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Guelph Winter Fair Well Under Way

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Awards in Cattle and Sheep—Prominent Exhibitors Enthusiastic in Their Praises.

Guelph, Dec. 8.—(Staff Special.)—The development of the live stock industry of the Dominion could not be more accurately illustrated than in the display of animals at the Winter Fair. The methods that have contributed to this marvelous progress of the farm in Ontario are exciting as much attention as the tangible results. These are the two features that are interesting the several thousand visitors. The alert energy that has brought the Canadian farm to its present high state of development is the subject of constant observation. Clearly there is to be no retrograde movement. It is no small tribute to the tremendous success of the Canadian farmer and stock breeder that the head of the agricultural department for 80,000,000 people to the south frankly confesses to having copied the Canadian farm system and the results of the Experimental Union of Ontario. With a hundred times greater resources financially, the United States government agent candidly admits the superiority of the results attained in the Dominion.

Absorbed by Whole World.

Here is a phase of the lesson taught by the Canadian agriculturist that is being absorbed by the whole world at large. The prominence given the Guelph Agricultural College and the promoters of the Fair by the presence here of agricultural educators from both hemispheres may be better imagined than described. Apparently it is the persistent effort to obtain new and better results in farm products that has contributed so largely to the success of the Canadian farmer. He is given credit abroad for making a pound of brains equal a ton of hard work. The keynote of Canadian industrial progress was expressed by a tall stock breeder and farmer of Ontario County, when he observed in casual conversation at the Fair to-day that he "had done middling well with his farm, but had made most of his money lying awake at night thinking." An analysis of the progress discerned here today would rather tend to reveal this as the secret—active thought combined with energetic management of the farm.

Boys on the Farm.

Now the men who have conquered the soil and astonished students of other industrial sections are wrestling with a problem that is even more complex—how to keep the boys on the old farm. That is one of the topics that is now engaging the very serious attention of the farming community. The question naturally arises, why, if the display of wealth made here is common to the farms of Ontario, if the returns are so profitable, is it so difficult to induce the sons to work the farm. Confronted by the fact that it is become more difficult annually to keep their boys at home, as well as to secure labor for the farm, the agriculturists of Canada are plunging into an investigation that may solve the puzzle. One source of the boy's dissatisfaction with the farm is the refusal of the daughters to stay on the old place. The suggestion has been made in all seriousness, that this is the secret of the young man's dislike for agricultural life.

Courses in Cooking.

This view of the problem is accepted as so important by the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union that more determined efforts will be made in future to give the farmers' wives and daughters definite courses in domestic science. Macdonald Institute is designed distinctly for that purpose. As bearing on this desire to make the farm home more attractive, it is regarded here as a matter of no small moment that several thousand wives of Ontario farmers have already expressed a desire to participate in this new educational effort. This idea has added much interest to the Fair and the sessions of the Experimental Union thus far.

It is significant as forecasting the enlarged scope of the Fair that General Manager Hanmer observed to-day, after he had seen every available foot of space occupied by exhibits, that the time had now come when the facilities would have to be largely increased if the exposition was to keep pace with the tremendous activity of Ontario stock breeders. President Smith declared that the show was proving a record-maker, and that the next discussion would be that pertaining to increased facilities for accommodating those who wish to participate in the show. The management is evidently seriously in earnest in preparing to broaden out, and not be forced to admit that the progress of the farm is more rapid than the enterprise devoted to the interests of the agriculturists here. This indicates the magnitude of the exhibits and attendance.

G. C. Porter.

FAIR FORMALLY OPENED.

Guelph, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—The Winter Fair was formally opened at 1 o'clock. All exhibits were in place. The number of visitors was in excess of last year, and the management expressed the opinion that in quality and quantity of exhibits and the number of visitors the week would prove the most profitable in the history of the association. The dairy tests and the poultry judging, which began Monday were the drawing features until noon, then the bacon hog judging for prize awards drew all the attention. The building was comfortably full of visitors. Wednesday and Thursday they will get so thick in the main building that it will be impossible to see individual animals, except with the greatest difficulty. Altogether the attendance for the first day has been in excess of previous years. This is attributed to the large crowd attracted by the Experimental Union meetings.

One of the curious incidents of the fair is to be found in the tests of judg-

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The Bay Frozen Over.

The bay was frozen over quite thickly yesterday, somewhat earlier than is usual.

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SURE SUCCESS SEEN.

Guelph, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—"In point of interest to stockmen and as exhibiting the high progress of Dominion agriculture, the fair is this year far ahead of previous years. We are much gratified at the showing. I believe the whole province should be proud of this display of the best the live stock industry of the country affords."—President Arthur Johnston.

"We are full of the finest exhibits ever made at the fair. In excellence and number it is a record year. I had trouble finding space for the last animals. All sections are represented and the exhibitors seem much pleased at the way the show has started off. I think the visitors will be much more numerous Wednesday and Thursday than at any other meeting of the fair."—D. G. Hanmer, general manager of the fair.

"Everything has started smoothly and the management is much encouraged with the fine showing. The prize list is worth contesting for, and in addition the recommendation of the Winter Fair has become worth much to any breeder of fine stock. A successful fair is assured."—A. P. Westervelt, secretary.

"No visitor to the fair need be without all the comforts of a city. We are exercising energy in taking care of the crowds. We have room enough for a thousand more than we will be called upon to take care of. We don't propose to give even the most fastidious a chance to go away and say they could not find rooms in which to sleep and tables at which to eat. The King's Daughters have opened a large building for the overflow crowds. Guelph citizens have the situation well in hand."—John Hamilton, Mayor.

JOYNT OUT OF IT.

G. Howard Ferguson Nominated in Grenville in His Place.

North Augusta, Dec. 8.—At the meeting of the Liberal-Conservative Association for the County of Grenville, held in the Town Hall, Spencerville, to-day, for the selection of candidates for the Dominion and local houses, by a vote of the delegates, Dr. J. B. Reid was chosen for the Dominion House, and G. Howard Ferguson, barrister, of Kemptville, for the local House, in place of R. L. Joynt, the present member.

George F. Benson of Cardinal had offered himself as a candidate to oppose Dr. Reid, but after coming to Spencerville he found out that the few persons who wished to have him come up against the present member were fooling. It was reported that Mr. Joynt insisted on bringing out T. A. Kidd to oppose Mr. Ferguson for the local house, to split the party, but at the convention he would not allow his name to be brought forward. Up to the time of the vote being taken Mr. Joynt announced that he would not stand by this convention, but would run as an independent.

The meeting was largely attended, and at the close three cheers were given for Mr. Whitney, Dr. Reid and G. Howard Ferguson, the Conservative candidates.

BRITISH PORTS CLOSED.

Lord Onslow Fears to Let Canadian Store Cattle in.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 8.—Lord Onslow at the annual banquet of the Associated Chambers of Commerce in Piccadilly yesterday, referring to cattle breeding, said he had been pressed to bring in a bill to permit the admission of Canadian store cattle into this country.

Cries of No.

To open British ports would be to discourage home breeders, and introduce disease. (Applause.)

Imperial federation bore the hall mark of the colonists beyond the seas and should not lightly be cast aside.

BURGLARS SHOT AT MAN.

Port Burwell, Dec. 7.—Excitement ran high yesterday morning when it was discovered that thieves had broken into Emery Poustic & Co.'s general store. As yet only some shoes and rubbers have been missed. Will Chesterman, shoemaker, who lives across the road from the store, was up at the time, and the thieves seeing thru the windows, shot at him, but the bullet struck the side of the house. As yet no clue has been found to the guilty parties.

CROP OF WESTERN WHEAT.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 8.—A circular of the Manitoba and Northwest Grain Dealers' Association, issued to-day, estimates that 25,654,522 bushels of this year's wheat crop has been marketed to Dec. 1. After allowing for seed and the quantity required for seed, it is estimated that 10,536,452 bushels remain to come from farmers' granaries.

Flowers—Xmas prices quoted now. "Ford the Florist," 19 King West. Tel. M 5276.

HAYS KEEPING QUIET.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—A cable to The Star from London says: Charles M. Hays, the general manager of the Grand Trunk, is keeping very quiet. It is gathered, however, that the hitch in the Grand Trunk Pacific negotiations with the government is of a serious character. It is not a question of five million dollars that the company has to raise, but of an unknown sum.

Smokers' Presents Buy now. Alive Bollard.

INSANE MAN AT LARGE.

Kingston, Dec. 8.—An insane patient named Joseph Trewin escaped from Rockwood Hospital and attendants of the institute are scouring the country in search for him. The police of all the surrounding towns have been told to look out for the missing man.

FLOUR TRADE WITH FAR EAST.

Only the Best Canadian Brands Shipped to Japan.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—In commenting upon the fact that Minneapolis shipped to Japan in the first nine months of the present year 8,600,000 barrels of flour as compared with 307,000 barrels for the same period last year. F. W. Thomson, vice-president and managing director of the Ogilvie Flour Mills Company, stated to-day that these breadstuffs, which are being shipped from United States centres are for the greater part low grade, of which Canada does not produce any great amount. Mr. Thomson went on to state that the Canadian flour trade in the Far East was comparatively small, but at the same time was eminently satisfactory for the reason that what Canadian flour was consumed in this market was of standard brands and well worthy of the country from which it came.

TO AID OTTAWA COLLEGE.

Scheme for Ottawa City to Give It $50,000.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—At a meeting in the City Hall today, presided over by Mayor Cook, it was decided to ask the City Council to submit a bylaw in January, asking for $50,000 to aid the Ottawa University. A precedent was found in Kingston's aid to Queen's. It was also pointed out that Honore Mercier, when Premier of Quebec, gave Toronto University $10,000. Among those present were Sir Sandford Fleming, Chancellor of Queen's University; N. A. Belcourt, Chief Justice Taschereau, Sir James Grant, John Coates and others.

SUICIDE THRU LOVE.

German at Hespeler Kills Himself With a Gun.

Hespeler, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—August Fleider, one of the Germans who recently came to Hespeler to work in the woollen mills, left his boarding-house at an early hour Sunday morning, taking with him his double-barrelled shot gun. Shortly after dinner to-day his body was found in a gravel pit with a portion of the left side of his face blown off. From indications it would appear that the unfortunate man committed suicide. Unrequited love, it is reported, was the cause of his desperate act. He was 24 years old and unmarried.

FIFTY PASSENGERS DROWNED.

Athens, Dec. 8.—The Greek steamers Pyloras and Assos collided at Ithaca to-day. The bows of the Pyloras were submerged and 50 of her passengers drowned.

Stuffed turkey and cranberry sauce and raisin pudding at Nasmith's, King st. East, to-day.

SOCIETY WOMAN ASSASSINATED.

Rising Sun, Ind., Dec. 8.—Miss Elizabeth Gillespie, prominent in local society, was assassinated to-night while sitting in the front room of her residence. The murderer shot her thru a window, the entire charge of shot taking effect in the side of her head. No cause can be assigned for the shooting, and there is no clue.

Cut Flowers—Get Xmas prices now. "Ford the Florist," 19 King West. Tel. M 5276.

TO ORGANIZE TO-DAY.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—Robert Redford of Montreal arrived to-night to attend an organization meeting of the Transportation Commission to-morrow. The other members are John Bertram, Toronto, and Mr. Fry, Quebec.

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PROMINENT AT GUELPH WINTER FAIR.

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D. G. HANMER,
General Manager, Mt. Vernon, Ont.

FREE TRADE TOO SUDDEN HAS TWO ALTERNATIVES

Dr. Hillier Suggests Preference or a Bounty and Readjustment of Taxes.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 9.—Dr. Hillier read a paper on "Our Fiscal System" before the Colonial Institute last night. Absolute free trade within the empire at present was an impracticable change, too great and sudden, but there were two alternatives, a preference to the colonies or a bounty, and readjustment of the taxes already paid on certain articles of consumption. Colonial trade was increasing; from sixty million pounds, it had gone up, to nearly one hundred and seven million pounds and thus saved the commercial position of the empire. England shouldn't treat the colonial conference of 1902 as a farce.

The Duke of Argyle wrote: "I favor commencing the experiment of legislation for a preferential tariff."

Responding to the colonial, patriotic, Imperial movement, Barlow Cumberland of Toronto strongly supported protection.

Mr. Courtney, Liberal candidate for West Edinburgh, said Mr. Chamberlain's policy would make Britain a third-rate power.

VARSITY UNDERGRADS' DINNER.

Over 150 Sat Down to Royal Repast Last Night.

Over 150 persons sat down to a royal repast in the university east hall last night upon the occasion of the annual undergrad. dinner. As soon as the guests had done justice to the viands set before them, President Loudon opened the toast list with "The King." "The Empire" was proposed by Prof. Baker and responded to in a powerful speech by Hon. Richard Harcourt. Prof. Wallace of Victoria proposed the toast to "The Alma Mater," and it was responded to by Rev. Father Teefey of St. Michael's, who shared with Hon. Richard Harcourt the oratorical honors of the evening. Prof. Ramsay Wright followed with "Our Guests," which was replied to by Principals Auden and Macdonald. The toast to "Undergraduate Guests" was proposed by G. O'Leary and met with responses from Messrs. Chandler (McGill), Marshall (Queen's), Warner (McMaster), Adams (Medicine) and Currie (S.P.S.). "The Press" was toasted by Prof. McGregor Young and replied to by W. H. Vance. R. Pearson proposed "Athletics," and G. Gilchrist and A. G. Ross responded. The last toast on the list drew speeches from E. F. Burton, B.A., and Messrs. Elliott and Hewitt.

FOXY SMITH ON TRIAL.

Comes Up To-Day Before a Cornwall Judge.

Cornwall, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Foxy Smith and John Martin will be tried before Judge O'Reilly at the County Court and General Sessions here tomorrow along with Frank Waterous. This trio is charged with robbing the stores of M. F. Beach, Winchester, about three months ago. Smith and Martin were corralled at Ogdensburg and after considerable delay were turned over to the Canadian authorities and lodged in the Brockville jail, which is stronger than the Cornwall prison. Waterous was kept at Cornwall, and it is stated that he has confessed, turning King's evidence. Smith and Martin were brought here this evening from Brockville by Detective Murray of Toronto, who has been instrumental in running down the trio.

GRAVEYARD GHOULS.

Newly Interred Bodies Robbed of Jewelry and Clothing.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 8.—The local police are on the trail of an odd band of ghouls for many weeks, who, it is believed, have engaged in desecrating the graves in Greenlawn Cemetery and robbing the newly interred bodies of their jewelry, shrouds and clothing. Two bodies that were exhumed for the purpose of removal to other lots were discovered to be in a completely nude condition, notwithstanding the fact that both bodies had been interred in handsome and costly clothing. The bodies were those of Mrs. Edwin Thompson and her father, John Nicolas, and the discovery was made by the husband of Mrs. Thompson.

CUTS TOOTH AT 84.

Huntington, Mass., Dec. 8.—Mrs. Rosa Perkins, 84 years old, who has been a resident of Huntington for the last 32 years, is renewing her youth in reality. She has just cut a tooth, in spite of her advanced age, and says she finds it a great help in eating.

Nothing but the best at Thomas'.

DIED AGED 92.

Midland, Dec. 8.—Thos. Gladstone died to-day, aged 92. He was the oldest resident of this town.

Try the decanter at Thomas.

Editor of Sunday School Times.
Philadelphia, Dec. 8.—Rev. Henry Clay Trumbull, author and editor of The Sunday School Times, died to-day, aged 73 years.

Presents, Box of cigars, Alive Bollard

Xmas flowers should be ordered now. Nothing could be more acceptable than a choice selection of beautiful flowers. We have many novelties for Xmas. Dunlop's, florist, 5 West King.

Briars in case, present—Alive Bollard

King Edward Takes Prizes.

London, Dec. 8.—King Edward has carried off five first prizes at the annual cattle show.

Try the top barrel, 31 Colborne street

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Knox College Alumni, 10 a.m.
Tanners Section Board of Trade, National Club, 1 p.m.
South African Monument Committee, City Hall, 3 p.m.
St. Hilda's College, Christmas sale, 3 p.m.
Northern W.C.T.U., 3 p.m.
Feel Old Boys', Temple Building, 8 p.m.
St. Clement's A. C. reunion, 8 p.m.
Princess, "The Silver Slipper," 2 and 8 p.m.
Grand, "His Last Dollar," 2 and 8 p.m.
Majestic, "The Great White Diamond," 2 and 8 p.m.
Star's vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.
Star, burlesque, 2 and 8 p.m.
Prof. F. R. Fox, assembly Strathcona Chambers, Queen and Victoria-streets, 9 p.m.

DEFIANT

MR. NORTH RENFREW (to Political Messenger Sullivan): Well, you may tell Ross & Co. that when they get thru with those protests which they tried to choke off, and this election which they were scared to bring on, they'll probably have mighty little to do with government grants.

CAREFUL STATESMANSHIP NEEDED TO FORGE CLOSER EMPIRE BANDS

London Standard Comments on Hon. Mr. Sifton's Recent Speech at Ottawa.

London, Dec. 9.—The Standard says: "From Canada comes an illuminating pronouncement in the speech of Hon. Clifford Sifton, who is not the least influential member of the Laurier cabinet. His attitude toward commercial union is shrewd, cool and businesslike. So many obscure hints and nebulous threats are being thrown out regarding Canada's position if her demand is rejected, that we are glad to have the ground cleared in this thoro fashion. The sturdy independence of the colonists is not flattered by talk of Canada's joining hands with the Americans if she is not given material advantages. There is a note of patriotic self-assertiveness, no doubt due to passing irritation over the Alaska award. We hope in his remarks regarding the British navy, he was only playing to the gallery. It is natural for the colonists to think that their primary allegiance should be given to their own colony. It is the colonists' deliberate purpose to restrict any concession that is likely to thwart their purpose to develop the great manufacturing industries of their own. There is no need to abandon the attempts to bring the empire closer, but it is well that we understand the brusque warning the Dominion minister has thought proper to enunciate. Closer bonds of empire are sentiments shared by all patriotic Englishmen, but ... Sifton's speech we perceive it will need a great deal of careful statesmanship to affect it."

DOWIE AGAIN BOSS.

Satisfies Creditors With a Showing of Assets Before Judge.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—John Alexander Dowie is again in control of Zion City and all its industries. This turn in the affairs of the head of the Christian Catholic Church followed a financial showing made this afternoon which satisfied all creditors who had made a formal motion before Judge Kohlsaat to have the receivership appointed by the United States District Court a week ago, dissolved. As no objection was offered to the motion by any of the creditors, Judge Kohlsaat granted the request, and Receivers Blount and Currier were discharged. It is likely that the bankruptcy proceedings will be dismissed as soon as the creditors' committee appointed Monday has an opportunity to report on the advisability of accepting Dowie's offer of settlement. This provides for payment of all merchandise accounts within one year and the giving of notes in the meantime bearing five per cent. interest. By the terms of agreement Dowie has agreed to pay all the expenses of the receivers.

Stuffed leg fresh pork and apple sauce, and steamed cabinet pudding at Nasmith's, Yonge St., to-day.

PRIVATE BANK SUSPENDS.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 8.—Blair and Co., private bankers, of many years standing in this city, announced this afternoon that they were forced to suspend payment. The announcement was heard with general regret because of the good standing of the firm's members, Alfred C. and Andrew Blair. No statement of the finances has been made.

Boston baked pork and beans and steamed ginger roly at Nasmith's, King and Bay, to-day.

CHURCHILL ON CHAMBERLAIN.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 9.—Winston Churchill, speaking at Whitby, said Chamberlain's policy meant an additional burden on the taxpayers of fifty millions yearly. The colonies would receive a subsidy of 2 1-2 millions for the treasury and 8,000,000 of the rest would go into the pockets of private persons.

Eat the good food, Life Chips, a large package, ten cents.

FUNERAL TO MR. QUINN.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—The funeral of the late M. J. F. Quinn, K.C., took place this afternoon and was the largest funeral cortege seen here since the death of D'Arcy McGee.

Try a hot meat pie at Nasmith's.

SIR WILFRID KEPT QUIET.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier passed a quiet day with his friend, Senator David. The Premier was expected to have spoken at the Aemazie concert, but did not do so.

Say, you have forgotten to place your accident and sickness policy with Walter H. Blight, Bay and Richmond streets. Phone 2770. 136

SHARPE WINNIPEG'S MAYOR WITH THOUSAND MAJORITY

Vote Was Light Owing to Stormy Weather—Hall Chief Executive of Brandon.

Winnipeg Man. Dec. 8.—The Winnipeg municipal elections were held today. A very light vote was polled owing to stormy weather and general lack of interest.

In the contest for the Mayoralty Ald. Thomas Sharpe was elected by about 1000 majority, over Alds. Barclay and Mitchell.

The chief interest centred in the aldermanic contests in Wards 2, 4 and 5. Captain Wynne won from Harry Sandison in Ward 2. A. McCharles, ex-policeman, was elected in Ward 4. H. Fry in Ward 5 and F. J. C. Cox in Ward 6.

J. C. Brown was elected Mayor of Portage La Prairie, and Robert Hall Mayor of Brandon, both by acclamation.

Edwards, Morgan & Co., 26 Wellington Street East, Toronto, Edwards & Ronald, 48 Canada Life building, Winnipeg, Chartered Accountants.

BISHOP GRAVEL DYING.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—A wire from Nicolet says: "A letter from Monsignor Bruneault, Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Nicolet, was read in all the churches of the diocese, to ask the prayers of the faithful for Bishop Gravel. The bishop received the last sacrament and his end is expected to occur at any moment.

DEATHS.

CLUFF—On Monday, Dec. 7, at his late residence, 131 John-street, Richard Cluff, in his 71st year, over 55 years a resident of Toronto.

Funeral Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. Friends please accept this intimation.

DAY—On Dec. 8, at 12 p.m., John Day of New Toronto.

Funeral notice later.

GOURLAY—Aged 93 High Park-avenue, Toronto Junction, on Monday, Dec. 7, Hettie Gertrude Eastwood, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gourlay, aged 8 days.

Funeral private, Thursday, Dec. 10, at 2.30 p.m.

STEWART—At his late residence, 79 John-street, Charles J. Stewart, aged 66 years, late of Glenleaven, Scotland.

Funeral notice later.

Scottish papers please copy.

McARTHUR—On the morning of Dec. 7, of diabetic coma, J. B. McArthur, K.C., aged 54 years.

Funeral Wednesday, at 3 p.m., from the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. T. G. Dexter, 125 Huntley-street, Rosedale. London, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Rossland and Vancouver papers please copy.

MYSTERIOUS KING TP. FIRES NOW UNDER INVESTIGATION

Detective Rogers Takes Evidence Regarding Burning of Buildings on James Bell's Farm.

Where fires were: Lot 35, 10th concession of King Township; property owned by James Bell and his son, John.

Buildings burned: Brick house, barns, and a smoke house. When: July 10, Oct. 9, and Nov. 13.

James Bell's loss, $4700; John Bell's loss, $2000; George Brown's loss as tenant, $700.

Insurance on James Bell's buildings, $2000.

The series of fires that have occurred on the property of James Bell in the Township of King, within the last six months, was the cause of an inquest in Schomberg yesterday, at the instance of the Attorney-General's Department. Provincial Detective Rogers, acting as coroner, and County Crown Attorney Dewart represented the Crown. The enquiry into the cause of the three fires that have occurred on the property of one man and another on the property of this man's son consumed the entire day, and a postponement was made till Dec. 18. The inquest is not being held for the purpose of securing a possible conviction against anyone, but more to determine, if possible, the origin of the incendiarism. More than a dozen witnesses were called yesterday, and the conflicting nature of their testimony has as yet failed to reveal the cause or give a positive clue to the incendiaries, tho it was established beyond a doubt that the fires were the result of firebugs.

The greatest interest is centred in the investigation by the farmers of the vicinity. The court room was crowded with neighbors of James Bell, who, by the fires, has by his own testimony lost over $2700, besides $2000 loss he was reimbursed with by insurance. His son, who is the other victim, estimates his loss at $2000. The fires all happened between July and November, and were all started when no one was at home. While no conclusive evidence has been secured, it is nevertheless freely asserted by the farmers that know all the details and heard the testimony, that the hand that held the match is thought to be known to them. It is expected that on he resumption of the inquiry some startling information will be disclosed, which will tend to incriminate one or more men.

When Fires Occurred.

James Bell, Thomas Godson, and Joseph Godson, his son, were the principal witnesses yesterday. James Bell was the first witness called. Under oath he said that he owned two farms. One was on the east side of lot 23, 10th concession, Township of King, on which the buildings were burned. The other property, where he at present lives, is in the Township of Tecumseh, County of Simcoe, six miles away. Ten years ago he first rented the King farm. He has lived on it on and off ever since. In the last seven years he rented it to a Mrs. Wilson, Thomas Godson, Tilwood Aitchison and George Brown. Godson was a tenant from 1900 till March, 1902. After this Aitchison, his hired man, lived in part of the place and cooked for him. Last April George Brown moved in, occupying a portion of the house, and was there when the house was burned. Bell was at his Tecumseh farm when the fire started. His wife was there that morning, but left early for their present home, intending to return in the evening. Bell was also there that morning, leaving at 10-45. Brown and his wife were also absent from the house on that day, Brown being on Adam Winters' farm, a mile away, and his wife away visiting. Bell was in the meadow of his Tecumseh farm, when he noticed a cloud of smoke rising in the direction of the King house. He said at the time to two men who were working with him, "that is a bad sign." He meant the smoke. The house was nearly burned to the ground when he arrived. His loss, he says, was over $2400. He had $1200 insurance on the house. It was a brick structure. The fire occurred on July 10. The next fire was when the two barns were totally destroyed on Oct. 9, when the loss

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HE RAMBLED.

William Cooney, 258 Euclid-avenue, not being busy yesterday, took a stroll thru the Gibson House. During his rambles he picked up some jewelry and other trinkets belonging to the guests, so it is claimed. One of the guests discovered him and gave the alarm and P. C. McDonald made the arrest. The police say Cooney was caught with the goods on him.

To-Day's Lumber Sale.

A couple of hundred lumbermen from many parts of Canada and the United States are in the city to attend the sale of government timber limits at the Parliament Buildings to-day. More interest is being taken in this sale than any other previous one, the Crown Lands Department reporting over 1200 inquiries in respect to the limits.

Fur for Men.

A Canadian gentleman's costume is not complete without a fur cap and gauntlets. The Dineen Company has made for their Christmas trade some exclusive lines of these. Splendidly finished and of the best of fur. If you're thinking of a Xmas present look at these lines.

CLOUDY AND COLD.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 8.—(8 p.m.)—Light snowfalls have occurred today in Manitoba and the western portion of the Territories and snow flurries have been fairly general in Eastern Canada. The weather has been colder in Ontario and the eastern portion of Quebec, whilst elsewhere the temperature has been stationary or somewhat higher.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 40—42; Kamloops, 26—34; Calgary, 28—32; Qu'Appelle, 2—26; Winnipeg, 6 below—14; Port Arthur, 12 below—8; Parry Sound, 4—22; Toronto, 20—25; Ottawa, 6—16; Montreal, 12—20; Quebec, 10—22; Halifax, 30—42.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh to strong easterly winds; cloudy and cold, with light snow falls.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Easterly winds; cloudy and cold, with light snow by night.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Cloudy and colder, with local snow flurries.

Maritime—Northerly winds; cloudy and colder, with scattered snow flurries.

Lake Superior—Strong winds and gales; cloudy and cold, with snow.

Manitoba—Northwesterly gales, occasional snow flurries becoming colder again.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Dec. 8.	At.	From.
Victoria	Bremen	New York
Kaiser Wilhelm II.	New York	Bremen
Grosse Kurfurst	Bremen	New York
Zeeland	Antwerp	New York
Patricia	Plymouth	New York
Minnehaha	London	New York