The Messiah Craze GUPHINE, O. T., Dec. 30.—A courier coming in from the Cheyenne and Arapahoe reservation last night states that the Messiah craze has broken out anew among the Indians there. Left Hand, head chief of the Arapahoes, and Old Crow and Whirlwinds, chief of the Cheyennes, have gathered about a thousand Indians around them among the interior hills and for many days and nights have kept up the dance continually declaring that they will not stop until the Seviour arrives. Other reembers of the kribe are daily joining them and trouble is feared.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 29.—Martin Hanmenberg, a patient at Emergency Hospital
was unable to swallow nourishment of any
kind. Two or three weeks ago the doctors
inserted a rubber tube into his stomach
through his side, since which time he has
taken solid food into his stomach by this
route. The stricture in his throat is so
far reduced that he can now swallow
liquids with considerable comfort. He
drinks water and occasionally beer with
great apparent relish, and is rapidly gaining flesh and strength. It seems but a
short time whea the throat will be in its
cormal condition, and the artificial route
to the stomach can be abandoned.

Poisoned at a Wedding Feast. Mastreston, New Zealand, Dec. 30.—At a wedding feast here yesterday a practical joker mixed wish the food a poisonous substance which he supposed to be epsom salts, and as a result 30 persons were poisoned, two being already dead, including the bride, and the others are critically ill.

Hunza Occupied.

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Calcutta, Dec. 30.—Advices from Gilgit state that the advance movement recently inaugurated by the British has been entirely successful, and that the town of Hunza has been compled by the advance column and the tribesmen have submitted. The British will now be able to complete their work of constructing a road from Gilgit to the Pamirs, which the Hunza and Nagar tribesmen sought to prevent.

His Prisoner Bolted.

OBLIAL, Dec. 30.—Mel. McNabb, who was wanted on 18 charges of burglary and theft, was located here today by Detective Douglas, of Montreal, who has been on his frail for four weeks. Douglas thought the lockup insecure and paraded the streets with his prisoner, visiting hetels, etc. McNabb was not handcuffed and was told by Douglas that he had no revolver. As a result the prisoner, bolted up a by lane and has not yet been tocated.

Mrs. Carrothers' Trial.

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Rat Pontage, Ont., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Carrothers, who was in jail here awaiting trial on the charge of the murder of her funshand, has been removed to Port Arthur jail by Sheriff Carpenter on the order of the Superior Court. Her counsel, in an effort to secure her release on bail, made a declaration that the jail here was an improper place to confine her. Her trial will take place at Port Arthur. This, The Record says, is a gross injustice to this portion of the district and an outrage to the witnesses who have to be brought from Rainy River, besides an expense altogether unwarranted by the circumstances.

The Siege of Yemen.

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VIENA, Dec. 30.—A letter is published here describing ten weeks' siege of Yemen by the Arabs. The town was under bombardment daily, while a terrible famine prevailed in Yemen. Every person venturing out of the town to attempt to procure food was driven back naked, with none and ears cut off or otherwise muti-lated, the insurgent chief declaring, that he would convert the Yemen Jews to Islamism or extirpate them. When the Turks relieved the city a general butchery of prisoners occurred on both sides.

Reform in India.

Bomay, Dec. 30.—At today's meeting of the Indian National Congress at Nagpur, a resolutin was adopted declaring that it is necessary that a legislature shall be established in India to which the people of India shall elect representatives. The resolution also says that it is imperative that reductions to made in the expendi-tures of the army in India.

A Frightful Wreck.

Paris, Dec. 30.—A despatch from St. Petersburg says that a terrible railroad accident secured yesterday, near Roseva, on the railroad between Mirisk and Smolensk. An express train ran into the rear of a train carrying troops, 20 persons were killed and 100 injured.

Congress of Chambers of Com

London, Dec. 30.—The Chamber of Commerce has decided to hold a congress of the fivest Chambers of Commerce of the world sext June. Invitations have been sent to all the Chambers of Encland, Wale \Sashund, Ire'a d and all the dependepies of Great Britain beyond the case of Strain degrees. The purpose of the cangres will be to discuss the relations ous parts of the world, and many more expected to do so.

Brantford Municipal elections will not be held till Feb. 1st, as several appeals have been entered against the new voters' lists.

Ouelph Markets.

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Missionaries in Danger in China

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It appears that in the course of recent correspondence between Fremier Abbott and the Allan Steamship Company, the former accused the latter of engaging European writers to deery and discredit the St. Lawrence route, with the view of preventing other steamship companies from tendering for the ocean mail service.

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New Steamers for the C. P. R.
West Superior, Wis. Dec. 29.—The keels were laid last week in the yards of the American Steel Barb Company for two of a fleet of six maximoth whale-backs under contracts for the Canadian Pacific Railway. These vessels will be of improved model, 420 feet long, 32 feet beam, 26 feet depth, and will be of greater capacity and much swifter than other whale-backs so far constructed. Since the construction of the Minneapolis and Sault St. Marie Road, which is now operated by the C. P. R., its expectation in the matter of handling the bulk of Northwestern wheat and flour has not been realized, as a greater portion of it continues to go east via Chicago. In the whale-back fleet, the road believes it has found a necessary adjunct for the monopoly of flour transportation, and with the opening of navigation the road will have a line of whale-backs to run in connection with the Soo line from its Eastern terminus at Gladstone to the lower lake ports.

C.P.R. Earnings. New Steamers for the C. P. R.

MONTREAL, Dec. 29.—The following is the statement of the earnings and expenses of the C.P.R. for the month of November. 1891:—Gross earnings, \$3,.031,079.74; working expenses, \$1,045,068.

99; net profits, \$998,610.75. For the period extending from January 1 to November 30, 1891; the earnings were \$18,326,282.06; working expenses. \$11.198,819.33, and net profits, \$7,127.462.73. In November, 1890, then the profits were \$705,070.26; and from January 1st to November 30th, 1890, there was a net profit of \$5,874.897.45. The gain in net profits over the same period last year is therefore, for November, \$190,940 50; and from January 1st to November 30th \$1,252,625.28.

The Heslop Murder.

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Hamilton, Dec. 30.—It is expected that some startling developments will be made at the preliminary trial of Jack Lottgridge tomorrow at the police court on the charge of murdering John Heslop. No more evidence than is necessary to commit the prisoner will be given, but it is understood that about seven or eight witnesses will testify against him. Mrs. and Miss Heslop will be called to retell the dreadful story of that fatal night. Lottridge is either an innocent man or he is a clever actor and well able to hide his real feelings. He continues to show a cheerful front in jail and maintains that he is innocent of the crime or any connection with it. When told of Goosey's confession he only laughed and said there was nothing in it.

Freight Shed at St. Thomas

Burned.

Sr. Thomas, Dec. 30.—Fire started this evening about 6.30 in the large Michigan Central freight depot here. The building was almost completely gutted, and a large amount of freight destroyed or badly damaged. Loss cannot be estimated at present, but will run up into the thousands. The structure was an immense brick affair, one of the largest in the province, and was used conjointly by the Michigan Central and the C. P. R. Burned.

Mr. Duff's Reply to Mr. Mour. To the Editor of the Mercury :

DEAR Sin.—I see that some gentleman called Forbes Moir attempts to answer some of my letters which appeared in your paper some time ago. But his has not advanced any further than that which has been gone over before with the exception of some misstatements in reference the actions of the Friedden. exception of some misstatements in reference to the actions of the Erin delogates at some of the former conventions. His analogous case in comparing my horses analogous case in comparing my horses. Show in 1881 to Mr. Craig getting the momination is so utterly ridiculous and silly that I am surprised that any man of any intelligence would make use of it. He thinks that some parts of my letter was a personal attack on him. Now, when I wrote these letters I did not know that there was such a man is existence. He whose these letters I did not know that there was such a man in existence. He must be like the man with the big nose who takes everything to himself, out if the cap lits him he can wear it.

Mr. Moir admits that they had a small raceting to select delegates, and that some found fault with what was done, and that it was moved and carries that the delegates be instructed to vote for the candidate that this mosting in in favor of, and

found faith with what was done, and chast it was moved and carries that the delegates be instructed to vote for two candidate that this meeting is in tayor of, and that was Mr. Craig.

He says that he has no doubt the Erin delegates were instructed to vote for Mr. Kirkwood the same way, only more so. Now, Sir, I have been a delegate very often, but never have been pledged by resolution or in any other way. The people of Erin never asked the delegates to pledge themselves. They, go to conventions as all delegates ought to go. All those who were at our meeting in Hillsburg know that I objected to go to the convention pledged over to our own man. He says that we had our way so long, and that we were always packed in favor of Mr. Clark. Well, if we have had our way I am sure that we got it at the last election. He says at the election before the last general election that we were snow-bound in Erin but telegraphed to the convention we were for Col. Clark. Now, Mr. Moir, you are mistaken there again. Mr. Dunbar and I were at the convention and I asked if they would let us cast ballots for the rest of the delegates that were not present, but they would not allow us to do so, so that Erin had only two delegates at their convention.

One word in reference to a statement in

that Erin had only two delegates at their convention.

One word in reference to a statement in the Elora correspondence of the News Record. He says that I seem to know very little about party obligations. Now, sir, while I believe that we cannot get along without the two parties, yet I never did, nor never will, support any party when I think that they are acting dishonorably. It could easily be proved from the history of our own country, and other countries too, that some of the ablest and best politicians threw aside party obligations when their honor and principle are at stake.

I will not pay any attention to any more correspondence on this subject.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for so much of your valuable space,

Yours truly,

John Duff.

Erin, Dec. 28, 1891.

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A mysterious illness has killed 16 animals in the Zoological gardens in Amsterdam within 48 hours. The finest

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School Closing.—On Tuesday the public schools closed for Christmas holidays, and particular interest was attached to the closing of the public school of this village. Miss Jennie Thomson, who had taught in the second department for nearly seven years, had tendered her resignation, and the event was improved by the children presenting her with a beautiful silver butter cooler and knife, accompanied by the following address:—To Miss Jennie Thomson:

resignation, and the event was improves by the children presenting her with a beautiful silver butter cooler and knife, accompanied by the following address:—
To Miss Jennie Thomson:
We, the teachers and pupils of Ertz Public School, having learned that you have severed your connection with our school, and are about to leave us, take this opportunity of expressing our sorrow at parting with you, and our esteem and affection for you.
As a friend we have always found you courteous, kind and amiable, and as a teacher impartial, painstaking and most devoted to the best interests of your pupils. You will long be remembered by those who have been associated with you as teachers, and your pupils will always look back to the time spent under your care as among the most pleasant and profitable of school days. As a more tangible proof of our esteem and affection, we ask you to accept this gift, with our best wishes for your future happiness and success, and the prayer that after a long and useful life you may hear the Master's "Well done, good and faithful servant."
Erin, Dec. 22, 1891.
Mr. Campbell responded for Miss Thomson in very feeling and touching terms relating to her ability as a teacher, her excellent moral deportment and the happy social relations that have existed during the time she has been teaching. The numerous other presents from her individual pupils, and the deep emotion that was felt throughout the proceeding by the children, together with the cover that seasement of the hundred the high esteem in which she is held by all classes, and the deep sorrow at parting with one who has so long and faithfully been identified with the training of the young in this place. The P. S. Inspector's reports of her department have always been of the most favorable character, classing her amongst the best teachers in his inspectorate.

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ing Miss Thompson with a beautiful Oxford Sible and fine morrocco Hymm' with the following complimentary address:

Miss Jennic Thomson:

Dear President:—It is with deep regret that we bid you goodbye. During your stay amongst us you have won the confidence and esteem of the entire community, and as President of this Society by your amiable disposition and consistent Christian deportment you have endeared yourself to every member. We feel that the suocess of our Society has largely been due to your indunence as flar President, everyone placing perfect confidence in your good judgment, and being encouraged and strengthened by your kindness, courtesy and impartiality to all. But whilst we will greatly miss you our best wiskes will go with you, and we sincerely hope that wherever your lot may be cast the Divine Master may sustain you, comfort you, and make you a blessing to others; and as a more substantial proof of our esteem and friendship we ask you to accept this Hymnal and Bible with the prayer that "The God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant," may "make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight-through Jesus Christ."

Signed on behalf of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of Burns' church, Erin, by:—

James Binnie, Scoretary.

Ada Wood, Treasurer.

Erin, Dec. 22nd, 1891.

Miss Thomson, who was so completated by surprise and overcome by the expression contained in the address she felt her heart too full to enable hreply asked Mr. Wood to do so on behalf, who feelingly thanked the sociand referred to the pleasure which knew it gave her in forwarding any churc work and her special interest and anxiety in connection with this society.

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On Threadav evening a number of the friends of Rev. Mr. Ball, Methodist minister in charge of Erin circuit, waited upon him at the masse and presented hum with a valuable far coat and Mrs. Ball with a beautiful stiver fruit dish set in glass, accompanied by a very complimentary address.

CHRSTMAS.—This day was quietly observed in the village, the dull, soft weather no doubt had something to do with it. The usual thanksgiving service was held in the English church. The Baptist congregation held their annual gathering on Christmas eve, and the children's on Friday, both of which were fairly well attended. The Methorist anniversary services were held on Sunday. The Rev. Dr. Hannon, of Guelph, preached morning and evening to good congregations. Norse.—To the large number of students who have been attending the various colleges, universities, etc., for the past term, and who are now spending their Christmas holidays with their parents and friends in this village and community, we cannot begin to name them, but to one and all we wish a merry Christmas and a happy New year and our best wishes for their future success.... Amongst those who have passed their examinations we notice the name of J. E. Wood, son of Mr. R. Wood, druggist and P.M. of the village, as having passed a very oreditable examination in the College of Pharmacy, Toronto, taking good marks in the second class. This must be complimentary considering the high standard and reputation of this College... The Royal Templars Crusade as has already been announced spent a week in this village, their meetings were fairly well attended and we hope that some read may be effected by their labourry seems rather unfortunate that they this places at the time they did, is season when there were in man a strend of the past and other meets.

The Canadian Pacific F have from appearances of the immense water powe and will spend a quarter lars, it is said. The C, been engaged for six we etc.

The Pope on Wednes various diplomats in leverseas the customaringe. The healthy Holiness was a sub