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Victorian Order of Nurses.

At a meeting of the Provisional Committee of the Local Board of the Victorian Order of Nurses, held at Government House, Senator Cox, Sir Frank Smith, Senator Allan, Hon. Speaker Edgar, President London, Hon. G. W. Ross, Messrs. E. F. Clarke, D. R. Wilkie, H. H. Fudger, B. E. Walker, E. Gurney, J. W. Flavelle were appointed a Finance Committee, and empowered to solicit contributions.

Mr. George H. Locke, A. M., instructor in Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., is in the city for the holidays.

Hobberlin's Weavers.

See the weavers at work in Hobberlin's Yonge-street window all this week. This week we show you how the cloth is made—next week we'll show you how the clothing is made.

OXFORD PROHIBITIONISTS

Met at Woodstock on Saturday and Denounced License Legislation—Preparing for the Plebiscite.

Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 18.—The Oxford Prohibition Association held its annual meeting this afternoon in the Town Hall. Representatives from the various municipalities of the county were present and a good deal of enthusiasm was manifested regarding the Dominion plebiscite and also the approaching provincial elections. Rev. Dr. Mackay, president, opened the meeting, saying: "We will sing the grand old psalm that our forefathers so frequently sang when fighting against unjust laws." The 46th Psalm was then sung.

A resolution was passed characterizing the late license law legislation as not an honorable fulfilment of the Government's pledges or an adequate response to the people's demands. Another resolution called upon the friends of temperance to attend all meetings for the purpose of selecting representatives for municipal or parliamentary purposes, and to make their influence felt as Christian citizens.

A resolution was also passed committing the association to the selection of a candidate in the approaching provincial election.

DOMINION COAL COMPANY

Has Conceded a Point Regarding Shutting Down Cape Breton Collieries.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 18.—The Board of Directors of the Dominion Coal Company have agreed to modify the determination to shut down the Victoria collieries at Cape Breton as a result of a visit of George Murray, Premier of Nova Scotia; Hon. W. S. Fielding, Canadian Minister of Finance, and H. Drummond, head of the Provincial Workmen's Association of Nova Scotia, who were here trying to bring about a compromise. The directors of the company have decided to appoint a committee to negotiate with the Government of Nova Scotia, with a view to reaching an amicable agreement on the matter.

Winter Wisdom.

A few suggestions that will aid you during the coming months:

Don't be afraid of fresh air, but avoid draughts.

Don't go out of doors for a second without an extra covering.

If you wear rubbers, take them off whenever you have an opportunity within doors.

In selecting your winter underclothing choose that which is warm and yet more or less open in texture.

Take off your overcoat when you enter a warm place, whether office or private dwelling, even if your visit is to last only a few minutes.

If you catch cold or develop a cough get rid of it at once. This is better than feeling "blue" and thinking that pneumonia or consumption has marked you as a victim.

The best remedy for a cough or cold, however stubborn, or a tickling or dry sensation of the throat, is Ransom's Hive Syrup and Tolu. A bottle kept in the house saves worry and life when croup is near. All persons should have this remedy at this season.

Don't forget that only Ransom's Hive Syrup and Tolu should be taken. This remedy has strong recommendations from the leading doctors as to its efficacy, and from the most prominent scientists as to its purity. It is the only standard croup cure—take no other from your druggist; 25c, for sale by all. Francis Kahle, Toronto, Ont.

Ibernight's Delusions.

Fred L. Ibernight, well known in the city, is in the custody of the police while the jail physician examines him as to his sanity. He thinks someone is jealous of him and is keeping a couple of warships off Quebec to prevent him leaving the country.

WOMAN HORRIBLY BURNED.

Mrs. Peters of Walkerville, in Saving Her Children, Received Probably Fatal Injuries.

Walkerville, Ont., Dec. 18.—A sad accident occurred here this morning, in which Mrs. Peters of Lincoln-avenue was so badly burned that she will probably not recover. Her children also are badly burned, one seriously. No one knows exactly how it occurred, as Mr. Peters had left for work about fifteen minutes before, and Mrs. Peters has not been able to tell anything about it. It is supposed the children's clothing caught on fire from the stove, and in her efforts to extinguish the flames her own clothing caught fire. She ran out doors and rolled over and over in the snow and then ran into the house next door, occupied by James Chittles, where the burning clothing was torn from her. Her hair was burned off and hardly a square inch of her body but is badly burnt. She was also burnt internally. She is now at the Hotel Dieu, Windsor.

Dental Students Smoke.

The students of the R.C.D.S. held a very successful smoker on Friday. From the program presented, they showed that, besides pulling teeth and smoking 10-cent cigars, they could produce good talent, either in vocal or instrumental music. The feature of the evening was the three-round bout for the heavyweight championship of the college between D. D. Ross and Tom Gallagher. The program was as follows: Address, Mr. G. A. Beattie; piano solo, Mr. J. F. O'Flynn; reading, Mr. Ralph Quay; six-round bout, Mr. G. E. Holmes v. E. Henderson; solo, Mr. Fred Murray; lecture on Klondike, Mr. F. R. Watson; three round bout, D. D. Ross v. T. Gallagher; violin solo, Mr. A. Robertson; address, Mr. H. M. Kalbfleisch; duet, Mrs. Barrett and Fitzgerald.

The Chief Has the Right of Way.

Chief Graham, when driving to a fire, has the right of way. Judge Morgan decided that point on Saturday in the County Court, where John Tasker sued the Chief for $200 damages. The Chief, when driving to a fire on June 11 last, collided with Tasker, who was wheeling on Queen-street. The latter was injured, being thrown upon a pile of road materials. The court held that the Chief had the right of way.

Death of a C.P.R. Man.

Lindsay, Ont., Dec. 18.—William Albert Helme, in the express department of the Canadian Pacific Railway, western division, died at his home here last night. He had been suffering from lung trouble for some time. There are two other brothers on the C.P.R. in important positions, one at London and one at Smith's Falls. The I.O.O.F. will have charge of the funeral on Monday.

Wallace Lodge L.O.L. 961.

Wallace Lodge, L.O.L. No. 961, elected the following officers: W.M., S. Hobbs; D.M., M. E. Cook; rec. sec., A. R. Simmons; fin. sec., R. M. Fessse; chaplain, Lieut.-Col. Gravely; D. of C., J. H. Allen; lecturer, Col. J. Gray; I.G., J. P. Halsey; treasurer, F. A. Gray; committeemen, Bros. Press, Thompson, Buck, Purvis, Saunders; auditors, Dr. Buck and J. A. Saunders.

German Ironclad for China.

Ferrol, Spain, Dec. 18.—The German ironclad Oldenburg has sailed for Gibraltar to join the vessels bound for China under the command of Prince Henry of Prussia.

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Is successfully used monthly by over 10,000 Ladies. Safe, effectual. Ladies ask your druggist for Cook's Cotton Root Compound. Take no other, as all Mixtures, pills and imitations are dangerous. Price, No. 1, $1 per box, No. 2, 10 degrees stronger, $3 per box. No. 1 or 2, mailed on receipt of price and two 3-cent stamps. The Cook Company Windsor, Ont. Nos. 1 and 2 sold and recommended by all responsible Druggists in Canada.

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See the Weavers at work in our window all this week; gives an idea how the good old "*homespuns*" were made in the days of our grandfathers. It's an interesting sight to see the loom at work. Next week we'll show you how clothes are made.

The Hobberlin Bros. Co., Limited,
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PULLED IN A DEAD MAN.

Elim Wolf of Buffalo Went Fishing in a Boat and Was Drowned.

Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 18.—Early this morning Captain Lutz of the Grand Island ferry noticed a small boat drifting in the Niagara River. He put out in a tug and picked the boat up. Trailing behind the boat was a long rope. When the boat was landed sailors began pulling in the rope. At the end of it they found the body of a man. The rope was tied tightly to the man's ankle. The body was identified as that of Elim Wolf. Wolf had hired the boat yesterday afternoon to go fishing. Just how the drowning occurred and how the rope became attached to his ankle will probably never be known. The police look on it as a case of suicide.

Voted for the Bonus.

St. John's, Que., Dec. 18.—The bonus upon which the town has been voting for two days in favor of the Lefebvre vinegar factory of Montreal was carried by a large majority.

SPAIN AND THE STATES.

The Imparcial of Madrid Uses Some Sarcastic Language.

Madrid, Dec. 18.—The Imparcial in an article on the United States Congress, says: "After the insults and calumnies against Spain, our excellent, almost protector and friend, McKinley, as compensation, is going to send a squadron to the Gulf of Mexico, a measure never so unnecessary as now, since Cuba has a Captain-General whose policy is just and humane. Spain has just made great concessions to Cuba. This is because the Yankees are seeking to justify the policy of the insurgents, who base their hopes on the intervention of their friends. The sending of this squadron will revivify their hopes and cause a continuation of the struggle. The intervention of the United States will be a monstrous act of cynicism. Those who kept silence in the presence of the German cruisers at Hayti do not dare to risk the disapprobation of Europe.

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1. **Two Tons** of Superior Chocolate Creams and Bon Bons, specially made fresh for Christmas—20c, 25c and 30c lb,
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3. **Fancy Boxes and Baskets** by the hundred—some empty for filling, some filled with choice Candies for gifts—all sizes and prices—
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4. **Three Telephones** at Michie's—two at our King street store (409 and 461), and one at the Branch store (415). Busy housekeepers can secure satisfactory service by using these.

5. **Santa Claus Stockings** are ready filled with Toys and Novelties—save you much trouble and please the children. Five sizes—
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Tom Smith's Crackers

Were Made and Sold Last Year

12,000 (Twelve Thousand) of them were sold by Michie & Co.

What They Are

Brilliantly ornamented and designed paper Cossaques—inside each is a little cap, which explodes quite harmlessly as the Cracker is pulled by two persons, inside also is a little motto, a miniature toy jewel, puzzle or other Indian or Japanese curio. Some contain a little bottle of scent, others harmless parlor fireworks, or little Christmas games, and most of them contain fancy caps, hats or bonnets to be worn after the merry cracking.

Why They Are

To amuse. A box of Tom Smith's Crackers will give the children as much enjoyment as can be got any other way for three times their cost. They also decorate a Christmas tree and add much to the pleasure of adults at dinner parties and entertainments.

How They Come

Direct to Michie & Co. from Tom Smith's factory in London, One dozen crackers are packed in a handsome box, and they are sold by the box.

What They Cost

From 15c to $2.00 a box—and between these two we have 25 different prices and over 100 different kinds.

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