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LIBERAL PARTY RENT

And Sir William Vernon Harcourt Resigns Leadership.

A LETTER TO MR. MORLEY

Giving Reasons Why He Cannot Hold on to the Position.

A Party Which "No Man Can Consent to Lead, Either With Credit to Himself or Advantage to the Country" — Mr. Morley Replies, Expressing Sympathy With Sir William.

London, Dec. 13.—The Right Hon. Sir William Vernon Harcourt, member of Parliament for West Monmouthshire, and, since the resignation of the late Mr. Gladstone, the official leader of the Liberal party in the House of Commons, has addressed a letter to Mr. John Morley, Liberal member for Montrose, announcing his resignation of the leadership. He says:

"The Liberal party, rent by sectional disputes and personal interests, is one which no man can consent to lead, either with credit to himself or advantage to the country."

Mr. Morley, in his reply, expresses sympathy with Sir William Vernon Harcourt and says he is not surprised at the latter's decision.

What Sir William Says.

Sir William Vernon Harcourt, referring in the course of his letter to the public discussion now going on as to the future leadership of the Liberal party, says:

"It seems to be supposed that this question ought to concern me, but I feel no anxiety in the matter. My record is clear, and my resolution is fixed to undertake no responsibility and to occupy no position the duties of which it is made impossible for me to fulfill."

He then proceeds to point out the "labors and sacrifices leadership entails," remarking that they are "such as no man of a sense of honor will undergo except from high sentiment and public duty." He explains that he retained the leadership, after Mr. Gladstone's retirement, from a sense of duty, to face the heavy Budget deficit caused by naval expenditures."

After sketching the history of the Liberal party since that time, he says: "You and my other colleagues are well aware of the efforts I have made for unity. It has been whispered that I have allowed personal considerations to influence my public actions. No man knows better than yourself the falsehood of these unworthy insinuations.

Will Never Compete.

"I shall never consent to become a candidate for any contested position. I shall be no party to such degradation of the tone of public life. If I have arrived at the conclusion that I can best discharge my duty toward the party in an independent position in Parliament, you will, I am sure, agree that a disputed leadership, beset by distracted sections and conniving interests, is an impossible situation, and that release from vain and onerous obligations will come to us as a welcome relief."

Mr. Morley's reply is a very long and sympathetic justincation of Harcourt's action, and a eulogy of his financial work, public spirit and zeal for the welfare of his party.

It is understood that Harcourt will retain his seat in the House of Commons.

Rosebery the Probable Successor.

Lord Rosebery will inevitably be indicated as the leader of the entire Liberal party. His brilliant speech on the Fashoda incident has settled that. As for the Liberal leadership in the House of Commons everything points to Mr. Herbert Henry Asquith, member for East Fife, and Secretary of State for the Home Department in the Gladstone-Rosebery Government, which began with Mr. Gladstone's Premiership in 1892, and ended under Lord Rosebery in 1895.

The affair lends unusual interest to the conference of the National Liberal Federation at Birmingham next Friday. A final decision as to the future leaders will be taken at a meeting of the Liberal members prior to the reassembling of Parliament.

Sketch of Sir William.

Sir William Vernon Harcourt, whose wife—his second—is a daughter of the late John Lothrop Motley, the historian, and at one time United States Minister in London, has for 25 years held a commanding position in the Liberal party. Mr. Gladstone long regarded him as his ablest lieutenant in the House of Commons. Second son of the Rev. William Harcourt and grandson of a former Archbishop of York, he was born Oct. 14, 1827.

In 1851 he left Cambridge University with high honors, and three years later he was called to the bar at the Inner Temple. In 1858 he unsuccessfully contested the Kirkcaldy Burghs, and 10 years after was returned to the House of Commons for the City of Oxford in the Liberal interests.

He was elected professor of international law in Cambridge University in 1869, and in 1873 was appointed Solicitor-General, on which occasion he was knighted. This office he held until the resignation of Mr. Gladstone's Administration in February, 1874. When Mr. Gladstone returned to power in 1880, Sir William Harcourt was nominated Secretary of State for the Home Department.

On going down to Oxford for re-election, he was defeated by his Conservative opponent, but at this juncture Mr. Plimsoll, member for Derby, then a sure Liberal seat, resigned by accepting the Chiltern hundreds, whereupon Mr. Harcourt was chosen one of the representatives of that borough.

He went out of office with his party in June, 1885, but on the return of the Liberals to power in January of the following year, he was made Chancellor of the Exchequer. He was re-elected for Derby at the general elections of 1885 and 1886.

Mr. Harcourt went out of office again on the downfall of the Gladstone Government in July, 1886, but returned to it as Chancellor of the Exchequer in August, 1892, when Mr. Gladstone reassumed power and held this portfolio throughout the life of the Gladstone-Rosebery Government, which fell in June, 1895. In the general election of 1895 Mr. Harcourt was returned for West Monmouthshire.

A Clever Debater.

The retiring Liberal leader has always been recognized as one of the cleverest Parliamentary debaters. He studied the art of phrase-making in the school of Disraeli, whom he greatly admired, and of whom he is no inapt pupil. He was one of the original contributors to The Saturday Review, and under the pseudonym of "Historicus" has written numerous political pamphlets and letters on international law. Most of the latter also appeared in The London Times.

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The Party Nonplussed.

London, Dec. 14.—The suddenness of the crisis brought on by Sir William Vernon Harcourt's announcement yesterday to retire from the Liberal leadership has nonplussed the party. The Liberal organs this morning have nothing to say except to advise the party carefully to weigh all the circumstances before coming to a decision.

The letter to Mr. Morley, which was evidently intended to forestall the intention of a section of the Liberal party to force a discussion of the leadership question at next Friday's conference at Birmingham, has produced a great sensation. The discussion concerning it turns upon the exact purpose of Harcourt, as to whether the latter means an absolute resignation or is an ultimatum to the Liberal party to decide finally upon the rival claims.

The letter is very carefully worded, and contains nothing that would prevent Harcourt's acceptance of the leadership if it were proffered with the united and unanimous support of the party.

Mr. Morley's sympathetic acquiescence points to the possibility that he may take the same course; and there is little doubt that the threatened loss of two such able men will throw Liberalism into confusion.

WILL ADJOURN BEFORE HOLIDAYS.

High Commissioners at Washington Will Take a Rest—Date of Reassembling Not Fixed.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Joint High Commission will adjourn before the holidays, but there is no definite determination as yet as to whether the commission will meet soon after the new year or the adjournment be taken until after the adjournment of Congress, March 4, so that Representative Dingley and Senators Fairbanks and Faulkner may have more time to devote to work on the commission. This speculation as to adjournment proceeds upon the theory that an ultimate agreement is probable. The commissioners on both sides are extremely anxious that the negotiations should not be broken off unless it becomes apparent that this is impossible. There is already a substantial tentative agreement upon all the articles in the protocol, except reciprocity and the in-fisheries of the Eastern coast.

The latter question can be adjusted, it is thought, without great difficulty. The great stumbling block is reciprocity. At present the prospect of a reciprocity agreement seems to hinge upon lumber, with both sides in an unyielding frame of mind.

MARSH GETS TWELVE YEARS.

He Was the Former President of the Keystone National Bank and Wrecked It.

Philadelphia, Dec. 13.—Gideon W. Marsh, former president of the wrecked Keystone National Bank, was to-day sentenced by Judge Butler in the United States District Court to an imprisonment of 12 years and 3 months, and to pay a fine of $500.

The Keystone Bank failed in March, 1891, and President Marsh and Cashier Lawrence were placed under arrest charged with conspiracy in making false entries in the books and issuing false reports to the Comptroller of the Currency. The cashier stood trial and was convicted and imprisoned, but Marsh disappeared, and his bail of $20,000 was forfeited. After wandering over the world for seven and a half years, the fugitive president returned on Nov. 3 last, and surrendered to the authorities. He pleaded guilty when arraigned for trial.

GERMANY FELT THE PINCH.

Her Money Markets Were Unable to Get Along Without English and American Help.

London, Dec. 14.—The Vienna correspondent of The Times says: "In Austrian commercial and financial circles it is believed that Germany's leaning toward England and the United States is due to other than political considerations. The strain imposed upon the Berlin money market by the forced development of German trade is beginning to tell severely on German finance.

"For the satisfaction of seizing new markets, terms have been granted which German industrial enterprise is unable to afford. The abnormal condition has produced a situation which renders it advisable that the sympathies of the English and American money markets should not be estranged."

STRATHCONA GIVES A MILLION.

McGill University Gets Another Big Lift—The Heavy Deficit to Wiped Out.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—Lord Strathcona, Chancellor of McGill University, has endowed the new Royal Victoria College for women, which will shortly be opened, with a million dollar fund, and the governors of McGill have subscribed $186,000 to meet the deficit on the college.

PARLIAMENT NEXT MONTH.

It is Believed That a Two Months' Session Will Begin About the Middle of January.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The Citizen hazards the opinion that Parliament will be called for a two months' session about the middle of January.

$5.00 Christmas Hampers.

Christmas hampers, containing the following selection according to choice, two bottles brandy, Scotch, Irish or Canadian whiskey, gin or rum, and four bottles port sherry Madeira, claret, Sauterne, Burgundy or Tokay. Mara's, 79 Yonge-street. Phone 1708. 35

$1103.65 Since October.

In response to an appeal for funds to aid men at work in the mines in several districts of British Columbia, the Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of $1103.65 since last October. Joseph Henderson, Toronto, gave $250 and Dr. Warden $100.

Will Use All They Raise.

Sydney, N.S.W., Dec. 13.—An official estimate of the harvest shows a probable decrease of 1,467,550 bushels of wheat. There is no appreciable exportable surplus. This state of affairs is due to the unfortunate effects of the drought.

Judge Waite is Dead.

Judge J. E. Waite, Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court from 1859 to 1863, is dead at Portland, aged 85.

Did you ever try the top Barrel?

Pember's Turkish and Vapor Baths, 127 and 129 Yonge. Bath and bed $1.00.

Dineens' $50 Fur-Lined Coats.

Men's blue or black beaver fur-lined overcoats, trimmed with otter collar and lapels, at Dineens'—one of Dineens' grand holiday specials, at $50.

Smoke Union Blue Label Cigars.

AN IMPOSSIBLE LOAD.

WILFRID (very anxious to be neighborly): You've forked on a mighty sight bigger load, Sam, than the horse 'll tackle, and I know it.

WILL THERE BE A STRIKE?

Grand Trunk Sends Out a Circular With a Series of Questions to Be Answered.

CHANCE OF A CLASH FROM THE START

Grand Chief Powell Does Not Think the Operators Will Reply to the Circular Sent Out.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—From the following it will be seen that Mr. Powell and the Grand Trunk management may clash from the very start. It is not thought, however, that a strike will be ordered in the midst of a Canadian winter, even if they do fail to agree. To-day the Grand Trunk has sent the following circular to its employes:

1. Are you a member of the Order of Railway Telegraphers?

2. Was the member of the committee claiming to represent you on the division on which you are employed selected by you for such purpose?

3. Do the committee, therefore, represent your interests in connection with the schedule presented to the company?

4. Are you willing to be bound by any arrangement made by the company which may affect you so far as the schedule rules, regulations or compensation are concerned?

What Mr. Powell Says.

Mr. Powell, Grand Chief of the Order, being interviewed on the above questions, said: "I was told by Mr. Hays when the committee and myself saw him yesterday afternoon that it was his intention to issue this circular. I then told him that I did not think he would receive answers to the questions contained in it from the telegraphers in the employ of the company."

"What would happen if the company insisted upon its telegraphers answering the questions?"

"The members of the order in the employ of the company have been instructed to refuse to answer the questions contained in this circular. If Mr. Hays tries to coerce the men it will be the same as using intimidation at the ballot box. If any of the company's telegraphers are discharged for refusing to answer these questions it will only tend to hasten the end. The committee and myself will see Mr. Hays again on Friday, when we expect that the merits of the difficulty will be discussed."

Mr. Powell states that he has assurance from the home office in Peoria, Ill., that Mr. H. H. Thomas, who claims to represent the International Order of Telegraphers, is not what he claims to be. Mr. Thomas offered to supply the Grand Trunk with telegraphers in case of a strike.

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

The Robe Richness at Dineens'.

Sleigh robes in wolverine, musk-ox, bear, buffalo and other heavy furs, at Dineens', and a thousand robes to choose from, at Dineens'.

Smoke Union Blue Label Cigars.

Every good druggist keeps Taylor's Wild Rose Perfume.

A BANK CLERK IN TROUBLE

Kenneth A. Finlayson of the Government Savings Bank at Victoria, B.C., Arrested.

HE WAS A POPULAR YOUNG MAN.

The Principal Support of His Mother and Brothers, and Only Got $44 a Month.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 13.—Kenneth A. Finlayson, clerk in the Dominion Government Savings Bank, was this morning arrested on a charge of stealing $1150. The young man came up for preliminary hearing in the City Police Court a few hours later, the case being adjourned until tomorrow. The information is sworn to by Joseph Hugh McLaughlin, the manager of the Savings Bank, and the action is taken as the result of the visit from Ottawa of the inspector, Mr. Fraser.

Finlayson has been in the employ of the bank for several years, is of a good family, and popular about town. He was the principal support of his mother and several brothers. His salary was only $44 a month, though he had repeatedly asked for an advance.

Inspector Fraser arrived in the city on Sunday night and at once set to work to ferret out the cause of the leakage in the Savings Bank. With such expedition was his work conducted that before 11 o'clock on Monday morning he had collected sufficient evidence to satisfy him who was responsible for the discrepancies alluded to.

He found that, in the confusion attending the transfer of the Savings Bank from the old building to the new, unusual facility had been afforded for tampering with the deposits. The presence of both Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. McConnan was often required downstairs, and the accused was left alone in the bank. It was on one of these occasions, in March of this year that the first amount is said to have been taken. From time to time amounts varying from $40 to $100 are said to have been misappropriated, but so cleverly were the men selected who would be likely to suspect nothing wrong that, although twelve different deposits were unacknowledged from Ottawa, no complaint was received.

MORE RICH ORE.

Annie and Josie Both Show Rich Veins—Virginia Stock Looking Up—Rossland News.

Rossland, B.C., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The latest B.A.C. property to show good ore is the Annie, better known as West Le Roi, and the Josie, on which a 15-inch seam of rich ore was encountered to-day. It will average over $50, and some assays $200.

Virginia, with the assessment paid, sold freely at 46 and 47. The bear movement in this stock is apparently over. J. J. James, a miner in the Coxey, was killed by an explosion of powder, which he was thawing. A.R.M.

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HAS LAURIER GIVEN IT UP?

Is Said in Ottawa That Mr. George Bertram Will Make an Inspired Statement in Toronto

AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY NIGHT.

Will Explain How It Will Be in Canada's Interests to Withdraw From Further Negotiations.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—It is given out here by a Reformer who is well known to the Government that word has come from Washington that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has no expectation of closing a treaty with the Americans, and that he sent word a couple of weeks ago to Mr. Bertram, the member for Centre Toronto, to come and visit him there. Mr. Bertram has been in Washington, and has returned to Toronto, where he is to address his constituents some night this week. It was arranged, so it has been stated here, that Sir Wilfrid, if he saw that a treaty was impossible of negotiation, was to wire Mr. Bertram to come out in his address to the effect that Canada had done everything that could be reasonably expected of her towards effecting a settlement of the disputes between the two countries, and that, not having met with any kind of encouragement from the Washington Commissioners, and still less from the Washington Senators, it was to Canada's interest to withdraw from all negotiation and to pursue a policy on the line of Canada for the Canadians, and that Canada could get along independently of the United States. It is further stated here that the word has gone from Washington to Mr. Bertram to take this line, and that he will take it in the most vigorous way in Toronto on Thursday night.

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BIRTHS.

TAPP—At Sully-street, on the 12th inst., the wife of S. B. Tapp of a son.

DEATHS.

MOORE—On Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1898, at 78 Mutual-street, Thomas Wilbert (Bertie), youngest and dearly-beloved son of Joseph and Sarah Moore, aged 4 years and 8 months.

Kingston papers please copy.

SIMS—At St. Michael's Hospital, on Tuesday morning, the 13th inst., Ella, eldest daughter of Charles and Catherine Sims, in her 23rd year.

Funeral Thursday, the 15th inst., at 2.30 p.m., from 57 Leonard-avenue, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

WILSON—At his residence, 15 Bloor-street east, Robert Wilson, in the 82nd year of his age.

Funeral from his late residence to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, on Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m.

STARTLING NEWS FROM PARIS.

Alleged Plot of League of Patriots, 300,000 in Number, to Keep Dreyfus From Returning.

London, Dec. 14.—The Daily News publishes a startling story of an alleged plot of the French League of Patriots, numbering 300,000, under the notorious anti-revisionist, M. Paul De Roulede, to prevent Dreyfus reaching Paris.

According to the story, the league approached various military officers of high rank and this led to a discovery of the plot.

M. De Freycinet, the French Minister of War, has decided, says the informant of The Daily News, upon vigorous measures to suppress any such attempt, and, if necessary a state of siege will be proclaimed in Paris, in which event General Zurlinden, the Military Governor, will not have the command.

DEWEY WANTS TO COME HOME.

Anxious to Leave the Orient, as His Health Has Been Injured in the Hot Climate.

Manila, Dec. 13.—Admiral Dewey desires to return to America, on account of his health, which begins to show the effect of a long period of work and worry in a hot country. For several days he has been under the treatment of the fleet surgeon, who thinks the admiral should go to a colder climate. Admiral Dewey feels that his presence here is no longer essential, inasmuch as the conduct of future operations will fall chiefly to the army, the navy doing only routine work. It is thought that the admiral desires to return with the Olympia by way of the Suez Canal to New York, the Olympia being replaced by the large cruisers now coming.

DIED AT DINNER TABLE.

A Baron of French Descent Who is Said to Have Owned Property in Canada.

New York, Dec. 13.—Baron G. De Languerui, of French descent, died suddenly of heart disease as he was eating his dinner in the cafe of the Holland House tonight. The Baron, although bearing a French title, had lived in Scotland for the last 12 years. It is said that he had large property interests in Canada. He arrived in this city from London on Dec. 5. G. H. Matthews of Montreal, a warm friend of the Baron's, was with him until Friday last. He was notified of the Baron's death.

DROWNED HIMSELF.

Unknown Man of 35 or 40 Years of Age Jumped Into the Lake at Port Newcastle.

Newcastle, Ont., Dec. 13.—An unknown man committed suicide three miles east of Port Newcastle by drowning, about 3 o'clock this afternoon. He was from 35 to 40 years of age, medium height, dark complexion, dark mustache, bald head, weight about 130 pounds. He wore a grey suit of clothes, blue overcoat, gaiters and rubbers, and a blue peaked cap, clothing all new. No money was found on the body or papers to identify the man, but he had a silver watch and chain and pocket-knife.

STAYNER TO HAVE WATERWORKS

Citizens Voted That Way and Celebrated the Victory.

Stayner, Ont., Dec. 13.—The waterworks bylaw submitted to the property holders by the Town Council was voted upon to-day, with the result that the bylaw was approved of by a majority of 101. The opposition to the bylaw was, in the early weeks of the campaign, very general and spirited, but thorough organization on the part of a strong Citizens' Committee won the day. The proposition is to adopt a gravitation system, tapping springs on the neighboring hills. When the proposed system, which is estimated to cost $24,000, is installed, Stayner will have a first-class system for fire and domestic purposes. The citizens celebrated the passing of the bylaw with a bonfire and fireworks.

Provide for Yourself.

Those who have no family to protect and who prudently desire to provide for a more advanced period of life, during the early and more productive portions of it, may accomplish their object by taking out an endowment policy in the Confederation Life Association, which will secure to them for a moderate annual payment a comparatively large sum at any desired age. Rates and full information as to the different plans of insurance will be sent on applicaton to the head office, Confederation Life Association, Toronto, or to any of the company's agents. 63

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Heavy Horses Wanted.

Mr. Watson will be at Grand's Repository, 57 Adelaide-street west, Toronto, on Saturday next from ten to four o'clock, to buy draught horses, weighing 1400 pounds or over. Four to eight years.

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Men's fur driving and skating caps, all new shapes, at Dineens', in otter, seal, Persian lamb, mink, sable, marten, beaver, opossum, raccoon, astrachan, and men's fur gauntlets, fur storm collars and fur coats, and Dineens' prices are not high.

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Taylor's Valley Violet is the leading perfume.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents. ed

Fires Reported.

A Woodstock despatch says the Anderson Cheese Factory in East Zorra caught fire, and about 400 boxes of cheese, valued at about $3500, which were in the curing room where the flames broke out, were greatly damaged.

Where to Go To-Day.

The Evil Eye, at the Grand, 2 and 8 p.m.
Captain Swift, at the Toronto, 8 p.m.
The Fatal Card, at Princess, 2 and 8 p.m.
Lillian Burkhart, at New Bijou, 2 and 8.
Italian Ball, St. George's Hall, 8 p.m.
Political Science Club, Varsity, 4 p.m.
Browning Club, Unitarian Church, 8 p.m.
Municipal Night, at Old St. Andrew's, 8.
West York Conservatives, Weston, 8 p.m.
Catholic Fancy Fair, Dingman's Hall, 7.30.

FRIGHTFUL DISASTER.

Collapse of a Great Gas Tank in New York City.

DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.

Masonry of Granite and Bricks Went Down Like a Toy House.

Eight Million Gallons of Water Flooded the Adjacent Streets and Carried and Drove People From Their Homes — Gas Mains Torn Up and Electric Light Conduits Destroyed—Contractor and Engineer Arrested — Some Workmen Killed and Others Injured.

New York, Dec. 13.—The great steel gas tank of the Consolidated Gas Company at Avenue A and 20th-street, the largest of its kind in the world, collapsed at 5.30 o'clock this afternoon. It went down with a crash and a roar like a great explosion. Masonry of granite blocks and bricks, to the height of 50 feet, fell like a child's toy house of blocks, and 8,000,000 gallons of water, loosened from bondage, deluged the streets, and in a 10-foot tidal wave carried death and destruction through the surrounding neighborhood. It is not yet known how many were killed and injured, but the list will be a long one. Already the bodies of Andrew Wendt, a working man, and Pious Baum, an engineer in an adjacent factory, have been recovered.

About 25 people were injured, more or less severely, or almost drowned. All of the most severely injured were taken to Bellevue Hospital by a number of ambulances that came to the scene of the disaster in answer to a general call.

James O'Connor, foreman in Fuldner's factory, adjoining, and believed to have been in the basement with Engineer Baum, who was killed, is missing.

Many people were caught in the streets by the rushing waters and were hurled hither and thither, receiving injuries of various kinds.

Contractor Placed Under Arrest.

W. J. Logan of the Logan Iron Works of Green Point, L. I., the contractor who was building the tank, arrived on the scene within a few minutes after the collapse and was at once placed under arrest.

William H. Bradley, the chief engineer of the Consolidated Gas Company, and said to be jointly responsible for the work with Contractor Logan, was also placed under arrest.

To make the scene more terrible, the rushing waters tore up gas mains and destroyed electric light conduits, causing almost complete darkness. This latter was partially remedied, but the gas supply below Grand-street was almost totally shut off for the night.

What the Tank Was Like.

The plant of the Consolidated Gas Company occupies several blocks in the neighborhood of Avenue A and 20th-street. On Avenue A, beginning at 20th-street, is the five-storey brick factory of Henry Fuldner, manufacturer of extension tables. The other half of the block is occupied by five-storey tenements, the property of the Gas Company, and largely tenanted by its employes. Immediately back of the factory and tenements was the great steel tank, 178 feet in diameter and 160 feet high. Rising out of the ground and to a height of 50 feet was

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MANY HAPPY RETURNS.

Arthur Sturgis Hardy, Premier of Ontario, born at Mount Pleasant, Brant County, Ont., Dec. 14, 1837.

Collingwood Schreiber, Chief Engineer of Government Railways for Canada, born in Colchester, Eng., Dec. 14, 1831.

His Inscription.

There is a Barnardo boy in town who answers a doctor's doorbell and other things about the house. A fresh egg was got in for the baby, and the boy was told to put "a suitable inscription" on it. He got a pencil and lettered it thus:

To Jean
from
A Hen.

He murmured to himself, "A 'en" doesn't sound right. So he corrected it thus:

To Jean
from
An Hen.

Continued Cold Weather.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 13.—(11 p.m.)—Cold weather has spread throughout the lake and eastern districts and, from present indications, is likely to continue. In the Northwest it remains fine and cold, with a tendency to somewhat higher temperatures.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Calgary, 8 below—32; Battleford, 16 below—zero; Qu'Appelle, 26 below—6; Winnipeg, 22 below—zero; Port Arthur, 16 below—6; Toronto, 5 below—6; Ottawa, 18 below—8 below; Montreal, 6 below—4 below; Quebec, 8 below—2; Halifax, 16—26.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes—Westerly to southerly winds; fair; stationary or slightly higher temperature; local snow flurries.

Georgian Bay—South to west winds; mostly fair; not much change in temperature; light local snowfalls or flurries.

Ottawa Valley—West to south winds; fair and decidedly cold.

Upper and Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—West to south winds; fair and decidedly cold.

Maritime—Fresh westerly winds; fair and decidedly cold.

Lake Superior—Fine, with little change in temperature.

Manitoba—Fair; a little higher temperature; light local snowfalls.

We are promised a clear, crisp, cold winter, the kind that is healthy and seasonable. To thoroughly enjoy it a man must be warmly dressed. The cold snap comes just as Oak Hall are having their annual overcoat sale—all broken sizes of men's overcoats and ulsters are reduced to cost and less.

Steamship Movements.

Dec. 13.	At	From.
Amsterdam	New York	Rotterdam
Carthagenian	Philadelphia	Halifax
Sarmatian	Glasgow	Portland
Pennsylvania	New York	Hamburg
Furnessia	Moville	New York
Pavonia	Liverpool	Boston
Kensington	Antwerp	New York
Pomeranian	Glasgow	New York
Karlsruhe	Bremen	New York
Lahn	Southampton	New York