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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

MARRIED.
BUCKLER-GALE—On Dec. 21, at the residence of the bride's parents, 21 William street, by the Rev. Dr. Ansell, Mr. C. Buckler, G. T. R., to Miss Matilda A. only daughter of Mr. E. Gale. Both of this city.
HAMMOND—On Dec. 25, 1892, at the family residence, 259 Hill street, Michael H. Hammond, brakeman, G. T. R., in his 45th year. Funeral on Wednesday, at 2:30, to St. Peter's Cathedral. Friends will kindly accept this intimation.

DEWAR—In this city, on Dec. 24, 1892, Daniel Dewar, in his 54th year.
Funeral on Tuesday at 3 o'clock from the undertaking rooms of John Ferguson & Sons, King street. Friends will kindly accept this intimation.

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Mourning orders promptly attended to.

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THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Dec. 25—11 p. m. — An im-
portant area of high pressure which
has been hovering for several days over the
North-west and is moving southward
giving decidedly cold weather throughout
Canada, and in the lake and eastern dis-
trict light local snow falls.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Victoria, 36°-46°; Calgary, 20° below;
Edmonton, 18° below-10° below; Qu'Ap-
pelles, 28° below-8° below; Port Arthur,
28° below-8° below; Toronto, 15°-39°;
Kingston, 2°-18°; Montreal, 2°-6°; Quebec,
8° below-zero; Halifax, 4° below-22°.

TO-DAY'S PROBABILITIES

Toronto, Dec. 26—11 a. m. — Probabil-
ities for the next 24 hours for the lower
lakes region (covering the peninsula and
as far east as Belleville) are: Fresh to
high north and west wind; fair and very
cold; light local snow falls.

CLOSING-OUT SALE

—OF—
Boots and Shoes

—AT—
R. Kirkpatrick's Old Stand.

189 DUNDAS STREET.

As this stock must be sold within 30 days, all
goods will be offered at bankrupt prices.
Don't forget the place, opposite Odellville
Hall.

A COUNTY COUNCIL "SCENE."

Reeve Simon McLeod's Attack on Squire
Noble, of Strathroy.

The following correspondence is self-
explanatory. It is not an uncommon
practice for public speakers to shoulder their
shortcomings upon the reports. But the
ADVERTISER is prepared to let that pass in
this season of forbearance.

SQUIRE NOBLE TO REEVE M'LEOD.
STRAHROY, 16th Dec., 1892.
Simon McLeod Esq., Reeve West Williams:
My Dear Sir,—I am informed by several
of the members of the county council, as
well as by the report of the council proceed-
ings published in the ADVERTISER, which I
have read, that you saw fit to accuse me in
open council of being guilty of certain re-
ports, which accusation I characterize
as an unwarranted slander, and published
by you with intent to do me an injury, that
is to say if the above reports are true,
which I am credibly informed they are,
this letter is written under protest and
in the hope of receiving from you within
a few days a satisfactory explanation or a
withdrawal of the accusation; otherwise I
may take further proceedings as my solicitor
may advise. Yours respectfully,
JAMES NOBLE.

REEVE M'LEOD'S REPLY.
PARKHILL, Dec. 22, 1892.
James Noble, Esq., Strathroy:
My Dear Sir,—Your favor of the
15th inst. came duly to hand, and con-
tents noted, and in reply, beg to say
that the report of what I said at the
council, to which you refer, is quite in-
correct, and resembles a garbled or mis-
quoting of my speech. I did not charge or impute
any racial or dishonorable conduct to
any person in either your public or private
capacity, as I could not do so, the ADVER-
TISER notwithstanding. The term raciality,
as used by me at the time, was applied
to the conduct of some constables en-
gaged by the police, enforcing the
Squatters Act. One of those parties was
dismissed from the office of constable for his
rascally conduct. I was referring to the
celebrated raid made on Parkhill citizens
dragged to Strathroy, thence to London,
then discharged, being innocent people.
Hoping that the above explanation will
be satisfactory to you, and that you will
entirely exonerate me from the charge of
speaking disparagingly or attributing dis-
honorable conduct to you, I remain, dear
sir, yours respectfully, SIMON M'LEOD.

Words cause feverishness, meaning and
reasonableness during sleep. Mother Graves'
Worm Exterminator is pleasant, sure and
effective. If your druggist has none in
stock, get him to procure it for you.

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TOO GOOD FOR THIS EARTH.

She was a pretty maiden, with
The loveliest hair in
A Christmas gift for Algerian
She started out to buy
With dread uncertainty of mind
She went from shop to shop
She kept "upon the hop."
"Here is a smoking set that's nice,"
One eager shopman cried.
"He doesn't use tobacco, sir!"
She scornfully replied.
"A dainty little flask
With a stopper and a cork,
Her face took on a haughty look,
"Oh, no, he never drinks."
"Here is a box for cards,
A poker set, you know!"
"He never touches playing cards,
He's a fastidious man."
"A pair of opera glasses, then,
A novel pattern, quite
He doesn't think it right!"
Then loudly she began to cry
As she approached the door:
"Our crown and hazy department, miss,
Is on the upper floor, my dear."
[New York Recorder.]

LONDON AND ENVIRONS.

—It is necessary that copy for changes
of advertisements (to be sure of insertion)
must be handed in on the day previous to
that on which their appearance is desired.

—DO YOU WANT US TO ESTIMATE AS TO
HOW MUCH AN ADVERTISEMENT WILL COST
YOU? SEND INQUIRY ON A POSTAL CARD
AND YOU WILL BE ANSWERED BY RETURN
MAIL.

—The river is frozen over.
—Liverymen are smiling again.
—Mr. John Muirhead, engraver, Toronto,
is on a visit to the city.

—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Yates, city, are
visiting Mrs. Bright, Hamilton.

—R. W. Travers, of the Montreal Bank,
Brookville, is spending Christmas with
friends here.

—The St. Andrew's Society will make the
usual distribution of holiday cheer on
Hogmanay.

—Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, of Toronto, are
the guests of their daughter, Mrs. (Rev.)
M. P. Talling.

—Capt. C. Symms, of Port Huron,
Mich., is visiting Mrs. J. L. Fitzgerald, 226
Central avenue, city.

—A large number of Londoners have re-
turned from the States to celebrate Chris-
tmas with their friends.

—Rev. Dr. and Mrs. McIntyre, of Beam-
sville, will know here, mourn the loss of
their only daughter, Marion, aged 6 years.
Cause, erysipelas.

—Admiring and grateful subscribers
have given the lady operators of the Bell
Telephone Company a handsome array of
Christmas presents.

—Mr. Oscar C. Guillemont, representing
Hubbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co., Chicago,
is spending the holidays at the parental
home, St. James street.

—Mr. Geo. Elliott, manager of the circu-
lation of the ADVERTISER for the city, was
presented by the carrier boys on Saturday
with a handsome inkstand.

—Col. Smith, D. A. G., of London, will
visit Windsor in a few days to consult with
Col. Beatty and the local officers re the
formation of a city battalion. [Windsor
Record.]

—London West civic nominations will be
held at Collins' Hall this evening at 7:30
o'clock, and will be followed by the usual
addressing municipal topics. Mr. W.
H. Bartlett is the returning officer.

—Mr. Frank D. Moore, of the well-
known tailoring firm of Dugherty &
Moore, Dundas street, was surprised by his
employees on Saturday morning in the
presentation of a beautiful Masonic mem-
ber. Mr. Moore's employees appreciate
his many kindnesses.

—Miss Lou Pollard, of South London,
prior to her departure for her home near
Seaford, was waited upon by her Sunday
school class of Askin Street Methodist
Church on Friday and presented with a
picture of herself and the class. Miss Pol-
lard will spend the winter at home.

—The many friends of the family in
Western Ontario will regret to hear of the
death of Mrs. Lucy W. Upper, of Ingersoll,
daughter of Rev. Dr. Gardiner, of Belle-
ville, and sister of Mr. F. Gardiner, of
the Hamilton Times. Deceased was in her
37th year, and was only ill a short time.
She leaves a sorrowing husband and two
little children.

—Extensive arrangements are being made
for the great Epworth League Convention
to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, in July next.
The Methodist Church of Canada and the
Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will
join with the M. E. Church in holding it.
All will be suitably represented. Repre-
sentatives of the three churches will meet
at no distant day to make the necessary
arrangements.

—Rev. James Whiting, pastor, writes
the Guardian: "On the occasion of the
recent church anniversary Rev. J. R.
Gundy, of London, the former pastor,
preached to large and delighted audiences.
A successful tea meeting was held the fol-
lowing evening. The choir rendered good
service, and excellent addresses were de-
livered by Rev. Messrs. Kennedy, Hender-
son and Gundy. Proceeds of the anniver-
sary, \$232.
Church has here an excellent
first-class parsonage, and it is
fully determined that both shall be free
from debt within one year."

—Superintendent Smith wishes to make
it plain about street car fares in order to
avoid misunderstanding. Ten tickets are
sold for 25 cents, and if a person does not
buy that amount in a bunch he loses the
advantage of the reduced fare, and must
pay 5 cents. No one can buy a single
ticket for 24 cents or travel by paying it in
cash. And under any circumstances are
90 years of age and is able and willing to
do a good day's work at his calling, and is
an honest, industrious old man. Here is

an opportunity for citizens to exercise their
charity and good-will by assisting this dis-
serving old man to replace the animal
which he has lost, and thus enable him to
resume his occupation.

—Mr. E. Horsman, proprietor of the Grigg
House, and wife, were pleasantly surprised
Saturday evening when a deputation of
the employees of the house waited on them
and made them the recipients of a hand-
some family Bible. Mr. T. Holden Tindall
read an address, which extended to Mr.
and Mrs. Horsman the compliments of the
season and assured them of the esteem
with which they were regarded by the
attaches of the Grigg. Miss Birch made
the presentation. Mr. Horsman replied
and expressed his pleasure at the token of
good-will.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Passes Off Quietly in the City.

The Churches the Only Centers of
Activity—Ideal Christmas Weather
—At the Public Institutions.

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
The old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!
Christmas Day, 1892, in London, was
characterized principally by a heavy fall of
snow and unusual quiet. The latter, of
course, was due to the fact of its coming
upon the Sabbath, and the customary mer-
riment was accordingly postponed until to-
day. The only appearances of life were in
the churches, where the services were, of
course, appropriate to the eventful occa-
sion. In all of them there was special
reference to the birth of Christ, and the
glad tidings of the birth of Christ. The
Babe of Bethlehem, too, was the general
theme of the pulpits. Several sermons,
however, were preached on the early
closing question, notably by Rev. W. J.
Clark at the First Presbyterian, Rev.
Charles Smith at the Colborne Street
Methodist, Rev. J. A. Murray at St.
Andrew's and Rev. J. Philip at the Cen-
tennial Methodist churches, all of whom
argued powerfully for the movement to
revert the hours of church service to the
Anglican churches were beautifully
decorated and the music exceptionally
fine. Large congregations greeted the
Bishop of Huron at Christ Church in the
morning, and St. Paul's Cathedral in the
evening. At St. Peter's Cathedral the ser-
vice was grand, musical and otherwise,
an immense throng attending in the morn-
ing. The Bishop of London conducted the
ceremonies.

Around the city there was compara-
tively nothing doing. Judging by the
deserted look on the streets, people
preferred to remain beside their
cozy firesides and enjoy the pleasures
of home rather than brave the weather,
which was cold and disagreeable. The
snow continued to fall at intervals, and the
layer of white was piled up to a depth that
guaranteed good sleighing for some time,
and made the heart of the liverman glad
and that of the snowplow contractor sad.
By the majority, however, it was regarded
as ideal Christmas weather—a great con-
tract to the same day last year, when a
drizzling rain gave a dreary aspect to the
holiday.

It is hardly necessary to speak of the
Christmas rejoicing in the homes of the
manifold joys of the children in the reali-
zation of expectations formed days, yes
weeks ago. Thanks to organized benevo-
lence and private charity, no family how-
ever poor were destitute of Christmas
cheer. The milk of human kind-
ness seems to be doled out in larger
measure at this joyous season. In the
public institutions, where it is
perhaps the happiest day of the year,
festivities were postponed until today in
order to bring the unfortunate inmates
and attendants. It will be celebrated by
an unusual bill of fare and to-night the
annual ball. At the hospitals the hearts
of the sick yesterday were gladdened
by flowers and cards and delicacies
from their kindly offices on the
part of attendants and friends. This
universal spirit penetrated even the
prison walls and found substantial form in
two digestive treats which no other day in
the year brings the unfortunate within.
What a treat must the roast beef and plum
pudding liberally dealt out have been,
after the monotony of prison diet! To the
practical generosity of the Prison Reform
Association the inmates owe their extra
morning meal.

Best Treatment.
Mrs. Richardson, 17 Walker street, Hull,
England, says she suffered for a long time
with rheumatic gout in her knees and
ankles. She employed the best medical
treatment, but obtained no relief until she
used St. Jacobs Oil, which permanently
cured her. It has cured thousands in the
same way.

It is proposed to construct rowing-shells
of aluminum. A good idea; that will put
oarsmen on their mettle.

A man's wife should always be the same
especially to her husband; but if she want
new dresses and new Carter's Iron Pills, she
cannot be, for they will make her "feel like a
different person." Let us tell you all say, and
their husbands say so too.

There was a yachting accident the other
day. An inexperienced passenger sat on
one of the tacks.

Webster's Unabridged Dictionary is a
standard work, and authority in the United
States on the definition of words. So is
"Science of Life" on the subjects which it
treats—Nervous Debility and Exhausted
Vitality—and it requires only a perusal of
its pages to bear out these facts. How to
obtain this invaluable work will be found
in the advertisement in another column of
this paper.

VOTE against the 7 o'clock closing
bylaw. Why should freemen have
their privileges restricted by a class
of men who, to say the least, are very
extreme in their views and have but
little at stake in the city—here to-day
and away to-morrow?—[Advertisement.]

Do not be misled by specious talk of any
kind into voting for the Saloon. Vote for
the Home. Vote for closing the saloons at
12:15 p.m. you will arrive in Buffalo at
5:50 p.m., and leave Buffalo at 7:30 p.m.
arrive in New York next morning at 7:30.
You can also leave London at 8:45 a.m., 8
a.m. and 11:40 p.m. The latter is a mag-
nificent train, solid vestibule, not a single
change between London and New York,
and dining cars attached to all trains for
meals. For further particulars apply to S.
J. SHARP, 19 Wellington street east, Tor-
onto.

Change in time for New York via Erie
Railway.

The Erie Railway are running a very fast
train from Buffalo. The time has been cut
down two hours. By leaving London at
12:15 p.m. you will arrive in Buffalo at
5:50 p.m., and leave Buffalo at 7:30 p.m.
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Candies, Fruit, Canned Goods and
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:-: Perfumes.

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in Canada to procure the very
latest Novelties in Fine

CHRISTMAS GOODS and PERFUMES

—GO TO—

BARK-WELL'S

XMAS FURS! FURS!
—GO TO—

Rivard

For your Xmas Furs, Finest stock in the
city at lowest prices.
Leading Hatter and Furrier,
40 Richmond Street.

—GO TO—

TORONTO TIDINGS.

Resignation of City Solicitor Biggar—
The World Liberal suit.

Toronto, Dec. 25. — City Solicitor
Biggar has tendered to the mayor his
resignation, to take effect on the 31st of
the month.

The charge of criminal libel preferred
against W. F. Maclean by Mayor Fleming
was taken up yesterday at the Police
Court. The mayor absolutely denied the
truth of the whole of the allegations in the
World's charge. He said the notes in
question were made two and a half years
ago with the full consent of Rudin, who
now charges that he (the mayor) raised the
notes beyond the sum intended. The notes
were left blank by Rudin, Mr. Fleming
having carte blanche to fill them out for
any amount he saw fit. The case was ad-
judged on Tuesday next.

The executors of the late Rev. J. W.
Jeffery estate failed at the last assizes to
recover \$5,000 on the policy surrendered by
Mr. Jeffery before his death. This appeal
against the judgment thus rendered was
dismissed Saturday.

Horace Talbot, the Ottawa hoodler, left
his bondsmen in the lurch when he skipped
to the States, and the High Court has
decided that they must pay the bond money.

Geo. Roberts, the cowboy preacher,
was sentenced to one year in the Central
Prison, with the addition deterrent of
ten lashes with the cat-o-nine tails at the
end of one month.

Equality of Sexes in Heaven.
A Texas paper lately assured its readers
that "a man might possibly favor woman
strut and yet at last find a welcome at
the gate of heaven." This assurance re-
lieves us of any doubts as to the fate of our
friends Charles Kingsley, Henry Ward
Becher, G. W. Curtis, John Whittier and
many others. The Texas editor was born
too late. He should have lived in the time
of Boswell, that abject admirer of Dr.
Johnson, who was present on the occasion
of a discussion as to our prospects after
death. A Quaker lady ventured to express
the hope "that in another world the sexes
would be equal," and was put down by
Boswell, with the retort: "That is being too
ambitious, Madam. We might as well de-
sire to be equal with the angels." [Wives
and Daughters for December.]

A distinguished Edinburgh professor,
desiring to go to church one wet Sunday
recently, hired a cab. On reaching the
church door he was tendered a shilling—the
legal fare—to caddy, and was somewhat
surprised to hear the cabman say, "I was
shillin', sir." The professor, fixing his eye
upon the extortioner, demanded why he
charged two shillings, upon which the
cabman dryly answered: "We wish to
discourage traveling on the Sabbath as
much as possible, sir."

A Great Head

—the one
that saves
hands and
back by
washing
with Pearl-
ine. It's
ahead of the
old way in every way. Pearl-
ine washes clothes or cleans
house with half the labor.

The most delicate fabric is
washed safely; the roughest
housework is done easily.
Pearline does away with the
Rub, Rub, Rub. You can't do
without Pearl-ine; you may do
much work, but you'll never
be done.

Beware