

GUELPH FIRE.
 Norris Black Gutter—Furniture Burned.
 Two Firemen Narrowly Escaped Being Suffocated.

(Special Wire to the Times.)
 Guelph, Ont., Dec. 17.—A fire which partially gutted the Norris black and destroyed the large stock of John Davidson, furniture dealer, was discovered at 4 o'clock this morning, and, although soon under control, damage amounting to \$18,000 to \$20,000 was done. The fire when discovered had gained headway in three storeys by an elevator shaft, and was apparently burning for some hours. The firemen had a desperate fight, and two members of the brigade, Tanner and Johnston, had a narrow escape from suffocation. Tanner was carried out by Chief Finch after he had gone down exhausted, and the Chief also had difficulty in getting out. Later Tanner had his arm badly cut by the collapsing of a plate glass window. Mr. John Davidson's stock was valued at \$10,000, and is a complete loss, and only half covered by insurance. The loss on the building will be about \$7,500, insurance \$5,000, on a pool room in the third storey and Wine Clerk's Club room \$700 or \$800, fully insured.

GETTING BETTER.
 Mrs. Anderson Recovering From Fall From Street Car.

(Special Wire to the Times.)
 Toronto, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Anderson, of Hamilton, who was hurt yesterday by falling from the back of an Avenue Road car on Yonge street, north of Queen, is recovering satisfactorily at St. Michael's Hospital. No bones were broken but she was badly shaken up. The doctors agree that it was very fortunate that she did not strike her head, as falling with the violence which she did, the results might have been more serious.

INSPIRES CONFIDENCE.
 We expect Saturday to be the greatest Christmas sale day this year and preparations have been made accordingly.

Assortments throughout the house replenished and rearranged for your convenience. More salesmen provided so everyone can get attention. Prices on Christmas things that inspire confidence.
 Christmas makes a big drain on a man's pocketbook—but this cold winter makes a more insistent demand for the safeguard of health. New overcoats and suits are necessary for your comfort and more presentable appearance, that's why these facts particularly pertinent to the extraordinary values we offer at \$9.95 and \$14.95 should interest you. Even though swayed by more generous impulses for Christmas gift-giving. Paper claims mean nothing—unless substantiated by the merchandise. We don't make any extravagant claims for our suits and overcoats at these low prices, but we do declare \$9.95 and \$14.95 as better clothing sold anywhere, and remember there's no patent on prices. It is only when you get down to quality, style, cut and workmanship that there's a difference. That's what makes these suits and overcoats we are offering at \$9.95 and \$14.95 so vastly superior—so much more desirable—than any ready-to-wear clothing that you will find priced elsewhere up to \$15 or \$20.—The 2 T's, Trudell & Tobey, 50-52 James street north, Hamilton, Ont. The store that sets the pace.

A Handsome Display.
 If you are a Saturday shopper, be sure and see Finch Bros' handsome window display of useful, reasonable and sensible Christmas gifts. Their display is not surpassed in the city. They have made large and liberal preparations this season to supply every want in these goods, and you will find just what you want there; everything holding first place in style and regular Finch Bros' standard of quality. They are preparing a special buying list for Saturday, which you will find on another page of this paper. To start a day of big business, many lots of handkerchiefs are in a morning sale, 20 and 25c. Pretty crossbar handkerchiefs at 12 1/2c, 15c; colored crossbar handkerchiefs at 4 for 25c; women's customers' shawl, rugwood, 35c; gloves, morning sale, 15c; pretty \$2 Swiss mullin waist lengths, 98c; another gross of holly and frillings at 25c, worth 50c; 25 dozen fancy drawn work doilies 25c; sale 2 for 25c; an outpour of fancy baskets, up to 50c; for 19c; 35c vestings and silk stripe waistings at 25c; pretty Christmas \$5 net waists at \$3.85; \$15 and \$18.50 women's coats at \$7.85; \$7 beautiful hosiery stockings \$4.95. They could mention scores of other seasonal gift suggestions that will meet you on every turn, if you visit this store, and many a savings in practically every instance. Our advice: Shop in the morning, if possible; then they are able to give you the attention and service they would wish. Remember "Finch Bros", 29 and 31 King street west.

What's Your Choice In
 Overcoat style? Do you like the form fitting or the loose back? Do you prefer a velvet or a cloth collar? We'll show you any style you want, a big line here at \$16, perfect whatever the model.—Pradick & Co., 13 and 15 James street north.

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 Shell and bulk oysters, Long Point ducks, squabs, pigeons, rabbits, hares, turkeys, chickens, ducks, geese, Canada geese, giblets, tomatoes, Brussels sprouts, head lettuce, cucumbers, cranberries, muffins, crumpets, Christmas stockings, Tom Smith's crackers, Tangerine oranges, English plum puddings, Malaga grapes, grape fruit, holly, mistletoe, holly wreaths.—Peelies, Hobson & Co., Limited.

CHRISTMAS MAILS TO BRITAIN.
 Last year's parcel post from Hamilton for England for Christmas was very large, indeed it was the largest in the history of the post-office, but this year there were 500 more parcels sent than last year, and as regards the letter mail the mails for England this year for Christmas carried over 5,000 more letters.

BIBLES
PRAYER BOOKS
 The Hymn Book, Anglican
 The Presbyterian Book of Praise
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GOOD-BYE MASON DRURY.
 (Killed at Bradford, Dec. 11, late of (Grimsbay).
 The key is closed, the last despatch came o'er.
 For you O. K'd, to pass death's semaphoric;
 The lamps burn white at Mazy switches true,
 Life's kindly engineer will bear you through.

Across dark worlds the pilot-light, is shed,
 On withering curves and far-off stretch ahead,
 To the last yards, where glimmering alone,
 The watcher's flare, brings the tired fireman home.
 J. A. Sinclair.

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

—A thief stole three odd shoes from P. Ariand's boot store last night.
 —The Chief Justice yesterday dismissed the appeal in the case of the Toronto spook story.
 —The John McPherson & Co.'s "at-home" takes place to-night in the new warehouse building.

—Rev. W. H. Sedgwick will preach at the pre-communion service in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church to-night.
 —The Burlington Thimble Club was entertained last evening by Miss Nellie Williamson at the Emerald Street Parsonage.

—Clarence Hopkins, 81 Stuart street east, had some harness trappings, side plates and collar balls, stolen from his place last night.
 —Rev. S. H. Gray, B. D., of Knox Church, Dundas, will preach at the pre-communion service in St. Andrew's Church this evening.

—The cornerstone of the new Herkimer Baptist Church, corner of Locke street and Stanley avenue, was laid this afternoon by Mr. T. F. Best, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A.
 —Stephen Peskar, 188 Princess street, accidentally dropped a bar of steel on one of his feet at the steel works last night, and badly crushed it. He was taken to his home in the ambulance.

—A writ has been issued in the County Court by V. V. Stevens, through his solicitors, Lees, Hobson & Stevens, against the Hamilton Brick Company for damages for wrongful dismissal.

—The Ontario Iron & Steel Company, of Welland, has just let a contract to the Hamilton Bridge Company to build an extension 170 by 50 feet; also a wing, which must be completed by February.
 —W. A. Child, Ph. B., M. A., will give an address, illustrated, with lantern slides, on "A Plantation in a Tropical Forest," at the Hamilton Association meeting in the museum this evening.

—Emerald Street Young Men's Union held its closing meeting of the season last evening, and it was largely attended. The music was of the best and much credit is due to Mr. Geo. Goddard and others who assisted.
 —The beauty and health entertainment in Y. M. C. A. hall to-night is for men and women, and not for women only. A splendid programme of music and gymnastics, classical posing, fencing, drills, etc., has been arranged.

—James Findlay was before Judge Monk this morning for default of sureties and was allowed to go on the understanding that no further trouble be caused. Findlay was bound over for threatening to do grievous bodily harm to Horace Hazel.

—Mr. J. E. Oldfield, of this city, conductor on the T. H. & B. Railway, left yesterday for Chicago, to attend the executive meeting of the Eastern Association of Railway Conductors, of which he is chairman. This Association takes in all the territory north of the C. & O. railway, and east of Fort William.

—The Hamilton Union W. C. T. U. held its regular meeting in the parlors of the Y. W. C. A. yesterday afternoon. In the absence of the President, the meeting was presided over by Mrs. Brown, First Vice-President. Miss Turnbull gave a most interesting Bible talk on the necessity of temperance being taught in the home, in the school, and in the church. The presenting of the gold medals to the prize winners of the Public Schools on scientific temperance was discussed, further notice of which will appear later.

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 Men's Mufflers . . . 50c to \$6.00
 Men's Umbrellas . . . 75c to \$15
 Ladies' Umbrellas . . . \$2.50 to \$4.50
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 Men's Socks . . . 25c to \$5.00

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 99c—Real Mocha, regular \$1.25.
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 50c—Special purchase of 70 dozen.
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 50c—Fleeced lined, regular 75c.
 75c—Scotch Wool, regular \$1.00.
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NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS which are inserted in the Daily Times also appear in the Semi-Weekly Times. 50c first insertion; 25c for each subsequent insertion.

MARRIAGES.
 BOKER—BUSH—At 306 John street north on Wednesday, December 15, by Rev. James Bracken, Herbert Ecker to Ethel Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Bush, both of Blinbrook.

DEATHS.
 JONES—At Stoney Creek, on Thursday, December 16th, 1866, Muriel Irene, youngest daughter of William and Theresa Jones, aged 7 years and 9 months.
 Funeral from her parents' residence, Stoney Creek, on Saturday at 1 p. m. Interment at Hamilton Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation.

MUNN—At Mount Hamilton, on Friday, December 17th, 1890, Harriet S. Munn, in his 66th year.
 Funeral from his late residence, 29 View Point avenue, on Sunday at 1:30 p. m., to Burkholder's church for service. Interment at Burkholder's Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation.

WALLACE—In Dundas, Friday, December 17, 1909, Margaret Little, relict of the late Wm. Wallace, in her 87th year.
 Funeral will take place from the residence of her son-in-law, Wilson MacDermott, Brook Street, at 2 p. m., Sunday to Grove Cemetery. Friends and relations will please accept this intimation.

THE WEATHER.
FORECASTS—Cloudy, with light local snow falls and becoming much colder, with strong west and north-west winds. Saturday, strong north-west winds and colder.

WEATHER NOTES.
 The disturbance which was centered near St. Paul yesterday is now passing across Lake Huron, and the western cold wave is spreading eastward, in its rear. The weather is moderately cold in Ontario and Quebec and decidedly cold in the western provinces.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Eastern States and Northern New York—Local snows to-night and Saturday, except generally fair in extreme south portion; colder Saturday; moderate winds, mostly west.
 Western New York—Snow to-night and Saturday, colder to-night with west wind; colder Saturday.
 Toronto, Dec. 17, (11 a. m.)—Forecasts for Saturday: Light local snow-falls to-day, becoming much colder Saturday.
 Following is the temperature as registered at Parke & Parke's drug store: 9 a. m. 28.11 a. m. 30. 1 p. m. 32. lowest in 24 hours 20, highest in 24 hours 32.

CANAL TRAFFIC.
Great Increase in Freight Tonnage in Canadian Canals.

(Special Wire to the Times.)
 Ottawa, Dec. 17.—With the close of navigation for the season a phenomenal increase in the total tonnage of freight handled by the Canadian canals during the year is reported. Statistics issued by the Canals Department this morning show that the total tonnage through the canals since last spring has been 32,735,886, an increase of 16,632,885 tons, or almost 100 per cent., as compared with last year.

GREAT MEMORY.
Minister's Wife Recited Dickens Christmas Carol.

(Special Wire to the Times.)
 Guelph, Dec. 17.—A wonderful exhibition of memory training was given last night by Mrs. Thos. Bates, wife of the pastor of Zion Church, in Carnegie Hall, when she gave a version of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" which lasted one hour and thirty minutes. Mrs. Bates had the whole story by memory, but as the recitation would have taken three hours, she eliminated some of the least interesting parts. During more than an hour and a half she never once hesitated or referred to notes, and never misquoted a single word of the interesting narrative.
 Family jars are frequently caused by jugs and bottles.

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ELECTRIC FANS IN WINTER.
 They Can be Made to Help to Heat a House as Well as to Cool It.
 Even though it's winter electric fans should not be relegated to the store-room, says the Edison Monthly, as they may serve many purposes during the winter months. They may be used to advantage for obtaining forced draught in the furnace, which materially aids in the time required to heat the rooms of a house.
 The breeze from an electric fan blowing through a radiator circulates the heated air and gives a more even distribution. Fans are also largely used in show windows to prevent the accumulation of frost. There are many other purposes, including ventilation, for which electric fans can be used in cold weather, and they should not be considered merely a hot weather necessity.
 When quick additional heat is wanted in a room it can be obtained by means of electric radiators. They are clean, convenient and economical in operation. They may be carried from room to room, as convenience dictates, and it is only necessary to attach a cord to the nearest lamp socket.
 In cold winter nights an electric heating pad in the bed adds greatly to the comfort of the sleeper. If properly managed no accidental burning of bedding, such as has been known to occur, need be feared.

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 Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered Canadian Bank for the sum of \$1,500 payable to the order of the Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries, which cheque will be forfeited if the party whose tender is accepted declines to enter into a contract to deliver the material or fails to carry out the contract to the satisfaction of the Department. If the tender is not accepted the cheque will be returned.
 The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.
 Newspapers copying this advertisement without written authority from the Department will not be paid for same.
 G. J. DESBARATS,
 Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries,
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 JOHN PATTERSON, Secretary,
 Hamilton Terminal Building,
 Hamilton, Ont.,
 December 14th, 1909.
 Ungrateful.
 Lady Barrister—I have got two hundred and thirty men acquitted and not one of them has offered to marry me.—Fliegende Blätter.
 WARY.
 (Jewish Ledger.)
 Thompson—Suppose a man should call you a liar, what would you do?
 Jones (hesitatingly)—What sized man?

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