Grand Investment

$6000—Six choice, well-built, 6-roomed, modern dwellings; furnace, hot and cold bath, gas, overmantel; now yielding $864 per annum. Apply H. H. Williams, 12 Victoria-street.

The Toronto World.

Leather Writing Cases Half Price.
DONALD BAIN & CO.
Stationers, 25 Jordan St.

TWENTIETH YEAR — TEN PAGES—WEDNESDAY MORNING DECEMBER 27 1899—TEN PAGES — ONE CENT

Senate Reg Room 1Jan00
SENATE FO

REPORTED CANADIAN PICKET WAS CUT OFF NEAR BELMONT

But the Rumor, Which Comes Via London, Has Not Yet Been Confirmed---Firing at Modder River.

Another Sortie From Ladysmith, in Which Three Boer Guns Were Captured—Nine British Killed, Fifteen Wounded—Dutch Disaffection Growing—Will England Seize Delagoa Bay?

A London despatch says there is an unconfirmed report that a Canadian picket was cut off near Belmont.

A London cable this morning says despatches from Modder River dated Thursday last report that intermittent firing was continued on both sides, although the Boer shells fell short. A number of Free State burghers had surrendered.

There has been further fighting at Ladysmith. General White's forces were in an engagement on Friday last, and nine non-commissioned officers and men were killed and fifteen were wounded. Three guns were captured.

General Joubert has recovered from his illness, and has gone to the front again.

Lord Stanley, son of the ex-Governor-General of Canada, has been ordered to join Lord Roberts' staff at Cape Town forthwith.

The Cape Town correspondent of the London Daily News, telegraphing under date of Dec. 20, says Lord Methuen intends to remain at Modder River three weeks longer. From Boer sources he learns that there are 8000 European officers and men skilled in modern artillery tactics now in Pretoria as a reserve.

A despatch from Modder River, dated Dec. 20, says the British naval guns command the whole Boer position.

General Lord Kitchener has arrived at Gibraltar en route to join Lord Roberts at that point.

London, Dec. 27.—(4.50 a.m.)—Despatches from South Africa are still greatly delayed. But they are arriving more freely, which shows that the censorship has been relaxed. There appears to be no great change in the situation.

A despatch from Lorenzo Marquez, dated Thursday, Dec. 21, gives the following from Boer head laager, dated Thursday, Dec. 19: "The British naval guns at Colenso have been cannonading Bulwer bridge, over the Tugela River, with a view of smashing it.

"The bombardment of Ladysmith is proceeding slowly. General Joubert has arrived here and has been accorded a hearty welcome. He addressed the burghers on Dec. 18.

More British Prisoners.

"More British prisoners have been sent to Pretoria, including Col. Bullock, Major Walters, Major Bullwark, Major Foster, Captain Dick, Captain Nortern, Captain Fitzherbert, Captain Ford, Captain Hutchinson, Lieut. Bonham, Lieut. Smythers, Lieut. Thourne, Lieut. O'Conneyghy, Lieut. Kunhauld, Lieut. Christian, Lieut. Brigg, Lieut. Birch, Lieut. Halford, Lieut. Larbull and Lieut. Jones."

Another Sortie From Ladysmith.

A despatch to The Daily News from Ladysmith, dated Friday, Dec. 15, by heliograph, says: "Another sortie last night. General Hunter, with 500 volunteers, destroyed one six-inch Creuzot gun, one howitzer and one Maxim. One Briton killed. The Boer gunners fled."

There is an idea in some quarters here that General Buller's destruction of the Tugela River bridge heralds an attempt to cut off the Boers now south of the river, but the general opinion is that the British will not make any serious move pending the arrival of Lord Roberts.

Wagons Are Needed.

The newspapers continue actively discussing and criticizing the management of the campaign. The advent of horse sickness throws increased attention upon the question of the transports, and the want of wagons, which may tie the British forces to the railways. The Daily Chronicle says: "Plenty of wagons could be obtained from the United States, but the Government, with very indiscreet patriotism, have refused to avail themselves of the opportunity.

"It would have been better if the authorities had followed Lord Kitchener at Atbara Bridge. Will they even now apply to the American factories?"

Times Attacks War Office.

The Times editorially attacks the administration of the War Office, calling attention to correspondence disclosing daring defects, and declaring that the British army is being managed for the benefit of the War Office, and not for the nation.

Disaffection Growing.

Despatches from various points indicate the steady growth of disaffection. The Cape Town correspondent of The Daily Chronicle reports the discovery of a plot to connive at the escape of Boer prisoners.

The Times advises stern treatment of the disaffected Dutch colonists, and the enforcement of the penalties of treason against persons and property.

16th Lancers to Go.

The 16th Lancers will go to South Africa from India at the special request of Lord Roberts, even after the Government had decided that no more troops should be withdrawn from India.

The War Office has nominated Sir William Stokes as consulting surgeon to the South African forces. He will leave Dublin for the Cape in a few days.

Seize Lorenzo Marquez.

Lord Somerset writes to The Times urging the seizure of Lorenzo Marquez, and its retention, if necessary, until the end of the war, in order to prevent the landing of war material for the Boers.

The transport Tatalon Castle has arrived at Cape Town with a number of Howitzer and quick firers, which Gen. Buller urgently needs.

The Lake Erie Chartered.

The Government has chartered the Lake Erie of the new Elder-Dempster & Co.'s line, which was built for the Canadian mail service. She is a vessel of 12,000 tons.

Recruiting in Cape Colony.

The recruiting of British colonists in Cape Colony is actively proceeding. Thirty thousand are already under arms and several thousands more will be added.

Wireless Telegraphy Successful.

The tests of wireless telegraphy at Modder River have been highly successful, communication over a distance of 70 miles being perfectly established. Six Marconi instruments intended for the Boers have been seized at Cape Town.

Lyddite Being Used.

A despatch from Chievely camp, dated Thursday, Dec. 21, says: "Lyddite shells are daily thrown into the Boer camp to prevent them working at the trenches. The firing of big guns is heard daily from the direction of Ladysmith."

Demellion Recaptured.

Commandant Demellion, who was captured at Elandslaagte and brought to Simonstown, where he succeeded in making his escape from the British cruiser Penelope, has been recaptured.

CANADIAN PICKET CUT OFF

Near Belmont, It is Reported in London, But the News is Unconfirmed.

London, Dec. 27.—Despatches from Modder River, dated Thursday, Dec. 21, report that intermittent firing was continuing on both sides, although the Boer shells fell short.

A number of Free State burghers have surrendered.

There is an unconfirmed report that a Canadian picket was cut off near Belmont.

It is also asserted that fever is raging among the Boers.

LORD METHUEN WILL WAIT.

Intends to Remain at Modder River for Three Weeks Longer.

London, Dec. 27.—The Cape Town correspondent of The Daily News telegraphing Wednesday, Dec. 20, says: Lord Methuen, I understand, intends to remain at Modder River about three weeks longer. From Bond Sources, hitherto singularly well informed, I learn that there are 8000 European officers and men skilled in modern military tactics, particularly artillery, now in rPetoria as a reserve.

An administrative official in the Cape service, who has just returned from official relieving duty in the Dutch district, says the news of British reverses has been received with great joy, even in localities where there is no open revolt.

JOUBERT HAS RECOVERED.

Boer Commanding General Has Returned to the Front—Boers Give Thanks for Victory.

Pretoria, Monday, Dec. 18.—Gen. Joubert has recovered. He returned to the front to-day.

Boers Give Thanks.

There were special services yesterday in the different laagers, as thanksgiving for the victories of Colenso, Stormberg and Modder River.

LORD STANLEY ON THE STAFF.

Son of the Earl of Derby Will Go as an Assistant to Lord Roberts.

London, Dec. 26.—Lord Stanley, member of parliament for the West Houghton division of Lancashire, has been ordered to join Lord Roberts' staff forthwith. Lord Stanley (Edward George Villiers) is the eldest son of the sixteenth Earl of Derby, and is 34 years of age.

ANOTHER FIGHT AT LADYSMITH

Took Place on Sunday Last—Nine British Were Killed and 15 Were Wounded.

London, Dec. 26.—The War Office has received a despatch from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, dated Sunday, Dec. 24, announcing that in an engagement at Ladysmith on Dec. 22, Major A. C. King, Capts. Wathen and Oakes, and Lieut. Hulse and Lieut.-Col. Fawcett were wounded, and that nine non-commissioned officers and men were killed and 10 wounded.

This engagement had not been recorded before this.

AMERICAN PRO-BOER FEELING.

British Embassy at Washington Said to Have Drawn Attention to the Matter.

New York, Dec. 26.—The Journal and Advertiser prints a despatch from Washington which says that the British Embassy, "it is understood," has within 24 hours called the attention of the State Department to the pro-Boer feeling in the United States, with the suggestion that this Government exercise the utmost caution in preventing the sailing of filibustering expeditions to South Africa. The State Department replied, says the despatch, that it would do its best to preserve the law of neutrality, and cited as evidence of its watchfulness the fact that the Bermuda, which sailed recently from Baltimore to Philadelphia, presumably destined for Lorenzo Marquez, is being closely watched by the revenue cutter service.

The correspondence adds that the Administration is much concerned at the daily increase in sympathy for the Dutch Republics in South Africa.

It is assumed by Government officials that about 3000 Americans have gone to South Africa to assist the Boers. These expeditions have been arranged so cleverly that, while officials have been morally convinced as to the ultimate destination of the adventurers, there was no legal grounds on which to hold them.

THE FREE STATERS ARE TIRED.

The Boers Are Disaffected—Things Look Bad for Both Republics.

Modder River, Cape Colony, Wednesday, Dec. 20.—The British naval guns command the whole Boer position and possess the exact range of every stone and bush. They frequently plant shells with good advantage in the midst of groups of Boers.

The burghers are reported to be returning home for Christmas. Recent arrivals from Jacobsdal report that, notwithstanding the Boer successes, the Free Staters don't expect ultimate victory. They complain of the overbearing conduct of General Cronje's men, who are alleged to be better fed and posted in the safest positions.

The Transvaalers don't conceal their suspicions of the possible defection of the Free Staters and threaten to shoot them at the least sign of wavering. The Free Staters are declared to regard subjection to the Transvaal as more to be feared than subjection to Great Britain.

MODDER RIVER IS SAFE.

A Belated Despatch to the War Office Says Boers Have Not Disturbed Methuen.

London, Dec. 26.—The War Office has received the following despatch from Cape Town, dated Dec. 15 (?): "There is no change in the situation at Modder River. General Methuen is well entrenched and the Boers have not disturbed him.

"General Gatacre reports that a force of 150 police have occupied Dordrecht, the Boers retreating with no loss."

Young Rothschild a Volunteer.

Mr. Lionel Walter Rothschild, Unionist member of Parliament for the Aylesbury division of Buckinghamshire, eldest son of the late Baron Rothschild and the latter's heir, has volunteered for service in South Africa. He was born in 1868 and is unmarried.

Kitchener at Gibraltar.

Gibraltar, Dec. 26.—General Lord Kitchener has arrived here from Egypt.

Norwegian Barque Captured.

Durban, Tuesday, Dec. 19.—The Norwegian barque Roglan, from Java, loaded with stretchers and railway sleepers, has been captured near Delagoa Bay, and brought here by the British second-class cruiser Porte.

SEDITION IS SPREADING.

Three Members of the Cape Parliament Are Alleged to Be Implicated With Rebellion.

London, Dec. 26.—It is announced in a cable despatch from Cape Town, dated Wednesday, Dec. 20, that glanders has broken out among the American mules, of which there are 1100, at the Stellenbosch Remount farm. Twenty-six of the mules have been destroyed, and 78 have been isolated.

Sedition is Spreading.

The despatch adds that sedition is spreading in Cape Colony. Three members of the Cape Parliament are alleged to be implicated, and one of them is said to have presented a Free State flag to a Boer commander, and at the same time expressed the hope that he would carry it to glory and victory. Another member of Parliament is said to be recruiting for the Boers. Wealthy farmers are now aiding the invaders.

MONEY FOR PATRIOTIC FUND.

Bank of Montreal Cables $17,500 to London and There is More to Follow.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The Bank of Montreal has cabled the sum of $17,500 to the patriotic fund in London, as a first contribution to that object. The contribution was 2000 guineas from the bank and £1500 from the directors personally.

WILL METHUEN ADVANCE?

Correspondents Evidently Think There is to Be a Move Before Long.

London, Dec. 26.—The Boers heavily bombarded Ladysmith for a couple of hours on Dec. 16, the day after the battle of Tugela River, but little damage was done. They killed one man and wounded two men of the garrison.

Advices from Cape Town say the New Zealanders, with Gen. French, at Naauwpoort, were in a tight corner on Dec. 18. They were nearly surrounded by Boers, and retired under a hail of bullets fired at short range, but sustained only slight loss.

Several newspaper correspondents have returned to Cape Town from Modder River, apparently confirming the belief that an immediate adance of the British is projected.

Travellers' Concert, Massey Hall, to-night, Band of 48th Highlanders.

Geo. A. Fleming, New York's celebrated baritone, Travellers' Concert to-night.

To-Day's Program.

Julia Arthur at the Grand Opera House, 8 p.m.

Andrew Mack at the Toronto Opera House, 8 p.m.

"Romeo and Juliet" at the Princess, 2 and 8 p.m.

The Bijou Theatre, 2 and 8 p.m.

Empire Music Hall, 8 p.m.

Commercial Travelers' concert, Massey Hall, 8 p.m.

E. A. Macdonald's meeting in St. Andrew's and Dingman's Hall, 8 p.m.

E. F. Clarke's meetings in Masonic Hall, Parkdale, and St. Paul's Hall, Yorkville, 8 p.m.

W. H. Stone, undertaker, 343 Yonge Street. Phone 932. 135

HIS OLD MAN OF THE SEA.

MR. BULL: I've borne him patiently a long time, but when he repays my kindness by trying to strangle me I'm simply going to shake him off and give him his deserts.

EIGHT SQUAWS WERE KILLED

By Falling Walls During the Earthquake at San Jacinto on Xmas Day.

TOWN A SCENE OF DESOLATION

Rumblings Had Been Heard for Several Days About Taquil's Peak Before the Crash.

San Jacinto, Cal., Dec. 26.—This little city is a scene of desolation. People are beginning to recover from the terror inspired by the earthquake which centered here on Christmas morning and destroyed every brick building in the town, and definite estimates of the damage wrought cannot now be made.

Eight Squaws Killed.

At the Saboba Indian reservation, near here, a dance had been held the night before and large quantities of whiskey consumed by the Indians sent most of them into a drunken stupor before the shock came. A number of squaws had huddled together in an old building and were sleeping off the effects of the liquor. The heavy walls fell in upon them, six being killed outright and two dying later, while a score more were badly injured.

Brick Buildings Suffered.

Main-street presents a desolate appearance. It is impossible to walk along the sidewalks because of the heaps of debris and overhanging walls. Brick walls were razed to the level of the ground, with thousands of dollars' worth of merchandize buried underneath. There is not a business house in town but has suffered. Electric wires are down and some of the power houses have fallen in.

The walls of the county hospital were badly damaged. It is said that rumblings had been heard for several days about Taquil's Peak, in the San Jacinto range, supposed to be an extinct volcano. Between San Jacinto and Hemet geysers of hot sulphur water have appeared, and the fumes are so strong that no one can go near the geysers.

Miss Lillian Burns, elocutionist, Travellers' Concert, Massey Hall, to-night.

Edwards and Hart-Smith, Chartered Accountants Bank of Commerce Building. George Edwards, F. C. A., A. Hart Smith, C. A. 135

To Your Advantage.

Intending insurers will find it to their advantage to communicate with the Confederation Life Association, or one of its agents, before the close of the year.

The Association issues a policy which is absolutely free from conditions from date of issue, and guarantees extended insurance, or a paid-up policy after two years, or a cash value after five years.

Rates and full information will be sent on application to the Confederation Life Association, Toronto, or to any of the Association's Agents.

Mrs. F. Mackelcan, contralto, Travellers' Concert, Massey Hall, to-night.

Pember's Turkish Baths. Excellent sleeping accommodation. 129 Yonge.

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., Patent Solicitors and experts, Bank of Commerce Building, Toronto.

The Men Who Will Elect Macdonald

The men who have to stand up in the cars when on their way home, five nights out of six, are the men who are about to elect the mayor. They have it in their heads that it is time there was a turning of things upside down in connection with the City Hall and the corporation that won't live up to their agreements.

Cook's Turkish and Russian Baths. Bath and bed $1.00. 202 and 204 King W

Mrs. Martin Murphy, soprano, at Travellers' Concert, Massey Hall, to-night.

G. R. REID'S NEWFOUNDLAND FLEET.

The Glencoe, the Argyle and the Clyde Will Speedily Be in Commission.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—W. D. Reid, son of R. G. Reid of the Newfoundland Railway, arrived home to-day from St. John's.

The steamer Glencoe, 1100 tons, named by Lord Strathcona, sailed from Glasgow on Thursday last, and is expected in St. John's Thursday next. The Glencoe is intended for the Labrador coast, but will sail this winter between Halifax and St. John's. The next steamer of Mr. Reid's fleet will be the Argyle, which was launched at Glasgow Dec. 19, and she will be followed by the Clyde, which is expected to take the water in 10 days' time. The Argyle will be placed on the route between Placentia Bay and Port au Basque, while the Clyde is intended for Placentia Bay. The Scotch builders laid the keel of the other steamers a little less than a week ago, and their intention now is to have two more laid down within two weeks.

PANIC ON A TROLLEY CAR.

Defective Insulation Caused a Hubbub in New York and One Woman May Die.

New York, Dec. 26.—Defective insulation caused a panic on a Third-avenue car to-night. The car was crowded and, while going rapidly, was suddenly filled with smoke and flames. Everybody ran for the rear door and the crowd got solidly wedged there. The windows were broken and many men made their escape through them, but all who did so were more or less badly cut by the glass. Several persons were pushed over the rear dashboard and fell into the street. Police Captain Freeres headed a rescuing party and six women who were half-unconscious were safely removed from the car. When the car had been cleared, Anna Beinhardt, 38 years old, was found unconscious on the floor. She had received a severe electric shock and had been badly trampled upon. She is probably fatally injured.

CONNERS CONTRACT GOES.

Special Issue of the Official Gazette at Ottawa Sanctioning the Agreement.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—A special of The Official Gazette was issued to-night, with copy of an Order-in-Council approving of the contract entered into by the Conners Syndicate with the Harbor Commissioners of Montreal, for the building of elevators at Montreal. The contract is for 40 years, with privilege of renewing the same.

In aid of Transvaal soldiers' families, S. O. E. gentleman's concert, Pavilion, Friday, tickets 25c. See programme.

Election Notes.

Mr. Gallagher says he is meeting with every encouragement in the Sixth Ward, where he is running as school trustee.

As will be seen by his card, which appears in another column, Mr. Charles Caldwell, candidate for alderman in Ward No. 2, has not retired from the contest.

One of the best of the new candidates in No. 2 Ward is Mr. George Anderson, a man of wide business experience and straight record. The electors of No. 2 will do themselves credit by electing Mr. Anderson.

Patriotic programme, S.O.E., Pavilion, Friday, for absent-minded beggars.

Smoke S. & H. (R.V.H.) cigars, 5c straight. 5

Leather couches, easy chairs, for home and office. Office Specialty Co., 77 Bay St.

Before New Year's at Dineens'.

These bright, crisp, cold winter evenings, when a lady's escort to the theatre or a party is buttoned up snug in his great warm winter overcoat, she will really feel the perfect style and comfort there is in one of those fur-lined wraps or cloaks which greeffered at Dineens' for herself from now until New Year's at the special holiday-week prices. A number of very dressy things in fashionable furwear for ladies remain to be cleared during the next few days at Dineens', and the prices are down to the clearing point. Furs will never be as cheap again as they are now.

Stewart, world's champion sword and bayonet contest, Travellers' Concert, Massey Hall, to-night.

WAS PICKED UP HALF NAKED

Feet Frozen Stiff and Hands Frost-Bitten, Besides a Cut in the Skull.

APPARENTLY WANTED TO DIE

A Discovery at Bowmanville Which Brought Out Phases of Human Nature.

Bowmanville, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—This morning at 8.30 o'clock the express from the west picked up a man about half a mile from this station. He was lying under a culvert, half naked. On inspection it was found he had a badly mangled and broken ankle, two deep scalp wounds and a cut three inches long at the base of the skull. His feet were frozen stiff and his hands slightly frostbitten. A peculiar thing was that he had taken off his coat and boot and the sock from his injured ankle, and seemed to be desirous of welcoming death by exposure.

When picked up, carried to the station house and questioned, he said: "I didn't get what I expected." His auditors believed he meant to kill himself by jumping in front of a train, but had to rest content with the injuries mentioned above.

On his person was found certificate No. 74 of the A.F.G.U.W. of glassblowers, made out by the secretary of the union in Findlay, Ohio.

His name is John Healey, and he is about 25 years of age.

The town constable and Mayor were notified, and Dr. Tilley attended to his injuries. The Mayor refused to move himself to have the injured man sent to the General Hospital, Toronto, claiming that he was an alien, and if sent the town would have to foot the bill. So the unfortunate man was placed upon a bench in the general waiting room of the station, and cared for by a good-hearted woman of the neighborhood.

All day long he was the object of hundreds of curious observers, till 2 p.m., when the Hon. John Dryden and Robert Beith, M.P., arrived at the station to take the train west. The whole matter was explained to the two politicians, and Mr. Beith rang up Mayor Loscombe, and advised him to send the man to Toronto. The Mayor decided to do so.

It is thought he was struck by a freight train early this morning; possibly he jumped from a freight.

Arrived in Toronto.

The injured man arrived at the Union Station about 6 o'clock last night on the Grand Trunk train from the east. The ambulance, which was in waiting, conveyed him to St. Michael's Hospital, where arrangements had been made for his reception. Healey, on his arrival here, was in a semi-conscious condition, and he continued to grow worse. The physicians say he may recover, but his chances are slim. Both his feet are frozen, the right foot to above the ankle, and the left one below the ankle.

Smoke S. & H. (Hortensia) cigars, 10c straight. 1

S. O. E. monster concert—smoking—Friday, Pavilion, for families of Transvaal heroes.

Cook's Turkish Baths—204 King W.

DEATHS.

COCKBURN—On Sunday, 23rd inst., at his daughter's residence, 91 Wood-street, Thomas Cockburn, in his 76th year.

Funeral at Buffalo on arrival of train leaving Union Station at 9.45 a.m. Tuesday, 26th inst.

Leeds and Hartletoll papers please copy.

GATES—At his father's residence, 242 Gerrard-street east, Tuesday, Dec. 26, Percy Harold, the youngest and dearly beloved son of William and Mary A. Gates, aged 1 year 8 months and 7 days.

Funeral Thursday at 3 p.m. to St. James' Cemetery.

MUIR—At 225 Spadina-avenue, Wednesday morning, Fred M. Muir, aged 24 years and 3 months.

Funeral Friday at 2 p.m.

MR. TARTE MUST GO AT AN EARLY DATE

Sir Henry Joly Will Also Be Called From the Cabinet, so the Report Says.

SIR PANTELEON PELLETIER

Will be Called to the Bench in Order to Make Room for a Political Favorite.

MAYOR PARENT IS BEING BOOMED.

For the Portfolio of Pubic Works, But Mayor Prefontaine of Montreal is a Snag.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—No one now questions the departure of Hon. Mr. Tarte at an early date from the Federal Cabinet, and the politicians are at work preparing a reconstructed Ministry. It is said here today that Sir Henry Joly De Lotbiniere's retirement to the presidency of the Senate will also be brought about before the opening of the session, Sir Panteleon Pelletier taking a seat on the bench.

It is stated that the Quebec district is moving heaven and earth to secure Hon. Mr. Tarte's big spending department for Hon. S. Parent, Mayor of Quebec, and a member of the Marchand Government, but while this would, perhaps, suit Mr. Pacaud and the Quebec branch of the party, it will cause a lively war here. A leading Liberal said to-day that Mayor Prefontaine is the only man who can carry the Montreal district for the Liberal party, and even His Worship has laid down his stipulations. In the first place, his friends are bound that he will accept nothing else but the Department of Public Works, and, if this is refused, they will allow the Government to drift to its fate. If Sir Wilfrid Laurier should act unwisely, from a party standpoint, and he generally does, Mr. Parent will probably be called to Ottawa, and Sir Henry's portfolio will likely go to Mr. Bernier, of St. Hyacinthe, who is now a fervent defender of the second contingent, and, no doubt, for cause adequate. In this case Mr. Prefontaine will take no arm chair for another term, and he will laugh at his leader's discomfiture. It can also be said that Mayor Prefontaine will only accept office on condition that the general elections are postponed, as His Worship is satisfied that an appeal to the country at the present time would be fatal to the Government of the day.

A Voice From Algoma.

Editor World: Your editorial articles on Government ownership or control of railways, telegraphs, etc., on the Canadian contingent for South Africa and the objections you raised to the Highlanders attending the Dewey celebration in New York, jump so close to my views and judgment that I can't help renewing my subscription, although I can't very well afford it just now. If Hunter continues as good cartoons as he has been giving us lately, you can tell him that most of his constituents would be willing that he get six weeks' holidays next summer when the speckled beauties are in their prime, for the cartoons are very good.

George A. Privat.

Loading Up the Tory Horse.

The Rainy River crowd used the Conservative party to elect George Bertram a Liberal for Centre Toronto.

The Rainy River crowd used the Conservatives to get $2,000,000 of subsidies through the Ontario Legislature and then supplied the Liberals with funds to maintain the notorious machine.

Now the same crowd are asking the Conservatives of Toronto to make E. F. Clarke a director of their radial railway company, Mayor of Toronto.

The Tories, they think, will stand anything if they only give them the right jolly.

And when the Federal elections come on the Rainy River crowd will see that the Liberals do not lack substantial assistance.

In the meantime the Liberals are in possession of the Legislature of Ontario, though as a matter of fact they were outvoted in March, 1898. The machine, greased by the subsidies, did the trick.

Fair and Cold.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 26.—(8 p.m.)—The pressure is steadily increasing over the lake and eastern districts and the outlook is for a continuance of cold weather in Ontario and Quebec, and lower temperature in the Maritime Provinces. In the Northwest high pressure and low temperatures prevail and are likely to continue.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 42—46; Calgary, 20—24; Prince Albert, 2—10; Qu'Appelle, zero—8; Winnipeg, 10 below—10; Port Arthur, 2—4; Parry Sound, 2—14; Toronto, 12—22; Ottawa, 2 below—16; Montreal, 12—20; Quebec, 16—20; Halifax, 34—46.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes.—Westerly winds; fair and continued cold.

Georgian Bay—Westerly winds; mostly fair and continued cold; light local snowfalls.

Ottawa Valley, Upper and Lower St. Lawrence—West to south winds; fair; continued cold weather.

Gulf and Maritime—Westerly winds; fair and colder.

Lake Superior—Westerly winds; fine and cold; light local snow in eastern portion.

Manitoba—Fine; little change in temperature.

Help the home Tommy left behind him.—S.O.E., Pavilion, Friday, 25c.

The boys' $30 cash competition closes today. Boys, bring or send your advertisements to Oak Hall, 116 Yonge-street or 115 King-street, before 6 o'clock.

Smoke Silent Drummer Cigars, 5c straight. 3

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Dec. 26.	At.	From.
K. Wilhelm II.	Gibraltar	New York
Rotterdam	Rotterdam	New York
Friesland	Antwerp	New York
Menominee	New York	London
Kensington	New York	Antwerp
Strathavon	Liverpool	St. John's
Lake Huron	Liverpool	St. John
Californian	Liverpool	Portland
Mayflower	Hamburg	Montreal
Keemun	Glasgow	Portland
Ashanti	Bristol	Portland