

GLADSTONE'S CENTENARY.

Many Peoples' Pay Honor to the Great Statesman.

Services at Westminster, Hawarden and Other Places.

Address by James Bryce—Appreciation by Taft.

(A. P. Cable to the Times.)

London, Dec. 29.—The centenary of the birth of William Edward Gladstone was commemorated to-day not only in the land of his birth, but in countries like Greece, the Balkans and Armenia, whose people still cherish the memory of the statesman's exertions in their behalf.

Many foreign delegations joined in services which were held at Westminster. At Hawarden, where Mr. Gladstone died on May 19th, 1898, and at other points throughout the country, largely attended memorial meetings were held.

The statue of Gladstone, in the Strand, was fairly hidden beneath floral offerings that had come from all parts of the world, while his tomb in Westminster Abbey was covered with tributes, including a large solid silver wreath, received from the Government of Bulgaria.

BRYCE AND TAFT.

New York, Dec. 29.—James Bryce, the British Ambassador, delivered to a large audience in Carnegie Hall last night an address in commemoration of William E. Gladstone, whose birth occurred one hundred years ago to-day. The meeting was arranged by the Civic Forum, and a number of prominent personages, including J. P. Morgan, Jacob H. Schiff and Mrs. Russell Sage, were present. Former Mayor Seth Low presided. A letter from President Taft, regretting that he could not attend, was read.

ALL SAINTS.

Annual Entertainment of Sunday School Last Night.

At the annual Christmas entertainment of All Saints' Sunday school last evening an audience which completely filled the school room enjoyed the following programme: Song, Miss A. Fleming; dialogue, Miss Sweet and Miss Mephan; song, Miss E. Begin; recitation, Miss Stevens' class; drill, girls; recitation, Miss V. Hackbush; song, Miss Spital; chorus, Miss Milla's class; dialogue, Miss Stevens' class; song, Miss Sweet; recitation, Miss Jean Nicholson; dialogue, seven young ladies and gentlemen from the Bible classes. Accompanist, Mrs. Forneret. Then came the presentation of prizes by Archdeacon Forneret. The prizes consisted chiefly of prayer books handsomely bound, together with the new Canadian hymnal, which will be used in All Saints' Church when it reopens in the near future.

Misses A. Hill and Pumphrey were the recipients of Christmas remembrances from their classes. This evening the primary class will have its annual tea and Christmas tree, the management of them being undertaken by the Daughters of the King, under their president, Miss Mabel Thompson.

MOVING PICTURES AT Y. M. C. A.

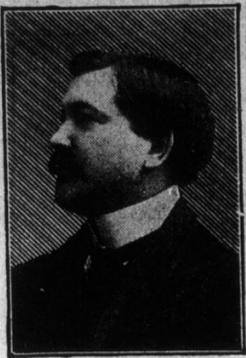
Another new set of the latest pictures have just arrived, and will be shown to-night and to-morrow, the latest and best pictures ever put on here. Admission 5 cents to all; evening 5 and 10 cents.

TRYING TO PICK THE CONTROLLERS.

Gardner Called to Lead With Allan and Peregrine in Order—Others Who Are Strong.

The City Hall prophets have been busy with their pencils since nomination day trying to figure out the election dope and have given it up as a bad job. Gardner, of the Markets Committee, is picked as the one best tip to head the poll, while the municipal tipsters predict that Chairman Allan of the Board of Works and Chairman Peregrine of the Finance Committee are almost sure of being in the first four. They think that the record of both these men in the Council will elect them. Ald. Cooper, Sweeney, Lees and Dutton, Ex-Ald. Bailey and Ex-Ald. Findlay will all be keen contenders. Ald. Wright, Frank Quinn, Dan Mahoney and Jim Miller are looked upon as hundred to one shots, and are not conceded a chance by the City Hall people.

The little clique of Hydro agitators will make one final effort to resurrect the power question as an issue in the elections on Monday. Ald. Cooper, Ex-Ald. Bailey, Frank Quinn and Ald. Wright met some of the aldermanic candidates at the Twentieth Century Club last night. A Hydro aldermanic slate is to be picked to-night. Ald. Cooper said to-day that he had not been asked to-day that he had not been asked to-day. This bears out the statement of



HON. MR. LEMIEUX.

OPERATED ON.

The Postmaster-General Suffering From a Tumor.

(Special Wire to the Times.)

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 29.—Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Postmaster-General of Canada, who has been operated upon for a tumor on the back of his head, is convalescing satisfactorily at his home. It is expected he will be able to get out in the course of a few days.

SAD SIDE ON CHRISTMAS.

Pathetic Story of Man En Route to Hamilton.

The Toronto News tells the following pathetic story:

It was the twenty-fourth of December, the day before Christmas, Charles Johnston, in his seventy-fifth year, arrived in Toronto penniless. He had nothing to eat, no place to spend the night, he had only forty miles to go to get to the home of his sister, after travelling nearly one thousand miles, and he begged for assistance. He was arrested and Christmas eve, and the day of celebration, and Sunday and Monday he spent in the police cells. To the police he told a sad story:

A machinist by trade, he was compelled by rheumatism to quit working in August last his home, at St. Andrew's Nova Scotia, was burned, and his wife and three daughters perished in the flames. When the house was burning, Johnston was sleeping on a couch in one of the downstairs rooms. His eldest daughter dragged her father out of the flames to safety. Re-entering the house, the girl attempted to save the lives of her mother and two sisters, but her life in the heroic attempt. The fire wiped out Johnston's family.

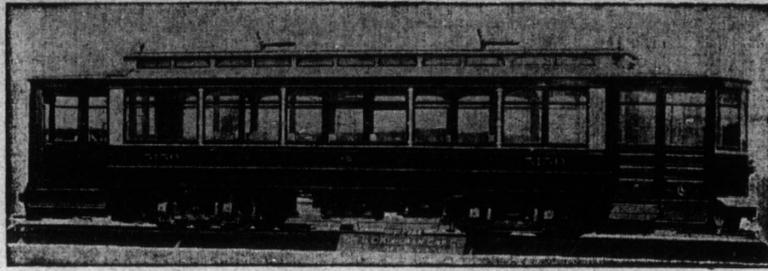
Johnston has a sister living in Hamilton, Mrs. Harry Jones. To her he decided to go to spend his declining years. When he arrived in Toronto his money was all spent, and he was unable to continue on his way.

The magistrate remanded Johnston, and City Relief Officer Hayler furnished him with the necessary money to take him to his sister's home at Hamilton, to where he was sent to-day.

NEW C. M. B. A. BRANCH.

A new branch of the C. M. B. A. is to be organized in this city to-morrow. The order has been making good progress here, and a lot of fine young men will be charter members of the new branch. The meeting will be held in St. Joseph's Church Hall. The officers will be elected and installed. Members of the other city lodges will be in attendance, as all have been invited.

The employees of Campbell & Sons' pottery wish to thank the firm for the gift of a fine turkey to each married man and also for the cash to each single man. They wish the company prosperity for the new year.



PAY-AS-YOU-ENTER CARS FOR HAMILTON STREET RAILWAY.

This is the type of car which the Hamilton Street Railway Company has decided upon, and which will be placed upon the system as soon as the reconstruction work is completed. In order to have this work proceeded with as soon as spring opens it will be necessary for the ratepayers to carry the good roads by-law next Monday. The widening of the devil strip for the larger type of cars and the completion of reconstruction work depend upon the city being provided with the money to do the necessary road work.

DILLONS' TRIBUTE TO THE LIBERALS.

Churchill Makes Things Lively—Nonconformists and Ireland—Case of the Lords.

(A. P. Cable to Times.)

London, Dec. 29.—T. P. O'Connor appeared before his constituents in Liverpool and was received with enthusiasm. John Dillon, M. P. for East Mayo, addressing a meeting at Swinford, declared that in the whole record of English government since the act of union was passed, no government had ever treated Ireland so generously as the present Government.

HOT SHOT FROM CHURCHILL.

Dr. Macnamara has issued a pamphlet on "The Political Situation, or Letters to a Workingman." It assails tariff reform, to a class who particularly appreciate the "dear bread" argument. Here is one passage: "In 1902-3 the Tories laid a tax on flour and corn, which brought in £2,500,000. After a year they took this tax off, although they needed the money badly. If they are, as they profess to be, the special friends of the workingman, and if, as they contend, the tax meant a lowering of the price of the loaf, why did they deliberately deprive the workingman of his beneficent influences after a single year's trial?"

Winston Churchill's speeches are responsible for much of the fire of the campaign, which has caused more excitement in many countries than anything else in years. Speaking at Liverpool, Churchill said, in sarcastic vein: "It was not the land taxes in the budget which hurt the feelings of the Lords. They could not bear to see the tobacco of the workingman taxed by a Liberal Government. And then they cannot bear to see the

whiskey which cheers the humble homes of the people—until there is often very little home left—this liquid food, so greatly reduced in consumption, with its marked and sensible difference in the habits of the people. That is what breaks Lord Lansdowne's honest heart."

THE NONCONFORMISTS.

Declaring that home rule for Ireland would be disastrous to the welfare of the United Kingdom, and pointing out that 20 years ago Nonconformists of all denominations took an active part in restraining Mr. Gladstone's home rule proposals, the Nonconformist Unionist Association calls for signatures to a petition of Mr. Balfour and Lord Lansdowne against home rule. The association asks Nonconformists to sign this petition: "We, the undersigned Nonconformists, desire to place upon record an expression of our continued conviction that any interference with the legislative union of Great Britain and Ireland will be disastrous to the welfare of the United Kingdom, and a menace to the rights of Protestant minorities in Ireland, and to assure you of our active support in your resistance to any proposals which would tend towards, or result in, the establishment of an independent Irish Legislature."

On the other hand, the executive council of the United Irish League has issued a manifesto over the signatures of T. P. O'Connor, John Redmond and F. L. Crilly, urging their fellow-countrymen to vote for all candidates who accept the declaration made by Premier Asquith at Albert Hall on December 10. "The moment has come," it says, "when it is (Continued on Page 3.)"

WHO IS HE?

Cheques May be All Right, or They May Not.

Miss Jennie Burgess, milliner, 122 James street north, has reported to the police that yesterday a young man called at her store between 12 and 1 o'clock and said he desired to purchase goods to the value of \$25, and requested that they be sent to Dundas. He offered a cheque in payment, but it was refused by the clerk, Miss Andrews.

He went out and returned later, and wanted to purchase a feather worth \$3.75, and presented a cheque for \$15 signed by a Charles Heron, payable on the Imperial Bank. Miss Burgess herself advised the stranger on his second visit. He said that he had set the first cheque he presented to Toronto to be cashed. However, he did not get any goods. He is described as about 25 years of age, five feet eight inches tall, fair complexion, grey eyes, well built, wearing a long rough overcoat, grey in color, and a brown Christy hat.

RYERSON GIRLS WON.

The close of a membership contest which has been carried on for the past six weeks in Ryerson Methodist Sunday School will be fittingly celebrated to-morrow night.

The boys and girls have taken opposite sides in an effort to increase the membership of the school before the New Year, and the result announced on Sunday last was that fifty-six new members had been added to the roll, the girls winning by one. According to the agreement at the beginning of the contest the losing side is to tender a banquet to the winners. The young men and boys of the school will therefore entertain the ladies and girls to-morrow evening. All those whose names are on the roll of any class in the Sunday School are invited to be present.

THE ASHTABULA.

(G. N. W. Despatch.)

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 29.—The car ferry Ashtabula, which was ashore at Port Burrell ten days, arrived at Cleveland yesterday afternoon, but she had trouble getting in on account of the heavy ice. She was stuck at the entrance to the harbor for about six hours. Wrecker Reid's tug Winslow accompanied her. The Ashtabula will be docked for repairs. Her machinery is said to be in bad shape.

THE SNEAD CASE.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Governor Hughes to-day authorized the extradition to New Jersey of Mrs. Caroline B. Martin and Mrs. Sneed, who are wanted in Newark on charges implicating them in the murder of Mrs. Orey Sneed in East Orange. Both women are under arrest in New York City.

VERY SUDDEN.

John McKenzie Fell Dead While Returning Home.

With tragic suddenness the death occurred yesterday of John McKenzie at Burlington, where he had resided for the past two years. Deceased had been in the custom of going for his mail every evening, and while on his return yesterday from the post office he dropped dead a short distance from his home, death being due to heart disease. Deceased, who was sixty-nine years of age, was well known in Hamilton, having for many years kept a wood yard on MacNab street, north of Mulberry, and later near the corner of Barton and Ferguson avenue. While in this city he was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church. He leaves two brothers and three sisters, Peter of Petralia, Donald, Mrs. M. Fleet, of Vancouver, and Miss McKenzie at home. The funeral will take place at 1 p. m. to-morrow from his late residence to Hamilton cemetery. Mr. McKenzie had been a Times reader ever since boyhood. He had a very large circle of friends in this city.

VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—The gospel of "votes for women" will be spread through Illinois by means of the drama, three companies are on the point of being organized in Chicago for amateur performance of places dealing with suffrage.

They will be produced on an elaborate scale. The performers, managers, stage hands and property bosses, are to be drawn from the ranks of the suffragists party exclusively.

THE ACCIDENT LIST.

Mrs. McLean, matron at No. 3 police station, slipped and fell on the sidewalk yesterday afternoon and broke her arm. William Bates, 17 Ferguson avenue, also slipped and fell on the sidewalk yesterday afternoon and broke several ribs. He was taken to the City Hospital. He is doing nicely to-day.

Joseph Bond, who was badly burned in the steel plant on Monday night, is doing well in the City Hospital.

The Value of an Egg.

That nice rich flavor so often lacking in winter eggs is always assured by using Hume's Poultry Spice. Hens also lay more eggs. Sold by Parke & Parke.

AT THE SAN.

To-morrow St. Elizabeth Chapter will give their annual Christmas tree entertainment at the San, to be followed by an order supper for the patients and afternoon tea for the visitors. All daughters of the Empire are cordially invited to be present. Take the 1.30 car on the Brantford line.

The Man In Overalls

1909 is on its last legs.

Practice writing 1910.

Will it be necessary for you to turn over a new leaf?

Act the man in the present. Leave the future to itself.

Have you to swear off?

Find out where you vote?

Be thankful you're not a candidate.

If you go on a skate let it be on the ice or in the rink.

See the Times for British election news.

The talk in the streets is that Stewart has quitted himself in West Hamilton. He is the kind of politician that can't speak without talking.

My boyhood friend, John Harris, was lucky to have the Christmas rush over before he fell down and stepped on himself. Here's wishing him a speedy recovery and a Happy New Year.

About this time Christmas trees should be pruned.

The Mayor may now have some time to attend to the beautification of the face of the mountain.

There will be nine unsuccessful controller candidates. Suppose we form them into a Publicity Committee.

"A hand of journalistic reputation assassins." That is what the Mayor calls the Herald chaps. Well, by jingo, they look like it.

Of course, you wish now that you had made better use of the year that is dying. But what did I tell you at the beginning, and how did you treat my advice?

Perhaps while he is in the spot light, ex-Mayor Biggar will tell us when we are to get some more York Loan money.

The other day Ald. Hopkins was the Herald's white-haired boy. To-day the Herald uses him as a door mat. Such is fame.

Peregrine and Gardner are still my favorite controller candidates. I haven't picked the other two yet.

Now let us have ex-Mayor Biggar's version of that historic meeting, and see if it tallies with that of the "hand of journalistic reputation assassins."

Am I to understand from all that babble that it is an offence for the Mayor to talk civic affairs with the aldermen? What rot?

So my great-grandfather is a dead issue.

T. J. Stewart's appearance as a common scold is not doing him any good in West Hamilton, you will notice.

The Herald is now fighting with its back to the wall and praying for night or Blucher.

The question now before the House is: Have the hotel men got a slate?

What makes the grafters mad is missing a chance to grab some of Hopkins' easy money.

Only two more days to 1910.

Shop ea— I beg your pardon.

COLLEGIATE OLD BOYS.

The Hamilton Collegiate Old Boys held a reunion in the form of a roller skating party last night, at the Alexandra Rink. There were sixty couples on the floor, which was in excellent condition, and with the good band numbers and the rendering of college songs and yells a merry evening was spent. The party broke up shortly after midnight, voting it the best night ever.

The boys desire to thank the management of the rink for the excellent treatment they received.

For New Year's.

A most complete stock of imported and domestic wines and liquors, all the leading kinds of table waters, imported and domestic ginger ale; also domestic ale in prime condition specially brewed and bottled; very old native port; we have it twenty-eight years old, a very fruity, full flavored wine; dainty biscuits, including Huntley & Palmer's short bread, Twickenham, puff, macaroons, Nabisco, Festino and many others.—Bain & Adams.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.



MR. GEORGE VALLANCE, Member of the wholesale hardware firm of Wood, Vallance & Co., who died this morning.

SON ARRESTED

Accused of Stealing Horse Belonging to Father.

Detective Coulter went to Brantford this morning, and brought Martin Loudon, of Chedoke, back to the city. Loudon was arrested there last night at the request of the local police, on a charge of horse stealing. The warrant was sworn out by the young man's father.

It is alleged that three weeks ago Loudon borrowed a horse and buggy from his father and drove to Simcoe to see his uncle. He stayed there up to yesterday, when it is alleged he drove to Brantford and sold the horse and cutter for the nominal price of \$70. Hearing of the sale, and marveling at the ridiculously low price, the Brantford police made inquiries, and learned that the outfit did not belong to the seller. The local police were notified, and they communicated with Mr. Loudon, and hence the warrant being sworn out. The accused told the detective this morning that the cutter was sent to him when he was at Simcoe, from Hamilton, but he does not know who sent it. He will be arraigned before Magistrate Jells in the morning.

ACCLAMATION.

All the Retiring Members of Separate School Board Re-elected

Nominations for the Separate School Board took place in the seven wards of the city to-day. In each case the retiring member was re-elected by acclamation, to hold office for two years. They are:

- Ward 1—Charles Robertson.
- Ward 2—M. J. Foster.
- Ward 3—Geo. Southworth.
- Ward 4—W. P. Keating.
- Ward 5—T. J. Coughlin.
- Ward 6—James Keating.
- Ward 7—P. Ronan.

FROM HAVANA.

To-day a big shipment of tobacco arrived for the Geo. E. Tuckett & Son Co., Limited, of this city, and will be used in the manufacture of the famous Marguerite and Club Special cigars. It came from Havana, Cuba, and it is said that the consignment is one of the best ever received. It took 21 lorries to hold it all. There were over 120 tons in the lot and the display was quite an attraction on the streets.

Just For a Smoker.

A rubber tobacco pouch is the correct thing for your cut tobacco. It prevents waste and keeps the tobacco in good condition. Fine rubber pouches are sold at peace's pipe store, 107 King street east.

COLD WEATHER IS DRIVING THEM IN.

Unfortunates Forced to Seek Shelter at Police Station—An Assault Case.

Since the snow came a few days ago, bringing with it more severe weather, the homeless and penniless have been reluctantly compelled to seek at No. 3 police station nightly to call shelter.

William McAllister, of uncertain abode, poked his head in the station door last night; as he was not rebuffed for doing so, he walked in, rubbed his hands, then his face, which was pinched, blue, red and white, and told the deskman the frequent frowns he had received from Madame Fortune for some time past.

Santa Claus had not shown him the slightest consideration, for food he had not tasted for some time. He was accommodated with a room in the annex, and this morning went upstairs and was docketed for vagrancy. He pleaded guilty with delight, and the man on the throne said: "Three months or \$5."

Two years ago Adolf Ernest made cuckoo clocks in Germany. He was born in the shadow of the Vosges Mountains. But even in that seemingly remote spot the golden opportunities of this country are known. One day as he was putting the right note in a cuckoo's throat, he imagined he received a call to the land where the maple tree grows. Forthwith

CLOSE OF A USEFUL LIFE.

Mr. George Vallance Died at His Home This Morning.

Prominent Figure in the Commercial Life of Hamilton

And Ardent Supporter of Curling and Yachting.

After a useful life of 62 years Mr. George Vallance, a member of the firm Wood, Vallance & Co., passed away early this morning at his residence, 160 Hughson street south. He had been ailing in health for two or three months and had been confined to his home for the past three or four weeks. Last summer he had taken a trip to England for recuperation. Deceased was the youngest son of the late Mr. Hugh Vallance, who was connected with Her Majesty's Customs, and at the age of sixteen years he entered the employ of the firm of Wood & Leggat and had been connected with the business ever since. In 1880 on the retirement of Matthew Leggat the partnership was reorganized and Mr. Vallance given an interest in the business and the firm's name was changed to Wood, Vallance & Company and has remained so ever since. Up to the time of his illness he had been actively engaged in the affairs of the firm and was well liked by all. He was an active and faithful adherent of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church and for many years was a member of the Fenian Raid, having served at Ridgeway as a member of the 13th Regiment. He was not a member of any society. While a man of a retiring disposition he was influential in the financial and social life of Hamilton. He made and kept close friends and his death will be felt as a deep personal loss by them all. Without seeking prominence he contributed largely to many charitable institutions and philanthropic objects.

Mr. Vallance was also an ardent lover and supporter of clean sports. He was a member of the Thistle Club and a good curler and was also a member of the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club and a good yachtsman.

He leaves besides a widow, one brother and two sisters, William Vallance, of the firm of Wood, Vallance & Co.; Lady Taylor, of this city, and Mrs. Hill, of Bisbee, Arizona. The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock from his late residence to Hamilton cemetery.

THE SWITCHMEN.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 29.—The offer of the Northwestern railroads to abide by the Chicago wage conference and to re-employ the striking switchmen as fast as places could be found for them was withdrawn to-day.

The strikers now are awaiting the result of the conference to be held in Washington on Friday between President Perham, of the Railway Telegraphers' Union, and the members of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

STUDENTS' CONVENTION.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 29.—With 5,000 delegates present from all parts of the United States, and some from abroad, the quadrennial convention of the Students' Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions was scheduled to open at 3 o'clock this afternoon in Convention Hall for a five-days' session. At 8 o'clock this morning registration of delegates began.

TORONTO COLD.

(G. N. W. Despatch.)

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Toronto is to-day experiencing the coldest weather of the season so far. The observatory thermometer registered 4 below zero at 8 a. m., but readings at various suburban points taken about the same time ranged from 6 to 10 below.

The members of the 13th Bugle Band are requested to attend a special practice to-night.

he gathered together what belongings were his and sailed from Bremen. Poor Adolf did not think that to succeed in Canada a man needs to be robust in health and sound in mind, and he is neither. No wonder, then, that his luck has been hard. Yesterday he arrived here almost on the verge of collapse from exhaustion. Constables Cameron and Barrett found him on King William street last night. From the youth they learned he had been working for a farmer near Merriton, but was discharged on the ground of incompetency. He told a sad story of hardships endured and out of kindness the officers took the boy down to the cells. He also was docketed for vagrancy, and when sentenced to three months or \$2 seemed grateful to the magistrate. He took the former.

Though Thomas Hawkins, Rossland avenue, did not actually strike Mrs. Emma Slack, of Crown Point, he was found guilty of assault, by reason of threats he emitted and accompanying gestures. Thomas was fined \$5, out of which Mrs. Slack will be paid \$1.55, the amount of a bill Hawkins owed her. The trouble arose, according to the complainant, when she went to collect the money. She knocked at the door of the Hawkins' domicile, politely asked (Continued on Page 10.)