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LULL OF NEWS STILL FROM SEAT OF WAR

Sortie from Kimberley on Nov. 25 Now Turns Out to Have Been Serious.

22 KILLED, 30 WOUNDED.

Bombardment of Ladysmith Began in Bitter Earnest on Thursday Last and Continues.

METHUEN YET AT MODDER RIVER.

Have Gatacre's Vanguards Been in Conflict With the Boers?—U. S. Snubbed by Kruger.

The War Office has issued a list of the British casualties in the sortie from Kimberley on Nov. 25. It appears to have been a very hot fight, as all these Boer battles are. Major Scott-Turner of the Black Watch, Lieut. C. Wright of the Kimberley Light Horse and 20 non-commissioned officers and men were killed, while the wounded included Capt. Wallack, Lieut. Clifford, Lieut. Watson and 28 non-commissioned officers and men.

Gen. Buller wires the War Office from Pietermaritzburg that it is difficult to make any statement of the Boer losses in the recent battles. There was every reason to believe that 800 Boers were killed and wounded in the fight at Ladysmith on Nov. 9. In Hildyard's fight on Nov. 23 the enemy lost 30 killed and 100 wounded, but it was impossible to say that these figures were correct because intercepted despatches to Gen. Joubert show that the Boer commanders are not giving the true figures of their losses.

The delay in the movement of the British forces for the relief of Ladysmith is explained by the desire of Gen. Buller to get together an overwhelming number of batteries, and also the fact that some extensive movements are being made whereby the Boer position at Colenso may be attacked simultaneously from the north, south, east and west. The relief of Ladysmith is said by experts to be only the beginning of the campaign.

A despatch from Ladysmith, dated Saturday, says the hottest bombardment of the siege took place on Thursday. The Boers have a new big gun in position on Lombard's Kop, completely commanding the town, and they shelled the British camp Thursday and Friday. Several British guns have been shattered.

Queenstown, Cape Colony, reports that the Boers are very active around Stormberg Junction, to which Gen. Gatacre will make his next move. Firing has been heard in that direction, it is believed between Gen. Gatacre's vanguard and the Boer commando.

In Col. Lord Dundonald's reconnaissance near Colenso on Dec. 3, 15 Boers were killed and many wounded.

A story is printed in the United States papers to the effect that the Pope was in negotiation with France to prevent the obliteration of the Boer Republics. It sounds like a fake yarn.

A despatch from Ladysmith on Nov. 27 says: "Have plenty of food, water and ammunition."

British wounded in the South African campaign, 133 in number, arrived in England yesterday from Cape Town.

London, Dec. 7.—(4.30 a.m.)—Again there is a complete lull of news from the seat of war. Ladysmith has established heliographic communication with Frere; and it is reported that all was well up to Sunday.

A despatch from the Boer laager by way of Lorenzo Marquez, dated Thursday, Nov. 30, confirms the report that the commandoes have been closing in upon Ladysmith, and mounting big guns in new positions. According to the same advices, a heavy cannonade had been maintained and a general assault had been ordered for Thursday morning, but was countermanded at the last moment.

Methuen Still at Modder River.

Modder River despatches say that the Boers are encamped amid the hills half way to Kimberley, but it is also added that a large body of the enemy has gone in the direction of Jacobsdal. It is possible, therefore, that Lord Methuen may endeavor to clear his right flank as far as Jacobsdal, before continuing his advance. He is still waiting at Modder River for stores, guns and ammunition.

That Sortie From Kimberley.

The sortie from Kimberley on November 25 appears to have been much more serious than had been supposed. Details are now arriving of a reconnaissance in force by mounted troops under Col. Scott-Turner, at dawn, in the direction of a ridge near Carter's farm, where the Boers were strongly entrenched.

Used the White Flag Again!

Finding the Boer pickets asleep, Major Scott-Turner proceeded along the ridge under cover and rushed the Boer redoubts at 5.25 a.m., in the face of a hail of bullets. The Boers hoisted a white flag, and fired at the British under its protection, before surrendering. Owing possibly to the exhaustion of their ammunition the British were unable to follow up the attack and to seize a large Boer laager above 300 yards ahead, especially as Boer reinforcements were seen approaching and the enemy was keeping up a heavy fire from the shelter of the thick bush.

Fighting in Every Direction.

During the sortie an armored train reconnoitered north and south, while a considerable force of British, with field guns and Maxims advanced toward Spytfontein, holding the Boers in check in that direc-

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THE OSLER LOOK VERY DIRTY FOR MANITOBA LIBERALS

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Organizer J. Obed Smith Arrested on a Charge of Bribery in Greenway's Riding.

Garnot on Trial—Was Sure Martin Would Be Elected in Woodlands—Had Ballots Marked Against Roblin—Charge That Papers on the Prisoner Have Been Spirited Away.

Winnipeg, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—J. Obed Smith, Liberal organizer for the Province of Manitoba, was arrested this afternoon for bribery in elections. The charge is made by E. O. Gabriel, an elector in Mountain. Gabriel says he was approached yesterday by a Liberal feeler, and asked if he would go to Crystal City to vote for Premier Greenway, and at the same time was handed a printed envelope with the name and address of J. Obed Smith. In company with a friend, Gabriel went to J. Obed Smith's office, and was furnished with a return ticket and paid $5. The envelope, ticket and a $5 bill were initialed by the man and his friend, and are now in the hands of the prosecution. Smith has been bailed.

The Eve of Battle.

To-morrow is polling day. Polls open at 9 o'clock a.m. and close at 4 p.m. To-night the final touches were put on details, and, with favorable weather now in prospect, there is every indication that an immense vote will be polled. Both parties express the greatest confidence in the result in the city and throughout the country. Seats regarded by one side as sure are pronounced by the other side to go their way. It is impossible to foreshadow the result, but the Independents are very confident that there will be great surprises and small majorities whichever way it goes. Both sides seem well supplied with the "needful" to bring in the outside vote.

The Great Question.

The great question of the campaign has been the railway issue, firstly, the turning down of the Northern Pacific by Greenway, and, secondly, and most important, the question of Government ownership, latterly endorsed by Hugh John Macdonald, Greenway, J. T. Gordon, Mayor Andrews and a host of other candidates on both sides of politics. George Macdonald of Toronto, who has just returned from a visit to several sections of the Province, says:

"The railway question is the all-absorbing one."

A Significant Message.

The following telegram is published to-night:

"Cartwright, Man., Dec. 6.

"Hon. Hugh John Macdonald, Winnipeg:

"I confidently believe, on most convincing evidence, that Avondale, Deloraine, Killarney and Turtle Mountain will give you a solid southwest, and they represent the feeling that appears to prevail throughout the Province generally in favor of a change. I have spent to-day in Mountain, addressing a meeting last night at Cartwright, along with Gordon, which, I am assured, was the largest and most enthusiastic meeting ever held in this part. From all parts of Mountain evidence is coming in that inspires a certain hope of the Premier's defeat by Gordon. If the Winnipegs will stand by you on Thursday, a glorious victory throughout the Province is assured. The people want a clean, honest businesslike administration of their affairs, and, irrespective of party and notwithstanding party differences, they have faith that you personally will make it your aim to give such administration.

"(Signed.) James Fisher."

Mr. Fisher is one of the most prominent old-time Liberals in Winnipeg.

The Trial of Garnot.

A large crowd of interested listeners gathered at the Police Court to hear the trial of Philip Garnot, charged by James Hooper, manager of The Morning Telegram, with violation of the Election Act in the matter of unlawfully having in his possession a number of ballots to be used in the constituency of Woodlands for fraudulent purposes.

The first witness called was Frank W. Russell, a well-known gentleman in the C.P.R. office, who testified that he had seen the prisoner with A. E. Allison, in the Royal Hotel on Sunday night, and the three of them got into conversation, chiefly of a political nature. The prisoner talked particularly of the assured success of A. F. Martin, Liberal candidate in Woodlands, and said "Martin is sure of winning." He knew this because he had been in the constituency, and had made speeches for Martin. He further stated that he had in his possession twelve or fourteen marked ballots, which he intended to use in the election in Woodlands against R. P. Roblin. He said he was brought here by Hon. Clifford Sifton, and he showed a number of documents, which witness did not examine, but which looked like letters. He said he had been given a blank cheque, signed by T. O. Davis, and produced it as proof of what he said. The marked ballots he said he had obtained from Mr. Smith, but witness could not say which Mr. Smith he meant, as he (witness) did not take much interest in his talk at the time. Witness did not know what kind of ballots the prisoner had, as he had not examined them.

Mr. Royal is Sick.

When Russell's evidence was finished, Mr. Royal, counsel for prisoner, said he was ill, and asked that the case be remanded till to-morrow. The case will be tried to-morrow morning, and all the witnesses present to-day have been requested by Magistrate Dawson to reappear. The prisoner is still behind the bars, as the bail for $1000 set by the magistrate has not been forthcoming.

The Letters Spirited Away.

Since the court adjourned, the prosecution claim to have discovered a case of unprecedented fraud in connection with the Garnot case. They claim that papers and letters which were on Garnot at the time of his arrest have been secured by C. H. Royal and spirited out of sight. They claim that the correspondence published was only part of that found on him, and that all incriminating papers have been withheld, and are now in the possession of those who will not give them up. They state that Hon. Clifford Sifton, T. O. Davis, M.P., J. Obed Smith, A. F. Martin and other prominent men will be subpoenaed to appear and give evidence in the case. They state that it will pushed to a finish, and that they have all the evidence they desire on the case in point, and are ready to go on with it as soon as the lawyer for the defence recovers from his illness.

THE O. A. C. SILVER JUBILEE.

President Mills is Proud of the Record of His Institution—Prof. James on Its Future.

Guelph, Dec. 6.—The celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Agricultural College took place in the College Convocation Hall this evening. The hall was beautifully decorated with bunting and flags. A large number of the ex-students and friends were present from all parts of Ontario. Dr. James Mills, the president, delivered a very able address on "The Agricultural College for a Quarter of a Century." He spoke of the wonderful growth of the college in the past twenty-five years. The college is now overflowing with students, the membership being larger than at any previous year since its organization.

Prof. C. C. James spoke on "The Future of the College" and threw out many good suggestions for the coming years.

Other short addresses were delivered by Hon. Charles Drury, John I. Hobson, James McIntosh, Dr. William Nattress, G. C. Creelman, B.S.A., H. L. Beckett, B.S.A., Prof. G. E. Day and C. E. Drury.

The musical part of the program was ably conducted by Miss M. Trengless Stevens and Mr. C. R. Crowe.

The Experimental Union will continue in session to-morrow and Friday.

COUNT TOLSTOY VERY ILL.

Great Anxiety Manifested in Moscow as to the Patriot's Condition.

London, Dec. 7.—A special despatch from Berlin says that Count Tolstoy has been seriously ill. For two days he was unconscious, but he is now slightly better, although great anxiety is still manifested in Moscow regarding him.

RUSSIAN OFFICERS IN IT.

Two Colonels Engaged by Dr. Leyds to Assist in the Defence of Pretoria.

Lisbon, Dec. 6.—Two Russian colonels, a French general and a French colonel, who have been engaged by Dr. Leyds to assist in the defence of Pretoria left to-day for Lorenzo Marquez. They were escorted to the steamer by the Secretary of the French Legation here.

GENERAL WANTS INFORMATION.

Requests District Officers to Send Reports About the Militia.

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—District officers commanding have been asked to furnish Major-General Hutton with the following returns: The number of officers, men and horses trained during the year 1899; corps trained at local headquarters to be shown separate from those trained in district camp; the number of officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the city corps who trained in the district camp for the two days their corps was attached; certificates granted at military schools of instructions to officers, non-commissioned officers and man of the active militia for the year ending Dec. 31; permanent corps (non-commissioned officers and men) for the year ending Dec. 31, 1899; musketry in district camps 1899, giving corps, corps figure of merit, rank, the name of the best shot and score and the name of the best shot in camp.

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WILL MACKAY OPPOSE BOURASSA?

There is Talk of Strong Opposition in Liberal Ranks to the Kicking Member.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Opposition to the kicking Mr. Bourassa, ex-M.P., has developed very strongly in the Liberal ranks. Major F. S. Mackay of Montreal, has been suggested as one who would be a strong opponent to Mr. Bourassa. He was born and brought up in Papineauville, County of Labelle, where he practised as a notary for several years. He was Mayor of Papineauville in 1892 and 1893, and held several other public positions of trust to the satisfaction of his fellow-citizens. He is a staunch Liberal, and took an active part in the electoral campaign of 1891 and 1892. His father, the late F. S. Mackay, also a notary of Papineauville, was for nearly 50 years a prominent Liberal chief in the County of Ottawa, where he was well known.

Major Mackay is an officer of the 65th Battalion, and will be remembered as having created wild enthusiasm while speaking on the loyalty of the French Canadians at a military banquet in Toronto on Thanksgiving Day. He is a member of the firm of Papineau, Morin & Mackay, notaries, of Montreal.

GUELPH CHRISTMAS SHOW.

Fat Stock and Poultry in Abundance and of a Quality to Do Credit to Our Smithfield.

Guelph, Ont., Dec. 6.—The 18th annual Christmas Fat Stock and Poultry Show, under the auspices of the Guelph Fat Stock Club, South Wellington Agricultural Society and the Guelph Poultry Association, opened in the Victoria Rink this afternoon, and everything goes to show that the present show will uphold the credit of the Smithfield of Canada.

The poultry exhibit is perhaps the most interesting to the citizens. It is slightly in advance of last year, there being fully 1500 entries. The largest exhibitors are C. J. Daniels of Toronto and Mayor M. T. Burn of Tilsonburg.

The entries of sheep and pigs are numerous and the stock prime. Every animal was in place this afternoon and everything is in shape for the judging to-morrow. The show will continue for the next two days.

THE POPE IS ILL.

His Holiness Suffering From a Cold—Audiences Suspended—Nothing Alarming.

Rome, Dec. 6.—The Pope is suffering from a sudden cold and experiences some difficulty in breathing. Dr. Lapponi, his physician, has ordered him to keep to his bed, and the usual audiences have been suspended. The condition of His Holiness, however, is not regarded as alarming.

Cook's Turkish Baths—204 King W.

Opposed to Hutton's Decision.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 6.—The Government has decided not to adopt the recommendation made by Major-General Hutton to close the military schools at St. John's, Que., and Fredericton.

Symington's Flour for pan cakes, etc.

Try Glencairn cigars—5c, straight.

White Heather Perfume, essence of Highland Heather.

LEFT AT JOHN'S DOOR.

MR. DRYDEN: It's too bad that just when a feller's making a bid for popular favor and trying to live down his past this should occur.

FRANCE WANTS TO WAR WITH GREAT BRITAIN NOW

The Whole French Press Is Urging War With England to Avenge Fashoda Over the Twang-Chao Affair.

Paris, Dec. 6.—The Petit Journal says to-day that M. Delcasse, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has received proof that the disorders which resulted in the murder of French naval officers at Kwang-Chao, China, recently, were fomented by the British.

The paper urges Delcasse that now is the time for France to avenge Fashoda.

The whole French press is urging war with England, which The Figaro calls a giant with feet of clay.

The Echo de Paris says England's navy is her only line of defence, and this is vulnerable, because it is at the mercy of the elements.

Admiral Dupont, in The Gaulois, urges the immediate completion of the naval plans and the voting of credits to prepare the French fleet for war.

FARMERS WANT COMPETITION

And Regret That Mr. Greenway Upset the Proposed Extension of the N. P. Railway.

Winnipeg, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The farmers who came into Winnipeg this week on the Northern Pacific excursion have published their views, part of which read as follows:

"In this connection we would take the opportunity to express our regret that the Provincial Government did not extend that aid and encouragement which would have assured the further extension of the Northern Pacific Railway to Neepawa, Brandon, Rapid City, Birely and other points in the northwestern portion of the province. With the Northern Pacific Railway extended through the country the people are contented, confident that they have competition, while the extension of any other system of railway will not satisfy the apprehension of settlers."

BRITISH STEAMER ASHORE.

City of Worcester Likely to Become a Wreck—No Lives Lost.

London, Dec. 6.—The British steamer City of Worcester, Capt. Jones, from Nyberg, is ashore at Craster, south of the River Tweed, and will probably become a total wreck. No lives were lost.

The City of Worcester is a steel vessel of 1553 tons, built in 1891, and hails from West Hartlepool.

Hear Hon. Dr. Montague speak at Pavilion to-morrow night.

Pipes, Pipes, Pipes.

Pipes galore. Pipes of the celebrated BBB make, with and without cases; GBD French Briars; German Cherry Wood Pipes, with long china bowl; Australian Myall or "Violet Wood" Pipes; Finest Vienna Hand Cut Meerschaum Pipes, both plain and carved; French Clap Pipes; Turkish Hookah Pipes in a great variety of shapes, suitable for presentation. "Everything this month at wholesale prices" at A. Clubb & Sons, "direct importers," 49 and 97 King-street west.

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Taylor's latest perfume, "White Heather."

SAYS SIR CHARLES LIED.

Sifton Replies Hotly to the Charges Made Against Him and His Law Partner.

Brandon, Man., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Hon. Clifford Sifton replied last night to the attack of Sir Charles Tupper upon himself and M. A. E. Philip, regarding alleged irregularities in connection with the Yukon concerning the statement of Sir Charles Tupper regarding Philip. He most emphatically declared "It is a lie. What is more, when Sir Charles Tupper made that statement he knew it was a lie."

Hon. Dr. Montague speaks at Pavilion to-morrow night.

Gala Days in Furs at Dineens'.

In a few days we may have a bountiful fall of "The Beautiful," and hear the merry jingle-jangle of sleigh bells, and this prospect is inciting a tremendous demand for fur wear at Dineens'. Dineens' sales of ladies' fur garments, and sleigh robes, and fur coats, caps and gloves for men have been phenomenally great during the past few days, and of course such vast buying must be attributed to the fact that Dineens' fur styles, Dineens' fur qualities, and Dineens' fur prices are just right, beyond question.

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Insurance Man Dead.

Hartford, Ct., Dec. 6.—Martin Bennett, jr., United States manager of the Scottish Union & National Fire Insurance Company of Edinburgh, Scotland, died at his home here to-day, aged 61 years.

Campho-Quinine Tablets cures colds in 24 hours.

To-Day's Program.

Letter carriers' at home, 8 p.m.
Toronto Meds' dinner at the gymnasium, 8 p.m.
Annual meeting of Prisoners' Aid Society at Carlton-street Methodist Church, 3 p.m.
Wm. Davies Co. employes' concert at the Pavilion, 8 p.m.
Bernard McEvoy lectures on Parkman at the Normal School, 8 p.m.
Board of Trade Council, at 3 p.m.
New show—Minstrels—at the Grand, 8 p.m.
"Forgiven" at the Princess, 2 and 8 p.m.
"The White Heather" at the Toronto, 2 and 8 p.m.
Shea's vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.
The Bijou, 2 and 8 p.m.

Smoke S. & H. Hortensia Cigars, 10c.

Unexcelled for the handkerchief, Taylor's Wild Rose.

Try Symington's Flour for porridge.

It is believed that Mormon Roberts will be excluded from the House of Representatives at Washington, and now they are saying he will be elevated to the Senate.

FOR RAILWAY MEN'S SAFETY

Railroad Companies Ask More Time to Equip Their Lines With Safety Appliances.

ALL THE ROADS SHORT OF CARS.

Employes' Side of the Case Presented—Six Months' Extension Was Conceded.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 6.—The Inter-State Commerce Commission to-day gave a hearing to the representatives of the several railway companies asking for a further extension of the time allowed the railroads to equip their lines with safety appliances under the Act of March 2, 1893. John K. Cowan, president of the Baltimore and Ohio, and representing as chairman eighty-eight other roads having 80,000 miles of line, made the opening argument. He said that the present withdrawal of the 175,000 unequipped cars would practically paralyze inter-State commerce. He did not believe it an exaggeration to say that not one road had enough cars for its business. Beyond the additional one year now requested he said the roads would ask no further extension.

The Case of the Employes.

E. E. Clark, president of the Order of Railway Conductors, said he desired to express the consensus of opinion of men engaged in the engine and train service of the railroads. The law was enacted for the protection of the employes and the public. Two years ago the employes joined with the roads in asking for an extension, although loss of life was inseparable from work upon railroads. The employes wanted to be reasonable.

In 1898, he said, 1958 railroad employes were killed and 31,761 had been injured. Of these over 600 had been killed and over 6000 injured in coupling cars. If the law had been obeyed and had accomplished its object, not one of these men would have been killed or injured.

It seems probable as a result of the hearing to-day that the commission will grant the railroads a further extension of six months within which to comply with the Safety Appliance Act.

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Art Sale To-Day.

Mr. Geo. Chavignaud's collection of Dutch paintings, now on view at Townsend's gallery, is a great treat to lovers of good pictures. They will be disposed of at 3 o'clock to-day.

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Cook's Turkish and Russian Baths. Bath and bed $1.00. 202 and 204 King W

DEATHS.

McPHERSON—At the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, on Wednesday, the 6th December, 1899, George S. McPherson, M. D., of Brainerd, Minn., U.S.A., brother of W. D. McPherson, Toronto.

Funeral from his brother's residence, 540 Dovercourt-road, on Friday, the 8th December, inst., at 2 p.m.

WARDEN—At 9 Madison-avenue, on Tuesday, Dec. 5, Gooderham Warden, aged 2 years and 4 months, beloved son of Josephine and W. McCaskill Warden.

Funeral private.

MR. WILLIAM WEIR MUST GO TO PRISON

President of Defunct Ville Marie Bank Gets Two Years Less One Day.

HARBORS NO HARD FEELINGS

Makes No Complaint Against the Verdict of the Jury or Sentence of the Court

AND HE HAS A CLEAR CONSCIENCE.

Blames Himself for Remaining in Office When His Health Prevented Personal Attention.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Mr. William Weir, president of the defunct Ville Marie Bank, was sentenced this afternoon by Judge Wurtele to two years' imprisonment, less one day, in the common jail, the court having first refused a reserve case. It goes without saying that the stranding of the Ville Marie Bank caused a great deal of hardship, but no one who has followed Mr. Weir's unsullied career as a banker or a citizen will believe for a single instant that the proud-spirited yet broken-hearted old man whom Mr. Justice Wurtele sent to-day to prison, and probably to his grave, is morally guilty of the charge which Solicitor-General Katzpatrick preferred against him. Mr. William Weir may die in jail, but the hearts of those who know him best beat just as affectionately for the old man to-night as they did when no such accusation hung over his head.

Has No Hard Feelings.

When the ordeal attending the sentence was over, Mr. Weir said: "I have no hard feeling against the court, and I hope that Judge Wurtele will be able to face the Almighty with as clear a conscience as I have to-night."

No one presumes to criticize the majesty of the law as interpreted by the presiding judge, and no one doubts Mr. Weir's perfect sincerity when he uttered the above words.

Mr. Weir's Statement.

Before receiving sentence Mr. Weir handed in the following statement:

Your Honor,—My case has been so ably defended by my counsel, so far as the evidence is concerned, that it would be but a waste of time for me to add to what has already been said. But there are circumstances attending the case which have not been within the scope of evidence. I am now in my 77th year, and for the past three years have felt my bodily and mental strength failing. During the nine months preceding the suspension, I was prostrated by severe illness, which incapacitated me from maintaining the close supervision which I otherwise would have given. Dr. Roddick knows, and testified to, my illness and condition. I have to blame myself for having endeavored to continue to perform duties which I was no longer able properly to perform. I also reproach myself, looking at the results, for permitting so much of the note circulation of the bank to remain out of my own control. The disappearance of so much of the note circulation, which led to the suspension of the bank, is still a mystery to me, and I feel that it can be solved only by the testimony of the missing teller. The only other item to which I would refer is that of current loans. The bank having made advances on various properties to secure itself from loss, I treated these as current loans. I may have been wrong in so doing, but I did so in the interest of the bank and in good faith. I have to thank the jury for the recommendation to mercy which accompanied their verdict, and Your Honor for the very kind sympathy which you displayed when that recommendation was submitted to you. I feel it unnecessary to refer to my weight of years, in view of such expressions. I deeply deplore the losses which have been incurred through the failure of the bank, and am prepared to submit myself to the sentence which Your Honor may inflict, reminding Your Honor only of this fact, that when the suspension of the bank took place I, as well as the other directors, instead of availing ourselves of the 90 days' grace, called in an outsider, stepped out of all authority, handed over the keys and documents of the bank, and I have since done what little I could do to assist in conserving the assets for the benefit of the creditors.

Miss Mowat Will Not Receive.

Miss Mowat will not hold the customary reception at Government House to-day.

Sleet or Rain Coming.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 6.—(8 p.m.)—Low pressure, accompanied by moderate temperature still continues over the Northwest. Pressure is increasing over the lakes and throughout the Eastern Provinces, with a tendency to a short spell of colder weather east of the lakes.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 42—45; Kamloops, 28—38; Calgary, 24—42; Prince Albert, 12—34; Qu'Appelle, 14—34; Winnipeg, 14—34; Parry Sound, 8—18; Toronto, 17—26; Ottawa, 18—24; Montreal, 16—24; Quebec, 10—16; Halifax, 22—34.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Southeasterly to southwesterly winds; rising temperatures; some sleet or rain to-night or on Friday.

Ottawa Valley, Upper and Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Moderate winds; fine and cold.

Maritime—Fresh north to west winds; fair and cold.

Lake Superior—Partly fair and milder; rising temperature and light local falls of snow.

Manitoba—Continued fair and comparatively mild.

Interest in the Oak Hall advertising competition grows apace. Boys under 15 years of age are offered prizes amounting to $50 in cash for the largest collection of advertisements. Call at 115 King-street east or 116 Yonge-street for further particulars.

Cultured ladies prefer Taylor's Perfumes.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Dec. 6.	At.	From.
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Rotterdam	New York	Rotterdam
Teutonic	Queenstown	New York
Trav	New York	Bremen
Waesland	Queenstown	Philadelphia
Anchoria	Moville	New York
Maasdam	Rotterdam	New York
Ulanda	Liverpool	Halifax
Alcides	Glasgow	St. John
Beliona	Leith	Montreal

Sailed.	From.	For.
Memnon	Barry	Portland