

CALL BOARD'S MOVING DAY.
A GALA FESTIVAL ON THE BOARDS OF TRADE BLDG.

President John I. Davidson signals the transfer to the new building with a merry feast. The Jolly Car Exchange Men Have Some Fun-Good-bye to Laurid Wilkie.

Yesterday was a sad day in the history of the Toronto Board of Trade. It was the occasion of the last call upon the present building. An event so important scarcely called for a fitting celebration and the decision in the shape of an excellent luncheon. It was served in the board room by Harry Webb, and about 100 shared in the president's hospitality. The palatableness of the feast was enhanced by the presence of "Auntie Rooney," "Down West McGilroy to the Bottom of the Sea," etc., dispensed by an Italian organ grinder engaged for the occasion.

At 1 1/2 o'clock Secretary Webb mounted the box to give the last call. When he struck the desk with his gavel and called "Order!" instead of receiving the usual "Aye," he was struck with a bag of flour. When he again attempted to proceed more banquets of the same kind were thrown upon the floor. It was a very humorous scene, and the president's face was a study. With frequent interruptions of this kind he managed to read the usual annual report. The hour of making the last call upon Mr. Davidson would be in vain if it were not for the fact that the board's secretary was not a member of the board.

At 2 o'clock the members gathered in the hall for a grand dinner. The president presided and the members were served with a most excellent dinner. The president's toast was "The Board of Trade," and he was followed by the members of the board. The dinner was a success and the members were very much pleased with it.

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EXPLOSION IN A GAS WORKS.
TWO WORKMEN FATAALLY INJURED AT SHERBROOK

Immense Damage Done by the Explosion and by Fire Which Follows—The Globe Hotel in Halifax Burned to the Ground—Many of the Guests Have Narrowly Escaped from Death.

Sherbrooke, Que., Dec. 31.—There was a serious explosion at the gas works in this city this evening at 9 1/2. The force of the explosion tore out one side of the building and set fire to the structure. Charles Dismore, an employe, was found half an hour after the accident occurred badly injured under a heavy iron door, which had been blown down from its original position and upon which were piled bricks and other debris.

Dismore died from his injuries five minutes after he was rescued from the wreck. Another employe, name unknown, was severely injured, and small hopes are entertained for his recovery. The brigade was early on the scene and soon extinguished the flames. It is impossible at this hour to ascertain the amount of damage done or estimate the loss.

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Halifax, Dec. 31.—A disastrous fire broke out at 10 o'clock to-night and the Globe Hotel was burned. The domestics and a number of boarders narrowly escaped their lives. The ground floor was occupied as a wholesale clothing store by James W. Salmon and his partner, and the fire originated in the rear of this store, shot up the elevator shaft and the whole structure was burning like a match before the firemen could get the water on. The women were taken to the upper windows. Mrs. W. was badly burned. The hotel was owned by Weston & Mitchell and valued at \$120,000. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Montreal Also Has a Big Blaze.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—A bad blaze broke out to-night in St. Gabriel-street. Benjamin & Sons had their premises damaged by the fire. The loss is estimated at \$20,000.

A Sentimental Fraud.

A Man Who Loved to Lie A-banking in the Sun and Lead Foot.

Beneath Half A Ton of Snow.

Two Children Drowned Under a Falling Roof at Kingston Barracks.

Presentations are acceptable any time as the gift-giving season is not yet over.

Antiquity of Gloves.

Uses of Coffee.

THE WEATHER AND THE WINDS.

Our despatches this morning are necessarily sparse owing to the interference of the weather with the telegraph service.

The weather is cold and foggy. The winds are strong and westerly. Only the most important news will get through to-night.

THE BOY, THE POOLER, THE COOK.

Wilson, Dec. 31.—Thomas (Nicholas) Wilson, of Maldston, is behind the bars charged by Mary Johnston, colored, with the murder of a woman named Mrs. Wilson.

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