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**Typhoid Fever and the Oyster.**

According to a special cable to the New York Herald the death of the Dean of Winchester, said to be due to typhoid fever following the eating of contaminated oysters, has created a very sensational scare throughout England.

Although the gravity of the situation is naturally very much exaggerated, there is also a plausibility in the conclusion that the shellfish in question is a distinct and dangerous factor in fever propagation.

It has been proved, for instance, beyond question that oysters which are fattened at the mouths of fresh water rivers, containing sewage waste, are liable to absorb the typhoid germ and thus scatter it widecast among innocent and distant consumers.

On general principles it is obviously impossible to be sure in any given case that an oyster is free from infection unless it is contained in a package placed upon the integrity of the dealer, who may know the exact source of supply. In deep sea water the oyster is always free from infection, and until there shall be some legislation to prevent the present practice of transplanting in contaminated streams, it is easy to see which will be the popular choice. Thus the fattened, plump product of the sewer will very naturally give place to the oyster which brings freshness and flavor from a purer and more remote environment.

**Grand Trunk Exhibition in Japan.**

The Grand Trunk Railway System, through the Exhibition Commissioners of Canada at Ottawa, have just shipped a very fine and complete collection of their well known scenic views, depicting scenes along their line, to the land of the Chrysanthemum for display at the Fifth National Exhibition of Japan, which will open in the city of Osaka, March 1st, 1903. The collection includes some of the best pictures of the districts in the "Highlands of Ontario" and other summer resorts located on the Grand Trunk, as well as reproductions of several of the engineering feats on the line, such as the St. Clair Tunnel, the double track single-arch steel bridge across the Niagara Gorge, and the more recent Victoria Jubilee Bridge across the St. Lawrence River at Montreal. This series of pictures will make a very comprehensive display and will be the means of bringing before the people of the Orient, some of the charms of Canada which have hitherto been unknown.

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**LATEST WEATHER REPORT.**

DECEMBER						
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**ASTRONOMICAL.**

Wednesday, Dec. 31.  
Sun rises, 7:51 a. m. Moon rises, 8:37 a. m.  
Sun sets, 4:50 p. m. Moon sets, 6:55 p. m.  
FAH—A LITTLE COLDER.

Toronto, Dec. 30, 8 p. m.—Fair weather has been pretty general in Canada today except that heavy showers have occurred in Nova Scotia. Temperatures have been high there yesterday, especially in Cape Breton, where 48 was recorded. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 44-48; Kamloops, 38-46; Calgary, 29-40; Qu'Appelle, 4-30; Winnipeg, 4 below-18; Port Arthur, 2-22; Pelly Sound, 26-30; Toronto, 21-32; Montreal, 24-32; Quebec, 22-30; Halifax, 34-44.

Probabilities:—Lower lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh, southerly and south-westerly winds; fair, stationary or a little lower temperature.

Local temperatures:—The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the Observatory on Tuesday, Dec. 30th, 1902, were:—Highest, 25.5 above; lowest, 15.5 above.

**VICUNA OVERCOATINGS,**  
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**CITY NEWS.**

The biggest cigar is also usually the poorest.

Have you got your hand on that nickel? The Turkey—warmed over—is still in our midst.

Everybody hates a hypocrite, but how will you decide who is a hypocrite? An oyster supper is not really a success unless there are some oysters left.

A holiday is something of a nuisance, because it disarranges everything.

Mrs. John Harrison and Master Frank, of Salford, are visiting friends in this city.

What's the matter with the coal situation taking a hand in the turning over business?

A woman who has false teeth likes to pretend that she has the toothache occasionally.

Miss Alice Jones, of South London, is the guest of her aunt, Miss Jessie Reader, at Ingersoll.

Usually the people who pay the least to the preacher are the first to find fault with him.

Mr. A. E. Adams, of Toronto, is spending the holidays with friends and relatives in this city.

Every idea is foolish till it succeeds, when it becomes everybody that it was always a good one.

Mrs. G. H. Patrick, of Port Huron, has returned home from London, where she was visiting relatives.

We admire a man who does not lie when he tells us what he thought of him. Mr. M. L. Emmons, of Port Huron, is on a visit with friends in this city. He will be here about one week.

The Winnipeg Free Press has remembered its friends at this festive season, and sent them a little bag of "Fennican," a delicate article of dietary, better known by name than in substance to the majority of Canadians. It is stated that the interesting specimen of the trapper's food of former days was made at Fort McPherson, a Hudson Bay company's post, 65 miles within the Arctic Circle, and 2,578 miles north of Winnipeg. As an article of dietary among the old trappers, "fennican" was a necessity, with the pampered feasters of the older days. The specimen was largely grown up on the results of their pioneer efforts, it may be an interesting curiosity. It is not without its relationship more or less distant, to baggies or alleged German sausage. Our Winnipeg contemporary has made a great many people acquainted with an important article of dietary largely unknown. It can be served in a manner that makes it toothsome.

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**New Mats.**

A lot of the newest things out in Soft Hats.

**Boughner.**

The Westminster municipal nominations, which took place at Odell's hall, Wellington Road, on Monday, were well attended. Mr. John McLaughlin, of St. Andrew's, was elected to the past year, was re-elected by acclamation. Seven persons for the four offices of councillor were proposed. The names of nominees and nominators are appended: Hardy Shore, Glanworth, by J. W. Crinklaw and Duncan Macpherson; James Mair, of Glendale, by Robert Angus, Angus Beattie, of Pond Mills, by Thos. Tomlinson and W. E. Grievie; Jos. Dale, of Belmont, by John Anderson and R. S. Nichol; George Reid, of Belmont, by Wm. Cousins and David Nichol; Jephtha Forman, of Lambeth, by J. D. Cummings and Robert Brown; David Nichol, of Belmont, by Wm. Cousins and J. W. Crinklaw.

A very enjoyable time was spent at the residence of Mr. John Hayes, 14th con., London township, on December 28th, when the friends of the 50, gathered to spend the evening. Ping-pong, pedro and dancing were the chief amusements. Friends came from Brynastown, Angus, Beattie, Denfield and Toronto. Music was furnished by Blackwell, of Brynastown, and Hodgins, of Birch. Joseph Marshall, acting as floor manager, thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and the "sma' wee hours" of the morning, when each dispersed to their different homes.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Y. M. C. A., was held on Monday afternoon 28th, with Miss Wm. in the chair. The meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. Gregston, after which the reports of the several committees were read and adopted. Arrangements were completed for the usual reception to be held in the parlors on New Year's afternoon. Mrs. Wood was appointed as delegate to the annual convention of the Y. M. C. A. to be held in Peterborough on Feb. 28th. The meeting then closed with the benediction.

Many old-time Free Press readers in this city will read with regret the following paragraph from the Bay City Times Press of Monday last:—"James E. Blair, the alleged Canadian revenue officer, charged with receiving stolen goods in connection with Miss Trillie Littlejohn, has been unable to secure signers for his bail bond and languishes in the county jail. This morning when the janitor of the City Hall was cleaning up in the cell which Blair had occupied, he found a pair of kid gloves which the prisoner had endeavored to conceal."

A quiet wedding took place at the residence of Mr. Hugh Ross, of Kintore, on Christmas Day, when his daughter, Miss Margaret May Ross, became the bride of Mr. Hector McIntosh, one of the popular younger members of the city police force. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Alice Ross, and the groomsmen were Mr. John McIntosh, brother of the groom. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Lindsay, of Kintore. After a tasty repast, the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh left for their home on George street, in this city.

At the residence of the bride's parents, in the Township of North Dorchester, on Wednesday, December 24th last, by Rev. Mr. Wright, of Thamesford, Miss Emma McMurray, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. McMurray, was married to Mr. John McKay, of the same township. A number of guests witnessed the pleasing event. The happy couple left for Michigan, amid showers of rice and good wishes of their friends. A large number of beautiful presents showed the high esteem in which the young couple were held.

Mr. and Mrs. Begole, of Ppsilanti, Mich., visited the former home of Miss Louise Saunby, of Ingersoll, at her home during her holidays with her sister, Mrs. A. Blinckhorn, 984 Lorne avenue.

Friends of the Cigarmakers of both sexes are expected to turn out in goodly numbers at the Blue Label ball, which will be held to-night at the City Hall.

The death took place yesterday of Miss Helen Donoh, who was thirty-two years of age. She passed away at her home, 161 Tecumseh avenue. A family of brothers and sisters are left to mourn her early demise. The funeral will take place on Thursday.

The Hamilton Spectator of Monday evening says:—"Joseph Combs, of London, called at No. 3 police station Saturday night and asked to be sent down for a long enough term to sober up. He was pretty sober this morning and was not anxious to sit in the stocks. He was assessed \$1 or five days."

The Count and Countess of Gramedo, Paris, France, are spending the holiday season with the latter's parents at Chicago. The Countess (nee Ethel Spencer) is the oldest daughter of Dr. Harry Brown (formerly of London), and granddaughter of Mr. Brown, 627 Colborne street, of this city.

The authorities of Victoria Hospital wish to thank several kind friends for contributions in kind to be used for the benefit of the sufferers from the West-end wreck, now at the hospital. These include: Mrs. B. A. Mitchell, six pounds of jelly; Mrs. W. E. Costello, two jars of marmalade, flowers and books; and the Ladies' Advisory Board, dressing gowns and slippers.

The death of Mrs. (Rev.) W. L. Reid, of Kerwood, took place yesterday, very suddenly and under particularly sad circumstances. The deceased was in her 34th year, and was particularly bright and lovable. She leaves behind her a sorrowing husband and an infant daughter, a few hours old. Mrs. Reid was a daughter of the late Robt. Pirby, of Corinth, Elgin County, and was married four years ago. She is survived by five brothers and three sisters.—G. S. Pirby, of Tilsonburg; Mrs. Edward Summers, of Corinth; Mrs. Spencer Elliott and Mrs. Emerson Elliott, of Brownville; Robert, of Corinth, and Joseph, Thomas and Walker, of Bayham Township.

Very successful in every way was the anniversary of the Sunday school of Knox Church, held last night in the lecture room of the church. The place was crowded with a happy lot of young people, and the evening of course being of youthful years. Tea was served from six to eight, and proved the popular attraction that it always is on such occasions. In the evening a delightful programme was rendered, the principal performers being taken from the children of the Sunday school. And that the little folks acquitted themselves to their own and every one else's satisfaction goes without saying. During the evening, addresses were given by Superintendent McAlpine, Principal McQueen and Mr. James Johnston. The school orchestra rendered valuable assistance. The pastor, Rev. J. G. Stuart, was in the chair.

There has been sent to this office a very pretty piece of lithography in red, black and gold, which the editor at first thought was a Christmas card and so took it home. However, however, to be a specimen of gold bond of The London & Lancashire Company, an endorsement stock.

The process of payment and cash is this:—If for ten years a man pays in \$5.00 a month, equal in ten years to \$50, he will at the end of that period get one thousand dollars in gold. Mrs. Editor thought this was a good scheme, and wondered where the Loan Company got the \$184 to pay back. So it had to be explained to her that judicious investment and compounding of interest worked wonders—From the Monetary.

Woodmen of the World, of this city, bought Clinton local improvement debentures, amounting to \$8,689, at 4 per cent. interest.

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One very pretty Black Fur Collar, head and tail trimming, good value at \$4.00, will sell now at only \$2.50

Several beautiful Sable Boas, excellent values and a rare chance. According to size. \$5.00, \$8.00 and 10.00

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We will also dispose of a lot of very pretty White Tibet Boas and Collars for the children at prices that will take your fancy.

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