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Deadly Railway Crossings Something Must Be Done

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Seven Deaths Within a Week—Attorney General Gibson Says It is Up to Mr. Blair.

LIST OF DEAD.

1. Miss M. Hughes.
2. Miss Gertie Hainer.
3. H. M. Bready.
4. Mrs. James Rogers.
5. James Rogers.
6. Fred Rogers.
7. Mrs. Caleb Mallory.

In less than a week the deadly railway crossing has been responsible for the death of seven people and the serious injury of five others in the Province of Ontario. In the vicinity of the fatalities public opinion is much aroused, as is shown by the verdict of the coroner's jury in the case of the three persons killed at Grimsby. The jury blamed the G.T.R. and called on the legislators of the County of Lincoln to do something to prevent the recurrence of similar accidents.

The World this morning prints reports from various points showing the facts surrounding the recent deaths. Attorney-General Gibson, seen yesterday, declared that there were too many level crossings, but said the Ontario government was powerless, as the matter rested solely with the Dominion government. Hon. Mr. Blair, Minister of Railways, could not be seen last night, as he is on his way to Halifax, but it looks like a case of "up to the government" to do something and prevent our population from being ultimately cut off.

This is in very truth a vital matter, and The World invites correspondence in order to arrive at a solution of a dangerous state of affairs.

G.T.R. IS CULPABLE.

Grimsby, Dec. 11.—The inquest held by Coroner Dr. Goodman on the G.T.R. fatality of Sunday night was finished to-day. The following is the jury's verdict:

"That Miss M. Hughes, Gertie Hainer and H. M. Bready came to their death on the evening of Sunday, the 7th December, 1902, at the Depot-street crossing of the G.T.R., in the Village of Grimsby, at 8.35 p.m., by being struck by the locomotive of the westbound express, No. 17, of the G.T.R.

"The jury further finds that the fatality was due to culpable neglect of the authorities of the G.T.R. Co. in not providing gates or night watchmen and lights at the said crossing to safeguard the lives of people crossing the thorofare on which five tracks of the said railway are now laid. The jury are of the opinion that the legislative and municipal representatives of the County of Lincoln should take immediate steps to compel the G.T.R. authorities to adopt proper precautionary measures to prevent the occurrence of similar fatalities in the future.

VIEW OF TRACK OBSCURED.

Peterboro, Dec. 11.—The C.P.R. crossing, near Havelock, where the distressing accident occurred on Saturday night, by which James Rogers his wife and son Frederick last their lives, is apparently just the place to invite disaster to the public. Of the accident, The Review says: Owing to the fact that buildings are erected close to the track, any view of approaching trains from the west is obscured, thus making the level crossing very dangerous for anyone approaching it from the north. On Saturday evening Mr. James Rogers, aged about 35 years, a farmer, residing about two miles from the village, in Belmont Township, his wife, aged about 40; his two sons, Walter and Fred, aged 13 and 11 years, and an adopted daughter, about 9 years of age, were on their way home from the village. Mr. Rogers lost control of the horses when he saw the train approaching, and, as the bobsleigh crossed the crossing, it was struck exactly in the middle by the on-coming local express, and the occupants were hurled in all directions, with the most appalling results. Mrs. Rogers was struck on the head and killed instantly. Mr. Rogers and Fred, the youngest son, were alive when picked up, but were terribly mangled on the head and body. The little girl was unconscious, while Walter, the other boy, sustained only a sprained ankle, after being thrown 40 feet over wood piles, and was conscious when picked up.

Mr. Rogers, Fred and the little girl were rapidly conveyed to the Nicholls Hospital, he having sustained a fracture of the skull, besides a compound fracture of the arm, and other bodily injuries. The boy also received a fracture of the skull on the left side, extending to the base of the brain. An operation was performed on him, but he was beyond all recovery, and passed away a few hours after the operation, which was performed by Dr. Greer, assisted by Dr. Holcroft. The girl's jaw was fractured in two places, and she received other injuries about the body, but indications are most favorable for her recovery. The only survivor of the family proper is Walter, the oldest boy, who will soon be around again.

CALEB MALLORY NOT DEAD.

Cobourg, Dec. 11.—Caleb Mallory, who was struck by a G.T.R. express yesterday, is still seriously ill at the home of his brother-in-law, Dr. Jones. Dr. Jones, however, declares he will get well. There will be no inquest held into the cause of Mrs. Mallory's death.

When passing the Kingston crossing, a mile east of the town, their cutter was struck by the passenger express going west, due here at 12.30. Mrs. Mallory's neck was broken, death resulting almost instantly. Mr. Mallory was unconscious when picked up.

Dr. Jones to-night refused to express an opinion as to how the accident occurred.

A DANGEROUS CROSSING.

St. Catharines, Dec. 11.—The accident at the level crossing of the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway on Monday, by which James Murphy, a teamster, lost his life, was due, it is believed, to the victim becoming confused while walking on the

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LATE W. MACKEY'S ESTATE TOTALS OVER A MILLION

Valued at $1,197,094, Made Up of $1,060,395 in Personalty, and $136,699 Realty.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—The will of the late William MacKey, lumber merchant, was filed for probate to-day. The executors are Mr. Mackey's son-in-law, Mr. J. de St. Denis Le Moine and M. J. Gorman, K.C.

The estate is valued at $1,197,094, made up of $1,060,395 personal estate, and $136,699 real estate.

The pecuniary legacies are as follows:

To trustees for his son, Walter C. Mackey and family, $100,000; to trustees for his son William J. Mackey and family, $75,000; to trustees for his son Percy Mackey and family, $70,000; to his bookkeeper, R. D. MacKenzie and family, $34,000; to his son Henry Mackey, $8000; to his sister-in-law, Mrs. Heubeck, $4000, and to his servants and some old friends $1000 each.

Certain specific devises and legacies are given to different members of his family, and the balance of the estate is to be converted into money. After the payment of the legacies and expenses the residue is to be equally divided between his daughters, Mrs. J. de St. Denis Le Moine, and Mrs. D'Arcy H. MacMahon. Mr. Le Moine is sergeant-at-arms in the Senate. Mr. MacMahon is a son of Judge MacMahon.

LEFT ABOUT $200,000.

Halifax, Dec. 11.—The will of the late J. Wesley Smith, drygoods merchant of this city, has been filed in the Probate Court. The estate is estimated at between $150,000 and $200,000.

BRAKES REFUSED TO WORK.

Freight Train Crashes Into an Express and Several Are Injured.

Virden, Man., Dec. 11.—Thru the brakes refusing to work, the westbound express, No. 1, was run into by an eastbound freight this morning. Arthur Johnson, the engineer of No. 1, was just oiling up his engine, and Conductor Leich was walking up to hand the orders to Johnson when Johnson turned his head and looked up the track and saw an engine coming swiftly down the track. He ran and yelled to his fireman to jump or he would be killed. Engine No. 547, eastbound with a load of heavy freight behind her, came crashing into engine No. 207, and fireman Armstrong jumped to save his life. He escaped, but was badly hurt. The engineer on 547 stayed at his post and escaped unhurt, but his fireman, Murphy, jumped and was seriously injured. Flatt, the mail clerk, who was on No. 1, was also hurt, but not badly. The injured men have been removed to Brandon on a special train.

REFUSE BUTCHERS' HORSE.

Berlin S.P.C.A. Members Say Horse Meat is Not in It.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—The most distinguished members of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals have declined the invitation issued by The Fleischer Zeitung, the national organ of the German butchers, to a horse meat banquet on the ground that horse flesh would not have a fair show at a dinner given under the auspices of the Butchers' League, but the Fleischer Zeitung is informed that the society designs to give such a dinner itself, to which 400 persons will be invited.

The Fleischer Zeitung, however, persists in trying to get the directors of the society to attend its dinner, and has commissioned a well-known hotel-keeper to prepare a menu which will include horse bouillon, asparagus, brisket of horse and horse fillet a la Nelson, the whole to be washed down with excellent wines.

THREE TRAINMEN KILLED.

Pittsburg, Dec. 11.—The Buffalo and Oil City Express on the Allegheny Valley road was wrecked to-night near Brilliant station. Three trainmen are reported fatally hurt and 25 passengers injured, more or less seriously.

"KILL THE OFFICIALS."

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 11.—Insurrection has broken out in the southwest portion of Chi Li, China, where a large number of rebels have assembled, carrying banners inscribed, "Kill the officials and save hope."

According to advices received by the steamer Empress of India, troops have been sent against them.

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STOCK MARKET DROPPED MONEY GETTING SCARCE

Big Slump in Lake Superior Yesterday—Further Trouble is Still Predicted.

Values at New York and Toronto underwent a further change Thursday, and assumed a nearer position to which ultimately they seem destined. The Sunday World's financial articles have been consistently bearish for three months past, and followers have no doubt benefited by the information supplied thru that source.

Every period of inflation is necessarily followed by one of depression, and the stock markets are now passing thru the latter portion of the proposition. The prime factor in the turn was undoubtedly the scarcity of funds, and the dearth of money is as much or more pronounced now than at any time since the first break. Call money at New York to-day was quoted as high as 10 per cent., and, locally, 7 per cent. is liable to become general. Time money is extremely difficult to procure, and is held at a figure altogether at variance with a rising market.

The enormous growth in securities is doubtless largely responsible for the money shortage, but to this must be added the increasing demands in industrial pursuits. If money which a few months ago only commanded 3 per cent., is now destined to hold at 6 or even higher, its relation to stock values must necessarily be reflected. As the price of money advances stocks must decline, and the old measure of even investment values will have to undergo reorganization.

The bears at London and New York have apparently thus sized up the situation, and such breaks as were witnessed yesterday come as a result. The sooner Toronto traders become apprised of the situation the sooner will less margins be demanded to satisfy the New York professionals. A wave of depression ranges, at present, thruout the stock markets of the world, and few authorities are of the opinion that the end has yet been reached. Toronto has been hit hard both in local securities and in New York, and brokers were busy again yesterday looking up further margins.

A bad feature in local stocks was the slump of Lake Superior, of which the value was chopped in half. Fortunately this stock was not introduced into Toronto when the buying was at fever heat, or the effect would have been more disastrous. Many local traders displayed anxiety to buy this issue around 36, and yesterday the price closed locally at 10 1-2 and at 9 in Philadelphia.

Other local stocks were of course affected, but the extensive shaking out that has already taken place prevented any dip of importance. If the residue of what a few months ago were respectable, bank accounts are to be saved, any recovery in the New York market would offer opportunities to this end. Financial men of local standing are expecting further trouble at a later stage.

FAMOUS ESTATE BOUGHT.

Chateau de Grignan New Home of Count Boni.

Paris, Dec. 11.—Comte Boni de Castellane yesterday purchased for $60,000 the historic Chateau de Grignan, near Montelimar, formerly the home of Mme. de Sevigne.

The Chateau de Grignan originally belonged to the powerful family of Provencal nobles with which Mme. de Sevigne became connected, her only daughter having married the head of the house, Francois d'Adhemar, Comte de Grignan, in 1669. The family had been all powerful in the district since the days of Charlemagne. The building was burned in 1792 by revolutionists, but was not entirely destroyed, and was restored recently. The bed chamber and boudoir are still pointed out, and the chateau contains an interesting series of memorials of the celebrated writer and her family. Mme. de Sevigne died at the chateau in 1697.

SLIPPED OVER THE WHARF.

Young Man Drowned at St. Catherines' Bay, Quebec, Yesterday.

St. Catharines' Bay, Que., Dec. 11.—A sad drowning accident occurred here to-day. About noon, a young man named Christensen, aged about 25 years, son of Andrew Christensen, agent of the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company, Tadousac, was the victim. He was supposed to have attempted to go down to the wharf to the steamer Muriel, belonging to Prite Bros., which was moored at the wharf, and slipped over the wharf and was drowned. He was employed on the Murial, and as he did not return for dinner he was missed, search was made and the body was found between the wharf and the Muriel about an hour after the accident.

PUT FATHER IN PIG STY.

Just to Please Mother—Son's Excuse for Ill Treatment.

Prague, Dec. 11.—Joseph Hayek of the town of Kuchelad, has been arrested charged with keeping his father in a pig-sty for two years. The old man's companions were pigs.

The father had been crippled by accident, but despite his helpless condition nothing was done for him. Hayek puts the blame on his wife, who, he says, was ashamed of the old man's poverty.

Good food and pleasant surroundings. Clancey's six o'clock dinner.

WILL DIE FIGHTING.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 11.—It may be stated on reliable authority that if defeated in the House, Col. Prior will go to the country, and no other gentleman will be called on. The Premier said to-day: "You can take it from me that I will not die lying down, and that I will go to the country as Premier."

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MONEY IN SEATS.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—There is a scheme on now to again increase the number of seats on the Montreal Stock Exchange from 55 to 60. A notice of motion has been sent to the members. The extra five seats will be sold at a minimum price of $25,000.

A GREAT "CHOKE."

HANS GERMANY: Yaw, dot vas a great choke on Chonny Canack. He says "puild up der country, poys," und gifs millions of subsidy moneys to der railways—und then der railways gifs me der moneys fur der steel rails—und dot vas puildin up Chatmany, don't id?

NEWFOUNDLAND SWEPT BY FATAL STORM.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 11—Furious snow storms continue to sweep the Newfoundland coast. Four more schooners have been lost, one with her entire crew of ten persons. The other three vessels have been driven to sea and are believed to be in great danger. Trains and steamers are delayed and there have been a number of fatalities thruout the colony.

Venezuela Really at War Citizens Handle Mausers

Men of All Classes Eager to Repel the Forces of Britain and Germany — English Steamer Seized and Foreign Consuls Arrested.

La Guayra, Venezuela, Dec. 11.—Gen. Ferrer, the Minister of War, has arrived here with 2000 troops. Eight hundred men, under President Castro's brother, are expected here at 10 o'clock. Only the British cruiser Indefatigable is now here. She is at anchor in the middle of the harbor. All the other warships have left La Guayra.

The government has sent 2000 men and 18 guns from Caracas to reinforce the garrison at La Guayra. These troops are camping to-night at Cuaracuti, distant one hour from La Guayra. All day and night ammunition has been carried to Fort Lavigia, which crowns the harbor, and preparations are being made to resist the foreign forces. Volunteers to the number of 926 men, all from La Guayra, have been armed to-day, and more are requesting arms. It is asserted here that the government can find sufficient men to resist the foreign forces, as the movement is popular. Everywhere one meets men of all classes and conditions carrying Mauser rifles.

SEIZED A FRENCH BOAT.

Paris, Dec. 11.—A lengthy official despatch has been received at the Foreign Office here from Caracas, saying that the boats of the German warships in seizing the vessels supposed to belong to Venezuela, also captured a French merchant steamer, the Ossun. It is believed that unless the Germans promptly rectify the mistake and release the Ossun, representations on the subject will be made to Germany. This is also taken to indicate the delicate state of the situation, and the possibilities of international complications beyond those involving Venezuela alone. The Ossun was owned by a Frenchman, who used her in the coasting trade of South America. About eight months ago the Ossun was seized by the forces of President Castro on the ground that the step was a military necessity, and the Venezuelan flag was hoisted on board the steamer.

RUSHING AT VENEZUELA.

Halifax, Dec. 11.—The Italian warship Carlbo Alberto, which was at Sydney, C.B., with Marconi on board, received orders to-day from the Italian government to proceed at once to Venezuela to protect the Italian subjects. The warship got steam on as soon as possible and left Sydney harbor to-night at full speed.

GENERAL STANDING ORDER.

London, Dec. 11.—A despatch to a news agency from Devonport, says instructions have been received there that warships of the first-class reserve be kept coaled and ready for sea at 24 hours' notice.

YANKEES ANXIOUS FOR IT WANT CONGRESS TO MOVE

National Reciprocity Convention Desires That Action Toward Canada Be Taken at Once.

Detroit, Dec. 11.—The delegates to the National Reciprocity Convention this afternoon adopted resolutions and adjourned sine die.

The resolutions adopted are as follows:

"Resolved, that we re-affirm the resolutions adopted at the first convention of this league at Chicago, which embrace in their scope the general principle of reciprocity, and the establishment of liberal fair trade relations with all the nations of the world.

"Resolved, that it is the sense of this convention that the government of the United States should take immediate steps to secure closer and more advantageous trade relations with Canada, and that reciprocal relations, beneficial to both countries should preferably follow the general lines of the removal by both countries of the duties on natural products of each and such mutual extensions of the free list, and reductions and changes of the duties on the manufactured products of both, as will give to each as low a rate of duty as is given to any other country. Accordingly, we earnestly urge upon Congress that action to this end be taken at once, either by reconvening the joint high commission for the sole purpose of negotiating a reciprocity treaty with Canada, or by adopting such other method as to Congress may seem best.

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MR. DRYDEN ALLAYS FEAR RE THE CATTLE DISEASE

Declares That Live Stock Owners Need Not Fear Action by Britain.

Guelph, Dec. 11.—(Special.)—"The live stock owners of Canada need not be alarmed for fear the ports of England will be closed to their products on account of the foot and mouth disease in the United States."

This was the statement of Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, to The World to-night. Continuing, he said:

"The Ontario government is looking after this feature of the case. I can speak with authority when I say Canada's interests are being safeguarded. The stock men on this side need not be alarmed. I do not believe the Canadian cattle will be infected from the States. We must be careful, that is all. Our interests are too heavy to take any chances. Communications have been cabled Lord Strathcona, and he is protecting the interests of Canadian stock men at that end."

Asked as to the truth of the report that the interests seeking to establish an abattoir to handle Canada's surplus cattle was the Stock Yards Company of Toronto Junction, Mr. Dryden said that he was not in a position to answer any further questions on that line. He declined to say what subsidy, if any, the government would make to promote such investment.

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DID NOT KILL KENSIT.

London, Dec. 11.—John McKeever, who was charged with the murder of John Kensit, the anti-Ritualistic crusader, by throwing a chisel, has been acquitted.

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NEITHER CASH NOR LAND BUT GUARANTEED BONDS

Hon. Bob Rogers of Manitoba Talks About the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—"When we take into consideration the tremendous development in the Canadian Northwest, the consequent rapid rise in land values and the settlement of the country by leaps and bounds, it is my opinion that the Federal government would not be justified in according either a cash or a land grant to the proposed Grand Trunk Pacific Railway project," was the opinion expressed to-day by Hon. Robert Rogers, who reached here yesterday from Winnipeg.

But the Manitoba Minister of Public Works has a plan which he believes would not only help out Mr. Hays, but from the remarkable success which has attended the recent railway legislation of the Manitoba government might well justify the Federal authorities in proceeding along the same lines.

"Do you mean the guaranteeing of a bond issue?"

"Exactly. Should the Ottawa government guarantee the bonds of the Grand Trunk Pacific to the amount of $8000 per mile in the prairie sections and $20,000 per mile thru the Rockies and control the freight rates, I believe the country would ratify such an agreement and that it would be a great boom to the Dominion."

Mr. Rogers also said he was quite in the dark as to the future relations of the Grand Trunk and the Canadian Northern.

In reply to another question the Minister declared that the old Northern Pacific lines, which had been transferred to Mackenzie & Mann, were earning three times as much as had been anticipated when the transfer was made.

DIGGER CONDUCTOR SENTENCED.

Ottawa Man Given Two Months in County Jail.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Emile Gagnon, the street railway conductor charged with using a digger to extract fares from a fare-box, was tried at the Court of Quarter Sessions to-day, Judge McTavish presiding. The trial lasted all day, and at the close the jury returned a verdict of guilty, with a recommendation to mercy, the prisoner being but 18 years old, and it being his first offence, also his mother being ill. He was sentenced to two months in the county jail.

SMALLPOX AT DESERONTO.

Indian Named Andrew Culbertson Found With the Disease.

Deseronto, Dec. 11.—A case of smallpox was discovered in town to-day. An Indian named Andrew Culbertson, who had been working in the woods, north of Lake Superior, was the victim. By order of the Medical Health Officer he was immediately removed to the Isolation Hospital, outside of the town, and all precautions taken to prevent a spread of the disease.

DID NOT COME FROM CANADA.

United States Official Clears This Country From Disease.

Ithaca, N.Y., Dec. 11.—Dr. James Law of Cornell Veterinary College, who for the past few weeks has been working in conjunction with the federal authorities for the suppression of the foot and mouth disease among the cattle of New England, said it was practically certain that the contagion did not originate at Alberta, Canada, as was at first supposed. A rigid examination of the docks at Montreal indicated that the disease did not come from Canada.

WANTED TO GRAFT ON THE MANUFACTURER'S FUND.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—A well-known Parisian journal, La Republique Française, is just to hand, containing a letter to the editor from Hon. J. I. Tarte, denying that any fund was being raised in Canada to hand over to him for political purposes. This refers to the statement in The Toronto Globe some days ago that $50,000 was to be subscribed by the manufacturers of Canada to hand to Mr. Tarte, so that he might carry on a campaign of education on protectionist lines. On top of this straight denial of Mr. Tarte's, comes another one to the effect that two ex-Globe men (one of them a most bitter opponent of protectionists, when on The Globe staff), now in charge of papers actually went before the Manufacturers' Association and asked to graft on the proposed fund, so that they might preach more protection, and advocate the claims of the Canadian Preference League, which is organized to induce Canadians to patronize, wherever possible, home manufactures. Both of these newspaper managers are very near Mr. Sifton.

Cheese Sandwiches are delicious—use Bow Park Cream Cheese.

Out Earlier This Week.

The Christmas edition of The Sunday World will be delivered to the city newsdealers an hour earlier than usual this week.

Several thousand extra copies of the edition have been ordered for delivery in Toronto, while many orders have been received from out-of-town. Every copy will be sold, in all likelihood, and readers of The World should leave their orders early on Saturday. No orders for city delivery can be taken after 8 o'clock on Saturday evening.

WHERE PAT CROWE IS.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Steven A. Crowe, a hotel proprietor in this city and brother of Pat Crowe, asserted positively that the latter is in Johannesburg, South Africa.

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TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Dental College at home, Temple Building, 8 p.m.
Toronto Principal's Association banquet, Temple Building, 8 p.m.
Public Library Board, 8 p.m.
Toronto Rowing Club at home, St. George's Hall 8 p.m.
Ward One Liberals, Poulton's Hall, 8 p.m.

City Will Supply Dealers Poor Will Get the Benefit

DINNER TO MR. FIELDING ATTENDED BY 300 GUESTS

Sir Wilfrid Wires That the Fullest Honor is Due the Nova Scotian.

Halifax, Dec. 11.—The banquet given to the Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, by the Liberals of Nova Scotia at the Queen's Hotel, to-night, was one of the most brilliant affairs ever held in this city. It was a splendid tribute to a Nova Scotian, who, in his own province, achieved success, and who has won a place second only to the Premier himself.

Nova Scotia's Premier presided, and at his side were four Dominion cabinet ministers, who had come from Ottawa to join in the testimonial to their colleague, while around the board were men of prominence and learning in every department of the life of Nova Scotia. Nearly three hundred were present.

At Premier Murray's right sat the following: Hon Wm Paterson, Minister of Customs; Hon R Prefontaine, Minister of Marine and Fisheries; D C Fraser, M P; Dr B Russell, M P; F B Wade, M P; Premier Tweedie of New Brunswick.

At his left were: Sir Frederick Borden, Minister of Militia; Hon A G Blair, Minister of Railways; Hon M Ross, M P; C F Milliac, M P; Col Thompson, M P, Haldimand, Ont.

Above the guest of the evening and the chairman was a circular motto, bearing the words: "Worth Makes the Man." The toast list was opened by the chairman proposing His Majesty the King. This being duly honored, R. E. Finn, the secretary of the Banquet Committee, was called upon to read the letters of regret from those invited guests who were unable to attend.

The were: Premier Parent, Hon C Sifton, Hon Jas Sutherland, Hon Chas Fitzpatrick, Hon Chas Marcil, Premier Ross, Sir Wm Mulock and Hon Sydney Fisher.

The telegram from Premier Laurier was read:

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 11.—R. E. Finn, Halifax: Very sorry that I cannot attend banquet which our Nova Scotia friends are rendering to my trusted colleague and friend, Fielding. I, however, join you heart and soul, to do him honor, and the fullest honor is not more than he deserves.

PIRACY IN CHINA.

Crimean War Veteran Killed and Ships Looted.

Canton, China, Dec. 11.—Piracy is increasing on the West River. During the dought which destroyed the rice crops near Canton, the benevolent associations of that city, aided by the Chinese government and subscriptions from Chinese in America, bought large amounts of rice at Wu Hu and Chin Kiang, which was sent to Canton to be sold at low rates to the poor. The ships were looted by pirates and several persons killed, one of the victims being Mr. Evans, a Crimean War veteran in the service of the British consul at Canton.

Electric Seal Jacket.

Electric seal is a good wearing fur, and it's really hard to tell it from Alaska seal. Dineen Company have a splendid line of jackets, which were specially manufactured for Xmas trade, $30 to $50. A number also trimmed with different furs.

CLOUDY AND COLD.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Ont., Dec. 11.—(8 p.m.)—The temperature has continued low in the Northwest Territories, and in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces the weather to-day has been much colder than it was yesterday. At present there is no indication of much change.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 10 below—2 below; Victoria, 36—38; Calgary, 14 below—4; Prince Albert, 22 below—8 below; Qu'Appelle, 14 below—zero; Winnipeg, 10 below—2; Port Arthur, 6 below—6; Parry Sound, 2 below—10; Toronto, 10—19; Montreal, zero—4; Quebec, 6 below—2 below; Halifax, 6—18.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh to strong northeasterly to northerly winds; cloudy and cold, with light snow falls.

Upper St. Lawrence and Ottawa Valley—Fresh to strong northeasterly and northerly winds; fair to cloudy; continued cold; light snow in southern portion.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Winds, shifting to northeasterly; cloudy to fair and very cold.

West Maritime—Strong northeasterly winds; cloudy, with snow.

West Maritime—West and north winds; fair and continued cold.

Lake Superior and Manitoba—Northeasterly winds; fair and continued cold.

Lost Money.

Several thousand dollars were lost this week by horse owners. Is it carelessness or cruelty to horses to allow them to pull loads on slippery, icy streets? No less than a dozen valuable horses had to be shot this week.

One blacksmith in Toronto had his big shop filled with horses, all being shod with Dunlop Ideal Horseshoe Pads. These pads are not only a safeguard to the horse in summer and winter, but they keep its limbs healthy, strong and free from strains.

Take a package home—Bow Park Cream Cheese.

DEATHS.

ACHISON — On Dec. 10, at 143 Augusta-avenue, James Acheson, aged 82 years. Funeral on Friday at 3.30 o'clock p.m. No flowers.

MEAGHER—In this city, on Dec. 10th, Thomas Francis Meagher, eldest son of Thomas Meagher, Imperial Hotel, Jarvis-street, in his 23rd year.

Funeral Friday morning, at 8.30. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Dec. 11.	At.	From.
Corinthian	St. John	Liverpool
Aller	Naples	New York
Graf. Waldersee	Hamburg	New York
Oceanic	New York	Liverpool
Bovic	New York	Liverpool
Sardinian	Glasgow	New York
St. Louis	Southampton	New York
Potsdam	Rotterdam	New York
Georgian	Liverpool	New York
Celtic	Liverpool	New York

Small Lots Will Be Sold But Price is Fixed at Rate City Charges.

The most encouraging news in regard to the fuel situation as it affects the really needy people, comes from the office of Street Commissioner Jones, where a conference was held Thursday afternoon with a view to providing something to burn for people who have a little money to pay for fuel, but can't buy it in half ton or ton lots.

The Board of Control referred to officials for information upon a proposal to supply small dealers thruout the city with civic fuel to be sold to those who wanted it in small lots, and the recommendation, which will be read from Street Commissioner Jones to the board to-day, is as follows:

"Pursuant to your instructions of this date, Ald. A. Stewart, Mr. T. Rooney, the City Treasurer and myself have given thoro consideration re the matter of supplying small retail dealers thruout the city with quantities of coal for distribution to the poorer classes of citizens, and we are of the opinion that it would be advisable to take off the present restriction of only supplying one ton of coal to each purchaser and also to reduce the present prices of each quality of coal or wood to purchasers who want it themselves. We think that by this means the small dealers could pay for fuel in the usual way, and obtain a sufficient quantity to distribute in small lots to the poorer classes of the people, whom we, with our present facilities are unable to reach. We would recommend further that no dealer obtaining fuel for purposes of distribution shall be allowed to charge a greater price than is charged by the city for sale, and as a penalty for any known infringement of this regulation, upon the part of a dealer, that no further supplies of fuel shall be allowed him."

A Held All Round.

This will help out the small fuel dealer who is now without any fuel to sell. It will help out the citizen who has the money to buy a small quantity of fuel, but can't get it without carting it for a couple of miles, and it will help out the municipal fuel yards, which are now so overburdened with orders that they cannot promise immediate delivery.

The occurrences in the City Treasurer's office every day are almost humorous, if they were not so serious. Welsh coal is mostly the cause of argument. There is a long line of people who are taking their turn at the cashier's wicket, and while some of them are fingering their money in anxiety to buy Welsh coal, others are coming along with small tickets in their hands to cancel orders, and get their money back, for they have ordered coal and paid for it, and have become scared when they find that it won't do in the self-feeder.

An Explanation.

A complaint was made to The World man at the City Hall that the Treasurer's clerks were not overly anxious to take the people's money for coal, in case it might have to be refunded. It was a lady who made the complaint, and her words of indignation would fill a page. When the reported escaped from her he asked the treasurer what it all meant. Mr. Coady sighed and then smiled. He said, so many people came to the wicket and asked about the quality of the coal that only an expert could answer them. He has made the rule that if anyone wants the coal, let them come and pay for it. If they are uncertain as to what they are going to get, his assistants are instructed to direct the applicants to the foot of Bay-street, where the Welsh coal is further disfiguring the landscape and where they can see just what it is like. I isn't so bad to look at if you have no other kind in the house.

Coal is a Luxury.

The fact is the people don't appreciate the other fact that coal is going to be almost a luxury this winter. They order a little Welsh coal from the city to tide them over until they can get some coal from their dealer. If the dealers coal happens along before the Welsh coal does the order for the latter is cancelled. This is short-sightedness on the part of the persons who are dealing in small lots. They should get all the coal they can, and if the dealers coal is the best use it and shove the half ton of the city coal into the back end of the cellar, simply as emergency rations. They should forget the notion that when lots of hard coal comes in they will not be the only people needing it, and perhaps the Welsh coal will be gone when they would be glad to have some of it.

The Mayor was approached by The World last night, and he was not very optimistic as to the fuel situation. He was in sympathy with the proposal to distribute civic coal or wood in small quantities from the local fuel yards on the lines suggested by Ald. A. Stewart.

"What do you think of our proposal to have men peddle the coal around in carts for the small consumers," asked The World.

His Worship replied that at the first blush the suggestion seemed a splendid one. It would reach the people, particularly as the newspapers would be glad to announce the routes the carts would take each day.

"Of course, much would depend upon the honesty of the drivers selling the fuel," remarked His Worship.

"Certainly it would, but it would not take long to find out if a driver was dishonest, and then he could be fired," suggested The World.

"Yes, that's so; I think some such method as you suggest could be carried out successfully. I believe they do it in New York."

Wrong Persons Getting It.

The World pointed out that the civic fuel which was brought here for the ordinary citizen or the poorer classes was being gobbled up by the people who have money in the bank. If a glance was taken over the lists of the City Treasurer it would doubtless reveal that names are repeated for one-ton orders. If the city waudl have taken orders for more than a ton the names would not be repeated on the Treasurer's list for these folks would have invested in several tons at once. As they can't do that they adopt the subterfuge of calling at the Treasurer's office with a ton order occasionally.

Some Wise People.

There are some persons in the city who have plenty of coal in their cellars, but having a comprehensive view of the situation they are wisely getting some more and they are taking the city coal as an experiment, and they are also benefitting on the reduction which the city is giving. The Welsh coal costs Toronto over $10 a ton before it gets into anybody' cellar, and Toronto is selling it delivered at $8 a ton. Thus the people who could pay the top price for the coal are getting

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