

## BOMBS ON STOCK EXCHANGE CELEBRATE DYING YEAR

Jollification of Brokers Ends in Engagement of Organ-Grinder  
Who Did Not Appear.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The sessions of both the Board of Trade and Stock Exchange here are always interesting the day before New Year's. As for the Board of Trade there was an impromptu jollification ceremony on the floor shortly after noon today, in the course of which A. J. Hodgson, president, made the important announcement that the officers of the board had formally taken over the building from the contractors and also that favorable financial arrangements had been made in regard to the payments for the same.

In calling the gentlemen together, Mr. Hodgson said that upon this, the last day of the year, it was well that they should not let it pass without some words of recognition. "This had been one of the most eventful in the history of the board. Within the twelve months they had entered the present building and within the same period they had the honor of entertaining the distinguished men of affairs represented in the list of delegates to the fifth Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the empire. Those who had been entertained in Montreal had returned to their homes full of praise for the reception accorded in Canada for it."

Mr. Hodgson then referred to the importance of this meeting of the chambers of commerce in Canada for it was through such gatherings that the different portions of the empire were every year brought closer to the Mother Country. The merchants and men of affairs in England had, by means of this convention, been brought closely in contact with those of Canada, and it was by means of just such gatherings that the Dominion would have a greater weight in the affairs of the empire. Canada had initiated a movement in other portions of the empire and all this was for the general good.

As for the brokers they all sang "Auld Lang Syne" at the close of business on the Stock Exchange today, the board adjourning at 12:30 o'clock. For an hour previous to the closing, business was given scant attention, the explosion of bombs and snapping of firecrackers drowning out the bids and offerings of the few brokers who seemed to want to do any business. The atmosphere was full of choking smoke towards the close, and business was practically out of the question.

Another form of amusement was the throwing around the room of a light rubber ball. Old and young joined in the sport and all seemed to have imbibed the spirit of the occasion, which was to make the closing session of the year an hilarious one. Some of the brokers talked of getting up a more elaborate function involving martial music, but the scheme fell thru, the idea finally dwindling to the engagement of an organ grinder, who, however, did not put in an appearance.

### BURGLES COMMIT MURDER.

Denver, Col., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Amanda Youngblood has been shot and killed and her son Robert seriously wounded by three men who attempted to rob the grocery store conducted by the family at Valverde.

### Dyeing and Cleaning.

The well-known firm of Stockwell, Henderson & Co., dyers and cleaners, have recently enlarged their premises, and have refitted with the very latest machinery for turning out the work to please the most fastidious. The firm have been in the business for the past twenty-eight years, and have the reputation for doing first-class work. All orders finished on short notice if necessary. Phone Main 1278, and one of our wagons will call for goods.

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### HOTELS MAKING MONEY.

Competition Has Enlivened Trade to Flattering Extent, Locally.

Toronto hotels report one of the most successful years in their history. In a business year, 1903 will be known as a very profitable year. The apprehension of some of the old hostilities that the opening of another big modern house in the city would divide trade to such an extent as would cause general depression, has been allayed.

The assertion of some that another hotel would develop business has been realized. For no one of the large Toronto hotels have been doing their full capacity business. This was the case during the summer, and business has continued steadily good. There is no complaint from any hotel man.

### BORE SPRINGS ETERNAL.

Clergion Off to Philadelphia, on Reorganization of the Board.

Local interest in the reorganization of the defunct Consolidated Lake Superior Company has been revived by Francis Clergion's declaration that he has things in fair shape to promise something definite for the new year. He has gone to Philadelphia to meet a number of capitalists of that city, who are working with him to secure the necessary capital, Cornelia Salsela, president of the company, and a number of other interested persons who have been in Toronto from the 30th of December, have left the city.

A report has been circulated that the Ontario government would advance a substantial sum in the way of subsidies to the reorganizing committee. Just how much more can be hoped for in the way of concessions from the government seems doubtful to some well-informed on the situation. Mr. Clergion and his matters realized cash on all the concessions and all the properties they could before they surrendered the property. The sale had grant that went with the Algoma Central Railroad has been partially hypothecated.

### New Year's Sale.

Suckling & Co. will hold their first sale for 1904 on Wednesday next. They will sell about \$25,000 worth of dry-goods, clothing, rubbers, etc. A manufacturer of new goods, who has been offered, as well as a retail clothing stock, and men's furnishings in detail: 700 dozen women's stockings, 100 cases women's and misses' rubbers. Liberal terms are offered to the trade.

### Westminster Abbey Choir's One Choice.

The Westminster Abbey Choir, after a most successful tour in Australia and New Zealand have again returned to Canada. Their initial concert at the season was given in Massey Hall yesterday, New Year's Day, and the evidence was plain that there is no decline in their great popularity. As in all former visits to Canada they have made a grand success of the old firm of Heintzman & Co. their particular choice, and will use no other in their present Canadian tour.

### OBJECT TO "MAXIMUM LOAD."

Western Railroads Offending Big Shippers in Some Sections.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 1.—The "maximum load" scare which struck western railroads a year ago is working havoc with western markets, and unless a change of policy occurs, these markets will be seriously impaired. Under the workings of the maximum load rules a freight train cannot move until the locomotive has its full tonnage and each individual car must be loaded to its full capacity also. The result is that freight traffic of all kinds is delayed for days and that freight service is almost at a standstill.

Especially are the smaller towns throughout the state complaining because of the poor service accorded them. Freight in less than car lots shipped to small towns amounts to about one-third of the total freight. Formerly a shipment from Chicago required about two days to reach Omaha; under the present rules, from one to two weeks is the average time required.

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Another class which is suffering, and probably more so than any other, is the stock raisers. Owing to the heavy loads, cattle trains which formerly reached the South Omaha market before 6 o'clock in the morning, now arrive at noon and even later. When fat cattle are being shipped, every hour they are about the train reduces their weight very much; they deteriorate rapidly. The stock raisers and shippers are suffering enormously.

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RAILWAYS IN ENGLAND.

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One reason for the rapid advance of American industries and the relatively slow progress of Britain in the same respect is the cheapness of freight rates on this side of the water.

The English railway systems total only 22,000 miles. Yet this comparatively small mileage is the property of 230 companies, more than half of which have their separate administration and executive. The others are "leased and worked lines." Allotting an average of 125 independent companies, the English railway system is a very complicated one.

It is only half the sum of \$1,250,000 a year paid away annually in fees to railway directors were available for a railway board. It would be possible to attract the most men by offering the largest known salaries, and yet make a saving.

The saving by "standardization" is also to be considered. The Harriman route—17,460 miles and territories west of the Mississippi—More work was done in Oklahoma than anywhere else. The southern states east of the Mississippi are to be credited with 1022 miles, which leaves less than 1000 miles for the rest of the country. The gain in New England was only twenty-three miles, and in New York forty-five miles. The United States—Alaska being included—will have at the end of the year a railway mileage of 200,855 miles. The showing would be a more impressive one if the mileage of electric lines were included.

Funeral of W. C. Cooper.

Clinton, Jan. 1.—The funeral of the late W. C. Cooper of Vancouver took place yesterday afternoon at his home. Mr. Cooper was British Columbia's representative for Melville & Co. of Port Arthur, and was very popular in the west. He had three brothers, A. T. Cooper of Clinton, John A. Cooper, editor of the "Canadian Magazine," and E. H. Cooper, Montreal secretary of the Manufacturers' Association.

Lifesaver Soap—disinfectant—is strongly recommended by the medical profession as a safeguard against infectious diseases.

## Don't Poison Baby.

FORTY YEARS AGO almost every mother thought her child must have PAREGORIC or laudanum to make it sleep. These drugs will produce sleep, and a FEW DROPS TOO MANY will produce the SLEEP FROM WHICH THERE IS NO WAKING. Many are the children who have been killed or whose health has been ruined for life by paregoric, laudanum and morphine, each of which is a narcotic product of opium. Druggists are prohibited from selling either of the narcotics named to children at all, or to anybody without labelling them "poison." The definition of "narcotic" is: "A medicine which relieves pain and produces sleep, but which in poisonous doses produces stupor, coma, convulsions and death." The taste and smell of medicines containing opium are disguised, and sold under the names of "Drops," "Cordials," "Soothing Syrups," etc. You should not permit any medicine to be given to your children without you or your physician know of what it is composed. CASTORIA DOES NOT CONTAIN NARCOTICS, if it bears the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

## Letters from Prominent Physicians addressed to Chas. H. Fletcher.

Dr. J. W. Dinsdale, of Chicago, Ill., says: "I use your Castoria and advise its use in all families where there are children."

Dr. Alexander E. Mittle, of Cleveland, Ohio, says: "I have frequently prescribed your Castoria and have found it a reliable and pleasant remedy for children."

Dr. J. B. Alexander, of Omaha, Neb., says: "A medicine so valuable and benign for children as your Castoria is, deserves the highest praise. I find it in use everywhere."

Dr. J. A. McClellan, of Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I have frequently prescribed your Castoria for children and always get good results. In fact I use Castoria for my own children."

Dr. J. W. Allen, of St. Louis, Mo., says: "I heartily endorse your Castoria. I have frequently prescribed it in my medical practice, and have always found it to do all that is claimed for it."

Dr. C. H. Glidden, of St. Paul, Minn., says: "My experience as a practitioner with your Castoria has been highly satisfactory, and I consider it an excellent remedy for the young."

Dr. H. D. Benner, of Philadelphia, Pa., says: "I have used your Castoria as a purgative in the treatment of children for years past with the most happy effect, and fully endorse it as a safe remedy."

Dr. J. A. Boardman, of Kansas City, Mo., says: "Your Castoria is a splendid REMEDY for children, known the world over. I use it in my practice and have no hesitancy in recommending it for the complaints of infants and children."

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