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ONTARIO PROVINCIAL WINTER FAIR WILL BE BEST IN HISTORY OF CANADA

Preparation Day at Guelph Yesterday Gave Promise of Successful Exhibition.

EDUCATION A PROMINENT FEATURE

Guelph, Dec. 7.—(Staff special.)—Considerations of national sentiment and industrial pride give the Ontario Provincial Winter Fair a high position in the esteem of Canadians. The twentieth annual session marks the scope almost Dominion wide. If the exhibits do not represent every section of British America the visitors do. Of considerable importance, too, is the attention the breders of pure bred animals in the United States and other countries bestow upon the event. The splendid progress of the exhibition is evidenced by the increased number and quality of entries and the class of visitors from all sections of the country. Evidently the patrons and the promoters insist upon maintaining the high standard of excellence attained by the live stock industry of Canada. It means much for the skill of the judges of this show and the breeders who exhibit here, that the prize winners of the Ontario Live Stock Fair take equal rank in other great competitive gatherings. Sheep and swine and other animals that took first and second and third prizes here last year are just arriving from the International Live Stock Exposition at Chicago, where they were accorded the same class excellence. Cars were being unloaded to-day of prize winners from the Chicago show, where they took the blue ribbons in competition with entries from all parts of the world. This is what the skill and enterprise and intelligent effort of Canadians have accomplished and that too in almost a decade. If the great aggregation of blooded animals to be seen at Guelph during the next four days would not stimulate the pride of the British-American there is something the matter with his circulation.

Education With Exhibition.

The annual exhibition is made the occasion for the gathering of the Experimental Union. This is an educational feature that is a huge factor in training the industrial element of the Dominion, and it is noted with much enthusiasm that the attendance is heavier than usual this year. Experts do not hesitate to place the responsibility for the progress of the farm at the door of the Union. Here is where they learn the why and the wherefore of things. Naturally the interchange of ideas results in the highest progress. That the Canadian farm and the dairy and the breeding stables display the best product of the hemisphere is not a source of surprise. These are the lessons the Canadians are learning, and some idea of the constant effort incident to this superior product is gained from this view of the Guelph fair.

Altogether the session of 1903 is inaugurated under auspicious surroundings. In every department the entries are larger than last year. The quality has improved and the estimated attendance is much heavier than in previous years. The citizens of Guelph have risen to the situation. The visitors are pouring in, and they are being cared for with a system that indicates thought and energy. The whole city seems imbued with the rush and hurry that marks the scenes around the fair buildings. General Manager Hanmer declares that everything indicates the most successful meet in the history of the association. Mayor Hamilton says the city is prepared to offer superior accommodation to every visitor during the entire fair. To this end four hundred citizens have offered to supplement the eorts off the fourteen hotel proprietors. This feature is being directed with much intelligence.

Getting Everything Ready.

This is the situation at Guelph during the first day of the exhibition. It is preparation day, and everything is well advanced. Tuesday will witness everything ready for the business of the meeting. The last flag is being raised to-night, the final bunting woven in with the other decorations, and the last touches are being given to the artistic features.

It is the intention of the citizens of Guelph and the managers of the Winter Fair to furnish such facilities to visitors, in spite of the rush, as will forever silence the talk of the municipality not being equal to the emergency that confronts it in a fair of such tremendous scope.

J. C. Porter.

EXPERIMENTAL UNION.

Guelph, Dec. 7. — (Special.) — The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union was opened this afternoon in the Massey Hall of the Ontario Agricultural College. The meeting had a large attendance of the pupils of the school, and a number of ex-pupils are expected to arrive to-morrow. President Nelson Mohteith of Stratford was in the chair, and in addressing the union said that there were 3845 farmers throuo: Ontario who made experiments last year and sent in reports. He said that the position of a farmer was not a success because of his ina-

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YANKEES ASTONISHED.

Guelph, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The Washington Agricultural Department has been astonished with the practical workings of the Ontario Experimental Union. We are unable to understand how you Canadians maintain an association with such a vast membership all working in harmony in producing agricultural experiments. We can't do it in the States. All over the United States the Guelph Agricultural College is known. We have many of your graduates occupying positions on the faculties of our big universities. I say we experts of the government of the United States are proud to copy the successful methods of your people of Ontario. We find that you do not believe in the old farm idea of working too much and thinking too little—a pound of brains here I find worth a ton of muscle." —W. J. Spillman of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, before the Experimental Union, Monday night.

PRIVATE HOUSES OPENED.

Guelph, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The citizens of Guelph propose to exhibit hospitality that will be on a par with the animal exhibit of the big Fair during the week. To this end every householder is participating. It is estimated that the fourteen hotels will accommodate 900, and that means comfortably and without the use of cots. Four hundred homes have been opened, among the best people of the city, to the visitors, and Secretary McKenzie said there were more ready to volunteer if it was necessary. Mayor Hamilton and a citizens' committee took up this phase of the subject, and the system is so thoroly arranged that Mr. Hamilton declared to The World to-day he was satisfied there could be no complaint on this score. Secretary McKenzie has an office on the ground floor of the City Hall, and already has provided quarters for a large number. Separate rooms can in many instances be provided in private residences. The hotels do not offer rooms for single occupants, and the citizens' committee does not believe the visitors will be so unreasonable as to demand anything of this kind. But the accommodation offered is excellent and the expense is from $1 in a private residence to $2 and $2.50 in the hotels, per day. In some instances for the whole week the price is less. The indications are that this troublesome question of accommodation has been disposed of, at least for the present Fair. The big crowds will be present Wednesday and Thursday. These are the days when the most important awards will be made, and the citizens' and Poultry Association's banquets will be held.

IN THE PURSUIT OF TRUTH IS OUR ONLY SALVATION

Goldwin Smith Emphasizes His Creed Before the Members of the Unitarian Club.

How the last word in silver cadence falls,
The chords of age clear-ringing from far youth;
The sage still follows where the prophet calls.
In "careful, cautious, reverent search for truth."

A. E. S. S.

In his address on The Spirit of Religious Enquiry to the Unitarian Club at Webb's Restaurant last evening Dr. Goldwin Smith declared that there was no adequate ground for the extreme materialistic position. Prof. Tyndall called himself a materialist, but no more spiritually minded man ever lived. He would not dogmatize, but we were not justified in saying that we know. The doctrine of immortality was not Christian, but Socratic, and we had no reason to doubt that where law was so generally manifest in the universe, some more reasonable destiny for man than extinction was to be hoped for. The old sanctions were failing, and tho he should not live to see it, he felt that new sanctions would arise in questions of religion. In the interregnum he foresaw a bad quarter of an hour for humanity. He would end as he began with the belief that our only salvation consisted in a careful, cautious, reverent pursuit of truth. W. B. Campbell occupied the chair, and a discussion was sustained by Prof. Mavor, Prof. Keys, John Bertram, Dr. Hamilton, O. F. Rice and Rev. Dr. Sunderland.

WORKMEN WANT REFORM.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 8.—Three thousand workmen, under the auspices of the Tariff Reform League, at Swinton, yesterday were addressed by Percy Wyndom. The resolutions favored the necessity of some of the Chamberlain proposals to protect the home markets. At the close of the meeting 1000 workmen joined the league.

STRATHCONA ON EDUCATION.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 8.—Lord Strathcona, in distributing the prizes at the City of London College yesterday, said that the wonderful prosperity of Canada was due to her elementary and higher education.

NO COLONIAL COLUMBUS.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 8.—Earl Crewe, speaking at Newcastle yesterday, said Mr. Chamberlain was not a colonial Columbus and retaliation would not lower foreign tariffs.

CANADA FAVORS PROTECTION.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 8.—Andrew Pattullo, speaking at Richmond last night, said: "Every workingman in Canada is in favor of protection, and two-thirds of the Liberal party in the Canadian parliament are agreed with the Conservative party on this question."

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CALLED TO STOUFFVILLE.

Stouffville, Dec. 7.—The united congregations of St. James' Church, Stouffville, and Melville Church, Markham, met at Stouffville to-day and extended a unanimous call to Mr. Robert Barber, a recent graduate of Knox College.

David Hoskins, F. C. A., Chartered Accountant, 07 Manning Chambers, City Hall Square. Phone Main 5029. 246

SENTENCE COMMUTED.

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—Carrahan, under sentence of death at Cornwall, has had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment. He is insane.

Metal Ceilings, Skylights and Roofing A. B. Ormsby & Co., cor. Queen and George sts. Telephone L. 726 7d.

Canadian Beauty.

Whatever hard things summer tourists may have thought of Canadian beauty, they would surely change their minds if they saw our streets these days filled with the thousands of furbedecked girls and ladies.

One of those white fox boas which Fairweather & Co., 84 Yonge-street, are selling for $15.00, is one of the most "fetching" of the season's furs.

Smokers' Presents Buy now. Alive Bollard.

Here Comes Christmas.

With Christmas just around the corner it's time for you to think of Christmas. For umbrellas, walking canes, suit cases, club bags and leather goods of every sort East & Co., 300 Yonge-street, is your store. You buy there at manufacturers' prices goods not found in any other store in town.

Corrugated galvanized iron, skylights, etc. Wheeler & Bain, 79 King st. 135

Xmas flowers should be ordered now. Nothing could be more acceptable than a choice selection of beautiful flowers. We have many novelties for Xmas. Dunlop's, florist, 5 West King.

PREFERENCE ONLY ROAD TO UNITY OF THE EMPIRE

If Units Are Allowed to Go Own Way They Must Remember Temptation of Canada.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 8.—Lord Selborne at the Liberal-Unionist demonstration at Edinburgh yesterday declared: "We are trustees of the empire. If Canada, Australia and South Africa are allowed to go their own way and each item to be overweighed by nations whose population may be numbered by the hundred million, they must always remember the temptation to Canada to enter into an arrangement with the United States. The export of manufactured articles to foreign countries has fallen off £18,000,000 in eleven years, while the exports to the colonies have increased from £79,000,000 to £96,000,000. The preference is not the only road to unity. If we take care of the empire, wages, trade and food will take care of themselves."

James Bryce, M.P., speaking at Aberdeen yesterday, declared that British trade was healthy and not needing violent medicine that might turn a person. Retaliation was being used by the government like the drop scene at a theatre. When it was raised they would see a protectionist stage and actors.

DEATH OF RICHARD CLUFF.

For 55 Years Resident of City—Was a Volunteer Fireman.

In the death of Richard Cluff yesterday, there passed away one of the city's oldest residents and one of the few remaining veterans of the old volunteer fire brigade. Mr. Cluff, who was in his 71st year, was apparently in his usual health, and was active until with-

in less than an hour before he died. For 55 years he lived in this city, was for 50 years an Orangeman, being a member of L.O.L. No. 212, and for a long time was in the shoe business on West Queen-street.

He was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, and came to Canada when 12 years of age. He was a veteran of the Fenian Raid. He had a long and valued career with the city's volunteer firemen, staying with the red-shirts until the paid fire department was organized and the men had to take up residence in the fire-houses. He has a son, Isaac, on the fire department with Hose 6, also two others sons, W. J. Cluff and George, also of Toronto. He is survived by a widow.

The funeral will take place to the Necropolis to-morrow afternoon, at 2.30, from his late home, 131 John-street.

Edwards, Morgan & Co., 26 Wellington Street East, Toronto. Edwards & Monald, 48 Canada Life Building, Winnipeg, Chartered Accountants.

DOWIE MAY PULL THRU.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—In a statement that places his assets at more than four times his liabilities, John Alexander Dowie to-day, at a meeting of his creditors, submitted a proposal by which, it is believed, that the financial tangle at Zion City will be straightened out.

Eat the good food, Lake Chips, a large package, ten cents.

Nothing but the best at Thomas'.

A Ghastly Ditty.

The bold country tinker
Though never a thinker,
Bets he knows it all down to the ground,
With his nipe and his solder,
Builds "gas plants" to order,
And leaves them "promiscuous" around.

His prices are low,
And his ways, too, are so,
His work makes good gasfitters swear,—
And the duped fools who buy
His fake "plants" learn to fly
With their premises, up in the air!

—Moral.

A word in your ear,
You may think this song queer;
But—take—take each dangerous "has been"
With your place nicely lit,
You won't worry a bit,
If you buy a SAFE SIGHT MACHINE! ** "Electricity, kerosene, acetylene, "has been."

**Write 81 York-street, Toronto, for catalogue.

Try the decanter at Thomas.

HIS GUIDING PRINCIPLE.

"UNCLE" SAMUEL: If you vants der make a goot thing always deal mit der fellers dot don't own ter goots.

B. E. WALKER AND W. T. WHITE FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Have, With Others, Accepted the Nomination of the Citizens' Committee.

At the meeting of the Citizens' Education Committee, held in the Board of Trade Building yesterday afternoon, the complete slate of candidates for the new Board of Education was fixed upon. The statement made by a prominent member of the committee, J. D. Allan, in the morning, that two leading financial men had consented to allow their names to be placed before the committee, was most amply borne out in the proceedings of the afternoon session, when it was announced that Byron E. Walker, general manager Canadian Bank of Commerce, and Wm. T. White, general manager of the National Trust Company, had signified their willingness to become nominees of the committee. Both are men of the highest financial standing, and it would be a difficult matter to select stronger men. That they will be elected should almost go without saying, and it is regarded as a most healthy indication of the interest in the new order of things being taken by the solid business element of the city, which has heretofore held somewhat aloof from taking a representative part in Toronto's educational affairs.

The committee which met yesterday differed somewhat in its make-up from that of the initial meeting about two weeks ago. The retirement of several of its members thru dissatisfaction over the platform outlined had created vacancies which were yesterday filled by the appearance of Dr. S. M. Wickett, S. J. Moore and Robert Kilgour, as members of the committee. The others present were: Dr. Potts, who acted as chairman; J. V. Ellis, J. D. Allan, Stapleton Caldercott, P. H. Burton, J. C. Copp, W. B. Rogers, Dr. Smale, W. P. Ryrie, Dr. Barrick, A. H. McConnell, A. Horton, Mrs. Stephens and Miss Fitzgibbon.

The single ballot taken resulted in the following slate:

Mrs. Willoughby Cummings,
Mrs. F. H. Torrington,
A. W. Briggs,
C. A. B. Brown,
Dr. J. E. Elliott,
J. Wilson Gray,
Prof. McKay,
Dr. J. O. Orr,
M. M. Parkinson,
W. H. Shaw,
B. E. Walker,
W. T. White.

Secretary J. Macdonald Oxley stated after the meeting that the above were the final selections of the committee, but that another meeting would be held on Wednesday. It is understood that all those named will stand for election.

Following are the names of other candidates for the Board of Education, including members of the present Public, High and Technical School Boards, with the miscellaneous list:

Public School Trustees—R. S. Baird, J. C. Clarke, John Douglas, G. H. Gooderham, James Hales, A. J. Keeler, H. A. E. Kent, L. S. Levee, Miss C. B. Martin, M. Rawlinson, B. H. Scott, Dr. S. G. Thompson.

High School Trustees—T. L. Church, Dr. W. W. Ogden, F. J. Roche, Alex. Fraser.

Technical School Trustees—John Tweed, Wm. Henderson, J. D. Allan.

Miscellaneous—Wm. Houston, E. J. B. Duncan, R. U. McPherson, Geo. E. Gibbard, J. M. Briggs, James Simpson, Dr. Helen MacMurchy.

WHERE IS WILLIAM BELL?

Has Not Been Seen Since Saturday, Nov. 28 - No Known Reason for Disappearance.

William Bell, 12 Whiteside-place, is missing. The police are investigating his mysterious disappearance. Mr. Bell was employed at the Western Cattle Market as a carpenter. He is a prominent Orangeman and a member of the Carpenter's Union.

Detective Wallace, who has charge of the case, has ascertained the following facts:

On Saturday, Nov. 28, Bell left off work at noon, as customary. In company with Robert S. Harrison, who lives in the rear of 666 Ontario-street, and Thomas Taylor, 656 Parliament-street, he started for his home. They called in at the hotel corner King and Tecumseth-streets. They walked down King-street to St. Lawrence Market, where they went into Kemp's saloon. They left there. Bell ordered and paid for some provisions, which were delivered at his residence. They returned to Kemp's, and left there for the Albion Hotel, where they were joined by an employee of Copland's brewery. This man's name is not known. Harrison left the three men at the Albion. From the Albion, Bell, Taylor and the unknown, went to a store and each bought a cap. They then went to the Little York Hotel, King and George-streets. While there, Taylor says, Bell took him to the basement of the hotel to show him some work he had done there. They returned to the bar-room. Taylor says he left Bell then. That was about 3.30 p.m. He (Taylor) took a street car home, but according to his own story, did not arrive there until 6 o'clock.

That, as far as known, is the last trace of Bell, with the exception that Kirkpatrick, a grocer, corner Sumach and Sydenham-streets, says he saw the missing man about 6 o'clock, going south, in an opposite direction from his home.

Bell was known to have had $30 in his possession. The family cannot account for the disappearance of the husband and father. There was no friction of any kind. Two brothers of the missing man arrived in the city yesterday, one from Ottawa and the other from Lindsay.

Bell is 52 years of age, but does not look that old. He wore a brown frieze ulster over a cardigan jacket.

CHARGE LAID.

Stratford, Dec. 7.—Acting under instruction from Crown Attorney Idington, High Constable T. B. McCarthy this morning laid an information before Police Magistrate O'Loane charging Elias Meihm with manslaughter. Mrs. Meihm will not be included in the charge. The arrest was made this afternoon. Meihm will furnish bail.

Briars in cases (presents) Alive Bollard

Presents for Smokers.

Now is the time. Start early and make your selections. We have the finest stock of smokers' goods in Canada. HAVANA CIGARS, BRIAR and MEERSCHAUM PIPES, SMOKERS' sets, Cigar and Cigarette Holders, etc., everything for the man who smokes, at A. Clubb & Son's only store, 49 King-street West, east of Bay-street. Open evenings.

STRIKE DECLARED OFF.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 7.—The Springhill strike has been declared off and the miners will resume work in the collieries to-morrow. At a meeting between representatives of the miners and the management held to-night, a compromise of the matters in dispute was agreed upon, and the men decided to resume work under the terms of the new agreement.

Try the 50 barrel. 31 Colborne street.

FIVE PERSONS PERISHED.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 7.—The vessel which was wrecked on Ferryland Head, near Cape Race, during a furious storm at midnight Friday last, proves to be the Danish schooner Sigrid Petersen, from Alicante, Spain, for St. John's. Her crew of five persons perished and their bodies were washed ashore.

NO MORE LURID THEATRE POSTERS POLICE BEGIN THE EXTERMINATION

INSPECTOR ARCHIBALD SAYS THEATRES HAD FAIR WARNING.

"On Friday of last week local customs officials here notified the managers of the Grand and Majestic Theatres not to exhibit certain posters.

"In spite of this warning the posters were pasted up.

"On Saturday afternoon I started to tear some down.

"The action of the local officials was due to the receipt of special instructions from the Minister of Customs at Ottawa, which reached here Friday. They were instructed to henceforth destroy all posters dealing objectionably with crime.

"I tore down a great many of the condemned posters. The fact that pasting them up is against the law gave me authority to do so."

—Statement of Staff Inspector Archibald.

"Pictorial representations of crime appearing on billboards advertising plays in Toronto are to-day simply atrocious. Their effect on the young characterizes them as veritable kindergartens of crime."

—Rev. J. C. Speer.

Pictorial Representations of Two Current Plays Deemed Harmful to Community.

BOTH SIDES OF THE SITUATION

As a direct result of the crusade inaugurated by the Ministerial Association against the public display on bill boards of many colored posters depicting scenes of crime, the authorities have played havoc with theatrical posters in the last few days. Under the direction of Inspector Archibald scores of alleged sensational theatrical posters advertising plays being produced here have been ripped from the boards, taken away in entirety, been defaced and torn, or had sections cut out. Chief of Police Grasett states that this action is not the result of any special instructions given to the inspector. It is known, however, that, upon representations made to the Minister of Customs by the Ministerial Association, that the provisions of the criminal code and the bylaws have been invoked for the power necessary for local authorities to take decisive action in the matter, and, in fact, as the crusade is said to be deep-rooted, the energies of the officials of the local police, the customs and the church officials have been concentrated to cause the permanent banishment from the streets of posters depicting crimes committed with the revolver or knife, or showing sensational, tho not necessarily indecent, illegal acts.

The "paper" advertising two plays now being produced here, has suffered severely in the raid. Some of the many-colored lithographs advertising "The Great White Diamond," at the Majestic Theatre, as well as posters of "His Last Dollar," now at the Grand, have been torn down or removed. Managers and officials of the various local theatres, who learned of the process of destruction of their lithos, sent out attaches to verify the fact, but they seemed powerless to prevent the action of the authorities. It is said in addition that some particularly lurid pictures representing passages of crime now lying in the custom house advertising plays shortly to be seen here will be rigorously dealt with. Such posters are characterized by Rev. J. C. Speer, chairman of the committee that took initial action in the matter, as constituting in themselves veritable "kindergartens of crime," as exercising a decidedly deleterious, if not actually criminal influence on the minds of the young.

In commenting on the situation, J. W. Cowan, press agent of the Majestic and Grand Theatres, stated that in his opinion the city was liable for damage suits for destroying these posters. He stated that the local bylaws as yet contained no provision prohibiting pictures not indecent from coming into the country, altho the criminal code did so. It was his opinion that if the customs officers passed the pictures the local authorities had no jurisdiction over them.

Staff Inspector Archibald said concerning the action: "Only last week the Minister of Customs at Ottawa notified custom authorities here to supervise all theatrical posters."

This action promises to continue until managers of plays sending the colored lithographs from the other side have the fact impressed on them that the Ministerial Association has resolved to suppress pictures that portray individuals in the act of committing deeds of violence, armed with revolvers, knives, clubs and similar weapons, or are depicted hurling persons over craggy cliffs or in front of moving trains.

The effect of such pictures, with which just at present Toronto is flooded, is, in the opinion of the Rev. Mr. Speer, to directly suggest to youthful minds the commission of the incident of crime the picture represents. He characterizes the influence of such pictures as unwholesome to the community. In an interview with a World reporter yesterday, Dr. Speer said:

"I HAVE TRAVELED FROM PORTLAND, ORE., TO BENNET CITY IN THE YUKON AND IN NONE OF THE CITIES I PASSED THRU HAVE I SEEN SUCH BILLS AS ARE NOW FLAUNTED IN TORONTO. THEY ARE SIMPLY ATROCIOUS."

Theatrical managers, advance men and others connected with theatres take the stand that these pictures are entirely harmless. They scout the suggestion that they are a psychological menaceto the community, and state that the more thrilling the poster the larger is the attendance at the play.

The customs authorities possess generous legal power enabling them to suppress, prohibit or destroy any posters deemed objectionable, either on the ground that they are indecent, or that they depict scenes of crime. Pictures in which weapons figure that the individual is not allowed to carry, may be thrown out by the customs officials, who have recently been notified by the Minister of Customs to exercise rigid surveillance, and throw out pictures at their discretion. The work of destroying such pictures as have slipped past the customs officers has fallen largely to the hand of Staff Inspector Archibald. Altho expressing satisfaction yesterday at the steps taken, Dr. Speer intimated that one provision secured by the committee to prevent objectionable pictures entering the city might not have been fully exercised. He referred to the action of the Minister of Customs declaring that a police official should co-operate with the customs officers in scanning all the paper that

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A Christmas Present for the Best Fellow.

Girls, are you thinking of just what you ought to buy for that particular friend of yours? We'll tell you. Find out the size of glove he wears and then call on Dineen, the furrier, and ask him to show you some of his particular lines of Persian Lamb Gauntlets. They were specially selected by their expert for Christmas trade. Every one made on the premises from best fur. Every glove guaranteed.

SIFTON FAVORED PROTEST AGAINST ALASKAN AWARD

States His Views on the British Preferential Tariff and Its Consequences.

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—Hon. Clifford Sifton, speaking at a dinner of the Canadian Club of Ottawa to-night, approved of the action of Sir Louis Jette and Mr. Aylesworth in giving to the Canadian public their reasons for dissenting from the judgment of the majority of the Alaskan Boundary Commission.

Referring to the claim of Canada for greater treaty-making powers, he said that on such another arbitration the three British commissioners might well be all appointed from Canada, as that would prevent harsh criticism of Great Britain, and would create a sober sense of responsibility in Canadian judgment.

Speaking of the Chamberlain tariff campaign, Mr. Sifton said that Canada must wait until Great Britain had spoken on the subject. If she wanted a preferential tariff, Canada and Great Britain would meet as independent negotiating states, and Canada would not be a supplicant but would give as much as she received. Personally he favored the adoption of preferential trade as soon as England was ready for it, but Canada would never agree to give up her manufacturers to obtain it.

He was opposed to a parliamentary federation of the empire, as distant parts would not tolerate interference in private affairs, but he would favor such a federation as a union of states banded together for mutual protection and defence.

He was opposed to contributing to the imperial navy and quoted with approval Sir Charles Tupper's declaration that Great Britain would need her navy as much without Canada as with her. He was pronounced, however, on Canada's duty to make better provision for the protection of her land, and advocated the training of every Canadian to be a marksman.

ANNEXATION A DREAM.

Rev. Daniel Davis of P.E.I. Tells Washington the Truth.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Annexation of Canada to the United States is a chimerical scheme, in the opinion of the Rev. Daniel Davis, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, who is in Washington, having just completed a tour of the British possessions in America.

"The large majority of Canadians," said Mr. Davis, "are intensely loyal. While they have respect for the United States, the thought of annexation would not for a moment be entertained by them. When the Chamberlain preferential tariff goes into effect, Canada hopes for betterment in trade relations, and their soreness against the Mother Country will doubtless disappear."

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—Fred Clifton, chief engineer of the Ontario Sugar Company's plant, was instantly killed at 9.10 this forenoon at his post in the factory. He was caught in a belt and drawn into its grip of death in the presence of his assistants, who were powerless to help. Both legs were literally torn from the body—half way between the hips and knees—and the tremendous pressure had crushed almost every bone.

Stuffed young chicken and bread sauce and steamed fruit pudding at Nasmith's, Yonge St., to-day.

INSANE THRU WORRY.

Tilbury, Ont., Dec. 7.—Coroner Bray of Chatham held an inquest on the body of F. B. McNaughton, manager of the Merchants' Bank here, to-day. The jury, after hearing the evidence, decided that deceased came to his death by a pistol shot fired by himself while laboring under temporary insanity, caused by his worrying over his business management.

Beefsteak and kidney pie and steamed apple dumpling with whipped cream at Nasmith's, King and Bay, to-day.

McQUIGG NOT GUILTY.

Brockville, Dec. 7.—Frederick McQuigg was acquitted of the charge of destroying hats in the Union Hat Works by Judge McDonald to-day.

Steak and oyster pudding and steamed fig pudding with whipped cream at Nasmith's, King East, to-day.

BRANTFORD MARKET FEES.

Brantford, Dec. 7.—The Brantford market fees for 1904 were sold by auction to-day for $1875 to Joseph Bowes, an increase over 1903 of $300.

Presents, Box of cigars, Alive Bollard!

GLOOM.

Pa thought a while ago that steel
Was just the thing, so he
Bought up a lot—ma says that we'll
Not have a Christmas tree.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Knox College Alumni, 10 a.m.
Household Economic Association, Normal School, 3 p.m.
Caledonia Society at home, 8 p.m.
Astronomical Society, 8.
Kew Beach Ratepayers' Association, Fire Hall, 8.
Arts Students' dinner, University Gymnasium, 8.
Army and Navy Veterans, 8.
Eldon L.O.L. at home, 8.
Bazaar, Woodgreen Methodist Church, 2.30.

UNCLE SAM READY FOR WAR WITH COLOMBIAN FORCES

United States Cruiser Atlanta Despatched to the Gulf of Dorien.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The despatch of the United States cruiser Atlanta to the Gulf of Darien is of great importance and interest in connection with the rumor from Colon of the departure of the Colombian soldiers for the Isthmus of Panama. The gulf is about 180 miles east of Colon, and the cruise in those waters will enable the Atlanta's commander to keep in close touch with the developments at Cartagena, from which place it is rumored that soldiers are to march. United States naval officials decline to say whether the despatch of the Atlanta is the result of any intimations of war-like operations on the part of Colombia. Nevertheless the departure of the vessel is regarded as significant, indicating the intention of the United States to be on the alert. To the Colombians in Washington, the reports from Colon produced a mystifying effect. They will not say whether they believe the rumors or not. The Colombians believe there are 3000 or more soldiers at Cartagena and the various points along the sea coast available for an invasion of the Isthmus.

The commissioners from the Department of Bolivar who came to Washington to learn the American attitude respecting the Isthmus will leave New York for Colombia Saturday. They will sail for Cartagena. They have secured a full statement of the condition of affairs.

The Associated Press correspondence from Colon, giving an account of events on the Isthmus of Panama at the time of the revolution, was eagerly read by Gen. Reyes and his associates here. Gen. Reyes said to-night that the act of Col. Torres in accepting money for embarking his troops is now under inquiry in Cartagena.

3000 SOLDIERS MARCH.

Colon, Dec. 7.—A rumor is in circulation here to the effect that 3000 soldiers have left Cartagena for the purpose of invading the Isthmus. No details are known, and the rumor cannot be confirmed to-night. It probably had its source in Port Limon, Costa Rica, whence it was brought by steamer from Cartagena. The only possible means of approaching Panama is by narrow and difficult mountain passes thru the Indian country. The United States cruiser Atlanta is now off the Indian coast.

MR. BORDEN AT ST. JOHN.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 7.—Hon. R. L. Borden's first platform speech in St. John was heard by a big gathering in York Theatre to-night. He spoke for an hour and a half, devoting nearly an hour to the transcontinental railway bill, and giving the rest of the time to the fiscal policy and the Conservative situation in the various provinces in Canada.

Still Alive, But Very Feeble.

London, Dec. 7.—A bulletin issued late to-night states that Herbert Spencer is still alive, but that he is very feeble.

MARRIAGES.

SPENCE—McKAY—At the residence of the bride's father, Riverside, West Gwillimbury, by the Rev. Dr. Fraser Smith, on Monday, Dec. 7, Rhoda, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Innis McKay, to Mr. R. J. Spence, merchant, of Bradford, Ont.

HICKS—BARRETT—At the home of the bride's parents, No. 38 West 93rd-street, New York, by the Rev. William Cleveland Hicks of St. Agnes' Church, on Saturday, Dec. 5, Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Barrett, to William H. Hicks, jr., of Brooklyn.

DEATHS.

CLUFF—On Monday, Dec. 7, at his late residence, 131 John-street, Richard Cluff, in his 71st year, over 55 years a resident of Toronto.

Funeral Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. Friends please accept this intimation.

MITCHELL—On Dec. 7, 1903, Margaret (Jean), in her 18th year, only daughter of Samuel and Margaret Mitchell, 278 Berkeley-street.

Funeral, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

McARTHUR—On the morning of Dec. 7, of diabetic coma, J. B. McArthur, K.C., aged 54 years.

Funeral Wednesday, at 3 p.m., from the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. T. G. Dexter, 125 Hunter-street, Rosedale. London, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Rossland and Vancouver papers please copy.

MANNELL—At her late residence, 129 Esther-street, on Sunday, Dec. 6, 1903, Rebecca Mannell, beloved wife of the late James Mannell, harnessmaker, aged 78 years 8 months and 1 day, mother of A. J. and S. J. Mannell, butchers.

Funeral Tuesday from her late residence at 3 p.m. to St. James' Cemetery. Friends accept this intimation.

WALKEY—On Dec. 5, 1903, Mary Ann Walkey, aged 83 years.

Funeral from B. D. Humphrey's, 321 Yonge-street, on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 10 a.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

WHITNEY—Bert Whitney, beloved son of Mrs. T. I. Black, Dec. 7, aged 24 years.

Funeral from his mother's residence, 251 West Richmond-street, Thursday, at 2 p.m. Friends will kindly accept this intimation. Brampton papers please copy.

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Probabilities.

Lower lakes and Georgian Bay—Moderate to fresh northerly winds; cloudy and a little colder, with scattered snow flurries.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Dec. 7.	At.	From.
Mount Temple	London	Montreal
Tartar	Yokohama	Vancouver
Vaderland	New York	Antwerp
Minnetonka	New York	London
Celtic	New York	Liverpool
Kron Prinz Wilhelm	Cherbourg	New York
Ontarian	Liverpool	Montreal
Canada	Liverpool	Portland
Saxonia	Liverpool	Boston
Ionian	Glasgow	Montreal
Saxonia	Glasgow	Boston
Furnessia	Moville	New York