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THE PROBABILITIES

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Toronto, Dec. 9.—10 a. m.—Winds, increasing to strong or a gale, from east to south; fair to-day, followed by sleet or rain late to-night; higher temperature. Sunday, showery.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

DIED.

McCURBIN.—This morning at the Public General Hospital, Robert McCubbin, aged 77 years. The funeral will take place from the residence of his son, R. J. McCubbin, Delaware Ave., to Victoria Ave., Methodist Church, on Monday, 11th inst., at 2 p. m. and from thence to Maple Leaf Cemetery. Friends will please accept this intimation.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Trounce Comedy Company to-night. James Bellamy, of Chatham township, is slowly recovering from a long illness.

Mary Elizabeth Payne, the infant daughter of Mr. Payne, of Raleigh Tp., died this morning. The funeral will take place to-morrow to St. Anthony's Cemetery.

The Planet was in error yesterday in stating that D. J. O'Keefe gave an oyster supper to the members of the R. C. S. S. heard of trustees. It was Joseph T. O'Keefe, the retiring chairman of the board.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY.

The annual lecture in behalf of the poor and under the auspices of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, will be given to-morrow evening in St. Joseph's church by the eminent Basilian Father John Brennan, rector of St. Basil's Church, Toronto.



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or for his hostess, the prudent young man takes a stock of our fine confections, as an offering. Those who are fortunate enough to receive a box of our delicious and toothsome chocolates and Bonbons will be pleased. We have a great variety of all kinds and prices that cannot help to please you. See our Xmas Cakes.

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Nobby Xmas neck wear at The 2 T's to-night.
The Turkish Bath House is open day and night, in rear of the Hotel Garner. New line of Xmas shirts at The 2 T's to-night.

The Young Men's Catholic Club will give a pedro party at their rooms on Wednesday evening. Admission 10 cents.

The report of Treasurer Fred. Stone, of the Children's Aid Society, presented at the annual meeting, showed a balance on hand of \$101.92. There was a balance of \$132.06 on hand January, 1899; he receipts were \$421.41, and the expenditures for the year were \$455.57.

The county council this morning appointed Barrister Charles Macdonald county police magistrate at a salary of \$200 a year and fees.

The eyes have a potent influence over the mind—first, by strain accompanying impaired vision, and again by the tax on the nervous system. No one knows like a nervous person these peculiar mental conditions. My glasses relieve the strain by removing the cause. E. J. Macintyre, leading optician, opposite Grand Opera House, Chatham.

Concerning the health of ex-Warden Caleb Coadworth, of Romney, we are glad to hear that for the past few days he has been somewhat better, and hopes are entertained that a change of treatment will greatly benefit him.

While working in the Chatham women wire works Thursday Harry Johnson got some emery dust in his left eye. The accident though painful is not serious but Mr. Johnson will be unable to resume work for a week or two.

DOVER PIONEER DEAD.
Philip Blair, 74 years of age, died at his home, lot 12 con. 2, Dover South, this (Saturday) morning at 2.40. He was a native of Quebec but came to Ontario 55 years ago and had resided in Kent for 50 years of that time. Last spring Mr. Blair was taken ill with la grippe and never got over it. The funeral will take place on Monday at 9 a. m. to Fair Court. Mr. Blair was one of the most highly esteemed and honorable men in the County of Kent and was generally known and respected. In politics he was Conservative.

FINANCE AFFAIRS.
The finance committee of the city council met yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. There were present chairman Scane and Ald. Sulman. The committee will recommend to the council: That A. Jamieson be offered \$15 in full settlement of his claim against the city. That the account of the Public General Hospital, \$17.50, for the keep of Mrs. Bridges, be paid. That the error in the Catholic church lands' assessment be laid over till the next meeting. Chas. E. Moore was present at the meeting and the mistake in the assessment of his property on Lacroix street was amicably settled.

THE BRIBERY CASES.
Winnipeg, Dec. 9.—Another arrest was made yesterday. A. E. Capelle, an employee of the Dominion Immigration Department, is charged with bribery. He was run in on information of J. Kelly, an opposition detective.

The charge against Garnot was heard. Allison, the principal witness, testified to Garnot telling him he had been brought to Manitoba by Mr. Sifton, on his private car, and was going to stuff ballot boxes for A. F. Martin. He also alleged he had received a check from T. O. Davis, Liberal M. P., for Saskatchewan. The case was adjourned until the 16th. Another charge of bribery against J. Obed Smith, Liberal organizer, was adjourned until the 16th.

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Announcement to Patrons.

The Musical Director, Mr. R. V. Carter, desires to express to the patrons of the Krause Conservatory of Music that, to insure them of the full privileges and rights in connection with the Conservatory, it is most desirable that the patrons should carefully study the Rules and Regulations governing same institution. With that aim in view Mr. Carter respectfully places before the patrons of the Conservatory the following rules, which he particularly desires to meet with their consideration:

Rules and Regulations.

1. Tuition Fees are payable strictly in advance at the beginning of each term. Cheques should be made payable to "Krause Conservatory of Music" at par in Chatham. Patrons are responsible to the Conservatory and NOT personally to any member of the faculty for payment of fees.
2. No deductions made for loss of lessons except in case of protracted illness (of several weeks' duration), they being allowed for providing prompt and explicit written notification shall have been made to the Musical Director. No deductions shall be made for any absence from lessons or for lessons discontinued.
3. Lessons which fall on public legal holidays are not lost by students.
4. Lessons missed by a teacher must be made up to the pupil at the earliest possible date by the teacher so missing.
5. Students discontinuing lessons are requested to give one week's notice before the end of the term, of such intention.
6. Punctuality at lessons is positively required of all pupils.
7. All business connected with the Conservatory must be transacted at the office and not with the teachers.
8. Visitors are not permitted in the class room during lesson hours without permission from the Director.
9. Patrons have the choice of teachers.
10. Students can enter at any time, although it is desirable to have applications made at or before term commences.
11. Teachers and pupils should report directly to the Musical Director any misunderstanding, disagreement or trouble of any kind occurring in the relations between them.
12. All sheet music which students may require can be obtained at the Office of the Conservatory, where it will be supplied at a discount.
13. Scholarship pupils must comply strictly with whatever rules or conditions may be attached to the Scholarships which they may have won. Failure in this respect renders the Scholarship liable to forfeiture.
14. Notices on the bulletin board are for Conservatory students, who are requested to read them carefully.
15. The time allotted to a class of pupils in any department will be pro rata, according to the number of pupils it contains, in the event of there being an insufficient number to form a full class.
16. Students are requested to report at the office any change of address.

WRECKED ON LAKE ERIE.

Port Colborne, Ont., Dec. 9.—Capt. A. Milligan, of the steamer Orion, reports passing large pieces of wreckage and a large quantity of shingles lumber off this port. It is supposed to be the steamer Niagara, of St. Catharines, which was bound from Georgian Bay to Buffalo, and was seen off Long Point in the gale of Tuesday night. There is no doubt among the vessel men that the steamer was lost with all hands on board. She belonged to J. & T. Matthews, of Toronto, and had on board Captain John M. O'Leary, of Port Colborne, and a Toronto crew of 14 persons.

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Job Pattern Cloths, 16 only, 8x4 size, extra fine linen, full bleached, fine satin finish, in 3 patterns, floral, snow drop and fleur-de-lis, regular \$2.25 quality special price \$1.75 each.

Special 70 in. extra fine table damask, pure Irish make, grass bleached, soft satin finish, clover and ivy pattern, per yd. \$1. napkins to match, size 2x1, special per doz. \$2.75.

33x33 in. bleached linen lunch cloths, beautiful designs and hemmed stitched, value 75c and \$1 each.

Fancy damask toweling, full bleached, 22x42 in. damask towels, knotted fringe, coral, light blue and red border, an extra fine towel, special 25c each.

Also a magnificent assortment of pure white damask towels, hemmed stitched or knotted fringed ends, per each towel 40c, 45c, 50c, 55c and 75c.

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- 1.—A few pair of each size of that special quality in children's ribbed cashmere hose, this hose has eight fold knee, double heel and toe, warranted pure wool cashmere. 25c pair.
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- 5.—Boys' extra heavy ribbed, fleece lined, seamless and double heel and toe, all sizes 6 to 9½. 25c pair.

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- 1.—Ladies' fleeced lined ringwood glove, reg. 25c quality special at. 15c pair
- 2.—Ladies' fleeced lined black cashmere gloves, reg. 35c quality for. 25c pair
- 3.—Ladies' fine black cashmere gloves with white points this glove is cut with kid glove pattern which makes it very nice fitting. 50c pair
- 4.—Ladies' plain black cashmere gloves, 3 dome fastener, fine fitting, special at 50c pair
- 5.—Ladies' cream cashmere gloves with black points, have every appearance of a chamois glove and will wash well. 40c pair

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