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It Looks Like War.

Not for a number of years back has a new year opened with such a look of war over the European situation generally as now appears. There are movements of German troops eastward towards the Russian frontier, and of Russian troops towards the German frontier. Already military men are discussing where the first blow is likely to be struck, but we fancy things are scarcely far enough advanced for that yet. Meanwhile the whole district which men think of as the theatre of any coming war lies buried under deep snow. What was formerly Poland, since divided among Russia, Germany and Austria—the three parties to the "partition"—is likely to suffer first, if war comes. This winter the snow is heavier than usual in Poland, and some people say that, if war does not begin in February, it will have to be delayed until June. Elsewhere, too, in eastern Europe, winter is now present with unusual severity. All through Hungary, Styria and Transylvania in Austro-Hungary, the snow is reported to be from eight to twelve feet deep. For a country so far south this appears almost incredible, but various accounts agree as to the fact. To the threatened ruthlessness of man the inclemency of winter is added.

But behind all the uncertainty which the cable despatches convey as to the possible outbreak of war this winter, there appears to be a pretty well-diffused belief that come it will by spring, at farthest. Gleams of peaceful purpose shine out now and then, but the prevailing outlook is dark.

We can scarcely quit ourselves of the impression that the immense, overgrown armies of continental Europe have much to do with the probabilities of war now talked of. European kings and emperors are supposed to be the masters of their respective armies, but with more than a grain of allowance. For, so strong is the influence exercised by the army, throughout the nation, that it is not easy to tell exactly where the army is a force which acts, but never deliberates, and where it may in its own way take an important part in deliberating upon affairs of state. Beyond doubt the existence of large armies on the continent of Europe is a fact which bears heavily in favor of the probability of war. It increases the weight and importance of military men in the national councils respectively, and helps to give a military color to everything.

There are just two men who, if they were to "lay their heads together," might even yet avert war. And these are the Czar and the Emperor William of Germany. But perhaps neither of the two feels that way inclined. And meantime Bismarck and others get big opportunity of setting the current of things towards war, if so they choose. A cable despatch from Berlin says that after the middle of January, events are likely to develop with electric rapidity. Which means, we suppose, that by that time it will appear how near Russia and Germany can come to agreeing on the Bulgarian question. The result may be peace, after all, but just now things look very like war.

A Pointer for Mr. Mowat.

Yesterday The World called attention to the Government's discrimination against the Separate School electors in withholding from them the ballot. So palpable was this injustice made during Wednesday's elections that it attracted at last the attention of even The Globe, which is prone to ignore such subjects. The following hint is thrown out in the Deacon's mildest manner:

> At the Separate School elections yesterday T... to every candidate who favored vot... ...st and simultaneously with the ...lections was elected. This is a ...ant fact. If the advocates of the ...numerous enough to move the Sep... ...l Board to petition the Govern... latter can scarcely withhold the ... sought.

...even the dumb speak, though falter... ...r. Mowat should wait for no further ...d portents. The World has long ... something of the views of the Roman ...ic ratepayers upon this point, and has ...ntly urged them upon the Government. ...epeat what we said yesterday: That no Government should await pressure before discharging a plain and obvious duty, and, above all else, no Reform Government should hesitate to inaugurate reforms. The Globe plainly says that the professedly Liberal Government of Ontario has relegated an important question to the arbitrament of a Separate School board. This is not a city, but a provincial question. The idea that not only the Government but all the Separate School supporters of the province should stand waiting for the Sir Richard Strachans of the Toronto Board ...ld have originated only in a mind limited ... bonds of party.

The Mail's Skin Game.

The Ma... ...m its adopted faith long enough to demand protection for the beaver. The beaver's industry is undoubtedly native—the only native industry that The Mail has had a good word for this year back. We think we have the key to the exception made in this instance, however. In 1882, while The Mail's manager was running in West Durham, Mr. Blake said—or sung—in the Grand Opera House:

> "Bye, Baby Bunting,
> Papa's gone a-hunting,
> To get a rabbit skin
> To wrap the baby in."

Now the horrible suspicion dawns upon us that Mr. Blake was mistaken, and that it was really a beaver skin that "papa" pursued. At any rate he never got what he was after, and Mr. Blake still wears the West Durham fur.

The Mail also says that "the beaver skin was once the currency of Canada." But that was long before the time of the dreadful N. P., when Canada had Commercial Union with the whole earth, and this was "a cheap country to live in." The Mail is what Artemus Ward would have called a "primitive cuss," and sighs for the beaver dam—it daily damns this country—the wigwam, and venison to be had for the shooting. These were the chief institutions of the good old days when every native was a Free Trader, when fuel, fish and meat were free to all takers, and all implements and cloths used in Canada were made abroad.

The Mail invites us to return to that state of affairs, or something approximating thereto, but most of us think its policy another "skin game," though Mr. Blake is not now here to wed our opinion to rhythm.

We wonder with whom the itinerant correspondent of The Pall Mall Gazette bunked while in Toronto. He must have occupied queer quarters to have got the impression that here "three out of five of the most intelligent men are enthusiastic Commercial Unionists." Let it be pointed out, for the benefit of strangers, that both our outgoing and our incoming mayor are enthusiastic opponents of the fad, as are also our parliamentary representatives, and that an avowed Commercial Unionist could not be elected for any position in Toronto. Moreover, The Globe has had to admit that "the movement is blocked this side of the lines," and is endeavoring to escape from a hastily assumed and awkward position by taking up once more the cry for universal Free Trade. The Mail is simply desperate and without resource, but is dying to slow music from all quarters. So strong is the feeling against the fad that its few friends feared to have it mentioned at a Board of Trade banquet and begged to be let off, and the Provincial Premier, though committed to it by the wily Mercier, avoided it almost ostentatiously in his Rossin House speech. These and other similar facts demonstrate that The Pall Mall Gazette's man belongs to the English school of him who thought that the Victoria bridge stretched from Montreal to Michigan.

The latest cables repeat what was reported a few days ago as to the unusual severity of the winter on the continent of Europe. From the region of the Danube, especially, do we hear the most of the terrible beginning of the present season. So far this is one of the severest winters ever known at Vienna, which generally escapes with a moderate allowance of frost and snow. There is ice in the Danube, so much as to impede navigation; and a heavy snowfall in Bulgaria. War or no war, this begins like a hard winter in old Europe.

The Mail mourns the woes of United States wreckers. Their Government having forbidden Canadian tugs to go to the rescue of distressed vessels in American waters our Government properly responded in kind. This, The Mail says, has made its star spangled allies "angry," as their wreckers "lose business," therefore we should consider their "unfriendly feeling" and give them their own way in the matter. It is always "give! give!" with our neighbors and their Canadian organs. The Mail is as star spangled as a circus rider and turns flip-flaps quite as readily.

The reaction spreads in unexpected quarters. Following in the wake of The Toronto Globe comes The St. John, N.B., Telegraph, with the declaration that from Free Traders "Unrestricted Reciprocity is now receiving much more favor than C.U.," because "the latter has been found repugnant to the views of the large section of the Liberal party, who are still in favor of free trade with the world. . . . . . Undoubtedly the tendency of public sentiment in this direction has been in part determined by the discovery that a section of the advocates of Commercial Union were either secretly or openly in favor of the political union of Canada and the United States. This was quite sufficient to produce a strong reaction in the patriotic Canadian mind, and the effect is plainly visible." True, every word of it, and we said as much from the outset. But a section of the Liberal press, led by The London Advertiser, holds that Unrestricted Reciprocity is impracticable. Both factions are right. Both schemes are impracticable. Defeat, crushing and complete, awaits any party that stakes its fortunes upon either of them. Blessed be the bye-elections! They have pounded some sense into editorial heads impervious to any other argument.

The Globe censures its party for not having fought the general elections upon the line of "a tariff for revenue with incidental protection eliminated." The slaughtered politicians who were advised by The Globe not to fight upon that line must have their opinion of The Globe's fall. But the N.P. party could ask nothing better than so plain an issue. The trouble is that so soon as a fight begins The Globe puts its figurative tail between its metaphorical legs and slinks behind generalities and sectional cries. You will see it do this again before long, mark our words. But the laughable part of it is that we are to have a tariff for revenue, in spite of C.U., Unrestricted Reciprocity, Continental Free Trade, or whatever else the gang may be pleased to term their fad.

The Globe describes The Empire as the child of elderly parents. It is certainly the oldest looking child of its age that we wot of.

For Mr. Laurier: The leader who hesitates is lost.

The Hamilton Spectator notes that The Globe prints "temperance" with a big T and religion with a lower case "r." But that is in its editorials. In its advertising columns it prints brandy with a big B.

The (independent Liberal) Winnipeg Sun does not think it likely that at his time of life Mr. Mowat will quit the scene of his provincial successes to enter the larger and more dangerous arena of Dominion politics, but The Sun also thinks that "if some change is not made (in the Liberal leadership) shortly there will be no party to lead." The one thing open for the party is to get on to a Canadian platform. That done, the leader would have comparatively plain sailing. Sectional cries and experiments, with racial and religious prejudices and anti-national fads, are the banes of the party. Come up on The World's platform, gentlemen, and you will have a good fighting chance at least.

The seat for Halton is now practically vacant, and the name of Mr. John Turner is upon Dame Rumor's tongue as the probable N.P. candidate. Mr. Turner is a resident of the county and has also large interests in Toronto, the majority of whose citizens would gladly see him honored by his neighbors upon a broad Anglo-Canadian platform. He is not a mere partisan, but supports the N.P. from the conviction that, all things considered, it is Canada's best available policy. Mr. Turner enjoys a large degree of both oratorical and business talent, and, should he be nominated, will be found amply able to give a good account of himself and of the faith that is in him. Halton is a debatable county, and its politics are complicated by the inevitable irritations of the Scott Act. It is just the field for a fighting man of Mr. Turner's capacity, who would at least make the campaign interesting. This all without prejudice, as we have no means of knowing whether he will be a candidate or not, but we believe that he is in that time-honored haven—the hands of his friends.

Regaled With Christmas Fare.

An act of kindness, unostentatious, and therefore all the more commendable, and for which the recipients were truly thankful, was done last evening at the House of Industry. The inmates to the number of 80, one-fourth of whom were women, were treated to a first-class tea in the dining hall. The provisions were ample and varied, comprising, as befitting the season, Christmas fare, cakes of all kinds, ham and tongue, and other good things. All had their choice of tea or coffee, and it goes without saying that full justice was done to what was set before them.

The origin of the feast dates 10 years ago, when a number of ladies resolved to give a New Year's treat to the inmates. This has been acted upon, and many have rejoiced thereat. Latterly the arrangement has been in the hands of a committee of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, a number of whom were present last night, and attended to the requirements of their guests.

One feature of the proceedings was commendable—there was an absence of formalism and clericalism—for after the meal, which was quickly disposed of, the whole of the proceedings occupying less than an hour, the ladies sang, the inmates joined heartily in the choruses, the organ played, and only one address was given, and that by a layman, Mr. H. Dixon. At the close the ladies shook hands with the inmates, and thus closed a pleasant scene and agreeable break in the routine and monotony of life in "The House."

WATERWORKS SHORTAGES.

RECOMMENDATION THAT RECEIVER RAFFAN BE SUSPENDED.

Evidence Heard by the Investigating Committee—The Auditors Explain—Tiff Between Ald. Boustead and Mr. Hughes—Some Queer Kind of Auditing.

The investigation of the irregularities and cash shortage in the Waterworks Department was resumed yesterday afternoon, Ald. Bunstead accepting the chair. Auditors Hughes and Anderson did not attack the figures and statements laid before committee by Investigating Auditors Wilson and Crosbie, but found to the satisfaction of the committee that they were not responsible for the errors in cash book additions. Regarding the other mistakes and shortages the committee felt satisfied the responsibility rested on some official, and expressed their determination to place it where it belongs.

The proceedings were opened by the reading of the following:

"At the last meeting of the sub-committee re auditors we were instructed to prepare for the city auditors a statement of errors and omissions which in our opinion could have been looked into more closely by them without going into a detail audit. Agreeable to those instructions we made a statement of errors in addition of the cash blotters for the July and October quarters of 1885 showing a difference in the cash received and not accounted for of $135.22; also a statement of amounts entered in ledgers for July quarter $204, and for October $13.85; and against said entries there is a marginal reference showing that the amounts were omitted to be entered the previous quarter.

"This would indicate that either the money deposited in the bank for previous quarters was more than the sheet ledgers called for or that the money was received and not deposited until the subsequent quarter.

"We also made a statement of amounts shown by the ledgers to have been paid twice, viz., in July quarter $19.52, and in October $28.32, and although this is only a part of the amounts paid twice we would say that in looking closely at the marginal references of the other payments we did not have much difficulty in making out the folio in the cash blotter of the first entry, showing there could be no mistake about the entry appearing in the cash as being twice paid.

"At the time of giving this statement to the city auditors the question was put to us whether that was all that we considered they could have done towards a more careful audit. We told them that with all due respect to the opinion held by them with regard to their duties we thought it was the duty of auditors holding public positions like themselves to see that the arrears were properly transferred from one quarter to another. This we are perfectly satisfied could have been done without having anything whatever to do with the rating department, and when you take into consideration that out of $579.38 arrears belonging to the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1885, (which were not transferred) 20 per cent. of this was settled for, as per marginal references on arrears sheets, and which sums were not accounted for in the street ledgers, you can judge of the great importance of having the arrears carefully checked one quarter after another.

"We would here remark that it took us about two days to check the arrears belonging to a quarter, and two days to add up and check the additions of the cash books for the same period. We would also draw your attention to entries in the general cash book of the sums of $25 and $16.80 on Aug. 3 and 4, 5 and 8, which are double entries; and also to a total of $53.23 shown in the cash blotters which does not appear in the general cash book. These items could have been detected even in the absence of any addition of the cash blotters.

"ROB. C. WILSON, JAS. CROSBIE,
Accountants."

Auditor Anderson wanted to know if the committee were satisfied that the auditors were not responsible for the additions of the cash book.

Ald. Boustead said he did not know what they were responsible for but the committee would like to have some evidence which would show that the auditors were relieved of the responsibility.

Ald. Harvie thought it was utterly ridiculous to call anything an audit when the additions of the cash were not checked.

Auditor Anderson explained that there was a general check on the receivers but it was impossible to check the additions on account of the length of time it would require.

Here Mr. Hughes commenced a series of verbose explanations, but was stopped by the chairman. An exchange of personalities took place between them, very harsh words being used.

"You can take the outside of the door," shouted the chairman.

"All right, I will," replied Auditor Hughes.

Ald. Gillespie and Ald. Harvie tried to quiet the heated auditor and prevailed upon him to stay in the room. But he had hardly got to his seat when the row started afresh. "You had better leave the room," said the chairman.

"I won't leave for you," answered the auditor.

"You had better leave."

"I will leave."

And suiting actions to the words Mr. Hughes grabbed his hat and coat and started to the door. A lot of taffy was administered to Mr. Hughes and Ald. Boustead, and finally the auditor came before the committee again.

Ald. Gillespie asked Mr. Hughes if it was true that there has been a large amount of over-posting done since Receiver Morris left.

Mr. Hughes said there was an amount of $386.90 over-posted since that time.

Ald. Gillespie asked when the auditors complained to the City Council about the system of bookkeeping in the Waterworks department.

Mr. Hughes read letters written by the auditors to the City Council on July 20, 1885, and on Sept. 3, 1885, in which they complained that the arrear lists were not in time to check and they should have been in by June 15.

Ald. Boustead asked who would be responsible for the delay in getting in the lists.

Mr. Hughes replied the rating department of which Mr. Hamilton was superintendent. As regards the other mistakes they could not be held responsible because they ignored the blotters, and the system was one which they continually held to be impracticable and deficient. He then referred at length to the reports of Judge McDougall and other legal opinions on the working of the department. He closed by saying the matter was held back until the end of the year just to make a stab at the auditors when the time approached for their re-appointment.

Ald. Boustead said that Mr. Hughes had charged that the responsibility of the arrears rested upon Mr. Hamilton and that Receiver Raffan put cash in his pocket and forced his balance.

Receiver Raffan was then called.

"Is there any truth in the statement," asked Ald. Boustead of Mr. Raffan, "that you pocketed cash?"

Auditor Hughes here interposed, saying he did not think that Mr. Raffan would be guilty of such an act, but there was a sum of $3.88 that must have gone into his pocket.

Mr. Raffan: "Mr. Hughes' statement is false and a deliberate lie. I can call upon my Almighty Maker—" Here the chairman stopped him.

Cashier Patterson and Superintendent Hamilton were examined on the methods of keeping cash at present in the department. Mr. Patterson corroborated Mr. Hughes' statement regarding Raffan's shortage, but both gentlemen spoke in high terms of Mr. Raffan's honesty and integrity.

Ald. Gillespie moved, seconded by Ald. Roaf, that the Mayor be recommended to suspend Raffan until he is cleared of the charge brought against him.

Ald. Roaf and Ald. Gillespie expressed themselves as being satisfied that the responsibilities of the audits in back books did not rest upon either Auditors Anderson or Hughes; neither could they be held responsible for the discharge given to Receiver Morriss. As regards Mr. Raffan's case the committee decided to adopt Ald. Gillespie's motion. They further decided that there was a great necessity for two staffs of auditors.

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THE MAN WITH AN ITEM.

A Hole and Corner Meeting Troubles a Young Politician's Brain.

The World was quietly meandering through his native Melinda-street yesterday afternoon when he was approached by a young man, a young politician at that, who, with bated breath, imparted the information that a "hole-and-corner" meeting would be held in the Rossin House at 3 o'clock. The young politician proceeded: "A private circular has been sent to several trusty Irish Catholics in the province calling a meeting at the Rossin to pass resolutions requesting Hon. Frank Smith to withdraw his resignation as a member of Sir John's Cabinet. You see," continued the Y.P., "these resolutions will be sent to Mr. Smith as emanating from representative Irish Roman Catholics, but such would not be the case. The meeting is merely a hole-and-corner affair, and has no representative meaning. Go to the Rossin and see who are there."

The reporter spent a couple of hours in that comfortable hostlery, but was unable to discover the whereabouts of the mysterious meeting. The only gathering of any kind visible to the reporter's eye was in the King-street corridor, where Ald. D. M. Defoe, Mr. Thos. Long, M.P.P., Mr. Edward Murphy, formerly of Newmarket, and a fourth gentleman whom the scribe did not recognize, stood talking. The reporter subsequently asked Mr. Defoe if he and his friends were in the hotel for any such purpose as mentioned by the Y.P. The answer was a decided negative. He knew of no such meeting having been called.

TO PROTECT INFANTS.

How Keepers of Baby Farms are to be Licensed and Regulated.

Under the provisions of "An Act for the Protection of Infant Children" passed at the last session of the Ontario Legislature, the city authorities have arranged for a systematic supervision and licensing of "baby farms." There is no fee charged, but the license will be granted only after the most careful enquiries have been made. A person desiring a license must apply to Inspector Awde. Then the Medical Health Officer will enquire as to character and fitness of the applicant and as to the suitability of the premises. The police also make enquiries, and if the application is favorably reported upon by the Medical Health Officer and the Chief of Police, the inspector issues the license which limits the number of children to be kept in the house, furnishes the keeper with a book for the registration of every particular of the identity and with forms for the reporting of deaths to a coroner, who, if he is satisfied that all is right, issues a burial certificate.

No Water for the Horses.

The Waterworks Department have attached many of the watering-troughs throughout the city to the meters in the public-houses opposite which they stand, and as a consequence the proprietors have cut off the supply. Heretofore these troughs have been supplied free of cost by the department, the only expense attaching to them being their construction, which was borne by the persons who erected them. As a consequence there has been a great outcry from teamsters and others, as they are now unable to quench the thirst of their beasts at the accustomed place. The horse-trough at King-street and Spadina-avenue, opposite the Richardson House, was one of the most frequented in the West End, and hundreds of beasts of burden daily patronized it. But it has ceased to flow since Christmas Day, when it was attached to the hotel meter. There is sadness in the eye of the equine wayfarer and his driver as he passes that way and cannot partake of his accustomed crystally beverage. The inconvenience that is now felt will increase tenfold during hot weather if some provision for horses and dogs is not made in the public streets.

CANADIAN NEWS.

There are 10,548 more men than women in Manitoba.

Over $1000 was subscribed at the Esmonde meeting at Montreal.

Sir George and Lady Stephen return to Canada on Saturday via New York.

A barn, owned by John Aird, on the beach at Port Dalhousie, was burned last night. Loss $200 no insurance.

A Sioux squaw belonging to a reserve north of Qu'Appelle was found hanging in her cabin on Wednesday.

Calls have been distributed for the eighteenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec on Jan. 25 at Montreal.

Application for a charter for a railway between Port Arthur and Winnipeg, south of the Canadian Pacific, is to be made.

A man named Murphy, aged 28, was killed Wednesday evening whilst working on a derrick near the Victoria bridge at Montreal.

Mr. Bickford having been elected Mayor of Dundas by a majority of one, a recount has been applied for by Mr. Knowles, his opponent.

The people of Manitoba sent over 4,000,000 letters and postcards through the mails last year. There was an average of 21¼ to each person.

McKelvey & Austin's hotel at Haliburton was burned yesterday morning. Most of the furniture was saved. The building was insured.

The Montreal jail is very much overcrowded at present. There is room for 230 prisoners, but the actual number of inmates amounted the other day to 298.

A mammoth shed is being erected at Fort William by the Canadian Pacific, with a capacity for half a million bushels. All fears of a blockade are now over.

During 1887 there were 52,311 shares of the Kingston and Pembroke Railroad Company sold on the New York Stock Exchange. It was listed at 38¾, went up to 47¼ and is now quoted at 28¼.

Abbe Chabett, a disgraced priest who has several times been before the courts on indecent charges, has been arrested at Montreal on the charge of committing a criminal assault upon the 12-year-old daughter of his boarding mistress.

The rails on the Brockville and Westport Railway have been laid to Farmersville. The gang from the other way are not far from that point and it is thought that track laying will be completed by Saturday night.

In the Dominion of Canada the lobster fishery now ranks second in value, the cod, of course, taking the lead. The Canadian fisheries report for 1886 shows that in that year 4,661,812 lbs. of lobsters were canned and 4,290 tons sold fresh, the whole quantity representing 28,000,000 lobsters. The value of last year's export was $2,638,394.

Judge Miller, who has for a quarter of a century been judge of Waterloo County, has resigned his position, and it is said the junior judge of the county (Mr. Lacourse) will be promoted to the vacant seat. Mr. Alex. Miller, barrister, is understood to be a candidate for the junior judgeship.

At Dundas last week Maggie May, a little daughter of Mr. John A. and Elizabeth Kapheim, aged about 4 years, was playing around the barrel which retained the running water from the spring for the use of the family. It is supposed she slipped and fell in, as her mother found her head downwards in the barrel, quite dead.

The Kemptville assault case, in which Johnston, Banks, Leach, O'Connor and Bonnin were charged with the recent assault on two Scott Act constables, ended on Tuesday. A conviction was made in each case, for which the aggregate fines were as follows: Johnston and Banks, $242.79 each or two years in jail; Leach, $96.67, and O'Connor and Bonnin $116.67 each or one year in jail.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

Ammi Baldwin, late cashier of the wrecked Fidelity Bank, Cincinnati, died suddenly yesterday morning.

Burglaries and night assaults and robberies of citizens are becoming alarmingly frequent in New York city.

The workshop of the Los Angeles furniture company was burned yesterday; loss $200,000, insurance $100,000.

The employes at Hubbard & Co.'s works, Pittsburg, struck yesterday. The works have closed down, and 300 men are idle.

The first of the annual series of presidential state dinners was given at the White House last night to the members of the Cabinet.

The Penn Hardware Company of Reading, Pa., held a conference with its molders yesterday and agreed to advance wages 10 per cent.

A Standard Oil pipe in the Allegheny River, near Etna, Pa., burst last evening, and the oil ignited from a spark of a passing locomotive.

Judge Andrews yesterday refused Geo. H. Lychtenheim's application for the appointment of a receiver for the property of the missing Isidor Cohnfeld.

Charles J. Canda has resigned his position as Assistant Treasurer of the United States, it is presumed, to accept the Vice-Presidency of the Western National Bank of New York.

Burglars, on Tuesday night, entered the room of Bishop Farrell at Trenton, N.J., and stole a gold watch and chain, a large pectoral cross and chain studded with rubies and diamonds, and two valuable rings, in one of which was a cross of diamonds.

—All beds seem hard to the rheumatic. Then hearken ye peevish sufferers! Apply Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil to your aching joints and muscles. Rely on it that you will experience speedy relief. Such, at least, is the testimony of those who have used it. The remedy is likewise successfully resorted to for throat and lung diseases, sprains, bruises, etc. x

BANKER TAYLOR REMANDED.

The Embezzlement Cases Against Him Will be Heard Next Thursday.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The preliminary examination of Henry Taylor on five charges of embezzlement was set down for to-day and an hour before the time the court-room was packed with an eagerly expectant audience. The crowd, however, were doomed to disappointment. Mr. James Magee, counsel for defendant, put in an affidavit from Jail Physician Smith, setting forth that the condition of the financier's heart was such that the excitement attending his appearance in court would be extremely prejudicial. County Crown Attorney Hutchinson contended that this plea was only another attempt to balk justice. Mr. Magee objected to the word "balk," but the Crown Attorney declined to take it back and declared that whether the preliminary examination was held or not he would lay the case before the Grand Jury next week. The final result was that the hearing was adjourned till next Thursday. As Mr. Hutchinson insisted that the adjournment should be made in the prisoner's presence, Mayor Cowan, who presided at the court, went to Taylor's cell and there adjourned the case.

The following Ontario Investment cases are on the docket of the Assize Court, which opens Monday: Ontario Investment v. J. Blackburn—To recover a call on stock; M. J. Kent et al v. Ontario Investment—To compel a transfer of stock; Ontario Investment v. J. Minhinnick—To recover a call on stock; Ontario Investment v. D. McNaughton—To recover a call on stock.

—Faces as yellow as that of the "Heathen Chinee," in consequence of bile in the blood, grow fair and wholesome-looking again when Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and great blood purifier is used to relax constipated bowels and expel the bilious poison from the circulation. Rheumatic and blood impurities are also driven out by it, digestion restored, and the system benefited in every way by its use. x

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The Provincial Model Schools will re-open on Monday next.

Ald. McMillan discharged the duties of Mayor yesterday.

Mr. W. D. Grand will sell fifty new cutters and robes by auction this morning at 11 o'clock.

Joseph Gardington, 34 Wellington-street, was arrested last night for disorderly conduct on Spadina-avenue.

The members of Court Star of the West, A.O.F., dined at the Gladstone House, Queen-street west, last night.

The Harmony Club dramatic entertainment will take place on Monday, Jan. 16. Seats may be secured at Nordheimer's and Suckling's.

A writ was yesterday issued against the city by Elizabeth Curran, King-street west. She claims to have sustained serious injuries by a fall on a slippery sidewalk, and wants compensation.

The Governor-General's Body Guard Band, under the leadership of Sergeant Williams, entertained the inmates of the Insane Asylum last night. They played well and were warmly applauded.

A boy named Henry White, living at 89 Richmond-street, had an arm broken by being run over by a wagon at Yonge and Queen streets yesterday.

Detective Burrows yesterday arrested a well known sneak thief named Tony Adams, on the charge of stealing buffalo robes belonging to Mr. Larry Cosgrave and a hackman named Ryan.

Peter Harrison, a 12-year-old thief, and Michael Caile, a drunk, occupied Agnes-street Police Station Wednesday. Caile says that while he was asleep Harrison robbed him of $3. The boy was yesterday committed for trial.

Parkdale Lodge, No. 169, A.O.U.W., assembled on Wednesday evening, when the following officers were installed: H. J. Hill, P.M.W.; C. S. Chalk, M.W.; J. N. Kurtz, Foreman; Wm. Kempster, Overseer; W. H. Allison, Recorder; H. F. Falkiner, Financier; A. H. Carter, Receiver; H. J. Smith, Guide; M. Donahoe, Inside Watchman; C. Nicholson Outside Watchman.

At the last meeting of the Toronto Christian Temperance Mission Mr. Robert Hall reported that he had made an appeal for books and funds to re-stock the Jail library. So generous had been the response that over 200 books and 300 serials of select readings had been presented, and he had $10 on hand for renewals. On motion the salary of City Missionary Hall was increased by $10 more a month.

A man who has been passing under the name of William Kennedy, and was only yesterday released from jail where he had been serving time for larceny, was re-arrested by Inspector Archabold, who recognized him as William Leonard and detained him on the charge of having criminally assaulted a little girl in Toronto as far back as Oct. 8, 1884. A warrant has since then been out against him and the Inspector feels confident that he has got the offender at last.

Fraulein Aus der Ohe, the young pianist, who is to make her first appearance in this city at the Toronto Vocal Society's concert on Jan. 17, is one of the few who can truly claim to have been a favorite pupil of Liszt. At a concert in New York she delighted the audience by her brilliant performance of Liszt's piano concerto No. 1 in E flat. She exhibited extraordinary power and facility of execution, and fairly took the audience by storm. With such technical ability, united with such musical intelligence as she displayed, a brilliant future may be predicted for this young pianist.

"St. Charles."

A suite of elegant luncheon and dining rooms for the accommodation of ladies and gentlemen have just been opened and furnished regardless of expense at the above named restaurant, 70 Yonge-street, first door south of the Dominion Bank. The celebrated lunch counter for the convenience of business men and others will be continued as usual. Fred Mossop, Proprietor. 246

—A lady writes: "I was enabled to remove the corns, root and branch, by the use of Holloway's Corn Cure." Others who have tried it have the same experience. x

CHAT ACROSS THE CABLE.

Mr. Sexton is pronounced out of danger.

The Platten Zee is frozen over for the first time in many years.

Wm. Chippendale, the comedian, died at London yesterday, aged 87.

It is reported that the Crown Prince will go to Cairo to spend the rest of the winter.

Mr. Gibson, Attorney-General for Ireland, has accepted the vacant Irish judgeship.

The English steamer Maude has foundered in the Black Sea. Sixteen persons were drowned.

The Paris Bourse was utterly upset yesterday, owing to the failure of a large bear operator.

Prices on the Berlin Boerse opened firm yesterday, but reacted under the influence of the Paris failure.

A Prussian spy, with maps and compromising documents in his possession, has been arrested at Czerinowitz, an Austrian town.

The projected national celebrations on the occasion of the silver wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales include a public holiday and court and public fetes.

The Italian Government has resolved to censure Princes Massino, Deldenago and Malatesta, who, although belonging to the army, attended the Pope's reception.

A rumor is current in London political circles that Lord Randolph Churchill will be offered the Governor-Generalship of Canada.

Wilfrid Blunt says that the court which is to hear his appeal has already decided to uphold the verdict and sentence in his case.

The Pope's speech to the pilgrims is regarded as distinctly putting an end to the idea of conciliation with the Italian Government.

Robt. Buchanan's new play, "Partners," was produced at the Haymarket Theatre, London, last evening. The piece was well received.

M. Caltimbach, an extensive Parisian speculator in Rio Tinto mining shares, failed yesterday with liabilities of 1,500,000 francs.

Mr. Edwin Arnold, already C.S.I., becomes a Knight Commander in the Order of the Indian Empire, and is henceforth Sir Edwin Arnold.

The American bark Eureka, which was supposed to have been lost off Waterford, has arrived at Queenstown. She reports having had a terrible passage.

Disastrous floods are reported in Seville. Six lives have been lost and many persons have been injured. The damage by the floods in Malaga is estimated at $200,000.

J. Guy, who defended O'Donnell, Carey's slayer, will appear as Callen's counsel. Callen was arrested at London last November on suspicion of being a dynamiter.

A court of professors, the rector of the university presiding, is enquiring into the recent riots amongst the Russian students. It is stated 400 students will be punished.

A secret tribunal has condemned to death the Nihilist Tschernoff and seven other prisoners, charged with an attempt on the Czar's life during his journey to the Don Cossack country.

The Canadian Gazette, in connection with the question of a new and improved Atlantic mail service, urges that the Canadian Government should interpret the public mind of Canada by deciding to secure a service at least equal to the existing New York service.

It is now known definitely that the vessel wrecked near Waterford, Ireland, was the American ship Alfred D. Snow, Capt. Wiley, which left San Francisco Aug. 31 for Liverpool. There is no doubt that every member of the crew perished.

—Those intolerably painful and constantly harassing things called piles, which trouble so many people, are soon healed by Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil—the great external remedy for physical suffering and means of relieving pain. A very small quantity achieves results of the most gratifying kind. x

CURLING AT MOSS PARK.

THE ANNUAL MATCH OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

"Skips" From the Ice—Entries for Coney Island and Brooklyn Events—Other News of the Turf—Races at the Humber—Spots of Sport.

The first of the annual matches, President v. Vice-President, played by the Moss Park curlers resulted yesterday in a victory for the President's team by 4 points.

PRESIDENT.	VICE-PRESIDENT.
Rink No. 1.	
J. Walton,	J. Sorley,
Dr. W. H. Clapp,	W. Paterson,
J. Richardson,	J. Brooke,
W. Summerfeldt, sk 10	R. Malcolm .....sk 13
Rink No. 2.	
P. T. Lee,	N. Whitelaw,
M. Hall,	N. Richards,
J. D. Hay,	J. Lugsdin,
J. P. Roger......sk 17	Dr. J. C. Clapp, sk 14
Rink No. 3.	
T. Gains,	R. Burgess,
W. Malcolm,	J. M. Pearen,
W. T. Allen,	P. T. Dunn,
W. Brown,	D. McCullough,
D. Carlyle.......sk 12	J. Lumbers.....sk 8
Total........39	Total.......35

Skips.

The Ontario tankard drawing in group 7 has been made as follows: Toronto Caledonian v. Milton, Brampton v. Georgetown and Toronto Granite v. Maple Leaf.

The Calidonians will send four rinks to Buffalo this month to defend the Davis cup which they won last year.

Four rinks of the Granite and Caledonian clubs will play a friendly match on the Montreal-street rink this evening.

Caledonians and Moss Parkers selected two skips last night for the Ontario tankard competition.

The Moss Parkers will play "points" next Thursday.

The Vice-Presidents of the Calidonians and the Moss Parkers entertained their opponents in the President v. Vice-President's match at an oyster supper last night. An enjoyable time was spent at both rinks.

The "annual" of the Ontario Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling club for 1888 has just been received. Its contents, embracing a variety of interesting facts have been carefully compiled by Secretary J. S. Russell.

Homing Pigeons.

The Boys' Homing Club has changed its name to the Aerial Homing Club, with the following officers: President, G. Vincent; Secretary, W. Lamont; Treasurer, H. Guelph. It is the object of the club to cultivate a taste for the breeding and training of the homing pigeon. The members expect to have some old bird races in the spring and in the fall. Any boy who intends entering into the "fancy" may get from the secretary, 416 Sherbourne-street, all necessary information.

The "Owls" Have a Good Time.

The Owl Gun Club held its annual supper last night in the Criterion. Some sixty members and guests were present and a thoroughly enjoyable time was spent. President Humphries was in the chair and beside him were Ald. Maughan, Geo. Pearsall and Jeff Warden of the Toronto Gun Club. These "Owls" were noticed in the gathering: J. R. Wells, Capt. A. J. Tymon, Geo. Warin, J. C. Unwin, W. McDowall, F. Mallett, C. Ayre, A. Beatty, W. Lush, H. Townsend, C. B. Harrison, T. Haemer, W. Musson, B. Clark, W. Dwyer, A. Austin, W. Kennedy, J. Graham, J. Arno, J. Lennox, F. Woods, T. Gunning, R. Charlton, J. Anderson, C. Doherty, T. Best, T. Coulter, J. Melrick, J. McGinn and W. Smith.

The toast list brought forth felicitous speeches from President Humphries, Ald. Maughan, W. Lush, W. McDowall, Capt. Tymon and G. Pearsall. At midnight an adjournment was made to the club's rooms on King-street and for an hour or more the merriment was unceasing, vocal and instrumental music being a feature. The "Owls" and their guests declare the reunion was the most successful of the club's many pleasant gatherings.

Gossip of the Turf.

Monitor, the old favorite race horse of the late George L. Lorillard, has been turned out at Monmouth Park to end his days in peace.

Bandala, who is owned in this city and showed up so well as a 2-year-old in 1886, is at Mrs. G. L. Lorillard's farm in New Jersey and heavy in foal to Sensation.

The Humber ice races will take place on Humber Bay Feb. 1 and 2. A good mile track has been got into shape and several of the local flyers are now being prepared on it for the meeting.

J. A. McMurray, a well-known trainer of race horses in New Zealand, is in the city visiting relations. Mr. McMurray has trained several of the prominent steeplechasers and flat racers there and will remain here over the summer in that capacity.

The American Jockey Club has added several new stakes to its spring meeting. The leading one is the City Handicap of $100 each with $5000 added. The other new stakes are a penalty and allowance race for all ages with $2000 added, at 1¼ miles; the Encore Stakes for 2-year-olds at ¾ mile; and the Decoration Day Steeplechase.

According to English advices, one of the grandest steeplechasers that ever looked through a bridle had to be shot recently. This was no less than the old Grand National winner Liberator. He had hurt his stifle, his recovery seemed hopeless, and his owner, Mr. Woodland, thought the kindest thing to do with the gallant old horse was to put him out of pain.

The Dwyer Brothers' string for this year will number 30 head: Pontiac, a.; Inspector B, a.; Hanover, 4; Kingston, 4; Bessie June, 4; Tea Tray, 3; Fordham, 3; Bay Ridge, 3; Prospect, 3; Mollie, 3; Belle B, 3; Battery, 3; Ocean, 3; Perkins, 3; Eon, 2; Paris, 2; Gold Fish, 2, and two unnamed 3-year-olds and eleven unnamed 2-year-olds. Tea Tray, Ocean and Perkins were recently purchased in the South and the 2-year-olds were all bought as yearlings.

A glance at the number of entries received up to date by the Coney Island and Brooklyn Jocky Clubs will show that the season of 1888 is more than ever promising, and judging by the class of entries received for the two big winter betting events—the Suburban and the Brooklyn Handicaps—the task of winning will be by no means an easy one. Among the horses entered for the above events are: Elkwood, Dry Monopole, Saxony, Raceland, George Oyster, Osceola, Saladin, Prince Royal, Oriflamme, Lady Primrose, Royal Arch, Fenelon, Exile, Kirkman, Hanover, Kingston, Joe Cotton, Bessie June, Biscuit, Ben Ali, Ferenzi, Aurelia, Blue Wing, Bob Fisher, Rightway, Stuyvesant, Dunboyne, Glenmound, Withrow, Arundel, My Own, Lizzie Baker, Linden, Rupert, Belvedere, Rustler, Burch, Mittie B, Eolian, Clamath, Long Knight, Wickham, Wilfred, Ariel, Benedictine, Richmond, Terra Cotta, Favor, Sir Dixon, Lorrington, etc.

Horsemen wintering about Coney Island look forward to the coming racing season with more than usual interest. To them it promises to prove a most profitable one. The general impression prevails among them that they are in a better shape now under existing circumstances than they have ever been before. Their horses are, as a rule, wintering well.

Racing is still being carried on at the Clifton and Guttenburg half mile tracks in New Jersey. The courses are kept in condition by a constant use of the harrow, and by covering them from time to time with a liberal sprinkling of sand and salt. The betting rings have been enclosed and are heated by stoves. All that now remains to be done to insure continuous racing throughout the winter is to enclose the entire track.

Apropos of the "half mile track rule," it is said that its force is to be tested in the law courts of New York. It will be remembered that at Mr. Scott's breaking up sale Mr. Timmons bought the colt Aftermath, with his engagements. The Coney Island Jockey Club has declined to recognize the transfer of engagements to Mr. Timmons, because by racing at the half-mile tracks he has outlawed himself from the privileges of the American, Coney Island and Brooklyn Jockey Clubs. As the matter now stands Mr. Scott is responsible for the original forfeits.

Dust From the Diamond.

Hamilton Spectator: Mr. Ormsbee accepted the terms of the Hamilton management, and although he has not affixed his signature to the contract sent to him some time ago, he has virtually signed. Surely Mr. Ormsbee is too honorable to try and wriggle out of it now. Secretary Dixon telegraphed him to sign the contract and if he does not return it at once another manager will be secured. Applications have been received from several gentlemen just as capable as Mr. Ormsbee.

Spots of Sport.

The second shoot for the silver challenge cups takes place at the Humber at Nurse's place to-day and to-morrow, commencing at 1 o'clock each day. Snow birds have been procured.

Oarsman William O'Connor has returned from a New Year's visit to friends in Portland, Maine.

Fifteen members of the Wanderers' Snowshoe Club tramped, on Wednesday night, under the leadership of Capt. McBrien, with Charles Doherty, jr., as whipper-in.

A fight in England between Jack Burke the Australian champion and Jake Kilrain in accordance with the former's challenge will probably be arranged. Several English sporting men have expressed their willingness to back Kilrain and Burke.

GREAT LUCK.

Good Fortune That Came by Chance and Business Sagacity.

One cannot help being struck with the important part the element of chance plays in the history of most men who acquire great fortunes.

It is peculiarly illustrated in the career of Thomas H. Williams, a California six millionaire. He went from Kentucky to the Pacific slope in 1849, and settled in Virginia City. As attorney for a mining company, he acquired a claim against it for $1500 for services, and when the company failed he bid in its mine for the amount of his claim.

He moved to San Francisco, years rolled on and the transaction passed from his mind, when he was one day approached by a representative of Flood, McKay & O'Brien, who offered him $100,000 for his long forgotten mine.

He was not a greenhorn and he at once refused the offer, as he did successive offers of $250,000 and $500,000. But when a member of the great firm came to see him with proffers of negotiation, they were not rejected and resulted in the reception of the firm's check for $6,000,000.

It was a great piece of luck, but the luck was supplemented by keen business sagacity. In April, 1887, Charles W. Sprague, an orange grower at Chaseville, Fla., was lying in bed, suffering the "torments of the cursed," with disease of the kidneys, with which he had been troubled for two years. He had been under the treatment of an eminent physician but kept growing worse. One day when, as he says, "even hope itself had become inanimate," a casual acquaintance happened in and advised the trial of Warner's safe cure.

He hesitated because it was a proprietary medicine, but the testimonials of its efficacy were so convincing that, as a business man, he could not doubt the wisdom of trying it. The result was that May 20, 1887, he wrote: "From the first dose I commenced to improve, and have now recovered my health."

Mr. Williams owes his large fortune and Mr. Sprague owes his life to chance, supplemented by good business judgment. It is no doubt true that fortune knocks at least once at the door of every man, but it is not every man, it seems, who has the good judgment to grasp opportunity by the forelock.

—What Toronto's well-known Good Samaritan says: "I have been troubled with Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint for over 20 years, and I have tried many remedies, but never found an article that has done me as much good as Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure." CLARA E. PORTER. x

THE FIRST FLOUR TRAIN.

Over the New "Soo" Route—Importance of the Line to Montreal.

From The Minneapolis Tribune.

The Minneapolis, Sault Ste. Marie and Atlantic Railway, the progress of which was reported in last year's annual review, is completed with 1887 from Minneapolis to its terminus at the straits which connect Lake Superior with the lower lakes. The Canadian railway connections are also completed to the straits on the other side, and the great international bridge is just finished. Minneapolis will celebrate the opening of 1888 and the opening of this pre-eminently important new route, by sending within a few days a great train load of flour by way of the "Soo" and Montreal through New England to Boston and thence to New York. The flour will be the incomparable Minneapolis product. Every one of the twenty-three mills that cluster at the Falls of St. Anthony will be represented in the train. These great mills each have an average capacity of 2000 barrels a day. The group includes the two largest mills in the world. The total annual product of more than 6,000,000 barrels is a larger amount than the aggregate output of the mills of the three or four other principal milling points of the country.

Minneapolis furnishes bread for two or three million people in Europe and for four million or more Americans. It will be a memorable event, the shipping of this first train load of the leading Minneapolis product over a new and direct route to the East which has been constructed by Minneapolis energy, is controlled by Minneapolis men, and officered for the most part by Minneapolis millers. It will mark the beginning of a great traffic movement. Estimating 150 barrels to the car, there are required 40,000 cars to carry to market the yearly flour product of Minneapolis, or more than 130 cars for each day in the year, Sundays omitted. When it is considered that this is a single item of traffic, originating at one point, continuing month by month the year around with remarkable evenness, it is not strange that the flour shipments of Minneapolis should have been so coveted by railway companies in the past and that competition for the business should have become so keen.

The "Soo" route will have to win its share of the business by competing successfully with the Burlington and Northern, which has taken the lion's share of the business from its older rivals by establishing an all-year rate of 7½ cents per hundred pounds on wheat and flour. But the "Soo" will be able to compete. Its all-rail route to New England by means of its close traffic arrangements with the Canadian roads will enable it to handle flour destined for the Upper Atlantic states at as low rates as can possibly be made by the Chicago routes. Its docks at Gladstone give it the best of all the numerous part rail, part water routes. From one-third to one-half of the Minneapolis flour goes to foreign countries; and ocean freights are as cheap from Montreal as from New York. But the haul from Minneapolis to tide-water at Montreal is less by about 200 miles than the haul to port at New York. Moreover, the cars can run from the Minneapolis mills directly to the docks at Montreal, and the barrels of flour will require no rehandling from the packing-room of the mill till they are hoisted from the car to the hold of the vessel. This saving of the Chicago and New York transfer charges is a very considerable item.

There is, therefore, every reason to believe that this first "flour train" will be the inaugural of a very large flour business over the new line. The returning cars will bring coal, salt, miscellaneous merchandise, and great quantities of lumber from the magnificent forests which the road penetrates. Iron ore will also furnish a heavy freight item for the road. Thus the "Soo" line, projected originally as a flour and wheat route with a view to the emancipation of Minneapolis' great trade in those commodities from the control of the Chicago trunk line pool, will enter upon its career assured not only of a large East-bound traffic in flour and wheat, but also certain of a heavy return business and a lucrative local traffic.

Police Court Cases.

Cornelius Dalton and Clara Dalton pleaded not guilty of child desertion before the Magistrate yesterday, and were remanded till to-day. John Ryan, charged with robbing Nicholas Burke, was remanded till Monday. Chas. Smith, for assaulting his stepmother, Annie Raffery, was sent to jail for twenty days. George Britton, charged with stealing from the window of James Gilmour's store, was sent down for five days. Fred Lewis, alias Allison, for stealing fur caps from L. Farwell, was remanded till Monday for sentence. George Morrison got thirty days for stealing an axe from Geo. Sexsmith. Peter Harrison, charged with stealing $3 from the pockets of a prisoner in the corridor of No. 2 Police Station, was sent for trial.

Registered at the Hotels.

Mr. J. S. Wilson of New York is at the Rossin.
Mr. Thomas Ridgedale of Montreal is at the Rossin.
Mr. J. M. Grant of Woodstock is at the Rossin.
Mr. James Ross of Sherbrooke is at the Queen's.
Mr. Thomas Davis of Buffalo is at the Queen's.
Dr. Montague, M.P. for Haldimand, is at the Walker.
Mr. J. G. Strong of Barrie is at the Walker.
Mr. W. A. Caulfield of Thorold is at the Walker.

At the Albion Hotel: J. Robinson, Rat Portage; G. Diamond, Lockport; J. Lorney, Winnipeg; J. Fraser, D. S. Fraser, Barrie; J. Hart, Montreal; F. Taylor, Aspdin; S. Reed, Chicago; J. H. Hough, Napanee; J. Mitchell, Hanover; A. Wright, Lindsay; F. Reynolds, Cobourg; D. Henderson, Guelph; A. Macleod, Kincardine; A. Spence, Harriston.

At the Grand Pacific Hotel: Geo. Edwards, New York; Harry J. Sylvester, Philadelphia; Miss Annie Zubrigg, Lesterville; Archie Reynolds, Hamilton; Robt. Dupuis, Hamilton; Chas. Lester, Brantford; Geo. H. Marsdon, Brantford; Robt. E. McCallister, agent Barry & Fay's Company; S. W. F. Smith, New York.

COAL BECOMING SC

IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE RE... LABOR TROUBLES.

The Strike More Complete Than Ever—...fections in the Ranks of the Non-Union Railroaders—Officials Refuse to Give Information.

READING, Pa., Jan. 5.—More coal trains than at any time for the past forty-eight hours are coming down the main line of the Reading Railroad to-night, but this is not due to activity in the Schuylkill coal regions. The latest from there to-night is that less individual collieries were working to-day than at any time heretofore and but two mines of the company were operated. The many coal cars now being rushed into this region contain coke from Western Pennsylvania. When the furnace men found that there was to be a scarcity of coal they immediately ordered coke, and this is now being used by some furnaces. Any coal scarcity that may arise in the future will not interfere with these furnaces. As an instance, to show the scarcity of coal in this city, it may be stated that a force of twenty men will be put at work in this city to-morrow morning to load the buckwheat coal that the company has stored near the round houses. There is about 40,000 tons of it and heretofore the company have made use of it all themselves, but they sold 1000 tons of it to a dealer in this city and they have a ready market for the rest.

The Strike More Complete Than Ever.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. —A special from Pottsville says: The miners' strike is more complete than ever. Hitherto the number of idle and working collieries has been willingly stated at the office of the Coal and Iron Company. To-day the officials there said that they had been instructed not to give out the figures. The miners say that the reason is that there are no Reading collieries working at all. The best information, however, is that the Suffolk colliery near Mahanoy City and the Brookside at Lower City are still working, but with crippled forces. The Henry Clay, a Reading colliery near Shamokin, was compelled to shut down to-day because the shaft running the machinery of the breaker was broken. Two Reading collieries, the Richardson at Glencarbon and the North Franklyn near Trevorton, were working yesterday but are closed to-day on account of the strike. One of the individual collieries, the William Penn near Shenandoah, which has been working under an agreement to continue to pay on the advanced basis pending settlement, shut down to-day. The reason is that the miners refuse to cut coal to be loaded on cars handled by non-union men. This is the first instance of the kind and it goes to show clearly that the strike of the miners is not alone on account of the wage question but is also intended to help their striking brethren of the railroad.

Alone in the Fight.

SHENANDOAH, Jan. 5.—Among the individual collieries that to-day conceded the advance was the Thomas Coal Co.'s Kebley Run colliery here. This leaves the Reading Co alone in the fight in this section, and with only four individual collieries in the whole lower anthracite coal field. The only hitch now feared in the case of the individual mines is the possible refusal of the miners to mine coal to be handled by non-union railroaders. The Reading Company has an abundance of empty cars side-tracked all through this section so that there will be no trouble for the individual operators to get cars if the railroad can move them after they are loaded. Its success with local freight is not an assurance.

A number of defections have been met with in the ranks of the non-union railroaders owing to the ostracism and inconveniences they meet. No boarding accommodation is obtainable. The company has been compelled to transfer several freight cars at Mahoney Plane into eating and sleeping rooms, while office and machine shops are likewise used for the same purpose.

A Settlement.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 5.—President Weihe, of the Amalgamated Association, and the Mill Committee at the American iron works, held a conference to-day, and virtually settled the scales so far as that firm is concerned.

The Carbolic Smoke Ball.

Patients in want of "The Smoke Ball," so popular in the city as a relief and permanent cure for catarrh, colds, etc., etc., will find a full supply as usual at Kennedy's Drug Store, 233 Queen-street west, opposite McCaul-street. 61

—Two Hitchings Hot Water Boilers for sale cheap. Apply Frank Wheeler, Hot Water Engineer, 58 and 60 Adelaide-st. West, Toronto. 135

DEATHS.

ADAMSON—At Stayner, Ont., on the 4th of Jan. 1888, Ann A., wife of Henry Adamson, aged 64 years.

MACDONELL—At 10 o'clock, p.m., Jan. 4, Annie Sparrow, the beloved wife of Alex. Macdonell, East Wing Parliament Buildings, aged 54 years, 11 months. Funeral 9.30 a.m., Saturday.

SMITH—At 42 Bismarck-avenue, Toronto, on 31st Dec. 1887, Margaret, widow of the late William Sanderson Smith of Liverpool, Eng., in the 84th year of her age, eldest surviving daughter of the late Thomas Elliot, surgeon and first Lieut. Royal Marines and great niece of the late Lieut. Gen. George Elliot, R.M. cousin to Gen. Elliott Lord Heathfield of Gibraltar.

WOODLEY—On Thursday 5th inst., Jane, widow of the late Thomas Woodley aged 6? years.

Funeral will take place from her late residence, 88 Seaton-street, on Saturday 7th inst. at 2.30 p.m. Friends will kindly attend without further notice.

THE NEW YEAR MADE BRIGHT BY WALKER.

Another year is past and gone,
The new year has begun;
And as we look back at the time,
And review what we have done,
The thought comes, are we better off?
Or has the year been spent
Without more comforts, and our homes
Showing no improvement?
If so, now is the proper time
To start up things anew;
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