PRICE TWO CENTS.

OXFORD INQUIRY GOES ON AGAIN

Mr. T. Buchanan Was Called But Failed to Appear.

The County Treasurer Was Called, But as His Statement Is Not Ready, He Was Not Put in the Box.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Woodstock, Dec. 28 .- Notwithstandfrom the city and country were pres- from issuing the proclamations. ent to witness the resumption of the graft inquiry before Judge Snider here this morning. Owing to the lateness of the Toronto train, Judge Snider, E. that sentiment, apparently. F. B. Johnston and Hamilton witnesses did not arrive until almost noon. The renowned Robert Tait was again present, and sat among the

M. T. Buchanan was the first witness called, but he did not respond. state to the witnesses their position in this inquiry. His honor told them that all who gave truthful evidence would be protected by the court from prosecution for what they said, and nothing admitted would be against them later. When Buchanan could not be found Robert McIntosh, county treasurer, was called. statement was not quite ready, said, so he was not put in the box.

MISS LAWRENCE WILL LEAVE THE CITY'S EMPLOY

of the Most Competent of City Officials.

Miss Maud Lawrence, who has been stenographer in City Engineer Graydon's PEOPLE ARE ANGRY office for some years, has tendered her resignation and will leave about the middle of January. She has secured another position in the city.

During her connection with the office

she has mastered, to a marked degree, all of the work, and her place will be very hard to fill. All the detail work fell to her lot, with the result that mistakes were few and far between in that department. "Her resignation means a distinct loss

to the city," declared the officials at the "She knew more about the office than most of us," said Mr. Graydon. "It will be a difficult matter to fill her position. understood the whole business. The

fathers do not realize how are losing." Mr. Boyd de Wolfe, who has also been clerk in the office for some time, is

POINTERS FOR VOTERS ON ELECTION DAY We of this."

Some Citizens Are in Error in Regard to Number of Candidates To Be Voted For.

There seems to be some confusion in the public mind as to the number of candidates to be elected to the various public offices on Monday

For instance, some of the candidates who are canvassing for the position of hospital trustee find many citizens are under the impression that two men are to be elected. This, of course, is not true. There is but one vacancy, and only one candidate can be elected. vote for two you spoil your ballot. For the council there are 25 candi-

dates, of whom 12 are to be elected. An elector may vote for twelve, or any number less than that, but for no

For the water commission there are three candidates. Two of these must be elected. An elector may vote for two candidates, or only one, but he cannot vote for three. If he does his ballot will be spoiled.

For the hospital trust there are three candidates, and one only is to be elected.

By keeping these facts in mind there should be no confusion in the mind of the electors, and it should be a comparatively easy matter to pick out the andidates to be voted for.

DYING MAN WALKED MILES TO HOSPITAL

Hard Case of Friendless Englishman

Stricken With Typhoid Fever. North Bay, Ont., Dec. 27. — Henry Stokes, a young Englishman, was North Bay

from a lumber camp across Lake Nipssing, suffering from typhoid fever. many miles of walking, and the sick man was immersed in water several imes, breaking through the ice. His death resulted. He had no friends in this country, and will be buried at North Bay, under Sons of England. under the auspices of the TRIED TO THIN NITRO.

Washington, Pa., Dec. 27.-William C. Maloney was about to shoot an oil well in Cross Creek Township today, when he complained that the nitroglycerine was too thick. He placed the explosive in a barrel of hot water and was completing preparations for the shot when the charge exploded. Maloney was blown to pieces, and the derrick at the well wrecked. His horses, although knocked down, were not hurt. The charge contained 25 quarts of fluid.

STEAMERS ARRIVED. Havre, Dec. 27.—La Gascogne. Naples—Indiana. Genoa—Reina degli Italia, Duca degli

Genova.
Trieste-Martha Washington.
Sandy Hook-Germania (dock today).
St. John, N. B.-Montfort.
New York-Kroonland.

NO REQUISITION AS YET FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS

Flow of Oratory Is Very Likely To Be Restricted in This Campaign.

PROTECT WITNESSES No requisitions have as yet been issued for public meetings, to discuss municipal matters, and it does not look at all likely that there will be any It is certain that there will be none in the East End tonight, and it is equally certain that no eeting will be held on Thursday night in the city hall, owing to the fact that a dog show is being held that evening.

That will leave Friday and Saturday as the only two evenings meetings, and as there is absolutely no demand for a meeting from ing stormy weather, a large number citizens, Mayor Beattle has refrained Some of the candidates are of th

TONS OF BEAUTIFUL

Mr. Johnston asked the judge to Inmates of Castle Carter Were Kept Busy With Gentle Exercise.

While there is usually a shortage of weatherman did his best to improve lips. matters today, and as a result some making at the county buildings this

morning. with snow shovels as early as possible and the work commenced. The four Young Lady Is Known as One sides of the block, bounded by Ridout, King, Dundas and Thames streets, were tackled, as well as the wide paths leading up to the court house and county buildings. The exercise roads on the inside will also be cleaned up before the end of the day.

Work Was Not Commenced Today Until Well on Toward Noon.

Many complaints have been reeived today regarding the snowplows. They were not on the street until late, n fact, some of the walks had not o'clock. As a result, there was much inconvenience, and many complaints. None of the streets were touched uno'clock, and by that time, they had become almost impassable.

with the city engineer's department?

FAILED TO PAY THE

Inspector McCallum Is Determined That All Shall Pay Their Just Share of Taxation.

The names of a long list of delinquents appeared on the police court blotter this morning for neglecting to pay their statute labor tax. Nine or ten came up today and passed over their silver dollars, plus 85 cents for scheme with much interest, and costs, to the care of Police Clerk

About the same number failed to anpear in answer to their summons, and in some cases warrants will be issued to insure their presence at the next hearing of their adjourned cases.

Several of them are said to have left town and some little difficulty may be experienced in locating them. ever, in the opinion of Magistrate Beattie, this is no reason why they should overlook their little dues the civic administration of this city, and as many as possible will be required to square up in the matter.

NINE TONS OF EGGS SEIZED.

New York, Dec. 27,-Nine tons of 'liquid eggs" were seized today by federal officials in the cold storage plant of the Merchants' Refrigerator Company, Jersey City. The warrant describes the eggs as "filthy, decomposed and putrid animal matter." The Jersey City board of health will be asked to destroy them.

THE WEATHER

Tomorrow-Fair and Colder. FORECASTS.

Toronto, Dec. 28.-8 a.m.
Today-Fresh to strong winds; snow or Thursday - Light local snowfalls or snow flurries, but party fair, with lower

temperature. TEMPERATURES. Victoria 44 Cloudy Calgary Fair Parry Sound Cloudy Toronto 38 Father Point...... 20 14 WEATHER NOTES.

MEATHER NOTES.

A disturbance from the Southwest
States is centred south of Michigan this
morning, and its accompanying snowfall
has extended well into Ontario. Light snowfalls have occurred in the Western Provinces, and conditions there are wintry.
YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Mild weather prevailed yesterday from the lake region to the Maritime Provinces,

while in Manitoba and Saskatchewan it was cold. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 22-34; Prince Rupert, 32-40; Victoria, 34-44; Vancouver, 35-41; Edmonton, zero-12; Battleford, 2-4; Calgary, 20-20; Moosejaw, 4 below-8; Qu'Appelle, 10 below-4; Winnipeg, 2 below-6; Port Arthur, 18-34; Parry Sound, 26-34; Toronto, 26-38; Ottawa, 4-28; Montreal, 6-30; Quebec, 10-22; St. John, 16-36; Hallfax, 16-33.

TODAY'S PROBS.

The East-Westerly winds: mostly fair:

The East—Westerly winds; mostly fair; not much change in temperature.

Lake Superior—Fair and cold.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan—Fair and cold; some light snowfalls or flurries.

Alberta—Mostly fair, but a few local

A Peculiar Case

[G. N. W. Dispatch.] Montreal, Que., Dec. 27.-The Sellers-Gough Fur Store, by someone's blunder in a French paper, was placed in the position of offering a seal skin coat for \$2.95 instead of \$295. A. L. Demartigny demanded a coat at that price, which the store people declined to give, and as a result Mr. Demartigny today entered suit to secure the coat as advertised.

SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD CHOSEN BY ACCLAMATION

Mr. W. P. Regan Is the Retiring topic opinion that meetings should be held, but the people generally do not share Chairman—Successor Not Selected.

> The nominations for the separate school board were held at noon today in St. Peter's school, and the four candidates nominated were elected by

The four trustees, who retired an were re-elected, are as follows: Ward 1-Dr. Claude Brown. Ward 2 -R. M. Burns. Ward 3-Jeremiah hard labor" at the county jail the Loughlin. Ward 4-William McPhil

four representatives whose The mathematician has figured that the terms are unexpired are: Ward 1—trusty inmates of Castle Carter W. G. Coles. Ward 2—B. C. McCann. handled several tons of snow in path- Ward 3-William P. Regan. Ward 4-Frank Forristal.

Mr. Regan is the retiring chairman of the board. It has not been definitely settled who will be the new chairman. The organization meeting of the will be held on Monday, Jan. 9. Capt. T. J. Murphy acted as returning officer today.

TUNNEL ST. LAWRENCE OPPOSITE MONTREAL

OVER SNOWPLOWS Thirty Million Dollar Company Would Build a Huge Terminal.

Montreal, Dec. 28. - A proposition of considerable magnitude, involving the tunnelling of the River St. Lawbeen cleaned this afternoon at 1 rence and the establishment of a central terminus for all the railway lines entering Montreal, was laid be-fore the board of control this mornad become almost impassable. Mr. J. M. Shanly, representing the "The snowplows should be out in Montreal Central Terminus Company. time," said one irate citizen. "I think This concern is capitalized at \$30, it an outrage to have the streets in 000,000, and it is endeavoring to sesuch a condition. What is the matter cure the goodwill of the city in order to build a large central station where all lines can meet. The pro-position involves tunnelling the river ust above Isle Ronde to give access to the south shore routes, including the New York Central and Delaware STATUE LABOR TAX and Hudson. From the north would come the Canadian Northern Railway and from the west the Grand Trunk. Canadian Pacific has not entertained the seheme. The terminal company has a site in view at pres-

The plan also involves the abolition of all level crossings on the Island of Montreal, approach to the station being by elevated or subway routes. The board of control heard of the Central Terminal Company was instructed to lay their proposition before the board in writing in the near future, with plans carefully drawn, showing full details. This will be

STILL SEARCHING

Mysterious Message About the Missing Aviator Grace.

London, Dec. 27. — Unwilling to reject even the strangest suggestions, searchers for Cecil Grace, the aviator who disappeared on Saturday while attempting a return cross-channel flight from France, the authorities are acting on a mysterious telegram from an unknown person in Sweden, who, presumably relying on spiritualistic has been begging the Aero Club not to assume that Mr. Grace has fallen into the sea. After an exchange of messages the correspondent tele-

"He fell on land, not into water. Search the east coast of England min-

The coast guards accordingly have been directed to make a careful search along about () miles of the coast

AGED PEOPLE'S HOME **INMATES MADE HAPPY**

A Christmas Tree Was Held by Empress Avenue Mission Band.

The Empress Avenue Mission Band

held a Christmas tree and entertain-ment at the Aged People's Home on second largest in the world.

which belongs to the American Shielding Miss Elsie Thompson, second largest in the world. Tuesday. A pleasing feature of the affair was the presentation to the old folks of gifts from the tree, which had been made by the members of the Mission Band themselves. Afterwards a delightful programme songs, recitations, choruses, duettes and instrumentals was given by the Empress avenue young folks. Among those who took part were Misses Ruth and Ila Dewey, Miss Lena North, Miss Elsie Bowie, Miss Helen Green, Master Allan Forbes, and Master Norman Walker. The gifts and entertainment were much enjoyed by the inmates of the home.

VICTORY FOR TURKS. Sea, after a sanguinary engagement. Official advices received here today state that in the battle the Bedouins lost 450 killed and 600 prisoners. The Turkish losses were seven officers and 20 men.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RY. PLANS WILL NOT BE INTERFERED WITH!

Improvements in East London Will Be Carried Out No Matter What Changes May Be Made in the Main Line Route.

Much interest is being taken in the it. However, I am in no position to rumor that the C. P. R. intend making discuss the question, as I know noth-ling of it whatever."

PLAGUE IS SPREADING MANY WIRES WERE DOWN

It is certain that whatever is done that the company would not consider will in no wise interfere with the the question of a union station at this plans the company have announced time, nor would they give the C. P. They have purchased a great deal over their line from Hyde Park to the

of land there for yard room, and a eastern limits of the city.

new station and offices, but they will He declared that the G. T. R. had se it at, and perhaps more in the expended hundreds of thousands ear finure. However, with the increasing traf- grades on that section in order that fic, grade separation has become a live they could make better time, and draw topic with the company as it was larger loads than the competing com-with the G. T. R., and it will prob-panies. They have succeeded in doing

undertaken shortly.

Mayor Beattie has not been inform- fore, would not give the C. P. R. the ed as to the project, nor does he know advantages they have in this regard,

"I know nothing more than was in the papers," he stated to The Adver-tiser. "I have not been taken into the be impossible to get a suitable route company's secrets, nor do I know what around the city that could be built at is intended to be done. It seems as if as reasonable a cost as elevating the something important might come of tracks. REBELS IN MEXICO

ably result in some large work being this, and also in saving much money

WILL HOLD POSITIONS IN ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL Are Preparing to Defend Moun-Victim of Stabbing Affray Is tain Strongholds Against

Troops.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 28.-A special representative of the El Paso Herald, after investigating in the region called brawl of Saturday night still continues Big Bend, across the border from Texas, south of Marfa and Alpine, says the rebels hold that entire region and can defend it against a large army, as it is defend it against a large army, as it is protected by mountain passes.

He says the insurgents have old brass cannons to command these passes, and are making their own shells in an old smelter. He declares they are smuggling arms from Texas and sending them to take the insurgents in the Signra Madra. to join the insurgents in the Sierra Madre region, west of Chihuahua The insurgents, he says, expect the

cold weather in the high altitude of the Sierra Madre district to kill off the Mexican soldiers, who are accustomed only to the hot climates.

Njearo Griega, foreman of Enrique Creel's ranch, has been branded with the work of the parties of the provide and the entire ranch leated. ranch brand and the entire ranch looted The insurgents say it was done by ranch employees, who were incensed at him.

NEW CHIEF ENGINEER FOR CANADIAN PACIFIC

Mr. E. C. Schwitzer, of Company's Western Lines, Has Been Appointed.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28. - Mr. E. C. Schwitzer, at present assistant chief engineer of the C. P. R. western ines, has been selected to fill the newly-created position of chief engineer, with headquarters in Montreal. and though no appointment has been announced to fill the western vacancy, it is surmised that Mr. J. G. Sullivan, assistant engineer of the eastern

ines, will come west. It is understood that the salary attached to the new post of chief engineer of the C. P. R. is \$25,000 per annum. Mr. Schwitzer will be called upon, in addition to his dutles with the C. P. R., to act as consulting engineer of subsidiary lines. He is president of the McGill alumni in Winnipg, president of the Winnipeg Society of Engineers, and the most enthusiastic student of his profession in the Daminion. He came from Kenora, where he was city engineer, to become assistant to Mr. F. J. Benstead, whom he succeeded a few years ago.

MABEE AT WASHINGTON

International Railway Discussing Questions With U. S. Government.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Dec. 28. - Judge Mabee, of the Dominion Railway Commission, s at present in Washington, consulting with the United States Government on all railway questions of an international nature, and it is expected that upon his return to the capital the board will be in a position to

ters to be decided are the sleping-car GOTCH CHALLENGES WORLD. Chicago, Dec. 28.—Frank A. Gotch Hackenschmidt or any other wrestler for a match for the championship of

deal with the subject. Among the mat-

the world. He posted \$500 as a forfeit to bind a match for a side bet of MANY WERE KILLED. El Paso, Texas, Dec. 28.—Many are reported killed by an explosion at the El Paso smelter this morning. A big part of the plant was wrecked. The smelter,

belongs to the American Smelting

KILLED BY AMBULANCE. Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—Surrounded by members of his family, B. Winder Johnston, head of the banking firm of Lawrence Johnston & Co., of this city, who was knocked down and injured by an automobile ambulance of the Women's and after the wedding dinner Mr. and Society for the prevention of cruelty with the prev

Wed in St. Thomas. There is great rejoicing among the Hebrews of St. Thomas today over the culiar trick at the corner of Dundas wedding celebration of Miss May and Richmond streets at noon today, Abrahamson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Abrahamson, of New York, and Mr. Harry Jackson, of London. turning south on Richmond street was Roman Catholic Church in the Dommoon trip to New York, Mr. and Mrs. line, after running several feet on the Jackson will take up their residence snow. The crew did not even have to a the Jackson will take up their residence snow. The crew did not even have to a the jump set matters right.

FOWLER STILL IMPROVES

No Union Station.

R. the privilege of running freight

dollars so that they might correct the

in maintenance. The company, there-

A Grand Trunk official stated today

Rapidly Recovering, It Is

The condition of James B. Fowler, who was injured in the West London to improve. It is not yet certain whether his arms will have to be amhave good hopes that such a course will not be necessary.

Heslop, who hacked Fowler so furiously with the butcher knife, is confined in the county jail, awaiting the first hearing of his case on Friday. Although quite aware of the seriousness of the charge preferred against

him, he appears indifferent. Mrs. Heslop isu nderstood to be in Chicago, whither she intended going when she left London on Monday night. The police do not appear to regard her as an important witness of the affray, although should she return to London, she would probably asked to give evidence, though, it is said, she might evade this, as a wife cannot be compelled to testify against her husband.

EARL GREY'S TRIP TO ARCTIC OCEAN

Cruiser Rainbow Will Make Long Voyage to Meet Him.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.-When Earl Grey

he Arctic Ocean. While the date of Earl Grey's departure for Northern Canada has not yet been fixed, it will likely be early in July, as the governor-general will attend the coronation of King George in London on Lyne 2. His Excellent will be a likely June 2. His Excellency will be chaneroned down the Mackenzie River by detachment of the Northwest Mount Police. It is estimated that the trip wil occupy three weeks and will be more interesting than the journey Grey made last summer to Hudson Bay

ELLIS---NEWTON

A Very Pretty Wedding of a Popular Couple.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Newton, 10 Wyatt street, West London, when their eldest daughter, Miss Clara May, was united in marriage to Mr. Frank Ellis, of Detroit, formerly of London. The bride, who was given away by her father, was very charming in a cream silk gown, trimmed with lace and pearls, with bridal veil, and wreath of lily of the valley. She carried a bouquet of bridal roses and was attended by her cousin, Miss An-Chicago, Dec. 28.—Frank A. Gotch nie Robb, of Wyoming, who was daintily gowned in pink, and carried pink carnations. Miss Florence New-

ton, sister of the bride, was flower-The ceremony was performed by Rev. Richard Whiting, B. A., pastor of the First Methodist Church, and the Building Bylaw Cases Were Again wedding march was played by Miss Grace Brock. After the ceremony several pleasing solos were rendered by Miss Maude Underwood, and instrumental selections were given by

The groom's gift to the bride was a pearl pendant; to the bridesmaid, a pearl brooch; to the groom's assist-

Society for the prevention of cruelty Mrs. Ellis left on a wedding tour to animals, last night, died in a hospital western points. Later they will re-Later they will reside in Detroit. A Peculiar Move.

A West London car worked a pe-

THOUSANDS DYING OF BUBONIC PLAGUE

Foreign Missionaries Are Affect- London Street Railway Company ed By Dried Scourge in Large Numbers.

Terrible Suffering Is Reported by All Travellers Who Have Been Through the Stricken Districts-Food Supply Is Practically Gone.

Shanghai, China, Dec. 27. - Famine is stalking hand in hand with the bubonic plague through China. province of Kiang Su is being depopulated by starvation and a dreadwave of plague and death is sweeping into the province of Pechili, in which Pekin is located. ording to reports being received here today, a number of foreign missionaries are either dead or dying from the epidemic. Hundreds of natives are dying daily. It will be months before an effecual effort can be made to check the

ernment's efforts, the zone of human estruction is widening continuously. Most Harrowing Suffering. While refugees from the death belt are barred from the cities, reports of the most harrowing suffering have been received from as far west as Nan Kin and as far north as Yellow River. Along the Grand Canal entire villages have been wiped out and bands of men and women, insane from hunger, roam the country. No food can be taken into the heart of the plague

Despite the Gov-

spread of death.

devastated region. The entire grain and rice supply has been exhausted in the middle of the province and rioting is frequent in remote districts where stored-up food putated, but the hospital surgeons have been known to fight to the death has been found. Men and for a handful of rice. The gaunt, naked children have been seen gnaw ing thongs of leather to gather a little nourishment.

> Missionaries Are Brave. The medical missionaries are striving valiantly to give aid, and how many perished is not known. ing the panic of famine and disease they have penetrated the remote dis-

tricts, where word cannot be had of them. In thousands of dead bodies lie exposed to the weather. In many localities the need of graves is gone because everyone is dead.

brave the dangers of the scourge THE ST. JOHN'S ELECTION

Both Sides Appear Confident of Scoring a Victory.

St. John's, Que., Dec. 28.-With the Provincial by-election only one day but could not say he was too particuahead, both sides are working hard lar. Several times he had had trouble after the Christmas armistice, and with Collector Bowell, and once was meetings are being held all over the suspended for taking some cigars from riding. While both the Liberals and a drawer of an officer of the Empress the Nationalist-Conservative coalition of India, knowing them to be contra reaches the Arctic Ocean next summer, after the long trip he has planned down the Mackenzie River from Edmonton, he side appears to really feel it. The con-Opposition express confidence, neither band. will be met by the Cruiser Rainbow. The cruiser will be sent north in the spring to meet him after he passes through to meet him after he passes through Behring Straits and around Alaska to fight. While the electorate turn out in large numbers to the meetings, they will establish a new northern record for war vessels. Up to the present time there has never been such a craft in the Arctic Ocean. swinging.

A BANK MERGER

Union Bank Has Absorbed the United Empire Bank.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Dec. 28.-Negotiations have been completed by which the Union Bank of Canada absorbs the United Empire Bank, and the new combination will continue under the name of the Union Bank of Canada. It is understood that the United Empire shareholders have received par value for their shares.

The United Empire is one of the smaller institutions. It was organized in 1906, and its capital is \$600,000, of which \$550,000 is paid up. It does business in seventeen branches. Samue Barker, M. P., of Hamilton, dent, and George Reid, of Toronto, is general manager. The headquerters

are in Toronto. The Union Bank has headquarters In Quebec, and has altogether 207 branches in all parts of Canada. was founded in 1865, and has a capital of \$4,000,000 all paid up, and rereserve of \$2,400,000. Hon. John Sharples, of Quebec, is president, and G. H. Balfour, general manaegr.

THE POLICE COURT

Laid Over.

The long since famous Hole and Coote The long since famous from and cooke police court cases of breach of the building bylaw, appeared on the Carling street blotter again this morning. Architect Nutter reported progress, and the cases were adjourned until Jan. 4.

Benjamin Goodacre, charged with being this, he said, had been practically countil this, he said, had been practically countil this the said that the laws a said the said that the laws a said the said that the said the said the said that the said that the said that the said the said that the s tect Nutter reported to the cases were adjourned until Jan. 4.

Benjamin Goodacre, charged with being drunk and disorderly, was remanded until Jan. 4, and Joseph White and John Pendral Indian listers, were each fined \$10 some understanding would be arrived to the various producers to limit the Jan, 4, and Joseph White and John rennicott, Indian listers, were each fined \$10 or 21 days for indulging in forbidden joys.

Brank Barbour appeared to answer to establishing prices all round at a higher level.

derly, and having obscene pictures in his possession. He was remanded until the police investigate his previous record.

TO ADMINISTER BEQUEST. Montreal, Dec. 27.—The administration of the sum of \$1,051,700, bequeath-

Constantinople, Dec. 28.—Turkish troops sent against the Bedouins have driven the revolters out of the Elkerak district Rabbi Philip, of London. The bride wrong track. The car apparently nother the villayet of Syria, near the Dead Sea, after a sanguinary engagement. Of-Schott, of St. Thomas. After a honey- the rails and proceded on the proper condemning Antoine Robert, financier,

TRAFFIC TIED UP BY THE SNOW

Had a Very Hard Battle Today.

Telegraph Companies Had Their Share of Trouble-So Did the Steam Railways.

A very heavy snowstorm greatly interfered with traffic today. Wires are down in many places in the city and elsewhere, while all trains are running from half an hour to two hours

The London street railway had a hard battle with the storm. The road was not completely tied up, but it was with the greatest difficulty that a schedule was maintained.

The Huron and Bruce train this norning had much trouble in getting through today. The heavy snowstorm) in the north filled the "cuts," and the rain was forced to move slowly.

Trains Delayed. The trains on the main lines were delayed also. The traffic was very heavy, and this fact, with the snow, caused practically all of them to lose time. Many were run in two sec-A good many telegraph and tele-

phone wires were broken by the weight of the snow, but they were, quickly restored. Had the storm nour, railway men declare that it would have tied things up in great

style. "We had a lot of work, but we maintained a very good schedule, I think," said a street railway official. It was a bad storm, but we kept our cars on the move. Not one of them was stalled."

ZEALOUS OFFICERS WERE TRANSFERRED

Evidence of Landing Waiters in Chinese and Smuggling Investigation.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 27. Several witnesses today stated before the Government Chinese investigation commission that landing waiters who Chinese soldiers who have been ordered into the heart of the affected territory have rebelled and refused to the depress of the second and given inferior positions at other. wharves. James Harris, landing waiter at the Evans Coleman and Evans wharves, and A. W. Schouler, landing waiter at the Great Northern wharf,

gave testimony to this effect. In reply to questions, Evans stated that two years ago he had been transferred from the C.P.R. wharf. He had been particular as regards smuggling,

Last year, when he was going on his Company, told him he could have a ticket on the line for half-price if he showed a letter from Bowell. He asked Bowell for the letter, but the col-lector said: "No, you did me a dirty trick once, and now I'll get even with

In reply to a question the witness

stated that he had never seen Yip or the interpreter give anything to former Chief Landing Waiter Bowser, but that once Mr. Bowser had shown ing they had been presented by the interpreter. "Isn't it your candid opinion that you were shifted from the C. P. R.

wharf because you were too strict?' he was asked. "It is," replied the witness.
"Didn't Mr. Bowell call you down once for examining a grip that was being carried off one of the Empresses?" "Yes," replied the witness. "He said

"It was right after that you were, moved, wasn't it?" DIAMONDS SCARCE

needn't be so particular."

"Yes."

Accumulated Stocks Have Been Prace tically Exhausted by the Great Demand.

London, Dec. 27.-The accumulated stocks of diamonds have been exhausted, and the market must now be supplied with current production, said the chairman of the great De Beers Company last week at its annual meeting held at Kimberley, South Africa. The company's continued policy, he stated, was to sup-ply the market with only such quantities as it could absorb.

The production of diamonds was not nearly as great as the sales which had been taking place in the last year or twol

From the above it seems tolerably certain that diamonds, like meat and other necessaries of life, will cost more. The company made a profit for the year of \$13,453,625, out of which the directors made an appropriation of \$125,000 as a donation to the fund for the proposed South African University.

CREW PROBABLY LOST. Chatham, Mass., Dec. 28.—The sunker three-masted schooner that has been

resting in three fathoms of water on Little Round Shoals since the storm of the 15th last, was identified today as the Mollie Rhodes, of Vinel Haven, Me. She was bound to that port from New York with coal. Capt. Dobbin, of Jonesport