

THE HAMILTON TIMES

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COOK CHARGED WITH FRAUD.

The publication of the affidavits of a New York insurance man and a sea captain who swear that for a money consideration they entered into an agreement with Dr. Frederick A. Cook to fabricate for his use astronomical and other observations to be used in supporting his claim to have discovered the north pole will not strengthen public confidence in the alleged explorer's claims. The story of the two men, as told elsewhere, makes interesting reading. Cook's statements have been viewed with suspicion by many men competent to form an opinion on the subject and Commander Peary, who has not ceased to declare him to be a fakir, has always contended that his alleged "observations" could have been fabricated anywhere and at any time, and that his exposure was sure to come. However, the matter may stand, Cook and those co-operating with him have worked the public for a very large sum of money. The explorer's sudden disappearance on the eve of the submission of his "records" to the Copenhagen University created some sensation, and the disclosures of Dunkle and Loose, laying bare an alleged conspiracy to swindle the public, may help to explain not only Cook's disappearance, but many other peculiar features of his story.

GET THE PERSPECTIVE.

It would be very unwise for any Canadian reader to estimate the popular hostility to Lloyd-George's budget by the noise made by the lords and the landlords. It would be equally unwise to assume that the aristocratic chamber of the legislature is candid in rejecting the budget on the plea that it involves a principle not discussed or understood by the masses of the people—the taxation of land values. Far from that being the case, the subject is one that has, to the alarm of the lords, been engaging the attention of the people for a good many years. The very small total of the land tax as compared with the other items of national revenue has not escaped the eyes of the burdened taxpayers, and the fact that while all the other sources of revenue have increased, the land tax returns have been actually decreasing, has not failed to have an effect on public feeling.

The total revenue for 1897-8 was £102,758,479; for 1907-8 it was £137,317,944. In the decade the income tax increased £15,130,000. That is an increase of more than 51 per cent. In the same time house duty increased about 30 per cent.

And how was it with land taxes? Alas! exceedingly small, that item had actually decreased from £940,000 in 1897-8 to £730,000 in 1907-8, a trifle of £210,000, or about 22.34 per cent. And it is the one item in the table of revenue receipts which shows decrease, although the value of the land has increased enormously.

It was impossible that such an anomaly should be overlooked by the highly taxed masses. And it was not overlooked. In the Financial Reform Year Book the matter was approached boldly, and it has for years been approached from hundreds of platforms. We quote:

There is an enormous field for revenue in the future from the taxation of land values. That value is different from anything else; it is purely of social creation. Take away the people and you at once take away the value of the land; increase the population and the value of the land increases also. This tax, being levied upon the value of the land, would bear very lightly, as it ought, upon the rural districts, where land is not very valuable; and would bear heavily upon the densely populated districts, where the landowners could well afford to pay it.

That is sufficiently specific. And it is that feature of the budget—the provision that a small portion only of this value which the public and not the landowner creates be taken for the benefit of the public, still allowing the landlord to put into his own pocket all the rest—to which the lords object and propose to stake their privileges upon the issue. Of course, they hope to raise other cries to mislead the public, but the real fight is against society taking for its own use part of the value which society adds to the land without any expenditure of money or effort on the part of the owners.

taxes on land values. But granting that, it is still to be doubted that their course is wise as a mere matter of tactics. The idea that Jack is as good as his master has been making great headway in the United Kingdom in recent years. The economic schoolmaster has been abroad, and the Caste and Privilege must now meet the demand for Equality of Rights before the Law with other arguments than those which their champions have been accustomed to use.

MR. HUGH C. BAKER.

Hamiltonians will learn with surprise and regret that Mr. Hugh C. Baker, the manager of the Bell Telephone Company in this city, is to retire from the position which he has occupied, and in which he has gained so much popularity, for nearly 30 years. Our people generally respect and esteem Mr. Baker for his many good qualities of head and heart, and telephone users in particular will feel that losing him is like parting with an old friend. Mr. Baker has the genius, not always possessed by the managers of public service companies, of impressing those with whom business brings him in contact, as being eminently just and considerate. His devotion to the company which he served never prevented him from "putting himself in the other fellow's place." His theory of the management of public services was squared by the Golden Rule; and Mr. Baker's success proves the wisdom of so shaping business policy. He served well the company, and at the same time, won the regard of its patrons and the public.

Mr. Baker must rank among the fathers of telephony in Canada. He was the owner of the first public telephone exchange in the country, the one opened in Hamilton, and to which fuller reference is made elsewhere. Among his other activities it may be noted that he was the builder of Hamilton's original street railway. In private and social life Mr. Baker has a very wide circle of friends who esteem him for his many admirable personal qualities. It will be pleasing to them to know that although Mr. Baker is resigning the management of the company, he will still retain his connection with it as special agent, and that it will continue to have the benefit of his ability and experience. He will still remain a citizen of Hamilton, and the Times joins with a host of friends in wishing him health and happiness in his retirement.

BANK OF MONTREAL.

The report made to the shareholders of the Bank of Montreal at their 92nd annual meeting held in Montreal on Monday, was one which indicated satisfactory progress during the year. In his address, Sir Edward Clouston, general manager, gave a review of the business situation in the country graphically setting forth the recovery of trade from the depression of two years ago, the immense growth of the North-west, the remarkable development of railway building, the influx of select immigrants, and the gratifying expansion of our foreign trade. All these went to indicate good times ahead for Canada. The Bank of Montreal has enjoyed a good year. The profits of the past year's business were \$1,826,167, of which \$1,440,000 was distributed in dividends, leaving \$386,000 to be carried forward to the credit of profit and loss. Considering that for a part of the year business in the country was only moderately active, this is certainly a magnificent showing. The Bank of Montreal is one of the world's greatest financial institutions. With a capital stock of \$14,400,000, and a total of \$12,603,790 in rest, and profits carried forward, its solidity is world-famed. Its total assets amount to \$220,000,000. Its deposits, \$168,000,000, and its discounts and advances to the public \$168,000,000. The importance of such an institution to our country is great. The Times congratulates the management on the splendid position of the bank.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Magistrate Houston, of Chatham, wants that city to copy Hamilton's dog-by-law. It would certainly tend to lessen the dog evil from which Chatham seems to be suffering.

But probably after the newspaper men and city officials get done planning railway stations for the Grand Trunk, C. P. R. and C. N. R., the railway men themselves will probably have something to say.

Is the Herald to be disappointed again? Will Ald. Wright too funk the job of running as Hydromaniac Instrument of Vengeance against Mayor McLaren? Why not offer a reward for candidates?

Cook's records are to be submitted to a "rigid examination" at Copenhagen. And what of it? Cook insisted on having a long time to prepare "records for submission." Why not have submitted the real records made on his exploration trip? "Observations" could as easily be prepared in New York as in the Arctic.

Whitney professes to regard the Tory victory in North Middlesex as evidence that the people are willing to trust him without an opposition. How he must have laughed in his sleeve as he said that and thought of the rate at which he was doubling up the Government levy upon the people, and encroaching on the liberties of the citizens!

The Alberta & Great Waterways Railway is projected to reach Fort McMurray, 350 miles northeast of Edmonton, where it will connect with the Peace, Athabasca and Mackenzie Rivers with

their 3,500 miles of waterway, giving access to the Arctic and Pacific Oceans. The road is expected to be under contract in January. It will unroll a new portion of the map.

The Times takes pleasure in reproducing from the Victoria Colonist an appreciative article upon the elevation of Messrs. Justices Martin and Irving, formerly of the Supreme Court Bench of British Columbia, to the new and higher Court of Appeal, recently constituted by that Province. The promotions will be particularly pleasing to our readers, both gentlemen being former Hamiltonians, and both men who have justified the confidence of their fellow citizens and given excellent service to the Bench. The appointments are said to be very popular in British Columbia.

The Attorney-General of the State of New York has taken action against the \$33,000,000 Milk Trust that is taxing the people of the State and holding up the milk producers. The Trust pays farmers about 3 1/2 cents a quart for milk which it sells at 9 cents and upwards. It is proposed to bring criminal action against 90 known members of the Trust for penalties amounting to \$450,000.

President Taft's recommendations to Congress on the injunction question would remove much of the evil complained of. The injunction has its proper uses, but it was never intended that it should supersede the law. Of course, if a man sets out to violate the law, or to commit an offence that cannot be compensated for by him if held responsible, he deserves no consideration. Taft's proposals seem reasonable.

Speaking of Post Watson's shameful conduct in attacking Mrs. Asquith and her daughter, Rev. Dr. Aked, of New York, who has been one of his admirers, says:

"There is one faint gleam of hope that it may not be as disgraceful as it seems. This may be insanity; undoubtedly it looks like it. "One of the phenomena of brain disease is a belief that the world is engaged in a conspiracy against oneself. If Mr. Watson is a victim, then our old admiration for him, our love for him, will move us to a deeper sympathy for him. I would rather think of him as dead, with glorious achievements upon his records and honor unstained, than to know him for what he appears to be to-day—a spiteful gossip, a fool and a cad."

A recent inquiry into the consumption of commodities in Great Britain shows that there has since 1885 been a large increase in the per capita consumption of raw cotton, coal, wool, pig iron and wheat. The increase has been especially marked in the first four items. Commenting on it, the London Economist says: "This table affords evidence that the consumption of the four leading industrial materials used in this country has at least kept pace with the increasing population, and in two cases has grown even more rapidly. The discovery and development of vast iron and coal resources in Germany and the United States has been the chief industrial feature of the closing years of the nineteenth century, but in spite of these competing sources we have maintained the position which we acquired when England monopolized the world's iron and coal trades."

The Hydro-Electric agents in the Council are in a dilemma. The Commission's "experts," a short time ago, to forward their cause ridiculed the arguments advanced for the stepping down of the 13,200-volt current, and professed to regard it as better practice to use it at that tension than at a lower voltage. Now that a contract has actually been made and it is no longer necessary in the interest of the conspiracy to fool the people, the Hydro-Admirers hardly know what attitude to assume as to the installation of transformers. All good electrical engineers agree that a lower voltage is safer and better, but how to reconcile that admission with their former contentions puzzles them.

"Oh, what a tangled web we weave, When first we practice to deceive!" But they should not think they will lose cast by letting the city take the transformers and making the best of a bad job. The people know them well enough now.

Our Exchanges

TIME FOR INTERVENTION. (New York Sun.) Kicker—Before he was married he called her his queen. Bocker—Now he says she is a ruler of a South American republic.

DON'T WANT IT. (Toronto Telegram.) Central Prison is not going to be established near Hamilton whose last chance of being a really big place is thus knocked into the hereafter.

THE REAL LURE. (The Wasp.) English Girl—(You American girls have not such healthy complexions as we have. I cannot understand why our noble men take a fancy to your white faces. American Girl—It isn't our white faces that attract them, my dear; it's our greenbacks.

REFUTED. Puck. State Investigator—They say there has been gross mismanagement here. Office Boy—It's a lie! Just wait till the superintendent gets up with his trunk and the manager comes back from his two months' fishing trip, they'll tell you whether this asylum's being run right or not.

WHITE SLAVES. (Toronto News.) In advising the appropriation by Congress of \$50,000 with which to fight the

while slave trade, President Taft outlines a course which should be adopted by every civilized nation. Joint international action undertaken with adequate energy and determination should go far to remove a foul blot on civilization.

A GOOD SCHEME. (Louisville Courier-Journal.) "All the pedestrians seem to stop at your store." "Oh, I manage to interest 'em." "What's your idea?" "I have a thermometer that registers four degrees higher in summer and six degrees lower in winter than any other thermometer in town."

DUNDAS. Dog By-law Repealed--Local and Personal News.

Dundas, Dec. 9.—Among recent visitors in town were Mrs. F. Ellis, St. George; J. Duggan, Stratford; W. G. Whitside, Stratford; Mrs. A. M. Morrison and Miss Stewart, Markham; Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Lunn, Port Arthur; Roy Ford, Toronto.

The proclamation prohibiting dogs running at large has been annulled by Mayor Lawrance. This will be welcome news to canine owners. Next Sunday morning in Knox Church Rev. S. H. Gray will preach on local option, of which he is an ardent advocate.

Miss Ruth Forrest has resumed her duties in the office of Grafton & Co., after a long illness with rheumatism. The members of the Mosquito Club honored Jamie Dickson, on Monday evening, by giving him an oyster supper on his return from the west.

A young men's club has been organized in connection with Knox Church, which promises to be a very successful affair. The club will meet monthly. E. Builder was an attendant at the winter fair at Guelph yesterday.

Inspector Sullivan paid an official visit to St. Augustine's separate school on Monday. The Woman's Aid Society of St. James' Church will hold their annual sale of work on Thursday, December 16, afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Broadbent removed to Toronto last week. They will be very much missed here by a large circle of friends.

The membership competition of the Y. M. C. A. which has been running for thirty days, ended on Saturday last, the Whites winning out by two points. The membership did not quite reach the 300 mark. H. E. Irwin, K. C., of Toronto, will address a public meeting in the town hall on Sunday evening, Dec. 28th, in the interests of local option. Several other meetings will be held at an early date.

On leaving Dundas to accept a more lucrative position on the Public School staff, of Galt, Walter Calh was presented with a flattering address, and a beautiful shaving set by the Public School pupils, among whom he was a great favorite.

Try This on Your Friend. Ask a friend to put a quarter in one pocket and a dime in the opposite pocket. Tell him that the quarter represents 20 and the dime 5. Now ask him to triple the coin that is in his right pocket and double that which is in his left pocket, and then add these two products together, simply telling you whether the result is odd or even. If it be even then the quarter is in his right pocket and the dime in his left. You may give any values to the

FRIDAY SHEA'S CORSETS December 10, 1909 FOR 49c Buy Your Christmas Gifts on Bargain Day Good dependable garments, piece goods and notions on sale at less than wholesale prices, some half price. Women's and Misses' Coats at \$6.95, Worth \$10.00. Full \$10.00 values, semi and fitted backs; good long lengths; splendid range of colors. Women's Suits \$6.95, Worth \$12.50. Navy and black, all sizes, worth \$10.00 and \$12.50; splendid cloths. Girls' Coats Less Than 1/2. Beautiful warm cloths, dark colors and light colors, at sweeping reductions; 3 to 16 years. \$3.00 Coats for \$1.50, \$4.00 Coats for \$2.00, \$6.00 Coats for \$2.95. Women's Skirt Bargains. Every one well made and perfect in every way; beautiful materials. \$3.00 Skirts for \$1.48, \$4.00 Skirts for \$1.95, \$5.95 Skirts for \$3.95. Women's Taffeta Silk Waists at \$1.95, Worth \$3.50. Oddments, various styles and samples, all black, value \$3.50 to \$4.00. Women's Net Waists at \$1.50, Worth \$3.00. White and ecru, well made and perfect fitting garments. \$3.00 and \$3.50 value. Lawn Waists at 69c, Worth \$1.50 to \$2.00. Oddments and samples, slightly soiled, \$1.50 to \$2.00 values; all sizes. Lawn Waists at \$1.29, Worth \$2.00 and \$2.50. Beautiful Waists, richly trimmed, odd sizes, 38 to 44 only. You never bought better waists at \$2.00 or \$2.50. Women's Warm Waists \$1.25, for 50c. Some cashmere, some cotton, \$1.00 and \$1.25 values. Good range of colors. Silk Underskirts \$5.00 to \$6.00, for \$3.29. Beautiful taffeta silk, all black and perfect goods, some samples, hardly used, not one worth less than \$5.00, some \$6.00 and \$6.50 values. Women's Underwear 49c, Worth 75c. Part wool, very fine quality, Vests and Drawers, natural color, full 75c value. Children's Underwear 19c, Worth 25c and 30c. Vests and Drawers, oddments, natural color, all good warm garments. Children's Fur Ruffs \$1.39, Worth \$3.00. Beautiful long foxatone fur, white, grey and pink very full and rich quality. We put the value at \$3.00, but it's more; nice gifts. Table Cloths at \$1.29. Pure Linen. 66x84 beautiful pure linen damask, border all round, full \$2.00 value. Just a Shea Friday linen bargain. Kimona Cloths 12 1/2c, Value 18c and 25c. Very fine, rich quality, light and dark colors, full 18 to 25c values. Mitts and Gloves for 50c, Worth 75c and \$1.00. A quantity of Women's, Boys' and Men's Mitts and Gloves, Mocha and kid, all lined, 75c to \$1.00 values. Boys' Warm Hose 19c, Worth 25c and 35c. Good, heavy Worsted and Cashmere Hose, for school wear, a clean up of odd lots. Children's Dresses \$1.49, Worth \$2.50. Made of all-wool cashmere, in dark colors, nicely finished, and well made, worth \$2.50 and more. Infants' Eiderdown Coats 99c. Samples, made with cape and nicely trimmed with cord, 1 to 3 years sizes, \$1.75 value. 2 Big Bargains in Toque and Sash Sets. All-wool Sash, Toque and Mitts, heavycomb toque, \$1.25 value, for 75c. All-wool Sash, Toque and Mitts, plain toque, worth \$1.00, for 50c.

Seeded Raisins Per Package 6c

Eleven hundred packages new and absolutely choice Seeded Raisins, Duffy brand, great, big value, while they last 6c per package; not more than 5 to any one customer. Santa Claus brand Seeded Raisins, 3 packages 25c; Holly Brand Sultana Raisins, cleaned, very fine, 13c package, 2 for 25c; Sultana Raisins, in bulk, not so bright, but good stock, 4 lbs. for 25c; Valencia Raisins; finest quality selects, 4 lbs. for 25c. Money can not buy better Raisins than these. Seedless Valencia Raisins, the coming favorite, 3 lbs. for 25c; Currants, reseeded Patras. See them, 3 lbs. for 25c. Table Raisins, fine, 20c per lb. Extra fancy Table Raisins, in 1/2 lb. boxes, the best fruit, in the handsomest package, per box, 35c.

Peels, Nuts, Etc. If quality counts, these should satisfy. They are best, Lemon and Orange Peel, per lb. 13c. 2 lbs. for 25c; Citron Peel, 20c per lb. Shelled Almonds, New Selected Nuts, per lb. 40c, worth 50c. Shelled Walnuts, finest, 35c, worth 40c; Dark Brown Sugar, for cake and mince-past, per lb. 5c; White Icing Sugar, best, pure, 3 1/2 lbs. for 25c; McLaren's leings, Maple, Chocolate, Rose, Vanilla, 3 packages 25c; Flavoring Extracts, Almond, Wintergreen, Rose, Pistachio, Raspberry, Lemon and Vanilla, per bottle, 10c.

Oranges, Lemons, Grapefruit Florida Oranges, the best eating and the best value, ripe and sweet, 25c per dozen, worth 40c; Mexican sweet Oranges, large, 20c per dozen, worth 30c; Mexican, smaller, 12c per dozen, worth 20c; Lemons, finest new, large Mexican, 15c per dozen, worth 20c; Grape Fruit, this is especially nice and extra value, 6 for 25c; Apples, some very fine Northern Spies, per basket 35c.

Apricots, Figs, Dates, Etc. Choice new California Apricots, per lb. 17c, worth 20c; California Peaches, per lb. 10c, Table Figs, 1 lb. package, full weight and all figs, 10c, worth 15c; Cooking Figs, fine, clean fruit, 6 lbs. 25c; Teddy Bear Dates, 2 packages 15c; Fardé Dates, per lb. 12c; Prunes, finest grade Santa Clara Valley Fruit, 4 lbs. for 25c; larger size, 3 lbs. 25c.

Flour Five Roses to-day per bag \$3.15; per 1/2 bag \$1.60; per 1/4 bag, 80c; Lily White, per bag, \$2.65; per 1/2 bag, \$1.35; per 1/4 bag, 68c; Gold Medal Flour, per bag, \$2.75; per 1/2 bag, \$1.38 per 1/4 bag, 70c; Pure Buckwheat Flour, 7 lbs. 25c; Graham Flour, 7 lbs. 25c. Rowat's Pickled Walnuts, bottle 10c. Rowat's White Onions, bbl. 10c. Rowat's Mixed or Chow, bbl. 10c. Corn Meal, 8 lbs. 25c. Queen Quality Sweet Pickles, bbl. 15c. Cream of Wheat, per pkg. 20c. Joskey Club Pickles, large bbl. 15c. Hearts of Wheat, per pkg. 15c. Celery Relish, per bbl. 10c. Grape-Nuts, per pkg. 15c. Horse Radish, per bbl. 10c. Shredded Wheat Biscuits, 2 pkgs. 25c. Nation's Sauce, per bbl. 10c. Panyan Sauce, per bbl. 20c. Triscuit, 2 pkgs. 25c. Lily Catsup, bbl. 10c. Codou's Macaroni, 2 pkgs. 25c. Heinz Catsup, bbl. 15c. Pure Gold Puddings, 3 pkgs. 25c. Alliance Catsup, large bbl. 15c. Pure Gold Salad Dressing, 3 pkgs. 25c. Crest Olives, per bbl. 10c. Best White Sage, 4 lbs. 25c. Manzanilla Olives, large bbl. 25c. Best Pearl Tapioca, 4 lbs. 25c. French Mustard, bbl. 5 and 10c. Best Japan Rice, 4 lbs. 25c. Celery Salt, bbl. 10c. Best Rangoon Rice, 5 lbs. 25c. Shaker Salt, pkg. 10c. Corn Door Mats, each 10c. Clarified Sweet (Saler), qt. 25c. Spanish Onions, 7 lbs. 25c. Bulk Mince-meat, 3 lbs. 25c. Yellow Danver Onions, basket 40c. Mixed Spices, 2 ounces 5c.

Sugar 20 lb. Crystal Granulated Sugar, \$1.00, 10 lbs. 50c, 5 lbs. 25c. 19 lbs. best Granulated Sugar, \$1.00, 9 1/2 lbs. 50c. 20 lb. bag best-Granulated \$1.05, 30 lb. bag \$2.50, 100 lb. bag \$4.95; 100 lb. bag No. 2 Granulated \$4.99; 20 lbs. Bright Yellow Sugar \$1.00, 10 lbs. 50c, 5 lbs. 25c.

Candies and Nuts Pure Candies, Royal Mixed, 9c lb. 3 lbs. 25c. Jumbo Gums, 9c lb. 3 lbs. 25c. Mixed Creams, per lb. 10c. Peppermint, per lb. 10c. Chocolate Drops, per lb. 15c. Chocolate Walnuts, per lb. 20c. Mixed Nuts, every nut new, Walnuts, Almonds, Filberts and Brazils, per lb. 15c. Brazils alone, per lb. 17c.

Ginger Snaps Per Lb. 5c Just five barrels of them, fresh from the bakery and going while they last per lb. 5c. Ginger Cookies, 3 lbs. 25c. Royal Mixed, 3 lbs. 25c. Vanilla Bar, 3 lbs. 25c. Home-made Lemon Cookies, 3 lbs. 25c. Fig Bars, 2 lbs. 25c. Fresh Crisp Sodas, per lb. 9c. Royal Cream Sodas, 3 lb. box 25c. Weston's Cocoa Nut Macarons, tin box 20c. Weston's Lady Fingers, tin box 20c. Weston's fancy assorted, tin box 25c. Water Ice Waters, 30c lb.

Can Goods Old Church Corn, 3 tins 25c. Old Church Peas, 3 tins 25c. Vineland Tomatoes, 3 tins 25c. Delicatan Tomatoes, per tin 12c. Beets, small tin, 9c. 3 tin 25c. large tin 11c. Golden Wax Beans, per tin 10c. Asparagus Tips, per tin 25c. Pumpkin, 3 tins 25c. Lombard Plums, tin 10c. Sliced Pineapple, 2 tins 25c. Raspberries, Strawberries or Peaches, per tin 15c.

Butter, Eggs and Cheese 1000 pounds Fresh Dairy Roll Butter to be here Friday morning, and all to be sold before Monday night at 25c per pound. We expect this lot of Butter to be choice. Dairy Butter, pound prints, per pound 28c. Choicest Fresh Creamery Butter, per pound 28c. Eggs, cold stored, but better than the average, every egg good, per dozen 20c. Prime New Cheese, per pound 15c. Rich, Snappy June Cheese, per pound 17c. Cream Cheese, 1/2c per lb. 25c. Best Pure Lard, pound 18c.

CARROLL'S -5- STORES

111 John Street South Cor. Emerald and Wilson Cor. James and Macauley Cor. Queen and Hunter Cor. York and Carleton Burlington You, Archdeacon Forrester, rector of All Saints' Church, Hamilton, will preach in St. Luke's Church on Thursday evening at 5 o'clock. On Friday evening, Dec. 10, a sacred concert will be given in the Methodist Church under the auspices of the choir. The programme will be furnished by the choir of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, under the leadership of Mr. Bruce A. Carey. The soloists are Mrs. LeRoy Grimes, Mrs. H. Weir, Mrs. J. H. Mullen, Mrs. George McKay, Mrs. J. Hall, Miss Pirie, Miss Stella Sintzel, Miss Bartmann, Mr. Carey, Mr. Devine, and E. A. Bartmann, cellist. The Women's Institute will meet on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 in the Public Library. An informal social evening, under the auspices of Burlington and District Publicity Association, will be held in Strathcona Hall on Thursday evening, Dec. 16. The "Death-Watch." "The patient, after suffering long, had fallen into a deep sleep; and the nurse, in the still hours of the night, was, with anxious forebodings, critically watching her charge. Intently she listened to his weak and regular breathing, and while she listened, a sound ticking commenced. The gentle but distinct taps—a pause—fice more taps, but this time from a different direction; then a dead silence. The old and superstitious nurse hesitated, raised her hands and shook her head. All now was of no avail. It was a "death watch." "Two hours later the patient died." Such a passage as this was common enough in the pages of novels not very many years ago. In earlier days the "death watch" was heard much more frequently than now; indeed, was quite a popular terror among the superstitious and ignorant, who believed in "omens," "arnings," and such passages of "future events." However, like most of the superstitious fancies of bygone days, this supposed prophetic and mysterious "augury," when investigated with ordinary scientific methods of observation, proves to be entirely fallacious and a delusion. The "death watch" that produces the weird tickings formerly so much feared, is nothing more or less than a mischievous and destructive little beetle madly in love and very desirous of finding its mate. This is the fallace of our ancestors regarding this mystery dispelled.—Professor Ward in the December Strand. "But do you think," asked the visitor in the local option town, "that prohibition really prevents?" "Well," replied the native, "it prevents a fellow from getting the best of whiskey, but it doesn't prevent whiskey from getting the best of him."—Catholics Standard and Times.