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Santa Claus, Band and Returned Men in Sleighs Attend Gathering.

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Theatre to welcome Santa Claus and participate in the distribution of fts and to enjoy the supper which has been provided for them by the generosity of the Y. M. C. A.

Santa Claus arrived at the rooms of e Returned Soldiers' Association at p.m., and took on a large con-iment of goods marked for the little 49th Battalion, and accompanied by

Pictures First.

Promptly at 2:15 p.m. the lights were urned out and the pictures turned in for the children. After half an hour if that, Lleut.-Col. W. G. Coles stepped out onto the stage and in a few words unnounced the purpose of the entergament and publically thanked the various individuals and firms who had

Cameron, John O'Neill and Thomas Parsley, per doz... 30

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NOMINATIONS FOR TOWNSHIP COUNCILS

wns will be held this evening. p nominations so far as received.

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MANY MAYORS OF ONTARIO RETURN BY ACCLAMATIONS

Other Municipalities Avoid Elections.

ACCLAMATION IN SARNIA.

mpire have been working all week GO BACK FOR FOURTH TERM. [Special to The Advertiser.] result was that no little girl re-result was that no little girl re-liamson and Reeve George J. McKee Honey. order of the ages they most sunder the serior of the ages they most sunder of the ages that no little girl rewere re-elected by acclamation today for their fourth term in office. A. E. Butter, store lots, ib. kewise no boy was insulted with a for their fourth term in office. A. E. oll.

After the presentation of the gifts missioner R. E. Gunton, whose ap-

George T. Brown and J. P. Moore seven to be elected, were: S. L. Krompart, Roger Cropp, Charles Martin, Young William Gilberton, August Jaques, B. Johnson, George Heath, Fred Sebring, Lewis Sharp, Charles Mis George Doughty, T. E. Langford.

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NINE NOMINATIONS

rnoon, followed immediately by the by Henry T. Rea and F. R. Watkinson. Henry Thomas Rea, dentist, by D. Small pigs,

> by E. L. Guillemont and J. H. Fowler. Henry Hayman, contractor, by Dr. W. turer, by A. A. Langford and H. Hay-

> Henry Horner Black, physician, by A. A. Langford and Dr. W. M. Shoe-Walter Elliot Gunn, manager, by A. Andrew Joseph McGuffin, merchant, by Dr. R. W. Shaw and J. H. Fowler,

chant, by A. A. Langford and J. H. Fow-

Edward Louis Guillemont, druggist, Dr. Shoebotham and Dr. Shaw.

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reprint of the comment of the morning papers with the one word "NO" in large black type and under it "Our An-

CALL IT AMAZING. London, Dec. 22.—President Wilson's note is prominently displayed in the new, 131s.

Liverpool, Dec. 22.—Cheese—Canadian finest white, new, 129s; do, colored, new, 131s. morning papers. Headlines such as morning papers. Headlines such as "President Wilson's Strange Peace Essay." "President Wilson's Peace Feeler," "Amazing Note," indicate in slight measure the astonishment caused by the communication. Much speculation is indulged in as to the motives or tion is indulged in as to the motives or took in the speculation of the speculation is indulged in as to the motives or took in the speculation is indulged in as to the motives or took in the speculation is indulged in as to the motives or took in the speculation is indulged in as to the motives or took in the speculation is indulged in as to the motives or took in the speculation is indulged in as to the motives or took in the speculation is indulged in as to the motives or took in the speculation in the speculation is indulged in as to the motives or took in the speculation is indulged in as to the motives or took in the speculation is indulged in as to the motives or took in the speculation in the speculation is indulged in as to the motives or took in the speculation in the speculation in the speculation is indulged in as to the motives or took in the speculation in the speculation is indulged in as to the motives or took in the speculation in the speculation in the speculation is speculation. The speculation is the speculation in the speculation is speculation in the speculation in the speculation is speculation. send such a note after his assumption

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NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE. [Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.]

New York, Dec. 22. the president's action to the success of propaganda conducted by Count von Bernstorff in America, and what they describe as the inactivity of the late British Government. The more general impression is that the agitation in America for an embarge on Food W. FARNCOMB, CIVIL ENGINEER, Surveyor—Edge Block. Phone 262.

Bernstorff in America, and what they describe as the inactivity of the late July CARROTHERS, ARCHITECT_ America for an embargo on food ex-ARROTHERS, ARCHITECT Allierted for an embargo on food exr Ontario Association ArchiRoom 58, Bank of Toronto ers.

Allierted for an embargo on food exports had much to do with Mr. Wilson's action. It is also suggested that the president may have received special wheat—

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET, [Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.]
Chicago, Dec. 22.
Prev.

FIFTEEN PASSED.—The medical examining board at the armories here has passed fifteen men as fit for overseas service within the past week.
They are: W. E. Cudney, Canada; W. T. Robinson, Canada, A.S.C., Sarnia; W. S. Eikstone, Canada, 63rd Battery, SIGNS.

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Financial, Market and Commercial Section

Sarnia, Dec. 22.—Mayor W. J. Proctor was elected by acclamation. Hydro on Saturday. Turkeys are selling for

Sarnia, Dec. 22—Mayor D. M. Ferment of the more diedered for mayor today. J. J. Mason and Ald. J. D. Monteith were hominated for mayor today. J. J. Mason and J. Lillow were elected by acclamation for public utility commission.

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Santa drove around the market and up
Dundas street to the Lyric Theatre.

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Foggar members of the accordingly entered upon his third term.

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nations individuals and firms who had been instrumental in making it a success.

Santa Claug appeared from the wings, and for more than an hour, the children were delighted with his benevolent attitude, and the fact that no one of them was forgotten. All got presents.

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Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—Wheat closed 5%c p for December, and 4%c up for May. Dats were 1%c higher for December, and 1%c higher for May. Harley was to to 5c higher, and flax was unchanged Graugers—Charley Live 10%. higher, e was a heavy trade made by the Baltimore & Ohio. William Titus Strong, druggist, by E. Guillemont and Dr. Shoebotham.
Walter Elliof Gunn, manager by A. Walte

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Potatoes are a little higher at \$2.10 to \$2.25 a bag.

Poultry prices are unchanged, and a big market in this line is looked for on Saturday. Turkeys are selling for 30c to 35c a pound, and geese for 19c to 20c. Chickens sell for \$1.50 to \$1.

day's with a good tone. President Wilson's note had very little effect. The war loans hardened, though yesterday's large buying was not in evidence. Other sections were steadily maintained, while shipping shares were better on the belief that the owners' interests would not be affected by government control.

In the American section metal stocks were weak, with Otis Steel touching 105. Railroad shares were considerably lower than yesterday, but closed well over parity. Steel shares closed weak. Closing prices were:

Consols, for money ... 55¼ War Loan, 4½ per cent ... 96½ Anaconda, £10 shares ... £18 5s Atchison, com. ... 1063% Baltimore & Ohio ... 86 Canadian Pacific ... 172% Chesapeake & Ohio ... 65¼ Chesapea

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Anglo-French 5's. 931/4 ... Sales to noon, 923,300 shares. WALL STREET.

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fololwed by moderate declines all around, interrupted by temporary temporary

TORONTO MINING SALES.

COTTON PRICES WEAKEN REMARKABLY WHEN BY

warring nations of Europe we were impresed with the thought that peace is almost assured, and if there ever was a time since the harvesting of this crop began, for cotton to advance in value, this was the day, but the response was feeble. There was no aggressiveness on the part of the bulls there was no confidence in values, Disappointed longs began in a small way to give expression to their disappointment by selling. The selling increased as the market failed to show weakness. After all the market represents considered to the district has been carried on during the district has been carried on during the year. The conduct of the men has been exemplary and shows the evident desire on their part to facilitate the efforts of their officers in training them to a high state of efficiency in their military duty. The coming year is looked forward to with confidence that this excellent state of affairs will continue and that the expeditionary force units from this district will so acquit

Liverpool, Dec. 22.—Cotton—Futures closed steady; December, 9.86d; December and January, 9.85d; January and March, 9.92d; March and April, 9.98d; April and May, 10.03d; May and June, 10.09d; July and August, 10.09d; August and September, 9.82d; September and October, 9.52d; October and November, 9.42d; November and July, 10.09d; July and August, 10.09d; July and August, 10.09d; July and August, 10.09d; August and September, 9.82d; September and October, 9.52d; October and November, 9.42d; November and July, 10.09d; July and August, 10.09d;

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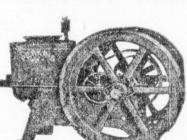
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ON THE SCARCITY OF TOPICS. [Toronto Star.]

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he quietly opened the drawing-room door, where the buzz of voices announced the presence of company. "The officers administering military entered, making strange noises dis district No. 1 desire to convey to all stinctly resembling the neighing of a A guy who is so philanthy greetings and to express his satisfaction with the manner in which the work of the district has been carried on during the din the district has been earried on during the year. The conduct of the men has ed with alarm.

The children's party was next door. In fact, my muse begins to dodder

Have you ever spent a social evening us Youths who never have a Serious Moment. I mean the kind that are called the Life and Soul of the Party. J

saw one a few nights ago....

He was just about as Comic as a casket. All the Girls thought he was Real Funny, "Isn't Mr. Duffy

PROVINCIALISM

the hat among the readers and they'd self obliged to remain in a small town AN AWKWARD SITUATION. still coming down in torrents. The trav eling man turned to the water "This certainly looks like the Flood Henry Lucy has a charming story of the late Canon Ainger. The canon was

night to attend a party given "by chil- Flood, and the ark landing on Moun "Don't announce me," he said to the Ararat, surely."
"Gee! Mister," she returned, "I ain" Leaving his coat and hat downstairs

[Toronto Saturday Night.] Daniel Chisholm came all the way from Antigonish, N. S., to Montreal to

[Philadelphia Public Ledger.]

the same direction?

Ambassador Van Dyke. But where have TEACHING SUBSCRIBERS.

I know just what I think-but blame

'All neutrals and many people amon

and aims of this bloody conflict," says

This is no fit place to proclaim it, RIP VAN WINKLES.

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