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PUBLIC MEETING
AT CITY HALL

Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, and Other Distinguished Speakers—A Notable Gathering.

The public meeting at the city hall tonight in connection with the Fat Stock Show, will be one of great interest, not only to the visiting farmers and stockmen, but to the general public as well. The meeting, to which everybody is invited, will begin at 7:30 p.m. Sir John Carling will occupy the chair. Among the speakers will be the Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture for the Dominion; the Hon. John Dryden, minister of agriculture for Ontario, and a number of eminent Canadian and American specialists. The questions to be discussed are of great importance to a country like Canada, whose resources are so largely agricultural. Never before in Canada, it is said, has there been such a gathering of expert young men. There are representatives from British Columbia and Montana, in the west, Kentucky and Texas in the south, and New York and the Maritime Provinces in the east. Altogether tonight's meeting will be a notable one, and will doubtless be largely attended.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Cushions and Tea Cosies.—We have a great variety of down and feather Cushions, 60c each, from and Brass Bedsteads, Hair Mattresses, Goose-Feather Pillows, at the Bed and Mattress Cleaning Factory, 692 Richmond Street, North. Telephone 597. J. F. HUNT & SONS.

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METEOROLOGICAL

Toronto, Dec. 12, 8 p.m.—The low area which was centered over Illinois yesterday is now passing over Northern Ontario, and is still causing a strong gale throughout the lake district, which is extending eastward throughout the eastern provinces. Higher pressure is developing over the northwest, accompanied by a colder weather. The general indications point to a spell of colder weather setting in quickly over the lake district, and soon after extending to the eastern portions of Canada. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Kamloops, 32-34; Calgary, 10-14; Prince Albert, 6 below zero; Port Arthur, 2 below zero; Winnipeg, 2-6; Port Arthur, 12-18; Parry Sound, 46-50; Toronto, 36-38; Ottawa, 42-43; Montreal, 40-55; Quebec, 28-32; Halifax, 42-50.

Local temperatures: Highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory on Tuesday, Dec. 12, were: Highest, 55; lowest, 34 degrees.

Today the sun rises at 7:44; sets at 4:42. Moon rises at 2:00 p.m.; sets at 10 a.m.

Plants for Christmas

GAMMAGE & SONS,
Dundas and Clarence

London Advertiser.

A LOCAL BUDGET

—The fire department attended a chimney blaze at No. 510 Princess Avenue yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gyt, of Chicago, are visiting the latter's brother, Mr. James Hynes, 151 Horton street.

Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture, arrived in the city last night, and is stopping at the Tecumseh Hotel.

—An old-fashioned tea meeting given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church, was largely attended. An interesting program was presented in the auditorium of the church.

—The annual banquet of the faculty and students of the Western Medical College will take place at the Tecumseh House tomorrow evening. Mr. S. H. McElroy is the president and Mr. Norman T. Johnston the secretary.

Col. Leys, M.P.P., had a zealous ally in his efforts to prevent the removal of the London Military School to Toronto, in Mr. W. S. Calvert, A. P. of West Middlesex. Mr. Calvert has received the following letter from the minister of militia: "Replying to yours of the 29th ultimo, I have much pleasure in informing you that it is not contemplated to remove the military depot of London to Toronto. (Signed) F. W. Borden."

—Mr. Andrew Templeton this morning received official notice from Toronto of his appointment as engineer of the Normal School. He is a man of sterling qualities, as well as having had many years of experience as locomotive engineer. He has served 35 years on the Great Western Railway, now G. T. R., and was one of the engineers chosen for the Wabash when it obtained running powers over the G. T. R., and was transferred to Windsor by that company a year and a half ago. In all his railroad experience he has been very fortunate in never having caused the railway any expense as regards accidents. He now resigns his position from the railway with a clean record to accept the position at the Normal School.

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chant, of Glasgow, Scotland, called on Mayor Wilson yesterday and talked about the possibilities of beet sugar making in Canada. There was no reason why Ontario should not be making progress in this line that Michigan is. In Michigan there are eleven refineries and 45,000 acres devoted to the raising of beets. Beet crops had been planted at the Bay of Quinte, Owen Sound, Dunville and Aylmer, and at the two latter places the result was satisfactory. To start a refinery would cost \$750,000 to \$1,000,000.

WORDS OF PRAISE.

The following letter was received by The Advertiser yesterday: "Wingham, Dec. 9, 1899.—Advertiser Printing and Publishing Company, London, Ont.: Gentlemen,—Inclosed please find money order for one year's subscription for your valuable paper. There is just enough Scotch in me to feel a little uncomfortable in accepting your generous offer. It is too much for the money. Every reader of The Advertiser must admit it is without a peer as an all-round paper for busy people who have no time for suppositions, but facts only. Respectfully yours, "HATTIE P. FISHER."

TRIAL OF CAHILL
AND McDONALD

The Two Men Charged With Assaulting and Robbing the Late Charles Clark—The Case for the Crown.

At the sessions yesterday Crown Attorney Magee called attention to the case against *McDonald* and *McDonald*. Mr. Scarrow was committed for trial on a charge of obstructing a highway in West London, and promised to remove the building. Mr. Magee did not desire to carry on the prosecution at the public expense. A remedy other than criminal proceedings could be obtained, he said. Mr. Bartram held the crown should bear the cost, and Judge Elliott declined to order the case to come to trial.

An appeal was made by J. M. McEvoy, on behalf of Wesley and Arthur Scott, of West Nisour, against a conviction made by Magistrate Wheaton and a fine of \$10 for pointing a revolver at Arthur Houston.

Naturalization papers were presented on behalf of Louis Gordon and Arthur Maul.

The trial of Frank Cahill and John McDonald, charged with assaulting and robbing Charles Clark, on March 1, was begun shortly before 3 o'clock, and the case for the crown was closed when the court rose at 6 p.m. The prosecution was conducted by Mr. F. McDonald, Phillips, and Crown Attorney Magee.

Mr. Clark was an elderly gentleman living at the corner of Adelaide and St. James streets, with his aged sister. About 10 o'clock on the night of Saturday, March 4, Mr. Clark, while preparing to go to bed, was assaulted in a brutal manner, and relieved of his watch and some money. Miss Clark is very deaf, and knew nothing of the robbery until the following morning, when she discovered her brother lying on the floor of the parlor, wounded and unconscious. He recovered, but on July 23 died from his injuries.

On Monday following the robbery the police were questioned regarding the movements of the prisoners on the Saturday evening previous. P. C. Johnston had seen them at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets about 7 p.m. P. C. Thompson had followed them from the Western Hotel to Oxford street, where they turned east. At 10:10 or 10:15 P. C. Nelson Smith saw them going south on Adelaide street near Pall Mall street. P. C. McDonald saw them at 10:30 near the Duke of York Hotel, and at 11 o'clock they boarded a Pottersburg car.

Detective Rider located the missing watch. It had been sold on G. T. R. day to G. T. R. day, an employee of the bolt works, by the prisoner Cahill for \$3. Warrants were issued, and on Sunday, June 11, Cahill and McDonald were arrested near Sadler's hotel, Adelaide street, London township, by P. C. Downs and Black. Cahill, though drunk, talked freely, and said, "I'm not going to fight, saying he might as well end his day there, as he would get Brown's dose when they got him to jail. He spoke of Mr. Clark and said, 'I'm not going to fight, but get the man who got the watch, and you will find out more.' This closed the case for the crown.

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THE SOLDIERS'
WIVES' LEAGUE

A Local Branch Organized for This City.

Largely Attended and Enthusiastic Meeting—Officers Elected—The List of Members.

A meeting was held yesterday afternoon at No. 188 Dundas street, to consider the question of forming a local branch of the Soldiers' Wives' League, and it was unanimously decided to do so by the large gathering of ladies present. Leagues are to be formed in every city in Canada, and Mrs. Hutton, wife of Major-Gen. Hutton, has been chosen as president of the league for the Dominion.

The object of the league is to bring the wives of all soldiers together, whether officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers or men of the staff permanent corps, and active militia of Canada, into closer touch and sympathy with one another, so that whether in sickness or in health, they may be able to mutually aid and assist one another, and their families, in times of difficulty, trouble or distress.

The meeting was opened by Col. Holmes, D. O. C., who called upon Mayor Wilson to take the chair. The mayor stated that he was very glad to see a league of this kind in this city, and that he was sure it would be a most successful one. He wished all the ladies to be successful in their efforts.

The following officers were then elected: Vice-President—Mrs. Holmes. Executive Committee—Mesdames Buchanan, Dawson, Gathshore, McEwen, Little, Cronyn, Monroe, Taylor, Coogan, Gregory and Baxter.

General Committee—Mesdames Davis, Duggan, Becher, Belton, Brown, Weld, Graham, Hayes, Harris, Becher, Reid, Fisher, Niven, McCrimmon, Owens, Campbell, Smallman and Miss Hamilton.

Honorary Treasurer—Mrs. Denison. Honorary Secretary—Mrs. J. M. Piper.

Membership is open to the wives, mothers and sisters of all officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the permanent and militia forces of Canada, and anyone who is interested may become an honorary member. An annual subscription of 25 cents must be paid by each member. The intention is to hold an annual meeting in Ottawa in October or November, when delegates from the local branches will attend. Her Excellency the Countess of Dufferin is the patroness of the league.

The following members were enrolled at the meeting: Mesdames Whistler, Bass, Wilton, Scarrow, Galloway, Craddock, Denison, Hill, Healey, Munroe, Gregory, Brown, Smith, Buchanan, Edson, Beaumont, Evans, Galloway, Graham, Henson, Dawson, McCrimmon, Booker, Cronyn, Stroyer, Wilson, Dann, Furness, Copeman, Cranston, and Misses Hamilton, Carling, Harris, Boddy, Minnick, Dyne, Dawson, and Holmes.

SIX AT ONE BIRTH.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 13.—John Karl, a German farmer, living at Selma, Ala., has a fourth wife, and she has six children. He is the father of six children, born at the same time. They weighed within a few ounces of five pounds apiece, and aggregated a total of 30 pounds. The proud mother and the pink sextet are doing well.

COAL OIL GOES UP.

Kington, Ont., Dec. 13.—There was an advance in the price of coal oil at wholesale Monday morning. American oil went up 2 cents a gallon, and Canadian 1 cent. All other kinds of oil, machinery, etc., have advanced in proportion.

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Enormous Business on Inland Waterways.

The Suez Not in It With the "So"—Arthur Stringer's Interesting Paper.

The enormous traffic of the great lakes is well brought out in an article in Ainslee's Magazine by Arthur J. Stringer, who writes:

"The great lakes have become a great artery of our richest commercial blood. One-third the population of the United States is dependent on these lakes for their export and import trade. This waterway taps the richest and most prosperous agricultural territory on this continent of ours, together with our most productive mines, and it is worth while noting that within a radius of 100 miles of Cleveland lies one-half the population of the United States. It is a well-established fact that deep water transportation is, and necessarily must be, far below the cost of transportation by rail; indeed, it is computed that the cost of water transportation by steam, when the voyage is of any considerable length, is about one-quarter of the average cost of transportation by rail, while by sailboat it is only one-eighth of the latter. As this question of transportation determines to a great extent the existence or the non-existence of a possible industry, and enhances or diminishes the value of every article of export in proportion to its efficiency and economy, the battle of the west for 'twenty feet of water between Duluth and the sea' is no great problem to account for. In the year 1888 there passed through the Sault Ste. Marie canal no less than 21,234,664 tons of Canadian freight, alone having a value of \$200,000,000. In fact, the American ship moved 158,000,000 tons through the same waters for the same length of time.

THE "SOO" AND THE SUEZ.

"The total traffic through the locks of this 'Soo' Canal, for less than eight months, is five times as great in number of vessels and slightly less than twice as much in actual tonnage, as passes through the Suez Canal during an entire year. Through this same Suez Canal, which boasts of carrying the commerce of the world, there passed, during last year, 8,500,000 tons, while there floated through the locks of 'Susan Mary' a tonnage of 16,500,000. The stupendous proportions of the traffic on our great lakes may also be realized from the fact that more ships sail the Detroit River than enter the ports of London or Liverpool. A greater number of passengers, on the other hand, pass through this same river than go in and out of the port of New York, the great gateway of the New World. In fact, the total number of passengers carried annually by the lake fleet falls very slightly short of 200,000,000. The city of Buffalo, which claims to be the largest in the world, does a business in the transshipment of grain and flour which exceeds that done by any other city in existence. Cleveland, with the exception of the city of London, is the most shipbuilding center of the present day. The netter shores of the lower lakes have been necked with a collection of the busiest and most prosperous manufacturing centers in the United States, and so much so that today our country's commercial center of gravity will be found to fall somewhere along the northern portion of Ohio. Mill and foundry and factory in all these cities depend on the great iron freighters that steam north with coal and bring southward their cargoes of timber and grain and iron, and it is in the possibility of such economic exchange that lurks the secret of Uncle Sam's mercantile greatness.

FEED THE WORLD.

"It is in just this, too, that lies the secret of how the United States has taken such a colossal hand in the feeding of the world. It is an accepted fact with shippers that Liverpool makes the price of cash wheat, and that every cent saved on the cost of delivering American grain at Liverpool means so much money to be paid to the owner of this wheat at the time it is sold and shipped. So Duluth, in a commercial sense, is placed by the great lakes 2,000 miles closer to Europe than is, let us say, St. Louis. The Canadian government has recently realized this fact, and although they have heretofore allowed American vessels to carry 96 per cent of the traffic of the great lakes, they are now perfecting a deep waterway system from Port Arthur to the Gulf of St. Lawrence that promises to threaten even the business of the port of New York and the commerce of the Erie Canal. The last link of this enterprise of the Canadian government was forged by the opening of the Soulages Canal, and by its operation it is expected that the cost of transporting lake freights to tide water will be reduced to such an extent that there will be a saving of from one to two cents a bushel on wheat. The Canadians have expended over \$62,000,000 to secure their fourteen feet of water between Port Arthur and Montreal, and in comparison with this \$40,000,000 expended by the United States seems relatively insignificant, especially when one remembers the stupendous extent to which our commercial interests are involved in such deep waterway improvements. Our greatest interests in this connection, though, are in the iron and coal exchange, which takes place between Ohio and Lake Superior ports."

IRON AND STEEL.

"It is an unappreciated but indisputable fact that the great lakes lie at the root of America's present supremacy in the iron and steel market of the world. It has been actually the reduction of lake freights on these two essentials of life and commerce, brought about by improved facilities for loading and discharging cargoes, and the increased tonnage of lake vessels, and the improvement of rivers and harbors, that has allowed the American steel worker so triumphantly to invade the British markets.

"But, as the increase in population of the United States demands new fields for labor, and the west fills up and develops and the future commercial growth of this country is found to lie in the direction of the foreign market, it is on this great, though somewhat neglected, artery of commerce between Duluth and Buffalo that the economist of the future will place his finger to find the true pulse of American progress."

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A PORTRAIT OF THACKERAY. The late bulky biography of Thackeray, which appears to be very much a throw-together affair, is complained of by the London Saturday Review as failing to present a reliable portrait of the man. This journal tries its own hand at picturing the novelist after this manner:

There probably never was so much weakness and so much strength co-existing in a single man as in the person of this great writer. He appears to have been a veritable combination of a child and a giant. Motley said of him that he had the appearance of "a colossal infant"—and his picture of him is so significant that it may be transcribed. He has the appearance of a colossal infant—smooth, white, shiny ringlets, hair flaxen, alas! with advancing years, a roundish face, with a little dab of a nose, upon which it is a perpetual wonder how he keeps his spectacles, a sweet, but rather piping, voice, with something of the childish "treble" in it." As was his appearance, such was the man himself. He seems to have been wholly destitute of self-restraint, morose or merry, laconic or silent, civil or rude, precisely as the mood took him. When an acquaintance met him, it was an even chance whether he would cut him or receive him gushingly with open arms. The gushingly frankness with which, in some moods, he would talk about his private affairs was as surprising as the taciturn silence with which, in another mood, he would embarrass those whom he had just before taken into his confidence. At times he had the austere and impassive smile of Milton; at other times he had all the effusive bonhomie of Goldsmith and Boswell. He appears to have been consistent in nothing but in the instincts of a man of honor and a gentleman.

This dual nature of Thackeray is not without its parallel in one of the greatest of American authors. There was a double individuality in Hawthorne, also, which is not much known to the world in general. It is a notable fact that both Thackeray and Hawthorne requested that no biography should be written of them. Perhaps both were conscious of the peculiarity in themselves.—Boston Herald.

The retrospect of life awarms with lost opportunities.—Taylor.