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Special value in Christmas Slippers for Men, Women and Children.

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WORLD OF SPORT

HOCKEY

MAX FRASER CHOSEN CAPTAIN

A splendid business meeting of the local Hockey Club was held last evening in the parlors of the Rankin Hotel. The meeting started sharp at eight o'clock, and there was a continued business element till the close at 9:50 p. m.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to interview the Curling Club re usage of the rink being erected, and what days it could be used.

The committee reported that some good concessions had been secured. The resignation of Max D. Fraser from the management was accepted

when he had given his reasons. Mr. Fraser was later in the evening elected to the captaincy of the club.

W. G. Coupland was elected manager of the club.

The membership of the club was limited to 25 members, \$3 per ticket, and the executive committee was given power to increase the number if they saw fit. The committee was also given power to reject any from membership that they saw fit. The fee is to be paid by December 15th.

Messrs. Grant, Bray and Capt. Fraser were appointed as team committee to select teams for the games.

The secretary, S. A. Mercer, was instructed to secure sweater quotations. Colors of the club are green sweater, white collar, cuffs and lower band, with white knickers and black stockings. This outfit will make a splendid appearance.

The matter of joining any league was left over until the next meeting. This winter promises to be the most successful ever in the winter sports in the city.

THE ATLAS LOAN.

SUING THE STOCKHOLDERS FOR \$209,500.

One Man Signed Without Knowing What—Mrs. Haskin Bought Stock Four Days Before the Collapse—List of Those Sued.

St. Thomas, Dec. 9.—Judging from yesterday's proceedings, it will take at least all of the present week before Mr. Thomas Hodgins, the Master-in-Ordinary, will have heard all those shareholders of the Atlas Loan Co. whom the liquidator, the National Trust Company, is endeavoring to hold as contributors for unpaid stock. The Master opened the court here this morning and at adjournment to-night at 6:30 evidence in only two cases had been heard. The liquidator is, however, going on first with those cases that are likely to take the longest time. It had been desired by the liquidator that a number of the cases, where the circumstances were similar should be heard together, but the legal representatives of the parties objected to this, so that now each case will have to be heard upon its merits.

The first case taken up was that of W. Burnip of St. Thomas, whom the liquidator held as a contributor for 26 shares on which \$2,000 was unpaid. He was represented by Mr. J. C. Judd of London. In January, 1899, there was a transfer of 30 shares made by Mr. Burnip of St. Thomas, whom the liquidator held as a contributor for 26 shares on which \$2,000 was unpaid. In 1892 Burnip sold four shares fully paid up, leaving him still with 26 shares on which \$2,000 was unpaid. The idea of this sale was to make a payment of \$444 to the reserve fund. Mr. Harrington, the accountant for the liquidator, was first called by Mr. Hunter to trace the Burnip shares through the books of the Atlas Loan.

In cross-examination by Mr. Judd, it appeared that on a certificate, No. 0328, for six shares of stock in the books 20 had been written in, making the total 26 shares.

An unpleasant experience Mrs. Hoskin had with Mr. A. E. Wallace was detailed by her in giving an account of her various transactions in Atlas Loan stock. She desired to purchase some more stock and Wallace told her he had five shares for sale at \$125. Mrs. Hoskin did not desire to buy at that price, so Wallace took her into the office and told her she was very foolish if she didn't take the stock, that he had himself \$55,000 in the company and was buying every dollar's worth of stock he could get hold of, and that the company was making 12 per cent. on every dollar out.

"You ought to know better than me," Mrs. Hoskin said to Mr. Wallace. "By all means you should take the stock; you cannot make a better investment," Mr. Wallace replied.

Mrs. Hoskin took the stock and four days later the Atlas Loan Co. closed its door.

The full list of those who are contesting the claims of the liquidator against them is as follows:—

Shares paid.	Un-
Thomas Caleott, St. Thomas...	50 1,000
Miss H. Robinson, St. Thomas...	10 500
Mrs. E. S. Quance, St. Thomas...	20 1,000
J. C. Quance, St. Thomas...	20 1,000
Miss L. Wyatt, St. Thomas...	11 550
Rev. H. Threlkeld, St. Thomas...	10 500
Rev. J. R. Hunter, St. Thomas...	40 2,000
Neil McCall, Ridgeway...	10 500
Geo. Metcalfe, St. Thomas...	10 500
W. H. Murch, St. Thomas...	35 1,750
Thos. Fletcher, St. Thomas...	65 3,250
J. M. Green, St. Thomas...	10 500
Mrs. Caroline Price, Port Stanley...	65 3,250
Mrs. E. W. Hoskin, London...	11 550
Wm. Burnip, St. Thomas...	26 1,300
Wm. Clark, St. Thomas...	51 2,550
Dewitt Breen, St. Thomas...	50 2,500
Mrs. M. Gregory, Sparta...	60 3,000
Mrs. E. W. Hoskin, London...	11 550
J. E. Ostrander, St. Thomas...	40 2,000
Robt. Potts, St. Thomas...	62 3,100
Ralph Steele, Unionville...	60 3,000
C. E. Williams, St. Thomas...	70 3,500
Angus & Hattie McLarty (as executor), St. Thomas...	50 2,500
William Royal, St. Thomas...	45 2,250
John Bassett, Sparta...	16 800
Sperrin Chant, St. Thomas...	50 2,500
John Platt, Toronto...	40 2,000
Chas. H. Spurr, Unionville...	24 1,200
W. R. Jackson, St. Thomas...	20 1,000
A. W. Martin, St. Catharines...	20 1,000
E. P. McDowell, Mount Vernon, N.Y.	200 10,000
Mrs. E. L. Powell, St. Thomas...	30 1,500
Mrs. C. A. (as executor), Newark, N.J.	65 3,250
Thos. Fletcher, St. Thomas...	65 3,250
A. E. Hoskin, St. Thomas...	11 550
Mrs. E. A. Smith, Sparta...	11 550
M. Parns, Port Stanley...	100 5,000
Mrs. M. P. Parns, Port Stanley...	66 3,300
Contributors wishing their cases reopened:—	
Geo. Barnard, Hargrave, Man.	50 2,500
Wm. Gay, St. Thomas...	9 450
Mrs. V. F. Penhale, St. Thomas...	11 550
Wm. Royal, St. Thomas...	45 2,250
Jas. Walthew, St. Thomas...	15 750
To be heard in Toronto...	
Mrs. H. S. Crossley, King...	60 3,000
Names on list of contributors not served:—	
James A. Graham, St. Thomas...	22 1,100
Mrs. Kate Going, Port Stanley...	15 750
Mrs. Minnie Humphries, Des Moines, Iowa...	100 5,000
J. Vanden, Kingston...	10 500
Jessie Fraser, Regina, N.W.T.	40 2,000

GHOULS AT WORK.

Robbing Bodies in Newport News Cemetery.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 8.—The local police are on the trail of a band of ghouls who for many weeks, it is believed, have been engaged in desecrating the graves in Greenlawn Cemetery and robbing the newly interred bodies of their jewelry, shrouds and clothing. Two bodies that were exhumed for the purpose of removal to other lots were discovered to be in a completely nude condition, notwithstanding the fact that both bodies had been interred in handsome and costly clothing. The bodies were those of Mrs. Edwin Thompson and her father, John Nicolas, and the discovery was made by the husband of Mrs. Thompson.

A Long Sentence.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 8.—In the District Court of Cherokee county today Allen Brown, a negro, convicted of attempted criminal assault, was sentenced to one thousand years in the penitentiary. Under the law the jury could not impose a death sentence. At the time of his arrest Brown narrowly escaped being lynched.

Cure Eczema

Boils, Salt Rheum, Scrofula, and all blood diseases permanently by using

Weaver's Syrup
For the Blood.

LANGLEY FLYER FAILS.

Broke in Half and Fell Into River—Complete Failure.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The second attempt to fly the Langley aerodrome was a failure. The machine when released from the launching car described a downward course, broke in half, and fell into the river. Chas. M. Manly, who was operating it, turned completely over in the air and became entangled in the wreckage, but was quickly rescued from the water.

FOR HIS SON'S DEATH.

Geo. Greenley of Liverpool Suing Max Kert's Father.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—George Greenley of Liverpool, father of the young man whom Max Kert, who is now serving time for manslaughter, shot at Bout de L'Isle a few weeks ago, has entered suit for \$30,000 damages against Isaac Kert, father of the prisoner, on the ground that Kert, sen., was responsible for his son's actions.

Mile Swim in Icy Waters.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Clad in a rubber swimming suit and armed with a paddle, with which to ward off ice cakes, Captain Sidney Hinman, an Australian, lowered himself into the Chicago River just below the Rush street bridge, and swam with the icy current down to Madison street bridge, a distance of nearly a mile, winning \$200 from George W. Turnbull, a contractor, who had bet him that he would not dare attempt the feat.

HEART PALPITATION AT NIGHT.

Rattles even the strongest man, but to the average woman it is a taste of general purgatory. Take a little Rivalin, sweetened, water and away goes the palpitation. You'll be saved lots of worry by keeping Rivalin on hand, which is a treasure for all sorts of pains and aches. Rivalin cures headache, stomach and bowel troubles quickly. Costs 25c. for a large bottle.

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Let us show you some of our new patterns in Roger Bros.' best goods. For suitable WEDDING GIFTS nothing is nicer than our Roger Bros.' berry spoons, cool meat forks, jelly Slices or pie knives. These can be mailed at small expense.

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CRITICISM OF SIFTON.

STANDARD SAYS HIS SPEECH HAS CLEARED THE GROUND.

Mr. Churchill Says Mr. Chamberlain's Policy Would Add Fifty Millions Yearly to Taxes.

London, Dec. 9.—The Standard this morning says:—From Canada comes an illuminating pronouncement, the speech of Hon. Clifford Sifton, who is not the least influential member of the Laurier Cabinet. His attitude regarding commercial union is shrewd, cool and businesslike. So many obscure hints and nebulous threats are being thrown out regarding Canada's position if the demand for preferential trade is rejected that we are glad the ground is cleared in this thorough fashion. The sturdy independence of the colonists is not flattered by the talk that Canada will join hands with America if she is not given material advantages. There is a note of patriotic self-assertiveness in the speech, no doubt due to a passing irritation over the Alaska award. We hope that in his remarks regarding the British navy he was only playing to the gallery, though naturally a colonist's primary allegiance should be given to his own colony. The colonists resent any deliberate purpose to restrict any competition likely to thwart their purpose of developing the great manufacturing industries of their own.

There is no need to abandon the attempts to bind the empire closer, but it is well that we should understand the brisques warning the Dominion Minister thought proper to enunciate. Closer bonds of empire is a sentiment shared in by all patriotic Englishmen, but from Mr. Sifton's speech we perceive that it will need a great deal of careful statesmanship to effect it. Dr. Hillier read a paper on "Our Fiscal System" at the Colonial Institute last night. Absolute free trade within the empire, he said, was at present impracticable. The change would be too great and sudden. The two alternatives were preference to the colonies and a readjustment of the taxes already paid upon certain articles of consumption. Colonial trade had increased from £60,000,000 to £107,000,000, and had saved the commercial position of the empire. Britain should not treat the colonial conference of 1902 as a farce.

The Duke of Argyll, who was not able to be present, wrote:—I am in favor of commencing the experiment of legislation along the lines of a preferential tariff, thus responding to the colonial patriotic and Imperial movement.

Mr. Cumberland, formerly of Toronto, strongly supported protection. Mr. Courtney, the Liberal candidate for West Edinburgh, said Mr. Cumberland's policy would make Britain a third-rate power.

Mr. Winston Churchill, speaking at Whitby, said Mr. Chamberlain's policy meant the addition to the burden of the taxpayers of £50,000,000 yearly. The colonies would receive a subsidy of £2,500,000, the treasury £8,000,000, and the rest would go into the pockets of private persons.

Lord Onslow, speaking at the annual banquet of the Associated Chambers of Commerce, Piccadilly, yesterday and referring to cattle breeding, said he had been pressed to bring in a bill to permit the admission of Canadian store cattle into this country—(cries of "no")—to open the ports, to discourage home breeders, and to introduce disease. (Applause.) Imperial federation, he said later, bore the hall mark of the colonies beyond the seas, and should not be lightly cast aside.

WINNIPEG MAYORALTY.

Ald. Sharpe's Majority Nearly a Thousand.

Winnipeg, Dec. 9.—Ald. Thos. Sharpe was elected Mayor of Winnipeg by 900 majority over his two rivals, Ald. Barclay and ex-Ald. Mitchell. Mr. Sharpe's total vote exceeds that of his two opponents. The Aldermen elected are:—Ward 1, C. Campbell; Ward 2, Capt. Wynne; Ward 3, J. T. Horne; Ward 4, A. McCharles; Ward 5, H. Fry; Ward 6, F. C. McCall.

Mayors were elected by acclamation at nominations held in Manitoba towns to-day:—

Portage la Prairie—Edward Brown. West Selkirk—J. K. McKemie. Melville—C. P. Estlin. Rapid City—G. L. Stone. Gretna—Otto Schultz. Carberry—Wm. Walker. Brandon—Robert Hall. Dauphin—C. F. Turner. Plam Coulee—J. H. Unger. Morris—D. McTavish.

Minnedosa—Candidates are John W. Thompson, Arthur W. Shaw, Wm. H. Spierling, S. Fairbairn. Killarney—Robert Monteith and J. W. Small.

Birtle—C. A. Flower and J. Clements.

Virden—W. K. Wilcox and D. McDonald.

Neepawa—John Brown and A. Dunlop.

Woman Ground to Pieces.

Oswego, N.Y., Dec. 8.—Rose Hoffman Wallace, wife of Frederick T. Wallace, a bookkeeper of Syracuse, while temporarily insane owing to nervous trouble, threw herself in front of a New York Central passenger train this afternoon and was ground to pieces. She was 35 years old and a daughter of Frank Hoffman, a prominent marine engineer.

Rev. H. C. Trumbull Dead.

Philadelphia, Dec. 8.—Rev. Henry Clay Trumbull, author and editor of The Sunday School Times, died to-day, aged 73 years.

Archbishop of Nicolet Dying.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—Word has been received in the city that the death of Archbishop Gravel of Nicolet is expected at any moment. The last sacrament of the church has been administered to him.

New Mufflers....

We made a fortunate purchase last week, direct from the makers of a big lot of

WAY'S WOOLLEN MUFFLERS,

and can give you much better value than has been usual in these goods before this season. The assortment is large and there is almost every color you can think of. They are warm, comfortable and correct. You are strictly out of it with one. They are priced from

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Sets waiting for you and your friends. A full course of the following dishes:

Fancy Salads.—English, French and German.

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If you need these goods here are our prices:—

4 lbs Mix Candy 25c
Mixed Nuts 15c per lb.
Cream Candy 10c per lb.
3 lbs. Selected Raisins 25c.
" best Cleaned Currants 25c
Lemon, Citron and Orange Peel, mixed, 20c a lb.
Mince Meat 10c. a lb.
7 lbs Best Rolled Oats 25c
2 lbs Pure Lard, 25c.
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