FIVE-INCH SNOWFALL BRINGS CITY FIRST BIT OF REAL WINTER

Traffic Is Delayed—City Employs Extra Men to Clear Streets.

Winter is here at last. The early risers who plowed through the thick blanket of snow early this morning have no doubt about this. Even their more fortunate companions, who did not turn out until long after daylight, still found sufficient evidences on every hand to convince them that the summer days had really departed.

Until Sunday there was not enough snow fallen in this section of the country to resist the warm rays of the sun for more than 24 hours. For a time it even looked as though there would be a green Christmas. A few stray flakes which drifted down Christmas Eve prevented this terrible calamity, and gave the landscape some semblance of winter.

But it was not until late Sunday afternoon that the real thing arrived. What looked at first to be a gentle flurry developed into a snowfall of five inches. The city was entirely unprepared for anything like that, and consequently it was entirely at the mercy of soft, fleecy flakes.

Street Cars Delayed.

Street cars battled their way along the covered tracks. Automobiles steered cautiously along the thoroughfares, their headlights barely able to penetrate the blinding curtain of falling snow. Pedestrians suffered most of all, as, with heads down, they plodded through the storm.

Trains coming into the city were hours late. The railroad stations were filled with holiday travelers trying to make the best of a wearisome wait. Many of them turned homewards again, adding to the heavy traffic on the street railway. Cars making their final trips at 11 o'clock were filled to capacity, and with burdens like these many of them did not complete their journeys until after midnight.

Sweepers were out all night and kept the lines clear for today's traffic.

The Springbank line did not have this aid, and consequently the first cars had much difficulty in bucking their way through the drifts this morning.

City snowplows were out before daylight, and had most of the sidewalks cleared by the time the majority of citizens were ready to use them. About a score of extra men were engaged by the street cleaning department to clear the snow from the main streets.

The temperature continued mild, being just at freezing point last night, and two points below it today.

TRAFFIC HANDLED IN EFFICIENT MANNER

Trains Only Minutes Behind Schedule on Both Railroads.

Never in the history of the two local railroads have the Christmas crowds been handled with so little confusion and loss of time than on the last two days of the past week. Despite the fact that the holiday traffic was the heaviest ever experienced, nearly all trains ran within minutes of their scheduled time.

It has always been a common thing on holidays, especially at Christmas when it is usually quite cold and the snow deep, for trains to run hours late. On Friday and on Christmas Day of this year only the through trains were affected to any degree, and even they were rarely more than 30 minutes to one hour behind their appointed time.

Even with every car on both the C. P. R. and the G. T. R. pressed into service, with extra cars added to every train and many of the through trains running in two sections, practically every inch of the standing room on the trains was occupied.

Owing to the fact that only few local trains are operated on Sunday, the traffic yesterday was not extraordinarily heavy. The through trains, however, carried many people, travelling both east and west.

No accidents on either of the roads marred the holidays.

WHAT HAS BECOME OF H. SEYMOUR HILTON?

Reward of $250 is Offered by Police for Information.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—Nothing but mystery and food for speculation surrounds the underlying truth contained in a diminutive and modest little circular from the chief of police at Perry, N. Y., offering a reward of $250 for information concerning H. Seymour Hilton, "known to have gone to California or Canada in 1849," which has been sent to the Ottawa police department and reads as follows:

"A reward of $250 will be paid for absolute proof that one H. Seymour Hilton, a printer, was alive or had deceased after July 12, 1866. Seymour Hilton lived in and around Lyons and Geneva, N. Y., in 1848, and was known to have gone to California or Canada in 1849."

WILLIAM J. VALE DIES IN TORONTO

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—William J. Vale, for 29 years deputy superintendent of insurance companies and loan corporations for Ontario and registrar of lodges and societies, died today at his apartment in this city.

Mr. Vale was born in Woolwich, England, 71 years ago. He came to Canada as a boy, attended school in Hamilton and later became associated with the Hamilton Times. Twenty-nine years ago he moved to Toronto and has lived in this city ever since.

CLEANSES THE BLOOD, BUILDS UP STRENGTH, IMPROVES COMPLEXION

As a result of debility, sickness or improper diet, the blood often becomes weak and unable to free itself of poisons. Morbid, unhealthy matter accumulates and breaks out in sores that discharge and will not heal.

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FIRST HUSSARS ARE MAKING PROGRESS

Full Complement of Officers Appointed—Two Bands Organizing.

Since the recent reorganization of the First Hussars, an excellent slate of officers has been selected. All these, including Lieut.-Col. C. H. Reason, D.S.O., O.B.R., who is in command, have overseas experience. Included in the list are such well-known citizens as Major F. A. Taylor, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. J. P. French, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. A. Harkness, D.S.O., C. de G., Lieut.-Col. J. H. Wilson, Major A. C. Spencer.

A full complement of junior officers has been appointed, and already there is a waiting list of several overseas officers.

Recruiting has been active for the past few weeks, and it will not be long before the regiment is up to strength. Many of the former members are back, among whom are. Regimentl Sergt.-Major Turnbull, M.M., and R. Q. M. S. White, who are back in their old positions; Bert Simmons, Q. M. S. Marvell, Sergt. Faulkner and Sergt. Joyce.

Active training will be commenced with the new year. As was the custom in pre-war time the regiment will go to camp next summer.

The band, which so ably held its place among musical organizations before the war, has been reorganized under the leadership of Bandmaster Roselle Pococke.

Sergt.-Trumpeter C. Stevens is organizing a splendid trumpet band. Already a number of trumpeters and drummers have signed up, but there are a few vacancies yet.

An excellent program of sports has been arranged, and through the generosity of Lieut.-Col. T. S. Hobbs the various teams are well equippd for indoor baseball, basketball, etc.

On Thursday evening a very successful rifle match was held, with the result that the officers were satisfied that the mounted men were not outclassed by the others arms of the service. All events were keenly contested and many high scores made.

Following are the prize-winners of the Christmas shoot:

Officers—Lieut. Harold J. Lawson, Capt. M. Ashton.

C. E. F. Class—Trpr. Faulkner, Cpl. Drakely, Sergt. Faulkner.

Recruit Class—Pte. Johnston, Pte. M. Reed, Pte. Dodds and Pte. McKenzie (tie).

FEW CHURCHES HOLD CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Anthems, Solos at Centennial Methodist — Most Congregations Celebrate Sunday Previous.

The majority of churches having observed Christmas Sunday on the Sunday preceding Christmas, very few choirs gave Christmas music yesterday. The Askin Street Methodist Church choir gave the cantata "Immanuel" (Smith), under the direction of Dr. James H. Smith. A selection from Handel's "Messiah" was also given by the choir and soloists.

A Christmas service was also held in the Centennial Methodist Church, where Christmas anthems and solos formed the greater part of the service. The choirs in the Anglican churches rendered the Christmas musical programs on Saturday.

BLUEBEARD WAS A "KIND HUSBAND"

compared to the fellow who makes his wife wait for the engagement diamond till after they're married—don't forget those good intentions—"Get Right" with friend wife before New Year's comes by handing her a Perfect Blue White Diamond from John A. Nash, My Jeweler, 206 and 186 Dundas street, "where you will eventually buy." 02-vs

T. M. B. A. DISTRIBUTES GIFTS TO ORPHANS, AGED

Female Inmate, Aged 94, Confined to Bed Five Years, Gets Up.

The Theatrical Mutual Benefit Association with the aid of William D. Christiansen, visited all the orphanages and old people's homes and distributed gifts on Christmas Day. Mr. Christiansen, who acted as Santa Claus, donated 500 Santa Claus dolls. Candies, nuts, oranges and other goodies were also presented to the inmates of the various institutions.

One especially touching incident occurred at Mount Hope, the Catholic Aged People's Home. A lady, 94 years of age, who had been confined to her bed for five years, got out and on her knees blessed those who were responsible for the bringing of the gifts.

The committee in charge of the distribution was composed of Jack Saunders, Fred Parker, Sam Snider, Harry Drennan, R. Steele and F. Briglia.

TWO ICE ACCIDENTS MAR CHRISTMAS DAY

Aged Wingham Resident and Young Girl Fracture Bones in Falls.

WINGHAM, Dec. 25.—Robert Porter, an aged resident, fell on some ice Saturday evening and fractured his hip. A young girl, whose name was not announced, also fell on the ice and broke her wrist. Both patients are reported as doing as well as can be expected.

Local businessmen state that their Christmas business was very good despite high prices and a certain amount of unemployment.

Sleighing is in full swing in this district, and residents of the town and farmers in the surrounding country are taking full advantage of the pleasure during the holiday.

There is not much doing in the way of election talk at present, but it is expected that there will be some new faces on the council next year.

Local workers are making the best of the 30-hour week which is being worked in the local factories at the present time rather than close down altogether.

Rev. J. E. Dingman, who leaves here during the next week to assume the pastorate of the Ridgetown Baptist Church, preached his farewell sermon in the local church today.

Miss Minnie Bosman of Bluevale, and Miss Gretta Fox of Whitchurch graduated at the Wingham Hospital last week. The program was in charge of the resident surgeon of the hospital, Dr. J. A. McLean. Brief addresses were delivered by local doctors. The Florence Nightingale pledge was given the graduates by Rev. Perrie and Dr. M. Calder presented them with their diplomas.

Efforts are being made to have hydro power continued the full 24 hours on Sundays. At the present time it is cut off during certain hours every Sunday.

The members of the local Royal Black Preceptory elected their officers for 1921 as follows: W. P., J. A. McDonald; D. P., W. A. Campbell; chaplain, W. Guest; registrar, J. Guest; deputy registrar, W. Breckenbridge; treasurer, A. F. Groves; censors, W. J. Dezell and J. W. Dodd; lecturers, A. Bell and J. Wilkinson; committee, A. Brydges, T. Stewart, J. Brydges, W. Thorton, E. Johnston and J. Metcalfe; standard-bearers, T. Brydges and H. Brandon.

STAFFS REDUCED IN ALL THE PROVINCES

Employment Service Reports Gradual Decline.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Dominion headquarters of the employment service of Canada, department of labor, reports that there was another large decline in employment during the week ending December 4. It was reported by 4,852 firms that they had released 10,378 persons from employment since the end of the preceding week, a contraction in the pay-roll of one and one-half per cent. There were increases in four industrial groups, aggregating 1,385 employees, but in twenty-nine groups there were decreases totalling 11,763 persons. While a decrease was recorded during the week under review as compared with the returns for the week of November 27, employment was still at a higher level than at the beginning of the year, these firms reporting 2,236 more persons on their payrolls than on January 27. These figures do not include loss of time due to strikes or lockouts.

Increased employment as compared with the returns for the preceding week was registered only in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The decrease of 4,622 persons recorded in Ontario was the most pronounced. As compared with the returns for January 17 all provinces except Ontario and British Columbia reported a larger volume of employment. Reductions in employment were anticipated in all provinces for the following week.

The only important increases in the number of persons employed as compared with the week of November 27, occurred in logging, leather products and retail trade. In logging and retail trade the increases, which were seasonal in character, occurred in nearly every province, while in leather products expansion was reported in Quebec.

Railwaymen Released.

The most pronounced shrinkages in payroll were registered by firms in lumber and its products, iron and steel, textiles and railway construction. In railway construction alone 2,325 persons were released during the week. This decline and the falling off in lumber and its products were of a seasonal nature, and were general throughout the country. In iron and steel products the reductions were also general, occurring largely in the manufacture of vehicles. In textiles the greater part of the losses continued to be reported in garments and threads, yarn and cloth in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

In addition to the decreases mentioned above, there were also large declines in telephone operation, flour mills, pulp and paper, chemicals, musical instruments, railway and water transportation. In all of these groups the losses were very largely in Ontario and Quebec. Further considerable reductions were anticipated in these industries for the week ending December 11.

Employment was still above the level of January 17 last. Comparing their payrolls for December 4 with those for January 17, these firms reported increases in eighteen industrial groups aggregating 25,987 persons, while in fifteen groups there were losses totalling 23,751 employees, the net increase being 2,236 persons, or less than one per cent. Large increases were recorded in telephone operation, lumber and its products, pulp and paper, coal and non-ferrous metallic ores mining, railway and water transportation, retail and wholesale trade, building and railway construction. As compared with the middle of January the industries which registered a lower level of employment than in January were logging, lumber and its products, edible plant products, iron and steel, leather products, rubber goods and textiles.

A summary of the returns by districts shows that in the Maritime Provinces there was a slight increase in employment over the previous week, the district being favorably affected by the opening of the winter ports. Logging continued to show seasonal gains, while declines of a similar nature were reported in lumber and its products. In addition there were losses in the crude, rolled and forged divisions of the iron and steel industry. For the following week reductions in employment were anticipated by firms in the maritimes, chiefly in those groups showing seasonal slackness. It may be noted that employment in this district stood at five and a half per cent over the level of January 17, the net increase being 3,385 persons.

Firms in Quebec reported decreases in employment aggregating 2,499 persons or slightly over one per cent since the previous week, but still had 3,591 more persons on payroll than in January. The greater part of the losses registered since the previous week occurred in the seasonal industries, lumber and its products, building and railway construction and water transportation. There were also large declines in the garment and thread, yarn and cloth divisions of textiles, telephone operations, clay, glass and stone products, pulp and paper products, chemicals and musical instruments. Further substantial losses in employment were anticipated for the week ending December 11.

In Ontario 2,256 firms registered decreases amounting to 4,922 persons since November 27. As in the case of the other provinces the declines were most pronounced in the seasonal industries, but the losses in iron and steel products, textiles, musical instruments, chemicals and flour mills were also noteworthy. In iron and steel products the reductions were registered in the crude, rolled and forged divisions. Losses again occurred in the garment and thread, yarn and cloth branches of the textile industry. Further large declines in employment were anticipated by these firms for the week ending December 11. As compared with the returns for January 17 decreases in employment were recorded in the province, the net loss being 8,472 persons, or nearly 3 per cent. The most decided reductions in this comparison occurred in textiles, rubber products, leather goods, iron and steel and lumber and its products.

Further Reductions.

Employment in the prairie provinces again showed a decline, 2,007 persons having been released during the week ending December 4, a decrease of 2 per cent. These firms, however, still had of 5,796, or slightly over 6 per cent more employees than in January. The largest reductions in employment occurred, of course, in the seasonal industries, but there were pronounced declines in iron and steel products, the losses being registered largely in vehicles in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Firms in this district anticipated that they would further reduce their staffs during the following week, but the expected declines were somewhat smaller than those actually reported during the week under review.

The downward trend was shown in British Columbia also, 1,108 persons being released from employment during the week of December 4, the loss standing at nearly two per cent. Substantial declines as compared with statements from identical firms for January 17, were reported in this province, the reductions amounting to 2,629 persons, or practically 5 per cent. Lumber and its products showed the most substantial decrease, while the losses in building and railway construction, also seasonal in character, were large. Increases were reported in sugar refineries and vehicles. The additions in the latter were, however, of temporary nature. Further, though somewhat smaller reductions was anticipated for the week ending December 11.

BY-ELECTION NECESSARY IN YAMASKA DUE TO ARTHUR GLADU'S DEATH

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The death of Arthur Gladu opens another seat in the House of Commons. The writ issued on Friday for a by-election in West Peterboro would have filled the last vacancy. Now, there will also have to be a by-election in Yamaska, the constituency which Mr. Gladu represented in the House of Commons.

Last election Yamaska was contested by two Opposition candidates, Mr. Gladu being elected by 3,148 to 464.

Under the terms of a recent statute a writ for a by-election has to be issued within six months of the seat becoming vacant.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

G. H. HILL of Brattleboro, Vt., who says he never felt better in his life than he does now, although before taking Tanlac he was in such a run-down condition he wasn't able to do a day's work for three months. Says he has gained thirty pounds.

"It may sound unreasonable, but when I began taking Tanlac I only weighed 114 pounds and had not been able to work for over three months. Today I have as much strength and energy as I ever had and have actually gained 30 pounds in weight. In fact, I have never felt better in my life, and I owe the remarkable change in my condition to Tanlac and Tanlac alone.

"To tell you the truth, I don't know what would have become of me if it hadn't been for this medicine, for I had just about lost my health completely, and the treatment I was taking was doing me no good. In fact, I hardly had strength enough at times to walk across the room.

"My principal trouble was indigestion, and I also suffered from catarrh and nervousness. My stomach was in such a weakened condition that I rarely ate any breakfast and had to live on a very restricted diet.

"After reading about Tanlac I decided one day to give it a trial, and it seemed to suit my case perfectly, for in only a short time I was able to go back to work. I just want to be eating all the time now, and everything—even onions and pork—agrees with me perfectly. I shall always praise Tanlac."

The above statement was made recently by G. H. Hill, a well-known and highly respected citizen of Brattleboro, Vt.

Tanlac is sold in London by Standard Drug, Limited, and by an established agency in every town.

SEVENTH TERM AS MAYOR OF TORONTO IS AIM OF CHURCH

"Dick" Whittington, Thrice Lord Mayor of London, Had Nothing on "Tommy."

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—(By Canadian Press.)—"Dick" Whittington, who was thrice lord mayor of London, had nothing in length of mayoralty service on "Tom" Church, better known as "Tommy" Church, but more dignifiedly described as Thomas Langton Church, K. C., who has been for six consecutive years "the boy bachelor" mayor of Toronto, Canada, and is offering himself for election on New Year's Day for the seventh term. There are many, in addition to Mr. Church himself, who are confident that he will be Mayor Church for the seventh year. Why shouldn't "Toronto the Good" continue on the list of Canadian mayors as "that city of Church's" is the question propounded by the present mayor's enthusiastic supporters.

Apparently the only serious opposition that Mayor Church will encounter in his appeal for re-election will be Samuel McBride, former member of the board of control, and for many years a city councillor. McBride is putting up a vigorous campaign and is enlisting considerable support among business, professional and other interests who declare that "it is time for a change." On the other hand, Church has undoubtedly made many friends during his long incumbency of office, and is prepared to make a stiff fight to retain what his municipal opponents have for some time been describing as "Tommy's life job." There is no other issue of any outstanding importance between the two candidates.

McBride ran against Church last New Year's Day, and was beaten by a plurality of about 5,000 votes. There was a third candidate at that election—one J. H. H. Ballantyne, who received 5,589 votes, and Church was elected by plurality vote on a minority of 685 under the combined totals of the two other candidates.

Mayor Church's doughty opponent is a lumber merchant. Politics does not count for much in the contest — both Church and McBride are "Tories" and both are members of the Orange order, as becometh a candidate for municipal honors in the city of Toronto.

Another thing that "Tommy" and "Sammy" have in common is the sporting instinct. Church was recently elected a member of the International Baseball League, and McBride is president of the Hillcrest Racing Association. They have both been connected with athletic and sporting activities for many years, and both are of Toronto birth and education. At the same time, the city of Toronto takes its municipal politics seriously, as witness the fact that it sacrifices a New Year's Day holiday for civic electioneering. Results of elections for the mayoralty, board of control, city council aldermen and board of education on that day are always awaited with great interest by all classes of the city's population.

TURKEYS DEAR IN OLD LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A walk round the London produce markets reveals prospects of plentiful supplies of most Christmas foods. At Smithfield turkeys and geese are more plentiful than in any year since 1914, although even now supplies are not what they were then. The turkeys are being sold at 3s a pound, and geese at 2s 3d, but dealers state that unless there is a rush of orders these prices are not likely to be maintained. Large consignments are expected from France in place of those which usually come from Italy and Austria—countries which are now off British markets.

All kinds of fresh fruits are plentiful in Covent Garden except the best sorts of apples. Spanish oranges, especially those from the Denia districts, are of very fine quality, and prices are at a more reasonable level than they have been for some years. There are not many Valencia oranges about yet, but big supplies are expected. Grapes are very moderate in supply and costly, for only the "wasty" sort can be get under 1s 10d or 2s a pound. Most kinds of nuts are plentiful.

Fruit for the pudding is rather scarce and is likely to be dearer. Scarcely any Valenci raisins are to be had and extreme prices are being paid for muscatels. The average cost of the Christmas pudding will be 1s 9d a pound. There is, however, good news for those who are fond of crystallized fruits. The position of French exchange has favored buyers, who are bringing in large supplies of these delicacies at quite reasonable prices.

Ladies' Fur Coats

Seventy-Five to One Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars Less Tomorrow

$119, $198, $241.50

Here is a grand opportunity to increase the value of your Christmas check handsomely, if you are in need of a fur coat or furs of any kind.

Muskrat Coats, $198

Five only of these splendid coats, four of which have large collars of seal and one with collar of self; the seal-collar coats have deep cuffs, banded with seal or with border of self, belted, and slant pockets; very smart models. Your choice for $198.00

Two French Seal Coats

One plain model (belted), with large shawl collar of self and pockets, very smart. Sale price $198.00

Another with Alaska sable collar and cuffs, belted, and silk lined. Sale price $241.50

Three only coats of seal coney, shawl collars and belted, newest models. Sale price $119.00

HERE AND THERE throughout the store will be found After-Christmas stocks, in broken assortments and quantities not sufficient to advertise, ticketed at fractional prices, for quick clearance this week. Opportunity week. Don't overlook it.

1/4 Off Alaska Sable Stoles and Muffs — 1/2 Off Odd lines in Misses' Furs.

Japanese Kimonos, Clearing, $1.98

This little lot will be on sale tomorrow, and if you did not get the one you want for Christmas, you'll probably find it in this assortment.

Japanese Flowered Cotton Crepe Kimonos, full, loose style, with banding of self down front, at V neck and around sleeves, belt at waistline; comes in dark and light shades. Special $1.98

Scotch Flannel Blouses, $1.98

One table of Scotch Flannel Blouses, some plain, some stripe style, fastening down front with tiny pearl buttons, others with Eton collar, finished with tiny black bow; comes in novelty stripes or solid grey; sizes 36 to 44. Special..... $1.98

Big Clearance of Ladies' Underwear

MANUFACTURER'S SECONDS TOMORROW, 89c, 98c, $1.98.

These have been received just in time for our year-end sales. Over 500 garments, including vests, bloomers and black tights. The sale prices above are no indication of the quality of the garments, for these are from one of our makers of high-grade goods. The prices are fractional, and these are a high-grade lot of seconds, grouped in three lots, as follows:

Lot 1—266 garments in the lot; vests low neck, sleeveless and short sleeves; black bloomers and black tights. To clear at 89c

Lot 2—217 garments in this lot; vests high neck, long sleeves, also a few low neck, sleeveless; also bloomers and drawers. To clear at 98c

Lot 3—87 garments in this lot; vests low neck, sleeveless and elbow sleeves; also a few drawers. To clear at..... $1.98

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SAFE-BLOWERS ARE BUSY IN MONTREAL

Two Suspects Are Under Arrest—Both From Across Border.

MONTREAs, Dec. 26.—Montreal's crime wave is becoming more serious every day. Within 36 hours of the blowing of the safe at the premises of Rubinstein Bros., 41 Craig street west, on Friday, and the carrying away of about $6,000 worth of gold and silver foil, yesterday had blown another safe nearly opposite on the same street, and had carried away $5,000 in cash, securities and jewelry, including $3,600 in United States bills; $300 in Canadian currency; two diamond rings valued at $1,000, and eight $50 Victory Bonds.

The scene of the safe-blowing was the premises of the American Plumbing Supplies, 14 Craig street west, and the time, Christmas afternoon.

Two suspects have been arrested today. Their names are given as George O'Brien, 39, of New York, and Frank Weener, 36, of Los Angeles.

FIREMEN WERE NOT SERIOUSLY INJURED

Men Overcome in Toronto Blaze Are All Recovering Nicely.

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—The firemen who suffered from ether fumes and smoke in the fire which destroyed the Shuttleworth Building Christmas Eve, were all discharged from St. Michael's Hospital today and went to their homes to rest.

Examination of the building today disclosed the fact that the most costly and at the same time the most deadly chemicals, were in a large vault. These escaped destruction and their safe storage probably saved the lives of the firemen.

Casual inspection of the scene by insurance men suggests the loss is not as great as at first expected. It is fully covered by insurance.

FEAR HE IS DROWNED.

PEMBROKE, Dec. 26.—Chrisopher McColl, overseer for the McColl Lumber Company, disappeared last Sunday while visiting the firm's camps on the Upper Ottawa, and it is feared he has either been drowned or lost in the woods. A search party left Pembroke this morning.

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THIEVES SMASH BIG WINDOW OF JEWELRY STORE, TAKE WATCHES

Goods Valued at Over $200 Taken—Police Have No Clue.

SARNIA, Dec. 26.—Smashing the big plate-glass window of the jewelry store owned by James C. Barr, Front street, late on Christmas night, thieves succeeded in getting away with more than $200 worth of wrist watches and other jewelry. The police have no clue to the robbers.

W. G. Colter, county constable, conducted a raid on a poker game at Point Edward tonight, and a large number of men have been brought into the jail, but in the absence of Mr. Colter the officials refuse to make any statement about the raid.

Christmas Day passed off very quietly here. There was a large exodus to outside places for the holidays, which, however, was counter-balanced by a large crowd of incoming visitors.

MADE COWARDLY ATTACK.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 26.—Refusal of James Doolin, Garwood, N. J., hotel proprietor, to sell James McCormick, member of the Garwood police force, a drink of liquor, caused the policeman to draw his pistol and shoot the hotelman through the stomach, the Garwood police reported. McCormick was off duty at the time. He is being held by the police.