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Miss Otley McGregor and Miss Allie Samson, of Blenheim, attended the Amethyst hop last evening.

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Last evening was the coldest night yet. The official thermometer regis-

Birber James Talbot is able to be around again. He has almost recovered from a severe attack of la

The International Express No. 15, G. T. Ry., will arrive in this city from Toronto

Dr. McKeough's description of tha

famous old Flemish town, Bruges, is very interesting. It will appear in

John Milburn and Miss Rosie Hen derson, of Chatham township, were united in marriage in this city this week by the Rev. Mr. Henderson, of

The very latest styles and patterns in (mas ties at Thibobeau & Jacques', 25 and

Major Coogan received a telegram

this morning from his son, Gunner Coogan, of the Canadian South Afri-

can artillery, announcing the latter's

Slater Slippers and Shoes for Xmas

"Two (so e3) but but a single thought"
—comfort. That's the sort of gift to
bring grateful remembrance of the

Joseph's Hospital to-day for treat-ment. Mr. Hart was sent by Dr. Stanton, of Simcoe, to this city to con-sult Dr. J. P. Rutherford in regard to

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a wonder if there isn't a fatal

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The Amethyst Club gave another o

Thibodeau & Jacques have received all their Xmas kid gloves, see them.

Miss Nellie Putland, of Brussell

who was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital some time ago suffering from a hem' orrhage of the stomach, and whose

life was despaired of, is doing well. Mr. Putland, who has been with his

daughter since she was taken ill, ex-pects to return home to-morrow.

Dr. J. L. Bray, member of the Ontario Medical Council, Dr. T. K. Holmes, of this city, and Dr. Samson, of Windsor, attended the annual dinner of the Western University, London

don, last evening. Over 200 medical men sat down to the dinner, and it was a great success. Dr. Bray re-

sponded to the toast of the Medical Council.

Lost—About three weeks ago a gold broach consisting of a cluster of gold leaves set with diamonds. A reward will be paid to the finder for its return to this office or

VERY PRECARIOUS. Dr. McKeough was called to the residence of Thos. Irwin, of the 15th Con., Raleigh, last evening, in consultation with Dr. Hanks and Dr. Langford, of Blenheim, over

Hanks and Dr. Langford, of Bienneim, over Clarence Jenner, whose accident was noted in yesterday's paper. Mr. Jenner was injured in the head through the load of hay, on which he was riding, upsetting. It was found that he was suffering from a fracture of the skull. Mr. Jenner's condition is very

to Dr. Thornton, dentist.

giver. The 2 T's Sole Agents. Morris Hart, of Simcoe, entered St

surgical treatment.

the Campbell A. M. E. Church.

tered only 10 degrees above zero.

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yesterday in the city.

City visitor yesterday.

at Ridgetown to-night.

Saturday's Planet.

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THE PROBABILITIES. G. N. W. Special.

Toronto, Dec. 14-10 a.m.-Moderate to fresh north-west winds; fair and decidedly cold to-day and on Satur-

John B. Grant, of Ridgetown, was in the city yesterday.

Christmas sale of silk waists and wast Mrs. Alex. Askin, of Buldoon street,

Dover, who has been ill for the past month, is improving. Last evening, upon the suggestion of Mayor Smith, the Chief Ranger of Court McGregor, No. 6, I. O. F., the court drafted a strong committee of workers to arrange the getting up of an intertainment in aid of the Donegan monument fund.

Chas. W. Graves, District Freight and Passenger Agent, Grand North-ern Railway, at Toronto, and Burton H. Bennett, General Agent, Chicago & Northwestern Railway Toronto.

were in the city to-day, For Christmas and New Year Hol-idays, W. E. Rispin, City Passenger and Ticket Agent, 115 King street, will and licket agent, its kingle fare to points in Canada, Dec. 22nd to 25th, returning 26th, and Dec. 30th to 1st of January, returning Jan. 2, and at fare and one-third, Dec. 21st to 25th, returning 27th, and Dec. 29th to Jan. 1st, returning Jan. 3rd; and will also sell at fare and one-third return tickets to points in Central Passenger Association Territory west of Detroit, Dec. 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th and 31st and Jan. 1st, good returning until Jan 2nd. Also special excursion rates to teach students for the holidays.

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Walter O'Hara, Dominion Land Surveyor Walter O'Hara, Dominion Land Surveyer, formerly of this city, who has been engaged in government work in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories during the past eight months, returned to the Maple City yesterday on a short visit. Mr. O'Hara appears to be in the best of health and speaks enthusiastically of the northern country.

In an interview with The Planet Mr. O'Hara said the most of his time had been spent in Manitoba, at the north end of Lake Manitoba, situated about 160 miles from Winnipeg.

Lake Manitoba, situated about 160 miles from Winnipeg.

"The country," he said, "is level, with the exception of a few slight elevations and depressions, due to volcanic action. The country round about this vicinity and extending easterly and north easterly is very rich with minerals. Good indications have been found of iron, gold, silver and copper and also large deposits of gypsum. The total area covered by the last named has been purchased by the Manitoba Union Manufacturing Co. with a view to manufacturing all products taken therefrom and supplying the western market. The chief industry is that of the manufacture of plaster paris and that has been found, after-careful examination, to be the purest of its kind in the world,

ind in the world. "The machinery is now upon the ground and plant in course of con-struction at the north end (of the lake. The company has a freight boat plying on the lake, which is used to convey the manufactured article to the nearest railway, the point of which is situated at the south end of Lake Manitoba."

Mr. O'Hara surveyed the locations

Mr. O'Hara surveyed the locations for this company, and has taken con-siderable stock in it. He states his conviction that the possibilities for conviction that the possibilities for its future are exceedingly great, as the material is required for nearly all kinds of building and decorating. The company also owns large deposits of marl, from which they manufacture Portland cement, which, together with the latter was along the plaster paris, will supply a long

Mr. O'Hara states that the country generally in this northern part of Manitoba is exceedingly well adapted for agricultural pursuits, and more especially in the vicinity of these lakes, including Lakes Winnipeg and Mani-toba, as their influence over the cli-mate prevent late frosts in the spring and early frosts in the fall. Many-forcig tellers have located and setthe available surveyed land.
or is chiefly poplar, but found it is olated positions, where they have been protected from the prairie fires. The range of the thermometer is from 60 degrees below zero in the winter to 100 degrees in the shade in

Mr. O'Hara was also in the Alberta district during the summer, surveying township outlines for the Dominion Government. He states that the formation of that country there is different to that of Manitoba inasmuch as the soil is of infinitely greater depth.

The timber is practically the same and the climate is much more moderate, both in winter and summer.

A number of the youthful genera-tion of this city were trying the ice on the river this morning. It can scarce-ly be altogether safe yet, and it will the properties of the safe yet. and consist chiefly of Americans from all the northern states. The country is not, however, well adapted for agricultural development until a change takes place in the their delightful assemblies last even-ing in the I. O. O. F. Auditorium. There were a large number present and a most enjoyable time was spent. Lorriman's orchestra of four pieces

ment until a change takes place in the climate, which will come about after the country is opened further.

Mr. O'Hara will be home during the winter months, after which he will return to Manitoba to complete work already commenced for the Manitoba Union Mining Co.

May Have to Beir the Entire Cost of the War

The British Parliament Discusses the Matter-Tim Healy's Query not Answered.

London, Dec. 14.—In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Chamberlain said Great Britain had proposed to establish cheaper postage with the Unites States, but Washington had not been prepared to entertain the

matter.

Lord Cranborne, Under Secretary for the foreign office, said he regretted Canada was excluded from the most favored treatment by Germany. But, he explained, in the absence of a commercial treaty between Great Britannia.

commercial treaty between Great Britain and Germany, there was no remedy at present.

Powell William, the former financial secretary of the war office, answering a question, said 182,460 horses and mules had been landed in South Africa during the war. Timothy M. Heale's interpollation as to the num. Healy's interpellation as to the num-ber of asses sent to South Africa was

During the second reading of the War Loan Bill, Sir Wm. Vermon Harcourt to-day lengthily criticized the government's "financial makeshifts." He said the ministers would have stremous support in making the He said the ministers would not strenuous support in making the Transvaal share the cost of the war. But the gold mines were the only source of revenue, and the attitude of source of revenue, and the attitude of the said the sai But the gold mines were the only source of revenue, and the attitude of the mine-owing capitalists is well known. If the government wished to obtain anything from the Transval toward the cost of the war, it would have to face the "Kaffir Circus" in South Africa, and it would require all the courage of the Chamcellor of the Exchequer as it the Collonial Secretary and all the integrity of parliament to cope with the matter, Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt contended that, judging from the present prospects, the cost of British rule in the Transval and Orange River Collony would be far greater than Boer rule has been. He estimated that General Baden-Powell's police would cost £4,000,000 a year—a sum equal to the last Transval budget.

Timothy M. Heally, Irish Nationalist, asked how much of the new loan, was to be floated in Wall street. He added:—"When we have the unscrupulausness of Wall street on top of us we shall pay dearly for the small sum saved the country in discipant. The whole cost of the war

should be placed on the Transvaal."

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach said that possibly the new colonies could not bear any part of the cost of the war for a year or two after the war ended, but he had in mind the future development of the Transvaal's vast wealth, and had made the falling in of the various bans at such periods Fountain Pen

wealth, and had made the taking in of the various loans at such periods as would enable the government to see what burden might be imposed on the Transvaal. In any event no unreasonable demand would be made. Without expressing a final opinion he thought that direct taxation of the profits of the mines was a question deserving the most careful considera-Mr. Brodrick, Secretary of State for War, announced that the policy of the War Office war not to give commands to some of those who had not succeeded with commands in the field.

The supplementary war loan and appropriation bills were then passed Waterman to a second reading.

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ALLEGED CRUELTY

Dr. Kime, sr., Accused of Starv ing a Dog-Result of

"Judge, the dog was so ill it couldn't eat, and I tried to tempt it with buttered toast, but even that failed," was the plea that Dr. Kime, Sr., urged this morning at the police court in defending himself on the charge of straying. morning at the police court in detailing himself fon the charge of starving one of his dogs. Mrs. Brooks complained to P. C. Groves recently that one of Dr. Kime's dogs was running about the city, starving. Mr. Kime was summoned and appeared before Judge Houston this morning. After Mrs. Breeks P. C. Groves, and Humber 1986. ter Mrs. Brooks, P. C. Groves, and Hu-mane Officer Dagneau had given evi-dence for the prosecution, Dr. Kime defended himself in the words given

Judge Houston adjourned the case Judge Houston adjourned the case till Monday, to allow Mr. Kime to secure corroborative evidence, but agreed to the charge being withdrawn cure provided the veterinary surgeon paid the costs, \$3 in all. Dr. Kime paid the \$3 and settled the case. In his evi-dence he said that he had had the dog for 10 years and disliked to destroy it, but after trying in every way to in-duce it to eat, he had at last been com-pelled to kill it, and the execution had taken place before he received the

Twenty-five years ago Dr. Mes Keough "walked" as great London hospital. On his recent trip to the Old Country he went to visit the familiar institution. It was still there, but he looked in vain for a face he knew. Such was the change of a quarter of a century. The doctor in a descriptive article which will appear to-morrow, incidentally refers tox this interesting fact.

FOUR COMPANIES NOW.

Last evening the drill shed was thronged with the largest number of recruits yet in attendance. All for companies of the regiment were on hand, and Capts. Mowbray, McLaren, Bell and Massey were busy rounding them into shape. At the conclusion Lieut. Col. Rankin took the entire regiment and put them through a short

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MR. ROSS MAY GO.

The Feeling is That Windsor Wil Get Chatham's Baptist Pastor.

"Yes, I received the formal communication tendering the call to the pastorate last evening."

Such was the response of Rev. J. J. Ross, pastor of the William St. Baptist church, when interviewed by The Planet this morning concerning the reported call tendered him from the congregation worshipping in Bruce Avenue Baptist Church, Windsor, and recorded in yesterday's Planet.

When asked as to his intentions regarding the request the reverend gen-

garding the request the reverend gen-tleman said he had it under consideration. It was, he said, a matter of serious thought and responsibility. Ten days are allowed in which to form his conclusion, and at present he could

nake no definite statement. The probabilities seem to be, how-wer, that Rev. Mr. Ross will accept

A BOER VICTORY.

London, Dec. 14.-Kitchener reports that after severe fighting at Nooitge-dacht, Gen. Clements's force were compelled to retire by Commandant Delarey with a force of 2,500 men. Five British officers were kilfed. The other

The When We Were 2 pany are at the Garner House and will play here to-night. The company made such a big hit in Toronto that they were secured for an immediate return engagement of three nights. To do this they had to cancel dates in

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pcs. 50 in. fine cloth in shades light brown and dark brown, navy blue and black, elegant goods for tailor-made suit, our reg. price 65c, sale

\$1,00 and \$1,75

Children's Furs

White Fur Set, collar and muff lined with white satin, at per set Gray Collar and Muff, satin lined, at per set..... \$2,50 White Lamb's Wool Ruffs at 25c, 35c and 50c Gray Storm Collars at Grey Gauntlets, misses sizes, to match collars, at..... Childrens' Grey Lamb Caps at. \$1.75, \$2.75 and \$4.00

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A handsome lace or chiffon Neckscarf is a very appropriate Xmas Gift and one to be thoroughly appreciated. Handsome designs in white, cream, black or black and white, at..... 25c, 35c, 40c and 50c Black Lace Ties with heavy silk fringe at..... Cream Chiffon Ties, silk embroidered and finished with heavy cream

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