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PROBABILITIES.

Special to The Planet.

Toronto, Jan. 12-10 a. m.—Fair and cold. Wednesday, becoming milder. The following figures were registered today at seven a. m. at Turner's weather bureau:
Thermometer, 6.
Highest yesterday, 5.
Lowest yesterday 3 below.
Direction of wind, south-west.

The Letter-Box

A GENEROUS GIFT.

Editor Planet:
Dear Sir,—At this time of the year the poor of the city are suffering from a want of fuel. The poor we have always with us, and I would like to see something done for them. I enclose herewith a check for \$10 to start a subscription for the purpose of raising money to buy fuel for the poor.

Yours truly,
T. A. SMITH.

G. C. I. BOARD

The G. C. I. Board met yesterday afternoon. Chairman Bell and Messrs. McVean, Battisby, White, Fleming, Arnold and Liddy were present. The chairman stated that he had granted Principal Paterson permission to dismiss the lower forms on Monday morning on account of the difficulty in heating the lower rooms. The rooms were all right in the afternoon.

It was moved by Mr. McVean, seconded by Mr. White, that the following certified accounts be passed:
Electric Co., \$15.12.
Miss McLean, \$3.50.
Dingman estate, \$2.10.
A. R. Crow, \$287.10.
The Ark, 75 cents.
H. Malcolmson, \$3.50.
A. I. McCall, \$11.69.
Quinn & Patterson, \$3.35.
Greelman Bros., \$3.58.
Planet, \$4.00.
W. R. Baxter, \$20.00.
Miss G. McDonald, \$6.00.

On motion of Mr. Liddy, seconded by Mr. Fleming, the matter of traps and drainage in the laboratory was referred to the following special committee—Rev. Dr. Battisby, John White and S. B. Arnold.
The Supply committee reported the purchase of a carload of smokeless coal.

On motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. McVean, it was decided to hold the annual meeting on the first Wednesday in February at 3.30 p. m. in the County Clerk's office.
Principal Paterson's report showed 247 enrolled and an average attendance of 225.

Gall, Not Heart, in China.
The Chinese, says the Shanghai Mercury, lay stress on the amount of gall a man has and not on the amount of heart. Thus we read of Hou King, who was governor of Honan in the sixth century, that he once captured a rebel named Li Chieh, brought him into the market, chopped off his hands and his feet, ripped up his heart and cut out his vitals. The victim, however, continued to jest, with his features undistorted and his countenance unchanged. His gall bladder was then seen to have the capacity of a pint measure, which completely accounted for his stoicism. In 1645, when the armies of the Manchus were gradually overrunning China, one Wu Han Chao made head against them in Anhui, but he finally fell into their hands. The historian records that his gall was three inches long.

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LEAVE A GOOD
YEAR'S RECORD

Public Library Board Have Accomplished Much During the Past 12 Months

Officers Elected for the New Year—Retiring Chairman Treats his Colleagues.

The inaugural meeting of the Public Library Board was held last evening, when the work for the year of 1903 was duly discussed and commenced. There were present at the meeting, Secretary Davis and Messrs. Humphrey, Sheldrick, Charteris and Twohey. S. M. Smith was the only absentee, as Mr. Scullard is now an ex-member of the board.

The officers were first elected, as follows:
Chairman—Dr. Charteris.
Treasurer—A. Sheldrick.
Secretary—I. L. Davis.

In resigning from the chairmanship Mr. Thibodeau thanked the members of the Board for the kindly manner in which they had treated him during the past year and for the able assistance they had given him.

Mr. Charteris thanked the Board very heartily for their kindness to him in electing him to the chair. He promised to do everything which he thought would further the interests of Chatham's Public Library. The committees appointed were:

Library—Messrs. Twohey, Thibodeau and the representative to be appointed from the city.
Reading—Messrs. Humphrey, Davis and Smith.

Finance—Messrs. Sheldrick, representative to be appointed by Council, Davis and Mayor McKeough.

A communication was read from S. J. Ireland, of Hamilton, applying for a position as principal of the art school, if such a branch is started in connection with the library. Received.

The Librarian's report was read as follows:

New borrowers, 11.
Books given out, 1,372.
Received for fines, \$3.31.
Received for cards, \$3.50.
Received for catalogues, 45c.
Received for papers, 50c.
Total, \$7.76.
No. of borrowers in 1902, 742.
The report was received.

The following were the accounts passed:

Gas Company, \$8.83.
Coal account \$8.
Westman Bros., \$2.03.

The treasurer was instructed to draw on the city treasurer for \$100. The Librarian reported a number of magazines missing. None were important. The matter was referred to the Library committee.

The janitor was given \$1 for extra services.
The salaries were ordered paid.
Messrs. Twohey and Humphrey were appointed a committee to look after the safe keeping of the painting which was so generously donated to the Board by A. M. Fleming.

Mr. Thibodeau was then given a vote of thanks for the excellent manner in which he has performed the duties of the chairman of the Board during the past year. His services were deeply appreciated by the Board.

A vote of thanks was also passed to Mr. Scullard, who, since he has become an alderman, will no longer be a member of the Board. He will be greatly missed by this body of men, who one and all wish him every success in his new sphere of public service.

Mr. Thibodeau generously responded by inviting the Board to Wiggell's restaurant, where he treated them to an oyster supper.

The past year has been a most successful one with the Library Board. It has also been a very important one. Owing to the strenuous efforts of Treasurer Sheldrick, ably assisted by his colleagues, Mr. Carnegie has been interested in the building of a new Public Library here. The money has been secured and the building is now rapidly nearing completion. The next year promises to be just as important. During it the new Library will be opened, which will be a very important feature in the progress of our city.

These gentlemen certainly deserve great credit for the manner in which they performed their part of the city's business, and it is to be hoped and expected that they will continue as they are, earnest and faithful public servants.

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WILL NOT RETIRE.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Laughs at the Montreal Story.

Montreal, Jan. 13.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier was in the Place Viger Station yesterday for a few minutes, on his way to Quebec, and was met by a number of his friends, including Hon. Lomer Gouin, Hon. H. T. Duffy, Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, Mr. Victor Geoffroy, M.P., and Mr. J. C. Eklie, M.P. When the rumors of his retirement were shown him the Premier smiled and said that it was interesting to notice how anxious some people were to get him out of the way. However, as he felt much better now than he did six months ago, he was afraid they would be disappointed. When shown a Toronto World editorial, which anticipated his retirement in about a month, Sir Wilfrid laughed heartily, and said he was good for one more Parliament at least.

THE BONDS ESTREATED.

Gaynor and Greene's Bondsmen Are Preparing to Pay.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 13.—The bondsmen of B. D. Greene and John F. Gaynor, charged with alleged frauds in connection with improvements of the Savannah harbor, are preparing to pay into the registry of the United States Court \$80,000, the amount of the bond. The bonds were estreated in the United States Court yesterday. W. B. Kirke of Syracuse, N.Y., is Gaynor's bondsman, and the late John Leary of New York was on the bond of Greene. The executor of Leary will pay Gaynor's bond. Kirke said last night that he knew nothing of any plan to pay the \$80,000 into the registry of the United States Court. He said such a statement was a surprise to him.

COL. FOSTER APPOINTED.

Military Attaché to British Embassy at Washington.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The State Department has been informed by the British Ambassador of the appointment of Lieut. Colonel H. M. Foster as military attaché here. He is now stationed at Kingston, Ontario.

UNDESIRABLE ALIENS.

Crusade Against Them Renewed in Britain.

London, Jan. 13.—A vigorous crusade is being renewed against criminal aliens entering Great Britain. The Daily Express says the opponents of the movement controlling British immigration and the aliens are somewhat disconcerted by the fact that both Canada and the United States are making it more and more difficult for undesirable aliens to set foot on their territory.

BREAKING THE ICE.

Detroit River Ferries Having a Hard Time—Traffic Slow.

Detroit, Jan. 13.—Following on the heels of the most severe snowstorm of the season, came the coldest night of the winter in this city. This morning the thermometer registered 5 below zero. Hundreds of persons who live in Windsor, Ont., just across the river, and are employed in this city, did not get to their work until nearly noon. The snow froze into the ice in the river and packed it into an almost impenetrable mass, thus delaying ferry traffic. Two ferries spent the night in the river breaking the ice, with passenger trains aboard.

TWO HUNDRED DROWNED.

Terrible Results of a Landslide at Nankin, China.

London, Jan. 13.—A despatch to The London Daily Mail from Shanghai says a landslide occurred at Nankin Monday, and resulted in the drowning of 200 Chinese.

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

The Western Dairyman's Convention opens in Brantford today.

Indications point to a meeting of the Legislature early next month.

The official return for North Grey places Mr. Mackay's majority at 272.

Mr. R. Owen fell from an elevator at Fort William, sixty feet to the ground, and was killed.

Five carloads of exhibits for the Osaka, Japan, Exhibition will leave Canada on the Empress of Japan.

The Imperial Bank has purchased a site for offices in Montreal, at the corner of McGill street and Victoria Square.

Ald. Wm. Burns, London, Oliver and Richardson were elected to the Toronto Board of Control on the first ballot.

It is said that the new subsidized Cunard liners will cost \$3,250,000 each, and have a continuous speed of 25 knots an hour.

It is reported that the chiefs of the Macedonian revolutionary movement have decided to begin an insurrection this spring.

Brussels despatches say a new Morgan combine will purchase all lines of vessels plying between Europe and South America.

The paint manufacturers have decided not to oppose the demands of the British Columbia silver-lead miners for increased protection.

The total receipts of coal in Toronto were but 8,340 tons less during the last nine months of 1902, compared with the same period of 1901.

Mr. G. B. Gerrard, Manager of the Bank of British North America at Winnipeg, will go to London, Ont., at once to take charge of the office there.

William Henderson, one of the Scottish curlers, and a member of the County Council of Perth, has been delegated by the Canadian Cattle Importation Association of Great Britain to discuss with the Dominion Government the best means of having the embargo on Canadian cattle removed.

January 7, 1903.



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Arctics, 50 pairs \$1
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Ladies' High Buttoned
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Ladies' Warm Lined
House Shoes from
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CHATHAM.

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ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS

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WM. H. BENSON, Sec'y.

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Regular 10c. Glass Towelling with wide red border, heavy quality, 23 inches wide, for 8 1/2c yd.

Yard wide linen Apron Checks, in broken or plain patterns, regular 20c, for 15c yd.

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THE SCOTSFORD Blanket, pure wool, heavy nap, closely woven, thoroughly scoured, unshrinkable, sizes 60x80 inch and 64x84 inch, special at per pair \$3.00 and 3.25

Good heavy grey blankets at per pair \$1.75, 2.00, 2.75

Wrapperettes for Cold Weather

25 pieces, heavy reversible Wrapperettes, in black and red and black and white colorings, in small or large checks, stripes and all over designs, correct for children's and ladies' garments. Per yd., 10c, 12 1/2c.

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Overcoats for Men

at \$10.00

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GOING FAST but there's dozen here yet. Plain Oxford and mid grey Cheviots, Vicunas, Beavers and Coronation Cloths, the best liked styles and shades. On display in east King St. show window this week.

MEN'S Storm Ulsters, \$4.50

We have just a few odd sizes left of Men's Ulsters in heavy all wool Friezes, black, grey and claret, storm collar, extra tweed lining. If we have your size it's a snap.

Men's Fur Coats at Reduced Prices

Men's black and brown cub bear fur coats, \$15.00 to 16.00, now 13.50

Men's black Siberian dog Fur Coats, heavy quilted lining, leather faced arm holes, \$18.00 coats now 16.75

Men's black Siberian dog Coats, close glossy fur, No. 1 quilted lining, leather faced arm holes, \$20.00 coats, now 17.50

Men's Calf Coats, regular \$22.00, now 19.50

Men's No. 1 Coon Coats, regular \$48.00 and 50.00, now 42.00

Men's lamb Coats, heavy curl, rubber interlined, equal to any \$18.00 coat in the trade, now 12.75

Men's Fur Caps Reduced

Men's Persian Caps, regular \$2.50 to 3.00, now 1.95

Men's Mitre and Persian Lamb Caps, \$4.00 lines now 2.95

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A group at \$11.00

Worth up to \$18.00. Women's long coats in Castor, Black, Grey and Navy with new flat curved collar, also coats with velvet or storm collar, tight or half fitted back, finely tailored and nicely lined, with or without flounce.

At \$18.00

Full length coats of Broadcloth, with circular flounce, stitched collar, and lapels, tight fitting back with stitched seams, lined throughout with Satin. Our special leader this season at \$25.00, to be cleared now at \$18.00

At \$5.00

Worth up to \$7.50. Women's Jack-ets 36, 42 and 45 inches long, with turn down collar stitched or storm collar, and lapels trimmed with fold of Satin or taffeta, stitched seams and lined.

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