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Late Afternoon Markets.

Montreal Stock Market.

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.

	Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	82½	82¼
Duluth, common	4	3
Duluth, preferred	7	6
Commercial Cable	178¾	178
Commercial Cable Coupon Bonds	106	104½
Commercial Registered Bonds	106	104½
Montreal Telegraph	185	180½
Michelieu and Ontario	107	104½
Montreal Street Railway	274	273¾
Montreal Street Railway, new	232	231½
Toronto Railway, xd	83¾	85½
Montreal Gas Company	187½	180½
Bell Telephone	177½	174
Royal Electric, xd	142	141½
Bank of Montreal	240	234
Ontario Bank	101	99½
Molsons Bank	210	200
Bank of Toronto	235	228
Merchants Bank	175	165
Merchants Bank of Halifax	..	180
Quebec Bank	..	120
Union Bank	..	..
Bank of Commerce	135	134½
Northwest Land, pref	55	53½
Montreal Cotton Company, xd	142	139
Canada Colored Cotton	75	52
Dominion Cotton	94½	94

SALES—Canadian Pacific, 250 at 82¼, 225 at 82½, 175 at 82½, 25 at 82¾. Duluth Common, 25 at 3¾; Commercial Cable, 25 at 178¾; Rich. & Ont., 9 at 105; Mont. St. Ry., 25 at 273¾, 100 at 273¾; Mont. St. New, 12 at 232, 25 at 231½; Toronto Ry., 250 at 85½, 10 at 85¾, 750 at 85¾; Royal Electric, 75 at 139, 275 at 140, 25 at 140½, 25 at 140½, 145 at 141; Merchants Bank, 25 at 174; Bank of Commerce, 20 at 134; Montreal Cotton, 25 at 139¾; Dominion Cotton, 25 at 94.

Toronto Stock Market.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.

	Ask.	Off.
Montreal	238	234
Ontario	100½	99½
Toronto	234	228
Merchants	177	170
Commerce	135½	134½
Imperial	189½	188½
Dominion	252	250
Standard	174	171½
Hamilton	170	169
British America	129	128
Western Assurance	169½	169
Imperial Life	..	131
Consumers' Gas	..	210
Montreal Gas	187	186½
Dominion Telegraph	131½	130
Montreal Telegraph	..	..
Northwest Land Company, pref	54	53½
Canada Pacific Railway Stock	82½	82
Commercial Cable Company, x-d	178¾	178
Com. Coupon Bonds, x-d	105	104½
Commercial Registered Bonds, x-d	105	104½
Postal Telegraph Company	..	..
Bell Telephone Company	175	173½
Richelieu & Ontario	105½	104½
Montreal Street Railway	235	232½
Toronto Street Railway	85½	85
Dominion Savings and Invest	..	..
Farmers' Loan and Savings	..	..
Farmers' L. and S. 20 per cent	..	..
Huron and Erie L. and S	..	164
Huron and Erie, 20 per cent	..	151
London and Canada, L. & A	77	..
London Loan	..	102
London and Ontario	90	..
Ontario Loan and Debenture	..	120½

COMMERCIAL.

Toronto Produce Market.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Wheat—There is a fair demand and the market is steady, at 82½ for red winter west; Manitoba wheat is steady, at $1 03 for No. 1 hard, grinding in transit, and 92½c at Sarnia and on the Midland. Flour—Dull and easier, at $3 80 for cars of straight roller west. Millfeed and barley unchanged. Buckwheat, 31c east and 30c west. Rye—Steady, at 43½c to 44c west. Corn, 27c to 28c for yellow west. Oats—Steady, at 23½c to 24c for white west. Peas—Steady, at 44c to 44½c west. Baled hay, $8 to $9 for cars here. Baled straw, $5 here. Eggs are in fair supply and steady, at 16c to 17c for strictly fresh-gathered; 14c for held fresh, and 13c for limed. Butter—Large rolls are in free supply and steady, at 15c; dairy tubs are scarce and firm, at 16c to 17c for choice; medium butter is scarce and firm, at 12½c to 14c. Poultry—The stocks here are well cleaned up, and prices are firmer, at 9c to 9½c for turkeys, 6c to 6½c for geese, and 35c to 50c for choice chickens.

American Markets.

New York, Dec. 20.

NEW YORK—Flour—Receipts, 36,324 bbls. sales, 2,800 packages; state and western, dull but steadily held; city mill patents, $5 65 to $5 85; city mill clears, $5 40 to $5 50; Minnesota patents, $5 10 to $5 35; winter patents, $4 80 to $5 10; winter straights, $4 50 to $4 60. Rye flour—Dull; sales, 200 bbls. Wheat—Receipts, 151,700 bu; sales, 850,000 bu; options, No. 2 red strong all the morning on an advance in the December option and small addition to the visible: Jan., 98½c to 99½c; May, 91c to 91¾c; Dec. 99½c to $1 00¼. Rye—Steady; No. 2 western, 59c c. i. f. Buffalo. Corn—Receipts, 21,150 bu; sales, 40,000 bu; options; No 2 quiet but firm with wheat; May, 31½c to 31 9-16c. Oats—Receipts, 160,800; options, No. 2 slow but steady; track white, 28½c to 33c. Butter—Receipts, 4,540 packages; firm; state dairy, 13c to 21c; state creamery, 15c to 22c; western creamery, 15c to 22c; imitation creamery, 13½c to 18c; Elgins, 22c; factory, 12c to 17c. Cheese—Receipts, 4,657 packages steady; large white, Sept., 8½c to 8¾c; small white, Sept., 9c to 9½c; large colored, Sept., 8½c to 8¾c; small colored, Sept., 9c to 9½c; large late made, 7½c to 7¾c; small late made, 8½c to 8¾c; light skims, 6c to 6½c. Eggs—Receipts, 3,814 packages; firm; state and Pennsylvania, 21c to 26c; western, 20c to 23c. Sugar—Raw, strong; fair refining, 3 9-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4 1-16c; refined, firm; crushed, 5½c; powdered, 5 5-16c; granulated, 5⅛c.

BUFFALO, Dec. 20.—Flour, firm. Spring wheat, No. 1 hard, $1 01; No. 1 northern, 99½c. Winter wheat, No. 2 red, 95½c; No. 1 white, 95c; No. 3 extra red, 92½ to 93c. Corn, higher, No. 2 yellow, 32 1-2c; No. 3 yellow, 32c; No. 4 yellow, 31c on track. Oats, No. 2 white, 28c; No. 3 white, 27c; No. 4 white, 26c on track.

DETROIT, Dec. 20.—Wheat, No. 1 white, cash, 91½c; No. 2 red cash and Dec., 92½c; May, 93½c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Opening—Wheat, Dec., 91; Jan., 94½c; May, 99½c. Corn, May, 29½c. Oats, Dec., 21½c; May, 22½c. Pork, Jan., $8 70; May, $8 95. Lard, Jan., $4 57½; May, $4 75. Ribs, Jan. $4 42½.

English Markets.

HOLIDAYS.

Liverpool, Dec. 20.—The grain exchange will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24 Saturday, Dec. 26 and Monday, Dec. 27, and the provision exchange, Saturday, Dec. 25 and Monday, Dec. 27.

Liverpool, Dec. 20—Closing.

Wheat — Spot, No. 2 red western winter, no stock; spot No. 1 red northern spring, steady, 7s 8½d.

Corn—Spot American mixed, firm, 3s 2½d; Futures steady Dec., steady, 3s 2½d; Jan., steady, 3s 1½d; Feb., steady, 3s 1½d.

Flour—St. Louis fancy winter steady, 10s.

Beef—Firm, extra India mess, 66s 3d; prime mess, firm, 56s 3d.

Pork — Prime mess, fine western, firm, 48s 9d; do, medium, western firm, 46s 3d.

Hams—Short cut 14 to 16 lbs., firm, 33s.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 25 to 30 lbs., steady, 29s 6d; short ribs, 20 to 24 lbs., dull, 34s 6d; long clear middles, light, 35 to 38 lbs., dull, 30s; long clear middles, heavy, 40 to 45 lbs., dull, 29s; short clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 lbs., no stocks; clear bellies, 12 to 14 lbs., dull, 40s; short clear backs, 16 to 18 lbs., steady, 30s.

Shoulders—Square, 12 to 14 lbs., firm, 29s.

Lard—Prime western, firm, 23s 6d.

Butter—Finest American, 22s; good, 60s.

Rosin—Common, steady, 4s 1½d.

Cheese—American finest white, dull, 42s 6d; colored, dull, 42s 6d.

Tallow—Prime city, steady, 18s 6d.

Cottonseed oil—Liverpool refined, steady; 14s 9d.

Turpentine spirits—Steady, 24s.

Hops—At London (Pacific coast), firm, £4 15s to £5 5s.

The imports of wheat into Liverpool for the week were from Atlantic ports, 69,000 quarters; from Pacific ports, nothing; from other ports, 3,000 quarters; corn, 39,200 quarters.

Liverpool, Dec. 20, 2:30 p.m.

Wheat—Spot steady; demand poor; holders, offer moderately; No. 1 California, 8s 4d to 8s 4½d; No. 1 red northern spring, 7s 8½d to 7s 9d; No. 2 red western winter, no stock.

Corn—Spot steady; demand moderate; American mixed, 3s 2½d.

Peas—Canadian, 4s 9d.

Beef—Extra India mess, 66s 2d.

Pork—Prime mess, fine western, 48s 9d.

Bacon—Long clear heavy, 40 to 45 lbs., 29s; short clear backs, 16 to 18 lbs., 30s; long clear light, 35 to 38 lbs., 30s.

Lard—Prime western, 23s 6d.

Butter—Finest United States 92s; good, 60s.

Cheese—American finest white and colored, 42s 6d.

Tallow—Fine, American, city, 18s 3d.

Turpentine—Spirits, 24s.

Rosin, common—1s 1½d.

Petroleum—Refined, 5½d.

Linseed oil—15s 6d.

London, Dec. 20.

Cargoes off coast—Wheat, nothing doing; corn, nothing doing.

On passage—Wheat, quiet but steady; corn, rather firmer.

Country markets—English, partially 6d dearer; French, weak.

Chicago Exchange.

Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade furnished by F. H. Butler Broker, Masonic Temple. 'Phone 1,278.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—Dec	1 00	1 02	99	1 00
May	92½	94½	92½	94½
July	83½	84	83½	84
Corn—Dec	26½	26¾	26½	26¾
May	29½	29¾	29½	29¾
July	30⅜	30⅝	30½	30⅝
Oats—Dec	21⅜	21½	21⅜	21½
May	22½	22¾	22½	22¾
Pork—Dec	7 70	7 72	7 70	7 72
Jan	8 70	8 77	8 67	8 77
May	8 95	9 05	8 90	9 05
Lard—Dec	4 50	4 50	4 50	4 50
Jan	4 57	4 62	4 57	4 62
May	4 75	4 82	4 75	4 82
Ribs—Dec	4 47	4 47	4 47	4 47
Jan	4 42	4 50	4 42	4 50
May	4 57	4 67	4 57	4 67

Puts, 93¾; calls, 95¼

The Dairy Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Butter steady; western creamery, 15c to 22c; do, factory, 12c to 17c; Elgins, 22c; imitation creamery, 13½c to 18c; state dairy, 13c to 21c; do, creamery, 15c to 21c. Cheese quiet; large white and colored, Sept., 8¼c to 8½c; small white and colored, Sept., 9c to 9¼c; large late made, 7½c to 7¾c; small late made, 8¼c to 8½c; light skims, 6c to 6½c; part skims, 4½c to 5½c; full skims, 3c to 4c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Butter—Market steady; creamery, 15c to 22c; dairy, 12c to 19c. Cheese quiet, at 8½c.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 18.—The Watertown district cheese and butter market has closed for the season of 1897.

Live Stock Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Hogs—Estimated receipts, 37,000; fairly active; light, $3 35 to $3 52½; mixed, $3 35 to $3 55; heavy, $3 25 to $3 55; rough, $3 25 to $3 30. Cattle—Receipts, 14,000; strong and 10c higher; beeves, $3 70 to $5 40; cows and heifers, $1 80 to $4 40; Texas steers, $3 to $4 20; stockers and feeders, $3 to $4 25. Sheep—Receipts, 20,000; weak and 10c lower.

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TAXPAYER.—What is the Christmas vacation allowed by law at the Collegiate Institute, and has the board of education authority to shorten or lengthen the same? Ans.—The legal holidays are between Dec. 23 and Jan. 3, exclusive of these days. The board of education has no power legally to add to or shorten the holidays, which are fixed by act of the Legislature. 2. If the board has no authority to lengthen the holidays, what penalty or other remedy is there to prevent the breach of the law? Ans.—The statute provides no penalty, and the remedy lies in the hands of the ratepayers not to elect trustees who disregard the law. The matter might be represented to the minister of justice with a view to amending the law providing a penalty, or it might be tested in the courts by an action to restrain the trustees paying salaries out of the public funds to the teachers for holidays granted by the board and compelling them to pay personally for such holidays.

CHRISTMAS.—Can the city council change the date of Christmas, or make Monday the holiday for celebrating it? Ans.—No; the council have no power to change the date of Christmas for religious and secular reasons. They could not make Monday a legal holiday for banks and public offices, or anything beyond making a request to the citizens, while Dec. 25 would still be a legal holiday as to banks and public offices, and be the Christmas of the Christian church, as to which the city council has necessarily no control.

Topics of the Day.

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The New Judge.

Our Ottawa correspondent telegraphs that Mr. John A. Barron, Q.C., of Lindsay, Ont., formerly a member of the Dominion House of Commons, has been appointed judge of the county of Perth, in succession to Judge Woods, who recently resigned. The new judge is pre-eminently fitted for the position. He is a man of a judicial frame of mind, and has had extensive experience at the bar. Judge Barron has many friends in Western Ontario, who will congratulate him on the preferment which he so well deserves. He is not a stranger to the county of Perth. His father, who was one of the pioneer teachers of the county, was afterwards principal of Upper Canada College.

Topics of Today.

Mr. Currie, the present independent M. P. P., has been again nominated in West Simcoe.

The big "stock in's" that you see in the stores which advertise their wares are for Christmas stockings.

One week from today will be municipal nomination day. Two weeks from today the voting will take place.

A dinner is to be given at the Toronto Club on the evening of the 23rd to Mr. H. P. Dwight, of the G. N. W. Telegraph Company, who then completes half a century's connection with the telegraph business in this country. Mr. Dwight was one of the pioneers.

The Board of Directors of the Dominion Coal Company have agreed to modify the determination to shut down the Victoria collieries of Cape Breton.

Hon. Mr. Mulock has decided to adopt in Canada the postal note system now in vogue in the United Kingdom. The new system will be put in force in Canada in July, 1898.

LATEST WEATHER FORECAST.

Toronto, Dec. 20—11 a.m.—Probabilities for the lower lakes region for the next 24 hours: Unsettled, with snow, or in some localities sleet; higher temperature today. Colder again Tuesday.

LOCAL MENTION.

ATTRACTIONS TONIGHT.

Jubilee Rink—Orient Carnival.
Princess Rink—Skating.
Colborne St. Meth. Church—Lecture.
Forest City Lodge, I. O. O. F.—Meeting.
Sunday School Anniversary — First Methodist.
First Methodist Ch.—S. S. Anniversary.
Central Ave. Rink—Skating.

Around the City

—Mrs. (Dr.) Wishart, of this city, is visiting relations in Oshawa.

—Alex. Jackson, of the G. T. R. car shops, fell off a ladder while at work and broke his left arm in two places.

—The Irish Benevolent Society will meet this evening in the president's office to make arrangements for distributing Christmas cheer.

—S. B. Sinclair, M.A., vice-principal of the Normal School, Ottawa, was in the city yesterday, the guest of Mrs. Jas. Armstrong, South London.

—The new United States consul in this city hung up his official shingle on Queen's avenue today. Mr. Culver's family have arrived in the city.

—The railways offer a Christmas rate of a fare and a third for a return ticket good from Thursday, Dec. 23, until Tuesday, Dec. 28, and single fare, good from Friday until Monday. The same rates apply to New Year's.

—The Sunday school anniversary entertainment of the First Methodist Church will be held tonight (Monday). A programme of unusual interest is promised. One of the prominent features will be the rendering of a beautiful piece entitled "The Arch of Fame."

—The many friends of Dr. J. Macgregor, late of Kent Bridge, and formerly of London, will be pleased to hear that he has settled in Mindon, Nebraska. Mrs. Macgregor left on the G. T. R. last Wednesday to join her husband in their new home.

—A Lindsay dispatch says: William Albert Helme, in the express department of the Canadian Pacific Railway, westerly division, died at his home here last night. There are two other brothers on the C. P. R., in important positions, one at London and one at Smith's Falls.

—One of the most attractive Christmas windows on Dundas street is that of Messrs. H. Davis & Sons. A brilliant display of jewels is set off at night by a number of colored incandescent lights arranged to spell the name of the firm, and which are worked automatically to show various colors.

Frank Tomlinson was before Magistrate Parke this morning, charged with selling a cigar to an 8-year-old boy. He was allowed to go. Frank Downing, up for driving a dray without a license, was ordered to procure one, and was discharged. Francis Wilson, for driving a delivery wagon without a license, was given a week to arrange matters with the city authorities.

—Mr. Charles A. Jones, of Plymouth, Wis., was renewing acquaintances in this city this morning while en route to spend the Christmas holidays under the parental roof at Kippen. "From Chicago," said Mr. Jones, speaking of the trip, "the train was crowded with Canadians coming home for the holidays, and we were a happy crowd, I can tell you."

—At the last meeting of the Lobo township council, a petition, signed by 350 ratepayers, asking that the question of continued local option be submitted at the coming elections, was thrown out. Local option was carried in Lobo three years ago by 60 majority. The Scott act carried in the same locality by 70 majority, and was repealed by 170 majority.

THE PRISONERS TREATED.

The inmates of the jail were treated to a Christmas dinner yesterday, including turkey, pudding, candy, fruit, and other delicacies. Messrs. D. S. Perrin, Sam Grigg, F. Matthews, Mrs. Hutchinson, and other prison aid workers, provided the feast. Afterwards religious services were held. The prison workers feel very grateful to Governor Boston for the aid he is always ready to give them.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY SITTINGS.

The adjourned sittings of Middlesex December sessions was resumed this morning. Oliver Brazell, vs. Frost & Wood, an action to recover $124 on a binder, was dismissed with costs. N. P. Graydon renewed his application for a non-suit in Betts vs. R. S. Williams, an action for recovery, tried on Wednesday, when the jury returned a verdict for $100 for plaintiff. Motion granted. In re Coyne vs. McNeil, an action tried on Thursday to recover damages for illegal seizure, the distress warrant having been issued on Sunday, and in which the jury returned a verdict for plaintiff for $104—$54 for the value of goods and $50 damages—Mr. Stuart moved to amend the judgment by striking out the $50 damages. Reserved. Adjourned until tomorrow, when the convicted criminals will be sentenced.

West London Comes In.

The Formal Annexation of the Village—City Officials Take Over the Books.

London West is dead! Long live West London!

The corporation over the Thames, which has continued so many years in single blessedness (?) linked its destiny with this great metropolis today and became endowed with all the privilege and dignity of an urban community. There was no ceremony. Not a drum was heard, not a bell was pealed. The inevitable brass band was absent for once.

This afternoon a little cortege left the city hall in carriages. It comprised Mayor Little, Treasurer Pope, City Clerk Kingston, Auditor Jewell, Chief of Police Williams, Chairman Greenlees of the school board, the press representatives and No. 1 fire brigade. It proceeded to West London, where the city treasurer and city clerk, in the name of the city of London, took formal possession of the village books. The latter, it is understood, will remain in the hands of the village treasurer and collector until the latter wind up outstanding accounts.

DEEP SNOW.

Nebraska Blanketed by "The Beautiful"—Two Feet to Thirty Inches—Good for the Wheat.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 20. — Another heavy snow storm is in progress in this state. During the last ten years a great quantity of snow has fallen, which, added to the 15 inches already on the surface, make it one of the heaviest in the state's history. Out in the state the whole snow fall is from two feet to 30 inches in depth. Stock on the ranges is reported in splendid condition. The grain men declare that the heavy covering of snow has saved the wheat from damage from the severe cold.

A NEW JUDGE.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Mr. Irving, of Victoria, B. C., has been appointed to the supreme court of British Columbia in the place of Justice McCreight, who recently sent in his resignation.

FOUR BOYS AT A BIRTH.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 20.—Mahall Mullins, the famous moonshiner woman of Hancock county, has given birth to four boys, all of whom are alive. Mahall's husband is an individual weighing less than 100 pounds, while she weighs about 290.

DIED INSTANTLY.

Brampton, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Harvey Conover, wife of the proprietor of the Huttonville cheese factory, near here, fell from her chair while writing a letter and died instantly on Thursday evening, from a blood clot on the brain. She was a daughter of William Cook, clerk of Toronto township, and highly esteemed.

SHIP'S STRONG ROOM ROBBED OF $3,000.

New York, Dec. 20.—The story of the robbing of a treasure ship is told in the World today. The Ward liner City of Washington, that sailed from Vera Cruz on Dec. 1, and arrived in this port on Wednesday, carried in her strong room $600,000 in Mexican coin. During the voyage, the strong room, built to withstand the attack of almost everything but dynamite, and located as to be under constant observation, was broken into. Only $3,000 was taken by the robbers, but the general impression is that the scheme of the daring perpetrators was to seize the entire treasure.

Who Built the Pyramids?

Hard to tell in some instances. But we know who are the great Nerve builders. They are Scott & Bowne. Their Scott's Emulsion feeds and strengthens brain and nerves.

The body of Emil Wolf, drowned in Niagara River, was picked up on Saturday morning. It was attached by a rope to a small boat seen drifting in the river, the rope being tied around the man's ankle.

The great lung healer is found in that excellent medicine sold as Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. It soothes and diminishes the sensibility of the membranes of the throat and air passages, and is a sovereign remedy for all coughs, colds, hoarseness, pain, or soreness of the chest, bronchitis, etc. It has cured many when supposed to be far advanced in consumption.

Mr. T. E. Dodd, for many years in charge of the traffic department of the G. T. R. in Montreal, has accepted the position of chief clerk of the general traffic department of the Canadian government railway system at Moncton, N. B.

FAGGED OUT.—None but those who have become fagged out know what a depressed, miserable feeling it is. All strength has gone, and despondency has taken hold of the sufferers. They feel as though there was nothing to live for. There, however, is a cure—one box of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills will do wonders in restoring health and strength. Mandrake and Dandelion are two of the articles entering into the composition of Parmelee's Pills.

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France Waiting Britain's Action

Before Seizing a Chinese Seaport.

London, Dec. 20.—Advices received here from Paris show that France is awaiting Great Britain's action. If Great Britain follows the lead of Russia and Germany, and occupies a seaport, France will forthwith follow suit.

The Cologne Gazette regards the occupation as merely a continuance of the co-operation of Germany with Russia in Eastern Asia.

London, Dec. 20.—An unconfirmed report is current here that part of the British far eastern squadron will be stationed at Wei-Hai-Wei this winter. If true, this indicates that Great Britain is working with Japan. The latter still occupies Wei-Hai-Wei, pending payment of the Chinese war indemnity.

The Globe says: Russia and Germany now have the two most important strategical positions in Northern China, and Great Britain—whose commercial interests there are ten times greater—must be content with the crumbs from the St. Petersburg and Berlin tables.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—The Novosti declares the occupation of Port Arthur has nothing political behind it, adding: "It must be a matter of indifference to the powers who are not planning seizures of Chinese territory as to which point the Russian squadron chooses for its winter station."

CREDITON.

Crediton, Dec. 20.—Once more the jingle of the sleigh bells can be heard in our little village.

The school children's concert will be held in the town hall of this place on Wednesday, Dec. 22, and a first-class programme can be expected, as the teachers are sparing no pains to make it the success of the year.

Mr. Charles Eilber, jun., Mr. John Eilber and Mr. Wm. Wentzel each had their babies christened on Sunday, Rev. Mr. Schmitt officiating.

Mr. E. Simpson and Mr. Robt. Margerison were the guests of Mr. Joseph P. Morlock on Sunday.

Mr. Nelson Shears and Mr. Crocker, of Exeter, paid our town a flying visit on Sunday.

Still the R. T. of T. are adding new members to their ranks. This speaks well for the zeal and energy of the members.

The Misses Ball, McConnell and Corsey were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holtzman on Sunday.

The Christmas festival of the German Evangelical Church will be held on Friday, Dec. 24.

Mr. Edmund Bertram intends to work for Mr. J. Preeter, of Zurich, and will commence his duties as clerk this week.

The quarterly review of the Methodist Sunday school was held on Sunday. Mr. E. Simpson took up the first month's lessons, Mr. John Trevethick, jun., took the second, and Dr. Rivers, of this place, the third. The school room was filled to its utmost capacity with interested parents and children. The ready answers that were given by the scholars, both old and young, and the attention that was given the speakers reflect great credit on the teachers of the Sunday school for the pains and patience they have given to their work.

LIFE SAVED.—Mr. James Bryson Cameron writes: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs, and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice, I procured the medicine, and less than half a bottle cured me; I certainly believed it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any remedy to do me any good."

NOTICE.

THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES Consul has been removed from the Tecumseh House to De Kiptgamill's terrace, Queen's avenue. 7n

WORST IN YEARS.

Big Blaze in Moncton—Loss $40,000; Insurance $23,000.

[G. N. W. Special to The Advertiser.]

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 20.—Shortly after midnight Moncton's worst fire for many years broke out at the corner of Maitland and Wesley streets, the business center of the city, and desperate efforts to prevent the first from leaping the narrow width of Wesley street alone prevented ruinous destruction. The fire may be summarized as, loss $40,000, insurance $23,000.

Steamship Arrivals.

Dec. 18.	At	From
Edam	New York	Amsterdam
Grecian	New York	Glasgow
La Bretagne	Havre	New York
Island	New York	Copenhagen

Dec. 20.	At	From
La Normandie	New York	Havre
Peruvian	Glasgow	Portland
Augusta Victoria	Gibraltar	New York

TRAINMAN KILLED.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Wm. Backus and John Thomas, Lehigh Valley firemen, were struck by the engine of a passenger train at Wende this morning. Backus was killed, while Thomas was so badly injured that he may die.

Hon. J. D. Rolland has been re-elected president of the Dominion Commercial Travelers' Association of Montreal.

A MOTHER SPEAKS.

Tells how Dr. Chase Saved her Boy.

His Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine a Precious Boon.

MRS. A. T. STEWART, Folgar, Ont., says: "From the 7th of January to the 30th, we were up night and day with our two little boys, employing doctors and trying every kind of patent medicine we ever heard of. At this time we did not know of Dr. Chase's Linseed and Turpentine until after the 30th, when our youngest darling died in spite of all we could do. Sometime in February the doctor told us our other boy couldn't live till spring. We were about discouraged, when I got my eye on an advertisement of Dr. Chase's Syrup.

"I tried at once to get some, but none of the dealers here had it. A neighbor who was in Kingston managed to purchase two bottles which he brought straight to us, and I believe it was the means of saving our only boy.

"One teaspoonful of the Syrup stopped the cough so he could sleep till morning. Our boy is perfectly well now, and I would not be without Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine in the house."

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