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for a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.

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TO ALL
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and a
Happy New Year**

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Shoes last longest. **Paxman,**
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All kinds vegetables fresh daily. F. E.
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There is the satisfaction
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you have selected an instru-
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ical critics to be of the high-
est class. No woman ever
offers an excuse for owning a
"Nordheimer." She is
proud of her choice, and is
not slow in acknowledging
it. Wouldn't you, too, like to
be a proud possessor of a
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over.

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Wishes All a
Merry Christmas

Thos. Gilleen

It is with the
heartiest appreci-
ation that we extend
our thanks for the
liberal patronage we
have enjoyed this
HOLIDAY SEASON
and wish everyone a
Very Merry
Christmas and
Bright, Pros-
perous New Year.

Thos. Gilleen

QUALITY STORE

Wish to All
a
Merry Christmas

HARRY RANAHAN
515 RICHMOND STREET.

**Diamond
Hall Wish**

MAY the "gifts"
purchased from
either of our stores
for today's giving,
make the recipients
happier.
MAY we be your
"Family Jeweler"
in future.

**DIAMOND HALL,
W. G. YOUNG**
TWO STORES.
214-674 Dundas St.

City and District

—Rev. A. J. Vining and Mrs. Vining
are spending Christmas with relatives
in Thorndale.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Exley, King
street, are spending the Christmas
holidays in Wheeling, W. Va.

—Mr. D. W. Gibson left Moosejaw
on Friday for his home in this city,
where he will spend Christmas.

—Mr. William Michael, of Hamilton,
is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
William Michael, 317 Bathurst street.

—Mr. T. Allen, of Hartford, Conn.,
formerly of this city, is visiting his
son, Mr. H. P. Allen, 571 Queen's
avenue.

—Rev. Mr. Holmes, of Blenheim,
who has been in Victoria Hospital
for some time, left yesterday for his
home.

—Dr. D. C. Tennent, V. S. Govern-
ment inspector, who is stationed at
Pergus, is spending Christmas with
his parents in this city.

—Mr. Leslie Tanton, of the School
of Science, in Toronto, is spending

**Merry Christmas
to One and All**

J. BLOOMFIELD
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**Astoria
Shoes**

For men and women, stand for all
that is extremely good in shoe-
making—for faultless fitting, for
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Good Shoes for All the Family.
167 DUNDAS ST., near Richmond.
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CHRISTMAS FURS

Some good Ladies' Cloth
Fur-Lined Coats at the
manufacturer's price.

BELTZ
PRACTICAL FURRIER.

few days with his father, Mr. John
Tanton, 379 Waterloo street.

—Mr. D. Frank Smith, of this city,
is spending Christmas with his father
in London Township.

—Mr. T. H. Taylor and wife, of
Vancouver, B. C., is spending Christ-
mas with Mrs. J. Taylor, Evergreen
avenue.

—Mr. A. W. Vining, of Brandon Col-
lege, Brandon, Manitoba, has been
spending the holidays with his brother,
Rev. A. J. Vining, of Talbot Street
Baptist Church.

—W. C. Lee, of Saskatoon, Sask.,
arrived in London on Friday last, on
a visit to his mother, Mrs. John W.
Lee, of Westminster, after an absence
of sixteen years.

—Mrs. Joseph Harker, Strathroy, is
spending Christmas with her grand-
son, Mr. John Harker, Wellington
street. Mrs. Harker, who is in her
93rd year, is a remarkably active lady
for her age.

—Messrs. Fred Elliott, Fred. Mathe-
son and Fred Sangster, three popular
representatives of the Acme White
Lead and Color Company, the largest
paint plant in the world, are home on
their half-yearly visit. They state
business is getting brisk again. The
three Freds certainly look like ad-
vance agents for good times.

Cigars for Police.

The members of the police force
were made the recipients of several
boxes of cigars yesterday by local
manufacturers, and wish to extend
their thanks for the same.

Remembered the Employees.

The Sherlock-Manning Organ Com-
pany presented each of its married
employees with a turkey on Tuesday.
Each single man was given a neck-
tie.

Resigned His Position.

Mr. John Tanton, jun., of Warton
High School, has resigned his position
and will take a course in Queen's
University, Kingston. Mr. Tanton is
at present spending the holidays with
his father, Mr. John Tanton, 379 Talbot
street.

Called to Toronto.

Rev. R. J. Treleven, of the First
Methodist Church, Hamilton, and a
former London pastor, has received
and accepted a call to become the
pastor of Carlton Street Methodist
Church at the close of his pastorate.
Rev. Mr. Treleven will remain in
Hamilton until the summer of 1909.

Few Drunks.

The police report that for Christ-
mas Eve the number of drunks was
unusually light. Only four inebriates
were gathered in, and they spent the
night in the cells. Last year there
were sixteen drunks brought in on
Christmas Eve.

Death of H. C. Scott.

Word was received last night of the
death of Harry C. Scott, which took
place in London, England, suddenly,
on Saturday last. Deceased was a son
of Mr. Wm. Scott, of 847 Maitland
street. No particulars have been re-
ceived as yet regarding the matter.

The Dog Show.

Over 80 dogs have been entered for
the local dog show, Dec. 26, and in-
clude many well-known prize-win-
ners. Dr. Fred L. Wood, the secre-
tary, declares that the toy classes—
the fox-terriers and the Boston bull
classes—are exceptionally well filled,
and will provide splendid competition.
The show promises to be a great suc-
cess.

Card of Thanks.

The father and mother of Alex.
Southern, now in Victoria Hospital,
beg to thank the staff there for their
unremitting kindness and care of their
son. Also the London Lithographing
Company, where he worked and was
injured, the pastors and many friends
who have called and sympathized
with all at home, and last, but not
least, the many friends known and

unknown who have taken of their
bounty to add good cheer and comfort
for the whole family.

Ancient Order Foresters.

Court Forest Queen, 5563, held its
annual meeting last Monday evening,
when the following officers were
elected for the ensuing year: Past
chief ranger, Bro. W. J. Boyce; chief
ranger, Bro. Wm. Sloman; sub-chief
ranger, Bro. W. E. Bateman, M. D.;
treasurer, Bro. F. W. J. Ball; retained;
financial secretary, Bro. R. H. Brock;
secretary, Bro. Wm. Woodward, Bro. Wm.
Eveling; junior woodward, Bro. F.
Wright; senior beadle, John Potter;
junior beadle, Geo. Brown; minute
secretary, Wm. Brimblecombe; medical
officers, Bros. W. E. Bateson, M. D.,
and Dr. Shaw; trustees, Bros. A. O.
Jeffery, Geo. Mortimer and T. R.
Howard; auditors, Bros. Wm. Brim-
blecombe, Herbert Bass and R. Lucas;
representatives to juvenile branch,
Bros. R. H. Brock, W. J. Boyce and
Wm. Sloman; union committee, Bros.
F. W. J. Ball and R. H. Brock; or-
ganist, Bro. Wm. Howstan, corre-
spondent to A. O. F., Bro. Wm. Slo-
man.

**EMPLOYEES HONOR
MANAGER WOOD**

Gave Him a Beautiful Pipe and
Case on Monday as Token
of Their Esteem.

Monday afternoon the employees of
the Gurney-Oxford store presented
Manager Wood with a beautiful pipe
and case, and the following address:
"Dear Mr. Wood: For five years
you have been directing the affairs of
the business by which we are em-
ployed, and during that time, by your
straightforward methods and kind-
ness in all things connected with your
dealings with the staff, you have en-
deared yourself to us.

"We would feel that we had been
derelict in courtesy if we allowed this
opportunity, coming at the one time
in the year when gifts are always ac-
ceptable, not for their intrinsic value,
but for the spirit in which they are
given, to pass, without in some way
expressing to you in a tangible form
the sentiments that we now and ever
will entertain towards you. Trusting
that you will long be with us, and
that the present relations now exist-
ing will never be marred or strained,
we beg of you to accept this little
tribute.

"WM. A. HUNT,
"R. DE COURSEY."



The Old "Perennial" Today.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" will appear at
the Grand today, matinee and evening.
There never has been a better pro-
duction of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" on
the road than that made by A. W.
Martin. It is the largest company
ever used in the production of the
play. The scenery and electrical ef-
fects are special features of the pro-
duction.

The first production of Howard
Hall's, "The Fatal Flower," will be
made in this city next Saturday, mat-
inee and evening, at the Grand. The
play is one of merit, compares favor-
ably with such a production with "The
Lion and the Mouse," and other plays
on that line, and will appeal strongly
to the theatergoers who admire this class
of attraction. William Walcott eads
te cast, supported by Miss Florence
Boyd, who will play the part of the
heroine, a part which is a stirring
portrayal of the passions which make
up a woman's life.

Dining Cars and Buffet Cars

Have become a necessity for patrons
of the Grand Trunk Railway System.
They run on all principal day and
evening trains to Niagara Falls, Buf-
falo, Detroit, Chicago and Montreal.
Spotless linen, rich cut glass, Limoges
china and exquisite silver make it a
delight to enjoy a choice steak, chop,
cigars, etc., as you coast along in com-
fortable surroundings. The double-track
line at a 50 or 60 mile gait. The best
of everything, at moderate prices is
the Grand Trunk's aim.

Advertiser Correspondence

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

As cheap power seems to be the burning
question with the citizens of this city at
the present time I would like to give a
little more enlightenment on the ques-
tion through your valuable space. The
following is the result of a test run a
few days ago on the power of the engine
which was conducted as a service test.

The machine was a 500-horsepower
double-acting producer gas engine, and
directly connected to a 500-kilowatt gen-
erator, and the particular interest at-
tached to the test is that it was made
with the equipment in charge of its regular
operating force, working under the ordi-
nary conditions of service, and the engine
was in no wise under select, favorable con-
ditions. The average consumption of coal
of the producer during the 51 hours cov-
ered by the run was 1 1/2 pounds per kilowatt
hour, which is equivalent to 0.97
pounds per horsepower hour. The coal em-
ployed was Clearfield bituminous, run of
mine averaging 14,321 B. T. U. per pound.
The cylinder indicated consumption was
slightly charged against the gas engine,
when all other arguments fail, proved to
be 0.6 per day, an amount which does not
imply a serious expense per full load 2 1/2
hours and below the mean and the peak
load was 225 per cent above the mean or
average load. The gas consumption varied
from 190 cubic feet per horsepower at one-
quarter load, to 30 cubic feet at full load.
Take it just as it is, a plant such as the
one considered, is a challenge to the city
of London cannot safely overlook.

From this data one would be disposed to
say that the engine at 825 a horsepower is
an outrageous figure, even if we only had
to pay for what is used, and it is certain-
ly twice the burden to charge us this rate
(on the peak load basis) when the same
power could be produced here for less
than \$7 per horsepower for 24 hours, power
by peak load, with even as small a unit
as 500-horsepower. It is safe to say that
the gas engine is still far from perfect.

and, as stated by professors of the highest
rank, that the present gas engine is now
in about the same relative state as the
steam engine was when carless and com-
pounding.

It is therefore reasonable to expect that
a private company, with such a plant as
the above, could do city street lighting
for one-half the cost that Niagara Light-
ing is quoted at, and then leave a good
margin of profit for the company, and at
the same time not costing the city of
London a dollar. And, Sir, I am strongly
of the opinion that before the next five
years the cost of gas producer power will
be still reduced at least 25 per cent.
Yours truly,
F. G. MITCHELL.
London, Dec. 24.

**BAD COLORED MAN
WAS GATHERED IN**

**William Johnston Was Drunk
and Has Unsavory
Reputation.**

William Johnston, a colored man well-
known to the police as being drunk
last night on Dundas street for being
drunk, and it is quite likely that a
charge of assault or disorderly conduct
may be laid against him when he ap-
pears. Johnston is said to have been
pretty drunk and to have stopped a
lady on the street and insulted her.
Johnston has done time at the Central
prison for insulting ladies.

WAS ALLOWED TO GO

**William Webb Is Said To Be Weak-
Minded.**

William Webb, a farmhand, was
yesterday allowed to go free by Squire
Chittick on a charge of trespass, pre-
ferred by a farmer named Hanna, of
Westminster.

Webb had been dispossessed in
Dorchester and tried to rent a small
house on Hanna's premises. This was
refused him, and he moved in the
face of the refusal.

Webb was assessed the costs. He
is said to be weak-minded.

SIX MEN BADLY INJURED

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Schram's face is terribly scalded.
One eye is completely closed, and his
shoulders are also scalded fearfully.
Several scalp wounds add to the se-
riousness of his case. The skull is
slightly fractured, and he is in a se-
rious condition.

Wm. Nixon has a very badly burned
body. He is scalded fearfully from his
head to his hips, in many places the
skin peeling from his body. He has
also a very badly fractured leg. It ap-
parently was struck by some flying
piece of steel. There is a big hole in
his ankle, and Dr. Routledge had to
remove several pieces of the bone from
it. His injuries are of a most serious
nature.

Mr. Jos. Poole is suffering from a
severe scalp wound, and, although
scalded, his wounds are not so serious
as those of the others.

Mr. Henry Woods, at whose home
the accident occurred, is also badly
scalded.

Mr. Nixon's hired man, Arthur
Porte, is badly scalded likewise.

Mr. Nixon Owned Engine.

The engine belonged to Mr. Wm.
Nixon. He had used it for many years
for his own accommodation for cut-
ting wood and such, and occasionally
he helped his neighbors out, although
he did not make a business of it. The
engine was a relative of his, and
it was Mr. Nixon's custom to give him
a day or so every year for "buzzing"
wood.

The engine was supposed to be per-
fectly safe, and there was no reason to
believe that it was otherwise. While
old, it was considered all right, and
had been used practically all fall for
one purpose or another. No reason
for the explosion can be given. No
one seems to know how it happened,
or from what it occurred.

A Terrible Sight.

"It was the worst sight I ever saw,"
said Dr. Routledge to The Advertiser,
last night. "The engine was com-
pletely wrecked. Only the two front
wheels remain. The rest of it is scat-
tered all over the orchard. The explo-
sion was heard at a great distance.
The neighbors were on hand a very
few minutes after it occurred, and did
all they could for the unfortunate
men. They were in awful shape when
I got there. They were all uncon-
scious and covered with blood. They
are all badly scalded.

Cases Very Serious.

"I consider the cases of Mr. Nixon
and Mr. Schram very serious. They
will probably get better, provided no
complications set in, but nevertheless
they are in a very bad way. How any
of them escaped is a wonder to me. It
is nothing short of a miracle. They
were standing only a short distance
from the engine when it exploded.
"It seems as if the boiler blew up
over them.

"The flying steel and iron passed
over their heads, only a few fragments
striking the men, and most of the
pieces seemed to strike glancing
blows.

"But, of course, they were covered
with scalding steam and water, and it
is from that that most of the injuries
are due. It is a miraculous thing. I
really can't understand how the men
escaped."

Scene of the Accident.

The scene of the accident was about
two miles and a half west of Lan-
gton, on the farm of Mr. Henry Woods.
All the victims are married men
with families, with the exception of
Mr. George Poole, who is a son of
Joseph Poole, and Mr. Arthur
Porte, who is Mr. Nixon's hired man.
All were resting as well as could be
expected at last reports.

Comfortable rubber-tired carriages
for theater. Hueston's Livory.

Buy White House Coffee, 40c pound. It's
delicious. In one or two pound tins. F. E.
Smith, grocer, Phone 125.

The Russo-Japanese Company, for
the importation into Russia of the
products of Japan, has been definitely
organized. It has a capital of a mil-
lion yen (\$100,000) and proposes to
found a bank.

A. Screaton & Co.

Extend to their
many customers
and friends in
London and
throughout
Western Ontario

**Christmas Greetings
and Best Wishes**

Merry Christmas!

"At Christmas Play and Make Good Cheer,
For Christmas Comes But Once a Year."

TODAY we "Play and Make Good Cheer," and in the
spirit of good fellowship that animates all mankind,
we extend to the good people of London and
vicinity a hearty "Merry Christmas." In addition, we
embrace this opportunity to acknowledge the favor of
liberal and increased trade that our friends the public have
bestowed upon us, and to testify that it shall be our con-
stant effort to merit a continuance of their steadfast pa-
tronage and good will.

Cairncross & Lawrence

Your Vote is Respectfully Solicited for

STEVELY

Candidate with good municipal record and successful
business experience.

**FOR
MAYOR
FOR 1908**

LONDON GENEROUS WITH POOR

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members met on Monday night and
held a unique meeting.

It was decided that each one should
bring to the church some article of
food or clothing. This was done and
the goods collected nearly filled the
large platform. Yesterday afternoon
those who had given met again at the
church and went around and distribut-
ed it.

In the English churches gatherings
were held during the afternoon at
which good cheer was distributed to
many families who were reported to
be in want.

Special Services.

Special Christmas Day services will
be held in the morning in many of the
city churches.

For many days past decoration com-
mittees have been busily engaged in
getting ready for Christmas, and many
of the churches present a very beauti-
ful appearance with festoons of holly
interwined among pretty notices
bearing greetings.

At St. Paul's Cathedral, Holy Com-
munion will be observed at eight
o'clock in the morning and at eleven
regular services will be held. A ser-
mon appropriate to Christmas will be
preached by Bishop Williams. Special
Christmas music has been arranged.

In Catholic Churches.

At St. Peter's Cathedral special high
mass will be celebrated by Right Rev.
Bishop McEvay at ten o'clock.

Father Aylward will preach the
Christmas sermon, after which a spe-
cial offering will be taken up. Earlier
in the morning a special mass for child-
ren and other masses will be cele-
brated.

At St. Mary's church mass will be
celebrated at six, half-past six and
seven, children's mass at eight o'clock,
a special Thanksgiving mass at half-
past eight and solemn high mass at
half-past ten.

Rev. Father McKeown will celebrate
the latter mass and will be assisted by
Father Roche, of Sandwich College as
deacon and Father Tobin as subdeacon.

A Christmas sermon will be preached,
by Rev. Father Roche.