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LONDON, ONTARIO.

London, Monday, Dec. 29.

The Calamity.

The Wanstead calamity is another illustration of the awful load of responsibility carried by the single employee of a railroad company, in the highest or the humblest grade of the service, from the superintendent to the switchman or the crossing watchman. No matter how perfect the physical equipment of a railway system, this appalling dependence must rest upon the individual, and one man constantly holds in his hands the lives of scores of his fellow-creatures. The full sense of this responsibility is not always present, as the performance of routine duties tends to become mechanical. The most careful and experienced railroad men, who have passed years in the service, without a single slip, have been frequently known to be overtaken at last by some unaccountable lapse of mind, some inattention to the simplest and plainest instructions, involving the most terrible consequences. The present calamity is due to the disregard or misinterpretation of a dispatch, the official explanation being that the operator at Watford, an old servant, with a clear record, neglected to deliver a message, in disregard of a very elementary rule of the company. No doubt all the circumstances will be cleared up by legal process. The most searching investigation is demanded by the public, and we feel sure will be welcomed by the Grand Trunk authorities, who have shown a commendable desire to put the press in full possession of the facts. Had this catastrophe been traced to some defect in the construction of the road, in the fixtures or rolling stock, the company would have been held to a heavy account. The material standard of the Grand Trunk has been greatly raised in recent years, and the work is proceeding rapidly. If there is any criticism to pass on the company it is that so busy a section as the Sarnia branch has not been already double-tracked. The double-tracking of this branch is a part of a vast scheme of improvement which is now being carried out, and having been nearly completed in the eastern section, it is expected that western operations will soon begin. The high average of the efficiency of Canadian railroads is reflected to some extent in the statistics of railway mortality, which show that the traveling public in this country enjoys a much higher degree of safety than in the United States. The Canadian railroads do not as yet approach the record of the British roads, on which not a single passenger was killed in the past twelve months. Happily the annals of Canadian railroads are seldom disgraced by such catastrophes as we now deplore, and the only wonder is that they are not more frequent when we consider the vast complications and the delicate and intricate adjustments in the operation of a railroad system, and how much depends upon the individual, perhaps a tired and overworked official, of whom there must of necessity be many during the Christmas holidays, when passenger traffic is inordinately heavy. It is well to remember this, to reflect on what we owe to the vigilance and dutifulness of railway employees as a class. People are not prone to think of the tremendous responsibilities which weigh upon railroad men, until a calamity of this kind occurs; and then the public attitude is too apt to be one of censure, forgetful of the faithful performance of duty which is the rule. It is a hazardous occupation, and trainmen take their own lives in their hands, as well as those of others. The locomotive engineer is a hero every day of his life. In intelligence, sobriety, industry and other qualities of manhood and good citizenship, the railway employee is a superior class. The nature of the work demands it. Here and there one may find, with dire results, but what the public owes to the mass of railway servants in immunity from disaster is beyond computation.

The Civic Puppet-Show.

The appointment of Mr. C. B. Edwards to the city clerkship is one to which no exception can be taken on personal ground. Mr. Edwards is a gentleman of high character and ability, and will make a good official. The method of appointment, however, reflects severely upon the city council. An office of this kind invariably goes to some one of the same political stripe as the majority of the

aldermen for the time being. No objection can be taken to this practice, but it is a different thing when an outside organization presumes to control all municipal appointments. This is a species of party impertinence which every citizen should resent. The Conservative Association of the city put up a ticket for the city council, on the understanding that the executive of the association should control the civic patronage for the year. The arrangement has been carried out to the letter. The mayor and the majority of the aldermen have been so many marionettes, the wires being pulled at the Conservative Club. This puppet-show is not calculated to make municipal life any more attractive for public spirited citizens, whose self-respect would forbid them being dictated to by any clique or cabal. It has been easy to set up a dictatorship over the class of men who have run this year's council, as hardly one of them would stand a show of election unless he had the party machine at his back. This is the first time party bossdom of the Tammany type has been introduced into municipal affairs. What right has any group of men, not elected to a public office, to interfere with a public body in the discharge of its duties? And what do the people think of public representatives who will submit to it?

UNINTERRUPTED COMMUNICATION

Wireless Messages Are Received From Across the Deep Sea Every Day.

Glace Bay, C. B., Dec. 29.—Signor Marconi said to a press correspondent today that "since the first messages were sent from Table Bay to Cornwall we have received messages every day. There has been no break in the service. Messages have been sent in the last day or two to the Queen of Italy, Empress Eugenie, Sir John Lane, Henniker Heaton, M.P., the Italian Minister of Marine, and the directors of the London Marconi Company." Mr. Marconi then showed the correspondent these messages: "Henniker Heaton, Box 1111.—Best wishes to you and yours for a happy New Year. Transmitted across the Atlantic Ocean by electricity not controlled by Old Broad street. (Signed) G. Marconi." "Empress Eugenie, Franborough.—Please accept my respectful wishes for a happy New Year. Sent across the Atlantic Ocean by wireless telegraph. (Signed) G. Marconi." The following message was also sent to the London directors of the Marconi Company: "Franborough.—My best Christmas wishes to my company, operators and their families. Sent for the first time by transatlantic wireless telegraph. (Signed) G. Marconi." Mr. Marconi stated that storms and gales had no effect whatever on the transmission of messages. There had been gales and storms the greater part of the time since he had arrived, but they had not in the least interfered with his work. The inventor says that he will leave for Cape Cod on Jan. 6.

MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS

New Regiment of Infantry To Be Formed.

Order No. 19 of February Last Amended—Civilian Rifle Clubs.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—In militia general orders, just issued, the following is noted:

General order No. 19 of Feb. 1, 1902, providing for the official record of officers' services in South Africa, 1899-1901, is amended by the addition of the following to cover the subsequent period of operations in the field up to the declaration of peace on May 31, 1902: Operation in the Transvaal, between Nov. 30, 1900, and May 31, 1902. Operations in the Orange River Colony, between Nov. 30, 1900, and May 31, 1902. Operations on the Zululand frontier of Natal in September and October, 1901, including the defense of Forts Italia and Prospect.

Operations in Cape Colony, between Nov. 30, 1900, and May 31, 1902. The period during which an officer served with a regiment or corps (1) as a lieutenant-colonel's command, or (2) as an adjutant, should be mentioned. Officers other than those serving in a regimental capacity, will forward a return, which must be certified as correct by the officer under whom they were serving at the time, or by a senior officer personally cognizant of the facts of their service.

In accordance with regimental establishments for 1902-1903, the formation of a regiment of infantry, of eight companies, to be known as the Seventeenth Regiment of Infantry, with regimental headquarters, Levis, Que., is authorized.

The following civilian associations have been authorized: Palmyra Rifle Association, with headquarters at Palmyra, Ont. St. Albans Rifle Association, with headquarters at Toronto, Ont. Saskatchewan Rifle Association, at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Wellington Rifle Association, of Cookshire, Que. Soldiers awarded the meritorious service medal and the long service and good conduct medal may in future wear both medals.

The organization of a rifle association in connection with the Thirty-second Regiment is authorized at Walkerton, Ont.

AN EXCEEDINGLY BRIGHT OUTLOOK

Good Reports From Canadian Business Centers.

HOLIDAY TRADE WAS EXCELLENT

The Wholesale Movements Broken Into—Preparations for Big Demand Next Month.

New York, Dec. 28.—Bradstreet's weekly summary: Wholesale trade movements at Montreal this week were broken into by the Christmas holidays, as was the case at other trade centers. Travelers were off their routes, and there were practically no country buyers on the market. The holiday trade has been very large, much greater than last year. The trade movement so far this month has been very satisfactory, and the outlook is exceedingly promising.

In Toronto there was a great demand for goods early in the week, but it tapered off later, and will likely be a trifle slow until the turn of the year. The holiday sales this year were very heavy. Retailers report a splendid business. Payments, which have been slow the past week, are likely to show marked improvement during the next ten days, as a result of the large holiday sales. The outlook for business after the first of the year is very promising.

At Quebec there has been fairly brisk trade, especially among retailers. Wholesale are completing stock-taking. The shoe factories are very busy and the general outlook is good. Payments are satisfactory for the season.

London wholesale houses report a fair movement for the holiday week. Preparations are now being made for a big demand for goods next month, when the travelers get on their routes again.

At Winnipeg the Christmas trade has largely occupied attention from traders. The movement in such goods this year was very heavy. There is still delay in the receipt of freight, but the railroads are very busy, and are doing all they can to accommodate the public. The public in the west was more plentifully supplied with cash than ever before, and business generally has felt the effects of this. A large demand for spring goods is looked for next month.

In Ottawa wholesale trade has been rather quiet. Retailers have been too busy with season's trade to pay much attention to buying. The outlook for business later on is promising.

OVER THE BORDER.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s review: Trade experienced for the holiday quiet, except in Christmas goods, which sold freely. Industrial undertakings are interrupted in many cases by the taking of inventories, while other plants are closed because fuel cannot be obtained. Orders still come forward freely, and the new year will open with more business on the books than ever before. Prices of commodities are firmly held by the steady domestic demand, and there is a good report movement of the leading staples. In this, as in many other instances, however, there is still the drawback of inadequate transporting facilities, which restricts shipments to the seaboard. Financial conditions are satisfactory. Quiet conditions in the iron and steel industry, accompanied by any sign of weakness, testify to the healthy tone and suggest a bright outlook for the coming year. Fur, furs and mink will extend the season of idleness beyond the usual time, not because orders are lacking, but in order to accumulate a moderate supply of stock. A very large amount of business will be carried over into next year, probably more than in any previous season.

New England shoe factories are in full operation and have liberal orders on hand. Quotations are firm, but without change. Staple lines are especially strong in tone. Leather dealings have been restricted less than usual by the holidays, shoe manufacturers coming into the market for large quantities of hemlock sole. List prices are unchanged. An unexpectedly favorable feature has appeared in the market for cotton goods. After a long season of stagnation in the export division the demand for china suddenly became considerable. Inquiries on this account are still numerous. Domestic trade is limited to immediate requirements as is reasonable. Collections are satisfactory at both the mills and with jobbers. In woolen goods

I Can do all My Own Work

"I feel it my duty to tell you what your medicines did for me," writes Mrs. Blanche Marshall, of Whiting, Jackson Co., Kansas, Box 139. "I was severely afflicted with kidney trouble and female weakness. In less than three months the trouble became so bad I could hardly walk around the house. I suffered almost everything. Seeing your advertisement in our paper, I decided to try your medicine. After taking two bottles of 'Favorite Prescription' alternately with two of 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and using one box of 'Lotion Tablets' I am entirely cured. I can do all my own work without any trouble. I take great pleasure in recommending your medicines to all suffering women."



Results from common soaps: eczema, coarse hands, ragged clothes, shrunken flannels.

SUNLIGHT SOAP

REDUCES EXPENSE

Ask for the Octagon Bar

there is a good demand, overcoatings providing the chief feature, but cloak manufacturers have also bought freely, especially of light-colored lines. Opening prices at 5 to 10 per cent above last year's figures, are easily maintained. Woolen goods, worsted dress goods are quiet, but steady, and light supplies sustain flannels. Wool is strong, with a further advance anticipated next year. Small fluctuations have occurred in the leading agricultural products. Failures this week in the United States are 206, against 287 last week, 269 the preceding week and 250 the corresponding week last year.

SNOWBOUND SEVEN DAYS

Snow Blockade Raised in Wyoming—Trains Dug Out by Hand.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 29.—The blockade on the Cheyenne branch of the Burlington, which began last Sunday with terrible blizzards, was lifted on Saturday, when the accommodation train which has been stuck in the deep drifts near Sterling, Col., for seven days came in. The snow became packed and the wedge plows were unable to go through the drifts, so it became necessary to dig the train out by hand.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—The temperature at Winnipeg for the last three days has been extremely low, and is making the fuel situation interesting. It has ranged from 28° to 38° below, and is still very cold. Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 27.—Cold weather records for the season have been broken in the south during the past 24 hours, and damage to orange trees in Florida is feared.

Inward and Outward

The inward effects of humors are worse than the outward. They weaken all the organs, inflame the mucous membrane, cause catarrhal troubles, and endanger the whole system. Hood's Sarsaparilla eradicates all humors and cures all their effects. It's the great alternative and tonic medicine whose merit has been everywhere established. Accept no substitute.

Fire destroyed the Boake planing mills on Howland avenue, Toronto, on Friday night. The estimated loss is given at \$20,000 to \$25,000, with \$9,000 insurance.

TO KNOW IS TO PREVENT.—If the men who work in cold wool mills and with Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, they would escape much of the rheumatism, neuralgia and other ailments which result from exposure to the cold. These settings out for winter, rest on would do well to provide themselves with a supply before starting.

"One of the 55 good things"

Clark's Plum Pudding

A perfect Christmas delicacy—Put up in neat air tight tins. No cooking needed. Heat and serve.



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Colonial Remedy will cure or destroy the diseased appetite for alcoholic stimulants, whether the patient is a confirmed habitue, or a "tippler," social drinker or drunkard. Impossible for anyone to have an appetite for alcoholic liquors after using Colonial Remedy.

Indorsed by Members of W. O. T. U.

Mrs. Moore, press superintendent of Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Ventura, Calif., writes: "I have tested Colonial Remedy on very obstinate drunkards, and the cures have been many. In many cases the Remedy was given secretly. I cheerfully recommend it to all who are afflicted with the habit of drinking. Members of our Union are delighted to find an economical treatment to aid us in our temperance work."

Druggists or by mail, \$1. Trial package free by mail. Write to A. Cowan for years secretary of a Woman's Christian Temperance Union, 2294 St. Catherine street, Montreal. Sold in London by W. T. Strong & Co.

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SUNDAYS: 2 to 4 p.m.

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Great Bankrupt Stock of Runians, Carson & McKee

WE WILL NOW OFFER.

Remember the Stock was a large one, \$67,460.00. The Price a low one, 55 cents on the dollar.

We are alone in the ability to give such extraordinary value.

Do you want Material for a Child's, a Misses' or Ladies' Coat or Mantle? Beaver, 54 inches wide, in Fawn, Cardinal, Navy, Beaver, Black, Brown, Chinchella, 54 inches wide, Brown or Blue-Gray or Black. Astrachan, 54 inch, Blacks, regular price \$1.50.

The Lot Clearing at \$1.00 Per Yd.

Sealette, pure Silk, 54 inches wide, regular \$5. Today the price \$3 per yard.

...The Last Call...

LOUD! LOUDER! LOUDEST!

DRESS GOODS

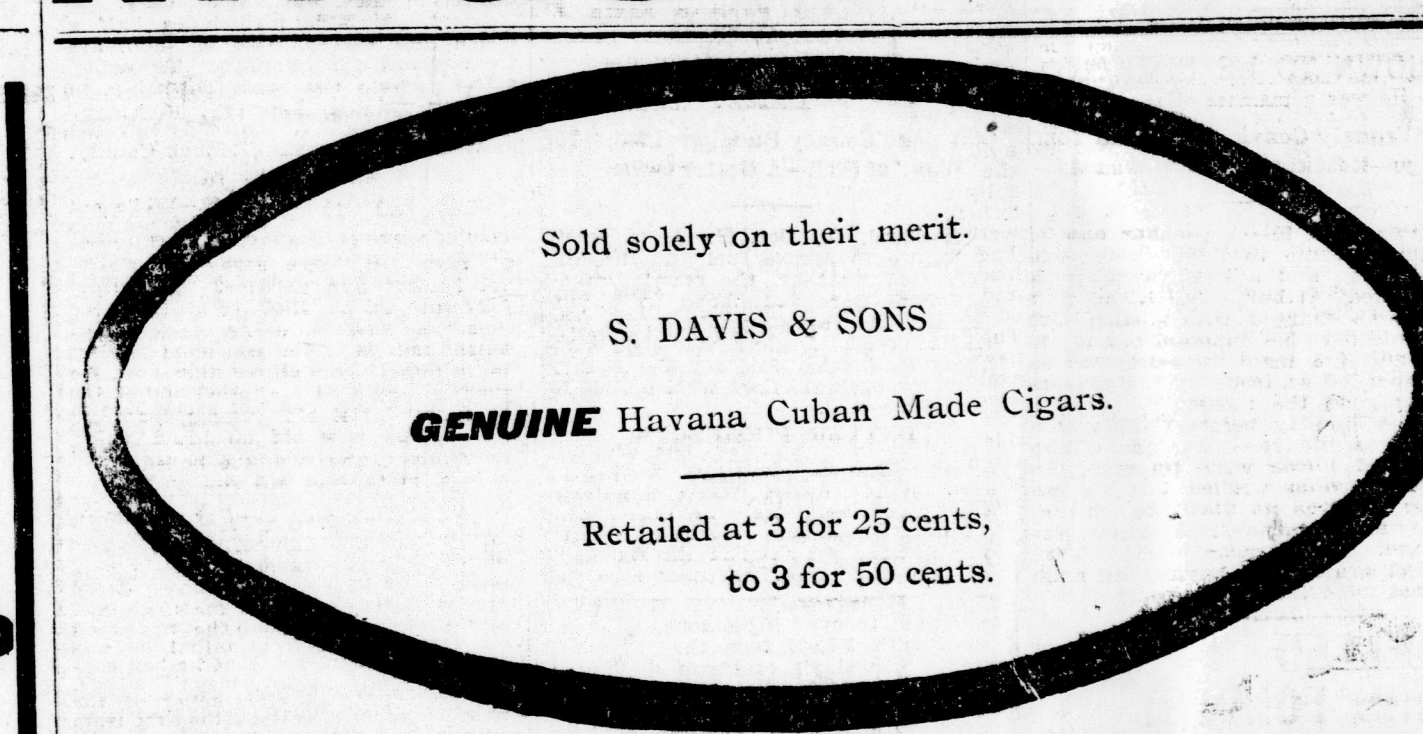
The lot all at one price, 35 cents per yard, regular price 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25.

These Goods are not from the Ark, neither are they the refuse of antiquity. 44, 46, 48, 54 inches wide. Beauty, Durability and Fashion Combined. We could say much in their favor. COME AND SEE THEM.

A few Ends of this season's French Shaded Frieze, the price has been \$1.50. To close out the lot we cut the price in two and call them 75c. Will you miss the golden chance? The right thing for evening Waists. Ivory Brocade, Brochea, Nattee, Shell and other Cream Silks, price, regular \$1.35, \$1.50, \$1.75, today \$1.00 per yard.

Don't Miss the Golden Opportunity to Get Value for Your Money.

It's the chance of the century, and all that is possible must be cleared out before going to our new warehouse.

KINGSMILL'S

Sold solely on their merit.

S. DAVIS & SONS

GENUINE Havana Cuban Made Cigars.

Retailed at 3 for 25 cents, to 3 for 50 cents.

RAILWAYS AND NAVIGATION.**GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM****New Year Holidays, 1903**

Between all stations in Canada—All stations in Canada, to Detroit and Port Huron, Mich., Buffalo, Black Rock, Suspension Bridge and Niagara Falls, N. Y.

General Public.

SINGLE FIRST CLASS FARE—Dec. 31, 1902, and Jan. 1, 1903, good returning until Jan. 2, 1903.

AT SINGLE FIRST CLASS FARE AND ONE-THIRD—Dec. 29, 30, 31, 1902, and Jan. 1, 1903, good returning until Jan. 6, 1903.

School Vacations.

To teachers and pupils of schools and colleges, on surrender of school vacation tickets, signed by principal.—AT SINGLE FIRST CLASS FARE AND ONE-THIRD—going Dec. 29, 30, 31, 1902, and Jan. 1, 1903, good returning until Jan. 6, 1903.

CANADIAN PACIFIC**For Christmas and New Year's Vacation.**

Will issue return tickets to general public at SINGLE FIRST CLASS FARE, good going Dec. 24 and 25, good returning until Jan. 1, 1903.

AT SINGLE FIRST CLASS FARE AND ONE-THIRD, going Dec. 22, 23, 24 and 25, also Dec. 29, 30, 31, 1902, and Jan. 1, 1903, good returning until Jan. 6, 1903.

Teachers and students (on surrender of standard form of school vacation railway certificate, signed by principal)—AT SINGLE FIRST CLASS FARE AND ONE-THIRD, going Dec. 22, 23, 24 and 25, also Dec. 29, 30, 31, 1902, and Jan. 1, 1903, good returning until Jan. 6, 1903.

Between all stations in Canada, Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Detroit, Mich., Buffalo, N. Y., and east.

W. FULTON, C. P. and T. A., London; A. H. NOTMAN, assistant general passenger agent, 1 King street east, Toronto.

Temperature Took a Jump.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—The temperature took a jump last night from close on 80 below zero up to zero.

RAILWAYS AND NAVIGATION.**New Year Excursions****MICHIGAN CENTRAL**

"The Niagara Falls Route."

will issue tickets at

Single First-Class Fare,

going Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, returning Jan. 2,

Fare and One-Third,

going Dec. 29 to Jan. 1, returning until

Jan. 5, 1903.

Students and Teachers

On presentation of certificate, special tickets may be purchased Dec. 6 to 31, returning Jan. 20.

Full particulars at the city ticket office, 385 Richmond street. Phone 265.

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United States and Royal Mail Steamers.

New York, Queenstown and Liverpool: CELESTIC, DEPARTING JAN. 4, 1903, 4.30 A.M.

TEUTONIC, DEPARTING JAN. 7, 1903, 11.30 A.M.

GERMANIC, DEPARTING JAN. 14, 1903, 11.30 A.M.

CYMBRIC, DEPARTING JAN. 21, 1903, 11.30 A.M.

CELTIC, DEPARTING JAN. 28, 1903, 11.30 A.M.

TEUTONIC, DEPARTING FEB. 4, 1903, 11.30 A.M.

Saloon rates from \$40 up. Second saloon from \$15 up, according to steamer and accommodation. Third class rates to Liverpool, London, Glasgow and Derry, \$25 and \$29.

Accommodations for all classes of passengers unexcelled.

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Leaving Montreal (Bonaventure Depot) 12 noon, Sunday, carrying the English Mail.

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Monaghan, Dec. 27. First cabin, \$45 and

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