LONDON AND DISTRICT

—The pay list of the last session of the county council was $296 60.

—A large congregation heard the Bishop of Huron yesterday morning at the Church of the Messiah, Toronto.

—About 10 o'clock last night a burning chimney at 1000 Richmond street gave the fire department a long run.

—George Chittick, of this city, has bought H. Stewart's hotel business at Lucan. The latter will move to this city.

—Chatham Public Hospital has a new lady superintendent in the person of Miss Kennedy, of that city, a daughter of the late Hugh Kennedy, of Thamesford.

—Mrs. Catherine Goodson died on Saturday at the home of her son-in-law, Sheriff Flintoft, of Sarnia. Mrs. Goodson was the widow of the late Rev. Mr. Goodson, of Strathroy.

—News has been received by Mrs. Thomas Orchard, of Shedden, of the death of her brother, Mr. F. H. Davies, merchant, at Hannah, N. B. Mr. Davies was formerly a Londoner, and has many friends here who will regret to hear of his death.

CITIZENS WALKED.

The combination of snow and good roads made fairly good sleighing yesterday. During the afternoon, when snow was falling lightly, the street railway company's sweeper was out. This morning, after much snow had fallen, the sweeper was not out early, and the result was that the cars could not be run. Citizens who went to work early had to walk.

FOR A MILD WINTER.

A gentleman who, during the past 25 years has kept in close touch with the weather proposition, predicts that the coming winter will be remarkably mild. Statistics for the past quarter century have shown each year its average of about equal temperature, and that this average has always been maintained. This leads to the conclusion that to bring the temperature of the year up to the average after the low temperature of the summer, the winter will have to be moderate.

POSTAL RATE CHANGES.

A notice recently posted by the postal authorities states that the rate on printed forms without any writing on them has been changed from 2 cents for the first 4 ounces, or fraction thereof, and 1 cent for each additional ounce, or fraction thereof, to 1 cent for each 2 ounces or fraction thereof. Also in future the rate on seeds, cuttings (not cut flowers), bulbs, roots, bedding plants, scions or grafts, is 2 cents for the first 4 ounces or fraction thereof and 1 cent for each additional 4 ounces or fraction thereof.

PRESENTATION TO MR. WILLISON.

Mr. J. S. Willison took farewell of the Globe staff on Friday afternoon. The board of directors was represented by its president, Robert Jaffray; W. E. McMurrich, K.C., vice-president; N. W. Rowell, K.C., Hugh Blain and W. G. Jaffray. President Jaffray, in addressing the retiring chief and making the presentation of a valuable case of silver, said he felt that the present was a regretful occurrence. The Globe, said Mr. Jaffray, owed Mr. Willison a good deal, and journalism owed him a very great deal more than could be expressed. C. W. Taylor, business manager, read the address and John Lewis, John Ewan and S. T. Lyon, on behalf of the staff, spoke of the kindly feelings inspired by Mr. Willison's treatment of those who had worked under him. Mr. Willison made a most feeling reply. The announcement of Mr. Willison's future plans is expected within a few days. It is reported that the Toronto Evening News has been bought by the Flavelle-Willison syndicate.

DIED AT DANVILLE.

Montreal Witness: "At the Congregational parsonage, Danville, Que., on Tuesday last, there passed away Elizabeth McPherson, widow of the late David Hamilton, of Forest, Ont. Coming so soon after the death of her daughter, the wife of the Rev. A. F. Pollock, her loss is the more sad, and her family have the deep sympathy of all. Two sons, a daughter-in-law and a daughter left Manitoba on Monday to see her, and their sorrow will be doubly keen that they are too late. The Rev. A. F. Pollock and her son, the Rev. D. S. Hamilton, of London, Ont., were with her to the last. The latter is well known in Montreal, where he was for several years pastor of the Congregational Church in Point St. Charles. The Rev. Mr. Hamilton is an active temperance worker, and but for the illness of his mother would have been last week and this in the thick of the referendum campaign in Ontario. The funeral service was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The body will be interred at Forest, Ont."

VOTE BY DIVISIONS

Detailed Result of the Referendum in North Middlesex.

The official statement by subdivisions of the referendum vote in North Middlesex, the totals of which appeared in The Advertiser on Saturday, is as follows:

	For.	Against.
LOBO.		
Polling subdivision No. 1	51	14
Polling subdivision No. 2	61	25
Polling subdivision No. 3	62	10
Polling subdivision No. 4	67	11
Polling subdivision No. 5	57	6
Totals	298	66
ADELAIDE.		
Polling subdivision No. 1	65	16
Polling subdivision No. 2	60	11
Polling subdivision No. 3	99	14
Polling subdivision No. 4	94	16
Totals	318	57
WEST WILLIAMS.		
Polling subdivision No. 1	78	4
Polling subdivision No. 2	34	11
Polling subdivision No. 3	97	4
Totals	209	19
EAST WILLIAMS.		
Polling subdivision No. 1	88	9
Polling subdivision No. 2	63	11
Polling subdivision No. 3	113	7
Totals	264	27
McGILLIVRAY.		
Polling subdivision No. 1	44	19
Polling subdivision No. 2	25	4
Polling subdivision No. 3	81	10
Polling subdivision No. 4	70	4
Polling subdivision No. 5	90	9
Polling subdivision No. 6	53	..
Polling subdivision No. 7	54	20
Totals	417	66
BIDDULPH.		
Polling subdivision No. 1	9	17
Polling subdivision No. 2	32	18
Polling subdivision No. 3	22	4
Polling subdivision No. 4	13	31
Polling subdivision No. 5	99	21
Totals	175	91
LUCAN.		
Polling subdivision No. 1	21	42
Polling subdivision No. 2	21	26
Totals	42	68
Village of Ailsa Craig	105	13
PARKHILL.		
Polling subdivision No. 1	33	21
Polling subdivision No. 2	31	15
Polling subdivision No. 3	60	30
Totals	124	66
Grand totals	1,952	503

Majority for the act, 1,445.

THE DONKEY'S FATE.

Once upon a time a donkey fell into a deep hole, according to Cassell's Saturday Journal, and, after nearly starving, caught sight of a passing fox and implored the stranger to help him out.

"I am too small to aid you," said the fox, "but I will give you some advice. Only a few rods away is a big, strong elephant. Call to him and he will get you out in a jiffy."

After the fox had gone the donkey thus reasoned: "I am very weak from want of nourishment. Every move I make is just so much additional loss of strength. If I raise my voice to call the elephant I shall be weaker yet. No. I will not waste my substance that way. It is the duty of the elephant to come without calling."

So the donkey settled himself back and eventually starved to death.

Long afterward, the fox, on passing the hole, saw within a whitened skeleton and remarked:

"If it be that the souls of animals are transmigrated into men, that donkey will become one of those who can never afford to advertise."

—In reference to the St. Andrew's concert given in Blenheim recently, the News of that place makes the following laudatory remarks about a young lady from this city who took part: "Miss Elva McBroom, of London, captivated the audience with her violin, and was encored with much enthusiasm after each appearance. Besides having a particularly taking manner when on the platform, she is evidently possessed of genius, which has been so developed by training that she is able to delight her audience with truly beautiful music. She was at her best in rendering Musin's Mazur de Concert, while an encore number, "Annie Laurie," was full of feeling, and appealed to everybody."

PROSPEROUS YEAR FOR WORTHY ORGANIZATION

W. O. T. A.'s Finances and Membership in Gratifying State.

President Turnbull Predicts Era fo Improved Business Conditions.

The general meeting of the Western Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association was held on Saturday evening at the association's headquarters in the Masonic Temple. The chair was occupied by President Wm. Turnbull, and among the other members present were Secretary Alf Robinson, T. P. Blackwell, James A. Smith, C. E. Perry, R. E. Davis, W. A. Wilson, W. R. Grant, E. R. Struthers, W. L. Underwood, Wm. Lind, H. E. Buttrey, Donald Ferguson, J. S. Townsend, S. F. Glass, B. S. Sainsbury, Wm. McConnell, James Angus and J. M. Ferguson.

An abstract of the financial statement, as certified by the auditors and read by the secretary, showed receipts and disbursements of $31,217 88. The principal receipts were: Traveling and associate members, $16,780; interest on debentures, etc., $3,204; bank cash balance and debenture paid off, $11,172. The disbursements included: Death and accident claims, $6,811 70, debentures renewed and purchased, $16,000; secretary's salary, $1,200; rent, taxes, printing, audit and miscellaneous expenses, $1,075 81; balance of cash in bank, $5,109 87.

The assets showed a total of $84,798 87, made up of loan companies' debentures, $78,000; interest accrued, $1,259; cash in savings bank, $5,109 87, and office furniture, $450. Against this there were appropriations of $1,300 to meet unproved accidental death and disabling indemnities, and a balance to the charitable fund of $120 11; leaving a net balance of $83,378 76.

President Turnbull, in his address, said that it was his very pleasant duty to meet the association with such a prosperous statement as that before them. The membership had increased to 1,670, a net increase of 161, while the new members for the year totaled about 330. The death and accident benefit claims amounted to $7,811 70, and after providing for all of these and every known liability, the reserve fund had been augmented by $8,932 63, and now stands at $83,378 76. These figures would be good evidence that the association was enjoying a full measure of the great commercial and general prosperity now being experienced by the whole of Canada. All signs went to show that the abundant national resources of our country were about to be recognized and developed on such a scale as a short time ago would have been deemed almost impracticable. All classes would share in the consequent prosperity, none more so than the commercial class, and probably there was no class which had always, and would always, contribute more effective and intelligent aid in the continued great development. It had been the association's great misfortune to have to mourn the loss by death during the year of several of its best known and much respected members, prominent amongst whom were Messrs. William J. Boyd, John Line and C. M. Ferguson, of London; and Messrs. John Calder, of Hamilton; R. H. Cotter, of Ingersoll, and S. Snyder, of Waterloo. All these gentlemen had been connected with the association for a long period, and most of them had filled important official positions. They were all highly esteemed for their personal and business qualities, and their death and absence from the association's ranks is greatly deplored. The business of the association had been conducted in the most harmonious manner. All the officers and directors had given valuable assistance in carrying on the work and promoting its prosperity. President Turnbull closed by expressing his most cordial thanks and deep sense of obligation for the very kind and able support he had received in directing the affairs of the association during the past year.

The president then called for nominations for officers for the ensuing year, when the following names were submitted and declared duly elected by acclamation: President, Wm. Turnbull; first vice-president, T. P. Blackwell; second vice-president, W. R. Grant; third vice-president, John Lennox, Hamilton; treasurer, Samuel Munro, London.

The following directors were also nominated and elected by acclamation: London, J. T. Green (re-elected), W. A. Wilson, R. E. Davis (re-elected), C. E. Perry (re-elected), E. R. C. Struthers, H. E. Buttrey, Donald Ferguson. Toronto, F. W. Heath, H. Horsman, A. F. Johnston. H. H. Hannon, Hamilton. George Hope, John Booker. Stratford, James Dow. Brantford, George Watt, jun. St. Marys, James Maxwell. Galt, John Wardlaw. Ayr, John G. Watson. Oshawa, Capt. R. Dillon. St. Thomas, B. F. Honsinger. Woodstock, R. G. Bickerton. Windsor, James F. Smyth. Chatham, Charles Hadley, A. E. Merritt. Ingersoll, H. E. Johnson. Sarnia, Wm. Storey. New Hamburg, J. Ratz. Winnipeg, T. Harry Slater. Aylmer, R. G. B. Moore.

The annual meeting was fixed for Saturday, Dec. 20, at 2 p.m. Notice of motion to abolish the accident bonus was given. The president explained that this action was proposed with the view of increasing the mortuary benefits.

HAD OFFICE IN THIS CITY

Buffalo Bucket Shop Firm in the Courts.

Ingersoll Clients Dropped Much Money and Will Push Case.

Saturday's Buffalo Courier says: The numerous creditors of Meaney & Co., by whom a long chain of bucket shops was conducted in this State and Canada, and which concern failed on Aug. 29 last, are considerably interested in an action which went on trial against this concern before Judge Braunlein, in municipal court, yesterday afternoon.

The action, the trial of which began yesterday afternoon, is brought against John F. Meaney, George Donaldson and Charles A. Gladwin, who, as alleged in the complaint, composed the firm of Meaney & Co., having offices in Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Rochester, Batavia, Dunkirk, Hamilton, Ont., London, Ont., and Ingersoll, Ont. The plaintiff is Frank W. Smith, a hotelkeeper at Ingersoll, Ont. (formerly of this city). He sues to recover the sum of $250, alleged to be due him through the failure of Meaney & Co. to deliver to him certain stocks, which he had purchased through the firm's agent at Ingersoll on margins. He alleges, in his complaint, that the defendants have failed to account in any way for the margins paid over to them on this stock, the plaintiff representing that in all over $250 was paid by him to the concern.

It is pretty generally understood that this case is brought in the nature of a test, and that if it is successful, hundreds of others will be brought against the firm by clients who put up large sums on margins, and, since the failure of the concern in August, have been given to understand that their money was lost to them. It is said that the Ingersoll, Ont., clients alone are out about $2,000 through the failure.

Attorney John L. Ahern appeared in municipal court yesterday as counsel for Smith, the plaintiff. Former Senator William F. Mackey represented Meaney & Co. It is understood that Attorney Ahern represents a number of other Ingersoll clients of Meaney & Co., as well as a number of its Buffalo customers.

Yesterday afternoon Smith, the plaintiff, and J. D. Ingersoll, who had acted as Meaney & Co.'s representative at Ingersoll, Ont., were called to the stand, and told of the trasactions on which the action is based.

Late in the afternoon Judge Braunlein adjourned the case until next Monday morning.

General debility—failure of the strength to do and the power to endure—is cured by the great tonic—Hood's Sarsaparilla.

COUNTY COUNCIL CLOSES

Business at Final Session of 1901-2 Council.

Legislature To Be Petitioned to Amend Municipal Act Re Bridges.

The county council concluded its December session on Saturday morning, this being the last session to be held by the present council. The personnel of that body will probably be changed considerably in the election which takes place in January.

The council approved of a petition to the Ontario Legislature requesting the enactment of such legislation as will so amend the municipal act, that county councils will not be required to build any bridges under twenty feet in length over streams, rivers, ponds or lakes forming or crossing townships, or county boundary lines, and that the councils of the local municipalities shall build and maintain all bridges under that length on such boundaries.

The jail committee reported everything in good shape in the county buildings. The report stated that the jail physician deplored that so many unfortunates suffering from senile decay were confined in the jail. A number of repairs were recommended. The report was adopted.

The educational committee's report recommended that the council pay to St. Marys collegiate the amount required by statute according to the number of county pupils attending the said institute.

The county commissioner was empowered to deal with a letter from the Stratford Bridge and Iron Works Company, in which the latter agreed to the arrangement whereby they buy rock elm lumber and allow the county the use of it upon two new county bridges until the spring, when the cement floors will be put on.

Councilor Simon McLeod was reappointed as county representative on the Hospital Trust. In accepting, Mr. McLeod denied the report that he had been in the habit of charging the county for two days when in attendance at the trust meetings.

The county will pay one-third of the cost of a new walk in front of the Glencoe registry office.

The warden and treasurer were instructed to sign a check upon sinking fund B for $3,216 27, being balance of principal and interest of the sum borrowed from the general fund in December, 1898, on behalf of said sinking fund.

Richard McCallum was appointed returning officer for the new Village of Belmont.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the retiring warden, G. B. Campbell, for his efficient services during the year.

Last year 2,075 English ships went through the Suez Canal, 511 German ships, 281 French ships, 230 Netherland, 138 Austria-Hungary, 128 Russian, 57 Japanese, 87 Italian, 35 Spanish, 47 Norwegian, 20 Danish, 40 Turkish and 25 United States ships.

FACTS FOR BUSINESS MEN.

Even where some wisdom was shown a decade ago in the choice of mediums, how few advertisers gave any care to the preparation of the matter that was to fill the space for which hundreds of dollars would be paid in a twelvemonth? What need to change an ad whether good or bad? Parenthetically it may be said that many newspapers were as big sinners as the advertisers in this respect Today the newspaper that is worthy the rank of a modern newspaper, encourages the frequent change of ads among its advertisers. The pleased advertiser—the one who feels he is getting something for his money—is the one who stays with the newspapers—and increases his space.

HE COULD NOT EAT

The Ravages of Disease Had So Run Down Henry Hamilton's System That His Life Was Despaired Of.

Celery King Effected His Cure in a Speedy and Gentle Manner.

A year ago I had the misfortune to contract for the laying of the sewer in a large eastern town. The work necessitated my constant supervision and it was not long before I began to feel that something was going wrong with my health. I paid little attention to the trouble until I was laid by the heels with walking typhoid. I recovered from typhoid, but never seemed to gain in health. Found I couldn't eat. For three whole days not one bite of food passed my lips, and on the fourth day by brother was sent for as I was expected to die. I had Celery King recommended to me by a friend and started taking. My recovery was little short of miraculous. In two weeks time I had advanced well on towards recovery and you are at liberty to use my name, as I am in perfect health and firmly believe that Celery King saved my life

THE COAL FAMINE

Boston Suffering for Lack of Fuel—Schenectady Feels the Pinch.

Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 6. — A coal famine of unthought-of proportions has struck this city, and there is not a pound of coal to be bought here. There is much suffering among the poor. At noon Saturday there was a long line of persons in front of many of the coal offices, begging that their orders be taken. The thermometer was down to zero in the morning, and if the cold snap continues the result will be serious.

Boston, Dec. 7. — Rarely if ever has Boston experienced such a day of suffering as today proved to be with a snowstorm raging, with the temperature far below the freezing point and with thousands of coal bins empty, the prospect which confronted a large section of Boston's population was something appalling. With hundreds it was a case of beg or borrow coal or wood.

Coal offices were besieged. Coal teams worked all day, but they could not do one-tenth of the work required. On this account hundreds of men and women carried home the fifty or one hundred pounds of coal which they were fortunate enough to secure. In the poorer quarters of the city many people had to remain in bed all day to keep warm.

Though there are many goats in Malta they have no regular grazing ground, but the herds are driven along the roads and hillsides, where they pick up anything they can find.