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Embroidered net, $12 to $60. Sequin trimmed, $25 to $50. Silk applique, $30 to $50. Sequin jackets, $8 to $15.

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Heavy Wrap Shawls 2.50 to 20.00. *Real Shetland Shawls*, 1.50 to 11.00. *Orenburg (Imitation Shetland) Shawls*, 60c to 5.00. *Fancy Knit Honeycomb Shawls*, 60c to 5.50. *Chudda and Cashmere Shawls*, 1.75 to 6.00 *Knit Silk Shawls*, 3.00 to 4.00. *Shetland Wool Spencers*, 1.00.

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TORONTO AT LAST TO HAVE RIVAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM

New Company With Dominion Charter Seeking Suitable Arrangement With the City.

There is every likelihood that a new telephone company will soon enter into competition in this city with the present Bell Company. A number of gentlemen interested in the Canadian Telephone and Telegraph Company were in the city yesterday and if arrangements can be made with the city, no time will be lost in getting to work to instal a new telephone system in this city. The company also proposes to extend their operations thruout the various cities and towns of the province and Canada. The new company seeks competing rights in the city.

As will be remembered the Canadian Telephone and Telegraph Company applied to parliament during the last session for its charter. The application met with violent opposition from all sides and various tactics were resorted to by its natural enemies and from friends of monopoly, to have the charter refused. The applicants, however, succeeded in satisfying the most exacting of their impartial critics on every point and established beyond doubt the bona fides of the company as a substantial and reliable concern, fully capable of carrying to a successful issue anything it undertook to accomplish in giving to the Dominion what has undoubtedly been long needed—an efficient and up-to-date local and long distance telephone service.

Is Well Recommended.

Not alone has the Canadian Telephone and Telegraph Company succeeded in satisfying parliament in every particular, but it has also a recommendation that will carry considerable weight in the minds of citizens at large in that it has the practical sanction of the Canadian Union of Municipalities, having willingly consented to insert in its charter a number of amendments and requirements suggested by that body, which represents the cities and towns of Ontario and Quebec. The committee of the Municipalities' Union, which arranged the suggestions, included Mayor Urquhart, Mr. Fullerton of the city's legal department, and Mr. Lighthall of Montreal. This assures the citizens of Toronto and elsewhere that their interests have been well safeguarded in the charter under which the company would operate.

Independent Companies Successful.

The new company is capitalized at one million dollars. A meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the King Edward Hotel yesterday to discuss plans. The board is composed of Hon. Charles Robinson, Scranton, Pa.; George W. Fowler, Sussex, N.B.; Robert Bickerdike, M.P., Montreal; Wm. F. McCreary, Winnipeg, Man.; George J. Stegmaier, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Fred Warnke and James R. Mears, Scranton, Pa., and Frank G. Leonard of New York City. General Manager John Thompson of Ottawa, son of the late Sir John Thompson, is secretary of the company and was present at yesterday's meeting.

It is the intention of the company to seek competing privileges with present telephone lines and to proceed as quickly as possible with installing its lines thruout the provinces of Canada, connecting with the independent systems in operation in the United States, which now have some 8,000,000 telephones in operation, some three times as many as the Bell. The new company will instal the newest and most improved devices in telephony and give the city an unexcelled service. A reduction in the present rates is also assured. Almost every city and town in the United States has two telephone companies and this would prove conclusively that competition is popular, as well as necessary, to ensure good service, as competition is essential to good results in everything.

MINING ENGINEERS' CONVENTION

To Be Held in Toronto for First Time in March Next.

A meeting of the committee of the Canadian Institute of Mining Engineers was held at the Queen's last night, when it was decided to have the annual convention of the institute take place in Toronto from March 4 to 6 next. Heretofore the meetings have been held in Montreal.

A large number of papers have already been arranged for, to be read by mining experts of Ontario and elsewhere, and the discussion will, as usual, include consideration of the mining laws and regulations of the country. The convention, which is to take place at the King Edward, will conclude with a banquet, at which a number of prominent men of the province will be invited to speak. A hundred or more delegates will be in attendance.

Those present at last night's meeting included Eugene Coste, the president; R. T. A. Bell of Ottawa, secretary and editor of The Canadian Mining Review; Major Leckie of Sudbury, G. R. Mickle, Thomas W. Gibson of the Ontario Bureau of Mines and J. M. McEvoy, manager of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company.

MAY HAVE FOLLOWED HER.

Hespeler, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—There will be no inquest on the body of August Fleider, the young German, who committed suicide on Sunday morning. Deceased was present at a dance at his boarding house on Saturday night and wished to escort Miss Annie O'Krofka to her home at its conclusion. His offer was declined and he at once went to his room, secured a double-barreled shotgun and left the house. Nothing was seen of him afterwards until his body was found in the gravel pit on Tuesday afternoon, but residents in the neighborhood heard shots on Sunday morning. It is thought that he may have followed Miss O'Krofka with intent to murder her before ending his own life. The body was buried this afternoon by the town authorities.

ADMIRAL SEES EMPEROR.

London, Dec. 10.—The correspondent of The Times at Tokio says that two Russian cruisers and two battleships having assembled at Chemuipo, M. Pavloff, the Russian Minister to Corea, accompanied by the admiral commanding the fleet, had an audience with the Emperor, in the course of which, it is believed, he renewed his protest against the opening of Yongampho to foreign commerce.

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CATTLE BREEDERS' MEETING HUNTER HEADS HEREFORDS

St. Louis Fair Board Censured for Not Recognizing Our Stud and Herd Books.

Guelph, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The thirteenth annual meeting of the Canadian Hereford Breeders' Association was held at the Royal Hotel this morning. R. J. Mackie, Oshawa, vice-president, was in the chair, and there was a good representation of members present from the different parts of Canada. Mr. Henry Wade acted as secretary.

The chairman welcomed the Hereford breeders to their thirteenth annual meeting and called upon the secretary-treasurer to present his statement of the year's business.

Mr. Wade in his report has prepared an account of the winners at the different exhibitions thruout Canada. The following is a synopsis of the report presented:

"As promoters of the breed shows, as founders of the movement which has resulted in establishing permanent stock expositions and stock sales at Kansas City and Chicago, Hereford breeders of the United States feel in duty bound to keep up the standard of their herds. Their shows have been excellent, and their sales, altho in common with other breeds not reaching the average of former years, have been healthy.

"At a combination show and sale at Indianapolis on Sept. 15 the bull Columbus 10th sold for $600 and the cow Armel sold for $400. At the Kansas City sale in January our president purchased several at good substantial prices, and at the combination at Wabash, Ind., cows averaged $245 and bulls $147. Sales have also been good in Canada.

"We have cattle enough and good breeders enough to follow in their footsteps, but while our American cousins are united and stand by their herd book, enabling them to collect sufficient funds to give large prizes and engage in the "battle of the breeds,' we are decidedly lacking in these respects. If all Canadian Hereford breeders put their shoulders together and decide to record their cattle in their own book it would probably be but a short time before they had sufficient money to offer prizes large enough to induce exhibitors to show cattle equal to those which have beaten other beef breeds so often in the United States.

"The show and sales at the last international were very successful, and the quality of the animals better than usual.

"We have recorded 385 pedigrees and 477 transfers during the last year, and we have at present 329 males and about 383 females, or a total of 712 pedigrees for our Third Volume of the Canadian Hereford Herd Book.

"Our members were made members of the Cattle Breeders' Association on by th payment of $28, this money being added to the prizes given at the Winter Fair.

A list of winners at the different exhibitions thruout Canada will appear in our printed report, which will be mailed to all the members. It will include the following exhibitions: Winnipeg, Man., Halifax, N.S., Lacombe, Alta., Toronto, Ont., Regina, Assa., Brandon, Man., Southern Manitoba Fair, Killarney, Man., Charlottetown, P.E.I., Fredericton, N.B., London, Ont., Ottawa, Ont., New Westminster, B.C., Victoria, B.C., McLeod Alta., Okotokes, Alta., Maple Creek, Assa., Lethbridge, Alta., Medicine Hat, Assa., Birtle, Man.

The following were elected officers for 1904:

President, W. H. Hunter, The Maples.

Vice-president, R. J. Mackie of Oshawa.

Vice-presidents for the provinces: Quebec—H. D. Smith, Compton.
Nova Scotia—W. W. Black, Amherst.
New Brunswick—H. B. Hall, Gagetown.
British Columbia—J. L. McKay of Sinclair.
Assiniboia—R. Swinton, Regina.
Alberta—O. Palmer, Lacombe.
Manitoba—J. Sharman, Rossburn.
Ontario—J. A. McDiarmid, Stayner.
Directors—Jas. Wallace, Cartwright, Man.; T. H. Reid, Holstein; H. Reed, Mimosa; M. O'Neil, Southgate; M. Boyd, Bobcaygeon; B. W. Reed, Forest; A. Warmick, Pamscorck; W. K. Gooding, Guelph; A. Stone, Guelph; W. H. Hammell, Beaton; F. M. Copeland, Harriston.

Secretary-treasurer and editor—H. Wade.

Delegates to the different exhibitions: Winnipeg exhibition—J. A. Chapman, Beresford, Man.; Toronto exhibition—W. H. Hunter, H. Wade; Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association, 1904—W. K. Gooding, A. Stone; London—R. M. Stull and M. O'Neil.

The following resolutions were passed by the meeting:

That we, the members of the Canadian Hereford Association, at our annual meeting, do express our regret at the action of the St. Louis Fair Board in not recognizing the stud and herd books of Canada. We, as a Dominion, have been a large link in the chain of conveyance in pure-bred stock between Great Britain and the United States and having a careful and well-edited set of Canadian Hereford herd books we hope that the St. Louis World's Fair will rescind and amend their rules, as we are informed from good authority they intend to do.

That the thanks of this meeting are tendered our secretary and editor, H. Wade, and the officers for the able manner in which the affairs of the association have been looked after.

That we, the members of this association now in session, object very strongly to the present United States Treasury Department ruling in preventing Canadian breeders from selling cattle in the United States and especially at the St. Louis exhibition, where they would have to return them to Canada before they would be delivered to the purchasers free of duty.

Shorthorn Breeders.

The Executive Committee of the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association met at the Royal Hotel this afternoon. Wm. Linton, president, presided, and there were present Arthur Johnson, Greenwood; W. G. Pettet, Freeman; H. G. Wade, Toronto; R. Millar, Stouffville, W. D. Flatt, Hamilton; H. Wade, secretary, Toronto. The prize lists for the different exhibitions for the coming year were revised. Since 1895 the association has paid $15,000 for prize money at exhibitions. The shows at which they have given prizes form a chain from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and include those held at Halifax, N. S.; Amherst, N. S.; St. John, N. B.; Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Sherbrooke, Que.; Ottawa, Toronto, Guelph, London, Winnipeg, Brandon, Saskatchewan, Calgary, Alta. New Westminster, Victoria, B. C. The association is doing a great work for the herd in Canada.

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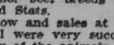

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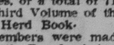

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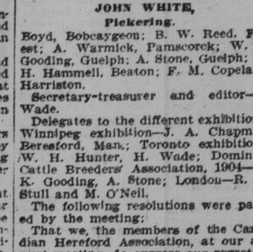
PEEL OLD BOYS' OFFICERS.

W. B. Earngey Elected President—Lodge Room Notes.

The annual meeting of the Peel Old Boys' Association was held in the Temple Building last night, with a large attendance. A. H. McConnell occupied the chair, but declined a further nomination for president, having held the position for the past two years. The officers elected were as follows: Hon. presidents, Sir Wm. P. Howland, Hon. J. C. Aikens, O. A. Howland, C.M.G., E. J. Hearn and Jas. A. Proctor; president, W. D. Earngey; vice-presidents, J. W. L. Forster, A. B. Nichols and A. E. Black; secretary, A. H. McConnell; treasurer, Samuel Price; Executive Committee, J. L. McClure; E. S. Williamson, R. J. Cooper, John Colvin, Thos. McQuinn, F. E. Ellis and Frank H. Nichols. It was felt that "Canada First" McConnell's services could be utilized to much greater advantage in the position of secretary, where he will be able to boom the association more effectively. Among the honorary presidents will be noted the names of the two ex-Lieutenant-Governors of the province, and the policy of the club is purely Canadian.



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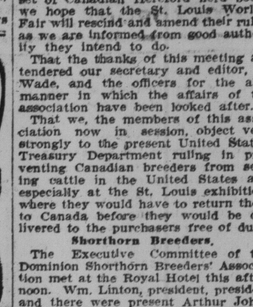

Secretary McConnell.

Shrewsbury Lodge 158 S. O. E. elected officers in Forum Hall last night as follows: President, Geo. Champion; vice-president, J. Stanley; chaplain, Edgar Haydon; secretary, H. W. Bryant; treasurer, F. Walker; committeemen, H. Wilson, Jos. Sangster, R. C. Nye, H. Lyons; inside guard, J. Lawrence; outside guard, W. B. Pickering; doctor, Norman Allen; auditors, W. Roeder; F. Fuerst and Dan Crosson; trustees, Edwd. Boynton and F. Fuerst; delegate to Grand Lodge, F. Fuerst; alternate, F. Walker.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Central Y. M. C. A. met yesterday afternoon and completed arrangements for the annual entertainment of the members of the boys' department on Jan. 2 next in Association Hall. Mrs. Kilgour occupied the chair. There are 440 boys, ranging from 13 to 17 years of age, for whom refreshments will be provided and a bright program prepared.

There was an open debate at last night's meeting of the Toronto Philaletic Club at their rooms in the Oddfellows' Building. The subject was the relative value and appearance of used as against unused stamps, which were upheld by W. E. Brown and Dr. Boultbee respectively. A discussion followed among the members. The president, H. J. Fairhead, occupied the chair.

The uniformed rank of the I. O. O. F. had a "turkey supper" last night in their hall, when Canton No. 7 of the Patriarch Militant gave an informal entertainment. Officers were also elected as follows: Captain, M. Bourne; lieutenant, J. Reinholt; ensign, H. Crocker; clerk, H. E. McDonald; accountant, A. Bourne. Major G. W. Cutter, commander of the Second Battalion, was appointed installing officer.

The ladies of the Baptist W. C. T. U. held their annual bazar and fancy goods sale at the Y. W. C. A. Building, and the affair proved to be a success from every standpoint. The bazar reflects great credit on the ladies in charge, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Lennox and Miss Thorpe. The societies of the various districts purpose holding a rummage sale in the Y. W. C. A. Building on Elm-street this afternoon.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Metropolitan Methodist Church held their annual social and tea at the church last evening. The affair was tendered in honor of Mr. Torrington and the members of the choir, and was a huge success.

Costumes Attached.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—All the properties and costumes of Nance O'Neill, the San Francisco actress, and McKee Rankin were attached to-day by William Cleveland, manager of the Cleveland Theatre, where, for the last month, Miss O'Neill and Rankin have been filling an engagement.

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DOWN FILLED QUILTS, $3 EACH

This is a very attractive offering of down quilts, regular value $4.50, size 5 x 6 feet, covering of French art satteenette, in pretty floral patterns and splendid art colorings, less than fifty quilts in the gathering, on sale Friday, linen room, each 3.00

WOOL BLANKETS, $3.45 PAIR

Splendid Pure Wool Imported Blankets, size 64x84 inches, regular value $5.00 pair—20 pairs to sell Friday, linen room, at, per pair 3.45

White Flannelette Blankets, double bed size, fine soft finish, plain or twilled, regular value $1.00 pair, Friday, linen room, per pair ..... .85

WOMEN'S FANCY CASHMERE HOSE, 50c

Odd lines and broken sizes Women's Fine Gauge Black Cashmere Hose, medium weight, with silk embroidered fronts, in cardinal, sky, white, heliotrope and gold—sizes 8½ to 10, regular 75c, Friday, pair..... .50

Women's Ribbed Black Wool and Cotton Mixed Tights, ankle length, elastic bands, Friday, special .... .45

WOMEN'S BLACK CASHMERE HOSE, 25c

Cartwright and Warner's Famous Black Cashmere Hosiery for Women's Wear, heavy weight, best English yarn, splendid fitting and excellent stockings for wearing, seamless feet, fashioned leg, spliced heels and toes, sizes 8½ to 10—regular 40c value, Friday, pair ..... .25

Alaska SABLE SCARFS, $6.75; Western SABLE MUFFS, $5.50

Two very important offerings from the fur section, in both cases regular prices are a full third more, that is the Scarfs are worth $9.00, and the Muffs $7.50. Of the Scarfs we have just twenty-five; Muffs twenty only—the Scarfs are full furred Alaska Sable, trimmed with six tails, by the way the tails are black, that's the cause of the underpricing—the Muffs are splendid large full furred Western Sable, made on full eiderdown bed, satin lined—on sale Friday, Mantle Room Floor, Scarfs, $6.75—Muffs, $5.50.

SPECIAL SILK OFFERINGS—MAIN FLOOR

350 yards lovely white silks from which one can pick a suitable length for a pretty Xmas gift—Plain Louisines, Paillette, also fancy striped and small figured Taffeta and Louisine, dainty polka dots and rich brocades; up to $1.50 values, Friday, main floor, per yard. 1.00

300 yards beautiful Silk Gauzes, 46 inches wide, striped and fancy effects, for evening wear, yellow, pink, sky, Nile and mauve, regular $2.50 value, Friday, yard 1.25

SILKS AT 50c YARD—IN THE BASEMENT

400 yards Silks, for basement selling, Black Taffetas, Satins, Surah and Corded Silks, colors include striped Taffeta, fancy Louisine, black and white plaids, plain taffetas and fancy corded silks, 60c and 75c values, Friday, yard ..... .50

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Two hundred Remnants, 1 1-2 to 7 yards each, black dress goods, to clear Friday at a third under price; the collection contains serges, voiles, crepes de chene, broadcloths and suitings generally.

WOMEN'S UP TO $13.50 JACKETS FOR $6.00

27-inch lengths for winter wear—stylish tailor made Jackets of black and white tweed mixtures, plaid backs and a few fawn beavers, military cape, new sleeve, strappings of plain cloth, a few three-quarter length Jackets will be included, these are in camel's hair cloths, beavers and tweed mixtures, $9.00 to $13.50 values, to clear Friday, each 6.00

40 only Women's Finely Tailored Fancy Tweed Walking Skirts, grey and white, brown and red, green and white, black and blue, and a few in hairline stripes, two wide tucks each side of front gore, strapped and finished with buttons, lengths 37 to 41, up to $7.50 values, Friday, each 3.50

24 only Women's Tailor Made Tweed Costumes, skirted coat and Norfolk style, a few suits of black broadcloth in the offering, the rest fancy tweeds, sample suits chiefly, $15.00 to $20.00 values, Friday, per suit 9.50

LACE COLLARS, $1.00 and $2.00

Cream, White and Dark Ecru Guipure Lace, Irish Point and Applique Collars, with a few collars of jet, makes this an attractive offering, special, each 1.00

A second lot of Very Handsome Lace Collars, black, cream, white and ecru, lace section, Friday, each 2.00

PRETTY WAISTS, $2.00

New York Waists of fancy Oxfords and vestings, white with Persian band down front, white with pink, blue or black stripe, waists of mercerized vestings, in reseda, blue, pink or fawn; Oxford waists, in grey and white; cream Bedford cord waists, lustre waists and a host of other styles, all beautifully tailored, $4.50, $5 and $5.50 values, Friday, each... 2.00

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283 pairs Women's American-made Lace Boots; this season's nicest styles, box calf, for walking or skating, with light flexible or heavy extension soles; vici and dongola kid, for street wear; patent leather, with light soles, for dress or street; it's a collection of leftovers, but there is a splendid size range, $3.00 to $4.50 regular prices, to clear Friday, pair 1.95

WOMEN'S $1.25 MOCHA GLOVES, 60c PAIR

Women's Mocha Gloves, pique sewn, 2 dome fasteners, silk stitched, in beavers, greys, tans and black, sizes 7, 7 1-4 and 7 1-2 only, $1.25 value, Friday, pair ..... .60

Cherrier & Cie, Women's Celebrated French Kid Gloves, 2 dome fasteners, overseam sewing, in a full range of colorings, sizes 6 3-4, 7, 7 1-4 and 7 1-2 only, regular $1.25 value, Friday, pair ..... .60

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A ROUSING SALE OF TABLE COVERS.

We've had a thorough clearing up in the section where Tapesty Table Covers are sold—Curtain Room—and do you know, we find fully a hundred odd covers that should have gone out months ago; of course so far as value is concerned, time takes nothing from the value of tapestry goods, quality is always there, but these odd lots are no particular benefit to any stock. Now we've fixed prices so that there won't be a cover left at closing time to-morrow; half-value is to be the inducement; the sizes range from 1 1-2 yards to 3 yards square; the patterns are all good and include some rich Turkish, Persian and Oriental effects, fringed all round; window display to-day—

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SOUTH'S COTTON CROP.

Acreage is Increasing in Spite of Some Opposition.

Mr. A. Reynolds of Athens, Ga., is registered at the King Edward. To The World last night Mr. Reynolds discussed the cotton situation. Cotton was only an average crop this year, and the brokers are holding as much back as possible, in order to force the price.

The cotton acreage of the Southern States is gradually increasing, in spite of the fact that the South is endeavoring to educate planters to raise their own pork and breadstuffs, instead of buying them in the West. Mr. Reynolds is of the opinion that the Southern States is the cotton country of the world. There are thousands of acres of pine forests thruout that country, and these will be rapidly cleared if twelve-cent cotton continues to prevail.

Moving Pictures at Association Hall

Arrangements have just been completed for the reappearance at Association Hall of Ireland Brothers' Entertainment Company for five nights and three matinees, commencing next Monday night. "Fairyland," the great cinematograph production which was presented in Paris last year at a cost of $10,000, is included in the bill, and will be seen for the first time in Montreal. Another famous picture, or rather a series of pictures, to be shown is Ed son's production of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," which was specially reproduced from the finest staged production of America's greatest drama ever presented. These two films, of course, furnish the great part of the evening's entertainment, but there are also a very large number of miscellaneous pictures to be given, which are entirely new to Toronto, as well as a number of illustrated songs, sung by Miss Madeline Hartman.

It is said that this reproduction of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" surpasses anything of the kind ever attempted in the way of photographic art, the race on the Mississippi between two steamers, the Robert E. Lee and Natchez, is most realistic, as is also Eliza's escape on the floating ice. The coloring of the "Fairyland" pictures is also said to be very fine.

The band of the 48th Highlanders will be present to furnish the music.

Toronto Boy's Success.

To be the business representative of a great theatrical organization like Augustin Daly's "A Country Girl" and part owner in two successful theatrical companies is not the lot of the average young man. But George Francis Beard, a Toronto boy, can lay claim to all this. Mr. Beard is well known in business circles here. He left Toronto six years ago to try his fortune in New York and entered the theatrical profession, accepting a small part in one of Augustin Daly's productions. He rose step by step until he was placed on the executive staff of this great organization. He attributes his success to the business training he received in Toronto. He says "A Country Girl" is the greatest musical comedy England has sent to America, the piece being composed by the same authors who gave us the tuneful melodies of "San Toy," "Geisha" and "A Runaway Girl." Mr. Beard will remain in Toronto for a few days before leaving for Montreal.

Canada and the Empire.

A. E. de St. Dalmas has published his address to the St. Catharines Board of Trade on "The Sleeping Empire of the West," as U. S. Consul Taylor has styled Canada. The pamphlet, which has some good illustrations, sets forth the various factors which are eventually to make Canada the greatest nation on earth. It is as a part of the British Empire that Mr. de St. Dalmas desires to see this rank attained, and he advocates the Imperial preferential tariff. He believes that should Great Britain refuse to adopt this policy, the United States might tempt Canada by offers of reciprocity and extend the Stars and Stripes over the territory into which their citizens are now crowding. As a popular summary of arguments on these lines, "Canada and the Empire" should appeal to the general reader. It is published by William Briggs at ten cents.

Teaching Profession Not So Popular

Less than the accustomed number of candidates for third-class teaching certificates presented themselves for the opening of the written examination in the Model Schools of the province yesterday. These writing will be finished to-morrow, and supplemental examinations held on Monday and Tuesday next. The falling off in the number is attributed to the growth of the feeling that the teaching profession offers insufficient remuneration.

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REPORTED DEATH.

Straford, Dec. 9.—News reached the city yesterday that Dr. Robert Macfarlane of Dawson, Yukon, formerly of Stratford, died on a train en route to the East from Dawson. He had been in poor health for some time. His many friends in this city will await corroboration of the report with anxiety, hoping that it may prove unfounded. Dr. Macfarlane had a fine practice in Dawson, and was chief physician to one of the hospitals. He was a native of Downie.

Delayed Several Days.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 9.—The correspondence between Baron de Rosen, Russian minister to Japan, and Admiral Alexieff, Russian viceroy in the far East, concerning the modification of the Japanese demands, was despatched from the far East yesterday. Owing to the time taken in the transmission of the correspondence, the submission of the Japanese negotiations may be delayed several days.

Typhoid in the Lord's Hands.

Stratford, Dec. 9.—Another child of the Meihm family, one of whom died recently without medical attendance, lies ill of typhoid fever. Dr. Nichol of Sebringville, Medical Officer for Downie, on hearing of the case, hastened to the house and advised that a doctor be called. Mr. Meihm replied: "Wet leave her in the Lord's hands." The girl is 11 years old, and Crown Attorney Idington is looking after the matter.

First Strike in 50 Years.

New York, Dec. 9.—Two hundred hat makers and finishers in the Knox hat factory in Brooklyn went on strike today in response to a call from the heads of the national union. This is the first strike that has occurred in the Knox factory in the fifty years of its operation. A change of the system for the payment of piece workers is at the bottom of the trouble, the men declaring that under the new system their wages are reduced $5 to $6 a week.

Fatal Explosion in a Mine.

Greensburg, Pa., Dec. 9.—An explosion in the Euclid mine of the Pittsburg Coal Company at Port Royal today, shortly after Division Engineer W. A. Williams and his assistants, Edward Oliver and Milton McMillan, had entered it, resulted in the instant death of McMillan and the serious burning of Williams and Oliver. Seventeen miners at work in the mine escaped without injury.