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BAYLEY'S | BAYLEY'S**SMALLPOX BEDDING AND TENT
STORED ON COURT HOUSE SQUARE****County Council Permits It, Al-
though Objection is Offered
—Smallpox in Ekfrid.**

The December session of the county council was resumed at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, with all the members present. An account was submitted by the clerk of the township of Ekfrid, showing the epidemic which the Ekfrid Council had incurred in the suppression of an outbreak of smallpox during May and June. The outbreak was due to a laborer, who had contracted the disease while away, returning to his home in Melbourne. Before the disease was discovered by the local health officers, the man's wife and child, and about 20 of his neighbors, had been exposed to the germs. The account was for \$625. The representation made by the grand jury at the fall assizes was filed.

The report of Dr. Bruce Smith, provincial inspector of prisons, which was recently published in detail in these columns, was laid before the council. It was referred to the jail committee. The representation made by the grand jury at the fall assizes was filed.

At this stage of the proceedings the council resolved into a committee of the whole for the purpose of discussing the report of a special committee of road directors. It had regard to the draining of a pond, the town line between London and Lobo. Engineer Talbot was called upon for a statement, and said that the pond was running through the pond was repeatedly flooded, there being a very serious washout last summer. The directors had consulted with the townships of Ekfrid and Lobo, and the latter agreed to pay two-thirds of the cost of draining the pond, if the council would pay the remainder. The estimated cost was \$500. A bridge, on the other hand, would cost somewhere between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

Township's Offer Accepted.

Mr. Peter Elson moved the acceptance of the township's offer. He said that he knew the nature of the swamp in question. At one season it was a mud hole, at another it was flooded with water, and in winter, when the road was flooded, a sheet of ice made the road very dangerous. The report was adopted unanimously.

The bylaw to authorize an agreement between the county and the city with regard to the water in Victoria Hospital, was given its first reading.

A deputation from the local board

Letters to the Editor.**THE TEMPERANCE PLATFORM.**

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

A recent editorial, together with "A Watchful Delegate's Account of the Liberal Convention," may be fairly taken to represent, upon the temperance question and to form a plea for their justification. They call for some comment from those of us who are "advanced temperance advocates."

Your editorial opens with the sentence: "Among advanced temperance advocates there is a sharp difference of opinion as to the final remedy for the life of intemperance." Perhaps these differences are more fanciful than real. At any rate they are no more marked than were those in the recent Liberal convention. According to "A Watchful Delegate," the resolution committee gave hours of careful consideration to the various proposals, and wrangled until midnight on Wednesday before they set aside the "Banish the Bar" resolution of the Ontario Alliance.

Then on Thursday, Nov. 24, the committee met again and spent all forenoon in drafting the report on temperance. Even with all this discussion and preparation the convention could not agree, for they spent another three hours before they passed the said mutilated report. "The mountain labor and brought forth a mouse."

Since the convention an appearance of harmony is being studiously fostered. "Advanced temperance advocates" may not always be perfect accord, but in my opinion they know pretty much what they want, and have been divided only upon the question as to how much (or how little) faith should be placed in political tricksters.

The editorial goes on to say: "Many hold that absolute prohibition is impracticable and even indefensible, on the ground that the evil of liquor lies in its abuse, not in its use, and that there

is more virtue in self-control than in legislation, which enforces abstinence on the individual." This is a peculiar conglomerate, and I shall not here undertake to examine it fully, but merely observe that those who hold these views show a strange inconsistency in resorting to any form of legal restriction at all. They should advocate that which would develop their attention to the men who abuse it.

But this is apparently not their view, as they boast of the advances made under our present license law, which, as we all know, contains a prohibitive as well as a permissive principle. It is hard to understand their position upon this point, for while they condemn the principle of prohibition, they praise its results. But it is with the record of the Government and the action of the convention that I wish more particularly to deal. The only portion of the proposed programme worthy of any notice is that dealing with New Ontario, and providing that no new license shall be issued in that part of the Province for all time to come.

This may mean anything or nothing. The same politicians who made the declaration may make it when a convenient season offers. Having ignored the principle of prohibition, they praise its results. But it is with the record of the Government and the action of the convention that I wish more particularly to deal. The only portion of the proposed programme worthy of any notice is that dealing with New Ontario, and providing that no new license shall be issued in that part of the Province for all time to come.

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dizzy spell?**

"Vertigo" the doctors call it. You naturally fear it is brain trouble, nervous prostration, heart disease.

But your doctor will tell you it is your liver. A sluggish liver means a poor circulation, a congested brain, a disordered stomach, constipated bowels.

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the new "hands" selected—Hon. Mr. Mc. Kay and Hon. Mr. Graham—were the very men who, above all others (according to "A Watchful Delegate") were chiefly instrumental in defeating the wishes of the more advanced temperance portion of the convention. So that instead of selecting men who would help, he chose rather those who would hinder.

The Premier occupied for a number of years the office of vice-president of the Ontario Alliance, which stands for the total suppression and annihilation of the liquor traffic. He now states that he "is pleased with the findings of the convention." Pledges, promises and piousness. Yours truly, F. W. DALY.

**MEETING OF THE
PRESBYTERY ENDED****Appoints Committees to Deal
With Some Matters and
Recommends Professors**

The London Presbytery concluded its meeting for December yesterday afternoon. All of the business of the session was cleared away before 5 o'clock and the visiting members returned home.

The first matter taken up was the appointment of a committee to aid in placing Queen's University on a sound financial basis, the following being named: Rev. Messrs. J. G. Stuart, Dr. Ross, Dr. McCrae, James Rollins, W. J. Clark, W. H. Geddes, A. J. Macdonald, and Messrs. S. Lawrence, Dr. Merchant, A. S. Macgregor, Rathburn and Bell.

A petition was presented from the Council of the McBrides field as to what was done in regard to services at Lawrence Station. The following committee was appointed to look after the matter: Dr. Ross, Mr. McGillivray, Mr. Rollins, Dr. Merchant and Mr. Ballantyne and Dr. McCrae.

The committee reported at a special meeting. Dr. McCrae reported for the committee on the following names as professors of Mount Allison University: Rev. John Sharp, M. A.; for practical theology, Rev. Robert Johnston, D. D.; of St. Andrew's Church, London; for Old Testament literature and exegesis, Rev. Donald McKenzie, B. A., B. D.

An appeal from the action of the session of West Lorne was submitted to a small committee, on which Dr. Ross reported that the parties be called to meet with the presbytery at the special meeting in January.

Mr. McGreggor addressed the court, representing the General Assembly's committee on the subject of the regular meeting to be held in Knox Church, St. Thomas, on the first Tuesday of March.

**CANNOT HOLD
203-METER HILL****Russians Think the Redoubt
May Be Retaken.****ATTEMPT TO KILL KUROPATKIN****Reported That the Japanese Cruiser
Adsuma Has Been Blown Up
and Sunk by a Mine.**

St. Petersburg, Dec. 7, 2:55 a.m.—Although the war office and the admiralty are still without direct news from Port Arthur, confidence in the ability of the fortress to hold out continues to be expressed. The reports from Tokyo of the shelling of the battleships and of heavy losses by the Russians in an ineffective attempt to recapture 203-Meter Hill are considered to be misleading. According to a high officer of the general staff the warships would be able to seek shelter from the fire from 203-Meter Hill by anchoring behind the Tien Tai Peninsula. Reports that the Russians are clearing the mine fields outside the harbor are regarded as the best evidence that the square is not preparing to move out to this anchorage, where it will be secure under the protection of the shore batteries.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 5.—An artillery officer who knows Port Arthur thoroughly expresses the belief that the summit of 203-Meter Hill on account of the fire of the Ante Shan and Etse forts, which are less than two miles distant. This officer declares that it will be impossible for the Japanese to mount guns at the top of 203-Meter Hill until ammunition of the Ante Shan and Etse forts is exhausted.

The Tokio estimate that the Russians lost 3,000 men in the attempt to recapture 203-Meter Hill is declared to be absurd, and it is pointed out that such a loss would imply the virtual crippling of the resistance, yet the reports from Tokio admit that the Russians continue to make counter attacks.

A very curious dispatch has been received from a correspondent at Genoa, which has been translated from Shanghai, reports that the Japanese armored cruiser Adsuma had been blown up and sunk by a mine. The cruiser is said to have been sunk north of the Miao-tao Islands. These islands are in the Liao Tsi Channel, between the Kwan Tung Peninsula, on which Port Arthur is situated, and the Shan Tung Promontory. The Adsuma had a complement of 482 men. She was built in France in 1901, and was of 9,400 tons displacement. Her speed was 20 knots.

RECEIVED GOLD WATCH

Mr. W. J. Jeffrey Honored by Teachers of Wellington Street School.

A very pleasant affair took place at the banquet held by the teachers of the Wellington Street Methodist Sunday school last evening, with the pastor.

**Big Three Days' Sale
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY.**

We have a great lot of Ladies' Coats that must be cleared at once. We know what they cost us, but that won't influence us a bit now. The die is cast, and every one of them must be cleared. All of these coats are in good styles—in fact practically every popular style is included in the collection. There are many nicely tailored coats, made in the very latest fitted, semi-fitted and loose effects. They have no undesirable points, and we offer them solely to turn them into cash and give our customers a chance to buy gowns and needed comfort a good month ahead of the usual sale time. Navy and Black Kersey, Tweed Effects and Fawn, with and without capes, coat collars, collarless and military collars. All sizes, and worth \$7.50 to \$12.00 each. Our special sale price Thursday, Friday and Saturday only..... **\$7.50**

THE GREATEST COAT VALUES EVER OFFERED THE LADIES OF LONDON.**Special Sale of 100 Trimmed Hats, 98c and \$1.98.**

Commencing Thursday we put on sale 100 Trimmed Hats, all very stylish and becoming. Made in our own workrooms. Scarcely likely that you'll be able to get one on Saturday, so come Thursday or Friday. Some of them are our regular \$3 Hats, now marked at 98c; some of the others are our regular \$5 Hats, which go at \$1.98. Don't miss this bargain.

**Ladies' New Ready-to-wear Skirts**

We have decided to close out several lines, about 150 in all, and in order to clear out the entire stock of skirts we have divided them into three different lots, on separate tables, in our Mantle Department. These skirts are all nicely tailored and made to fit perfectly, with all the newest of style, are very effective. Colors are black, navy, and tweed effects, and made of best materials. Vicuna, Cheviots, Basket, and Hopsacking Cloths, and Venetian of good quality. We have a great variety to choose from and all sizes. These skirts are worth \$3.50, \$5 and \$7.50. For

Three Days' Sale at \$2.00, \$3.50, \$5.00

Blankets for Winter.
15 pairs of Warm Wool Blankets, with a very little cotton in, which some people prefer; full large size, 60x80, and have colored borders, pink or blue; for the Three Days' Sale, price at **\$2.50**
15 pairs only, Winter Warm Wool Blankets. These are all wool, size 60x80, and have pink or blue borders. These blankets are very special, and for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, on sale at **\$2.75**

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SPECIAL 3 DAYS' SALE
20 only White Bed Spreads, of good quality; full size, 10-4; very special, on sale at **.69c**
20 only, White Bed Spreads, will wash nicely, are full size, 11-4, and nice pattern, for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, price, only **.89c**

Comforters.
75 only, Comforters, made of fine silkoines, art satens and art satins, full, large sizes, and nicely made; this will be an opportunity to buy your winter supply, as this is only a limited quantity, and for our Three Days' Special Sale at very lowest possible prices will clear at \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2, \$2.50 and **\$3.50**



Children's Windsor Ties.
15 dozen only, Children's Silk Windsor Ties, plaids and plain colors; a good assortment; on sale special at **.25c**

Ladies' Xmas Handkerchiefs.
A splendid assortment on display of all the Daintiest Embroidered Handkerchiefs, at especially low prices, 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c, 25c to **.75c**

Dainty New York Neckwear, Belts, Collars and Veilings at..... 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00

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Manitoba House Meets
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Treasurer's Sale of Lands in the County of Middlesex.

Province of Ontario, By virtue of a warrant issued under the hand of the County of Middlesex, Warden of the said County of Middlesex, and sealed with the County of Middlesex, the corporate seal thereof, which warrant bears date the 18th day of November, 1904, and is to me directed and addressed, as Treasurer of the said County, commanding me to levy in accordance with the provisions of "The Assessment Act," in that behalf, on the lands hereinafter mentioned and described, I hereby give notice that unless the said taxes and costs be sooner paid, I shall proceed to sell by public auction at the Court House, in the City of London, Ontario, on Thursday, the 8th day of March, A. D. 1905, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, the said lands, or as much thereof as may be sufficient to discharge the said taxes and costs and charges in and about the sale of said lands, authorized by said act.

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London	17	Reg. Plan Hutchinson's 410 C	1-5	1890, 1900, 1902	\$ 4.33 \$ 6.21
London	18	Reg. Plan Hutchinson's 39 C	1-5	1890, 1900, 1902	4.33 6.22
London	19	Reg. Plan Hutchinson's 39 C	1-5	1890, 1900, 1902	4.33 6.22
London	19	Reg. Plan Shepherd's 115 C	1-5	1900, 1901, 1902	13.82 6.27
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Westminster	At the Village of Byron 345 R. P.	1-2	1890, 1901, 1902, 1903	6.27 12.54	
Village of Lucan	221 4th con. st.	McDonald's, Plan 188	1-5	1900, 1901, 1902, 1903	4.06 10.22

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