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Wells That Pump Over One Hundred Barrels of Oil a Day.

Excitement of the Early Sixties Revived—Americans From All Over the States are in the Field Grabbing Up the Desirable Sites—Canadians, However, Hold a Big Slice of the Territory.

Another sensation! Another boom! Not in gold this time, nor in coal, but a genuine old-time oil boom! And within a few hours' ride of Toronto, too. But as usual the Americans have got in ahead. They rushed to Bothwell in the same way as they took possession of Rossland. It was an American who discovered the first and biggest well in the Bothwell oil field just as it was Americans who brought the Le Roi to its present celebrity. American and Canadian prospectors and speculators are now as thick as bees in the Bothwell district. The farms, for a stretch of six miles or more, have all been leased or otherwise secured. The farmers of the district have become demoralized. They are abandoning their farms to the oil men. Most of them expect to spend the rest of their days as independent gentlemen, living in opulence on the oil royalties of their farms.

It is surprising that so little has been heard in Toronto about the oil excitement in Bothwell. It looks very much as if there had been a conspiracy among the operators to keep the thing quiet until they had grabbed up the whole of the field. The local paper, The Bothwell Times, has had little or nothing to say about the excitement. The Chatham papers were mum until a week or ten days ago, when The Planet sent a reporter to write up the field. His observations were given at length in two or three issues of The Planet. Whether the papers have been silent from interested motives or not, it is true that an oil boom is now under way in Bothwell, and it is growing fiercer every day. There is a possibility that the excitement that raged in the early '60's may be repeated next spring.

To ascertain the actual facts of the case a World representative went to Bothwell last week, and remained there during three days. Arriving on Tuesday evening, I drove to the Central Hotel, but was unable to get a room. The proprietor had made arrangements with a private house to take charge of the overflow from his hotel, and, at 10 o'clock, I was conducted by a lad with a lantern in hand to the house of McKenzie of Petrolea, to drill a well two nights, taking my meals at the hotel.

THE LATEST STRIKE.

Visiting the hotel on the following (Wednesday) morning, I found the place alive with oil men. They were excitedly discussing a new strike that had been made the previous evening. This was on the Shebo farm, three miles to the south of the town. Some six weeks ago two Americans from Findlay, Ohio (the celebrated natural gas country), came to Bothwell to prospect for oil. They engaged Mr. W. McKenzie of Petrolia to drill a well for them on the Shebo farm, which they had leased along with various other properties. On Tuesday, Dec. 2, Mr. McKenzie got through with his job, and when a pump was put in and set to work it was found that the well was producing oil at the rate of 150 barrels per day. As there was only a single tank ready to receive the oil it was soon filled and the engine was shut down at 7 p.m. Tuesday. On the following afternoon another test was made of the capacity of the well. The farm is situated on the south side of the river. I drove to the well by way of the iron bridge. On my arrival there I found a group of oil men (there were probably thirty of them) standing about the well and taking a lively interest in its output. The discharge from the pipe was about one-half water and one-half oil. It was pumping at the rate of 150 barrels of oil in the twenty-four hours. The spectators were all well pleased with the test, but especially delighted with the result were the proprietors, Messrs. G. W. Whitman and C. E. Brinton. They have been in the oil business many years, and a new strike is no novelty to them. Nevertheless, they expressed themselves as well pleased with their first strike in Bothwell. It cost them just $700 to sink this well, which is producing about $200 worth of oil per day. Just as soon as oil was struck they were offered $2000 for a quarter interest in the single well, but as they know a good thing in oil when they see it they declined the offer. These two Americans have 700 acres under lease in the vicinity. They are preparing to sink wells as fast as they can secure drilling rigs to do the work. The testing of this well was the event of the day. Its capacity was not a suprise altogether because equally good wells had already been discovered, but it was a good well, and, being situated in a new section of the field, it naturally excited a good deal of interest.

TWO TORONTO MEN.

Among those who were present at the test were two Toronto men, who, having heard of the boom, had come to Bothwell to take a hand in it. Having spent half an hour at the well they hurried off to the adjoining farm to see if that property could not be optioned or leased. They found Farmer Smith's head so swelled that they could do nothing with him in reason, so they left and concentrated their efforts on other property which they had in view. Before leaving Bothwell they secured a lease of the north half of the Lutz farm, lot 18, but there is a dispute between the Toronto men and Mr. Alex. Elliott, who claims priority. There was an exciting race to Chatham on Thursday morning between these two parties to register their respective leases, which cover the same, or part of the same, ground. Mr. Fraser, the Toronto man, took an early morning train for Chatham and got to the registry office a few minutes in advance of his rival. He is confident he holds the claim, although there may be a contest over it in the court.

THE OIL AREA.

The oil territory is as yet more or less undefined. A great deal more prospecting will have to be done before the limits of the field can be exactly determined. The belt, as far as it has traced, extends from the Goodyear farm in the west to beyond the village of Jangfrau, crossing the Thames River. This is a strip of land four or more in length and from one to two miles in width. The strip is about miles south of the town, and its course is east and west. Oil is found at a depth of 375 to 400 feet.

THE BONANZA PROPERTY.

The best property up to date is that of Messrs. Carman and Fairbanks, who hold a lease of the north half of the Goodyear farm. Mr. J. F. Carman is a young man, who came to Bothwell from Pittsburg about a year ago. He spent several months looking over the ground, and finally determined to drill on the Goodyear farm. The result has been most satisfactory. On my visit to the farm I saw at once that the concern was a good business property. Five wells had been sunk, but only one was pumping. This latter has been pumping for three months, and it has averaged 75 barrels a day. All the wells are good, but they have only recently been drilled, and there is no power available to work them. It is said they will average 20 barrels each per day. Mr. Bruce McLeod, the foreman, is in charge of a gang of 15 men, comprising three tankers, four on the drilling rig, two on the pumping rig and six carpenters and laborers. The men were at work squaring timber for a power house. This building will contain a 25 horse-power engine and 40 horse-power boiler. The plant will furnish power to drive 35 wells. It is the intention of the proprietors to sink two wells a month right along until they have all the wells the territory will bear. There is storage capacity on the grounds for 1000 barrels, and it is being supplemented by 2400 barrels more. The storage tanks are 1300 feet distant from a switch on the Grand Trunk. A pipe line runs to the switch, and the oil is pumped into the tanks direct. Mr. Carman's partner is Dr. Fairbanks, one of the Fairbanks of Petrolea fame. Mr. Fairbanks had no faith in Bothwell until Mr. Carman made his strike on the Goodyear farm. This opened their eyes, and Mr. Fairbanks, it is said, paid Carman $10,000 for a half interest in the Goodyear property. The firm are now pushing things as fast as they can. The power house will be rushed forward as soon as possible, and new wells sunk as fast as the work can be done. In a conversation with Dr. Fairbanks he said he believed the field would be a permanent one, and that was a feature he liked about it more than anything else.

THE WALKER COMPANY.

The last issue of The Canada Gazette contained a notice of the incorporation of the Walker Oil and Gas Company of Bothwell. The capital of the company is $250,000 and the members of the concern are H. A. Walker, H. C. Walker of Walkerville; Hiram Walker of Isle Aux Peches, W. T. DeGraffe, Isaac DeGraffe, Dr. Hoestle and Anton Ekstrom of Detroit. This company is going extensively into the business. Mr. Hiram Walker, a gentleman over 80 years of age, frequently comes up to Bothwell from Walkerville and takes an active interest in it. In addition to the 1400 acres which he owns in the vicinity of the oil belt, Mr. Walker has secured for the company about 800 acres more. It is said the company has spent fully $50,000 up to date in the development of its various properties. The most development has been done on the south half of the Goodyear farm, which the company controls, as well as the adjoining farm to the south, the Marcus property. There are four wells on these properties, but only one is working. Its output is 40 barrels per day. It started at 160 barrels in the 24 hours, but has now got down to its normal capacity of 40 barrels. There are two boring rigs at work, one on each farm. Mr. Walker is pumping other wells on the Murphy property on the east side of the river. A well sunk here started with a bigger output than the 40-barrel well on the Goodyear place. The Walker property is connected by pipe line with the Grand Trunk. It takes one hour to pump 70 barrels from the storage tanks into an oil tank on the car.

TWO WELLS ON THIS FARM.

The next farm to the west is the Brewer property, which has been leased by John Puddicombe, hardware merchant of Bothwell. He has two wells here, yielding together from 8 to 10 barrels a day. Other wells will be sunk in the near future.

ANOTHER GOOD PROPERTY.

Mr. Alex Elliott is preparing to operate on an extensive scale. He has lease the Sussex, Lutz and Gessner properties. He is the first in the district to erect a power house. This was only started going the other day. Six wells are operated from one by means of the "jerking" gear which is such a conspicuous feature on an oil farm. Five of these wells average six

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Everybody is invited to the Christmas opening of Fine Toys and Parisian Novelties at the Harold A. Wilson Co., 35 King-st. W.

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Just a Whiff

of floral fragrance to brighten your home. Why not see the bewildering beauty of Dunlop's flowers and choose something there to gratify your taste? Every seasonable blossom in perfect freshness at 5 King-street west, and 445 Yonge-street.

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., patent solicitors and experts, Bank Commerce Building, Toronto.

Aqueduct—Public meeting in Pavilion to-night.

Grand & Toy's Snaps.

Waste paper baskets, document baskets, ink, mucilage, paste, pens, pencils, letter files, blank books. Rock bottom prices. If it is a good thing we have it. Grand & Toy, Stationers and Printers, Wellington and Jordan-streets, Toronto.

See Lois Fuller and Lona Barrison, the greatest mechanical novelties of the age, at the Harold A. Wilson Co., 35 King-st. W.

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Our whole stock of fine neckwear (J. H. Buckingham & Co.'s make), is on sale at 20c off each dollar. Regular $1 scarfs, sale price 80c. Treble's reduction sale, 53 King-street west.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W., day, 75c.

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Office paste sticks harder than mucilage, and cleaner to use; 5c per jar, with brush. Blight Bros., 65 Yonge-street.

The best remedy for toothache—Gibbons' Toothache Gum. Price 10c.

Why shiver when the finest stock of Llama underwear is selling at 20c off each dollar; 40 in. grey Llama trousers regular $4.25 each, sale price $3.45. Treble's reduction sale, 53 King-street west.

Doctors highly recommend Adams' Tutti Frutti for weak digestion. See that the trade mark name Tutti Frutti is on each 5-cent package.

OUR APPLES KEEP BEST

Crowd Out Michigan Apples at Chicago.

SO SAYS MR. JOHN CRAIG.

Wolverine Fruit Raisers Are Asking for an Increased Tariff.

The Horticulturist of the Central Experimental Farm Tells About His Visit to Grand Rapids—A Further Racket About Those Brevet Promotions—Lieut.-Col Gray Gets His Walking Ticket—Masonic Sympathy—General News From the Capital.

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Mr. John Craig, horticulturist of the Central Experimental Farm, returned to-day after attending the meeting of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association at Kingston, and that of the Michigan State Horticultural Society, which latter was held at Grand Rapids Dec. 1, 2, 3. The cry of the Michigan producer of apples and peaches was this year overproduction, faulty distribution and apparent under-consumption. The crop of apples in Michigan, as elsewhere, was excessive. Only the best keepers of the finest quality and appearance were handled with profit. Vast quantities of summer and fall apples were evaporated, fed to cattle or rotted on the ground. It was remarkable to find, in the face of these conditions, that Canadian apples competed successfully in the Chicago and St. Louis markets, with the American-grown product, handicapped, though they are with a 30 per cent. (ad valorem duty). The superior flavor and keeping qualities of the Northern-grown apple were becoming more fully recognized each succeeding season. Michigan fruit growers are feeling that in Ontario they have a dangerous competitor, and are asking for an increase in the tariff. There is little doubt that there will always be a market for our high-class apples in the large cities of the centre and Southern States. Michigan peach growers are progressing rapidly in the science of producing fine fruit at the lowest possible cost. It was stated that during the height of the season 185 trains assisted each day in carrying fruit to and from Chicago. A considerable quantity of Michigan peaches found their way to the Toronto markets, in spite of a duty of 60 cents per bushel. In the return struggle for possession of the markets in the world, the fittest will survive. It behooves Canada, then, to ascertain what fruits reach their highest state of perfection within her borders, and where within these borders they may be produced with the greatest advantage, and having learned these lessons to gather up all her energy and ability, and use it for a fixed and definite purpose. An illustrated address given by Mr. Craig upon the fruit resources of Canada, together with two papers upon technical subjects, were well received by the audience.

THOSE BREVET PROMOTIONS.

The Minister of Militia is still receiving representations from the militia regarding the recent brevet promotions in the permanent corps, but nothing will be considered by the Minister unless some definite and specific statements are made to him. Dr. Bordeh, while in Quebec, received a deputation of officers on this question. In reply he handed them a memorandum marked "Confidential," which pointed out that there had been no ante-dating of commissions, as charged, and that rule 72 had been strictly complied with. It also pointed out that officers from other corps, upon entering the permanent corps, lost all rank, and had to begin to win their rank again. In conclusion the Minister asked the officers present to present a similar memorandum has statement of the case for submission to his officers on the staff at Ottawa. In addition to this, an invitation to presen a similar memorandum has been sent to the officers at Toronto.

MATTERS AT THE FARM.

Feeding experiments with steers will be commenced at the Experimental Farm this week. A very successful series of experiments at feeding hogs has just been concluded. Prof. Saunders is recording the results of the crops grown at the farm during the past summer.

INCORPORATION GRANTED.

Letters patent of incorporation have been granted to the Northern Elevator Co., increasing their capital stock from $250,000 to $500,000. The Beatty Gold Dredging and Mining Co., to do business on the Fraser River, is also incorporated, with a capitalization of $50,000; the Boston Rubber Co., with $200,000 capital stock; the Croil and McCullough Dairy Co., with $150,000 capital stock; the Thomas Mfg. Co., to take over the Lozier Co. Bicycle works at Toronto, and carry on business, with $500,000 capital stock.

FAVORS REQUESTED.

The Methodist Trust Fire Insurance Company will apply next session for the power to carry on the business of fire insurance in all its branches. The Commercial Travelers Association will also seek increased powers. The Niagara Grand Island Bridge Company will seek an extension of time for the commencement and completion of their undertaking. The River St. Clair Railway, Bridge and Tunnel Company also desire an extension of time for carrying out their work, and the Canada Southern Railway Company wants the same for the completion of their unconstructed lines and branches.

COL. GRAY IS OUT.

Not long ago it was announced that Lieut.-Col. John Gray, Inspector of Military Stores at Toronto, would be transferred to Ottawa. Instead of this, however, the present Minister has just lopped off the Colonel's head on the ground that the office was a sinecure, and Mr. Borden does not propose to fill it.

BROTHERLY SYMPATHY

The Masonic fraternity of Ottawa have just received messages of sympathy from all parts of Canada at their recent loss by fire. Among those sending sympathetic greetings are Wm. Gibson, M.P., Grand Master; E. T. Malone, D.G.M., and Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Major Bliss, Assistant Adjutant-General, is hard at work on the new militia list, and hopes to have it out promptly on time.

Major Borthwick has decided that at the council meeting to-morrow night he will recommend that an inquiry be made before the proper tribunal as to the manner in which the recent fire was handled; whether there is need of more appliances, and if so, what kind would be the most servicable.

Mr. Laurier, at the invitation of J. R. Booth, took a trip over the Parry Sound Railway yesterday. Others on board were Sir Henri Joly, W. C. Edwards, M.P., A. W. Fleck, secretary-treasurer and E. J. Chamberlain, general manager of the line.

Whidden Graham, a Maritime Province newspaper man, who is representing Harry Furniss, the well-known artist of Punch, left for Toronto to-night after a pleasant stay in the city.

Sir Adolphe Caron says the campaign in Cornwall and Stormont looks well for the Conservatives.

The Citizens' Brewing and Distilling Co. of Maisonneuve, Que., are applying for Dominion incorporation with a capitalization of $300,000. Hon. Alphonse Desjardins and Mr. R. Prefontaine, M.P., are among the promoters.

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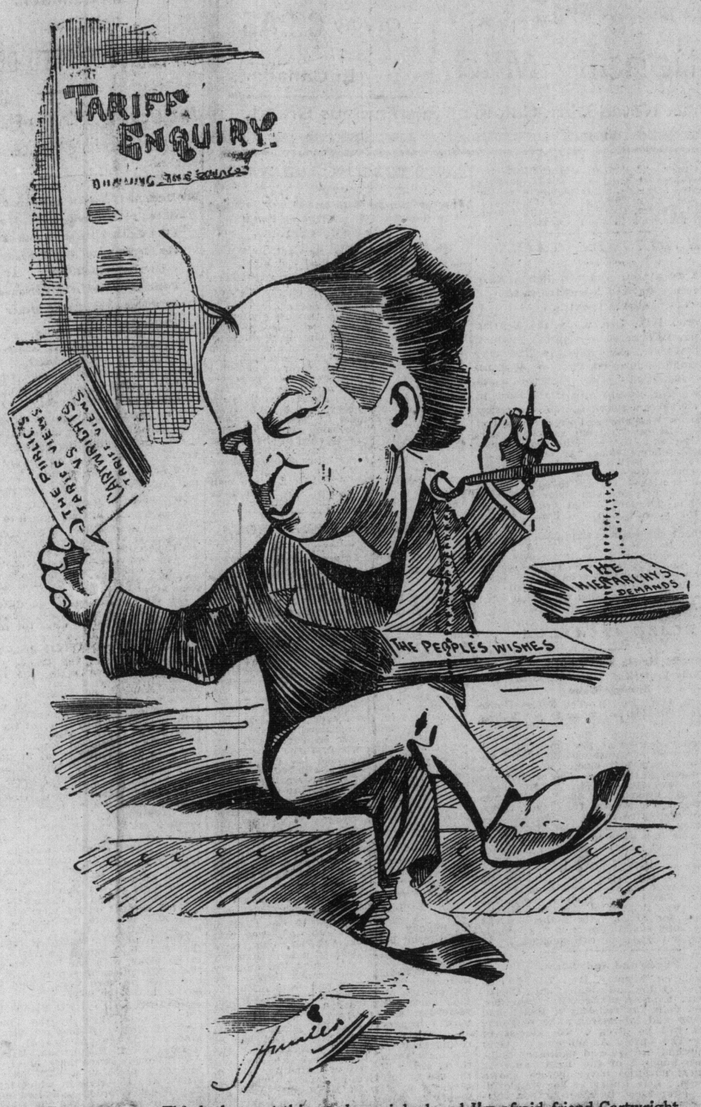

MR. LAURIER: This is the next thing to be weighed, and I'm afraid friend Cartwright will find himself light.

GOOD NEWS FROM REGINA.

General Wilkinson Arrives at Rat Portage Bringing Two Gold Bricks, the Result of Two Weeks' Run.

Rat Portage, Ont., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—General Wilkinson, managing director of the Regina Gold Mining Company, Whitefish Bay, Lake of the Woods, arrived in town from the mine this evening. A rich strike was made on his mine on Thursday in the third level. The assay showed a value of $92 to the ton, and the indications are that the vein will widen and assay even higher as the work of development progresses. The main shaft has reached a depth of 207 feet, and the vein has widened to six feet. The new cyanide plant for the treatment of concentrates has just been brought into operation, and the work of developing the Regina is being pushed. The General brought with him two gold bricks, the result of two weeks' work. The whole efforts of the management of the Regina are being given to development, and the output in gold is merely the result of crushing the quartz taken out in the course of development.

Easy to order—"Salada Ceylon Tea.

Pember's Turkish baths, evening, 50c. 129 Yonge.

They Gave Over $1000.

Bowmanville, Ont., Dec. 6.—The annual thank-offering towards the reduction of the debt on the Methodist Church took place here to-day with great success. The handsome sum of $1000 11 was placed upon the plates. Rev. E. Roberts of Belleville, a former pastor of the Old E.C. Church here, preached two very able sermons.

Mr. Mower Martin's exhibition of paintings opens at 8 King street west on Tuesday morning. Sale on Thursday.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W., evening 50c.

It Was John Haggarty.

Tecumseh, Ont., Dec. 6.—The unknown man found dead on the track one mile east of Tecumseh on Dec. 2 has been identified by his parents as John Haggarty of Detroit, his mother giving full description of his clothing and articles found upon him. Coroner Reaume made no hesitation in handing articles over to his mother as the belongings of her son.

Miss Frances World at Auditorium tomorrow night.

48th Band will appear at Auditorium tomorrow night.

Don't forget Elms' concert at Auditorium to-morrow night

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Try Watson's Cough Drops.

See Lois Fuller and Lona Barrison, the greatest mechanical novelties of the age, at the Harold A. Wilson Co., 35 King-st. W.

Gibbons' Toothache Gum acts as a temporary filling and stops toothache instantly. Price 10c.

TAKEN OUT OF COURT.

The Consolidated Light and Tram Co. at Vancouver Withdraws Its Case Against Mr. P. N. Smith.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The case of the Consolidated Light and Tram Co. v. P. N. Smith, for alleged misappropriation of funds, has been taken out of court. It is reported that Golden Cache stock is selling for 220 at Toronto. It is selling here at 170.

CANCER OF THE LIVER.

That is the Malady From Which Archbishop Fabre Suffers and He Cannot Live Long.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—After hoping against hope, the Archbishop's physicians have given up all ides of being able to restore Mgr. Fabre to health. Yesterday His Grace received the last rites of the Roman Catholic Church, and amongst those who witnessed the ceremony was Madame Fabre, aged 97, who is only 16 years older than her son, the dying Archbishop. The fatal disease is cancer of the liver.

HARRY FOSTER KILLED.

A Brother of the Ex-Minister of Finance Fell Downstairs at a Hotel in Moncton and is Dead.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 6.—A very sad fatality occurred here to-night, the victim being Harry Foster, brother of Hon. G. E. Foster, ex-Minister of Finance. It appears that Mr. Foster called at the Brunswick Hotel this afternoon shortly after 1 o'clock and called at the room of two friends. He remained there an hour or so and, leaving his companions, descended the stairs leading to the office. When about four steps from the bottom he slipped and fell to the floor. He was picked up by the proprietor, carried into the private office and medical aid summoned. It was found that the skull was fractured. Five hours after the accident he died in the presence of his family. It is understood that deceased had $5000 insurance on his life in favor of his wife.

Aqueduct—Public meeting in Pavilion to-night.

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The Power Aqueduct Meeting.

Mayor Fleming is to preside at the public meeting in the Pavilion to-night to discuss the Georgian Bay aqueduct. He may surprise the citizens by a declaration in its favor, just as he has surprised them in his recent Sunday car negotiations. At all events, the project is one worthy of the best consideration of the business men and workingmen of Toronto. The men who are favorable to a reconstruction of the company and putting energy and capital into the enterprise should come straight out and say what they will do. The World believes that cheap power sufficient to run and light all Toronto can be generated at the Humber. And, if that is the case, it is as worthy of encouragement as a new railway or the like.

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Special.

1000 Leaf Letter Copying Books, half bound leather; $1 each. Blight Bros., 65 Yonge-street.

Turkish baths open day and night, 129 Yonge.

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Gibbons' Toothache Gum is easy applie and affords instant relief. Price 10c.

Try Watson's Cough Drops.

SUITABLE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Dineens Have Some Fine Bargains for the Holiday Trade.

The near approach of Christmas is now very noticeable in the principal stores, particularly those whose goods are suitable for the holiday trade. Dineens' fur establishment at King and Yonge-streets was crowded all of Saturday, and the fur novelties recently purchased in New York by Mr. Dineen proved a great attraction to purchasers.

At no other store in Canada is there such a beautiful variety of expensive furs as at Dineens'. In fact, nowhere this side of New York or London, Eng., can a store be found to equal Dineens', where any stylish fur garment of the very latest fashion can be had. In addition to this Dineens' prices are less than those of the manufacturers'. Owing to the depression in the United States during the last two or three months a number of big business failures were caused there. Mr. Dineen heard of these and took advantage of a fine opportunity to purchase a lot of splendid goods at 50 cents on the dollar. These goods are now on sale, and the earlier the purchaser secures a bargain the better, for now they get the choice of the stock.

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Parties desiring winter board should not overlook the Lakeview, cor. Winchester and Parliament-streets. Just a few rooms left. J. H. Ayre, Proprietor. 135

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Last Instalment Taxes, 1896.

Pay your taxes on or before the 10th inst., and save additional charges.

A swell wedding or Xmas present—the new model '97 Cleveland bicycle.

Monuments.

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The leading scientific men endorse Adams' Tutti Frutti for indigestion. Some dealers try to palm off imitations, in order to make more profit.

BIRTHS.

PATTESON—At London, Ont., Dec. 5, the wife of Godfroy Barkworth Patteson, of a son.

DEATHS.

BROADWAY—On Sunday, Dec. 6, at 206 Lippincott-street, Ethel May, youngest child of James Broadway.

Funeral this day (Monday) at 2.45 to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Friends will please accept this intimation.

BROWN—On Saturday, Dec. 5th, 1896, at 31 Stafford-street, George Brown, in his 51st year, late of the Junction.

Funeral Monday afternoon at half-past two o'clock.

HARE—On Dec. 6, Ethel Blanche Hare, only daughter of Robert and Alice Hare, aged 1 year.

Funeral at 3 p.m., Monday, Dec. 7, from 423 Queen west.

GALLAGHER—At her father's residence, 59 Nelson-street, on Saturday, Dec. 5, 1896, Mary Ann Gallagher, aged 4 months.

Funeral from the above address at 2 p.m., Monday. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

"The Slater Shoe" can be purchased only at The Slater Shoe Store, 89 King-st West.

HOWELL'S AWFUL ACT.

He Went to Montreal to Kill Annie Sims

THE GIRL WHOM HE LOVED.

Called at Her Father's House, Shot Her Twice, Then Killed Himself.

Their Engagement Had Been Broken Off on Account of the Young Man's Mental Trouble—His Victim in a Very Critical Condition—Miss Sims' Uncle on Jarvis Street Receives a Telegram Announcing the Terrible Affair.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—John Howell shot Annie Sims this morning at her home, and then emptied his 38-calibre revolver into his own brain, dropping dead instantly. Three or four years ago Howell, who is about 27 years of age, became engaged to Miss Sims, aged 23, daughter of James Sims, postoffice clerk, and living at 234 St. Martin-street, or about three doors from the residence of her lover's father. Two years ago the young man contracted malarial fever in New Mexico, and his mind has been so considerably weakened since that the young lady's family strongly objected to her marriage under the circumstances. Howell, who was a moulder by trade, had been for some months in New Haven, Conn., and it appears that Miss Sims wrote him a letter not long ago telling him that he must consider the engagement broken off, as she had decided that she could not become his wife. Howell did not reply, but this morning he arrived in Montreal by the Boston train, and proceeded to his father's house. He sent word to the Sims household thta he wanted to see Annie. She, however, refused to obey the summons, and at 9 o'clock, as the members of the family were about to go down to breakfast, the discarded lover entered, and while the family went downstairs the young couple entered the parlor and began conversing together. All at once three shots were fired in quick succession, and, going up to the room, Howell was found lifeless on the floor, and Miss Sims in what was supposed to be a dying condition. The desperate man had fired two shots at the lady and then killed himself instantly by firing into his brain. When taken to the General Hospital, it was found that, although one of the bullets had passed in near the eye, and the other lodged in her head, Miss Sims was still alive. She remained unconscious all day, although the medical attendants say there is a slim chance for her recovery.

It is believed that Howell came to Montreal on purpose to kill Miss Sims. She was a lady much esteemed and an active Sunday School worker in the First Baptist Church.

THE NEWS IN TORONTO.

Mr. P. H. Sims of Jarvis-Street Hears of the Terrible Tragedy.

Mr. P. H. Sims of 340 Jarvis-street, an uncle of the wounded girl, Annie Sims, last evening received the following telegraph message from another relative:

"Montreal, Dec. 6.

"Howell, after few minutes interview with Annie this morning, shot her; then himself. Annie very critical. Howell dead.

"(Signed) W. B. Gilmour."

When seen at his Jarvis-street boarding house by The World last evening, Mr. Sims was very much worried over the affair. He had recently visited the afflicted home at 234 St. Martin-street, Montreal, where his niece lived with her father, Mr. C. Sims, who has for 30 years been an official in the postoffice there.

Howell, who killed himself after shooting the girl, was an old Montreal boy, and for some time past had been working as a machinist at Paxtang, Pa.

Mr. Sims is unable to name a motive for Howell's deed. Howell and Miss Sims had been keeping company for four or five years, and their marriage had been several times postponed.

When Mr. Sims was in Montreal the other day his niece asked his advice about breaking off the engagement, and it is probable that she later did so, and thereby drove Howell to his desperate dede. Mr. Sims asserts that there was no other man in the case.

Aqueduct—Public meeting in Pavilion to-night.

Remembers His Canadian Friends.

Mr. Jimmy Boyle, the trusted and popular official private secretary to Major McKinley while he was Governor of Ohio, and private secretary to the Major during the late campaign, is to be installed in the White House in the same capacity. He has a friend up at the Varsity in the person of none other than "Jack" Counsell. "Jimmy" and "Jack" are old friends; and, to show his esteem of Varsity's half-back, Mr. Boyle has sent him a letter of congratulation. Through Mr. Boyle, the President-elect has also heard of our "Tiny," and as a result "Jack" has received a large 12 x 10 inch photo of the President-elect, with his autograph spread out on it. The Major speaks highly of young Canadians, and invites "Tiny" to visit the White House.

Guitar concert Association Hall Dec. 9.

A Dead Game Sport.

Toronto's slick Mayor travels in style these days in spite of that $500. He doesn't care a continental what the church people think of him now that he's a Sunday car convert. Mr. S. H. Blake and his one-horse livery coupe isn't in it on Sunday. Last night Bob drove to The Globe editorial rooms in a dashing turn-out, drawn by a pair of spanking greys. Why, the Mayor is a regular sport now, so they say.

Aqueduct—Public meeting in Pavilion to-night.

"Salada" Ceylon Tea is delightful.

Colder Weather.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Calgary, 8—24; Battleford, 10 below—20; Qu'Appelle, 10—22; Winnipeg, 10 below—8; Port Arthur, 4—22; Toronto, 40—44; Ottawa, 20—42; Montreal, 18—40; Quebec, 12—20; Halifax, 24—40.

PROBS: Moderate winds, fair weather, lower temperatures.

Funeral furnishings. Gormally & Somerville, 172 Queen st. West. Tel. 5355

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W. Ladies 75c.

Steamship Movements.

Dec. 5.	At	From
California	New York	Genoa
Netherlolme	The Lizard	Montreal
New York	New York	S'hampton
Maasdam	New York	Rotterdam
K. Wilhelm II.	Naples	New York
Persia	Hamburg	New York
Umbria	New York	Liverpool
Numidian	Halifax	Liverpool
Dec. 6		
Memnon	Bristol	Montreal
Rosarian	London	Montreal
Cervona	London	Montreal
La Gascogne	Havre	New York

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