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PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.
Toronto, Dec. 15.—11 a. m.—Easterly winds, continued cold, snow flurry, Friday, a strong southerly wind, with a snow fall.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

W. E. McGaw, Goderich, is in the city.

J. Cushman, London, is registered at the Rankin.

C. O. Smith, of London, is a Maple City visitor to-day.

J. B. Finkle, Bowmanville, was in the city yesterday.

H. Gosnell is spending a few days with friends in Highgate.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clendenan, of Woodstock, are in the city.

Clerk J. A. Tremblay, of Tilbury North, and wife, were in the city yesterday.

Garfield Northway has returned from a business trip to Simcoe, Tilsonburg and St. Thomas.

Miss Emma Brock, who has been attending Model School, returned to her home in Wallaceburg last night.

The funeral of the late Wm. J. Lorrman will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 to Maple Leaf cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Stokes and David Hall, of St. Louis, are visiting Mr. Stokes' mother, West Street. They will leave for New York City next week.

I still have a few of those Rodger Bros. knives and forks left and you might as well get the benefit while they last. E. J. MacIntyre, leading jeweler and optician.

The lien action of Schmidt vs. the Kilby Mfg. Co. was reserved before Judge Ball in Chambers here to-day.

This is the famous case which occupied the attention of the Judge all spring. About \$20,000 is involved and the action arose out of the construction of the Wallaceburg sugar beet factory. M. Wilson, K. C., for plaintiff, J. S. Fraser, for defendant.

Jos. Wilson was a Detroit visitor yesterday.

Miss Maud Horn is visiting in Dutton.

H. Horsman, of Toronto, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Clara Jordan was a Detroit visitor yesterday.

J. Dunbar, of Montreal, is registered at the Garner.

G. A. Wood, of Toronto, was a Maple City visitor yesterday.

It is rumored that J. G. Kerr will be an aldermanic candidate.

The sons of the late W. J. Lorrman are, George, Chicago; Lorenzo, Thorold; Edward and Charles, of this city; and William, Toronto, and a daughter, Mrs. George Burgess, of Whitby.

A GREAT GAME

It was a great game they say, but Dr. J. L. Bray is not as yet quite convinced on this point. The fun was over at the rink yesterday and Col. J. B. Rankin is accused of being the original instigator. The Colonel, as the details will show, has a rink which he calls his First P. rink, and with his confederates is ready to meet all comers. Now, the Rev. Mr. MacGillivray is the skip of the Colonel's First P. rink, and J. B. Rankin, D. A. Hutchinson and Harold Rankin are the other players. They hadn't had any practice for some time, but they were quite ready for operations yesterday when Dr. Bray arrived at the rink. A challenge was speedily issued and accepted and the medical man without further parley or delay secured three good players, at least good enough to beat the First P's. They were W. E. Merritt, John Lee, ex-M. P., and Harry McCosh. The game was commenced and the First P's say that it was probably exciting enough from the Doctor's standpoint, but as for themselves, they didn't have to even think about the shots and any two of the First P's could have secured a victory. When the game was all over and the computations made, it was found that the good rink had 18 points to their opponents' 7.

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THROWS UP THE SPONGE

Ross Candidate Howat
Quits the Field on News of
the Ridgetown Con-
vention.

East Kent Rossites Now in Quandry—
Bowyer Meeting With Marvel-
lous Success.

Special to The Planet.

Thamesville, Dec. 15.—John Howat, of this town, who was nominated as the Ross candidate in East Kent, has resigned the candidature. The news of the character of the Ridgetown convention and the wonderful strength developed by Phil. H. Bowyer, the Liberal-Conservative candidate, said to have much to do with the sudden decision. Mr. Howat had evidently intended accepting as he had already done some canvassing. There is also some rumor that his course was dictated from Toronto.

Special to The Planet.

Ridgetown, Dec. 15.—The news that John Howat, the Ross candidate, had thrown up the sponge reached here at noon and caused considerable speculation. The impression is universal in this locality that his case was hopeless. Mr. Bowyer is winning a wonderful support and all day yesterday his office was deluged with Liberal and Patron farmers from the surrounding townships who came in to personally tender him their support.

The impression here is that with Bowyer as the candidate and popular sentiment so strongly against the Ross Government East Kent will be redeemed by an immense majority.

DESERVE SUPPORT

Band Boys Generous Project to Help
Unfortunate Frank Hustwick

The sympathy of Chathamites is generally of a thoroughly practical nature. An instance of this is the concert being put on by the 24th Regiment Band in aid of Frank Hustwick. The undertaking deserves, and we feel sure will receive, the cordial support of the public.

Frank Hustwick, it will be recalled, came to Canada in the fall of 1902, with his wife and family. Though a sober, industrious man of good character, ill luck seemed to follow him, for just before Christmas of 1903, while working at Brundage's ice house, he had the misfortune to badly injure his leg. Despite the strenuous and temporarily successful efforts put forth by Dr. Tye to save the injured member, it was found necessary to have the leg amputated in order to save the man's life. Hustwick, thus crippled, has been unable to provide for his family, though perfectly willing to do his best at any odd jobs that he could handle. As a consequence of his crippled condition the wife and family are now practically destitute, though the Home of the Friendless, the King's Daughters, Rev. T. Beverley Smith, rector of Holy Trinity, and other kind friends, did all they could to assist in caring for them.

The 24th Regiment Band has now taken hold, and is putting on a concert, timed for Tuesday evening, Dec. 20th, and which will be held in Holy Trinity S. S. Hall. The proceeds will be devoted to providing Hustwick with an artificial leg, the balance going to the maintenance of the family. The band boys, having generously undertaken this project, will, as usual with them, spare no effort to make it a complete success. The very best local talent are giving their aid, so that, apart even from its worthy object, this promise to be a concert well deserving the public patronage and support.

The price of admission, 15 cents, is so low that there are none who cannot afford to buy a ticket, even if unable to attend. Tickets can be had from any of the band boys, or at the Central Drug Store.

COUNTY COURT

The December sessions of the County Court were concluded before Judge Dowlin at the court house this morning.

In the case of King vs. Gore the grand jury brought in true bills in three cases. The first case that of the alleged theft of \$84, the petit jury disagree and the other three two cases were not tried. The cases were left over until the next sessions of the court and Gore was released on \$1,500 bail.

Joe Martin was found guilty of theft and sentenced to one month in jail.

William H. Brown was charged with the non-support of his wife. The wife, however, refused to give testimony against him as he was now providing for her, and the judge ordered that a judgment of nolle prosequi be entered. This concluded the docket.

The Grand Jury made their presentation yesterday afternoon as follows—

Chatham, Dec. 14, 1904.

To His Honor Judge Dowlin,

We the members of the Grand Jury now in session, beg leave to state, having completed the business brought before us, proceeded to visit the jail and House of Refuge, and

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Fine Vostzas Currants, 10c.
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through the courtesy of those in charge were shown through each of these places, and found them thoroughly clean and well heated, and could find nothing that we could recommend in the way of a change, but as a body would like to call your attention to the ante room adjoining the room occupied by the grand jurors. We believe there should be some means of heating this room for the comfort of the constable in charge.

A. J. O'FLYNN,
Foreman.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Vanstone, Lansdowne Ave., wish to publicly express their appreciation of the kindness extended to them by their neighbors and friends during, and subsequent to, their recent fire.

CARPET BOWLING

Two rinks from Unity Lodge and Royal Arcanum played last night, the score being—

1st Unity 13, Royal Arcanum 10;
2nd, Unity 11, Arcanum 12.

"OFFERED WITHOUT REPLY."

What the Manchester Courier Thinks of Canada and Great Britain.

London, Dec. 15.—The Manchester Courier, commenting on Mr. Asquith's speech, says: It could hardly be called "disloyalty" on the part of Canada if, after granting a 33 per cent. preference and offering every able-bodied man in the Mother Country 100 acres of free land in vain, she turned to the United States for reciprocal trade.

Good Work of Y.M.C.A.

Since the immigration advice department of the Lancashire Y.M.C.A. was formed 2,000 letters of introduction have been given to young men going to Canada and a large number of unsuitable men have been prevented from undertaking work they were totally unfit for.

Lady Minot a Fars.

This week's Tatler contains a full page illustration showing Lady Minot and her family "in their winter Canadian furs."

Doctors Find Him Insane.

St. Catharines, Dec. 15.—On Sept. 29 the barns and driving sheds of James H. Walker, near Beamsville, were burned. A tramp named Isaac Ziebler, who was found nearby, was arrested and charged with the crime. At first he admitted that he had set the barn on fire because the Walkers had refused him food that morning. Afterwards he denied all knowledge of the fire. His looks and actions clearly indicated that he was out of his mind. Yesterday afternoon in the sessions Ziebler was put on his trial upon a charge of arson. He pleaded not guilty. Doctors testified that he was mentally unsound. The jury found him not guilty. He will be taken care of at an asylum.

Killed His Stepdaughter.

Sherbrooke, Que., Dec. 15.—The Patrie murder case was concluded yesterday, when the jury returned a verdict of "guilty" against the accused, Napoleon Foquet. Foquet was charged with having murdered Amos Dubois, his stepdaughter, aged 23 months, on Oct. 11, 1903. It was shown in the evidence that the man had given the child brandy to drink, and that he had also beaten her and thrown her to the ground. It was also shown that he had admitted that he was the cause of the child's death. He will be hanged Jan. 27.

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