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3 lbs. Cleaned Currants, 25c.  
Lemon, Orange and Citron Peel, mixed, 15c. to 20c. per lb.  
New season's Mixed Nuts, 15c. per lb.  
New Dates, 7c. per lb.  
New Figs, 5c. per lb.  
8 lbs. Mixed Candy for 25c.  
Cream Candy, 12c. per lb.  
Chocolate, 12c. per lb.  
Mince Meat, 5c. per lb.  
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Train up a child in the way he should go, and keep right along with him yourself.

## STRENGTH IN RESERVE CITY CALLS G. T. R. BLUFF AND PASSES VIGOROUS MEASURE

Temporary Russian Respite to Prepare For January.

Collapse of the Telegraphers' Strike Gives Government a Breathing Space in Which to Make Good to the People—Telegraphers Won Salary Increase But No Political Reforms—Shooting Officers.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 9.—A much more optimistic feeling prevails in Government circles at the prospect of a complete collapse of the postal telegraph strike and the definite passage of the danger that it might be complicated by an immediate general strike throughout the Empire. The workmen's council and the railroad men's affiliated organizations yesterday afternoon came to a final decision that it would not be wise to employ the supreme fighting tool except to achieve the highest political aims and to reserve all their strength for the great struggle projected for the middle of January.

At the same time it is reported that even in defeat they have won a partial victory in the promise that their salaries, which were on a very low scale, will be increased by the addition of \$2,500,000 for salaries to the budget. None of their political demands, however, have been granted.

But even after the strike is formally abandoned it is likely that several days will elapse before telegraph service will be completely resumed as the wires and poles in many localities have been destroyed.

A period of comparative calm may now supervene and both sides will use it in preparation for the January struggle. In a fortnight heavy snows are likely to put an end to the reign of pillage, arson and murder in the country and the full will give the Government the chance to accomplish something tangible and the sober-minded an opportunity to reflect. The latter, however, hardly will enter into the equation.

Killing Their Officers.  
Harbin, Manchuria, via Warsaw, Russian Poland, Dec. 8.—Many officers are being killed by rebellious troops. Reserve officers are not permitted to return home. All messages from Manchuria are censored.

ADRIAT AT SEA.

One Thousand Japanese Troops and Several Officers on Board.

Chetco, Dec. 9.—Two Japanese army officers, who have arrived here in a lifeboat, report that the transport Jinsei, which left Daini for Japan three days ago with 1,000 troops and 300 horses aboard, broke her propeller between Shantung promontory and the Korean coast and is now drifting. The two officers embarked in a lifeboat and came to Chetco to seek assistance.

The Japanese Consul here has telegraphed for a man-of-war to rescue the lifeboat. Some British officers are on board the transport.

SCHOONER MAUD LOST.  
All Hands Go Down in Collision Off English Coast.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 9.—Word has been received in this city that the schooner Maud, from Gaspe, Que., for Porto Rico, in collision, and all hands, had been lost. The news came in a cable from Jersey, England, but gave no particulars. The schooner, sailed from Gaspe on November 12. The vessel registered 50 tons, and was commanded by Capt. Noel.

## HONORED HIM

Masons Tender Farewell to Esteemed Colleague—Popular and Progressive City Banker Promoted

On Thursday evening the members of Wellington Chapter of Royal Arch Masons gathered at the Masonic Temple, King St., to do honor to Mr. A. S. Thornton, who for the past eight years has been the efficient and esteemed accountant at the local Bank of Commerce, and who is shortly leaving to take a responsible position at the head office of the Bank at Toronto. Among the prominent Chapter Masons present were: Geo. Massey, J. M. Pike, Rev. J. W. Hodgins, Edwin Bell, L. L. D., Robt. Park and many others.

On behalf of Wellington Chapter, No. 47, R. A. M., G. R. E., Major Massey presented Mr. Thornton with a handsome Past Principal's suit of regalia, to which an appropriate response was given by Mr. Thornton, an esteemed member of Parthenon Lodge, Wellington Chapter and Kent Preceptory, and his departure will be a great loss to local Masonic circles. The news of the early departure of Mr. Thornton will cause much regret also throughout the whole business community, where he is held in the highest respect. He is a well-known and efficient member of the Bank of Commerce in Chatham, and all will regret his departure, while at the same time tendering hearty congratulations upon a deserved promotion. Mr. Thornton has won for himself a large circle of fast friends, both personally and in business.

## Dangerous Shunting and Switching Operations Must be Stopped Over Our Public Streets—Must Move Switches Back to its Own Property—Hog Pens Must Also be Banished—City Council Speaks Out

If the City Council earnestly and persistently follows up the vigorous measure enacted last night to rid the public of the shunting and switching nuisance—admittedly very dangerous—which, according to the Grand Trunk's own evidence, blocks the main thoroughfares of Queen and William streets for hours each day, the aldermen will establish themselves in the grateful memory of the people as public benefactors.

The position taken by the Railway Commission enables the people of Chatham more readily to apply for instant redress from a practice which has been for some time both a public nuisance and a public danger.

In seeking to prevent the electric railroad crossing their tracks and also to load the city with the gigantic expense of building a public subway, the Grand Trunk corporation exposed their own hand. They put in evidence to show that at all times the crossing on these two public thoroughfares was dangerous and that an immense amount of shunting and switching was done over them every day. The Council rightly proposed to put an emphatic stop to this condition of affairs. It is held that, in the public interests the railroad corporation must be immediately called upon to remove the dangerous and annoying switching operations back upon their own unoccupied land between Queen and Lacroix Sts., where they can be carried on in comparative safety and without inconvenience to the public.

It is also very satisfactory to learn that the filthy offensive hog pens, which for months past have been a nuisance to the city and a danger to the public, should be permanently guarded by the gates for the through trains, and that switching across these highways to such a great extent as now shown to be the case ought to be prohibited, and that the electric cars ought, in the interests of the public, be allowed to cross with as much ease as other conveyances except when the gates are closed for passing trains on the G. T. R.; and that the Commission should not make terms unreasonably favoring the G. T. R. Co., and prevent the public, which has made sacrifices to obtain an electric road, from having an electric way along William St., including the part crossed by the G. T. tracks.

And this Council must further protest against the keeping by the Railway Co. of their filthy hog pens so close to the many private residences, and leading thoroughfares of the city.

The Mayor read city solicitor's letter calling attention to the suggestion submitted to the Railway Commission that a public subway should be built.

The Mayor pointed out that this proposal could be of no possible advantage to the city and would prove an immense cost, even outside of the compensation which would have to be paid to near-by property owners. It was simply a proposal from the Grand Trunk corporation to give them two of our public streets for shunting purposes. In view of the evidence the Grand Trunk had submitted as to the manner in which they used these crossings at present, he thought the time was opportune

to inaugurate a movement to put an end to the dangerous nuisance. "We want that shunting done on their own property," concluded the Mayor, "and not upon our people's."

Ald. Austin, Westman and Marshall in turn spoke vigorously along the same lines and the following resolution was unanimously carried:

Moved by Ald. Austin, seconded by Ald. Westman, and resolved: That, after fully considering, at a special meeting, the letter of our solicitor, submitting the suggestion of the Railway Commission regarding a subway, extending for William and Queen streets at the Grand Trunk Railway, this Council is opposed to any such subway, and regards with much disfavor the position taken by the Grand Trunk Railway Co. These streets belong to the city for the use of the public and the public should not be compelled to go down and up an underground way; the safety of the public as well as of the Railway passengers is completely provided for by the keeping of the gates, although the Railway Company's face downwards on the floor quite dead and the mother and daughter stretched out on the floor of the same room, the mother dead and the daughter in her last gasp.

Boy in the Barn.  
Kitching hastened upstairs to locate the fire. He found the feather tick on the bed in Coulter's bedroom on fire and threw it out of the window. Further search revealed the murdered boy in the barn, still breathing, but unconscious, and he died a few hours afterward without regaining consciousness. A telephone message was immediately sent to Dr. Moore of Horns Mills, who at once hurried to the scene of the tragedy, first telephoning to Coroner R. W. Rooney of Shelburne, who also started for the scene immediately, but the victims were all beyond human aid.

Inquest and Verdict.  
Coroner Rooney of Shelburne held an inquest yesterday afternoon, which was attended by County Crown Attorney W. J. L. McKay of Orangeville.

Dr. Moore of Horns Mills gave evidence as to the finding of the bodies and the nature of the wounds. George William Kitching and William Higgins gave evidence as to the noticing of the smoke from the bedroom and the terrible revelations that awaited them when they entered the house. Samuel R. Dolan, one of the neighbors to whom Coulter confined his gloomy forebodings as to the purchase of the Tweedy farm, the burden of his plaint being "I'm an old man, Sam; I'm an old man, Sam," gave evidence as to his conversations with Coulter. Coulter had offered Tweedy one hundred dollars to relieve of his bargain. There was no incurrence on the farm he sold.

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Freight Conductor Killed.  
Montreal, Dec. 9.—Charles Byron, G.R. freight conductor of this city, was killed at St. Hilaire yesterday by a freight engine, which was shunting in the yard. He was walking to the station for orders at the time he was struck.

Negro Uses a Razor.  
Winnipeg, Dec. 9.—W. H. Cooper, colored, was slashed across the stomach by H. S. Clay, also colored, yesterday, and his chances for recovery are slight. A razor was the implement used.

Will Erect House of Refuge.  
Belleville, Dec. 9.—The County Council of Hastings County has decided to purchase a site in this city for the new House of Refuge.

## FATHER SLAYS FAMILY

Then He Shoots Himself to Death With a Revolver.

Shocking Deeds Done in the County of Grey—James Coulter, a Melancthon Farmer, Kills Son, Wife and Daughter With An Axe and Then Shoots Himself—Temporarily Insane Over Property Bargain He Rued.

Shelburne, Dec. 9.—A property sold, a higher priced property bought, a ruing of the latter bargain, an unsuccessful attempt to withdraw from the deal, a brooding over the matter to the point of insanity, showing itself in his gloomy, despairing remark to a neighbor the day before, "I'm an old man, Sam, I'm an old man, Sam."

This seems to be the only explanation for the motives that actuated the principal in the most horrible crime in the annals of Dufferin County. James Coulter, Melancthon Township, was Thursday morning the head of a family of four; to-day his wife, his fourteen year old daughter, and his eleven year old son, are dead from blows from an axe wielded by the husband and father, and the crazed father himself is silent in death from revolver wounds inflicted by himself after committing the awful triple crime.

Shortly after dinner Thursday George Kitching, a neighbor, saw smoke issuing from an upstairs window of the Coulter home. Kitching called Lemuel Ostrander, another neighbor, and together they hurried to the Coulter house, making their way into the kitchen to give the alarm of fire. To their horror they found Coulter face downwards on the floor quite dead and the mother and daughter stretched out on the floor of the same room, the mother dead and the daughter in her last gasp.

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Electric Cars Thronged With Passengers—Special Rates and Service

With extra cars running and special Saturday excursion rates in force the electric railroad to-day did an immense passenger service. All the cars were laden with travellers, the car arriving at nine o'clock equally the record. This, however, was again broken by the splendid run of the car of Conductor Albert Warburton, which arrived in the city at 11:30 a. m.

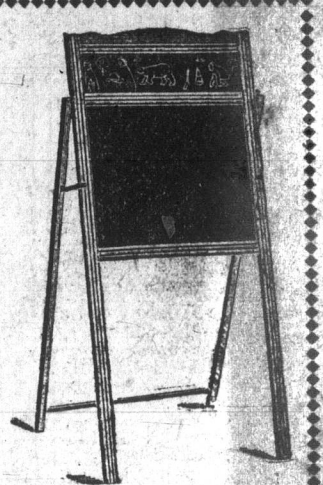
"This is our record run," said Conductor Warburton when interviewed by The Planet, "the car was crowded throughout the entire route and we were called upon to stop at homes all along the line."

Some idea of the way the people of Kent are patronizing the road and its great advantage to the community may be gained from the fact that outside of tickets and notwithstanding the special reduced rates, Conductor Warburton turned in over \$30 cash for this record run.

Quinty of Abduction.  
Toronto, Dec. 9.—Before Judge Winchester yesterday, William Reid of Bradford was arraigned on the charge of abducting Edna Wooding of Newmarket, the same Edna being under 16 years of age. He was found guilty, but was not sentenced.

Charged With Murder.  
St. John, N.B., Dec. 9.—Dr. Edward A. Preston was yesterday formally charged with the murder of Miss Edith Clarke, a few days ago, by perjury, forming an illegal operation, which caused her death. The trial was continued all day.

Appearances often indicate a prosperity which goes no further than the surface.



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