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## SOME KIND OF A TREATY

### Probably be Patched Up High Commissioners.

### NO RECIPROCITY CLAUSE

### But the Canadians Are Ashamed to Come Home With Nothing.

**The Necessary Two-Thirds Vote in the United States Senate Could Not Be Obtained for a Proposal to Make Lumber Free—Yesterday Was to Witness the Turning Point of the Negotiations, But No Result Was Achieved.**

Montreal, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The Star's special correspondent at Washington wires the following:

A canvass of the American Senate shows the futility of submitting any treaty to that body which provides for the free entrance of Canadian lumber. A prominent Senator says that 30 votes could be mustered against the ratification of a treaty on any provisions for free lumber alone, and that additional strength would be gathered to the opposition if the treaty looked to the free admittance of lead and nickel. It is necessary that two-thirds of the Senate vote in favor of the ratification of such a measure. It is apparent that enough of the 90 Senatorial votes cannot be obtained to pass such a treaty over the heads of the opposition.

**No Reciprocity Attainable.**

As there is already a determined opposition to a change in the tariffs on agricultural products, there appears good ground for the contention that no reciprocity arrangement can be attained. In spite of this fact, however, the impression is growing that some sort of a treaty will be arranged before the commission finally breaks up. As has frequently been said in these despatches, there is the greatest evidence that both the Canadian and American Commissioners will not give up in acknowledgment of their failure to bring forth some kind of a treaty, if there is even the slightest possibility that the contrary can be done. Personal pride will further their endeavors, even should duty to country fail. They have in mind the impressions which the failure of the negotiations would leave both abroad and in their own countries, and after years of failures on the part of former commissions to bring about an agreement, they wish to crown the months of their own labors by the authorship of a treaty which will bind in closer union the English-speaking people.

**A Second Deal.**

Washington, Dec. 16.—To-day's session of the Anglo-American Commission, which had been anticipated as the turning point of the negotiations, was unproductive of result. The Joint High Commission sat for a few moments, and then the Canadians and Americans held separate councils. The Americans had under consideration certain propositions made by the representatives of Canada. The difficulty is that the American Commission has been unable to pledge the Senate to support the concessions which the British Commissioners demand as the basis of a reciprocity treaty. Senator Fairbanks promised that the final answer of the Americans would be ready to-morrow, or certainly not later than Monday. The canvass of the Senate has shown that that body will not give approval to any reciprocity schedule which embodies free lumber, agricultural products and free fish. Upon the developments of the next three days depends the success or failure of the reciprocity negotiations, though semi-officially it is said the treaty will contain a reciprocity clause of some kind.

Sir James Winter, the representative of Newfoundland, left for home yesterday.

### *MAN FROZEN TO DEATH.*

**Charles Renaud, After Drinking to Excess, Lay Down on a Gentleman's Lawn and Died.**

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—This morning about 6 o'clock members of the household of Mr. R. H. Klock, the wealthy lumberman of Aylmer, found on the lawn the body of a man, who had frozen to death. The body was found to be that of Charles Renaud, a resident of Aylmer, about 40 years of age. He leaves a widow and two children. Renaud had apparently been on his way home, when he strolled on to the lawn and lay down, after removing his coat and boots.

The coroner was notified and an inquest was held in the afternoon. The evidence showed that the man had died from exposure after excessive drinking, and the jury returned a verdict accordingly.

### BOY LOST HIS ARM.

**Claude Brown of Tilsonburg Caught by Machinery and Crippled.**

Tilsonburg, Dec. 16.—A serious accident occurred in the Tilson Company's stave factory this afternoon. A young lad named Claude Brown, aged 16, son of Albert Brown, who was killed on the new railway bridge here recently, accidentally got his left arm caught in one of the heading machines, and it was so badly mangled that it had to be amputated between the wrist and elbow. The young fellow is the main support of a widowed mother and several small children. Much sympathy is expressed for Mrs. Brown.

**Trifles for Friends—But the One** who is dearest and nearest to you will be remembered with something substantial for Christmas. Have you thought of something in furs? Have you seen the attractions in Dineens' Christmas fur display? Open till 10 every night.

**To-Day's Program.**

"The Evil Eye" a pantomimic play, at the Grand, 2 and 8 p. m.

"The Gilded Fool," a pretty show, at the Toronto, 2 and 8 p. m.

"The Fatal Card," a melodrama, at The Princess, 2 and 8 p. m.

Meeting of Canadian Institute, 8 p. m.

At the Pavilion, Crescent Club's Boxing Show, 8 p. m.

Canadian Rugby Union at the Rossin, 2 p. m.

Annual meeting of Q.O.R. reserves at Armouries, 8 p. m.

Jenanyan Investigation at Y. M. C. A., 2 p. m.

A clever comedy show at the New Bijou, 2 and 8 p. m.

Taylor's "Valley Violet," fragrant and lasting.

## MR. LEIGHTON McCARTHY

**Is Expected by Sir Wilfrid's Quebec Organ to Get Down on the Liberal Side of the Fence.**

Montreal, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Here is what Le Soleil, Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Quebec organ, has to say about the new member for Simcoe: "Mr. McCarthy is a Conservative lawyer in Toronto, yet he is an independent Conservative, like thousands of others all over the country. He does not hide his colors, neither his political tendencies, as he was even frank enough to refuse the nomination which the Executive Committee of the Simcoe Conservatives had offered him. He replied that, while he was a Conservative, he could not, if elected, vote against so progressive a Government as that of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The more ardent Liberals insisted, however, that he should be opposed. They are beaten, and we are not disappointed. If there are in Ontario to-day from twenty to twenty-five thousand Conservatives who are so delighted with Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Government that they are disposed to give it fair play, then why should their support be rejected?"

### THE IRRESISTIBLE LAUNCHED.

**Seven Tons of Tallow and Soft Soap, Besides Oil, Used on the Ways—Great Crowd Present.**

London, Dec. 16.—The first-class battleship Irresistible was successfully launched from the dockyards at Chatham yesterday. She was named by Princess Christian. The launching cradle weighed 300 tons. Seven tons of Russian tallow and soft soap, besides a large quantity of train oil, were used in lubricating the ways.

A great crowd witnessed the launching, including Prince Christian, Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, Mr. Goschen, First Lord of the Admiralty, and many other notable persons.

### THE POPE THANKS McKINLEY.

**Catholics in the Conquered Islands to Have Same Liberty as in the United States.**

London, Dec. 17.—The Rome correspondent of The Daily Chronicle says: "In response to the Vatican's enquiry on the subject, President McKinley has sent an assurance that the Catholics in Cuba and the Philippines will enjoy the same ample liberty as Catholics in America. The Washington Government has also promised the Pope that measures will be taken to prevent provisional governments despoiling convents or seizing ecclesiastical property. The Pope has sent his warmest thanks to President McKinley."

### MR. HAYS AND THE TELEGRAPHERS

**The Momentous Interview Has Been Postponed Till This Afternoon—Montreal Items.**

Montreal, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—As Mr. Hays will not return to the city before the morning, the interview between the Montreal manager and the telegraphers has been postponed till to-morrow afternoon at 2.30.

Lord Strathcona leaves for England Dec. 24.

It now transpires that the steamship Lake Winnipeg has been sold to the Elder-Dempsters.

### HUDSON BAY ROUTE USELESS.

**That is What Mr. Fisher, M.L.A., Has Reported to the Government of Manitoba.**

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—James Fisher, M. L. A., who accompanied the Dominion Government expedition on the steamer Diana to Hudson Bay last year, has presented his report to the Manitoba Government. His conclusion is that the Hudson Bay route can never be a factor in competing for trade for Manitoba, except, possibly, very northwesterly portions. The report is very exhaustive, comprising 40,000 words. Mr. Fisher says: "If we had a route by Hudson Bay to-morrow, it would not be a factor in transporting the produce of Manitoba and the West."

### *THE CUBAN TARIFF.*

**President McKinley Signed an Order for the Schedule to Go Into Effect January 1.**

Washington, D.C., Dec. 16.—President McKinley, before leaving for the South last Tuesday, signed an executive order establishing a customs tariff for the Island of Cuba, to go into effect Jan. 1 next. The more important items are as follows: Fresh beef, mutton or pork, $4.50 per 100 kilograms net weight; salt cod and stock fish, $2; herring, pickled, $1; mackerel, pickled, $2; salmon, canned, $5; eggs, $5.

On wheat there is a duty of 60 cents; corn, 30 cents; potatoes, 50 cents; wheat flour, $1.50; beans, $1.10.

Horses are taxed $10; cattle, pigs and sheep, $1.

The export rates of duty are: Tobacco—Cigarets in boxes, per 1000, 90 cents; tobacco, cut, $3.75 per 100 kilos; other, $6.30; cigars, per 1000, 45 cents.

The entire duties will be collected in United States currency.

**News of the Stores.**

Quinn's new necktie house at 117 King-street west, is well worth visiting at this time, when it is stocked with exclusive Christmas neckwear. See the new puffs now being shown. Gentlemen in doubt for a suitable gift for a lady can settle the matter by purchasing one of those new exquisite silk waists, from $3 up.

**Hon. Mr. Garrow Sworn In.**

The ceremony of swearing in Hon. James Thompson Garrow, M. L. A., as Minister of the Ontario Cabinet, took place at 11 o'clock yesterday before His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, Hon. A. S. Hardy and the Ministers of the Cabinet. Mr. John Cartwright, Deputy Attorney-General, and Col. Clarke of the Executive Council administered the oaths of allegiance to the Queen and the Executive Council of the Province of Ontario. Owing to Sir Oliver Mowat's illness, the ceremony took place at Government House.

**The Queen's Taste.**

Her Majesty is particularly fond of plum pudding, but differs from most of her subjects in the fact that she enjoys it served in the same dish with roast beef. For many years her chief cook was Francatelli, who has left a recipe for a pudding, which, while expensive to make, is probably unequalled. It is used in the manufacture of Webb's plum puddings, and doubtless accounts for a large part of their great popularity. Thousands of people in Toronto find them an indispensable aid to a Merry Christmas.

**Did you ever try the top Barrel?**

**Armeda Tea has the Flavor.**

**TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.** Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents. ed

**Cook's Turkish and Russian Baths. Open all night. 202 and 204 King St. W.**

A fast odor of roses, Taylor's "Wild Rose."

## SALISBURY'S CAUTION

### The Premier Spoke, But Fought Shy of Foreign Relations.

### TOUCHED ON HOME AFFAIRS

**But References to Foreign Policy Were Only in General Terms — Government Should Not Be Judged on Individual Items, But on the Policy as a Whole—Dangerous to Let Rhapsody Take the Place of Business-Like Calculation in the Matter of War—Cable News.**

London, Dec. 16.—The Marquis of Salisbury, the Premier, at a banquet given this evening in his honor at the Constitutional Club, devoted his speech, in reply to a toast to his health, to home affairs and to the general principles for the conduct of foreign policy, without direct reference to any particular question.

Dwelling upon the necessity for discussion, Lord Salisbury said it would be a relief if he could discuss and explain certain matters that had been and were being grotesquely misrepresented, but this he could not do without betraying his duty.

"The Government," he continued, "should be judged, not on individual items, but on the success of a policy as a whole. If a Minister goes to war on a trivial matter he may find himself without the support of the people. This should be considered when people ask why he have not pushed to the point of war some secondary differences. Before condemning us for not going to war, they should be sure there are no other complications in view, compelling us to economize the force at the Government's disposal.

"This is a matter of business-like calculation. The more the Empire extends, the more necessary to judge matters from this standpoint. It is dangerous to let rhapsody take the place of calculation."

"Our strength must be used unfailingly, but prudently."

Referring to the "difficulty of taking the people into a Government's confidence in matters of foreign policy," he said: "I have often felt the want of such an institution as the United States Foreign Relations Committee. It is impossible here, but it must be a great advantage for a Minister to be able to meet persons not of his own political opinion and to explain to them the reasons for his action.'

### HARCOURT'S RESIGNATION.

**Resolution of Regret and Thanks Passed by the National Liberal Federation.**

Birmingham, Eng., Dec. 16.—At the meeting to-day of the National Liberal Federation Mr. Spence Watson moved a resolution expressing deep regret at Sir William Vernon Harcourt's resignation of the leadership of the Liberal party, tendering heartfelt thanks for his brilliant services and expressing pleasure at the fact that he will continue to devote his pre-eminent powers to the cause of Liberalism.

An amendment asking Sir William to reconsider his decision was defeated, and Mr. Spence Watson's resolution was adopted almost unanimously.

A motion to consider the leadership of the Liberal party was withdrawn.

### FIGHTING A LIGHT MONOPOLY.

**Old London is Aroused Over the Attempt to Grab One—Everybody is Kicking.**

London, Dec. 16.—Former Lord Mayor Savory's suit has led to a memorial being presented to the corporation, with 5000 signatures of city bankers, insurance companies and merchants, protesting against the monopoly contract held by the London Electric Lighting Company, which was promoted by Savory.

In the discussion at the City Common Council to-day, the speakers advocated the grant of the memorial as coming from distinguished citizens, and not adventurous speculators. It was contended that contracts with the electric company are legally void, because members of the corporation are interested therein, against the law. The memorial was referred to a committee. There is a strong city movement to compel all of the aldermen concerned in the case to resign.

### *AN ENGINEER CONVICTED.*

**Daniel W. Getchell Found Guilty of Manslaughter for Causing Death in a Railway Collision.**

Dedham, Mass., Dec. 16.—Daniel W. Getchell, an engineer on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, who was indicted for manslaughter for causing the death of Franklin M. Waters in a rear-end collision at Sharon last August, was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury in the District Court this evening. The case will go to the Supreme Court on exceptions.

### MENELIK FAVORS ITALY.

**He Grants Humbert a Concession on the Frontier and Britain Agrees.**

Rome, Dec. 16.—Admiral Canevaro, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, admitted in the House of Deputies to-day that King Menelik had agreed to the frontiers Italy demanded on condition that if the Hinterland be abandoned it shall be included in Abyssinia. The agreemtn has the assent of England.

**John H. Young, chartered accountant, auditor and adjuster. 90 Yonge street. Phone 1237.** 6

**Big Ben Scotch Whiskey.**

Big Ben, Scotch Whiskey, is a special blend of the finest old Highland whiskeys, and is guaranteed ten years old. The most popular whiskey on the market to-day. William Mara, agent, 79 Yonge-street. Phone. 1708.

**Smoke Union Blue Label Cigars.**

**Fuel Consumers.**

The People's Coal Company are selling the very best grade of hardwood at 50c per cord less than other dealers. How does that catch you?

Taylor's "Valley Violet," delicate, but lasting.

**Smoke Union Blue Label Cigars.**

## NO FREE CANADIAN VEAL FOR THE PRODIGAL

MR. BULL: Sammy 'asn't halways done right by 'is hold dad, of course, but a little fatted calf would be a great encouragement to 'im now.

JACK CANUCK: No doubt, but have you no fatted calves of your own, pop? This is one I raised myself.

## BRITAIN OUGHT TO SEIZE IT

### Admiral Beresford Will Point to Kiangning as Controling the Yangtse Valley.

### HAS GATHERED IMPORTANT DATA

**While He Was Exploring China in the Interests of the British Commercial Bodies.**

Shanghai, Dec. 16.—Admiral Lord Charles Beresford has arrived in this city with important data gathered in a journey of several months through the Chinese Empire.

One of the most emphatic of his recommendations to the British Government as a result of his trip will be the necessity of occupying Kiangning, as the strongest strategic point for the control of the Yangtse Valley.

Lord Beresford has been exploring China as the representative of British commercial bodies, to report on the best means of protecting and extending British interests in the Chinese Empire.

He will make a tour of America before returning to England. From Shanghai he will proceed to Tokio and Yokohama, Japan, whence passage will be taken to San Francisco.

**Rev. Dr. Connell Won't Come.**

St. Andrew's congregation will be disappointed to learn that they cannot get Rev. Dr. Connell. A cablegram was received from Amoy, China, yesterday, which read: "Is not possible."

**A Trip in an Ice Boat.**

His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Minto, at the invitation of Commodore Jarvis of the R. C. Y. C., were yesterday entertained to the Canadian custom of ice-boating. They expressed great pleasure at the swift, novel movement of the craft. This is practically the first ice-boating this winter.

**We are ready to help you with your Christmas decorations. Time is moving, but if you will send us your curtains or other fabrics for decoration that need dyeing or cleaning quickly we will do our part quickly and well. R. Parker & Co., dyers and cleaners, 787-791 Yonge St., Toronto. Phones: 3037, 3040, 2143, 1004, 5098.**

**Have You Made Out Your Xmas** shopping list? Does it include furs? There are scores of beautiful articles in Dineens' Christmas fur display which may suggest the very thing you want for the one who deserves something real good. Dineens' open till 10 every night.

**Edwards and Hart-Smith, Chartered Accountants, Bank of Commerce Building. Geo. Edwards, F.C.A. A. Hart-Smith.**

**For Xmas Presents**

There is nothing nicer or more appropriate than a fancy box or basket of Bon Bons and chocolates. By mail or express. George S. McConkey, 27 and 29 King-street west, Toronto.

**Just One Cent**

Invested in a postal card and sent with your address to Dunlop's will bring by return mail a descriptive price list from which to make your selection of Xmas roses.

**Smoke Union Blue Label Cigars.**

## BRICKS VALUED AT $15,000

### Clean-Up of the Golden Star Mine After Three Weeks' Run Was Most Satisfactory.

### BRICKS WEIGHED OVER 60 POUNDS.

**Result Extremely Gratifying to the Management—Mine Centre is Growing in Importance.**

Mic Centre, Ont., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The clean-up of the Golden Star mine was shipped to Duluth to-day. It was the result of three weeks run, 10-stamps. The bricks weighed over 60 pounds and were valued at $15,000. The ore run was badly mixed with the country rock. The result is extremely gratifying to the management, and exceeds their expectations materially.

**Interesting Pamphlets.**

The duty of making some adequate pecuniary provision against the contingency of death undoubtedly devolves upon the head of every family. The Confederation Life Association publishes an interesting set of pamphlets explaining how you can make this provision at once and at moderate cost, and will be pleased to send them on application to the head office, Toronto, or to any of the association's agents. d7,17,24,31

**Cook's Turkish and Russian Baths. Bath and Bed $1.00. 204 King St. W.**

**Guinea Gold.**

There is nothing nicer for a smoker's present than a fifty box of Guinea Gold cigars. Sent prepaid to any address in Canada upon receipt of $2.50. Regal Cigar Store, 17 King-street west, 'phone 8016.

**A Big Snap for Smokers.**

Drop into McConnell's new wholesale, corner Colborne-street and Leader-lane, before buying your Christmas presents, and see our stock of the choicest imported and domestic cigars. We sell by the box at strictly wholesale prices, and you thereby save the retailer's profit. Choice boxes from $1.50 up. You are always welcome. M. McConnell & Co.

**Pember's Turkish and Vapor Baths, 127 and 129 Yonge. Bath and bed $1.00.**

**Best to Buy Early.**

There'll be such a rush downtown next week as you never heard of. Schools close and railway fares are low. Buy now. Buy early. Have your presents set aside. G. W. Muller says he will deliver cigars on Christmas eve. Select your box now. Some of the more popular brands may be sold out by Christmas eve.

**Christmas Reception All Next** week at Dineens', and the holiday exhibits of fur garments at Dineens' are surpassingly rich in variety and abound with choice selections at very low prices. Until Christmas Dineens' remains open till 10 every night.

**Monuments.**

Call and inspect our stock and get our prices before purchasing elsewhere. The McIntosh Granite & Marble Company, Limited, 524 Yonge-street. Phone 4249.

**Fetherstonhaugh & Co., Patent Solicitors** and experts, Bank Commerce Building, Toronto.

**BIRTHS.**

GRAY—At 52 Elm-avenue, on Tuesday, 13th Dec., the wife of John Trew Gray of a daughter. Both doing well.

## FAMILY BROIL IN MONTREAL

### Wife, Mother-in-Law and Brother-in-Law on One Side, Husband on the Other

### ATTEMPT TO ABDUCT A CHILD.

**The Law Was Invoked and the Whole Affair Will Be Threshed Out in Court.**

Montreal, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—A most exciting and sensational affair took place here to-night, embracing an arrest for abduction and a terribly lively domestic broil. Mr. A. R. Goslin, a broker, came home today to his Tupper-street residence and found his wife, Mrs. Gibbons, his mother-in-law, and Thomas Gibbons, a brother-in-law, who had just arrived from New York, packing up and getting ready to leave. The husband did not object, but he told them they must leave his child, a little girl of two years and over. However, young Gibbons took the little girl, sprung into a sleigh and drove off.

The husband and father then secured the services of George G. Foster of the legal firm of Foster, Martin, Girouard and Lemieux, and then the fun began. A writ of habeas corpus was secured against Gibbons for abduction, an action for separation against the wife, and the third charge was for removing diamonds to the value of $8000 from Goslin's house. Gibbons was arrested at the Balmoral, charged with abduction, and coming out of the hotel Goslin tried to get the little girl away from the mother, who threatened she would kill herself if she took the child. Finally, to the great disgust of the mother-in-law, Mr. Goslin and the daughter consented to go home, saying she would meet them tomorrow at the Police Court. Detective Joe Kellert has Gibbons in charge at the hotel and the whole thing will be threshed out to-morrow.

**Xmas Cab Photos, $2; Dame's, 338½ Yonge**

**Smallpox Scare is Over.**

The smallpox scare is over. The time has passed for any fear of a further outbreak, thanks to the energetic work of the Health officers, and the quarantine will be raised to-day. The two patients in the Isolation Hospital are in no danger and are on a fair way to recovery.

**Pember's Turkish Baths, 129 Yonge-street**

**"A Silent Drummer."**

Tobacconist trade, look at our close prices in pipes, cigars and fine tobaccos for Xmas. S. & H. cigars beat all others; 25 in a box. Our Silent Drummer quotes cheap. Call and inspect stock. Steele & Honeysett, 113 Bay-street.

**For comfort in Evening Dress, try a "Chumley" Muffler. For the proper style—Pearl Gloves are just right. Harcourt & Son, 57 King St. W.**

**A Million Envelopes.**

We keep up the quality and the demand for our "Merchant" envelope steadily increases, 60c per thousand. Blight Bros., 51 Yonge-street. Write for sample.

**Gibbons' Toothache Gum** is easily applied and does not burn the mouth. Price 10c.

**Important to Home-Seekers.**

Intending purchasers who wish to secure desirable homes in the best residental sections of the city, should make personal application of the city, should make personal application to J. L. Troy, 50 Adelaide-street east. 6

**Smoke Union Blue Label Cigars.**

Like the violet flower, Taylor's "Valley Violet."

## CAMP REPUBLIC MINES

### Bank of Toronto Officials Have Invested.

### MANAGER COULSON IN IT.

### Two Toronto Commercial Enterprises for Rossland.

**Another Gooderham - Blackstock Venture—They Will Do a General Trading Business in Trail Creek—Mr. Lippmann in the Field Also — Mr. Blackstock and the Iron Mask-Centre Star Suit—The Jumbo Assessment—Stocks.**

Not satisfied with its success in Rossland, McKinney, Greenwood and other B.C. mining camps, Toronto capital is searching for new worlds to conquer. During the last week or two a great interest has been taken locally in the Republic Camp, a mining district situated in Washington State, just across the line from the Boundary Country of British Columbia, and just about 18 miles due south of Greenwood. The Republic Camp ores are what may be called cyanide propositions, and the deposits are reported to be extensive and rich. Butte, Montana, and other western money has recently been going into this district, and Toronto funds are now following suit. Within the last couple of weeks something like 200,000 shares of stock in the San Poil and Black Tail mines have been picked up by local purchasers, the chief buyers having been Messrs. David Coulson, general manager of the Bank of Toronto; Mr. Henderson, assistant general manager of the Bank of Toronto, and a number of their friends. The San Poil is capitalized at $500,000, and the stock is selling around 76 cents. The Black Tail is capitalized at $1,000,000. Both properties have more or less development work done upon them.

Not satisfied, however, with holding stock in mines controlled by other people, the Bank of Toronto officials have decided to go into mining themselves on a larger scale. To that end Messrs. Coulson and Henderson, together with Mr. Volney D. Williamson (who, it will be remembered, represented Messrs. Gooderham and Blackstock in the purchase of the War Eagle), have secured control of the Iron Monitor, another Republic Camp proposition. The deposits on the property are being opened up by means of a tunnel, which has been driven in already 150 feet, and it is expected to catch the ore body within the next 30 days.

**Rossland Commercial Enterprises.**

Articles of agreement were yesterday drawn up under which Messrs. George Gooderham, T. G. Blackstock, Volney D. Williamson and J. L. Pierce of Rossland will form themselves into a joint stock company to carry on a general store and commission business in the city of Rossland. The capital is placed at $100,000, and the business will be conducted as a

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**THEIR EXCELLENCIES' RECEPTION**

Strains of music filled the air as hundreds of citizens thronged yesterday from 4 to 6 at Government House to attend the Vice-Regal reception. Lord and Lady Minto received, together with Lady Beauclerc and Major and Mrs. Drummond. The roomy halls and corridors were filled with a vast concourse of people, and a tempting buffet attracted the many guests.

Over a thousand ladies and gentlemen attended.

The Vice-Regal party left for Ottawa via C.P.R. at 9.35.

**More Happy Returns of the Day.**

Robert Martin, sr., born Dec. 18, 1808—91 years of age to-morrow. Has resided in Guelph since 1837.

**The Coming Cry of the Liberals.**

"We've made a vaster postage stamp than has been."

**A Period of Mildness.**

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 16.—(11 p.m.)—The pressure continues to decrease over the Northwest and a decided depression is appearing over Saskatchewan. It is also giving way throughout the lake and eastern districts. There is no indication at present of cold weather, and the outlook is to a mild interval everywhere.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 38—48; Kamloops, 28—34; Battleford, 12—38; Qu'Appelle, 12—36; Port Arthur, 18—28; Parry Sound, 20—36; Toronto, 14—36; Ottawa, 2—18; Montreal, 2—26; Quebec, 6 below—16; Halifax, 2—20.

**Probabilities.**

**Lower Lakes—Southerly to westerly winds; fair and milder, with a thaw to-day and Sunday.**

Georgian Bay—Southerly to westerly winds; fair and mild, with a thaw to-day and Sunday.

Ottawa Valley—Southerly to westerly winds; fair to cloudy; much milder; Sunday mild, with a thaw.

Upper St. Lawrence—Southerly to westerly winds; fair to cloudy; much milder; Sunday mild, with a thaw.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Southerly to westerly winds; fair to cloudy; higher temperatures to-day; local snowfalls; milder on Sunday.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh southeast to southwest winds; fair; higher temperatures to-day; milder on Sunday.

Lake Superior—Increasing south to west winds; fair to cloudy and decidedly mild.

Manitoba—Strong winds or gales from west to northwest; decidedly mild; lower temperature again Sunday night.

Handsome enough to frame is the picture of the boy fortunate enough to possess a suit, an ulster, a reefer or overcoat, selected from Oak Hall, Clothiers, stock, corner King-street east. Better clothes for boys than those sold by Oak Hall cannot be bought. Experienced buyers say so every day.

**Steamship Movements.**

| Dec. 16. | At | From |
|---|---|---|
| New England | Liverpool | Boston |
| Campania | Queenstown | New York |
| Mongolian | Portland | Liverpool |
| Parisian | Moville | St. John, N.B. |
| Barcelona | Halifax | Manchester |
| Ardancorach | London | Halifax |
| Ems | Gibraltar | New York |
| Britannic | Liverpool | New York |
| Lucania | New York | Liverpool |
| Werkendam | New York | Rotterdam |

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