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NEWS OF A DAY

Going Backwards.
Toronto, Dec. 7.—Reports have reached the provincial health departments that conditions in Cobalt over the Thanksgiving and Northern Ontario Railway, according to the official report received by the department of lands, forests and mines.

Argument Deferred.
Ottawa, Dec. 7.—The argument on the proposal of the Railway Commission that all street railways be required to equip their cars with air brakes was deferred until February 1, at the request of H. H. McLean, M. P., representing the Street Railway Association.

Cobalt's Harvest.
Toronto, Dec. 7.—During the month of November just closed 4,895,230 pounds of silver ore were shipped out of the mines at Cobalt over the Toronto and Northern Ontario Railway, according to the official report received by the department of lands, forests and mines.

Train Wrecked.
Brandon, Man., Dec. 7.—The Canadian Pacific eastbound passenger train pitched into an east bound freight at Hargrave early yesterday, the accident being due to a blinding snowstorm. The passenger engine crashed into the caboose of the freight, smashing it and the next car, but the engine was only slightly damaged. G. Gleason, mail clerk, was slightly injured.

Charged With Forgery.
Montreal, Dec. 7.—Disagreement in connection with the flotation of the Labrador Pulp and Paper Company, has resulted in the arrest of Daniel Ford, a well known contractor, at the instance of C. E. W. Smith, vice-president of the company. The technical charge is uttering forged paper. Ford gave bail to the extent of \$6,000 and was released pending trial.

Seven Arrested.
Toronto, Dec. 7.—Seven employees of the Robert Simpson Company are under arrest in connection with systematic robberies which, in the ten months they are known to have been going on, have resulted in the loss of thousands of dollars. The men were employed as night watchmen and cleaners.

Blackhand Exodus.
Geneva, Dec. 7.—The police today confirmed the report of a wholesale exodus of members of the Blackhand who mean to find a new field of operation in America. It developed also that no less than sixty of the characters of whom forty have been expelled from Switzerland are making their way by circuitous routes to the United States.

Left to Die.
Montreal, Dec. 7.—Forgotten by guest and attendants, Mrs. Taylor, an aged lady of 88 years, was left to suffer death in the flames as the Central Hotel at Huntington was wiped out of existence at 4 o'clock this morning. Other people in the hotel had to escape in scanty attire so rapidly did the wooden structure burn.

Chinese College.
Toronto, Dec. 7.—The suggestion that a university be formed in connection with the new Anglican diocese of Honan, China, as the ultimate method of dealing with the question of Chinese education, was advanced by Bishop White, of Honan, at the monthly meeting of the diocesan chapter of the Diocese of Toronto, held yesterday.

To Cost \$25,000.
Fredericton, Dec. 7.—Rev. F. L. Carney states that the cost of the new Catholic school to be erected on Regent street will be at least \$25,000, in addition to the cost of the land for a site. The original plan called for a building that would cost \$28,000, and while the plans are being changed somewhat so as to cause a reduction in cost, the reduction will be small. The contract for the building will not be let until after the first of the new year.

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settled. If the various interests could agree the deal would be consummated probably within the next few days, but it was quite within the range of possibilities there would be a hitch.

In the Police Court.
In the police court yesterday Geo. Smith and Charles Murphy, of Moncton, both minors, charged with being drunk and using profane and obscene language, pleaded guilty to drunkenness and were remanded for enquiry. Joseph Tweedle, Peter Murphy, Thos. Griffin and Edward Page, charged with being drunk and breaking a stove in the Salvation Army Metropole, were each fined \$8 and the cost of repairs to the stove. William Totten charged with being drunk and fighting was fined \$20 or two months in jail. A charge against Edward Kyle of assaulting his wife was withdrawn. Joseph Fleming, a fireman on the Cassandra, was fined \$40 for striking and wounding a shipmate. Daniel Fitch was fined \$8 for drunkenness and refusing to pay for a lunch in Bushman's restaurant. Alfred Potts was ordered to destroy a ferocious dog or send it out of the city. Israel Williams reported for throwing waste paper on the street was fined \$2. John McCarthy, arrested yesterday afternoon on a charge of assault, was allowed out on a deposit of \$20.

**WHAT EACH OF US
EXPECTED OF
THE PROBABILITIES
BEEN HARD HIT**

**Blue Book on Imperial Defence
Congress Shows That Mother
Country Asked for a Fleet
Unit.**

**AUSTRALIA AND
NEW ZEALAND'S REPLY**

Continued from page 3.
Pacific station, and that each of the principal portions of the station should have a complete unit. The Commonwealth Government, maintaining one unit in Australian waters, in lieu of the present Australian squadron and the Imperial Government providing the remainder of the "Dreadnought" cruiser presented by New Zealand forming the flagship of the China unit. If Canada found herself able also to come into this agreement her contribution to the Pacific station would be a fourth unit.

"I expressed myself as generally satisfied with this arrangement as a strategic plan, but I would point out that if, as I understand, Australia is providing an independent unit, it means the superceding of the British Australian squadron and the fact of that being done would, on its completion, determine the naval agreement with Australia and New Zealand, thus creating an entirely new position. I favor one great imperial navy with all the overseas Dominions contributing, either in ships or money, and with naval stations at the self-governing Dominions supplied with ships by and under the control of the Admiralty."

Alter Position.
"I, however, realize the difficulties and recognize that Australia and Canada in this important matter are doing that which their respective governments consider to be best, but the fact remains that the alterations that will be brought about upon the establishment of an Australian unit will alter the present position with New Zealand."

"New Zealand's maritime interests in her own waters and her dependent islands in the Pacific would under the altered arrangements be entirely represented by the Australian fleet and not as at present by the Imperial fleet. This important fact I consider necessitates a flexible provision being made for New Zealand, which country has the most friendly feeling in every respect for Australia and its people and I am anxious that the initiation of new arrangements with the Imperial government under the altered conditions the interests of New Zealand should not be overlooked. I consider it my duty to point this out to the Admiralty, the direct connection between New Zealand and the Royal navy maintained in a concrete form."

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Local Rates.
"The ships to be manned as far as possible by New Zealand officers and men, and in order that New Zealanders might be attracted to serve in a fleet, local rates should be paid to those New Zealanders who enter in the same manner as under the present Australian and New Zealand unit, such local rates being treated as defined pay."

"The determination of the agreement with Australia, or of necessity brought under the position of New Zealand that joint agreement. I therefore suggest that on completion of the China unit, the present agreement with New Zealand, which is that contribution of £100,000 per annum should continue and be used to pay the difference in the rates of pay to New Zealanders above what would be paid under the ordinary British rate. If the contribution for the advanced rate of pay did not amount to £100,000 per annum any balance to be at the disposal of the Admiralty."

"The whole of this fleet unit to be taken in hand and completed before the end of 1912 and I should be glad if the squadron as a whole would then visit New Zealand on the way to China, leaving the New Zealand detachment there under its senior officer."

Mr. McKenna's Reply.
Mr. McKenna's reply was dated August 18. He said:
"The suggestions made by you at the meeting on the 11th and recited by you in your letter to me of the same date have been carefully considered and concurred in by the Admiralty."

"The present naval agreement with Australia and New Zealand is to be renewed, and in view of this fact, and other special circumstances referred to by you the part of the China fleet unit, as set out by you, will be maintained by New Zealand as 'her' headquarters. Your wish that the ships of the fleet as a whole or at any rate the armored ships and the cruisers when completed, should pay a visit to New Zealand on the way to China shall also be carried out."

The concluding paragraph of Mr. McKenna's letter is an expression of thanks to the New Zealand Government and its patriotic action of March last.

**THEIR INNUMERABLE ACRES TAXED
IN THE BUDGET WHICH
THEY REJECTED—TOTAL OF
16,411,986 ACRES.**

**NONE HOLD LESS
THAN 100 ACRES**

London, Dec. 6.—The land owners in the House of Lords who would be affected by the land tax proposed in the rejected budget comprise the whole House, with the exception of a mere handful.

None of the Lords own so little as a thousand acres. Most of their holdings can be reckoned in tens of thousands, while the holdings of twenty-three members exceed 100,000 acres each.

The latest survey from which figures can be compiled shows that the peers of all parties hold 16,411,986 acres, or one-fifth of the total area of the United Kingdom. The peers who defeated the budget hold together 10,078,978 acres. The average holdings of the dukes is 142,564 acres each, of the marquises 47,500 acres, of the earls 30,217 acres, of the viscounts 15,324 acres and of the barons 14,152.

So far as can be ascertained the railroad directors in the House of Lords number forty-two and the place held by the bank directors is four, but there are possibly more. Lords Rothschild, Avelbury, Strathcona and Swaythling, formerly head of Samuel Montague & Co., are the most conspicuous banking names. Probably about fifty are conspicuous as industrial capitalists, but many others are connected with industrial concerns.

**SCATTERS GEMS TO
WIDE, WIDE WORLD**

**Maid Shakes Bedclothing Out
Of Window And Loses Her
Mistress' Jewels—Police Are
Busy In Quest Of Finder.**

New York, Dec. 6.—Esther Gesserwitz, a model servant in the house of Mr. and Mrs. Benno Siegel, No. 1478 Washington Avenue, in a chaotic bag under her pillow, removing it early yesterday when she arose.

Yesterday Mrs. Siegel was in a hurry and forgot the diamonds under the pillow. Her name is not to be made the bed, and was industriously shaking the bed clothing out of the window, unmindful of the fact that the three diamonds and two sapphires were dropping through the circumference, to the total value of \$1,500.

Half an hour later Mrs. Siegel came in the room and found a pin on the floor. She picked it up and found it was a diamond. She called the police. Policemen Meyers and Wagner were sent to seek these gems:

One diamond ring, two and one-half carats; one lady's ring, two and one-half carats; one princess ring, two and one-half carats; one man's ring, three diamonds, one-half carat each; one lady's ring, setting two and one-half carats; one ring, one-half carat; one gold chain, one-cloak pin marker. "K. B. A. 1898," one small diamond, chip ring and one man's ring, cameo setting.

AT THE HOTELS

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N. W. Latter, Montreal; D. W. Clark, Toronto; Dr. P. H. Bryce, Ottawa; M. P. Jones, Woodstock; G. Bain, Montreal; J. L. D. Mason, do.; C. H. W. N. Stephens; C. H. McClean, Boston, Mass.; James N. Wallace, Boston, Mass.; W. A. Davies, Moncton; C. E. Smith, Moncton; A. H. Jenkins, Toronto.

Victoria.
O. F. Wintermute, Toronto; James Stevenson, do.; R. W. Bovell, Montreal; H. H. McLean, St. George; M. MacMonagle, St. Stephen; W. E. McLean, Boston, Mass.; James N. Wallace, Boston, Mass.; W. A. Davies, Moncton; C. E. Smith, Moncton; A. H. Jenkins, Toronto.

Will Probated.
Fredericton, Dec. 7.—In the Probate Court yesterday the will of the late Mrs. Margaret E. S. Hatheway, of Kingsclear, was admitted to probate, and the deceased's husband, Mr. W. H. Hatheway, was appointed sole executor. The estate was sworn at \$10,200, and includes real estate in St. John on Prince William street, near the site of the New Victoria Hotel. The entire estate is left to Mr. Hatheway, with the exception of a property on Wilmo's Alley, this city, which is left to an adopted daughter, Mrs. Edward Holland.

**COLLECTING IN LONDON INDICATES
A HIGHER CIVILIZATION ON THE
WEST COAST OF SOUTH AMERICA
THAN HAD BEEN EXPECTED**

**CHARACTERISTICS OF
AN ANCIENT ROME**

London, Dec. 6.—There is now housed temporarily in a London strong room what is described as the most remarkable and interesting collection of prehistoric art ever seen in this city. It consists of pottery dug out of about three miles of burial grounds a few months ago in the Chimpan Valley of Peru, and the discoveries indicate that a more highly developed civilization than had previously been suspected existed on the western slopes of the Andes 5,000 years ago.

Sir Clements Markham, F. R. S., and C. H. Reid, president of the Society of Antiquaries and keeper of ethnology in the British Museum, have examined the pottery there are satisfied as to its value and the very high level of its artistic execution. Several curious characteristics emerge at once from a careful inspection of the pottery, says a writer who has seen it. The religion of its possessors was of the early type connected with the sun and moon, possessing no affinities with that hideous form of devil worship found in the later Maya ruins of Central America.

Elaborate Dress.
This Chimpa people were fond of elaborate dresses, and even in this collection of their pottery there are more different kind of hats and head-dresses than any Parisian milliner could display. They were fond of music too, for many recognizable instruments are found, apart from the countless forms of whistles, which were apparently a favorite means of frightening the ghosts.

They were also fond of children as any of the Greeks of Tanagra, and a number of toys were dug up among the more elaborate manufactures. Their houses had tiled roofs, instead of the flat surfaces of the Incas and the modern Indians.

A pronounced lover of animals may be traced in the numberless excellent representation of toads, owls, barndoor fowls, deer and antelope. The double tusked jaws of the puma provided a conventional symbolism for one form of deity. Fish, crabs and lobsters constantly appear.

Cranes and storks are painted with extraordinarily lifelike fidelity and freedom. The head and beak of the condor are worked into a wonderfully effective meandering pattern. Arrangements of spirals and rosettes occur of the most curiously classical effect.

High Level of Art.
More wonderful than all is the very high level of the sculptor's art, a level not unworthy of any age or any civilization reached in the best pottery of the world. Here you see the girl grinning, with one eye shut and plant mouth aghast. Here is the grotesque face of a man tortured by toothache, just as you may see him in thirteenth century Gothic carving.

There are faces swathed in turbans or shadowed by a fez almost exactly like the modern Turk or Egyptian. One marvellously executed head is so amazingly full of life and character that it is hard to realize its prehistoric antiquity.

Beneath broad brow the large, fine eye look out with singular intelligence and strength; the high bridged aquiline nose adds keenness to the eye, yet sensitive and delicately modelled; upon the face are caste marks and on the breast is a chieftain's badge. The head dress shows two beads of a plumed helmet.

Some of the helmets are adorned with two or three disks and the others are surmounted by a solid semi-circle. In many instances the combination of man and beast so beloved by Egyptian and of Gothic art is unmistakably evident.

One extraordinary group shows a human figure chained to a rock, with a vulture gnawing his intestines—the earliest representation yet discovered of the legend of Prometheus. Another grim fantasy portrays a pair of skeletons embracing. In many cases there is a head modelled in full relief at the top, and the rest of the body and the scene in which it forms a part are painted on the flat surface of the vessel beneath.

On the whole the collection forms a most complete and fascinating record of the mysterious coast people of the western shores of South America and if it is secured for this country it will undoubtedly constitute the most valuable evidence yet discovered of the oldest races of civilized man.

**WESTERN BISHOP HAS
PERISHED IN WILDS**

**Bishop Isaac O. Stringer Dies
With Wife On Journey Into
Interior—News Brought By
Indians.**

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 6.—Last June Bishop Isaac O. Stringer, of Selkirk, left here for Dawson City by the overland trail and it was anticipated that he would reach the land of the midnight sun by October at the latest. When he failed to arrive inquiries were made and it was learned from Indian advisers brought down today that he had perished between the two cities.

It is said that Mrs. Stringer, who accompanied him, has also perished, as none of the trappers or voyagers who have returned from the north has heard anything of her during the past two months.

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**AND EACH ONE HAD
A SERPENT'S TONGUE**

**Visible Supply Of The Real
Thing Famed In Song En-
riched By Mrs. Boa At The
Zoo.**

New York, N. Y., Dec. 6.—Walter Ferguson, a keeper at the Bronx Zoo, has reasonably steady nerves, but he was perilously close to a padded cell last night after an attempt to keep count of the number of bears, boars and tortoises in the park a matter which ordinarily is supposed to be as plain to the eye of a keeper as the road to the pay window.

Marguerite, a grizzly matron presented her lord, Pompey, a promising pair of cubs late yesterday afternoon. Pompey is a bit of a gourmet and after a long, fond look at the cubs he licked his chops and bolted the larger one at a gulp.

Hardly had Ferguson got Pompey in a cage by himself when he learned there was work for a bureau of vital statistics in the reptile house. Mrs. Boa had just enriched natural history with nineteen bolets. But by the time Ferguson came on the scene only eleven still breathed and as he gazed there were four more deceases. Ferguson rescued the surviving eight, but he was festooning them over a steam pipe three more wriggled over the great divide.

An hour afterward another keeper found Ferguson lying on his cot repeating the multiplication table backward.

"The slant tortoise is dying," announced the man.

"Tell him 'I'm sorry,'" replied Ferguson, "but I can't do anything for him."

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WEDDINGS.
Marie-Davis.
On Monday evening at the home of Rev. W. W. Lodge, Mr. Charles E. Marnie of St. John, was united in marriage to Miss Alice Davis, of Loggieville, N. B.

DEATHS.
Mr. James Donohue.
Mr. James Donohue, the veteran coachman, passed away at his home in Brasilia street yesterday morning after a few hours illness. On Monday he attended the trains and was at a funeral but when he came home he was not feeling very well. Later in the night however, it was thought that he was improving. He died about 7 a. m. Mr. Donohue was 62 years of age, a man of fine character and distinguished. He had been a coachman for the last 37 years, being one of the oldest in that business. In his early days he was prominent in amateur sports and took a keen interest in all matters pertaining to athletics. Besides his wife he is survived by five sons and seven daughters, a sister and a brother. The sons are William, of No. 1 Salvage Corps; Harry, driver of No. 2 horse; Leonard of Halifax; James, of Boston, and Kenneth, at home. The daughters are Mary and Jennie at home; Maud, of North End; Margaret, of Malden, Mass.; Noble, of Boston; Mrs. J. Trainor and Slater Mary of the order of the Madonna in Hamilton, Mr. Thos. Donohue, of Newcaste, N. B., is a brother and Mrs. James Dever, of the North End is a sister. A message was received from Newcaste yesterday morning, telling of the serious illness of Mr. Donohue's brother, Thomas, who is not expected to live.

Mr. John Gillis.
The death occurred at Fairville, on December 6, of Mr. John Gillis, for many years a resident of that place, and well known throughout the district. Mr. Gillis had reached the patriarchal age of 80 years. His wife pre-deceased him a few years ago. He leaves three sons, Daniel and John, who are with the A. Cushing Company, and Edward, who is at Millinocket, Me., and two daughters, Mrs. James Morris, of Morrisville, and Mrs. J. L. Quinn, of South Boston, Mass. Mr. Gillis was for many years a miller with the late Mr. George Barnard. Lately he has been road commissioner for the Parish of Lancaster. The funeral will take place today.