ing link, and if they should discover the owner, I might as well give up all hope.

"The girl looks like her, too; the same expressive eyes and beautiful hair: the nose and mouth are a perfect counterpart, only I did not mind it until I saw that wonderful jewel; that upset me completely, though I was a fool to let it make me faint. "Her haughty, imperial bearing, too, is like his. Strange that he should cling to her so, having been brought up in another family! I do wonder where they found her, and I'm find out yet. They believe that she was killed in that terrible railway flisater, and the nurse, Nannie, too, and do not care to have them undeceived in the matter."

That girl was a little shy of me." she said, with a sneer, "but I'll make her like me yet, and then I'll worm every secret she has out of her."

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head contracted, her eyes intent and glitterlag.

"If I could only estrange her Prescotta," she continued at length, "and make her hide herself from society, make her believe something, anything regarding her birth which would keep her in the dark—I should be all right. But if she remains where she is they will take her everywhere.

GUARD OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Sig.—As one who has always taken a deep interest in educational matters I crave the favor of an opportunity to say a few words to the people of Hamilton through your widely circulated paper. The management of the Hamilton schools is a very important matter; far too much so to be made the football of party politicians, as some people with

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INFORMATION FOR BOTH BUYERS AND SELLERS OF PRODUCE.

Thursday, Dec. 31.—The last market of 1903 was not conspicuous for size, or for anything else. There was a small offering of everything. Turkeys sold at 15 to 17 cents, and there were suite a few in. Geess were about the same price as usual and chickens were a little cheaper. There was very little prime beef in and the price of meats was unchanged,

Toronto Farmers' Market.

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The offerings of grain continues small, and prices show little change. The only wheat received was 400 bushels of goose, which sold at 74 to 741-2e, Barley is unchanged, 300 bushels of goose, which sold at 74 to 741-2e, Barley is unchanged, 300 bushels eliling at 43 to 46c. Oats are firm, with sales of 400 bushels at 311-2 to 321-2e.

Hay quiet and firm, with sales of 25 loads at \$9 to \$11 a ton for timothy, and at \$6 to \$8 for mixed. Straw steady, a load of loose selling at \$6,50 to \$7, the latter for light.

Following are the quotations;
Wheat, white, bushel, 731-2 to 70c; spose, 74 to 741-2e; red, 781-2 to 70c; spring, 83 to 831-2c; peas, 66 to 68c; oats, 311-2 to 321-2c; barrley, 43 to 47c; hay, timothy, ton, \$0 to \$10.50; seeds, alsike, \$4.50 to \$5.75; red clover, \$5.25 to \$6.10; timothy, 100 lbs. \$2.25 to \$3; apples, bushel, \$1 to \$2; dressed hogs, \$6.50 to \$7; eggs, new hald, dozen, 40 to 50c; cablinge, dozen, 40 to 50c; cauliflower, dozen, \$1; celery, dozen, \$5 to 45c; beef, hindquarters, \$6 to \$8; forequarters, \$1, the Bishop of Toronto has appointed by arrival and miss since the gatroi sergeants.

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Leading Wheat Markets.
Following are the closing quotations at important wheat centres to-day;

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mortality among the rats on the German steamer Cordoba, from San-tos, Brazil, confirms the report that they died of bubonic plague.

An Italian named James Rosso stabbed a feliow-countryman nam-ed Antonio Barlo during a fight near St. David's, jessterday, and it is feared Barlo will die. Rosso kas been arrested

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†11.30 a.m. †6.00 p.m.
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CHAPTER IX.

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