

"Winter Finds Out What Summer Lays By."

Be it spring, summer, autumn or winter, someone in the family is "under the weather" from trouble originating in impure blood or low condition of the system.

All these, of whatever name, can be cured by the great blood purifier, Hood's Sarsaparilla. It never disappoints.

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Hood's Pills cure liver bile; the non-nutritious and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Canadian Savings and Loan Company.

The report presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Savings and Loan Company, on Wednesday last, is one that may well be considered a thoroughly satisfactory and favorable one, and one also that reflects the highest credit upon the careful and judicious manner in which the affairs of the institution have been administered. The assets have been increased, the usual 6 per cent dividend has been paid, despite the lower rate of interest on loans, the debenture issue has been increased by an amount over \$90,000, \$12,500 has been added to the reserve fund, \$2,000 written off building account, and \$3,389.20 carried forward. The large reserve fund now in hand, amounting to \$250,000, or one-third of the paid-up capital, is a sufficient guarantee of the company's soundness. The directors and shareholders are indeed to be congratulated on the record of the company for the past year and preceding ones.

Dominion Savings and Investment Society.

The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Dominion Savings and Investment Society was held on Wednesday last, and the reports presented to the shareholders were such as to assure them of the present prosperity of the society, and imparts the highest degree of confidence in its future welfare and continued advancement. The president's annual report pointed out that the net earnings amounted to the sum of \$51,289.95, out of which two half-yearly dividends, at the rate of 4 per cent per annum, amounting to the sum of \$37,380.84 were paid, the sum of \$10,000 added to the reserve fund, and the balance, \$4,000.11, carried to the contingent account. This is surely a matter for congratulation, and the management deserve great credit for having so successfully conducted the society's affairs. The character and high standing of the officers and the satisfactory condition of its finances, as evidenced in the report, are a sufficient guarantee of the society's solid standing.

The Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Company.

When a company can present to its shareholders such a report as that given at the 37th annual meeting of the Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Company, on Wednesday last, there can be no doubt on the part of the general public or of those connected with the institution, of its continued prosperity and solid financial standing. The net profits for the year were \$164,028.71. After the payment of the usual half-yearly dividends of 4½ per cent, there has been added the sum of \$60,000 to the reserve fund, which now totals \$890,000, or over 65½ per cent of the paid-up capital, while the net sum of \$25,100.25 has been carried forward. There has been an increase during the year of \$211,684.95 in Canadian debentures, and the total assets were increased by \$257,150. The report is an eloquent testimony to the cautious and conservative policy pursued by the management, which has helped to bring the desirable results achieved. After the general meeting, a special meeting of shareholders was held to consider the additional powers of investment granted to the Huron and Erie by recent legislation. It was unanimously resolved that, in accordance with the "special act," loans and investments, within the prescribed limitations, should be authorized upon the securities of life insurance policies, debentures of corporate companies for supplying gas, water, heat, light, power or electricity to municipalities, debentures of steam or electric railways, telegraph or telephone companies, fully paid up stock of chartered bank, trust companies or insurance corporations standing registered under the law of Ontario, to the extent not exceeding one-fifth of the paid up capital of the company, which would be less than ten per cent of the total assets, and only about three-fifths of the reserve fund.

Mr. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over FIFTY YEARS by MILLIONS of MOTHERS for their CHILDREN WHILE TEETHING, with PERFECT SUCCESS. IT SOOTHES THE GUMS, SOFTENS THE GUMS, ALLAYS ALL PAIN, CURES WIND COLIC, and is the best remedy for DIARRHEA. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Kind." Twenty-five cents a bottle.

AROUND THE CITY. FREIGHTS IN COLLISION!

From Saturday's Last Edition.

—Mrs. A. G. McLeod has returned from the New York millinery opening.

—Miss Mabel Parkes, of 161 Simcoe street, is visiting friends in St. Thomas and Aylmer.

—Miss Annie Graham, of Parkhill, is on a visit to her friend, Mrs. J. McDonald, Queen's Hotel, Carleton street.

—Toronto Globe: Mrs. Duncan C. Ross, of St. Catharines, has been staying in town with the premier and Mrs. Ross. Miss Kate Ross is staying in London with Mrs. Belton.

—Mr. Thos. W. Edwards, commercial traveler, of this city, states that there is no truth in the report that he has been married to Miss Nellie Holt, as stated in yesterday's Advertiser.

—The large attendance of skaters nightly at the Princess Rink is an evidence both of the popularity of skating in London, and of the favor in which the Princess is held by lovers of that amusement.

—The case of W. J. Green, charged by P. C. Noonan with being drunk and disorderly, lasted till 5 p.m. at the police court, yesterday afternoon. The magistrate reserved his decision until Monday, when another charge against Green will be heard.

—Government engineers inspected the extension of the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway from Ridgeway to Dutton inst. and notice has been received from the department of railways and canals that the line may be opened for traffic between Ridgeway and Dutton. Trains will, therefore, commence running on Monday next, Feb. 18, and arrive in Dutton at 1 p.m., leaving at 2 p.m., and making direct connections to and from both divisions of the L. E. and D. R.

POLICE COURT.

At the police court this morning, Jas. W. Ward, an elderly man, was found guilty of assaulting John Reardon, in the Bowell House, last night. He was fined \$20 and \$4 75 costs, or one month in jail.

DEATH OF REV. J. P. McEWEN.

The following dispatch was received from Toronto today: "The Baptist Church sustains a severe loss in the death of Rev. J. P. McEwen, secretary of the home mission board, which took place very suddenly at 1 o'clock this morning, at his residence, No. 44 Isabella street. Mr. McEwen, who was 56 years of age, and in vigorous health, was at his office yesterday. Last night he was seized with apoplexy and died shortly afterwards. He was formerly a pastor at Tiverton, and the remains will be taken there for burial."

CANADA'S WREATH.

Among the hundreds of magnificent and costly floral wreaths sent to Windsor Castle before the arrival of her majesty's body in the Royal City was one from the high commissioner's office, London, on behalf of the Dominion of Canada. It was octagonal in shape, made up of eight semi-circles, to represent each of the seven provinces of the Dominion and the Northwest Territories. The flowers which the wreath was composed of were white carnations and lilacs of six varieties. Across the center was a bed of violets forming the word "Canada." The magnificent wreath was very much admired by those who had the opportunity of seeing it. It was taken to Windsor by Mr. Luke, one of the officials of the high commissioner's office.

DEATH OF MR. ALEX. LEITH.

Mr. Alex. Leith passed peacefully away Friday morning, Feb. 15, at his home, 740 Elias street, after a lingering illness. He was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, in the year 1818, coming to this country when a young man and settling in Prince Edward county, where he engaged in the milling business for a number of years, later purchasing the Nisestown mills at Nisestown, where he resided until he retired from active life, some six years ago, when he moved to this city. Besides his wife he leaves a family of six children, George and Marcus, of this city; William, of Mancelona, Mich.; Mrs. A. Carruthers, Melbourne; Mrs. Wm. Pack, Thorndale, and Miss Minnie, at home, all of whom were present at his bedside. The funeral will take place from his late residence tomorrow (Sunday), at 2 p.m.

CASE OF SMALLPOX IN CITY.

The medical health officer has pronounced Charles Maule, of 173 Colborne street, to be suffering from smallpox. Maule, who is employed in a rubber store in Richmond street, has been ill for a couple of weeks. As the house is next door to Colborne street school, the school has been closed. The board of health have been negotiating today for the possession of a house in the extreme southern part of the city, to be used as an isolation hospital. The board expect to have the building ready on Monday for the cases that may possibly arise.

Sick Headache For Sixteen Years,

But Mrs. Michael Farough, of Essex Center, Ont., Finds a Cure at Last in Laxa-Liver Pills.

Another sick headache sufferer freed from misery.

Another one who had tried all sorts of medicines and doctors' treatment without deriving much benefit, cured at last by Laxa-Liver Pills.

Here is Mrs. Farough's statement of her case in her own words: "I was troubled with sick headache for over sixteen years. I doctored and took everything I could think of, but it did me no good."

"Lately I commenced to use Laxa-Liver Pills, and I find they do me more good than any other medicine I have ever taken. They are an excellent pill, and I would say to every one troubled with sick headache, take Laxa-Liver Pills and you will be cured."

Laxa-Liver Pills are undoubtedly the best remedy for Constipation, Sick Headache, Dyspepsia, Biliousness, Confused Tongue, and all diseases of the Stomach, Liver and Bowels. Price 25c, at all druggists.

THE SUPERBILITY OF Mother's Good Exterminator is shown by its good effects on the children. Purchase a bottle and give it a trial.

A Smashup on the G. T. R. Near Woodstock.

Michigan Central Engineer Fatally Hurt at Tonawanda, N. Y.

Woodstock, Feb. 16.—Two freight trains collided near the station here this morning, and several cars were badly wrecked. No one was hurt, and very little detention was caused to passenger trains. There seems to be some doubt as to what caused the accident, but it is understood at present that an engine on the Michigan Central was backing up, and was struck by a passenger train.

AN ENGINEER'S MISHAP.

North Tonawanda, N. Y., Feb. 16.—George Upper, engineer of a Michigan Central passenger train, was perhaps fatally injured as his train was pulling into the station here this morning. He was looking down from the fireman's side of the cab, and had his head out so far that it came in contact with an old trolley pole besides the tracks. His skull was fractured. He was removed to the Memorial Hospital at Niagara Falls. Mr. Upper has been an engineer on the Michigan Central for many years. His home is in St. Thomas, Ont., where he has a family.

WESTMINSTER--WEST

Marriage of Miss Shelagh West to the Duke of Westminster—The Bride's Good Clothes.

London, Feb. 16.—The Duke of Westminster and Miss Shelagh West were married at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, this afternoon. The beautifully decorated edifice was filled to its capacity with distinguished people. The service was fully choral. Col. William Cornwallis West gave his daughter away.

THE BRIDE'S DRESS.

The bride wore a gown of soft white satin, with a chiffon overdress, richly embroidered with silver, and a full train of ivory velvet, embroidered with sprays of roses. She wore the superb Westminster diamond and pearl ornaments. Pages, in suits copied from Gainsborough's "Blue Boy," bore the train. There were eight bridesmaids in white satin, with wreaths of white roses and silver leaves on their heads instead of picture hats.

The newly-married couple received over 500 presents. Among the donors were King Edward, Queen Alexandra and the Duke and the Duchess of Cornwall and York.

The Duke of Westminster, Hugh Richard Arthur Grosvenor, was born March 19, 1879, and is the only son of the late Earl Grosvenor and Lady Sibell Mary Lumley. He served in South Africa last year as extra aide-de-camp to Field Marshal Lord Roberts. The Duke owns about 30,000 acres of land in Cheshire and Flintshire, and 600 acres in London. He is the patron of twelve livings. His country seats are Eton Hall, Chester, and Halkin, Flintshire. His London residence is Grosvenor House, No. 33 Grosvenor street west.

The bride is the youngest daughter of William Cornwallis West, and sister of Lieut. George Cornwallis West, who married last year Lady Randolph Churchill.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Pictou, Ont., Feb. 16.—Fred Hill, a teamster for J. C. Wilson & Co., of Glenora, was bringing a water wheel to Pictou this morning, and was killed by it. He was entering the town, his team became unmanageable and, turning sharply, threw him and the water wheel off the sleigh. The wheel fell on him, killing him almost immediately.

FAMILY CHARGED WITH MURDER

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 16.—Mrs. Lulu Prince-Kennedy, her father, Charles W. Prince, and her two brothers, William and Albert Prince, will be tried for the murder on last Jan. 1 of Philip H. Kennedy, owner of the firm of Merchants Dispatch Company. Mrs. Kennedy, who shot and killed her husband, was indicted yesterday by the grand jury for murder in the first degree. Later warrants were issued against her father and brothers charging them with being accomplices in the crime. Kennedy's murder was the culmination of a sensational wedding. The bride and groom were shot and set aside, asserting that it had been forced.

QUICK AND SURE.

A Pile Remedy Which Really Cures.

Mr. D. F. Collins, of Garnett, says: "I commenced using the Pyramid Pile Cure a time when my case was bad, but nothing could cure it. I had before I had used a fifty-cent package I began to feel much better, and now I can honestly say I am entirely cured. I had tried every other remedy I have ever tried or heard of."

From Thomas Wilson, of Port Jarvis: "Just one package of the Pyramid Pile Cure did wonders for me, and I lost no opportunity of recommending such a remedy."

Amos Crocker, of Worcester: "After having gone through an unsuccessful surgical operation for piles, and after trying any number of salves and ointments without success it is no wonder that I can find words of praise for the Pyramid Pile Cure. One package did me more good than all the remedies I had tried before. It is so simple and painless to use that I felt no inconvenience, whatever, while using it."

It has been thoroughly tested by physicians in every state in the union and the best authorities recognize it as the safest, surest and cheapest pile cure known.

The Pyramid Pile Cure cures every form of piles, itching, protruding or bleeding, without a particle of pain. It cures without detention from daily occupation, being in suppository form and used at night.

Its effects are lasting and not merely temporary relief.

More than all this, the Pyramid Pile Cure is entirely harmless, containing no opiate, narcotics or mineral poisons and cannot harm the most delicate.

Druggists everywhere sell it and report universal satisfaction wherever used.

A little book on cause and cure of piles will be mailed free by address to the Pyramid Drug Company, Marshall, Mich.

THE TALK OF OLD LONDON

Strength of the Anglo-German Entente Increases

So Far as the Reigning Families Are Concerned.

Will King Edward Rule as Well as Reign?—The Court Watched With Keen Interest by the People.

London, Feb. 16.—"Our grandmother is dead. Comfort my mother," Wilhelm. This is the telegram Emperor William sent the empress a few minutes after Queen Victoria's death. It explains better than could columns of German and English editorials the feelings which exist among the reigning families of these countries. This close tie may shortly bring about another death-bed meeting of King Edward and his imperial nephew. English court rumor gives Empress Frederick but a short lease of life, and King Edward will no more allow his new duties to interfere with his desire to be at her bedside than did Emperor William consider the Berlin cables when he went in haste to Osborne.

Thus, once more, the two emperors are riveting the attention of the world may be brought together under circumstances in which human emotions have the strongest play.

IMPORTANT MORAL INFLUENCE.

That meeting, apart from its sad domestic cause, is bound to have an important moral effect both in Great Britain and Germany and the rest of the world. The feeling of Germany on the subject of Emperor William's pro-English tendencies, known throughout the world, thanks to the antagonistic comments of portions of its press, finds its counterpart in England, though it is not so fully developed or freely expressed. Now that the emperor has gone, many people are asking: "Is the King going to follow Emperor William's example and be an emperor in the true sense of the word?"

RULE OR REIGN.

The recent kindly functions, with all the outward signs of power, have made Great Britain realize for the first time in many years that it is still a country under a monarchy. Indeed, several papers are urging the King to exert pressure on the ministers to eradicate the abuses in the army and navy, and the war in South Africa. Many persons are seriously pondering on whether King Edward is going to rule or reign. There is all confidence in his tact and common sense, but the sudden restoration of monarchical splendor and power and the keen sympathy between the German emperor and King Edward make many loyal subjects anxious about the future. The first sign of this is the suggestion of an

INCREASE OF THE KING'S INCOME.

Mr. Henry Labouchere and many others have no hesitation in openly opposing it. Reference is frequently made to the small incomes of the presidents of the United States and France. There is little doubt that parliament will grant larger supplies, but this action will not serve to reconcile the country to its new conditions.

"The English people," bluntly says this week's *Today*, "would not tolerate a king who sought to rule as well as reign." To those who have only read the King's functions, the cause of such remark is hidden. The functions attending the new reign have been so spectacular that the quiet rights of the people, handed down from the common law, escape notice. The court is

WATCHED WITH KEEN INTEREST.

No one desires the King to forget old favorites, yet there is a clearly expressed wish that some of these be not rewarded with official positions. The appointment of Sir Francis Knollys (who was secretary to the King while the latter was Prince of Wales), to be secretary of his majesty's meetings with universal approval and is taken as a good omen. Sir Francis is the son of the King's former tutor, and the two are bound together.

Sandringham is likely to be to the King and Queen what Osborne was to Queen Victoria. Barracks will be erected near the royal residence where the household troops will be accommodated.

Osborne, however, will not be neglected, for the King intends to make it his headquarters when gratifying his keen taste for yachting.

NEW FASHION OF MUSTACHES.

A humorous phase of the British-German "entente" is evident in the mustaches of the inhabitants of the West End of London. That upward and outward twist so associated with Emperor William's mustache has been extensively adopted, especially by those having pretensions to military appearance. Interviews with West End barbers reveal the trouble they are encountering in transforming life-long droops into upward curls.

PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME.

The present session of parliament promises to be confined chiefly to army and Irish affairs, though the King's income and improvements in the condition of the poor may take up some time.

The war in South Africa has been talked to threadbare. The determination of the government not to alter in the slightest degree in its attitude towards the Boers is clearly recognized on all sides, though the country is not likely to follow it with any interest.

COMMERCIAL UNION.

Col. Charles Howard Vincent (Con.) is going to move that Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and the other British colonies be consolidated upon a commercial basis, and that Canada's example be followed by granting the empire's products fiscal preference. Both parties generally agree that something of this sort is necessary, but nothing is likely to result, the leaders maintaining that the time and conditions are not yet ripe for such an important step.

Intimate friends of Mr. Richard Croker openly declare he will never

ALERT SALE

We have decided to retire from the DRYGOODS BUSINESS and intend turning our attention exclusively to HOUSE-FURNISHINGS.

In order to do this, we offer our large stock of

Drygoods at Greatly Reduced Prices.

THIS IS A GENUINE SALE.

Our customers and the public generally are invited to avail themselves of this opportunity. Always remember, those who COME FIRST have the advantage of FIRST CHOICE.

A. Screaton & Co.

re-enter active political life in America. Those who have seen Mr. Croker recently noticed his general physical weakness, which is said to be a form of nervous melancholia, entirely opposed to his usual activity.

SIXTY LIVES IMPERILED

By Explosion in a British Columbia Coal Mine.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 15.—What is feared will be one of the most terrible mine accidents in the history of not only the province out of the Dominion took place this morning at the Union mine, owned by the W. J. Dunsmuir Company, of which Mr. Jas. Dunsmuir, premier of British Columbia, is the principal shareholder. Telegraphic advices received so far give no complete story of the accident.

The latest news is somewhat encouraging, it being stated that the fans are again working, that the cage has got down 175 feet and is still going down in No. 5 shaft.

Of the 90 men imprisoned in the mine the names of the following are alone obtainable: Mr. Walker and his two sons, John White, Thomas Lord, Robert, leaves wife and four children; Thomas Lord, miner, single; James Hall, miner, single; Duncan Munro, married, leaves wife and large family; Peter Bardsen, miner, married, leaves wife and four children; C. Bone, single; R. Fleck, married; L. Simonds, married; Andrew Smith, single; D. M. Davis, single; A. Maffo, D. McGinnis, Jim Crosette, single; Jos. Allison, driver, first shaft, single; George Turnbull, timberman, leaves wife.

A second attempt to reach the men from No. 5 shaft failed. All the men are out of that shaft and a second explosion is feared. The force of the concussion was so great that men in No. 5 shaft were nearly thrown off their feet. Three mine boxes were whirled over a mile, which was killed. The scene on the top floor of No. 6 baffles description. Twisted pipe, scraps of iron and wood, splinters of lumber, and other debris, were blown down to the bottom, the whole covered with the infernal black. One cage was near the bottom when the explosion took place, and the men near the top. The latter were blown nearly to the pulleys, when the clutches held her without injury.

ESCAPED BOERS!

Five Prisoners From Ceylon Reached a Crimean Port on Board a Russian Steamer.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—Five Boer prisoners, who escaped from the island of Ceylon have arrived at a Crimean port on board the Russian steamer, to which they swam while in the harbor of Colombo. Among them is a nephew of President Steyn, and a brother-in-law of Gen. Botha, the Boer commander-in-chief.

SHE WEIGHED 66 POUNDS.

Dresser, Ind., Feb. 16.—Mrs. John Jordan died today from paralysis. She weighed 66 pounds, and was the mother of thirteen children.

THE DOWAGER EMPRESS.

Cronburg, Prussia, Feb. 16.—Prince Henry of Prussia has arrived here to visit his mother, the Dowager Empress Frederick, whose condition is said to be fairly satisfactory.

APPOINTED CROWN PROSECUTOR

T. H. Purdom, K.C., has been appointed crown prosecutor at the forthcoming winter assizes of Huron county, which open at Goderich on Feb. 26.

ASPHYXIATED.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 16.—Mrs. Amelia Holmes, who, with her husband, Raymond Holmes, and their 6-weeks-old child was overcome yesterday by fumes from a gas stove in the bedroom, died today. The husband and the baby will probably die.

A CLEAR, HEALTHY SKIN.

Eruption of the skin and the blotches which blanch beauty are the result of impure blood caused by unhealthy action of the Liver and Kidneys. In correcting this unhealthy action and restoring the organs to their normal condition, Parnele's Vegetable Pills will at the same time cleanse the blood, and the blotches and eruptions will disappear without leaving any trace.

The town of Eatonville, Fla., has 1,200 inhabitants. With not a single white among them it has a full quota of officials, a bank and other business establishments requisite in a town of its size.

STEAMER ARRIVED.

Feb. 16. Arrived at. From. Lake Superior, Halifax. Liverpool. Sardinia, New York. Glasgow. Rhyland, Liverpool. Philadelphia. Lucania, Queenstown. New York. Feb. 16. Reported at. From. Siberian, Glasgow. Portland. La Bretagne, Havre. New York.

Warts Are Unsightly.

That is the reason no one is clamoring for a few more warts—make them fashionable and a remedy to grow warts would quickly be made a financial success. Yes, Putnam's Corn and Wart Extractor removes them, works without pain—any druggist will tell you more about this remedy.