

THE SPEYERS MAY COME TO TERMS

Saving of the Soo Now Depends Upon Their Action.

THE CINCINNATI SYNDICATE

Their Condition Not Expected To Be On Very Generous Lines—Mr. Clergue Is Optimistic.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—The storm center in connection with the affairs of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company has shifted temporarily at least from Toronto to New York and Philadelphia. Yesterday Cornelius Shields, who succeeded P. H. Clergue as manager of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, arrived in New York, and last night Mr. Clergue, accompanied by Messrs. Gordon and Norval, of Cincinnati, followed him to New York, and today negotiations are in progress whereby it is possible that all parties may unite to effect a reorganization. From local sources it is learned that all depends on the attitude of Mr. Speyer, the head of the syndicate. The Cincinnati capitalists, like the British capitalists mentioned by Senator Dandurand, have absolutely declined to go in on the proposition, without a clean slate, or, in other words, with some arrangement by which Speyer & Co. and other parties shall consent to a peaceful solution of affairs. The fact that Mr. Clergue and Mr. Speyer are practically at daggers drawn embarrases the situation, and it is probable that most of the negotiations will be through Mr. Shields. The latter, when appointed by the shareholders last spring, severely criticised the management of Mr. Clergue, and they were supposed to be distant toward each other, but misfortune has thrown them together, and they are now co-operating. Mr. Clergue, B. J. Clergue and H. C. Hamilton are keeping an eye on the local situation, and this morning had another long interview with the Government. The assurances of Premier Ross may be required at any time in case a scheme of reorganization is struck.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—It is altogether likely that the \$3,000,000 required to pay off the Speyer syndicate and all other creditors of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company will be forthcoming by tomorrow. A gentleman who is in close touch with the situation said this morning: "The money is in sight today. Two Cincinnati capitalists and others will furnish the money. The reorganization committee has been working hard and it is expected that the necessary money will be provided tomorrow. I understand that the Speyers are willing to give up the securities upon being paid the amount of their mortgage. If this plan is carried out it will end the matter; otherwise, there will be a big drop of law suits."

Letters to the Editor.

THE MARKET HOUSE.
To the Editor of the Advertiser:
I notice that a correspondent, over the signature of "An Elector," has under taken to inform the public market. He appears to consider the Market House a very important matter, according to him we would only have to squander a few more thousands on it to increase the value of the city. However, I intend to state my own conclusions. Now, it must be patent to everyone conversant with the matter that the Market House is a very important building, and as an important building, it should be located on a part of the city which is not only important, but which is supported chiefly by its agricultural district, and for this reason, a market space available for the Market House is the first point to be considered in treating of the market. The larger the city, the greater the space required for market purposes. This is arranged for in large cities by having several places.

There is absolutely no benefit to the city in retaining the Market House for the butchers, and egg merchants to get stalls at almost a nominal rental, for if you pull down the building they will have to rent stalls on the farm, or on the Kennedy road, near Elmhurst. The body was found in a vacant building on the farm in the morning. Spread came to Canada as a barnyard boy about six years ago, and had worked near Bowmanville until this summer, when he and his brother both got employment with Stirling. The brother left about a fortnight ago for New Ontario, and it is supposed that Leonard became moody over the separation. He was seen last Tuesday, when he brought home a team of horses. We were of good character and a good worker. It is supposed that he had a cup of beer, and that he had also taken a dose of Paris green. He had loaded the cartridge used to kill himself, and had apparently put the muzzle of the gun in his mouth. A doctor investigated the case. The body has been taken in charge by the Barnardo home.

do not rent more than two stalls to one man. You think of four butchers having an area of 3,400 square feet and the free use of 2,400 square feet for \$74 a month.

Then from this \$74 a month you have to deduct the cost of repairs, maintenance, cost of collecting rents, etc., which in an old building like this would be at least 20 per cent, or \$14 80, thus reducing the rent to \$59 20, and no water rates.

I think if the matter were left to four or five good business men to decide, it would not take them fifteen minutes to say that for the sake of keeping four butchers supplied with seventeen stalls and a 20-foot covered passage-way, at a rental of \$59 20 a month, and twenty stalls in the basement, averaging a net rental of \$1 80 per month, it would be a greater benefit to pull it down and increase the area for the farmers.

The Market House at present requires a new roof on the main building, new stone sills for main doors, new steps and platform at north main entrance, painted the whole throughout, both inside and outside, and cement walks on the north and west sides.

I believe this would cost some \$3,000 or \$4,000, and even then you would only have an antiquated building, and you could not get anything approaching an adequate rental in return; whereas, if you pull down the old building you avoid all this outlay and improve the surrounding property and the general appearance of that section of the city.

Thanking you for the valuable space in your paper, I remain, yours respectfully,
ALD. WM. WYATT.

PROTEST AGAINST THE COMMISSION

"Standard" Says It's a Disgrace of the Crown.

IRRESPONSIBLE DICTATORSHIP

Asks Mr. Balfour to Deprive Chamberlain's Plan of Official Recognition.

London, Dec. 18.—In yesterday morning's issue the Standard enters strong protest against Mr. Chamberlain's commission involving a complete change of constitutional methods and being a defiance alike to the authority of the crown, the cabinet, and the legislature. The paper demands that Mr. Balfour discontinue the attempt to "assert an irresponsible dictatorship," and take steps to deprive the movement of any official recognition. It declares that the members of the commission are mostly wealthy protectionists, hardly one of whom would be entitled to sit on a really strong royal commission.

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BARNARDO BOY SUICIDES

Takes His Life While in Despondent Mood.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Leonard Spread, a young man of about 21, blew his head off Thursday night at the farm of Alex. Stirling, about ten miles from here, on the Kennedy road, near Elmhurst. The body was found in a vacant building on the farm in the morning. Spread came to Canada as a barnyard boy about six years ago, and had worked near Bowmanville until this summer, when he and his brother both got employment with Stirling. The brother left about a fortnight ago for New Ontario, and it is supposed that Leonard became moody over the separation. He was seen last Tuesday, when he brought home a team of horses. We were of good character and a good worker. It is supposed that he had a cup of beer, and that he had also taken a dose of Paris green. He had loaded the cartridge used to kill himself, and had apparently put the muzzle of the gun in his mouth. A doctor investigated the case. The body has been taken in charge by the Barnardo home.

Eruptions

Dry, moist, scaly, itchy, all forms of eczema or salt rheum, pimples and other cutaneous eruptions proceed from humors, either inherited, or acquired through defective digestion and assimilation.

To treat these eruptions with drying medicines is dangerous.

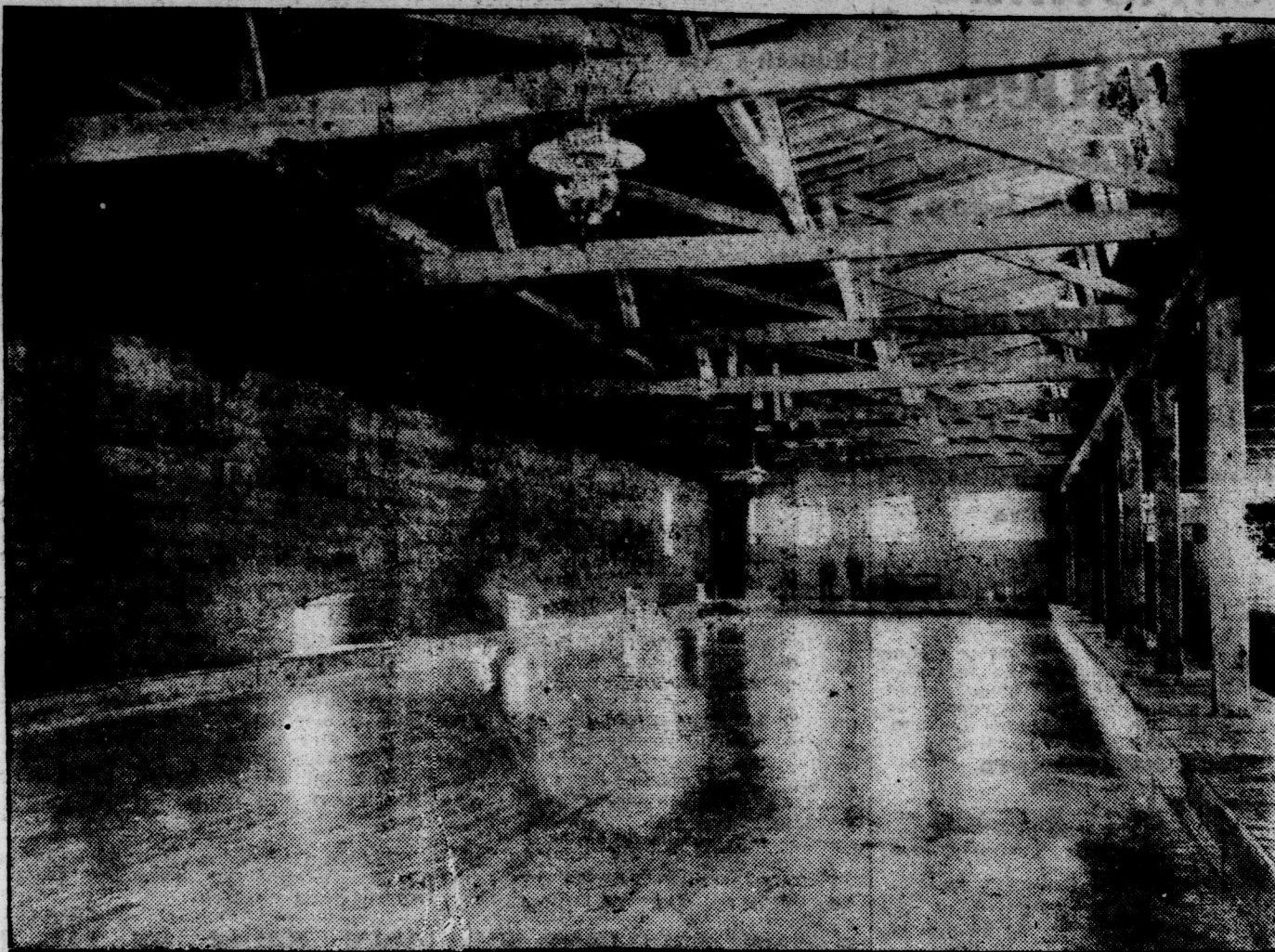
The thing to do is to take Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills

Which thoroughly cleanse the blood, expelling all humors and building up the whole system. They cure.

"I was greatly troubled with small boils, caused by working under the oil at the refinery. Hood's Sarsaparilla was recommended to me as the best blood medicine obtainable. I began taking it, and though many other remedies had failed to benefit me, the boils of Hood's fully and permanently cured me." ALVIN FISKE, Elm St., Sarnia, Ont.

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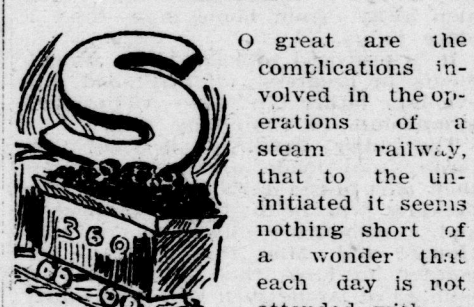
CURLING RINK OF THE NEW THISTLE CLUB



The first games of the season were played at the new curling rink of the Thistle Club this week. Only one section of the rink was in readiness, but the ice was keen and some good play was shown, in which two games can be carried on at one time. The rink has solid concrete walls, is well lighted, and in its construction every thought was given to the comfort and convenience of the players.

LITTLE INSIGHT INTO RUNNING A STEAM RAILWAY PROPERTY

Work Looks Complicated to the Uninitiated—Railway Men Are No Gabblers.



So great are the complications involved in the operations of a steam railway, that to the uninitiated it seems nothing short of a wonder that each day is not attended with a mishap, while to the man connected with the road they are viewed as the most matter-of-fact way. To the former, there is a certain degree of mystery about it all—and to the general public there is no business about which so little is learned. Railroadmen keep their affairs as a rule, to themselves as closely as if the road was so well walled as the city of London. A newspaperman, whose duty it is to keep the readers informed on the current happenings day by day. There are few, indeed, who have the faintest idea of how a road is kept clear at a point of the importance of London. They know that yard engines are constantly employed, and that is about the extent of their knowledge of the matter. At points like London—divisional points—the yards, which are the entire length of the city, are governed by the assistant superintendent. At least he is the executive head, the man who looks after the practical part being the general yardmaster. Under him are four or five yard foremen, each of whom has under him several switchmen, two yardmen and several switchmen, the former remain with the engine, while the duty of the latter is to watch the switches.

The yard of an important point is generally laid out with two main lines in the London yard there is a main line both up and down—one for east-bound, the other for westbound traffic.

In any case, there is something to do for every train that comes in. The yard has to be prepared to meet the arrival of the freight, the siding that is needed is filled it is necessary to haul the cars out and place them elsewhere. Then it often happens that one siding leading to another has been stocked with cars and it is necessary to remove them in order to make a clear road for the others. In a yard like that of the Grand Trunk there are always about two hundred cars, which are used to send to smaller stations between here and another large center.

When the train arrives the conductor presents his way-bills, and the train is broken up, if it does not comprise through freight. Then the yardmen go over the cars and mark them for their particular sidings. The label designating which foreman is to deal with the cars, and he is notified to come and take his cars away. In a case especially clear through train the only work that is entailed is that the semaphores are set to give it right of way, and possibly it stops to coal up or get a fresh supply of water. The crew of the freight has nothing whatever to do with the breaking up of a train. Their business is only with the train when it is on the move.

The London yard is one of the most difficult to handle the entire system, because of its great length and narrowness. The best yard and the easiest to conduct is of good width and length. Another difficulty arising from the lay-out of London's yard is that the sidings are too far apart—street-level sidings are not the only reasons that make the yard a hard one to manage. Through the tracks pass on an average of about twenty-five passenger trains in a day, together with a large number of freight trains. Most of the freight is east-bound and it has been said by many of the officials that no stretch of track is so much used as that between the Tunnel and Niagara Falls. The bulk of the trains have consignments for London, all of which makes work for the local yard crews.

The westbound freight generally go by way of Stratford, and this system of running matters gives the road practically a double track system. The yard of Stratford is intended to prevent accidents of any kind in the yard. The yardmaster is always notified at the approach of a train, and the right tracks are utilized when it is possible. The lines are kept clear for a certain space of time before the arrival of the fast trains, and if there is no violation of the rules there is no danger of an accident. The switches are invariably set in favor of the fast trains. All yard business has to be suspended when one of the fast trains approaches, and the semaphores are always to be turned before the switches, so that the engineer is warned if anything is wrong. It has been a matter of wonder to many that, with the network of tracks and switches, there have not been more collisions.

SEVERE COLDS are easily cured by the use of Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, a medicine of extraordinary penetrating and healing properties. It is acknowledged by those who have used it as being the best medicine sold for coughs, colds, inflammation of the lungs, and all affections of the throat and chest. Its agreeableness to the taste makes it a favorite with ladies and children.



PROF. PAULINE.

the, and no train going east ever runs on the west track, or vice versa, without it is properly protected by semaphores.

The London yard is divided into several sections, and each section has an engine, and the regulation number of yardmen and switchmen. The men work their section separately. There are about fifty sidings in the London yards and at the entrance of each there is a switch which is attended by day and night. It is the duty of the switchman to keep the main line clear. Upon him depends that all switches are closed, so as to allow trains going in or out of London to proceed without delay, unless the switches are urgently needed. When a freight starts at Sarnia, word is sent to this yard and the yardmaster receives a report from the conductor of the train called a "consist report," which gives the official at London all information regarding the make-up of the coming train, whether or not any of the cars will be left off here or whether London will be its

PLENTY DOING AT THE "WESTERN"

The Literary Society Holds a Lively Meeting.

ECHOES FROM THE AREOPAGUS

Words of Praise for "Cap and Gown"—College Notes—Sunday Appointments.

In compliment to the Victoria University Glee Club, the regular meeting of the Western Literary Society was held on Wednesday evening of Thursday last. Vice-President Miss F. Dearnness in the chair. Business and a programme, interspersed with reading from "In Cap and Gown," furnished the interest and pleasure of the evening. The business was rushed through in brisk business style by the chair lady. A challenge to debate from No. 8 Young Men's Club of Dundas Street Methodist Church was accepted. The play vs. concert question was referred to a special meeting to be held Thursday.

The Vice-President then called upon Mr. Ray Baker to report his behavior as representative of the Western at Victoria University conference. In a neat speech Mr. Baker gave a happy, gathering account of that brilliant meeting, and of the pleasant acquaintance of the Western. Mr. A. Elson and Mr. J. Holmes, standing high in their year, and the former holding the envied position of president of his year. "One of these gentlemen said," continued Mr. Baker, "at Victoria we are easily good, but at the Western we were hardly fair." (Applause.)

Miss Jessie Rowat handed the Christmas number of "In Cap and Gown" over to the readers of the evening. The cover was an exquisite and artistic Christmas design of holly in black and red, and the contents were a collection of local hits and funny things furnished by the members of the society. The number and case of the subject. The last meeting of the term closed in the usually pleasant manner.

THE AREOPAGUS.
The regular meeting of the Areopagus was held at the usual hour last Saturday. The same amount of interest was displayed as at all former meetings. After the regular routine of answers had been attended to, being very freely discussed and entered into, the programme was called for. The excellent committee chosen for the purpose had prepared something entirely new to the council—a "mock parliament." The president of the council was the speaker of the house, Mr. D. J. Cornish, was supported by Messrs. Cox and Westgate. Mr. Grass brought in a bill, the object of which was the reform of the educational system of today. In an able speech he pointed out the abuses of the present system. The opposition vigorously denounced any such reforms as were suggested. Finally, however, after a great deal of discussion, the bill passed the first reading.

When this was accomplished, the council received the critic's report. Mr. McAndrew, though only a first year man, made an excellent critic, and fearlessly criticised his seniors.

At the conclusion of the meeting the president, Mr. P. Baker, whose term of office had expired, delivered an admirable and practical address on the art of public speaking, warning his hearers against many prevalent faults, and suggesting many valuable hints. The speech was listened to very attentively.

Mr. H. Shore is to be the next president and Mr. Cornish the secretary.

UNIVERSITY NOTES.
Provost James has been unable to attend lectures this week owing to illness.

It has been decided by the Musical and Literary Society that they will give an answer to the "one year" as there is a great dearth of talent in the society this year the public may look forward to a treat.

The Modern Language Club did not meet this week.

"Our Willie" was back at the university for a couple of days last week.

Rev. H. A. Wright, B. A., rector of the

Tilsonburg, was also a visitor here on Friday.

One of the young ladies of No. 6 had the misfortune (3) to upset the oysters in her lap one day last week. Mr. H. W. Snell, '04, spent Sunday at Ingersoll.

One of the lady students appeared at the university on Friday wearing mistletoe in her hair. I wonder why? Miss Macpherson spent Sunday with friends in St. Thomas.

At a special meeting of the Literary Society, Mr. A. Carlisle, B. A., was elected representative of the society at the annual dinner of the McMaster University. He left for Toronto at 10:30 Thursday morning and returned Friday afternoon. He reports an enjoyable time as guest of the McMaster students.

A mid-year examination in ancient history was held on Friday forenoon. A number of students of the university attended the Victoria University Glee Club concert at the Auditorium on Thursday evening. They were under the guidance and protection of their senior students.

Lecture close on Saturday, 19th inst., to reopen on Jan. 5.

HURON COLLEGE NOTES.
Examinations were held in all the subjects this week.

Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, M.A., rector of All Saints Church, Windsor, called at the college last week. This was his first visit to Huron, and he expressed himself as pleased with the institution. The principal addressed the students on Friday afternoon.

We wish all our readers a merry Christmas and happy New Year. Students will take duty during holidays as follows: Sunday, Dec. 20, Hyde Park, H. W. Snell; Glencoe, Rev. Principal Waller; Lucknow, K. McGinn; Sarnia, H. C. Westgate; Holmesville, G. B. Cox; Westminster, P. H. Stanley.

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MORE HOSPITAL WORK.
Heating and Plumbing Contracts Awarded by Committee.

The hospital building committee of the city council held a short meeting yesterday afternoon and accepted a couple of tenders.

The tender of Smith Bros. & Co., of Dundas street, for heating was accepted, the figure being \$1,800, providing the scheme proposed in the tender does not interfere with the heating of the hospital as at present, and the tender of Smith Bros., of King street, was accepted for plumbing, the figure being \$824.

Mayor Beck, Aldermen Campbell, Greenlee, Judd, Stevenson, Forristal, Wyant and Secretary Pope attended the meeting.

HERE'S FURTHER PROOF
Dropsy and Rheumatism Come From Disordered Kidneys and Are Cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 14.—That rheumatism and Dropsy are both the results of disordered kidneys and consequently easily cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills has been proved by Mr. George Robertson, 29 St. Antoine street, this city. Speaking of his case, Mr. Robertson said:

"I had been troubled with Rheumatism and Dropsy for five years. I got so bad that I could not get on my feet to the floor they were so swollen with Dropsy. My arms used to swell at times so that I could not put my coat on."

"Before I had used the second box of Dodd's Kidney Pills I felt a great improvement. I took several more, and I don't know what it is to be sick since."

STEAMERS ARRIVED.
Dec. 18.—At New York—Cornwall, from Glasgow; Lucania, from Liverpool; Vincentia, from Genoa.
At Boston—Sardinian, from Glasgow; Bohemian, from Liverpool.
At Plymouth—Moltke, from New York.
At Trieste—Sardinian, from New York.
At Naples—Lombardia, from New York.
At Havre—La Champagne, from New York.

AN EMINENT PHYSICIAN.
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