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THE PROBABILITIES.

G. N. W. Special.
Toronto, Nov. 20.—10 a. m.—Fair and mild to-day, wind shifting to easterly and increasing to fresh gales on Tuesday with rain.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Miss Millie Turner, Richmond St., is able to be out, after her illness.

The four-month-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Aldis, Jr., died yesterday and was buried to-day.

Samuel Webb, of London, is in the city for a few days' shooting with his brother, J. W. Webb.

Mr. Beatty, of the Bank of Commerce, has entered the Public General Hospital, suffering from fever.

W. E. Gundy and Walter Mills, Ridgeway, and W. R. Hickey, Bowden, are in the city to-day on business.

At the evening service in the First Presbyterian church yesterday Miss Jessie Taylor gave an exquisite rendition of the soprano solo, "The Unseen Kingdom."

Handsome two-piece Tiger Brand Suits for the boys, 7 to 17 years, \$3.50 to \$10, double and single-breasted coats, knee trousers, made with every possible care, all-wool material; to-day's patterns; to-day's fashions. Also, nobly Middy Suits for the little fellows, age 3 to 7. Trudell & Tobey.

This morning the case of Jones vs. M. C. R. was entered and added to the docket for the ensuing assize sittings. This is an action by Richard Jones to recover \$2,000 damages in consequence of injuries sustained in a railroad accident.

THE MACAULAY CLUB.
The Macaulay Club decided the subject, Resolved that Tennyson's Ode on the Death of Keats be the subject of the next meeting. Messrs. Kerr, Beeson and Stone spoke for the affirmative, and Messrs. Reeve, Lane and Scullard for the negative. Chairman Bell gave his decision in favor of the affirmative. Thos. Scullard read "The Diver," and J. S. Lane gave a talk on meteors.

MRS. FLETCHER DEAD.
May Mowbray, widow of the late W. C. Fletcher, died at St. Joseph's hospital yesterday, in her 21st year. Mrs. Fletcher had been sick some little time. She was a sister of W. Mowbray, of the C. C. A. staff. The remains were taken to Bolony this morning and interment will take place Wednesday at 2 o'clock, from the residence of Wm. Mowbray, 32-34 the Bolony burying ground.

CHATHAM GAS COMPANY, Ltd.,
P. S. Coate, Manager.

A LEAMINGTON SCHOONER FOUNDERS.
Leamington, Ont., Nov. 20.—Word was received this morning that the schooner Maple Leaf, owned by Ralph Robson, of this place, foundered about 25 miles off Cleveland on Friday night. Ivan Robson was washed overboard early in the night. It is supposed the vessel went to pieces. There is a possibility of her having drifted away. The schooner was manned by only the two brothers, Ralph and Ivan Robson.

MERRILL CHALLENGES THE WORLD.
Merrill, the Druggist, of Brantford, offers \$1,000 reward to anyone who will make a better cure of constipation than Merrill's system Tonic. This medicine is not a simple cathartic, but a positive and pleasant to take cure for habitual constipation. In this way it cures dyspepsia, impure blood and nervous trouble. 50 doses—price 60c., at the Central Drug Store.

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MISSING THEIR CHANCE.

Boers Should Have Attacked Estcourt Two Weeks Ago.

Monday's Despatches.
New York, Nov. 20.—A despatch to the Tribune from London says: Estcourt has remained the centre of interest, since the Dutch allies are attempting to carry out at the last moment tactics which might have been most effective a fortnight ago. The war office bulletin Sunday forenoon tended to minimize earlier reports of a Boer repulse by the garrison. It was a slight outpost affair, with a single shell fired from the naval gun and a hasty retreat of a small force of Boers. It might have been explained as an unsuccessful attempt of Free State raiders to destroy the railway bridge a half mile away, if Gen. Hildyard had not reported a large Boer force further back on a high hill. The inference was plain that the Dutch allies were concentrating several commands on Estcourt and might attack the garrison or draw it into an ambush before reinforcements with field artillery could be sent up from the coast.

BRITISH GROWING MORE WARY.
Between the lines of the official dispatch could be read the motive of this manoeuvre of a weak Boer force, which was neither reconnoitering nor attempting to carry the position by a

sudden rush, but was evidently seeking to draw out the provincial cavalry after it a few miles, where it could be entrapped by a larger body in reserve. These tactics, which had succeeded after the battle of Glencoe, failed on second trial. Military men in commenting on the affair derived comfort from the practical evidence that the British forces were becoming more wary and from the admission that the naval guns were in position. The shell, which scattered the Boer decoys, also dispelled the illusion that the court was without powerful artillery and incapable of defense against a Boer gun fire.

NATAL NEWS VERY MEAGER.
The news from lower Natal is meagre since the censorship is rigidly enforced, but there is a strong probability that the Boer attack on Estcourt has been delayed too long to be effectual. Military men at the service clubs contented that the Boers have missed their last chance in the campaign and will soon be overpowered by superior numbers and science.

Related despatches from the southern frontier of the Free State only had been sent to East London, and western border bulletins, especially from Kimberley, were so optimistic that it was difficult to explain why Lord Methuen had been ordered to relieve Kimberley. The censorship has been raised in that quarter and London now knows, day by day, what the guards are doing on the Orange River.

BAD BEEF SCANDAL.
New York, Nov. 20.—A despatch to the world from London says: There is every indication of a big scandal about the meat supplied to the troops in South Africa. One of the Sunday weeklies publishes the following new complaint in a letter from St. Vincent:

"To-day, every soldier of 1,000 on board complained to the officers of his company that their dinners of salt beef were putrid. Col. Paget,

with the doctors and quartermasters, inspected the messes and condemned the foul carrion as being unfit for human food.

"Sixteen men are allowed 12 pounds. On weighing it the 12 pounds weighed in many cases only 3 pounds and at the most under 6 pounds. Fancy 16 hungry men sharing 3 pounds of meat!"

The whole rations were thrown overboard."

ABOUT PRAYER MEETINGS.
The References Made to Them at Friday Night's Entertainment.

Some discussion may arise over some references made to "Prayer meetings" at Friday evenings Star Course entertainment and it may be of interest to readers to post themselves on all that was said on the subject. Mr. Paterson, on Friday evening, in introducing Mr. Foster, said in preparing the course of entertainments each year by his canvas for the sale of tickets he had had considerable experience and he realized the great difficulty it was to make every entertainment pleasing in every particular to every ticket-holder. He would be told by one person that the kind of an entertainment he enjoyed was the comic opera, and another would tell him he never went out in the evening unless it was to attend a prayer meeting. These were the two extremes, but he thought a man who could not appreciate both had something radically wrong with him. Mr. Foster in alluding to this apologized for not having prepared an elaborate address and said that probably it would please some of the audience just as well if he turned the gathering into a prayer-meeting. Later on in his speech Mr. Foster said, "We now come to the prayer meeting and sober part of this address."

Continuing he referred to the upright, honest and honorable United Empire Loyalists who had been the backbone of Canada and then launched out into a little sermon to young men urging them always to walk in the straight path and never stoop to anything mean, low or wicked with the object of obtaining that which could not be secured by honorable means. This was what the speaker termed the prayer meeting part of his address, and the above were the only allusions to that form of entertainment.

HARD ON THE HACK BUSINESS.
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PLENTY OF CHOICE

Committee Consider Nineteen Applicants for the Fire Brigade,

And Then Postpone Making an Appointment Until Thursday Next.

The civic property committee held a special meeting this morning to consider the applications for the new vacant position of permanent fireman. There were present the chairman, Ald. Cowan, Mayor Smith, and Ald. Fleming and Liddy.

There were nineteen applications which the chairman opened. They were from the following—R. McWilliams, Tilbury; Thos. Neil, Blenheim; John Brown, James F. Handiside, John Conliff, W. J. McGuire, Thomas Taylor, Joseph Nulbrown, James Arnold, Jos. B. Cuttridge, Jr., Hector Johnson, S. E. Bedford, Anson Mowbray, James Mason, John Jones, M. S. Beamish, Hiram H. Winegarde, Arch. Phillips and John Aspin, city.

Ald. Cowan pointed out that the applications included many good men. The Mayor said that all other things being equal he would favor the appointment of a local man.

"I can't tell you," said Ald. Liddy, merrily, "that I'm mighty sorry to have to pick out one from all these good men. They all deserve a place."

The committee, after a brief discussion decided that \$400 was the salary they would pay to start upon.

In the selection the aldermen had evidently a hard task before them. The applicants were taken individually and the fireman was highly recommended by the committee felt that the favor should be shown to Chatham citizens and the latter were discussed and re-discussed. The applicants who seemed to gain most favor with the committee were John Jones, Hiram H. Winegarde, Thomas Taylor, Hector Johnson, John Conliff, Jas. F. Handiside and Jos. Nulbrown.

The Mayor, to bring the matter to a focus, after a discussion of nearly an hour, paid a tribute to all the applicants, and moved the name of John Jones.

Ald. Fleming brought up the names of Thomas Taylor and Hiram Winegarde.

Ald. Liddy—I'd like to second the Mayor's motion, second Ald. Fleming's suggestions, second them all and make several motions as well myself. I don't know how I am ever going to pick one out of all these good men.

Ald. Fleming suggested that the committee interview the most promising applicants personally.

The Mayor said they might look as to who had the greatest knowledge of horses.

Ald. Cowan said it might be a good plan to find out who among the applicants were really out of employment.

Ald. Cowan again read over the list, Ald. Liddy following him with the comments, "A fine man," "Yes, he's a good one," "He's just as good," and finally interrupting with the dubious query, "Say, what's the good of going further, can we pick one even out of those names you have read?"

The other aldermen seemed to be of the same opinion, for Ald. Fleming finally moved an adjournment till Thursday, which carried.

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IV.—38 in. factory cotton apron cloth, fancy patterns, extra heavy quality, good washing colors, special per yd. 10c.

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VI.—Best value in the trade, 60 in. very heavy unbleached table damask, choice patterns, fine finish, per yd. 25c.

VII.—Great value in crash toweling, the Aberdeen, Fough, Minto, Hygiene, Bantley and Gavan, 17 and 18 in. wide, plain or fancy borders, all pure linen and heavy quality, per yd. 10c.

VIII.—150 yds. elder flannels, suitable for ladies' dressing gowns or wrappers, choice patterns and fast colors, regular 20c goods, to clear at 12c yd.

IX.—Best quality chenille table covers, with heavy fringe and latest designs and colorings, 8x4 size, \$4.00 each.

X.—35 in. light striped flannellette, soft wool finish, a big range of patterns, special per yd. 7c.

XI.—See our wonderful values in winter overcoats and moleskins, at 12c, 15c, 20c and 25c per yd.

XII.—27 in. gray flannels, light or dark, plain or twilled, an extra fine soft cloth and very heavy, per yd. 12c.

XIII.—27 in. fancy linen apron checks, in cardinal, rose and light blue, regular 15c quality, to clear at 12c yd.

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No. 3.—5 pos. fancy colored dress stuffs, in fancy silk mixed and pretty small checked cloth, regular price 65c, balance to clear at 56c.

No. 4.—5 pos. fancy colored dress stuffs, silk lined, very pretty in broche design, regular value 80c and 75c, clearing at 60c.

No. 5.—6 only, dress lengths, in heavy mixed coloring, will make a good warm dress, regular value \$3.50, \$4, \$5, \$6, balance to clear at \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00.

No. 6.—6 pos. Heavy tweed suiting excellent cloth for skirts or heavy dresses, extra value at 40c, clearing at 33c.

No. 7.—7 pos. 54 inch wide tweed suiting, dark and light mixed coloring, splendid cloth for suit or heavy skirt, regular value \$1 and \$1.25, clearing balance at 75c.

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