NEW GUINEA'S FUTURE.

Will Be Placed Under Authority of Australia as Soon as Possible.

Sydney, Dec. 5.—Mr. Chamberlain has telegraphed to Mr. Barton, the Federal Premier, expressing the satisfaction of the Imperial government at the action of the Federal government in reference to British New Guinea. He proposes to take the necessary steps as soon as possible to place the territory under the authority of the Commonwealth. Mr. Barton thinks, in view of the fact that the Imperial parliament stands prorogued till Jan. 16, that Mr. Chamberlain intends to effect the transfer by Order-in-Council.

BRITISH BARQUE HELPLESS.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 5.—The British barque Bristol of Windsor, N.S., from New York, reported last night lying off Penfield Reef in distress, with sails and sheets frozen, and crew of her crew helpless from exposure, was still in the same position at 8 o'clock this morning.
Captain E. E. Sanford of the Bristol came ashore this morning on an oyster steamer. He communicated with R. Grace & Company, New York, and the latter firm will immediately despatch a tug to tow the Bristol to New York. Captain Sanford says that seven of the vessel's crew are badly frozen about the feet and hands, and the other eleven men on board, are worn out by the trying experiences and hard work of Monday night and Tuesday, are unable to handle the brig. Everything shift is frozen hard, and the vessel could not for some days proceed under her canvas.

REV. JAMES PRESTON DEAD.

Brantford, Dec. 5.—Rev. James Preston, a superannuated Methodist minister, died at his home here to-day, after a long illness. He preached for thirty years and at one time was stationed at the West Queen-street Church, Toronto.

CITY NEWS.

Studios Open To-morrow.

The Woman's Art Association announces that open studio days for the coming season will be on the first Saturday of December, January and February. The artists whose names are given have kindly consented to open their studios to visitors to-morrow afternoon:

F. McG. Knowles, room 5, Confederation Life Building; Miss Windeat, 46 Cecil-street; Mrs. Dignam, 294 St. George-street; C. M. Manly, room 5, Yonge-street Arcade; Miss Laura Muntz, Yonge-street Arcade; R. F. Gagen, 20 Yonge-street; T. Mower Martin, 11 East Queen-street; Thomas Mowbray, 120 Church-street; George Chavignaud, room C, 43 East Adelaide-street; Miss Hoover, Imperial Chambers, 32 East Adelaide-street; Miss Ward, Imperial Chambers, 32 East Adelaide-street; Miss Wrinch, 419 Church-street; Miss E. May Martin, 70 Yorkville-avenue.

To Encourage School Libraries.

The Minister of Education said yesterday that he would ask the Legislature next session to vote $1000 or $2000 to be used in encouraging the establishment of libraries in the schools thruout the province. If the grant is made it is his intention to make small allowances to boards that will supplement the grant.

Other People's Money.

Three wills were entered for probate in the Surrogate Court yesterday: Frank B. Gannon, assistant secretary of the Y.M.C.A. at Winnipeg, died there last October, leaving an estate worth $3,808.38. He willed $100 to St. Stephen's Church, Winnipeg; $250 to Lillian McMillan of 281 George-street, Toronto, and the rest of his estate to brothers and sisters.

Rev. Henry Dimple Powis of Wolverhampton, England, who died in August last, had 18 shares of Consumers' Gas Co. stock here worth $1565. It is all willed to his widow.

Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson of this city died Oct. 29, leaving $5,523.16 cash in bank and $1509 in the house at 194 Argyle-street. The money is given to the two daughters, the house to their father, George Robinson, and after him to her son, Henry James.

Value of Street Cars.

Yesterday afternoon the Divine Court, composed of Judges McDougall, McCrimmon of Ontario County, met to determine the value of the cars belonging to the Toronto Railway Co. The city and the company were unable to agree upon their assessable value, hence the appeal to the court.

Ewan Mackenzie, the assistant superintendent of the Railway Company, was the first witness. He was shown a tabulated statement about the cars, their age, cost, dimensions and present value. If put upon the market at once they could, in his opinion, be sold. They would not realize 50 per cent. of the valuation put on them. The company's valuation, according to this statement, is $425,000; the city values them at $700,000. Eighteen foot trolleys cost $900 each, exclusive of the truck and motor.

Michael Powers, foreman, car builder, who was also examined, said the average cost of keeping a car in repair for one year was about $100. More evidence will be heard to-day.

Will Suit All Tastes.

The latest batch of new books to arrive at the Public Library are: Fountain, The Great Deserts and Forests of North America; Newbolt, Agenda of the Band; Hott, The Book of Asparagus; Williams, A Garden in the Suburbs; Edwards, Japanese Plays and Playfellows; Penn, The Swezey; Herbe, A history of tobacco; Cornish, Chivalry; Armitage and Montanaro, The Ashanti Campaign of 1900; Holland, Imperium et Libertas; Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough, The Queen's Comrade, by F. Molloy; Some Recollections of Jean Ingelow; Oliver Cromwell, by Samuel B. Gardiner; Stringer Lawrence, The Father of the Indian Army, by J. Biddulph; Mary, Queen of Scots, and Who Wrote the Casket letters, by Samuel Cowan; Henrik Ibsen, A Critical Biography, by Henrik Yaeger; Nisbet, A Crafty Foe; The Beneficatress, by the author of "Elizabeth and Her German Garden"; Hocking, Madness of David Baring; Harrowing, Raffles; Squire, The Great Khan's Treasure.

Police Court Record.

Harry Blake, Joseph Wilkie and George Hokes, the three lads who were arrested on Monday morning after small sums of money had been stolen from St. John's Presbyterian Church, pleaded guilty in the Police Court yesterday, and were remanded for a week. Michael Burns and Joseph Kavceny were acquitted of a charge of having stolen some popcorn candy from Nicholas Mangher's cart. Frank Blanchard will appear again to-day to answer a charge of assaulting Thomas Meagher. The case of Owen McHugh, charged with stealing an overcoat from Barnin, where he is wanted to answer a charge of assault, Frank Wilkins, charged with vagrancy, was sent down to jail for a week, and in the Niagara Falls affair, the mis-Hansen was remanded, while police not been communicated with.

Ice on the Bay.

Yesterday morning the bay was found to be partly covered with a thin coat of ice, which extended from the western channel to opposite the Yonge-street wharf. The only arrival during the day was the Lakeside, which came in from Port Dalhousie, and she cleared for the same port. The Lakeside will go into winter quarters on Tuesday next.

This year ice has formed on the bay at an earlier date than in the last 10 years. Last year the first ice appeared on Dec. 24.

Hydrant Was Frozen Up.

A match was dropped early yesterday morning on a lounge in the home of A. W. Dixon, at 264 Arthur-street, causing a small fire. The house, which is owned by McIntosh & Sons, was damaged to the extent of $25, the loss being covered by insurance in the Royal Co. Mr. Dixon's loss is $75, with insurance for $750 in the Western Co.

Under the circumstances it is surprising that the damage was not much greater. Arthur-street is being paved, and the contractors had left the hydrant nearest to the house open, so that it was frozen up when the firemen wanted to use it. They had to detach and affix the hose to another hydrant fully a hundred yards away.

At Osgoode Hall.

The formal order of the Divisional Court, awarding the Toronto Public School Board $83,700, the amount of its estimates cut off by the city, was taken out yesterday by Mr. Frank Hodgins for service upon the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Peremptory list for to-day's sittings of the Divisional Court: Reilly v. McDonald, Perf v. Hodgson, Kelso v. Thompson, Fraser v. Griffiths.

Peremptory list for to-day's sittings of the Court of Appeal: Baker v. Insurance Companies, Hopkin v. Hamilton Electric.

Joy at Parliament Buildings.

Hon. J. T. Garrow's victory in West Huron, the result of which was considered doubtful by the ministers, is the cause of much joy at the Parliament Buildings. The Premier said yesterday that Mr. Garrow's election was due to the government's policy during the campaign. The fight had been conducted on educational lines, and, he added, a similar campaign would carry the province in a general election.

Natives Were Confused.

The secretary of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada has received a communication from Dr. McClure of Honan to the effect that on returning to the former mission station at Change To, he was tendered a very cordial welcome by the officials and natives. The buildings have been damaged so that many will have to be rebuilt, but indications are that the missionaries will be allowed to remain and resume work.

Will Stop the Fights.

The Attorney-General has sent instructions to the police at Fort Erie to prevent any more boxing contests there. Complaints have been made that the contests are of a degrading character, and are being conducted by Buffalo men, who freely admit that they will not be allowed in their own city.

Smallpox Still Raging.

During the past week 10 new cases of smallpox have been reported in Ottawa. Yesterday a second case of the disease

was reported from McAdam camp, and the patient has been removed to Ottawa. In the present outbreak 260 cases have occurred in Hull, and the majority of the cases discovered in the neighboring places have been traced there.

JAPANESE IN AUSTRALIA.

Must Pass the European Language Test or Be Excluded.

Sydney, Dec. 5.—Mr. Chamberlain has sent Mr. Barton a copy of the correspondence between the Foreign Office and Japan with reference to the Alien Immigration and the Postal Bills. Japan protests against the European language test, principally on the ground that educated Japanese would be liable to exclusion. Mr. Chamberlain, in a minute to the Foreign Office, pointed out that the European language test is embodied in the Natal Restriction Act, which in 1897 Japan asked the Imperial government to induce Australia to amend; and that the Commonwealth's action is in consonance with Japanese requirement. Mr. Chamberlain therefore declines to suggest a modification of the Australian proposals, adding that there was no prospect of Australia entertaining any such suggestion, if made.

NEWS FROM ST. KITTS.

St. Catharines, Dec. 5.—There are still several boats expected thru the canal this season, and navigation will not be closed until after the 15th. As soon as the canal is closed various repairs will be done, altho the only big piece of work will be the deepening of the head lock at Port Colborne. Boats frequently are stuck on the mitre sills, and it is seldom that a craft drawing 14 feet can get thru without trouble. This work of lowering the sills will be done under the supervision of Chief Engineer J. L. Weller. It is probable that Messrs. Hogan and Mac-Donald will continue on the contract of deepening the lock cut between Port Colborne and Humberstone during the winter, but Messrs. Megan and Phin, the Toronto contractors who are dredging out malloy sports near Port Robinson, will cease work as soon as navigation closes.

For some time past three aged and diseased paupers have been housed in the old pest house, which is a barracks that has been erected and unrepaired for forty years. The place is known as the "poor house," and a woman has lately taken charge of the establishment on her own account, as the inmates were helpless themselves. She received three dollars a week for their keep from the city, and gets it for herself, which comes out of a trust fund belonging to one of the inmates. The facts of the case and the necessity of public action are just exposed, and the topic is being discussed all over the city. The City Council will likely be asked to provide a proper house of refuge.

An Applicant for a British Protectorate Passes Away.

Lagos, Dec. 5.—The death of the Emir Fadre-el-Allab, the son of the late Sultan Rabah, is confirmed. He was killed at Aia, 150 miles inside the Bonu frontier.

Fadre-el-Allab (sometimes called Fatarelah) recently applied to be placed under British protection, and in consequence Major McClintock and a small mission from Northern Nigeria were sent to meet him at Bergasen, in the Lake Tchad district. The mission remained with him about a fortnight and was well received, but it is doubtful whether a protectorate was ever accorded Fadre-el-Allab. In any case the men suggestion very much hurt the feelings of many French, since the chief's father, Rabah, had always been an enemy of theirs and fighting against them, had been at all lately.

THE BOILER EXPLODED.

Woburn, Mass., Dec. 5.—The explosion of a boiler, used for heating the large hardware store of L. Waldo Thompson on Main-street, at 10 o'clock this morning, started a fire, which destroyed the three storey wooden block, in which the store was situated, and a number of adjoining buildings.

TO ALLAY INDIGNATION.

Amsterdam, Dec. 5.—With the view of allaying public indignation and excitement, semi-official intimations have been circulated to the effect that Queen Wilhelmina has forgiven her husband, Prince Henry of the Netherlands, the suggestion being that the public ought to follow suit.

PRESIDENT WEIR RELEASED.

Montreal, Dec. 5.—William Weir, who was president of the defunct Banque Ville Marie, was released from the Montreal jail this morning, after having served a sentence of nearly two years for sending a false bank report to the Dominion government.

AFTER ONTARIO HAY.

New York Buyer Can Get Lots of It But No Cars.

J. G. Frangblad, a representative of a New York hay company, who is at the Walker, is giving thru Ontario trying to pick up a large quantity of hay for the English markets. He informed The World that his company has 2500 tons loaded on boats frozen in the Erie and Lake Champlain Canals, and they are trying to get a supply in Ontario to fill up contracts for space on ocean liners. There are 100 cars of hay frozen in on the two canals, and many of them have cargoes of hay from Quebec.

Mr. Frangblad is met by another very serious difficulty. While he can get any quantity of hay the railway companies are unable to furnish him with cars. The G.T.R. are looking for a clean haul over their own road to Portland, Me., and the C.P.R. are not anxious to take any wheels off their thru run to St. John, N.B. The freight charges from Ontario to New York and Boston run from 22½c to 26½c, of which the American lines secure 15c for their haul from Suspension Bridge. If Mr. Frangblad cannot get cars he may have to give up any further effort to purchase Ontario hay.

The hay locked up in the ice-bound canal boats, it seems, cannot be removed without a special act of Congress, as it is passing thru the United States in bond. An effort will be made to secure such an act at the present session.

RAILWAYS SEEK LEGISLATION.

Bills Will Be Presented at Coming Session of Legislature.

Among the recent applications for private legislation are the following:

Rapid Electric Railway Company asks for incorporation and power to construct and operate a line between Hamilton and Port Dover, passing thru Rymal, Glanford, Caledonia, Hagersville and Baileville.

The St. Thomas Street Railway proposes three extensions, one southerly to Port Stanley, one easterly to Aylmer and one northerly to London.

The Sandwich, Windsor & Amherstburg Railway want power to issue bonds or other securities to the amount of $1,000,000, inclusive of the bonds now issued; also authority to extend their lines northerly to Harrow and easterly to Tecumseh.

The Port Dalhousie, St. Catharines & Thorold Electric Street Railway seek power to amalgamate with any other electric railway company whose lines intersect or join their own.

The St. Mary's Methodist, First Presbyterian and St. James' Episcopal Churches ask permission to remove all bodies, gravestones and monuments from certain old cemeteries on Elgin-street, in that town, and also power to sell the lands at present so occupied.

The village of Paisley wants continuation of a bylaw granting $14,000 by way of a loan to assist the industry of carpet weaving in the village.

WELL-KNOWN CHIEF KILLED.

CRAZY FRENCHMAN'S ACT.

Wound Up Celebration By Killing Wife and Son.

Welr City, Kan., Dec. 5.—Romaine Taubaux, a Frenchman, while intoxicated last night, shot and fatally wounded his son, and son, Glenoer Taubaux, and seriously wounded two other sons at his home in this city. He had just returned from a neighbor's home, where a crowd had been celebrating St. Barton's Day. He threatened to kill the whole family, and seizing a double-barreled shot-gun was in the act of firing at his wife, who has son Glenoer appeared on the scene, also armed with a shotgun. Shooting began at once, the son firing directly at his father, the charge passing thru his clothing, but doing no injury. Before the boy could fire again he received a charge from his father's gun in the left side. The elder Taubaux then commenced shooting at everybody in sight. His wife received a charge of shot in the right shoulder, tearing, it away; his son Emil had a hand shot off, and another son was badly wounded.

SHOOTING WAS GENERAL.

Deputies Attempted to Arrest Gang of Negroes, Serious Results.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 5.—A special to The Journal from Opp. Ala., says: "In attempting to arrest some boisterous negroes here last night, County Treasurer J.W. Dorsey was killed, Fayette Marshall seriously wounded, John Pittstine shot in the abdomen, two and two unknown negroes were killed.

"A number of negro tramps had been roaming about the town nearly all day, and last night, in front of the store ordered by Mr. Dorsey, they became boisterous, made many threats and then left town in a body. Fearing trouble during the night, the city marshal, with several deputies, among them Mr. Marshall, followed the negroes, finding them near a turpentine camp. When ordered to surrender by the marshal the negroes opened fire. The posse returned the fire, and the shooting was general for a few minutes. The negroes escaped, but the posse is after them. It is not known how many negroes were engaged in the shooting."

ANOTHER PITIABLE CASE.

Editor World: Yesterday a young man suffering from tuberculosis called at my office to ask how soon the Free Hospital at Gravenhurst would be ready for patients. Upon investigating his case, I found that up till about a year ago he was employed as a cigarmaker in Hamilton, that he came to this city and was examined by one of our prominent physicians and sent to a leading hospital. Two or three weeks ago he was turned out of the hospital and told that he needed fresh air. Now he is living with his brother and in destitute circumstances. He has lost two children with this disease, and has a wife and one child left. They are being taken care of by their friends.

This is a sample of scores of pitiable cases in similar circumstances who are pressing for admission into the Free Hospital for Consumptives. If our benevolent people only realized the awful distress of these poor sufferers they would gladly assist in furnishing and equipping the Free Hospital for which we are now making an appeal. Contributions of any size will be gratefully received.
W. J. Brown,
Secretary National Sanitarium.

GEOLOGY OF TORONTO

Six Thousand Years Ago This Site Was Bottom of a Lake.

The first of a series of lectures under the auspices of the Architectural Eighteen Club was given Wednesday evening by Prof. Coleman of Toronto University in the Ontario Society of Artists' gallery before a fair-sized audience.

"The Geology of Toronto" was the subject of the lecture, and the lecturer described in a most entertaining manner the different deposits which constitute that part of the earth on which Toronto is situated. He said that some six or seven thousand years ago, the land on which the present city of Toronto stands formed a portion of the bottom of Lake Iroquois, whose waters attained a level 170 feet higher than Lake Ontario.

A vote of thanks was tendered the speaker at the conclusion of his remarks.

KILLED ON THE TRACK.

Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 5.—Reed Hill of Milwaukee, chief engineer on the steamer Homer Warren, was killed by a train in North Tonawanda last night. Hill and a companion were on their way up town. Hill slipped and fell between the tracks. He leaves a wife and family in Milwaukee.

ALKALI PLANT BURNED.

Detroit, Dec. 5.—The main building of the Michigan Alkali Company's soda ash plant at Wyandotte, 12 miles down the Detroit River from this city, was completely destroyed by fire to-day. J. B. Ford, principal owner of the plant, places the loss at $500,000.

GERMAN BANK SUSPENDS.

Dresden, Dec. 5.—The Dresden Savings and Loan Bank has made an assignment. The bank's share capital is 1,000,000 marks. Its depositors number 7000, with aggregate deposits of 7,000,000 marks.

A CURIOUS COB.

Chesley, Dec. 5.—A farmer in Stephen Township, Huron County, has a curiosity. It being a cob of corn shaped between a human being's head and an animal's paw. There are four distinct branches representing fingers or claws, and one representing a thumb. It is barrelled in rows like the ordinary cob of corn, until it reaches the part representing the hand, the kernels then grow promiscuously and go to form the hand. It is certainly a curiosity.

Wabash Railroad Co.

If you are contemplating a trip south or west for the winter, please consider the merits of the Wabash line, the short and true route to the south or west, including Old Mexico, the Egypt of the New World, Texas and California, the lands of sunshine and flowers. Travelers will tell you that the Wabash is the best-equipped line in America, everything is up-to-date and first-class in every respect.

Passengers leaving Toronto and west city evenings reach Chicago next morning, St. Louis next afternoon at 2 p.m. Kansas City same evening 9.30 p.m. Rates, time-tables and all information from any R. R. agent, or J. A. Richardson, District Passenger Agent, northeast corner King and Yonge-street's, Toronto.

Care Exercised.

At the Inquest into the death of James M. Field on Tuesday night, not a scintilla of evidence was adduced to show that the chloroform had not been administered to deceased with the utmost skill and care. Indeed the evidence conclusively showed that Dr. Cobrick exhibited every care and skill in the performance of his duty as anaesthetist in this case.

Grand Trunk.

Pullman wide vestibule buffet.
Parlor car service between Toronto and Buffalo.
The Grand Trunk Railway system over-alive to the interests and convenience of the travelling public have inaugurated a daily Pullman buffet parlor car service between Toronto and Buffalo. The trains leave Toronto as follows:
Leave Toronto 9.00 a.m., arrive Buffalo 11.53 a.m.
Leave Toronto 5.00 p.m., arrive Buffalo 8.35 p.m.
Leave Buffalo 8.20 a.m., arrive Toronto 11.10 a.m.
Leave Buffalo 6.20 p.m., arrive Toronto 9.45 p.m.

Completed Allotted Span.

Mrs. Julia A. Stevenson passed away Wednesday morning at the age of 70 years at the residence of her son, 273 Sackville-street, after a brief illness. For many years she had resided in Toronto, and was highly respected. The funeral will take place this afternoon to the Necropolis.

Why It Came

Scene: "Slater Shoe Store," prior to 1899:—

Customer: "Can't you give me a pair of Rubbers to fit my shoes? It seems impossible to get a Rubber that won't pinch or be loose on my foot. You know, I have a peculiar shaped foot, and have to wear one of the "Slater" special shapes. Now, why don't you people make special rubbers to fit these shapes?"

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