Auction Sale of Fancy Cattle at Stock Yards Pavilion.

A Hamilton despatch says that nearly \$20,000 was realized at the combination sale of shorthorn cattle held at the Stock Yards Pavilion yesterday. Sixty-two head were soldonly one animal was withdrawn—and officers, visited the Thibetan camp the average price received was \$332. The highest price paid was \$950 for W. D. Flatt's Victor of Dalmeny. Promineat saorthorn dealers were present from various parts of Canadia and the States, among them being:
H. F. Brown, Minucapolis; Frank Harding, Waukesha, Wis.; C. D. Beltanne, E. W. Et al. (1987) and the states, among them being: Harding, Waukesha, Wis.; C. D. Beltanne, E. W. Frank as a young man, now 28 years of age, with a line, intelligent companies. the average price received was \$332. Harding, Waukesha, Wis.; C. D. Bellows. Maryv.lle, Missouri; Senator Kelly, Olio; W. S. Robbins, Horace, Indiana; Hon. Jo.n Drygen and William Dryden, Robert Miller, Stouffv.lle; Art.ur Johnston, Greenwood; S. F. Johnston, Ashburn; E. G. Eckford, of Alberta, N. W. T., a son-in-law of Mr. wm. Hendrie. Both he and

Mr. Henore made purchases.

The auctioneers were capt. T. E. Robson, Herton; Thos. Ingram, Guelin; George Jackson, Port Perry, Ont. They did their work well, and Ont. They did their work well, and the sale was all over by 4.30 o'clock. The contributors to the sale, besides, Mr. Flatt, who managed it, were: H. Carg. H. & Son, Carg. H.; Robson, Lderton; J. M. Gardhöuse, Weston; Geo. Ames, Moffatt; Alin Bros., Oshawa. Following are the prices of the animals s.Id, and the names and addresses of the purchasers:

Contributed by H. Cargill & Son, Carg. H., Ont.:

Amaranth C. II .- W. T. Wiley, Tara, August Flower VI.—F. C. Pardo, Cedar Springs, \$125. Caroline C.—T. E. Bowman, Berlin,

Clara C. II.—Arthur Johnston, Glanwood, \$225. Lady belmark-F. W. Harding, Waukesha, Wis., \$170. Lavender Drop-W. F. Wily, Tara,

Lovely Lass III.—T. J. Warnell, Liberty, Minn, \$205. Mayis—W. Douglas, Caledonia, Merry Girl VIII., imp.-T. L. Pardo, Cedar Springs, \$330. Mina Vi., imp.-Wm. Hendrie, Ham-

ilton, \$425. Mina VIII., A. Gardiner, Leadbury, \$200. Mina C.-Arthur Johnson, Glen-

wood, \$165. Sappho II., imp.—T. J. Warnell, Liberty, Minn., \$310. Clarified Prince—John D. Davidson, Ashburn, \$160. Cumberland Archer, imp.—A. Mc-Donald & Son, Omagh, \$230. Marengo's Victory—D. Galbraith, Bowmanville, \$125. Star Chief, imp.-Alex. Gardiner,

Leadbury, \$270.
The Patrict, imp.—R. Nicholson,
Hagersville, \$190.
Victorious Knight—J. E. Bowman, Rerlin. \$230. Contributed by Robert Miller,

III., imp.-W. R. Augusta Queen II Buchan Fancy IX .- F. W. Harding, Buchan Fancy IN.—F. W. Harding, Waukaska, Wis., \$150.
Duchess of Gloster CI.—Hon. J. Dryden, Brooklin, \$175.
Missic of Avondale III.—Ross & Murray, Rochello, \$315.
Scottish Primrose II., imp.—J. J. Hodglas, Hazeldene, \$300.
Contributed by Capt. T. E. Robson, Ilderton, Ont.:
Spring Grove Wanderer—F. W. Harvilne, Waukaska, Wis., \$155.

Lucretia, imp.-Wm. Hondrie, H:m-Lucretta, 'mr.—Wm. Hendrie, Haminon, \$470.
Missic CLIX., imp.—E. C. Ettill,
Colerich, \$800.
Contributed by Thomas Alin &
Bros., Oshawa, Ont.:
Quarantine King, imp.—D. McMillips, who was a widower, to wipe out his whole family.
The writing on the slate, parts of which had been rubbed out, was one of the two younger children's idea of what Hallenback said after hearing that, Ont.:
Constituted by George Amos, Mofiliat, Ont.:
Rosebud IX.—Wm. Hendrie, city, \$235.

Sea Shel', imp.-Mrs. M. Marr, God erice, \$4.10.
Sea Weed, imp.—Thos. Bingham, Ryckman's Corners, \$500.
Vanda, imp.—W. H. Easterbrook, Freeman, \$00.
Byres Queen, inp.—H. F. Burin,

Byres Queen, imp.—H. F. Burin,
Minneapolis, \$375.
Carnegle, imp.—T. L. Pardo, Cedar Springs, \$380

Diamond—T. Douglas, Strathroy,
\$365.
Magistrand, imp.—T. Bingham,
Ryckman's Corners, \$825.
Old Lancaster—C. Heintz & Son,
Fremont, Ohlo, \$600.
Proud Gift, imp.—J. T. Gibson,
Lenfield, \$375.
F ont Creek King—E. C. Eckford,
Alberta, \$170.
Victor of Dalmeny, imp.—E. G.
Stevenson, Detroit, Mich., \$950.

EXPEDITION CHECKED.

Col. Younghusband Meets Insol

Chumbi, Valley of Sikhin,, British India, Jan. 25 .- The general staff of the British expedition to Thibet, accompanied by a mountain battery, has returned to Chumbl. They report that Colonel Younghusband with

tenance—"by nature a man of superior courage and exellent qual-

ties."
The population of the capital is put at 70,000—Thibetans in the greatest number, then follow Kams, Chinesc, Nepalese, and Kashmiris. In the centre of the city is the great Temple of Euddha—a three storeyed struc-ture in Chinese style, a half mile in circumference, with four gilded roofs or pavilions above the great roof. Lights, fed with melted butter, burn before the image of Buddha, "and all the books, pictures, hangings, and vestments are covered with this but-ter." Adjoining it are storerooms, "where a great treasure of gold and precious stones are accumulated

recious stones are accumulated."

"Both men and women are enthusiastic traders in Thibet, and especially striking is the sight of Buddhist priests sciling divers merchandise at rondside stells, with the sleeves of their clerical robes rolled high up their arms." "Thibetans are extremely flithy in babits, and for this tremely filthy in habits, and for this reason they consider even the Chipreason they consider even the Chin-cse a very cleanly people." Over 6,000 are known to have died in the small-pox epedemic of 4200.

SYMPATHY FROM KING.

nds Message Expressing Regret a Clallam Disaster.

Ottawa, Jan. 25 .- His Excellency has caused the following message to be sent to the Lieutenant-Governor

of British Columbia; "Octawa, Jan. 12, 1904.—Am de to Your Honor the following telegram, beginning; His Majesty has heard with much regret of greations of life in shipping disaster in British Columbia, and desires you to British Common, and desires you to convey to bereaved relatives ex-pression of his own deep sympathy and that of Her Majesty the Queen. Lonson, Jan. 12th, 1904. S.gned) LYTTELTON. Message ends there. (Signed: MAJOR MAUDE." Sir Henri Joly replied as fol-lows:

'I have received Your Excellency's message conveying the regret of Their Maj sties, the King and Queen, at the sai loss of life in the wreck of the steamer Clalam and their deep sympathy for the bereaved relatives, and I hope Your Excellency will express to Their Majesties the feeling of sincere gratitude of the feeling of sincere gratitude of the body and interest in their misfortune."

A CHILD'S WRITING

Done by One of Three Killed by Father.

Contributed by Capt.

son, Iderton, Ont.:

Spring Grove Wanderer-F. W.
Harding, Waukaska, Wis., \$155.

Sittyton's Gloster XXI.—H. F.
Brown, Minneapolis, \$230.

Willage Beauty of Ilderton—Ross & Murray, Rochelle, Ill., \$335.

Warden Blossom—Jas. Douglas, Caledonia, \$375.

Contributed by J. M. Gardhouse, Weston, Ont.:

Aggie Grace II., imp.—Thos. Brigham. Ryckman's Corners, \$450.

Lam. Ryckman's Corner Hudson, N. Y., Jan. 25.—A school shate with a child's writing on it was an interesting piece of evidence in the inquest just completed by Coroner Lisk, into the marder of the three Phillips children by their tethon. Inserting Phillips of Hol.

cused her father of criminal assault upon herself, she confided in And-rew Hallenback, a neighbor, and it was this exposure that led Phil-

erta, \$235.

Rosse L le-Robert Miller, StruffIt is impossible to say which of the nurdered children did the written of the contributed by W. D. Flatt, Haming, but the school children of the ville, \$145.
Contributed by W. D. Flatt, Hamilton, Ont.
Beauty, XLV. - J. A. Crerar,
Shakespeare, \$265.
Clementine, imp.-W. Hendrie, city,
\$425.
Goluc of Byres, imp.-A. Pettite,
Freeman, \$50.

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Freeman, \$5:0.

Hawthorne XIXV., imp.—W. Hendrew Hallenback was questioned by the Coroner about the view conthe fate to him. He and the fate

ley, M Igrove, \$180.

Rolewood, LANNY. imp-Hon. E. brigo cut, entiting off the example of Early, Y low Spring, Ohio, \$925.

SUNSET LIMITED TRAIN HELD UP.

Trainmen Overpowered and Express and Mail Cars Robbed.

Salina, Cal., Jan. 25.—The news has just been received here that the Sunset limited train on the Southern Pacific, which left San Francisco at 6 p.m. last night, was held up by robbers between Paso Robles and San Ardo. The engineer, so the report says, pulled up at the sight of a red light. The trainment were overpowered, and the robbers forced an entrance into the express and mail cars. What booty they got is not yet known, but it is said that they looted a number of mail bags.

At the office of the Southern Pacific Railway in this city, the only information received was that section 2 of the Sunset limited had been robbed by bandits, who had thrown the 200-pound safe from the express car. Officers from San Luis Obispo are now in pursuit of the

CRAZY MOTHER CUT OFF HER LITTLE BOY'S HEAD.

Case for the Prosecution Closed in the Trial of Mrs. Bechtel as Accessory to Murder of Her Daughter.

Paterson, N. J., Jan. 25.—Mrs. Arthur Oswald was arrested to-day on a charge of murdering her eight-year-old son yesterday at her home year-old son yesterday at her home in Oakland. She is believed to be insane. Since she came from Germany she had lived in New York City until about a year ago, when her husband moved to Oakland, as he had obtained employment with the E. C. Potter Company, Pompton Lake. Being used to living in a big city, she did not like the quiet life of Oakland, and had often asked her husband to re-turn to New York. He finally gave inal often asked her hability gave up his place at Pompton Lake, and yesterday went to Jersey City, to seek employment there. On his return late last night he found the house in darkness. He opened the door with his latch ke, and after striking a match, walked into the diningroom. There he was horrified to see the headless body of his 8-year-old son lying on the floor. The head hay near the boy's foot. Near the boy lay the body of his pet dog, which had also been beheaded. Oswald found his wife lying in bed in another room with her young baby in her arms. She was slaging softly to the infant and when her husband spoke to her she did not appear to recognize him. When asked about the murdered boy, she did not seem to undered boy, she did not seem to war nize him. When asked about the haddered boy, she did not seem to understand what was said to her. Near the bed her two other children lay sleeping in a crib. The authorities were notified, and Mrs. Oswald was later placed under arrest. In the room in which the boy and the dog were killed, everything was spattered with blood.

Her First Mediterranean Trip. Her First Mediterranean Trip.
New York, Jan. 25.—The Hamburg-American steamer. Deutschland, which sailed to-day for Naples and Geloa, her first, trip on the Mediterranean route, carried over 3CO passengers, among them being Seth Low, former Mayor of New York, and Mrs. Low. Officers of the line hope that with favorable weather the Deutschland will make Genoa in eight days, the same time that it has ordinarly taken to reach Gibraltar.

The Bechuel Trial.

The Bechtel Trial. Allentown, Pa., Jan. 25.—The prose-cution to-day closed its case in the trial of Mrs. Catnariae Lecutel, accused as an accessory after the fact to the murder of her daughter, Mabel.

The last witness for the commonwealth was Frank W. Hauck, who was in the Bechtel home on the day Mabel's body was found. His testimony was unimportant.

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Counsel for the defendant asked that the bills of indictment be dam.seed on the ground of lack of evidence. In answer to this motion, District Attorney Louisenwalner stated that while the commonwealth's case rested entirely upon circumstantial evidence, it was of sufficient strength to warrant the flacing of the indictments before a jury. 'The theory of the commonwealth', said Mr. Lichtenwalter, 's that Thomas Lechtel was the principal felon. We believe that he commission was shielded by Mrs. Catharine Bechtel. In support of this theory, the strongest evidence is the suicide of Thos. Bechtel in a prison cell, and the testimony of Dr. Lear and the many other witnesses.'

Attorney Schaadt then opened for the defence.

Burned to Death. White Plains, N.Y., Jan. 25.—ith splendid presence of mind Mrs. Abraham Basslord, jun., saved her 18-

THIBET

The servant is also in the same institution suffering from severe burns, but Dr. Kelly, the attending physician, says she will recover. The child was thrown out of a window by Mrs. Bassford and fell n a snow bank unhurt. The Bass.ord home is at Hartsdal

The Bass.ord home is at Hartsd: 1, two miles from here. Mr. Bass ord is a civil engineer. He had barely left Hartsdale when the servant g.rt, who cannot speak English, was given some clothing which had been washed in naphtha. Instead of hanging the clothes on a line she placed them over the kitchen range. The intense heat caused the naphtla fumes to ignite, and the girl, is trying to extinguish the flames, set fire to her dress. In a moment she was enveloped in flames.

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Mrs. Bass.ord, who was in the dining room, heard the girls screams for
help, and ran into the kitchen. With
a mother's instinct, however, she
first picked up her child and threw
him out of a window into the snow,
and then turned her attention to
saving her servant. She threw a
blanket around the girl, and after
a hard struggle, managed to smother
the Hames, which by that time had
communicated to her own dress.
It took only a few seconds for Mrs.
Bassford to be enveloped in Hames.
Then the kitchen woodwork caught
and Mrs. Bassford and the servant
undoubledly wou'd have been cremated had not M. J. Cody, an actor, who
lives some distance from the Bassford residence, run to the house with
all speed.

all speed.

Through blinding smoke he dashed into the kitchen, and, finding Mrs. Bassford with her clothing ablaze, from her head to her feet, caught her and pushed her into a snow bank, where he extinguished the flames with snow. Then he carried

flames with snow. Then he carried out the servant and put snow on her clothing, which had again begun to burn in several places.

A fire alarm had been turned in and local fire fighters formed a bucket brigade and saved the house from being burned to the ground.

In the meantime a call had been to the White Places the terror to the property of the sent to White Plains, but it was forty-five minutes before Dr. Curtis could reach the house. He immediately ordered the two women re-moved to the White Plains Hospital, where every possible effort wa made, but without avail, to save the life of Mrs. Bassford.

Threw Baby Out Wind w. Winsted, Conn., Jan. 25.—Awaken-ed by the cries of a pet cat early yesterday morning, Dr.B.W. Knowles and family, of Lanesville, a small village near New Milford, found the interior of their home filled with smoke, and the woodwork about the phimney ablage from college to attick smoke, and the modwork about the chimney ablaze from cellar to attic, as the result of a defective flue.

In the excitement of saving what they could a member of the family mistook the infant daughter of Mrs. Clara Tuttle, who, with her baby, was visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Knowles, for a bundle of clothes and dropped the young one out of a second story window.

The mother became frantic when she could not find her child, but the

she could not find her child, but the flames soon drove all the family o. doors. The lost baby was found b fore the flames broke through the side of the house, on a woodpile, where she had landed, wide awake and unharmed. The many clothes wrapped about the infant accounted for her not being killed. The house was completely destroyed. The cat months-od ho; from being burned for her not being killed. The house to death, and also extinguished was completely destroyed. The cat flames which threatened to end the which gave the alarm was rescued.

FIGHT

Reverse.

declare they will appeal to Russia if the advance concurues.

172d Mullah Surprised.

ing 3,000 carnels and thousands of sheep.

Calcutta, Jan. 25 .- Reports from the British expedition to Thibet indicate that the Thibetans are likely to show fight. The native priests

Aden, Arabia, Jan. 25,-Advices from Somaliland say that Kenna's

Somali mounted infantry surprised a body of the Mullah's forces on

Jan. 17, in the vicinity of Elinaada, killing forty spearmen and captur-

PRESENT FOR UNTARIO.

Late Colin Cameron Leit Over \$1,000 for the Province.

Toronto, Jan. 25.—The will of the late Coin Campbell, of Iroquois village, Dundas county, contains a paragraph not only curious, but unique. So convinced was air. Cameron of the Government's ablity to eron of the Government's ablity of control the purse-strings of the Province, and to conduct its affairs with success, that he decided to leave part of his wealth to them. It is not infraguent that men of wealth desire to escape the succession duties. Mr. Cameron, however, was apparently fearful lest the Province should not obtain from his estate as much as it was entitled to. The clause he question is as fol-

lows:

"If the succession duties from my estate should not amount to \$2,-000. I bequeath to the Treasurer of the Province of Ontario, to be used towards the expenses of the government of said Province of Ontario, such sum of money as will equal the difference between said succession duties and two thousand dollars; that is, said succession duties and said succession duties and said bequest shall together amount to \$2,000."

The succession duties, it is ex-The succession duties, it is

pected, will scarcely amount to \$1,000, so that Mr. Cameron's bequest to the Province is over \$1,000.

WRITING ON THE WALL.

Chronicle on Recent Liber

Jan. 25 .- The return of Liberal Labor candidate in the Gateshead bye-election by a maority of 1,205 is hailed as a great victory for free trade, particularly as the local industries had suffered from foreign dumping. The Chronicle this morning has a picture of Mr. Chamberlain, with the heading The Modern Belsaazzar and "th

writing on the wall represented by the recent Liberal victories." The Standard says the electoral calculations of the Tariff Reform calculations of the Tariff Reform League are Indicrously at fault. There is no sign whatever that the constituencies endorse the demand for a fiscal revolution. The imperative duty of the hour is to rally to the support of Premier Balfour's policy and repudiate the wedge of ceavage. We construe his meaning to be that a preferential policy is not to be treated as an item of the official programme and still less as a Unionist test.

The Bishop of Herefore has writ-

as a Unionist test.

The Bishop of Herefore has written a letter denouncing the "Birmingham gospel" (Mr. Chamberlain's proposals) as all in the interests of the rich and without mercy for the poor and needy. It would mean a debasement of public life, and it is the bounden duty of every Christian minister to one of every Christian minister to op

Debraine, Man., Conservatives have

Victoria County Conservatives have nominated Samuel Hughes for the

The Asiatic labor bill passed its second reading before the Transvaal Legislative Council. Dr. Moher, of the Orillia Asylum wil be promoted to the vacancy at the head of the Brockville Asylum.

The officers of the Toronto gar-rison, have settled on Feb. 3rd as the date of their dinner to Sir Fred-

It is reported that France will not support Russia in the event of war, and the latter is inclined to give way to Japan.

garized at Manchester, is opposed to taxation or food until the empire is able to produce all that it needs Greater Britain will be asked to Memorial Church, at Birmingham.
The sum of \$75,000 has been prom-

The Berlin correspondent of the Standard says negotiations between Canada and Germany are not likely to be concluded until Britain's fiscal

A despatch from Rome says that the congregation has appointed Cardinals Rampolla, Segna, Cavag-nis and Gennari to codify the immense mass of canon laws

HOPEFUL OF PEACE.

But Japan Will Fight Rather Than Forego China's Rights.

London, Jan. 25.-The Westminster Gazette this afternoon voices offi-cial and general opinion on the far cast crisis, saying: "We believe the chances of peace are at this mo-ment more favorable than they have been for some weeks past."

The Associated Press learns that

even Lord Lansdowne who has been even Lord Lansdow, who has been consistently pessimistic, yesterday took a hopeful view of the situation and expressed the belief that war would be averted. His opinion was based on the conditions outlined in these despatches yesterday, namely that Russia is willing to concede practically all BRITISH. willing to concede practically all Japan's demands but, that she cannot see her way to make a treaty with Japan recognizing in black and white China's sovereignty over Manchura. Discussing this, however, Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minimal Check, the Dapanese Minimal Check, and the Check, the Che Mad Mullah's Forces Meet With Serious ister to Great Britain, maintains a pessimistic view. He declared to-day that Japan would rather fight than forgo an actual treaty admission by forso an actual treaty admission by Russia to China's sovereignty over Manchuria. The diplomats here, though differing in view as to the outcome, all agree that the dipute is not likely to be settled without another depressing period, which is expected of occur when the war party in Japan raises its inevitable objections after the receipt of the pending Russian reply against any pettlement except by recourse to arms.

GRAND TRUNK

General Manager Hays' Reply to Criticism.

Heavy Expenditure In Making the System First-Class.

Branch Lines WIII be Looked After Better in Future.

The criticism which the Grand Trunk Railway has received because of its service in western Ontario, and particularly on the branch lines, is replied to by Mr. Chas. M. Hays, is repiled to by Mr. Chas. M. Hays, second Vice-President and General Manager of the Company, in the following letter. Mr. Hays says: Without wishing to enter into a controversy over the situation or prolong its discussion through the press, but because of the fear that silence on the part of the management may be taken as indifference to the welfare of our patrons, or an unwillingness on our part to recognize that there still remains room for improvement on the part of the railways, I will ask the use of your columns for a short statement from the standpoint of the Grand Trunk Railway, relative to Grand Trunk Railway, relative to the complaints in regard to unsat-isfactory service on lines in On-

Have Done Their Best. Thanks to the great prosperity of the country, the Grand Trunk Rail-way Company has enjoyed, with all the burdens of operation accompany-ing same, a period of constantly in-creasing traific extending over the creasing traific extending over the past six years, each succeeding year cailing for increased facilities in the way of additional sidings and station tracks, heavier bridges, and more cars and engines, all in a ruch greater ratio than it has been possible to immediately provide, even when using our best endeavors and spending from the purposes. using our best endeavors and spending money freely for the purposes named. It will be conceded that everything reasonable has been done in this direction by our company when I state that within the perwhen I state that within the period named we have spent on new steel bridges, of a type designed to carry the largest of modern engines \$4,000,000. We have constructed 132 miles of additional second track in Canada, so that to-day the Grand Trunk system has five times as much double track and the other rail-Trunk system has five times as much-double track as all the other rail-ways in Canada. We have built 335 miles of additional sidings, have added 11,723 new freight cars, 127 new passenger cars, and 206 engines to our equipment, at a cost of \$10,392,565, and for this purpose have not only kept our own shops filled to the fullest capacity, but have ordered from outside ships, paying upon such importations the large duty required. The company has been very such importations the large duty required. The company has been very liberal in its expenditures for approved station buildings, both passenger and freight, with the result that 95 new passenger and 49 new freight buildings have been constructed, while 1,480 have been constructed, while 1,480 have been constitutes made thereas.

Many Lines the Chief Arteries. Many Lines the Chief Artrics.
The criticism is made that these expenditures have all been made on the main lines, and that the side lines or branches have received but little, if any benefit, therefrom.
When it is remembered that these main lines are the chief arteries or channels through which all of the raffic of the radius of the makers must be moved. traffic of the railway must be moved, each one of the branches contribut-ing its proportion thereto, it will be at once conceded that it is but be at once conceded that it is but proper this portion of the line should first be put in condition to handle leavy traffic or it will soon become clogged and the situation on the branches be even worse than that complained of. Those of your read-ers who have been over those or reers who have been over those portions of the line on which the heavy work has been in progress will have noted that it has in many cases involved the disturbing of miles isting track, thereby necessitating slow time by trains, with the accompanying result of delay in arrival at terminals. This has had the same effect on the branch line train erites at the proverbial roy of bricks,

vice as the proverbial row of bricks, where the first being knocked over all the balance are affected in the same way. Delay to any one of our through trains necessarily adversely affects the connecting trains from the many junction points. Better Things are Fromised.

Fortunately, the heavy expenditures before referred to have put us in a position where we can now, while still continuing the work of improvement on the main lines, turn our attention to doing more for the branch lines, in the matter of better equipment and improved train

the branch lines, in the matter of better equipment and improved train service, with, I trust, a greater degree of satisfaction to our patterns than they have experienced heretofore, and much more than they could ever hope to receive from any company not so well equipped as the Grand Trunk Railway, with double tracks, extensive terminals and large supply of rolling stock! This is not intended in any way to justify or excuse any omission on the part of either officials or employees to do those things which pertain to the proper transaction of railroad business, but merely as an explanation for some things which the management admit as unsatisfactory to themselves, as well as to the traveling public, but which we loope may be bettered within the near future.

Second Vice President and General better equipment and improved train service, with, I trust, a greater

Second Vice-President and General

APOPLECTIC STROKE.

Montreal, Jan. 12.—Mr. Jas. Man-son, formerly superintendent of the Canadian I side Railway at nerintendent of the Canadian I side Railway at Winnipeg, and later on at Toron-to, was taken to the General Hos-pital last night, suffering from a stroke of apoplexy. Mr. Manson had just arrived home from a trip.