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HAPPENINGS OF A DAY.

Items of Passing Interest Gathered in and Around this Busy City.

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At 10.30 last night there was a $15 fire in the rear of 219 Queen-street east.

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Henry May, 152 Victoria-street, was arrested last night on the charge of being implicated in the robbery of Tonkin's tailor shop.

The King's Daughters of the Y. W. C. Guild held a social and entertainment in their parlors last night for the support of their ward in Grace Hospital.

The Conference of the Diocesan Committees on Religious Education in the Schools has been postponed to Monday, the 28th inst., at the Synod office, Toronto.

In the County Court H. D. Palser is suing S. Frank Wilson for 7¼ inches of land between Nos. 26 and 28 Scollard-street. The defence is statute of limitation, title by length of possession.

The graduates and undergraduates of Parkdale Collegiate Institute hold their annual reunion this evening. The prospects are very entertaining. There will be a late service of street cars.

George Day, no home, was arrested yesterday on the charge of stealing an overcoat from John Maher. A charge of breaking into the house of William Farley on Duchess-street will also be laid against him.

The monthly meeting of the Church of England S. S. Association was held in Grace Church last evening. Mr. Biggar, Q. C., taught the model lesson and Prof. Cody of Wycliffe College lectured on the Prophets.

Dr. Caven, in closing Knox College for the holidays, announced that the Smith prize of $40 for an essay on the subject "Are the Attributes of God Resolveable Into the Attributes of Love?" had been won by Mr. John A. Moir, B.A., LL.B.

Queen City Jubilee Loyal True Blue lodge No. 64, at their regular meeting initiated four candidates and elected the following officers for 1897: Bro. Geo. Lyons, W.M.; Bro. Jno. Allan, D.M.; Bro. B. Ball, chaplain; Bro. H. Fagan, R.S.; Bro. George Virgin, F.S.; Bro. A. Creighton, treasurer; Bro. J. Sheppard, D. of C.; Bros. A. Weale, W. Dawson, J. H. Blackwell, F. E. Nesbitt, J. Hornshaw, committee; Bros. T. Vincent and Wm. Gibbs, tylers; Bro. Dr. Little, physician.

Women's Medical College Concert.

The annual concert of the Medico-Literary Association of the Ontario Medical College for Women was held in the Guild Hall last evening and was largely attended by the students and friends. In opening the program Hon. A. S. Hardy, who presided, made a congratulatory speech. The program was an attractive one, including some of the best talent of the city. Mrs. Moir Dow sang "A Summer Night" in such a way as to draw forth an encore, when she sang "Annie Laurie." Mr. F. X. Mercier, the talented tenor soloist, contributed a couple of numbers most acceptably. The violin solo of Miss Ivy Kerr and the piano solo by Miss F. Sullivan were also heartily encored. Others taking part were Miss Wingfield, an elocutionist of promise; Mr. Winters and Miss Holtworth. Before the second part of the program the Dean of the College, Dr. Nevitt, gave an address explanatory of the college and its work.

Germania Hall Co.

The annual election of officers of the Germania Hall Co., limited, the long-established German society, took place last night, and a great number of the shareholders were present. The financial secretary and treasurer presented a very satisfactory report of receipts and expenditures for the past year, which was received with acclamation and a unanimous vote of thanks for their untiring zeal and labor. With the exception of two directors retired, both of whom are not now in Toronto, the remainder were re-elected. Officers are: Robert Nuernberger, president; A. Wegener, 1st vice-president; L. Reinhardt, 2nd vice-president; H. Yuhr, treasurer; S. Weichert, financial secretary; C. Koeller, corresponding secretary; Hugo George, A. J. Holtmann, L. Bear, trustees.

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TARTE WILL FIGHT IT OUT.

A Vigorous Reply to the Clerical Organ.

PRIESTS TAKEN TO TASK.

No Government Can Re-Establish Separate Schools in Manitoba.

What the Catholics Want is a School System That Puts Them on the Same Footing With Those Who Surround Them—The Proportion of Catholics in Manitoba Unable to Read and Write is Alarming—Liberality of Ideas Must Be Developed.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Hon. Mr. Tarte is going to have it out with the clergy, irrespective of results. He published a signed article to-day in Le Cultivateur, saying as a beginning that as Archbishop Fabre is on his deathbed, His Grace cannot be held responsible for the recent article of La Semaine Religieuse, and adds that the article was written by a Tory pen. "Citizens (as he calls the priests) who have no families on their hands, and who are not fathers of children destined to earn their own living by the sweat of their brows, these gentlemen," continues the Minister of Public Works, "by reason of their religious profession are exempt from paying taxes, the weight of which is borne by the ordinary ratepayer. We do not deny them," says Mr. Tarte, "the right to be heard. On the contrary, we invite them to public discussion before the country, but we do not deny them the right to speak 'ex-cathedra.' They are priests, citizens, men. We are laymen and ratepayers. We are also fathers of families. The children we raise are ours, and we claim the right with an unshaken firmness to speak for them, to speak in their name and in their future interest. Le Semaine Religieuse will only have schools that bear the name of Separate, yet what is there in names and phrases? It is facts that count. We are face to face with the fact that no Government, either in Manitoba or at Ottawa, can re-establish the order of things prior to 1890, and to be frank about it, we would not if we could, and why? What the Catholics want, is a school system that puts them on the same footing with those who surround them. Take a trip through Manitoba and you will see that the proportion of our compatriots and co-religionists who do not know how to read and write is terribly alarming. No, we do not want the re-establishment of the order of things prior to 1890, and we declare without fear, that all of our intelligent compatriots in Manitoba are of the same opinion."

HOW IT IS IN ONTARIO.

Hon. Mr. Tarte adds that in the Province of Ontario thousands of Catholic children follow the public schools, with episcopal consent, and Hon. Mr. Ross affirms that there are more of these children in the Public than in the Separate schools. The policy in Manitoba up to the present time has been disastrous to the French-Canadian race. What is called the Cathedral of St. Boniface is but a little church, smaller than most of the smallest churches in Quebec, and around this are grouped some 1200 people of French origin. They have isolated St. Boniface, and the result has been that our brothers have been abandoned by the rest of the population. It therefore now behoves us to see people attempt to prevent the Catholic population of Manitoba from taking part in the government and development of the province where they reside? We bitterly regret that a portion of the clergy refuses to lend its efforts to the carrying out of a policy that changed circumstances have imposed upon our race. We leave to the Semaine Religieuse, and to those of its school, the responsibility of the destructive work they have set about to perform. Let them not be deceived. They cannot prevent the development of those ideas of legitimate liberty which drive the masses into the party of which Hon. Mr. Laurier is chief."

West Huron Conservatives.

Goderich, Ont., Dec. 17.—West Huron Conservatives held their annual meeting at Smith's Hill. The attendance was very good and the interest and spirit shown all that could be wished for. The only business contemplated was the election of officers and any resolutions which might be offered. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Joseph Beck, Blufford; vice-presidents, Dr. Case, Dungannon, and Peter W. Scott, Belgrave; secretary-treasurer, James Mitchell, Goderich.

The Care of Unfortunate Children

The monthly meeting of the Children's Aid Society was held yesterday. The cases reported for August totalled 134, involving 170 children. Some 96 of these were Children's Court cases. At the Shelter 38 children were admitted and 32 discharged. Three children were sent to foster homes. A committee was appointed to meet a committee appointed by the Industrial School Board last Friday and confer with them regarding the mutual interests of both organizations.

Canadian Institute.

At the Canadian Institute yesterday evening Mr. Thomas E. Champion read before the historical section a paper on "Ontario Seventy-five Years Ago." Mr. John G. Ridout presided. The next meeting will take place on the third Thursday in January.

Funeral of Charles Walker.

The funeral of Mr. Charles A. Walker, son of the late Charles Walker of the late firm of C. & W. Walker, took place from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Patterson, 74 College-street, yesterday afternoon. By special request of deceased the members of the Wanderers' Bicycle Club attended in large numbers. Deceased had been a prominent member of that club and was highly esteemed by his fellow-members. The funeral was one of the largest seen in the city for some time.

Cucumbers and melons are "forbidden fruit" to many persons so constituted that the least indulgence is followed by attacks of cholera, dysentery, griping, etc. These persons are not aware that they can indulge to their heart's content if they have on hand a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kellog's Dysentery Cordial, a medicine that will give immediate relief, and is a sure cure for all summer complaints. ed

Stratford Young Liberal Club Opened.

Stratford, Ont., Dec. 17.—The inaugural meeting of the Stratford Young Liberal Club was held to-night in the City Hall, which was crowded in every part. The Hon. Thomas Ballantyne presided. An excellent program of music was interspersed with speeches by Mr. William Preston, the newly-elected president of the club, Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, Solicitor-General of Canada, and Hon. E. J. Davis, Provincial Secretary of Ontario, and others.

Only those who have had experience can tell the torture corns cause. Pain with your boots on, pain with them off—pain night and day; but relief is sure to those who use Holloway's Corn Cure. ed

Detroit Medical College Burned.

Detroit, Dec. 17.—The Detroit College of Medicine was gutted by fire this morning. The fire originated in the basement, it is thought, from a defective furnace. Loss $42,000, partly insured.

Texans Full of Fight.

Denison, Tex., Dec. 17.—Mass meetings are being held all over North Texas in sympathy with Cuba. The war spirit is rampant.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

THE GRAND NEXT WEEK.

The sale of seats for the engagement of Mr. Arthur Bourchier, Miss Violet Vanbrugh, and the London Royalty Theatre Company, at the Grand next week, begins this morning. From applications already made it looks as though these clever artists will receive liberal patronage. "The Chili Widow" will be given Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and at the Christmas matinee. "The Queen's Proctor" and the one-act comedietta, "Kitty Clive, Actress," will be the offering for the remainder of the week, excepting Saturday evening, the program for which is not as yet announced. Miss Violet Vanbrugh is the daughter of the Rev. Reginald Barnes, Prebendary of Exeter Cathedral, and the favorite god-child of the Baroness Burdette-Coutts. In March, 1888, the then Miss Vanbrugh made her first decided impression in the comedy role of Kitty Maitland in "The Don," at Toole's Theatre, London. Afterwards she interpreted "Ophelia." This was followed by her pronounced success as the grand dame Lady Gillingham, in "The Weaker Sex," in the company of Mr. and Mrs. Kendal in their initial trip to America. Afterwards she was in Sir Henry Irving's Company at his London Lyceum Theatre. Her latest and perhaps most decided popular as well as critical triumphs were achieved at her husband's theatre, the Royalty, notably in "The Chili Widow," "The Queen's Proctor" and "Monsieur de Paris."

MR. AUGUSTE VAN BIENE.

"The Broken Melody" is drawing good houses at the Grand, and all who witness the strong drama have none but words of praise for the excellent company which presents it. Mr. Van Biene's superb playing on the 'cello is always received with great outbursts of enthusiasm, and it is generally conceded that he is, as has been claimed, the greatest 'cellist in the world. Apart from his rare attainments as a musician, Mr. Van Biene is a particularly clever actor, and those who have not seen him and his able company should make it a point to attend one of the three performances yet to be given. Every lady attending the matinee to-morrow will be presented with a copy of the music of "The Broken Melody."

A NEW PLAY.

McKee Rankin, a Canadian, and one of the best and most distinguished actors in America, wrote the highly recommended play, "A Country Merchant," the first local production of which will be given at the Toronto Opera House on Monday night. The piece was written expressly for Charles Cowles, who will appear here in the title role, Eben Baxter, a character in which he has won great praise and success. The engagement is for one week, with "bargain matinees" at 25 cents, fifteen and twenty-five cents on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and a special matinee on Christmas day. Seats are now on sale for all of the ten performances.

TRADES AND LABOR CONCERT.

That a popular concert at a popular price is the people's desire was quite in evidence by the rush for reserved seats at the Massey Hall box office yesterday when the plan of seats for the Trades and Labor big fifteenth concert opens. Those desirous of securing seats should obtain them at once, as they are being very rapidly taken up. In order to accommodate the workingmen the plan will be kept open till 6 o'clock every evening at the Massey Hall box office, Victoria-street side, first door south of Shuter. Complimentary tickets may be had at Whaley, Royce & Co.'s and Nordheimer's.

TWO WRECKS REPORTED.

A Coal Schooner and a Vessel Loaded With Flour Caught in the Storm.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 17.—Two wrecks are reported so far as the result of yesterday's terrific storm, viz., the schooner Acadia Rose, from Louisbourg, C.B., bound to Halifax with a cargo of coal, was wrecked last night off Isaacs Harbor. The crew took to a boat, and after suffering fearfully from the cold weather landed at Black Rock. They saved nothing. The schooner Jessamine went ashore yesterday off Lockeport, caught fire last night and was completely destroyed. She had a cargo of flour from Boston for Liverpool, N. S., which is insured in Halifax. The crew were saved.

Court House Burned in Texas

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 17.—The Galveston County Court House was completely gutted by fire last night. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a defective flue. Telephone wire becoming crossed. The records of the tax collectors' and the sheriff's office were saved. It is believed that the more important records of the County Clerk's and District Clerk's office will also be found intact, as they were kept in a steel fireproof vault. The loss on the courthouse is estimated at $55,000; insured for $30,000.

U. S. Crop Conditions.

Cincinnati, Dec. 17.—The Price Current summarizes the crop conditions for the past week as follows: Something of wheat crop damage from late freezing is reported from various sections, but it manifestly reflects apprehension rather than reality. The situation continues excellent. Corn is being marketed more freely. Wheat is held back. Corn food products increasingly displace flour.

The Wabash Railroad.

With its superb and magnificent through car service, is now acknowledged to be the most perfect railway system in the world. It is the great winter tourist route to the south and west, including the famous Hot Springs of Arkansas, Old Mexico, the Egypt of the New World; Texas and California, the land of sunshine and flowers. Passengers going by the Wabash reach their destination hours in advance of other lines. The Wabash Santa Fe special, leaving Chicago every Wednesday and Saturday at 6 p.m., and St. Louis same evening at 9 p.m., reaching Los Angeles in just three days. This is the best California service in existence. Full particulars from any railroad agent, or J. A. Richardson, Canadian Passenger Agent, northeast corner King and Yonge-streets, Toronto.

That Wool Stealing Case.

The case of Joseph Willis, charged with being implicated in the Aurora wool-stealing case, was commenced in the Sessions yesterday. The owner of the wood, William Graham, testified as to the quantity stolen. Lambert Richardson, a neighbor of Willis, said he (Willis) had no wood to sell. The case was not concluded.

The Baby.

Like a tiny glint of light piercing through
the dusty gloom,
Comes her little laughing face through
the shadows of my room,
And my pen forgets its way as it hears
her patt'ring tread,
While her prattling treble tones chase the
thoughts from out my head.

She is queen and I her slave, one who
loves her and obeys,
For she rules her world of home with imperious baby ways,

In she dances, calls me "Dear!" turns the
pages of my books;
Throws herself upon my knee, takes my
pen with laughing looks.

Makes disorder reign supreme, turns my
papers upside down,
Draws me cabalistic signs, safe from fear
of any frown.

Crumbles all my verses up, pleased to hear
the crackling sound,
Makes them into balls and then—things
them all upon the ground.

Suddenly she flits away, leaving me
alone again,

With a warmth about my heart and a
brighter, clearer brain.
And although the thoughts re turn that her
coming drove away,
The remembrance of her laugh lingers
with me through the day.

And it chances, as I write, I may take
a crumpled sheet,
On the which, God knoweth why! read
my fancies twice as sweet.

—Victor Hugo.

IS MACEO ALIVE AFTER ALL?

Passengers From Cuba State That He is,

BUT OTHER REPORTS DIFFER

One Correspondent Gives Details Showing How He Was Killed.

The Chieftain's Body Has Not Been Found—Mystery About the Cuban Junta in New York—General Carillo Says the Revolution is Still in Good Shape—Spaniards Completely Shut Up in Seaport Towns—Offers of Fighters and Nurses From the States.

New York, Dec. 17.—A despatch from Key West, Fla., says: Passengers arriving here from Havana report that Antonio Maceo is alive and well and is in the Province of Matanzas. These passengers say that all of the festivities that were going on in Havana to celebrate his death have been ordered stopped, since it has become known that he is alive.

The Body Still Undiscovered.

Havana, Dec. 17.—Maceo's body is still undiscovered and no further proofs of his death have been adduced, which leads the Cubans to think he is still alive. The residents of Punta Brava, the vicinity in which the engagement occurred, disbelieve the verdict of his death. Zertucha continues to give contradictory evidence. He now says the knife captured belonged to Gomez's son, and not to Maceo. The Cubans consider it significant that the objects captured are not shown and also the alleged written statements of Gomez's son.

This Says Maceo is Dead.

New York, Dec. 17.—The World's correspondent at Havana says: To-day's steamer brings tidings that the story that the killing of General Maceo was due to deliberate treachery on the part of the Spanish officials, although manifestly issued from Cuban sources, was taken seriously in the United States.

I have personally investigated the matter, with exceptional opportunities for hearing both sides. The facts are: General Weyler, then in the depths of Pinar Del Rio Province, was as much surprised at the escape of Maceo into Havana Province as anyone else was. The Marquis De Almansa, commanding in Havana, could have no dealing with Maceo without authority.

The young son of Maximo Gomez was wounded in the vanguard at the trocha.

The body of Guerillas under Major Cirujeda, whose shots killed the Cuban chieftain, had no conception of the magnitude of their work until the body was searched and articles belonging to him were found. Even then they were not sure of Maceo's identity, and the body was recovered by the insurgents after a hot fight. If Major Cirujeda had known positively how great a chief had fallen he would have sacrificed everything short of his own life to keep the trophy.

Altogether the slaying of Maceo was the result of the fortunes of war. He lived by the sword, and, as is apt to be the case, he died by it.

Something Mysterious.

New York, Dec. 17.—There was an air of mystery about the Cuban Junta's office in this city yesterday. For more than two hours Delegate Palma and his compatriots were closeted together, and at 6 p.m. it was announced that the news, whatever it was, would not be given out until this afternoon, for the reason that it could not be verified until then.

The rooms were crowded all day by men anxious to enlist in the Cuban army, and telegrams were received by the score. Delegate Palma's clerks have been unable to keep pace with the inquiries as to enlistments, and the subjoined circular was yesterday mailed to several hundred applicants: "I beg to tender you in the name of the Republic of Cuba my best thanks for your generous offer. Unfortunately, however, for your purpose, the law does not permit of its acceptance.

"Should circumstances change, as I hope they may, your proposition will be duly considered.

"(Signed) T. Estrada Palma,
"per D. M. De Moya,
"Secretary."

Still Full of Fight.

Washington, Dec. 17.—A letter was received here yesterday by the Cuban Junta from Francisco Carillo, prominent in the Cuban revolutionary party, declaring that the general condition of the revolution could not be more satisfactory.

"We can say," he writes, "that the country belongs to us." In the greater part of the Island it is ours absolutely, and particularly in the east, Camaguey, Remedios, Sanita, Spiritus, Trinidad and Pinar Del Rio. In these zones the Spaniards live completely shut up, almost besieged in the seaports and towns of importance, and in the rest of the island they do not command any more territory than the one they tread upon when they are operating."

Carillo further explains that the supreme power of the revolution is vested in a Government Council consisting of a president and four secretaries; foreign affairs, war, treasury and interior, and the details of their respective workings are elaborate.

Suppressing Recruiting.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 17.—United States Marshal Lutes, by instructions from Washington, has taken measures to suppress Cuban recruiting in this city. The recruiting agents got notice and abandoned their headquarters before arrests could be made.

Nurses Ready to Go.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 17.—Several trained nurses of this city have volunteered to go to Cuba, and they agree to pay their own expenses if some one will arrange matters so that they can get there. Eighty men have volunteered.

Tacoma Offers 1200 Men.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 17.—Tacoma has offered to the Government a regiment of 1200 men, well drilled and officered by thorough tacticians, to help the United States destroy the power of Spain in Cuba.

Petrolea Has Lake Huron Water.

Petrolea, Ont., Dec. 17.—Lake Huron water, in connection with our waterworks flowed through our mains to-day and was let loose from a hydrant in Main-street, in the presence of an appreciative crowd of citizens, who saw in its mirror the future prosperity of our town, soon to become a city. Great credit is due to Mr. Willis Chipman, the engineer.

Convicts Making Money.

Leavenworth, Kan., Dec. 17.—Warden J. F. French of the U.S. Penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth has discovered that five convicts, four of them sent up for counterfeiting have been at work making spurious $5 bills. The leader of the gang is J. C. McKibbon, the prison photographer.

COUNTY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

Is the County Charged Unfairly by Constables Who Get Their Victims From Special Men?

York County Commissioners are still wrestling with the details attending the new York Mills bridge.

Another of the innumerable motions in Russell Fitch's suit against Mr. Mallory of The Stouffville Tribune was made at Chambers on Tuesday and Wednesday, and still another will be made in the next two or three days.

Wilfrid John Polmateer, the son of Mrs. Polmateer, widow, and J. W. Pegg are applying for probate of the will of Allan H. Polmateer, farmer, of East Gwillimbury. The estate is $4200 in realty and $825 personalty, all of which is left to the wife and children.

Irving Bell, who was charged with a felonious assault on Mary Mead, a simple-minded girl, and whose case has been pending a long time, was discharged by the magistrates at Markham. The girl was not able to give evidence, and the charge rested on a statement said to have been made by her to a brother.

The suit brought by Davidson & Hay to restrain W. W. H. Lucas from collecting the book debts of his late business in Little York or dealing with the stock has resulted in the appointment of E. R. C. Clarkson as receiver and an injunction being granted against Mr. Lucas until the trial.

Mr. W. W. Price of the Unionville creamery thinks the most profitable way to run a creamery is to form a stock company, buy a farm, put up suitable buildings, equip a creamery, purchase a lot of cattle and have everything done on the same lot. He claims there would be a regular milk supply, a uniform standard, economy in feeding and lessened cost of collection. As auxiliary industries he would have piggeries and henneries.

A capital paper by Mr. Levi E. Annis of Scarboro, read at the Farmers' Institute meeting at Agincourt, is reproduced in The Weekly Sun. Mr. Annis thinks that though poor farming does not pay, good farming does, and the farmer is no worse off in these days than professional men, mechanics, artisans and teachers. He advocates mixed farming and particularly the production of small truck.

East of the City Limits.

The pretty park across from the Woodbine, known as Small's Park, has been acquired by Mr. George Decker, the well-known shipper of Pickering. The buildings now standing are to be greatly improved, and several thousand dollars will be spent in making the spot a first-class pleasure resort.

Norway is stirring itself in the matter of a fire brigade. The township and neighborhood will be asked to help in the purchase of certain apparatus and the city to lay in water pipes. The bell dangling at the top of a barn of the Croke Hotel will have the distinction of tolling alarms.

Norway has added a club to its social attractions, with headquarters in the old schoolhouse, which will likely be extended to give proper room for it. A gymnasium, lecture-room and library are all to be introduced.

Among practices which should die with the year is an abuse in the disposition of vagrants between the G.T.R. and the village of East Toronto. The company has Constable J. Hinds to look after the transgressors of its regulations and pays him for it, but for some time it has been the custom for him to hand over his prisoner to one or two of the county police in East Toronto, who bring him before the Magistrate and then send in their bill to the county.

Humber Bay.

Humber Bay, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Mrs. Butwell, who was reported to have injured her leg in being thrown out of a buggy in a runaway on Sunday, was also thrown violently shaken up and is thought internally injured. She has been confined to her bed ever since.

Fred Hisson, charged with vagrancy, appeared before Magistrate Beasley and was given a sentence of 60 days. Fred Hisson was at one time in the Industrial school, but has been out four years, during which he has worked for several farmers and earned a somewhat good name. It is said the case will be appealed.

A concert will be given in the Mimico Methodist Church on Monday evening next. Hon. N. Clarke Wallace will be present and his address will largely be made to the Orangemen and True Blues, of whom it is expected many will attend.

Toronto Junction.

Toronto Junction, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Court Queen of the West, No. 7679, A.O.F., last night elected these officers for the current year: Bro. Rose, C.R.; Bro. Ferguson, S.C.R.; Bro. Cannell, treasurer; Bro. Burton, secretary; Bro. Ward, S.W.; Bro. Taylor, J.W.; Bro. White, S.B.; Bro. Armitage, J.B.; Drs. Mavety and Boyle, physicians; Bros. Furse, Taylor and Reynolds, trustees; Bros. Bond, Wilds and Mitchell, auditors.

The Canadian Home Circle, No. 38, met last night and appointed these officers for the ensuing year: Wm. Pears, leader; S. A. Williams, vice-leader; John Turnbull, secretary; M. C. Rosevear, treasurer; J. B. Cordingly, chaplain; Edward Williams, warden; T. Townsend, marshal; Jas. Burgess, I.G.; Jas. Bagg, O.G.; J. Barnes, E. Williams and Jas. Burville, trustees.

A very successful fowl and oyster supper was given by the male members of the Davenport Methodist Church this evening, when excellent addresses were given by Hon. N. Clarke Wallace, M.P., and Rev. J. C. Speer of Broadway Tabernacle. The musical portion of the program was supplied by the St. Clarence Male Quartet and the Wesley Church orchestra, assisted by Miss Crang, soprano, and Mr. E. Kendal.

No Prison-Made Goods Wanted.

One of the regulations of the Customs Department, the entire right side of the scalp being riddled with shot and a large section of the skull laid completely bare, Mrs. Snook, whose chances of recovery appear to be slowly but perceptibly brightening, testified in substance as follows:

She was at her home on lot 3 of the 8th concession, Dover, on Dec. 7. She lived there alone. On the evening in question she had supper at about 5 o'clock. After supper she counted her money to see whether or not she had lost any. She had then in her purse two $2 bills, three quarters and small change to make up $4 in all. The lamp had at this time been lighted half an hour. She afterwards made ready for bed, and sat by the stove, about 10 feet from the window. There was a curtain on the window, but it was not down. At about 7 o'clock she was shot and fell against a chair and to the floor. Hearing a noise and thinking she saw some one at the door, she spoke, saying come in, as she was dying. It was not until about midday on Tuesday she got up. She knows prisoner well, and has known him since he was about 9 years old. If he knew where she placed her money he must have been peeping in when she was counting it and seen her put it away. There was nothing, she said, wrong with her head before, and its present condition was caused by the shot.

In the course of her evidence, Mrs. Snook stated that no one knew where her money was, but the Charron's, who brought her butter and eggs. The examination was then enlarged until next Wednesday.

Canadian Fowl at Buffalo.

Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 17.—There have been less than usual receipts of poultry from Canada for the holiday markets, although prices have ranged fairly. Dealers expect fair supplies for the coming week. Live poultry has sold well for choice during the week, and the markets this evening are tolerably clear of supplies. Dressed poultry has been rather scarce and dealers' supplies are scant. Turkeys, dressed, fancy, 12c to 15c; chickens, choice, 8c; young ducks, 11c to 13c; young geese, 10c to 15c; turkeys, fancy, live, 9c to 12c; fat fancy fowl, 8c to 10c; ducks, per pair, 75c to $1; duty on Canadian poultry, live, 2c per lb., dressed, 3c per lb.

Railway Notes.

Sir William Van Horne left Hamilton for London and Windsor yesterday.

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DUMAS DID THE CRUEL DEED

Shot Poor Old Mrs. Snook of Dover Township.

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Had No Thought of Committing the Deed, But An Impulse Came Upon Him and He Fired a Shot Through the Old Woman's Window—When Arraigned in Court Dumas Entered a Plea of Not Guilty—Mrs Snook Tells the Story of the Shooting—The Man Got Only Three Dollars.

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 17.—Joseph Dumas, a French-Canadian living in this city, was arrested on Wednesday afternoon by P. C. Dodson on a warrant charging him with the attempted murder on Dec. 7 of Mrs. Snook, of the 8th concession of Dover Township.

Detective Campeau, assisted by Assistant Detective Marrion of Windsor, gathered together link by link a chain of circumstantial evidence which pointed strongly against Dumas as the guilty man, and acting on this a warrant was issued and Dumas was arrested while sitting quietly in his home in this city. When arrested Dumas stoutly protested that he was innocent of the crime. Detectives Campeau and Marrion made another trip yesterday afternoon to Dover Township to obtain further information, and on their return about 1 a.m. they visited the prisoner in his cell at the jail, and when confronted with the damaging evidence which the detectives had gathered against him Dumas weakened and confessed his guilt, stating that he could not account for the sudden impulse that came over him, and which caused him to commit the crime.

DUMAS TELLS HIS STORY.

During his conversation with the detectives the prisoner gave the following account of his movements on the night of the shooting. He left Eli Charron's house on the 8th concession, about 6 o'clock that night, to go to the house of James Newman, who lived at St. Luke's Bay, straight out on the 8th concession. When he came to where the lane turns into Mrs. Snook's property an impulse to go over to her house seized him, and he climbed over the fence and started for the little shanty 50 yards in from the road. When he started across the fields he had no thought of committing crime, and it was not until he was near the house that the thought of robbery came to him. Even then, a deed of blood was furthest from his mind. He could not tell when the impulse to shoot her came to him, but after walking around the house he came to the window through which he could see her sitting in the chair. He stepped back from the window, and raising the gun to his shoulder fired. The shooting he says he did not stand on the board, which had been placed across the ditch beside the house. As near as he could tell, almost half an hour elapsed before he opened the door, which was very insecurely fastened.

ENTERED THE HOUSE.

When he entered the house Mrs. Snook had managed to climb into bed. He could see the blood and knew that she was badly injured, but her breathing told him that she was still alive. He went to where she kept her purse, under the table cloth, and took out the three dollars it contained. He put the money in his pocket, replaced the purse and left the scene of his bloody crime.

When he went over to Newman's, Mr. Newman was in the barn preparing to slaughter a beef that he and Dumas owned together. They talked for some time between butchering, and on Tuesday morning Dumas started for his home in the city. He crossed the fields, intending to shoot quail, but did not raise a single bird.

Dumas could give no motive for his crime. He had known Mrs. Snook since he had been a boy and had always lived on friendly terms with her.

THE SNOOK EVIDENCE.

This morning Magistrate Houston took Mrs. Snook's evidence in connection with the charge of attempted murder, which stands against Joseph Dumas. There were present Town-Attorney Douglas, for the prosecution; W. A. Thrasher, counsel for the defendant; Squire Forhan, Detective Campeau, P. C. Dodson, Dr. Tye, the prisoner, Joseph Dumas, and representatives of the press.

PLEADED NOT GUILTY.

When Dumas was arraigned and asked how he would plead, he replied, "Not guilty." They then proceeded to examine Mrs. Snook. As soon as Dumas saw the result of his handiwork, he completely broke down, and sobbed for several minutes. Then he cooled off and the inquiry went on.

Mrs. Snook's face presented a terrible appearance, the entire right side of the scalp being riddled with shot and a large section of the skull laid completely bare, Mrs. Snook, whose chances of recovery appear to be slowly but perceptibly brightening, testified in substance as follows:

She was at her home on lot 3 of the 8th concession, Dover, on Dec. 7. She lived there alone. On the evening in question she had supper at about 5 o'clock. After supper she counted her money to see whether or not she had lost any. She had then in her purse two $2 bills, three quarters and small change to make up $4 in all. The lamp had at this time been lighted half an hour. She afterwards made ready for bed, and sat by the stove, about 10 feet from the window. There was a curtain on the window, but it was not down. At about 7 o'clock she was shot and fell against a chair and to the floor. Hearing a noise and thinking she saw some one at the door, she spoke, saying come in, as she was dying. It was not until about midday on Tuesday she got up. She knows prisoner well, and has known him since he was about 9 years old. If he knew where she placed her money he must have been peeping in when she was counting it and seen her put it away. There was nothing, she said, wrong with her head before, and its present condition was caused by the shot.

In the course of her evidence, Mrs. Snook stated that no one knew where her money was, but the Charron's, who brought her butter and eggs. The examination was then enlarged until next Wednesday.

Canadian Fowl at Buffalo.

Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 17.—There have been less than usual receipts of poultry from Canada for the holiday markets, although prices have ranged fairly. Dealers expect fair supplies for the coming week. Live poultry has sold well for choice during the week, and the markets this evening are tolerably clear of supplies. Dressed poultry has been rather scarce and dealers' supplies are scant. Turkeys, dressed, fancy, 12c to 15c; chickens, choice, 8c; young ducks, 11c to 13c; young geese, 10c to 15c; turkeys, fancy, live, 9c to 12c; fat fancy fowl, 8c to 10c; ducks, per pair, 75c to $1; duty on Canadian poultry, live, 2c per lb., dressed, 3c per lb.

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Hon. Mr. Fisher at Washington.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Secretary Morton, accompanied by Mr. Fisher, Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion of Canada, was at the Capitol to-day visiting Senators and representatives.

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