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COALITION PROPOSAL

The Cat Appears to Be Getting Out of the Bag.

CHAPLEAU, TARTE AND BLAIR

Alleged to Have Conspired to Throw Out the Old Liberals.

The Mystery Among Politicians Is How Sir Adolphe Was Crazy Enough to Assume Such a Compromising Position—Archbishop Bruchesi Hastening Home Ahead of Time—Mr. Tarte Writes Another Letter—Other News From Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The cat is out of the bag, or at least the feline's head and paws are plainly visible. The publication of the famous coalition letter, already referred to in The World, may be expected any day, and when it does appear the Langelier incident will pale into insignificance.

The correspondent asked to-day one of the leading Liberal members of the House of Commons from his district if there could be any mistake about the identity of the document in question, and he made the following statement, which will be read with interest by Conservatives and Liberals alike:

"There is no mistake whatever. This letter was written by Sir Adolphe Chapleau to Hon. Mr. Tarte, dwelling at length upon the lines of the proposed coalition in the Dominion Parliament."

"Did you see this letter?"

"Yes. I heard it read, and it really appeared like a romance. It gave away the whole scheme, and Mr. Blair's name is mentioned also. There has been a conspiracy all through to get rid of the old Liberals and invite support from the Tories. The link in the chain is perfect, and the mystery is how Chapleau was crazy enough to put his name to such a terribly compromising document."

"Does the letter seem to be a reply to one written by Mr. Tarte on the same subject?"

"Oh! yes, that is quite clear. It is a discussion of the whole question."

"Then of course Lieutenant-Governor Patterson's visit with Mr. Tarte to Spencerwood had something to do with the coalition movement after all?"

"Certainly; it was a part of the conspiracy."

The Archbishop's Household Surprised.

To the great surprise of the members of the Archbishop's household a cablegram has been received from Paris, saying that Mgr. Bruchesi would sail to-morrow from Havre by the Champagne and expected to arrive in Montreal not later than Dec. 28. As His Grace did not intend to return till February, the greatest interest has been awakened as to the Mgr.'s change of program. The supposition is that the Papal encyclical on the Manitoba school question is on the way to Canada, and that the Archbishop of Montreal desires to be here when it is enunciated. It is understood that the Papal decree will be read simultaneously from every Catholic pulpit in the Dominion.

Mr. Tarte's Latest Epistle.

Hon. J. Israel Tarte sends the following to his paper:

"There is no doubt that there exists in Quebec a desire to have in the Cabinet a representative of what is known as the Young Liberal element, and those who follow Sir Wilfrid Laurier closely know very well that he is not the man to ignore the demand of so important a faction of his party. The Langelier affair is but an incident, and one that in no way diminishes the confidence of the Liberals in Sir Wilfrid and his Government."

Improvements Promised on the I. C. R.

The merchants met the new traffic manager of the Intercolonial to-day and presented him with an address. Mr. Hayes said in reply that he hoped the business men would remember the Government road. It was intended to equip the line so that Canada would be proud of it. In a few months vestibuled passenger cars would be running and additional freight accommodation would be provided. He trusted that all would shortly see that commercializing this great railway had wiped out the deficiency which it was yearly causing in the revenue.

THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY.

Statement in the Reichstag Regarding German Competition.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—The Minister of the Interior, Count Posadowsky, replying in the Reichstag to-day to an inquiry regarding the intentions of the Government with a view to thwarting the Standard Oil Company from monopolizing the German market, said the Government was aiding the competition of German spirits of wine with petroleum. There was hope that the efforts being made to improve the spirit lamp would shortly be successful.

The Minister of Railroads, continued Count Posadowsky, had also arrived at a certain decision regarding the reduction of freight rates on Russian petroleum. Moreover, an increase in the customs duty on American petroleum was being considered.

In conclusion, Count Posadowsky remarked that the Government, if necessary, would proceed ruthlessly against the abuses complained of in connection with the Standard Oil Company, and would adopt without delay the measures he had indicated.

"Salada" Ceylon Tea is not nerve disturbing.

Orangemen are Ready.

"The Roman Catholic Church has been beaten once in an attempt to interfere with the liberties of Canada. Now, it is attempting to bring its influence to bear from another direction. The men who helped to defeat the last attempt are watching the new move. When the day comes they will make themselves heard again."

The annual dinner of Parkdale L.O.L., No. 207, took place last night in Parkdale Masonic Hall, and Hon. N. C. Wallace, who spoke as above, responded to the toast of Grand Lodge. He dealt upon the extent of the Empire and the influence it exercised upon the affairs of nations and showed how Canada was making itself felt in this year of the Jubilee celebration.

Mr. Wallace spoke strongly upon the duty of Canadians, who have a grand country to develop, with boundless possibilities.

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Articles Which W[illegible] Duty Free in Exchange for [illegible] of the Seal Question.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 17.—After the return of the Canadian Premier and the Minister of Fisheries from Washington last month, an authorized statement was given out from Ottawa of the contents of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's reply to the proposition of ex-Secretary Foster, the American negotiator in the seal conference. This was confirmed by Sir Louis Davies in a public address at Toronto, in which it was added that in return for a settlement of the fur seal question satisfactory to the United States, Canada would expect, among other concessions, a reciprocity arrangement, which would admit into the United States free of duty, lumber, coal, fish, barley, eggs, potatoes and other farm products.

The communications exchanged between Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Foster are now for the first time published at Washington. They are voluminous and contain nothing new.

HE WAS DEADLY PALE.

Actor Terriss' Assailant Arraigned in the Bow Street Police Court Yesterday.

London, Dec. 18.—Richard Arthur Prince, known as "Mad Archer," the super who last evening stabbed and killed William Terriss, the well-known actor, as the latter was upon the point of entering the stage door of the Adelphi Theatre, was arraigned at Bow-street Police Court to-day, charged with the crime, and was remanded until Wednesday next.

Prince, the assassin, is intelligent in appearance. His posture and demeanor were most callous. It was apparent that he felt he was playing a part which would command the eyes and ears of the audience.

Several letters were found upon the prisoner from members of the royal family and other prominent people, including the Duke and Duchess of York, replying to the prisoner's congratulations upon the birth of their son, and one from Princess Beatrice (Princess Henry of Battenburg) upon the occasion of her husband's death. A third of these letters was from Mr. Gladstone in reply to birthday congratulations. Another was from the Prince of Wales, thanking Prince for his expressions of sympathy upon the occasion of the Duke of York's illness in 1891. Then there was a letter from Manager Latham of the Adelphi Theatre, dated Dec. 11, 1897, regretting that he could not offer a part in "Secret Service" to the prisoner. This letter is expected to provide the police with a motive for the crime.

NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

Jacob Bogart of Osgoode Wants $2000 Damages From Archibald Galbraith for Seduction.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Jacob Bogart, a well-known farmer in Osgoode, issued a writ against Archibald Galbraith for $2000 damages for the seduction of his daughter, Ellen Jane Bogart. Defendant is a farmer and the particulars of the story are of the usual character.

A letter dated Nov. 9 was received to-day from Major Walsh. He had then passed the White Horse Rapids and is no doubt now safe at Fort Selkirk.

ENGINEERS' STRIKE.

A Provisional Agreement Arrived at by Conference on All Except the Eight Hour Day.

London, Dec. 17.—The conference between the representatives of the striking engineers and the employers sat late to-day and arrived at a provisional agreement, except on the 8-hour question. As to this point, despite a long discussion, the employers declined to yield even in the slightest degree. On the other questions the employers were conciliatory. The conference adjourned to Dec. 28 to enable the men to take a ballot on the present situation.

The provisional settlement leaves matters practically the same as prior to the last ballot, when the men voted not to accept the terms of the employers.

The Electric Display on Page 11.

Page 11 of this issue of The World will probably interest more readers than any news or editorial feature in to-day's paper. The fact that it is an advertisement will not detract from its importance as a most seasonable public announcement. To many it will prove a most welcome guide to holiday happiness; and even those who will not take time to read every precious statement made in the advertisement will absorb the impression of greatness—the hat and fur greatness of Dineens' remains new establishment, at 140 Yonge-street, corner Temperance, which is expressed in a thousand hints in a thousand lines on page 11. The great store has been thronged with visitors, delighted with the immense holiday fur displays, all this week, and for the convenience of those who are engaged through the day the store remains open every evening until the end of the year. Carriages of patrons can stop at the main entrance to Dineens on Temperance-street, just around the corner of Yonge, and avoid the Yonge-street crowds and confusion

Christmas and New Year's Hampers $5. Assorted half dozen Christmas and New Year's Hampers. Mara's, wine merchant, 79 Yonge-street. Phone 1708. 61

Members Must be District Residents.

The North Toronto Liberals met last evening in Cumberland Hall, President H. Faulkner presiding. The question of the admission of new members was brought up and it was decided not to allow any to be admitted who were not residents in the riding.

To the Aldermen.

The remarkable growth of the firm of John Kent & Co. can be accounted for when it is considered that the coal they handle is so good that the people who use it talk about it, and also that they please their customers in everything pertaining to the delivery of the coal. In trying this coal, there is nothing to lose and everything to gain. Office, 65 Yonge, below King, opposite Webb's. 246

Combines artistic work with lifelike execution. C. H. Noble, 11 King W., Photographer. 246

A Change Expected.

A change in the weather may be expected soon. It will be appreciated, as what we are having now is not at all seasonable. Now is the time to put your coal in, before you are entirely out of it. If you wish to get coal that gives the best satisfaction, lasts long and is bright and clean, order it at John Kent & Co.'s office, 65 Yonge-street, below King, east side. Tel. 624. 246

Telephone 2682, E. Barber & Co., 34 Front street W., for up-to-date printing, quick and neat. Popular prices. 246

Try Haig & Haig

Try Haig & Haig Scotch whiskey, which is the best imported into Canada to-day. 246

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

At the law exams. being held in Osgoode Hall yesterday, Mr. Albert R. J. F. Hassard fainted. He revived on being taken into the open air. Overwork is said to be the cause.

An elderly lady named Mrs. Jenkins fell on the slippery sidewalk yesterday and broke her leg. She was taken to St. Michael's Hospital.

ENOUGH TO DRIVE HIM FROM THE HOUSE.

MR. HARDYSTEIN to Waiter St. John: Now den, young fellers, how often haf I to tell you dot I has no use for pork?

COLLEGIATES' AT HOME.

Brilliant Function at the Jameson-avenue Institute Last Evening—Most Successful Conversazione

The fifth annual at home given by the graduates and undergraduates of the Parkdale Collegiate Institute was held last night under the most favorable circumstances at the Institute, on Jameson-avenue. The large prayer hall, in which the promenade was held, was tastefully decorated, and the stage artistically arranged and fitted up. The evening's entertainment was commenced by a musical program. Among those who took part were Mr. W. E. Caldwell, J. R. Van Wyck, vocalist; Miss Dickinson and Mr. J. A. Le Barge, guitar and mandolin; Miss Annie Melville, elocutionist; Mr. Edmund Hardy, pianist; Mr. Harold Bayley, violinist; Mr. Arthur Flight, vocalist, and Miss Irene Ritchie, elocutionist.

The guests were graciously received by Miss Hyckman, Miss Speare and Messrs. E. K. Cullen and W. A. McKinnon. At the conclusion of the program the promenade concert was started to the sweetest of music, supplied by Gibson's orchestra.

About 11 o'clock the doors of the girls' gymnasium, which had also been tastefully decorated and turned into a supper room, were thrown open, and a choice menu was presented, after which the promenade was resumed and kept up [illegible] late hour.

The at home was [illegible] the most successful in the history [illegible] Institute. The committee to whom [illegible] success is due were: W. A. McKinnon, J. H. Hunter, Miss D. M. Webb, Charles E. Pearson, Miss M. Dyke, Mr. W. H. Grout, Miss M. G. Gall, Mr. W. H. McNairn, Miss M. L. Wrigat, Mr. E. K. Cullen, Miss Binkley, Mr. E. J. Bengough, Mr. R. Biggs, Miss Alayne Jones.

The Late Hon. Alexander Mackenzie.

An appropriation was made by the Dominion Parliament for a statue of the late Alexander Mackenzie. The World takes the liberty of suggesting to the Government that they constitute a committee for selecting a suitable model of men who knew and loved the ex-Premier. Among the names that the public would recognize at once for such a work are Charles Mackenzie of Sarnia, T. C. Irving of Toronto, Hon. G. W. Ross and William Buckingham of Stratford, who was secretary to Mr. Mackenzie during his premiership.

Varcoe is showing elegant Xmas neckwear, choice mufflers and gloves, 131 King West. 136

Caution! Caution!

Booth's Best Measure Oysters are packed in clean, well-stacked yellow and red striped pails. The public can easily discern the difference between much of the cheap stock now offered and that of Booth's, which cannot be retailed below 40c a quart. Toronto agents for Booth's oysters, Cleghorn's Fulton Market.

Every grocer sells Monsoon Tea.

Grand & Toy's Snaps.

The Indians discovered Columbus in 1492. Poor Lo! he has regretted it ever since. Four hundred years later we discovered the Japanese Copying Letter Books. The only perfect book for typewriting. If it is a good thing, we have it. Grand & Toy, Stationers and Printers, Wellington and Jordan-streets, Toronto.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King West. Ladies 75c; gents, day 75c, evening 50c.

Lakeview Hotel.

Parties looking for winter accommodation should not overlook the Lakeview, corner Winchester and Parliament-streets. Special terms to weekly boarders. Dinner 6 to 8 p.m. 246

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., patent solicitors and experts, Bank Commerce Building, Toronto.

To Commercial Travelers.

Walter H. Blight has something special to offer in accident insurance. See him before renewing. It will pay you to do so. 32 Adelaide-street east. Phone 2370 16

SHELBURNE PERJURY CASES

Crown's Case Not Concluded at the Close of the Second Day.

Mrs. Stevenson Gave Her Testimony, Along With a Number of Others—One Witness Acknowledged That He Had Perjured Himself at the Preliminary Trial—The Jury Not Likely to Get the Case Before This Afternoon.

Brampton, Ont., Dec. 17.—The second day of the perjury trial was closed with the Crown's case not yet completed, and will not go to the jury before to-morrow afternoon.

The first witness called this afternoon was John McLaren, the Local Registrar of Dufferin. He said that he was called up by Mr. McKay over the telephone, and asked by him to assist him in his work at the Sessions, and he administered the oath to the witnesses on the day in question.

Mrs. Stevenson's Testimony.

Mrs. Catharine Stevenson, the woman who laid the charge of forgery against John Hamilton, was the next witness. She gave evidence as to what the prisoners said at the trial in Orangeville. She spoke of Dick Small, Mrs. Stratson, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Hamilton as being present when the order was signed, and that Small said to put the figures up on the corner, where there was no blot. Mrs. Stevenson swore positively these men were not present, but under a severe cross-examination she admitted that she could not say it was impossible for any person to come in without her knowing it, but said it was improbable.

Brought From Dakota.

William Stewart, a brother of the last witness, was brought from Dakota by the Crown, and he gave evidence as to being present with his sister when the order was signed, but said no other parties were present except Mr. Hamilton and themselves. He also would not say it was impossible for any person to come in the back way and be in the back office, without him knowing it. He had business dealings with Hamilton, but before and after this order was given he had to go to Hamilton about the sale of a farm of his sister's, because Hamilton held a mortgage, and the farm could not be sold until he secured a discharge of the mortgage. He was out of the office only a short time, and did not think any person could have been in and seen the order while he was away.

After Lunch.

G. M. Vance, a solicitor of Shelburne, was called after lunch, and gave evidence as to receiving the order from Hamilton for $159.75, and giving him a cheque for the amount out of the purchase money for the farm. He was acting for a Mr. Whinnett, the purchaser of the farm.

Daniel McCurdy, at whose place Coleman said he left his horses on the night of the 23rd of November, was called, and he said Coleman was not at his place that night; to the best of his knowledge he had not been there since the 16th of November. He said the horses could not have been left at his place, as he had no room for his (Coleman's) horses in his stable at that time. He admitted to Mr. Johnston in his cross-examination that the horses might have been left in his shed without his knowing it.

Joseph Woods, a blacksmith of Everett, said that John Coleman had his horse shod in his place on the afternoon of Nov. 23.

George Synott and Thomas Hand, the latter a tax collector of Everett, gave evidence to the effect that John Coleman was at home on the afternoon and evening in question. Mr. Hand was in the habit of collecting his taxes at Mr. Coleman's hotel and on the night of Nov. 23 he was there until about 9 o'clock, and he said John Hamilton was there then.

The Principal Witness.

The principal witness of the afternoon was Robert Tyble, one of the perjured witnesses at the trial of John Hamilton, but who made a statement to Crown Attorney McKay on receiving the promise that he would not be prosecuted if he turned Queen's evidence, and admitted in court to-day he had sworn falsely and perjured himself. He said that John Coleman and John Hamilton both met him at Booth's Hotel in Orangeville, and Coleman said: "You are to identify me, that I was in Hamilton's office, and I will identify you." Witness said that Hamilton told him to say that he was present in the office when the order was signed, and he would not forget him; said that he had not received any cash consideration from Hamilton for doing so, and admitted to Mr. Johnston that he had perjured himself for nothing. He went to Mr. McKay and made a clean statement of the whole thing.

Court adjourned till 9.30 to-morrow. The case against Coleman will likely go before the jury to-morrow afternoon.

TIN HORN CRUSHING.

The Ten Stamps Turned Out Two Thousand Dollars in Five Days.

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The result of the Tin Horn crushing—running frozen after five days' run owing to excessively cold weather—shows that the ten stamps turned out in five days $2000—on plates $1000, in concentrates $1000. The mill, filled with hot air pipes, starts again in a week.

To Consolidate the Methodist Debt.

A representative committee from the lay and ministerial bodies of the Methodist Church met in the Wesley building yesterday afternoon, to further consider the question of consolidating the debts of all the Methodist churches in the city. On investigation, it was found that the total debt amounted to between $500,000 and $600,000, on real property, amounting in all to about $1,300,000. A committee was drafted, composed of Messrs. W. E. H. Massey, J. W. Flavelle, J. R. L. Starr, Rev. Dr. Briggs, Rev. J. A. Rankin and Rev. Elliott Rowe, to draft the outline of a scheme to be presented at the next meeting of the whole committee.

Something new—Lucky Strike Chewing Tobacco. High grade, popular price. Try it.

It Will be a Very Swell Affair.

Toronto is evidently on the threshold of an unusually gay season. The precursor of the season's amenities takes place at the Armouries on Dec. 28, at which many charming anticipations will be realized. The rosebuds will wear their sweetest confections and the orchestra will throb the most enticing waltzes, while Quinn's English evening shirts, gloves, ties and dress protectors will lend to the function a decidedly Duke of Devonshire air.

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

Artistic Framing.

Supply of new mouldings just received; also assortment of engravings and etchings. A. H. Young, 498 Yonge-street. 246

Have you tasted "Salada" Ceylon Tea?

Niagara Clip.

It is the neatest, handiest paper fastener in the market. We have just received a shipment of them. Blight Bros., 65 Yonge-street. 246

Why suffer from toothache when Gibbon's Toothache Gum will relieve instantly? Price 10c.

A Great Novelty.

By sending your name and address, plainly written, to Adams & Sons' Co., 11 and 13 Jarvis-street, Toronto, Ont., and one wrapper from the 5-cent Tutti Frutti gum, you will receive two beautiful paper dolls with movable heads and shoulders free.

Smoke the old reliable "Tonka Mixture," cool, lasting and sweet.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The Americans are asking the Canadian Government to be allowed to ship their goods through bond into Alaska.

John Brown, ex-Mayor of Stratford, has been chosen as the Liberal candidate for North Perth, in the coming provincial election.

The Hotel Dakotah and two wholesale grocery houses at Grand Forks, Dakota, were burned yesterday, and it is reported that several lives were lost.

Lewis George Clark, mulatto, aged 88, who was the original "George Harris" of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," died in poverty yesterday at Lexington, Ky.

Mr. John Tolmie, M. P., of Kincardine, made a mis-step on his verandah at Kincardine Thursday night, fell and broke his left arm. He is doing well.

Gordon Baker, treasurer of Osnabruck Township, tried at Cornwall for larceny of $3000 of township funds, will be tried again because the jury disagreed.

President McKinley has appointed Harlan W. Brush of New York as consul at Clifton, Ont.; Charles W. Merriman of Wisconsin as consul at Brockville, Ont.

Tom Nulty, when arraigned yesterday at Joliette, Que., for the murder of his brother and sisters in Rawdon, pleaded not guilty, and was remanded till Jan. 10.

The Minister of Agriculture intends sending about 1000 samples of Canadian wheat to British millers, so that they may see for themselves the excellence of Canadian grain.

Arthur J. Moore, a well-known railroad man, shot himself in Chicago. He was born in Hamilton 55 years ago and was a bachelor. Rheumatism and financial troubles afflicted him.

The Excelsior Electrics at Port Huron burned yesterday morning. Loss $150,000. The four generators belonging to the street car company were destroyed and the electric railway is paralyzed.

David Ford, James Fisher and David Wise, three Penitentiary convicts at Kingston, made a break for liberty from the farm, but Guard Mooney and assistants brought them back.

William Carr, a child murderer, was hanged at Liberty, Mo., yesterday morning. Carr was an ignorant backwoodsman, who sought to please his second wife by drowning his 3-year-old daughter by his first wife.

James Bronson is in custody at Belleville, Ont., charged with manslaughter. It is charged that at a bee in Rawdon in 1895 a young man named Barter was fatally injured in a row. Bronson was arrested, but escaped, and was captured only a few days ago.

The directors of the Commercial Bank of Newfoundland have been acquitted. They were James Goodfellow, Edwin Duder, James Hitts, Frederick Goodridge, George Hutchings and Henry Cooke. They were charged with bad management, which resulted in wrecking the bank.

A provision in the bill to prevent pelagic sealing, which has passed the United States Congress, shuts out seal-skins, no matter where they come from. This will hit both British and Canadian dealers in the skins, as both sold largely to the United States.

At L'Orignal, Ont., where the Rockland riot case was on trial, a juror named Seguin admitted to Judge O'Brien that he had been "approached" by one of the eight defendants, and asked to hold out for acquittal. The case will be tried over again with a different jury.

George Arnold, who so brutally assaulted Turnkey Alex Bruce in Whitby jail in 1894 and escaped, but was finally arrested at London, Ont., was yesterday at Whitby sentenced to five years in Kingston Penitentiary, at hard labor. Turnkey Bruce was incapacitated for five months as the result of the beating, and his constitution was badly shaken.

James F. McLean, a well known barrister of New Glasgow, N.S., has gone away, leaving some anxious people behind. He assigned before leaving, and remarked to D. C. Fraser, M.P., that while they might not meet again on earth, he hoped they would see each other in heaven. McLean is supposed to have been involved to the extent of $20,000.

Mrs. Harvey Conover, wife of the proprietor of Brampton cheese factory, near Brampton, fell from her chair while writing a letter and died instantly on Thursday evening, from a blood clot on the brain. She was a daughter of William Cook, Clerk of Toronto Township, and highly esteemed.

Ex-Premier James Mitchell of New Brunswick, died at St. Stephen Thursday midnight of cancer of the throat. He was born at Inverkip, Scotland, in 1827.

VICE-REGAL MOVEMENTS.

Yesterday afternoon the Governor General and the Countess of Aberdeen, attended by Capt. Wilberforce, A.D.C., visited the Fred Victor Mission, where they were received by Mr. Walter Massey, Mrs. Treble, Rev. Dr. Potts and other ladies and gentlemen interested in the work of the institution. Their Excellencies went through all the various departments of the building, including the "kitchen-garden" class for children, and the class for cooking, in which instruction was going on at the time.

Later in the afternoon Her Excellency presided at a meeting of the Provisional Committee of the Victorian Order of Nurses, at Government House. There was a large attendance.

To-day at 3.30 Their Excellencies will visit the Home for Incurables.

This evening Their Excellencies will be present at a public meeting under the auspices of the Local Council of Women, in the central hall of the Normal School building, at 8 o'clock.

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

A Gift for a Gentleman.

From a gentleman to a gentleman there is no gift in better form and in better taste than a neat little box of cigars. If you get them at Muller's you can rest assured that the recipient will compliment you on your good taste in the choice of "smokeables," whenever he sits down to enjoy your gift. A box of 50 Manilas for $2.25. A box of 25 "Travistas" for $2. Havanas in boxes at all prices—as good as their price—some as high as 50 cents for each cigar. "Meet me at Muller's" to-day.

Another case of Lloyd, Attree & Smith's English ties and collars at Varcoe's, Rossin Block. 136

Important to Builders.

A number of choice building lots in the best residential sections of the city for sale at low prices and on easy terms. J. L. Troy, 50 Adelaide-street east.

Edwards & Hart-Smith, Chartered Accountants, Bank of Commerce Building. Geo. Edwards, F.C.A. A Hart-Smith, C.A 136

Port and Sherry Wines.

We are in a position to offer the general public one of the choicest selections of port and sherry wine in the Dominion, from $2 to $7 per gallon or $5 to $15 per case qts. Mara's, 79 Yonge-street. Phone 1708. 61

At the Sessions last night Judge McDougall withdrew the Beatty case from the jury.

Monuments.

Don't waste money on soft stone monuments, which will only last a few years. Buy only granite. The McIntosh Granite and Marble Company, Limited, office and showroom 524 Yonge-street.

CALAMITY AT OTTAWA

Six Members of One Family Burned to Death.

MOST DISTRESSING AFFAIR.

Patrick Leahy and Five of His Children Cremated in Their Home.

Mrs. Leahy Escaped and Managed to Save Her Baby—The Dead Man Had shown Signs of Derangement and Dropped a Lamp While Wandering About the House in the Night.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—One of the most heart-rending catastrophes that ever visited Ottawa took place this morning, when fire caused the death of Patrick T. Leahy, Friel-street, and five of his family of six young children: Thomas, aged 8, Mamie 7, Katie 6, Maggie 4 and Patrick 2. Mrs. Leahy escaped with Frank, aged 5. Leahy had been for some time showing signs of mental derangement, and was in the habit of wandering around the house at night with a lamp. It is supposed he was doing this this morning, when he dropped the lamp. Mrs. Leahy vainly tried to quench the flames, and had barely time to escape from the house with one child.

Story of an Eye-witness.

The account as told by Joseph Boulez, who rescued Mrs. Leahy and her child from the kitchen roof of the burning building, is as follows.

Mr. Boulez lives in the house opposite, and shortly after 3 o'clock was awakened by a woman's screams. Getting up he saw that Mr. Leahy's house was on fire. On reaching the fire a few other men were there. He obtained a ladder and saved Mrs. Leahy from the roof of the kitchen of the building and carried her to his own house, while taking her there Mrs. Leahy told him what she knew about the fire. She said she had been awakened by Mr. Leahy, who told her it was getting daylight and that she should get up at once. She did so, and, seeing the house full of smoke and the light of the fire at once took in the situation. She could not descend by the stairway, and with one child climbed out on the roof of the kitchen. Her screams also awakened Mrs. Clark and Mr. Anderson, living at 67 Friel-street. Mr. Anderson tried to enter the burning house by way of the kitchen, but the fire was so severe in the front part that he was unable to do so, and devoted his energies to saving his own house.

One of the first men to reach the fire was Samuel Ami of 144 Friel-street. When he saw that the fire was so far advanced that he could do nothing to extinguish it he ran at once to the nearest alarm box at the corner of Clarence and Chapel-streets. He found the box was without a key and he could not ring it. In company with a man named A. Bellaire he then ran to the butcher shop of O. Leclaire on Clarence-street to telephone to the fire-station. He lost about ten minutes rousing the family, and just as he got them up he heard the alarm sounded from box 62, at the corner of Nelson and St. Patrick-streets.

Twenty Minutes Lost.

By the key being missing from box 63 about 20 minutes were lost.

The firemen quickly got to work, but the flames were so severe, they say, that they could not enter the house, although they knew that Mr. Leahy and some of his children were inside at the time. An eye-witness bears out this statement, adding that Sub-Chief Lattimer made a big effort to get into the house from the rear to save, if possible, the people within. When Chief Provost arrived the fire was pretty well under control. He had the front door burst open, and shortly after entered the house. Then it was that the bodies were discovered. Those of two of the children were found at the foot of the stairs. The others were upstairs, that of the father being found crossways on the bed. This story is corroborated by others.

A Horrible Suspicion.

The suspicion entertained by some, that Leahy stole the key of the fire alarm box and set the house on fire while temporarily out of his mind, was greatly strengthened later on in the day when the startling discovery was made that the keyhole of the box had been plugged with a small stone. Even had the key been found it would have been impossible under the circumstances to open the box.

Mrs. Leahy's story is as follows: "I was asleep and had been for some hours. I do not know what wakened me, but when I opened my eyes I saw my husband standing by my bedside, undressed. He was calling 'Agnes! Agnes!' I sprang from my bed and rushed for my children, because I knew the house was on fire, as I was nearly suffocated with smoke. I reached the room of the little folks, just in the rear of my own room, which is the front room upstairs. I grabbed Mamie and Frankie from the bed and rushed to the back window. I held Frankie by the hand until I raised the window. I then put him out on the shed. I tried to get back to save the others, but the flames would not permit me."

Fair and Decidedly Cold.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Kamloops, 6—16; Calgary, 24 below—12; Qu'Appelle, 30 below—18 below; Winnipeg, 24 below—10 below; Port Arthur, 18 below—4 below; Parry Sound, 24—28; Toronto, 26—29; Ottawa, 28—30; Montreal, 30—32; Quebec, 32—36; Halifax, 36—50.

PROBS: Westerly winds; fair weather; decidedly cold; local snow flurries; fine and decidedly colder on Sunday.

Oak Hall's twelve-dollar overcoats are found on many of Toronto's best dressed men.

Steamship Movements.

Dec. 17.	At	From
Campania	Queenstown	New York
Germanic	Liverpool	New York
Emp. of India	Vancouver	Hong Kong
Indiana	Philadelphia	Liverpool
Switzerland	Philadelphia	Antwerp
Britannic	New York	Liverpool
Oakdale	New York	Tilt Cove
Aragonia	New York	Stettin
Canada	Liverpool	Boston
Elpis	Aberdeen	St. John's Nfld