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Toronto Junction, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—
Mr. Kehoe of Perth-avenue met with a nasty accident to his leg near the corner of Keele and Dundas-streets yesterday afternoon. He was driving a load of barrels to Port Credit, when the whole load upset and pitched him on to the road. He was taken home and placed under medical care.

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One of the oldest residents in the county passed away at Weston in the person of Mrs. Ellen Doyle, in her 91st year.

Lambton woolen mills will be lit by electricity next week. Two hundred and fifty lights were put in this week.

Dr. J. E. King and R. H. Kellam will be the representatives to the C. O. F. High Court from Thistletown.

Weston skating rink will be opened today.

John Isaacs, the well-known shorthorn cattle breeder of Markham, returned from Scotland on Thursday. The second of th

Deputy Reeve R. J. Bull. after a year's association with York Township Council, has decided to contest the vacancy for the County in Division No. 3. This step by Mr. Bull has only been taken after very strong pressure brought to bear upon him by his very large circle of friends. The strongest reason advanced for Mr. Bull's election is the fact that YorkTownship with its assessment of nearly \$6,000,000 has only one representative, whereas Etobicoke with only one-third of that amount, has the same representation, and is itself not desirous of advancing the candidature of Mr. Gardhouse, Mr. Bull's opponent, in order to gain a second representative in the council.

THE COLD SNAP, cavy Snowfall in Pennsylvania and New York and the Mercury

Away Bown. Corry, Pa., Dec. 24.—The snow is drifting at a terrific rates At Sherman, N.Y., and vicinity reports say that it is over four feet and still drifting. It takes two engines to

York, Dec. 24.—This is the coldest his winter. New York has only ex-ced two Dec. 24's as cold, and there record of this day of the month ever

ton, Mass., Dec. 24.—A cold wave, ac-nied by a severe northwest gale, over New England last night and used to-day. One death has been re-i in this city.

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Mr. H. M. Fletcher, the well-known organist and vocal teacher, directed the musical program at McMaster Hall closing exercises on the same evening and was assisted by a Newcombe Grand Piano.

The third event of that evening in which the Newcombe Grand took a prominent part was the bayonet contest in Massey Hall, in which program Messrs. Fred Warrington and Bert Harvey delighted the large audience with their solos.

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In y Tristam, a C.P.R. fireman, react to town yesterday with a severe reduction.

It is second shoot for the Shepard only yesterday A. Sproule was the windresser of the first shoot. Sproule winning in the fort off. The other scores were: Royce Agin 14, W. Blea 14, Playter 13, Hardy Wakefield 13 and Gambutt 11.

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Mr. H. Shephard, T. S. R. Conductor No. 885, 15
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the competition. The correct answers received after noon on Saturday will be reckoned in the next week's competition.

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NOTICE. The change of questions from week to week in no way alters the conditions of the competition as originally advertised. For instance—Supposing on the ninth week you answered the advertisement or questions of the first week, (or any week between first and ninth) your answer will be counted in the same as all other ninth week answers.

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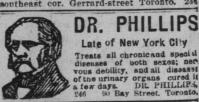
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have given only a fragmentary idea of scheme as a whole, and no official progation of the decree has been made ex in The Gaceta Official of Madrid, and terday in the official organ of the Gowment in Havana.

The complete copy was received in country on last Wednesday by Ma Rafael Angulo, the agent of the autono party in this country, and by him was mitted to Senor Dupuy de Lome, the sish Minister, in the Hoffman House. Sigh Minister, in the Hoffman House. Lome gave to the translation the of his official approval.

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The fifty-fourth semi-annual examinate the Omtario College of Pharmac suited in these students passing is subjects: J. H. Batchelor, Brampto E. Flood, Toronto; S. A. German, boro; M. D. Irvine, Lindsay; J. D. R. Son, Elora. Passed in part subjects ing passed the others in prior exition: H. G. G. Craig, Ottawa; J. I. lespie, Orangeville; J. R. Gunn, Du J. S. Lang. Peterboro; N. B. Landerouto; C. B. Macariney, Thoroid: More, Creemore; W. H. McCur Gnelph; T. E. Mullett, Madoc; W. I. quhaft, Stouffville, Passed in chen B. Griffin, Hamilton, Passed in macy: F. A. Gray, Toronto.

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