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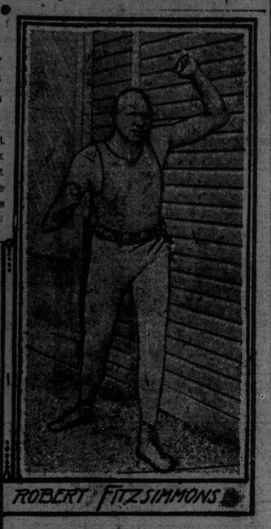
O'BRIEN'S FIGHT IN 13TH

AFTER A VERY EVEN FIGHT

FITZSIMMONS, ILL, QUITS

Quaker Jabbed Continuously and Effectively, Lanky Bob Countering With Powerful Swings—O'Brien Was Favorite in Ringside Betting.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—When Robert Fitzsimmons and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien entered the ring to-night at Mechanics' Pavilion, to fight for the light heavyweight honors, O'Brien was favorite in the betting at 5 to 4. This afternoon Fitzsimmons was a pronounced first choice, due to many large bets which had been placed early in the week. O'Brien's supporters then came forward in large numbers, and to-night the odds were at evens. Large blocks of O'Brien money continued to roll into the pool-sellers' boxes, and the price was quickly cut to 5 to 4 in O'Brien's favor. O'Brien jabbed cleverly and won in the thirteenth round.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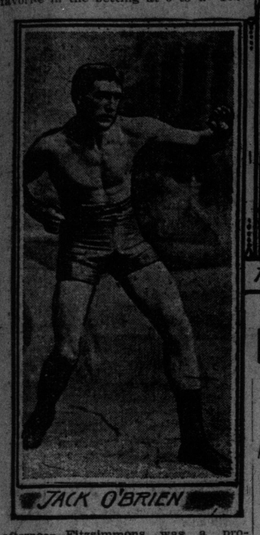
JACK O'BRIEN

The men had agreed to fight at catch weights. O'Brien gave out his weight at 165 pounds, while Fitz is said to have tipped the scales at 158 pounds.

Mechanics' Pavilion held one of the greatest crowds in its history. The galleries bulged with a congested mass of humanity. On the main floor every seat was occupied. Two four-round preliminaries preceded the feature event.

Four Blows in First.

In the first round not more than four blows were exchanged, O'Brien contented himself with rancing about, with Fitzsimmons following, but seldom attempting to lead.

In the second round Fitzsimmons crouched low and after O'Brien had missed left for the face, he whipped his left and right to the head and Fitzsimmons landed a straight left to the face and body. He then drove O'Brien into a corner and cleverly ducked a left intended for the jaw. In the break that followed Fitz got in a light uppercut to the jaw. O'Brien suddenly shot his left to the jaw and, catching Fitz off his balance, drove right and left to the face and then clinched. O'Brien was very quick, Fitz missing him a foot at times. Fitz shoved his right to the face and O'Brien countered with a short arm jab as the bell rang.

Fitz Down in Third.

Round 3—As O'Brien backed away Fitz caught him with a hard left on the paw and a moment later shot his left to the face. Fitz drove his left hard to the solar plexus and mixing it, worked his left to the face. O'Brien, just as the bell rang, shot a straight left that caught Fitz on the nose and sent him to the floor. It was not a clean knock down, being more of a push.

Round 4—O'Brien forced Fitz to the ropes with a rush, and Fitz fell on his left knee. He was up quickly, and put a stiff left over O'Brien's eye. O'Brien then drew blood from Fitz's mouth and nose.

O'Brien Jabs, Fitz Counters.

Round 5—O'Brien planted his left quickly to Fitz's sore face, and a moment later drovetwo more lefts to the same place. O'Brien pegged away with his left, and Fitz again bled profusely from mouth and nose. Finally Fitz caught O'Brien over the mouth, bringing blood from it. O'Brien put intwo lefts, but Fitz countered with a right and left to the jaw.

Round 6—Fitz met O'Brien with a crushing left as the latter led, but the blow was partly blocked. Fitz took an straight left jabs on the face, and after missing right and left for the jaw, landed a right swing on the ear.

Lively Exchanges.

Round 7—O'Brien planted right over the kidney, and quick as a flash worked right and left swings to the jaw. Fitz went after O'Brien, sending left to face and a stiff right uppercut to the body. Fitz put left to O'Brien's face and followed it with a right swing to the body, but O'Brien countered with two wicked rights to the face, one of which raised a big lump over Fitz's right eye.

Round 8—O'Brien drove a straight left to the face. Fitz worked his left to the jaw twice, and O'Brien was cautioned for holding. O'Brien ripped a nasty left over the eye, and a moment after floored Fitz with a stiff right to the jaw. Fitz came up apparently groggy. O'Brien then drove his left to the bodyand forced his man against the ropes with two hard lefts. O'Brien then drove his left to the body and forced his man again to the ropes. Then came two hard lefts to face. As the round ended Fitz appeared to recuperate, but went to his corner rather unsteady. It was O'Brien's round by a slight margin.

Both Men Tired.

Round 9—Both men appeared tired at this stage, and Fitz's face presented a bloody sight. O'Brien, after hooking a terrific right to the jaw, followed it with two wicked uppercuts, and as the bell rank nearly raised Fitz off the floor with a right hook to the jaw.

Round 10—O'Brien met Fitz witih a straight jab on the face, but Fitz retaliated with a powerful right over the heart and swung his left to the face. O'Brien shot in two lefts to the face as Fitz missed a right swing, and quickly jabbed his left over the mouth. Suddenly Fitz hooked his right with great force over the heart, forcing O'Brien to clinch. Fitz's two heart punches in this round were the best of the fight.

O'Brien Sprinted.

Round 11—Fitzsimmons in a mix, drove O'Brien to the ropes with a terrific right. O'Brien landed two uppercuts. Fitz complained to the referee that O'Brien was hitting low. The crowd hissed. Fitz forced O'Brien to the ropes. Fitz chased his man around the ring, landing a straight left to the face.

Round 12—After Fitz had forced O'Brien into a neutral corner O'Brien electrified the crowd with some fine work, during which he shot three hard lefts to fitz's face and blocked all attempts of Bob to counter.

Fitz's Unlucky Thirteenth.

Round 13—In a mix Fitz suddenly drove a fearful right to the body and then a terrific hook to the face. O'Brien, however, retaliated with a hard left uppercut to the jaw. Fitz then planted a hard left to the body and they mixed it, both landing right and left blows over the head.

After Fitz went to his corner he suddenly collapsed, falling to the floor. Blood flowed fro mhis mouth and nose, and it

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BALLOT BOXES MISSING RECOUNT IS POSTPONED

An Incident in the Saskatchewan Situation—Will Scott Prove or Retire?

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The issue in Saskatchewan is still in doubt. Coercionist organs continue to claim extravagant majorities, hoping thereby to influence the recount by creating an atmosphere of despair for the provincial righters. But so far these tactics have signally failed and the general trend of the recount has been in favor of Haultain supporters.

The sensational feature to-day is that the recount in Cannington has had to be postponed owing to the disappearance of two ballot boxes. Until these turn up nothing can be done and the condition in which they reappear will be the subject of sharp scrutiny.

But even if Haultain gets no more than 11 seats he has yet ample material to establish his victory. Unless Walter Scott succeeds in the impossible and absolutely disproves the charges preferred against him by J. K. McInnis, he is pledged to retire from politics, which would mean the gain of a seat to provincial righters.

Betting is in favor of a Haultain majority of the legislature within six months.

PART ON WEDDING DAY ENTER VALLEY TOGETHER

Buffalo Man Separated From Wife Nearly Three Years Shoots Her and Himself.

Buffalo, Dec. 20.—Driven to desperation by the refusal of his wife to live with him ever since the day they were married, William McCoy, a seaman on the lakes, went to his wife's home at 384 Swan-street to-night, talked with her for about 15 minutes and then fired four shots at her. Two of the shots went wild, but one bullet hit the woman near the heart and another entered one of her limbs. Death followed in a few minutes. Without waiting to learn whether his wife's wounds were fatal, McCoy put a bullet into his own heart and fell dead.

McCoy was 23 years old. His wife was three years younger. The couple were married two years ago last March. The young woman had refused to live with her husband from the day they were married for a reason which she never communicated to anyone, so far as could be learned.

McCoy fired five shots, including the one he sent into his own heart, but the lodging place of the fifth bullet could not be found. One imbedded itself in the wall.

Smokers' presents—Pipes. Alive Bollard.

DAVE RUSSELL'S DRUG COMPANY GOES INTO BIG MERGER.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the directors of the $6,000,000 drug merger held at the Windsor to-day it was decided to take over the Canadian Drug Co. of St. John, N. B., on the terms outlined by David Russell, who represented the shareholders.

The Canadian Drug Co. was floated by Russell some ten years ago and is the largest in the maritime provinces.

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Little Things That Count.
Getting quick service with every attention makes a good meal much more enjoyable. Albert Williams of the cafe on Yonge-street, just north of Queen, appreciates this fact and makes it one of the features of his high-class establishment. Shea's orchestra plays at Williams', 6 to 8 and 10 to 12 p.m.

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Ward Two Conservative smoker, St. George's Hall, 8.

BOTH SIDES CONFIDENT FOR AND AGAINST STRIKE

Government Believes Workingmen are not United; Reds Expect General Response.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—The proclamation of a general strike for to-morrow at noon has created the most intense excitement. If it can be successfully inaugurated and maintained the revolutionists are confident that it will break the government's bak. In government circles, however, confidence is expressed that the proletariat organizations cannot effect a complete tie-up, and that the strike must be of short duration.

This hope seems to be based on the theory that the extreme program of the reds has alienated the sympathy of a large proportion of the real workingmen, and also upon what they claim to be absolute knowledge that the organizations are without funds. The government's calculations, however, have proved to be deplorably at variance with the true situation in the past, and the strike leaders declare the government is again hopelessly ignorant of the magnitude of the struggle confronting it. Their plans are exceedingly ambitious. From the nature of the appeals of the leaders to the troops, it is evident that they expect to precipitate a crisis in the army.

Twenty-Two Roads Ready.

The central committee of the railroad men of Moscow determined the issue last night by voting in favor of a strike.

It was telegraphed over the railroad lines that the employes of 22 roads are ready to stop all traffic. The decision is to close everything in the empore: railroads, manufactures, wholesale and retail stores and all government works, except the waterworks. The bakeries in the cities, however, will not be closed so long as they do not raise their prices. If they do raise the price of bread even the bakeries will be closed. It was proposed in Moscow to exempt the electric light plants, but this was defeated.

In Poor Shape.

The government enters on the new struggle greatly crippled. The situation in the Baltic provinces is growing steadily worse, and in the Caucasus the renewal of the outbreak of the Tartars and Armenians has produced another reign of terror. The inhabitants of Tiflis and other cities are begging the authorities to furnish them with arms for the purpose of organizing a militia for self-protection. At Sebastopol new mutinies have occurred, and 1600 soldiers have been disarmed and are under guard. The troops at Kharkoff have revolted, and the inhabitants are still administering the city.

The weather has become very cold.

Will Take Time.

Altho the blow is timed for to-morrow noon, the strike leaders do not hope to bring the life of the empire to a standstill by a single stroke, but they will look for a gradual extension of the strike movement. The nature of the manifesto of the workmen's council of Moscow to the army is so inflammatory that even the radical papers are afraid to print it. During the strike it is proposed to stop all papers and to print and distribute only the organ of the workmen's council.

The police are hunting down and arresting the strike leaders as rapidly as they can be found, but comparatively few captures have been made, as the leaders keep in hiding, avoiding their residences and meeting in secret each time at a different locality.

The inhabitants are hurriedly laying in supplies of food as if to stand a siege.

Reports received here from Moscow late this afternoon indicate that the strike was successfully inaugurated and is spreading rapidly.

Governor General Doubassoff has declared the city to be in a partial state of siege, which gives the civil authorities exceptional powers of arrest, etc. The next move will be to declare a state of siege which the military supersedes civil power. It is expected that the inauguration of the strike here to-morrow will be followed by similar measures, but if the situation becomes worse, as anticipated, martial law will be declared.

May Act Themselves.

The provincial authorities have already been empowered in anticipation of the contingency of their being cut off from the capital to act on their own responsibility even to the extent of the proclamation of martial law.

The railroad stations here to-day were occupied by troops and the government made an attempt to maintain some sort of train service, especially to the German frontier and also to keep open cable communication with points abroad.

The strike promises to be on a far more extensive scale than any previous movement of its kind. It was ascertained to-night that many of the largest works, including the Putiloff and Nobel concerns will cease operations to-morrow.

Is On at Moscow.

Moscow, Dec. 20.—The strike was inaugurated here promptly at noon. All the men walked out of the factories and mills, and the trains on the six railroads were left standing in the stations. Shortly afterward an incoming train on the Kursk road was fired into by armed strikers. The engineer and several passengers were wounded.

The strikers generally seem to be provided with arms. There is great excitement in this city.

Fire Department Strikes.

Warsaw, Dec. 20.—Employes of the fire department struck to-night. The Polish national party has ordered the shopkeepers to remove their Russian signs in order to Polonize the city.

Advices from St. Petersburg say that the railroad men of the capital will strike at midnight. It is believed that the men on the Warsaw roads will join the strike Friday.

It is reported from Nicolaieff, in the government of Kherson, that two infantry regiments revolted to-day, and that a sanguinary fight ensued. Details are lacking.

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Says You Ought to See It
A lady who came in from a fashionable farm last night to spend Christmas here remarked that the people on the next lot and the church had put in Siche gas and her folks were going to. "You ought to see it," she said. Full particulars at 81 York-street, or at Montreal and Winnipeg offices.

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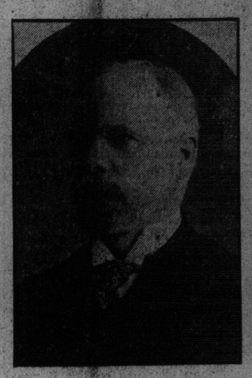
OLD MAN ONTARIO: It's the first winter in years that I've had as honest and willing a boy at work.

Urquhart v. Coatsworth With Gooderham Perhaps

Contest For Mayoralty is Assured—Mr. Gooderham Not Yet Decided, But is Not Out of It—Municipal Reform League Has No Slate Ready For Publication—A Plea For Longer Campaigns.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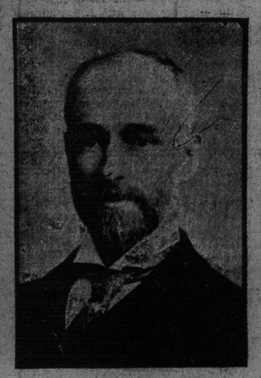
Who Says He Will Win


MAYOR URQUHART
Seeking a Fourth Term.

Who will you vote for?
Is it to be Urquhart?
Or will it be Coatsworth?

These are the two candidates now definitely in the field for the mayoralty. Geo. H. Gooderham, who was credited by an evening paper with having had election cards printed in readiness to spring a sudden campaign on his own behalf, gave the statement a flat denial last night. But he may be a candidate when the nominations close in the city hall at noon to-morrow. He is being strongly urged, but he is a very busy man and hasn't really made up his mind one way or the other.

Dr. Beattie Nesbitt says: "I have no intention whatever of running for the mayoralty. I am satisfied with the honors bestowed upon me by the electors of North Toronto."

Just how keen a rivalry the contest between Urquhart and Coatsworth will develop remains to be seen. Beyond attending numerous evening assemblies of different sorts, lodge, social, church and political, neither has done any campaigning, altho the alderman has his cards out. Mr. Coatsworth last night said he was confident of election.

No One to Cheer For.

The whole municipal contest thus far has been extremely disappointing. With nominations to-morrow night and polling ten days later, there is not that keen discussion of civic problems that is usually the case. There is not the customary lavish display of window cards. There is really nothing to stir up the voters. Even the civic enquiry has lost the purifying effects it seemed at first destined to exert on municipal politics.

One suggestion has been made—by an alderman, too—that might be worth considering:

"Why withhold nomination until so close to the polling? Why not have them a fortnight, or even a month before? That would get the pot boiling and lead up to discussions that should have an effect. Now, during holiday time the electors are not inclined to worrk so much as they should and to cast their votes from personal sympathy, from habit, or just 'for luck.'"

Where Are the Informers

The Municipal Reform Association, which was to do something to increase aldermanic standards has apparently fallen down on the job. It has no candidates in the field.

B. E Mackenzie was very indignant last night at the idea of the league staying nothing—yet. Dr. Mackenzie is president of the league. He said: "I have absolutely nothing to say regarding the campaign and in all probability will say nothing until after nomination day. We have made out no slate. Any man who says anything on behalf of the league speaks without authority."

Retail Merchants Lined Up.

Ald Coatsworth has started in the race with one severe handicap. Members of the Retail Merchants' Association will oppose him. This is because the alderman while a member of the council appeared before the body as legal representative of local trading stamp interests, in opposition to a delegation of merchants 100 strong. "In fact," as one member puts it, "he took a brief from trading stamp people and went before council and pleaded their cause. At the same time he was supposed to be representing the city. I understand that a letter of protest was sent to the mayor, but the reply was made that special legislation to prevent such practice would have to be secured from the provincial government."

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C. J. Townsend & Co. will sell to-day at 1.30 p.m. a number of good English and Canadian water color drawings; also at the same time a large quantity of Satsuma Cloissonne vases, carved ivory figures, Indian and Japanese vases, bowls, placques, a quantity of cut glass tumblers, dishes, salad bowls, etc.

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RETIRE OR BE DEFEATED VICAR-GENERAL ADVISES

Mayor Ellis of Ottawa Gets a Letter Which Indicates Racial Issues for Mayoralty.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—There is now every indication that the coming mayoralty campaign in Ottawa will be waged along bitter racial lines. There are three men announced as candidates, Mayor Ellis, Ald. Black and A. A. Taillon, the latter a French-Canadian.

This afternoon Mayor Ellis received a letter from Vicar-General Routhier, advising him that this is the French-Canadian's turn and that he should retire. The letter intimates that unless Mayor Ellis retires he will be defeated. As Archbishop Duhamel is on his way home from Rome, the vicar-general is acting bishop. His letter has caused much comment and has aroused resentment, not only among Protestants, but among Irish Catholics.

The future policy of the civic lighting plant is the main issue in the campaign.

Mayor Ellis has written a reply to the effect that public questions must be considered before race or creed, and that he does not recognize the right of the vicar-general to speak for the citizens.

RUSSIAN GOLD IN BERLIN REDEEMS TREASURY NOTES

In All $25,000,000 is Expected to Liquidate Notes Maturing Soon.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—Gold has begun to arrive in large quantities at the Imperial Bank of Germany from St. Petersburg. Abut $3,050,000 arrived yesterday, while the amount included in the last bank return is understood to be about $7,000,000. The movement is expected to continue until a total of $25,000,000 in reached.

The best authorities say that the gold is intended to redeem the issue of Russian treasury notes sold in Germany, France and Austria in May and June thru the Mendelssohn Bank of Berlin, and the notes will mature in February and March.

Rumors to the effect that the Russian treasury will be unable to pay the January coupons of the foreign debt have been set at rest by the announcement that it is in readiness to pay immediately, and that indeed payment has been going on since last week.

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GOVERNMENT INQUIRY ON TUESDAY

Subpœnas Are Issued for Examination of Manager Phillips and Others Connected With the York County Loan.

The Ontario government is going on with its enquiry into the York County Loan affairs without delay.

Yesterday W. H. Cross, the examiner appointed by Hon. J. J. Foy, began to issue subpoenas for various persons who are conversant with the doings of the allied companies.

On Tuesday, Manager Phillips will be examined.

The enquiry will be conducted in the offices of the York County Loan. It wil not be antagonistic in any way to the examination begun yesterday, but should rather assist it.

Mr. Matheson of Matheson, Starr & Spencer, has been retained by Mr. Cross to assist.

DID WOMAN SUICIDE? MAN IS UNDER ARREST

Shooting of Mrs. Diddy is to be Investigated by Police Officers—Neighbors Tell Some Stories Which Must be Cleared Up.

Rumors passed around regarding the actions of Abraham B. Elliott shortly after the death of Mrs. Ethel Diddy, who was found with a bullet wound in her chest on Monday afternoon, caused his arrest for vagrancy yesterday. He will be held under suspicion until the matter is cleared up to the satisfaction of the police authorities.

Elliott for a couple of months has done practically no work. He was around the house at 47 Chestnut-street, where the shooting occurred, a great deal of his time. He, however, has a wife and child living in another part of the city and he supported them out of the money given to him by Mrs. Diddy. She worked in Yet Luey's restaurant. He represented to her that he was a single man.

He was not in the house when Coroner Powell made his investigation. The coroner, however, decided that an inquest was unnecessary, stating that she had died from a bullet from the revolver found in her hand.

Elliott, however, was seen about the house by the neighbors about the time the shooting occurred. One of the neighbors goes as far as to say that she saw him with his hands covered with blood shortly after 1.30 p.m., when the shooting occurred.

Detectives Kennedy and Anderson thought that the matter would warrant an investigation in spite of the coroner's decision, so they placed Elliott under arrest. The body, which was sent to the School of Anatomy, is likely to be taken out of the brine and a post mortem made.

When the detectives arrested Elliott he was on the point of taking some of the articles belonging to Mrs. Diddy out of the house. In fact, as soon as the coroner left the house on Monday Elliott returned and made preparations to take away her effects.

IS "SCOTTY" MURDERED? REWARD OFFERED FOR BODY

Millionaire of Death Valley May Have Been Held Up and Killed.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 20.—Belief that Walter Scott, a cowboy mine owner, has been murdered in Death Valley, has become so strong that Scott's manager to-day telegraphed $1000 reward to Barstow, Cal., and Bullfrog, Nev., for the recovery of Scott's body.

On Dec. 1 Scott left his mine in Death Valley, riding a mule and carrying $1800 and two rifles.

According to a letter received from Scott's brother William at Bennet's Mills, Scott's mule galloped riderless into camp on Dec. 7, the saddle pierced with a bullet and the blanket and saddle covered with blood.

A few months ago Scott created a sensation by making a record-breaking trip by special train to Chicago, and by his alleged attempts in that city and in New York to spend "a thousand dollars a day."

CHAMBERLAIN WRITES.

Workingmen Should Appreciate Colonial Custom.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 20.—"I cannot help thinking," says Mr. Chamberlain, in a letter to the Conservative candidate at Swindon, "that the workingmen of Swindon will appreciate the importance of securing commercial arrangements with our best customers in the colonies. The British across the seas are ready to stand by the flag if we accept their offer for mutual arrangements. We can secure the many millions of trade going to our foreign competitors. The power of treating your friends beteer than your foes is surel one to commend itself to every intelligent working man."

London, Dec. 20.—An alternative for mutual preference is suggested by Louis Sinclair, M.P. for Romford. He would allow wheat to come in free, as cheap wheat is essential, but appreciating Canadian loyalty, he says: "To our premiers in conference we should suggest that we are prepared to provide in readjustment of the tariff a sum of money which would enable us similarly, as we now maintain our postal service, to pay the cost of bringing colonial wheat and flour to the British markets free of charge—British and colonial ships alone being used for the purpose. Thus the colonial farmer would plant down produce for our home market on an equality with our home trader, and on better conditions and terms than any foreign competitor. The colonies would receive money to defray the cost of freight and carriage from inland points to the seaboard."

IN WATER AND WASN'T DROWNED.

Body of Man Found May Be Result of Foul Play.

Halifax, Dec. 20.—The body of Freeman Weir was found this morning near Turnbull's wharf, Digby. The only traces of violence are marks on body near the throat, but they might have been caused by deceased trying to remove his clothes after he fell in the water.

Dr. Morse performed an autopsy which revealed no water in the lungs, indicating that death was not by drowning. The circumstances will be probed to the bottom.

Since the departure of Lord Rosslin from Sydney it has transpired that there is a probability of the North Atlantic coal areas, in which he is interested, being worked from Blockhouse collieries at Port Morien. The proposed amalgamation would mean the building of about two miles of railway.

RUSSELL DENIES, TCO

So the Denial of M.-M. About La Presse is Confirmed.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Dave Russell says that the statement re La Presse is untrue.

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HIS IMPORTS EXCEED ALL OTHERS

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Speaking yesterday of the fact that the importations by one Toronto cigar dealer were more than double those of all the other dealers combined has drawn further attention to the duties paid in 1905 on cigarets alone. G. W. Muller has made a specialty of the famous "Vafiadis," the cigaret of quality, which one finds at all the clubs and in the first hotels. In 1905 the duty paid on imported cigarets was:

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Workingmen Should Appreciate Colonial Custom.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 20.—"I cannot help thinking," says Mr. Chamberlain, in a letter to the Conservative candidate at Swindon, "that the workingmen of Swindon will appreciate the importance of securing commercial arrangements with our best customers in the colonies. The British across the seas are ready to stand by the flag if we accept their offer for mutual arrangements. We can secure the many millions of trade going to our foreign competitors. The power of treating your friends beteer than your foes is surel one to commend itself to every intelligent working man."

London, Dec. 20.—An alternative for mutual preference is suggested by Louis Sinclair, M.P. for Romford. He would allow wheat to come in free, as cheap wheat is essential, but appreciating Canadian loyalty, he says: "To our premiers in conference we should suggest that we are prepared to provide in readjustment of the tariff a sum of money which would enable us similarly, as we now maintain our postal service, to pay the cost of bringing colonial wheat and flour to the British markets free of charge—British and colonial ships alone being used for the purpose. Thus the colonial farmer would plant down produce for our home market on an equality with our home trader, and on better conditions and terms than any foreign competitor. The colonies would receive money to defray the cost of freight and carriage from inland points to the seaboard."

IN WATER AND WASN'T DROWNED.

Body of Man Found May Be Result of Foul Play.

Halifax, Dec. 20.—The body of Freeman Weir was found this morning near Turnbull's wharf, Digby. The only traces of violence are marks on body near the throat, but they might have been caused by deceased trying to remove his clothes after he fell in the water.

Dr. Morse performed an autopsy which revealed no water in the lungs, indicating that death was not by drowning. The circumstances will be probed to the bottom.

Since the departure of Lord Rosslin from Sydney it has transpired that there is a probability of the North Atlantic coal areas, in which he is interested, being worked from Blockhouse collieries at Port Morien. The proposed amalgamation would mean the building of about two miles of railway.

RUSSELL DENIES, TCO

So the Denial of M.-M. About La Presse is Confirmed.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Dave Russell says that the statement re La Presse is untrue.

He never made a note that he did not pay himself, and declares he never had Mackenzie & Mann's endorsation in his life.

DIES ON TRAIN.

Visitor From Flint, Mich., Expires After Shopping in City.

While returning from a day's shopping in Toronto, Mrs. Maria Perkins of Flint, Michigan, passed away at the Union Station about 6 o'clock yesterday.

Mrs. J. A. Adams of Brantford, a daughter of Mrs. Perkins, accompanied her here. After concluding their business they made their way to the depot, where they took their seats in the train. Just as the train was about to start she threw up her arms and fell from the seat.

She was placed in one of the waiting rooms. Division Surgeon Riordan was called, but life was extinct. Heart failure was the cause of death.

Mrs. Perkins was about 60 years old, and has resided in Flint for a number of years. She left there last Friday, in company with her youngest daughter. They stopped at Brantford, and the old lady was accompanied into the city by her daughter, living in Brantford.

The body was removed to Millard's undertaking establishment. Later in the evening it was shipped to Flint.

OUTFITTING IN THE STATES.

New Toronto Concern Gets Equipment From Boston.

New York, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—According to official reports just received, the Fairbanks-Morse Canadian Manufacturing Company, Toronto, have placed a contract for their new heating and ventilating plant, including separate apparatus for their machine shops, blacksmithing shops and foundries, with the R. E. Sturtevant Company, Boston.

No contract price for plant is given out.

LE ROI POLL INVALID.

McMillan Wins Appeal—Result Must Not Be Announced.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 20.—Justice Royce has upheld Mr. McMillan's appeal, that the poll at the recent LeRoi meeting was invalid.

He grants an injunction restraining the directors from making any announcement of the result of the said poll.

See It for Yourself.
If you girls are going to buy that fur-lined coat for father, do it now.
What's the use of leaving it till it gets so crowded that Dineens and yourself are inconvenienced? Dineens have the best value and they want to serve you. Their idea in increasing space and stock is to have what you want. Call at the store, Yonge and Temperance streets, to-day and see the furs.

RAIN OR SNOW.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 20.—(8 p.m.)—A disturbance of considerable magnitude is approaching the great lakes from the southwest. The weather to-day has been comparatively mild everywhere, except in Manitoba, where it continues cold.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 38—42; Vancouver, 37—41; Kamloops, 28—32; Calgary, 20—32; Edmonton, 18—32; Qu'Appelle, 14—24; Winnipeg, 2 below—18; Port Arthur, 22—36; Parry Sound, 26—38; Toronto, 34—40; Ottawa, 16—30; Montreal, 16—32; Quebec, 14—26; St. John, 20—44; Halifax, 26—36.

Probabilities.

Lakes and Georgian Bay—Strong easterly winds, with rain or snow.

Campbell's English Chop House, 30 King-street West. Ladies' and Gents' Grill open 7 a.m. till 11 p.m. Sundays—8 a.m. 2 p.m., 5.30 p.m., 8 p.m. ed

A Line to Scotchmen.
A fine grandfather's clock, a contemporary of Burns, made in Mauchline in 1768, where Burns lived.
After he left his native place it was removed to Cumnoch, where the poet also lived, and then it was brought to Ayr—"Wha na tour surpasses for honest men and bonnie lasses." The clock, which is still willing to tell the time in Canada as well as in bonnie Scotland, will be sold by auction at C. J. Townsend & Co.'s rooms, 66 East King-street, on Saturday, Dec. 23, at 2.30 p.m.

Special Suitings to order—$14.50. See our windows. Hobberlin's, 153 Yonge street.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Dec. 20.	At	From.
Corinthian	St. John	Liverpool
Oceanic	New York	Liverpool
Montezuma	London	St. John
Hamburg	Nantucket	Genoa
Haverford	Queenstown	Philadelphia
Baltic	Queenstown	New York
Lake Champlain	Liverpool	St. John
Kroonland	Dover	New York