## AL THE MENS THES THES THE HANTLON TIMES. TO BEAD TIMES ADS HAMILTON. CANADA., SATURDAY, JANUARY 18. 1908. VOL LI NO 15.

# **FOREIGNERS IDLE** BUT NOT SUFFERING.

Relief Officer Made **Through Investigation** And Declares Suicide Story a Fake. Food and Fuel In All

**Homes Visited.** 

Relief Officer McMenemy, who was supplied with a list of 119 foreigners said to be freezing and starving to death around the city, some of them having become so desperate as to have threatened to commit suicide, made a rigid in vestigation last night, and declared today that he found little to justify the story. "In my line of charity work," he "I have never yet visited people whom I found more contented and happy than this crowd. They looked to me to he the healthiest bunch I ever saw for people supposed to be starving."

The great majority of the men, he said, are out of work. In nearly every case he found them well supplied with tobacco and cigarettes, and there was not a house that he visited which was not provided with coal to last from three days to three weeks or longer, according to the story the people told themselves, "In one or two of the places on the list which we visited," he declared, "the people laughed at us, and told us that they aid not want anything. Why, in som of these places the near was stilling. It was so hot that the paper on the walls was cracking. Some of these men, who wanted shoes, wore better shoes than I had on mysell."

had on mysel." Mr. McMeaemy says he is satisfied Dean Mahoney did not investigate these cases personally. The information, he says, was supplied by a man named Lev-couveh, who keeps a grocery store at 406 James street north. This man ac-companied the Relief Officer on his rounds last night and acted as inter-preter. Mr. McMenemy considered the teport a serious reflection on his depart-ment.

nent. "You would think," he said, "that hose interested in these people would are reported it to the proper author-ties before rushing into print with a tory, so that the facts might have been are also as a second s

story, so that the facts might nave occa-investigated." The Relief Officer said the first he heard of the case was when it appeared in a city paper. "It is was a case of life and death with these people, as intimat-ed," he added, "it must have taken some time for them to reach that condition, and it could easily have been reported before this."

and it could easily have been reported before this." Mr. McMenemy said he was not able to say how well the people were supplied with food, because he had not time last night to make a personal inspection of the larders. He asked questions through the interpreter, though, and received few complaints. "I certainly can contradict the statement about any one of them freezing." he said. "There was not a single place I visited where it was not considerably warmer than I would think of keeping my own home." A large number of the men wanted boots and clothing. Nearly all the bouses on the list were boarding houses. A number of these foreigners go in toge-ther and appoint a boarding boss or mis-ther and of the week, and each pays his share. In addition they are charged \$250 rent in the sumplus goes to the boarding boss and bia wich. winter. The surplus goes to the ling boss and his wife, the winter.

the winter. The surplus goes to the boarding boss and his wife. At 400 James street north there are six men, four of whom are out of work. They had coal enough to last eight days, At 420 Hughson street north 1.6 of the 19 men are idle. There was sufficient coal for ten days. At 52 Ferrie street east 7 of the 10 men were idle. At 54 Ferrie street 3 of 5 men ate working. At the corner of John and Barton only 2 men out of 23 quartered in a house are working. Next door there are 109 men anly only 2 working. At 163 Caroline working and 4 idle. At 133 Caroline (Continued on page 3.)

## GAS ON FIRE. Hochelaga Gasometer Exploded

With a Fearful Din. Montreal, Jan. 18 .- 500,000 cubic feet

gas in one of the gasometers of the ontreal Light, Heat & Power Co., at the works on St. Catherine street, Hochelaga, took fire about 5 o'clock this morning, and there was a terrific explosion which sent the flames high into the air. Fortunately there was no one in the im mediate proximity of the holder at the me, and no lives were lost. The holder ad the structure encircling it were completely wrecked, entaining a loss esti-mated at \$30,000. Some years ago one of the holders of the same plant blew up, and three men were killed. A request from the Veterans was read, and the Chapter decided to contribute \$20 towards their work.

**DRUCE WITNESS** 

The musical given at Mrs. Geo. S. Ren-nie's on Tuesday evening was most suc-cessful. The receipts were \$55. The annual meeting will be held on Paardeburg Day, in February, at the home of the Regent, 370 Hess street south. Locked Up on Charge of Perjury in the Case.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH London, Jan. 18 .- The Druce case pro ises to bring in the spring an after math of sensational charges of perjury against several persons who were con nected with the hearing. A witness in the case who calls herself Miss Robinson, the case who calls herself Miss Robinson, was arrested last night and brought up in a police court tocka<sup>6</sup>. The Chief In-spector of Scotland Yard asserted that instead of being a spinster, the daughter of a Virginian planter, she was in reality the daughter of a London policeman. On the stand this woman testified that she had been brought from Ameicica. by Charles Dickens to act as secretary to the Duke of Portland and T. C. Druce. The inspector declares that Miss Robin-son spent her earlier days here and that she married a butcher, with whom she went to New York. The prosecutor said son spent her earlier days here and that she married a butcher, with whom she went to New York. The prosecutor said he expected to prove that Miss Robin-son's entire story was a tissue of false-hoods. It was difficult to believe, he con-tinued, that statements so detailed and so elaborate had been prepared without assistance, and he hoped to be able to eccentain whence this assistance came. ascertain whence this assistance came The prisoner was remanded.

FOR LIFE.

Alfred Mahron Mistreated and Kill-Local Association Elects Officers ed His Niece.

Bennington, Vt., Jan. 18 .- A verdict o The annual meeting of the Hamilton uilty of murder in the second degree and Wentworth Poultry Association was was brought in to-day by the jury in the held in the Trades and Labor Hall, John ase of Alfred Mahan, charged with the nurder of his four-year-old niece, Ethel murder of his four-year-oid nicce, p.t.net. Mahan, at North Bennington last sum-mer Thepenalty for murder in the sec-ond degree in Vermont is life imprison-ment. It was charged that Mahan had mistreated his nicce and killed her to prevent her from telling of the act. A defence of insanity was offered.

ECLIPSE OF SUN.

Auckland, N. Z., Jan. 18.—The observa-tion at Flint Island on Dec. 3 of the eelipse of the sun by a number of Ameri-can scientists, headed by W. W. Camp-hell, director of the Lick observatory, was oally partially successful, owing to rain. The Simion observers with a bolometre measured the heat of the Corona with gratifying success. The form of the Corona was about the same as that observed in India in 1898. Auckland, N. Z., Jan. 18 .- The observa To All Home-furnishers at Right The great January sale of carpets rugs, curtains and bedding at the Right

House is proving a decided attraction to hundreds of home furnishers in the city and vicinity and well it may, for this splendid money saving sale presents the opportunity to buy reliable carpets, rugs, curtains, bedding and kindred lines at greatly reduced pr mean wonderful bargains and chances to

PAARDEBURG TO CUT OUT SOCIAL VISITS. Will Unite With St. Hilda In Living Chess.

Doctor Thinks They Are Aiding Paardeburg Chapter, Daughters of the Empire, held its regular monthly meet-ing in the Y. W. C. A. rooms on Jan. 16. The Regent, Mrs. Atkinson, was in Spread of Smallpox. **Proposition to Provide Work For** the chair, and a very large number of

mbers were present. The Secretary Unemployed. and Treasurer read their reports, which were very satisfactory. The Regent and a committee from St. Hilda's Chapter were present, and re-quested Paardeburg Chapter to join with them in giving an entertainment in the form of a game of "living cheas." The Chapter decided to comply with the re-quest, and a committee was formed to make arrangements. Mrs. Gordon Hendeson spoke about the Daughter of the Empire Club, about to be started in the east end of the city for working girls. Already a number of members have given donations to-wards it. The members were most en-thusiastic over the coming entertain-ment, "Feast of Blossoms," that is to be given Easter week. A request from the Veterans was read, and the data for the set of vere very satisfactory. Last Dollar of Debt on City Hall Paid Off.

The musical given at Mrs. Geo. S. Ren-

All Witnesses Agreed In Case of

Henry Hobley.

Coroner McNichol's inquest into the

death of Henry Hobley was finished last

guson avenue and on to the short cut to Robert street, but had turned across the

POULTRY ANNUAL.

For the Year.

A GREAT INDUCEMENT

House.

There has been so much smallpox in the east end, resulting largely from cases of supposed chickenpox which

the health department is confident was really light smallpox, that Dr. Roberts, the medical health officer advised to-day as a precautionary measure that people in that section of the city should avoid all unnec essary social visiting until the dis-ease is stamped out. A great deal

of it, he says, has been contracted in this way. Another case was dis covered to-day, the victim being Ruth Jackson, 17 years old, residing at 63 Kinrade avenue, and who has been a

pupil at the Collegiate Institute. The doctor says he does not know if the girl has been attending the Collegiate recently, but he promises that

every precaution will be taken. Miss Jackson's sister was suffering recently from what was supposed chickenpox, but which the doctor thinks was mild smallpox. He says he has other cases in that district

observation

The latest proposal to afford some relief for the unemployed is to haul stone from the mountain quarry down to the city yards and break it in pre-paration for the roadwork that will be begun in the early spring. The city officials say it would be impos-sible to put these men, who are poor-ly dressed and frequently hungry, on top of the mountain where they would have to work without any protection from the wind or weather. They say that so many pitiable stories have reached the City Hall within the last week of so that something will have night and a verdict of accidental death, with no blame attached to any one, was returned. Seven witnesses were called and their stories were very much the same as that published. The witnesses were Alma Good, who shouted to him that the train was coming, but whose cries were unbeeded by the deceased; Ed. Harriett, fireman; Jas. B. Conenl, engineer; Andrew O'Grady, brakesman, and Martin O'Connor, yard master. H. H. Bicknell was present on behalf of the family. The verdict was entirely in kceping with the evidence of the seren men who were eye-witnesses. It showed that deceased had walked down Fer-guson avenue and on to the short cut to night and a verdict of accidental death, only week or so that something will have to be done. Relief Officer McMen-emy has over two hundred applica-tions from men out of work, but he says that many of those who have al-reaay been offered a job cracking stones have refused it. by the fast-going car which was being shoved by the yard engine.

Well the City Hall is free of debt at last. That is the building itself. The last instalment of the debentures has been paid. The municipal stone pile cost about \$150,000 and four per ceal, deben-tures, running twenty years, were is-sued. The last instalment of \$7,000 was paid off at the end of the old year and this morning City Clerk Kent the de-benture.

Some vandal threw sand on the ice at Woodland park and spoiled the skating rink that the park board made there. The place will be flooded again. street south, on Thursday, G. G. Henderson, President, in the chair. The elec-tion of officers was then proceeded with derson, President, in the chair. The elec-tion of officers was then proceeded with, the following being chosen Hon. Presi-dent, Adam Zimmerman, M. P.; Presi-dent, J. Meldrum; First Vice-President, W. Moore; Treasdrer, E. Heap; Secretary, R. J. Weston; Directors, Messrs Beamer, Wright, J. Dillon, S. A. Moore and Bea-mer. Inspector McDonald, of the Health Department says the ice on the west end of the bay is now from six to seven inches thick. In the east end it is four inches thick.

inder

The Sewers Committee will make an aspection of the new annex sewer this inspection of the net afternoon ner. The meeting then adjourned, to meet in Jan. 30 to wind up the late show.



If the lawyers are to raise their prices, I see no reason why the jurors should not get a salary boost.

Street railway extensions are certain-ly needed in this city. Now that the council and the company are in a more amiable mood we may get them.

The Tory Executive was not in evi-dence at the elections of the retail gro-cers. I thought they might want to get ontrol

Among the many other good things the North End Improvement Society may do this year, it might see what it can do to get the surroundings of the revetment wall put in shipshape. I hope to live to see the day when it will stretch from shore to shore, clean along the bayside.

Perhaps the School Board might be boking out for a site for our Technical College.

No doubt the Tory workers think they wn the City Hall. But we doubt it.

Perhaps the Tory workers wouldn't nind discharging all the Grit help at he City Hall. What cheek!

The pettit jurors think they are entitled to more wages. But they should re-member that there are lots of idle men around town just now who would be glad of the job at \$1 or so a day.

Notwithstanding any arrangement Mr Gibson may have made with the city about the Radial road bill, Mr. Zimmer

man will still insist upon safeguarding the interests of the city.

Owing to some overlook, I suppose, the Herald forgot to announce last night who was to be the next Tory Mayoralty candidate. Mr. Witton, of course, was understood to be good for one night only. Mr. R. L. Reeves, Organizer of the International Union of Street Railway men, had a conference to-day with Mr. Allen Studholme, M. P. P., and other Allen Studholme, M. P. P., and other leading labor men regarding the trouble over the dismissal of Mr. John Theaker by the Cataract Power Co. He will at-tend the meeting of the Union to-night, when the matter will be discussed. An officer of the Union said to-day that the question of strike will not be voted on to-night, in view of the new law which forbids employees of public ut-ilities from going on strike till an ap-peal has been made to the Minister of Labor's Department. It is almost a cer-tainty that an appeal will be made, as was done in the case of the four street car men in Toronto, who were dismissed for refusing to take out open cars on a very cold day. President Mahon is busy in Muncia, Ind., where there is a street car strike

cal union.

nis assistant.

WILLIAM HENRY KIRKPATRICK.

THEAKER'S CASE

Minister of Labor.

where there is a street car strike on. He is not expected here. He sent Mr. Reeves to this city to advise the lo

**COST OF LIGHTING.** 

Arbitration Renewed at Court House

This Morning.

The street lighting arbitration before

Judge Snider was continued this morning, when the city had Mr. Sothman hief engineer of the Hydro-Electric

Power Commission, on the witness stand.

Mr. Sothman practically corroborated

he testimony of his assistant, Mr.

Gavey, given at the last sitting. In the matter of caring for street lamps, he es-timated the saving \$2 higher and made the estimate in the cost for light \$30 per lamp, instead of \$28, as estimated by

th Who is Held in Connection With th ath of John Joseph Cummings, After

John Joseph Cummings, erday's Stabbing Affair.

Any one attending to those slippery idewalks, Chief Smith?

I heard last night of one good old Tory who was so disgusted with the Tory Executive's interference in the municipal elections that he did what he never did before, voted for the non-Tory slate.

Yes, Maude, the French treaty is call-d the Canadian treaty in France.

Now, you people who haven't seen the mountain top in half-a-dozen years, come up some day soon and take a look at it. It will be worth your while.

So far from the Times wishing to make trouble between the Mayor and Ald. Farrar, it is willing to act the part of the mutual friend.

With the consent of Ald. Bailey. Ald. Dickson is still the leader of the House.

RATE RULING.

### U. S. Interstate Commission on Canadian Rates.

Washington, Jan. 18 .- An informal

aling issued by the Inter-State Commerce Commission says: "A Canadian arrier having joint through rates from point in the United States to points n its own line may not depart from BEN. EDWARDS DEAD on its own line may not depart from those rates by the device of placing an Well-Known Confectioner Was Suddenly Smitten. The death occurred yesterday after noon of a well-knawn and prominent re-sident of this city, in the person of Mr. Benjamin Edwards, the confectioner, King street west. No one had heard Mr .Edwards complaining of feeling iil, He went down to his store, and walked out to the kitchen. He sat down in a agent at such point in the United States

# **BOYS' SCRAP FATAL TO YOUNG CUMMINGS**

Cut With Knife, He Died In Hospital.

Willie Kirkpatrick Held on Serious Charge.

Inquest on the Deceased **Opened To-day.** 

One of the saddest events that have curred in Hamilton in many years took place in McPherson's boot and shoe facory, Jackon and John streets, yesterday norning, which resulted in the death of a lad who had just turned nineteen years, and the arrest of a sixteen-yearold lad, who was first charged with cutting and wounding, but against whom a serious crime will be charged. The dead boy is John Joseph Cummings, 108 Inchbury street, the son of a moulder, and the prisoner is William Henry Kirkpatrick, 216 Jackson street east, son of a retired farmer from near Collingwood, who has been in this city only a year. The dead boy had worked for McPherson & Co. for some time. He was a rather backward boy, and was the butt of all

An Appeal Will Likely be Made to jokes in the cutting room at McPherson's. Cummings was at work at a bench at one side of the room, and Kirkpatrick was at one in the centre yesterday, while some other boys, the direct cause of the trouble, were working at cause of the trouble, were working at the bench on the opposite side of the room to where Cummings was. Cum-mings and Kirkpatrick were back to back. The boys on the far side of the room were in the habit of throwing leather scraps around the room at one another, and when a new boy or a meek boy arrived he was made the target of all this scrap leather. Cummings, it is said, had been a mark for the leather throwers, and it is also said that Kirk-

throwers, and it is also said that Kirk patrick was one of those who indulged a the annoyance. Not long ago the ead boy said he would have no more of it, but was laughed at.

The story told by Cummings before his death is that yesterday morning shortly before noon the boys were all his death is that yesterday morning shortly before noon the boys were all working, and the ones on the far bench started to throw leather over the pris-oner's head, and to hit Cummings. Cum-mings stood it for a while, but at lest he became enraged, and ran at Kirkpat-rick and hit him in the face and in the body, two blows. He then ran back to his bench and resumed his work, but it was not a second later that Kirkpatrick recovered from the blows, and grabbing a cutter's knife, a villainous weapon, sharp as a razor, went over to Cum-mings, and the altercation which has resulted in the latter's death was be-gun. In the trouble which ensued Cum-mings was slashed three times in the side of the face. Cummings fell in a faint to the floor, and, some of those who were present say Kirkpatrick dealt him another blow with the knife over the ribs in the left side. The boys all rushed to Cumming's aid then, and took the knife away from Kirkpatrick. They called the foreman, who notified Mr. Me-Pherson Six doctra were called but

called the foreman, who notified Mr. Me-Pherson. Six doctors were called, but for some unexplainable reason the police and the ambulance were not. Dr. Dur-And the almostatics weiter not. Dr. Dur-phy, Dr. Balfe's assistant, arrived, and the injured boy was placed in a cab and taken to his home on Inchbury street. The doctor dressed the wounds in the boy's head, but Cummings seemed to be in no dangerous condition, except for the loss of blood. He was put in bed and seemed to be sinking, but the cause was not discovered till two hours after his head was dressed. and then only when the boy complained to his parents that his side, and there found a gaping wound clotted over with blood. The doe-tor was hurriedly summoned, and did ail he could to save the boy, but the wound was too deep, and peritonitis had phy, Dr. Balfe's assistant, arrived. d a gaping The doc-, and did , but the onitis had

supplies, in regard to the reduction in prices of materials.

his assistant. "Don't you think the books of the company would be a better indication as to the saving in the cost of light than engineer's figures?" asked the soli-citor of the Cataract Power Co. The witness replied that he would pre-fer the figures of an independent and pable engineer. This afternoon the city will call Mr.

## **JAP IMMIGRATION PROBLEM** NOW PRACTICALLY SETTLED

## As Far as Canada is Concerned Says Jap Premier--Whereabouts of Fleet.

<text><text><text><text><text><text><text>

mean wonderful bargains and chances to save that are without a parallel. ' Think of buying \$1.40 Brussels car-pets in hard wearing English weaves and desirable patterns and colorings at only \$1.09, and then getting them made, laid and/lined free of charge, a further sav-ing of 12e to 14c the yard. There are plenty of chances like that in this sale. Hundreds of people are anticipating their spring needs in order to share in the bargains. There are only eleven days more of this great sale. Better get your needs supplied now. You will get an idea of the bargains in the big Right House advertisement in this paper.

his paper.

### CAUGHT OULDEL.

Tangier, Jan. 18.-A despatch from Casbath der Rachid says that a squadron

of General d'Amandes' company, recon-noitring to the westward, captured the powerful Caid Ouldel Hadjhamon, the THEY WANT THE RADIAL. principal instigator of the massacre as Casa Blanca. It is believed this captur will have a material effect in checking the war sentiment of the tribesmen.

### Bain & Adams' List. 8

Muffins, crumpets, maple syrup, rhu-barb, spinach, squash, pumpkins, toma-toes, cucumbers, Brussels sprouts, mush-rooms, cauliflower, green peppers, Ber-muda onions, sweet potatoes, Boston head lettuce, radishes, Riverside navel oranges, grape fruit, pineapplee, marma-lade oranges, Malaga grapes, stuffed dates, etc. Bain & Adams, 89-91 King street east.

## **CO. ASSIGNS.**

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 18.—The James Donovan Co., shoe manufacturers, of Everett, has assigned for the benefit of creditors. The assets of the company are placed at \$300,000, and the liabilities at \$180,000.

A LITTLE BETTER.

Delhi, Jan. 18.—Mr. John Charlton, who was reported seriously ill at his home at Lynedoch, is a little better this morning.

out to the kitchen. He sat down in chair, and shortly afterward was stricktation between points in Canada." en with heart trouble and passed away before medical aid could be summoned



For Ocean Service Between Vancouver and Austrailia.

ch with mark touce and passed away before medical aid could be summoned. Dr. Edgar was called, but it was of no avail. Mr. Edwards had an established reputation as one of the best caterres in the business, and conducted a thriv-ing business. Deceased was 64 years of age, and was born in England. He had bene a resident of this city for the past thirty-four years. A widow and one daughter, Miss Annie Edwards, sur-vive. He was a member of Acacia Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Murton Lodge of Perfection and the Hamilton Chapter of Rose Croix, and St. John Chapter, R. A. M. He was also a member of the A. O. U. W. and the I. O. F. The fune-ral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence, 27 Bay street south. Ottawa, Jan, 18 .- (Special)-The New Zealand Steamship Company, that has a contract with the Dominion Governa contract with the Dominion Govern-ment for a subsidy for steamship ser-vice between Vancouver and Australia, has returned the contract unsigned. Last July the contract was prepared by the Canadian Government on an improved service and sent for signature. It has now been sent back. The contract ex-pired last August, so that Canada is not paying any subsidy at present. Some correspondence is going on between Can-ada and Australia over the subject.

**AT THE TRADES' COUNCIL.** 

**IHET WANT THE KADIAL** The Clarkson fruit growers and resi-dents generally are taking a hand in demanding that the Dominion Parlia-ment give a charter to the Hamilton Radial Company to extend the line from Oakville to Toronto. So enthused are they that a public meeting was held, when a petition was signed asking that the charter be granted. A fast radial line to Toronto would mean a great deal to Clarkson, both in getting fruit to mar-ket quicker and more cheaply, and in in-ducing Toronto people to locate there. At the tRADES COUNCIL Little business of general interest was transacted at last night's meeting of the Trades and Labor Council. The Munici-pal Committee recommended in its report that the City Council should get the elec-trice pumps built in this city if the local prices are right. The Council instructed the President to render all assistance possible to the Street Railwaymen's Union in its present difficulty. Mr. Mac. Meston was elected chairman of the Hall Committee.

### We Import

All our Cod Liver Oil from Norway in tin lined barrels, and bottle it in clean, dry bottles with as little exposure to air as possible. This insures you getting fresh oil in the best obtainable condi-tion. Sold in 25c and 30c bottles, by Parke & Parke, druggists.

resh oil in the best obtainable condi-tion. Sold in 25c and 50c bottles, by Parke & Parke, druggists. THE POPE BETTER, Rome, Jan. 18.—The Pope was visited this morning by his private physician Dr. Petacci, who found the Pontiff in better health, but insisted that he con-time to rest. Because of this the audi-ences arranged for to-day were sus-pended.

wound was too deep, and peritonitis had set in, with the result that the boy died about midnight, in spite of all the doc-tors could do to save his life.

The above story was gleaned from dis-jointed statements of the deceased, which will probably be used as evidence.

(Continued on page 3.)



### Three U.S. Sailors Dead and Five Physical Wrecks From Drinking Wood Alcohol.

Monongahela, Pa, Jan. 19-Hiraculous- | ter would have been recorded in west-

The Council instructed the President to render all assistance possible to the Street Railwaymen's Union in its present difficulty.
Mr. Mac. Meston was elected chairman of the Hall Committee.
WALSH CUILTY.
Chicago, Jan. 18.—The jury which has been a considering the case of John R. Watsh, charged with misappropriating finades of the Chicago National Bank, found him guilty.
SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.
To rent at \$5 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills uter and other valuables.
TRACERES BANK OF CANADA

2 1

St. John Abbott, Eng., Jan. 18.—The Liberals to-day suffered a reverse by the election of Captain Morrison-Bell, the Unionist candidate for Parliament in the Ashburton division of Devon. The de-feated Liberal candidate is C. R. Buxton. This result was a surprise. Captain Mor-rison-Bell polled 5,191 votes, while Mr. Buston secured 4,532.



LIBERALS LOST.