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Real Work To Be Done. Although the transportation question in Railway and the housing commission.

powers which the legislature did not see fit to political parties and remain there. grant in its Housing Act. The powers desired Yet there are those who are not satisfied with

Although it was never the intention of the tem could not wish to have it otherwise. Housing Act that it should be done, the city built on its own initiative fifty-nine houses, seventeen on Garfield avenue and forty-two on this there were 103 houses built on private loans, of Canada. After looking this word up in our and eight of these have reverted to the commis- vest-pocket dictionary and asking the proofsion through failure to carry out purchase agree-

houses at Pine Lawn ten are rented, twelve are plant life. vacant, with the remainder held under sale sold three times. The government stipulated a good judgment in naming Dr. John Dearness.to tertain schedule of payments on houses built on any office it might have to fill. advances from the fund, and at the end of Octo-\$19,083.

posing of the houses has been that prospective to convey the same idea in a better way. purchasers do not consider them worth the price When school-age of London gathers up asked, which is \$3,100 for a four-room cottage stray branches and odd flowers, and when the of his great victory turns out to have been a fabriand \$3,300 for a five-room. Authority is now school botanist hesitates to pronounce on it cation. sought to put these prices at what they are finally, it's an unwritten law, "ask Dr. Dearness." worth according to market valuation.

Include the amounts that will have to be written ing, and that settles it. off to bring the properties down to a point where

sell these houses at a loss, the members of this meal or a nice funeral. year's housing commission will have an opporuseless to complain that the city should never fungi. have taken unto itself building powers the act did not grant-all that is admitted. The big question now is to get out of what is plainly a

When Crowds Stampede.

Three children were sitting on an improvised bench in an arena in Erie, Pa., when it cracked the wild and woolly west. and let them down. Not a serious thing in itself, yet sufficient to start one of those most dreaded of all crowd movements, a panic.

The impression from the cracking bench was that the building was about to collapse, so the five thousand people in it had to get out at once.

The building did not collapse; there was not a crack in it, but the crowd got out. It fought for the exits, it trampled on those who stood in

There were two little boys, one five, another nine, and one little girl of nine who did not make their way out. When the arena was cleared they were carried out, trampled to death, victims of that instinct of self-preservation that at times runs riot with common sense and all

the finer sensibilities of human nature. An expert in mental disorders when asked for an explanation of such a mob movement replied that he could neither explain it satisfactorily nor would he apologize for it. Self-preservation is something inborn; people practice it all the time. When it is cold they put on more clothing; when wet they wear rubbers; men insure their lives to protect their families; they put locks on their doors to protect their property. Consciously or unconsciously, this expert claims, to wear a distinctive dress so they can be dispeople are always exhibiting this instinct. In tinguished from the scholars. Not a bad way of marked, and people were more combative all through. It was the rule of survival of the

When a stampede/starts, according to this expert there is no mental law to explain what drum-stick and finish two more pairs of silk takes place. The nearest answer is that the primitive instincts take control and for the time being batter down all the finer emotions that through tradition and present practice are prepared to make personal sacrifice that others may ference statistics, and can't say just offhand be saved. It is quite correct to state that such functions as reason or logic have for the time being ceased to be operative.

Others who have made a study of such matters say there is little hope of preventing Free Press selected the following method yesterpanic stampedes. According to theory they should be least frequent in more highly educated communities, but according to fact they occur

with little regard to location or standards of culture. Often the presence of one cool-headed individual who senses the danger of the situation quickly and acts intelligently will divert the attention of the crowd for a moment from the mad desire to move in mob style. Once that short-lived opportunity for reason to assert itself is lost then nothing can stop the crowd.

Has Its Value.

Hon. Arthur Meighen, speaking at the annual banquet of the Commercial Travellers' association, voiced opposition to allowing the parliamentary system of Canada to develop into groups. It would have been very interesting had Mr. Meighen gone farther and pointed out how such development could be avoided, especially when it has made itself felt in practically

every self-governing nation. The two-party system is a more direct system. London has managed to occupy first place in and a straight majority on such a basis makes attention of the 1926 city council it has not such for more directness in initiating legislation and a definite bearing on the tax rate of the city as likewise fixing responsibility for its administratwo other matters, the London & Port Stanley tion. In many ways it would create a very desirable method of government were the people all The city intends to apply for several added prepared to come within the alignment of two

are (1) to issue debentures to provide for losses either of the two main parties in Canada, and sustained through London's municipal building the fact that they are able to send men to parprogram, and (2) to sell the houses by auction liament to express their specific desires is not or tender even though the price may be below an altogether undesirable thing. It shows more the cost of construction, thereby entailing addi- clearly than could be done in any other way that tional loss. With these powers it should be our system of government is a very sensitive possible to make a definite move to clean up a machine, one that can at once register the rise situation that is admittedly a bad one for the or fall of any particular line of thought. Even the most ardent exponent of the two-party sys-

Ask Dr. John Dearness.

Dr. John Dearness of London has been elected Pine Lawn, at a total cost of \$224,567.66. Beside vice-president of the Phytopathological Society reader upstairs, who is reputed to know more than the dictionary, we concluded that this The latest returns show that of the forty-two society is one that delves into diseases that affect

If that supposition is correct, then the or Agreements. Several of the houses have been ganization exhibited a commendable amount of

Dr. Dearness is not simply a citizen in good ber these were in arrears to the extent of standing in London—truth is, he's somewhat of an institution, book of reference, court of last merryman sang carols on the road he was suspected The trouble in making any move toward dis-

This doyen of botanists gazes at it, smells it, The deficit on the operations will be \$55,000 perhaps bites it, takes a piece of paper and writes at the end of the year, and this amount does not a word that could only be carried away in writ-

Likewise when the collector of mushrooms they will sell. It is not possible to say definitely wants to know if he's gathered toadstools, he what this amount will be, but a builder who has asks Dr. Dearness. We know the doctor will say took all the flea powder in town to separate them no interest in the matter and a valuator both that way of putting it is not correct, because he agree that the average write-off will have to be holds they are all toadstools or fungi or someat least \$1,000 on the fifty-nine houses, and they thing or other. But, passing that point over, regarded that as a conservative figure. Added he'll look at the specimen, and the chances are to the known loss of \$55,000 that makes a loss of he will turn to a page in a collection of photo-\$114,000, without taking into account any por- graphed specimens hardly equalled on the contion of the \$19,083 in arrears on payments at tinent, and will give the history of the family, profile and rear views of all relatives, and tell Monday I had a very busy time laying stair carpets. If the legislature grants the city power to at once whether the specimen will make a good The carpet unrolled and slid down a good many

Of course people in London are pleased to see do a real service by going as far as him recognized by being appointed to office in good business judgment will permit in establish a society that carries such a profound name. ing what the actual loss is going to be and Few men possess such an intense and unerring stopping it at that figure. For the moment it is knowledge on anything pertaining to plant life or

Note and Comment.

Montreal fur workers have been on strike for nasty situation, and do it with the least possible 35 weeks, which is long enough for any skin game to last.

> Another tie that binds east and west came in the shape of a couple of carloads of turkeys from

> A newspaperman in London won \$2,000 in a prize puzzle. He must be a bear for punishment, because he's not going to retire.

Man in Kansas City says it may yet be possible to make rubber from oil. Good idea. Then when you ran dry on oil you could melt the spare

There are 200 four-year-old pupils in London schools, which means 400 rubbers and 400 mittens to fasten on the right places every day at

The editor of the Brantford Expositor, on winding up his Christmas shopping, wrote a stinging editorial about the need for reduction

The chief of police is going after autoists who go over railway crossings when watchmen warn them not to. Now and then a train deals with evidence except in the conversation.

a case like this. School teachers in St. Catharines may have primitive ages the feeling was even more letting the teacher out of the contest to dress as

well as some of the youngsters. Latest reports from the North Pole said that Santa Claus had only to whittle out one more stockings, then he'd be all set to start.

There's to be another conference between coal miners and bosses. We've mislaid our con- stranger and ye took me in. whose turn it is to reject the proposals.

The spirit of goodwill and toleration finds many ways of expression at Christmas. The

"No acclamation for Mackenzie King, no matter what riding he slides into.'

Ned Tried It By ARK.

Ned Whiskers he come in last night when we was settin' down for tea, it didn't take so long to

know how Ned was surely up a tree. His wife she went away last week to see her folks a week or so, and Ned was certain when she went that he could manage when she'd go. In fact he urged on her to get, and let him show what he could do, he always puttered round the house and knew housekeepin' through and

Well all went well a day or so and Ned did cookin' in his coop, and mostly churned himself at night a dish of semi-ready soup.

When he got tired of soup why Ned he tried out pork and beans at night, but tired of them inside two days although at first they seemed all right. And after he had gone the round he ate a day on canned-up fish, but he was longin' much at nights to eat a hearty sort of dish.

And so he got the cook-book out and turned to "Pancakes, how they're done," and reckoned how much stuff he'd use to make a batter up

Well he put in some flour and stuff, and added some of this and that, and put the frying-pan to work and greased it with some bacon fat. But when he come to cook the stuff it was like fryin' lumps of lead, and Ned was fearin' two of them would make him 'bout as good as

And all he wanted at our house was just my ink and fountain pen, to write as how he thought his wife she should be comin' home again. (Copyright.)

The Once-Over

An epicure dining at Crewe Found quite a large mouse in the stew. Said the waiter, "Don't shout And wave it about, Or the rest will be wanting one too."

On reaching his bedroom that night He found there two rats in a fight He complained, but was told By the manager bold There was no extra charge for the sight.

WATCH OUT!

A timely watch night service took place at St Thomas Tuesday evening. Two service station men parted with \$30 worth of service for gold watches ince valued at 75 cents.

Just because a Chatham resident named Mush he sing at this festive season.

As might have been expected, General Li's report

THE MARKET IS STILL BUOYANT. British rubber companies increased their profits by £55,000,000 last year but deny inflation.

Having just installed a new mayor and council, Londoners are entitled to stand on the sidelines and micker as other municipalities endure the throes of nunicipal elections.

Isn't It the Truth?

What France needs is fewer frank friends and

Another great aid to progress at times is a firstclass funeral.

Law, as you know, is the will of the people. But only close observers know which people.

He was a cashier and his wife had social aspirations. Puzzle: Find the cashier.

We aren't at the bottom yet. No show is as naughty as the advance notices indicate. The penalty of success in any field is that it gives you an itch to start a magazine of your own.

The final test of a dry's sincerity is his willingness to travel without a corkscrew. Anybody can prepare a bill to reduce taxes but only experts can get one party all the credit for it.

An amateur football player is one whose arrange ment with the faculty is nobody's business. few things a



garage mechanabout how much of a charge you'll stand for. Once the few

called reformers. In modern, sanitary houses, sewage is never i

steadily recurring condition, then a policy which uses temporary machinery to handle a permanent condition is not Among the nice things that don't function are blue laws, scar tissue and nice rules in time of war. After you've struggled for 30 minutes with the

Correct this sentence: "Yes, he's my wife's brother; but he paid back the money he borrowed

Editorial Opinion

BEST EDITORIAL FOR CHRISTMAS. Suggested by St. Catharines Standard.

OR I was a hungered and ye gave me meat; was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a Naked and ye clothed me: sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison and ye came to me.

ALL FROM ONE BANG.

From the Indianapolis News. GEORGIA woman killed three deer with two TF, HOWEVER, unemployment is re-A shots, equaling the record of the Indiana hunter, | garded as a permanent yearly condiwho killed a cow, wounded two chickens and a tion the whole point of view towards orse, dislocated his shoulder, set fire to a hay- it changes. It then becomes a recogstack and missed the rabbit with one shot.

The Night Before Christmas



Santa Forke-It's too bad, but I'll have to disappoint one of those boys-probably Arthur.

Well Then, Why Worry? By "SODBUSTER"

the next two-thirds is no worse than first, we can put up with it all right.

day won't be here until the first of parts.

-it is years since we had as good—crop of something.

o what was the use of our worry? The best fun, or at least the thing

naturally that the council's policy

toward unemployment is to handle it as cheaply as possible. But if unemployment is not temporary; if it is a

an economic policy. That is obvious.

All the bodies involved hate unemployment. When relief work began in

921-22, the Dominion government ac cepted part of the responsibility and gave some money. And then refused to

The city council gets some money

from the government of Manitoba, but not willingly, not as an accepted obli-

gation, but as an act of beneficence. The province could refuse to give the city any money, and it is hard to see what

The city council becomes yearly more irritated at the way the burden of un-

employment is settling more and more

heavily on it. Last year, out of \$278,-440.23 spent on relief, the city had to give \$222,091.32. The members of the

unemployment committee of the coun-cil look at these figures and shudder.

And no wonder, with another winter on

them again, and the whole performance

nized part of the city's, the province

the city could do about it.

give any more.

The present time is pretty good kind of weather for winter, at least it might be far worse.

When the winter settled in a year ago I heard men say that it was a sure sign that the crops would be very poor in 1925, and as a matter of fact the crops were nothing of the kind and when this summer it continued dry.

As a matter of course we can't hurry up anything on the farm, with the exception, perhaps, of ourselves. The coption, perhaps, of ourselves. The up anything on the farm, with the exception, perhaps, of ourselves. The said you was gwine to name your new to have the figures I referred to I would like very much to see them.

JUNDAS EAST.

Mrs. Johnsing—"Ah thought you-all baby 'Victrola,' but Ah hears you-all done make a change."

Mrs. Moses—"Yes. Ah expected it would be a girl and Ah had decided to name her 'Victrola,' but she turned say will run and the maple syrup season will come; the frogs will wake up and call "knee-deep, knee-deep, fact the crops were nothing of the kind and when this summer it continued dry and hot we were sure that no crops could mature, and yet they did mature, and filled out.

and filled out.

and call "knee-deep, knee-deep, kn Wheat and oats were good, and corn I can remember there is always a good

Plain Talk

REPLYING to an attack on the League of Nations in the Washington Post the New York Herald-Tribune replies vigorously, concluding that. He thinks we are very fortunate

What do I think of them?" said the Peterboro critic, "well, they will be played when Quebec Gounod, Beethoven and Wagner are Regina, Sask.

hundred thousand dollars or so each winter to keep the bodies and souls of "Yes, Jeremiah, Alice said that last THE theory being held in the city council that unemployment is a temporary emergency, it follows rather temporary emergency, it follows rather temporary emergency, it follows rather temporary emergency is for meeting it, insuring against it, and financing it would be brought naturally into existence and have some chance of the unemployed together. That certainly is one way of doing—and it is not a proper or economical way, and at the proper or economical way, and at the end of each winter, after the annual temporary emergency, it follows rather the unemployed together. That certainly is one way of doing—and it is not a proper or economical way, and at the end of each winter, after the annual temporary emergency, it follows rather the unemployed together. That certainly is one way of doing—and it is not a proper or economical way, and at the end of each winter, after the annual temporary emergency, it follows rather the unemployed together. The certainly is one way of doing—and it is not a proper or economical way, and at the end of each winter, after the annual temporary emergency, it follows rather the unemployed together. The unemployed together. The unemployed together the unemployed together the unemployed together. The unemployed together the unemployed together the unemployed together. The unemployed together the unemployed together the unemployed together the unemployed together. The unemployed together the unemployed together the unemployed together the unemployed together. The unemployed together the unemployed together the unemployed together.

25 Years Ago From The Advertiser, Dec. 24, 1900.

The following officers are authorized to be attached, for instruction, to No. 1, Regimental Depot, R. C. R. I., Second-Lieut. James Colerick, 26th Regiment of this city, and Second-Lieut. J. S.

Meyers, 30th Regiment. London Council, No. 233, Royal Arcanum, elected the following officers at their last meeting: John A. Cottam, Alf. Wilkins, Thomas Bland, George Wardle, A. B. Munson, A. Screaton, Wm. Mayo, George Anundson, A. Scott, F. Stoneman, W. H. Bartram, R. Dart and J. H. Adams.

East End Masonic lodge rooms last. East End Masonic louge Forms as night were the scene of one of the most important meetings of the year. The evening was marked by the installation of the officers who have been elected in the various lodges of the city. R. B. Hungerford acted as installing the companion of the companion of the city of the officer for the installation ceremonies officer for the installation ceremonies. He was assisted by Oliver J. Bridle others. Officers were installed from the following lodges: Kilwinning, No. 64; St. John's lodge, No. 20; King Solomon lodge, No. 378 St. John's lodge, No. 209a; Union loge, No. 380; Corinthian lodge, No. 30; Tuscan lodge, No. 195, and St. George's lodge, No. 42. Coke is advertised at \$4.50 a ton on the local markets today.

the local markets today.

The Kensington Methodist Sunday school held their annual Christmas entertainment. The following took part in the program: Jos. Mitcheltree, Jas. Wilkins, J. W. Saunby and Rev. John Morrison. W. T. Hamilton acted as

Mr. W. H. Sallmon, M.A.; gave a short address at the St. Andrew's church last night. Mr. Sallmon recently returned from the Old Country and brings a number of lantern slides of the German Passion play.

The annual Christmas entertainment

of the King street Presbyterian church was presented last night. The pastor of the church, Rev. Thos. Wilson, pre-

To the Editor

Thinks Service Good.

Editor of The Advertiser: Sir,—In regard to the street railway situation, I would like to say a few words in appreciation of the street car service, as most of the letters appearing in your paper seem to be in favor of kicking them off the street, which I never hope to see here in Lon-don, for it would mean a very deal to me, as two members of my family ride

them six days a week to work. We live in the south end of the city, and they work in the east end, and I have never heard them complain of the 5-cent fare, and there are hundreds in

the same position as we are.

I know for a fact that higher fares REPLYING to an attack on the United States. A friend writes me that in Schenectady, N. Y., they pay 7 cents ington. Post the New York of the t

Wilton grove, the Japs at Mukden have told the Chinese to take their war elsewhere.

A correspondent hopes we will "have a merry Christmas if it deesn't rain." The fact that he is a roofer by profession assures us of his sincerity.

When 161 foxes arrived in a ship at Plymouth, it look all the fleap powder in town to separate them from their companions of the voyage. As an obscure poet truthfully observes:

"Big fleas have little fleas Cpon their backs to bite "m. And so—ad infinitum.

SAID THE BISHOP "TUT! TUT!"

An English bishop, a wildower, reports: "On Whit fonday I had a very busy time laying stair carpets, the carpet unrolled and a sid down a good many imes." So now he's going to remarry.

Wilton grove, Lee, 23.—In these hurries of little and he said to himself, "If super is ready it will be a fault, and if the fies away to be way it will be a fault, and if it is not ready it will be a fault, and if it is not ready it will be a fault, and if it is not ready it will be a fault, and if it is not ready it will be a fault, and if it is not ready it will be a fault, and if it is not ready it will be a fault, and if it is not ready it will be a fault, and if it is not ready it will be a fault, and if it is not ready it will be a fault, and if it is not ready it will be a fault, and if it is not ready it will be a fault, and if it is not ready it will be a fault, and if it is not ready it will be a fault, and if it is not ready it will be a fault, and if it is not ready it will be a fault, and if it is not read and if the reis and and if the reis away it will be a fault, and if it is not ready it will be a fault, and if it is not ready it will be a fault, and if it is not ready it will be a fault, and if it is not ready it will be a fault, and if it is not ready it will be a fault, and if it is not ready it will be a fault, and if it is not ready it will be a fault, and if it is not read and if the reis and and if the reis and and if the reis and and it will be a fault, and if it is not read and and it will be come to think, that is about the only time that we can enjoy for the past is dead and gone, and the future need not bother us, and when it becomes the present it is ours to make the best of it.

We have all seen predictons about the severe weather that is to smite our frame this winter. It is to be the most severe winter on record, and it is now nearly one-third passed away, and if as was proposed, we would hear little complaint. On that basis, and with the decreased patronage of street cars.

Ottawa 76 The best fun, or at least the thing that we could not change it any, and we didn't know what weather was best for us anyway. If a man has his health and strength he can have a good time on a farm or any place else that he chooses to live if he will use his common sense and quit worrying and get down to work, for "little sweat brings little sweet."

The best fun, or at least the thing that we ourselves play we do, and the part we ourselves play in working with nature. The little health and strength he can have a good time on a farm or any place else that he chooses to live if he will use his common sense and quit worrying and get down to work, for "little sweat brings little sweet."

The best fun, or at least the thing forgotten."

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Texally?"

"Yes, but not before."

"Yes, but not before."

"Yes, but not before."

Toronto, cash fare mandon, Man.

Toronto, cash fare sunter, and the next, and so on. This is one way, certainly, of dealing with is one way. Certainly, of dealing with is one way, certainly, of dealing with is one way. Certainly, of dealing with is one way Saskatoon, Sask. 10c

into existence and have some chance of operating efficiently and economically.

Five winters ago the city began to still unfaced.

Find of each winter, after the annual content of wrestle with the unemployed, it leaves the whole question of unemployment the whole question of unemployment that it is a still unfaced.

All Superest Stations

will be closed Christmas Day in order that our service men may, with the rest of the citizens, enjoy a

MERRY CHRISTMAS