The Toronto World.

FOURTH YEAR. MONDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 24, 1883. PRICE ONE CENT.

DIED.

HOGG.—On Saturday, Dec. 22nd, at 145 Sherbourne street, Tilley Hogg, aged 9 years 2 months and 2 days.

Funeral on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Friends will please accept this intimation.

CROWN.—Funeral of the late F. L. Crown will take place at 3 p.m. sharp to-day from his father's residence, 18 Bismarck avenue. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

TO LET.

MONTAGUE HALL—FOR ASSEMBLIES or private parties; dining room in connection. 163 Church street, corner of Shuter.

SPECIFIC ARTICLES.

WHY PURCHASE IN DIMLY LIGHTED stores when you can buy new fresh goods for less money in the best lighted stores in Canada? PETLEYS', 128 to 132 King street east, Toronto.

WHY PAY SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS per yard for tapestry carpets when you can buy the same for "thirty-five" cents per yard at PETLEYS'?

WHY PAY SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS per yard for tapestry carpets when you can buy the same for "sixty" cents per yard at PETLEYS'?

WHY PAY HIGH PRICES FOR OLD style tapestry carpets when you can buy elegant new goods, with borders to match, for less money at PETLEYS'?

WHY PAY TWO DOLLARS PER YARD for Axminster carpets when you can buy them for "one fifty" per yard at PETLEYS'?

WHY PAY HIGH PRICES FOR OLD style Brussels carpets when you can buy handsome new designs, with borders to match, for less money at PETLEYS'?

WHY PAY TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY cents per yard for Wilton Carpets when you can buy the same for "Two dollars" at PETLEYS'!

SILKS IN EVENING AND STREET Shades at "Fifty Cents" per yard. These goods are worth from $1.50 to $2 per yard, and cannot be bought for less money in this city. PETLEYS', 128 to 132 King street east.

PIM'S BEST IRISH POPLINS IN BLACK, Blue, Seal, Heliotrope, Salmon, Pale Blue, Grenat at "Fifty Cents" per yard, at PETLEYS'.

BLACK SILKS—WE ARE SHOWING startling value heavy gros grain silks at 60c., 70c., 80c. and 90c per yard at PETLEYS'.

LADIES' JERSEYS IN BLACK, GRENAT, seal and navy, at $3, $3.50 and up at PETLEYS'.

BRAIDED JERSEYS—WE ARE SELLING fine Cashmere Jerseys, handsomely braided, with basque back, for $6. The same goods are being sold in the city at $8. PETLEYS', 128 to 132 King st. West.

LADIES' VESTS IN BLACK, GRENAT, seal and navy at $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2 and up. Finest stock of wool goods in the city at PETLEYS'.

WOOL SQUARES—WE ARE SHOWING an immense variety of ladies' wool shawls and squares at 50c., 75c., $1, $1.25, $1.75, $2 and up in black, grey, white, pale blue, cardinal, grenat and navy at PETLEYS'.

CORSETS—OUR STOCK OF LADIES', misses' and children's corsets is without doubt superior to any in this city. Our prices are 50c., 60c., 75c., 90c., $1, $1.25, $1.50 and up, at PETLEYS'.

HOSIERY—IN WOOL, CASHMERE, merino, silk and Balbriggan. We are selling ladies' fine all-wool hose at 25c. a pair and up at PETLEYS'.

MANTLES—LADIES' CLOTH DOLMANS, handsomely trimmed, only $3 and up at PETLEYS'.

ULSTERS—LADIES' CLOTH ULSTERS —in all the newest shades, only $1.25 and up at PETLEYS'.

RUBBER CLOAKS—LADIES' RUBBER circulars, all sizes, only $1.25 and up at PETLEYS'.

CHILDREN'S FINE WOOL HOSE IN grey, brown, white, blue and cardinal, only 10c per pair and up, at PETLEYS'.

CHILDREN'S WARM UNDERSKIRTS at 25c, 35c, 45c and up, at PETLEYS'.

LADIES' WARM UNDERSKIRTS AT 75c., $1, $1.25 and up, at PETLEYS'.

BLANKETS—FINE ALL-WOOL CANADIAN blankets at $2, $2.25, $2.50, $2.75, $3 per pair and up, at PETLEYS'.

DRESS GOODS—NEWEST MATERIALS and colourings at 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45c, and up at PETLEYS'.

VELVETEENS—IN FINE SILK FINISH, blue-black, at 25, 35, 45, 55, 65, 75c and up, at PETLEYS'.

VELVETEENS—IN BLUE, SEAL, NAVY, peacock, myrtle, bronze, grenat, and cardinal, at 50c, 75c and $1 per yard, at PETLEYS'.

CARPETS—TAPESTRY CARPETS IN all the newest designs, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 55c, 60c, 65c, and up at PETLEYS'.

BRUSSELS—BRUSSELS CARPET AT 75c, 90c, $1, $1.10 per yard and up at PETLEYS'.

CARPETS—THE CHOICEST STOCK OF best quality Brussels carpet in Toronto retail at wholesale prices at PETLEYS'.

WE PARTICULARLY WISH TO INVITE the inspection of the large number of ladies who have never visited our house, and who have therefore no idea of the magnitude of our stock or the elegance of our showroom and stores, which are without doubt superior to any in Canada. We also invite the large number of persons who daily come to the city to visit our stores, and will consider it no trouble to show them through our immense establishment. PETLEY & PETLEY, 128 to 132 King street east, Toronto.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, YOU WILL not be disappointed by selling to me your Cast off Clothing, as I will always pay the best price for it. Please send postal card to MAX JACOBS', 250½ Queen street west. Business confidential.

STOVES, STOVES, STOVES—ALL SIZES, all prices. TERRY'S, 95 Jarvis street.

TOYS, TOYS AND TOY BOOKS, CHEAPEST in the city at MASON'S, 12 Queen street west.

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BUSINESS CARDS.

DR. J. W. LESLIE, CORNER ST. PATRICK and McCaul streets.

H. WILLIAMS, 4 ADELAIDE STREET east, successor to Hodge & Williams. Roofer and manufacturer of roofing materials and dealer in carpet and building papers. Agents for Warren's Natural Asphalt Roofing, not affected by climatic changes, thus being very durable and fireproof.

STEAM FORGE AND BOLT WORKS, J. H. PENDRITH, 60 Adelaide street west. Bolts, gratings, builders' iron work, engine and machine forgings. Spout hooks, eave trough nails 5½c. per lb.

TO TINSMITHS—SPOUT HOOKS AND Eave Trough Nails, 5½c per lb. J. H. PENDRITH, Steam Forge and Bolt Works, 60 Adelaide street.

FINANCIAL.

MONEY TO LOAN AT LOWEST RATES on farms or city property. A. J. CLOSE & CO., Land Agents, 32 King street east.

MONEY TO LOAN ON REAL ESTATE at lowest rates. LEITH, KINGSTONE & ARMOUR, 18 King street west.

MONEY LOANED ON PERSONAL PROPERTY. Houses furnished. CHICAGO LOAN, 394½ Queen street west.

MONEY TO LOAN AT LOWEST CURRENT rates. CHAS. McVITTIE, attorney, solicitor, etc., 417 Queen street west, Toronto.

MONEY TO LOAN ON FARM AND CITY Property. Lowest terms. T. G. BROWNING, Barrister, 30 Adelaide street east.

$50000 TO LOAN AT LOWEST rates of interest on farms or city property; half margin. C. W. LINDSEY, 22½ King street east.

BOARD.

BOARD—A FEW RESPECTABLE boarders wanted; terms moderate. 438 King street west.

ENGLAND'S ENGAGEMENT.

MEDIATION TO BE OFFERED BETWEEN FRANCE AND CHINA.

A Secret Treaty With the Marquis Tseng —The Island of Hainan to be Ceded to Great Britain.

COLOGNE, Dec. 22.—The Gazette's Paris correspondent says: During his recent visit to England Marquis Tseng concluded a secret treaty with England, the conditions of which are that England engages, after the taking of Sontay, to offer her mediation with France. China declares that the furthest concession she will make is a division of Tonquin and the relinquishment of her suzerainty in Annam. Bach Ninh must remain Chinese. If by England's mediation a treaty in accordance with the desires of China is effected, China undertakes to cede the Island of Hainan to England.

Marquis Tseng and his secretary absented themselves from the ministerial banquet this evening on the plea of ill-health.

It is stated that an interview will take place between Earl Granville, M. Waddington and Marquis Tseng, next week.

TOULON, Dec. 23.—The French transport Vinelong with Gen. Millot and staff sailed today for Tonquin. She will take some troops aboard at Algiers. The transport European sails for Tonquin to-morrow with reinforcements.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Standard's Paris correspondent denies the truth of the report that the Marquis Tseng has concluded a secret treaty with England.

CANADIAN PACIFIC STOCK.

Transfer of Six Million Dollars Worth from New York to England.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Owing to the great increase here in the volume of transactions in Canadian Pacific railway company stock arrangements have been made to open transfer books at the office of Messrs. Morton, Rose & Co. It is stated that the New York transfer agents have transferred $6,000,000 stock from the American market into English ten-share notes during the last six weeks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A reporter called upon Mr. Johns. Kennedy, the banker, of No. 63 William street, who is said to be at the head of the pool arrangement, but he said: "Really I know very little about the matter. The dispatch you show me is all I know in connection with the affair. I must refer you to Mr. Nothcote, who is our business manager."

Mr. Northcote said: "It is true that $6,000,000 of the $65,000,000 of the Canadian Pacific railway stock has been transferred from this market to the English market within six weeks. I don't understand it to be pool stock—in fact I don't know the term applies. We are simply the transfer agents of the company. The stock, in ten-share certificates, passed through our hands. It may come back from England to us in a short time. We know nothing more of the transactions than I have told you."

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—It is said that the Canadian Pacific railway company will have applied to the government to allow them to withdraw their deposit, while continuing the government guarantee.

KING KIENPHUA.

How Monarchs are Made and Unmade in Annam.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The governor of French Cochin China reports the council of the regency at Hue notified him that Hie Phema abdicated the throne of Annam and the new king, 15 years old, was crowned Dec. 2 under the name of Kienphua. The Annamite minister of finance, who is hostile to the French, then became head of the council. The crisis lasted several hours, during which the gates of the citadel were closed and Hue was placed in a state of siege. When the gates were reopened the death of Hiephema was announced. The country was agitated and armed bands occupied the suburbs of Hue, threatened the French legation. Champeaux, the French president, has since reported a better situation of affairs. He advises the strong pressure be exercised on the council at Hue, and refused to open relations with Kienphua until the latter is recognized by France.

CONVERTING THE HEATHEN.

Moody and Sankey's Success in England's Great Metropolis.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Moody and Sankey concluded their two weeks' mission at Stepney to-day. Five immense meetings were held in their hall, and overflow meetings conducted in Stepney church and Beaumont hall. The interest excited by the mission at Stepney is remarkable, as there it has reached a lower class of the population than heretofore. Fervent and crowded inquiry meetings have been held, and thousands of people have been converted. The attendance at the churches in Stepney has been largely increased. The mission services have been partially suspended until after the holidays, and will be resumed at Clapham, whither the iron mission hall will in the meantime be removed. From Clapham the evangelists will go to Stratford. They have engagements up to July.

MR. GLADSTONE ON THE FRANCHISE

A Bill to be Submitted at the Coming Parliamentary Session.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A deputation of liberal workmen of Derby arrived at Hawarden today, who presented Mr. Gladstone with an address expressive of the sentiments of the liberals of Derby, for the premier, accompanied with a crown Derby service of procelain. In receiving the deputation Mr. Gladstone referred to the extension of the suffrage, regarding which, he said, a measure would ultimately, and he hoped, very soon, be presented to parliament. He had no fear of an enlargement of the suffrage, as past experience had shown that the admission of people to the franchise gives more strength to the throne, and such a law would conduce to the greater union of all classes among themselves.

EGYPT AND THE SOUDAN.

The Khedive Notified that He Must Not Attempt to Reconquer the Soudan.

CAIRO, Dec. 23.—The British government has explicitly informed the Egyptian government that it will not attempt to reconquer the Soudan, nor will it permit Egypt to make the attempt. England, however, is willing that any other power should do so at Egypt's request, providing the khedive incurs no expense in the undertaking. England is willing to assist in the defence of strictly Egyptian territory if threatened by El Mahdi.

The correspondent of Reuter's telegram company at Cairo denies that England is willing to permit the sending of an expedition to Soudan by another power.

THE OLD WORLD IN BRIEF.

France has determined to occupy Bacninh before negotiating further with China.

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Elizabeth Clark, captain of the salvation army, has been requested to leave Neufchatel, Switzerland, by the authorities.

Mr. Eckersley has been elected M. P. for Wigan vice Mr. Knowles, deceased, a conservative, succeeds a conservative.

The Spanish ministerial council has abrogated the discriminating duties against the United States on imports into Cuba.

Admiral Courbet has been requested to express to the French troops the satisfaction felt by France at their conduct in Tonquin.

A motion in the French chambers has resulted in the withdrawal of the decree permitting the importation of pork into France.

Lord Lyons, English ambassador to Paris, has written Victor Hugo expressing the regret of the English government that it found it impossible to commute O'Donnell's sentence.

The Paris anarchists have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment varying from one week to six months. When sentence was pronounced several people in the audience shouted "Long live Anarchy."

Gen. Von Thiele, commander of the 8th army corps of Germany, has been retired. Gen. Von Loe, a Roman catholic, succeeds him. Von Loe's appointment is regarded as a step in the policy of conciliation with the vatican.

WINNIPEG WANDERERS.

Three Hundred People from the Prairie Province Coming East.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—There were over three hundred Canadians at the different hotels in the city yesterday. They were distinguishable by their long "buffalo coats," heavy blue flannel shirts and robust appearance generally. One of the guests stopping at the Sherman said: "Oh, we are only on a little Christmas trip. The most of us are from Winnipeg and the 'Rockies,' and we are going to Toronto, Montreal and the eastern part of Canada to see our relatives and friends, and have a big time."

"How about the temperature in your section of the country?"

"You folks seem to be froze out here with the thermometer only five or six below zero; we have had it 25 below already. Why, last winter we had it 40 and 50 below. The old thermometer dropped as far as it could go, and after that we had to guess the temperature."

Some of the excursionists left for Toronto this evening and others will leave to-morrow.

STONED FOR A NICKEL.

President Gonzales Somewhat Warmly Received by the Mob.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A despatch from the City of Mexico says: During the riot yesterday President Gonzales was assailed as he was driving to the palace. A great crowd followed him, stoned his carriage and threw nickel coins at his head. A few shots were fired, and two rioters were killed. Gonzales got out of his carriage and defied the mob. Cadets from Chapultepec academy rallied to protect the president, but the party was pushed to the corner of the cathedral garden by the infuriated crowd, the air being filled with stones and other missiles. The military came and the president retired to the palace. Two policemen were killed while carrying off prisoners. Several rioters were killed in other quarters of the city. An unsuccessful attack was made on the cathedral with the design of ringing the bells to alarm the populace. The federal district council has passed a proclamation declaring it will buy all necessaries of life in large quantities for silver and sell them to the poor for nickel at lower prices. It is believed that this will allay the discontent. There are 5000 troops here and all the officers have been ordered to duty.

COLDER THAN CANADA.

The Thermometer Recorded 30 Below in New England.

SYRACUSE, N.Y., Dec. 23.—The cold wave struck central New York to-day. The thermometer ranged 8 to 15 below.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 23.—Saturday night was one of the coldest known in Providence for several years. The mercury touching 10 below.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Extreme cold weather prevailed last night and this morning throughout New England. Hancock, Mass., reports the mercury 19 to 20 below; Concord, N.H., 20 below; Hanover from 22 to 30 below; Barre, Vt., 26 below, and in towns around Bellows Falls the mercury ranged 18 to 28 below. At Plymouth, Mass., harbor is frozen over and the thermometer registered 15 below. In this city the lowest point reached is 12 below, but this evening it is 2 above. At 10 p.m. snow is falling.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

Workmen generally in the United States are submitting to a reduction.

The typographical union of New York has decided to boycott the Tribune.

A small-pox epidemic prevails at Garsden, Tenn. Out of twenty-six patients fourteen died.

It snowed for twelve hours at Cincinnati, O., on Saturday. Street car traffic was stopped. The snow was a foot deep.

Many points in Illinois report the heaviest snow storm ever known. Traffic is delayed and telegraphic communication interrupted.

Los Vegas, N.M., has been converted into a mining camp, owing to some workmen who were excavating for a new court house striking gold.

Archbishop Gibbons of Maryland has been created by the pope delegate apostolic to preside at the catholic council to be held in Baltimore next year.

Judge Blodgett at Chicago on Saturday fined three lottery dealers $100 each for using the mails in the dissemination of lottery circulars. These convictions are the first under the federal laws.

The laboring people of Scottdale, Pa., have declared war against the imported Hungarians, who are declared not only to be ousting native labor, but also to be extremely disgusting in their habits.

Business Matters Across the Border.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 22.—S. J. Soper & Co., auctioneers, have made an assignment. This is the oldest auction house in the city and had been in business for thirty-four years.

OTTAWA, Ill., Dec. 22.—H. S. Gilbert & Co., grain dealers, are reported suspended. Liabilities $300,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The supreme court today granted an attachment against Daniel Gordon of Rochester in favor of H. B. Claflin & Co. upon a claim of $207,000. Gordon recently failed, but in an assignment he did not mention Claflin & Co. among his preferred creditors.

Is This Man Human?

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Asa Baker, who on Tuesday was sentenced to states prison for life for wife murder, has made a confession. He arranged a meeting with his wife and fired five shots into her body. She afterwards revived and asked him to bring her a drink of water. He told her that the shooting was accidental, seized a rock and smashed her skull, killing her instantly.

The Devil Fish.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The report of the captain of the life saving service concerning the appearance of the sea serpent off Long Branch was referred to Prof. Baird of the Smithsonian institution, who has identified the monster as the devil fish of South Carolina or the manatee of Spanish America.

A Privileged Class.

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—Judge Ross gave his decision this afternoon in the civil service assessment appeal cases. His honor held that he could not go past the judgment of the superior court in the case of Leprohon v. Ottawa and he would have to allow the appeals. This decision is in favor of the civil servants and against the city. It practically ends the assessment for the present year.

The Loss of the St. Augustin.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The steamer Grantully has landed at Dover one passenger, the chief engineer and fifteen men, who were rescued with great difficulty from the burning steamer St. Augustin. The second mate shot himself and a sailor stabbed himself during the fire through fright. The survivors report that the scenes on the St. Augustin during the fire were appalling. Something fell from aloft, cutting off the captain's leg. At his own request a weight was tied around his waist and he was thrown into the sea. Several sailors drowned themselves in despair. The fire spread with such rapidity that everybody became panic stricken.

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LISBON, Dec. 23.—An earthquake shook occurred on Saturday at 1.30 a.m., but was not generally noticed. A stronger shock occurred at 3.30 a.m., lasting twelve seconds, being accompanied by heavy rumblings which awoke the entire population of the city and caused a panic in the narrow streets. Some old buildings and a number of chimneys were damaged. At Setubal, eighteen miles southeast of Lisbon, the shock was so severe that many of the inhabitants rushed to the seashore.

A Rescuing Expedition in India.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 22.—The expedition against the Atcha tribe entered the Atchila country on Dec. 17, and is rapidly advancing to the rescue of the officers of the East Indian army and other persons captured during the raid of the tribe into Assam. One of the captives has died.

The Strike of the Light Brigade.

LIMERICK, Dec. 23.—The employes of the gas works have struck for higher wages and soldiers have been put to work in their place to prevent the city being left in darkness. Police and soldiers guard the works.

A HORROR AT THE HUMBER

AN AGED WOMAN MURDERED IN A LONELY HUT.

"Old Susie" Gibbs Beaten to Death for Her Gold—The End of a Miser in a Miserable Abode—No Arrests as Yet.

A tragedy with all the regulation patterns of a brutal murder was committed in a lonely little hut out at the Humber sometime on Saturday. Stock's side-line is a narrow thoroughfare running in a north-westerly direction from the lake shore road to Islington. It leaves the Humber road at Hicks' hotel.

About 700 or 800 yards up this siding in a lonely little hut on the west side, hidden from the road by an embankment, lived Mrs. Susan Gibbs, aged about 65 years. Those who knew her well called her "Old Susie." Mrs. Gibbs was well known in the western suburbs of Toronto and in the western part of the county of York. She followed the avocation of a pedlar, her wares consisting of pins, needles, braids, thread, thimbles and such like. While at home she was in every sense of the word a hermit and a miser. Her visitors after night were few, and she only admitted them after the most careful scrutiny, both by voice and sign. While at home she set up pretentions as a shopkeeper—sold candies, tobacco, pipes, apples, and also a limited line of provisions.

When it is known that Mrs. Gibbs was possessed of considerable wealth and she lived this lonely life, there is hardly room to doubt that she met her death at the hands of a murderer bent on robbery. Everything about the place pointed to it.

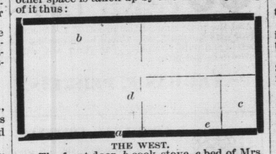
About opposite Mrs. Gibbs' hut lives John Plunkett and family. South of Mr. Plunkett lives Arron Harris and family. About 5 o'clock Saturday evening Mrs. Harris' two small children went down to Mrs. Gibbs' place for candles. The back of the hut is to the road. Walking around to the front the door was found wide open. A horrifying spectacle presented itself to them. Lying between two of the miserable little rooms of the hut was the lifeless body of Mrs. Gibbs. Twoterrible bruises had been inflicted on both sides of the face. Blood was oozing from the mouth. A broad discoloured mark was around the neck, while the marks of a man's fingers were indented on the throat. The right arm was bent across the forehead, but not touching it, as if it had been raised to protect the face from blows. The left arm was bent at the side. The body was partly covered with a night-dress and a flannel petticoat, which were both disturbed. Evidences of a terrible struggle were to be seen on all sides.

The children hurried back home and told their mother of what they had discovered. A few minutes after this a young man hurried up to the door of Plunkett's house, handed Mrs. Plunkett a key, said it was the key of Mrs. Gibbs' house, and left as quick as he came. No trace of the man has been found since. When Mrs. Jones heard her children's story she went down to the lonely hut and found it locked. Between the time of the children's first arrival and her visit the man who called at Plunkett's had locked the house up and taken the key thither.

When Mr. Plunkett came home at 6 o'clock his wife handed him the key and told him of the tragedy. Plunkett took the key down to Duck's hotel and left it there.

In the meantime Mrs. Harris started for the city by the 6 o'clock train and went to the residence of the murdered woman's son, Wm. J. Craig, at 306 King street east and told them of the tragedy. Mr. Craig is an engineer in Union station. A number of years ago he was on the city police force. He just reached home after Mrs. Harris left. Mr. Craig immediately started for the Humber. He and County Constable Alfred of the Humber, Mr. Duen and several others went to the house and found everything just as they were on the occasion of the visit of Mrs. Harris' children. Mr. Craig and the constable made the most diligent enquiries about the man who left the key at Plunketts'. Mrs. Plunkett could give no definite description of him, although later developments have pointed to a certain person who was known to have visited the house several times, knew of Mrs. Gibb's wealth and who, it is said, tried to rob her once before.

In order that the scene of the murder may be better understood it may be repeated that the house is situated in a gully just off the road on the left hand side going north-west. It is a little white frame house eighteen feet square facing the west. The door opens into a room taking up half the space, while the other space is taken up by two rooms opening off it thus:



THE WEST.

a The front door, *b* cook stove, *c* bed of Mrs. Gibbs, *d* doorway in which body was found, *e* a stove in front of bed of deceased.

The door has a good lock, and the windows are well secured. The ceiling is not over seven feet high, and the whole place is very poorly lighted. The walls are smoke-blacked. There is little or no furniture. On a shelf were a few glass bottles which contained the candy the deceased sold to children. There was only one table, and on it was the body covered by a blanket. The bedroom did not deserve the name. It must have been a wretched place at best; when the reporter visited it there was only a heap of straw in the corner and an old tick. Probably deceased kept herself warm more by the fire in front of her bed than by bed-clothing. The remains were left in their solitary abode last night and will be interred by deceased's son to-day.

Coroner Beatty of Dundas street was notified and he took possession of the premises and deceased's effects. Scattered around the floor were several financial documents. Deposit receipts for $1050 in the Canada Permanent Loan and Savings company of this city were among them. Mrs. Gibbs also had deposits in the savings branch of the Dominion bank in Queen street west and the Home Savings and Savings company in Church street. The amounts deposited here are said to be $500 or $600. Suspended from a piece of white tape around her neck she always carried three small bags. In these she was often known to have as much as $200 in gold and silver. In one bag she would have $20 gold pieces, in another dems, etc. More than once she has counted out over $200 in her son's house in this city. Those who knew her well say she never carried less than $100. The marks on the throat were evidently made by the murderer in securing these money bags. She owned the house she lived in and two acres of ground surrounding it. A short time ago she was offered $800 for the land, but she held out for more when the would-be purchaser withdrew his offer. Mrs. Gibbs was the stingiest of persons. She dressed poorly and held on to her wealth with a death-like grip, parting with not a penny that did not bring some return. She was reputedly honest, sober, industrious and possessed of considerable business tact. Several times did her son endeavor to induce her to move into town and forsake her lonely life. But she never would listen to him, preferring to end her days in solitude and self-inflicted privations. Her life was shadowed by her second marriage. Her first husband's name was Craig, with whom she immigrated from Ireland a good many years ago. Craig died and about eighteen years since she married John Gibbs, a worthless colored scamp. After supporting Gibbs for eight years she gave him enough of money to go down south and he never returned. She always said that if he got a long way off he would be too lazy to return. And as far as known he never did. When Gibbs left her she was living away out Dundas street, near where West Toronto junction is now. She sold her property and moved out to the lonely spot where she met her death. It is known that Rev. Mr. Tremaine of the episcopal church at Mimico possesses several papers belonging to deceased. It is also said that he is custodian of her will, the contents of which could not be learned last night. One gentleman said he had heard on several occasions that she intended to leave most of her money to Mr. Tremaine's church.

The coroner on Saturday night empanelled a jury at Duck's hotel and opened an inquest. The jury viewed the remains and surroundings and adjourned until to-night without listening to any evidence. Yesterday morning Drs. Riddall and Lynd of Parkdale made a post-mortem examination of the remains. The doctors agree that the murder was committed with a blunt instrument. She had evidently just retired to her miserable cot of straw, when the murderer knocked at the door and on the pretext of a pressing purchase she admitted him. He then set about his bloody work and ransacked the place for the money. The straw tick on which she slept was strewn all over the floor. The murderer evidently suspected that she had money secreted in the tick. Yesterday morning Constable Alfred discovered at the south end of the house a small bundle consisting of a blue checked shirt, a handkerchief and a comb. At this end of the house is a fence. Just across the fence there were prints of a man's boots. The prints were large. The shirt found was such as might be worn by a hod-carrier. The left shoulder was partly worn through, and pieces of dried mortar were sticking to it. It is possible that the murder may have been committed during Friday night. As far as known, Mrs. Jones' children were the first to visit her on Saturday. The door might have been open all day. The solitary county constable was working out a supposed clue alone. The mysterious visitor to Plunkett's with the key of the house just after the children's discovery is evidently the part of the crime that requires tracing, but no arrests have been made as yet.

DOMINION DASHES.

The Latest and Best News Found in Our Canadian Exchanges.

Windsor is struggling with four different kinds of time.

There are many cases of diphtheria in Quebec province.

Five thousand dollars was subscribed on Saturday for Bishop Lewis' residence in Kingston.

Weekes, the man of bribery notoriety in West Middlesex who stumbled into the wrong committee room, has been captured and bailed to appear next Thursday.

A man named Code while out deerhunting in the Ottawa district became separated from his companion and was found a day after by two shanty-men with his feet frozen to the ankles. They had to be amputated.

George Evans, the book-keeper arrested at London, Ont., for fraudulently obtaining $6000 from one of the heirs of the Springer estate in New York, has left for the east with a detective and says he can clear himself of the charge.

Marie Guay Gerard, widow, was arrested at Montreal with her four children, aged 11, 8, 4, and 2 years, her brother Geo. Guay, and a man named Hogue. The whole crowd were drunk, including the children, who were taught the most disgusting practices.

Among the assets of the Exchange bank is a note for $3000, drawn to meet expenses in Mr. Gault's election campaign for Montreal. The paper is transferred to mysterious liberal note for $300, and a strange debtor for $100,000, who regularly meets his payments.

A. Struther's residence at Rodney, Ont., was burned to the ground the other day. Mrs. Struthers had been in the habit of leaving her child in the house while she went to help her husband in the barn. This day the child cried so hard that she was obliged to take the child with her.

The difficulty at Montreal about the right of way over the Canadian Pacific railway by the Grand Trunk railway is as far from settlement as ever. The superintendent of the North Shore is threatening force to keep the blockade and carry through the freight, but the general manager of the Canadian Pacific railway implies that two can play at that game.

The Guelph lottery swindle has been consummated. The prizes have been drawn on a scaled down basis, the total cash value distributed being $68,325, divided in alleged prizes of $17,000 down to $7.50. It is declared that 55,653 tickets were disposed of, which means that, according to their own admissions, J. L. Murphy et al have got away with $63,057 of the people's money.

The Dominion Cattle company has just declared a 20 per cent dividend. The company has 36,928 head of cattle and horses valued at $923,717 at its ranch in northern Texas. Mr. J. P. Wiser is president, and Mr. W. B. Ives, M.P., general manager. Senator Cochrane, Senator Ogilvie, Hugh Ryan and R. H. Pope are on the board. The company has just rented 285,000 acres at 2c. per acre.

PROMINENT PERSONS.

Matthew Arnold will lecture in Buffalo Jan. 12.

Mrs. Langtry did a poor business at Washington.

Sir John Macdonald has become a total abstainer.

Pere Hyacinthe is very ill at New York and may not recover.

The minister of the interior, Hon. D. L. Macpherson, is in town.

Dr. Hunter is a candidate for school trustee for St. Stephen's ward.

Robert Macfarlane, formerly editor of the Scientific American, is dead.

The crown prince was given a great reception yesterday on his return to Berlin.

It is reported that Mary Anderson is engaged to be married to the duke of Portland.

John McCullough is a physical wreck. It is said the present will be his last season on the stage.

Patti offered to visit Kingston, Ont., for $10,000. The Limestone city declined the proffered terms.

Hon. J. H. Pope intends to rest at his home in the Eastern townships from now until the house meets on Jan. 17.

Mr. James Burnett has been elected president of the Montreal stock exchange, vice Mr. D. Lorn MacDougall, resigned.

While Sarah Bernhardt is thin and willowy, Marie Colombier, her satiriser, is short and stout. They played together here.

This is the time of the year at which a man gives his wife money in order that he may be surprised with a Christmas present.

Sarah Bernard will hang up one of her costumes on Christmas eve. She is afraid Santa Claus might not see the usual gift receptacle.

Mr. George Johnston is to be appointed an additional stipendiary magistrate at Rat Portage to relieve Mr. Brerton of a portion of his duties.

Lotta thought to eclipse Minnie Palmer, but at her first performance in London on Saturday evening she was hissed off the stage. The character she played was Musette.

Sergt. Mason, the man who tried to shoot Guiteau, was demonstratively received on arrival at his home in Zanesville, O. The grand army of the republic turned out.

The grand duke of Hesse, husband of the late Princess Alice, is seriously ill with chills and fever, and his two eldest children, Princess Victoria and Princess Elizabeth, are suffering from severe colds.

Of Mr. Matthew Arnold the story is told that when Emerson's daughter said to him that her father had always regretted that he had not met him "the apostle of molasses and moonlight" replied: "I believe that Emerson did want to meet me."

Several years ago, in a Madison avenue horse car, William Cullen Bryant and Bayard Taylor were comparing notes about the poet Whittier, who, they believed, could not live long. They are dead, and Whittier celebrated his seventy-sixth birthday on Monday.

The Princess Louise is a contributor to the annual exhibition of the London society of painters in water colors. The critic of the Standard expresses himself guardedly: "Perhaps the most significant comment on the Princess Louise's 'Off Greenhithe' is to say that it struck us before we discovered that it was by a royal hand."

Mr. R. W. Gale, who for fifteen years has been connected with the Equitable life assurance society of the United States, with his headquarters in this city, has been compelled to relinquish the position of manager and take a trip south for the benefit of his health. He will be succeeded by Mr. W. J. Smyth, a gentleman long and favorably known in connection with insurance societies in Canada.

Christmas Decorations at Jewell & Clow's.

Messrs. Jewell & Clow have decorated their restaurant and dining-rooms for the holidays. They have a large Christmas tree in honor of the numerous aspirants for aldermanic honors. The tree is hung with candidates' cards, cornucopias, bannerette and other Christmas decorations, and is guarded by a life-sized figure of a gaily-dressed huntsman, who occupies an elevated position in the background. Two large turtle shells trimmed with autumn leaves bear the customary greetings of the season, the letters being worked in differently colored dried flowers. The dining-rooms are tastefully hung and lettered with evergreen and look bright and cheerful, the figures of a grouse, pheasant and hare being well executed.

A Waif as a Christmas Box.

Capt. Ben Tripp was the recipient of a Christmas box Saturday evening which does not please his fancy. It was in the shape of a live and lusty infant, and was deposited in a basket on the captain's doorstep at 62 Lisgar street. The captain is a ready blessed with nine little [illegible] and does not care for another increase to his family. So he reported the occurrence to the police, who are looking for the fearless [illegible] who has made the infant a waif. In the meantime it will be cared for at the infant home.

BURGLARY AND MURDER.

A BELLEVILLE MAN SHOT DEAD BY MASKED THIEVES.

The Object of Their Crime—An Unlucky One Night's Visit—Arrest of the Suspected Murderers.

BLOOMFIELD, Ont., Dec. 22.—Mr. Peter Lazier, a resident of Belleville, Ont., was shot dead here last night at the house of Mr. Gilbert Jones. Mr. Lazier is a relation of Mr. Jones and called at his place to spend the night on his way to Picton. Mr. Jones being unwell retired early in the evening, and Mr. Lazier went to his room about 10 o'clock, leaving Mrs. Jones in the sitting room alone. A few minutes later a rap was heard at the door, and on its being opened by Mrs. Jones, she was confronted by two masked men, each armed, one with a shot gun and the other a revolver. Forcing her back into the house they demanded money. She screamed for help. Mr. Lazier rushed from his room and closed with the biggest of the burglars, the one who had the revolver, and was handling him roughly and would no doubt have secured him had he not fired, the ball passing through or close to the heart, and Lazier fell dead. In the meantime Mr. Jones had come down stairs and secured his gun, but unfortunately it was not loaded, and the murderers made their escape. Mr. Jones is a well-to-do farmer and was paid $800 for hops yesterday. The thieves were evidently after this money. Mr. Lazier was about 58 years old and had lived up to the last five years about two miles east of Picton. He was well known throughout the counties of Hastings and Prince Edward. He has been residing in Belleville for the last five years and has been in the employ of Patterson & Bros. selling agricultural implements, and was on a business tour through the country when he met his untimely death. He leaves a wife and one child.

The jury at the inquest returned a verdict that death resulted from a shot wilfully fired by some person unknown.

Joseph Tompsett, David Lowder and George Lowder have been arrested and were lodged in Belleville last night. They all reside about three miles south of Bloomfield on the West lake road leading from Picton to the Carrying banks. The light snow that fell on Friday night about the time the murder was committed made it easy to notice footprints in the snow, and they were traced from Mr. Jones' house, where the murder was committed, across fields and along the edge of West lake direct to the homes of Tompsett and Lowder and Tompsett's boots fit the tracks. The two Lowders are brothers and live with their father near Tompsett's, who is married and has a family. Both Tompsett and the young Lowders have a bad reputation, and have been suspected of being connected with some of the thieving that has been going on for the last few years in this vicinity, but no one supposed they were so hardened as to commit murder. Tompsett was present at the meeting of the railway guard Friday afternoon, when Mr. Jones received the money for his hops. Chief McKinnon of the Belleville police force is here assisting to work up the case.

PARKDALE POINTERS.

Election Excitement Simmering Down—Financial Statement for Four Years.

The excitement over election matters is simmering down, it being generally conceded that to make any radical change in the personnel of the council would be most unfortunate for the village. The present council have done good service, and by the end of 1884 will be able to render to the ratepayers a clear and concise statement of their affairs.

It is expected that the financial statement for the four previous years will be published this week. It is devoted entirely to the general expenditure and the waterworks accounts, and has been submitted to the professional accountants. The exact state of the debenture debts of the village cannot be arrived at for some months yet, in fact not until the legislation now being sought for from the Ontario government has been granted.

Irish Distress in the City.

A meeting of Irish citizens was held at the Rossin house on Saturday evening for the purpose of bringing before their countrymen and the public generally the present distressed condition of the emigrants located on Conway,