ELIAS ROGERS & CO.,
BEST QUALITY
COAL AND WOOD.

The Toronto World.

ELIAS ROGERS & CO.,
BEST QUALITY
COAL AND WOOD.

SIXTH YEAR — MONDAY MORNING DECEMBER 28 1885. — PRICE ONE CENT

THE QUESTION OF THE DAY

SHALL IRELAND HAVE HOME RULE OR NOT?

Signs of Dissension in the Liberal Ranks —Comments of the Party Organs— Attitude of the House of Lords.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Daily News in an editorial to-day says: "An Irish parliament, strictly limited to legislation on purely Irish questions, and to legislation on them in conformity with the fundamental principles on which the policy of the united kingdom is based, would, in our belief, be the beginning of pacification, and is an essential condition of it." This sentence in an organ of the liberal party, shows how completely Mr. Gladstone's action has changed the aspect of the Irish question.

The Standard says: "Mr. Gladstone has done more for home rule in a week than Mr. Parnell and his agents have done through years of toil."

The Spectator summarizes the situation as regards the Irish demands as recently formulated by T. P. O'Connor as follows: "Ireland is to do as she likes, pay nothing, and be protected by British fleets and armies. Why not require also that Englishmen should gratuitously reap the Irish crops?"

A leading supportor of Mr. Gladstone said to-day that the support pledged to a moderate home rule measure gives Mr. Gladstone a sufficient working majority to justify his looking forward to the opening of parliament with the utmost confidence. He can bring on a division and turn out the government whenever he may consider the time ripe for doing so.

The result of the recent informal conferences among the leading peers is that a majority of the lords have decided to throw out any bill Mr. Gladstone may pass through the house of commons over the heads of the conservatives. The peers are resolved to make a firm stand and face the consequences. Mr. Gladstone will be invited, before the bill is thrown out of the peers, to sink party, and unite with Lord Salisbury's followers to pass a measure acceptable to the country at large.

The landed interest admit Mr. Gladstone's majority in the commons. They rely on the lords and on alarming public opinion on the question of separation to ultimately defeat home rule.

The managers of the liberal party are confident that a dissolution will return Mr. Gladstone to power with a majority large enough to dispense with the nationalist vote.

Serious allegations are made in official circles as to the irregularities committed at the parliamentary elections in Ireland. Evidence is being procured to sustain the charges of corrupt practices and intimidation made during the election. It is asserted that an impartial enquiry could not fail to reduce the number of Mr. Parnell's supporters materially. The nationalists maintain that no irregularities were committed. Whether there have been irregularities or not, a good case has been made out for an inquiry as to the working of the election law.

Mr. Gladstone has decided to meet his supporters and explain his views on the Irish question the first week of parliament.

MEETING OF THE CHAMBERS.

The Spanish Cortes Unanimously Pay Tribute to the Memory of King Alfonso.

MADRID, Dec. 27.—The chambers met to-day for the first time since the death of the king. Senor Canovas del Castillo was elected president of the chamber of deputies by a majority of 110 over Senor Romero Y' Robledo, ex-minister of the interior. The voting showed a serious split in the royalist party.

Senor Canovas del Castillo made a patriotic speech, in the course of which he paid a tribute to the memory of the dead king, which was received with cheers and with shouts of "live the queen regent." The cortes unanimously resolved to send a deputation to Christina with the address of condolence. The senate by unanimous vote adopted a similar resolution.

POLITICS IN IRELAND.

Desperate Engagement in Limerick—Twenty Persons Dangerously Wounded.

DUBLIN, Dec. 27.—Yesterday a house in Creogh lane, Limerick, occupied by a man named Blake, was besieged by his political opponents. The friends of Blake rallied to his defence, and a desperate conflict ensued. Women as well as men took sides in the battle, and sticks, stones, guns and pistols were freely handled. It was fully two hours before the police succeeded in restoring order. At least twenty persons, including several women, were dangerously wounded. A large number of arrests were made.

HONORING THE VICTORS.

Triumphal Entry of Prince Alexander into Sofia.

SOFIA, Dec. 27.—Prince Alexander entered Sofia to-day at the head of six regiments of infantry, one regiment of cavalry, and three batteries of artillery. He was recived with great enthusiasm by the inhabitants. The city was gaily decked with flags, and to-night is brilliantly illuminated. Many banners bearing patriotic inscriptions were displayed at various points along the line of march. One of these read "Honor and glory to the victors of Slionitza, Dragoman Pass, Tsaribrod and Pirot."

Servian troops to-day made an attack upon a Bulgarian frontier village, and were twice repulsed. Three Bulgarian soldiers were wounded. The Bulgarian government will send a note to the powers protesting against Servia's violation of the treaty of armistice.

The Political Aspect of Greece.

ATHENS, Dec. 27.—The chamber has adopted the budget and sanctioned the raising of loans for war purposes. Premier Delyannis, in a speech in the chambers, said that the political aspect of the country was critical as regards the present and the future.

CABLE NOTES.

Prime Minister Sagasta opened the cortes on Saturday.

Moukhtar Pasha, the Turkish commissioner to Egypt, and his staff have arrived at Alexandria.

The report that Admiral Galiber, French minister of marine and colonies, had resigned is confirmed.

The oath as queen regent will be administered to Christina on Dec. 31 in presence of all the members of the Spanish cortes.

The International Art exhibition will open in Berlin on May 18, 1886. The historical department will be a prominent part of the exhibition, and will cost $190,000.

It is positively stated that M. Brisson, the French premier, will resign after the presidential elections to-day, and will not resume office under any circumstances.

Premier Brisson declines to compete for the presidency of France. He urges the republicans to vote solidly for M. Grevy, and to give him the greatest possible authority to overpower the right.

In the French senate on Saturday M. Goblet, minister of public instruction, justified the withdrawal of the stipends of the clergy, who, he said, while receiving government pay, were attacking the government. He regretted that the clergy had not followed the moderate counsels of the pope.

NO UNCLAIMED WEALTH.

The Chief Accountant of the Bank of England Denies that Fortunes Await Claimants.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—With regard to large sums supposed to be awaiting American claimants in the bank of England, Mr. White of the U. S. legation in London quotes from a letter written by the chief accountant of that institution as follows: "There are no large amounts of unclaimed stocks or dividends standing on the books. Speaking generally, without having made an exhaustive research, which would involve some considerable labor, there are very few amounts of £1000, and probably none that exceed this sum by more than £100 or £200." And in regard to the fabulous fortunes locked in chancery, he says:

"It is very rarely that in any communication sent us on this subject a smaller sum is mentioned than "several millions," and frequently our correspondents state they are entitled to twenty, fifty and even more millions. It will doubtless cause surprise and disappointment to such as these to be told the whole amount of money in the custody of the court of chancery at the present time is about £84,000,000, of which £83,000,000 belong to owners who are known, leaving about one million only of unclaimed or dormant funds."

MR. GOFF PLEADS INNOCENCE

And Appeals to Americans to Believe Him Because He is Native Born.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—Edward H. Goff has addressed a letter to the press of the United States regarding the recent reports with reference to his alleged defalcations as an officer of the Canada Agricultural Insurance company. Goff asserts that the charges of forgery and that he owes the company money are without foundation, and says the whole thing has been revived by a few of his political enemiess. He courts a full examination of the books of the concern, and concludes as follows:

I have been in active business for 25 years, occupying many responsible positions, and the man, woman or child does not live in this or any other country who can sustain the charge of dishonest or unfair dealing against me. I cannot think that the American people are ready or willing to believe the slanders cast upon an American born citizen living and doing business among them based upon an exploded political charge of eight years' standing.

HOPE ABANDONED.

The Recovery of the Entombed Miners Pronounced Impossible.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 27.—Work at No. 1 slope, where the accident occurred at Nanticoke, will be abandoned. The company will recompense the relatives of the dead miners liberally. The victims are undoubtedly buried beneath the sand, culm and rock, and can never be found.

Christmas Day Crimes.

At Louisville, Ky., Chas. Brown (colored) fatally cut his wife's throat and then his own. Philip Wald, a laborer, stabbed his son twice and his son then fatally shot him.

At King City, Mo., two brothers named Hayter rode through the city firing right and left. The marshal attempted to arrest them, but they declined to surrender, and he then shot one dead on the spot and mortally wounded the other.

In Brooklyn, N. Y., Michael Higgins smashed in his father's skull with an axe, killing him instantly.

While Goodley Peterson and Noel Conterier were playing pool at Elk Rapids, Wis., they quarrelled, and Conterier shot Peterson dead.

Mrs. Earrington, a widow, 80 years old, who lived alone, was murdered at Foxboro, Mass.

At Little Blue, Mo., Frank Vaugh and his wife, who had only just been married, were standing at a window when they were fired at. Abraham Nave, who had threatened to kill the man the bride married, was suspected. Nave visited the Vaughs, and saying that the report worried his mother asked them to go with him and deny it. On the way Nave shot and killed Vaugh and then rode home and killed himself.

Eaten by Swine.

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 27.—The remains Claud Eanes, a little 8-year old white child, were found to-day in the back yard of his mother's premises in the village of Clarksville, about two miles west of Austin. Swine were devouring the body. When discovered they had eaten nearly all the flesh from the bones, but the features were recognizable. The child's mother is suspected not only of killing Claud, but also of making away with his sister aged 11, and his father, who was declared to have been poisoned last August. She has left the village.

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Eanes who has been arrested in San Antonio, will be brought here.

Strikers and Scabs.

TAUNTON, Mass., Dec. 27.—A serious fight occurred to-night between "scabs" and striking moulders at North Dighton, during which Thomas Donohoe was seriously shot in the groin, James McCanna was badly cut in the head, and Charles Van Valkenburg cut about the face. All the above are "scabs." Of the strikers, Thomas Barry was shot in the eye and Larry Hennessy, Robert Fidler and Sumner Thompson were cut with stones. No arrests.

Poison in a Fish's Fin.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 26.—About a week ago Mrs. L. A. Bradley, while dressing a fish for cooking, punctured her thumb with one of the fins. Shortly afterward her arm began to swell, and inflammation set in, extending throughout the whole system. She died yesterday after terrible suffering, and her husband is now in a critical condition, he having been poisoned by a cut from a razor which he used to remove a piece of flesh from his wife's thumb.

A New Comet.

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Dec. 27.—Dr. Swift, director of the Warner observatory, has received a telegram from Prof. W. R. Brook of Phelps, N.Y., announcing the discovery of a comet last evening in right ascension 19 hours 45 minutes, declination north two degrees; slow motion in an easterly direction suspected.

If you want help, have an article to sell or have lost a dog, advertise in The World. Three lines Ten Cents.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

The high tides have done much damage along the coast of Massachusetts.

President Cleveland has approved the bill granting a pension to the widow of Gen. Grant.

It is now stated that at the county hospital, Chicago, fire on Christmas day, at least 250 persons received injuries, but mostly of a trivial nature.

The American whaling bark, Amethyst, of San Francisco, Cal., has been lost on her way from the Arctic ocean. She has on board a crew of 40 men.

The Sunday Sun, an obscene and sensational paper published at Detroit, was seized by the police on Saturday. The whole of the type and fixtures were taken to the police station.

An oyster dredge on Saturday brought up from the bottom of Chesapeake bay a well-preserved but cracked bell weighing 75 pounds. It bore the inscription: "Fabius, Philadelphia; 1796."

AN ACCOMPLISHED SCOUNDREL.

A Man Versed in Sanscrit and Hebrew Proves to be a Common Thief.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Adolph H. Pleu, or Player, who was arrested in St. Louis a few days ago on the charge of stealing a large quantity of clothing from A. L. Singer & Co. of this city, proves to be an accomplished and versatile scoundrel. Pleu was educated in Germany, and had travelled over most of the world. He was familiar with all modern languages, and wrote Sanscrit and Hebrew. He pretended to be a deaf mute, and was taken into the firm of Singer & Co. out of charity, but he soon gained the confidence of his employers, and began to remove goods in a manner so mysterious that the methods by which he carried on his operations are still unknown. Pleu appeared to be a thorough gentleman, and never betrayed himself. He is said to have been known in England as one of the most accomplished thieves in the country.

Five months ago he was given employment because of his simulated affliction. When it became known that he was of high connection at Vienna and an accomplished scholar, reading and writing perfectly the five leading languages, he was promoted to a confidential clerkship. While in this position he was secretly working as a furnisher for a "fence" gang. The extent of his thefts are beyond summarizing and can be ascertained only upon investigation. In relating his experience, he says:

"It was almost as much as I could do to hold in. Sometimes I fairly ached to talk, but you bet your life I never said anything in the store. I used to go down to the lake front, though, in the evening and laugh all to myself at the way I was fooling 'em, and say: 'Pier, old boy, you are mighty slick, you are dead slick, but you must look out or you'll get caught.' The funny thing, though," Pier went on to say, "is that I had a mash on a mute girl. She used to come to me smiling, and I'd say to her, 'Ah there, you little daisy.' Of course she couldn't hear a word, and she would make signs ridiculing me because she thought I was trying to speak, and I'd say 'ah, you little daisy,' and she'd laugh and I'd laugh. It was great fun," and the artful dodger fairly screamed with laughter.

Pier introduced himself to a mute society here and got them to give an entertainment for his benefit. It netted him something like $200. At his boarding house it was never suspected that he was not deaf and dumb, and not the least interesting part of his experience are his recollections of table conversations held in his presence. His robberies in all probably sum up in the thousands of dollars.

ON 'CHANGE AT LONDON.

The Situation and the Outlook as Regards Money and Stocks.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Money is quiet and easier and there is a prospect that it will be cheaper after the beginning of the new year. The Economist does not believe that much gold will be shipped from America until the silver question has been settled. It says that America will not suffer gold to leak away. The German demand for gold is not yet satisfied and absorbs outside supplies. Discount is quoted at 3¼ for long sight and 2¾ for short sight.

The Economist, referring to the political situation, says: "The tories and the liberals have drawn nearer together and have resolved to reject the crude proposal for an independent Irish parliament. The British parliament is still master of itself. Mr. Parnell has taken a hopeless and impossible task in attempting to make 85 members dictate to 554 members."

Business on the stock exchange during the week was restricted. Stocks were firmly held under the impression that the new year would open more favorably and that the general position of the market would improve.

The people who have money to spend read The World. The wise advertiser, therefore, wails himself of its columns.

Shortening the Distance to Toronto.

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—Mr. Middleton, one of the Canadian Pacific engineers, has commenced locating the air line from Smith's Falls to Montreal, which, when completed, will shorten the distance to Toronto via the C. P. R. by many miles. The line is to pass through the townships of Montague, Oxford, South Gower, Winchester, Finch, Roxborough, Kenyon, Lochiel, Longueuil, Soulanges and Vaudreuil, and the villages of West Winchester and Crysler. By the terms of the contract the line must be opened by January, 1887.

Her Majesty the Queen.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Queen has renounced her intention to open parliament in person and will remain at Osborne, unless a cabinet crisis should occur, in which case she will come to London. She evinces a greater dislike than ever to a residence in London, although there is a rumor that she has been much impressed by the comments of the press on Mr. Irving's production of Faust, and intends to visit the theatre for the first time since the death of the Prince Consort.

The Boycotted Steamship Co.

CORK, Dec. 27.—All efforts to harmonize the differences between the Cork Steam Packet company and the Cattle Dealers' association have failed. At a meeting of the cattle dealers to-day a strong protest was made against the action of the steamboat company, and resolutions were adopted favoring the organization of an opposition steam packet company, and a prospectus with that object in view will shortly be issued.

The Polish Troubles in Detroit.

DETROIT, Dec. 27.—The Polish troubles, arising out of the removal of Father Kolasinski from the pastorate of the native church, continue. On Christmas day a young man, Lavisky, was shot dead and to-day Col. Larned was badly wounded over the right eye. John Olsechafski, an old man, and others were severely bruised. An attack was also made on the hotel and grocery of one Zoltowski.

Cremation in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 27.—The first case of cremation in Buffalo was performed this morning at the new crematory in the presence of the directors of the crematory society, friends of deceased and a few physicians. The test was pronounced a complete success.

The Color Line in Canada.

From the Montreal Gazette.

Dr. Walker is the only colored member of the bar in the province of New Brunswick. He is acknowledged to be a respectable practitioner, and against his character there is nothing to be said. He would probably never have been heard of outside his immediate neighborhood had not his confreres undertaken to exclude him from the bar dinner by declining to extend to him the courtesy of an invitation.

Very stylish Tweed Worsted Cloth and Blanket Coats for boys' and youths', all sizes in stock at Peticys'. 461

REVOLT AND REBELLION.

BISHOP FABRE DENOUNCES THE RIEL AGITATION.

The Press Severely Censured for its Attitude—An Appeal to Catholics to Uphold the Constituted Authorities.

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—Mgr. Fabre addressed to the clergy a circular which was read in the churches yesterday morning. His lordship takes the occasion of this document to publish the pope's encyclical letter, "Immortale Dei," in which it is enjoined upon all Catholics to live in brotherly love with all other religions, and to uphold the law of the land. He speaks of the Riel demonstration as being marked with "signs of rebellion and revolution. In these demonstrations ridicule was equal to revolutionary licentiousness. Efforts have been made to make use of religion in order to induce the people to accept a movement which can have no good practical result for the future."

He also refers to union of Catholics with those to whom has been entrusted the government of God's church, and proceeds:

If there ever was a time when this union was necessary, and circumstances which called for it, it is this time of ours and the circumstances in which we find ourselves in Canada. A wind of revolt and rebellion is blowing over our country. We have ourselves seen a spectacle which was far from doing honor to our city. Our youth have given themselves up to demonstrations which have pained sober men, and even men of eminence have given aid to those manifestations in which ridicule struggled with revolutionary disorder. To say all, it has been attempted to make use of religion to make acceptable to our people a movement which promises no good for the future. Where are we going if we travel by this route? We are accustoming the people to rebellion, and far from educating them to a wise and prudent exercise of their political duties. We are habituating them to agitation and license, and we are rendering ourselves responsible for the sad consequences which will result. How they will groan in future who, through the press or other means, contributed to cause the Catholics of this country to forget these traditions of order which they respected. We have mentioned the press, and we believe it our duty to say publicly that there are journals in this diocese which have failed in their mission because, while proclaiming themselves Catholic and subject to the church, they spread defiance to the authorities, apply themselves to oppose the authorities, and show too much ambition to supplant, by all possible means, those against whom they direct their accusations. It is time for us to arrest ourselves on the decline upon which it is attempted to draw us, and return to wise ideas, to prudent and reasonable conduct. Leo XIII., whose great teachings we have just learned, gives to all rules which we have to follow, respect for authority, and in the protests which we may make against certain of its measures, moderation and christian charity. Far from this, then, be this acrimonious language, these horrible invections, which pertain not to sincere Catholics. Far from us be those odious accusations, those unjust suspicions as to motives. Let there be everywhere union. Therefore if in the past disagreements have occurred, they must be buried in oblivion. If temporary injustice has been committed, whoever the guilty party may be, all must now be repaired by reciprocal charity, and all must be redeemed by the common effort of deference towards the holy see. By this means Catholics will obtain a double advantage, that of aiding the church to preserve and propagate Christian doctrine, and that of rendering a signal service to society, whose salvation is not only compromised by bad doctrines, but also by bad passions.

THE RUMORED DISSOLUTION.

Opinions of Quebec Politicians in the Premises.

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—Mr. J. J. Curran, M.P., was asked this morning what he thought of the Mail's announcement and the rumors that the house was about to dissolve. "It is all nonsense," he answered; "I don't believe there is anything in it. Of course were the vote to be a close one at the next session of parliament the government might go to the country, but as we are certain to have a majority of from forty to fifty votes these is no likelihood of such a thing."

The Hon. Mr. Laflamme, thought the rumor a very probable one. "I heard," said he, "that Sir Hector Langevin admitten the other day that the government would haae only six of a majority when the house meets. The deficit may be growing so large that the government will be afraid to go to the country after it is announced. Just now, too, they may hope that they will gain strength in the country from the hanging of Riel. If they wait over another session this feeling may disappear. Then I believe that some extraordinary revelations will be made soon about the management of the Northwest rebellion, revelations of jobbery which will disgust the whole country."

Mr. J. S. Archibald, the revising barrister for Montreal West, had heard nothing definite as to a dissolution of parliament. An appeal now would be an appeal to the old constituents, as the revising barristers are not expected to have their lists ready until the first of August.

He Wanted a Rest.

"Don't you want to go to a better world, Tommy?" asked the Sunday school teacher of the new scholar.

"No, mum," promptly replied the frank little fellow.

"And why not, Tommy?"

"Oh, when I die I want to go where a feller can rest."

"Well, my boy, you can rest there."

"Well, in that song we sung it said we'd all shine there."

"Certainly; don't you want to shine there?"

"No, mum. I get enough of that here. I'm a bootblack, mum."

OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Items of General Interest Received by Mail and Wire.

There were thirty-seven deaths from smallpox in Montreal and suburbs last week.

The Dominion government maintains a number of lights on the coasts of Newfoundland.

American capitalists are diligently searching for bargains in asbestos and iron mines in Quebec.

The price of government anthracite coal lands in the Northwest has been reduced from $20 to $12.50 per acre.

Exports from Canada for the month of November amounted to $8,913,220; imports for the same month, $6,445,885.

A little girl named Townsend was crowded off the railway platform at Almonte on Saturday, and one of her feet was taken off.

She St. Louis branch railway, an extension of the Intercolonial railway in Kent county, N.B., was opened for traffic the other day.

The synod of the diocese of Montreal are suing Mr. C. W. Phillips for $10,300 loaned on mortgage, and the interest on which has not been paid.

A shoemaker named Beaudry, on his way from Montreal to Moose Creek, was instantly killed on the C. P. R. track at Casselman on Saturday.

Two thousand dollars sent up by the Quebec government was divided among the officials of the Montreal court house on Friday as a Christmas present.

Diphtheria has made its appearance at Mattawa, Ont., but as yet the disease is confined to one family. Five children of the family have already died from it.

Henry Thompson, who absconded from Portland, Me., with $2500 belonging to the Grand Trunk railway company, is reported to have been captured in Mexico.

While a young man named McGrath of Guysboro county, N.S., was handling a loaded gun, it discharged, and McGrath's sister, who was standing near, was shot dead.

The Marquis of Lorne has been appointed honorary commissioner for Canada at the Indian and Colonial exhibition and to be president of the Canada commission, and Lord Monck has been appointed vice-president.

—See the Wanzer Roller Skate for Christmas presents and New Year gifts at 82 King street west. x

PETER MITCHELL AROUSED.

He Says the C. P. R. and the G. T. R. Have a Pooling Arrangement—Denied by Mr. Van Horne.

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—A great deal of surprise and comment has been occasioned by an article published in the Herald of Wednesday under the heading of the Canadian Pacific. The writer is believed to be the Hon. Peter Mitchell. The article was shown to Mr. Van Horne, general manager of the Canadian Pacific, by a Star reporter, who at the same time asked him what truth there was in the assertion that a "working or pooling arrangement" between the two lines was on foot.

"There is no truth in it."

"Have you any agreement with the Grand Trunk with a view of maintaining rates from Chicago and the west?"

"We have no agreement, that is to say there is no agreement between Mr. Hickson and myself; but of course there is a tacit understanding between the freight agents to quote uniform rates from the west. Such an agreement exists between all competing roads."

"Are you aware if Mr. Stephen has entered into any 'pooling arrangement' with the Grand Trunk on the other side?"

"No."

Mr. R. B. Angus, one of the directors just returned from England, denied most emphatically that any such agreement as hinted at in the Herald had been entered into either here or in London. Other railway men seen on the subject said there was evidently a hitch between Mr. Mitchell and the syndicate people, but what the nature of it was no one seemed to know.

HON. D. A. SMITH'S JOURNEY.

Why it is Undertaken—Improvement in Business in Manitoba.

Private despatches state that the object of Hon. D. A. Smith's visit to England is to attend the annual meeting of the Hudson Bay company, he being the largest shareholder and controlling the working of this wealthy corporation. The annual report of the governing committee, which has just been received on this side, refers to the loss of the "Princess Royal," with a cargo of furs valued at £24,000. Both ship and cargo were fully insured, but the loss will entail a charge of £6000 against the Marine insurance fund. The accounts for losses sustained by the company during the troubles in the Northwest will shortly be presented to the dominion government. The land commissioner of the company reports a decided improvement in mercantile affairs in Manitoba, and though a number of the land sales made during the period of excitement some years ago have been cancelled, the balance at the credit of the company's land account amounts to £5000.

A CHRISTMAS DAY SPREE.

Two Young Men Shot While Forcing an Entrance into a House of Ill-Repute.

BRANTFORD, Ont., Dec. 26.—Yesterday afternoon a party of young men from Paris drove to Brantford and on their way home stopped at the Brick, a house of ill-fame about a mile and a half north of Brantford on the Paris road. They were refused admittance and undertook to force their way in. They smashed the windows and doors. Finally two men came out and a fight ensued, in which two of the would be visitors were shot—one in the breast, and the other in the head. The other members of the party got their wounded friends into the rig and drove to Paris, from which a policeman came and arrested Tilley Yates, proprietress, and a young man and took them to Paris for trial.

A BIG THING FOR NEWFOUNDLAND

The First Appointment of a Native Governor.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 27.—The Newfoundland eqecutive has issued a proclamation forbidding the Orange procession in Harbor Grace and other parts of Conception Bay. Numerous affidavits were made before Judge Bennett affirming the certainty of a disturbance of the peace in the event of a public demonstration or procession.

Sir Ambrose Shea has been appointed governor of Newfoundland, being the first native and catholic governor since the discovery of the island by John and Sebastian Cabot in 1497 or 1498.

SMALLPOX IN MONTREAL.

Only One Case Verified in Three Days—Twelve Deaths in Two.

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—The official returns at the health office show that there were two deaths from smallpox in the city on Thursday; four in the hospitals and one in St. Henri. Yesterday there were three deaths in the city, one in St. Jean Baptiste and one in St. Cunegonde. There are now only twenty-one infected houses in the city, and only one new case has been verified in three days. The disease has now ceased to be epidemic.

Christmas Among the Convicts.

KINGSTON, Dec. 26.—The convicts in the penitentiary had their annual treat yesterday. At noon the six hundred convicts fyled into the immense dining-hall, and there devoured about two hundred turkeys and geese and about five hundred pounds of "plum duff." The Christmas anthems sung by the choir were interesting and well executed. The members of the choir are possessed of much humor. On one occasion, after the escape of a prisoner, they lustily sang The Ninety and Nine; and later, when a brother chorister was about to retire, the soft notes of We're Going Home To-morrow thrilled the congregation. Christmas Day is one of relaxation and gifts from friends are distributed. A big farm wagon carried the express parcels to the prison.

Ashore off British Columbia.

VICTORIA, B.C., Dec. 26.—Last night, during the prevalence of thick fog, the British bark Arabella, lumber laden for Australia, while in tow of the Pilot, went ashore on the rocks off Trial island, a few miles from this port. In the efforts to get her off, the Pilot was also stranded. The bark will be a total loss, but the tug got off with the loss of a false keel.

Big Storm in Halifax.

HALIFAX, Dec. 26.—One of the severest snow storms experienced in this latitude for years has prevailed here all day and is still raging with great fury. The storm set in early this morning from the east and northeast, and a large quantity of snow and hail has fallen. In some places immense drifts have formed.

An Instantaneous Fatality.

CAYUGA, Ont., Dec. 26.—A young lad named Douglass Stevenson of Seneca township, while out shooting this afternoon in the woods near Indiana, accidentally shot himself through the neck, causing almost instantaneous death.

With Half His Head Blown Off.

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 26.—The body of Walter Waddington was found on Wharncliffe road yesterday with half his head blown off. A gun was lying close by the body. It is not known whether he committed suicide or was murdered.

MR. MANNING IN NORTH TORONTO.

His Worship's Address to St. Paul's Warders Saturday Night.

A meeting of the supporters of Mayor Manning was held in St. Paul's hall, North Toronto, Saturday night, at 8.15. His worship, accompanied by Messrs. Arthur Harvey, John Hague and Henry Severn took seats on the platform. Mr. Hague was appointed chairman and introduced Mr. Manning in a clever and well directed speech.

Mayor Manning was greeted with cheers. He spoke at some length on the interest he has taken in the prosperity of Toronto, how he had watched its growth from almost a hamlet to the leading city of the dominion, and of the interest he still took in its welfare. What had Mr. Howland done for Toronto that he could lay the slightest claim to become the chief magistrate? Mr. Howland could make all the charges he pleased against him, but he could give an answer to every one of them. The workingmen had no better friend than himself. He believed in a workingman getting a good day's pay for an honest day's labor; and he hoped that in Toronto it always would be so. In regard to the waterworks he had taken no small interest in them. He had done his best to secure for Toronto pure lake water, and he thought that in conjunction with the water committee he had succeeded in doing so. Mr. Manning alluded to the slanderous utterings of Mr. McLaren [whose name the audience greeted with hisses] and stated that the statements made by that gentleman in regard to himself were false in every particular. He (Mr. Manning) had at all times done his duty honestly and conscientiously, and was therefore not afraid to face the electors for a second term. During his speech his worship was frequently interrupted with cheers.

The meeting broke up with a vote of thanks to the chairman and cheers for the queen and Mayor Manning.

Mayor Manning's Meetings.

Mayor Manning will hold meetings nearly every evening this week and will be present in person at all of them. This evening they will be held in Crocker's hall, corner of Queen and Niagara streets, for St. Stephen's ward, and in Hinchcliffe's hall, corner of Bloor street and Brunswick avenue, for St. Patrick's ward, the chair being taken in each case at 8 o'clock. Besides the mayor prominent citizens will address the electors.

Splendid stock of Tapestry Carpets in all the newest designs at 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 55c, 60c and 65c per yard at Petleys', King street, opp. the market Toronto. 461

Two Sudden Deaths.

About 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon Policeman Archer found a middle-aged man in a stupor on a doorstep on Church street near Queen. He took him to No. 1 station, where he died in about an hour after. On making inquiries he proved to be Richard Fitzpatrick, a plumber, aged 39, married and rooming at 179 Church street. He had been complaining of being unwell for some time past. The body was taken to the morgue, where Coroner Johnson will hold an inquest to-day at 11 o'clock.

An old woman named Bridget Kane died suddenly at 54 Duchess street yesterday. She was sitting in a chair by the fire when she fell back and expired. Coroner Duncan was notified, but did not deem an inquest necessary.

Veterinary Examination.

The Ontario Veterinary college examination was held last week, when the following gentlemen passed: R. F. Cowper, Los Angelos, California; J. H. Cunnington, Mono Road, Ont.; George W. Dawson, Tempo, Ont.; W. Green, Toronto; F. F. Johnson, Owen Sound, Ont.; J. A. McDonald, Cornwall, Ont.; George Rennicks, Huntingdon, Que.; George F. Snider, Ancaster, Ont.; J. B. White.

Ice-boating on the Bay.

The bay froze over Saturday night, but the ice was somewhat broken up by currents yesterday. The lagoon and ponds on the island side were frozen hard, and an ice-boat could be seen flying up and down before the wind.

Municipal Nominations.

The nomination of mayoralty candidates takes place at the city hall at 10 o'clock this morning. Aldermanic nominations in the different wards have been fixed for 12 o'clock.

Clothing for the Sweepers.

In response to his Christmas day appeal, Ald. Piper has received four packages of cast off clothing for his crossing sweepers. Further contributions will be highly acceptable.

In the Field.

Ald. Piper has fully recovered from his severe illness and is in the field for re-election as alderman for St. John's ward, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

There will be a Christmas tree entertainment at the hospital for sick children Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

There will be a grand matinee on New Year's day at the Adelaide street roller rink. It is well heated, comfortable and large.

About 10 o'clock on Saturday night the sheet music in Claxton's music store, Yonge street, Yonge street, caught fire from a gas jet, the blaze drawing a large crowd. The damage done was trifling.

The fine new window in memory of the late Bishop Fuller, unveiled a week ago in Christ Church cathedral, Hamilton, was of Canadian make and design, from the establishment of Elliott & Son, Bay street, Toronto.

Michael O'Halloran, proprietor of the Deer Park hotel, was thrown from his buggy Saturday night and received painful injuries. He was unconscious for a number of hours, but yesterday he was reported better.

James Gardiner and Robert Livesley, two east enders, quarrelled in a King street saloon Christmas day. Gardiner kicked Livesley severely, and yesterday he was locked up in the Wilton avenue station on a warrant charging him with assault.

George Virgo, who disappeared from his home at 149 Centre street last Monday, has not yet turned up, and his friends are anxious to hear about him. He is 50 years old, 5 feet 8½ inches tall, dark complexioned and wore a full beard of about a month's growth.

1886.

"O, welcome, year, with your untried days
In the lap of Mother Earth!
We'll have naught but good at your feeble hands
Until you prove your worth,
So fill the chalice to the rim
And drink to the young year's birth!
—But before the advent of the new year you, gentle reader, have one duty to perform. If your wife, mother, sister or wife that some day is to be, does not possess a handsome fur muff or a sealskin sacque, it is your duty to that beloved wife, mother, or sister, etc., etc., to buy her one, and Dineen's, corner of King and Yonge street, is the place to buy it. x

The Chinaman Sings.

You shootee me and hangee me,
You bootee me and bangee me,
Me doee workee, gettee boodle,
Livee once latee, poodle:
Oh, me livee, oh so cheapee,
And me workee while you sleepee.
—*Pittsburgh Dispatch.*

Steamship Arrivals.

At Queenstown: Etruria and Republic from New York.

At New York: Holland from London, P. Caland from Rotterdam, Germanic and Servia from Liverpool.

IT REALLY WAS A BOMB.

FAILURE OF A CONTEMPLATED OUTRAGE AT CHICAGO.

The Coachman of a Judge Finds an Infernal Machine—The Terror-Police Finally Explode it With Terrific Effect.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 27.—A little after 9 o'clock this morning a can of peculiar construction was found in front of the porch of Judge Lambert Tree's residence on Cass street by his coachman, who carried it into a vacant lot and notified the police. Officer Gallagher was sent to the spot and took the mysterious can to the Central station. His appearance created the wildest excitement and the officers lost no time in getting to the outside. Gallagher was forced to dispose of the machine himself. He carried it to a powder dealer on Lake street, but the man refused to touch it. A clerk in the store, however, examined it and pronounced it a finely constructed dynamite bomb. "Take it out of here," shouted the frightened clerk, "or it will blow up the whole street." Gallagher and the clerk hastened with the machine to the lake front, where preparations were made to explode the bomb and a fuse five feet long was attached to the machine and fired. Both men ran with all their speed, but they had not gone 200 feet when the machine exploded with a tremendous noise. The report was heard as far west as Fifth avenue, and for a depth of six feet the frozen ground was torn up.

Officer Gallagher's companion was of opinion that the explosive was nitro-glycerine and declared that enough of it was in the machine to blow up the city hall. Thus far the police have no idea of the parties who are responsible for the contemplated outrage. It is not known that any motive existed for the commission of the act. The fuse had been lighted, but it had gone out.

The Tree residence is one of the most elaborate and costly in the city, occupying one quarter of an entire block in a fashionable residence district in the north division of the city. The building probably represents $200,000 with its valuable contents. It is a three-story structure of brown stone, rock faced, and has been occupied for some time by Gen. O. C. McClurg, of the publishing house of Jansen, McClurg & Co.

PERSONAL.

Mr. John A. Mackenzie of Sarnia is at the Rossin.

Lord and Lady Melgund leave Ottawa today for England.

W. F. W. Creelman of Toronto is gazetted as a notary public for Ontario.

Mr. W. Waugh Lander, now of Chicago, is registered at the Rossin house.

Bishop Grandin of Prince Albert has entirely recovered from his recent illness.

Premier Mowat paid a visit to his constituents in Oxford county last week.

Mgr. Duhamel of Ottawa, who has been very ill for some time, is now out of danger.

The pope is suffering from a kidney complaint, and has been ordered to take a complete rest.

L. P. Gordon, attorney and counsellor, of Lockport, N.Y., and a member of the state legislature, spent his Christmas in Toronto.

Sheriff Chapleau of Regina and Judge Rouleau of Battleford are at the Queen's hotel. They are en route to Ottawa on official business.

The Emperor William is in the best of health and spirits. He spent Christmas eve in the company of other members of the royal family.

After several days of illness, Mr. M. P. Dougherty has recovered sufficiently to take his place once more at the clerk's desk in the Rossin house.

Katie Putnam, the actress, has been presented with 300 shares, valued at $20,000, of a mine near Helena, Mont. The mine was originally named after her.

His Grace the Most Rev. Marcus Gervais Beresford, D.D., Protestant archbishop of Armagh, primate of Ireland and metropolitan, is dead, at the age of 85.

Col. Hewitt, R.E., commandant of the Royal Military college, has been offered the position of colonel on the staff commanding the Royal Engineers in the southern district of England, with headquarters at Portsmouth.

Adelina Patti contemplates retiring to her Welsh estate at Craig y Nos on