Mid-Winter Sale.

Our prices have been shaved to the finest points. Remember, not a back number in the lot—and our policy is to get rid of the whole stock of winter goods before any of it can be called a back number.

Mothers will be interested in the Boys' Reefers at $2.99, for ages up 5 years. Former prices were nearly double.

Fathers will be interested in $18.00 Overcoats for $13.65 and $12.00 Suits for $8.15.

Oak Hall Clothiers,
115 to 121 King Street East and 116 Yonge Street.

SENATOR VEST ON SHIPPING.

The Mississippi Man Made a Vigorous Attack on the Navigation Laws of the States.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Consideration of the shipping bill was resumed this afternoon by the Senate. At the instance of Mr. Frye of Maine, who relinquished the chair temporarily to take charge of the measure on the floor, it was made the unfinished business of the Senate, thus restoring it to its privileged position.

Mr. Vest of Missouri took the floor immediately in a characteristically brilliant, forceful and interesting speech lasting nearly three hours. He advocated free ships and vigorously attacked the navigation laws of the United States, holding that they were responsible for the decadence of the merchant marine of America. He was accorded close attention by his colleagues on both sides of the chamber.

Early in the session Mr. Rawlins (Dem., Utah) participated in a lively colloquy, by charging that a deal had been entered into between the Republican members of the Utah Legislature and certain railroad interests, and the officials of the Mormon Church, to secure the election of Thomas L. Kearns to the Senate from that State. He aroused Mr. Hale of Maine and Mr. Chandler of New Hampshire, who contended that the statements of Mr. Rawlins ought not to be made in the Senate at this stage of the proceedings in Utah, as the Senate could not consider the question in any phase in advance of action.

LONDON REGISTRAR DEAD.

After One Day's Illness, Mr. W. C. L. Gill Passed Away at the Age of 75.

London, Ont., Jan. 23.—W. C. L. Gill, City Registrar, died suddenly here to-night, aged 75 years, after one day's illness. Deceased was in his usual health yesterday, but complained this morning, and remained at home. Shortly after retiring to-night he was found in an unconscious state, and died in a few minutes. Mr. Gill has officiated as City Registrar for many years, and was as highly respected citizen. He leaves four daughters to mourn his loss. Death was probably due to apoplexy.

An Eccentric Customer.

A man wearing good clothes and a sad countenance walked into Arnamnbault's tailoring establishment, 125 Yonge-street, yesterday afternoon, and bowed respectfully to the cutter.

"I want to order a nice black suit to be buried in," was the astounding statement he made.

"All right, sir; when do you want it finished?" said the tailor, thinking it was necessary to humor him.

"No particular hurry; but I want to have it by me," replied the customer.

His measure was taken, and he also ordered a handsome tweed suit to wear in the meantime, because the prices are just now at rock bottom.

Mr. Archambault says he hopes to sell him several suits before he really needs the black one.

Prisoners' Aid Association.

The 26th annual meeting of the Prisoners' Aid Association of Canada will be held in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 49 East Bloor-street, on Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 8 p.m. Reports from the different departments of the work will be presented as follows: The work at the Central Prison, at the Reformatory for Women, at the Toronto Jail, at the Police Court, and the work in connection with the Rescue Home for Girls, and in connection with the department of prison reform.

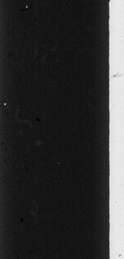
Queen City Lodge, I.O.F.

The annual installation of officers of Queen City Lodge, I.O.F., was held last night in the Temple Building. The installation was conducted by H.C.R. G. A. Wilson, assisted by E. J. Herne, H.V.C.R., and Bro. Harper, A.S.C.R. After this ceremony an oyster supper was enjoyed. The retiring Chief Ranger, Bro. S. Mawson, was presented with a handsome emblematic gold ring.

Struck With a Bottle.

Seventeen-year-old Joseph Call, who lives at 216 Chestnut-street, was taken into custody last night on a charge of wounding Morris Morrell of 207 Centre-avenue. The police assert that the accused, with several companions, annoyed Morrell yesterday afternoon, and when he gave chase the prisoner, it is said, stopped and struck him on the head with a bottle. Inspector Stephen made the arrest.

ALWAYS SUCCESSFUL.



By old methods a patient was required to visit the dentist several times and submit to much painful operating in treating a diseased tooth and killing and removing the nerve before a permanent filling could be inserted.

By new methods, our own discovery, all of this may be done with an absolute guarantee of permanently satisfactory results, in one sitting, and without the least pain or inconvenience to the patient.

We are daily employing this method in our practice with invariable and most gratifying success.

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Cor. Yonge and Adelaide Streets, ENTRANCE: No. 1 ADELAIDE EAST.
DR. C. F. KNIGHT, Prop. TORONTO

HAMILTON NEWS

PROTECT LIFE ON THE BAY

Members of the Harbor and Beach Committee Did Routine Business Last Night.

MILKMAN STRUCK BY AN ENGINE

Other Interesting News Items Gathered in and About the Ambitious City.

Hamilton, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—The members of the Harbor and Beach Committee, who were called to meet to-night were of the opinion their business could not be laid over and they attended to several matters.

Ald. Morden, Walker and Waddell were appointed a committee to confer with the Parks Board and Saltfleet Township Council respecting the lighting of the Beach.

No action was taken on the Hamilton Improvement Society's request that baths be established a the Beach.

The committee decided to ask the Grand Trunk to open a way opposite Station 26 at the Beach.

It was resolved to place life-saving appliances along the bay front.

The Fire and Water Committee met to-night and adjourned after going thru the accounts.

It was a fast brand of hockey that was put up in the match.

Milkman Hurt.

Robert Hubbard, a milkman, was injured at the Charles-street crossing of the T.H. & B.R. this morning. His rig was struck by a locomotive, and his head was cut and his shoulder dislocated. He was taken to the General Hospital. Hopes for his recovery are entertained.

$20,000 Fire This Morning.

Early this morning there was a disastrous fire in the large brick building in the rear of Duncan's stationery store, corner of James-street and Market-square, a building occupied by the Duncan Lithographing Company and the R. Duncan Stationery and Printing Company, separate concerns. J. Kneeshaw, president of the Lithographing Company, states that the company's loss will be more than the amount of insurance, $18,000, which was carried by the following companies: Mercantile, Gore District, Waterloo Mutual, Perth Mutual, Anglo-American, Economical.

R. A. Robertson of the Duncan Printing Company estimates his company's loss at $3000, partly covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

Minor Matters.

Robert Stamp, a well-known local athlete and musician, and for some time on the Grand Opera House staff of ushers, has received a good appointment as pianist at Johnstown, Pa.

It is expected there will be a great race at the Thistle Rink to-morrow night for the championship of Canada, between Mackay of Hamilton and Robison of Toronto.

Rev. W. L. Rutledge, who, for the past three and a half years, has been pastor of the First Methodist Church, has received an invitation from the Quarterly Board to become pastor of Central Methodist Church, Woodstock, and has accepted.

William McMeekin of the Valley Inn Hotel died this morning. He was 71 years old.

POWERS WANT GOOD FAITH,

Will Not Reply to Request for Explanations Until Convinced of Chinese Intentions.

Paris, Jan. 23.—The Havas Agency has received the following despatch from Pekin under date of Jan. 22:

"The ministers have decided not to reply to the request for explanations of the joint note until the Chinese shall have proven by their acts that they intend to give satisfaction and the conditions shall have been accepted as to the primary question of punishments. The Ministers intend to discuss with Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang the conditions under which the chief of the guilty shall be punished."

AMERICAN RECRUITS LANDED

To Take the Place of Invalids—U. S. Deserters Disgrace Themselves and Country.

Tien Tsin, Friday, Jan. 18.—The United States transport Sumner has brought 150 troops to replace invalided Americans.

Two deserters from the American troops, carrying an American flag, have recently committed acts of depredation in the surrounding country and have blackmailed the villagers. Both were captured, but one succeeded in making his escape and is still at large. It is probable that they will be shot. Three sikhs who were found guilty of similar acts were taken to the scene of their depredations to-day and given 50 lashes each. Many lawless acts are being committed. A French soldier has been sentenced to a term of five years in prison for drawing his bayonet upon an Australian policeman. Two Frenchmen have been shot and an American has been stabbed in saloon brawls. The French soldiers draw their bayonets upon the slightest provocation.

Chinese Menace French.

Paris, Jan. 23.—A despatch to the Havas Agency from Pekin says 25,000 Chinese regulars have reassembled near Chan Ting. Fu, a day's march from the French troops. General Voyron is closely watching them, and M. Pichon, the French Minister, has requested their immediate dispersal.

KITCHENER'S GREAT MOVEMENT.

Forces Being Disposed in an Immense Semicircle, All in Touch With Each Other.

Cape Town, Jan. 23.—General Kitchener, is disposing great forces semi-circularly, his extreme left resting on the sea, to circumvent the Boers. The columns move simultaneously and in touch with each other.

The greatest danger of the situation is the possibility of General Dewet's appearance in Cape Colony. It is believed that none of the Dutch would resist his personal call to arms. They think the fame of Napoleon and Wellington pales in the presence of his military genius.

Among a number of captured letters is one from Lucas Meyer Hertzog to President Steyn, asking for 1000 unmarried young men to enter Cape Colony and beat up recruits.

THE QUEEN'S WEALTH.

An Income of About £200,000 Yearly, Apart From the Government Allowance.

London, Jan. 23.—The Queen's private wealth yielded an income of about £200,000 yearly; this is exclusive of £385,000 annually from Parliament. She inherited nearly all the Prince Consort's estate about 40 years ago, and £500,000 in 1852, from John Camden Neild, the son of a rich jeweler. The Queen was clear-headed in business, and, of course, had the best financial advice. In 1861 she bought property for £78,000, the market value of which is now reckoned to be £170,000. She had estates in several German principalities, and inherited a beautiful villa at Baden from Princess Hohenlohe. The Queen's laces are worth an enormous sum. These and her private jewels, gold plate and pictures, etc., are estimated to value more than a million pounds sterling.

THE QUEEN'S PRIVATE FORTUNE.

Estimated That Her Majesty Left an Estate Worth About $49,000,000.

The following estimate has been made of the Queen's private fortune:

$300,000 privy purse or pocket money yearly; half saved; compounded at 4 per cent. for 63 years, amounts to about	$10,500,000
Net revenues of Duchy of Lancaster, which have averaged $300,000 a year for the past 63 years	9,500,000
Private fortune of Prince Consort, amounting to $2,330,000, left the Queen in 1861; this was all invested in land in South Kensington, then practically a waste, now one of the most fashionable residential sections of London, and worth about	10,000,000
Osborne House and Balmoral, her private estates, with their furnishings, paintings and articles of value, worth about	4,000,000
Bequest of $2,500,000, left her 50 years ago by John Camden Nield, now increased to about	8,000,000
Estate in Coburg and a villa in Baden, worth about	1,000,000
Gifts at Diamond Jubilee	2,500,000
Jewels, etc.	3,000,000
Real estate in United States	2,500,000
Total	$49,000,000

Owned Property in New York.

New York, Jan. 23.—Queen Victoria was the owner in fee simple of much real estate in this city below Grand-street. At one time she owned the Bowling Green offices, No. 11 Broadway.

The announcement that Dave Sullivan, the Irish featherweight, is to meet McGovern recalls the fact that when Sullivan had beaten Patsy Haley twice and was working his way to the top of his class he did considerable boxing with McGovern, then an unknown. Terry was a bantamweight then, and was taking chances in preliminaries at the smaller clubs. One night Sullivan had a fight on at the Lenox A. C., and took McGovern along as a second. Terry had on a sweater and an old cap that was too big for him. Sullivan introduced him to a number of sports as "a little fellow that's boxing with me." Now Sullivan is to fight this same little fellow, and it's odds on that Dave will have to take his medicine.—N.Y. Sun.

SYMPATHY TO BE SENT.

Lord Minto Received Numerous Resolutions of Condolence, Which Will Be Forwarded.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 23.—Lord Minto received to-day resolutions and telegrams of condolence and sympathy in regard to the death of the Queen from all over Canada. They will be forwarded to the Colonial Secretary, Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, who will have them transmitted to King Edward VII. and the members of the Royal Family.

Among those who sent telegrams to-day were the Consul-General for France in Montreal, the Consul-General of Austria-Hungary, the United States Consul-General in Ottawa, His Imperial Japanese Majesty's Consul, Vancouver, Mayor Parent of Quebec, the Mayor of Three Rivers, the Archbishop of Quebec, the Archbishop of Three Rivers, the Archbishop of Ottawa, the University of Laval, the President of the Chinese Benevolent Association, Victoria, the President of the Chinese Empire Benevolent Association, Victoria, the County Council of Waterloo, the County Council of Huron, the Toronto Board of Trade, the Nanaimo Board of Trade, the cities of Nelson, Vernon and New Westminster, B. C., and others.

The Governor-General will have all these forwarded to the Colonial Secretary at once.

Archbishop Duhamel and Rev. Mgr. Routhier called at Rideau Hall this morning and expressed to Lord Minto, the Governor-General, their regrets over the death of Queen Victoria.

The Bishop of Ottawa has called a meeting of the clergy of the diocese for 12 o'clock tomorrow morning at the Synod, to consider the changes which must be made in the prayers for the Sovereign, and other points in connection with the death of Her Majesty. His Lordship says that he is not yet in possession of official information regarding the title of the new King, and the necessary changes cannot be made until this is received.

LORD MAYORS OF IRISH CITIES.

Tim Harrington Has a Walk-Over in Dublin and John Daly is Re-Chosen in Limerick.

Dublin, Jan. 23.—The Lord Mayors of the Irish cities were chosen to-day. In Dublin, Sir Thomas D. Pile, who was last year's successful candidate, withdrew, and Mr. Timothy Charles Harrington, Member of Parliament for the Harbor Division of Dublin, was elected without opposition.

In Cork, Alderman Fitzgerald was chosen over Sir Eugene Crean, Member of Parliament for the Southeast Division of Cork, who was last year's successful candidate.

In Limerick, a crowd forced the door of the Town Hall, invaded the Council Chamber, and held disorderly possession until the session was over. Mr. John Daly was re-elected by 21 votes, against 14 for Thomas Cleeve.

Officials to Be Sworn In.

The accession of a new sovereign necessitates the re-swearing of the Police Magistrate, the Deputy Magistrate and the Crown Attorney. They must all go before the County Judge and take the oath to Edward VII., which will probably be done this morning before the opening of the Police Court.

Police Will Wear Mourning.

Out of respect to the memory of the late Queen the members of the local police force will, commencing to-day, wear a black armlet.

Union Memorial Service.

There is some talk among the clergy of holding a union memorial service in Massey Hall, in which all denominations should take part. Rev. Dr. Potts, Rev. Dr. Chapman and Rev. Dr. Chown expressed themselves yesterday as in favor of such a service.

Canadian Manufacturers.

Out of respect to the memory of Queen Victoria, the meeting called by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association for the 30th inst. at Webb's, to discuss the metric system, has been postponed.

To Get Strong After Grippe

Build the System Up and Revitalize the Nerves by Using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

Every reader of this paper can recall many cases in which the after effects of la grippe have proven fatal. How many people are now complaining of special ailments or lingering sufferings or weaknesses which are clearly the result of the debilitating effects of la grippe?

The best plan is to prevent la grippe, if possible, or, once a victim, to apply yourself diligently to obtaining what relief you can. Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine is wonderfully beneficial, because it allays the inflammation in the throat and bronchial tubes, loosens the cough, heals the lungs and prevents pneumonia or consumption.

It is a great mistake to suppose that Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine is a mere cough remedy. It is far more. It thoroughly cures the cold as well, and seems to take the aches and pains out of the bones. No ordinary cough mixture could ever attain the enormous sale which this medicine now has. For old and young alike it can be used with perfect safety and with absolute assurance that the effects will be remarkably beneficial.

If weakened and debilitated by the enervating effects of la grippe there is nothing so suitable for your use as Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, the great nerve restorative and blood purifier. The regular and persistent use of this great food cure is bound to result in the upbuilding of the system, because it contains, in condensed pill form, the most efficient restoratives known to man.

Though only known in Canada for a few years, this famous discovery of Dr. Chase's, the Receipt Book author, has become generally recognized by physicians and people alike as a great strengthener and blood builder. In no case is it more successful than in restoring and reinvigorating a system wasted by la grippe. Whether weakened by overwork, worry or disease, Dr. Chase's Nerve Food will renew vigor and vitality. Fifty cents a box, all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto

CLOUD OF SORROW HANGS OVER THE QUEEN CITY OF CANADA

The Bereavement of the Nation and the Empire Is Keenly Felt in All the Walks of Life—General Mourning for the Dead Sovereign.

A cloud of sorrow hangs over the city, and in all the walks of life the loss sustained by the nation and the Empire is felt keenly. Symbols of mourning are to be seen in many places. Photographs of the late Queen in the homes and in business places are draped with crepe, and many of the storekeepers have most effectively draped the outside and the interior of their stores. Many male citizens are showing their sorrow by wearing mourning clothes and neckties, while the ladies have laid aside their bright garments, and in many instances are wearing black.

On the streets and in the home the chief topic of the conversation is the demise of the Queen and the ascension of the King to the throne. Souvenir buttons, on which is a picture of the deceased monarch, to which is attached to a black ribbon, are offered for sale by street vendors and find ready purchasers.

Social Functions Postponed.

With very few exceptions all affairs of a social nature have been postponed until further notice.

Some beautiful pictures of Her Majesty are shown in downtown windows. In the window of the G.T.R. office at King and Yonge-streets there is a painting, a double panel, one side showing the Queen taking the oath of accession and the second panel showing Her Majesty at the Jubilee.

Display of Mourning.

Among the many places where mourning is shown might be mentioned: J. D. Ellis & Co., King-street; W. Howland & Co., 95 East King-street; The Art Metropole, Ambrose Kent & Co., Crawford Bros., Yonge-street; Ryrie Bros., Yonge-street; Lyonde, the photographer; Millard's undertaking establishment; the Jaeger Depot, West King-street; Oak Hall, East King-street and Yonge-street; W. A. Murray & Co., The Publishers' Syndicate and scores of others.

At the Eaton Store.

The mourning displayed along the Yonge and Queen-street stores of the T. Eaton Co. is very impressive. Heavy black festoons are placed above the ground floor windows, extending the full length of the store front. Each of the large semi-circular spaces above the doorways of the main entrances on each street is handsomely arranged with mourning material, which is somewhat brightened by two large Union Jacks artistically hung, while in the centre of it all is a white statue of the late Queen, inside the store the counters where black goods are sold have been tastefully arranged.

Arranging for Funeral Day.

At the meeting of the Board of Control this afternoon the arrangements for the funeral day of the late sovereign will be taken up and advanced as far as available information may allow. The subject has already been under discussion between the Mayor and the sub-committee appointed. Some further attempts to drape the City Hall were made yesterday, but the black is not very conspicuous. The dais in the Council Chamber, the late Queen's portrait in committee room No. 1 and the main entrance to the City Hall have been draped. The want of a flagstaff is commented upon by thousands of people.

Mourning in the Schools.

In all the Public Schools in the city yesterday the pupils sang "God Save the King" before the lessons of the day were commenced. Many of the teachers made references to the long life and glorious reign of Queen Victoria and the pupils were deeply affected.

Principal R. W. Doan of Dufferin School briefly reviewed the progress made by the Empire during the reign of Her Majesty. The principal of Queen Victoria School also paid a tribute to the deceased monarch.

Superintendent Bishop of the Building Department issued notices to all the caretakers of the schools instructing them to have the flags flying at half-mast. At the top of the notice were the words: "In Memoriam," and at the close, "God Save the King."

Schools Will Be Closed.

The Public Schools will be closed on the day the funeral of her late Majesty takes place.

At the Board of Trade.

The large bust of Queen Victoria, which adorns the rotunda of the Board of Trade, has been appropriately draped in black. The flag over the Board of Trade building flies at half-mast.

Message Will Be Forwarded.

President Kemp of the Board of Trade yesterday received the following telegram: "I am directed by His Excellency to acknowledge receipt of your loyal sympathetic message on behalf of the Board of Trade of the city of Toronto and to inform you that it will be duly forwarded. (Sgd.) Capt. Graham, secretary to His Excellency the Governor-General.

Correct Flag at Half-Mast.

There has been a great deal of discussion since the Queen's death as to the position of a flag when it is at half-mast. Commander Law and Mr. H. J. Wickham, both of whom served in the Royal Navy, say there is no hard and fast rule on land. The flag, however, should be in the middle of the pole and not merely a short distance from the top, as if it were only dipped. If the flag and pole are in proportion, the flag should be hung about three times its own width from the top and this position would bring it about the centre.

The Oath of Allegiance.

By the death of the Queen the Lieutenant-Governor will be called upon to subscribe to an oath of allegiance to the new sovereign. Mr. John McGee, Clerk of the Privy Council, in the presence of the chief justice and other members of the judiciary and also the members of the Government, will, as in the case of an appointment of a new Lieutenant-Governor, administer the oath. Now that the Governor-General has taken the oath, it is probable that Mr. McGee will visit, first the capitals of the Maritime Provinces and then come to Toronto and swear in Sir Oliver Mowat. The Lieutenant-Governor will, in his turn, administer the oath to all those holding commissions under the Crown.

Toronto Rowing Club.

The Toronto Rowing Club had arranged for a smoking concert last night in honor of R. S. Robinson, R.C.D. The event has been postponed to Feb. 6, on account of the death of the Queen.

The club's regular dance on the 25th has been postponed to Feb. 8.

Railway Conductors' Ball.

The railway conductors ball in the Confederation Building will take place on Friday night as announced. The committee met yesterday afternoon to discuss the advisability of a postponement, but, owing to the mature state of the arrangements and the difficulty in getting the conductors together at another date, it was decided to hold the ball.

Non-Coms.' Class Postponed.

Lieut.-Col. Bruce of the Royal Grenadiers has ordered the postponement for one week of the drill class for non-commissioned officers, which was to have opened at the Armouries to-night.

Manufacturers Mourn.

The Executive Committee of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association met yesterday afternoon, and passed the following resolution:

"We the Canadian Manufacturers' Association desire to express to Your Excellency our heartfelt sorrow at the death of our beloved Queen, and to assure His Majesty the King and all the members of the Royal Family that we feel with them in their bereavement and loss. We extend to them our deepest sympathy."

The resolution was forwarded last night to the Governor-General.

SOTHERN AGAIN HIT HARD

Fire Destroyed Cincinnati Grand Opera House, at Which His Company Was Playing.

AUDIENCE PACKED THE PLACE

Coolness of Mr. and Mrs. Sothern Kept the People Orderly, and All Escaped.

Cincinnati, Jan. 23.—A fire, which started at a quarter after 8 o'clock last night, in the Grand Opera House, destroyed that and half a dozen adjoining buildings. A lighted cigar thrown by a careless engineer or fireman alighted against a leaky oilcan, and within 15 minutes the engine room, under the stage, was ablaze.

The E. H. Sothern Company was playing "Hamlet," and the curtain had barely been rung up when the fire alarm was given. The audience was quickly told of the danger, and, with the assistance of police, all present were safely gotten out, a panic being averted by the coolness and vigilance of the policemen.

Actors and attaches of the company were forced to flee in the costumes donned for the first act, and few saved anything beyond the clothes they wore.

After most of the company had left the building it was reported that six chorus girls were still inside, but it was found later that they were safe.

Butler Building Took Fire.

Within half an hour after the first alarm the Butler building, adjoining the opera house, caught fire. It was a five-storey stone structure, of 75 feet frontage. Three small buildings on the west of the opera house were also burned. They were occupied by two concert halls and a Chinese restaurant.

The Volksfreund newspaper building, across the street from the Grand Opera House, caught fire several times, and was saved with great difficulty. Adjoining this building is the Central Fire Station, and the efforts made to save it were effectual. Both buildings were severely damaged.

Half a dozen firemen were injured, but not seriously, by falling roofs and walls. Spectators on the first floor and balcony of the theatre got out without much trouble, the often minus parts of their clothing. Those in the gallery had more trouble in reaching the outside, as there was only one narrow exit to the main hallway.

Heavy Losses Sustained.

The loss on the Grand Opera House building is $200,000, with practically no insurance. The Cincinnati Gymnasium, which had quarters in the building, sustained $10,000 loss, with insurance of $55,000. The Butler block adjoining, the third and second storeys of which were practically gutted, sustains $100,000 loss, with about $40,000 insurance. Three small buildings adjoining are valued at $50,000, and insured at $20,000.

When the announcement of the fire was made from the stage Mrs. Sothern (Virginia Harned) walked to the footlights and begged the audience to be calm and go out quietly, as there was no immediate danger. She was greeted with cheers, but a moment after a violent puff of smoke, followed by an explosion of chemicals, almost caused a stampede.

The police quickly quieted the crowd and all were gotten out in safety.

Mr. Sothern waited at the stage door until he saw that all the members of the company were safe, then he reached his hand to his wife and placed her in a carriage, and they drove to their hotel, amid the plaudits of the members of the company.

Mr. Sothern's loss in properties is about $35,000.

No. 3 Fire Engine Company's house, headquarters of the Cincinnati Fire Department, was damaged $5000 by water.

It was thru the efforts of the firemen that 300 persons in the balcony of the opera house were saved by being carried across a bridge from a window of the building to the fire company's building, and escorted downstairs by the firemen.

Actors Helped Spectators Escape.

The conduct of E. H. Sothern and his wife during the early stages of the fire was remarkably cool, as was that of the major part of the audience. Mr. Sothern said tonight:

"I didn't know there was a fire, but when the fashionable people in the audience got up and went out I knew that something was wrong. As the number of departures increased I thought it was time to pacify the crowd, and walked to the footlights and said: 'Hush; keep quiet, good people.'

"A moment later a cloud of smoke, followed by a blaze, issued from the right side of the theatre under the orchestra chairs. We helped many of the audience who sat in the orchestra chairs over the footlights, and they escaped by the stage entrance."

Mr. Sothern stated that the cost of his scenery and costumes was between $25,000 and $30,000, and the insurance about $15,000.

Many members of the Sothern Company who had their clothes in the opera house will be compelled to buy new clothing.

Money Loss Not Considered.

In view of the deliverance from frightful sacrifice of life, the money loss of $400,000 sinks into insignificance. The coolness of the audience and the heroism of the actors and actresses in assisting the exit of the audience perhaps were never equalled in the history of theatre fires. Actor E. H. Sothern said to-day that it seemed as if every person in the house had known instinctively the right thing to do and had proceeded to do it. Much commendation was given to-day to Mrs. Sothern, who came to the front of the stage and prevented persons in the balcony from jumping, a proceeding that would have undoubtedly precipitated a panic.

Mr. Sothern will go at once to New York, and there determine his future plans.

LONDON TRAVELER DEAD.

Mr. George Acton Passed Away While Sitting in a Barber's Chair at Wingham.

London, Ont., Jan. 23.—Mr. George Acton, traveler for the firm of A. M. Smith & Co., died suddenly at Wingham last night. Monday morning last Mr. Acton left London apparently in his usual health. He reached Wingham in the evening, and complained of a severe pain in his head. He immediately went to a barber shop, where hot cloths were applied to the top of his head. While still in the barber's chair Mr. Acton became unconscious, and never regained his senses, altho he lingered for 24 hours. His death was due to paralysis.

Bequests of the Dead.

The Toronto General Trusts Corporation yesterday applied in the Surrogate Court for power to administer the estate of the late Robert Hammond, butcher, who died last month, and left $386 in cash and $3000 insurance. This is willed to his daughter Kathleen, but is to be invested for her benefit until she is 21 years of age.

Mrs. John Sanderson died intestate, leaving her husband and three children. Mr. Sanderson seeks administration of her estate, which consists of $1642.14 cash in bank.

Eunice W. H. Adams, widow, died in Boston, Mass., last November. She had a $1400 mortgage on a house on Mercer street, and 25 shares in the People's Loan Company. She willed $200 to a Baptist Church in Hingham, Mass., and gave the rest of her property to her daughter, E. Estelle Adams.

The Watch Case Company Strike.

The American Watch Case Company employes are still out on strike, altho three men have gone back, being persuaded to do so by the company. The balance of the strikers are determined to uphold the principles of their union, and declare they will not go back unless the difficulty is settled satisfactorily. The men say the firm is filling their places with boys, who have had no experience in the business. The Association of Engravers is a very strong organization. The Trades and Labor Council, it is said, will discuss the matter at their meeting to-night.

THE DOCTOR'S WIFE

Watches the Effect of Proper Feeding.

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Owing to the lamented death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, the banquet to have been held Thursday, Jan. 24, is postponed to a date to be announced later. W. H. Goddard, chairman. G. M. Gardner, secretary.

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STRATHCONAS COMING HOME.

Cables to Lord Minto Giving Names of Officers—Trooper Goodyday Dangerously Ill.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 23.—The following cable was received by Lord Minto: Cape Town, Jan. 21.—Lake Erie left for England Jan. 20; has on board the following, en route for Canada: Lt.-Col. S. B. Steele, Majors B. Belcher, A. M. Jarvis, D. M. Howards, C. W. Cameron, Captain R. M. Courtney, J. J. Macdonald, E. F. Mackie, C. B. Keenan, F. G. Cartwright, Lts. A. E. Christie, A. W. Strange, J. B. Lockie, M. White Fraser, C. R. Kirkpatrick, C. E. Laidlaw, J. R. Snider, W. Parker, F. Harper, E. T. Steele, H. S. Tobin, Vet.-Lt. C. T. Stevenson and 379 men Strathcona's Horse, Lt.-Col. J. L. Biggar, Royal Canadian staff; Lt. J. A. Simpson, Capts. J. H. C. Ogilvey, E. T. Boyd, Lt. F. E. Leach, 15 men, Second Special Service Batt., R.C.R. (Signed),
General of Communications.

Sick Men.

Lord Minto received the following from Sir Alfred Milner: Cape Town, Jan. 22.—Referring to your telegram of Jan. 5, correct name 321, Sergt. John Treslore; Ward now recovered; 115 Gooding, Strathcona's Horse, dangerously ill at Germiston. (Signed) Milner.

KING EDWARD VII.

Chicago Record: Edward VII., who ascends the throne as King of Great Britain and Ireland and Emperor of India, is a monarch of mature age, large experience and wide acquaintance with men of affairs. Necessarily debarred by his position from entering actively into politics, he has been obliged to find an outlet for his energies in performing the social duties of the monarch and discharging those social functions which Victoria, by reason of her years, could not perform. Thus restricted in his ambition, he has been obliged much of the time to follow amusement as a business. When a corner-stone had to be laid, a public building dedicated, a great railway opened or a public festival celebrated, the task of officiating as the representative of royalty has fallen on him.

The result of his peculiar training is that he comes to the throne with the advantages of a very wide experience with the men and events of his time. It is generally conceded that he has tact in an extraordinary degree. During all the numerous speeches he has been called upon to make and all the ceremonial duties he has been obliged to perform there is no instance worthy of record in which he committed a serious error or failed to make an agreeable impression. As a result of his experiences he thus enjoys two advantages which should now stand him in good stead: he is immensely popular with his countrymen, and he is close to them. In spite of the criticism which has been directed against him at times, he is probably the best-liked man in England today, and he has been sufficiently catholic and democratic both in tastes and in affiliations to be on good terms with the people of all classes.

There is little reason to suppose that upon assuming the sobering responsibilities of the throne he will be any less conservative and prudent than would be any other English gentlemen of his age and knowledge of affairs. That he will disclose qualities of brilliant statesmanship or seek to emulate Kings who have materially altered the course of history is not to be expected. Under England's liberal government a king of the heroic mold is neither needed nor desired. What England does require now, perhaps, more than ever, is a king who while maintaining the best conservative traitions of the throne, will keep closely in touch with the people and be ready to meet progressive changes and movements half way. It is in his adaptability for service of this kind that King Edward promises to be able to do most for his subjects. He certainly has a manifest advantage in the good-will which his people bear him, and, with the experience he has acquired by constant contact with men in all fields of activity, he should be able to keep abreast with the spirit and the material advancement of the times.

There is no reason why his should not be a safe and conservative reign, marked by stability and sound, practical judgment.

Companions of the Forest.

High Chief Ranger W. Richards of the Companions of the Forest of London was tendered a reception last night in St. George's Hall by Maid Hope Circle. Short speeches were made by several of those present, and a bright, entertaining musical program was given. Refreshments were served.

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