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AT THE STORM'S MERCY.

Business In the City Completely Paralyzed.

ELECTRIC CARS AT A STANDSTILL

The Telegraph and Telephone Wires Demoralized.

Many Meetings Postponed, the Death-Rate Greatly Increased and Locomotion in the Streets Effectually Put a Stop To—Immense Damage To Fruit and Other Trees—Due Warning Had Been Given of the Storm, But Those in Authority Waited Until It Arrived Before Making Any Attempt To Grapple With It.

YESTERDAY'S weather was the most disagreeable that Toronto has witnessed in December for a decade.

The thaw which the Observatory authorities promised set in at 1 o'clock yesterday morning. At 4 o'clock rain began to descend and the downpour never let up until 4 o'clock this morning, when strong winds and gales set in from the north and the weather turned decidedly colder.

Every street in the city was in a frightful condition. Citizens who found it necessary to move round to fulfil their business engagements had to put up with all manner of inconveniences. The melted snow and rain was ankle deep on the sidewalks, and the slush lay in some places a foot deep or more in the bed of the streets between the sidewalks and the railway tracks.

But the inconvenience to which citizens were subjected by slippery pavements, slush and water was as nothing compared with the other evils which an incompetent street railway management and helpless civic dignitaries were responsible for.

Neither the management of the railway company nor the city authorities seemed to be aware of what the weather portended until it was too late to cope with the rain and the sleet, and the public were the sufferers in consequence.

Before 5 o'clock the street railway service was demoralized and the cars might as well have been run into the stables, as, although some of them were running until 10.30, they made slower progress than Christian did through the Slough of Despond and, uncomfortable as it was overhead and underfoot, people who were in a hurry found that they reached their destination more speedily by walking.

Much damage was occasioned all over the city. Early in the afternoon the rain turned to sleet, which coated the branches of the trees and scores of them in various parts of the city succumbed to the weight. Incalculable damage was occasioned in orchards. Many telephone and telegraph poles also collapsed by the weight of congealed coolness.

Carried Off Many of the Sick.

The death column in to-day's World shows that the sudden change carried off many who were hovering between life and death, and as the air was filled with pneumonia, many of the multitude of working girls and men who went home with wet feet last night may not again leave their homes except in coffins. The prospects are that as a result of yesterday's weather the White Horse will gallop through the city during the next week and the undertakers' hammer will have no rest.

Many meetings had to be postponed on account of the storm and the paralyzing of the street car service, including the Street Railroad Union's concert, the Kennedy ratification meeting, while others did not draw the crowds that had been counted upon.

Wires Down in all Directions.

Nearly all the wires of the police signal service were disarranged. No connection could be had with the patrol boxes in the eastern and western parts of the city.

The trunk lines of the Bell Telephone Company became thoroughly demoralized in the evening and the local lines were in some degree affected.

The tale at the telegraph offices last night was one of woe, wires and poles were down in every direction; the back counties are practically cut off from communication with the outside world. The C.P.R. Telegraph Co.'s service was badly disorganized. On their eastern circuit there were two wires available out of the eight generally in use, the wire to Montreal and the wire to Ottawa. The western wires were in better shape, but not altogether free from annoyance. The local service between the office and the Don was, if anything, more demoralized than in any portion. Early in the evening poles began to fail as the accumulation of ice on the wires became heavier. The storm seemed to be severest in the region west of Peterboro, as the wires east of that place were in fair working order. The G.N.W. had the greatest trouble with the wires in the east. Most of the poles between the city and Scarboro are reported down. Connection with Montreal was only to be had by way of Buffalo and Albany. The service in the west was the same as usual. A number of wires became crossed in the city with the electric light wires and necessitated their being cut off.

Something Like a Farce.

Late in the day a baker's dozen of street car employes and an equal number of corporation employes made spasmodic attempts to clear the railway tracks and the gutters; but they were no more successful than was Dame Partington's attempt to sweep back the sea at floodtide with a broom. The slush clogged the manholes and the water ran down in floods. As fast as the slush and water was swept away another consignment of the stuff came rushing down.

How to Remedy the Evil.

The police authorities should see that this condition of things is not allowed to exist for the remedy is close at hand. The natural drainage of the streets is into the gutters that run close to the sidewalks. But this drainage has for the last two days been down the street railway tracks, which have been kept free of snow and which carried off immense quantities of water. Now, these can never serve as a good drainage, as they are much higher than the sides of the streets which form the gutters.

So far these gutters have not served the purposes for which they were intended because of the accumulation of snow which still lies there. The police authorities should see that these gutters are opened up and that the slush is shoveled off the sidewalks. If each shop-owner along the business parts of Yonge, King and Queen-streets would open up the gutter in front of his shop for, say, one or two feet from the sidewalk this would prevent the water standing in pools in the streets, and would cost but ten minutes' labor. The question as to whether the railway company or the city should see that the streets are kept free of snow is a disputed one, but this should not prevent the removal of a nuisance until the matter in dispute is settled. In a time like the present the city should have a hundred men on the streets putting them in a passable condition. In fact every day they devote money to much less worthy causes. There certainly is no excuse for not seeing that the principal crossings of the business parts of the city are kept free from the flow of water and slush. Yesterday the water stood a foot deep in Yonge-street at the Queen-street and King-street crossings, simply because it had been prevented from finding its natural drainage, and was blocked up by the snow accumulated further down the street. If the gutters were opened up this would allow of a drainage from the sidewalks and from the middle of the roads, which would soon free the streets of this present disagreeable feature. In fact the water stands on the sidewalks simply because it cannot find an outlet on account of the snow being higher than its level. With the removal of this snow the underdrainage would, besides cleaning the streets, do the same for the sidewalks. Let the authorities therefore insist that every man shall see that the gutter in front of his property is freed of snow.

The Street Railway Blockade.

Yesterday's demoralization of the street railway service was the second within a week. Last Monday's paralysis of the system, however, was due to the fact that the downfall of snow blocked the wheels of the cars, while last night it was the trolley wheels—the small wheels which are attached to the end of the poles and run along the wires—that suffered.

The trouble was caused by ice forming on the trolley wires and breaking the current, thus stopping the cars. Another source of much trouble was from the water running from the trolley wires into a small space in the trolley wheel, filling it and breaking the current, causing what is called an arc.

Early yesterday morning the company had a number of men employed cleaning the snow off the curves and switches, and there was very little trouble with the tracks. About 10 o'clock, however, the snow changed to rain, and as the weather continued rather cold the rain froze rapidly on the wires, sometimes attaining to a thickness of half an inch. As the street railway authorities had never such an experience before they were at a loss what to do. The construction wagons were kept out all day driving along the tracks with a man stationed on top of the ladder, who brushed the ice off the wire with a steel brush. As these wagons could not cover half the ground necessary to keep all the wires clear, there was a very deficient service most of the time yesterday.

The lines that suffered most were the Parliament and Winchester routes, where the cars are fitted only with single motors and consequently have just half the power to do the same amount of work as is done by the double motor machines on the principal routes. The greatest trouble was on the jail hill in Gerrard-street, east of the Don and on the heavy grades in Queen west, where there would sometimes be three or four in a train helping each other up the hill.

A lot of trouble was also caused by branches of trees and telephone poles falling across the trolley wires. The wires were broken in several places from such causes and the whole service on the routes on which the breaks occurred would be delayed until the wire could be repaired. About 8 o'clock last night a telephone pole fell at Yonge-Bloor-streets, dragging the wire with it and delaying the traffic for some time. About 10.30 another pole fell in the same place, doing more damage than the first had done. After this all the cars on the belt line and Yonge-street were ordered in, but the other routes continued to run up to the regular hour for stopping.

As on Monday, the worst time of the whole day was at 6 o'clock, when the cars were all heavily loaded, and great difficulty was experienced in handling the traffic. Indeed it was almost impossible to handle the whole traffic, and many people stood on the corners for half an hour waiting for a car.

Assistant Supt. Bird said last night that in case of frost setting in he did not anticipate much trouble, as all the streets running north and south were well drained off and the only streets that needed watching were Bloor, Queen, King and Front.

The five sweepers, three electric and two horse, were kept out on these streets all night and gangs of men were employed cutting channels for the water to drain off the tracks, so that it is expected that the whole service will be in good running order this morning.

Although there was comparative little trouble with the motive machinery still a number of the cars were slightly damaged, and up to 11 o'clock last night eight had been run into the sheds with broken motors, cables, etc. Little trouble was experienced with the fuse wires that gave so much trouble on Monday. There were very few fuses blown out and there was very little delay from this cause.

Norway and the Trolleys Go Asleep.

The suburban electric lines fared worse than the city lines. Having fewer cars running the ice accumulated in thicker layers on the wires and rendered traffic almost impossible. It was amusing to see the trolley on the Scarboro line trying to get up the Kingston-road incline. Having cleared the wire of snow a little ahead the trolley would recede and then make a plunge to climb the hill. Each effort of this kind would put the car 40 or 50 yards in advance. By a series of these plunges the trolley climbed the first hill, but when it got into the peaceful valley where the Norway people doze away their days and nights it seemed to catch the contagion. It was unable to tackle the second hill, and it passed the rest of the day as if dead, beautifully harmonizing with its quiet, slumber-producing surroundings.

Now, come up with your dust. Tailor-made suits at one-half tailors' prices at the Army & Navy stores. Men's suits, $4.90 up.

RE HID W. LYON MACKENZIE.

Death of Asabell Davis at Mount Pleasant, Mich.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich., Dec. 15.—At the time of the Mackenzie rebellion in Canada, 54 years ago, a reward of $1000 was offered for Mackenzie, dead or alive.

He was secreted by a loyal follower in a straw stack for one week and helped to flee the country. The man on whose farm he was secreted and who helped him out of the country was Asabell Davis, who died last night in this city.

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A FAST ATLANTIC SERVICE.

THE PREMIER'S REMARKS AT HALIFAX MISUNDERSTOOD.

The Killarney Fishermen Who Threatened the Lighthouse-Keeper Sentenced—Brewers Send a Delegation to Ottawa Asking for Lower Duties on Malt—Death of Mr. D. W. Macdonell.

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—In conversation today Sir John Thompson said that the press dispatches to western papers from Halifax, purporting to give his remarks to the Board of Trade with reference to a fast Atlantic service, had not properly represented what he had said. He had not told the Board of Trade that a fast service was an accomplished fact, and that an agent was waiting in Ottawa to sign a contract. What he did say was that the interest taken in the development of the harbor might be understood by the efforts to secure a fast Atlantic service. These efforts had been unsuccessful in the past for reasons all were familiar with, but he had reason to believe that by the time he reached Ottawa a person would be there to take up negotiations on behalf of an English company for a fast service, but he recommended his hearers not to be too confident that these efforts would be successful, because they may meet with disappointment. Asked to-day whether this agent had reached Ottawa yet Sir John said he had not.

Threatened the Lighthouse-Keeper.

The Department of Marine and Fisheries has received the report of the trial at Sault Ste. Marie of the Killarney fishermen who were indicted for threatening and annoying the lighthouse-keeper at Killarney because he had by order of the department assisted Fisheries Officer Elliott in putting down illegal fishing. West and Rogue, two of the men implicated, were sentenced to one month's imprisonment each and Rogue was given three weeks, to run concurrently with his other sentence, for damaging public property, that is, the lighthouse.

The Curran Bridge Commission.

The report of the Curran Bridge Commissions was received to-day at the Department of Railways and Canals. It is a very bulky document, and will take some time to examine before the conclusions of the commissioners can be made public.

Ask Lower Duties on Malt.

A delegation of brewers from Toronto, Hamilton and Brockville had an interview to-day with the Minister of Finance and the Controller of Inland Revenue, the object of the visit being, it is understood, to urge on the Government a reduction of the duty on malt, which was raised two years ago from one cent per pound to two cents. The matter was very fully talked over, but no further promise was given than was made to a similar deputation last year, that the matter should receive consideration.

Government Savings Banks.

The deposits in Government savings banks during November were $273,475, and withdrawals $336,746.

D. W. Macdonell Dead.

General regret will be felt throughout Canada, where he was well and widely known, at the death this afternoon, in his 69th year, of Mr. D. W. Macdonell, ex-sergeant-at-arms of the House of Commons. Mr. Macdonell has been in ill-health for several years and was at his own request superannuated two years ago, when he was succeeded by Colonel Harry Smith of Kingston.

THE ALLIN MURDER CASE.

The Dead Man Had No Money in the Bank At Windsor.

Government Detective Greer of Toronto has put in the hardest kind of work during the past four days in Windsor and Detroit in connection with the Rogar Allin murder case.

It was believed that Allin, who had worked in Detroit for several years, had amassed considerable money which was deposited in a Canadian bank, presumably in Windsor.

Greer has investigated this story thoroughly and found that Allin had no money in any of the Windsor or Walkerville banks. They discovered a small account of less than $100 at a Detroit bank, but nothing further.

A friend of the dead man was found, who stated that one time Mr. Allin came to him and stated that some member of the family had tried to poison him. No motive has yet been found for the murder. Allin had $4000 life insurance which would go to his wife and family, but the detectives are not prepared to accept the very remote possibility that he was murdered by his family for this money.

Coughcura excels all cough medicines.

Bishop Ridley College.

This excellent Boys' School at St. Catharines has attained a wide reputation through wise and careful management and the excellence of its staff, and it amply deserved its great success. We know of no better place to which to send a boy for his education. It reopens Jan. 15. 6

Seventy sleigh robes at auction prices at the Army & Navy stores. Livery stable men should see them.

Friday, Nov. 10, '93.

Received fresh from the country to-day 3300 lbs. choice large roll butter, which we will sell in any quantity at low prices. Skeans Dairy Company, 291 King west. Telephone 2283. 246

230 children's Baltic Seal Fur caps, worth $1, clearing at the Army & Navy stores for 25c.

"Christmas Chimes Bring Joy and Rhymes."

Such lovely gems and various things,
Brooches, pins and diamond rings;
New styles in presents, fit for Kings,
Superb and cheap at MORPHY'S.
A hint: If sires are growing old,
Get pebble spex in steel or gold;
The crossest folks will never scold
When sight's renewed at MORPHY'S. 36

Those double-breasted box back overcoats at the Army & Navy stores have told their tale, and the tale they've told is satisfaction to every purchaser. Prices are $6, $8.50, $10.

Academy of Music.

With matinee and evening performances to-day Beswick, the English Prestidigitateur, will close his engagement. On Monday W. H. Power's romantic Irish drama, "The Ivy Leaf," will open for one week.

100 dozen Silk Scalet caps, the best quality made, 99c, all styles. Don't miss them.

Scotch and Irish.

Messrs. Gianelli & Co. of 16 King west have especially provided for a Merry Xmas for the Scotch and Irish people of Toronto. They have imported the finest quality of Scotch and Irish whiskies, especially blended for their trade. No better quality can be had in Canada nor at lower figures.

All the $1.50 and $2 pants are reduced to $1. They're a big bargain for workingmen, at the Army & Navy stores.

WHERE IS TILLIE CAMPBELL?

She Is Not an Heiress As Has Been Reported, But Anxiety is Felt as to Her Whereabouts.

The friends of Miss Martha Campbell, a domestic of this city, are anxious over her whereabouts. Miss Campbell was also known by the name of "Tillie" Campbell, as she changed her front name while serving as a waitress at Grimsby Park last summer, on account of another of the girls being also named Martha. While in the city she boarded (when not in service) with Mrs. K. Burton, 165 Bathurst-street, and it is this lady and the members of her family who are endeavoring to find out where Miss Campbell is as she was a great favorite with all who knew her.

When last heard of Miss Campbell was presumably in a hotel in Detroit, but enquiries in that city have elicited no information as to her whereabouts, and, as letters from her family in Ireland are awaiting her at the Burtons', some anxiety is felt for her safety, the more so as the girl is pretty and very taking in her manner. The Windsor and Detroit papers had a sensational item in reference to the girl, in which it was asserted that she was an heiress, an uncle in Ireland having left her a large fortune. Miss Campbell's friends wish all such fairy tales flatly contradicted, as they possess not the slightest foundation of truth.

HE WILL KILL NO MORE PEOPLE.

Ben Kennedy, Who Murdered a Man In Essex, Slain in an Attempt to Escape.

A despatch was received in the city yesterday announcing that Ben Kennedy, alias Meyers, serving a life sentence in the New Westminster, B.C., penitentiary for the murder of John O'Connor in a lumber camp, had attempted to escape from the provincial penitentiary Thursday night and was shot and mortally wounded by a guard.

Kennedy is the man who confessed to committing a murder in Essex, and was at first thought to be Sandy McDuff, the slayer of Schoolmaster Holton of Tilbury.

Kennedy escaped from Kingston penitentiary some years ago and was never recaptured.

NO SMOKERS NEED APPLY.

The Free Library Basement Is Not Open to Them.

The Board of Management of the Public Library decided at their meeting yesterday to furnish two rooms in the basement of the Public Library building where men who visit the reading rooms not for reflection, but to get warm, may frequent without offence to anyone. They will not be allowed to smoke, however. These rooms will be furnished with literature taken from the rooms above, and the whole arrangement will cost not more than $700.

Christmas Is Coming.

The day that has done more for civilization than any anniversary on record is close at hand, pursuing the strange alchemic processes whereby acid is turned to nectar, and selfishness waxes mellow and fuzzy-hearted. We verily believe that more real goodwill is engendered among men by the bestowal of quinn's fifty cent Christmas neckties than by any other present imaginable.

TWO-CENT POSTAGE.

The Board of Trade Think This Rate Should Prevail in Canada.

At the meeting of council of the Board of Trade yesterday there was a lengthy discussion on postage. A resolution was drawn up advising a reduction to two cents on country letters and to one cent on drop letters for delivery in towns and cities.

OH, THOSE SHOW WINDOWS!

Christmas Show Don't Save the Pocket.

Nowadays, when the people want bargains in stores, they don't seek highly-decorated show windows, as common sense teaches them that customers must pay for it. The greatest show window is plain prices on tickets. Howell's "cut rate" shoe parlors, 112 Queen east and 542 Queen west, are the only places in the city that are not ashamed to ticket goods. Twelve years' wholesale experience tells the tale.

Taylor's Perfumes, delicate and lasting.

$5 Half Dozen Christmas Hamper.

In willow-covered baskets securely packed for shipping, containing six bottles, according to choice, of Oloroso sherry, two crown port, good brandy, Scotch or Irish whisky, gin, rum, claret, Sauterne or Burgundy. Wm. Mara, 79 Yonge-street, third door north of King-st. Wine vaults under 75, 77 and 79 Yonge-street, and 2, 4 and 6 King-st. east.

Reliable Investments.

The 20-year endowment policies of the Ontario Mutual Life are the most desirable investments now offered to the public. While the rates of the "Ontario" are from five to twenty per cent. lower than those of rival companies, its results, as paid to policyholders, have never been exceeded. Office, 32 Church-st. 6

Fowl every day at Chivrell's, 96 King-street west.

"Oh, My, How Wet My Feet Are!"

That was a general expression on the street yesterday. The sloppy streets played havoc with boots or shoes that were not exactly up to the mark. At Howell's "cut rate" shoe parlors, 112 Queen-street east and 542 Queen-street west, an immense trade was done both afternoon and evening. Howell can supply all with the best of footwear at "cut rate" prices. His stock and low prices can't be beat in Toronto.

Scallops, Mussels, Lobsters, Oysters at Chivrell's.

Sigh no more, Adams' Pepsin Tutti Frutti is an absolute cure for indigestion or dyspepsia. Allow no imitation to be palmed off on you.

A Well-Selected Gift.

Besides the usual Christmas and New Year's gifts to your wife and family, you will do well (if you desire to make provision for them in case of your untimely death) to place a policy of insurance on your life and present it to them.

The Compound Investment Policy of the North American Life Assurance Company, Toronto, is one of the most excellent channels through which you can accomplish the same. 246

96 King-street west is known as Chivrell's, Scallops.

Grip's Many Victims in Britain.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Lancet says: "The influenza is increasing in virulency in Great Britain. It shows a special tendency to attack the pharynx and the larynx, these remaining affected after the other symptoms have passed off. There is a largely increasing death rate in London, Liverpool, Bristol and the Midlands. The country school attendance has been lessened by the disease among children."

Buy Taylor's Perfumes.

Important Notice.

Blight Bros., stationers, have removed from The Globe Building, corner Yonge and Melinda-streets, to 65 Yonge-st. 246

Scallops, the only in Toronto, at Chivrell's, 96 King West.

QUESTIONS FOR ALDERMEN.

TRADES COUNCIL PROPOUND QUITE A NUMBER OF THEM.

A Long and Important List Which Applicants for the Suffrages of the Electors Will Require to Answer—A Suggestion That Delegates Report as to the Condition of the Trades They Represent.

The Trades and Labor Council had a very slim gathering last night in Richmond Hall.

Mr. T. W. Banton acquainted the council with the opinion arrived at by the Municipal Reform Committee. A platform was formulated, which favored the abolition of the ward system of electing aldermen and advocated the payment of aldermen on a pro rata basis. The consensus of opinion of the committee was that the Board of Control, which they endorsed, have the direction of the purely executive work of the City Council.

Assessments should be made by a board of equalizers and stand for a term of five years.

Only one member of the committee objected, he said, to the proposal to abolish the property qualification of those seeking to become aldermen.

Some Pertinent Questions.

The Municipal Committee have compiled a number of questions which they will submit to all aldermanic candidates. These are:

1. Are you in favor of dividing the legislative from the administrative functions of civic government and the performance of the latter by a Board of Control?

2. Are you in favor of the payment of aldermen?

3. Are you in favor of the election of aldermen by the city at large?

4. Are you in favor of doing away with the present systems of assessment and revision and the appointment of three permanent assessors, who shall together hear appeals, subject to final appeal to the county judge?

Another Little List.

The council passed a resolution favoring the propounding of the following questions, in addition to those already adduced, to the aldermanic candidates:

(a) Are you in favor of doing away with property qualification of alderman?

(b) If elected will you do all in your power to carry out the changes (if any) indicated by your replies?

(c) Are you in favor of the abolition of the contract system?

(d) Are you in favor of the payment of the union rate of wages on all civic work?

(e) Are you in favor of securing for all employes engaged on civic work a half holiday wherever practicable, and in cases where such is not practicable that employes be given another half holiday in the week?

A committee consisting of R. Glockling, J. Armstrong, T. W. Banton, F. C. Cribben was appointed for the purpose of enquiring into the matter of proportional representation or the cumulative vote principle. The municipal report was considered at some length, but as the meeting was not a representative one it was decided not to take any definite action on the matter, but to hold a special meeting next Thursday to consider it.

A Report As To the Condition of Trades.

Mr. Fred Blackman thought that the principles of organized labor would be advanced if the delegates from the different trade unions would keep the council posted as to the condition, financially and otherwise, of the trades they represent.

Mr. Robert Simpson opposed the idea, which he thought antediluvian.

Mr. Armstrong was of the opinion that it would be dangerous to the cause of labor if such a measure came into force.

Mr. Blackman's idea was finally adopted, subject to the approval of the different trade bodies.

ART STUDENTS' GRAND PRODUCTION

The Toronto League's Souvenir for "Ninety-Four," By Canadian Poets and Artists.

Probably the most elaborate art calendar yet produced in Canada is the beautiful 32-page brochure illustrating the seasons in Canada in verse, with appropriate sketches and decorative treatment by the cleverest of Canada's young illustrators. There has already been a large demand for copies by the general public, and those wishing to obtain copies to send to distant friends should call early at John P. McKenna, bookseller and newsdealer, 80 Yonge-street, near King, before the limited edition is exhausted. Every poem and illustration is made specially for the book, and the engraving, printing and lithographing are a credit to Canadian skill.

Have this in your mind like a hook of gold, No other house ever did, ever can or ever will sell the same sterling qualities of goods at the same low prices as the Army & Navy clothing stores sell them.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

when you are down town do not fail to see our windows at the corner of Yonge and Queen-streets. Over five hundred dozen of gents' neckwear in all the latest shapes and bewitching colors, suitable for Christmas presents. Silk umbrellas, from $1. Silk handkerchiefs, gents' size, with initial, only 49c. Silk braces, fancy, hand-worked and plain. For fancy work our 25c, 50c and 75c ties for Christmas presents are all on sale at Bonner's, corner Yonge and Queen-streets, also at our branch store, 211 Yonge-st. 246

Gibbons' Toothache Gum acts as a temporary filling and stops toothache instantly. 246

The Top Horse on the Card—it's the Army and Navy, Army and Navy always, and in the race all competitors are distanced. They don't get even a show. Especially in the matter of the great ulster competition, the Army and Navy leads by 20 lengths. The ulster they sell for $10 would cost you $15 elsewhere.

One table only in each store of double-breasted box back overcoats to be sold at less than half at the Army & Navy stores.

Arlington Hotel.

For comfortable bright rooms and combined with reasonable rates and excellent cuisine the Arlington Hotel has not its equal in Toronto and those who desire permanent winter quarters should hasten to make their arrangements before the best rooms are taken. ed

They've over 490 left of those cape overcoats. They sell at $2.50 at the Army & Navy stores.

Dunlop's Roses.

American Beauties, Brides, Bridesmaids, Kaiserin, Augusta Victoria, and other choicest roses at Dunlop's to-day, 445½ Yonge-street, next to Harry Webb's. Telephone 4192.

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Boys' grey lamb caps two dollars, at the Army & Navy stores, same as the furriers charge three fifty for.

Oysters Cheaper in Toronto Than in Baltimore.

The reason is explained by direct importing from the oyster beds in enormous quantities which gives the benefit to the public, selling at 30c per quart with John Miller & Co., 79, 81 Queen west. 246

Have you a cough? Try Coughcura, 10c.

TO MAYOR FLEMING.

Not only the street car service, but the City Street Department, was unequal to the situation last night. The weakness showed itself in several ways, but most of all in a failure to hire men and to set them to work with shovels.

Why isn't the city so organized that on a day like yesterday, and most of all on a night like last night, a gang of men can be set at work to keep the gutters clear, the culverts open and the water free to run away? Two men at the corner of King and Yonge, two at Queen and Yonge, two at Church and King and at similar busy corners, costing less than a hundred dollars, would have saved thousands of citizens from having to wade ankle deep in slush. A hundred other dollars spent in men and shovels in the gutters would have let thousands of tons of water off Yonge-street. Why shouldn't men be set at this work in day time or night time to keep the road clear the moment the necessity arises?

There are bound to be two or three days in each winter when this kind of weather will occur, and what is it if the city or the street car company turn out and spend a thousand dollars to clear the ways? It pays over and over again.

The corner of King and Yonge should have two or three men at work all the time when a storm is in progress.

Then there is the new condition of affairs brought about by the snowplow. The citizens shovel the snow off the sidewalks into the gutter allowance; the railway sweeps off the track between the rail and the gutter, with the result that the gutter is choked. If it is not the law then it ought to be the law that the citizens should clear the gutter allowance and keep it clear; and the street car people, who help to choke it up, ought to bear a hand in the same work. Had a policeman gone along Yonge-street last night, for instance, and ordered each shopkeeper to clear the gutter in front of his place a great deal of the water could have got away.

In the meantime, Mayor Fleming, when you read The World this morning and find the weather like it was last night telephone someone to get a few score of men at work in clearing the crossings, opening the gutters and the traps.

The Mayor would have been justified in ordering the police, if he could have got no one else last night, to clear the three or four main crossings. Scores of citizens, perhaps hundreds, must have caught colds from wet feet gained while trying to cross these puddles. No ordinary rubber was a protection. If cars can't run surely there is nothing to prevent the crossings being kept free of slush. Get a move on, Mr. Mayor.

There is such a word in the language as EMERGENCY, and in cases similar to last night the Mayor should have been out, the City Engineer should have been out, the Street Commissioner should have been out, the ward foremen and the scavengers and street cleaners should have been out. But they were all, as far as The World reporters could see, and they were all out 'tending to business, not to be seen. They were probably at home sitting around the self-feeder wondering when they'd strike the city for another raise. When an emergency night or day arrives these men, one and all, ought to run for their shovels and their brooms and get to that spot where they can do most good.

THE PREVAILING FASHION.

For the Invariable Style This Winter—For Holiday Presents.

"The fashions of this winter appear to be fur ever and fur ever," said the funny man, who had been watching the endless stream of well-dressed ladies on a down-town street, nearly every one wearing Dineens' handsome new-style furs. While the pun was rather far-fetched there is a great deal of truth in the joker's remark, for furs seem to be worn this season more than ever.

In consequence of the boom in furs Messrs. W. & D. Dineen, who are known as the most prominent furriers in Toronto, have found a large increase in their business during the last few weeks. Crowds of appreciative buyers fill the showrooms each day, and hundreds of handsome garments have left the stock to become the property of pleased purchasers.

Circulars, capes, fur jackets, muffs and all the miscellaneous articles of ladies' wear which are fashioned in fur are found in almost endless variety in Dineens' stock. The styles are the very latest European and American modes. The workmanship is unsurpassed, and in every way the goods sold at Dineens' are the best to be had.

For Christmas presents furs are decided favorites this season. To meet the demand Dineen is busy preparing an attractive list of the handsome and unique furs which have been manufactured for holiday presents. Watch the papers next week.

The celebrated painting "Jerusalem on the Day of the Crucifixion" at the Cyclorama is on view daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday evening till 10 p.m.

Try Watson's Cough Drops.

Performing a double duty—Yesterday those who were fortunate enough to be in possession of one of the Army and Navy ulsters found they performed a double duty: they repelled the penetrating rain as well as the penetrating cold; from $9.50 up.

To improve and strengthen the voice use Adams' Horehound Tutti Frutti, sold by druggists and confectioners, 5 cents.

Enlarged Veins.

Seamless elastic stockings for varicose veins and special goods in this line for rheumatic people. Only to be had at Charles Clothe, 134 King-street west, opposite Rossin House, Toronto. 6

The "Varsitys" are coming to buy Xmas presents at Steele Bros., 97 1-2 King west. 36

Did you ever try a scallop at Chivrell's?

Monumental.

D. McIntosh & Sons, 524 Yonge-street manufacturers and importers of granite and marble monuments. Note address. 246

Try Watson's Cough Drops.

DEATHS.

LAING—At 415 Huron-street, of bronchitis, Willie, beloved and only surviving son of W. J. and Jane Laing, aged 2 months and 20 days. Funeral private, on Saturday, at 2 o'clock.

JAHN—On the 15th Dec., Mrs. Wilhelmine Jahn, aged 60 years and 7 months. Funeral Monday, the 18th Dec., at 2 p.m., from her son's residence, 336 Adelaide-street west. Friends will please accept this intimation.

HEFFERNAN—At 14 Beverley-street, Joseph J. Heffernan, youngest son of E. F. Heffernan. Funeral private on Sunday, at 2.30 p.m.

TAYLOR—At 490 Yonge-street, Toronto, Mrs. Diana Taylor, in her 81st year.

HAIGHT—On the 12th inst., at the residence of her son-in-law, T. C. Lockwood, postmaster of Brighton, Mrs. Rachel Haight, relict of John C. Haight, aged 93 years 11 months, mother of Mrs. Mary Ann Clute of this city and grandmother of Mrs. H. J. P. Good, also of this city.

THIRTY DROWNED OR KILLED

Collapse of a Bridge in Erection at Louisville.

WIND HAD MISPLACED THE DERRICK

Fifty-One Carried Down But Some Are Rescued.

The 500-Foot Span Wanted Only a Few Bolts to Be Complete—In Replacing the Traveling Derrick it Slipped and the Entire Structure Went Down With a Crash—Heroic Struggles for Life—Every Man at Work Was Insured for $1500.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 15.—The middle span of iron and timber work of the bridge now under construction between East Louisville Jeffersonville, Ind., collapsed at 10.18 this morning, crushing to death or drowning between 20 and 30 men and injuring about 20 more, some of whom will die. Only six bodies have been recovered.

The south channel span, about 450 in length, was blown down shortly after 9 o'clock to-night. So far as known no one was injured. This will entail an additional loss of $75,000.

Wanted Only the Last Bolts.

For weeks past a large force of men have been at work on the big 500-foot span over the middle of the river. The iron work was all up and was resting on a heavy framework of piling driven down into the bed of the river and securely bolted and braced. This afternoon the last bolts were to have been put in place in the iron superstructure, and the gigantic span would have supported its own weight.

The Derrick Misplaced by Wind.

The foreman in beginning work this morning noticed that during the night the "traveler," a huge derrick used for placing iron in position, had been worked loose by the wind and he ordered it drawn back into place. The wind was high at the time and the gentle swaying of the false work gradually forced the "traveler" off the piles on which it was resting. When the end slipped the whole work trembled and the men, realizing their danger, started for the piers.

Covered With Iron and Timber.

The central bent was the first to give way and the men on this bent went down to be covered by the mass of iron and timber of the other bents which fell almost immediately, carrying with them the workmen who failed to reach places of safety on the piers.

The north bent or the one attached to the Indiana pier did not fall for 15 minutes after the other parts went down. There were 51 men on the bridge when the warning was given by the engineer in charge of the work. Of this number several succeeded in reaching the pier. Of those that went down some were covered by a mass of timber, from beneath which it will be days before their bodies are recovered.

Four Men On the Second Span.

The partial span, the last one, did not fall until 20 minutes after the first had gone down. But it was the direct result of the falling of the first. The great strain occasioned by the sundering and rendering of the bridge naturally communicated itself to the unfinished span and it took its plunge like the first into the water, but, being mostly framework, did not sink, but floated slowly down the river. There were said to be four men on it when it fell, and one was undoubtedly killed.

The small "traveler" on this span floated down several hundred yards and then grounded on the very timbers, which were splintered like matches, showing the terrific force of the fall.

Struggles for Life.

The crash attracted the attention of those on the shore, and many turned away as they saw the men struggling in mid-air in their mad efforts to climb out of danger. When the huge mass of material struck the water all was concealed for an instant by the spray which was thrown into the air. As the water subsided here and there could be seen struggling desperately to climb up on the timbers that thrust their ends above the water. A few succeeded in climbing to places of safety and were quickly rescued. Others struggled hopelessly and were carried off by the current to sink almost as rescue was at hand.

THE CANADIAN QUEEN FAKE.

The Defendant Proved That He Did Not Own the Sheet.

At the Sessions yesterday Andrew J. Parker was put upon trial on a charge of false pretences. Amos Parker of Chatham is the complainant. He is a machinist, not related to the accused. He entered the prize competition of The Canadian Queen in December of last year and "guessed." He received notice that he had drawn a tea set and was to send 75 cents and the names of three subscribers with $3. He did all of this, but got only one number of the paper and no tea set. Hence the present trial.

Mr. Parker's defence was that he was not the proprietor of the paper, but only a creditor trying to get his own out of it. He disclaimed all fraud or intention of fraud. The judge directed the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty without hearing any of the evidence for the defence.

Those imitation black Persian Lamb caps at 24c, 35c and 45c, at the Army & Navy stores are really extraordinary values.

The Taylor Double Farma Violet.

Herald the news through the city—Just to please the mothers of Toronto the Army and Navy mark a nice little dark grey suit down to $1.49; this is a really nice tasty little suit and would be appreciated by the little fellows. A handsome gold-plated watch chain goes with every suit.

Try Watson's Cough Drops.

Beats All Others.

P. A. Brauss, 52 Robert-street, president of the Dominion Embroidery Company, limited, writes: "I have been troubled with kidney complaint for more than ten years and have tried various remedies, but never derived such benefit as I have from the use of Obico mineral water. I feel as sound and healthy as I ever did in my life."

A Blizzardy Day.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Esquimalt, 38—52; Medicine Hat, 22 below—14 below; Battleford, 26 below—10 below; Qu'Appelle, 16 below—2 below; Winnipeg, 10 below—zero; Port Arthur, 2 below—4; Toronto, 28—32; Kingston, 14—16; Montreal, 4 below—12; Quebec, 12 below—12; Halifax, 2—24.

Probs.—*Lakes—Strong winds and gales from north to west; snow on east lake shores, elsewhere snow flurries, turning much colder.*

Steamship Arrivals.

Date.	Name.	Reported at.	From.
Dec. 15	Lucania	Queenstown	New York
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