

GOOD OUTLOOK FOR YEAR'S TRADE

Heavy Spring Orders Already Coming In. Local Circles Active.

Toronto, Jan. 9. — Trade for the new year has opened up nicely at Montreal and the prospects are very encouraging. Values of staple manufactures continue to be firmly held, and that is stimulating the demand for the retail trade all over the country. Stocks of spring goods carried over are lighter than for some years, and in consequence a large demand between this and the first of March is looked for. Large shipments of goods are being made. Payments are fair for this season, the holiday sales which are always largely for cash having helped in that direction.

At Toronto there has been a moderate amount of activity for this season of the year. Travelers, having returned to their routes again this week, have been sending in some good-sized orders for spring goods. After another week, when retail merchants have completed their preparations for the new year, increased activity is looked for. The heavy snow roads in the country have interfered with business to some extent in some sections and kept down the deliveries of grain. The outlook for business is good.

At Quebec, business in wholesale circles during the past week is reported quiet, which is usual at this season. Some travelers have started on their routes, and in a few days orders will again be on hand. In wholesale shoe circles activity prevails and the outlook for spring is promising. City retailers as a rule report satisfaction with the volume of business done during the holidays.

Orders for the spring are coming forward well now at Winnipeg, and much business is expected to be booked during this month. The stocks in the hands of the retailers are light, owing principally to the difficulty experienced in getting goods from the manufacturers. The outlook for the spring for a further large arrival of settlers the present year is good, and that is expected to stimulate expansion in many departments of trade.

There has been a fair movement in wholesale trade circles at Hamilton this week, according to advices. The retailers, having effected great reductions in stock, the past six weeks, are now prepared not only to receive shipments of goods for the spring, but are disposed to order liberally. They appear to consider the outlook for business encouraging. Large sales are looked for this month. Values are firmly held.

Business in London has been moderately active this week, and, of course, renewed activity is expected to develop later on. Grain deliveries are light, and that has not helped trade any. The country roads have been heavy, but later on increased deliveries are expected, which will stimulate the demand at country trade centers.

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FIREBUG CONFESSES

Recruit to Religion Wants to Have Innocent Man Freed.

St. Louis, Jan. 9. — Conscience-stricken, his mind aflame with religious ardor, William Wilson, 32 years old, a Salvation Army recruit, gave himself up to the central district police and confessed that on July 5, 1901, he set fire to the Occidental Hotel in Forsythe, Rosebud County, Mont., in which fire one person was burned to death and 20 others injured.

Another man, who had been a fellow-boarder of Wilson's at the hotel, is now serving a prison sentence, after having been convicted of firing the building, and it is to obtain the freedom of this innocent man that Wilson surrenders.

MR. PATULLO'S ESTATE

Woodstock, Ont., Jan. 8. — It is said that the estate of the late Andrew Patullo, M. P. P., is valued at about \$300,000. As he left neither wife nor children, the estate is distributed in legacies amongst relatives.

Out of every 100 cases of drunkenness brought before magistrates in England 30 are women.

The Japan Shoe Trade Association has a very attractive exhibit of shoes at the Kobe Exposition.

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QUEBEC LIBERALS ARE CONFIDENT

Sen. Dandurand Says Conservatives Will Not Win More Than Five Seats.

Montreal, Jan. 9. — Senator Dandurand is the acknowledged prophet of Quebec Liberalism. He achieved that position in 1896, when he prophesied marvels, and they happened. This year the senator's prophecies are less marvelous in the light of past happenings, but they certainly deserve attention, because of former accuracy.

"Now, I will make this proposition," said the senator, to a correspondent yesterday. "I will let any Conservative pick ten seats out of the 65 in the Province of Quebec that he thinks his party can win. I will bar five of those ten seats, but on the remaining five, no matter what ten he picks, I will put down my money, dollar for dollar, and say he will not win them. I will allow the Conservatives five seats that I will not bet on. I admit they have a reasonable certainty of winning in these constituencies; and I can name twenty constituencies which we have a reasonable certainty of constituting in which they cannot put up anybody against us with any kind of a chance. The rest of them are fighting counties, where these constituencies are, where seven of them, and you can deduce the number the Conservatives are likely to get out of these by their proportion of seats."

"I am certainly not going to tell you where these constituencies are, where we are weak and where we are strong. Politics is not a game that one plays with one's hand showing. I cannot tell you that till the day of the election. The day of the provincial elections in 1894, you may remember, I did this. I published in the Herald, coming out early in the afternoon, before the results were even guessed at, a list of the counties we would win. I included Bagot, which went against us by a small majority, and I gave Compton to the Conservatives, and we won Compton—rather by a duke. So I think I could give you a pretty accurate statement of the condition of the electoral campaign. But it wouldn't be politics."

TWO MORE DEATHS

List of Iroquois Theater Fire Has Reached 568.

Chicago, Jan. 9. — Two more names were added yesterday to the list of victims of the Iroquois Theater fire. Nellie Dawson, 27 years old, an actress, and Mulr, 31 years old, died in the hospital. These deaths make a total of 568 fatalities.

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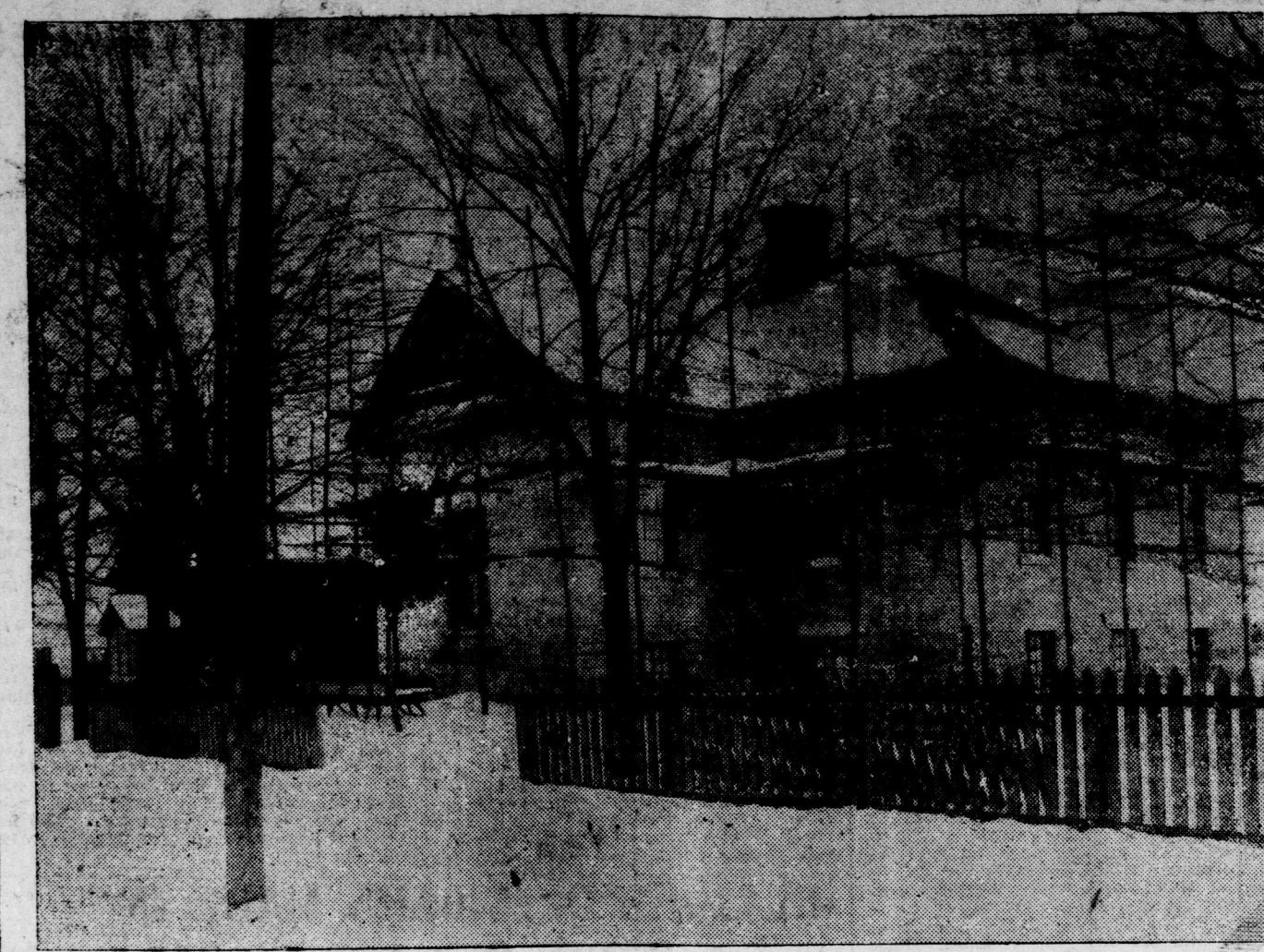
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The above illustration shows St. John's new schoolhouse on Hill street—a very noticeable improvement to the separate schools of the city. To the left is also seen the old school, which has done duty between 25 and 30 years. At one time the old school was known as St. Mary's, but when the new church was built and the home of St. Mary's congregation transferred to the east end, the name of the Holy Angels' school was changed to St. Mary's school, and the old St. Mary's school was renamed St. John's school. The new schoolhouse will not be completed until spring, but when it is finished it will be a credit to the schools of the city. It embraces two large, airy rooms, with all modern improvements, and when opened higher grade studies than those now taught in the school will be introduced.

JOTTINGS FROM NEAR-BY PLACES

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MOUNT BRIDGES.

Mount Bridges, Jan. 9. — Mr. Hensell, of Longwood, has occupied the pulpit in the Methodist Church on Sunday morning. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Mahan have returned from spending the New Year's holidays with friends and relatives in Wyoming and Petrolea.

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NEW YEAR'S DAY WITH HIS BROTHER, D. URQUHART.

Miss Minnie Brown has been re-engaged as teacher in the "Rosemond School."

THORNDALE.

Thornsdale, Jan. 9. — Miss Price, of Port Stanley, and Miss Crawford, of London, are visiting here, and are of great assistance to St. George's church, during Mr. Murphy's mission, which is being well-attended, and proving of great interest.

The subject of Mr. Murphy's discourse on Sunday morning will be "The Waiting God," and in the evening "The Resurrection." He will also preach at Grace Church at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Murphy will conclude his mission on Tuesday, the 12th, with an address on the second coming of Christ.

The Bishop of Huron will hold conference at St. George's church, on Tuesday, the 12th, with an address on the second coming of Christ.

Miss Mary Harrison, who is on the staff of the Ladies' Presbyterian College, Toronto, has left for the city to resume her duties.

Thornsdale, Jan. 9. — An old resident of this section of the country in the person of Mr. James Walters, after he retired from farming, he spent the years of his old age with his children, dwelling most of the time in the city of London, near Wingham.

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