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And Wants a Bone as Good as the Bear Has.

GERMANY REMAINS FIRM

And Chinese Counsels are Divided as Between Peace and War.

Suggestion That Britain and Japan Jointly Occupy Wei-Hai-Wei—St. Petersburg Novosti Thunders Against Great Britain and The London Times Talks Sarcastically in Regard to German Pretensions—General News by Cable.

Pekin, Dec. 22.—The Chinese Government has granted Russia permission to winter a squadron at Port Arthur. Great Britain demands a quid pro quo, if concessions have been made to other powers. It has been suggested that the Japanese and British occupy Wei-Hai-Wei jointly.

The situation at Kiao Chou Bay is unchanged. Germany remains unyielding, and the Chinese counsels are divided as to whether it should be peace or war with Germany. China regards Russia as her only friend, and is asking her advice alone. In spite of official denials, it is regarded as proved that Port Arthur and Kiao Chou Bay were promised to Russia by a secret treaty. British influence is nil, having suffered greatly through the failure of the loan negotiations. China is now negotiating alone with Russia. The latter demands the dismissal of the British railroad engineers in North China, and it is probable that the demand will be granted. The German drill instructors will be dismissed at the expiration of their contracts and will be replaced by Russians. Russian officers have already been appointed to drill the armies of North China.

The Bear Growls.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—In a strongly anti-British article to-day The Novosti says: "In consequence of the pretension of England to compensate herself for the Russian occupation of Port Arthur by the acquisition of Port Hamilton, or Lazareff, and in view of the possibility of the disturbing action of Japan, Europe stands on the brink of grave diplomatic complications. It is therefore well to recall that the reinforcement of the German squadron in the Pacific permits Russia, France and Germany effectively to prevent a disturbance of the balance of power between the three powers on one hand and Great Britain and Japan on the other, such as might be produced by violent seizures of territory."

In conclusion, The Novosti expresses the hope that the isolation of Great Britain in regard to the other European powers will "paralyze her action sufficiently to permit the preservation of peace from the dangers threatening it at the present moment."

The Thunderer is Sarcastic.

London, Dec. 23.—The Times, in an editorial on the situation, sarcastically asks whether the German press, in claiming a Russo-German entente in China, and Emperor William, in his speech at Graudenz, anticipated Russia's demand for the removal of the German drill sergeants from the Chinese army. It adds, with reference to the demand for the dismissal of the English engineers, "Our Pekin correspondent says China is hesitating, and possibly we may be able to appeal to motives at Pekin which will strengthen China's disinclination to comply with the Russian request for the dismissal of the Britishers."

With reference to the probability of Russia advancing China money to pay the war indemnity to Japan, and thus compelling Japan to evacuate Wei-Hai-Wei, The Times openly recognizes the advisability of an Anglo-Japanese entente, arguing that the combined British and Japanese fleets would be well able to prevent a disturbance of the balance of power in China. Other London papers express the same opinion.

A Significant Fact.

The Vienna correspondent of The Standard says he has ascertained that the first news of the occupation of Port Arthur emanated from Tokio, a fact significant of Japanese vigilance. Discussing Japan's position, the correspondent says:

"She cannot declare war against either China or Russia, because, if she did, the ten large ironclads that are being built for her in Europe and America, and are nearly finished, would be shut up till the war was over. She will, therefore, risk nothing by herself."

Some of the Russian papers are ironical at Germany's expense. The Bourse Gazette of Odessa hints that by the time Prince Henry and the German squadron reach China, they may find the Tang-Li-Yamen has prepared an unexpected reception for intrusive guests. The Mirevige Otgoloski reminds Emperor William of Napoleon III.'s attempt to plant his power in Mexico.

Russia Means Business.

The Pekin correspondent of The Times says:

The Chinese are provisioning Port Arthur, and will reconstruct the forts there, Russia supervising and furnishing the money. In the face of this indication of permanent occupation, the necessity of safeguarding our position in the East increases.

"The Russo-Chinese Bank, which is the agent of the Russian Government, has offered China 120,000 Berdan rifles, with payment five years hence. China has accepted the proposal.

The Japs are Agitated.

According to a despatch to The Times from Kobe, Japan, the news from Port Arthur has greatly disturbed the Mikado's Ministers. Long Cabinet councils have been held, and the high military officials have attended.

The Japanese newspapers, the despatch says, are nonplussed at the situation in the far East, while the Ministry is involved in domestic troubles connected with its taxation proposals, to which the Diet is hostile.

Council of War at St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—The greatest reticence is maintained here in Government circles. The Censorship has forbidden the press to attack Germany on the occupation of Kiao-Chou. Emperor William presided to-day (Wednesday) at a council of the council at Alexander Palace, including the Grand Dukes and the chief military and naval authorities. The Chinese situation was discussed, and it was rumored that Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovitch advised the immediate strengthening of the Russian squadron in China.

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NIHILISTS ON TRIAL IN LONDON.

An Editor and His Publisher Heard in Bow-street Court and Remanded.

London, Dec. 22.—Vladimir Bourtzeff, editor of The Naro Do Voletz (Voice of the People), the Russian who was arrested at the British Museum and re-

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FLEMING AND LAMB.

They Came Together Last Night in St. George's Hall—What the Candidates Had to Say.

The civic campaign was opened last night by a meeting of No. 2 Ward electors in St. George's Hall, corner Queen and Berkeley-streets. An invitation had been extended to all the candidtaes in the ward to address the meeting and state their views, but only Ald. Hallam, Ald. Lamb and ex-Ald. Davies attended. Henry O'Brien, Q.C., took the chair, and in his opening remarks invited any who were seeking Public School trustee honors to step on the platform, with the aldermanic candidates. To this invitation Messrs. E. Fielding, G. C. Patterson, James Hales, J. R. Allen and Dr. Noble responded.

Ald. Hallam, who was the first speaker, said he would confine his remarks to the text, "Capital and Labor," given by the chairman. Capital and labor, said the speaker, would not be antagonistic if they were clearly understood, and there would be fewer strikes and less poverty. A high rate of taxation was responsible for the scarcity of manufactures. In his closing remarks, the speaker said that the only difference between Ald. Spence and himself was that Ald. Spence did a lot of talking and the speaker did a lot of work.

Before taking his seat, an elector interrogated the speaker as to how much he had collected for the chimes, which brought a reply from Ald. Hallam that the bells would chime all right.

Ald. Spence, on rising to speak, said he was pleased to see that politics were being kept out of civic affairs. In reference to the new Court House, Ald. Spence said:

"I have made enquiries into this matter, and I found that the original cost was to have been $300,000, but when the plans were accepted they called for an expenditure of $800,000, and to-day it has cost the city over $2,000,000, and before it is completed it will cost $250,000 more."

A voice: Why did you not object before?

"The elevator question," replied Ald. Spence, "was the first chance I had to check extravagance in this matter."

Then the speaker gave his opinion of civic officials by saying that there was too much officialism at the City Hall. The officials ran the town to suit themselves. No official should be at liberty to commence a work without notifying some committee of the Council. The Street Commissioner was a good sample. In the matter of his men wearing uniforms, these men were told if they bought suits they would have a permanent job all summer, which was in direct opposition to the scheme of the Labor Bureau.

A voice: The Labor Bureau is a fraud.

Lamb and Fleming.

Ald. Lamb, who was the next speaker, discussed the question of exemptions and departmental stores. Referring to the matter of the appointment of a City Solicitor to the Assessment Commissionership, Ald. Lamb said he was opposed to the appointment of the ex-Mayor because he wanted too large a salary, and also because Mr. Fleming had during his term of office cut down the salaries of officials and reduced the staffs in the various departments of the civic service.

A voice: He's a good union man—he gets all he can.

At this juncture the ex-Mayor, who was sitting at the rear of the hall, advanced to the platform amid tremendous uproar, and, addressing the chair, said:

"I just wish to say one word about the statement that I reduced the salaries of officials. I say that is not so. I have all along contended that the best man should be got for a position, no matter at what salary. I am in the peculiar position of a city official answering a member of the City Council, but I will not sacrifice my manhood for $4000, or any other sum."

Mr. Fleming closed by mentioning the different salaries paid to the heads of the departments in the civic service.

Lamb Replies.

Ald. Lamb said, in reply, that he recognized the abilities of the ex-Mayor, but Mr. Nicholas Maughan, who was equally as competent a man, had only received a salary of $2250, and also that the ex-Mayor had received the credit for this year's assessment, but that work had been accomplished by the acting Commissioner, James Foreman, before the ex-Mayor accepted the position.

Before the close of the meeting the storm broke out again, when Ald. Lamb said that Mr. Fleming was making a great fuss about the agreement to have an entrance to High Park without crossing the railway tracks. Once more the ex-Mayor advanced to the platform and replied in strong language, saying that a few years ago the City Council were willing to spend $50,000 for such a thoroughfare, which by his agreement was only costing $3500. Thus the matter ended.

Addresses were also delivered by ex-Ald. Davies and the candidates for school trustee honors, Messrs. Noble, G. C. Patterson, E. Fielding, James Hales and J. R. Allen. The meeting, which was a noisy one throughout, closed with cheers for the Queen and the candidates.

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Recherche lunch at Headquarters opening to-day.

WHERE JIMMIE FOOLED HIMSELF.

ARTHUR STURGIS: So Jimmie Whitney thought I was goin' to leave this nice Christmas tree for him to git presents on, did he?

RECIPROCITY WITH CANADA.

Ex-Secretary Hamlin Wants a Convention to Settle Fishery Questions and Klondike Emigration.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 22.—Hon. Charles S. Hamlin, ex-Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, spoke to-day before the members of the shoe and leather trade at the New England Shoe and Leather Association's rooms, on the question of "Trade Relations Between the United States and Canada."

After remarking upon the commercial treaty made with Canada in 1854, but which was only for raw materials, and the commercial convention in Detroit in 1866, Mr. Hamlin said:

"The same interests that prompted that commercial convention then exists to-day, and to even a greater degree do we now need cordial co-operation with our northern neighbors.

"I believe it possible to conclude certain reciprocal ttreaties by which may be set at rest forever any apprehension as to the repeal of the bonded privileges. We can then settle the disputed fishery question on the great lakes and on the coast of Nova Scotia. We can have passed new immigration laws permitting citizens to go into the great Klondike region, etc. Such a treaty will add to the wealth of Canada, as well as it would that of New England, and increase our prosperity."

As to European Nations.

The reciprocity negotiations between the United States and Germany are practically suspended. They never got beyond the initial stage. There appears to have been a willingness on the part of both Governments to look into the subject, but the enquiry did not develop any prospect of material concessions on either side. It was thought that the arrival of the new German Ambassador, Dr. Von Holleben, would give an impetus to the negotiations and perhaps result in the conclusion of a treaty, but on the contrary the subject has lapsed and neither Government is showing any anxiety to urge the matter to a conclusion.

The negotiations with France are similarly at a standstill owing to the course of the French Government in raising the duties on lard and other American products.

The reciprocity negotiations with Great Britain as to the British West Indies are proceeding slowly, but an agreement is not expected in the near future.

Headquarters Cafe, Appetizing menu to-day.

Drawing Crowds.

The magnetic influences that draw the cream of Toronto to King-street west these fine winter days are the sterling attractions at the Princess and the peerless holiday show of neckwear at Quinn's. Those in quest of gifts that combine utility with beauty, the useful with the ornamental, will instinctively turn their footsteps towards No. 115. The new English checks have taken the town by storm. Other gift suggestions are a dress protector, a box of evening bows or some English pique shirts for evening wear.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King West. Ladies 75c; gents day 75c, evening 50c.

Metropolitan Railway cars leave C. P. R. Crossing, Yonge-street, for Richmond Hill at 7.20, 8.30 and 9.40 a.m.; 2.40, 5.40, 7.00 and 9.00 p.m. Leave Richmond Hill for C. P. R. Crossing, Toronto, at 8.30, 9.45 and 11.00 a.m.; 4.00, 7.00, 8.30 and 10.30 p.m.

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Lakeview Hotel.

Parties looking for winter accommodation should not overlook the Lakeview, corner Winchester and Parliament-streets. Special terms to weekly boarders. Dinner 6 to 8 p.m. 246

Gibbons' Toothache Gum sold by all druggists from Nova Scotia to British Columbia. Price 10c.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Fire destroyed 26 business houses in Doniphan, Missouri, on Tuesday.

It is asserted that the Czar Nicholas will visit the Paris Exposition in 1900.

Arthur Maurice, who had been a member of the New York Stock Exchange since November, 1864, died yesterday from apoplexy.

Charles F. Stubbs has started from Denver, Col., for Europe, to endeavor to open up a market for American horses for cavalry use in the old countries.

Montreal is to have a new opera house, which will be run by a stock company from old France. It will be called the Opera Comique and will cater to the French population.

A report from Salt Lake, Utah, says George Gould will shortly retire from the presidency of the Missouri Pacific, and be succeeded by S. H. H. Clark of the Union Pacific. Mr. Gould says it's news to him.

A package containing $10,000 in cash was stolen from the Southern Express office at Columbia, S.C., Monday morning.

Mrs. Ballington Booth's illness is serious. She was in a critical condition at midnight.

William Crane, William Moran and Chas. Swenkie of Passaic, N.J., will die, and 17 others are suffering from injuries as the result of a train striking a stage in which they were riding at a grade crossing over the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railway, near Passaic, last night.

Smoke the old reliable "Tonka Mixture," cool, lasting and sweet

Extended Insurance.

The provision for extended insurance contained in the unconditional policies issued by the Confederation Life Association guarantees that, in the event of your failure to pay the third or any subsequent premium, you will be held covered for the full amount of the policy for a term of years which is definitely stated therein. By the operation of this extended insurance, it is absolutely impossible for you to be suddenly left without insurance, on account of your failure to pay the premium. The Confederation Life Association publish a set of pamphlets, giving full particulars as to the different plans of insurance operated by them, which they will be glad to send on application to the head office, Toronto, or to any of the association's agents.

Every grocer sells Monsoon Tea.

Letter to the Queen.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Prince Henry of Prussia, it is said, took an autograph letter from Emperor William to Queen Victoria at Osborne House, while in London, ascertaining that the British Government does not regard the occupation of Kiao-Chou as incompatible with English interests.

For a true Violet Perfume purchase Taylor's Jubilee Violet.

"Salada" Ceylon Tea is comforting.

A Great Novelty.

By sending your name and address, plainly written, to Adams & Sons' Co., 11 and 13 Jarvis-street, Toronto, Ont., and one wrapper from the 5-cent Tutti Frutti gum, you will receive two beautiful paper dolls with movable heads and shoulders free.

Egyptian Flag Floats Over Kassala.

London, Dec. 22.—The Egyptian troops have arrived at Kassala, and the Egyptian flag has been hoisted over the fort by the side of the Italian. The formal cession of the town to Parsons Pasha, the British officer in command of the Egyptian forces, will take place on Christmas Day, when the Italian troops will depart.

Pember's Turkish Baths 75c. Evening 50c, Bath and Bed $1. 127 Yonge.

Taylor's Jubilee Violet Perfume costs a little more than some perfumes, but is worth the difference.

Something New on King-street.

At 75 King-street west there is a handsome conservatory, filled with beautiful palms, ferns and flowering plants, suitable for Xmas presents. Drop in and see our stock, the finest in Toronto. Tidy, the Florist, 47 King-street west. Conservatory 75 King-street west. ed

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., patent solicitors and experts, Bank Commerce Building, Toronto.

BYE-ELECTIONS IN QUEBEC.

Yamaska and Levis Return Straight Liberals—Charles Langelier Beaten in Bonaventure.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—The bye-election held to-day in Yamaska County to fill the vacancy in the Provincial Legislature, caused by the death of Victor Gladu, late Liberal member, resulted in the return of Jules Allard, the Liberal candidate, by 56 majority, over A. A. Mondeau, the Conservative candidate. The total majorities are: Allard 565, Mondeau 509.

Hon. Charles Langelier Beaten.

Quebec, Dec. 22.—The provincial election in Bonaventure County to-day resulted in the return of Mr. Clapperton, independent, over Hon. Charles Langelier, by a majority of 241, with one place to hear from.

Levis Remains Liberal.

Quebec, Dec. 22.—The election in Levis County to-day for the Local Legislature resulted in the election of the straight Liberal candidate, Mr. N. N. Ollivier, advocate, of this city, by a majority of 500 over Mr. Beaulieu, Conservative.

A Fur Christmas at Dineens'.

The growing prosperity of the country is indicated in the fact that this is truly a fur Christmas. Over double the trade in fine furs has been done at Dineens' this year than for several years past. The sale of fine seal and Persian lamb garments during the past week at Dineens' is almost equal to that of the entire season last year, and the greatest fur selling days of the whole year still remain to increase this surprising record. Furs were never so generally worn as they are this season. Furwear of every kind has had an exceptional demand, and the most extraordinary sales—in point of number—have been made in capernes in the different fur combinations, and in children's furs. Dineens' beautiful new store, at 140 Yonge-street, corner Temperance, is the Mecca of fur-buyers and visitors from everywhere, and for the convenience of people who enjoy looking around among the Christmas attractions of the town in the evening, Dineens' remains open until 9 o'clock every night. Men would find this a good time to make a leisurely inspection of the new styles of headwear which have just arrived at Dineens'.

To the Aldermen.

The remarkable growth of the firm of John Kent & Co. can be accounted for when it is considered that the coal they handle is so good that the people who use it talk about it, and also that they please their customers in everything pertaining to the delivery of the coal. In trying this coal, there is nothing to lose and everything to gain. Office, 65 Yonge, below King, opposite Webb's. 246

Something new—Lucky Strike Chewing Tobacco. High grade, popular price. Try it.

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If you are debating what to send as a Xmas box to your friend nothing is more suitable or would be more highly appreciated than a beautiful house plant from the leading florist, Dunlop. Call and see our large selection. Also roses, carnations and violets. Dunlop's, 5 King-street west; 445 Yonge-street.

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Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W. Open all night. Bath and bed $1.

Grand & Toy's Xmas Snaps.

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Violet always in fashion. Jubilee Violet Perfume in ounce bottles, very suitable for Xmas gifts.

VICE-REGAL MOVEMENTS.

Yesterday morning Their Excellencies, attended by Major Denison, A. D. C., went to the Conservatory of Music, where they were received by the Hon. G. W. Allan, together with a number of ladies and gentlemen, who had been invited for the occasion. A short program of music was rendered by several of the pupils, under the direction of Mr. Fisher, after which the Governor-General briefly addressed the assemblage.

The Governor-General afterwards proceeded to the Ontario Veterinary College, where, after being received by Principal Andrew Smith, he went through the museum, and subsequently addressed a large body of the students in the principal hall.

In the afternoon His Excellency paid a visit to the Massey-Harris works, where he was received by Mr. Chester Harris and Mr. Walter Harris, Mr. Jones, general manager, and other gentlemen connected with the management. His Excellency spent a considerable time in going through the various departments, in which great interest was manifested. A number of flags were displayed in the different workshops, and His Excellency made special reference to this token of welcome with much appreciation.

The Governor-General subsequently went to the Victoria Rink, where a game of curling was engaged in.

The Countess of Aberdeen visited the Mercer Reformatory and later Her Excellency visited the Ladies' Work Depository.

In the evening Their Excellencies gave a dinner party at Government House.

DINED AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

The following had the honor of being invited to dinner at Government House last night, although some of them were unavoidably prevented from attending by illness or other causes: His Honor the Lieut.-Governor of Ontario and Miss Mowat, His Honor the Lieut.-Governor of Manitoba, Captain Herbert Mowat, A D C; Mrs Cattanach and Miss Cattanach, Mr and Mrs J Lorne Campbell, Mr Martin Griffin, Mr and Mrs J W Langmuir, Mr and Mrs W B McMurrich, Major and Mrs J C Macdougall, Mrs Grant Macdonald, Rev and Mrs G M Wrong, Mr and Mrs F Wanklyn, Sir John Hagarty, K C B; Dr H B Gelkie, Mrs Page Wadsworth and Miss Wadsworth, Bishop and Mrs Sullivan, Miss Sullivan, Mrs Arthurs and Miss Arthurs, Professor and Mrs Alexander, Mr and Mrs B E Walker, Rev Dr John Potts, Dr G A Peters, Professor and Mrs Macallum, Dr and Mrs James Carlyle, Mr and Mrs Edward Gurney, Mrs Willoughby Cummings, Mr and Mrs Dickson, Dr and Mrs A Primrose, Professor Maurice Hutton, Rev Professor and Mrs James Ballantyne, Dr Reeve, Miss Carty, Dr and Mrs Albert Macdonald, Hon Chief Justice Armour, Mr and Mrs J Ross Robertson, Mr and Mrs Chester Massey, Mr and Mrs G H Bertram, Mr and Mrs J W Treble, Mr Castell Hopkins, Professor Theodore Rand, Mr D R Wilkie and Miss Wilkie, His Worship the Mayor and Mrs Shaw, Mrs A Bromley Davenport, Sir Sandford Fleming, K C M G; Captain Fleming. The house party consisted of: Lord Haddo, Mr Matthew White Ridley, Mr Erskine, Dr Hewett, Captain Wilberforce, A D C; Captain Wyatt, A D C; Major Denison, A D C, and Mr MacInnes, A D C.

GOLDWIN SMITH'S FINE PHRASE.

Mr. Goldwin Smith always says one good thing, and often many, in his short after-dinner speeches. Last night at the Dwight affair the Professor said that the railway and the electric telegraph had been the two most important forces in changing the trend of the world in this century. And to-day, owing to the telegraph, the British soldier fighting in the Himalayas fought, owing to the telegraph wires, under the eye of his fellow-countryman in Canada.

MONTREAL HAPPENINGS.

Section Foreman Badly Beaten by a Workman—Old Man's Peculiar Death.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—Godfrey Boisvert, a section foreman on the C.P.R., was brought to the hospital here this morning, suffering from severe scalp wounds, which may eventuate fatally. He had a dispute yesterday afternoon with a workman named Leonard, while at work on a colonization branch about 75 miles back from here, in the course of which the latter made a murderous attack on him with a shovel.

An unknown man, about 70 years old, died under peculiar circumstances here last night. He was a passenger on one of the G.T.R. trains from the east last night, and was observed to be looking very ill. A short time before reaching the city a passenger in a seat near by discovered that the old man was dead. He was very poorly dressed, and there was no clue to his identity.

You Want an Idea.

For Xmas presents Geo. S. McConkey's justly celebrated bon bons, chocolates, large variety of fancy boxes and baskets, 27 and 29 King-street west. Candies sent everywhere by mail or express.

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Plum Pudding for Dinner.

Among the handsome windows on Yonge-street, that of Webb's up-town establishment at No. 447 is particularly striking. To-day it is entirely filled with plum puddings of all sizes, their plump sides ready to burst with the materials for a Merry Christmas. We are informed that the sales are increasing every season, and that nearly two tons have been sold for Christmas, 1897.

Taylor's Jubilee Violet.

Monuments.

Don't waste money on soft stone monuments, which will only last a few years. Buy only granite. The McIntosh Granite and Marble Company, Limited, office and showroom 524 Yonge-street.

DEATHS

BENNETT—At the General Hospital, Wednesday, Dec. 22, Charles Bennett, aged 32 years.

Funeral from his late residence, 67 McMillan-street, Friday, at 3.30 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

PEARSON—At his residence, 12 Homewood-avenue, on the 22nd inst., Marmaduke Pearson, in his 82nd year.

Funeral private. No flowers.

NIAGARA FALLS POWER

The Matter of Development is a Live Topic.

MASS MEETING LAST NIGHT

At Which the Question Was Discussed in an Interesting Way.

Mr. Dennistoun, Representing the Canadian Power Co., Refutes Some of the Statements Made by Mr. Rankine, and Claims There Is a Demand Now in Canada for Power—Canadian Niagara Power Company's Charter Should be Cancelled—"No Monopoly," Says Mr. Slater.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—A mass meeting was held in the Town Hall to-night to discuss the question of the development of Niagara Falls power. Mayor Cole occupied the chair. The hall was well filled, although the attendance was not so large as at the meeting of last week.

The feature of the evening was the address of Mr. A. C. Dennistoun of Philadelphia, who represents the Canadian Power Company. He explained the position occupied by the two power companies that are prospectively interested in the development of power at the Falls. These two companies are called respectively, the Canadian Niagara Power Company, and the Canadian Power Company. The former is virtually the same as the Cataract Construction Company, which owns the power franchise on the American side. The Canadian Power Company is also an American corporation. Their charter was obtained from the Dominion Government in 1887, and empowers them to use the water of the Welland River and discharge it over the embankment in the vicinity of the Falls. The project involves the building of a canal 9600 feet long. The power will be developed at two points, one with a head of 45 feet, and capable of developing 3000 horse-power, and the other with a much greater head, and capable of developing, with the same size canal, 125,000 horse-power. Mr. Dennistoun claimed power could be developed much cheaper by their scheme than by any other Niagara project; the work could be completed in 18 months, and their company would bind itself to deliver much cheaper power than that of the Cataract Construction Company, on the other side.

Mr. Rankine Contradicted.

It was not true, as stated at the last meeting by Mr. Rankine, that there was no demand for power on the Canadian side. The speaker mentioned the following facts as showing that a bona fide demand existed to-day. If power had been available here a year ago, the Aluminum Company would have constructed part of their plant on the Canadian side, instead of building the whole of it on the American side. Capt. Hunt, the president of that company, recently stated that practically the entire market for the product of his company was in foreign countries. There was no reason, therefore, why the works should not be constructed in Canada, where the power would be cheaper. Three-fourths of the product of the Aluminum Company goes to Europe. The carbide industry will take 1000 horse-power on the Canadian side just as soon as the power is available; officers connected with the Aluminum Company are asking for an immediate 3000 horse-power in Canada, with an increase of another 3000 horse-power in the near future. These parties are being approached by the power companies on the Sault and on the St. Lawrence Rivers. The president of the Carborundum Company, Mr. Dennistoun went on to state, had informed Mr. Slater that their Co. would take 2000 horse-power; 2000 of the company's first 3000 horse-power development would be used right on the spot, and the remainder sent on to Hamilton and Toronto.

As to Toronto.

Regarding the transmission of power to the latter city, Mr. Dennistoun said: "The question of transmission across has not yet been fully investigated by us, but we have it under consideration." The transmitting power some 90 miles around the lake, however, is not a question about which there should be any doubt at all. The project is

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Taylor's Jubilee Violet Perfume.

Winter Weather Continues.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Edmonton, 30—40; Calgary, 26—44; Qu'Appelle, zero—10; Winnipeg, 10 below—2 below; Parry Sound, 18—26; Toronto, 18—28; Ottawa, 8 below—12; Montreal, 4—12; Quebec, 4—14; Halifax, 14—32.

PROBS.: Fresh to strong westerly winds; fair weather; light local snow falls or flurries; a little lower temperature; fair and cold on Friday.

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