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PARLIAMENT TAKES A REST

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH AT PROROGATION YESTERDAY.

An Ovation in Naples to Mr. Gladstone—Sir Henry A. Blake Appointed Governor of Jamaica—Mr. Bright's Condition Again Alarming.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Parliament was prorogued to-day. The Queen's speech was as follows:

I have great satisfaction in being able to release you from your protracted labors. My relations with all foreign powers continue friendly. I regret that the convention concluded between myself and the President of the United States for the adjustment of the questions which have arisen with reference to the fisheries in North American waters has not commended itself to the judgment of the United States Senate, in whom, according to the constitution of the United States, the power of ratification is vested. The temporary arrangement, however, which has been adopted will, I trust, prevent any immediate friction arising from this decision.

The conference which has been held on the subject of the bounties upon sugar for export has been brought to a satisfactory issue by the conclusion of a convention for their abolition, which has been signed by the representatives of most of the sugar-producing countries.

The restoration of Egypt to a condition of political and financial surety has been for a time interrupted by an attempt of the Soudanese to possess themselves of the port of Suakim. The dispersing of the besieging forces has been effected by a brilliant military operation on the part of the Egyptian troops supported by the British contingent. In other respects the administration and economical progress of Egypt are satisfactory.

An insurrection has broken out upon the continental portion of the dominions of the Sultan of Zanzibar, which has brought with it considerable destruction of life and property in the German settlement on that coast. It is evident that the renewed vigor of the slave trade, of which symptoms have unhappily shown themselves in several parts of Africa, has largely contributed to the production of these disturbances. I have joined the Emperor of Germany in establishing a naval blockade of that part of the coast which is in insurrection, in order to prevent not only the exportation of slaves, but the importation of munitions of war.

My Indian dominions have enjoyed general tranquility and prosperity during the past year. Disturbances, however, have occurred in the neighboring region of Black-Mountain, and on the extreme frontier of Sitkim, but have been terminated without difficulty.

A rebellion in Afghanistan under Ishak Khan, which at one time threatened to assume formidable proportions, has been entirely subdued by the military force of the Shah.

A rising of some Zulu chiefs in South Africa, which does not seem to have met with sympathy on the part of the population, has been suppressed by my troops and native levies. The chiefs concerned are awaiting trial before a special commission.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I thank you for the liberal provision you have made for the service of the state. I trust that the financial measures you have sanctioned will materially increase the public resources of the country without adding to the fiscal burdens.

My Lords and Gentlemen:

The measures you have passed for extending the functions and improving the machinery of local government in England are calculated to increase the loyal attachment of my people to their institutions. I trust you may be able to promote the successful working of these changes in your several localities, and that in this and all other fields of duty the blessing of Almighty God may be with you.

Coming Cabinet Changes.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Parliament will not reassemble before the end of February. In the interim the long-pending re-arrangements of the Ministry are to occur, if present plans are carried through. Mr. Wm. Henry Smith, before leaving England for a vacation, assured his friends that the state of his health rendered it impossible to him to undertake to act as the Government leader in the House of Commons for another session. The question as to who should succeed Mr. Smith as leader, as between Mr. Goschen and Mr. Balfour, has been settled by Mr. Smith throwing the weight of his influence in favor of Mr. Goschen, who is now acting as Government leader. Mr. Balfour is to remain in his present post, as Chief Secretary of Ireland. Mr. Matthews is to retire from office. Other changes of a minor character are contemplated or already decided upon. Mr. Smith, as has long been expected, is to become a peer and vice-president of the Council.

Jamaica's New Governor.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Henry A. Blake, whose appointment as Governor of Queensland was opposed by the people of that country, has been appointed Governor of Jamaica.

Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain Reach Home.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain arrived at Birmingham to-day. They drove from the railway station to Highbury, Mr. Chamberlain's residence, in a closed carriage. They were not expected till Thursday and were not recognized. Mr. Chamberlain's son Austin welcomed his father and step-mother at London and accompanied them home.

Unfavorable News of Mr. Bright.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—To-night's bulletin about Mr. Bright is unfavorable. It is announced that his lungs are in worse condition than they have been for a fortnight past and that he is becoming weaker. Renewed anxiety is felt as to existence of organic disease.

Joined the Telegraph Convention.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Argentine Republic has joined the telegraph convention.

Gladstone's Reception at Naples.

NAPLES, Dec. 24.—Mr. Gladstone arrived here Saturday night. The railway station was crowded with members of the Municipal Council and other officials. A company of Carbineers had great trouble in preventing the students from invading the platform. On the arrival of the train vociferous cheers were given, and a student, on behalf of his comrades, presented an address to Mr. Gladstone, in which the latter was referred to as the friend of Italy and the writer of the celebrated letters that contributed to the redemption of Italy. At the conclusion of the address there were shouts of "Long live Gladstone and Ireland and England."

Mr. Gladstone, in reply, said he was greatly touched by the reception accorded to him by those for whom he had always entertained a warm affection. He was glad to be able to thank them for the address sent to him on the anniversary of the death of Victor Emanuel, and for the album presented to him at Florence. He was unable to make a better response than by saying, "Viva Napoli, Viva Italias."

Commandatore Morcelli then entered the carriage to greet Mr. Gladstone. The students encircled the carriage and wanted to unharness the horses, but Mr. Gladstone begged them not to do so. Upon nearing the arsenal the hood of the carriage was lowered and Mr. Gladstone stood bareheaded in the moonlight and bade farewell to his admirers. Yesterday morning Mr. Gladstone attended church. He appeared to be in excellent health. All the newspapers here join in giving him a cordial welcome.

The Rebels at Suakim Continue Active.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Suakim says: I am assured that the Khedive's letter to Emin Pasha, a copy of which Osman Digna sent to Gen. Grenfell, was positively a State secret, and that no copy ever left Cairo. The news of Stanley's return to Aruwhimi is not considered here as necessarily conflicting with the report of the capture of Emin.

Shots were fired to-day at our outposts, showing that the enemy continues to be active. Fifty prominent merchants have petitioned Gen. Grenfell to expel Osman Digna. Deserters assert that at the time of the recent attack the bulk of the rebel troops were at Handoub, and were unable to reach the trenches in time to take part in the fight.

Sir Francis Counsels Patience.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Sir Francis DeWinton estimates that it will be at least another fortnight before the reception of news from Stanley himself via the Congo. Sir Francis believes that Stanley will return to Zanzibar either via Waldelai, occupying nine months, or via Ajiji, occupying from five to seven months. In regard to the latest news of the expedition he says that much of it may be true, but that it will be better to wait for letters from Stanley before indulging in vague surmises.

Trade Dead at Zanzibar.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Despatches to The Times from Zanzibar say: No details have been received here of the reported meeting of Stanley and Emin. There is no hope that Lieut. Wissmann will procure porters either here or at Vitu. Even the work of coaling steamers has to be performed by women. Trade is almost dead here and few dhows attempt to make a voyage to the coast. All mercantile orders on Europe have been cancelled.

The Sultan's Order Cancelled.

ZANZIBAR, Dec. 24.—Owing to the protest of the British representative here the Sultan has cancelled his order for the wholesale execution of criminals. The German warship Leipzig has captured another dhow with 140 slaves. The squadron has captured no arms or ammunition. This shows that the coast natives are amply supplied.

Bismarck Is Pleased.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Prince Bismarck is highly gratified at the English victory at Suakim. Most of the papers here have leading articles expressive of gratification at the safety of Stanley. The National Gazette trusts that if Emin Pasha ever returns to Germany his services will be enlisted in the cause of African colonization.

Cardinal Lavigerie on Slavery.

ROME, Dec. 24.—Cardinal Lavigerie made an address on the slavery question in the Gesu Church yesterday. He said a general expression of public opinion was needed to force European Governments to take action in the matter. The Mussulman princes must be compelled to fulfil their engagements. It was impossible to expect the abolition of domestic slavery, but the traffic in slaves must be suppressed.

Aiding the Panama Canal Company.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A despatch to The News from Paris says: It is stated in financial circles here that the American committee of the Panama Canal Company has offered to refund to the liquidators the sum of 9,000,000 francs, this being the amount of commissions received from the company. This would keep the works going for a fortnight or three weeks, and the offer will probably be accepted. If other similar offers are forthcoming the company might be kept afloat for some time even if the lottery loan proves an absolute failure.

German Alone in Schleswig Schools.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Herr von Gossler, Minister of Ecclesiastical Affairs and Public Instruction, has sanctioned the order of the Governor of Schleswig that the German language alone shall be used in the elementary schools after April 1 next. Certain exceptions are made in connection with religious instruction.

The Skuptschina to Meet Saturday.

BELGRADE, Dec. 24.—King Milan has postponed the opening of the Skuptschina until Saturday next. His Majesty has appointed fifteen representatives to report to the Skuptschina a draft of the revised constitution. The Radical members vehemently oppose the new constitution.

Revolt of Unpaid Turkish Marines.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 24.—The Marines in the arsenal here have revolted because their wages have not been paid. The leaders were arrested. There was no bloodshed.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S BAIT LAW.

France Will Endeavor to Have the English Lobster Canneries Removed.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—In the Senate to-day Admiral Varon alluded to the regretted effect of the Newfoundland law which prohibited the sale of cod bait to French fishermen. He complained that the British had erected factories for canning lobsters on the French shore greatly to the prejudice of the French fishermen, and asked that the Government put a stop to these encroachments on French rights.

M. Goblet, Minister of Foreign Affairs, replied that the Government wanted to secure respect for the rights assured to France by the treaty of Utrecht. The French fishermen did not now require Newfoundland bait. France only occupied one-fifth of the French shore where English industries had been established. These had been tolerated as long as they did not interfere with French rights. The Government would now however cause their removal, and would at once open negotiations with England with the object of suppressing the English lobster factories complained of. He assured the Senate that the Government would neglect nothing that was calculated to develop the French fisheries. [Applause.]

An Opportunists' Victory.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—A second ballot in Ardennes to fill the vacancy in the Chamber of Deputies resulted as follows: M. Linard (Opportunist) 36,609, M. Auffray (Revisionist and Royalist) 28,794.

ROBBED OF $1000.

How John Webb Fell Among Thieves—The Hamilton Bread Cases.

HAMILTON, Dec. 24.—The police issued a summons against F. H. Lamb, assignee of Mark Hill, for offering for sale bread that was under weight. At the request of the defendant's counsel the case was enlarged at the Police court to-day until Wednesday morning. James H. Rodgers had seven loaves of Dutch bread and two pan loaves seized for being under weight. The Magistrate fined him $5, the same as the other defendants.

It has just transpired that the wife of the notorious crook, Molly Matches, was living in this city during part of the time that he has been in the penitentiary. Getting tired of grasswidowhood, however, she married a man in Toronto some time ago and lived with him until Molly served his term out, when she unceremoniously left her spouse pro tem., and is now enjoying Mr. Matches' society on the other side of the line. The woman formerly belonged to Hamilton.

A respectable looking man, who said his name was John Webb, and that he came from Pittsburg to visit his former home and relatives in Grimsby, reported to Constable Venard at the Grand Trunk station on Saturday that he was robbed of $1000 on the train between Buffalo and Niagara Falls. He got betting with some men on the train and pulled out his money. He remembers nothing more of what happened until he got nearly to Hamilton, when he woke up and found that his money was gone and that he had passed his destination. He thinks he was drugged in some way. Webb is a Canadian, but has lived for many years in the United States. He described the men who had robbed him, and the police think they are the same gang the Chief and Detectives Doyle and Reid saw at the station here on Friday and drove out of the city.

Buy your Xmas numbers to-day. Xmas Graphic 50c., London News 50c., Holly Leaves 50c., Figaro $1.50, Yule Tide 50c., Pictorial World 50c., Chatterbox 50c., at Winnifrith Bros., 6 and 8 Toronto-Street.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

The Chaudiere Lumbermen Decide to Settle—Preeper's Sentence Commuted.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—The Journal states to-night that the question between the Chaudiere lumbermen and the Government as to payment for the water power held under lease has been settled by the lumbermen agreeing to pay up arrears, some $60,000, on condition that they are granted new leases for twenty-one years. The lumbermen have been using the power for about thirty years under lease but have never paid one cent for rent.

The death sentence of Preeper, the Prince Edward Island murderer condemned to be hanged for killing Peter Doyle, has been commuted to imprisonment for life.

Captain McElhinney, nautical adviser of the Marine Department, arrived here to-day. He sailed the new Government steamer Stanley from Glasgow to Pictou. He brought with him a handsome model of the new steamer, which now adorns the office of the Minister of Marine.

MANY MILES OF NEW MAINS

[illegible] DEPARTMENT.

Ald. Boustead's Committee Make a Good Showing for the Year—Superintendent Hamilton's Encouraging Report—Ald. Baxter's Meter.

The Waterworks Committee held a Christmas Eve meeting yesterday. Ald. Boustead presided as chairman, there being present Ald. Baxter, Ritchie, Hill, Gilbert, Morrison, Swait, Hewitt, Macdonald, Bell and Carlyle (St. And.) A deputation headed by J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., waited on the committee to procure a reduction in the water rates charged against Association Hall. The Superintendent will report.

Mr. Hamilton submitted a report upon the work in the department up to date. There have been laid 19,142 feet of 12-in. mains, 61,359 feet of 6-in. mains and 2152 feet of 4-in. mains, over 153 miles of mains. Seven drinking fountains had been erected, making in all 26 at present in existence in the city. No less than 582 meters had been placed in position, making 914 now in use. The plant of the committee was in first-class condition and all the engines running smoothly.

The attendance of members at committee meetings was as follows: Ald. Boustead (chairman) 30, Baxter 25, Bell 27, Carlyle (St. And.) 29, Gilbert 22, Gillespie 27, Hewitt 27, Hill 25, Macdonald 27, Morrison 17, Ritchie 23, Swait 20, the Mayor 8.

In 1886 the total revenue of the department was $315,227, in 1887 $358,631, in 1888 (approximately) $456,760. The '88 revenue is made up as follows: Actual receipts to Dec. 20, $420,059; corporation accounts outstanding, $36,700, making a net income of $411,635, which does not include the $45,124 due in November and not charged until March 31 next. The expenditure has been $304,807, leaving a net profit of $106,828. The report was received with applause, the committee congratulating itself on the good results of the year's labors.

The regular report of the Superintendent showed that for the two weeks ending Dec. 15 there had been 153,246,264 gallons of water pumped and 344 tons of coal consumed, and up to date 3000 services had been put in. He recommended the Crown meter as the best for all purposes. New mains were urgently required on College-street, Coxwell-avenue and Major-place. He recommended that a new water main, composed of cast iron pipe, be laid in Jarvis-street to take the place of the present cement-lined conduit. Accounts to the amount of $5512 were submitted for payment.

There was no discussion on the report, which was adopted without opposition.

In discussing one of the recommendations Ald. Hill remarked that Ald. Baxter's property had been metered and he would like to know with what result.

Ald. Baxter: "I think that it ought to be referred to the Investigation Committee. It is a serious matter."

Ald. Gillespie: "I can assure Ald. Baxter that he will find it a very serious matter before the Investigation Committee is through with him."

Ald. Swait: "When are we to hear the last of the investigation chestnut? We are sick of it."

This closed the personal portion of the discussion, which Ald. Baxter wound up by stating that the meter saved money for him and that he believed that the people were paying too high a price for the water supply.

A REAL SANTA CLAUS

Visits 2000 Little Ones, Who Clap Their Hands for Joy.

To-day more than 2000 poor little children have glad hearts through the kindly Christian interest of the ladies of Mr. H. C. Dixon's Bible-class. The Church of the Ascension is the source of many streams of influence for good in its populous parish; but none is deserving a warmer word of praise than a scheme whereby little ones, whom in all probability Santa Claus would pass unnoticed, find a tempting box of candy, five bright coppers fresh from the mint, and an interesting story book presented them by women with happy faces and cheerful words. This is being done to-day and all honor to the love that prompts the kindly deed! In looking for children fitting recipients of these gifts many destitute families were met with. These will in due time, so far as funds permit, be furnished with blankets. A word to the wise is sufficient: how much better to have charity administered by those who have personal knowledge of each case than by indiscriminate almsgiving.

Poor Children Making Merry.

Last summer the poor children of the city enjoyed many a fresh air excursion on Lake Ontario, the expenses of which were met by our charitable citizens. These same philanthropists have resolved that the waifs shall not be altogether denied those festivities provided for children more happily situated at this season of the year. Last night Mr. J. J. Kelso presided at a Christmas festivel in St. James' School House, at which some 600 children enjoyed abundance of "good cheer."

The Spadina-avenue Orchestra, conducted by Mr. J. N. Shannon, furnished the instrumental part of the musical program. It was composed of James Woods, James Milne, violinists; A. G. E. Davies, viola; James Thomson, flute; Jas. Savage, Geo. Brent, cornets; Jno. Davidson, trombone. The vocal program was furnished by the choir of St. Bartholomew's Church under Mr. George C. Warburton. When the entertainment was over the children were made happy by presents of bags of candy.

A Fashionable Tailoring Dicker.

Bradstreets, Dun Wiman and the fashionable tailoring fraternity were last evening excited over a dicker in the tailoring business which was concluded last night. Ebenezer Stovel of the firm of Stovel & Armstrong had failed to make a settlement with his creditors in England and with his former partner, Mr. Armstrong, on a cash offer of 40 cents on the dollar. He therefore decided to move out and continue the business otherwise, and in company with Mr. Daniel O'Brien purchased the business of Threlkeld & Dwyer and they will resume at that stand to-morrow. Messrs. Threlkeld & Dwyer retire for the present.

Watch sale, 9 King west. 624

Mr. Samo Still in Custody.

N. Gordon Bigelow and W. G. Murdoch applied to Judge MacMahon yesterday to liberate James H. Samo from jail on the numerous writs of capias issued against him. Counsel for his creditors strenuously opposed the motion for his release and His Lordship discharged the application, giving leave, however, to have the application renewed upon different material. Mr. Samo has been in custody for about eleven months.

Kent Lodge's Officers.

Kent Lodge No. 3, Sons of England, last night elected these officers: Pres., A. Watkins; V. P., F. H. Herbert; P. P., C. Reeve; Sec., J. W. Williams; Treas., L. J. Applegalb; Chap., A. H. Harris, Man. Comm.—Bros. Hewlett, Scott, Biggs and Symmins. Auditors—Bros. Harris, Essex, King and Pearcy.

The St. Charles' New Proprietors.

John Heaslip and Harvey M. Pearce, both formerly of the C. P. R., took possession yesterday of the St. Charles, formerly run by Mr. Fred Mossop, who will soon assume charge of the Albion Hotel.

Festivities at Government House Postponed.

Owing to serious illness in the family of the Lieutenant-Governor the usual New Year's Day reception will not be held, and all Wednesday receptions will be abandoned until further notice. The proposed ball which was to have taken place on Jan. 16 is also postponed.

Heavy rich silk Turcoman Curtains for holiday gifts can be had in great variety and very cheap at W. A. Murray & Co's. They are offering the finest qualities at prices that will interest intending purchasers.

'TWAS CHRISTMAS EVE

And So the Parkdale Fathers Didn't Quarrel Though They Were Near It.

The Parkdale Town Council is nearing the [hour of] its dissolution, but it fights hard [against] the inevitable. After transacting business last night as though the proclamation for its union with Toronto had not been issued, it adjourned its meeting till after "the municipal elections for Parkdale council." Mayor Lynd presided, and all the members were present save Councillors Threlkeld and Bateson. There were only two subjects of interest, both arising out of annexation with Toronto. The first was a resolution of Councillor Sinclair and Deputy Reeve Goodman:

That the Town Solicitor be instructed to take the necessary steps to have a bill introduced at the next meeting of the Ontario Legislature to authorize the town of Parkdale to consolidate its drainage debenture debt and certain other local improvement debts as a general debt of the town without prejudice to holders of such debentures.

This carried with two dissentients, Councillors Hall and Atkinson. Their objections were that in view of annexation taking early effect the proposed action was unnecessary. It was on a par with that of calling in Hon. Edward Blake to tell them if annexation had been properly carried. The mayor thought no harm could result from the proposed consolidation, though he expressed a doubt as to its passing the legislature.

The irrepressible Miles called nearly every speaker to order and the Mayor gave him a little of his own sauce. Still it was Christmas Eve and there was no angry friction. Councillor Atkinson was a little sarcastic in exploding Councillor Sinclair's new-found theory that the latter had always been for annexation, and only had objected to the terms of union proposed. Delicately the polished barrister characterized this ill-founded boast, and explained that election time had now come round. [Laughter.]

The last topic was one agreeable to both Annexationists and Antis. It was the question of the presentation of a testimonial to Mayor Lynd for his three years' faithful service in Parkdale's highest post. A sub-committee was appointed to consider and report on the question to the next meeting of the Council, which it was agreed should not be till Jan. 9.

FIRE ON FRONT-STREET.

The Crowds in the Streets Cheer the Firemen.

An exciting scene was witnessed on King and Yonge-streets at half-past nine o'clock last night, just when these busy thoroughfares were thronged with parties making their Christmas Eve purchases. There was an outbreak of fire in the wholesale grocery store of Eby, Blain & Co., corner Scott and Front-streets. As the firemen galloped to the scene they were cheered by the crowds, among whom there was much excitement. The fire had broken out in the basement of the building from, it is supposed, the careless manner in which the furnace had been left when the warehouse was closed. When the firemen arrived dense volumes of smoke were bursting from the cellar and windows of the first story. The men soon located the fire, made three entries to the basement and in less than a half hour had the flames quenched. In the part of the basement a large quantity of sugar, molasses and syrup was stored. These were greatly damaged. The flames also spread to the ceiling, and though it was badly burned they did not enter the general store. The damage to the building is therefore small, though a large number of the windows were broken to emit the smoke. The building and stock were insured.

His Worship of Ottawa.

Before Mr. Justice Street yesterday the quo warranto proceedings of Johns v. Stewart were heard. This is an application to unseat and disqualify Mr. McLeod Stewart, mayor of Ottawa, on the ground of personal bribery. The case has been hanging fire since February last, and although strenuous endeavors had been made to secure a trial judge, owing to the press of business none were obtainable until yesterday. The petition asked for disqualification on personal grounds, and in the course of the argument His Lordship gave expression of opinion that Ottawa's mayor must be unseated. As to disqualification, on which a number of charges were gone into, judgment was reserved. It is understood that the main point before the court is the question of disqualification of Mr. McLeod Stewart, who is at present in England. Mr. A. B. Aylesworth argued the case for the relator and Mr. Chrysler of Ottawa for the defendant.

Diamond sale, 9 King west. 246

The Colonel's Court.

Yesterday in the Police Court James Foley was committed for trial, bail being refused, for a murderous assault on his wife. For theft of clothing Thomas Graham alias Sheppard, was sent to jail for 60 days. John and Patrick Boyle, who only came out of the Central prison on Saturday, were charged with entering the premises of Lydon & Co., York-street, and were remanded till Friday next.

He Joins the A. O. F.

On Wednesday last Mayor Clarke was initiated into the secrets of the Ancient Order of Foresters, Court Harmony having the honor of receiving His Worship as a brother. The court already bears on its roll the names of ex-Mayors Medcalf, McMurrich, Boswell.

In Readiness for Christmas.

Just arrived, one of the largest and best assorted stocks of Christmas fruits in the city, and we will undersell any house in the trade. Look to your interests and inspect our stock before buying. Also in our wine vaults is a splendid assortment of wines and liquors for cooking and table use. S. P. Brazill & Co., market grocers, Toronto. 246

CANADIAN NOTES.

Brant County jail has 14 inmates.

More oil wells are being sunk at Osborne, Ont.

Work has begun on the water power canal at the Canadian Sault

It was 10° degrees below zero in Kingston on Saturday morning.

The Almonte Gazette issues a creditable 20 page Christmas number.

Wheat throughout Manitoba is selling at from 80 to 85 cents a bushel.

The St. Kitt's Electric Railway employes are to hold a ball on Thursday.

The inmates of the Blenheim Poorhouse are said to be insufficiently clad.

Demmorestville has a brass band of thirteen ladies and twelve gentlemen.

About $4400 has been already subscribed to the Stratford Hospital project.

A million railway ties are to be taken out of the Northwest Territories this winter.

The water in the Bay of Quinte is not been so low as it is at present since 1876.

A Port Hope man has a dressed turkey weighing 31½ lbs. and thinks it is the "Jumbo."

Mr. Edward Bradley, an old and well-known resident of Merritton, died on Saturday morning.

Owing to the recent fire Trenton has now no public hall and great is the clamor in consequence.

Mr. Neil McKinnon of Beaverton recently broke several of his ribs by falling when carrying water.

Samuel Carp, a well-known farmer of Jordan, suicided on Friday by putting a bullet through his head.

Fifty pieces of pitch pine were brought from Atlanta, Ga., to Deseronto, for use in the car works there.

The new Albion gold mine at Montague, N.S., is said to have been sold to New York parties for $60,000 cash.

St. Mark's Church, Deseronto, was re-opened on Sunday last with Rev. W. Deerin, B.A., of Prescott officiating.

A seizure of several sets of Sarvin wheels was made at Peterboro' the other day, owing to an error in grading.

Owing to extraordinarily mild weather in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Christmas trade is at a standstill.

Prof. Swayze of Belleville was presented with a gold headed cane on Saturday by the students of Albert College.

The effect of the disbandment of the Montreal harbor police is already felt and thieves are audaciously stealing from the C. P. R. along the wharves.

Melvin Smith of Montreal was arrested on Saturday on a charge of perjury arising out of a case in the Superior Court. He denied his built point blank, and was admitted to personal bail.

FROM FIRE TO FEAST.

How the Brave Firemen Passed the Closing Hours of Christmas Eve.

The brave and jolly firemen of Bay-street Hall spent a most enjoyable Christmas Eve. It was the occasion of the first annual dinner of the Lime Kiln Klub, which evidently has a strong connection with the Bay-street hall. The apartment in which it was held was beautifully decorated with evergreens and flowers. At the back stood a large picture of a brave young fireman, while around the wall were hung various religious Mottoes. In a wreath of evergreens and flowers over the heads of the guests were large photos of Mayor Clarke and Chief Ardagh, the popular Mayor and the brave foreman of the city. The Chief occupied the chair, and sat to his right Ald. Piper, and to his left Ald. Carlyle. Chas. Smedler, fireman, acted as an efficient croupier, and around the board were the firemen of Bay-street and Lombard-street halls. A substantial repast was served by a band of waiters, headed by Fireman Nick Sweetman, who appeared to be the lion of the occasion, and who was presented with an address and tin medal made in Darktown for his ability as a caterer. Loyal toasts were drunk in cider, and a capital trio, with guitars and violin, delighted those present with music and song. The party broke up in the wee sma' hours singing the National Anthem.

Christmas numbers: Globe 25c., Canada's Christmas 30c., Saturday Night 25c., Judge 35c., London Truth 40c., London World 40c., London Society 35c., Belgravia's Annual 35c., Canadian Almanac 1889, Grip Almanac 10c., &c., &c., at Winnifrith Bros., 6 and 8 Toronto-Street.

IN THE WITCHING HOUR.

A Midnight Mass in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Mass with all its solemn effect was celebrated last midnight in the handsome little Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Sherbourne-street. The altar was aglow with light shed from thousands of wax tapers, and the music was of a character not soon to be forgotten by those who had the pleasure of hearing it. The church has a seating capacity of 450, and only 350 tickets were issued.

Before the mass Madame Filiatreault sang Adam's "Noel." The mass was Hummel's in "D," and the vocal choir was composed of 10 sopranos, 5 altos, 4 tenors and 5 bass. Mr. Torrington and Mr. Napolitano played the first violins, J. Campbell second violin, Mr. Parker the viola, Mr. Claxton the bass, J. D. King the tuba and Mr. Lindenberg the first clarionette. Miss M. McElderry presided at the organ, and Mr. L. J. K. Richardson acted as director.

At the offertory Novello's arrangement of the Adeste Fidelis was sung with Mrs. Charles McGann as soprano solo, Miss Dick as contralto solo and Mr. T. Lee as tenor solo. At the close the orchestra rendered the Priests' March from Mendelssohn's "Athalie." The service lasted from 12.15 to 1.15.

AT THE BOARD OF WORKS.

The Mayor Gets the Dundas-street Bridges Referred Back.

The Board of Works held a special session yesterday morning to discuss the question of the advisability of proceeding with the construction of the Dundas-street bridges, and to open the tenders for the work. There were present Chairman Carlyle, Mayor Clarke, Ald. Fleming, Verral and Woods. The lowest tender for the work was $24,000 for the masonry and $19,000 for the steel work. The Mayor raised the objection that the tenders did not contain any protection against action for damages, and it was decided to defer the adoption of the tender until a bond had been received from the property owners in the vicinity of the work guaranteeing the city against legal actions in case the work was proceeded with.

A letter was read from the City Solicitor in which he advised the Council to level the fence encroaching on the street line of Christie-street.

It was decided to again recommend Mr. Villiers Sankey as City Surveyor at a salary of $1500 per year.

Clearing sale at 117 Yonge-street, previous to removal, Juvenile books, Illustrated works, small and large. Booklets and a large general stock of books. 246

PARKDALE'S WATER TROUBLES.

A Break in the Suction Pipe Causes a Water Famine.

There has been trouble with the Parkdale Waterworks. On Saturday morning complaint after complaint was filed at the office of the Town Clerk and it was evident something was wrong. No one could get any water except drop by drop as it trickled off the various spouts, much to the disgust of the good housewives. On investigation it turned out that a break in the suction pipe had allowed a quantity of moss and other foreign matter to get into the supply pipes and thus blocked them up. All the waterworks hands were set to work to clean out this as best they could without tearing up the pipes, and partially succeeded in doing so, although a large number are still left as bad if not worse than ever. Should a sharp frost set in the position of affairs would not be at all favorable to say the least, so the authorities are doing all in their power to remedy the evil.

Japanese goods cheaper than ever at the Japanese store, 108 Queen east. Inspection invited. 246

Exhibition Committee.

The Exhibition Committee met yesterday. Present were Ald. Barton (chairman), Morrison, Pells, Gibbs, Hill, and Carlyle (St. Thomas), Mr. J. J. Withrow, President of the Industrial Exhibition Association, and Manager Hill. The provisions of the lease were thoroughly discussed and an amicable arrangement secured of the existing difficulties. Ald. Pells brought to the notice of the president an instance of uncourteous treatment experienced by him and ex-Ald. Jones on the grounds on the occasion of the last exhibition. He spoke strongly on the matter, and wanted it understood if badges were proofs of special rights they should be respected by the servants of the association.

Great reduction in prices at the Japanese store, 108 Queen east. Jenkins, direct importer. 246

Appeals Before Judge Morgan.

In the Court of Sessions yesterday, Judge Morgan heard the appeals of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stratton against convictions by the Police Magistrate for breaches of the Medical Act by practising the "faith cure." By consent of counsel it was agreed that His Honor should hear the cases without a jury some day this week.

James Dollery appealed against the Police Magistrate's conviction of him for malicious injury to the property of John Long. No defence was put in and the appeal was allowed with $15 damages.

The petit jury was then discharged. The prisoners will be sentenced to-morrow.

Christmas Manœuvers.

Of every fifty persons who stood waiting for street cars on Saturday fully forty per cent. had bundles. If it were possible to compute the amount of finesse and diplomacy exercised in getting these parcels into the house and safely hidden away from curious children, it would equal in volume the strategy displayed by quinn the shirtmaker in introducing English novelties so far ahead of other haberdashers.

Russell's selling off, 9 King west. 246

There was no Quorum.

The License Commissioners were to have met yesterday to consider a couple of transfers, but Mr. Peter Ryan was the only one in attendance and no meeting was held.

The readers of The World are aware that a great auction sale is being held at Messrs. C. & J. Allen, 29 King-street west, as the firm are going out of business. This week a special effort is being made to clear off as much as possible of the fancy part of the stock, and as price is no object, people who want Christmas presents will have a grand opportunity to purchase. 246

FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT

THIS TIME ON THE LOUISVILLE AND NASHVILLE ROAD.

One Passenger Train Telescoped by Another—Two Persons Killed Outright and Thirteen Severely Hurt—List of the Dead and Wounded.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 24.—Passenger train No. 5 on the main stem of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad telescoped passenger train No. 23 of the Knoxville branch at Bardstown Junction at 8.52 o'clock this morning. Both trains left the city on time, but No. 23, which left some minutes ahead of No. 5, got delayed by frequent stops until it ran on the other train's time. At the Junction there is a sharp curve and No. 23 stopped on the main track just around this curve. No. 5 was running at the rate of 45 miles an hour and split the rear and second coach of the stationary train in two, scattering the fragments in every direction. So far as learned there were 13 persons severely hurt and two killed outright. The list is as follows:

Killed.

MRS. MARY PERKINS of Old Deposit, Ky.

WILLIE HOUSTON of Water Creek, Lawe Co., Ky.

Wounded.

ENGINEER McPHERSON and FIREMAN CHARLES KING, both of this city.

E. R. DICKERSON, Boston, Ky.

MISS BERTHA FLOWNBACKER, Boston, Ky.

E. S. MILLER, Lebanon, Ky.

JUDGE PHILIP THOMPSON, Shepherdsville, Ky.

MISS ADA ADAMS and S. K. ADAMS, Louisville.

J. R. MOUNT and MRS. MOUNT, Lagrange, Ky.

MISS MAY KENNARD, Louisville.

BERTHA ROHNER, East BernstadtKy.

Engineer McPherson and Fireman King, both of train No. 5, are thought to be fatally hurt. The former remained at his post, but the fireman jumped. Both recovered consciousness sufficiently to state they had seen no flag man.

A Collision on Brooklyn Bridge.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A train loaded with passengers on the Brooklyn Bridge ran into an empty train at the Brooklyn end of the structure at 6 o'clock to-night, the brakes of the former refusing to work. John McWilliams, a brakeman, had his foot crushed and a young woman named Kate Murtach received a contusion of the head. No one else was injured.

ANTIPODEAN ADVICES.

Destructive Fire in New South Wales—The Newcastle Coal Miners' Strike Ended.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Advices from Australia report a destructive fire at Boken Hill, a new mining camp in New South Wales, on Nov. 6. The town was built entirely of wood, and in two hours sixty buildings were destroyed, comprising the main business houses. The losses will be heavy.

The great strike of coal miners at Newcastle has ended. The strike lasted three months. Eight thousand men were idle, and $1,500,000 was lost by the masters and men.

A terrible hurricane swept over Clermont, Queensland, on Nov. 2. Hailstones as big as hen's eggs were driven by the force of the wind clear through the sides of the houses. Gardens, vineyards and orchards were ruined, and the forest trees were stripped of leaves.

Bush fires in New South Wales are doing great damage. Large herds of sheep have been burned.

FOUND IN THE BAY.

An Ontario Commercial College Student Drowned Near Belleville.

BELLEVILLE, Dec. 24.—It was ascertained on Saturday evening that G. M. Cotter of Sophiasburg, a young man who had been attending the Ontario Commercial College here, was missing. The belief that he was the person supposed to have been drowned two miles east of the city on Dec. 15th impressed his friends and a search was made yesterday which resulted in the finding of his cap. His body was recovered this morning.

Caverly Bros.' grocery store was broken into last night and about $10 worth of goods and $1.50 in money stolen.

Jeremiah West, a Hungerford farmer, was robbed of $200 on Friday night.

A slight shock of earthquake was felt here last night.

The Samoan Insurrection.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—The Oceanic steamer Zealandia arrived here Saturday night from Sydney and Auckland, via Samoan Islands and Honolulu. The correspondent of the Associated Press at Apia, Samoa, writes as follows, under date of Dec. 7: Since the last Oceanic steamer left here for San Francisco, a month ago, two battles of importance and numerous skirmishes have taken place between the forces of Malietoa Mattaafa and Tamasese, the rebel chief and the pretended king. About 120 men have been killed and 150 wounded. Many of the dead have been barbarously mutilated. The state of affairs on the Island seems due to the continued action of the German Consul, Dr. Knappe, supported by the men-of-war Adeler and Ebar and the German Planting and Garden Company, who insist that Tamasese shall be King although two-thirds of the Samoan people have elected Malietoa Mattaafa as their choice, while the Germans oppose him, knowing he will not consent to their rule of the Island.

A New Smelting Process.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Mr. Archibald Blue, secretary of the Ontario Royal Mining Commission, has returned to Washington from Birmingham, Ala, where he went in company with Mr. Charlton, M.P., to witness the test of the process for smelting ores, a sample having been sent from the Ontario mines for this purpose. Owing to an unfortunate break in the machinery at the furnace the tests were not made at the time expected, but it is understood they will be carried out to-morrow and Messrs. Blue and Charlton have left a representative to report on the result. Mr. Charlton has proceeded to New York, whence he will go to Canada. Mr. Blue said to a correspondent to-night that from what he had seen of the steel produced from factory ores in Birmingham he was confident that the new invention can be used to good advantage in Canadian mines, where the ores are of a phosphorus character.

Poisoned by Cream Puffs.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 24.—A family of five persons was poisoned here yesterday by eating cream puffs, and three of them may die. The victims were Mrs. R. Sorenzen, her three children—John, Nels and Peter, aged respectively 16, 10 and 5—and her father, Nels Marcussen. The puffs were cooked in a new tin dish, in which the copperas had gathered.

A Kentucky Dance.

EARLINGTON, Ky., Dec. 24.—Saturday night at a dance at Illsby, a small mining town near here, Albert Wright was shot and fatally injured by Bill Wiley. The shooting was without provocation. Wiley has escaped.

A Dynamiter Sentenced.

GENEVA, Ill., Dec. 24.—In the case of Banereism, chief of the dynamiters at Aurora, Ills., who has been on trial here for several days, the jury returned a verdict of guilty and fixed his sentence at two years' imprisonment.

Instantly Killed on the Track.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Dec. 24.—H. and J. Van Wormer, brothers, aged respectively 55 and 58 years, were struck by an engine on the Albany and Susquehanna Railway near Oneonta this afternoon and instantly killed.

The Sheffield House Importing Co. (Registered), 65 Yonge-street (below King), are still in business and keep the best English silver plate and cutlery. C. E. Robinson, Manager. 246

A GREEN CHRISTMAS.

At the time The World went to press at 4 o'clock this morning there was every indication of a "green Christmas," a somewhat unusual thing in Canada. The streets of the city until midnight were densely packed with promenaders and shoppers. The weather was uncommonly mild. About 2 o'clock it began to rain, with indications of a continuance of unfavorable weather throughout the day. It is to be hoped that the old saying of a "green Christmas and a fat churchyard" is not applicable to this verdant season. On the contrary The World trusts that the season will be full of joy to all: and it extends to everyone a merry, merry time.

WAGES IN VICTORIA, B. C.

The Great Demand for Servant Girls—Chinese vs. White Labor.

Editor World: Years ago there appeared in Punch a wood cut representing a crowd around a man who appeared to be in a fit: and a London cabby on his box in the foreground who says, "Fit, I only wish I had half his complaint!" Cabby saw at a glance that the man had too much gin. Well, I don't want half your complaint in Toronto. But I think we might do with some of it. You often complain of superabundance of labor: that means or necessitates cheap labor. We want some here. Not ship loads, but now and then car loads well assorted. We are only a small city.

The wages paid ought to be tempting and I think it will interest your readers to know what is paid here. Servant girls get $15 to $20 a month and are not to be had. The men employed on the roads struck lately because the City Council reduced the wages from $2 a day to $1.50 because of the winter hours for work. A Chinaman gets in summer $1.25 and in winter $1 for the commonest outdoor labor. White labor is always paid much higher. Joiners this last summer got as high as $3.50, carpenters $3.50 to $5, also plasterers and bricksetters, stone masons (not many wanted) got $6 a day. Foundry men's wages average about $3.50. Practical engineers are paid as high as $75 a month. The lumber and saw mills men are highly paid. Teaming is paid $40 a month and board. Dressmakers at the house $1.50 to $2 a day and board. Colliers $3 to $5 a day and I understand many more colliers will be wanted next year. Outside painters $3 a day.

Our building year is a very long one. We have very short winters, 3 to 5 weeks of frost and a delightful climate. We have plenty of clerks.

For you Toronto people everything will be dear except fish and venison. But you can reckon the difference in cost of living. A workman's hotel advertises "burst your buttons" meals at 25c., and a Lancashire engineer told me he paid 25c a night for bed.

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 17. D. F. A.

The Rival of the Knights of Labor.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 24.—T. J. Wallace, formerly a clerk in the general headquarters of the Knights of Labor at Philadelphia, but now Thomas B. Barry's secretary, is in Pittsburg preparing for a visit of the head of the new labor organization called the Brotherhood of United Labor. Barry will be here the latter part of this week. Wallace says that he has received over 2000 letters from Knights of Labor officials and members located in all parts of the country, who will join the organization. Barry expects to have 50,000 adherents before a year has passed. There will be a general headquarters for one man only, and he will be the secretary. Instead of assemblies, as under the Knights of Labor, they will be called branches, and each branch will make its own laws without interference from a higher authority.

Northwestern Passenger Rates Restored.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Passenger rates to the Northwest, which have been cut for several weeks, were advanced to the regular rate this morning on all roads leading to the Northwest, the fare being $11.50 to St. Paul, first class, and $9 second class. On Jan. 1 the passenger fares for tickets from Chicago to Council Bluffs, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Atchison and Leavenworth will be advanced to $12.50, first-class. The rates from Chicago to points between and beyond the above named terminals will on the same date be advanced to the rates shown in the Chicago rate sheet, in effect on Dec. 1. The report that the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe road was to make a decided cut in rates to the west was denied at the company's office to-day.

The New U. S. Dynamite Cruiser.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Herald's Washington correspondent says: There is a prospect that the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius may be left on the hands of the contractors, the Messrs. Cramp. The first trial trip was apparently satisfactory, but for some reason the contractors refused to grant a second one. The steel casting for the stern of the armored cruiser Maine, now building at the navy yard, New York, has been rejected by the Steel Board on account of a defect by which the casting was sprung six or eight inches out of shape. This will entail a loss on the contractors of $5000.

A Double Crime Suspected.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—A special from Scranton says: Early this morning a fire occurred at Forest City, in Susquehanna County, which destroyed the home of Mrs. John Priestly. The woman and her grandson were caught in the flames and burned to death. The woman was left $3000 four months ago on the death of her husband and by some the fire is regarded as being the means of covering up a dark crime, as she is believed to have kept considerable sums of money about the house.

The Haytien Republic Surrendered.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary Whitney to-day received a cable message from Admiral Luce in command of the United States steamship Galena at Kingston, Jamaica, saying the American steamer Haytien Republic was surrendered to him by the Haytien authorities upon demand.

No Truth in the Report.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 24.—There is no truth in the report that the village of Hermansville, Mich., had been wiped out by fire with heavy loss.

The Same to You.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24.—The Morning Call wishes The World a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

"Always With You."

Will The World please inform a reader, through its worthy columns, the address of family in distress at its earliest convenience, as reader is desirous of conveying relief to them? The address mentioned in recent issues escaped "Reader's" notice.

The Storey family, at 134 Sumach-street, is worthy of "Reader's" attention. A subscriber, who left $1 at The World office yesterday, was sent to this address.

The Dead.

Sir William Frederick Pollock, formerly Queen's Remembrancer, is dead.

Steamship Arrivals.

Date.	Name.	Reported at.	From.
Dec. 24	Servia	New York	Liverpool
"	Ems	Southampton	New York
"	Oregon	Halifax	Liverpool
"	Persian Monarch	London	New York
"	Moravia	New York	Hamburg

The Allan mail steamship Caspian, from Liverpool for Baltimore via St. Johns and Halifax, arrived at Halifax at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday.

The Allan steamship Prussian, from Glasgow for Philadelphia via Halifax, arrived at Philadelphia on Sunday afternoon.

The Allan mail steamship Sarmatian, from Portland for Liverpool via Halifax, arrived out on Sunday.

The Dominion line royal mail steamship Oregon, from Liverpool, arrived at Halifax at 3 o'clock this morning.

Hello Boys, Whisper.

A Christmas box for nothing. They are giving away handsleighs and drums to every purchaser of a boy's overcoat or boy's suit. Boys' overcoats or suits from $2.50 up. The British Arms Clothing store, 221 Yonge-street, corner Shuter-street. R. Baker & Co.

MINISTERS AND POVERTY.

THE LAND QUESTION ONCE MORE CROPS UP AT THEIR MEETING.

The City Pastors Talk Over the Cause and Cure of Poverty, the Land Question, Henry George's Theories and the Health and Morals of the City.

President Blackstock was in the chair at yesterday's meeting of the T. M. A. Rev. T. J. Campbell read a paper on the land question. He would prevent the holding of land for speculative purposes. Landholders should be compelled to utilize their properties or transfer it to those who would.

Rev. Septimus Jones urged inquiry by ministers and if the alleged evils were found to exist they should be denounced and a remedy sought.

Rev. Dr. Hunter said he agreed with Henry George's theory that lands should be assessed to pay all the tax. He thought street cars should be run free for laborers living in the suburbs and the expenses paid by taxation on the lands. The city should take property in the poorest part of the city and build proper tenement houses to be given at a small rental to the poor.

Rev. Dr. Parker urged legislation in correcting the moral wrongs of the accumulation of land. He also recommended the clearing out of the slums and dilapidated buildings in St. John's Ward for the benefit of the health and morals of the city.

Rev. J. Webber advocated cheap and healthy homes for the laboring class.

Rev. Leroy Hooker thought the saloon was the cause of much of the poverty of the city. The credit system and the present mode of collecting debts were the cause of business troubles.

Other ministers having taken part in the discussion, it was decided to receive a deputation from the Anti-Poverty Society to consider questions that have come up for consideration between the two organizations.

Special Unreserved Sale of Xmas books, Bibles and albums at wholesale prices including sets of "Dickens," "Scott," "Eliot," "Thackeray," "Ruskin" and "Hume," full line of poetical and other suitable Xmas gifts. F. A. Wood, 15 King-Street West.

Some of Toronto's Christmas Guests.

Mr. C. J. Bateman and Mrs. Bateman (nee Miss Bonner) of Boston are spending Christmas with the lady's father, Mr. T. Bonner of Anne-street. Mr. Bateman is a well-known resident of The Hub, being city architect for that great centre of culture, learning and crooked thoroughfares.

Mr. John T. Douglas of Panama has come to Toronto to enjoy a Christmas in Canada, but he is grievously disappointed in finding mud instead of snow.

Mr. John Ryan, son of Mr. Hugh Ryan, reached the city yesterday from his father's ranch in Texas. Jack was cordially greeted by his friends, who will see that he enjoys the festive season.

Mr. "Woody" Langmuir of Galt is at home for the holidays.

A. R. Evyl, London, Ed. Fabian, New York, and H. Donnolly, St. Catharines, are at the Walker.

Hon. Lyman M. Jones, Treasurer of Manitoba, arrived here last evening. After spending Christmas with friends in the city he will go east to Montreal and Ottawa.

Dr. H. R. McMichael, Buffalo, and Dr. Sinclair, Ann Arbor, Mich., are spending Christmas at the Palmer.

Prof. Robertson of the Ontario Agricultural College and Principal John D. McCabe of the Ottawa Normal School will eat their Christmas dinner at the Rossin.

Dr. Prefect, Bridgewater, N.S., is at the Rossin.

Mr. E. S. Ussher, accountant of the Bank of Hamilton, Hamilton, and nephew of Frank U. Stanton of the Queen's, is spending his Xmas with his father, Deputy Registrar General Ussher.

Lieut.-Col. H. V. Veilfers, Deputy Adjutant General of Manitoba, arrived in Toronto yesterday and left in the evening to spend Christmas in Hamilton.

Mr. B. Sheppard, manager of the Bank of Commerce, Orangeville, will eat his Christmas goose at the Queen's.

Commander Booth in Town.

Commander Herbert Booth, who arrived from Hamilton yesterday, was royally entertained by the Toronto Salvationists. He led the special meeting at the Temple last night. The Commander is the guest of Mr. Wm. Gooderham.

Roller Skating To-day.

The Princess-street rink had been set for ice skating, but the weather did not keep, and the management had it cleaned up again for rollers yesterday. It will be open all to-day for roller skaters, with music in the afternoon and evening. Those who wish to skate and can't get ice ought to take in the Princess on rollers.

Loungers and dressing gowns cheap at White's, 65 King West, Toronto.

Ancient Time Pieces.

Valuable watches, no matter how old, remodeled and modernized, by inserting the most perfect escapement and compensation balance known in horology. E. Beeton high-grade watch specialist, opposite Post-office. 246

DINEEN

wishes his many customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Personal Mention.

Mr. Naoroji, Lord Salisbury's "black man," is a Parsee.

It is said that John Wanamaker, the Philadelphia merchant, has been offered the Postmaster-Generalship by Gen. Harrison.

The late Duchess of Galliera gave $10,000,000 to the city of Genoa for a hospital and other public works. Her husband also gave it $5,000,000 for harbor improvements.

The German Empress wears an apron at home as a token that she attends to the children and the cook, and doesn't meddle with social and political questions, nor seek to win a place in the intellectual world.

Lord Cadogan intends to build a country house that will be such a monument of the Victorian reign as Hatfield is of the Elizabethan. His new house in town is one of the finest modern structures in London.

"Within the room," says a recent visitor to Mr. Whittier, "on a comfortable lounge under the window, a huge cat with unusually long and soft yellow fur was sleeping. Mr. Whittier stood the creature on hind legs to show his great height, and informed me that this drowsy pet answers to the name of Rip Van Winkle. Van Winkle has lived nine years, most of which time he has devoted to sleeping, and to sleeping there on the lounge in the study at Oak Knoll."

THE NATIVITY.

FROM THE OLD SCOTCH PARAPHRASES.

Luke ii.

11. *For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*

1 While humble shepherds watch'd
their flocks
in Bethleh'm's plains by night,
An angel sent from heav'n appear'd,
and fill'd the plains with light.
2 Fear not, he said, (for sudden dread
had seiz'd their troubled mind;)
Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you, and all mankind.
3 To you, in David's town, this day
is born, of David's line,
The Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:
4 The heav'nly Babe you there shall find
to human view display'd,
All meanly wrapt in swaddling bands,
and in a manger laid.
5 Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
appear'd a shining throng
Of angels, praising God; and thus
address'd their joyful song:
6 All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
Good-will is shown by Heav'n to men,
and never more shall cease.

Cloudy, Followed by Colder Weather.

Weather for Ontario: Southerly winds, partly cloudy with light local showers followed by north and northwest winds, lower temperature and snow flurries.

MINIMUM TEMPERATURES YESTERDAY.

Qu'Appelle—2, Winnipeg—6, Toronto 31, Montreal 30, Quebec 14, Halifax 28.