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A LAST APPEAL.

The letter of "Citizen" in another column ought to act as an alarm summoning the thinking men of this city to the duty that lies before them. The so-called Citizens' Association started out to purify the City Hall and to elevate the moral and business capacity of our representatives. But the association has accomplished absolutely nothing. Unless a sudden change is made on the lines suggested by "Citizen" we are doomed to have next year the same commonplace council that has mismanaged and muddled our affairs for several years back. To be sure the woods is full of citizens who are anxious and ready to step in and fill up the breach. So many such are there, in fact, that a choice of any kind would be confusing if we set to work to make up a slate. But no matter what selection might be made the slate would contain a council not above the average in capacity of any we have had in recent years. In spite of the promises of the association it looks as if we are destined to have again the same old mediocre council. Our representatives will be men who like to hear themselves talk, who imagine that fluency of gab is the great aldermanic requisite. What is rather wanted is men who do not make a profession of talking, but who bring into play good judgment in the decision of the matters brought before them.

What we especially should aim at in reforming the council is to get rid of the itch for talking, and substitute an ability to transact business. Instead of being a chamber where men air their eloquence, the council should be like a board of directors who talk over matters in a businesslike way, and decide every question that comes before them on its merits as a matter of business, and without any reference whatever to the effect that their actions may have either upon the listeners in the audience chamber or upon the citizens at large.

For several years back there has been a movement to get a business man's council, but so far no success has been achieved in that direction. If ever an opportunity presented itself for electing such a council, that opportunity is with us to-day. We venture to say that four-fifths of the citizens would approve of a council composed of twenty-four of the men mentioned in "Citizen's" letter. The opportunity presented to-day may never occur again. If the city is ever to be blessed with a council in which the people will have confidence, action must be taken immediately. The World earnestly hopes that "Citizen's" letter will have the effect of causing our leading citizens to reflect earnestly upon the situation. We trust that some of those mentioned in his list or that he himself will issue an invitation to every one of these gentlemen to assemble at some point to-day or on Monday, for the purpose of selecting a sufficient number of names to form a new council. One year's government of the city by men of this stamp would have a wonderful effect in restoring that confidence which is now so sadly wanting in the administration of the affairs of the city.

WHAT WE MAY EXPECT FROM MR. BOWELL.

Mr. Bowell, more than some of his colleagues, has been a staunch and consistent upholder of the National Policy. He was on the stump for the N.P. in the campaign of '78, and before that year in the House, and was an able supporter and successor of Sir Leonard Tilley. The tariff reform of last session was not much to Mr. Bowell's liking, and now that he is in a more responsible place we are not likely to see any more of it. The manufacturers and workingmen will recognize in the new Premier one of the soundest protectionists in the country.

Mr. Bowell last session took charge of the Insolvency bill and, though it passed the Senate, got no further. We trust that it will be introduced again this session and that the new Premier will be able to have it signed by the Governor. The Boards of Trade should take up the question again and press it upon the Government. A bankruptcy law is needed in Canada to-day more than ever before. They have such a law in England, and we should have one here.

CHEAP GAS COMING.

There seems to be little doubt that fuel gas can be produced at a remarkably low rate by new processes that have recently been developed. We mentioned the other day that gas was being sold in Canisteo, a small town in New York State, at 30 cents a thousand. We learn from The Buffalo Times that a new gas plant is to be erected in that city, and that fuel gas will be sold at a price that will drive out coal for heating and manufacturing purposes. The gas is made by what is known as the "Hall" process. It is claimed that 10 tons of bituminous coal at $2 a ton will produce three thousand feet of gas. Everything points to the fact that a cheap gas is one of the certainties of the next year or two. If the Consumers' Gas Company were wise they would look a little into the future, and of their own accord grant relief which otherwise, will be forced upon them before long.

GOOD CITY GOVERNMENT.

The current number of Harper's Weekly has an article on "Good City Government," which is apropos of the situation in Toronto. The article recites the steps that have been taken recently to forward the cause of good city government in the large American cities. The increasing interest in this subject has been manifested in a national conference held in Philadelphia in January last; in the formation of innumerable municipal leagues throughout the country; in the [illegible]mation of a national municipal league [illegible]ch will hold its first annual meeting [illegible]ay, 1895; and in a second conference [illegible] Dec. 8 to 10 in Minneapolis. [illegible]'s Weekly says in reference to [illegible]er conference:

[illegible]. James, of the University of [illegible]a, in his paper on "The Ele[illegible]ood City Charter," maintained that American cities should be given a larger degree of local self-government, and be governed by a single responsible head, with adequate power, after the executive and legislative departments had been sharply defined. Dr. James also maintained that the idea of proper technical preparation for the duties of positions intrusted with technical work in city administration is at bottom of fundamental importance for good city government.

While the advocates of other forms were present, and presented their views most ably, the trend of opinion seemed to be decidedly in favor of placing enlarged power and responsibility in the hands of the mayor. Mr. Low spoke positively as to the advantage of this plan, as demonstrated by the recent experiences of Brooklyn; and L. E. Holden, editor of The Cleveland Plain Dealer, bore similar testimony to the positive improvement seen in his city since 1891, when a new charter making the mayor the responsible head was adopted.

The prospect for better municipal conditions in American cities is brightening with every such meeting, and with the increasing activities of the National Municipal League and the local reform organizations.

TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL.

Motion Against Giving Lady Thompson a Pension—Municipal Printing.

Sir John Thompson's death caused a good deal of discussion at the Trades and Labor Council. Resolutions were put in by Delegate Hilton, censuring the proposal to give Lady Thompson a Government pension, and against a delegation of the City Council attending the funeral at Halifax. As the sentiment of the Council was obviously against both motions, they were withdrawn before a vote was taken.

The Legislative Committee's report drawn up by D. J. O'Donoghue was against the pension proposal.

A motion was carried in favor of all municipal candidates having their printing done at union offices, said printing to bear the union label.

Delegate Walter Burnell, J. W. Davy and D. J. O'Donoghue were appointed a committee to form an amendment to the constitution that will enable men who are not wage earners but workers in the cause of labor to sit in the Council.

Delegate Sam Jones brought up the Festival Chorus' proposal to give Handel's "Messiah" at 10c, 15c and 25c, and the scheme was applauded.

FIGHT WITH KNIVES.

Over Monetary Difficulties Italians Quarrel—One is Badly Injured.

George Dillio and Egedo Cristefero, Italians living at 173 Centre-avenue, got into an altercation at that house last evening, Cristefero, who is an aged man, coming out of it with an ugly gash in his right hip, for the infliction of which Dillio was arrested and locked up in the cells at No. 2 Police Station.

The row grew out of monetary difficulties between the two, and Cristefero says his assailant used the knife without having been given the slightest provocation. The wound is deep but not dangerous, five stitches being necessary to close it.

Dr. G. B. Smith, Elm-street, attended the wounded man, and notified the police.

P. C. McKenny found Dillio at the house of a friend, and placed him under arrest. The case will not be dealt with to-day, Cristefero not being able to appear.

A Large Whisky Firm.

It is not generally known that Messrs. John Dewar & Sons, Distillers, Perth, Scotland, and London, Eng., send their salesmen round the world. This they do and in fact Mr. T. R. Dewar, the senior member of the firm, has written an interesting account of what he heard, learnt and saw on his little jaunt of last year, and this has been published in book form under the title of "A Ramble Round the Globe." It is a pretty well-known fact that the firm received an appointment by royal warrant as purveyors to Her Majesty Queen Victoria last year. In addition to this honor and tribute to the excellence of this firm's product, they hold 25 gold and prize medals, also the highest award at the Edinburgh Exhibition, 1890, over all competitors. Their whisky is also the only Scotch drawn at the bars of the well-known English company of caterers, Spiers & Pond, Ltd., London. "Simply perfection" is the opinion of connoisseurs who have had the good fortune to try a bottle of the golden fluid bearing this firm's pretty label of blue and gold.

An Old Man's Fatal Ride.

Windsor, Dec. 21.—Patrick P O'Neil died at his residence in Sandwich South this morning from injuries received by being thrown from a horse. Although 78 years of age O'Neil thought he was as active as any lad on his farm and when no one could be found who cared to ride a certain horse he undertook to do so, with the result that he was thrown.

The Subject of Feeding.

The vast majority of people are absolutely wrong on the subject of feeding; they think that rich and luxurious people, feeding on the richest and most luxurious foods, are the most fortunate and healthy people. I assure you it is just the reverse. I am the director of an insurance company, and am obliged to often form an estimate of the commercial value of life; if, then, two persons of the same age and constitutional build come for calculation as to the monetary value of their future lives, and if one be rich and luxurious, and the other be competent and frugal, frugal even to abstemiousness, I would value the life of the frugal person as 20 per cent. at least better than that of the rich and luxurious person.

Dives dies in plenty, Lazarus in poverty. Do not die like Lazarus if you can help it, and do not die like Dives if you have the opportunity; but find the happy condition, easy enough to find if you determine to learn how on least food you can do the most and best work. Never eat until you are satiated; never eat in the day one heavy meal, but divide our food into three light meals, equally distributed as to time and quantity; eat slowly, take small mouthfuls, masticate, or chew, your food well; touch your food with your fingers as little as possible; do not cry out for animal food more than twice a day at most; have all animal food well cooked, and do not forget fruit as food.

In Queen Elizabeth's time the orange, the golden fruit of the Hesperides, might find its way to the Queen's table; but such fruit was indeed scarce. Joints of meat were cut up with the frill of paper round the end of the joint to hold by, forks being unknown, and her loyal subjects, a short-lived race, knowing little how to make the most of life in the matter of feeding and drinking, suffered from diseases which were of the most avoidable as well as objectionable character. We, fortunately, live in a different reign; we have fruit galore, and have clean forks instead of dirty fingers to raise our food with, two advantages equally sweet and wholesome, though so different in kind.—Sir B. W. Richardson, in Longman's Magazine.

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A Policeman Attacked By Roughs.

P. C. Nat Guthrie was assaulted by a gang of roughs at Cherry and Mill-streets at an early hour yesterday morning, and knocked senseless by a blow from a club in the hands of one of the roughs. Dr. Gregg attended Guthrie, and ordered him to remain at his home for several days. The blow caused a deep cut in the officer's head.

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THE GIFT QUESTION

And Its Happy Solution—What Citizens Are Buying For Christmas Presents.

One of the chief matters which occupy the minds of citizens at the holiday season is the question of Christmas presents. "What shall I give her for Christmas?" is a query that many have not yet answered to their own satisfaction. But there is an answer, a simple and sensible solution.

Furs!

There's nothing like fur, and garments of that fashionable fabric, in all its many varieties, are now, as they always have been, the favorite holiday gifts. Fine furs have always a value of their own, and for a present that will be of permanent service there is nothing more appropriate or acceptable.

It being decided that furs are the best holiday gifts, the next question is, "Where shall we buy?"

Well,

The best known fur store in Canada is on the corner of King and Yonge-streets, where for a quarter of a century W. & D. Dineen have been building up a reputation as manufacturers of the finest furs, and importers of the best hats. To such an extent has the firm's business grown that they have found it necessary to add largely to the selling space at King and Yonge-streets, besides opening a branch at 254 Yonge-street.

With additional show rooms and an increased staff of salesmen, it has been found possible to handle a stock twice the size of that formerly carried, and at the same time to bring prices down to a lower notch. With few exceptions, all the furs sold by the firm are manufactured on the premises. The skins are selected by the head of the firm in person, and are purchased in the largest market for cash. Thus, although only the finest skins are used, the cost is no greater than that of ordinary skins to the average manufacturer.

In the manufacture of the fine furs which are to be seen in Dineens' stock, only the finest materials are used, and workmanship is not sacrificed to the idea of cheapness, as is so often done by makers of bargain furs. Thus, although Dineens' prices are the lowest in Toronto, for stylish furs, their garments are all models of style and excellence. The name of the firm on a fur garment, as in a hat, is always a guarantee of style and quality.

The assortment of furs at present to be seen at Dineens' stores is the largest carried by any retail firm in Canada, and one of the largest on the continent, and visitors to the showrooms of this firm may be sure of seeing every new design in every fashionable fur, while prices are so low that a purchase of furs is a really good investment.

During the last week Dineens' fur parlors have been constantly crowded, and holiday shoppers have carried away many hundreds of fur garments, most of which are evidently intended for Christmas presents.

Everything in fur is to be seen at Dineens', and everything is cheap. The reductions which have recently been made could only be made by a firm in the habit of leading the trade. And that is just what W. & D. Dineen are doing and have done.

At the corner of King and Yonge.

THE TALENT IN FINE FORM.

Pencillers Hit Hard at the Crescent City—Won But Disqualified.

New Orleans, Dec. 21. — Everything was favorable for this the 12th day of the Crescent City Jockey Club's meeting. About 3000 people were in attendance, and fully two-thirds of them left the track in high spirits. Only two favorites came first to the wire. The talent hit the bookies in almost every race. Billy McKenzie won the fourth race, but was disqualified by the judges.

First race, 3-4 mile — Satinent, 20 to 1, 1; Elberon 2, Baby Bill 3. Time 1.15.

Second race, 6 1-2 furlongs, selling — Oxford, 30 to 1, 1; Traverse, 2, Dominion 3. Time 1.23.

Third race, 3-4 mile, selling — Void, 2 1-2 to 1, 1; Darwin Wedgewood 2, Molochi 3. Time 1.15 .

Fourth race, 1 mile, selling — John Dunn, 20 to 1, 1; Birrell's Billet 2, Mezzotint 3. Time 1.45 1-4

Fifth race, 5-8 mile, selling — Pisa, 4 to 1, 1; Bird Catcher 2, Miss Alice 3. Time 1.02 1-2.

Saturday's entries: First race, selling — Mary Tension, Charter 98, Jim Henry 101, Denver Maiga, Hattie Hant, Emperor Billet, Lyndhurst, 107, Press Conley 105, Bob Campbell 110 .

Second race, 3-4 mile, selling — Jugador, B. F. Fly Jr., Galena, Satellite, Dollie, Gold Dust, Hodgson, Twinkle, King Craft 102, Merritt 104, Cyrus, Gov. Hogg, Dick White, Bust Up 105, Long Brook 106.

Third race, 2 miles, purse — Pearse 102, Mezzotint 102, Centinela 103, Bonnie B., Young Arion, Excelsior 105.

Fourth race, American Brewers' Handicap, 1 mile — Rapid Transit 84, Black Jack 85, Theodore H. 101, Ta Ta 90, Amelia May 109, Melody, Wahatchie 110, Old Dominion, Clara Bauer 112, Clementine 110. Ta Ta nad Amelia May are coupled.

Fifth race, 5-8 mile — Queenlike, Mabel R., Potts, Festival, Blue Hen, Fabia, Occula, Jennie Van Hook, Cora Mia, Peggy Moore, Ruby R. 103.

Where They Break Bookmakers.

Alexander Island, Dec. 21. — A large crowd turned out to-day. For the first time in a week the track was in really fast condition. Yesterday's heavy losses caused two more bookmakers to withdraw to-day, and only 11 went on. Jockey Harry Maniove, who was ruled off yesterday after the last race for tampering with other jockeys, left Washington this morning.

First race, 1-2 mile — Chilton, 3 to 5, 1; The Dude 2, Anxiety 3. Time 49 1-2.

Second race, 7 furlongs — Chateau, 8 to 1, 1; Eclipse 2, By Jove 3. Time 1,30 1-2.

Third race, 4 1-2 furlongs — Parthenia, 1 to 2, 1; Adventuress 2, Jolly Boy 3. Time 1.17 3-4 .

Fourth race, 1 mile — Galloping King, 4 to 5, 1; Mirage 2, Cod 3. Time 1.45 3-4.

Fifth race, 5 1-4 furlongs — Ontario, 7 to 10, 1; Grand Prix 2, Jersey 3. Time 1.20 3-4.

Chicago, Dec. 21. — First race, 4 1-2 furlongs — Blue Bell, 3 to 1, 1; Mandolina 2, Old Gentleman 3. Time 57 3-4.

Second race, 5-8 mile, selling — La Gartha, 2 to 1, 1; Leonell 2, Gateway 3. Time 1.01

Third race, 5-8 mile, selling — May Rose, 11 to 5, 1; Helen Wren 2, Baldur 3. Time 1.05 1-4 .

Fourth race, 1 mile — Gascon, 3 to 5, 1; Highland 2, Hartford 3. Time 1.46 3-4.

Fifth race, 3-4 mile, selling — Hillsboro, 6 to 1, 1; Anna Mayes 2, Marion G. 3. Time 1.18 1-4.

The Schools' Closing Day.

The city public schools closed yesterday for the Christmas holidays with the distribution of medals and certificates of merit. In the afternoon the six or seven hundred teachers signed their agreements for the coming year. The salary bill for teachers was upwards of $26,000, and for kindergarten instructors about $2600.

Local Jottings.

The exercises in celebration of the founding of McMaster Hall were held at the hall last night, Chancellor Rand presiding. A long program of musical and literary selections was gone through by the students. The feature of the evening was an address by Prof. J. E. Wells on "The Work and Product of McMaster."

Lineman William Cornell of the Bell Telephone Co. fell from a roof to the ground at corner of Adelaide and York-streets yesterday morning, and fractured his spine.

While engaged in scrubbing the warehouse at 56 Bay-street yesterday morning Mrs. Ann Crottie, who lives at 399 Adelaide-street west, fell down the elevator shaft, and sustained serious injuries.

There was a large gathering in Cooke's Church last night at the meeting held under the auspices of the Presbyterian Sabbath School Association. Principal McMurchy presided.

Early yesterday morning the firemen were called to the residence of Thomas Shaw, 192 Davenport-road. A hot coal having fallen from the furnace caused the fire. Damage $200.

John Ryan, accused of being implicated in the burglary of Vise's tailor store, was acquitted by Magistrate Denison yesterday. His suspected accomplices, William Cunningham and William Riley, were remanded until Monday.

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FADS OF THE ENGLISHWOMEN.

At Present One is an Enormous Chignon and the Other is a Cane.

"There are two fashions very largely, almost universally, affected by Englishwomen just now that I don't think will be copied over here, even by the most pronounced faddist," remarked a woman just back from a long stay in England. "They are the chignon and the walking cane.

"The fashionable coiffure is hideous, nay, revolting, and I am sorry to say it is affected by about eight in ten Englishwomen. It is simply a return to the most extreme style of the old chignon, an immense wad of hair, or imitation of one, stuck straight out from the back of the head. In its extreme development it is often fully as large as the head which it disfigures. Sometimes you see a woman who aims to be ultra-fashionable wearing two of these monstrosities, one atop of the other, and maybe a little sailor hat perched atop of the wad, but not covering her head at all. The only improvement over the old chignon is that the present one is a hair-covered wire frame instead of a swab of hair. The vulgar people call it a 'bun.' In a trip around the Continent I didn't see a single bun, except on traveling Englishwomen. It is purely English; and likely to remain so.

"The inevitable accompaniment of the chignon is the walking cane, and it was to me the odd-est thing in the world when I arrived at England in the spring to see every woman walking with a regular man's cane. The heavy fashionables carry heavy canes, just as our 'Chollies' do. I travelled all round England, to all the big towns and the fashionable watering places, and everywhere the cane was most conspicuous.

"But there's a reason for the cane, and, absurd as it is, it's a point for the cane above the chignon, for the latter is without any excuse whatever. Queen Victoria is compelled to use a walking cane whenever she moves about, and it is in compliment to her Majesty, or from a silly aping of royalty, which you like, that the English woman carries a cane. You remember, of course, the 'Alexandra limp,' which nearly every English woman affected some years ago, and which had its origin in a lameness of the Princess of Wales. It is in just such ways that many of the fashionable absurdities of Europe originate. But Heaven forfend us from the chignon and the cane."—New York Sun.

New Discoveries in Egypt.

Among the recent acquisitions of the Giza Museum perhaps the most valuable are two squads of soldiers from a sixth dynasty tomb at Assiut, which have been found since last winter.

Each squad consists of 40 figures, fixed to a wooden board in rows of four and shown in the act of marching. The first one is composed of men of a brown complexion, presumably Egyptians, with thick heads of hair fastened back with the usual band, which is tied behind. The figures are of wood, and are about 13 inches high, the whole squad being well sized, and containing few men below the general standard. They are clad in a loin cloth, white or yellowish in color, reaching rather more than half way to the knee, while their equipment consists of spear and shield. The spears are about the height of the men themselves, and are carried vertically, with the butts at the level of the knee. The heads are of bronze, and make up about one-sixth of the total length of the spear, becoming very broad where they meet the shaft, like the large spears of the Baggara Arabs of to-day. The shields, which are about eight inches from top to bottom have a square base, and come to a point at the top. Inside there is a wooden batten across them at the part where the shield begins to narrow which serves to carry them by. All the shields are painted in rude splotches of color or irregular mottling, while some show a zigzag pattern of lines, or even diagonal bands, almost calling to mind the bars of heraldic shields, but so far as the position of the soldiers bearing these in the squad goes nothing tends to show that they had any distinguishing value.

The second squad are black-skinned and their hair similarly dressed and tied back, while their clothing consists of a very scanty loin cloth of a red or yellow color, and some few also wear necklaces and armlets. They are armed with bows and arrows only, each man carrying four arrows in his right hand and a bow in his left. These arrows are tipped with flint, which is shaped to a chisel-like edge, and not to a sharp point.

The race distinction between the two squads is very marked, by a difference not only in complexion, but in size; for the black soldiers are at least half a head shorter, and have, besides, a much larger proportion of small men in their ranks. The Egyptian squad is closely "locked up," which contrasts strongly with the much looser formation in which the black troops are marching; and though this may be partly due to the fact that the blacks are armed with the bow instead of the shield and spear, still the impression which one gets is that they represent the irregular forces rather than the regular drilled bodies to which the other squad seems to belong.

An extremely fine model of a boat comes from a twelfth dynasty tomb. It is five feet long and about 15 inches broad. It is fully decked over, and the after part of the deck is occupied by a two-roomed cabin, which takes up rather more than half the whole deck space. Each room has a wooden door, on which is drawn a portrait of the owner of the tomb, with his titles; in the forward cabin five figures are seated and two standing, one of whom is in the bow with a punting or sounding pole. The cabins are roofed over with bent wooden rafters, neatly fitted together. The mast is stepped in a hole in the deck and supported by a wooden box, which is strengthened by three wooden struts to keep it firm.—The Athenæum.

They Were Bound to Stoop.

There are no tables in the houses of the Esquimaux, and the women are, therefore, in the habit of placing everything on the floor. A Danish lady employed several Esquimau women to do some washing. Entering the washhouse she saw them all bending over the wash tubs that stood on the floor. To make them more comfortable she had some stools fetched and placed the tubs upon them. By and by she looked in to see how they were getting on, and, to her astonishment, discovered the women standing on the stools and stooping still more laboriously over the tubs, which still remained on the floor.

Rev. Joseph Cook To-Night.

To-night in the Massey Hall the celebrated lecturer, Rev. Joseph Cook of Boston, will deliver his most interesting and instructive lecture, "Seven Modern Wonders." A large number of seats have been sold.

Blew Out His Brains.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—James Bullock, the secretary of the Montreal Hunt Club, blew out his brains in his office in the Mechanics Institute, at 2.30 this afternoon. No reason is yet known for the act.

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THE MINISTRY SWORN IN.

The Oath of Office Administered in Montreal—Dr. Montague a Very Sick Man.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—The new Dominion Cabinet was sworn in to-day. The new and old Ministers arrived last night. Dr. Montague is suffering from heart trouble, and was in charge of a medical man.

Only the new men and the ones whose portfolios were changed had to be sworn in. The ceremony did not take long, though there were three distinct oaths to be taken for the entirely new Ministers, the oath of allegiance, the Privy Council oath, in which they promise to keep the secrets of state, and the Departmental oath.

Dickey alone had to go the whole round.

Dr. Montague was much improved. He only had to take two, being without portfolio, and the remainder only the Departmental oath.

They were sworn in in the following order:

Premier, Hon. Mackenzie Bowell; Minister of Fisheries, Hon. John Costigan; Minister of Justice, Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper; Hon. Mr. Ives, Minister of Trade and Commerce, and Dr. Montague, without portfolio. After being sworn in they all signed their names to the Privy Council roll, which is of fine parchment, some thirty feet long, and which, when not in use, reposes in a silver box in charge of the Secretary of State.

The ceremony took place in the drawing room of the Governor-General's residence. When it was finished the new Ministers luncheoned at the Windsor.

Dr. Montague Ill.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Dr. Montague, the member for Haldimand, who has been taken into the Cabinet without portfolio over the heads of Messrs. Wallace and Wood, is known to be a sick man. When he left for Montreal his face was bloodless. He was accompanied by Dr. R. W. Powell of Montreal, who stated that his patient was suffering from nicotine poison in the nerves of the stomach, being to a certain extent paralyzed from oversmoking. Though this may be true, it is to be stated that he is suffering from the complaint with which Sir John Thompson was stricken down, viz., fatty degeneration of the heart.

West Bruce Patrons Don't Agree.

Tiverton, Ont., Dec. 21.—The Patrons of West Bruce held a convention here today to nominate a candidate for the Commons, but they failed to make a choice. The vote was divided between Mayor Tolmie of Kincardine, who is expected to be the P.P.A. candidate, and Mr. W. Valens of Kinloss, but as neither received a sufficient majority no nomination was made.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

What Makes Yuletide the Popular Festival—At Headquarters.

It is surely pleasant to reflect that at Christmas time, on the one great festival of the year, the care-burdened man of this hustling, bustling age, may forget—or nearly forget—the sordid struggle for wealth and power, and become for a season at least, the generous and sociable person he was meant to be. And Yuletide is here once more, with all its festive accompaniments.

"Christmas cheer." What a significance those words possess. What other phrase is so expressive, yet so hard to define? And what, after all, would the holiday be without Christmas cheer?

And while on this subject it may not be amiss to direct the reader's attention to an establishment where an embodiment of Christmas cheer is to be seen. At the corner of Yonge and Czar-streets is situated the big grocery store known as Barron's, the best known and largest in the city. The passerby, looking through the windows of the big store, needs not to be reminded that Christmas is at hand. The whole establishment speaks of the festive season, for in the handsomely decorated store there are to be seen, tastefully arranged, all the creature comforts that go to make Christmas the season that it is.

Mr. Barron carries a stock of groceries that would not disgrace any wholesale house. In fact, the stock in many respects surpasses those of many of the wholesale grocery houses. Adhering to his purpose of keeping only the very best of everything, Mr. Barron usually finds it advisable to go to headquarters, and draws his supplies from the first source. He imports teas, coffees, table delicacies and other foreign produce, from England, France, China, India, Ceylon and other countries, and in this way is enabled to give his customers the best of everything, without going above the ordinary prices.

Barron's customers get their groceries, provisions, etc., by the shortest route from the producers. Everything is fresh and good, being tested by Mr. Barron. Prompt attention is given to all who visit the store, and no delay is permitted or experienced in any department.

Altogether Barron's may be pointed out as a model grocery store.

An Alleged Theft.

Sadie Jackson and Josephine Bacon, colored girls, who gave their addresses as 13 Centre-avenue, were arrested yesterday by Detectives Cuddy and Davis, on a charge of stealing $200 from W. J. Cheeseworth, a Bay-street tailor. Cheeseworth says he lost the money in a restaurant, whither he had gone with the accused girls.

SICK HEADACHE.

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