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TAILOR

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COUNTY NEWS.

A Budget of News and Gossip. Persons Intelligence.—A Little of Everything Well Mixed Up.

DULSEMANE.

MONDAY, Feb. 8.—A general thaw is in progress and doing good work.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Sliter of Lyndhurst were the guests of their cousin Mr. Wellington Sliter, on Friday.

Mrs. Alf Goff of York State is here seeing her sister, Mrs. John Goff of Sand Bay, who is seriously ill, with no hopes of her recovery.

Mr. Herbert Horton has returned from visiting in Georgia, and purposes moving there next fall. He is more than well pleased with the country down south.

Mrs. David Haskins is very poorly.

Miss Anna Webster of Tilly was the guest of her cousin, Chattie Sliter, last week.

Miss Maggie Cook spent a week visiting friends at Lyndhurst.

Mr. E. G. Haskins is talking of visiting the Sunny South right away.

Misses Stringer and Whitmore of Gananoque were the guests of Mrs. D. Haskins last week.

ADDISON.

TUESDAY, FEB. 9.—Mr. A. Davis and family of Brockville were guests of Mr. R. H. Field on Sunday last.

Mr. Bruce Connell has leased the Maple Grove farm for this season.

Miss A. Langdon and Miss V. McVeigh will open out a dress making establishment at the Florida house about the first of March and solicit a share of the public patronage. The best of satisfaction guaranteed.

Mr. Robert Dixie and lady of Caintown were visiting friends at Mt. Pleasant and vicinity this week.

Mr. William Hay left on Saturday last to spend a few weeks with friends in Ashton.

Mr. William Gileston has leased a very extensive ranch in Kitley and will take possession the first of March.

Mrs. Pritchard of Athens made her many friends in the village a pleasant call yesterday.

GLOSSVILLE.

Farmers of this section are busy hauling wood.

The girls are all vieing with each other as to who shall have the first ride in the new cutter. We are afraid our Glossville girls are not "in it," but "Great Scott," as the small boy says, "they'll get there just the same."

Miss Ada Good who has been quite indisposed for a few days, is able be around again.

Our young people spent a very enjoyable evening at Mr. W. Scott's on Friday last.

Mr. Abel Scott attended a meeting of L. O. L at Lansdowne on Tuesday last.

Miss Ella Hall attended the marriage of Miss Parker, Toledo, on Thursday last.

The Church of England Sunday school of Addison has lately purchased a fine organ from J. L Gallagher. This reflects great credit on the members of the Sunday school.

We notice that the yellow cutter still takes the usual Sunday trips, but owing to the different courses pursued by the driver during the week, we would conclude that his mind is unsettled yet

Visitors:—Mr. and Mrs. Harvey of Arnprior, at Chas. Goff's; Mrs. Pritchard and Clare af Athens, at A. Scott's; May Scott of Whitehurst, at Addison; W. Percival, at A. Scott's; Miss Davis of Spring Valley, at S. Johnson's.

SEELEY'S BAY.

MONDAY, FEB. 8.—Miss A. Williams returned from a week's visit to friends at Kingston.

Mr. W. W. Williams returned to Smith's Falls last Tuesday.

Last Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. W. Dorman entertained a large party of friends, it being the fifth anniversary of their wedding day. After refreshments were served, social games, etc. were indulged in and a pleasant time was spent by all present. May they live to enjoy many happy returns of the occasion is the wish of their many friends.

Mrs. E. F. Gilbert is better, but is very weak.

Mr. R. Eaton is at home for a few days, renewing old acquaintance.

Rev. T. Brown's horse ran away last Friday. The occupants of the cutter escaped unhurt, but the cutter was badly damaged and the horse received a severe cut on the hind leg which will lay up the horse for some time.

There was no service held in the Methodist church last Sunday, owing to the quarterly meeting being held at Lyndhurst.

Mr. S. E. Gorsline and family have returned from a week's visit to friends at Newboro and Westport.

CHANTRY

TUESDAY, FEB. 9—Mr. and Mrs David Chant have the sympathy of the neighborhood in the loss of their youngest child.

Rumors says Mrs. Anna Denaut of Delta intends making her home in the future with her daughter, Mrs. Seaman.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Eyre visited Mr. Eyre's uncle, William Eyre of Yonge Mills, on Monday of last week. On Saturday last they received notice of the old gentleman's death, at the advanced age of 88.

TOLEDO.

Rev. Henry Gomery, agent of the Montreal Bible Society, preached in the Presbyterian church on Sunday last.

A large number from here took in the ice carnival at Frankville on Friday last and report having spent an enjoyable time. Our village band was there also and they received congratulations from all sides for the magnificent music they furnished.

Miss McCrum of Brockville is the guest of the Misses McCrum of this place.

Mr. Stevens from Merrickville has opened up a barber shop in our village. We wish him success.

Mr. Geo. Small, formerly a member of a town band, has joined our band. He brings in a slide trombone. Two more instruments are to to be added in a short time, and as the boys are practising hard, we expect to have them come out in first-class shape for the summer's work.

MALLORYTOWN.

SATURDAY, FEB. 6.—Mrs. Puryis, widow of the late Ephram Purvis, has purchased the finest turnout in this place.

Dr. C. Cornell drove through this place on Sunday last.

Miss Ida Dawson, who formerly lived in this place for a number of years with her uncle, Dr. Lane, is visiting her many friends here. She intends make North Williamsburg her future home.

Mr. John Chick of Caintown is quite ill at his brother William's, in this place. He is under the care of Dr. Beeman.

Mr. S. Hugaboon crossed the river with three horses to the Redwood races this week.

Mrs. Jemison of Gananoque, who recently underwent an operation in the Kingston hospital, continues to make favorable progress towards recovery. She is staying with her sister, Mrs. Kelly of this place, at present.

A Mr. Hart of Pennsylvania is suing a young lady of that state for breach of promise. Should the jury give the verdict for the full amount it is needless to say that he will be far from heart broken.

Lillieville Honor Roll.

Following is the report of S. S. No. 5, Bastard, for January:

V. Class.— Eliza Percival.

IV. Class.—*Dan Matice, Katie Eyre, Ella McMacken.

III. Class Sr.—Myles Jeffery, Fred Powell, Frank Matice.

III. Class Jr.—Harry Jeffery.

II. Class Sr.—Gordon Powell *George Carr, Bertha Carr.

II. Class Jr.—*Edward Powell, Henry Matice, Joseph Graham.

Pt. II. Class.—Walter Percival.

I. Class.—Lillie Carbinaught, Lucy Carbinaught.

Names given in order of merit; attendance, punctuality, conduct, perfect lessons, and homework, being taken into consideration.

Those whose names are marked with a star were present every day during the month.

JESSIE COPELAND, Teacher.

Elbe Mills School Report.

Following is the report of Elbe Mills School for the month of January:—

Fourth—Laura Goodall 352, Blanche Bates 348, Ethel Osborne 317, Eva Bates 231, Morden Harper, 120, Clifford Hall 73.

Third.—Martha Kincaid 447, Laurel Covey 421, Clifford Harper 325, Pearl Covey 303, Seymour Halladay 278.

Second.—Grace Cornell 312, Laura Gilhooly 243, Morton Bates 223, Dyson Dixie 141.

Pt. II.—Ephriam Kincaid.

Pt. I.—Violet Green, Arthur Bates, Pearl McClary, Dealia Whitford.

Those who came every day during the month—Laura Goodall, Eva Bates, Seymour Halladay, Pearl Covey, Laurel Covey, Martha Kincaid, Morton Bates. Average attendance 16.6.

LILLIAN HALL, Teacher.

LOCAL SUMMARY.

ATHENS AND NEIGHBORING LOCALITIES BRIEFLY WRITTEN-UP.

Event as Seen by Our Knight o the encil.—Local Announcement Boiled Right Down.

Mr. M. K. Everts of Eastons' Corners visited Athens last week.

A Montreal detective registered at the Gamble House last week.

See J. J. Walsh's new ad in the Reporter this week. It is short but to the point.

Mrs. (Rev.) Buchanan of Regina is this week visiting her sister, Mrs. I. C. Alguire.

Mr. J. J. McCaffery left Athens this week for Oshawa where he has accepted a position in the carriage works.

The fire engine was placed on runners on Thursday last and carefully looked over to see that everything was in working order.

On Friday evening last Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Taplin, Addison, entertained a large number of their young Athenian friends.

W. Cheeney, who sells Fisher's carriages and cutters in Elgin and vicinity, took another large load from the shop on Tuesday.

Cabinet Photos in the latest styles for only $2.25 per dozen, for the balance of February, at Falkner's Photo Gallery, Athens.

Our export trade is increasing. Last week Mr. J. A. Rappell took a load of dried apples to Frontenac county for disposal to lumbermen.

The Reporter office turned out more job work during the month of January, 1897, than for any month since business was started, eleven years ago.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. N. H. Beecher, Toledo, is again able to attend to business, after being confined to his home with an attack of rheumatism for several weeks.

The program of the Wells-Fulford concert published in this issue of the Reporter promises to be in every respect successful. The ability of the performers is well known in Athens and many tickets have already been sold.

Mr. G. McClary is making a tour of Eastern Ontario and Quebec in the interest of the proprietary medicines made by J. P. Lamb & Son. Their new Catarrh Cure is proving very popular and several orders by telegraph have been received.

Chief of Police A. E. McLean of Athens has been, on recommendation of B. Loverin, J. P., appointed county constable for Leeds and Grenville by His Honor Judge McDonald. He was sworn in on Monday, 8th inst., and has now legal authority to perform all the duties of a county constable.

A Beautiful Present.

The Scribe of the Reporter was the pleased recipient on Friday last of a beautiful oil painting, 26x36 inches in size, from the brush of Mr. Crawt C. Slack, Athens. The scene depicted on canvas is a beautiful little mountain vale, surrounded on three sides by bold, rugged bluffs, covered in spots by little patches of mountain fir and stunted juniper. In the centre of the vale is a little sheet of water whose crystal surface reflects in manifold shades, the trees, hills and indentations in the face of Nature's most beautiful handiwork. Standing at the water's edge, with head proudly erect, as if conscious that his title to "Monarch of the Forest" was no misnomer, stands a magnificient red deer. With gracefully curved neck and lofty, spreading antlers, ears keenly on the alert to catch the slightest sound betraying the presence of friend or foe, the picture is a fine representation of many similar scenes that have been impressed upon memory's panarama as viewed by the Reporter's Scribe in his many trips to the north woods in search of game and adventure. To say that he prizes the gift highly, is scarcely doing justice to himself or paying a fitting tribute to the skill or generosity of the artist; but the donor may rest assured that the picture itself will adorn the best position in the editorial residence and the memory of the gift and giver will find a niche in his heart where it will cling for aye and evermore.

A Successful Typo.

Many readers of the Reporter in Leeds and Grenville will be pleased to read the annexed extract from a letter received by the editor of the Reporter a few days ago. Mr. Rolla L. Craine, the writer of the letter, was born and lived until within the last seven or eight years near Merrickville. His father, Hiram A. Craine, was well known over this section of these counties as a first class bricklayer and contractor, as well as a zealous worker in the temperance cause. While working on a contract for Mr. Loverin, when living near Addison, young Craine became interested in printing, by dropping into the little office then conducted by Mr. Loverin, and procuring a little 7 x 9 press and a few fonts of type he commenced in a very primitive way to learn the secrets of the "art preservative." Six years ago he removed to Ottawa and started a small job office on one of the back streets. Unaided and with very little capital to commence with, he gradually worked up a good business. We will allow him to tell of his success in his own words:

"I often think of you and your office, as it was you that gave me the first insight into the printing business

Since I came to Ottawa, I have got along very well, considering the hard times we have had for the past few years. Although I have not the largest plant in this city, I have the most complete and up-to-date office between Toronto and Montreal. I have three of the best presses the American market can produce, viz: a Kidder Pony, an No 8 Golding and a Pearl. The Kidder and Golding are both new press s and are capable of the finest work. I use electric power for running my machinery. I also have an American paper cutter, a wire stitcher and a stereotyping outfit, and over one hundred and sixty of the latest and best styles of type faces. I employ four hands in the composing room and five in the press room, and get all the work we can do, and do not have to engage a canvasser.. Our office has the reputation of doing the finest work in the city, which I presume is the reason we do not have to canvas for works."

Oats sold on Brockville market last week at from 28 to 25c.

Miss Merrick of Kingston is in Athens this week, the guest of Mrs. M. Alguire.

Prevent sickness and save doctor's bills at this season by keeping your blood rich and pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The abolition by the American Government of their 90 days quarantine of Canadian cattle has resulted in farmers of this section finding ready sale at a fair price for all their superfluous stock. About one hundred head were sold last week.

H W. Kincaid, who spent last week in the towns in Lanark county, selling the right to manufacture and use his Patent Metal Shingle, returned on Saturday. He reports having sold the rights in Smith's Falls, Perth, Lanark, Carleton Place, Almonte and other towns and villages.

Mr. Fred Hayes, up to Friday evening, Feb 5th, got up a supply of wood for home use, delivered a hundred cords at Joseph Knapp's factory, and has about fifty saw logs on the roll-way ready to deliver at the mill The big snow-fall was on Wednesday night, Jan. 20—giving him only 16 days sleighing. Who breaks this record?

The sale of the estate of Mr. Chas. Johnson of Elbe, which took place on Thursday last, was largely attended. The whole property was put up en bloc and was purchased by R. Taber of Delta for the sum of $8,425. Mr. Taber is a gentleman of unsullied integrity and high reputation as a successful farmer, and can be depended upon to make the best possible use of his new acquisition. There is a general impression that he has made a good bargain.

Attention is directed to the advertisement of F. W. Lord, furniture dealer and undertaker, Brockville Mr. Lord dropped his ad with the Reporter about a year ago, thinking that he had worked up a trade that would last without the expenditure of any more money for printer's ink. As soon as he stopped advertising in the Reporter, his country trade commenced to drop off, and he finds it necessary to again use our columns to tell the people of the bargains he has for them. His announcements will appear weekly for the balance of 1897.

The fame of the skill of the Athens Ladies' Hockey Club has reached Smith's Falls, as was evidenced a few days ago by the receipt of a challenge from a young lady of that town. Of course it will be accepted, and as the challengers must follow their challenge, the event will be called off here in the near future. Solicitons friends are already organizing an ambulance corps and preparing a set of rules calculated to reduce the death rate to a minimum. The code of rules will be published before the match for the information of the general public.

Death of Mrs. T. A. Owen.

The following paragraph from the Renfrew Mercury of last week will be read with feelings of sympathy and regret by many in Athens:

On Friday last, the wife of Mr. T. A. Owen, B. A., classical master of Renfrew High School, gave birth to a son. An attack of grippe, shortly before, had helped greatly to reduce her strength at such a critical time, and the pleasure caused by the announcement of the birth, was speedily dampened by the report that Mrs. Owen was in a dangerously low condition. The anxiety felt and expressed by the friends of the family proved only too well founded, for the young wife and mother died at 10:45 p. m., on Tuesday, the 2nd. inst. Her mother, Mrs Fletcher, arrived from Dutton a few hours before her daughter's death The mortal remains of the deceased, who was in her 26th year, were taken by the C. P. R. train on Wednesday afternoon for interment at Dutton on Thursday. The deepest sympathy of the community is expressed for Mr. Owen and his three young children in their sudden bereavement.

Fire at Lyndhurst.

The old Roddick grist and saw-mill, just across the bridge from the Copeland house, Lyndhurst, was burned on Sunday morning, 7th inst. The property belonged to the Roddick estate and was occupied and run by John Roddick and son. The fire is supposed to have caught from the stove-pipes, as they fell down during the evening and may not have been properly replaced. The buildings were old, but the machinery had been repaired and put in good condition during the past summer. The water privilege that ran the mills is one of the best in the county, and a large number of logs were daily drawn and cut So great was the rush of logs since sleighing commenced that the mill was run to its full capacity, day and night. Despite the fact that there were no fire-fighting appliances of any kind, the saw-mill part of the building was saved, with the exception of the roof. The grist mill will be a total loss.

The loss will be between two and three thousand dollars. John Roddick and son are said to have had no insurance, but Robert Roddick, Port Hope, may have had his interest protected. It is to be hoped that the mill will be rebuilt, as it is a pity to have such a fine water privilege lying idle.

Called to Little Falls, N. Y.

We notice with pleasure the appreciation and consequent prosperity that is attending the pastorate of Rev. D. D. Monroe in New York state, and in common with his many friends in Athens, particularly his old parishioners in the Baptist church, we congratulate him on his recent preferment. His popularity in Gouverneur, where he went from here, brought him prominently before the church people of the state His address on education delivered at Syracuse before the State Convention last fall was received with great favor and was published in the New York Examiner Recently he was elected chairman of the State Committee on Co-operative Education, and a member of the State Commission on Systematic Benevolence. With these honors, naturally, came a call to a larger sphere of usefulness in the form of a unanimous invitation to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Little Falls N. Y., where the papers state he was given a public reception on the 26th ult. Little Falls has a population of nearly twenty thousand, and the church to which Mr. Monro has been called has a very large membership, so it will be seen that he has now a wide field for the exercise of the tireless energy he has always exhibited in doing the Master's work.

Parliament has been summoned to meet for the despatch of business on Thursday, March 11th.

Mrs. Adelaide Loverin has been appointed postmistress at Greenbush, in place of Robert E. Foster.

Mrs Henry Arnold, of Kitley, died on Sunday last, aged 83 years. Her husband, now in his 89th year, has been a resident of Kitley for seventy years.

Mr George Smith, who has been traveling for some time in the interest of a windmill firm, leaves this week to complete some unfinished work in Lanark County.

Thomas Flynn, aged 92, died at Napanee last week He travelled through these counties a few years ago lecturing on temperance in the interests of the I O of G. T.

A well known Leeds County boy, Dr O L Kilborn, now a missionary in Chentu, and who narrowly escaped with his life in the riots there a short time ago, has written as follows to parties in Kingston: "I am rushing hospital building as fast as possible; will have the roof on the first ward this week; it will hold fifteen patients. A second ward is under way; it will be for women patients. My congregation yesterday (November 8th) was nearly 300, almost all of whom sat quietly through the hour's service.'

Detectives are busy removing the debris from the streets caused by the fire. Mr John Russel has bought the damaged part of Mr. Whaley's hardware and is busy removing it from the wreck. Several changes have taken place as the result of the fire. Omer Brown has moved the remainder of his stock into Mrs. Curtis' shop; L. N. Phelps has his office over Mr. Brown's store; the post office is now in Mrs. A. Denaut's store lately occupied by C C. Lafleche as a tailor shop.

At a special meeting of the Mechanics' Institute Library Board, held on Monday evening, it was decided to place the membership fee at the small sum of 50c a year, and count the year as commencing on May 1st next. The membership fee of 50c will include all members of the family over 15 years of age, who will require to have the names registered on the Librarian's books. The four young lady canvassers will start out this week, and the board asks for them the liberal response necessary to enable them to secure the required number of names and money.

Delta Fair.

The officers for the Delta Fair this year are:

President—A. Stevens.

1st Vice-Pres.—John Bowser.

2nd Vice-Pres.—George Morris

Directors;—A. Delong, W. Bass, H. E. Eyre, O. Brown, A. Acheson, Richard Green, John Cook, W Johnson, Philip Halliday; auditors, John Russell, Alexander Stevens.

To be Given Away.

At the Tea Store and China Hall, Brockville, a $45 00 Dinner Set will be given to the person guessing the nearest to the number of Beans contained in a Sealed Can. One guess allowed with every pound of Tea or coffee purchased and one guess allowed with every Fifty Cents worth of Crockery, China or Glassware. The best of good value is always given for every dime spent at the Tea Store. This set may be yours.—T. W. DENNIS.

South Leeds L. O. L.

At the annual county meeting of South Leeds L. O. L., held at Lansdowne, the following officers were elected:

C. M.—W. N. Bowen.

D.C.M.—O. W. Laudon.

Chaplain—H. L. Davis.

Rec. Sec.—N. W. Webster.

Fin. Sec.—T. G Kendrick.

Treasurer—Wm. McIntyre.

D. of C.—Wm. McKenzie.

Lecturer—Wm. Astleford.

Appointed to Trevelyan.

Rev Father Collins, at one time curate for Vicar-General Gauthier, in Brockville, and late of the Kingston Cathedral, has been appointed by His Grace Archbishop Cleary as parish priest of Trevelyan, a position made vacant by the death of Father Kelly. The induction of Father Collins took place at Trevelyan Jan. 31st, conducted by Monsignor Farrelly, of Belleville Rev. Father Meagher, curate at Prescott, has also been transferred to St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston, while Rev. Father McDonagh, who has of late been in charge at Trevelyan, goes to Prescott as curate for Rev. Dean Masterson.

The Poultry Yard.

For the benefit of your readers who do not think it pays to keep fowl, I submit our annual report for '96.

Our 40 hens, principally Brown Leghorns, laid 423 dozen (an average of 127 eggs for each hen), which sold at from 8 to 18c per dozen, according to the season, realizing $45.70, besides 70 chickens at 15c each—totalling $56.20.

Their food was corn, buckwheat and boiled potatoes, with a liberal supply green stuff and crushed bone in the winter season. Total cost, $25.10, leaving as a return for our labor $31.10

Cannot some other person send in a report?

E. C. BULFORD.

Athens, Feb. 7, 1897.

Athens Honor Roll.

INTERMEDIATE.—Frank Smith, Blanche Wiltse, Steve Stinson, Roy Parish.

PT. I. SR.—Lila Palmer, Ruth Wiltse, Ada Brown, Willie Simes.

PT. II. JR.—Florence Gainford, Gorden Foley, Berta Weart, LeRoy Curtis.

PT. II. SR.—Lillie Asseltine, Jessie Arnold, Keitha Brown, Freddie Pickett.

II. CLASS SR.—Lily Cadwell, Berta Alternethy, Katie Tanner, Crystal Rappell.

II CLASS JR.—Eric Jones, Jessie Brown, Fred Rockwood, May Brown, Edna Fair.

III. CLASS JR.—Arther Fowler, Mary McLaughlin, Arlissa Hagerman, Claude Gordon, Robbie Stinson.

III. CLASS SR.—Lottie Witheril, Arthur Parish, Lena Fair, Edna McLaughlin, Luella Brown.

IV. CLASS JR.—Arthur Lee, Harry Berney, Maud Wiltse, Edith Young, Grace Wing Ophelia Brown.

IV. CLASS SR.—Walter Landers, Fred Barber, May Niblock, Bertha Pierce, Ethel DeWolfe, Hattie Patterson.

NEWS TOPICS OF A WEEK

Important Events in Few Words For Busy Readers.

The Busy World's Happenings Carefully Compiled and Put into Handy and Attractive Shape For the Readers of Our Paper—A Solid Hour's Enjoyment in Paragraphed Information.

CANADA AND INDIAN RELIEF.

The Canadian India famine fund has reached about $25,000.

The Oxford County Council voted $500 to the India relief fund.

THE LABOR WORLD.

The Hamburg dock strikers resumed work on Monday, funds being exhausted and the battle lost.

The trouble between the garment-workers and the Sanford Manufacturing Company of Hamilton has been amicably settled.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

A number of additional notes forged by William Fraser of London Township have come to light.

The private bank of Mr. Unsworth of Florence was visited by burglars, who blew the safe open and decamped with all the cash.

SUICIDES.

The remains of Mr. Robert Buzzard of Oakville were found in the lake. He is thought to have committed suicide.

Albert Rosebrugh, aged 21, son of Mr. William Rosebrugh, a respected farmer of South Dumfries Township, committed suicide while returning from Galt. He shot himself in the forehead with a revolver.

CASUALTIES.

An Englishman named Smith, aged 40, was struck by a falling tree in Westminster Township and killed.

Floods are prevailing in the valleys of the Thames and the Ouse, where large tracts of land are submerged.

The Allan line steamer Assyrian, which has been in collision off the Skerries, has sustained considerable damage.

THE DEAD.

Mr. W. W. C. Meyer, barrister of Calgary, died at Banff.

Mr. Richard Pope, Commissioner of Patents at Ottawa, is dead.

Mr. William Simpson of Guelph, Ont., died very suddenly at his home of heart disease.

Dr. Cummiman, of Bowmanville, aged 3[illegible], who has not been seen since Friday, was found dead in his office by his brother-in-law Sunday.

RAILROAD RUMBLINGS

A number of changes have taken place among the street railway companys officials at London.

Sensational statements regarding disagreements in the Joint Traffic Association are denied by the members generally.

Representatives of the Railway Employes' Association waited on the Premier at Ottawa with reference to the dismissal of railway employes on the Intercolonial.

POLITICS—FOREIGN.

The Portuguese Ministry has resigned.

It is now thought probable that Surveyor Ogilvie and party will remain in the Yukon country over winter.

The decree authorizing the proposed reforms in the Island of Cuba was signed by the Queen Regent of Spain.

It is intimated that President-elect McKinley intends to appoint Mr. Chauncey M. Depew Ambassador to England.

The Portuguese Ministers resigned because the King would not create a number of life senators to keep them in power.

THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE.

It is expected that on the occasion of the Queen's jubilee the Marquis of Salisbury will be raised to a dukedom.

The Prince of Wales has issued to the press a lengthy communication, in which he advocates the creation of a fund to be called the Prince of Wales' hospital fund for London, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne.

Lady Aberdeen has received a cable message from Sir Arthur Bigge, the private secretary to the Queen, with regard to the Victorian Order of Home Helpers, saying that while Her Majesty has refrained from expressing approval of any particular scheme for commemorating her diamond jubilee, any project for the relief of the sick in Canada will be assured of Her Majesty's sincere sympathy.

OF INTEREST TO FARMERS.

As a result of the new quarantine regulations large droves of cattle are being driven across the ice from Brockville to the United States.

The leading steamship companies are asking the Government to pay half the cost of fitting up vessels for cold storage. The total payment would amount to $150,000.

The wheat market in Chicago was strong, active and higher on Saturday. The news of rain and bare wheat fields in the west advanced prices. The signal service indicated a cold wave for the Northwest. May wheat closed 1 1-4c higher at 77c.

Under the instructions of the Minister of Agriculture, the free distribution of sample seed packages of certain varieties of grain and other agricultural products which have succeeded on the experimental farms will be made again this season.

The Prince of Wales attended the dinner given in his honor by Mr. Bayard, the United States Ambassador, in London.

The Czar has cordially received and restored all the rights of the Grand Duke Michael Michaelovitch, who was banished from Russia and deprived of his uniform by the late Czar for mesalliance.

Lady Aberdeen will be the convocation orator at the University of Chicago commencement exercises on April 1. Lady Aberdeen will have the honor of being the first woman chosen for such an occasion in the United States.

UNCLASSIFIED.

Thirty thousand people in the State of Louisiana are practically starving to death.

Several deaths have occurred recently in the Township of Calstor from what is called black erysipelas.

Mr. Tarte has negotiated the purchase of the Montreal Patrie for his two sons, at a cost of thirty thousand dollars.

Mrs. Crowe, the London woman of 80 years, who cut her throat with a razor on Monday, may possibly recover.

The petition for a reduction in the number of liquor licenses in Hamilton was considered by the Markets Committee and refused.

Mine owners at Rat Portage are agitating to have the Indian reserve at that town done away with and the Indians moved to some other location.

Dr. Selwyn, in a paper read at the Mining Engineers' Convention in Montreal, held that the idea that Canada was exceptionally rich in minerals was a fallacy.

England is not taking any precautions against the importation of the bubonic plague, as experts say that it is simply a dirt disease, and that cleanliness is the true prophylactic.

The Nova Scotia House of Assembly passed a bill appointing July 1st a public holiday. This is the first time since Confederation that Dominion day has been recognized in Nova Scotian as a legal holiday.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council has dismissed the appeal of the Brewers and Maltsters' Association of Ontario v. the Attorney-General, and granted leave to appeal the fisheries cases between the Dominion and the Provinces.

Woman's Franchise in Britain.

London, Feb. 3.—In the House of Commons to-day Ferdinand Begg, member for the St. Rollox division of Glasgow, moved the second reading of the bill to confer the Parliamentary franchise upon women.

Mr. Begg's motion was carried by a vote of 228 to 157, and the bill accordingly passed its second reading. It is not likely, however, that it will be advanced any further this year.

Mr. Thomas G. Bowles, Conservative member for Lynn Regis, moved in the House of Commons to-day that a copy of the Arbitration treaty be laid on the table, meaning in British Parliamentary language that the full text of the document be placed before the House.

The motion was adopted.

Better to Have Settled.

Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 4—Montreal has been chosen as the scene of the final argument and award of the Behring Sea Commission, and when the members of that international body left here yesterday it was with instructions to meet in the Canadian metropolis on June 16.

The claims, including personal damages sought, aggregate $67,000, and the costs and counsel fees will bring the total well into three-quarters of a million dollars.

THE RELIGIOUS WORLD.

The Pope is reported to be suffering from fainting fits.

Solemn services were held in Montreal for repose of the soul of Archbishop Fabre.

St. John's Presbyterian Church, Brockville, has extended a call to Rev. Mr. Abraham of Burlington.

There is a crisis of blood and fire in Canea, where the Mussulmans are ruthlessly butchering the Christians.

Lady Henry Somerset will be asked to preach the annual sermon during the National Convention of the W.C.T.U. in Buffalo next fall.

Principal Grant of Kingston has commenced a series of talks to the Y.M.C.A. He discusses the gold mining speculation and the treaty of arbitration with the United States in the first lecture.

Archbishop Langevin, who is at present in Ottawa, has received a sum of money from France, which, with the amount already contributed by the various dioceses of the Dominion, will, he expects, enable him to keep his schools in operation until the difficulty is settled to his satisfaction.

POLITICS—CANADIAN.

The writ for the St. Boniface bye-election fixes February 13 for nominations and the 20th for the election.

The Tariff Commissioners commenced their sittings in Winnipeg on Monday, and they are expected to last at least three days.

The Ontario Legislative Assembly opened on Wednesday. The reply to the speech from the throne was moved by Mr. Pattullo and seconded by Mr. Auld.

The principal fish-exporting merchants of St. John's, Nfld., have presented a memorial to the Government, asking for the enforcement of the Bait Act against the French.

Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. L. H. Davies left Ottawa for Washington. They will ascertain the views of leading American statesmen on the question of commercial relations.

Messrs. Gordon and Keith, undertakers, of Halifax, are bringing an action against the Dominion Government for Sir John Thompson's funeral expenses, which the Government disputes on the ground of overcharges.

The latest returns of the bye-elections hold show the results to be as follows: East Simcoe, Mr. W. H. Bennett, Conservative, 181 majority; North Ontario, Mr. Duncan Graham, Patron-Liberal, 32 majority; South Brant, Mr. C. B. Heyd, Liberal, 230 majority.

BUSINESS.

The reports of "settling day" at the various business centres of Canada are fairly satisfactory.

Strong pressure is being brought to bear on the Dominion Government to have insolvency legislation introduced as soon as possible.

The retail merchants of Ottawa are petitioning the Dominion Government for the right of garnishee against the salaries of civil servants.

The commercial failures in the United States for the week just closed amount to 311, compared with 323 for the corresponding week of last year.

At the Business Men's Convention held in Winnipeg a resolution was passed recommending that the Dominion Government build the proposed railway through the Crow's Nest pass.

An interesting session of mining engineers was held at Montreal. The subject of frauds on the public by unscrupulous promoters of joint stock enterprises was discussed, and the necessity for legislation in the matter was agreed on.

Mr. Dobell, who has returned from England, says that Canada ought not to be in too great a hurry in getting her new Atlantic service, as a new style of steamer is being projected, of shallow draught with great capacity and speed, which would be admirably suited for the St. Lawrence trade.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher is reported to be dying.

The Queen's health, both physical and mental, is reported to be excellent.

The Queen has announced her intention of opening the Sheffield Town Hall in May next.

Lady William Beresford, formerly Duchess of Marlborough, has given birth to a son.

Sir Charles and Lady Tupper have sailed from Liverpool for Halifax on board the steamer Mongolian.

Lieut.-Governor Kirkpatrick has almost recovered from the operation which was performed on him in London.

Dr. Nansen, the Arctic explorer, and Mrs. Nansen have arrived in London. They are the guests of Sir George Baden-Powell.

TO A VIOLIN

Wee brown house, with echoing hall,
Magic roof and curving wall,
What art thou? Beloved so well.
Whence has come thy potent spell?
Framed three centuries ago,
All thy secret I would know.

From the Architect supreme
Came my plan; a starlight gleam
Sorrow's darkest night to cheer;
Love to man has sent me here.
Whose finds mine inner key
Finds life, joy and liberty.

Wee brown house, so frail, so strong,
Home of gladness, tears and song,
Soundings from thy wondrous floors,
Floating through thy circling doors,
Triumph, sorrow, joy, despair,
Why has each its echo here?

Lo! a shining hope I stand
Beckoning thee, with outstretched hand
Thou wilt find, in bending near,
Love's deep secrets vocal here.
Love is lord my walls within,
I am called a violin.

LAC A LA TORTUE.

A Curious Canadian Iron Mine and Its History.

Lake-ores are abundant in Northern Europe, but, so far as the writer's knowledge extends, Lac a la Tortue and a neighboring lake are the only instances of the kind in North America. The ore is extracted from our lake mine by hand and by power. The shallow margin is divided into sections, who may desire to work them and who may desire to work them and who are paid at a specified rate per ton of ore raised. Two men generally work in company. Their implements are a shovel, a strong circular sieve and a rough hand barrow. When work is to be begun the workmen remove shoes and stockings and use their feet in searching for ore, which lies imbedded in the soft sand, nothing coarser than sand, except ore cakes, being found in the lake. Guided by their feet, the workmen put down their shovels and bring to the surface a quantity of ore and sand, which they throw into their circular sieve. This is then held below the surface of the water and made to rotate to and fro until the soft sand is washed away from the ore, which is then thrown on a scow provided for the purpose or carried to shore. When a sufficient quantity has been collected it is carted to the railway near at hand and loaded on cars.

From the deeper parts of the lake the ore is raised by means of a steam dredge. The captain of the dredge moves over the lake, and, putting down a pole and working it about on the bottom, can easily learn where there is a body of ore suitable for dredging. The dredge is then moved to the desired spot and work is begun. The ore and sand and brought up in buckets on an endless chain and thrown into a long, revolving screen, adjusted and inclined so as to deliver it upon scows moored to the dredge. In its course down the screen the mixture of ore and mud is acted upon by water which is thrown upon it with considerable force.

By this means the mud and sand are washed out of the screen and the clean ore is deposited on the scows.—J. T. Donald, in Popular Science Monthly.

Nut Raising in California.

"Do you know," said a South Water street commission man, who has just returned from a health-seeking trip through the west, "that the great bulk of the people is not aware of the great magnitude of the almond-raising industry in California? When I was out there not long ago I was very much surprised to find so much attention, ground and time given to the culture of the nuts. Something like 25,000 acres of land are devoted to the raising of almonds, and the industry in all its phases represents an outlay of $10,000,000. I really did not think there was such a demand for the nuts. As it is, a large percentage of those used in this country are imported from Malaga and Valencia."

The almond is a native of southern Asia, and has been before the public from the time of the writing of the scripture, in which it is frequently mentioned. There are two kinds of almonds, the sweet and the bitter varieties. The sweet one's kernel contains a fixed oil and emulsion; while the latter has in addition a nitrogenous substance called amygdaan, which, by combination with emulsion, produces a volatile oil and prussic acid.

The essential oil or essence of almonds, so much used these days in the flavoring of dishes, requires to be used with caution, as it possesses marked poisonous qualities. In some cases the oil, even when taken in small quantities, produces nettlerash.—Chicago Record.

Novel Way to Pay Debts.

Debt collecting is not an easy process in Kansas. This fact has long weighed on the mind of Mr. Fred Westhoff, blacksmith, of Wathena, who is obliged to give credit to the farmers for whom he works. After long thought, he decided to try a new method of debt collecting.

To all his debtors he sent out the following instruction:

"As I have to meet payment of a note I find it necessary to call upon all those who are indebted to me to help me out as much as you can. Therefore I have decided to select one day, and kindly request your presence at my shop at Wathena, and pay the amount herein stated, and to all those complying with this request will receive a special treat. Lunch and refreshments will be served from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. in my basement that day, and a very good time assured to all present. Please present this card when you call, and show the amount of your account which is —— dollars and —— cents. Hoping all will respond, and you will have a good social afternoon."

The treat offered was a great inducement to the thrifty Kansas farmers. It was all the more attractive because beer was provided and Kansas was a prohibition state. Hardly one of those who came had the cheek to refuse to pay his bill and the entertainment was a great success. The scheme will be employed regularly by Mr. Westhoff.—San Francisco Examiner.

The Cruel Truth Forced Home.

"Ah, Henry," she sighed, "it is very kind of you to tell me that I am still beautiful and that I look as youthful as I did ten years ago, but you are wrong. I have had proof of it."

"Why, my darling, what do you mean?" he asked.

"To-day when I got aboard the car," she bitterly replied, "not a solitary man offered to give me his seat."

The Proper Time

When the most benefit is to be derived from a good medicine, is early in the year. This is the season when the tired body, weakened organs and nervous system yearn for a building up medicine like Hood's Sarsaparilla. Many wait for the open spring and, in fact, delay giving attention to their physical condition so long that a long siege of sickness is inevitable. To rid the system of the impurities, and to purify the