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 off 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

NATAL NEWS VERY MEAGER.

clubs contend that the Boers have missed their last chance in the cam-

missed their last chance in the campaign and will soon be overpowered by superior numbers and science.

Belated despatches from the southern frontier of the Free State only served to explain why reinforcements 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.

Boer gun fire.

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THE PROBABILITIES.

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

Miss Millie Turner, Richmond St., is able to be out, after her illness. The four month's old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Aldis, jr., died yesterday and

and Mrs. Aldis, Jr., died yesterday and was buried to-day.

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

Mr. Beatty, of the Bank of Com-merce, has entered the Public General hospital, suffering from fever. W. E. Gundy and Walter Mills, Ridgetown, and W. R. Hickey, Both-well, are in the city to-day on busi-

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 coats, knee trousers, in a coats, knee trousers, in a coats, knee trousers, in a coats, in a coats, and in a c

This morning the case of Jones vs. M. C. R. was entered and added to the docket for the ensuing assize tings. 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 debated the subject, Resolved that Tennyson's Ochone is a greater poem than Keat's Eve of St. Agnes. Messrs. Kerr, Beeston 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. 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 hospi tal yesterday, in her 2 titr 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 Botany this morning and interment will take place, Wednes of Wm. Mowbray, sr., to the Botany burying ground.



Richards' Delicious Rolls For Breakfast_

Or light and tempting Home Mede Bread, made from the highest grade o flour and baked by experts, have an appetizing flavor that only our fine breads possess. Customers can rely upon receiving fresh and ture bread to their order daily when we serve you. We cake RYE and GEAHAM as well as all kinds of white bread. We would be pleased to have you for a customer and will put ourselves out to please you.

W. S. RICHARDS

J. E. Embray, of Joseph St., left to day for Toronto.

Frank Carter, brother of R. V. Car : ::::: Dentist Thomas Moase, of Windsor, spent Sunday with his mother, Edgar

Fred. S .Evans, of Windsor, has been chosen as president of the new National Cycle and Automobile Company. A, E: Merritt has been elected a director of the Western Ontario Com-

mercial Travellers' Association to represent Chatham. Drivers of vehicles are making padway of the Lacroix street bou-ward. A dray hauling behind a buggy laden with mops, was an offender to-day.

Mounteer, the popular city butcher, has secured the service of a first-class experienced sausage-maker from Berlin and now offers the public the finest of pork, frankfort, bo and liver sausages and blood puddings. Everything is guaranteed, good, pure, clean and who

LEFT TO THE BOARD.

The meeting of the special committee of the C. C. I. board was held this morning and forty-one applications for the position of janitor opened. The committee decided to leave them over to the meeting of the board for con-

CENTRAL BUSINESS COLLEGE. The Central Business College of To ronto is enjoying unusual prosperity this term, and while it is constantly sending out capable young men and women into business positions, it has been found necessary to enlarge its promises to increase its equip-ment to accommodate the steadily increasing attendance which last week brought in representatives from Thessalon, Listowel, Delhi, Islington, Georgetown, Brampton, Guelph, Sundridge, Newcastle, Fenelon Falls and St. Johns, Nfld. This is truly a reresentative business school,

LADY SALISBURY REPORTED DEAD.

New York, Nov. 20 .- A report from London says Lady Salisbury died suddenly this morning.

Notice to Consumers of Jas.

Owing to the necessity of making connections to a new gas-holder, the gas supply will be cut off from the city maine, on Tuesday, November 21st, between the hours 9 a. m. and 11 a. m. Consumers are hereby notified of the fact, and are requested to see that no

gas jets, or other gas outlets are left turned on during these hours. CHATHAM GAS COMPANY, Ltd. P. S. Coate,

LEAMINGTON SCHOONER FOUN-

DERS. Leamington, Ont., Nov. 20 .- Word vas received this morning that the chooner 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 pos-sibility 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 50c., at the Central Drug Store.

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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 attempdting to carry out at the last moment tactics which might have been most effective a fortnight ago. The war office bulletin Sunday forenoon ended 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 ambuscade before reinforcements with field artillery could be sent up from

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 at-tempting to carry the position by a

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 troopships sent to South Africa.
One of the Sunday weeklies publishes the following new complaint in a letter from St. Vincent:

"Today says years soldier of 1600 on the sunder 6 pounds. Fancy 16

"To-day, every soldier of 1,600 on board complained to the officers of their company that their dinners of salf beer were putrid. Col, Paget,

ABOUT PRAYER MEETINGS.

hungry men sharing 3 pounds, includ-ing infernally great brisket bones. The whole rations were thrown over

At Ingersoll, Charles Foster was kill-

machines. These are gigantic plows, attached to steam sappers of twenty

France and was sentenced to three

WITH THE STOVE-PIPES.

"To swear is vulgar," said Mrs. An-

droscroggin, severely.
"I don't give a d-- if it is," said

fr. Androscroggin. Mrs. Androscroggin didn't reply. She

pursed up her lips and tried to look as dignified as possible. Seeing that there was a black streak of soot across

was a crash. Mrs. Androscroggin saw a cloud of

LOOK OUT FOR HER.

he stove to take a rest.

Androscroggin.

works, which he was oiling.

horse power.

months imprisonment.

machinery of Noxon Bros.

The References Made to Them at Friday Night's Entertain-Sir John William Dawson, the emi

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, THE PERNIN SHORTHAND.

Miss F. Wells will resume her classes in Shorthand and Typewriting on and after December 1st, 1899. P. O. Box 186. Residence, Victoria avenue. November 17th, 1899. on Friday evening, in introducing Mr. kind of an entertainment he enjoyed was the comic opera, and another would tell him he never went out in would tell him he never went out in the evening unless it was to attend prayer meeting. These were the two-extremes, but he thought a man who could not appreciate both had some-thing 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 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 and women 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.

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personal charms. Properly fitted glasses positively improve the looks of those with defective eyes. We put beauty in glasses as well as behind them.

naval guns were in position. The shell, which scattered the Boer decoys, also dispelled the illusion that Est-court was without powerful artillery and incapable of defense against a A. I. McCall & Co The news from lower Natal is meagre since the censorship is rigidly enforced, but there is a strong proba-OPTICIANS AND DRUGGISTS, CHATHAM, ONT. bility that the Boer attack on Est-court has been dalayed too long to be effectual. Military men at the service

Picture Sale

To-day we place on sale a lot of beautiful pictures to clear at

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Committee Consider Nineteen Applicants for the Fire Brigade,

And Then Postpone Making an Appointment Until Thursday Next.

The civic property committee held special meeting this morning to con-The Imperial Government will send to South Africa several trench-making sider the applications for the now vacant position of permanent fireman. There were present the chairman, Ald. Cowan, Mayor Smith, and Ald. Flem-In the French senate on Saturday, at the trial of the conspirators, M. Deroulede insulted the president of ing and Liddy.

There were nineteen applications which the chairman opened. They were from the following:-R. McWilliams, Tilbury; Thos. Neil, Blenheim; cago Board of Trade plunger, was arrested in Montreal on a charge of having \$50,000 worth of diamonds belonging to her husband's creditors. John Brown, James F. Handiside, John Conliff, W. J. McGuire, Thomas Taylor, Joseph Nutbrown, James Arnold, Jos. R. Guttridge, jr., Hector Johnson, S. E. Bedford, Anson Mounteer, James Mason, John, Jones, M. S. Beamish, Hiram H. Winegarden, Arch. Phillips and John Aspden, city.

Ald. Cowan pointed out that the applications included many good men.

The Mayor said that all other things-bring carel by would favor the applications of the property of the applications.

The Mayor said that all other things being equal he would favor the appointment of a local man.

"I can just tell you," said Ald. Liddy, mournfully, "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. Neil, the Blenheim fireman, was highly recommended but the committee felt that the favor should be shown to Chatham citizens and the latter

the centre of her heated countenance, the effect was not altogether a suc-Mr. Androscroggin came down off "If you wouldn't insist on having em taken down in the spring I them taken down in the spring wouldn't have to put them up again now," said he to Mrs. Androscroggin.

"Of course! blame, me," said Mrs. Androscroggin. "Because you're not man enough to put a dozen lengths of stove-pipe together! Oh, yes, it's my fault." to Chatham citizens and the latter were discussed and re-discussed. The were discussed and re-discussed. The applicants who seemed to gain most favor with the committee were John Jones, Hiram H. Winegarden, Thomas Taylor, Hector Johnson, John Conliff, Jas. F. Handiside and Jos. Nutbrown. 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 Lones. "There you go," said Mr. Andro-scroggin, "tantalizing and exasperat-ing again as if I hadn't enough to "Well of—but there's no use ex-pecting sense from a man," said Mrs.

Androscroggin.

Mr. Androscroggin glared at her and panted. Then he suddenly sprang to his feet. His wife retreated round the end of the table. But Mr. Androscroggin merely climbed up on the stove again. He seized the obstinate length in his arms and shook it fiercely. It refused to be fitted into the next one. Nonconformity is part of a stove pipe's religion. Mr. Androscroggin gritted his teeth and wrestled with it, swaying from side to side. Something gave way. There was a crash. Ald. Fleming brought up the names of Thomas Taylor and Hiram Winegarden.
Ald. Liddy-I'd like to second the

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. ing applicants personally.
The Mayor said they might look as to who had the greatest knowledge of

Ald. Cowan said it a might be a Mrs. Androscroggin saw a cloud of soot, half a dozen tengths of pipe and Mr. Androscroggin sitting in the midst thereof on the kitchen floor. Even while she looked the air was turning pale blue. With a scream Mrs. Androscroggin put her fingers in her ears and shut her eyes. It takes a genial, whole-souled, healthy man to put up stove pipes, and that is where Mr. Androscroggin failed. He was a dyspeptic. Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets was what he wanted if only he had known it. plan to find out who among the ap-plicants were really out of employ-

Ald. Cowan again read over the hist, 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 at noon 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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ties, per yd. 10c.

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IX.—Best quality chemille table covers, with heavy fringe and latest designs and colorings, 8x4 size, \$2.00 each.

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XIII.—27 in. fancy linen apron checks, in cardinal, rose and light blue, regular 15c quality, to clear at 121/2c yd.

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value at 40c, clearing at 33c. No. 3-5 pcs. fancy colored dress stuffs, in fancy silk mixed and pretty small checked cloth, regular price 65c, balance to clear at 55c.

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