WILL TURKEYS GO UPWARD OR DOWN?

Some Farmers Look For 22-Cent Price On Market Thursday.

"SLUMP" PREDICTS ONE

County Roads Almost Impassable in Many Places—Big Sale Expected.

Turkey prices and the condition of the country roads were the main topics of conversation on the market square today. The weigh scales office was the mecca for a number of farmers who had gathered together to discuss the prices of turkeys on Thursday. Nine out of ten were of the opinion that turkeys would bring at least 32 cents a pound on the square. The tenth man, however, was not so optimistic, and declared that he looked for a slump if anything.

"The wholesalers have got all they want," reasoned the latter, "and I am quite sure that all the firms who present their employees with their Christmas turkeys have bought their birds, and therefore we are left to the mercy of the housewives. I believe that if the roads are at all passable, there will be an extremely large supply of poultry on the market tomorrow."

Weigh Scales Clerk Dean, who is conversant with the market, sided in with the latter farmer, declaring that he looked for easier prices Thursday.

The farmers were in unison, however, as to the condition of the county roads. The roads, they state, are practically impassable in some places. One man declared that he had passed three loads of hay overturned on the Wharncliffe road this morning in the vicinity of the Two-Mile House. It was not anticipated that there would be any difficulty in getting into market Thursday, as gangs of men were at work on the roads digging out the drifts.

If the weatherman behaves, there is no doubt that the Christmas market on Thursday will be the largest in some time, with poultry and Christmas trees being the features.

JUDGMENTS GIVEN

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Dec. 23—The action brought by the Wolf Grove Silver Black Fox Fur Farm, of Ramsay Township, Lanark, against George Clark, of St. Catharines, for $5,000 damages, has been dismissed by Mr. Justice Middleton.

C. P. R. SETTLES.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The Canadian Pacific Railway will pay Mrs. Sarah Ann Ball, of Myrtle, and two of her seven children, who are under age, $1,500 and costs for the death of Richard Ball, a painter in the employ of the company, who was fatally injured in the Havelock yards last February.

MOTION ADJOURNED.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Mr. Justice Lennox has adjourned before the trial judge a motion by the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, as administrators of the estate of Anton Mutter, of Hamilton, to strike out the jury notice in the action for $2,000 brought against the estate by Clara Bagwell, a niece of Mutter.

Keep Knitting

"Grey Knitting," by Margaret Hale, 25 cents.

The book dedicated to the women who knit.

Knitting Bags, a fine gift, in leather, $1.00.

Knapsack Bibles and Testaments —25c, 50c, 75c.

Hay's Stationery

Opposite Dowler's.

Strand Cafeteria

384 RICHMOND STREET.

Only Serve-Self Restaurant in London. Watch this ad. for our daily dinner special.

SALE OF FRENCH OPERA GLASSES TOMORROW

PEEL'S

RICHMOND STREET

GERMANS FEAR ENEMIES WOULD NOT KEEP TRUCE

Kaiser's Press Scorns Idea of Russian and British Words of Honor Being Trusted Over Christmas—Another Claim to God's Friendship.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Dec. 23.—The Daily Chronicle says: "German newspapers deeply deplore the carrying on of hostilities during the festival which they regard as a purely Germanic institution, but they all profess satisfaction that the efforts made by the Pope and the American pacificists to call a truce of God for Christmas Day have come to naught. The Berlin journals would willingly enough see the men at the front enjoying a day's rest, but "what guarantee is there that the enemies of Germany, while promising faithfully to observe the conditions of a Christmas truce, would not be guilty of some base treachery?"

How Scornful!

The Madgeburgische Zeitung scornfully explains: "Imagine a Russian's word of honor! Imagine British faithfulness to treaties!"

Credit to the Pope and the pacificists is given for their admirable intentions, but Germany, says the journal, has only one duty, and that is not to take her hand from the plow—it is God's will—until the certainty of victory is assured. "Germany," concludes the writer, "now recognizes, amidst all the terrible sufferings which her sons are enduring, that God is with her, that God desires her to wage this war to the end. It is not a war to be concluded by negotiations of cabinets.

Called By the Lord.

"Germany is called on to bring to the world a better condition of things—something better than the selfish policy of England, better than the civilization of Russia. Germany is conscious that God has given her this task; that she has a mission of culture to humanity, and this ease of conscience it is which gives her irresistible force in this war. Her faithfulness to God, her confidence in her world mission, will not permit her to lay down her arms, no, not for an hour, until both in the east and the west she has brought about conditions which are favorable."

BRITISH COLONIAL TAKES OVER POLICIES

Reinsures Those of Central Canada Fire Insurance Company.

[Canadian Press.]

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—Arrangements have been completed here for the reinsurance of the unexpired policies of the Central Canada Fire Assurance Company by the British Colonial Fire Insurance Company, of Montreal.

W. H. Thomson, general manager of the eastern company, has been in the city for the past ten days, and in conference with the directors of the Central Canada Fire. A meeting of these directors was held yesterday, and the question at issue fully discussed. At its conclusion, Mr. Thomson met the directors and the arrangement was consummated.

The British Colonial has an authorized capital of $2,000,000. Of this sum, $1,000,000 is subscribed and $350,000 paid up. The British Colonial is a board company, and has a large business in both east and west. The Central Canada carried a large volume of business in these provinces, all of which is now absorbed by the British Colonial.

The latter company is closely identified with the British Colonial Trust Company. It operates under a dominion charter, and of its directors two are residents of Paris, France. The stockholders are chiefly in the Province of Quebec and New Brunswick. The officers of the company are: President, Hon. C. E. Dubord; vice-president, J. B. Morisette, of Quebec.

NAME STAYS ON

Son's Plea Against Indian List Proves Unavailing.

"I'm not going to put my judgment up against that of his father," said Magistrate Judd in police court today, when George Wheatcroft was charged by his father with coming home drunk frequently enough to warrant his son's name being put on the prohibitory list.

Wheatcroft's name is on the list, but he tried to show it had been put there by his father without good reason.

Mrs. Wheatcroft Jun. admitted that her husband came home in a drunken condition five or six times in as many months.

Magistrate Judd considered that number of drunks to be too numerous, and fined Wheatcroft $10, without costs. His name stays on the list. Marshall Graydon acted as counsel for Wheatcroft.

"CAPITAL SERVICE TO THE CAPITAL."

Public convenience and comfort are two things always taken into serious consideration by the passenger department of every progressive railway, when figuring the consist for their trains, for after all, favorable public opinion is a great asset to the railway, and a condition they always strive to acquire. In continuing this policy the Canadian Pacific Railway has inaugurated a service to Ottawa via the New Lake Shore Line, so that persons from London and vicinity may now leave here on the "Wolverine" at 8:08 p.m., and make through direct connection for the Capital City without change of train. Call at the city ticket office for further particulars. W. Fulton, city passenger agent. 22c

STEAMER ARRIVED.

New York, Dec. 23.—Arrived: Steamer Lusitania, from Liverpool.

GIFTS that are always USEFUL and ACCEPTABLE

Standard Drug Stores

Wish One and All

A Very Merry Christmas

WE SAVE YOU MONEY

252 DUNDAS ST PHONE 4040.

344 RICHMOND ST. PHONE 1261.

TWO STORES CUT PRICES EVERY DAY.

WELL-KNOWN POLITICIAN DIES ON TUESDAY

Lieut.-Col. O'Brien, Who Married Mrs. Harris, of This City, Passes Away.

A notable figure in the political life of Canada passed away in the ancestral home, "The Woods," Shanty Bay, on Tuesday, in the person of Lieut.-Col. E. O'Brien, in his 84th year. Col. O'Brien was a colleague in the House of Commons of Dr. Peter Macdonald, postmaster of London, and one of the "Noble Thirteen," who, in 1889, bitterly opposed the passing of the Jesuits' estates bill, moving, indeed, the amendment to the bill in the House on March 28th.

He was the eldest son of Col. E. T. O'Brien, a retired naval and military officer, who had been placed in charge of the first settlement in Barrie and Shanty Bay on Lake Simcoe. Born at Thornhill in 1831, he lived practically all his life at "The Woods," Shanty Bay. For some years he edited a Toronto paper, The Colonist, but for over forty years lived the quiet life of a country gentleman.

He was largely instrumental in raising the Thirty-fifth Regiment, known as the Simcoe Foresters, of which he was in command in the Northwest Rebellion, and was also on active service during the Fenian Raid of 1866.

In 1864 he married Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late Col. Loring, of Toronto, and widow of the late John Harris, of this city, eldest brother of George Harris, "Eldon House." As Mrs. Harris, Mrs. O'Brien spent two years in London from the time of her marriage to her first husband till his death in 1860. She is remembered by oldtimers as a very handsome and charming woman.

NOMINATIONS AT HAMILTON.

[Canadian Press.]

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 23.—Following so closely on the recent civic investigation and its sensational disclosures, unusual interest was displayed by the electors today in the civic nominations. Alderman Chester Walters and Controller Charles Gardner will battle for the mayor's chair. T. J. Stewart, M.P., was re-elected hydro commissioner by acclamation.

There are eleven controller candidates in the field, and every ward, with the exception of three, will have a contest. Alderman Roy and Alderman Garson were re-elected by acclamation.

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LONDON SOLDIER

that after we come off duty we will be very comfortable.

Victims of Frostbite.

We received our first batch of patients last night—about one hundred and twenty-five. When a trainload arrives everybody is on duty—officers nurses and men. If you could only have seen them as they were carried in from the ambulance. We felt we could not get at them quickly enough and make them clean and comfortable again. So many of the poor fellows were suffering from frostbites, and looked so tired and worn. They did not arrive until after midnight. All wounded are brought after dark, if possible.

On Operating Staff.

They were given hot drinks and something to eat, undressed and put to bed and allowed to sleep until morning, except the urgent cases. I have been gazetted to the operating room. We have in the operating room three nurses and three orderlies, and when we are settled will have two operating rooms. The doctors operated today, but only on two cases, as most of the patients are medical cases. This weather is pretty hard on them, though you would be surprised to hear how anxious most of them are to get back.

Dodging Shells.

I was in talking to some of them tonight. It is exceedingly interesting to thear them describe their experience and tell how they dodge shells, etc. They all have an immense admiration for the little Belgian soldier. One Tommy told me that they had been looking for reinforcements for days, and then a rumor was started that the Canadians from Salisbury were coming over, and he said every man of them perked up and took heart, but later on in the day French reinforcements arrived instead, and they were disappointed.

I have not time to write all the interesting things they tell us about their life in the trenches. Some of them are positively funny, and some sad. We feel now that at last we are doing what we came for. We were all up till nearly midnight yesterday, and have been on duty twelve hours straight today. I am feeling quite fit, and have still enough energy to write home.

Dr. Wilson's Compliments.

Dr. Cameron Wilson was over the other day to inspect our stores, and told us our hospital was the finest he had seen, so I am sure we must be quite up to date.

Last year at this time I thought nothing could keep me from spending Christmas this year with you at home, but evidently I did not count on the Kaiser. If you heard first-hand, like we do, the awful things done by the Germans I am sure all Canadians would feel like shouldering a rifle and ask for a chance to use it. On a clear day the guns can be heard from our hospital, but the Germans are being driven back now, so I should not be surprised if we should have to move on again before finishing the war.

BAR SILVER.

London, Dec. 23.—Bar silver, 22½d per ounce.

Wire Entanglements Now "Get the Hook"

London, Dec. 23.—The Daily News publishes the following dispatch from a correspondent in Paris: "I was talking last night with a group of soldiers from the front, and in the course of their stories of life in the trenches one of them told me of an ingenious device they have for tearing down the German barbed wire entanglements. There are hundreds of miles of these barriers in front of the German trenches in France and Belgium. They bring the most impetuous bayonet charges to a standstill, until a way is cut through them. Now, I am told, the French are experimenting with an apparatus which throws a grappling iron attached to a rope over entanglements, which are then dragged down and hauled into our trenches.

"By posting a few good marksmen under cover to command the spot where it is intended to hurl the grappler, the French secure a number of victims, besides destroying the barriers. Instinctively several Germans will dash out of their trenches to try to secure the grappler before it is hauled taut and catch in the wires, and these are almost invariably shot down."

Again Unravels Marital Knot

Magistrate Arranges Settlement of the Duncans, Separated After Considerable Difficulty.

Today Magistrate Judd settled for some time to come, and for the second time inside of three years, the marital differences between Isaac Duncan and his wife, both colored.

Isaac was in court charged by his wife with abusive language and general debility in supporting her. "He's a-spending his money on other people," Mrs. Duncan said.

"Male or female?" asked the magistrate.

"Female."

"White or colored?"

"Both," replied Mrs. Duncan.

Magistrate Judd wanted the case settled by having Isaac pay his wife $5 per week. To Isaac this was out of the question.

"She's perfectly wrong, 'bout the women, too, your worship," he declared. "But I could may'be give her $3."

"She wants $5; you offer $3. I'll make it $4," announced the magistrate.

"It ain't no use, nohow, y' worship. You'll only have me in here again. Times is terrible hard. Now, if it was the summer——" Isaac was saying, when the magistrate told him to go and shovel snow—or coal.

"I was shovelling dirt, but I lost that job," Isaac said.

Finally Magistrate Judd agreed to let the husband pay $3 in the winter and $4 in the summer, every week.

The division of the household goods came next.

Bed, bedding, stove, cook stove, horse feed, lumber, was in the lot Duncan named over as his share of the spoils.

"You're going to take everything in the house!" the magistrate exclaimed.

"Well, I guess I bought $114 worth of stuff. I want some of it."

"I cert'nly do not know what bedding you get, Isaac," interjected Mrs. Duncan.

"I got a silver tea set, what I had give to me, but I s'pose I won't never get it," Isaac remarked dolefully.

"No, you won't," said Mrs. Duncan. "Your worship, don't let him tear down the chicken coops, like he did the last time we separated."

The magistrate settled this question after argument on all three sides, and dismissedthe case without costs.

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WOMEN STRIVING

committee, and in her task she is being aided by the kindergarten teachers of the city, who are decking the room with holly wreaths, quantities of greenery, gay touches of red, and the flags of the Allies. Dainty scarlet holders have been fashioned for salt, almonds, fruit, etc., for the tables. The florists of London are having their share in generously providing flowers.

Souvenir menu cards have been designed by Miss Bapty and Industrial Commissioner Gordon Philip. These have striking red covers, on which is a greeting from the Women's Canadian Club. On the second page are pictures of Colonel Wigle, Colonel the Honorable Sir Adam Beck and Mayor Graham. On the back is a verse of "O, Canada."

Twelve Carvers Required.

Mrs. T. Baker has charge of the carving, and has secured twelve of the most expert carvers of her acquaintance to undertake the Herculean task.

Mrs. Donald McLean, acting president of the club, in the absence of Mrs. F. P. Betts, with Lady Beck, Mrs. Becher, Mrs. Tom McCormick and Mrs. Frank McCormick, will look after the officers' table.

Special Trains.

For the accommodation of the soldiers going home for Christmas, the Canadian Pacific Railway is arranging to run two special trains, one to Windsor and one to Galt, from the siding back of the McCormick Manufacturing Company building.

VAINES—ANNETTS.

A quiet wedding took place at St. Mark's Church, London Junction, Tuesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, when Miss Maude Annetts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Job Annetts, Adelaide street, became the bride of Vincent Louis Vaines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Vaines, city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. L. Beverly, rector of the church. The couple were unattended.

KAISER AT COLOGNE

Wilhelm, With Entire Staff, En Route to West.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Dec. 23.—3:27 p.m.—In a dispatch from Cologne, the correspondent of the Central News says that Emperor William, with his entire staff, reached Cologne today from Berlin, on his way to the western battle front.

ALL COMING HOME

Passenger Traffic to City Begins to Take Jump.

Railway passenger traffic jumped away above normal today when the advance guard of Christmas visitors took advantage of the cheap rates offered by the railways.

All roads led to London. Every steam train carried many extra passengers, as did the electric line running into this city. The stage coaches also carried more passengers than usual.

Tomorrow the steam roads will add a number of trains to their passenger schedule.

Suggestions for Men's Presents

Handsome Neckwear, Gloves, Silk Mufflers, Silk Umbrellas, House Coats, Bath Robes, Coat Sweaters, Pyjama Suits, Linen or Silk Handkerchiefs, Fancy Suspenders, Silk Lisle or Cashmere Socks, Fancy Vests, Cuff Links, Tie Pins and many other things.

We have a splendid assortment of all these goods above. All new, opened for the Christmas trade.

GRAHAM BROS. ..London's Leading.. ..Men's Outfitters..

MEDICAL RECIPROCITY FAVORED BY DOCTORS

Ontario Council, Called Together By Dr. Macarthur, of This City, May Adopt British Registration of Physicians.

A special meeting of the Ontario Medical Council was convened in Toronto this week by Dr. James Macarthur, of this city, president of the council, in response to urgent demands in the press and from the medical profession to consider the question of medical reciprocity with Great Britain. The alleged disabilities of medical men at the front to get admission to the imperial medical service was made the occasion for calling the meeting, yet as the facts showed that only a very small number of men were affected, and that the service was open upon examination, this feature of the question occupied but a small share of attention.

Dr. R. Ferguson, of this city, urged in justice to the rank and file of the profession that the question be submitted to a plebiscite of the profession, but the fact that only a very small proportion of medical men responded to the requisition of a large number of representatives for an expression of opinion from their constituents, proved fatal to Dr. Ferguson's resolution, and the principle of reciprocity was adopted on the floor of the house by a large majority. Yet the legislative committee to whom the details were referred, was instructed to proceed with caution and to accept reciprocity only upon equable terms.

The fact that the Medical Council of Great Britain accepts so many examinations of colleges in lieu of its own examination was impressed upon the committee as something that must be adjusted to make reciprocity acceptable to Ontario. The legislative committee is to report back to the council at its July meeting. The discussion extended over two days, and was at times most spirited.

MIXED CARLOAD RATES MUST BE CONTINUED

Commission Orders Suspension of Cancellation Order Issued by Railways.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Final judgment of the railway commission in the matter of the proposed cancellation of the mixed carload rates on foreign and imported liquors, groceries and other products, was received in Montreal today.

The order of the railway commission is as follows:

"In the matter of the proposed cancellation on the first day of January, 1915, of the arrangements whereby mixed carloads of native and foreign liquors, and mixed carloads of groceries, classified fifth class in straight carloads, and dried fruits, classified fourth class in straight carloads, are carried at their respective carload rates between points west of and including Port Arthur and thereto from eastern shipping points.

"Upon hearing the matter at the sittings of the board held in Toronto, December 12, the Toronto Board of Trade, the Montreal Board of Trade, the Hamilton Board of Trade, and other parties interested, and upon reading the submission filed:

"It is ordered that the proposed cancellation of the said arrangements be, and it is hereby, suspended until further order of the board."

WALL STREET.

New York, Dec. 23—Wall street, 1:30 p.m.—An unusual situation was reached in the early afternoon, when Steel fell to its minimum price of 13. Many other prominent stocks were off 1 to 3 points, and new low prices were established all around.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

[Reported by J. M. Young, Broker.]

Chicago, Dec. 23.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Previous Close.
Wheat—					
Dec.	126	126⅞	125¾	125⅞	126⅜
May	129	129¾	128	128⅜	128⅞
July	120¼	120⅝	119¼	120	120⅜
Corn—					
Dec.	65	65½	65	65⅜	65
May	71⅝	71⅞	71¼	71¼	71½
July	72	72½	71⅞	72½	72
Oats—					
Dec.	49⅞	49⅞	48⅞	48⅞	48¾
May	53	53⅛	52⅞	53⅛	52⅝

CHICAGO PROVISION MARKET.

[Reported by J. M. Young, Broker.]

Chicago, Dec. 23.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Previous Close.
Pork—					
Jan.	18 60	18 65	18 35	18 35	18 62
May	19 15	19 15	18 85	18 85	19 12
Lard—					
Jan.	10 32	10 35	10 30	10 30	10 40
May	10 55	10 57	10 47	10 47	10 57
Ribs—					
Jan.	10 15	10 15	10 10	10 10	10 20
May	10 57	10 57	10 47	10 47	10 57

WHEAT OPTIONS.

[Reported by Logan & Bryan by special wire to H. C. Becher.]

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—Wheat—Close—December, $1 21⅜; May, $1 26¾; July, $1 28¼.

Minneapolis, Dec. 23.—Wheat—Close—December, $1 21½; May, $1 24½; July, $1 25⅛.

MONEY AND DISCOUNT RATES.

London, Dec. 23.—Money, 1½ per cent.

Discount rates, short and three months, 2 15-16 to 2⅞ per cent.

LOCAL NEWS

WILL BUILD LINE.—Work on a new hydro line to run from St. Johns to Broughs bridge in London Township will be commenced at once.

LEAVES FOR TORONTO.—H. H. Wolltenberger, Grand Trunk superintendent of Ontario lines, left here today for Toronto.

CHRISTMAS TURKEYS.—The Sherlock-Manning Piano Company followed its customary appreciation of its men's services by presenting each employee with a turkey for Christmas.

SPECIAL COURT SITTING.—There will be a special sitting of the county court for trial of non-jury actions on Friday, January 8, before Judge Talbot Macbeth.

SHORT VACATION.—The short vacation at the court house will begin Thursday, and last for the next two weeks. All offices, with the exception of the sheriff's, will close at noon each day.

CONDITION IMPROVES.—Dr. John A. Macgregor, who is confined to his bed with pneumonia, and whose life was despaired of the fore part of this week, is in a much improved condition today.

PARSONAGE WEDDING.—James William Keron and Miss Isabelle Walker, both of this city, were married last night at the parsonage of the New St. James' Presbyterian Church by Rev. T. H. Mitchell. The couple will reside in the north end of the city.

RETURNS FROM THE OFFICERS' COURSE.—Ralph Locheed, 251 Queen's avenue, who has been in Toronto for the past six weeks, attending the instruction school for cavalry officers, has returned to London. The results of the examinations, which concluded last week, will be known in two weeks.

PRIZES FOR SELLING STAMPS.—To stimulate efforts on the part of the boys of the Y. M. C. A. who are selling Preventorium Christmas stamps, Sir Adam Beck has offered two prizes, both handsome tiepins, to be presented to the boys who, when accounts are made up, have sold the largest and second largest number of stamps. H. A. McKeracher, Junior Y. M. C. A. secretary, is giving a prize for the boy standing third.

CHIEF JUSTICE DISSENTED.—Today's Toronto Globe states that in the report given Tuesday of the appeal of E. S. Hunt against J. T. Emerson, of Port Arthur, for $5,000 commission on the sale of some real estate, it was omitted that Chief Justice Meredith did not agree with the finding of Justices Maclaren, Magee and Hodgins. The appeal was allowed, and Mr. Hunt was given his $5,000 commission and costs.

PLOT TO BLOW UP STEAMER LONG KNOWN

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Dec. 23.—The existence of an alleged conspiracy in New Orleans to blow up a French or British passenger ship on the sea by placing an infernal machine in her cargo before she should sail from New York, was known twelve days ago to Paul Faguet, general agent of the French line, according to an announcement made here today.

A small army of detectives was employed to prevent the fruition of the scheme, every bit of baggage and cargo going into the French line ships was closely examined, and the proper authorities, Mr. Faguet said, were promptly notified. It is believed that this notification was what resulted in the arrest of four men in New Orleans last night.

SIR ADAM'S HORSES WERE NOT SEIZED

War a Serious Business in Old London, Declares T. Smith.

"The moving of troops in London, Ont., causes far more excitement than the moving of troops in London, Eng.", said T. Smith, a local horseman, who returned from England today, where he had been looking after horses shipped from Canada.

"The citizens, relatives and families of the men who are leaving for the front march alongside the men to the docks, but the march is a very silent one, save for a cheer, a sob or a farewell chat by some member of a family. The transports leave shore and are eagerly watched until out of sight, then the dear ones left behind silently return to their homes. There are no scenes, but it is all taken as a matter of fact by the people," said Smith.

"From what I have learned from people who have been in touch with Germans, they are the same regarding the transport of their soldiers," stated Smith.

On the boat coming across the Atlantic Smith met a party of Russian women whose husbands and relatives had been killed in one of the big battles. The women made arrangements to live with some of their friends who had immigrated to the United States.

The story that the horses owned by the Hon. Col. Sir Adam Beck had been seized by the military authorities for use in the army proved to be a myth. They were all intact when Smith left some days ago for his voyage home.

"It was a common sight to see wagons and buggies standing horseless along the roadway. The horses had been seized and their owners given a slip of paper for the value of the animals taken. These slips were taken to a military station and exchanged for gold," said Smith.

SCHOOL INSPECTORS IN SESSION HERE

Visit Schools and Confer With Local Officials On Educational Methods.

Public school inspectors of Western Ontario from points as far east as Brantford, west as Windsor, south as Port Stanley, and north as Goderich, are in conference in the city hall today, discussing problems and comparing educational methods.

This morning, they paid a visit to the Industrial School, after which an informal lunch was given at the city hall in their honor, attended also by Mayor Graham, Inspector Edwards, and the members of the school board. On behalf of the board, Chairman A. M. Hunt welcomed the visitors to the city, Inspector Thompson, of East Middlesex, making a suitable reply. Immediately after, the educationists left to inspect the Aberdeen School, one of the most modern school buildings in the city.

At 2:30 o'clock their session was opened in the council chambers. Of those attending from outside places, the majority will leave for their homes tonight.

The following have registered: Inspector Conn, Sarnia; J. M. Fields, Goderich; P. J. Thompson, East Middlesex; J. H. Smith, Tilsonburg; J. H. Smith, Chatham; C. A. Maxwell, Windsor; T. W. Standing, Brantford; R. A. Patterson, Ingersoll.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

James Scott Buried.

The funeral of James Scott, who up until his illness last summer, was a member of The Advertiser editorial staff, was held Tuesday afternoon from his residence, 711 Maitland street, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The services, which were of a private nature, were conducted by Rev. D. C. McGregor and Rev. Hugh McFarlane, of St. Andrew's Church. The pallbearers were J. Walters, N. Minhinnick, M. Shoenberger, L. Teatland, G. Woonton and M. Molson.

Buried At Woodland.

The funeral of A. W. Westman, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Westman, 218 Richmond street, and superintendent of the W., B. and L. S. R., Kingsville, was held from the residence of his parents at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon to Woodland Cemetery.

The remains arrived at noon from Kingsville, where Mr. Westman was electrocuted early on Monday morning, while making some repairs to one of the cars on the W., B. and L. S. R. The services were conducted by Rev. G. N. Hasen of the Wellington Street Methodist Church.

HOLIDAY PERSONALS.

Orville Upshall, of the School of Pharmacy, Toronto, is holidaying here.

Gordon Bridgman, Winnipeg, is spending Christmas with his mother on Hyman street.

Miss Bridgie Henderson, of Queen's avenue, will spend Christmas with relatives at Strathroy.

J. B. Gilmour, of the McClary Manufacturing Company, will spend Christmas and New Year in the city.

S. Rumford, Thedford, Ontario, is the guest for a few days of Rev. A. E. Lloyd and Mrs. Lloyd, Ridout street Methodist parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bradley, of Belmont, are spending the holidays with their parents in Streetsville and Toronto.

Mrs. Daniel Carter and daughter, of Toronto, are visiting Mrs. F. C. Wanless, 74 Byron avenue, during the holidays.

G. Tucker, of Toronto University (attire), is the guest of his parents, Canon and Mrs. Tucker, St. Paul's rectory, during the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. Hauchton and two children, of Chicago, Ill., are visiting Mrs. Hauchton's mother, Mrs. Smith, 573 Colborne street.

J. D. McPherson, of Detroit, is the guest of his brother, Hugh McPherson, 165 Wharncliffe road, until after New Year's.

Miss Pearl Phillips, of Winnipeg, is spending the Christmas vacation in London, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Garden, St. James street.

Miss Mary Macpherson, director of household science in the Collegiate Institute, is visiting relatives and friends in Hamilton on her Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bischoff, of 238 Queen's avenue, will spend their Christmas holidays at Mrs. Bischoff's home in Howard, Ohio.

Gordon Woonton, of the School of Practical Science, Toronto University, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Woonton, 865 Maitland street.

Newton R. Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. R. Wright, 133 Elmwood avenue, is spending his holidays at home. Mr. Wright is a third year arts man of Toronto University.

Gordon E. Nott, son of Mrs. W. G. Nott, of this city, has arrived home from Toronto, where he is attending the School of Science. Mr. Nott will spend the holidays with his mother.

Boyd Little, son of R. A. Little, formerly vice-principal of the London Collegiate, is in the city, and will spend the holidays with his aunt, Mrs. Rutherston, of Central avenue, before returning to the School of Science, Toronto.

Miss Jean S. MacDonald, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Heaman, Dufferin avenue, will return to her home in Ridgetown tonight. Miss MacDonald came here to take part in the Press Club Minstrel show last Monday night.

Among the young Londoners attending Toronto University, who have come up to town for the Christmas holidays, are: Hugh McCreery, Gordon Woonton, E. A. Hodgins, R. Mitchell, O. G. Lawson, J. Fraser, R. A. Barber, G. Beere, H. G. Thompson, F. Galpin, R. Fowler, W. McCamus, F. C. Darch, E. Smithson, K. Somerville, G. Tucker, L. R. Sacketottam, C. Mitchell, B. Little, E. Little, A. McGill, C. Benson, J. McCann, J. Bowes, M. Armitage, F. Matthews, O. Upshall and N. R. Wright.

NOT OFFICIAL YET.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—It has been semi-officially understood here for some time that Hon. P. E. Leblanc is likely to succeed Lieut.-Governor Langelier of Quebec, but there will be no official announcement of his successor until the office is vacant.

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