Of Interest to Women

NOT FAR OFF.

"The little birds are coming, after while, after while,
And the dandelions will blossom and the buttercups will smile;
The frogs will play the trombone where the lilies deck the pond,
And all the ferny forest will be sweet with April's frond!

"The little birds are coming on the soft wing of the south,
And love shall pluck the roses with a love-rose in her mouth;
Oh, wait, and you shall hear the ermine violet and the blue
On velvet footsteps up the silver vales of dew!"

Personal.

The Toronto Retail Grocers' Association will hold their twenty-eighth annual at home in the Temple Building on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. A. E. Harrington, 280 Sherbourne-street, will receive on Monday, Feb. 10, and not again this season.

Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Grey will open the exhibition of homespuns at the Woman's Art Galleries on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 4 o'clock.

The alumnae of the Toronto General Hospital will meet to-morrow in the Canadian Institute at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Jean Blewett will take part in the program.

The regular monthly open meeting of the Canadian Household Economic Association will be held to-morrow at 3 p.m. in the public hall of the education department. Miss Warnoch (Katherine Hale) will give an address on "Canadian Literature." All are invited.

The annual meeting of the East End Day Nursery will be held at the nursery, 28 River-street, this evening at 3 o'clock.

The following ladies will act as patronesses at the annual dance of the High Park Golf and Country Club on the evening of Feb. 21, at the King Edward Hotel: Mrs. J. A. Kammerer, Mrs. C. N. Ramsay, Mrs. R. A. Donald, Mrs. N. M. McLeod, Mrs. W. R. Atkinson, Mrs. H. Van der Linde and Mrs. W. B. Bulling.

Mrs. Curlette has sent out invitations for a St. Valentine's dance at Westbourne School on Friday next.

Toward the end of the month Mr. and Mrs. James Ross and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hope will leave Canada for a three months' tour of Greece and Palestine. The party will utilize Mr. Ross' sea-going yacht.

Mr. George B. Van Blaricom, who has recently resigned the editorship of The Peterboro Review, has arrived in Toronto to assume the editorship of The Busy Man's Magazine. Mrs. Van Blaricom and family will remain in Peterboro till spring.

Mrs. Stewart Houston has returned from St. Catharines. Miss Houston of Niagara Falls has arrived with her for a visit.

The marriage of Miss Irene Alexander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Alexander, to Mr. Gordon S. Gooderham, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gooderham, was solemnized in St. Augustine's Church at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. McCausland, assisted by Rev. Mr. Ashcroft, in the presence of only immediate relatives. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore her traveling gown of mauve chiffon broadcloth, smartly tailored, and mauve felt hat with plumes, and ermine furs, and carried a shower bouquet of violets and lilies of the valley. Her sister, Miss Enid Alexander, was bridesmaid, wearing white chiffon broadcloth, with strappings of the same, and black picture hat with plumes, and carried pink bridesmaids' roses. Mr. Norman Gooderham, the groom's brother, was best man. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Gooderham drove to the station and left to spend their honeymoon in New York and Washington. The groom's gift to the bride was a diamond necklace.

Mrs. W. T. Murray announces the engagement of her daughter Kathleen to Mr. Rousseau Kleiser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kleiser of Chestnut Park, Rosedale.

Invitations have been issued for the opening of the thirty-sixth annual exhibition of the Ontario Society of Artists in the gallery, 165 West King-street, on Friday evening, Feb. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Downs of Belleville announce the engagement of their daughter, Sadie E., to Frederick Hector Schmidt of Toronto. The marriage will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

HOME MISSIONS.

Address of Rev. Dr. MacLaren at Cowan Ave. Presbyterian Church.

Rev. E. D. MacLaren, secretary of Presbyterian Home Missions, preached in Cowan-avenue Presbyterian Church yesterday morning on the occasion of the fourth anniversary of the induction of Rev. F. M. MacDonald. His sermon was patriotic and he spoke forcefully for a generous response for support of the missionary enterprises of the church in the west. Dr. MacLaren dwelt on the material resources of Canada in a way that showed the wonderful riches of the big land, but said "it ought to be our aim to covet the applause of others, not because we have fine scenery and a fertile soil, and unparalleled financial resources, but because we are a nation of wise and understanding people."

He claimed that the church by her teachings and preaching and helpful work to-day is doing a supreme work in the west and every patriot ought to lend a hand to aid her enterprises.

Rev. R. P. MacKay preached in the evening. The congregations were large.

DEATH MISSIVE ON BED.

Leads to Rumor of Assassination of Czar.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—The Memorial Diplomatique declares that recent rumors of the assassination of the Emperor of Russia were the outgrowth of the actual finding by the empress upon her son's bed of a letter announcing that the emperor and infant were condemned to death, and of the discovery in the imperial palace of seventeen bombs, connected by electric wires, concealed in different parts of the building.

Busy Stork Ties Up Paper.

WINSTED, Conn., Feb. 9.—The New Hartford Tribune, a weekly newspaper, came out two days late this week because a dual performance by the stork made the getting out of the paper on schedule time next to impossible.

On Monday the wife of the editor, H. Roger Jones, a graduate of the Yale Law School, presented him with a boy, and on the same day the foreman, Lawrence H. Hotchkiss, was presented with a daughter by Mrs. Hotchkiss. Both became papas for the first time, and little was accomplished on the newspaper Monday and Tuesday.

Hughes Announces Retirement.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Governor Hughes served notice for the first time by a public utterance of his fixed determination not to succeed himself as governor in any circumstance in a speech at the annual dinner of the National Guard Association of the State of New York.

The governor in closing his remarks said: "This is my second and farewell appearance before you as commander-in-chief of the military and naval forces of the state."

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Council's Action Endorsed.

At the last regular meeting of Life Boat lodge No. 8, I.O.G.T., the following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, at a meeting of the council of the corporation of the City of Toronto, held on Jan. 27, 1908, a by-law was adopted whereby the number of hotel licenses permitted to be issued in any one year in the City of Toronto was reduced from 150 to 110.

"Therefore, this lodge, at its first meeting after the passing of the by-law, desires to place on record its sincere appreciation of the action of the 15 members of the city council who on that occasion voted for the third reading of the bylaw.

"That a copy of this resolution containing the names of the members of the city council who voted for the reduction of licenses be placed upon the minutes of this session and that a copy of same be sent to the daily press of the city and to The Pioneer."

Dr. Kirby Not Guilty.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 8.—A special from Greenwood, Miss., says:

The jury before whom Dr. J. W. Kirby has been on trial for the past two days, charged with the killing of James D. Money jr., a nephew of United States Senator Money, returned a verdict of "not guilty."

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RUSSIAN PAINTINGS SEIZED BY AUTHORITIES

Were Exhibited at St. Louis Exposition—Time Allowed by Customs Had Expired.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The official Russian collection of paintings that was brought to this country for exhibition at the St. Louis Exposition has been seized by the custom authorities, and to-day the collector of the port issued an order for the sale of the collection.

Permission of the emperor of Russia was secured to allow the paintings to be sent out of Russia, it was stated to-day, and a bond of $50,000 was given to the United States treasury department as a guarantee that the collection would be returned to Russia within a certain period after the exposition. Collector of the Port Fowler, declined to-day to give any information concerning the seizure. It is understood that the allowance of time within which the collection was to be returned having expired, and no duty having been paid, the government found it necessary to take possession of the paintings.

The collection is said to include some of the best examples of Russian art, and that among the paintings is one owned by the emperor, taken from the palace in St. Petersburg and loaned to the collection to make it complete.

The order for the sale will not, it is believed, be actually carried into effect until there has been further correspondence concerning the collection between the Russian authorities at St. Petersburg and the treasury department. The paintings are packed in forty-six cases, and no statement concerning their value has been obtained.

Items Condensed From The Sunday orld.

LOCAL—

On behalf of a Toronto syndicate, two mining engineers, Capt. Marsh and M. J. Paterson, have sailed for Brazil to investigate the possibilities of diamond fields. R. Lewis Morris (Oxon) of London, England, has been in the city interesting capital in the venture.

A new license board will be appointed in Toronto, so as to allow of untrammelled action in the reduction of licenses, the present board having demanded that the hotels make improvements being placed in a somewhat awkward position.

The board of education have been asked to provide uniforms for the public school cadets.

At Saturday session of the parks department inquiry it was stated that of $295 paid to officials for pasturage privileges only $18 is recorded as received by the city.

Louis Glastal sued the Consolidated Cloak Company for $54 wages, but the company pleaded that as he had been engaged in New York, in contravention of the alien labor law, he had no claim and Judge Morson agreed.

CANADIAN—

Changes in the Ottawa cabinet are expected and Leighton McCarthy, F. F. Pardee, Miller and E. M. Macdonald, as among the possibilities, are mentioned.

There is talk of another morning newspaper for London.

Fire damaged the Gamey block at Gore Bay to the extent of $10,000.

C. C. L. Wilson, Liberal nominee for the legislature in South Oxford, has withdrawn.

FOREIGN—

The Berlin Tageblatt declares that the marriage of Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt and Count Alex Hadik of Austria is soon to take place.

Ex-Premier Franco has arrived at Bordeaux, France, where he asked to be left alone in his great sorrow.

Thousands attended the funeral ceremonies in Lisbon. King Manuel did not take part in the procession.

UNITED STATES—

C. W. Morse, banker and company organizer, who has lost his fortune of millions, arrived at Liverpool on Saturday on the Campania and returned at once on the Etruria. His friends explain how he has come to grief.

E. C. Brooks, aged 50, who lost his wealth in Wall-street, and who on Friday failed to get employment as a day laborer, poisoned himself on Saturday.

At Moline, Ill., Frank W. Gould, president of the Union Malleable Iron Company, shot himself because of financial troubles.

The crew of the U. S. battleship Maryland have made a world's record —08.41 hits per gun per minute—at target practice.

It is announced in Washington that British Ambassador Bryce will visit Ottawa Feb. 16 in regard to naval issues.

Judge Jenkins, chairman of the U. S. Congress judiciary committee, declares that 90 per cent. of the bills introduced against the liquor traffic are in reality aimed at the throat of the government.

Receivers have been appointed for a $3,000,000 concern which has operated 16 hardware and toy plants in New England.

George W. Perkins of J. P. Morgan & Co., addressing the students of Columbia University, declared that government supervision of corporations would be welcomed.

The steamer Eagle Point is 12 days overdue at Philadelphia.

Frohman will produce Irish peasant plays in New York.

Japanese in Lower California want to participate in the welcome to the U. S. fleet.

LIFE AMONG ESKIMOS TOLD BY EXPLORER

How Little Men of the North Live Comfortably Despite the Weather.

Victor Stefansson is a young prince among Arctic explorers, modest, pleasant, generous to fellow-workers, and with a wealth of original experience. His talk at the university an Saturday was a real treat, and his illustrations among the most interesting records of travel that have been exhibited.

Two years ago he voyaged up the great Macgenzie River, the second largest river in America, from three to seven miles wide, narrowing to half a mile at one point where the water is 60 fathoms deep. From Herschell Island he went to the mainland to the east and then spent the winter among the Esquimaux.

As Prof. Mavor, in introducing Mr. Stefansson, remarked, he was the first professional ethnologist to visit this people, whose habits and character as a primitive type of men it was so important to study. The opinion formed of the Esquimaux was of the most favorable description. Mr. Stefansson said he had never been treated with the same kindness and hospitality in the houses even of his best friends in New York. He said, too, that all the good things and the best things in the family life of the Esquimaux were native traits. They were always jolly, even when wet and hangry, and he considered them the most cheerful people in the world.

Trial Marriages There.

Their marriages are not according to conventional canons. He described the wooing of a young man of 18, who arrived on a passing steamer and told the captain to wait a little as he saw a pretty girl, and if she would not have him he would go on. He went to the girl's father, who demurred, but said he would speak to his wife. They decided it was not much of a match, but would refer it to the girl.

"I didn't see anyone, but I'll go out and look," she remarked, and after inspection gave her verdict.

"He's not much, but I guess I might as well," or Esqumaux to that effect.

This was the beginning of it, said Mr. Stefansson. He was along later to see the sequel when fish became scarce, and the family had to move. The young man said he was tired of fish and would go to a rabbit country. The girl said rabbits were problematical and fish were certain, and she would stay with her father. So they parted. This was only a first marriage. After a second, third, fourth or fifth marriage, when congenial partners are found, the marriage is permanent. After two years companionship divorces are unknown.

Middle-aged couples become deeply attached so as hardly to bear each other out of sight, and the average affection is much higher, said the lecturer, than among Americans.

Fish is the sole diet. As Mr. Stefansson loathed fish, he used to get up early without breakfast, go a long walk, miss lunch, and come back so as to get up an appetite for dinner. Fish are eaten raw, in a half-thawed condition, and he found rotten fish after a while to be preferable to fresh, just as gourmands prefer strong cheese.

How to Build a Winter House.

Nansen's suffering from cold in his ice journeys was quite unnecessary, remarked the speaker—"but suffering sells." (Laughter). The Norwegian fur clothing is quite unsuitable and was thrown away after a time, as the Esquimaux clothing is so superior, being lighter, warmer and pliable as a kid glove, while the Norwegian is stiff and clumsy. Nansen used to sleep in a bag, which accumulated the moisture from his body and froze up till it was solid and stiff and weighed 60 pounds. The secret of Peary's success was that instead of putting a white man's ingenuity against the experience of 1000 years, he adopted Esquimaux methods.

On halting, the native puts up a snow hut, built of blocks of snow shaped like dominoes. A seal oil lamp is lighted and the snow soon melts inside and the water soaks up into the snow. Care has to be taken at this stage, but very soon the whole mass freezes into solid ice, and the inmates sleep in light blankets in a temperature of 70 degrees, and perfectly dry. If their socks are wet they dry them at the lamp, and instead of a 100-pound sled in the morning they stick a 14-ounce snow knife in the belt, as a potential house for the next night. These houses are so strong that polar bears walk over them without breaking thru. The ordinary Esquimaux dwelling is partly underground, well-ventilated and very hot. The men and women sit naked to the waist, and the children, until 5 years of age, entirely naked. Children are not weaned until 5 years old, when they receive some clothing, but they learn to chew tobacco at ten months or a year.

Various Types.

Among the types shown in Mr. Stefansson's photographs were some of Mongolian, negroid, and the peculiar features of the Easter Island statues.

Bishop Reeve, who had accompanied Mr. Stefansson on some of his travels and was familiar with much of the country described, and who appeared in one of the photographs, was present, and added his testimony to the faithfulness of Mr. Stefansson's account. The large audience was delighted and accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

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DICKENS FELLOWSHIP BANQUET IN COSTUME

A Most Enjoyable and Picturesque Affair on Saturday Evening.

Toronto leads the world in its loyalty to the memory of Charles Dickens if membership in the Dickens Fellowship is to be accepted as a criterion. At Saturday night's celebration of the 96th anniversary of the birth of the great Victorian novelist letters were read from England establishing the fact. The secretary of the central organization wrote saying that, possessing 800 paid-up members, the Toronto branch was on top absolutely and considerably beyond the Sheffield record, which came next, while no other branch was within miles. The Sheffield secretary wrote to congratulate Toronto on having beaten the steel city so handsomely. Henry Fielding Dickens, son of the novelist, and president of the Fellowship, also wrote recognizing the great success of the Toronto branch, which was "so very active and energetic in furthering the cause." He hoped the friends oversea would continue to prosper in doing good work. London sent congratulations to the colonial city, which had taken the highest honors.

President E. S. Williamson attributed the success of the branch to its devotion to works of charity and humanity, and the effort to carry into effect in practical ways the spirit of Dickens' writings. He noted the presence of the president of the new Hamilton branch, only opened two days previously, with 100 members.

Fifty in Costume.

The celebration took the form of a banquet in the Temple Building. Four hundred persons were present, fifty of these being in costume, representing Dickens' characters. This added a most picturesque and attractive element to the long dining tables, and various speculations were indulged in as to the identity of the parts. Mr. Dick was easily recognizable by his kite, and Miss Betsey Trotwood sat beside him at the guest table with President Williamson, Ald. J. W. Bengough, F. M. Bell Smith, A. M. Denovan, Miss Pennell, Rev. Dr. Hincks, who said grace, and William Sterling Battis, Chicago.

The menu was adorned with a view of Dickens' birthplace and bore a motto from Mrs. Gamp.

"To wotever place I goes, I sticks to this one mortar, 'I'm easy pleased'; it is but little as I wants, but I must have that little of the best, and to the minit when the clock strikes, else we do not pass as I could wish, but bearin' malice in our 'arts.'"

Mrs. Gamp herself was not present, and the selection of characters afforded some clue to the comparative popularity of the novels. "Copperfield" and "Chuzzlewit" came first with ten each, the duplicates were among them. Walter Gay had three Florence Dombeys to choose from. Pickwick was very well represented. Three Dolly Vardens testified to the popularity of that dainty heroine, but strangely enough there was no Joe Willett to admire them. The Cherryble Bros. and Mr. Mantalini were conspicuous, and Tommy Traddles drew skeletons in his soup-plate.

Pickwick Indignant.

A photograph having been taken of the costumed members, Mr. Bennett as Pickwick sang a clever song written by Ald. Bengough and introducing reminiscences of the "Posthumous Papers."

"Surely the chap must be a dub
Who never heard of the Pickwick Club!"

Mr. Pickwick's indignation knew no bounds, as he recalled the dreadful occasion when his friends Winkle, Tupman and Snodgrass discovered him supporting Mrs. Bardell in his arms.

"Of all the rascally, disgraceful schemes—" but language failed him.

Mr. Battis presented a series of vignette pictures after Barnard from the novels. This clever entertainment was prevented having any dull pauses by Mr. Battis "making up" for his parts in full view of the audience, carrying on at the same time a descriptive introduction to the part he was about to portray. In every case the make-up was perfect, but Mr. Battis was more successful in Pecksniff, Uriah Heep and Bill Sykes than in Captain Cuttle, which he made too Irish; Micawber, who was not pompous and grandiloquent enough, or Sam Weller. Mrs. McStinger, Little Nell's grandfather, and Sydney Carton were the other parts presented.

The Fellowship does much good hospital work and commends itself to all lovers of Dickens whether they be adepts who could tell you at once all about Commissioner Poldage, or how many children Angela Leath was the mother of, or how Malta and Quebec became enshrined in the annals of a certain respectable family; or more moderate scholars who engage in comparative analysis of the Sleary, Crummles and Jarley families, or who make collections of the Flites, La Creevys and Mowchers, or those who are merely beginners, and have not yet shed delicious tears over Little Nell or the child-wife, or yielded to the honest influences of Joe Gargery or the Cheerybles. Monthly meetings are held at the Normal School for the study of the master.

Those Present.

The following is a list of the characters shown in costume at the banquet, with the books to which they belong:

David Copperfield: Betsy Trotwood, Miss A. Moffatt; Agnes Wickfield, Miss F. Brierley; Dora Spenlow, Miss Gertrude Burford; Agnes Wickfield, Miss Gertrude Shuttleworth; Tommy Traddles, G. F. Scott; Dora, Mrs. A. W. Miles; Mr. Micawber, J. A. Clemence; Mr. Dick, Mr. F. Hayden; Betsey Trotwood, Mrs. Hayden; Lavinia Spenlow, Miss Louise Scott.

Martin Chuzzlewit: Ruth Pinch, Miss E. Fuller; Cherry Pecksniff, Miss J. E. Shaw; Merry Pecksniff, Miss Alice Goss; Charity Pecksniff, Mrs. Pach; Mercy Pecksniff, Miss Bach; Mr. Pecksniff, Dr. Bach; Antony Chuzzlewit, Dr. E. K. Richardson; Mrs. Lupin, Miss Grace Burford; Mrs. Lupin, Miss L. A. Johnson; Mrs. General, Miss W. A. Westman.

Dombey & Son: Miss Tox, Miss Ada Wilson; Florence Dombey, Miss Arksey; Florence Dombey, Miss Laura S. Spurr; Florence Dombey, Miss Molly Morphy; Walter Gay, E. F. Hamilton; Mrs. Chick, Miss Lily M. Scott; Hon. Mrs. Skewton, Miss Anna R. McCrea.

Pickwick Papers: Pickwick, Harry Bennett; Sam Weller, Milton Lee; Arabella Wardle, Mrs. W. J. Lugsdin; Emily Wardle, Miss I. Lugsdin; Mrs. Wardle, Mrs. R. B. Hamilton; Sergeant Buzfuz, E. S. Williamson.

Barnaby Rudge: Dolly Varden, Miss Minerva Burford; Dolly Varden, Miss Florence Lennon; Dolly Varden, Miss Tillie Dunbar; Emma Haredale, Miss Clara Wilson.

Cricket on the Hearth: Dot's mother, Miss M. Bengough; John Peerybingle, S. T. Church; Dot Peerybingle, Mrs. E. H. Stafford; May Fielding, Miss M. Pennell.

Little Dorrit: Mr. Dorrit, F. M. Bell-Smith; Miss Wade, Miss Celia Briggs; Lady Skettles, Miss Lucy Bowerman.

Nicholas Nickleby: Mr. Mantalini, John C. Blanchflower; the Cheeryble Bros., W. J. Sweetman and Gilbert Dalton.

Our Mutual Friend: Bella, Mrs. Carrie Reid Spence; Mrs. Boffin, Mrs. G. R. Baker.

The Haunted Man: Mr. William Swidger, Geo. F. Hayden.

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AT THE THEATRES

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At the Alexandra, a new company of sterling English players will commence a six weeks' engagement. The first attraction is Sardou's great drama, "Diplomacy," which will be given a magnificent presentation. To-night the Garrison Sergeants' Association will attend the performance.

At Shea's, the bill will be headed by William Courtleigh, in the Hobart comedietta, "Peaches." Harry Gilfoil, the mimic; Ben Welch, parodist; Barney Fagan and Henrietta Byron, singing and dancing; Juno Salmo in a startling act, "The Devil Dandy;" Redford and Winchester, burlesque jugglers, and Maidee Scott, in songs, will make up the program.

At the Star, the Bohemian Burlesquers will provide the entertainment in an original musical comedy in two acts, entitled "The Summer Time." Young Otto, a clever boxer, and Shad Link, wrestler, will give extra bouts.

At the Gaiety, the Gay Masqueraders will be seen in a splendid burlesque offering, supported by the Eight English Roses and the Four Lukens, European gymnasts.

For the convenience of their patrons the secretary of the Mendelssohn Choir makes the following requests to ticket holders:

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Provide yourselves with the proper tickets for this evening's concert, which bear the date Feb. 10.

The concert will commence promptly at 8:15.

No one will be admitted during the performance of a number.

Tickets held at the box office not paid for by noon to-day will be sold.

The free air of the great west in the halcyon days of "49" is the atmosphere shown in the latest musical comedy, "The Flower of the Ranch," which will be seen here at the Grand Opera House this week, with Joseph E. Howard and Mabel Barrison heading the company. It tells a breezy western story, and the musical numbers reflect the atmosphere of the time and locality. "The Merry Widow Waltz" is introduced in the last act.

The latest production, "Anita, the Singing Girl," a romantic comedy-drama with musical and melodramatic features, is the offering at the Majestic Theatre this week. Agnes Cameron is at the head of the organization.

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Class Hatred.

ALBANY, N.Y., Feb. 8.—Chancellor James R. Day of Syracuse University, guest of honor at the annual meeting and banquet of the New York State Bankers' Association at the Ten Eyck Hotel to-night, in a speech again denounced those who would create class hatred and prejudice, and cause distrust and suspicion of business men, "whose genius and money turn the wheels which give employment to millions of laboring men and women."

Postoffice Robbed.

ESSEX, Feb. 9.—The provincial police were notified that the post office at Cottam, a village near here, had been broken into by robbers during the night and the till rifled of $30 in stamps and small change.

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