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THE BOTHWELL OIL BOOM.

New Wells are Showing Up Splendidly and Business is on the Hum in the District.

Bothwell, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—The oil operators here are becoming more and more convinced that this field will prove superior to the Petrolea district. Since writing you last week several new wells have been shot, with most satisfactory results. One on the Emerson seven-acre property was finished on Friday. It has every evidence of being a big and permanent producer. This well is about 100 yards from the big well of Alex. Elliott on the Sussex farm. On Monday afternoon a large number of oil operators and farmers collected on James McRitchie's farm, where the Davis Oil Company were shooting a newly finished well. About a dozen ladies were among the spectators. Although the capacity of this well has not been tested, it shows up remarkably well. Another well that promises a satisfactory output is that of Mr. Kershaw on the Taylor farm. It was completed Monday morning. The field is being prospected in all directions, and its extent is becoming larger and larger. A day or two ago a well was completed on Mrs. Johnston's farm on the 6th concession, two miles directly west of the Goodyear farm. The field is extending both east and west. There is a big demand for drive pipe. The hardware and supply stores are doing a splendid business. The town has an air of activity and bustle. The hotels are crowded with strangers, principally Americans. Hundreds of men find employment in connection with the industry and the farmers are making well by boarding workmen, teaming materials, fuel, etc. A petition is being prepared to be sent to the Grand Trunk requesting that railway to have the through trains stop at Bothwell, as the traffic has increased so largely of late. Some properties on the main street, that were bought for a song a couple of years ago, have advanced very substantially in value. Rents are going up. There is every indication, furthermore, that this is but the beginning of a genuine and substantial oil boom. The operators will be surprised if Bothwell does not soon produce more oil than Petrolea.

CALEDONIAN SOCIETY.

Officers Elected — "Semi-Colon Johnnie" Must Have Had the Blues When He Penned the Annual Report.

The Caledonian Society met last night in St. George's Hall. There was a good attendance, and Capt. D. M. Robertson presided. Four new members were elected—Messrs. A. Duncan Reid, James McIntosh, A. W. Grasett and Alex. Asher. Two were proposed for membership—Messrs. A. T. Strathers and J. B. McKay.

Dr. D. Clark was elected president for the ensuing year, George Vair 1st vice-president, and James Massey 2nd vice-president. All three were elected by acclamation. The general committee will be composed of fourteen gentlemen to be selected from the following: Capt. Robertson, R. Swan, W. Adamson, Inspector Stark, Douglas Scott, M. Gibbs, Thomas Armstrong, H. Miller, Wm. Simpson, John Gourlock, W. Ross, R. U. McPherson, J. McP. Ross, W. McK. White, J. Wilson Gray, R. Barron, W. Campbell, J. H. Wilson, A. Fiddes, Geo. W. Grant, Geo. Banks and John Tyrler.

Secretary Campbell submitted his annual report, which, among other interesting things, says as follows:

"The past year has been one of unusual business depression, but the Society has not suffered thereby to any great extent. It is true there has been a slight falling off in the amount of fees collected, but the revenue from this source is up to the average of former years. The evidence of 'hard times' has been observable more in the difficulty of collecting dues than by any falling off in the amount collected. During the past year 93 names have been struck off the roll and 37 names have been added. The present membership is 444, of whom 15 are life members. The roll has been considerably shortened by removals, many of our young men having been obliged to cross the border in search of employment. The names of 16 members, who have not paid dues for from 3 to 7 years, have been struck off by order of the General Committee.

"Death has been very busy in our midst, six of our members having died during the year. The first to obey the dread summons was Mr. Thomas McCracken, who was called away in January. He was followed in May by Mr. John Grant; and in August, Sir David Macpherson, an honorary life member of the Society, was cut off, full of years and honors. In September two members died, viz.: Mr. John Ritchie, one of our past presidents, and Mr. John Smith, agent of the National Despatch Line here. The last death we have to record occurred in October, the victim being Mr. Finlay Buchanan, a young member, who was suddenly stricken down with appendicitis.

"The treasurer's statement shows a deficiency of $35.20 on the Hallowe'en dinner, which is slightly less than the shortage last year. In last year's report, when referring to the dinner, your secretary remarked: 'So long as we have our present arrangement with the Walker House, and charge $1.50 for the tickets, we will have to face a deficiency similar to that of the present year.'

"Your secretary is pleased to have to report that the proposal by the Society, to publish a book of Scottish-Canadian poetry, is calling forth most favorable comment throughout the country; and the number of contributions already received is very encouraging. Specimens of poetry from over forty Scottish-Canadian poets have been received, and ready access can be had to between thirty and forty more. Scarcely a day passes without some one being heard from, either sending poetry or giving such information as will lead to the recovery of specimens deemed suitable for the proposed volume."

THEY'VE HAD A FIGHT.

The Spaniards Claim to Have Whipped the Cubans, But the Rebels are Yet to be Heard From.

New York, Dec. 8.—The Herald's special from Jacksonville, Fla., says: A despatch has been received from Havana, which states that Maceo has crossed the Trocha with a large force. It is reported, according to the despatch, that Captain-General Weyler has been wounded at the front.

All news from the scene of the engagement is suppressed by the officials at the palace.

Fought Until Dark.

Havana, Dec. 8.—Reports received here state that Gen. Figuera's command have had an engagement with the rebels at Rio Hondo, near San Jos de las Lajas, in the Havana Province. The Spanish came upon the outposts of the rebels and immediately opened fire upon them. The fire was briskly returned, and the engagement lasted until 6 p.m. The rebel outposts were captured, and the position occupied by the main body, the Morales Hills, was then attacked. A cavalry charge by the Spaniards was repulsed, but the insurgents were finally driven from the field, leaving behind them over 60 of their number dead. It is believed that they carried with them many others. The Spaniards lost Lieut.-Col. Aguayo and a private killed and one lieutenant and 20 privates wounded. During the battle 35 cannon shots were fired by the rebels.

FIRED AND FELL BACK.

Major Cirujeda, having received information that a force of rebels had arrived in the vicinity of Punta Brava, in the Havana Province, started with his command in the direction in which the rebels were believed to be. The Spanish troops met the main body of the insurgents, 2000 strong, at San Pedro, and engaged them in battle. The insurgents entrenched themselves behind stone fences, where they held their positions until nightfall, when they were dislodged and compelled to retire. The Spanish then returned to Punta Brava. They lost in the fight three privates killed and three lieutenants and 20 privates wounded. Over 40 rebels were left dead upon the field.

"The Maple Leaf."

"Comparatively few west-bound travelers realize that within the past ten years a new and formidable competitor for railway patronage has entered the field. The Chicago and Great Western (Maple Leaf Route) is decidedly out for business; the equipment service and roadbed have been steadily improved, until now they are among the best in America. On no other railway can you get any such meal (a la carte) for the money; the service and surroundings are in perfect taste; the menu card is replete with the choicest of everything at reasonable prices. The Pullman compartment sleeping cars and the new free reclining chair cars in service between Chicago and St. Paul and Minneapolis and Des Moines are the embodiment of all that is luxurious in railway travel." 135

Overcrowded Cars.

Editor World: When will our Engineer do his duty? His attention was called to this nuisance some time ago and he was instructed to enforce the law, and yet as many people stand as sit till after 8 o'clock in the morning and from 5 till 6.30 in the evening. Why this imposition on the public? Surely the company are well enough paid by the extra traffic to enable them to put on a few additional trailers at those hours, thus providing more seats as well as straps. When men attend to business all day they are tired enough to enjoy a seat coming home at night, but be it said to the gallantry of Toronto gentlemen, few of them will sit and allow a lady to hang on a strap, even though they are tired. Were the Council to stipulate that no fares need be paid by passengers compelled to stand, the nuisance would soon be abated. How much longer must the public wait for the company to get ready to comply with the agreement? Patience may be a virtue in the eyes of the company, but scarcely so in the estimation of passengers.

One Who Seldom Gets a Seat.

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ONTARIO BEEKEEPERS.

The 17th Annual Meeting of the Association Opened at the City Hall Yesterday—Hon. Mr. Fisher Present.

The Ontario Beekeepers' Association assembled for its seventeenth annual meeting at the Council chamber of the City Hall yesterday afternoon. The chair was occupied by Mr. R. F. Holterman of Brantford, the well-known editor of The Canadian Bee Journal, and a large number of gentlemen interested in beekeeping also occupied seats at the aldermanic desks, among them being: S F Petrit (Belmont), J D Evans (Islington), J H Shaver (Kingsville), W J Craig (Brantford), J Fixture (Ottawa), W A Chrysler (Chatham), H N Hughes (Barrie), Israel Overholt (South Cayuga), James Armstrong (Cheapside), J H Best (Balmoral, Ont), F A Gemmell (Stratford), John Pirie (Drumquin), Alexander Black (Sonya), William McEvoy (Woodburn), A Pickett (Nassagaweya), W J Brown (Chard), M B Holmes (Athens), Rev W F Clarke (Guelph), W H Hardy (176 Arthur-street Toronto), Samuel Hall (Pine Orchard), W B Burton (Greenwood), W S Walton (Scarboro Junction), D W Heise (Bethesda), Lewis Mapes (Headford), D Rainer (Cedar Grove), A D Allen (Marlbank), L Baker (Ringwood), R McKnight (Owen Sound), C Wurster (Kleinburg), Martin Emrich (Holbrook), J K Darling (Almonte), J Renton (Carrville), J W Sparling (Bowmanville), Thomas J Dougall (Stouffville), Samuel Wood (Northawa), John Newton (Thamesford). Mr. Cowan (Streetsville), the secretary of the association, rendered every assistance in his power. Mr. Thomas Macfarlane, the Dominion Government analyst, also attended.

The President's opening remarks were brief and to the point, and the same may be said of all the addresses which were made before him. It is seldom speeches are so closely followed and attentively listened to as those of yesterday.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, visited the convention and spoke briefly at the invitation of the President. He expressed his pleasure at being present, and congratulated the association upon the important position which the industry occupied in connection with the agricultural interests of the country. He pointed out the advantage to the farmer that he should become a manufacturer of the raw forms of agricultural produce. Personally, he had no plan to suggest, and was not acquainted with the details of beekeeping, but was pleased to learn that the association came forward with a definite proposal to give it due consideration.

The report of the Committee on Honey Legislation was brought up and after considerable consideration was laid over for future discussion.

An address of condolence was voted to the family of the late Allen Pringle of Selby.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

At the evening session the President read his address, for which he was heartily thanked. It is of considerable length and document and will be discussed at a later stage. As one of the speakers said, there are enough subjects treated of in it to furnish matter to occupy the remaining two days of the session. The World will refer to it more fully to-morrow.

Mr. Macfarlane, Dominion Government analyst, thought bees should be provided with a food which would produce the aroma desired in honey.

Mr. Pettit and Mr. Darling thought honey should not be removed from the hive in the "green" state, and not till it had been matured by the bees. Mr. McKnight, Mr. McEvoy and Mr. Best also spoke on the subject. Mr. Pettit claimed that honey was the best of all natural sweets, maple syrup coming next.

WHAT THE BEEKEEPERS WANT.

Referring to the request of the Minister of Agriculture that the association should formulate its desires, it was proposed that the Dominion Government should undertake experiments in beekeeping with a view to cheapening the cost of production and improving the quality; that the same assistance should be rendered by the Dominion Government as to other branches of agriculture for developing home and foreign markets, and Mr. Holterman was nominated as apiarist at the Experimental Farm at Ottawa. Mr. Hughes, Mr. Pettit, Mr. Gemmell, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. McEvoy all strongly supported the resolution, which was carried unanimously, and the President returned thanks.

THE MARKET IN ENGLAND.

Mr. W. J. Craig stated he had recently had considerable experience of the retail selling price of honey in the Old Country, and was satisfied there was a good market there for the Canadian article. He had seen Californian honey retailed at 1s a pound, which was greatly inferior to Canadian, of which latter he had not seen any on sale.

Mr. Heise brought up the question of the careful revision of the stenographer's notes of the proceedings. In the ensuing discussion it was generally conceded that correction was necessary, and the proofs of the principal speeches will in future be revised by the speakers themselves and the others by a committee.

Mr. McEvoy presented the foul brood report, which was adopted. He named the counties he had visited and the assistance rendered him by beekeepers and was glad to say it had not been necessary to use fire to any bee colonies in 1896.

TO-DAY'S SESSIONS.

To-day there will be three sessions. At the morning meeting, opening at 9, there will be a debate and discussion, and treasurer's and auditors' and other reports presented. In the afternoon the new officers will be elected, after which, and at the evening session, papers will be read and discussed.

In Aid of the Working Boys' Home.

There was a very satisfactory attendance at the benefit concert in St. George's Hall last night in aid of the Working Boys' Home, Frederick-street. The entertainment provided was a splendid one, and was much enjoyed. Dr. Oldright presided, and the artists who contributed were: Mr. Alf. B. Jury, baritone; Mrs. A. B. Jury, soprano; Mr F. M. Bellsmith, reader; Mr. Bert Harvey, humorist; Mr. Clemworth, elocutionist; Mr. F. Manton and Mr. B. Plant, cornetists; Miss Henrietta Shipe, pianist and soloist; Miss Hilda Davis, violinist.

It is three years since the public has heard the sympathetic mezzo-contralto voice of Miss Henrietta Shipe, and she was accorded a warm welcome on her return to song last evening. During the interim she has been a very successful accompanist, a difficult and little-appreciated role and one in which she has always excelled, giving great pleasure to the artists she has accompanied. The Working Boys' Home brass band occupied the gallery, and rendered several selections in good style.

Trinity Methodist Church

Trinity Methodist Church held one of the old-time tea-meetings last night, and between 6 and 8 o'clock upwards of 500 persons enjoyed a good square meal.

After the physical came the intellectual feast in the shape of a concert, at which Mayor Fleming presided. Rev. James Eaton gave an interesting talk on "Social Christianity," and Rev. W. F. Wilson, the pastor, also gave a pithy address. The musical numbers were contributed by Messrs. Johnston and Verral, Miss Statton, Mr. Brownell and the Toronto Mandolin Club. The attendance was large.

Mr. Benj. Scott, Van Horne, Ont., says: "My heart caused me great uneasiness, my appetite failed and I became very weak and discouraged. Miller's Compound Iron Pills made me all right; I feel well and strong."

A Conservative Smoker.

No. One Ward Liberal-Conservative Association is holding a smoking concert at Dingman's Hall on Thursday evening, Dec. 17, at 8 o'clock. A first-class program has been provided and a very large attendance is expected. Conservatives other than members of the Association desiring tickets can get them from the secretary, Mr. Robert Defries, at 74 Church-street, or from Mr. Le Roy at Dingman's Hall.

Dyspepsia and Indigestion.—C. W. Snow & Co., Syracuse, N.Y., write: "Please send us ten gross of Pills. We are selling more of Parmelee's Pills than any other pill we keep. They have a great reputation for the cure of Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint." Mr. Charles A. Smith, Lindsay, writes: "Parmelee's Pills are an excellent medicine. My sister has been troubled with severe headache, but these pills have cured her." ed

A Desirable Property.

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One of the greatest blessings to parents is Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator. It effectually expels worms and gives health in a marvelous manner to the little one.

POPULATION MOST NEEDED

And Mr. Sifton Recognizes the Fact.

HE MAKES GOOD PROMISES

People Will be Wondering Whether He Can Carry Them Out.

A Tory Postmaster Bounced to Make Room for One of the Faithful—Editor White of The Brandon Sun to Get a Good Sit at Ottawa—Ashdown Fights Dr. Roche to Earth in the Courts—Greenway Going to Ottawa—Five Mayoralty Candidates in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Hon. Mr. Sifton made an interesting speech at the Liberals' banquet at Moosomin. He said he fully realized that what Western Canada most needed was population, and he promised an energetic regime.

Roger Marion, who has for many years been postmaster of St. Boniface, has been dismissed, and Alfred Levecque, a Liberal, appointed to succeed him.

Another of Mr. Sifton's friends has been provided for. Editor W. J. White, who has sold out his interests in The Brandon Sun to a syndicate, will be appointed to a position in one of the departments at Ottawa, the salary for which will be in the neighborhood of $2,000.

Dr. Barnardo has established a branch of his institution for the relief of poor children of the larger cities of England in this city. The Winnipeg branch is conducted on exactly similar lines to those of the Toronto branch, which serves as a distributing point for the graduates of English homes.

J. H. Ashdown of Winnipeg, who is a millionaire, at last election, contested Marquette for the Liberals, and was beaten by Dr. Roche, Conservative. However, Mr. Ashdown continues to fight in the courts, and, as Roche cannot afford endless litigation, he is going to resign and fight the battle over again.

Premier Greenway will accompany Mr. Sifton to Ottawa early next week. Mr. Sifton is to be banqueted by the Winnipeg Liberals next Monday night.

At the Winnipeg civic nomination to-day five candidates entered the mayoralty contest, which will be the most exciting in the history of the city. The five are: John Sproule, W. F. McCreary, Alex. McMillan, E. F. Hutchings and Alex. Black.

PROVINCIAL FAT STOCK SHOW.

Increased Entries—Magnificent Exhibition—The Tariff—Cattle Disease and Quarantine.

Guelph, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—The thirteenth Provincial Fat Stock and Dairy Show opened in Victoria Rink to-day. The spacious rink, main building and annex, was completely filled by noon, by which time all the stock was brought in. Upstairs, in the cutters' room, a neat display of fine turkeys, geese and poultry carefully dressed, is on exhibition. The cattle, sheep and pigs are of uniform high quality. The entries in all classes are materially ahead of last year, totalling 569 to last year's 494. This show will undoubtedly be one of the finest exhibitions ever held on the Continent of America. All the morning the judges were working on the dairy cattle.

SOME OF THE EXHIBITORS.

All the principal stock breeders throughout the province are on hand with their fat animals. Among them are: A and G Rice, Currie's Crossing; J Smith & Son, Highfield; B H Bull & Son, Brampton; A Hoover, Emery; W M & J C Smith, Fairfield Plains; W T Thompson, Rockton; Jas Grieve, Jas Hurley, Guelph; T H Dent, Woodstock; Jas Oke & Son, Alvinston; H & W Smith, Hay P O; J & T Crerar, Shakespeare; Jas Fried, Blenheim; W Rutherford, Roseville; W H Nichols, Hamilton; Jackson & Son, Abingdon; Mr Simenton, Blackheath; Mr Whitelaw, Guelph; Mr Douglas, Galt; Mr Scott, Aberfoyle; J Kelly, Shakespeare; Gibson & Walker, Denfield; Mr Caswell, Newcastle; Mr Bowman, Guelph; Peter Arkell, Teeswater; Smith Evans, Gourock; Mr Harding, London; Park & Son, Burgessville; W E Wright, Glanworth; D G Hanmer, Mt. Vernon, besides all the leading breeders in the County of Wellington.

WITH THE CATTLE BREEDERS.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association was held in the City Hall last night, at which about thirty breeders were present. Mr. John I. Hobson, president, occupied the chair, and delivered a short address, in which he referred to the question of better legislation in reference to matters pertaining to the association, and the advisability of modifying the quarantine regulations.

A letter was read from the Dominion Minister of Agriculture in reference to a revision of the tariff. After a few suggestions the following resolution was put and carried: Moved by D. McCrae, seconded by A. W. Smith, "That Messrs. Hobson, Snell, Johnston and McCrae arrange to deal with the whole work and meet the commissioners."

Considerable discussion then took place on transportation, quarantine and records, and a committee was appointed to look into the matter and report as soon as possible.

AS TO CATTLE DISEASE.

In reference to the cattle trade in the Northwest, the following resolution was put and carried: Moved by Messrs. J. C. Snell and Arthur Johnston, "That, believing that contagious pleuro-pneumonia is not at present existing in either the United States or Canada, this association is of opinion that so long as these countries are free from contagious diseases, cattle of all kinds should be admitted to either country without quarantine, but after careful and efficient veterinary inspection, under such regulations as may be mutually agreed upon between the two countries; that the Government also urge on the United States Secretary of Agriculture the necessity of doing away with the present rule of the Customs Department not acknowledging pedigrees recorded in the Canadian Herd Book, as the standard is equal to and in some cases higher than the American one."

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The officers were re-elected with some minor changes, Mr. Hobson being president, and Mr. Hodson secretary.

The following gentlemen were then appointed to represent the association at Fair Boards: Messrs. A. Johnston and G. E. Day, Toronto Exhibition; Messrs. Joseph Yuill and J. G. Clarke, Ottawa; Messrs. R. Gibson and Capt. Robson, London.

The meeting adjourned until the first week in February to meet in Toronto, when the Executive and Program Committee, Winter Show Committee and Transportation and Quarantine Committees will be appointed and other business transacted.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

"MARTHA."

The audience at the Grand was fairly large last night, in spite of the bad weather, and Flotow's old opera "Martha" was given by the Grau Company, with three new stars in the cast. The bill showed the following:

Martha .....Nina Bertini Humphreys
Nancy .....Lizzie Macnichol
Sir Tristan ..... Edward Knight
Plunket ..... Ricardo Ricci
Sheriff .....S. H. Dudley
Lionel .....A. Montegriffo

Miss Humphreys, in the title role, showed a most musical and flexible voice, good in volume and quality and reaching very high. Her work in dialog parts was good, but the principal solo, "The Last Rose of Summer," was delivered in too studied a manner to give the impression of genuineness of feeling, which all acting should convey. Nevertheless, the audience demanded a repetition, which was given. Lizzie Macnichol, as Nancy, again proved herself a perfect actress and singer. Her depiction of the hoydenish maiden, the very antipodes of the role assumed the evening before, gave abundant evidence of her versatility. Mr. Ricci was an ideal Plunket, showing a fine bass voice and perfect acting. Mr. Knight represented Tristan well and Mr. Montegriffo, with a tenor voice of peculiar quality, gave the part of Lionel perhaps too much fervor to suit some tastes. His high notes have a great ring, and his principal solo was encored. The climax at the end of the third act was grandly worked up and a repetition had to be given in response to uproarious applause. The orchestra was scarcely subdued enough in some parts, and almost overwhelmed the voices. "Cavalleria Rusticana" and the third act of "Lucia" are billed for to-night.

A PLAY FOR THE LADIES.

Bert Coote and Nick Long are to be congratulated upon their selection of a play, for "The Other Man's Wife" is really a pleasing surprise. A hen-pecked husband, a strong-minded mother-in-law, a weak wife and an innocent flirtation form the basis of the story. Mr. Coote demonstrates in his handling of the hen-pecked husband that he is a comedian of originality, and that he requires no bean-shooter or slap-stick to evoke a laugh. The comedy is of the kind that appeals especially to the ladies, and, looking over the house at yesterday's matinee, it was easy to see that women largely predominated. Two more "bargain matinees" will be given to-morrow and Saturday—and, unless all signs fail, they will be the banner ones of the Toronto's season.

CHAMBER MUSIC.

The members of the Toronto Chamber of Music Association are to be congratulated on the interest taken in their first concert of the season. Since the plan opened there has been a constant demand for seats, so that in all probability every seat of the Guild Hall will be filled on the night of the concert. This cannot be a matter of surprise, as the work of the Stringed Quartet is known to be perfectly finished in technique and in artistic conception. One of the most interesting numbers of the program will be the Goldmark Quintet, in which the finished playing of Mr. H. M. Field will be enjoyed. The concert will begin precisely at 8 o'clock. Late comers may be ordered from the hall, and will not be admitted to the hall during the performance of any number. The plan of seats is now open at Gourlay, Winter & Leeming's, 188 Yonge-street.

THE ACTOR MUSICIAN.

Another musical treat is promised at the Grand next week in the appearance of Augusta Van Biene, the great 'cellist, who will present his musical drama, "The Broken Melody." Mr. Van Biene is a musician as well as an actor, and his performance upon the 'cello is said to be one of the great attractions of the play. He will be accompanied by nearly all the members of his English company. The sale of seats will begin to-morrow morning.

MANDOLIN AND GUITAR CLUB.

The sale of seats for the Toronto Ideal Mandolin and Guitar Club concert to be held in the Association Hall to-night, will close at 4 p.m. at R. S. Williams', 143 Yonge-street, and will open at the hall at 7 p.m. Mr. Newton has arranged an entirely new program of "In Old Madrid" (Troteri) as a mandolin solo. Mr. Horace Huron will also give some original banjo music.

"SOCIETY INTERESTED."

The plan of seats for the Ffrangcon-Davies engagement at the Massey Hall next Monday evening opens at the Hall box office to-morrow morning. Possibly no artist has sung in America in years that has created so much talk in the musical world as this noted Welsh baritone. The Toronto society circles Mr. Davies' coming song recital is much spoken of, and the Massey Hall on next Monday evening will no doubt contain a "smart" audience.

HARRY BENNETT'S BENEFIT.

The Harry Bennett benefit concert in the West End Y.M.C.A. Hall last evening was a highly moral and successful entertainment. The result will be most encouraging to Mr. Bennett. Among those giving numbers were Mr. Harry Bennett, humorist; Mrs. W. Bentley Hall, soprano; Miss Bertha Sargant, elocutionist; F. X. Mercier, tenor; Martin Cleworth, entertainer; George R. Joseph, soloist; Jos. Youngheart, tenor; Jim Fax, entertainer; Geo. Edwards, mandolin and banjo; Dr. E. Kendall, pianist; Miss G. McGraw, accompanist.

"THE MESSIAH."

The Philharmonic Society had a capital practice of "The Messiah" in the Guild Hall last night, and it may safely be predicted that the Christmas performance of Handel's great work will be one of the best ever given in the city.

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

Bacteriologists Are of the Opinion That the Scourge in Bombay Is Not Contagious.

New York, Dec. 8.—A special to The Herald from Bombay says: The Government bacteriologists are of opinion that the plague, unlike cholera, has a tendency to stick to the locality where it originated. A few authentic cases are reported in adjacent towns, but they are all of Bombay origin.

The disease, where reported, was dying out without spreading. In Bombay for two months the plague remained confined to one ward. It has now spread to all districts of the city, and is increasing largely with the cooler weather.

Only one case is reported of a person dying by attending a patient having contracted the plague. This disease, though infectious, has not been proved contagious.

Eight hundred deaths are reported up to date, but the number is believed to be much larger. Crowds of panic-stricken natives are fleeing from the city. Trade and travel are seriously affected.

The famine which threatened the whole of India has been partially averted in certain districts by the recent rains. Grain speculation continues and aggravates the situation.

BUFFALO BEEF MEN SORE.

They Complain That Canadian Competition is Hitting Them Hard.

Buffalo, Dec. 8.—The Buffalo wholesale dealers in dressed beef are just now feeling sore about the tariff laws of this country. They claim that the twenty per cent. now imposed is not enough to protect them from Canadian competition. Last month 19,000 pounds of dressed beef came into Buffalo by way of the ferry, but this amount was insignificant and little complaint was heard from the wholesale men. Within the last ten days, however, wagon loads of the meat have been coming over every day, and while this is not enough to meet the total demand, it is sufficient to break up the schedule of prices which the local wholesalers were formerly able to maintain. The commission men who handle the imported meat claim that the wholesale meat men have formerly been very arbitrary, and whenever the supply was moderate and the demand good they would corner the retail market and force prices up as high as they wished. They claim that the Canadian product has steadied the market without lowering it more than a quarter of a cent.

Only those who have had experience can tell the torture corns cause. Pain with your boots on, pain with them off—pain night and day; but relief is sure to those who use Holloway's Corn Cure. ed

COUNTY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

Farewell Reception to Mr. and Mrs. Stiver at Unionville—Notes From East of the City Limits.

The bad weather kept away a large audience from the St. John's Cricket Club entertainment at Boston's Hall last evening, but those who ventured out were more than repaid for their trouble. Cartoonist J. W. Bengough was in fine form, and gave "Characteristics of human nature as looked at from a national point of view," treating with humorous insight the English, Irishman, Scotchman, German, Yankee and Uncle Rastus. Miss Dickson and Messrs. W. J. Harris, J. Brown, W. Liscombe, F. Paget, M. Sanson, George Dickson, Kew Williams, F. Sterling and H. Hollingsworth contributed capital numbers to a program that hadn't a weak point in it.

The united Liberal Associations of East Toronto, Little York and Norway met on Monday night at Boston's Hall, President J. Richardson presiding. Among those present were: Vice-President R. Nimmo, J W Ormerod, J W Potter, Dr J B Sinew, J Tidslerry, F Boston, M Fitzgerald, W Casey, J Boston, O'Kobley, W Bessey, H Hare, A E Nelson, etc. Three members received at the last meeting were enrolled upon the list. The chief business of the evening was the making of arrangements for the general meeting to be held at Unionville on Monday next.

The Government has appointed County Constable McIlwain permanent constable in the suburb.

There is a lull in the passing of tramps through the suburb, and hunt as they may the constables return empty-handed. Yesterday one of the constables remarked: "I haven't seen the shadow of a tramp or peddler all day, and it's a likely sort of day, too." A tramp named Robinson, caught begging on Monday, was sent down for ten days by Magistrate Ormerod. In his pockets were two pounds of beefsteak and a loaf of bread.

To-day witnesses the departure from the village of Mrs. Heaven, after a residence of nearly two years. During her stay here Mrs. Heaven kept open house, and the passing to and fro of so many city guests brought it and the village closer to each other. Both Mrs. Heaven and her daughters did much church work and they will be sadly missed by the parish's poor.

The railway branch of the Y.M.C.A. at York has added a gymnasium to its many attractions, and work was begun last night under Director R. Aikins, a capable gymnast, who will introduce all the latest methods of physical development.

President W. Walters of the East Toronto Conservatives has called a meeting of the organization for Saturday evening at the hall above Carnahan's drug store.

Miss Lillian Wilkinson, a sister of Mrs. Eva Walton, was married yesterday to Rev. Peter J. R. Johnston to Mr. Alton Hubert of the Canadian Express Company, Hamilton. Mr. W. Kent was best man and the affair was a very pretty one.

G.T.R. Engineers T. Looney and F. Murch are prevented by an attack of influenza from taking charge of the turkey train loads for England.

The regular meeting of the East York Licensed Victuallers' Association was held at Smith's Hotel, Norway, yesterday. Mr. J. Lomas being in the chair. A committee was appointed to wait on the Government to expound its views regarding the plebiscite vote. It was the opinion of the meeting that by strict adherence to the license laws the trade had little to fear by any Government action.

Farewell Reception at Unionville.

Unionville, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Last evening a company, consisting of residents of this village, accompanied by the U. C. orchestra, gathered at the residence of Mr. R. A. Stiver, the occasion being the eve of the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Stiver for their home in California, where they intend to remain some months. A very enjoyable evening was spent, those present participating in various amusements, while the orchestra rendered several appropriate selections. In the course of the evening a gold-headed cane, accompanied by an address, was presented to Mr. Stiver, who in reply stated that the circumstances surrounding his intended departure were most pleasing, and he would ever remember and appreciate the good will extended him by his Unionville townsmen. At the close of the evening the whole company arose and sang "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Mr. Stiver has long been a prominent merchant and esteemed resident of this place, and he and his worthy partner in life carry with them the best wishes of their many friends.

Toronto Junction.

Toronto Junction, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Anniversary services in connection with the Elizabeth-street Mission Sunday school were held last night, when addresses were given by Rev. Dr. Parker, Rev. L. W. Hill and George J. St. Leger. A capital program was given, at the close of which presents were distributed to the children. At the Junction's Police Court Mr. G. R. Snyder of Clendenan-avenue, who is charged by B. N. Harris with non-payment of wages, got the case adjourned until Thursday, as he had to be at Brampton to-day to answer a judgment summons.

The Board of Health met to-night and received the annual report of the Medical Officer of Health, the Inspector, the chairman and the secretary. The Medical Health Officer reported that during the year there were ten cases of diphtheria, one eight weeks' old child and two deaths, one of a very malignant type, death following in twelve hours; scarlet fever, six cases, all ending in recovery; typhoid fever, eight cases, not traceable to any specific cause and all ending in recovery. The Sanitary Inspector's report showed that the wells, cow byres and hog pens in the town had been visited after and were in a sanitary condition. The chairman reported that the inspector had not inspected all factories, livery stables and public schools, but where a complaint had been made it had been attended to at once. The secretary reported that during the first six months there were registered 63 births, 10 marriages and 34 deaths, and during the past five months there have been 67 births, 8 marriages and 34 deaths.

Weston.

Weston, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Lodge Weston No. 52, Canadian Order of Foresters, held an open meeting to-night, at which the members of the lodge and their friends spent a social evening in games and song. Mr. W. C. Riddell occupied the chair, and among those taking part in the program were Miss Paterson, Miss L. Kountzes, Mrs. C. M. Lyons, Mr. C. Calhoun and the Weston male quartet, consisting of Messrs. Riddel, Watsol, Hill and Calhoun.

The bylaw against riding bicycles on the sidewalks is vigorously enforced here. To-day R. J. Ball of Toronto and Charles Moffatt, neither of whom appeared, were each fined $1 and costs, amounting to $6.25, for infraction of it.

Two well-dressed young fellows named William Watson and James Millar appeared before Squires Cruickshanks and Beasley this afternoon on a charge preferred by G.T.R. Detective Hodge, who caught them loitering around Royce-avenue station at the Junction, and County Constable Moynahan. They were both new arrivals from the Old Country and without money. The Englishman was steering for Albany, where work was promised him, and the Scotchman was going to London. They will both go to jail for thirty days now, as they could not pay the fine of $2 each and $1.50 costs.

John Tinsley will spend six months in the Central Prison for the theft of an overcoat belonging to William Patterson.

Killed the Silver Bill.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 8.—The bill forbidding gold contracts was killed in the House yesterday by a vote of 67 to 26.

A DAUGHTER'S DISTRESS.

How It Was Relieved.

"My daughter has been suffering with anaemia or impoverishment of the blood. She became very pale, nervous and weak, and I hardly knew what to do with her. However, from the time she commenced taking Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, which I bought at Mr. T. W. Sampson's drug store, 557 Dundas-street, city, she has been constantly improving in health and strength. Her nerves are much stronger, and the pills are undoubtedly building up her entire system. They are just the remedy she needed, and I can recommend them in all such cases."

(Signed) MRS. C. PLUMB, 565 Dundas-street.

Mrs. Plumb is the proprietress of the well-known fancy goods store, and enjoys the confidence and respect of a large circle of acquaintances, many of whom are aware of the facts, and join in the feeling of pleasure at the cure which has been made in the case of her daughter.

IN LEAGUE WITH THE DEVIL.

This is What Some People Believe of Prof. Leonard, Who Dumfounds Them by Telling Their Secrets.

Whether or not Prof. Leonard, the mind-reader, is a freak he has certainly succeeded in dumfounding many Torontonians. Whatever his powers be he is certainly painfully mystifying to those who come in contact with him, and many of those who have had sittings with him assert that he must be in league with His Satanic Majesty. His clients are daily "paralyzed" by the intimate knowledge of their most secret affairs which he is enabled to display.

Prof. Leonard is a pronounced Protectionist as far as Canada is concerned. He asserts that a young country like Canada would, in seeking to openly compete with the whole world, resemble the foolish man who starts a small business alongside a much more powerful institution of the same kind.

One result of Prof. Leonard's semi-supernatural work is that he is subject to cataleptic trances, during which all signs of life are suspended. He has been at different times apparently dead for hours together, and during the attack just escaped having a "post-mortem" examination held upon him. He now carries always about his person a letter from his New York physician, warning all those who may witness his collapse at any time that "he is not dead, but sleepeth