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"THE PEOPLE'S WILLIAM."

MAYOR HOWLAND RE-ELECTED BY A MAJORITY OF 2166.

A Decisive Victory for the Moral Party—A Few Aldermanic Surprises—A Council in Sympathy With His Worship Returned—Joy at Shaftesbury Hall Over the Result—Incidents of the Day.

Over fifteen thousand ladies and gentlemen of this bustling city yesterday declared, in the most positive terms, that Mayor Howland was worthy of a second term of office. By a majority of 2166 over David Blain they proclaimed their continued confidence in Mr. Howland. The vote was the largest ever cast in the city, 15,052, being 1184 more votes than was cast in 1886. It will be pretty hard for those who do not admit that Mayor Howland possesses the confidence of a sweeping majority of the citizens to analyze this vote.

Mr. Howland is solid in Toronto.

It was a square defeat.

The election was an exciting and enthusiastic one. The bustle continued till the very moment that the polling booths were closed.

There is no doubt that Mr. Howland polled nearly the whole of the Labor vote, as he did last year. The lady voters also continued their fealty to His Worship.

The result lit on the supporters of Mr. Blain like a thunderbolt. Many of them were almost struck dumb with astonishment, for two reasons: Because they were defeated and because they lumped and lost large sums of money. Betting seems to be one of the chief characteristics of elections now-a-days.

Mr. Howland enters his second year surrounded by a council the majority of whom are undoubtedly in sympathy with his moral and temperance views. He had the support of almost the entire Protestant clergy and of four daily papers. Besides this, he was backed by 15,052 solid voters.

That is certainly sufficient evidence that the citizens want Mr. Howland; and they have got him.

As to the aldermanic contest, there are a few surprises to note—surprises at least to the men most directly concerned. Among them was Ald. Pepler's defeat in St. Patrick's Ward. This division two years ago sent Mr. Pepler to the council at the head of the poll. Ald. Walker's defeat in St. George's Ward was another of the surprises. The same might be said in a lesser degree of Ald. James' knock-out in St. Lawrence. Ald. Low's defeat in St. Patrick's will probably only surprise that gentleman himself.

One pleasing feature of the contest was the lively interest that has been developed in the selection of Public School Trustees. Hereafter the people will take as much pains in the selection of the men who control the education of the city as they do in choosing aldermen.

Following are the returns of the voting:

The Mayoralty Vote.

	Howland.	Blain.
St. Andrew's	681	852
St. David's	1065	953
St. George's	397	494
St. James'	984	673
St. John's	1059	669
St. Lawrence	530	582
St. Mark's	301	212
St. Matthew's	352	239
St. Patrick's	1567	875
St. Paul's	580	328
St. Stephen's	898	530
St. Thomas'	696	536
Total	9109	6943
Majority for Howland		2166

LAST YEAR'S VOTE.

	Howland.	Manning.
St. Andrew's	678	708
St. David's	879	805
St. George's	403	436
St. James'	864	618
St. John's	931	619
St. Lawrence	401	576
St. Mark's	107	96
St. Matthew's	279	210
St. Patrick's	1287	766
St. Paul's	533	274
St. Stephen's	826	510
St. Thomas'	595	497
Total	7793	6075

THE TABLES COMPARED.

The total vote cast was 15,052, being 1284 in excess of last year. Howland increased his majority by 348, and Blain polled 868 more votes than Manning. Blain's majorities were in St. Andrew's, St. George's and St. Lawrence Wards.

The Aldermanic Vote.

ST. ANDREW'S WARD.

Defoe	956
Carlyle	875
Dodds	721
Bond	605
Pells	567
Bowman	152

ST. DAVID'S WARD.

Fleming	1165
Wickett	1053
Swait	1000
Lobb	964
Coxon	325
Hynes	215

ST. GEORGE'S WARD.

Maughan	709
Verral	683
Gillespie	592
Walker	575

ST. JAMES' WARD.

Boustead	1126
McMillan	1090
Millichamp	993
Macdougall	769
Iredale	671

ST. JOHN'S WARD.

Piper	1105
Hunter	1033
Irwin	889
Thomson	753
Bugg (Chas.)	285
Bugg (Wm.)	149

ST. LAWRENCE WARD.

Morrison	951
Rogers	912
Frankland	776
James	648

ST. MARK'S WARD.

Woods (M. J.)	249
Ritchie	238
Denison (C. L.)	224
Denison (S. A.)	218
McConnell	197
Smith	107
Guthrie	71

ST. MATTHEW'S WARD.

Jones	384
Macdonald	350
Topham	329
Leslie	238
Graham	236

ST. PATRICK'S WARD.

Harvie	1569
St. Leger	1368
Baxter	1291
Pepler	1065
Low	659
McNabb	313

ST. PAUL'S WARD.

Hill	615
Shaw	540
Roaf	501
Stark	465

ST. STEPHEN'S WARD.

Burton	844
Johnston	801
Graham	798
Collard	518
Richey	310
Kennedy	280

ST. THOMAS' WARD.

Carlyle	948
Bailey	646
Drayton	628
Hewitt	487
Park	438

The Council-Elect.

The names of the lucky men are printed in italic and it will be seen that the incoming council is made up of Messrs. Defoe, Carlyle (St. Andrew's), Dodds, Fleming, Wickett, Swait, Maughan, Verral, Gillespie, Boustead, McMillan, Millichamp, Piper, Hunter, Irwin, Morrison, Rogers, Frankland, M. J. Woods, Ritchie, C. L. Denison, Jones, Macdonald, Ingham, Harvie, St. Leger, Baxter, Hill, Shaw, Roaf, Barton, Johnston, Graham, Carlyle (St. Thomas'), Galley, Drayton.

Politically the complexion of the council may be described as in favor of the Liberal party by six, the calculation being:

Liberals—Carlyle (St. Andrew's), Fleming, Gillespie, Boustead, McMillan, Morrison, Rogers, Harvie, Roaf, Hill, Graham, Carlyle (St. Thomas'), Galley, Maughan, Verral, Hunter, Frankland, Woods, Ritchie, Ingham, Barton—21.

Conservatives—Macdonald, Defoe, Dodds, Swait, Wickett, Baxter, Millichamp, Piper, Irwin, Denison, Jones, Shaw, Johnston, Drayton, St. Leger—15.

Last year the figures stood 19 to 17 in favor of the Conservatives.

Sixteen candidates endorsed by the Prohibitionists were chosen: The two Carlyles, Fleming, Gillespie, Boustead, McMillan, Morrison, Rogers, Macdonald, Harvie, St. Leger, Baxter, Roaf, Hill, Graham, Galley.

The ratepayers seem to think pretty well of the retiring aldermen, for they elected 23 out of the 27 who offered themselves: Ald. Defoe, Carlyle, Maughan, Verral, Hunter, Piper, Irwin, Baxter, Fleming, McMillan, Boustead, Frankland, Shaw, Roaf, Barton, Johnston, Carlyle, Galley, Drayton, Macdonald, Jones, M. J. Woods, C. L. Denison. The four defeated ones were: Ald. James, Walker, Pepler and Low. Nine did not seek re-election: Ald. Hall, Lamb, Allen, Steiner, Turner, John Woods, Elliott, Saunders, Crocker.

The new blood courses in the veins of Messrs. Gillespie, Dodds, Ingham, Morrison, Rogers, Swait, Wickett, Hill, St. Leger, Graham, Ritchie. Messrs. Millichamp and Harvie are ex-aldermen.

JOY AT SHAFTESBURY HALL.

Celebrating the Great Victory by Speeches and General Rejoicing.

It was about 6 o'clock when the Howland supporters began to fill Shaftesbury Hall, and at 7.30 the place held an immense crowd. It stood on the seats and in the aisles and on the steps and on the platform, and filled the galleries, and climbed up on each other; and it was only by kindness on the part of the crowd that The World reached the platform. The choir was occupied by Mr. F. S. Spence, President of the Young Men's Prohibition Club, and editor of the temperance organ, the Canada Citizen. About every temperance man in the town was there, the prominent ones on the platform, including Henry O'Brien, Staff Inspector Archabold, John Hallam, John Ross Robertson, Elias Rogers, James Thompson, Rev. Mr. Keefer, Rev. P. McF. McLeod, Ald. Macdonald, Ald. Fleming, Ald. McMillan, Geo. St. Leger, Ald. Carlyle of St. Andrew's, J. J. Withrow, and John T. Moore. In fact all the temperance workers were there, and if The World didn't see them it was because they were squeezed out of sight in the large crowd. The ladies turned out strong and stood it like men, some jammed on the platform, some on the floor, and more in the galleries.

For two hours the excited throng did nothing but cheer Mayor Howland and the successful temperance candidates, and yell themselves hoarse as the Howland majorities were read out. Then Chairman Spence said the newly-hatched aldermen would be first called on, and then Mayor Howland would give his inaugural address.

John Harvie said: "I am at the head of the poll in St. Patrick's, where I was three years ago, but now I have 200 instead of 200."

Ald. Macdonald said: "There were 2061 people who would not sleep till they had slain Blain."

Geo. St. Leger: "I feel proud to-night, and I'm thanking you I think the ladies, the press, the temperance people and the Knights of Labor. And, young men, if you want to be anything you must be temperate."

Mr. Spence filled up an interval between the speeches of the Aldermanic victors by saying: "We have popped those who thought politics were going to run the city. We left at home some opposers of the Fleming by-law. The ladies fought nobly for their homes, and the great and good women at the head of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of the United States sent us words of kind greeting. We thank the papers." "What about The World?" was asked. [The World was most unanimously hissed.] Mr. Spence continuing said: "First of all we thank the Telegram, and then the News, and then the Globe—" [Hisses and hooting]—and last of all we are grateful to The World for opposing us. We also owe something to the Mail. But we especially thank the Blain organ. An organ is run by a crank, but in this case it was only a fiddle. It needs to change its tune. In most wards the straight temperance ticket has been elected, and we will have eighteen temperance aldermen, who, with the Mayor's casting vote, will give us the council. It's the first time such a thing has happened in the history of Toronto."

There were cries for Elias Rogers, the successful temperance man in St. Lawrence, but it was announced that illness in his family had called him home.

Ald. McMillan appeared and got a rousing reception. He stood on a chair, as did all the other speakers, for otherwise they would not have been seen. He said: "Mr. Chairman, gentlemen, fellow-citizens and ladies, I rejoice that the enemy has been routed horse, foot and artillery and I see my Reform friends here—[cries of no party politics] and my friends of the Conservative party. We have sunk party and gone in for good men and good government. I am glad that the workingmen cast their lot with us. After the lesson he has had I hope Mr. Howland will not quarrel with his council. [Laughter.] The fear of God and the cause of truth and righteousness has won. I was the first ultra temperance man to get a footing in the council and now Mr. Howland and others have followed me."

Ald. Carlyle of St. Andrew's Ward climbed into the chair and said: "I am sorry that I am the only temperance man from St. Andrew's."

Just here a fight occurred in the top gallery and there were fears of a panic, but two or three men were hustled out, and Mr. Carlyle concluded by saying that he would support Mayor Howland in the council.

"I have much pleasure in introducing Mr. Howland," said Chairman Spence.

The Mayor was hoisted into the chair, hats went up, handkerchiefs waved, cheers upon cheers rang out and were repeated till they grew tiresome, and Henry O'Brien capped the climax by starting up "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." And the thousands of throats took up the strain and sang the doxology with fine effect. Then three cheers were given for the Queen.

Mayor Howland said: "Ladies and gentlemen—and friends, as I said in my election address—by the wonderful spontaneous singing of that hymn my speech has been said. I thank God. We have not only taught a lesson to ourselves, but we have shown every city on this continent that the evil elements cannot hold the controlling powers. In my nomination speech I drew the line, and I meant what I said. I do not take it back. "Oh, it is wonderful! The man sinks into nothing compared with the principle you have raised aloft, the principle that is going to conquer evil throughout this good land. I do indeed, thank God, for if it had not been for Him I believe we would not have won. We have gathered many recruits and let the work be continued next year. You have this city for twenty years to come, or else it will deteriorate. I do just love to think, dear friends, that I have a place in your hearts and I do rejoice in it. There's nothing in this world like it—oh, the place in the heart of the people!"

Rev. Mr. Keefer interrupted with, "Three cheers for the people's William!"

Continuing the Mayor said: "I'm going to go on just exactly as I've been doing. Dear friends, I don't intend to let up, but the only change will be to make harmony with my council. Those whom the gods seek to destroy they first drive mad.' They've driven our enemies to destruction—and, oh, isn't it a good thing? Isn't it grand to think that a man has only to be square and have the people stand up behind him? I want to say that I've been re-elected by the people—for they, independent of any class, have elected me. I consider that I am the representative of every decent man and woman in this town—"

"Draw the line again!" shouted a number of voices in the audience. "No, no," whispered Mr. Spence and others to the Mayor.

He didn't draw the line again, but after an enthusiastic platformer had got tired of yelling "Fire a volley!" he continued, saying: "Because I am honest I want to say that I respect the honest souls that happen to be on the other side. We know the strength of the enemy, for we've had the straight issue and it was the greatest fight we ever had. They're defeated now for good because we know their strength. They brought every influence to bear, they've done their biggest, and we know it."

"St. John's Ward is reformed!" shouted a Noble Warder.

"This," said Mr. Howland, "is not a party nor a religious victory, but one for temperance, and that's enough to fill us for a year. I'm glad to thank Mr. Withrow here and the other splendid fellows who helped us. I wish my arms were big enough to go around all of them! I want to thank my friend Spence, especially. I thank the people—for I'm one of the people—and I thank the women of Toronto! [Cheers.] The beacon light of deliverance for every wrecked American city is blazing aloft and when we hear those cities rejoicing in years to come you will be glad for the votes you gave to-day, because it will be said that Toronto started it all!"

Samuel McNab of District Assembly 125, K. of L., was brought forward, but he had such a sore throat that he couldn't speak. He and Mayor Howland stood side by side on a couple of chairs and the audience cheered.

Mr. J. J. Withrow was greeted by some as "Our Next Mayor," but several platformers whispered: "Don't say that." He said, "It is unusual for a temperance man to be elevated to such a position as Mayor Howland's because temperance men themselves are not always true to their principles. I am glad of this moral wave and I hope it will sweep on until it will be a high honor to belong to the council."

Mr. Edward Hewitt, one of the St. Thomas Ward defeated, said in effect: "I will get there yet."

Mr. John Hallam said he was in the council when it was dangerous to be a temperance man. He made a flowery speech and spoke about Hydra-headed monsters, etc. Next to Howland he thought Fleming was the hero of the hour.

Rev. P. McF. McLeod said: "We've had a great victory over The World, the flesh and the devil. We've got a man who's in harmony with Almighty God. They voted against a man who wouldn't bring his moral notions into the council! Ugh! Because they hadn't any moral notions of their own!"

Ald. Fleming had a big reception. He rejoiced that "so many electors have made their way through the beer barrels and whisky kegs. In St. David's Ward it was a fight of this kind." He wound up by saying, "You'll soon hear some more about my license by-law."

Mr. John T. Moore said excitedly: "The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth, and I'm glad you've been found enrolled in the hosts of the King of Kings! You can now comprehend the forces arrayed against you—the Hon. Frank Smith and all that he could whip in—cheers, hisses and 'rats' [illegible] down among the dead men'—as much cheek as a camal horse—a leather medal for egotism—Toronto has taken a bath, and she's cleaner than ever!"

Mr. Robert McLean said that he could have written in twenty minutes the election address which Mr. Blain said he hadn't time to write more fully. Next to the Mayor's election he appreciated Walker's defeat. The Howland men could go home rejoicing and sober because Toronto was redeemed forever.

Mr. James Thomson, a temperance candidate who was defeated in St. John's Ward, said he would do better next time.

Mr. John Ross Robertson was greeted with cheers and hisses in equal proportions. He said: "Well, my friends, I am very glad to be here to-night. The result of the vote shows the emphatic endorsation of the decision of a year ago that the homes and not the saloons of Toronto are to govern the city and that the men behind the bars are not to be its kingmakers. We have wiped them out and snowed them under so that a Grand Trunk wrecking train won't get them out. Howland can be mayor until the millennium. Blain took a well but he doesn't know. The Telegram has tried to be on the right side, irrespective of party politics, and we propose that life be made a burden to those who didn't do right."

"God Save the Queen" was sung and the immense throng squeezed out and helped to fill up the streets.

The Election of Trustees.

There were contests in ten wards for the election of Public School Trustees. St. George's Ward returned Chairman McMurrich and St. David's Ward Dr. Pyne by acclamation a week ago. Two candidates had to be elected in St. Stephen's and St. Paul's Wards: one in each for the regular period of two years, and one in each to fill vacancies caused by the death of Mr. Donovan and the retirement of Mr. Hill, who sought and won a seat in the council. On account of the voting being on the same day as that for aldermen, a much larger number of ballots were cast than in former years, and the contests were intensified by the action of the Tory trustees in allowing Inspector Hughes to take the political stump. In nearly all the wards the fight was of a political nature, and in the defeat of Messrs. Lyon, Metcalf and Whiteside the Conservatives came out second best. The results:

St. Andrew's: Willcock 800, Purvis 534.
St. David's: Dr. R. A. Pyne re-elected without opposition.
St. George's: Chairman McMurrich re-elected without opposition.
St. Lawrence: Henderson 628, Metcalf 540.
St. James': Baird 896, Lyon 771.
St. John's: Somers 888, Kent 790.
St. Mark's: Bell 264, Tennant 141.
St. Matthew's: Poulton 307, Entwhistle 254.
St. Paul's: Vair 512 and Cooper 277 for the two year term; Bishop 549 and Hooper 268 for the one year term.
St. Patrick's: Kent 1212, Armstrong 1135.
St. Stephen's: Downard 794 and Winchester 454 for the two year term; A. R. Denison 741 and Rev. John Mutch 426 for the one year term.
St. Thomas': Spence 642, Whiteside 571.

So the members elect are Messrs. Willcock, Baird, Somers, Henderson, Bell, Poulton, Kent, Vair, Bishop, Downard, Denison, Spence, McMurrich, Pyne. Only three out of the twelve retiring members who sought re-election were defeated: Messrs. Lyon, Metcalf and Whiteside. Their successors—Messrs. Baird, Henderson and Spence—may be counted as Liberal gains.

After the Battle.

"Pumpy" Robertson pursued Mr. Millichamp from poll-opening till poll-closing in St. James' Ward, but he did not succeed in defeating him.

The weather was beautiful throughout the day—an ideal election day.

The Mayor and the temperance aldermen are to be invited to the Young Prohibitionists' meeting in the Pavilion Music Hall next Sunday afternoon.

The re-election of Ald. Maughan is another direct slap in the face to "Pumpey" Robertson. The good people of St. George's Ward manifested their contempt for the Evening Pumpagram's scurrilous abuse of Mr. Maughan by placing him at the head of the poll with 709 votes, 93 more than he received last year.

Three aldermen who headed the poll in their respective wards last year are among the defeated: Ald. Walker, Pepler, James. Verily time works great changes.

In St. James' Ward this year Ald. Boustead reversed his position from the bottom to the head of the list.

Ald. M. J. Woods still leads the van in St. Matthew's Ward.

Ald. Pepler's rejection by St. Patrick's Ward is a shameful recognition of honest and intelligent service for two years.

IN FLOWERY PARKDALE.

Dr. Lynd Elected Mayor—An Enthusiastic Election Fight.

The municipal elections in the burgh of Parkdale were carried on with some degree of enthusiasm. The Parkdalians regard a seat at the Town Council Board as an honor worth striving for, and in each of the wards the competition was keen. The position of School Trustee was also much sought after, and the struggle between the rival Doctors for the Mayor's chair was carried on with vigor by their friends. Dr. Lynd, however, outran his opponent to the extent of 58 votes. The familiar face and form of Reeve McMath will be missed from the forum. As the village politician he has been the "great and only" for a long time, and notwithstanding his eccentricities he has worked hard for the town, and has aided considerably in bringing it to its present prosperity. Through some mistake on the part of his friends, he was not nominated for Mayor or Reeve, either of which it is understood he would have been willing to contest. Mr. Isaac Lennox received his official robe by defeating First Deputy Reeve Terry. One would have thought that Mr. Terry's past services entitled him to promotion, but the ballot decided otherwise. The restrictive liquor license by-law received a hearty endorsation from the people, and looking at it as a whole, the new council may be regarded as a temperance one. The results are as follows:

The total number of votes cast for mayor was 634. Of these Dr. Lynd got 340 and Dr. Rowe 288, a majority of 58 for Dr. Lynd. St. Mark's Ward gave the highest figures for Lynd and St. Alban's the highest for Rowe.

For Reeve Isaac Lennox got 311 votes and Edward Terry 270, a majority for Lennox of 41 votes.

Second Deputy Reeve Thompson was elected First Deputy by acclamation.

James Stewart was elected Second Deputy Reeve by a majority of 82 over Councillor Stevens.

The councillors for 1887 will be:

St. Mark's Ward—George Tait, George Sinclair and Councillor Coxhead. The vote stands: Tait 81, Sinclair 69, Coxhead 66, J. J. Wright, 58, G. G. Miles 48.

St. Alban's—Councillor Atkinson, Edward J. Musson and Councillor Stewart, the vote being: Atkinson 117, Musson 96, Stewart 75, Aylesworth 64.

St. Martin's—Benjamin Goodman, Councillor Gander and J. Ingham, the vote being: Goodman 155, Gander 118, Ingham 99, Horton 83.

St. Vincent's—Councillors Rankin, Gowanlock and Edwards, the vote being: Rankin 102, Gowanlock 96, Edwards 87, Babe 65, Wood 38.

For School Trustees, R. Pink defeated Dr. J. K. Riddall by 67 to 63 in St. Mark's Ward. J. Dilworth defeated T. W. Willoughby in St. Alban's Ward by 81 to 77. In St. Martin's Ward Trustee Mingay defeated A. Bateson by 136 to 61. Walter Shipman received 10 votes. In St. Vincent's Ward G. Hovard defeated J. H. Thompson by 86 to 72.

The bylaw limiting liquor licenses to two shop and two tavern licenses was carried by a majority of 162. The total number of votes cast for was 359 and 197 against.

The bylaw increasing the license fee from $200 to $400 was carried by a majority of 161, the votes cast being 338 for and 177 against.

A bylaw for an additional sum of $6000 for fire hall, etc., was carried by a majority of 10, the votes being 203 for and 193 against.

York Township.

First Deputy Reeve Frankland was elected to the Reeveship by a majority of 39 over Arthur L. Willson of Eglinton, who has suffered three defeats in a fight for this position.

The List of Jubilee Knights.

BELLEVILLE, Jan. 3.—W. H. Biggar, elected Mayor by acclamation on Dec. 27.

KINGSTON, Jan. 3.—Carson elected Mayor by 339 majority over Chown.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Cowan elected Mayor by over 800 majority.

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—McLeod Stewart elected Mayor by a majority of 336.

BRANTFORD, Jan. 3.—Robert Henry elected Mayor by 41 majority.

GUELPH, Jan. 3.—Lieut.-Col. A. H. Macdonald was elected Mayor.

STRATFORD, Jan. 3.—C. J. MacGregor was elected Mayor.

ST. CATHARINES, Jan. 3.—J. E. Cuff was elected Mayor.

HAMILTON, Jan. 3.—Mayor McKay re-elected by a majority of 3045 over Ald. O'Brien.

Wreck of a British Bark.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The British bark Lotus from Fowey, England, for New York with a cargo of China clay, ran ashore at Long Beach this morning. Her captain and crew of seven men were rescued by the life saving crew. Capt. Lewis and the sailors suffered terribly, being scarcely able to leave the vessel with the aid of the life saving crew. The captain is badly frost-bitten. The vessel is covered with ice, is full of water and is fast breaking up.

Nine Mexicans Were Burned to Death.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 3.—The officials of the Southern Pacific Railroad to-day announced the details of the disastrous accident on their line on Friday night. They corroborate the accounts previously sent. Nine Mexicans were burned to death in the wreckage of the two trains. They were on a flat car which was driven under the cars of a freight train and the wreck took fire.

Slashed to Death with a Razor.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 3.—A. E. Nickens, a prominent negro, was found murdered in a barber shop here to-day. His head was nearly severed from his body with a razor. Nickens had nearly $300 on his person last night, all but $6 of which had been taken. Chas. Green, an employe of Nickens, was arrested on suspicion. About $150 was found under his bed.

An Orphans' Home Burned.

MACON, Ga., Jan. 3.—The County Orphan Home, three miles from Macon, was burned Saturday night at midnight. Forty-five children were turned out in their night clothing with the thermometer marking twelve degrees. They were finally taken care of by neighbors. Loss $7500.

Winter Wheat Well Protected.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—The Farmer's Review says that the returns from its correspondents very generally speak favorably of the prospects for the winter wheat. In Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio the fields are generally well protected with snow.

Furs. If you want to buy cheap furs call on us. Bastedo & Co., 54 Yonge-st.

OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Items of Interest Received by Mail and Wire.

The snow fell in Montreal for Saturday and Sunday was six inches.

The Governor-General's New Year's Day reception was attended by about five hundred persons.

Mrs. Samuel Colter, living near Stratford, died last week, aged 104. She was born in Ireland in 1783.

Mr. Dennis McCarthy, an old and respected citizen of London, died suddenly in that city on Saturday, aged 80.

It is believed in Winnipeg that the Local Government still have some intention of offering the speakership of the next Legislature to Mr. David Glass.

A fresh detachment of the Salvation Army, consisting of two men and two women, arrived at Quebec on Saturday and commenced services on Sunday.

A man, whose name is unknown, died suddenly Saturday in Gauthier's saloon, St. Lawrence-street, Montreal. Death is supposed to have resulted from over-drinking.

About forty artillerists, members of various volunteer batteries in the province, have arrived at Kingston to take a short course at the School of Gunnery.

Joseph E. McCabe, son of John McCabe of Mosside, Middlesex County, has entered action against Lyman Wright of that place, claiming heavy damages for defamation of character.

A carter named Thos. Britt, aged 23 years, and residing at 35 Canning-street, Montreal, took suddenly ill on Magill-street on Sunday. He was being driven to his home, but died before reaching there.

A man employed by Hiram Walker & Sons at Walkerville, met with a peculiar accident on Saturday. In entering a stall to take out his horse he struck his face against a stiffly frozen blanket, cutting a deep gash over his eye, lacerating the eyelid and narrowly escaping the loss of the eye.

Owing to the prevalence of glanders among horses in Montreal and the outlying districts, the City Board of Health have requested the Federal Government to pass an order-in-Council bringing into force the Act giving the Government Veterinary Inspector power to have the infected animals destroyed.

IN ALLIANCE WITH RUSSIA

GERMANY THROWS HER FRIENDSHIP FOR AUSTRIA OVERBOARD.

Russia Will Remain Neutral Should Germany War with France, and Germany will Refrain From Interfering Should Russia have Trouble with Austria.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—M. Blowitz, Paris correspondent of the Times, positively confirms his recent statement that Russia and Germany have concluded a direct alliance. Dr. Blowitz says that by the terms of this alliance Russia binds herself to remain neutral in the event of war between France and Germany, and Germany binds herself to remain neutral in the event of war between Russia and Austria. He further says that while there can be no doubt about the existence of this imperial compact there are two stories as to the manner in which the treaty was effected. One is that it was negotiated directly by the Czar and the Emperor William through personal correspondence and the other is that Bismarck and M. De Giers contrived the alliance by personal discussion.

THE BULGARIAN CRISIS.

Alexander's Return Would be the Signal for Russian Occupation.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 3.—It is semi-officially stated that the Russian Government maintains the same attitude toward Bulgaria it adopted at the time of General Kaulbars' recall from that country.

The return of Prince Alexander to the Bulgarian throne, it is added, might, however, cause the Czar to renounce all endeavors to effect a pacific settlement of the crisis in Bulgaria and have recourse to military occupation of the country.

Russia Effects a Loan.

PARIS, Jan. 3.—Russia has concluded arrangements for obtaining from the Hersents of Paris a loan of 75,000,000 francs. The money is to be expended in constructing a canal from the eastern extremity of the Gulf of Perekop, in the Black Sea, across the neck of land joining the Crimea to the mainland, to the sea of Azov, in order to afford a direct water route from the River Don to the Black Sea.

Seventeen of the Crew Were Drowned.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The British steamer Dragoman, which collided with and sunk a ship off Bardsey was from Liverpool for Cardiff. She returned to the Mersey after the collision. Her bows are stove in and she is otherwise seriously damaged. The name of the sunken ship was the Duke of Connaught. She had a crew of twenty-one men, and seventeen of these were drowned.

Fur Coats and Robes at Closing prices. Bastedo & Co., 54 Yonge-st.

Libellers of the Czar.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 3.—The Journal de St. Petersburg denies the stories that the Czar is insane and characterizes as falsehoods the several actions attributed to the Czar and referred to as illustrating the nature of his malady. The Journal denounces the Pesther Lloyd newspaper of Pesth for publishing "such absurdities, which," the St. Petersburg paper adds, "are hatched by foreign manufactories of lies."

Four Killed and Thirteen Wounded.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—An explosion of gas occurred yesterday in the Cambridge barracks at Portsmouth, doing considerable damage. Four men were killed, and others are still buried in the debris. It is not known whether they are alive or not. The number of injured, as far as known, is thirteen, and some of these, it is feared, are fatally hurt.

Favoring Home Manufacture.

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—German iron masters have made an agreement with those of Belgium to refrain from selling rails in each other's country. Iron masters of these countries are endeavoring to induce English manufacturers of rails to enter into a similar agreement.

A Boycott Where Least Expected.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Dublin Express of yesterday asserts that Archbishop Walsh is being boycotted by the Catholics of the upper classes because he supports the Nationalist plan of campaign.

Collars, Caps and Gauntlets at sales prices. Bastedo & Co., 54 Yonge-st.

Anniversary of a Consecration.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 3.—Impressive ceremonies were held this morning in St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the consecration of the Right Reverend W. Bacon Stevens, LL.D., Bishop of the diocese of Pennsylvania.

Married Papa's Coachman.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 3.—Eunice Hill, the pretty and accomplished daughter of Mr. Hill of Redding, eloped with and has been married to Fred Hicks, her father's coachman. Hicks is 25 years old and uncultivated. The lady is 19. Mr. Hill refuses to recognize either of them.

The Northwest Cold Wave.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—The cold wave throughout the Northwest continues at many points. The cold is more severe than yesterday. No serious delay or interruption of railway traffic.

A Wages Difficulty Settled.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 3.—The differences between the Baltimore and Ohio Railway Company and the engineers of the Pittsburg division of that road have been compromised.

Fatal Boiler Explosion Reported.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 3.—Meagre intelligence has been received here of a boiler explosion in a saw mill near Geneva, Pa., about eight miles from Meadville. Four men are reported killed and a number wounded.

The Cold Wave Reaches Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 3.—A cold wave from the United States struck the Valley of Mexico early this morning, and thin ice formed in several places.

Away Below Zero in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—This was the coldest morning of the year in Chicago. At 6 o'clock the thermometer registered fifteen degrees below zero.

Sea Otter Caps at clearing prices. Bastedo & Co., 54 Yonge-st.

A Dinner for Sixpence.

London Letter in Washington Critic.

A few weeks ago a prospectus appeared in the daily papers announcing the formation of an association, entitled the British Dinner Company, its object being to furnish the working classes, both in London and the Provinces, a good dinner for 12½ cents or sixpence in English money. Passing through Oxford-street a few days ago, I found that the first dining-room of the company had just been opened, and being familiar with every restaurant in the metropolis of any importance I ventured to test the humbler bill of fare offered by the new company. For sixpence there was the choice of soup or fish, roast beef, two vegetables and bread ad libitum. Sweets are charged twopence, and tea, coffee or cocoa one penny per cup. The viands are exceeding good and well cooked, and the attendance (by a respectable-looking set of girls uniformly attired in black, with snow-white caps and aprons) excellent, for which no charge is made. The building appears to have been an old chapel, up an alley, just off the main street. The meals are served at separate tables on the ground floor and in the galleries also, which, being designated as special, command an extra charge of one penny.

This establishment will prove a boon to many thousands who cannot afford to patronize restaurants of a more pretentious character, and to whom even a "shilling dinner" would be beyond their means.

THE RECORD FOR A GENERATION.

The Great Growth of Cereal Production in Thirty-Three Years.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The report of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Routes, etc., has been published. It makes a volume of 500 pages, and contains many valuable tables and much information on the subject of transportation, gathered from nearly every country in the world. The first table presented indicates the progress of the United States for a generation. Thirty-three years ago they produced 100,000,000 bushels of wheat and about 600,000,000 bushels of corn. Twice in recent years they have reached 500,000,000 bushels of wheat, and in 1885 the corn crop reached 1,800,000,000 bushels, a five-fold increase in wheat and a three-fold increase in corn. The increase in other cereals has not been so rapid. In the export trade, the committee says, wheat has always ranked first in value, and in 38 years has added $2,600,000,000 to the value of the national production, a sum equivalent to four times the value of exported corn and cornmeal during the same period. It is shown that the difference in the price of corn between the Atlantic ports and the lake ports has steadily declined from 21 cents per bushel in 1873 to 10 cents per bushel in 1883, and between the Atlantic ports and the western river boats from 19 cents in 1873 to 11 cents in 1883.

SIX HUNDRED MEN ON STRIKE.

The Employes of a Coal Railway Resist a Reduction of Wages.

JERSEY CITY, N.J., Jan. 3.—The trimmers, foremen, laborers and brakemen to the number of 600, employed on the Port Johnson Coal Docks at Bayonne, struck to-day against a reduction of wages. The companies affected by the strike are the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company and E. B. Eley's Company. Anticipating trouble the companies attempted to have the boats towed to South Amboy for loading, but the captains refused to proceed further than Elizabethport unless they were paid $50 per month. They have been receiving $35 per month.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 3.—Orders were received here to-night from the superintendent of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company to shut down all collieries shipping coal over the Central Railroad of New Jersey, on account of the strike at Port Johnson. Over 1000 men and boys will be thrown out of work.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

Combinations to Corner Articles of Food Are Unlawful.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Jas. R. Keene and N. G. Miller in 1880 formed a pool to advance the price of lard. It is said a small fortune was realized. The members of the pool, however, charged that their brokers had defrauded them by making fictitious purchase and sales. Keene sued the brokers in the Supreme Court to recover his share of the profits, and the brokers interposed a defence that the transactions were gambling and that the law could not force them to account. Judge Daniels of the general term of the Supreme Court has decided that this defence is valid and that the law does not sanction that form of gambling. He holds that combinations to keep articles of food or other necessities of the market with the view of getting a higher price for it are unlawful conspiracies, punishable as a crime.

The Canadian Pacific's Telegraph Line.

MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—The Pacific Postal Telegraph Company's extension from New Westminster, B.C., to San Francisco has been watched with the greatest interest by the press upon the Pacific coast. Scarcely a day has gone by but that the papers have announced some new phase in connection with the construction of