

deal is in progress in Swiss territory. Many young men who engaged to go to England for service were told on arriving at Marseilles that England no longer needed them, but that they could go to the Transvaal. It is said that many have acted on the suggestion, and 100 are reported to have sailed for Delagoa Bay in a French vessel.

## 200,000 Men.

**ROBERTS' ARMY.**  
London, Wednesday, Jan. 3, 4 a.m.—Yesterday the admiralty chartered eight more large transports. When all the troops destined for South Africa join those already there, Lord Roberts will be in command of about 200,000 men. Thirty thousand are now afloat or ready to embark. Military observers, in view of what these figures mean, cannot see how the British can fail to crush the Boers by mere force of numbers.

A Cape Town dispatch reports that the rebels in Barkley district are demoralized by the British occupation of Dordrecht. Should it turn out that the Dutch rebellion is thus being diminished, it will be a matter of great relief for the British campaign. The Standard, however, remarks: "Until the Tugela has been crossed and Ladysmith relieved, it will be idle to deny that the political situation in Cape Colony is one of very great danger."

The Times publishes the following, dated Jan. 2, from Lorenzo Marquez: "It is asserted that Major Day and 43 men of the British medical corps, who were left at Dundee when the town was evacuated, are now on the way from Pretoria to Delagoa Bay."

Extra precautions have been adopted by the military authorities at Durban. The constabulary have been fully armed. The sentries, from sundown to morning, have been increased at the barracks. Patrols march around, and all leave of absence have been suspended.

Sir William Thompson has been appointed consulting surgeon to the British forces in South Africa.

Mr. Harry Macdonald, the well-known sporting man, has been ordered to South Africa with the Warwickshire militia.

Mr. George Lynch, the newspaper correspondent, who was captured outside of Ladysmith and imprisoned at Pretoria, has been released and has arrived at Lorenzo Marquez.

Three British prisoners, taken at Mafeking, say that Capt. Gordon Chesney Wilson, husband of Lady Sarah Wilson, and five other officers whose names they refuse to give, were wounded in a recent battle near Mafeking.

Sir Charles Howard Vincent, colonel of the Westminster Volunteers, has failed to pass the medical examination necessary to qualify him to command the City of London Infantry Division bound for South Africa. The command of this corps must, therefore, be given to another.

The London Daily Mail makes the following statement this morning: "We understand that the defense committee of the cabinet, after careful consideration of the question of the defense of the empire, particularly with regard to artillery, will shortly call for the expenditure of £5,000,000 to make good deficiencies and to place the nation on a par with other great powers."

## SPEEDY RELIEF OF LADYSMITH

Positions of the Enemy Will Be Flanked by Buller.

And the Boers Rolled Back—Bennet Burleigh's View of the Situation.

London, Jan. 2.—The following is a summary of the situation in Natal, published in the Daily Telegraph. It was written by Mr. Bennet Burleigh, the veteran war correspondent, and is as follows:

"Frederic Camp, Sunday.—Following is what I may term the end of the year review of the situation as it now stands:

"Despite many matters which might and could be remedied, the military situation is better, more secure, and more hopeful for us than since the outbreak of hostilities.

"This is the case elsewhere, but particularly so in Natal. The invasion of this colony is now slowly, perhaps many will say too slowly, but surely being rolled back. There is no longer any danger to Pietermaritzburg today; the country is secure from the foe practically from Colenso south. A few raiders may for a short time venture along the hills as far as Estcourt, but I doubt if ever they will water their horses again in the Mgeni River.

**LADYSMITH HOLDING OUT WELL.**  
"Ladysmith, although on account of its situation a place difficult to defend, continues easily to hold out, and is repelling the Boer attacks, for the enemy have not yet been able to close quarters, nor have they shown any capacity for assaulting the British positions. Their one method is to catch our troops in the open from cover and overwhelm them with fire."

"For not many days more will Ladysmith's gallant garrison be required to lay low behind their works. The relief column will surely free their hands from the siege, and the town and camps, and enable them to cut in upon the retreating commands."

"Today Buller has within hail a force of all arms, equal to that of the

Boers, eagerly demanding to be led against Joubert's men and Free State soldiers, who are before Colenso and Ladysmith."

"I take it that the enemy between Colenso and Ladysmith, all told, number between 20,000 and 30,000. What with renegades and the colonial Boers recruiting their total strength in the field must be near 60,000."

"Joubert and Botha have made the most of their advantage of position by enlacing many cannon, some of large calibre, up to 16 centimeters, and by constructing numberless trenches and works."

"Their positions, I assure you, will be judiciously flanked, and the enemy rolled back."

**PREDICTS A BLOODY CONTEST.**  
"War is even more uncertain than cricket, but the soldiers will not fail the country. That is absolutely certain. If they are given a fair chance to engage upon anything like equal terms, I plump for complete British victory."

"It is given me further to forecast that if the pantheists meted out to the pressure brought to bear upon the discomfited Boers be vigorous and persistent, many prisoners and much spoil should fall into Buller's hands, the invasion by the republic's forces be terminated, and the end of the war certainly be brought within a few months' distance."

## THE SECOND CORPS

That Canada Is Sending to South Africa.

Officers for the Two Western Squadrons Announced—An Enthusiastic Send-Off Given the Departing Volunteers.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 3.—The list of officers for the two western squadrons of the contingent has been officially given out. Commissioner Herchert, of the Northwest Mounted Police, will command and Lieut.-Col. Steele, also of the mounted police, will be second in command. Inspector Baker will be adjutant; R. W. B. Eustache, Moosomin, Northwest, transport officer, and Inspector J. B. Allen, of the mounted police, will be quartermaster. The majors of the squadrons will be: Major James Walker, Calgary, and Supt. J. S. Howe, mounted police. The captains are: Supt. G. S. Sanders and Inspector A. B. R. Campbell, Subalterns; Supt. J. J. Macdonald, Beggs, Davidson, Macdonald and Wright, of the police; and Capt. Inglis, Calgary; St. John Taylor, Winnipeg, and T. W. Chalmers, Edmonton.

Applications continue to come in from those anxious to enlist, among the number being a son of Gen. Graham, of the British army. This young man holds a commission as lieutenant in the imperial army. He is anxious to go out as a gunner. Three residents of Valleyfield have also made application.

**D BATTERY, RIGHT SECTION.**  
Kingston, Ont., Jan. 2.—The right section of D Battery leaves tomorrow for Ottawa. It will form the nucleus of the Ottawa Battery. The section will be made up of Captain D. R. V. Eaton, captain of D Battery, in command; Lieut.-Major W. McInnes, Sergt. G. Henderson, Sergt. L. Somers, Corp. Kinnealy, Corp. Stinson, Bombs. Smith, Matties and Brown; Trumpeter Baker; Gunners Bramah, W. H. H. Ponton, Deane, Green, Hopkins, Louis, Eby, Smythe, Gowdy, Drivers Chisholm, Forrest, Dickson, W. Glenn, Lawes, Pape, Prince, Minstern, Somers, Sergts. Hutchinson, Hinch, Blackby, E. J. Bramah. There will be twenty horses taken. Veterinary-Major Macle has secured at Kingston 23 good horses, suitable for heavy cavalry and artillery work. During the last few days of the month, the section has bought fifteen more, and 100 are still needed. Men are arriving from St. Catharines, London, Toronto, Hamilton, Gananoque and elsewhere. A large number of the recruits are in conjunction with 66 men of A Battery, will form C Battery of the new contingent.

Major Hudson has been notified that all future enlistments for the new Transvaal must be trained artilleryists, men who have attended camp as members of some artillery corps. Any number of green men can be obtained, but what is desired is trained soldiers.

**GONE TO KINGSTON.**  
Belleville, Ont., Jan. 2.—Sergt. Ponton, Corp. Miller and Pte. Gillespie, of the 15th Battalion, left last night for Kingston to join the Canadian contingent for Africa. They were given a send-off by many friends.

**THE PORT COLBORNE BOYS.**  
Port Colborne, Ont., Jan. 2.—A very large and enthusiastic meeting was held in Matthews' Hall last night to give a send-off to two Port Colborne boys, Sergt. Russell Boyle and Bombardier John Winger, who go with the second contingent to South Africa.

**SEND-OFF AT ST. KITTS.**  
St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 3.—Never before in the history of St. Catharines has such a large number of citizens gathered in the streets and stood, pushed and shoved themselves around on a January day as was done yesterday afternoon, when an immense crowd congregated on St. Paul street to witness the departure of this contingent. The afternoon was declared a half holiday; all places of business were closed, and flags and bunting galore hung down from almost every building, appearing as if that of a summer holiday decoration. Cheer after cheer went up as the men marched through the streets. At the station the detachment, 42 men in all, was drawn up in line, and the mayor, in a few well-chosen words, presented the envelopes containing the money raised for the boys.

**BERLIN'S ENTHUSIASM.**  
Berlin, Ont., Jan. 3.—Mr. Herman Quimby, who has been with the Canadian Express Company here for the past four years, is now attached to the Guelph Field Battery. The citizens of Berlin showed their appreciation of him by hurriedly subscribing a purse of \$100 in gold. The town also presents him with a \$1,000 insurance policy. As a further mark of esteem the merchants and business men closed their stores in the afternoon at 3 o'clock, and a procession, headed by the 29th Battalion Band, followed by the mayor and the hero in a Gladstone, drawn by several townspeople, marched to the depot, where he left for Guelph.

**HAMILTON MEN START.**  
Hamilton, Jan. 2.—Hamilton's second contingent to the South African Regiment from Canada, left for Kingston at 3:40 yesterday afternoon. The citizens and military joined in giving the volunteers a rousing send-off. The 12th Battalion band and Hamilton Field Battery turned out, and there were thousands of citizens at the drill hall and on to Chalmers street. The boys and wish them goodspeed on their noble mission. The city council voted to each man the sum of \$50, which was

paid at once, and at a meeting of prominent military and business men held yesterday a strong committee was appointed to raise the sum of \$1,000 by subscription to be used for the good of the Hamilton men who are volunteered for service and their families during their absence. In addition to the fifteen men who left Hamilton yesterday, fourteen more men will be enlisted here, and there are hundreds of applications in the hands of Major Hendrie for a place on the contingent.

**AT ST. JOHN.**  
St. John, N. B., Jan. 3.—Lieut.-Col. McLean opened a recruiting office today. There will be no difficulty in getting a number of good men here.

**THE PACIFIC COAST MEN.**  
Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 3.—What was probably the most enthusiastic patriotic meeting ever convened in Vancouver was held Monday afternoon. The meeting was held at the hotel, many people had to be turned away. The subject of sending a special British Columbia contingent of rough riders to South Africa was the matter discussed. The meeting thought that any number from 100 to 500 could be sent from Vancouver at once, and that there would be plenty to make a strong contingent. It was decided to request the provincial government to make an offer to the militia department to send men to the number mentioned to South Africa, with no cost to the federal government.

**AT STIRLING.**  
Stirling, Jan. 3.—Stirling is going to be represented by a contingent for South Africa. Lawrence Hogg, youngest brother of J. Earl Hogg, B.A., volunteered, and was accepted. Before he left, a purse containing \$50 in gold, the gift from the residents of Stirling, was presented to him.

**AT TORONTO.**  
Toronto, Jan. 3.—The council has passed an order for the insurance of members from Toronto, but nothing has been done yet towards preparing for the departure of the men. In view of the fact that there will be soon 2,400 Canadian troops at the front, the executive of the Red Cross Society of Canada has decided to send an agent to South Africa as soon as possible to report on the needs of the sick and wounded, and make provision for their relief. The ladies' branch of the society has issued an urgent appeal for toilet juice tablets, light literature, tobacco and other comforts required for the second contingent during the voyage to Cape Town. The response to former appeals has not been so prompt as in the case of the first contingent.

**OFF!**  
Headed by three pipers and cheered by about a thousand of the friends and citizens, who had learned of their departure by chance, 25 men, under Lieut. King, of St. Catharines, left the Union station last night by special train at 10:30 for Kingston, where they will be embarked in the battery in process of formation. They were joined at the Cunard pier by Lieut. St. Catharines, and 18 from Hamilton, who will be associated with them in C Battery.

**THE TRANSPORTS.**  
Halifax, Jan. 3.—The transports Montezuma and Laurentian are coaling, the former at the deep water terminus and the latter at the Cunard pier. The latter will carry 2,500 and 5,000 tons each, which serves also as ballast. The work of fitting up the Laurentian is going on. Hamper cases are being put in and mess tables set for the men. The section will be used by the officers. Lists of the supplies required indicate that the men of the contingent will be happy as far as the inner man is concerned.

**EIGHT LIVES LOST**  
By the Wreck of a Schooner on Newfoundland Coast.

St. Johns, Nfld., Jan. 3.—The schooner Puritan was driven ashore on Cabot Island in a heavy gale on Monday, and eight of the crew of nine were lost. Six were married men and families. The survivor's arm was broken.

**The Elections.**  
Westminster—Reeve, Cousins (acclamation); councilors, Shore, McDougall, Little and Brown.

**PERTH POULTRY SHOW.**  
Stratford, Jan. 3.—The Perth Poultry Show, which closed Friday, in so far as the exhibit of birds was concerned, was by all odds the best held in the history of the city. A neighbor's not the attendance there should have been, owing to not being properly advertised.

**SURGICAL OPERATION ON A HEN.**  
A South Paris, Me., man performed unique surgical operation last week. He took a hen, and the owner of the hen was as large as a "good-sized pint bowl." The hen was put up the crop again. The hen seemed at first to be in pain, but she ate and drank, and the next day was as lively as ever.

**THE OLD MAN'S QUERY.**  
[Boston Transcript.]  
"So you want to marry my daughter?"  
"Yes, sir."  
"Do you smoke?"  
"No, sir."  
"Take her! I've married off six daughters and the husbands have a particular fondness for my brand of cigars. You're a novelty."

**"My Head Was A Mass of Seabs."**  
The Itching Was Intense—Doctors Did Me No Good—Could Get No Relief—Dr. Chase's Ointment Worth Its Weight in Gold—It Cured.

This is a copy of the letter from Mrs. James Bradley, Amherst, Huron county, Ont.

"I was afflicted with eczema for over six months, and it was so bad that my head was a solid mass of seabs, and would ulcerate when scratched. The itching was intense; I could not stand it. I had doctored for four months, and it did not do me any good. I had gone to housework and go home to my mother. I tried nearly everything, but could get no relief. Seeing your advertisement in one of the Toronto papers, I decided to try Dr. Chase's Ointment."

"I got relief from the first application, and it only required one box and part of another to cure me. I am sure that Dr. Chase's Ointment is worth its weight in gold."

"Dr. Chase's Ointment is the world's greatest remedy for all itching skin diseases. 60 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Toronto. For coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis and asthma, Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine has no rival."

## CONSPIRATORS' TRIAL ENDED

Judgment in the Cases of Guerin and Deroulede Suspended.

A Keeper Torn to Pieces in a Lions' Cage.

**THE FRENCH PLOTTERS.**  
Paris, Jan. 3.—The high court (senate) concluded the hearing of the conspiracy cases yesterday, with counsel's speech in defense of M. Guerin. The court then retired to deliberate in its judgment. The high court later interrupted its deliberations, and announced that it had decided, by a vote of 148 to 48, that M. Buffet was guilty, with extenuating circumstances; that it acquitted M. M. Godfrey and De Vaux, owing to the large minority in their favor, and that it acquitted M. Sabran and De Ramel. The court then adjourned without arriving at a decision respecting M. Guerin and Deroulede.

**KILLED BY LIONS.**  
Vienna, Jan. 3.—One of the animal keepers at the Vienna Zoological Gardens entered the cage of lions in a spirit of bravado and six lions rushed upon him and tore him to pieces. The attendants sought in vain, with flaming torches and streams of water, to drive the wild beasts from their victim.

**NEW CURRENCY.**  
London, Jan. 3.—Under the new currency laws, which went into force on Monday in Austria-Hungary, the florin and the Austrian dollar were abolished. The new unit is the krone, equaling half a guilder. After the introduction of the gold standard the krone will be worth one franc and five centimes.

**CHINA'S OPEN DOOR.**  
The session of the United States Cabinet yesterday was the occasion of the important announcement by Secretary of State Hay that the negotiations with the great powers of Europe (Japan) to establish a common understanding for a continued "open door" policy throughout China had been eminently successful, and that favorable responses had been received from Great Britain, Germany, France, Russia and Japan. The only country addressed which has not yet responded was Italy, and a favorable answer was expected from her.

**WASHINGTON'S STATUE IN PARIS.**  
Paris, Jan. 3.—The city council has decided the site for the equestrian statue of Washington. It is a fine site, in the midst of the American quarter, with the Place Du Trocadero, the Arc de Triomphe, and the Champs Elysees close by.

**VILLAGES DESTROYED BY EARTHQUAKES.**  
St. Petersburg, Jan. 3.—An earthquake has destroyed ten villages in the Achalka Lake district of the government of Tiflis.

**ROYAL ENGAGEMENT.**  
Berlin, Jan. 2.—The Berlin Tageblatt announces the engagement of King Alexander of Serbia to the Archduchess Marie Christina, daughter of Archduke Frederick.

**BRITISH WERE RIGHT.**  
Berlin, Jan. 2.—The Berliner Tageblatt thinks that the English man-of-war, the Justice, in confiscating goods belonging to the Transvaal Government, and calls attention to the alleged fact that neither England or the United States signed the treaty of Paris, which laid down the principle that a neutral flag covers an enemy's goods unless they are contraband of war. It goes on to say that the seizure of the Deutschland was undoubtedly a breach of international law.

**CABLE NOTES.**  
It is announced the German protected cruisers Condor and Schwalbe, are now on the way to Delagoa Bay. Emperor William has conferred the title of Count von Eulenburg on the German ambassador at Vienna.

**IRVING IN POVERTY**  
A True Story of the Great Actor's Dark Days.

Here is a timely little Christmas story, told by Sir Henry Irving, the most renowned of English-speaking actors, about a poor young player of long ago, named Henry Irving.

"I was always like to call him and the story of a poor and unknown actor; a story I make no apology for telling, because it illustrates the brotherhood of Christmas by one of those experiences which no man should forget. This poor actor went to dine one Christmas Day at the house of a comrade who was far from affluent, except in native kindness. That invitation was a godsend to the guest, who had no other prospect of a satisfying meal, or even of a generous firsides. He found the temperature just then most undesirable for some of his garments had left no margin for winter garments. He shivered on the journey to his friend's house, and he shivered when he went in, though he made believe heroically to have stirred up his circulation with an invigorating walk. His host gazed at him, fidgeted a little, and seemed unaccountably absent-minded, as we actors say—in the daughters' conversation with him. When he looked at his watch, and said: 'Nearly dinner-time, by Jove! You'd like to go upstairs and have a wash, and led the way to the bedroom. Hanging over the chair was a suit of underclothes, most uncommonly was-m-looking underclothes, of an attractive tint; and the host glanced hastily at them, and looked away as if trying to avoid them. Then he made for the door, went out, put his head in again, and exclaimed as if by a sudden and rather violent inspiration: 'Those clothes on the chair, old man—upon my word, I will never wear 'em on. It's deuced cold for the time of year, you know.' The food looked choked on the table, and he shut the door quickly, and retired to his room, and burst into tears."

One of these two men has been dead these many years. He is not forgotten. That gift, which he could ill afford, was the gift of a friend, an old friend, who thinks, moreover, that the story is good to tell at any time, but especially at Christmas time. Don't you agree with him?

"He laughs best who laughs last." If you take Hood's Sarsaparilla you may laugh first, last and all the time, for it will make you well.

On New Year's Day the Commercial Hotel, Stratford, changed hands, when the son of the late proprietor, who has retired from business, took control.

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## Matrimonial.

COOPER—DRAPER.

A quiet, but extremely pretty ceremony was performed in Listowel at high noon, Wednesday, Dec. 27, at "Thanavalla," the residence of Miss Draper, when the Rev. Wm. Cooper, recently of Knox Church, Listowel, but now of Port Ferry, Ont., was married to Laune K., youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Draper. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Prof. Morrison, Toronto, assisted by the Rev. J. S. Hardie, of Knox Church, Listowel. The bride was given away by her brother, Dr. George Draper, of Rat Portage, Ont., in the presence of the immediate relatives only of the bride and groom. Miss Rae Carlie, of London, playing Mendelssohn's Wedding March. Miss Draper looked even more than her usual charming self in a handsome traveling gown of violet broadcloth, with toque of violet velvet and gloves to match, and carrying a shower bouquet of cream roses. A long list of beautiful and valuable gifts were given Miss Draper by her family and many friends who were sorry to lose her bright young presence from the town. After luncheon Mr. and Mrs. Cooper left on the 2 o'clock train for Detroit and other American cities, and they will be at home at the manse, Port Perry after Jan. 4.

MILLOY—TULLOW.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 29, a very happy event took place at the residence of Mr. Wm. Hammett, 851 Denison avenue, when his stepdaughter, Miss Maggie Tullow, second daughter of the late Michael Tullow, was united in marriage to Mr. Wm. B. Milloy. The bride, who was given away by her stepfather, looked charming in a costume of Bienenheim cloth, trimmed with white brocade satin and pearl trimmings, and carried a bouquet of white roses and chrysanthemums, and attended by Miss Minnie Osborne, who also looked becoming in a blue and white costume. Miss Edna Pearl Campbell, of Ivan, niece of the bride, was maid of honor, and looked sweet in pale blue silk, with lace and pearl trimmings, and carried a basket of roses and amilax. The groom was supported by Mr. Walter Noyes. The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. Dr. Johnston, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. The presents were numerous and costly, showing the high esteem in which the young couple are held. The groom's gift to the bride was a fine gold chain, set with pearls. After an enjoyable evening was spent, Mr. and Mrs. Milloy were driven to their home amidst showers of rice and good wishes.

DUNCAN—EATON.

On Dec. 27, at "Maple Leaf," the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Eaton, was the scene of a very pretty event, it being the marriage of their third daughter, Carrie A., to Mr. George Duncan, of Oil City. The bride was united in marriage to Mr. George Duncan, of Oil City. The bride was given away by her father, and carried a bouquet of white roses. She looked very charming as she entered the drawing-room on the arm of her father, who was dressed in a tuxedo. The wedding march, which was rendered very nicely by her sister Laura. The bride was assisted by her little nephew and niece, who acted as ring-bearer and flower girl. The nephew wore a navy-blue trimmed with white, and the little flower girl old rose cashmere, and looked very sweet. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. H. Daley, of Oil Springs, in the presence of their most intimate friends and relatives. The presents to the bride were handsome, testifying to the high esteem in which the young couple are held by their friends. A dainty wedding supper was prepared. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan left the next morning for Detroit, their future home.

CLARK—MCALLUM.

Mr. Wilmet K. Clark, one of the popular western representatives of the Heinzelmann Piano Company, city, was united in marriage on New Year's Day to Miss Maud McCallum, of Rodney. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. G. Stuart, at the Knox Church of Manse. In the evening a number of Clark's friends invited him and Mrs. Clark to the Hodgins house, until recently Mr. Clark's home, where a pleasant surprise was in store for the newly-wedded couple. On arriving Mr. and Mrs. Clark found a party of about 60 awaiting them, and were overwhelmed with congratulations. One of the party stepped forward and asked Mr. Clark's acceptance of a handsome onyx clock, a gift from those assembled. Mr. Clark expressed his thanks, as well as one so thoroughly taken by surprise, possibly could, and all adjourned to the dining-room, where a fine spread was enjoyed.

MILLIKEN—GRAY.

A quiet wedding was celebrated at the home of Mrs. E. P. Gray, 265 Clarence street, Wednesday evening, Dec. 27, when her second daughter, Maggie, was united in marriage with Mr. Matthew Milliken. The bride was attended by her sister Nettie, while her two little nieces, Miss Gladys Boyd, of Guelph, and Miss Maggie Leslie Gray, of Point Edward, acted as flower girls. Mr. Fred Pearen, of Dundas, assisted the groom. Rev. Dr. Johnston, D.D., of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, performed the ceremony.

MCALLUM—BEATTIE.

On Wednesday, Dec. 27, Miss Nettie J. Beattie was united in marriage to Mr. James McCallum, a successful blacksmith of Hubrey. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. H. Sawers, of Brucefield, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. James Beattie, of Hubrey. The bride was given in a suit of white organdie, with trimmings of white lace and ribbon, and carried a bouquet of white carnations. William Martin was groomsmen. The bride received many gifts, evidencing her popularity. The pair left for Detroit to spend the honeymoon. On their return they will take up their residence at Hubrey.

## JOTTINGS FROM NEAR-BY PLACES

Mr. L. Barr, of North Dorchester, has purchased the fine farm of Elder John Campbell, 100 acres, Westminister, with brick dwelling, together with commodious outbuildings, for \$7,500. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell will move to Ingersoll.

NILESTOWN.

Nilestown, Jan. 2.—The Sabbath school of Nilestown, this year, has quite an innovation on the ordinary Christmas affair. The prelude to the evening's performance was a supper for all. This was followed by a varied program. Nilestown, under Rev. Mr. Brown, who by a pleasing coincidence, happened to be in town, and present at the entertainment, was called to the platform, and asked an unexpected and amusing number of questions. His experience on a particular previous Christmas entertainment was of a laugh-producing nature. Edward Washington Reynolds, one of Nilestown's old boys, gave some talking selections on his banjo. These numbers, with the addition of what the school produced, made quite a select evening's amusement.

Mr. George Swift has got back safe and sound from his holidays' hunting expedition. His son-in-law accompanied him on the hunt, and they secured their share of the spoil.

Misses A. E. Barnard, E. Fletcher, and Misses J. Barnard, E. Swift, Miss Grace Edwards, pianist, the Whinnell-Hand Quartet, Edmonston, performed at Gladstone's at their holiday entertainment. The quartet is being conferred with relative to an entertainment to come off shortly out on the fifth concert, at Westminister. The arrangements are not as yet completed.

Rev. Mr. David Morwood, who was here visiting, holding a return ticket, went back to Detroit, Fla. The wife of the reverend gentleman is visiting a married son at Pittsburg, Penn. Rev. Mr. Morwood will join her there soon. The reverend gentleman is not preaching at present, so during the period of cessation he works for the noted seed firm of Ferry, Detroit.

Edward Reynolds left Saturday for Detroit, Mich. Business keeps Ed on the go. He is one of a large Detroit firm and travels constantly. His shadow, which, by the way, is not very short, as he weighs over 200 pounds, flits over some 12,000 miles during a year. His sales average in the neighborhood of \$10,000 per month. Mr. Harry Reynolds has not been heard from by his parents or relatives for five years. If in earthly existence you surely, Harry, will see this in the London Advertiser and report forthwith.

The many Nilestown friends of Amanda A. Tibbitts, of Millard, Nebraska, most heartily congratulate him, both as to his industrial and matrimonial pursuit, since he has won the Canuck land and the home of his early life. They also are pleased to learn that his brother, Louny, is another happy beneficiary. It would seem that the Tibbitts have blown in several directions around Nilestown lately, and if half the rumors are true, ere the twentieth century dawns there will be several happy couples "launched away on the billows gay" on the voyage of matrimony. So do not crowd too soon, South Omaha friends.

SARNIA RESERVE.

Sarnia Reserve, Jan. 1.—Arthur Manass of the Mount Eglon Institute, Muncie, spent New Year under the parental roof.

A happy New Year. Rev. J. A. Ferguson will preach at the Methodist Church on Sunday next.

Misses Barrett and Pedlar, of Parkhill, visited at the Mission House last week.

A watch-night service was held at the Methodist Church Sunday evening. A New Year's feast was held on Monday, and a programme presented at the close of the feast, when speeches were made by the following: Ex-Chief F. V. Jacobs, E. George, George Oliver, Josiah Williams, Peter Rodd, Silas Waubmon. The band discoursed fine music for the occasion.

A misfortune befell Mr. and Mrs. W. George on Saturday evening about 7 o'clock. They were driving to town, and were on Christina street, opposite the city hall, when a runaway team attached to a heavy rig ran into their horse, striking the animal on the side with the democrat tongue. The horse was killed instantly, and the buggy badly damaged. Mr. and Mrs. George escaped unhurt. Mr. Fobins, of the 8th line, owns the runaway beasts.

The Agricultural Society will meet on Monday evening next, Jan. 8, at the council house, at 7 o'clock, for election of officers for 1900.

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment of St. Peter's Church was held at the council