fred Perry St and, altho 15 years have passed mor-then, the monument is not est, and the Guebee Government will have to do the job at the ancient capital. Laid the Corner Stone. Then another effort was made to give found the yoolite Lafontaine a monument in Lafontaine Park, and a year ago thirty thousand people assembled to orate about Lafontaine and champion his claim to a granite shaft. F. D. Monk, Henri Bourassa and others were the orators of the day, while John Boyd, the Canadian poet, enthused in patriotic song. The cheering was desf-ening and the corner-stone was duly laid, but not a red cent has since been subscribed. Montreal, however, had a little bet-ter luck with Dollard, for, after two hundred and fifty years of neglect, the patriotism of Montreal is aroused. A splendid effort was forthcoming, and \$4000 came pouring in to the memory of Dollard, and then the movement fel-into the St. Lawrence, for \$25,000 had been asked. The Dollard monument boom appears to-day to be as dead ma a doornali. 20000 People, Collection \$46,60. The greatest success however, bat a fitse sterior

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boom appears to-day to be as dead as a doornall. 20.000 People, Collection \$46,60. The greatest success, however, ever scored by Montreal was when 20.000 where a collection was to be taken for the family of Louis Riel. All the Riel boys were to be educated by the pie-trots here in Montreal, and everyone supported that; while the Riel feeling was at fever heat, the Montrealers would nobly respond. Not by any means, however, for when the coppers were counted the sum collected reach-ed \$46.60. In fact there are men infirm tying those coppers collected in memo-ory of Riel.

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