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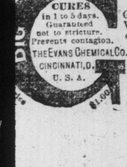
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M'KINLEY'S MESSAGE.

The President's Address to the Fifty-Fifth Congress.

REMARKS AS TO CURRENCY.

Cost of Maintaining the Parity of Different Forms the Great Difficulty.

Cuba Presents the Most Difficult Problem in Foreign Relations—Annexation of Hawaii and the Nicaraguan Canal—Bimetallism and Reciprocity—Alaska and the Yukon Must Not be Neglected—An Important Deliverance.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The fifty-fifth Congress of the United States was opened today. President McKinley's address first expressed his pleasure at meeting the Congress, and then went on to give his ideas of various current questions. The currency question was first touched upon, and the President says:

The work of putting our finances upon a sound basis, difficult as it may seem, will appear easier when we recall the financial operations of the Government since 1866. On June 30 of that year we had outstanding demand liabilities in the sum of $728,868,447. On Jan. 1, 1879, the liabilities had been reduced to $443,880,495. Of our interest-bearing obligations, the figures are even more striking. On July 1, 1866, the principal of the interest-bearing debt of the Government was $2,332,331,208. On July 1, 1893, this sum had been reduced to $585,037,100, or an aggregate reduction of $1,747,294,108.

With the great resources of the Government and with the honorable example of the past before us, we ought not to hesitate to enter upon a currency revising which will make our demand obligations less onerous to the Government and relieve our financial laws from ambiguity and doubt. There are many plans proposed of a remedy for the evil. Before we can find the true remedy, we must appreciate the real evil. It is not that our currency of every kind is not good, for every dollar of it is good—good because the Government's pledge is out to keep it so. The evil of the present system is found in the great cost to the Government of maintaining the parity of our different forms of money; that is, keeping all of them at par with gold.

The President says: I earnestly recommend, as soon as the receipts of the Government are quite sufficient to pay all the expenses of the Government, that when any of the United States Notes are presented for redemption in gold and are redeemed in gold, such notes shall be kept and set apart and only paid out in exchange for gold. If we are to have any era of prosperity in the country, with sufficient receipts for the expenses of the Government, we may feel no immediate embarrassment from our present currency, but the danger still exists and will be ever present, menacing us so long as the existing system continues.

I recommend that the issue of national bank notes be restricted to the denomination of $10 and upwards. If this suggestion is favorably made shall have the approval of Congress, then I would recommend that national banks be required to redeem their notes in gold.

The Cuban Question.

The most important problem with which this Government is now called upon to deal pertaining to its foreign relations concerns its duty towards Spain and the Cuban insurrection. Problems and conditions more or less in common with those now existing have confronted this Government at various times in the past. The story of Cuba for many years, has been one of unrest, growing discontent; an effort toward a larger enjoyment of liberty and self-control; of organized resistance to the Mother Country; of depression and disaster and distress and warfare and of ineffectual settlement to be followed by renewed revolt. For no enduring period since the enfranchisement of the Continental possessions of Spain in the western continent, has the condition of Cuba or the policy of Spain toward Cuba not caused concern to the United States.

Of the untried measures there remain only: Recognition of the insurgents as belligerents, recognition of the independence of Cuba, neutral intervention to end the war by imposing a rational compromise between the contestants and intervention in favor of one or the other party. I speak not of forcible annexation, for that cannot be thought of.

After reviewing the "practicable aspects of a recognition of belligerency and its inconveniences and positive dangers," the President reaches the conclusion that "The recognition of the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents is now unwise and therefore inadmissible."

Annexation of Hawaii.

By a special message, dated the 16th of June last, I laid before the Senate a treaty signed that day by the plenipotentiaries of the United States and of the Republic of Hawaii, having for its purpose the incorporation of the Hawaiian Islands as an integral part of the United States and under its sovereignty. The Senate, having removed the injunction of secrecy, although the treaty is still pending before that body, the subject may be properly referred to in this message because the necessary action of the Congress is required to determine by legislation many details of the eventual union, should the fact of annexation be accomplished, as I believe it should be.

The logic of events required that annexation, heretofore offered but declined, should in the ripeness of time come about as the natural result of the strengthening ties that bind us to those islands and be realized by the free will of the Hawaiian State.

That treaty was unanimously ratified without amendment by the Senate and President of the Republic of Hawaii on the 10th of September last, and only awaits the favorable action of the American Senate to effect the complete absorption of the islands into the domain of the United States. What the conditions of such a union shall be are matters which the treaty has wisely relegated to the Congress.

The Nicaraguan Canal.

The President refers briefly to the Nicaraguan Canal, saying that its utility and value to American commerce is universally admitted. When the commission which is now surveying the route makes its report it will be submitted to Congress with such suggestions as the President may think advisable.

The Bimetallic Commission.

Reference is made at length to the bimetallic commission, appointed last April, and the efforts of the commissioners to reach an agreement with the nations of Europe. They have, the President says, been diligent in their efforts to secure the concurrence and co-operation of European countries, but up to this time have not been able to secure an agreement contemplated by their mission. The commissioners have no[illegible] their final report, as further w[illegible] are pending.

Reciprocity.

In order [illegible] as early as possible the provisions [illegible] and fourth sections of the re[illegible]oved July 24, 1897, I appointed t[illegible] A. Kasson of Iowa, a special [illegible] plenipotentiary to undertake th[illegible]e negotiations with foreign count[illegible] desiring to avail themselves of these provisions. The negotiations are now proceeding with several Governments, both European and American. It is believed that by a careful exercise of the powers conferred by that act some grievances of our own and of other countries in our mutual trade relations may be either removed or largely alleviated, and that the volume of our commercial exchanges may be enlarged, with advantage to both contracting parties.

The Sealing Question.

The efforts which had been made during the two previous years by my predecessor to secure better protection of fur seal in the North Pacific Ocean and Behring Sea were renewed at an early date by this Administration and have been pursued with earnestness. Upon my invitation the Governments of Japan and Russia sent delegates to Washington and an international conference was held during the months of October and November last, wherein it was unanimously agreed that under the existing regulations this species of useful animals was threatened with extinction and that an international agreement of all the interested powers was necessary for their adequate protection.

The Government of Great Britain did not see proper to be represented at this conference, but subsequently sent to Washington, as delegates, the expert commissioners of Great Britain and Canada, who had during the past two years visited the Pribyloff Islands and who met in conference similar commissioners on the part of the United States. The result of this conference was an agreement on important facts connected with the condition of the seal herd, heretofore in dispute, which should place beyond controversy the duty of the country.

It is an unfortunate fact that there is only one dock on the Pacific Coast capable of docking our largest ships and only one on the Atlantic Coast, and that the latter has for the last six or seven months been under repair and, therefore, incapable of use. Immediate steps should be taken to provide three or four docks of this capacity on the Atlantic Coast, at least one on the Pacific Coast, and a floating dock in the Gulf.

Alaska and the Yukon.

The territory of Alaska requires the prompt and early attention of Congress. The conditions now existing demand material changes in the laws relating to the territory. The great influx of population during the past summer and fall and the prospect of a still larger immigration in the spring will not permit us to longer neglect the extension of civil authority within the territory or postpone the establishment of a more thorough Government. The startling, though possibly exaggerated, reports from the Yukon River country of the probable shortage of food for the large number of people who are wintering there without means of leaving the country, are confirmed in such measure as to justify bringing the matter to the attention of Congress.

The Estimates.

Secretary Gage to-day transmitted to Congress the estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, as furnished by the several executive departments. The total amount called for by the estimates is $462,647,885, which is about $32,000,000 in excess of the appropriations for 1898, including deficiencies and miscellaneous, and about $41,000,000 more than the estimates for 1897.

These amounts include estimates for rivers and harbors, $48,728,160, and fortifications and other works of defence, $13,378,571.

There was no demonstration until the reading was concluded, when the Republicans joined in a hearty expression of approval. Immediately after the reading of the message the House adjourned.

In the Senate the attendance, both on the floor and in the galleries, was notably large.

The reception and reading of the President's message was the important and only feature of the day.

Fell Down the Marble Stairs.

Representative Belden of New York, one of the veteran members of the House of Representatives, was seriously injured today, by falling down the marble stairs leading from the floor of the House to the basement of the Capitol.

From the hasty examination made by the doctors, it was feared concussion of the brain might be brought on.

BRITISH COMMENTS.

Various Views Presented on the Deliverance of the President.

London, Dec. 7.—The Daily Chronicle describes President McKinley's message as "weak and colorless compared with the vigorous handling of public questions to which Mr. Cleveland accustomed us." It says: "The explanation of this is simple. Mr. Cleveland was in front of Congress; Mr. McKinley is behind it. The President's conception of the currency issue are positively childlike in their simplicity. It is safe to prophesy that his treatment of the Cuban question will be received with a storm. The annexation of Cuba would be a deplorable mistake, but the reasons for refraining from that course are not the milk-and-water ones McKinley advances."

The Morning Post, after paying a tribute to the President's "fine sense of duty, in the face of domestic trouble, in sending the message at the appointed hour," says: "The message adumbrates a scheme of legislative effort less shortsighted and less calculated to set class against class than the misguided policy of the last session. On the Cuban question the President is vague and diffuse, but studiously correct. Cuban matters, however, are unimportant as compared with the grave issues of domestic affairs. The big battle of the session will be fought on the ground of home politics and finance."

The editorial specially praises President McKinley's treatment of the currency question.

Pretext for Gaining Time.

The Daily Telegraph says: "It used to be America's proud boast that she had no foreign policy. Judging from President McKinley's message, the new world is no more free from the burdens of diplomatic negotiations than the old. In a document of portentous length, mostly intended for Spanish consumption, President McKinley has devised a specious pretext for gaining time. It contains passages that will certainly wound Spain's national susceptibilities; the whole tone, though meant to be conciliatory, savors too much of the magisterate availing himself of the first offender's act to be very acceptable at Madrid. Spain may not be so thick-skinned as we are to these delicate usages of America's diplomatic courtesy.

"Moreover, there are serious dangers of revolution in Spain, and the indiscreet adjectives President McKinley applied to General Weyler's policy will not lessen the latter's popularity. Much depends upon the attitude of Congress. If, as our correspondent thinks, the jingoes acquiesce in the decision of the Executive, and give the Spaniards a chance, all may yet be well, but recent experience does not make us over sanguine."

The Daily Mail says it is "very satisfactory that President McKinley comes out so strong against the jingoes."

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Oysters! Oysters!

The Toronto public are getting well posted on the quality and flavor of oysters and know that much of the goods sold as Baltimore stock, are very indifferent and not shucked under the laws of the State of Maryland, which compels all small fry and undersized stock to be deposited back in the water for further growth. By asking for Booth's brands you are ensured of full flavored and full size stock. Cleghorn's, agents.

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HELD UP BY MASKED MEN.

Highway Robbery at Toronto Junction Last Night—Bakery Wagon Driver Loses His Money.

Mr. Scott, who drives the bakery wagon for Mr. Bryson, was held up last night by two masked men on Mackenzie-avenue and robbed of between $12 and $14.

Mr. Scott jumped off his wagon to go to the door of one of his customers, when the two men came up to him. One put a revolver to his head and demanded him not to move, while the other took a sharp knife and cutting the strap which held his money satchel over his shoulder ran off with the contents.

The robbery occurred just outside the city limits, near the C. P. R. tracks, McKenzie-avenue being a continuation in the township of Lansdowne-avenue in the city.

It is surmised that the men were waiting to steal a ride on a train, and seeing a favorable opportunity to make a small haul took advantage of it.

Another Robbery by Footpads.

Edward Picton, a youthful newsdealer, who lives at 485 Palmerston-avenue, was coming down Dovercourt-road, north of the Canadian Pacific Railway tracks, between 5 and 6 o'clock last night, when two men who were masks and carried revolvers attacked him and robbed him of $1 in silver and coppers, his collections for the day. The lad reported the occurrence to the police at No. 7 station. The highwaymen are probably the same who held up a Junction man and robbed him of $14 last night, as the scene of each occurrence was not far away.

Miss Butler's Protest.

London, Dec. 6.—It developed to-day that Miss Butler wrote to Miss Frances E. Willard last week resigning the superintendency of the purity branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, unless the latter unequivocally pronounced against the six propositions of the vice-president, Lady Henry Somerset, sent to Lord George Hamilton, the Secretary of State for India, in April last, relative to the Indian army, which Miss Butler describes as being an extreme form of the regulation of vice.

Italian Cabinet Crisis.

Rome, Dec. 6.—The Cabinet to-day formally tendered its resignation to King Humbert, who reserved his decision. It is expected that the Marquis Di Rudinì, the present Premier, will be entrusted with the task of re-forming the Ministry.

At the meeting of the Chamber of Deputies to-day, Marquis Di Rudinì announced the resignation of the Cabinet, and the House adjourned.

King Humbert has entrusted the Marquis Di Rudinì with the task of constructing a new Cabinet, and the Marquis asks time to reflect.

Germany Proposes a Long Lease.

London, Dec. 6.—The Berlin correspondent of The Times believes that Germany has proposed to China to take a lease at a nominal sum of Kiao Chou Bay and adjacent territory for a "long period."

Thomas Quigley Killed.

Pakenham, Ont., Dec. 6.—A married man of Pakenham Township, named Thomas Quigley, was killed by the fast freight train going West on Sunday morning, about 1 o'clock. He was walking on the track on his way home from Arnprior. He leaves a wife, four sons and four daughters. He was about 50 years of age.

Why the Grand Was Dark.

Owing to the illness of Miss Belle Westbrook, leading lady with Joseph Murphy, the Grand Opera House was dark last night. Miss Westbrook's physician says she will be able to appear to-night.

Christmas Crackers.

Chistmas time is not complete without costume crackers. We carry the largest assortment in Toronto—Rains Bros.'. Tom Smith's, and the leading German manufactures, ranging in price from 15c per box up. George S. McConkey, confectioner, 27 and 29 King-street west.

Artistic Framing.

Supply of new Mouldings just received; also assortment of Engravings and Etchings. A. H. Young, 498 Yonge-street. 246

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The Provincial Fat Stock Show opens at Brantford to-day.

Eleven supernumerary custom house tide waiters were laid off in Montreal on Saturday for the winter.

The dwelling of Gordon Baker, jr., at Osnabruck Centre, Ont., was burned on Saturday night, with its contents.

James Warner, aged 71, an old and esteemed resident of Niagara Township, died on Sunday, leaving two sons and two daughters.

Rev. Dr. John Philip of St. Catharines, formerly of Broadway Tabernacle, Toronto, has been invited to the First Methodist Church of St. Thomas.

John Guinter, well known as a cattle exporter to England, died on Sunday, at his residence, near St. John's, in Lincoln County. He had lived on his farm 48 years.

Mr. Belcher of Brantford has found his wife living with John Guss, whom she lately married in Otterville, South Oxford, and a lawsuit for bigamy is promised.

Thomas Costello has been committed for trial at Aylmer, Que., on the charge of bigamy, and Flora McPherson, his alleged paramour, has been committed for trial at Pembroke.

A diphtheria epidemic is raging at Stony Creek, near Hamilton, and the day schools have been closed. There is much alarm in the village, where several deaths have occurred. There is talk of closing the Sunday schools.

Lieut.-Col. Strathy of the Royal Scots, Montreal, transferred the arms and equipment of the Royal Scots Regiment over to Major Ibbotson, and it is expected that the latter will shortly be gazetted as commander of the regiment.

Difference Respecting Wages.

James Cunningham, a youth, who lives at Newtonbrook, was locked up at Police Headquarters last night on a charge of stealing $10 from John Lewis, 75 Duke-street, for whom he had been working as a teamster. The arrest was made on a warrant and there appears to have been some mistake, as the complainant suppded the prisoner with a substantial meal and intimated that the matter had to do with a misunderstanding regarding wages.

Fell and Broke His Leg.

John Barleycorn the Second went sauntering homewards yesterday evening, carrying a very high head and his usual jag. Just as he was passing the corner of King and Bay-streets his heels flew from under him and he came in sudden, unexpected contact with the pavement. He continued his journey in the ambulance. The cause of his mishap was a cuff, labelled i.x.l. steam laundry, seventy-eight Queen west.

"Salada" Ceylon Tea is healthful.

Jumping on George Washington.

Mr. D. S. Macorquodale at the weekly meeting of the Young Liberal Club last night drew up a resolution that the Hon. G. W. Ross' speech at the British Empire League meeting was in direct opposition to the principles of the Liberal party, and this resolution is to be debated on next Monday night at the weekly meeting.

Grand & Toy's Snaps.

We have a handsomely bound 1000-page Letter Book, which we are selling for $1.25, usual price $2. If it's a good thing, we have it. Grand & Toy, Stationers and Printers, Wellington and Jordan-streets, Toronto.

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PERSONATORS PUNISHED.

Fred. Doherty of Eglinton Sent to Prison for One Month and Fred. Raynor Three Months.

"This is a very serious offence against society and the sentence which I shall pass must make this case an example to others and a lesson to the prisoners. If I allow it to pass over with a fine, personation in future could be paid a large enough fee to cover the fine. The prisoners' respectability only aggravates the offence. If they came from low, ignorant families their environment would have been some excuse."

Judge McDougall thus expressed himself yesterday before dealing with Fred J. Doherty of Eglinton and Fred J. Raynor of Toronto, the former of whom personated Raynor at the Trinity matriculation in June, 1896, for $25. His Honor sentenced Doherty, the personator, to one month in jail, with hard labor, and Raynor to three months in the Central Prison.

At the time the charge was laid Raynor was a dental student and Doherty was a student at the Toronto School of Medicine. Detective Wasson and County Constable Boyd worked up the case.

Is This a Fur Christmas?

Furs are either more popular for Christmas gift-making than ever before, or Christmas prosperity is greater with most people this year than in some years past. Dineens' new store, cor. Yonge and Temperance, was thronged with ladies yesterday at the opening holiday display of new fur styles, and some very rich garments were among the number sold. In Mr. Dineen's opinion the unusual demand for furs is due to the fact that furs of every description are the fashion in a more pronounced degree than ever before. So many lovely, inexpensive fancies in fur-wear, which add greatly to ladies' dress and comfort, are designed in this season's styles that there is a ready, steady sale for them. And the fact that furs will always remain fashionable is another reason why people do not hesitate to purchase when it can be afforded. From an economical standpoint, even, furs of good quality, with a guaranteed prospect of outlasting many seasons, are recognized as most sensible and desirable investments, and for that reason they are considered the most substantial ideals of delightful Christmas gifts. Dineens' new store, with its great fur department—the largest in Canada—is filled with fur Christmas suggestions, and Dineens' fur prices delight Christmas buyers.

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Pure Food Show Over.

The first Pure Food Show held in Toronto has been a big success, and the housewives of Toronto, for the next few weeks, will serve up numerous dishes concocted upon the recipes given there. They will use good judgment also in buying their coal at Kents', as it is fast becoming an established fact that this coal gives the best satisfaction. Kents' office is at 65 Yonge-street, below King, opposite Webb's. 246

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W. Open all night. Bath and bed $1.

Just Arrived.

Victor E. Gianelli, who is agent for Haig & Haig, London, Eng., distillers since 1679, has just received a large consignment of their celebrated old Scotch and Irish whiskeys. Try them—once tried, always used. All leading wine merchants keep them. 246

DEATH OF EX-ALD. BELL.

He Expired at One O'Clock This Morning—The Career of a Respected and Useful Citizen.

Ex Ald. William Bell died at 1 o'clock this morning at his residence, 16 Foxley-street, after a severe illness, which culminated in typhoid fever. The news of his death will be learned with deep regret by thousands of the citizens and many members of the Orange Order throughout Ontario. No man was more popular in No. 5 Ward during the time he represented it in the City Council, as was proved by the big majorities he generally received. Whilst a member of the City Council the deceased paid special attention to the Fire and Light Department, and was chairman of the committee. It was in connection with Orangeism, however, that he was most widely known, having been for many years a most active member of the order, and having filled its more important positions.

The late Mr. Bell was an Englishman by birth, his father having been connected with the Royal Engineers. When young, deceased came to Canada and worked as an engineer for a number of years. It was owing to this qualification that he received the appointment of mechanical engineer of Government Buildings, at the hands of the late Conservative Government. Deceased was a forceful speaker, and all through life had the power of attaching to himself hosts of friends, who will regret the somewhat sudden taking off of one who was highly respected, a genial and true friend and a useful citizen.

VICE-REGAL MOVEMENTS.

Yesterday afternoon the Countess of Aberdeen, attended by Capt. Wilberforce, A. D. C., visited the Women's Art Association.

Subsequently Her Excellency joined the Governor-General at the House of Providence, where Their Excellencies were met by His Grace Archbishop Walsh, His Worship the Mayor of Toronto, several of the aldermen and a large company of ladies and gentlemen.

Their Excellencies afterwards proceeded to St. Michael's Hospital and visited all the wards.

In the evening Their Excellencies gave a dinner party.

DINED AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

The following had the honor of being invited to dinner at Government House last night, although some of them were prevented from attending by illness or other causes: Hon J C and Mrs Aikins, Miss Aikins, Hon Edward and Mrs Blake, Mr Justice and Mrs Osler, Mr Justice and Mrs Falconbridge, Mr Beardmore, Miss Beardmore, Mr G W Beardmore, Mr and Mrs Walter Barwick, Mr and Mrs Henry Cawthra, Rev Dr and Mrs Cavey, Lieut-Col and Mrs Delamere, Captain and Mrs Forsyth Grant, Mr and Mrs J K Kerr, Mr Nicol Kingsmill, Q C, and Miss Kingsmill, Rev Dr and Mrs Langtry, Mr and Mrs T C Patterson, Dr and Mrs Ryerson, Mr and Mrs J S Willison.

The house party consisted of: Mr David Erskine, Governor-General's secretary; Captain Wilberforce, A D C; Captain Tharp, A D C, and Captain Wyatt, A D C.

ALD. SCOTT QUITS THE HALL.

Ald. Scott has been compelled, he says, by business responsibilities to retire from municipal life. He will not be a candidate for alderman in January.

PINKNEY AND SCOTT.

The Accountant and Teller of the Farmers' Loan Company are Not at Their Posts.

A report last night that Messrs. Thomas Pinkney, accountant, and A. P. Scott, teller of the Farmers' Loan Company, were unaccountably absent for a week past, and that their absence was impeding the progress of preparation of the liquidator's statement, caused considerable comment.

At the residence of Mr. Scott on St. Joseph-street last night, a lady told The World that Mr. Scott could not be seen. Asked if the gentleman was in town the lady stated plainly that she refused to answer questions or give any information.

A call was also made at Mr. Pinkney's residence on Bedford-road, where a gentleman stated that Mr. Pinkney might or might not be in town. He was not at home.

The reporter called at the house of Mr. George S. C. Bethune, who is managing director of the company, to enquire about the rumor, but after consulting with Mrs. Bethune a servant made the announcement that Mr. Bethune was not expected home at all during the night and the girl could not say whether he would be home to-day or not.

But Mr. Pinkney and Mr. Scott have been in the employ of the company for some 15 years.

Pember's Vapor, Russian and Turkish Baths, 127 and 129 Yonge.

"Our Canadian Artists Abroad"

The paintings by Mr. W. (St. Thomas) Smith, Mr. W. E. Atkinson and Mr. A. C. Williamson will be on view at Messrs. C. J. Townsend & Co.'s to-day. 23

There is a trade mark paper band on each loaf of John Bull Malt Bread. Insist on having the genuine.

50 Manillas for $2.25.

Though they are many thousand miles away from Canada, the freight on a shipment of cigars from the Philippine Islands is only a few dollars more than those brought from Havana. The customs duty is the same. By reason of his enormous purchase of Manilla cigars, Mr. Muller is able to sell a box of 50 Manilla cigars for $2.25. And he won't sell them for any less per box if his customer took a hundred boxes. In the ordinary way these cigars would cost $3 a box.

Pember's Turkish Baths 75c. Evening 50c, Bath and Bed $1. 127 Yonge.

DEATHS

BAILEY—At her late residence, 76 Avenue-road, on Saturday, Dec. 4, 1897, Mary Bailey, aged 72 years.

Funeral on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

MACKENZIE—On Nov. 29, 1897, at Nelson, B. C., Campbell Ross Mackenzie, aged 40 years, eldest son of Campbell Mackenzie, Toronto.

Funeral from his late residence, 570 Jarvis-street, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at 2.30 p.m. Service at St. Simon's Church at 3 p.m. Interment in St. James' Cemetery.

WILLIAMSON—On Sunday, the 5th inst., at the Isolation Hospital, of diphtheria, William Walker (Willie), the eldest and dearly beloved son of Mrs. Clara Williamson, 98 Elliott-street, aged 13 years 9 months and 20 days.

THE SCHOOL QUESTION

La Minerve of Montreal Has an Important Article.

AN URGENT CABLEGRAM

Which Caused Mr. Tarte to be Summoned in Hot Haste.

The Holy See Condemned the School Settlement and Backed Up the Bishops—Sir Wilfrid Wants to Gain More Time—All Eyes on Spencerwood—Why is Hon. J.C. Patterson at Quebec Just Now?—Why is Chevalier Drolet in Demand?—News From Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—"What is Taking Place?" is the heading of an important article in La Minerve. It is known, says that paper, that a few days ago Sir Wilfrid Laurier received an important cable from Rome, and in consequence Mr. Tarte was summoned home from New York in hot haste. Sir Wilfrid was informed that the Holy See condemned the school settlement, and that the Pope was preparing an encyclical approving of the attitude of the Canadian bishops. La Minerve adds that the Premier, justly alarmed at the catastrophe that awaited him, asked that the action of Rome be suspended while he made another effort at a settlement. At Rome, La Minerve declares, they are never in a hurry, and, as they always take a Government leader's word, it is quite likely the request for delay from Ottawa will be granted. Sir Wilfrid has already gained a year and he wants to gain more.

In the meantime all eyes are turned towards Spencerwood. Lieutenant-Governor Patterson and Mr. Tarte returned to Montreal to-day, and, of course, will say nothing as to the object of their visit. On the other hand, a well informed authority, in the person of the Quebec correspondent of The Montreal Witness writes: "The favorite theory seems to be that the Manitoba school question is at the bottom of the present disturbance of the political waters. It is plainly said in some quarters that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has received news from Rome which compels him to seek other alliances and to make other arrangements. To this view, the composition of the visiting party to Spencerwood unquestionably lends much color. Why should Lieutenant-Governor Patterson of Manitoba come down here at this season with Mr. Tarte, unless some question affecting the Prairie Province was at stake? Why should Chevalier Drolet, who played so conspicuous a part in Sir Wilfrid's negotiations at Rome relative to the school question, form one of the party? And, lastly, why should Sir Adolphe Chapleau's bosom friends, Messrs. Decelles and Dansereau, be called into council with them?"

These are the questions which are puzzling the public mind here, and which, when taken in conjunction with the recent advocacy by another of Sir Adolphe Chapleau's faithful friends, the Hon. Mr. Nantel, of the desirability of a coalition, would seem to point to the possibility of some surprising political combinations, and of some extraordinary moves in the political chessboard, for which Saturday's conclave at Spencerwood is intended to prepare the way. In fact, it is said that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been notified from Rome that his settlement of the Manitoba difficulty cannot be accepted unless further concessions are made to the Roman Catholics, and that Mr. Chapleau is to be taken into the Cabinet as a guarantee that these concessions will be made. To make room for him Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere will retire, be coming Quebec's next Lieutenant-Governor, while Mr. Choquette, M. P. for Montmagny, will be raised to the bench in order to open a seat for Sir Adolphe Chapleau. The Hon. F. Langelier, who was promised the Lieutenant-Governorship, will be appeased by elevation to the bench, in place of Judge Routhier. In fact, several of the Ministerial papers here have specials from Ottawa, announcing Mr. Langelier's appointment in succession to Judge Routhier as judge of the Superior and Vice-Admiralty Courts at Quebec.

Col. Strathy Steps Out

According to mutual agreement, Lieut.-Col. Strathy and Major Ibbotson met at the Brigade Office at 3 o'clock, and the latter handed over to the latter the arms and equipment of the Royal Scots, in the presence of Lieut.-Col. Gordon, D. O. C. Notwithstanding this, Col. Strathy still retains the command of the regiment until he is gazetted out.

In making this transfer Col. Strathy has not turned over those parts of the equipment peculiar to the Highland regiments which are owned by the several companies privately.

The Poor Child Died.

The 4-year-old child of Ovide Turcot, residing at 104 Visitation-street, was totally scalded yesterday by falling in a bucket of boiling water. Drs. Daigle and Laurier were called, but, in spite of their efforts, the poor child died this morning.

The Massey Will Case.

In the action of Massey v. Massey, brought by the children of Charles A. Massey against the executors of Hart A. Massey, their deceased grandfather, to set aside a sale of Massey Manufacturing Company's stock, Justice Rose dismissed an appeal from the Master in Chambers, who refused to strike out certain paragraphs of the plaintiff's claim as scandalous and embarrassing.

Lecture on the Klondike.

A stereopticon lecture was given last evening in Massey Hall by Miss Esther Lyons on Alaska and the Yukon. Miss Lyons told of her experiences in her travels from Juneau City to Dawson City, and described, with the aid of the views on the canvas, the various scenes on the route. At the close of the lecture Miss Lyons exhibited the articles needed in an expedition to the Klondike.

Young Libs' Banquet.

It was decided last night by the Young Liberal Club to hold their annual banquet on Wednesday night, Jan. 13.

Warmer, Then Colder.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Battleford, 12—26; Qu'Appelle, 8—26; Winnipeg, 10—14; Port Arthur, 10—32; Parry Sound, 2—24; Toronto, 20—26; Ottawa, 16; Montreal, 8—12; Quebec, 2—10; Halifax, 2—34.

PROBS: Fresh, south and west winds; fair weather; higher temperature; fair, with a little lower temperatures again Wednesday.

Steamship Movements.

Dec. 6.	At	From
Ormiston	London	Montreal
Assyrian	Philadelphia	Halifax
Livonian	Liverpool	Montreal
Forest Holme	Bristol	Chatham, N.B.
Alaska	Greenock	St. John's, Nfld.
Werra	Gibraltar	New York
Tauric	New York	Liverpool
Kensington	Antwerp	New York