

Amusements and Lectures

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GRAND OPERA HOUSE - MR. AND MRS. ROBERT WAYNE in repertoire, to-night, "Wages of Sin," Friday night, "Drifting Apart," Saturday night, "The Girl in the Red Dress," Sunday, "The Grand Family Matinee." Prices: Children 10c, adults 20c; to all parts of the house.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE - MONDAY, Dec. 30. The laughing comedian, Jolly, Jolly Joseph Hart, late Hallen & Hart, in the successful musical farce-comedy, "A Gay Old Boy." Direction, D. W. Truss & Co., managers of Wang, Princess, and Andrew Mack, etc. All new songs, new music, special scenery. The most refined and complete musical farce-comedy ever sent on tour. Prices: First two rows circle, 50c; balance lower floor, 75c; balcony, 50c, gallery 25c. Seats on sale Friday.

PALACE DANCING ACADEMY - NEW Year term commences Monday, Jan. 6. Gentlemen Monday, ladies Tuesday; advanced class Wednesday evening. Children Saturday afternoon. DAYTON & MCCORMICK.

STEEGAGE, SECOND CABIN and first cabin tickets via Allan, Beaver, Allan Star and American lines; lowest fares. E. J. CLARK, Richmond street, next "Advertiser."

PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING by Mr. R. H. MILLER, residence, 345 Princess avenue. A thorough system of teaching the modern glide waltz and all fashionable dances guaranteed. Lessons given any hour.

Meetings.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

MASONIC - REGULAR MEETING ST. John's Chapter, No. 3, this (Thursday) evening, at 7:30. Installation of officers by P. S. and M. D. D. G. H. STRATFORD, J. S. SIDONS, S. E.

Domestics Wanted.

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WANTED - GOOD GENERAL SERVANT - small family; references required. Apply 601 Talbot street, London.

WANTED - YOUNG GIRL AS HOUSE MAID. Apply 318 Queen's avenue, 8317.

WANTED - AN ELDERLY LADY AS housekeeper on farm. Apply R. H. SKYMOOR, Byron, E. O.

NOW FOR XMAS - RING UP THE OLD reliable, Dwyer's Intelligence Office. On hand: Cooks, general housemaids, dining room girls, girls for all kinds of work; 501 Broad street. Phone 1121.

WANTED AT ONCE - GOOD DINING room girls and chamber maids to go out of city; also a maid and a girl for all kinds of work. Armstrong's Intelligence office, 26 Dundas street. Phone 386.

Wanted.

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WANTED - SEVEN-ROOM HOUSE in London South preferred. Apply stating price to CHAS. JAMES FOX, Delaware, Ont. 590.

WANTED - A SECOND-HAND LIGHT wagon, suitable for delivering groceries; also set of harness. Apply 874 Dundas street, 840.

Lost and Found.

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LOST ABOUT A WEEK AGO A SEAL ring. Reward at this office. 8317.

Accountants.

NEW W. HAYES, ACCOUNTANT AND Auditor, Insurance, etc. 5 Masonic Temple building, for Northern Assurance Company, Keystone Fire Insurance Company, Provident Savings Life Assurance Company. Strict attention given to all business. Call on me for rates. Telephone No. 1176. GEO. W. HAYES.

W. MAGEE, ACCOUNTANT, 413 Richmond street, or 610 Talbot street, London.

ALFRED A. BOOKER, ACCOUNTANT, 136 Elmwood avenue, South London. Telephone 1069.

Marriage Licenses.

MARRIAGE LICENSES AT SHUFF'S drug store, 540 Dundas street east, corner William. Trolley cars pass the door. No witnesses required.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED BY W. H. BARTHAM, 90 Dundas street.

W. M. H. WESTON, GROCER, ISSUES licenses at his office, 64 Stanley street. No bonds required.

LICENSES ISSUED BY THOS. GILLEAN, Jeweller, 420 Richmond street.

MARRIAGE LICENSES, ISSUED BY Chas. F. Colwell, at Residence, 370 Adelaide street, London. Witnesses not necessary.

Articles For Sale.

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FOR SALE - MILK-TESTING 501 PER cent butter fat, highest percentage obtained in the city, 5 cents per quart, delivered to any part west of Adelaide street. A. FAULSTICH, 265 Burwell street. 8417.

FOR SALE - GROCERY FIXTURES - Shelving, counter, show cases, large window, etc. 215 Colborne street. 8417.

FOR SALE - ONE HUNDRED THOUGH- BRED chickens at sacrifice price. Address JAS. PARR, 171 Dundas, or 515 Colborne street. 8417.

FOR SALE - HARNESS, TRUNKS AND valises at Manufacturers' prices. J. DARCH & SONS, 271 and 273 Tins street.

FOR SALE - REPROOF SAFE - GOOD new, Taylor's make; outside dimensions 35x47 inches; will sell cheap. Apply J. H. CHAPMAN & Co., 126 and 128 Dundas street. 8417.

NUMBER-WHOLESALE ONLY - CAR or cargo lots; Spicers extra British Columbia red cedar shingles; pine and Ontario cedar shingles; pine, hemlock, hardwood, cedar, lumber, plan, etc. D. FERGUSON, Manf. Agent, London, Ont. 8417.

FOR SALE - QUIET AND SOUND - Will be sold cheap. Apply 637 Eliza street. 8417.

Agents Wanted.

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WANTED - AGENTS TO SOLICIT BUSI- ness for the Home Life Association of Canada - assessment system. Good remuneration. Apply L. W. BUNKE, Superintendant, No. 5 Masonic Temple. 8417.

WANTED - GENTLEMEN OF GOOD address to place building and loan stock. Men on experience preferred. Salary and commission. Address "Birkbeck," 129 Dundas street, London, Ont. 1907.

Palmistry.

PROF. SEGO, SCIENTIFIC PALMIST - Parlors, 185 Queen's avenue. Consultation hours, 10 till 4. 705b.

Male Help Wanted.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

WANTED - TRUSTWORTHY PERSON to travel in Canada, salary \$750 and expenses; references. Address The Dominion Company, 321 Omaha Building, Chicago.

ORGANIZERS WANTED - PROFITABLE permanent employment. Apply by letter. Grand Organizer Oddfellows, 40 King street west, Toronto.

CANVASSERS AND COLLECTORS wanted for any debts and savings company. Apply Room 8, Duffield Block. 73bu.

FROM NOW TILL AFTER CHRISTMAS we will make to order pants from \$2.50 to \$5.00 (not security) to be made at 75c. Address DAVID HALEY, 43 Woodbine Crescent, Hamilton, Ont. 8417.

AGENTS WANTED - \$20 PER WEEK - Apply to GEO. MARSHALL & Co., tea importers, 228 Dundas street.

Miscellaneous.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN - TAKE notice that I hereby forbid all persons from giving credit to Mary McDonald, my wife, or my account, as I will not be liable or liable for any debts so incurred after this date. Dated 10th December, 1895. (Signed) JOHN D. McDONALD. 8417.

WANTED TO COMMUNICATE OR interview with lady desiring private home and position as cashier; no bookkeeping; experience not necessary. Lady with \$1,200 to \$1,400 cash (not security) to invest, or loan at 7 per cent. Can secure an excellent home and steady salary position. Doubtless security. Address DAVID HALEY, 43 Woodbine Crescent, Hamilton, Ont. 8417.

Houses, Etc., To Let.

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OFFICE TO LET - DOUBLE ROOM WITH vault, first floor Albion Building; also front room on first floor; immediate possession. Apply T. E. CARLSON, at the City of London.

TO LET - COTTAGE, CORNER RIDOUT and Craig streets, South London; rent \$13. Apply GEORGE C. GUNN, barrister. 4217.

TO LET - RESIDENCE, 454 COLBORNE street, corner Dufferin avenue. Apply FRASER & FRASER. 4217.

Business Chances.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

HOW \$20 MADE \$500 IN 20 DAYS - Write for our book "How Fortunes Are Made" at 50c. Newton, Bennington & Co., 501 Broadway, New York.

WANTED - FARMERS' SONS OR other industrious persons of fair education to learn the business of a mail agent. Write me with references. Could also engage a few ladies at their own homes. T. H. LINSFORD, 155 Bay street, 640c 631.

Electro-Thermo Baths.

ELECTRO-THERMO BATHS STRENGTH- EN the brain, nerves and circulation, and are of great value to health. 329 Dundas street. Hot baths, fire for \$1. They are excellent for ladies.

Laundries.

TAKE YOUR WORK TO HOP KING - 223 Dundas street. All work done by hand. Satisfaction guaranteed.

LONDON WEST, 1895 - TO THE ELECT- ORS - As a number of matters in this constituency have yet to be straightened up, at the request of my friends, and of others whom my name has been mentioned in connection with, I am offering my services as Reeve for another year. Circumstances prevent me making a personal canvass, but I solicit the support of all who are interested in the future welfare of the village. Your obliged and faithful servant, D. C. MACDONALD. 8417.

NOTICE - NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the general annual meeting of the shareholders of the London Street Railway Company will be held at the office of the company, 400 Dundas street, on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1896, at 3 o'clock p.m. By order, CHAS. CURRIE, assistant secretary. London Street Railway Company. Dated this 18th day of December, 1895. 80u w.

Bylaw No. 928.

For taking the votes of the electors of the City of London upon the question of the advisability of providing for the issue of debentures of the Corporation to the extent of \$25,000 to raise money for the purpose of erecting buildings on the grounds of the Western Fair Association to replace those recently burned and to provide further accommodation for the said Association.

WHEREAS an application has been made by the Western Fair Association to the Municipal Council of the City of London requesting that a bylaw be prepared for submission to the electors of the City of London at the ensuing election, for the purpose of raising money for the purpose of erecting buildings on the grounds of the Western Fair Association to replace those recently burned and to provide further accommodation for the said Association.

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of London have assented to the submission of the said question to a vote of the electors of the City of London, under the provisions of the Consolidated Municipal Act, 1893, be qualified to vote upon this bylaw if it were a bylaw requiring the assent of the electors of the municipality under the provisions of the said act, before the final passing thereof.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of London, that the electors of the City of London, who would, under the provisions of the Consolidated Municipal Act, 1893, be qualified to vote upon this bylaw if it were a bylaw requiring the assent of the electors of the municipality under the provisions of the said act, be taken at the same time by the same officials and at the same places as the votes for the election of aldermen of the said City of London at the next ensuing municipal elections are taken. 2. That the question upon which the vote shall be taken shall be "For or against the advisability of providing for the issue of debentures of the Corporation of the City of London to the extent of \$25,000 to raise money for the purpose of erecting buildings on the grounds of the Western Fair Association to replace those recently burned and to provide further accommodation for the said Association." 3. That the votes taken upon the said question shall be taken by ballot and the City of London shall be taken at the same time and place as the result of the election of the Mayor of the said city is declared.

Passed in open Council this 2nd day of December, A. D. 1895.

C. A. KINGSTON, City Clerk. J. W. LITTLE, Mayor.

TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing is a true copy of a bylaw passed by the Municipal Council of the City of London, on the 2nd day of December, 1895, for the purpose of taking a vote of the freehold electors of the said city holding the municipal elections, on the question contained in the said bylaw.

C. A. KINGSTON, City Clerk. 8417.

A Nuisance

to a great many people are Babies and Baby Rockers. We have hundreds of them, and as they are no use to us and greatly in our way we have decided to sacrifice the lot, so come along and take your choice. KEENE BROS., 121 King street.

A Friendly Message

From the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York to America.

A London Paper Says England May Make Peaceful Proposals.

Turkish Troops Slaughter Over 12,000 Druses.

Japan to Build Her Own Warships - Great Nihilist Leader Dead - Gloomy Christmas in Spain.

HARMONY RESTORED. Rome, Dec. 26.-The relations between the Vatican and Austria have been harmonized. The Pope will recall Nuncio Agliardi and the Austrian ambassador to the Vatican. Count Revera-Salandra returns to Rome at the end of the present month.

THE CREW DROWNED. Yokohama, Dec. 26.-The cruiser Kwan Ping, one of the warships captured from China by the Japanese during the recent war, was wrecked on the Pescadore Islands on Saturday last. Nearly all of her deck officers and 60 men are missing.

AN AMERICAN PROTEST. Berlin, Dec. 26.-Mr. Poulthier Bigelow, who arrived here on Monday last charged with a mission referring to the expulsion of American insurance companies from Germany, has handed the Government a detailed statement of the American position, which is supported by the United States embassy.

IZZET'S HEINOUS OFFENSE. Constantinople, Dec. 26.-Izzet Pasha, the chief enemy of the Sultan, who was arrested for presenting his Majesty with a long report upon the position of the country, which document Abdul Hamid refused to read, whereupon Izzet Pasha resigned, is to be tried by court martial.

SCARE IN THE TURKISH CAPITAL. London, Dec. 26.-The Times prints a Constantinople dispatch, under date of Dec. 24, as follows: "Handbills were profusely scattered last night, even being thrust into carriages and the pockets of passers-by, announcing that the Sultan would be deposed today or tomorrow. Consequently, the jewellers, fearing a commotion, closed their shops today."

IMPORTANT MEDICAL DISCOVERY. London, Dec. 26.-Dr. Marmorek, an Austrian, who is on the staff of the Pasteur Institute, at Paris, claims to have discovered a serum combatting erysipelas, puerperal fever and all affections caused by the streptococcus microbe. He also claims to have found a sufficient supplement of Prof. Roux's treatment, saving patients whom Prof. Roux's treatment alone could not have saved.

ARMS FOR CANADA. London, Dec. 26.-The Manchester Courier says that orders have been given at the Woolwich and Devonport arsenals for a large quantity of ammunition, together with a great number of magazine rifles, Martini-Lee and Maude-Henry rifles, and other arms for shipment to Canada in January. The Courier also learns that the defenses of Canada are to be gradually strengthened.

CANADIAN STOCKS SUFFER. London, Dec. 26.-The Canadian stocks suffered heavily with those of the United States. The Dominion Government issues dropped 2 and 4 1/2 points during the crisis, and the provincial issues dropped 1 1/2 and 1; Winnipeg bonds, 2 1/2; Canadian Pacific, 9 1/2, the market realizing the exposure to attack in the Northwest. Grand Trunk dropped 2 1/2 and 4 1/2, and Canadian bank stocks and land shares have also fallen.

JOHN REDMOND VS. JOHN BULL. London, Dec. 26.-John E. Redmond, the Irish agitator speaking of the Venezuelan dispute says: "In this, as in all other matters, I can speak only as a representative of Irish opinion. If war results from the reassertion of the Monroe doctrine, Irish national sentiment will be sold on the side of America. With home rule rejected Ireland can have no feeling of friendship towards Great Britain."

TEN THOUSAND DRUSES KILLED. London, Dec. 26.-Dispatches from Beyrout say that there was serious fighting between Turkish troops and Druses near Suedeth on Dec. 21. The Turkish forces, which numbered 12,000 killed. On the Turkish side, according to the official report, only 70 were killed and 50 wounded. Disorders are reported at Tarsus. The disturbances were quelled by the officials. No details have been received, but it is believed that the trouble reported explains the arrival of Rev. Mr. Christie, a missionary, and his family, as well the fact that he was not doubtfully sent there to seek protection.

WALES' GREETING TO AMERICA. London, Dec. 26.-The following cable has been sent to Joseph Pulitzer, editor of the New York World, in reply to a message to the Prince of Wales and his son, asking for an expression of opinion on the Venezuelan question: "Sir Francis Knollys is desired by the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York to thank Mr. Pulitzer for his cablegram. They earnestly trust and cannot but believe the present crisis will be arranged in a manner satisfactory to both countries, and will be succeeded by the same warm feeling of friendship which has existed between them for so many years."

MAY MAKE PROPOSALS. London, Dec. 26.-The Chronicle (Liberal) considers that if the proposed commission be composed of men like Edward J. Phelps, Andrew D. White and George F. Edmunds it may command respect, and that some further proposals from Lord Salisbury would become expedient and necessary. "It seems to us," says the Chronicle, "that he might offer to discuss the

limits of the application of the Monroe doctrine and perhaps even to submit the boundary question to arbitration."

It says further that it is probable that while the tension lasts United States Ambassador Bayard will not leave London, but that so far there is no indication of when President Cleveland's acknowledgment of Lord Salisbury's dispatches will be received.

MARINE DISASTERS. London, Dec. 26.-The French steamer Emile Elodie has been sunk in a collision at Algiers. There were 34 persons on board. Four were drowned. The rest were saved.

The steamer previously reported as ashore in Dundalk Bay is the Paragon, bound from Dublin for Irvine. The crew were rescued by a lifeboat. It is probable that the vessel will be floated.

The British steamer George Pym, from Aarhus, as ashore on the rocks near Aberdeen, on the Firth of Forth, Scotland. All efforts to get her off have failed.

The British steamer Obile (Capt. Layland) has arrived at St. Michael's from Hartlepool. A steam pipe on the vessel burst. She sailed from New York Dec. 9.

The turret ship Rupert, which sailed on Dec. 21 for Plymouth for Gibraltar, has returned. She had a terrible experience in the gale. Her turret flaps, which were supposed to be water-tight, were useless, and tons of water were shipped. Inconvenient pumping for 45 hours alone prevented the extinguishing of the fires. The vessel made barely eight knots. Accounts of disasters from all coasts multiply.

Dispatches from Kinsale, Ireland, says that the English bark, which was reported in distress off there yesterday, is full of water, and that the wreckage from the vessel is coming ashore. The men on the bark are huddled behind the deck house. So far all efforts to rescue them have been unsuccessful. The trawler Sunrise, of Aberdeen, has been lost with all hands. The crew consisted of five men.

FOR PEACE. London, Dec. 26.-The Times prints a letter by Lord Playfair, recalling instances of mutual expressions of brotherly sympathy by Great Britain and the United States. He reproduces President Cleveland's words in reply to him when he introduced the arbitration deputation to the President in 1870. Lord Playfair dwells upon the celebration of the century of American independence in Philadelphia, and the enthusiasm displayed at a banquet there to the toast of "peace and goodwill."

He adds that the late James G. Blaine once assured him that nothing would induce the United States to war with England, and authorized him to express this opinion to Lord Salisbury, who was then, as now, Prime Minister, which he did. Lord Playfair concludes by urging the adoption of Mr. Gladstone's common sense advice, and declaring that the two nations admire and love each other. All papers publish editorials which are virtually long sermons from the text, "Peace on earth, goodwill towards men," with special reference to the United States and Great Britain. They all affirm their belief that peace will not be broken.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Dean of St. Paul's, the Dean of Westminster and preachers at Christmas Eve, generally touched on the papers published editorials which are virtually long sermons from the text, "Peace on earth, goodwill towards men," with special reference to the United States and Great Britain. They all affirm their belief that peace will not be broken.

The Daily News prints an editorial on a statement alleged to have been made by Senator Gray of Delaware, with reference to the Venezuelan question. The News says: "The main point is to convince the people of the United States that we have acted in good faith and not been grabbing territory to which we had no claim. Without asserting any general principles, it is better that arguments for and against the British claims be calmly weighed by a representative commission, not making a pretense of international authority, than that Americans should be dependent for the facts upon the utterance of those necessarily less fully informed in the American press. Thus the commission, if it is to be a real one, is not a matter of offense."

The News hopes that if Secretary Olney announces the appointment of the commission, he will not refuse to submit in extenso the British case, although Lord Salisbury's summary of it is taken in diplomatic quarters as a tender of readiness to support with details should the United States request. When, therefore, the commission is organized, a request, through Ambassador Bayard, for full information on the British claim doubtless will be honored, not as evidence to go to the commission, but as information to the United States authorities.

On the other hand, the Venezuela side of the controversy is ready to be met as soon as the commission meets.

London, Dec. 26.-The Marquis of Salisbury is not likely to make an early statement in the Venezuelan question, but the Government are festering every disposition to treat the question with calmness and moderation.

Victims of youthful follies suffering from nervous debility, lack of self-confidence, impaired memory, and kindred symptoms, should send 10 cents in stamps for large illustrated treatise, giving means of certain cure, with numerous testimonials, sent in a plain sealed envelope. Address, World's Dispensary Medical Association, 663 Main street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Stoves! stoves! stoves! Baseburners, cook stoves and parlor stoves at the Bed and Hair Mattress Cleaning Factory. Dealer in general house furnishings. Live goose feather pillows and hair mattresses made to order at JAMES F. HUNT'S, 593 Richmond street north. Telephone 907.

the Government three years later. He was exiled in 1876 on account of his criticism of the system pursued by Count Tolstol, one of the Ministers of Justice, and he thereupon settled in Geneva, writing various popular works in the dialect of Little Russia. He began to work hard for the establishment of equal political rights in Russia, and declared against socialism as well as absolutism.

London was his refuge for many years, and there he published Free Russia, a newspaper devoted to the interests of anarchy. He went to the United States in December, 1890, on a lecture tour for the purpose of arousing sentiment against Russian despotism. In London he was constantly watched, and a number of attempts were made to carry him off.

In personal appearance Stepiak was a strange combination of fierceness and amiability. He was six feet tall, heavily built and wore a bushy beard, but was winning in manner. He had a high intellectual forehead. He spoke English fluently, and was master of a number of other languages.

Among his works are "Underground Russia," "The Russian Storm Cloud," "Frankie in Russia," "The Turks Within and Without," and "Little Russian Internationalism." He also wrote works on ethnography and history, and with M. Antonovitch edited a collection of "Little Russian Folklore."

COLE NOTES. Lord Playfair writes to the London Times, pleading for peace. The best American public men, he says, have the kindest feelings towards England.

British authors of note have signed an address protesting against war with the United States as tending to dishonor Britain.

Spain will not object to a search of Madrid archives for Venezuela correspondence.

The Russian press favors a conflict between Britain and the United States, as it would endanger the former's eastern interests to Russia's advantage.

Shortis Will Not Hang.

The Valleyfield Murderer Has His Sentence Commuted.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.-It has been decided to commute the sentence of Shortis, the Valleyfield murderer. Mr. Shortis, sen., went to Ireland and obtained a largely signed petition to save the life of the young man, having previously expressed his determination to spend \$20,000 if need be to save his son.

The crime for which Shortis was convicted was the murder of John Loy, an employee of the Valleyfield cotton mills, on March 1, 1894. He also murdered Maxime Leboeuf, the night watchman, and attempted the life of Hughie Wilson. At the preliminary investigation he narrowly escaped lynching, but was finally brought to Montreal and confined in the jail until his trial in November. The trial was the longest on record in the criminal courts of Canada and excited widespread interest. He was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged on Jan. 1, 1896.

THE DEFICITS. The deficits since Mr. McKenzie left office have been as follows:

1879		\$1,937,399
1880		1,543,227
1881		2,240,053
1882		5,394,571
1883		519,091
1884		1,210,332
1885		4,153,875

The deficits during Sir Richard Cartwright's administration of the finances amounted in three years to \$4,489,000. The liabilities of the Dominion, which have been as follows:

DOMINION LANDS. For the management of Dominion lands \$99,482 is charged to capital account. The result from these lands amounted to \$167,869. In addition to this the sum of \$129,727 was paid out on account of consolidated fund, making a total expenditure on account of Dominion lands of \$228,000, while the total receipts amounted to \$167,869, leaving a deficit of about \$62,000. This was the fund which, according to Sir Charles Tupper, was to realize from the sale of land to settle the sum of \$80,000,000 after paying all the expenses of survey and management. It was Sir Leonard Tilley who when Minister of Finance in 1882 predicted that by 1890 Canada's public debt would be reduced to \$100,000,000 by the proceeds of the sale of Dominion lands. The amount of debt today is \$265,000,000, and the Dominion land fund continues to show an annual deficit.

The liabilities of the Dominion, which were a year ago \$308,000,000, are set down now at \$318,000,000. Since last year Mr. Foster has realized \$10,960,000 on account of the loan of 1894. In other words, Mr. Foster is borrowing money to pay his running expenses.

A statement is appended to the report showing by departments the number of officials employed in the inside and outside of the Government under the Superannuation Act and their salaries. The total number is 4,202, whose salaries aggregate \$3,609,113.

Sparks from the Wire.

The Pope is about to prepare an encyclical on the situation in Armenia. The Nacional, of Madrid, advocates an entente between Spain and the United States regarding Venezuela.

The steamship Strathnevis, which has been drifting disabled in the Pacific Ocean for the past two months, is safe.

There is a rumor that the Japanese Government has entered into arrangements with Lord Armstrong & Co., the great English firm of shipbuilders and gunmakers, for the establishment of a dock-yard and gun factory, is safe.

H. F. Switzer, clerk of the council of Midland, Ont., and prominent in several social orders, died Wednesday morning, twelve hours after having his left arm amputated near the shoulder. Saturday evening he fell down stairs in the Bennett block. His arm was badly smashed near the wrist.

At Marshall, Mich., on Tuesday night Adam C. Arnold was found guilty of killing his son George at Battle Creek. The verdict is manslaughter. The trial lasted fourteen days. No direct evidence of manslaughter was brought out, but Effie Meade, the affianced bride of the son, swore that George had been beaten and choked by Arnold shortly before he disappeared. On Dec. 16, 1894, witness swore that the old man and his son had frequent quarrels, using iron pokers or any weapon convenient. Adam C. Arnold had been a well-known Battle Creek character for years. He had accumulated a fortune of perhaps \$100,000 in the saloon business and pawnbroking.

A toilet requisite and a toilet ornament - O-d-o-r-m-a.