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"You must find it wearing to be the wife of a genius," said a friend of a man who was a genius.

"Yes, so many fools want to know how I am able to get along with him."

PEARLS.  
"Pearls," remarked the Wise Guy, "are emblematic of tears."  
"I guess that's right," agreed the Simple Man. "My wife cries because I can't afford to buy her any."

THE TROUBLE.  
Wicks—"There should be a law to restrain the theatres from printing those mossy jokes in their programmes."  
Hicks—"You don't have to read them, Wicks—No, but you usually have to listen to some idiot behind you reading and explaining them."

## 52nd ANNUAL STATEMENT

(Continued)

## ÆTNA LIFE Insurance Company,

HARTFORD, CONN.

MORGAN C. BULKELEY, President.

Assets, Jan. 1, 1902.....	\$59,600,000 17
Premium receipts in 1901.....	9,219,773 20
Interest receipts in 1901.....	2,088,878 24
Total receipts in 1901.....	11,308,653 60
Payments to policyholders in 1901.....	6,052,721 21
Reserve, 4 per cent. Standard on Old Business, and 3½ per cent. on Policies issued in 1901, and all claims.....	32,270,294 02
Special Reserve, in addition to Reserve above given.....	2,016,345 00
Guarantee Fund in excess of Requirements by Company's Standard.....	5,323,081 25
Guarantee Fund in excess of Requirements by Standard of Conn. and other states.....	7,367,392 25
Life Insurance in force Jan. 1, 1902.....	25,141,075 00
Life Insurance in force Jan. 1, 1902.....	201,278,283 00

Paid Policyholders Since Organization,  
\$126,015,874.20.

In force in Canada.....\$16,330,510  
Assets in Canada.....4,824,325

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CITY NEWS.  
Rev. Canon Richardson, of Arva, has returned from Toronto.

Two cases have been entered for a High Court sitting to be held to-day.

Rev. C. T. Scott, of this city, lectured in the Baptist Church, Dutton, on Wednesday night.

Mrs. James Matthews, of Denfield, has brought to Victoria Hospital this morning to undergo an operation.

The report circulated at the time of the death of Thomas A. Brown, the late postmaster, was due to an affection of the heart, was incorrect. The attending physician's

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should avail themselves of special reductions during this month.  
Note these prices:  
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Pony Prema Camera List, \$10.00, for \$8.00.  
Poco Duo Lens Camera List, \$12.00, for \$10.00.  
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ALD. CAMPBELL'S NEW SCHEME.  
World Increase Numbers of Hospital Governors.  
A CHANCE FOR CONTRIBUTORS.

The Doctor Alderman Not Satisfied With Composition of Present Trust—Meeting of the Finance Committee Yesterday. Where an Interesting Christ of Business was Disposed of.

At the meeting of the Finance Committee of the City Council yesterday afternoon Ald. Campbell said the present Board of Hospital Trustees was not satisfactorily composed. Ordinarily, the Mayor did not take an active interest. Mr. E. H. O'Neill, of King street, yesterday, of Hyde Park, conducted the services at the house and grave respectively. Interment was made in the family burying ground, at St. John's Cemetery, Arva.

The funeral of William Harrison took place from his home, 152 Carling street, yesterday. Rev. G. J. Bishop, of the First Methodist Church, and Rev. A. Rhodes, of Hyde Park, conducted the services at the house and grave respectively. Interment was made in the family burying ground, at St. John's Cemetery, Arva.

The many friends of Mr. Meade Adams, of Toronto, will be pleased to know that he has so far recovered as to be able to leave the house for a few hours at a time. Mr. Adams has been ill at the residence of his father, Becher street, for some four or five months.

The young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bray, of Hill street, died in Victoria Hospital yesterday morning of diphtheria, and the remains were interred in the Roman Catholic cemetery during the afternoon. The child was only taken to the hospital on Thursday evening.

Justin Hare has been arrested charged with stealing a gray horse from the premises of Frank Duxter, in Carleton place, yesterday. Hare was taken before Squire J. B. Smyth, and remained until March 6th to appear before Squire R. F. Lacey.

February was not a very busy month with the city fire department. Twelve alarms were responded to, but only one blaze—that at Laing's grocery, corner of the Hamilton Road and Rectory street—was of a serious nature. The street railway trolley wire on Dundas street, between Waterloo and Wellington streets, broke on Thursday evening. The service furnishing a room street east was discontinued until the breakage was repaired.

Mrs. James Burns, of Craig street, who was very painfully injured by a fall on Dundas street Thursday afternoon, is quite comfortable yesterday. The extent of the injury has not been ascertained.

The young son of Rev. David Williams, of Stratford, died in that city yesterday after an eight days' illness from pneumonia. The remains will be brought to this city on Monday for interment.

A smoking concert was held recently by the members of Court Forest City, No. 544. A. O. F., when a Past Chief Ranger's jewel was presented to Bro. Robert Timson, who has filled the chair several years.

The officers who have been taking the short course at Wolseley Barracks for the past two months returned to their several homes yesterday, having completed their course of instruction.

Local fishermen to the number of seventeen went to Toronto yesterday to wait upon members of the Government, asking for a better regulation of fish nets on the Thames.

Chatham Banner—R. Burgess, E. Priemau, R. Wilcox, L. Robert and A. Wrigley have returned from London, as they were found upon examination to be ineligible for service.

Deputy Sheriff Waterworth is able to be out after his recent sickness. It is expected that he will be in his office at the Court House on Monday.

A Grand Trunk yard engine was derailed in the yards west of Richmond street yesterday, and the line was blocked for a short time.

Miss Eva E. McMahon, of Colborne street, has returned home after spending a month with her aunt, Mrs. Martin, of Toronto.

Twenty local Knights Templar left yesterday for Sarnia, to be present at the Preceptory of Instruction there.

Mr. John T. Stephenson has so far recovered from his illness that he will resume his duties on Monday next.

TO-DAY'S ILLUSTRATIONS  
The Free Press of to-day is one of the most interesting of issues. Among the special illustrated articles will be the following:  
The Man of the Empire: Hon. Joseph Chamberlain at his desk in the Colonial Office.  
Pope Leo's 92nd Birthday.  
The release of Miss Stone; how theansom was delivered.  
The new defensive alliance with Japan. Types of the Empire's fighting power.  
New children of the Empire: Russian religious sect settled in Canada.  
Prince of Wales places wreaths on the tomb of Emperor and Empress Frederick.  
First of a series of useful designs for residences. A \$3,000 house.  
Women's page. Illustrations of special interest to music-lovers and to the ladies.  
"The Rising Generation."  
Portraits of numerous citizens and public men.  
A Toothache Cure—Gibbons' Toothache Gum, at druggists etc.

WILL BUY NEW PUMPS.  
Water Commission Expect to Spend \$25,000.  
PRESENT ONES NOT COMPETENT  
To Pump City Supply Without Aid of Steam—New Dam Increased River Power 25 Per Cent.—Family of Beggars—Vital Statistics.

The Water Commissioners are calling for tenders for new hydraulic pumps. The old ones were installed in 1878, and are played out. They pump only two million gallons daily, whereas the consumption is over three million gallons. It is now proposed to obtain pumps competent to do the whole of the pumping while the water power is ordinary. The new dam, though no higher than the old, develops 25 per cent. more power, because there are no leaks in it.

Supt. Moore estimates that the new pumps will cost \$25,000.

Inspector McCullum yesterday notified the police of a case where a man and his wife have been systematically begging and living upon the proceeds, where both are competent to earn a livelihood.

Yesterday was pay day at the City Hall—the last of the month.

February was a light month for marriages. Statistics at the City Clerk's office record only 25.

Deaths were up to the average, numbering 44.

Births were in excess for the short month. Fifty-two were recorded. Four were illegitimate.

"I WAS ON THE BRINK OF INSANITY."  
"I am Now in Perfect Health Through No Other Agency Than PAINE'S CELERY COMPOUND  
Earnest and Candid Statements Made by a Postmaster in Prince Edward Island.

The absolute need of an honest and genuine investigator and health-giver on the mind of every thinking and intelligent man and woman.

The happy and permanent cure of Mr. P. J. Kilbride, Postmaster of Inverness, P. E. I., through the use of Paine's Celery Compound, created widespread astonishment amongst people in Canada, Newfoundland and the United States who were acquainted with Mr. Kilbride.

The best medical treatment failed to give Mr. Kilbride a few days of relief from his agonies and tortures of mind and body. At last Paine's Celery Compound saved him from a terrible end and planted his feet firmly on the rock of health.

Mr. Kilbride's letter of testimony, dear reader, and if you remain obdurate and unbelieving after such an earnest, pathetic and convincing confession of cure, nothing but a direct act of Providence can snatch you from the dangers and perils of your position.

Mr. Kilbride says:—  
"Six months ago I was on the brink of insanity; my nervous system was completely broken down; I could not sleep more than one or two hours at night, and often did not sleep for four nights in succession. Oh! I never can describe the agony I suffered. I was almost reduced to a skeleton; could only work an hour, when I was so fatigued I would be obliged to lie down and rest before I could resume work."

"The use of your Compound has given me rest and sweet sleep, and I can now work all day. To tell the honest, candid truth, I have not felt so well for fourteen years. When I commenced taking Paine's Celery Compound my weight was 14 pounds, now I weigh 168 pounds. I am gaining in flesh every day; my friends are all surprised at my wonderful cure and change of life. Oh, if I had known of this life-saving remedy years ago, I would have escaped many days and nights of terrible pain and agony. Thank God the terrible times have passed. I hope never to return. How I wish I could reach the ear of every man in Canada—those who are suffering as I once suffered—how I would plead with them—yes, on my knees I would ask them to give Paine's Celery Compound a fair trial; and I feel confident they would bless me afterwards for my recommendation."

"Young men, take my truthful and candid advice: if you are suffering from a broken down nervous system, use Paine's Celery Compound. If I had thoroughly restore you physically and otherwise."

"I am now in perfect health through no other agency than Paine's Celery Compound. I feel confident that you will be the same if you choose."

"Warden Price and Councillor Cole were in Windsor yesterday in connection with the settlement that Treasurer Morand is making in the matter of his shortage of \$1,600. Mr. Morand will have every cent paid to him by the city by Monday when the county council meets to decide whether he is to be retained in office or dismissed, said the warden."

"The Board of Health, from present indications," said Councillor Cole, "it looks as if Mr. Morand will be kept."

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It is really wonderful. I can freely say the Pianola gives me more pleasure than I have had from thousands of so-called treats of pianistic effort.

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I am astonished at the possibilities of the Pianola, and the inventor commands my most profound admiration in bringing out an instrument whose playing has the characteristics of the work of the human fingers.

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It is my opinion that in all essentials of artistic piano-playing the Pianola is the best instrument of this type to reproduce the piano music.

The Pianola is an instrument affording a new method of piano-playing, which does away entirely with the tediousness of exercises and practice by means of a mechanism so delicate and responsive as to admit of artistic and individual expression.

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WANT HIGHER SCALE.  
Local Merchant Tailors Interviewed by Journeymen Tailors' Union—Increase is Small.

The Journeymen Tailors' Union of this city presented a new scale of wages to all the local merchant tailors on Thursday afternoon. The increase is small, and is principally owing to extras on coats due to changes in style.

Messrs. W. G. Bowman (president), A. S. Johnston (corresponding secretary) and John Byrne, of the union, were appointed a committee to wait on the several merchants. They will be visited again on Monday next to receive their reply as to whether or not they will pay the new scale. No trouble is anticipated by the members of the union.

RAIN WAS NEEDED.  
February's Warm Showers Were Showers of Blessing Generally.

The warm rains of Thursday night and yesterday have done a great deal. They have washed many of the sidewalks free of snow and slush, but have exposed to view pavements that are reeking with filth. They have caused a rise in the river of over two feet during the morning, with a further rise in progress. What will gratify householders in perhaps the greatest degree is the replenishing of the supply in soft water tanks, a majority of which have been empty for weeks. Farmers in several districts around London have been drawing water, some of them for long distances, for family use and for stock. Doubtless the rain will relieve the situation generally.

The coming summer should prove a golden harvest for the London hotels, and the huge Hotel Cecil, with its fine position overlooking the Thames, promises to obtain a large proportion of the best of the visitors who will throng to England for the Coronation festivities. As on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee in 1897, the Colonial Office has made arrangements whereby the whole of the Premiers to be accompanied during the Coronation will be present during the Coronation. These at present include Sir Wilfrid Laurier (Dominion of Canada), Mr. Edmund Barton (Commonwealth of Australia), Sir J. Gordon Sprigg (Cape Colony), Sir Albert Hime (Natal), Sir Robert Bond (Newfoundland) and Mr. Richard Seddon (New Zealand). The management of the hotel is now completed, and will be ready for occupation about the end of March. Now that this wing is finished, the hotel forms a complete quadrangle, and may fairly claim to be the largest hotel in Europe, and probably in the whole world.

Knew It Was Love—"Are you sure it is really and truly love?" she asked. "Post-haste," answered the practical young man who had just proposed. "I tested it." "Tested it?" "Yes, I doctored myself for indulgence for two weeks before deciding just what the symptoms meant."

YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE.  
Curling Poles, complete, 20c. Vaseline (first quality), 2 for 5c. Victor Sitters, 12c. Two-foot Rules, 5c. Goe-Whiz Whom Traps, 2 for 5c. Walling, 1c. lb. Common-sense Sash Pulley, 25c. doz. Saw Files, 5c. Baking Powder, 10c.

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CHARITY'S GRANTS.  
Comparison of Work Done With Civic Assistance Given.

A statement of the work done by various charitable institutions of the city, with the grants they receive from the city has been prepared by Ald. Campbell, as follows:—

	Expenditure, 1900.	Income, 1900.	Income, 1901.
Mt. Hope (Aged People).....	14,046 24	134	103
Mt. St. Joseph (Orphan's).....	.....	102	88
Home for Aged People.....	6,217 39	96	102
Protestant Orphan's Home.....	3,113 94	76	74
Infants' Home.....	1,482 85	86	65
Convalescent Home.....	604 15	39	31
Home for Incurables.....	2,960 75	30	45
Salvation Army Shelter Home.....	1,390 21	193	75
	\$29,812 54	772	587
Children's Aid Society.....	2,000 00	72	72
Mt. Hope receives a grant of \$200 from the city; the Protestant Orphan's Home, \$350; Convalescent Home, \$100; Shelter Home, \$75; Children's Aid, \$500; W. C. A., \$200. The Charities' Organization in addition receives \$200. Ald. Campbell is proposing a revision of the grants.			

ROBBED AND MURDERED.  
Ridgeway, Pa., Feb. 23.—Bartel Sweeney, an aged farmer, and his daughter Mary were found last night in their home at Wilcox with their skulls crushed and the bodies very much decomposed. Sweeney was quite well-to-do, and the supposition is that robbery was the motive for the murders.

NO ONE HAS WON THE MONEY.  
The \$1,000 reward offered by Merrill, the Brantford Druggist, for a better cure for Habitual Constipation than Merrill's System Tonic has not yet been won. Besides its wonderful tonic action on the liver and intestines, it is a pleasant and powerful blood purifier, thus curing all nervous affections, such as sleeplessness, loss of vigor and twitching of the nerves. 50 pleasant-to-take doses for 50c. Sold at all drug stores.

It is not probable that the matter of Lord Dundonald's appointment as general officer commanding the Canadian militia will be considered by that officer until after the funeral of the Dowager Countess and the arrangement of family affairs subsequently.

Ernie Cummings had a narrow escape from a horrible death on Wednesday while working in Heatherington's mill, Rodney. His coat caught in a gear, and he was being drawn into the wheels when some of the men extricated him.

ASTHMA FOR YEARS CURED.  
Mr. J. C. Wilson, Nanaimo, B. C., writes:—"For years I had Asthma so bad I considered it a hopeless case. I tried many remedies and doctors without relief. Four bottles of Clarke's Kola Compound completely cured me. Look for The Griffiths & Macpherson Co.'s name on every bottle. It's the sure cure. The G. & M. Co., Limited, 121 Church street, Toronto, and all druggists. Sold by Anderson & Selous, London, Ont."