ted by the Christian nted by the Christian Roman Saturnalia was Decembr, with feeast-In Northern Europe the hed at this same seace at the "return of was called jol, or yule, stan Saxons made Yule, on the Yule log and the of churches and houses ghts seem to have been a feature of the festival arly times, and one of as the feast of lights, we originated in pagan but the Christians used ize the advant of Christ. but the Christians used ize the advant of Christ, of the World. The Yule on Christmas eve with mony, was carefully tendore it was quite consumed, dends were secured and to kindle the next yéar's fire. Herrick refers to

chet, then lay it up agen next returne. o the Yule log, in point of custom, is the serving of dishes as peculiar to the ps feast. The boar's head was ristmas feast. The boar's head was garded in England as a special adiet. Many of the old carols, alough of religious character, make terence to the boar's head. At John's College, Oxford, it is still yed on Christmas day with state-ceremony and singing of the carol, aput Apri defero." One verse runs: the boar's head, I understande the chief service in this lande. e, whereever it be founde, ite cum cantico."

dish was probably deen as the Jews could e of it. A carol, dating from bory's hede we bring with songe-borship of Hym that thus sprunge-Virgin to redresse ye wronge-Nowell!

ginally had a sort of religious abolism. It was baked in obgorm to represent the Manger Bethlehem. The meat used in compound was mutton, in members of the state compound was mutton, in memor the flocks watched by the erds on the first Christmas, and the spices were designorepresent the frankincense myrrh of the offering of the to the Holy Child. In Engduring the Commonwealth, during the Commonwealth, ples fell under the ban of curitans, and to eat them was Puritans, and to eat them was sidered by the Cavaliers a test loyalty to church and kings. In made on on a very large scale. at Newcastle, England, made at 1770, was 9 feet in circumfer-, and weighed 168 pounds. ended of game and poul-

a crust. haucer's time the swan was as a Christmas dish. He of "a fat swan, roasted." an Capt. John Smith, fresh s wars with the Turks, saw gobbler in the Virgi the Virginia with laughter. "The bird,
b, "Is exactly like a prouc
showing off before his har So was named the turkey, the Christmas "piece de re-ance in many lands."

The Plum Pudding

called "hackin," probably on actof the chopping of the intents. In the seventeenth cenit was called "plum" pudding,
isins were then called French
The pudding must be stirvalie it is being mixed, by of age, to insure "good luck"

n in battle, such a grim held in high favor by Saxons. The Anglo-Saxsaxons. The Angelosation of the beverage, which was comto suit the means of the betty wines and spices by the wealthy, ale and the poorer classes.
apples floated on the
it was proper to stirit

tick of rosemary. churches ens at Christmas has England from very early e holly was thought to the crown of thorns, the The holly was t leaves standing for the scarlet berries for

acred Drops of Blood.

has always been used in poration, but was not allow churches on account of its with the cruel rites der the mistletoe bough at wider the mistletoe bough at will not be married within the married within the property performed unless as herry was plucked off with each task, not presented to the maiden lead, and living in "Bracebridge off" says that when all the berwere plucked from the mistletoe virilege ceased.

y traditions cluster around tival. At midnight on Christ-

L. At midnight on Christ-the oxen kneel in their that one night the lost vo rest. Judas Iscariot Herod censes to el The daughter of Herodauss in her endless dance, Wandering Jew rest his eps. Then, too, the spirit Pilate ceases to roam in y forest of Mont Pilatus. a church may have stood, trace of it be left, sing-nes and sounds of bells are you lie in a manger in a milnight the e future is your vision. If the first

of the Nativity was, iter on the Christmas morning be that of a man or boy—particularly that of a man or boy—particularly a black haired boy—

Good Linck is Ahead.

Good Luck is Ahead.

But if a woman or girl comes first, misfortune may be expected.

From the very first observance of the festival, it seems to have been the custom to exchange gifts and make donations to the poor. The Saxon kings celebrated Christmas with joyous 'estivity and lavish charity. The court set the fashion for the barons, and they were indicated by the people at large." "The light of the holy festival shone upon palace and upon cot."

Once a year the poor had plenty; every family gathered around the Yulo log, spread the Christmas feast, and sipped the wassail bowl. In the rural districts, after the church service, the squire, or lord stood at his

rural districts, after the church service, the squire, or lord stood at his own gate and gave bountiful almoto the poor and aged, while his tenants and dependents were feasted at his overlage. his expense.

The celebration lasted for twelve

days—from December 25th to January 6th—the period being Epiphany, the time supposed to have been consumed by the Magi to Bethlehem, led sumed by the Magi to Bethlenem, ieu by the star in the East. Games and sports were induged in by all classes; special privileges were granted by enactment of law, and everyone encouraged to recreation and amusement. Even war relaxed its horrors. During the siege of Rouen by Henry V. (A. D. 1418), the stry being in extremity from famcity being in extremity from fam-ine, the king ordered a truce for Christmas Day, and gave

Food to His Famishing Enemies.

In the British Museum is pre-served the original order of Parlia-ment, dated December 24, 1652, dircting that there shall be "no observance of the five-and-twentieth day of December, commonly called Christof December, commonly called Christmas Day, nor shall any church services be held on that day." In 1644 the Long Parliament had ordered that the 25th of December chould be kept as a national feast, and that "all men should pass it in humbly bemoaning the great national sin which they and their fathers had so often committed on that day by often committed on that day romping under the mistletoe, eating boar's head and drinking ale flavor-ed with roasted apples. No public act of that time seems to have irritated the common people more."—
(Macaulay). However, a writer of
that time observes that, in spite of
laws and enactments, "Father

the fireside."
Al curious relic of the pagan feast
of Pomona was the custom in some
rural districts in England of a procession through the apple orchards
on Christmas Eve, drinking eider and pouring the dregs at the roots of the trees while chanting a song, the refrain of which was: "Health to thee,

Good apple tree!" This was to insure a bountiful yield of fruit the next year.

The Term "Christmas Box"

many there is a tradition that on death and his examination revealed each Christmas Eve the Saviour the fact that the deceased was worth comes to earth in the guise of a poor over \$100.000, mostly in securities. boy and asks alms at the house doors. On that day no beggar is refused food and shelter.

food and shelter.

It is said that the popular tradition of the entrance of the Santa Claus by means of the chimney arose from

The Story of Hertha.

goddess of Norse mythology. When a goddess of Norse mythology, when festival in her honor was celebrated, an altar of stones was creeted in the house, and fir branches were piled upon it and set on fire. Through the dense smoke made by the green wood, the goddess was supposed to descend the goddess was supposed to descend and extend her influence according to the supposed to the city last.

called the

ing are the first two stanzas: "So now is come our joyfullest feast;
Let every man be jolly,
Each room with ivy leaves is drest,
And every post with holly.
Though some churls at our mirth re-

d your foreheads garlands

Drown sorrow in a cup of wine, And let us all be merry.

"Now all our neighbors' chimneys And Christmas blocks are burning Their ovens they with baked meat

And all their spits are turning, Without the door let sorrow lie; And if for cold it hap to die, We'll bury't in a Christmas ple, And ever more be merry."

By agreement Britain will build a railway line through Abyssinia, con-necting the Soudan with Ugandi ter-

HEBREW MISER LEAVES \$100,000.

Lived in Rags and Died in a Charity Ward.

HIS CRY REVEALED RICHES.

Lived on the Alms of Hebrew Bene volent Society for Twenty-five Years-"My Vest! My Vest!" His Last Cry.

A Toronto despatch says: Hyman, a Hebrew, who used to gather rags and sell newspapers on the streets, died in the public ward No. 6, at the General Hospital yesterday afternoon, and over \$100,-000 worth of script was found upo him, representing securities in vari-

ous corporations. Hyman was 70 years of age, and had been living in Toronto for thirty-two years. For twenty-five years, until last spring, he lived on the charity of the Hebrew Benevovelent Society. The members received some intimation at that time

ceived some intimation at that time from a stock broker as to the man's wealth, and they instituted an investigation, and as a result the charity ceased, it being proved that he was very wealthy.

He slept in a sned in the rear of another Hebrew's place on York street, and occupied his time in gathering rags in the morning, and in the afternoon sold newspapers, and it is said, often told tales of his sufferings to customers, so worksufferings to customers, so work-ing on the feelings of some of them that donations of silver were often

He gave his name as Henry Zolinski at the hospital, but Eli Hyman is his right name. He also went by the

Claimed to be Destitute

Last Saturday he was admitted to the Hospital a very sick man, suffering from pneumonia and pleur-isy. He said he was in destitute cir-cumstances. He was raggedly dress-ed, and from his appearance it was ed, and from his appearance it (Macaulay). However, a writer of that time observes that, in spite of laws and enactments, "Father Christmas crept in by many a back door, and was well entertained at the fireside."

Al curious relic of the pagan feast of Pomona, was the custom in some rural districts in England of a proposed intimated. The rabbi was sent for, and visited Hyman daily. sent for, and visited Hyman daily.
Deceased intimated, that he had
something important to tell the Rabbl, and at different times seemed
about to disclose it, but put it off
intil yesterday, when he was doo
weak to make any statement, though
he made desperate efforts to do so. His Dying Outery.

In his last breaths he gasped out: "My vest, my vest!" Then life left

with laughter. "The bird," "Is exactly like a proud owing off before his harbowns anmed the turkey, Christmas "piece de rein many lands."

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The Seventeenth cenwas cabled "plum" pudding, no were then called French The' pudding must be stirtle it is being mixed, by sember of the household, in age, to insure "good luck" family. In Germany nerves and provided prouding the doorbell, wishing the master and providing the sevents. Such heavy cathes, were served, beside proiding must be defined by equality pownations. The wassall bowl and in battle, such again on any one will be part of stemans feasts. The original owl was the skull of any lifere is a tradition that the face again of the part of stemans feasts. The original owl was the skull of any lifere is a tradition that of the face again the proceeding the part of stemans feasts. The original owl was the skull of any lifere is a tradition that of the face again the proceeding the part of stemans feasts. The original owl was the skull of any lifere is a tradition that of the face again the proceeding the part of stemans feasts. The original of the face again the proceeding as a state which he asked the had a parcel, which he asked the had a parcel which he had a parcel which for a contained anything of value. It was opened after the had a parcel which of securities and the new tradition and the parcel as tradition and the parcel which for a contained a When Hyman entered the hospital

bealt With Many Firms.

There were receipts also for cash deposits with A. E. Ames & Co. He had securities in the Canada Permanent, Western Assurance Co ish Canadian Loan Co., Canada Land National Investment Co., British-American Assurance Co., To-

and extend her influence according to the petitions of the worshippers.

Some of the Christmas hymns and carols are very ancient, and have then in many cases transmitted orally through many generations. In England It is still the custom for men card hove called the Christmas of Lawyer Samuel King is looking th many generations. In still the custom for men alled the Christmas ed. Lawyor Samuel King is looking around on Christmas after her interests. He handed the carols. w its, to go around on Christmas
Eve and sing carols.
George Wither, A. D. 1615, wrote a poem describing an English Christmas festival in his time. The following are the first two stanzas:

After her interests. He handed the papers left by Hyman over to her, and advanced her noney to purchase new clothes. She said her husband used to go up to see her in Churching are the first two stanzas:

Begged Even Postage Stamps.

Whenever Hyman bought securities he left instructions that dividends were not to be sent to him, but that he would call for them. When he did call he always insisted on having the two-cent stamps which the com-pany saved by not having to write

Not long ago he was made one of the pensioners who assist in the services at the synagogue, receiving a small allowance. Rabbi Jacobs said Hyman was well versed in Hebrew

law and liturgy.
One of the last requests was that
his remains be interred in Holy Bos-

om Cemetery.

J. Johnson issued warrant for an inquost to be held on the body on Friday afternoon. Dr. Norman Anderson will perform post-mortem examination to-day

HARVESTER TRUST A FACT.

CANADIAN

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Toronto Ministerial Association discussed the Bible in the schools.

There is an outbreak of "black-

leg" among cattle in the neighborhood of Verona.

The report that three lives were lost in the Victoria Hotel fire at Quebec is confirmed.

The long-talked-of movement of Manitoba wheat to Minneapoils for grinding in bond has begun.

The C. P. R. has ordered 500 new freight cars to be built at Sault Ste Marie.

Mr. A. M. Little was nominated for the vacant seat in the Legislature by the Liberals of North Norfolk. Among the bequests of Mrs. Ward, of Kingston, is one, of \$9,000, for a new organ in St. Mary's Cathedral.

Fire destroyed the Grafton cheese factory, and the employees sleeping on the premises had to make their escape through a window. The Toronto Board of Control has ordered the purchase of more fuel, including 1,000 tons of Hocking Valley coal at \$5.50 in Toronto:

Ald. Marquis has announced his sandidacy for the Mayoralty of St. Satherines, in opposition to ex-Ald.

A despatch from Sydney, N. S., ays nine vessels are ashore there.
I Government steamer will be sent to relieve them.

Navigation is closed. Thirty-three thousand tons of hard coal have reached Toronto by water since the strike ended.

Mrs. Steven Plested committed suicide at Rosseau by taking strych-

The croner stone of Brantford's new library was laid by Rev. Dr. Mackenzie. Mr. Judson C. Crowe has been appointed Registrar of Welland, Mr. Beorge Elliot to be deputy.

The executive of the Ontario Conservative Association met to make plans for the coming bye-election The funeral of the late Principa McVicar, of the Presbyterian College wil! take place on Thursday after-

The steamer Glengarry filled and sank at her dock at Kingston, water getting in through an open

The Port Huron Engine and Thresher Co. are organizing a com-pany to start a branch institution in Winnipeg. Conductor Mulvey, who was hurt in the railway accident at Inger-soll, died from his Injuries, and will be buried in Toronto.

Lieut. Ed. Holland, of Ottawa, se cured the Victoria Cross for gallantry under fire in South Africa, and now the claims of his younger brother Er-nest are being pressed for the same

The condition of Senator O'Brien during the past few days has been such as to cause much alarm among the members of the family and friends. Yesterday afternoon he was very weak, and was not expected to live more than a few days.

E. A. Leifeld a Washington leweler.

E. A. Leifeld, a Washington jeweler, was arrested in Montreal on a charge of stealing a large amount of jewelry in Washington.

third reading in the Reical vote of 102. A union railroad station to cost \$4,000,000 is to be built at Washing-

The election campaign in Natal is

being waged on the railway policies of the respective parties. The published text of the prop

reciprocity treaty with the States gives satisfaction in foundland. The Marseilles correspondent of the

Temps says that the general strike movement is regarded locally as a

The question of a coal supply for New York became more serious yes-terday and hard coal quoted at \$14 a ton, soft coal is \$7.50. Coal re-ceipts fell off 40 per cent.

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The Allan Liner Peruvian arrived at St. John's, Nild., after having been driven far out of her course by storms, with two blades of her propeller gone.
The jury threw out both charge

and counter-charge in the Hartopp divorce case. The Board of Aldermen, of New York, voted \$500,000 to buy for the poor of the city.

John D. Rockefeller has made an additional contribution of \$1,000,000 to Chicago University. o Chleago University.
Wm. Stitt, in Jan., 1900, was run
over by the street railway at Fort
and lost a leg. He has william and lost a leg. He has just obtained \$1,750 damages from

The majority of the Irish members resumed their seats in Parliament, and voted with the Government to reject the amendment made by the House of Lords to the education bill.

The police hav arrested forty accomplices of persons who have been attempting to introduce revolutionary proclamations into Russia.

Germany is manning the Russia.

Germany is manning the laying of a submarine cable from the Azores to Dutch Gulana. This statement emanates from a high authority, and is extremely significant at this time.

Its Completion Has Been Accomplished at Last.

\$50.000.000 STOCK DELIVERED

Chicago, Dec. 23.-The details in the completion of the International Harvester Company were completed yesterday by G. W. Perkins, partner of J. Pierpont Morgan, when he delivered in Chicago \$50,000,000 worth of stock in the combine. Mr.

worth of stock in the combine. Mr. Perkins arrived in Chicago Sunday, but few knew of his presence until yesterday. He spent the greater part of the day and evening with Cyrus H. McCormick.

Mr. Perkins is stopping at the Chicago Club, but he left there early yesterday morning and went at once to the offices of the Harvester corporation, Michigan avenue and Monroe street, where he was closeted for a long time with Mr. McCormick.

After lunch they went back to the

After lunch they went back to the offices again and held another long consultation. Mr. Perkins refused to WILL BE ALMOST ALL REBUILT Winnipeg despatch: W. M. Whyte, make definite statements concerning the corporation more than to admit that the project was practically completed. He said that he probably would remain in the city for

bably would remain in the city for a couple of days.

Mr. Perkins declared that he does not see any cause for alarm because of the condition of the money market and he took exception to the statements which have lately been made by well-known financiers that the country had seen its greatest prospectiv.

"Because of our phenomenal resources," he said, "the country is inst as sound condition as ever. Stocks are of the same value because they continue to earn the same amount, although the selling price

LAME BOY'S MOTHER'S JOY

Sent Doll to Armour Girl Hills." Treated by Lorenz.

GREAT SURGEON WILL TREAT BOY

New York despatch: There has been no more tender incident in the ex-perience of Professor Lorenz in this perience of Professor Lorenz in this country than that of yesterday, when he examined the child of a numble canalboat captain, Thomas Black, of Rondout. The captain's whie had written to Mrs. Ogeen Armour congratulating her upon the successul operation the Vienna expert had performed upon little Lonta, and wisning for the child's complete restoration. The Blacks' only child was similarly afflicted.

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Accompanying this letter was a doll, cheap, but neatly dressed in white baby clothes and marked:

FOR LOLITA ARMOUR,
FROM A LITTLE BOY WHOSE LEG IS CRIPPLED.

The simplicity and sincerity of one mother's note of sympathy to another whose wealth had enabled her to procure the services of a world famous surgeon at a princely price touched Mrs. Armour so deeply that the induced her husband to write to Mrs. Black thanking her for her letter and saying she would endeavor to have Professor Lorenz see "the little boy whose leg was crippled" before he left America.

True to his promise, when Professor

he left America.

True to his promise, when Professor Lorenz had finished his demonstrations at the New York Polyclinic yesterday and gone to Dr. Newton M. Shaffer's residence for luncheon he was asked to look at Captain Black's born a child of five, bright eyed and was asked to look at Captain Black's boy, a child of five, bright eyed and winsom. The great doctor declared the case a feasible one and Dr. Shaffer tood the parents that next Sunday the facilities of the New York State Hospital for Crippled Children would be placed at their disposal grathitously. gratuitously

MELANCTHON FIREBUGS FREE Chief Figures in Famous Conspiracy Cases on Parole.

Nearly six years ago startling disclosures were made with regard to what seemed a widespread con-solvacy of incendiarism, in the spiracy of incendiarism, in the Township of Melancthon, in Duffer-Township of Melancthon, in Duffer-in County. Fires were frequent, and there appeared to be a care-fully planned system of operation. In May of 1897, Mr. Justice Fer-guson sent the chief firebugs, David and James Ballard and Al-onzo Smith to the Kingston Penlonzo Smith to the Kingston Penitentiary for twelve years each, William Corbett got eight years, and James E. Reid five years. The announcement is made by the Orangeville Post that these men have been released, expressions of local sentiment having been backed up by a letter sent by the County Attorney to the Department of Justice. The men were pardoned on parole.

HOUSE 3,000 YEARS OLD.

Built by Prehistoric Men, Discovere

Near Point Barrow. Tagoma, Wash., Dec. 23.—Not since humanity began diving into the mysteries of the existence of primordial man has a discovery been made so rich in its suggestiveness of the home life of the prehistoric races as that made by the revenue cutter Bear on her recent cruise to the Arctic Ocean.

A house built by human beings at least three thousand years ago, and

A house built by human beings at least three thousand years ago, and probably of antiquity four times as great, was discovered near Point Barrow, and many of the utensils used by the people who made it their habitation were secured.

The house was built after the plans of houses of the primitive inhabitants of America. Ribs of an enormous whale, or of some animal now

mous whale, or of some animal now extinct, were uned for the framework, and over these skins had been stretched. The skin had rotted away ages ago, but the framework

DEAL INVO. VES \$500,000.

Whole I umber Cut of 1903 of Oas Firm is Sold,

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—One of the most important lumeer transactions, involving the alle of the entire cut of one of the Ottawa Valley mills, is reported. Watson & Todd, of Liverpeol, well-known British buyers, neve secured the 1903 cut of McLachilin Broc. mill at Araprior. It will aggregate fully 40,000,030 feet, including white and red pine. The cash value of this cut will be fully half a million dellars. The contract includes all the board lumber to be cut at the McLachilin mills next season. Ever heard turned off the saws from the day the mill opens in the spring to the hour it shuts down in the fall will be included. Ottawa, Dec. 23.-One of the most

From Moosejaw to the Coast C. P. R. Track

Winnipeg despatch: W. M. Whyte, ssistant to President Shaughnessy, assistant to President Shaughnessy, of the C. P. R., who returned here to-day, from Montreal, announced that the company will undertake considerable construction in the west. "West of Moosejaw," said Mr.
Whyte, "the line to the coast is to
be almost all rebuilt. That is, the
line is to be more or less changed to
straighten out curves and lessen
grades. The expenditure will be
considerable. The early spring will
see a start of the work.
"The biggest construction scheme

see a start of the work.
"The biggest construction scheme
that has been decided upon," continued Mr. Whyte, "is a new line
that will be built from a point on
the main line between Yorkton and
Prince Albert, westerly and northwesterly, to a point on the North
Saskatchewan River, in the vicinity
of Battleford, from there to Wetaskiwin on the Calgary and Edmonton win on the Calgary and Edmonton line. A line will also be constructed by the C. P. R. from a point near-church bridge to a point to con-nect with the branch to Pleasant

The C. P. R. are now turning a great deal of attention to the bring-ing in of fuel, and Mr. Whyte said that now that the rush of the grain traffic was over there should be

frame was over there should be before long a complete relief from the
fuel scarcity in the west.

"The traffic this year," said Mr.
Whyte, "has been enormous. The
road has been tayed to the road has been taxed to its uthost capacity, and in the last two or three years has grown greater by 200 or 300 per cent."

Site of the Trinity Building Brings \$2,215,277.

A RECORD FOR NEW YORK CITY

New York, Dec. 23.—The negotianions for the purchase of the Trin-New 101s, 1962.

The purchase of the Trinity Building at 111 Broadway by the United States Realty and Construction Company and the Lawyers' Title Insurance Company were con-

Title Insurance Company were concluded last Friday.

The trustees of the J. C. Ayer state held out for a higher figure than that obtained by the interests which had sold out, and achieved their purpose. They secured about \$90,000 more than they would have done had they sold at the valuation accepted by the other interests.

For their two-ninths they received \$562,500. The other seven-ninths brought \$1,652,777. The property, therefore, cost its new owners \$2,-235,277.

205,277. It measures 40 feet on Broadway, 262.9 feet on Thames street, 46.1 on Trinity place, and 258.7 feet on Trinity churchyard, and contains 11,-180 feet. The aggregate purchase

180 feet. The aggregate purchase price was, therefore, at the rate of about \$198 a square foot.

This is a good price for property on the west side of Broadway, but the site of the Trinity building is unique, with frontages on three thoroughfares and open to the light on all sides. The present building will be torn down next May and replaced with a twenty-story structure.

DISPUTE OVER WILLS.

Father and Son Litigants in Interesting Case.

ing Case.

Rochester, N. Y., report: The contest over the will of Aida Maud Smith, who died here on July 29th, is becoming very exciting. The stake is \$17,000, and the contestants are being looked after by his uncle.

There are two wills offered for probate. The first, dated July 9th, 1901, leaves all the property to Kenneth Smith, the son. The second, date of July 28th last, leaves all but \$2,000 to A. Hamilton Smith, the testatrix's husband. He is named as executor, and \$2,000 is bequeathed to the deceased's mother, Mrs. Sarah Johnson, of Toronto. It is with Mrs. Johnson that the boy Kenneth is living.

The lusband is the petitioner for the second, alleged will, while Robt.

Johnson, a brother of the deceased, is the petitioner of the first instrument, which leaves all to the boy. Mr. Johnson, who lives in New York City, alleges that on July 28th last, the day before Mrs. Smith died, the testatrix was of unsound mind and wholly incapable of executing a

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The hearing will be continued towill

Toronto Council rejected the proposal to submit to ratepayers the question of approval or disapproval of the expenditure of \$2,540.000 on a septic tank system of the council also fixed on a septic tank system of age disposal. Council also fixed terms of the proposed grant consumption sanitarium.