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STEWART





The day schools re-open on Wednes-

Miss Prescott, of this city is the guest of Mrs. Colcock. Brockville, at present.

CITY NEWS

Watchnight services will be held in the churches of the city as usual Paul, of Cumberland, Md. on Sunday night

Miss Annie McKinnon, of this city. is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ken. McKinnon, at Lucknow. Mr. T. R. Burn, of the London elec-Centennial Methodist Church, with

OH! MURBER!

their teachers and friends, assembled

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Boughner.

Christmas treat. It required two trees,

tables and the platform for storage

purposes. The number's on the pro-

execution left nothing to 's desired.

The orchestra added much to the plea-

hold thanksgiving services to-morrow

evening as a fitting acknowledgment

jubilee movement during the past two

vears. The time set for completing the

Congregational Churches in this city,

common with the sister churches

the thanksgiving services with great

The death occurred at Montreal on

Thursday of Mr. James H. Douglas,

hardware appraiser at the Montreal

customs, following a severe operation.

Deceased was a son of the late John

Douglas, merchant, of Quebeo city.

and had been in the customs service

for twenty years. He leaves a widow

and one daughter. Mr. Angus Morri-

J. B. Mackenzie, of Toronto, who

appeal to the Privy Council in connec-

tion with the alien labor case aris-

ing from the attempted expulsion of

on, of this city, was a brother of de-

isfactory financial condition.

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LATEST WEATHER REPORT

ASTRONOMICAL Saturday, Dec. 30. Sun rises.7.51 a. m. Moon rises.10.55 a.m. Sun sets.4.49 p. m. Moon sets.1.9.58 p.m. Day of the year, 364th. COLDER WITH SNOW FLURRIES Observatory, Toronto, Dec. 29, 8 p. m.-Observatory, Toronto, Dec. 29, 8 p. m.— The disturbance which was approaching the great lakes last night has moved into Northern Ontario, and will pass rapidly to the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Rain has been general in Ontario, the maritime provinces and Western Quebec, while in Eastern Quebec there has been a fall of snow. The weather continues moderately cold in the Northwest provinces.

Local Temperatures.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Dawson, 12 below—14 below; Victoria,
36—42; Vancouver, 31—37; Kamloops,
18—26; Calgary, 8—28; Edmonton, 2—24;
Qu'Appelle, 2—8; Winnipeg, 6—12; Port
Arthur, 28—32; Toronto, 39—44; Ottawa,
28—38; Montreal, 22—40; Quebec, 20—34;
St. John, 24—40; Halifax, 24—38. Probabilities.

LOWER LAKES: STRONG WEST BROCK'S GUN STORE, COLDER. WITH LOCAL SNOW Local temperatures: The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the Observatory on Friday, December 19, 1905, were Highest, 42 above; lowest, 31.5 above.

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> > BELTZ Practical Furrier

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New Resolutions

Every person makes more or less "good resolutions" at the beginning of the new year. We would suggest that you promise yourself one of our High-Class

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IT IS NOT TOO LATE! You may yet get the New Year's

Pere Marquette officals from Canada. gift for the friend you have been was in the city yesterday. Mr. Macthinking about. Open to-night. kenzie has made considerable.

On Christmas Day the announce ment was made of the marriage of Miss Thos. Gillean Fredericka May Dewar to Mr. Chas. Reginald Barnard, both of Detroit. Miss Dewar was formerly a London 402 Richmond Street. girl, and her many friends will join

> voyage through life Miss Bessie Cowen, of C'eve and, O. and Mr. J. Frank Sinclair, of 954 Dundas street. London, Ont., were united in marriage last Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in Chicago. The young couple will be at home at 276 E. Erie street. January 1.

The wedding is announced at Balti more. Md., of Mr. J. Vicar Munro, architect, to Miss Addah A. Paul. youngest daughter of the late R. C.

Miss Do'ena Westman, of 'this city who has been trimmed for Robert Wright & Co. in Brockville the past

treet, who is attending Havergal Co!exe. Toronto, returned on Wednesday for the he idays. Miss Malei Brown, of Bathurst strem, is spending the Christmas holi-

days at Crediton at the home of Mr. William Year'ey. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Keough and Miss Ann Keough, of this city, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, of Port

MURINE EYE REMEDY Cures Eyes; Makes Weak Eyes Strong. At Dengelate And Opticians.

Doubts if One Million Gallons of Spring Water Can be Added to System

The city water supply problem came in for a brief discussion at the regular board of trade meeting last night, the principal speaker on the subject beng Sir John Carling.

The opinion expressed by Sir John was that it would be foolish for the city to go to the expense of over \$200,000 in putting down a new main and tapping the spring at Kilworth without having some definite knowledge of how much more water might be expected.

crease of over 3,000,000 gallons may be secured." he said. "For my own part I doubt very much whether an entire 1,000,000 is available." In his opinion the ideal arrange-

"It has been estimated that an in-

ways and factories, as well as for fire well. purposes, leaving spring water for lomestic use. He considered it of the greatest \$2,200.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A dividend of three per cent. for the current half year, being at the rate of six per cent. per amum, upon the capital stock of the company, has been declared, and that the same will be payable at the company's office on and after Tuesday, January 2nd, 1906. The transfer books will be closed from the 20th to the 31st December, both days inclusive.

M. H. ROWLAND, Manager.

London, Dec. 17th, 1905.

Incoming a quantity of water supply that a quantity of water sufficient for years to come be secured and that the abundant water supply be advertised as an inducement to incoming manufacturers.

One of the defects of the present system which he dwelt upon was the lack of pressure for fire purposes companies to the amount of suffering which lack work causes.

I homes elsewhere.

The temperance people in the school, for services rendered the public school children. The grant is for 1906.

No. 2 committee's report showed the attendance of members at its fourteen meetings during the year as follows: Trustees Teasdall, 13; Mc-lack work causes.

Cormick 7: English 10. importance to the commercial growth

no way of remedying the defect except 8. Yeates, 10; Blackwell, 4. by an auxiliary system.

ger of the city being cut off fron school. water by a breakage in the presen!

He also took the ground that an auxiliary supply, as proposed by Si The report was adopted. John Carling, was impracticable, inasmuch as it would be possible to sup- of this committee during the yar and ply only the central part of the city the attendanc of members was as folwithout going beyond a reasonable lows: Trustees Fitzgerald, 15; Me-

To the latter statement President Yeates, 10. White took exception. He held that White took exception. He held that an auxiliary service, even to the business part of the city, would cut down by at least one-half, and that by lessentaxing the seating capacity to the last seat. The occasion was the annual ing the friction in this way the pressure for fire purposes would be restored to what it was ten years ago. Mayor Campbell admitted that this ers, on retiring, should be gr would be the case.

There was no further discussion, principally because the attendance the length of service. was very small.

oure of the evening. The addresses by the seniors were short and full of pith. Another matter which was to have been discussed was the advisability of retiring from the Colb The most interesting number was the securing new rooms. On account of school, after 40 years' s distribution of gifts. The Centennial the slimness of the attendance this Sunday school, with a roll of between 400 and 500 and a corps of faithful offi- also was left over, but President White intimated that he proposed asking the cers, look forward to a year of faithcity council of 1906 for the use of the of the schools and Congregational Churches public library building in place of the those schools which

throughout Canada have arranged to present room. Applications for membership from facilities should Mr. Nathaniel Mills and Mr. G. N. thought that the of the blessing that has attended the Weekes were received and passed. A communication was received from should be fo' the Halifax board of trade urging that who might, task ends December 31, 1905, and the vigorous effort be made to encourage ary, pictur steel shipbuilding in Canada.

It was pointed out that during the of the denomination, will enter into past 30 years the water-borne com- of Prin merce had increased from \$217,000,000 Edwards. heartiness because of the present sat- to \$473,000,000, the aggregate tonnage decreased from 1,158,363 to 672,838 tons nection y Furthermore that in 1874 the new and his cvessels built in Canada aggregated after 50 ears of residence here. 190,756 tons, while in 1894 the new onnage aggregated only 18,554 tons, or These figures were quoted to show day. The reasons given were the free coasting privileges granted to other nations and the fact that Canada could was the counsel for Cain in the famous not compete with English builders of

equal terms. The remedy suggested was a tonnage bounty of at least six dollars per gross ton for restitution, urging this the fact that political leanings had not on Parliament, was enclosed for adop-

It was decided that this resolution be adopted and submitted to Parlla-

The Ottawa board of trade sent opy of a resolution recently passed by them asking Parliament for cerin wishing Mr. and Mrs. Barnard bon tain changes'in the new Ontario Assessment Act, principally in regard to the percentage of business taxes. This matter was referred to th ouncil of the board.

REV. J. J. ROSS SPEAKS.

Editor Free Press: This morning there was left at our door a leastet ssued by the License Victuallers' Association with the heading, "License Reduction." Under the paragraph. "Results to Our City," there are these words: "Large conventions of various character have been deterred from selecting London as their meeting place because of the insufficiency of hotel accommodations, and yet the delegates thereof, while in many cases they are cared for in private, prefer hotel accommodation because of the liberty connected therewith. This may be clearly proven by the housing of 45 e ergymen in the City Hotel during the late meeting of the Baptists in our

Being the pastor of the Church where this convention met, and knowing, through the committee, in detail all about the billeting, I feel that a word of authority upon this matter is quite in place at this time. According to a rule of the convention, the Baptist people in the city provided lodging, breakfast and supper for the delegates. The delegates provided their own dinner and no doubt a number of them

dined at the City Hotel. Of the three dined at the City Hotel. Of the three EVIL OF NO WORK hundred and twenty delegates present. EVIL OF NO WORK but two looged at the City Hotel; one SPEAKS AGAINST MAIN for a week, and one for a few days. Neither the City Hotel, nor any other hotel, nor all of them together housed 45 clergymen during our convention and I feel it my duty to say to the public that this statement is an un qualified untruth. I trust that all who believe in lessening crime, protecting the home, saving the young men and developing our city morally and finan-

SCHOOL TEACHERS

cially, will vote for "License Reduc

J. J. ROSS.

tion" on Monday next.

Retiring Chairman Yeates Makes Interesting Recommendation to Board

board of education, held yesterday af- course, deriving the benefit by increasternoon, Mr. William Yeates, chair- ed circulation. man, announced his retirement and The above figures do not take in ment would be an auxiliary system good-will by the other trustees. All A large number of cigar-makers in from the river for the supply of rail- were present, except Trustee Black- Ontario are out of work owing to the

No. 1 committee's report recom Mayor Campbell also spoke on the mended that W. B. Wyatt be appointed subject, advocating the new main prin- to fill Miss Spittal's place as teacher cipally as a protection from the dan- of the seventh grade, Princess avenue It was recommended that Miss Ethe

S. Dune, and Miss Edith Plewes be added to the permanent teaching staff. There have been fifteen meetings

Roberts, 13; Strong, 13; Tillman, 14;

Chairman's Report. Chairman Yeates, in his annual re teachers. The retining age for male female teachers 55 years. The te an annual allowance of from

\$200 a year, the amount vary The report spoke in ar terms of Miss Maria Cox

Mr. Yeates thought to enlarge the plays aany that should training ded. He Col. Little in providing fla blic schools ther citizen: donate statu

In conclusio. of vessels registered in Canada had his great regret at severing his con Mr. Gammage was then moved int

less than the tonnage of 30 years ago. McRobert tendered a vote of sincere appreciation of the retiring chairman hat the once flourishing shipbuilding | Mr. Yeates had been an efficient, enindustry is in a state of decay to- ergetic and conscientious bhairman said Dr. English. Trustee McRobert spoke of the kindly and courteou disposition of Mr. Weates and the great amount of time which he had taken from his business to spend in the cause of education.

Mr. Yeates, in reply, commented or been prominent at the board's meetings during the yar.

A. W. Harrison, stenographer for the Western Fair Association, left last week for a month's holiday, which she will spend with her sister in Custer, Michigan

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We empl workmen. watch in TRUNK spectors for RAILWAY

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EXCEEDS LIQUOR EVIL

Cigar-makers Present Their View Against Proposed Reduction of Licenses

Editor Free Press: The cigarmakers of London have decided to oppose the proposed reduction of hotel licenses.

Have you ever given a thought to culated by the hotel men. Thirty-two hotels spend in the neighborhood of \$450,000 yearly.

By reducing the number of licenses to 26 you will cut off at least \$80,000 that is spent yearly. This money is paid in great part to the working At the last meeting for 1905 of the classes in wages, the merchants, of

was given many words of regret and the amount of money spent for cigars number of licenses which were cut Mr. Yeates announced that the off this year. By cutting off six more board will have a surplus of about hotels you will drive more good citizens out of the country to make their

The temperance people in their scheme do not tell us what they are While we believe that a certain amount of suffering is caused by liquor, yet it is not a comparison with

the amount of suffering which lack of You who pay taxes stop and consider where the revenue which is paid by hotels will come from.

It must be made up and you as taxpayers will have to pay it in inreased taxation. This is not a question of reducing the amount of drinking, in our estimation it is giving a monopoly to a certain few at your expense. (Signed)

W. HALE, President, 'Cigar-Makers' Union, No. 278.

A Business Change.

Messrs, J. W. Martin & Sons have purchased the established tobacco business of W. J. Portwood, 418 Richmond street. Mr. Martin, senior, is well and favorably known in the city, having been at one time in the hotel business on King street, and more re pension system for the benefit of old cently a traveler for a local cigar

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father, Mr. Peter Campbell, at Tillson-

Mrs. Lottie Scott Sutherland, who has been visiting with friends in Toronto, Chicago and Detroit, has re-

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Honeycomb Quilts, free from dressing, extra large size, fine Victoria Lawn, extra wide width, fine and soft; regular 15c,

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Tamaline Silks for evening wear, wide width, in blues, pink, green, white, cream, reds, grays, browns, fawns, guaran-