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A New Schedule Received at Ottawa.

FIXED CUSTOMS VALUES,

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Mr. John Ross Robertson Helps His Masonic Brethren Who Were Burnt Out - Northwest Cattle Have Suffered Severely From the Cold Weather Officers Appointed to Investigate the Queen's Own Dispute - The New Rifle Range Sites — Ottawa News Generally.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—A new tariff schedule, prepared by the Government of the Argentine Republic, has been listed at the Department of Trade and Commerce. No changes in the Customs duties are noticeable, but the fixed valuation of the several articles of import have been altered considerably. By this system of fixed Customs values, the ad valorem duty practically becomes a specific tax. While pine unplaned is valued for duty at 25 cents per square metre, the duty remaining at 15 per cent., the duty on plain lumber is 25 per cent. on a fixed valuation of 50 cents per square metre. In the currency of the republic, however, gold is still at a very high premium.

CAPT. SPAIN'S RETURN.

Capt. Spain, commander of the fisheries protection fleet, has returned from Owen Sound, where an investigation was held by him into the collision last summer in the St. Clair Canal between the Government steamer Petrel and the American steamer Ramapoo. Capt. Spain will report his finding to the Minister.

HELP FROM MR. ROBERTSON.

Mr. J. Ross Robertson, M.P., Past Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Canada, has shown his sympathy with the Ottawa brethren in the loss of all their relics, regalia, etc., by the Sparks-street fire, in a practical shape. Yesterday there arrived from Toronto a magnificently bound volume of the Sacred Law, a box of working tools, and three gavels to be used by the W.M.'s and wardens of the city lodges. The working tools are contained in a beautiful case, silk lined, the tools being of the very finest quality. The gavels are replicas of the old-time gavel used in the German operative lodges centuries ago, and now adopted as the gavel in the Lodge of the Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, London, England. The formal presentation of these magnificent gifts was made at the meeting of Chaudiere Lodge No. 24, last evening, when Past Grand Warden Cook, on behalf of Mr. John Ross Robertson, M.P., handed them to Mr. E. D. Barlow, D.D.G.M., chairman of the Masonic Hall Committee, and Mr. William Rea, secretary.

HARD ON THE CATTLE.

The severe weather in the Northwest has caused the death of a large number of valuable cattle. Reports have been received at the Agricultural Department from Fort McLeod to this effect. The snow is five feet deep and the thermometer 33 degrees below zero. There was no possibility of grazing for the stock, and prospects are disastrous for cattle on the ranges. If the ranchers could corral the cattle, then prospects might not be so bad, but the stock has drifted and the snow is so deep that the owners could not round them up. Writing again, the same official reports that during the last month the cattle suffered terribly. They had nothing to live on but brush for 17 days, and the ranchers could not hunt them up to feed them. It is estimated that fully 50 per cent. will die from starvation and exposure.

THE NEW RIFLE RANGES.

Lieut.-Col. Borden, Minister of Militia, Gen. Gascoigne, Col. Aylmer, Adjt.-Gen., and Col. Lake, Quartermaster-Gen., paid a visit yesterday to the proposed site for the new rifle ranges in Nepean Township. There are two available sites, one below Rockliffe and the one referred to in Nepean, beyond the Experimental Farm. The suitability of the Nepean site for a range has now been tested, and it is very likely that the Minister will very soon decide between the two. The new range cannot, however, be ready for next season. Col. Aylmer is in favor of the Nepean site.

QUEEN'S OWN DISPUTE.

The board which will enquire into the Queen's Own troubles and the long-standing dispute over Col. Hamilton's position has been appointed by the Minister of Militia. Lieut.-Col. Maunsell, district officer commanding, will be chairman, and two Lieutenant-Colonels will also act, one from Ontario and the other from Quebec. Col. Starke of the 3rd Vics. will be the latter officer.

THE KIPLING OF CANADA.

Mr. Gilbert Parker, the Kipling of Canada, arrived at the Capital to-day accompanied by Mrs. Parker. They are the guests of Dr. Bourinot, Clerk of the Commons, under whose convoy they made a visit of inspection to the Parliament Buildings this afternoon.

PROF. PRINCE'S SUCCESS.

Prof. Prince, Dominion Fisheries Commissioner, who has just returned from the Maritime Provinces, met with great success in the meetings he conducted among the fishermen and canners. A number of suggestions were made for changing of seasons for local reasons, and these will all be taken into consideration by the Minister.

KICKING MR. PAYNE ABOUT.

John Lambert Payne, former private secretary to Sir Mackenzie Bowell, has been transferred from the Privy Council Department to the Department of Militia. William Wilfrid Campbell takes the place of Mr. Payne in the Privy Council Department.

TRADE WITH THE CAPE.

Since the present Ministry took office there have been a number of suggestions made to the Trade and Commerce Department for the development of trade between Canada and the British colonies at the Cape. A Canadian trade journal recently published a special edition for distribution in South Africa. There have also been applicants at the Cape for the position of commercial agent there on behalf of the Dominion.

THE PENITENTIARY.

The Penitentiary Committee at Kingston are investigating the circumstances that attended the escape of two prisoners there lately. The new wing of the institution is to be completed by spring, and will afford accommodation for 1000 prisoners.

FREE TRADE OF A KIND.

The Controller of Customs will doubtless order an investigation into the existence of a sort of free trade between North Dakota and Manitoba alleged to have been discovered by some business men of Langdon, N. D. They say that all the wheat of the northwestern part of that county, which has always been hauled to Langdon, has been this year brought across the line and shipped from Manitoba points, the distance being much less, and no duty being charged. They say the custom house officer at Crystal City, Manitoba, keeps the hotel there and permits the farmers from Dakota to bring their wheat duty free to Crystal City.

THOSE PEOPLE IN BRAZIL.

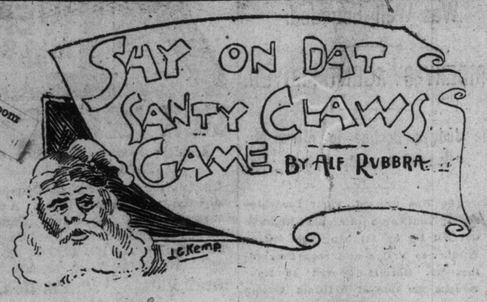
The condition of the Canadian emigrants in Brazil has again been brought to the attention of the Government. Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain has cabled the Governor-General that the consul at Rio informs him that instructions concerning the emigrants are earnestly needed, and that they should be sent home. Mr. Chamberlain presumes the Canadian Government is taking action in the matter.

A delegation of representatives of city fish and game clubs and a most successful interview with the Quebec Government, who will reduce hunters' license fees to $5. This will be acceptable to local sportsmen.

Messrs. W. L. Hogg and Stevenson, directors of the Granite Creek Mining Company, were here to-day interviewing shareholders regarding the future workings of the company.

Mr. Bostock, M. P., left for British Columbia to-day.

The leading scientific men endorse Adams' Tutti Frutti for indigestion. Some dealers try to palm off imitations, in order to make more profit.



DEER MR. EDITER:—

I'm only a kid, wid me papers ter sell!
It's hard enuff sometimes ter sell 'dem;
But I ain't lookin' round fer me troubles ter tell—
Nor huntin' fer some guy ter tell dem.
I ain't got much learnin', cos I don't go ter school—
Fer dat tho' I ain't no old dame;
Der blokes on der corner sez I'm hard ter fool,
But I'm shy on dat Santy Claws game.

Yer see it's like dis: A long time ago,
When me mother worn't dead nor nuthin'!
She told me he come down der chimney yer know,
An' it worn't her way to be bluffin;
Even me dad, if he was in his tanks,
He backed her in dat just der same;
But I hears now dat all who believes it is cranks,
An' I'm shy on dat Santy Claws game.

I sees der swell kids wid der folks every day,
An' I sizes dem up as dey pass me;
Wot dey tinks o' Santy Claws corst I can't say—
If I asked one o' dem, why he'd sass me;
So yer sees how I'm stuck, p'raps it's none o' my biz,
If dere is one I tinks it's a shame
Dat he don't give me nuthin'—I can't make it fizz—
An' I'm shy on dat Santy Claws game.

Las' Chrismus I slep' in a old empty house,
An' hung up me sock by der chimney;
I watched near all night as still as a mouse,
An' I thort den dat Santy Claws seen me.
So I fell off ter sleep wid me leg nearly froze,
When I woke an' stretched out I was lame,
Der sock worn't dere—it was swiped, I suppose,
An' I'm shy on dat Santy Claws game.

I tinks I give him one more chance 'fore I quit,
Ter fill up my stockin' won't break him,
He's got lots o' stuff, an' I need a bit.
If he truns me down dis time I'll shake him.
I don't say 'twas him faked dat stockin' o' mine,
Cos, some udder guy might be ter blame,
But till I see jus' how it turns out dis time,
I'm shy on dat Santy Claws game.

So, deer Mister Editer—Give me der tip,
Yer can tell me der ting in a minnit,
If yer sez dere's a Santy, why den let 'er rip,
An' see if yer can't work me in it
I hustles der Worl's fer me two squares a day,
Der udder sheets only sells tame,
An' I jus wants ter hear what yer've got ter say,
Fer I'm shy on dat Santy Claws game.

"The Maple Leaf."

"Comparatively few westbound travelers realize that within the past ten years a new and formidable competitor for railway patronage has entered the field. The Chicago Great Western (Maple Leaf Route) is decidedly out for business; the equipment, service and roadbed have been steadily improved, until now they are among the best in America. On no other railway can you get any such meal (a la carte) for the money; the service and surroundings are in perfect taste; the menu card is replete with the choicest of everything at reasonable prices. The Pullman compartment sleeping cars and the new free reclining chair cars in service between Chicago and St. Paul and Minneapolis and Des Moines are the embodiment of all that is luxurious in railway travel." 246

Latest improved Hockey Shoe, just arrived. Price $2.75. John Guinane, 15 King-St. West.

Typewriters.

All makes, new and second-hand, rented and sold on instalments. Creelman Bros.' Typewriter Company, 19 Adelaide-street east, Toronto.

The best remedy for toothache—Gibbons' Toothache Gum. Price 10c.

O.H.A. Hockey Shoes, Harvard Calf, Calf Lined, American Goodyear Welt Price $2.75. Jno. Guinane, 15 King-St. West.

Fine Old Port and Sherry Wines.

Fine ports and sherry for the holiday season—$2, $2.50, $3, $4 and $5 per gallon; 50c, 60c, 75c, $1, $1.25 per bottle. Mara's, 79 and 81 Yonge-street. Phone 1708.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W. evenings, 50c.

A WORD IN SEASON.

MISS DOMINION TO THE NEW SANTA CLAUS: I understand you are rather prejudiced against high chimneys sir; please endeavor to surmount that prejudice.

MUST COME TO CANADA.

The Appeal in the Case of Mrs. Sternaman Dismissed by Judge Coxe of Utica.

Utica, Dec. 23.—Judge Coxe to-day handed down his decision in the Sternaman extradition case. Proceedings were taken under a writ of habeas corpus to review the action of Commissioner Joseph L. Fairchild of Buffalo in holding Olive A. Steinman for extradition to Canada on the charge of poisoning her husband, George H. Sternaman, at Rainham, Haldimand County, Ontario, Aug. 12, 1896. It is alleged the murder was committed to secure $1900 insurance which Sternaman had taken out after his marriage last February. Judge Coxe dismissed the writ. All points of the case, except that of jurisdiction, were decided at the time of the argument on the writ. Judge Coxe holds that the officer authorized to conduct the proceedings placed before the Commissioners facts sufficient to warrant action on his part.

A PASTOR AFTER NOTORIETY.

Rev. David Kirkpatrick of Rochester Arrested, Charged With Accosting Women.

Rochester, Dec. 23.—Rev. David Kirkpatrick, pastor of Second Universalist Church, this city, has been arrested on the charge of, without authority, attempting to exercise the function of a police officer. He is accused of accosting a woman on the street and asking permission to accompany her. She refused, whereupon he threatened to arrest her. Kirkpatrick acknowledged talking with the woman, but states it was a method adopted by him for the purpose of obtaining material for a series of sermons on the Ten Commandments, relating to the social and moral question.

Tossed by a Steer.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Nelson Morris, the millionaire packer, and J. C. Bohart, a live stock commission man at the Union stock yards, were gored by a steer while passing through a cattle pen this morning. Both men were tossed against the fence, and Bohart had a shoulder dislocated. Mr. Morris escaped with slight bruises.

To Givers of Gifts.

Remember, gentle reader, that the chief charm of a gift is essentially the surprise. Remember also that nothing more suitable as a gift to your masculine friends on this holiest of holidays could be suggested than Quinn's Christmas ties. A call at 115 King-street west during the week will reveal the finest retail display in America.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W., day, 75c.

Grand & Toy's Snaps.

We crow about our blank books, but if you knew the variety of rulings, etc., we carry in stock, you would wonder we did not crow louder. If it is a good thing we have it. Grand & Toy, Stationers and Printers, Wellington and Jordan-streets, Toronto.

Smoke the Earl, a genuine 10c cigar. A box of 25 for $1.25 worth $2. Xmas week only. Fletcher's, 18 King-street east.

Ladies.

A Christmas suggestion—For your gentlemen friends a nice Russia leather pocket diary or memorandum book, or perhaps a fountain pen would do. Grand & Toy, stationers and printers, Wellington and Jordan-streets, Toronto. 246

See our new Hockey and Skating Shoe, all Calf Lined, for $2 75 Store opened until 10 p.m. John Guinane, 15 King-St. West.

A Christmas present that is both useful and ornamental is a pair of Prof. Chamberlain's latest pattern of gold spectacles and eye-glasses, 79 King-street east. Open to-night to 12 o'clock.

Turkish baths open day and night, 129 Yonge.

Caw's Dashaway Fountain Pens. We have them with 14-karat gold pens from $1.25 up. Blight Bros., 65 Yonge-street.

Empress Hotel, corner Yonge and Gould-streets, R. Dissette, proprietor; comfortable rooms for winter months. Charges moderate.

Funeral furnishings. Cormally & Somerville 172 Queen St. West. Tel. 5355

Thermometers of all kinds, opera glasses and gold spectacles and eyeglasses for Christmas presents, at Prof. Chamberlain's, eye specialist, 79 King-street.

Try Watson's Cough Drops.

A 4-YEAR-OLD TOT'S AWFUL DEATH

Little Mabel Florence Gilroy's Night-Dress Caught Fire From the Stove - She Lived for Hours.

Mabel Florence, the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilroy of Napier-street, over the Don, was yesterday burned to death. About half-past 9 in the morning the child's night-dress took fire from the stove in the sitting room. The cries of the child and another little girl brought the parents in from a neighbor's house, when the flames were quickly extinguished. Dr. Rowan was immediately summoned, and did all he could for the little sufferer, but the injuries were so serious that death took place at 6 o'clock in the evening.

DUMAS GOES FOR TRIAL

On the Charge of Having Shot Mrs Snook in Dover Township - Montreal Detective After a Prisoner.

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 23.—The preliminary trial of Joseph Dumas, who is charged with attempting to murder old Mrs. Snook of Dover on Dec. 7, was heard to-day before Magistrates Houston and Forbann. Several witnesses were examined on behalf of the Crown and the defence offering no evidence Dumas was then committed to stand his trial.

Detective Malo of Montreal arrived here to-day to take charge of William Boyd of this city, who was arrested several days ago by request of the Montreal police. It is alleged that Boyd is wanted in connection with a foot race deal by which George O'Neil of the Hoffman Cafe, Montreal, was let in for $500. The detective and his prisoner leave for Montreal on the midnight train to-night.

A Quiet Wedding

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 23.—This morning a quiet ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. McGillivray at the residence of Prof. Dupuis, University-avenue, when his only daughter was united in marriage to the Rev. Mavin Taylor, Methodist, Merrickville. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor held a reception, to which the members of Levana Society of Queen's College, of which the bride was president up to within a few days ago, and Young Ladies' Society of Chalmer's Church, the only two organizations with which Mrs. Taylor was identified, were invited. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor took train for Montreal for a tour through the east.

Arlington Hotel 246

This most comfortable hotel offers every inducement to families as a permanent winter residence. Those desiring accommodation should make their arrangements as soon as possible, as the best rooms are being rapidly taken.

Mrs. McCaffery Gets $250,000.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The jury in the John McCaffery will case returned a verdict in Judge Dunne's court this afternoon in favor of Mary Dawson McCaffery, finding her to be the legal widow of McCaffery. The verdict gives her an interest in the estate of about $250,000.

Coal Announcement

We are pleased to announce that we have at last obtained a grade of coal which pleases the most particular.

It pays the housekeeper to buy this coal, because it has a strong heat, no clinkers and lasts long. Same price as ordinary coal. Try it.

JOHN KENT & CO.,
78 Yonge-street, near King.

Have you tasted "Salada" Ceylon Tea?

Street Railway Men Will Strike.

Boston, Dec. 23.—A strike has been ordered of the conductors and motormen on the West End Street Railway, to take effect at 5 o'clock to-morrow morning. The firemen, pitmen and others employed in the power stations have agreed to stand by the conductors and motormen.

Secure Your Tickets at S. J. Sharp's, 78 Yonge-street.

Special excursion tickets to all points South and in Europe. Give us a call.

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Tel. 2030.

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Steamship Movements.

Dec. 23.	At.	From.
Majestic	Queenstown	New York.
Anchoria	New York	Glasgow.
Columbia	New York	Genoa.
Bremerhaven	New York	Bremen.
Deutschland	New York	Rotterdam.
Teutonic	New York	Liverpool.
St. Louis	Southampton	New York.
Lake Ontario	St. John, N.B.	Liverpool.

OUR ROSSLAND SPECIAL.

The Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Suit Against the Paris Belle Company a Big One.

Rossland, B.C., Dec. 23.—(Special to The World, via Spokane, Wash.)—The suit of the Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway against the Paris Belle Co., involving points which affect the validity of many locations in camp, comes up at Victoria early in January. The Railway claims that the entry bond should have been given as a claim on the railway land. A. R. M.

SURPRISES FOR TO-MORROW.

Recent Movements of Santa Claus Have Been Closely Watched.

This is the night that the agents of St. Nicholas, or as he is more widely known, Santa Claus, will be very busy filling stockings throughout many parts of the world, and Toronto being one of his favorite places, of course we shall have lots of things to-morrow to remember him by.

Many people will wake up to find that old Santa has left them some pretty fur garment that will give a warm reception to the cold weather we are now getting and to the colder weather we are bound to have before the robins nest again.

Most of these fine furs have been purchased at the insignation of Santa Claus from Dineens' big store at the corner of King and Yonge-streets. Dineens have been very busy for the last week, and a whole lot of the old man's orders will have to be filled to-day. As he has wanted them in such large quantities Dineens have made special prices, and of course being such an old customer he gets the finest furs to be had in the world.

Old Santa's agents have bought a lot of muffs, ruffs, capes, jackets, fur-lined cloaks and wraps, gentlemen's coats, caps, cuffs, collars and gauntlets, and yet there is a large variety for him to choose from to-day.

In order to oblige the jolly and generous Santa Claus Dineens will keep their store open this evening.

Hockey Shoes, made in compliance with the rules and suggestions of O H Association. Price $2 75. Sold by John Guinane, 15 King-St. West.

Almost Too Late.

Will open to-day one case of English goods, containing 25 dozen silk mufflers, 10 dozen corduroy vests—imported specially for Christmas trade. Also another lot of Reindeer fur-lined gloves and mitts—a very suitable gift for a friend. Come early for neckwear. Sword, 55 King-street east. Phone 292.

Steele Bros., 7 and 9 Leader-lane, have all the well-known brands of cigars in good colors Also the finest lines of pipes in the city. Open until 10 p.m.

A Courtly Tribute.

A lady always appreciates a box of Dunlop's exquisite flowers. His Chrismas roses are a veritable dream of alluring beauty, and charming fragrance. See them at 5 King west and 445 Yonge-street.

Try Watson's Cough Drops.

Full dress shirts—our high-class shirts all going at 20 per cent. discount, gives you $1.50 shirts for $1.20. Treble's expiration of lease sale, 53 King-street west.

To prevent coughs and colds, use Adams' Tutti Frutti Gum. Allow no imitations to be palmed off on you.

Special.

1000 Leaf Letter Copying Books, half bound leather; $1 each. Blight Bros., 65 Yonge-street.

Pember's Turkish baths, evening, 50c. 129 Yonge.

Gibbons' Toothache Gum is easily applied and affords instant relief. Price 10c.

At the expiration of lease sale 20 per cent. discount off everything makes the getting of good dressing gowns for little money easy. $7.50 gowns, sale price $6. Treble's, 53 King-street west.

"Salada" Ceylon Tea is delightful.

Monuments.

See our designs and prices before purchasing elsewhere. We are manufacturers. D. McIntosh & Sons, office and showroom, 524 Yonge-street, opposite Maitland street. Works, Yonge-street, Deer Park. 146

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W. Ladies 75c.

BRAM TELLS HIS STORY

The Accused Man Gave No Sign of Nervousness.

HE SPOKE IN A FIRM VOICE

And Conducted Himself With Dignity and Much Intelligence.

Seaman Brown Branded by Counsel for the Defence as Suspicious and Under a Shadow of Guilt—Bram Showed No Vindictiveness Towards Any of the Other Witnesses and Told His Story in a Clear and Straightforward Manner.

Boston, Dec. 23.—In the trial to-day of Mate Thomas W. Bram, charged with the murder of Captain Nash, Mrs. Nash and the second mate of the barquentine, Herbert Fuller, the defence began their side of the case. Mr. French, of counsel for Bram, made the opening argument. In part he said: "Everything points to the conclusion that these fiendish crimes were committed by an insane man. Whoever the man was, he has appeared before you in this court, but he has appeared in a far different guise than he did when he committed that crime. If you have formed any opinion as to this case, you are asked to suspend judgment until you have seen on the witness stand the defendant himself, and heard him tell the story of his innocence. The proposition which the Government is bound to prove beyond a doubt is not who killed Capt. Nash, but did Thomas Bram kill him? Brown is the Government's principal witness, and he was branded by the District Attorney as suspicious and under a shadow of guilt, in his opening address. He is the only witness on whom the Government relies for its positive proof of guilt, and no one would convict a man on such testimony of a capital crime. All the other testimony is purely circumstantial."

BRAM ON THE STAND.

The first witness for the defence was the defendant Bram himself, who testified, after being sworn, that his name is Thomas Mead Chandler Bram, 33 years old, and was born in St. Catharines, one of the West Indian Islands. He gave his testimony in a firm tone of voice, with much dignity and intelligence, without the slightest suggestion of nervousness. Continuing, he told of his early career in New York, Boston and Cambridge, Mass. Part of the time he was manager of a restaurant in Boston, New York and Chicago, for one Dennett, who established restaurants in various cities. In telling of his seafaring life and his shipping as mate of the Herbert Fuller, he related how he had had some trouble with Brown, who growled when witness showed him how he wanted the deck scrubbed. In his story of the tragedy he said he was on deck from 12 to 1 o'clock, when he went below to get a sandwich and a drink. He returned immediately. Just before 2 o'clock Sollac disappeared. At 2 o'clock witness heard a noise aft; saw a man abreast of the mizzen rigging, who proved to be Brown. Witness returned from aft and called, "Four bells" to Brown, but received no answer. He soon went aft again, and saw Brown putting on his slippers. In the meantime Sollac had taken the wheel. Witness went forward; when

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A Queer Man Gone.

The remains of James McGee, who for many years was an expert weaver in the woolen mills at Weston, were brought from Glen Williams and interred in St. Philip's Cemetery, Weston, yesterday. Deceased was a bachelor, and died very suddenly of heart failure. His idiosyncrasies were many. Although he carried a watch, he could not tell the time, and although he amassed wealth he could not count money. He had no relatives in this country.

Heigho! for the Merry Sleigh!

The weather yesterday was decidedly cold and very bright. Barely sufficient snow had fallen to justify the use of sleighs in lieu of carriages. A number of enthusiasts could not resist the temptation, and the merry jingling of the sleigh bells was heard on our streets. This is always a welcome sound at Christmas-tide.

The Ontario Government Offices.

In view of the fact that a number of inquiries have been received at the Attorney-General's Department as to whether or not Saturday is to be a Government holiday, The World has it officially that since no proclamation has been issued to the contrary, all Provincial Government officials will be expected to be at their usual places the day after Christmas. This applies of course to Osgoode Hall.

The Street Car Man's Turkey.

Street Railway Company agents made a tour of the markets yesterday and purchased some 300 turkeys. They will be foraging around again to-day. What they intend to do with their purchases will probably be known by motormen, conductors and others of that service to-night.

And It's No Joke.

Troubles come throughout the year to
every poor man.
He tries to override them and will do so
when he can;
But about the hardest hardship a fellow
can conceive,
Is to only have a nickel on Christmas eve.

It's impecuniosity that isn't all a joke—
Any purchase he could make would surely
land him broke;
There are lots of things he doesn't want,
he makes himself believe,
When he's only got a nickel on Christmas
eve.

Those with money in the banks and lots of
it to spare
Don't think of the poor devil. If they did
they wouldn't care;
It's little he will get from them. They're
fighting to receive
The only nickel he has got on Christmas
eve.

—R.

Decidedly Cold.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Calgary, 24—30; Edmonton, 20—28; Qu'Appelle, 12—20; Winnipeg, 12—23; Port Arthur, 6 below—2; Toronto, 6—11; Ottawa, 8 below—4; Quebec, 10 below—4; Halifax, 12—20.

PROBS: Fine and decidedly cold to-day and to-morrow; snow flurries in a few places.