AMUSEMENTS

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Saturday Matinee 2.30

MORE LUMBER CUT

Increase in Canada is Nearly 297,000,000 Feet

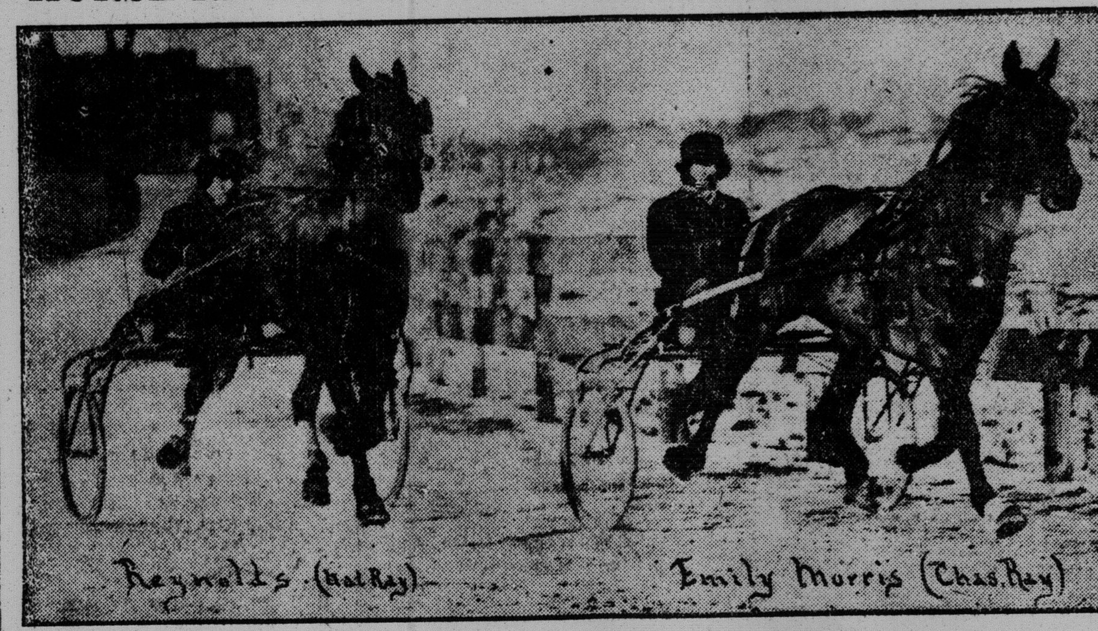
An increase in the cut of lumber in Canada last year over the previous season, of 396,776,000 board feet, is shown by statistics compiled by the forestry branch of the Interior Department. Of this increase 31,704,000 feet, or 47.2 per cent., is to be credited to Ontario for her cut of spruce alone.

An increase of 22 per cent., in the British Columbia cut, with a decrease of 7.7 per cent. in the cut of Quebec, has caused the latter province to drop from second to third place amongst the provinces in point of lumber production. British Columbia now occupies second place. Quebec, however, is still the chief spruce producing province, nearly one-third of the total spruce cut being credited to her.

The cut of spruce was an increase over the previous year in every province except Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

Henry A. Roeske a florist of Oakville, Conn., to encourage his hens to lay, has screened off part of his green house and placed his 14 hens in the warm enclosure. The hens scratch in the 10 inches of dirt he spread over the cement floor. Mr. Roeske says the hens, seeing flowers in bloom through the screen, think it is summer and he is now getting from six to nine eggs a day, whereas before he got none.

HORSE RACING ON THE ICE TRACK IN TORONTO



Nat, the son, driving Reynolds; and Charles Ray, the father, driving Emily Morris.

SPORT NEWS OF A DAY; HOME AND ABROAD

Won Roll Off.

Tyril Masters won the weekly roll off on Black's last night with a score of 102. The prize was a meerschaum pipe.

The Inter-Society League.

The I. L. & B. bowlers won four points from the Knights of Columbus team in the Inter-Society Bowling League game last night. Cronin had the highest average of the winning team, 90, and McCafferty for the K. of C.'s 82. The following are the scores:

Knights of Columbus.

				Total.	Avg
McCafferty ..	80	83	83	246	82
Gale..	79	87	76	242	80⅔
Murphy	60	74	68	202	67⅓
McCluskey ..	71	75	76	222	74
Coholan	76	67	76	219	73
	366	386	379	1131	

I. L. & B.

				Total.	Avg.
McGivern ...	89	83	94	266	88⅔
McGrath.. ..	81	92	94	267	89
Cronin	91	88	91	270	90
Harris	85	80	83	248	82⅔
O'Neill	83	56	70	209	69⅔
	429	399	432	1260	

The Commercial League.

Brock & Paterson's bowling team took four points from the T. S. Simms & Co. team in the last game of the first part of the Commercial Bowling League on Black's last night. The B. & P. team won the game easily, their opponents not having a look-in at any stage of the game. Masters led for the victors with an average of 89⅔, and Pugh for the Simms team with 80⅔. The following are the scores:

Brock & Paterson.

				Total.	Avg.
Ryan	76	89	72	237	79
Henderson ...	91	74	94	259	86⅓
Mahoney ...	69	82	95	246	82
Macmichael ..	87	70	84	241	80⅓
Masters	89	104	76	269	89⅔
	412	419	421	1252	

T. S. Simms & Co.

				Total.	Avg.
Connell	65	73	76	214	71⅓
Dummer	55	81	79	215	71⅔
Simms..	56	69	76	201	67
Laskey..	78	54	70	202	67⅓
Pugh..	78	84	80	242	80⅔
	332	361	381	1074	

Inter-Society relay race, 2 miles.
Moulders' race, 1-2 mile.

The intersociety events will be open for the members of an organization and those entering must skate under the colors of their respective organizations. The inter-society relay race bids fair to be one of the features of the meet. A valuable trophy will be offered for this race by the Young Men's Society of St. Joseph and keen interest has already made itself manifest for the possession of it. The race will be a two-mile one and each team entering it may have as many as four starters.

Entries for the sports are now being filed with the manager of the rink and with Frank H. O'Leary, sporting manager of the Young Men's Society of St. Joseph.

Yachting

New York, Dec. 20—C. Ledyard Blair, the well known yachtsman has been elected commodore of the New York Yacht

C. LEDYARD BLAIR.
PACH BROS. PHOTO

Club. Mr. Ledyard has been identified for many years and his selection is a popular one.

The Ring

Wolgast an Unfortunate Champion.

Ad Wolgast who holds the world's light weight championship title, is probably the most unfortunate who ever held that honor. Just when he earned his coveted laurels and with a fortune in matches awaiting his call, he broke an arm that has kept him virtually in idleness ever since he stripped Nelson of the title.

Owen Moran, the formidable British fighter, who topped a long row of conquests in America a short time ago by dispatching Nelson easier than it took Wolgast to do it, has challenged the champion, but Wolgast announces that he is not in fit condition to defend his title, owing to his injured arm.

He adds that he can scarcely re-enter the ring until next May, if then. This means that he must pass up any number of matches with their juicy purses until his arm has thoroughly mended.

It may mean that the injured member will prevent Wolgast from ever again being as good as the night when he made the redoubtable Dane stop. Wolgast has been in the unfortunate position that his victory over Nelson was more or less discounted by the fight sharps, and he has never been able since to refute the skeptics. He is still something of a mystery.

When Wolgast recovers he will find the woods full of challenges. Owen Moran will have to be reckoned with, and so will his fellow-countryman, Freddy Welsh. Packy McFarland and Jack Goodman are two topnotchers, while Philadelphia has a pair of cracks in Young Erne and Sammy Smith.

Athletic

Longboat May Go Abroad

Alfred Shrubb is negotiating with Tom Longboat's manager with a view to having the Indian accompany him to England and run a series of match races in February.

"Longboat as he is now is as tough a man as I want to meet from 15 to 18 miles," said Shrubb. "In England I believe some one would take hold of him and persuade him to train properly and properly trained the Indian is even now as good a 10 and 12 miler as there is roaming around. The more I see of that Indian the more I respect him. He runs wonderfully well for a man who does no training. I know a dozen places where we can draw 20,000 people to race. They are crazy to see the Indian in England.

Wrestling

Wrestling Match Postponed.

The McDonald-Burns wrestling match, which was to have taken place in the Carleton City Hall last evening, has been postponed until Friday evening.

Baseball

An Old Time Manager.

Newcastle, Pa., Dec. 19—Michael Hannon, manager of the famous Neshannock baseball team of this city, that in 1875 defeated all the baseball teams of the country, died here today of locomotor ataxia.

FORESTRY CONVENTION.

The Canadian forestry convention will be held in Quebec from January 18 to 20. The president Hon. W. C. Edwards, will occupy the chair, and there will be prominent speakers including the premier and leader of the opposition.

Sleeping out-of-doors is a growing custom among the residents of Skowhegan, Me. About 50 people sleep out in the open winter and summer. Those who have no piazzas to sleep on are building sleeping porches. Not only those who are in poor health but well people are ackuiring the habit.

ECZEMA AND WHAT IS DONE TO CURE IT

Desperate Efforts, Disheartening Failures and Final Success.

Eczema is a skin affliction to which men and women alike are subject, from the first to the last day of their existence. It may occur as a single tiny spot, appearing and disappearing with each change in general health or present only at certain seasons; at the other extreme, the whole body may be involved in a torturing eruption. The latter condition may gradually arise through the neglect or improper treatment of lesser troubles or an apparently healthy skin may, in a single day, become a mass of eczema.

But whatever the form of the affection, the distressing itching, burning, scaling and crusting, the serious disfigurement and the constant dread that the eczema will become chronic, make a speedy cure the aim of every sufferer. Unfortunately, such a cure is not always readily obtained. The most skilled physician is often at a loss and even hospitals are forced to discharge the patient as incurable. Then a wide variety of remedies are resorted to, many perfectly harmless and equally ineffective, others so offensive to every sense that, were it not for the relief they are supposed to afford, no person of refinement would tolerate them for an instant.

To such sufferers, discouraged by repeated failures of even these heroic methods, the instant relief afforded by the first bath with Cuticura Soap and gentle application of Cuticura Ointment is almost incredible. They stop the itching and burning at once, make sleep possible and, in most cases, point to a speedy cure. So pure and sweet are Cuticura Soap and Ointment and so free from every substance of a disagreeable or harmful nature that they can be used without hesitation on the youngest infant or tenderest skin. Besides, they are most economical, a single set being often sufficient for the treatment of even the severest cases.

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AMUSEMENTS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

NICKEL

The Nickel fought the adverse weather conditions with a specially good show yesterday and won. In the afternoon, though it rained pitchforks, as the saying goes, over 400 children attended the special Santa Claus matinee. The introduction of Foxey Grandpa and Gloomy Gus to the already funny cast of characters and the playing of the humorous English carol musicians was a most enjoyable feature for the little ones. The same specialty this afternoon twice and all this week. The sketch is quite different from last week's and twice as amusing. The first appearance of Emory White proved most successful. This gentleman of fine physique and magnificent vocal abilities sang Tostoi's Good Bye with unusually fine effect and followed it with a dainty little encore bit, Don't Mind Money. He was loudly applauded. The pictures of Count Tolstoi's funeral and other world's news were delayed through mixed railway connections and were not shown, but will be shown today surely. The other films in this batch are: Paris Winter Fashions, English Election Scenes, Whale Catch in France, etc. The story pictures shown yesterday were real good. The Vitagraph Co. contributed the Italian romance, A Woman's Love; the Lubin Co. a fine comedy, and Pathe Freres, A Border Tale (Spanish) and a vaudeville act, A Gymnastic Freak. All this week Merry Christmas cheer will mark the Nickel's bills and next week a rare treat is to be introduced.

OPERA HOUSE

W. S. Harkins has arrived in the city to arrange for his company's appearance at the Opera House next week. The company will open their two weeks' engagement with a holiday matinee Monday afternoon. Mr. Harkins has engaged the following ladies and gentlemen for his annual tour: Miss Mignon Oxer, Miss Ernestine Mohler, Miss Carey Hastings, Miss Pauline Palmer, Maurice Franklin, Fred La Duke, Paul Webster, Hempstead Prince, Walter Woodall, F. Anderson and Harry English. The Monday matinee will be the screamingly funny comedy, The Runaways and in the evening the thrilling melo-drama of Russian tyranny, For Her Sake. As there will undoubtedly be large crowds attending both performances it is believed that it would be well to secure seats in advance.

THE LYRIC

Although the inclement weather interfered somewhat with the attendance at the Lyric theatre last evening, it was surprising to note how many defied the rain and dirty walking to visit this popular resort. Of all the acrobatic acts seen at this house it is safe to say that none pleased so well as that of Brooks and Kingman. Their antics are certainly funny and the offering proved to make continuous merriment. Many difficult feats were exploited making the attraction both comical and interesting. The pictures also pleased greatly, many words of praise being heard for their steadiness and clearness and the stories they told.

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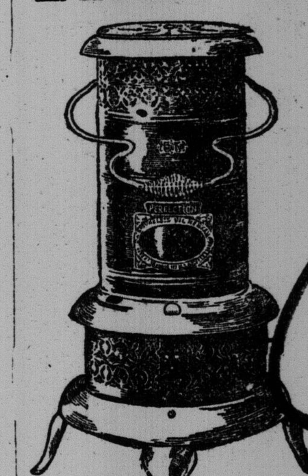

on the side of the house where winter blasts strike hardest always has a lower temperature than the rest of the house. There are times when it is necessary to raise the temperature quickly or to keep the temperature up for a long period. That can't be done by the regular method of heating without great trouble and overheating the rest of the house. The only reliable method of heating such a room alone by other means is to use a

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Arrived Yesterday.

Stmr Monarch, 4,775, Claire, from Liverpool, J H Scammell & Co.

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Cleared Yesterday.

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CANADIAN PORTS.

Parrsboro, Dec 17—Ard, schrs Strathcona, Hines, from New York; P J McLaughlin, Dexter, from Port Williams; Effort, Ogilvie, from Five Islands.

Cld, Dec 17—Schr Hazel Tracey, Morrissey, for Calais with coal.

Halifax, Dec —Ard, stmr Florizel, from New York, and sld for St John's (Nfld).

Sld—Br cruiser Cornwall, for Las Palmas

BRITISH PORTS.

Glasgow, Dec 17—Sld, stmrs Innishowen Head, for Sydney (C B); Salacia, for St John.

Kinsale, Dec 18—Passed, stmr Memnon, from Pugwash for—

FOREIGN PORTS.

City Island, Dec 19—Bound south, stmr Rosalind, from Botwood Harbor (Nfld) via Portland (Me); schr Ida M Barton, from Dorchester (N B) via Port Chester.

Vineyard Haven, Mass, Dec 19—Ard, schrs Nettie Shipman, from Edgewater for St John; Jessie Lena, from St John for Elizabethport.

MARINE NOTES.

The new steamer Kinburn was launched at Mahone Bay on Saturday and will be towed to Yarmouth to have her machinery put in by the New Burrell-Johnson Iron Co.

The schooner Robert Pettie, now loading lumber at the Berlin mills wharf for Stonington (Me.), has been sold by her owner, Thomas Towle, of Portland (Me.), to Captain Crocker, of Machias, now master of the schooner Flyaway, the price paid being about $500.

Captain DeMill Buck of the wrecked schooner S. A. Fownes said at Boston yesterday that his experience in the recent storm was the worst during the thirty-eight years that he had been sailing master. He told that hope of rescue had almost been abandoned when the revenue cutter Gresham took himself and crew off their dismasted and waterlogged vessel.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 19—The Grand Trunk Pacific's new crack liner Prince George went ashore at the entrance of the harbor this morning and it is feared she may tip over when the tides goes out. The vessel is in bad shape.

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