

## NOTES.

With the thermometer 52 degrees below zero in Winnipeg on Sunday the inhabitants of the western city will endeavor to make the people of Ontario believe that they did not feel the cold any more than did the citizens of southern Ontario the same day.

A correspondent writes to the St. Thomas newspapers, complaining of the use of profanity on the public streets there. It is used as a matter of course, just "as if it were legitimate language." There may be some excuse for letting fall a "cuss" word in the heat of passion, but there is none for those who habitually use profane language in their daily conversation. Its use is a sign of vulgarity and ignorance, and the wonder is that decent people tolerate it.

In these days when so much is being said in regard to county councils, John Auld, M.P.P. for South Essex, comes forward with, to say the least, a novel proposal. He believes that the county councils can be dispensed with. About the only business transacted by county councils, he says, is equalization of assessments and in numerous counties special commissions have had to be appointed to do this work. He believes that the entire business done by county councils could be done as well by the different municipal councils in each county and the tax payer be relieved of the expense of the present body. He will advocate this at the next session.

The last government report of births, marriages and deaths for Ontario is at hand, for the year 1903. It shows that Elgin county, with a population of 58,906, had 1,719 births, 1,675 marriages and 767 deaths. June is the chosen month for marriages, with December a good second, February being the least chosen. For denominational marriages, the Methodists lead all, with the Presbyterians a bad second. Taking the larger denominations the Baptists come fourth, there being a difference of 10,300 between the first and last of this list. The month in which our people prefer to die is not given. Prescott is the unhealthiest county with 14.9 per thousand. Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry are the healthiest, having 9.5. Tuberculosis is our greatest enemy, 2,723 being victims, although Elgin's proportion was only 20, while that of Stormont's was 109; Middlesex, 120, and Carleton, 184. The best place for this disease is Haliburton, with only 3 deaths.

## CHURCH UNION IN ELGIN.

A correspondent of the Globe visited St. Thomas with the view of ascertaining the opinion of certain prominent citizens in regard to church union. The feeling as expressed by those interviewed is strongly in favor of the proposed union. The article begins with the following bit of local history:

From the days of the earliest circuit riders who entered the Thames Valley about 1800 until the present the Methodists have been in the ascendant in Elgin, though in parts of the west half of the county the Scotch settlements are large, and the Presbyterians are greatly in the majority to-day in Alburgh and Dunwich. As a denomination they were a third of a century later in arriving, not getting here until 1834. In those early days there was a good deal of prejudice and even hatred between the different denominations. This was no doubt due, as in other places, to the old-world ideas brought by the immigrants, and to the absence of the means of communication, which later softened all the asperities of life. Stories are still told illustrating the hard feelings of one denomination toward another. One is of a Covenanted Baptist Scotch minister in Dunwich. He preached from the text, "And the devil went about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he might devour." He canvassed the county in his queries as to where the devil was anyway, and finally reached the conclusion:—"My friends, the devil is over in Elfrid with the Presbyterians drinking whiskey behind the woodpile."

## CANADIANS IN DETROIT.

Joseph Boyer, a millionaire manufacturer of Detroit, admires Canadians. Joseph Boyer likes young men, who, as he says, "have to scratch gravel." "They bring up fine young fellows in Canada," he says. "I like them because they are not afraid of hard work. It is the greatest mistake to say anything against Canadians. Look over the list of successful Detroiters, the big men in many other lake cities, and you'll find a lot of Canadian boys. They were brought up to work. Hot house children never did amount to anything, anyway. It is good for the United States that these boys come here. They are hardy, frugal and industrious. They are prudent and don't spend more than they make. It is bad for Canada to have her best young men coming to the States."

## Cured His Mother of Rheumatism.

"My mother has been a sufferer for many years from rheumatism," says W. H. Howard, of Husband, Pennsylvania. "At times she was unable to move at all, while at times walking was painful. I presented her with a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and after a few applications she decided it was the most wonderful pain reliever she had ever tried, in fact, she is never without it now and is at all times able to walk. An occasional application of Pain Balm keeps away the pain that she was formerly troubled with." For sale by R. A. Kirkland, druggist.

## THE MOLSONS BANK

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## TRAINING LIONS AT AYLMER.

Aylmer Express.—Mr. J. E. Appleton, whose stage name is Senor Cardona, has for the past two months been training the four magnificent lions owned by Mr. A. A. Leslie, and the results he has accomplished in so short a time are wonderful and confirm the claim which Mr. Leslie has always made, that he stands in the first rank among the animal trainers of the world. These lions knew nothing of the trainer when Cardona took them in charge, in fact no one had ever been in a cage with the two oldest. An arena was constructed in the palace at the fair ground and we were down there a few days ago and saw as good a half-hour performance as Bostock or any of the other great trainers can show.

When the lions came out into the arena each takes his or her allotted seat. (We might say there are two male and two female lions.) They then form several pyramids of different kinds, one particularly pretty one, placing two of them almost to the ceiling. Then he has a regular sec-saw or teeter with one lion at each end of the board and one in the centre and the fourth stretched across the centre on two pillars, forming an arch and a most beautiful picture. He has one of them so he can almost place his head in his mouth, but has not made the venture in full yet. Then he brings in an extension table about the ordinary size, spreads a tablecloth on it, puts a plate for each lion and one for himself, and all sit down to dinner together. Two of the lions will wear napkins, but the other two object to it. When all are seated, including Cardona, he feeds each one a few small pieces of raw meat and all have a good time.

## OUR INDIAN WARDS.

Show an Increase Both in Birth Rate and Earnings.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—The annual report of the Indian Department, just issued, shows an increase of 296 in the Indian population of Canada for 1905. Quebec, New Brunswick and Manitoba give increases in the population, while Ontario, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, British Columbia and the Northwest show decreases; 273 was the natural increase and 23 migratory.

The aggregate earnings of Indians from all sources, exclusive of interest moneys, annuities and rentals, were \$4,524,733, which was \$249,970 more than the previous year. About 45,000 acres were under cultivation, and \$1,264,705 realized from grain and roots harvested. Deputy Minister Pedley, in his report, says that intemperance among Indians is by no means the widespread evil that some seem to suppose. A marked improvement is taking place as far as drinking is concerned. There are 303 schools, an increase of five over the previous year.

## For Over Sixty Years.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used by millions of mothers for their children while teething. It is a most effective remedy for all the troubles of teething, such as fever, inflammation, and pain. It is a most effective remedy for all the troubles of teething, such as fever, inflammation, and pain. It is a most effective remedy for all the troubles of teething, such as fever, inflammation, and pain.

## Can't Collect.

Toronto, Jan. 22.—The court of appeal rules that the Elgin Loan and Savings Company cannot collect the amount of the guarantee policy the company took in the London Guarantee Company on behalf of Manager Rowley. The objection of the Guarantee Company was that the scope of Mr. Rowley's duties was much wider than covered by the statement submitted to them.

## A SUCCESSFUL HORSEMAN

Never allows his horse to suffer pain. He always uses Nerviline which is noted for curing stiffness, rheumatism, swellings and strains. Nerviline is just as good inside as outside. For cramps, colic, and internal pain it is a perfect marvel. In the good racing stables Nerviline is always used, because it makes better horses and smaller veterinary bills. Twenty-five cents buys a large bottle of Nerviline; try it.

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New life for a quarter. Miller's Compound Iron Pills. At Ling's Drug Store. Subscriptions to the Toronto Hospital building fund now amount to \$1,082,766.

## COUNTY COUNCIL.

The January session of the Elgin county council opened at the council chamber, St. Thomas, on Tuesday afternoon, all the members being present. County Clerk McKay presided, and the first business was the election of a warden.

Every member of the council was nominated for the position to begin with, but eight of the twelve dropped out, leaving in the field Councillors A. McCall, D. G. McPherson, W. F. Luton and Duncan Ferguson.

Thirty ballots were cast and yet the council adjourned without being able to come to a decision as to who would occupy the warden's chair for 1906.

## THE BRITISH ELECTIONS

London, Jan.—The following is a summary of the political situation at midnight:

Total seats..... 670  
Elections held..... 533  
Liberals elected..... 289  
Unionists..... 128  
Laborites..... 38  
Nationalists..... 80  
In the last house for same seats:  
Liberals..... 130  
Unionists..... 312  
Laborites..... 12  
Nationalists..... 79

## LETHBRIDGE—MC CREATH.

A quiet wedding was solemnized last evening at the residence of ex-Ald. H. A. Turnpenny, Oliver street, St. Thomas, when Miss Helen McCreath, sister of Mrs. Turnpenny, was united in marriage to John Lethbridge, a prosperous farmer of Southwold. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. W. Reede, M.A., of Alma street, and was witnessed by relatives, who were present from New York and other places.

## SALE REGISTER.

Daniel Black, auctioneer, will sell at the Queen's Hotel on Saturday, Jan. 28, 4 cows, 10 yearling steers, 6 yearling heifers, 2 calves, 10 shoats. Parties having stock for sale let him know.

Miller's Grip Powders Cure. At Ling's Drug Store.

A Royal Commission is to be appointed to investigate charges made against certain officials in the Ontario Fisheries Department.

Doctors and Druggists pronounce Miller's Compound Iron Pills the best on the market. 50 doses 25 cents. At Ling's Drug Store.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Absolutely Harmless.

The fault of giving children medicine containing injurious substances, is sometimes more disastrous than the disease from which they are suffering. Every mother should know that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is perfectly safe for children to take. It contains nothing harmful and for coughs, colds and croup is unsurpassed. For sale by R. A. Kirkland, druggist.

## Vapo-Cresolene

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Whooping Cough, Croup, Bronchitis  
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Cresolene is a long established and standard remedy for the diseases indicated. It cures because the air rendered strongly antiseptic is carried to the inflamed parts of the bronchial tubes with every breath, giving prolonged and constant treatment. Those of a consumptive tendency, or sufferers from chronic bronchitis, find immediate relief from coughs or inflamed conditions of the throat.

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## FARM FOR SALE

150 ACRES, Lots 23 and 24, Concession 8, Township of Dunwich. Soil, clay loam; bank barn 68x28, 2 good dwelling houses, nine rooms each; 1 acre of orchard and small fruits. Three wells at barn; well and cistern at house. The land is fairly well underdrained and in excellent state of cultivation. About twenty acres of hardwood. Always plenty of water. Two miles from church and school. J. T. ROGERS, Box 41, Iona.

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## Dress Goods Bargains

54-inch All-Wool Tweed and Cheviot Suitings, were 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, for.....	75c
1.25 and 1.50 Black Cheviot Suitings.....	75c
75c and 1.00 Black Suitings.....	50c
50c Tweed Dress Goods.....	33c
25c All-Wool Plaid Dress Goods.....	19c
25c All-Wool Serges—all colors.....	19c
50c French Flannels—all new patterns—for waists and dressing jackets.....	39c
10c and 12c Wrapperettes.....	8c
15c and 20c English Wrapperettes.....	10c
Flannelette, 7c and 8c quality.....	5c
Flannelette, 36 in.....	8c
Flannelette, 40 in., grey and white.....	10c
Apron Gingham, 36 in.....	6c
18c Heavy Cotton Shirtings.....	12c
Cotton Blankets, large size, grey or white, per pair.....	75c
All-Wool Blankets, large size, per pair.....	2 50
Women's Shaker Flannel Night Gowns, pink, blue or fancy stripes, reg. 1.00.....	59c
Women's latest style Short Corsets, white or grey, with suspenders, reg. 1.00.....	59c
White Vesting, something new for waists, reg. price 40c.....	25c

## Women's and Children's Coats

A few left over from last season, were 4.00 to 8.00. Sale price.....	\$ 1 00
25 00 Astrachan Jackets, 30 in. long.....	19 50
35 00 Astrachan Coats, 30 in. long, all sizes 34 to 44.....	25 00

Men's Overcoats, in stripes and checks, long Newmarket style, were 12.00 to 15.00.....	10 00
Men's Etoffe Pants, heavy all-wool cloth, in dark grey, also in stripes, were 2.00.....	1 50
Men's Imported Frieze Pants, in Oxford Grey and Navy Blue, all sizes.....	1 25
Men's Tweed Suits, double or single-breasted, reg. 8.50 to 12.00. Sale price.....	6 75

## Men's Hudson Bay Duck-Lined Coats

Lined with the purest Shearling lining, the skins being tanned and prepared with the wool on, is the warmest lining possible, gives summer warmth to the wearer and makes a great driver or top coat for the farm, being exceptionally light in weight.....

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Men's Broncho Gloves, H. B. Co. Brand

the best made..... 75c to \$1.00

H.B.K. Brand Men's Knit Sox..... 50c to 1 00

H.B.K. Brand Men's Large Shirts, full

length, extra sewed, best in market..... 1 00

H.B.K. Lumbermen's Socks mean pure,

genuine wool through and through.

When we say that these are the best

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## Big Chance to buy Ladies' New Felt Hats

100 Ladies' Sample Felt Hats, in all the new colors and shapes, regular price 1.00 to 2.00 each. To clear at.....	25c
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## Furniture Bargains A Chance to Buy a Good Sideboard Cheap

3 only Surface Oak Sideboards, British bevel plate glass mirror, two large drawers.....	10 00
6 only Surface Oak Bedroom Suites, dresser, stand and bed. Sale price.....	12 50
3 only Couches, 4 rows springs, velour covered.....	5 00

## Bargains in Shoe Department

6 Pairs Old Men's Felt Shoes, foxed with leather, big eyelets, sizes 2-8, 3-9, 1-10. Regular price \$2.00, for.....	1 50
4 Pairs Sterling Bros. whole stock grain high cut Felt Shoes, peg sole, 4 buckles, sizes 1-7, 2-8, 1-9, reg. 2.75, for.....	2 25
16 Pairs Men's Rubbers, a little pointed, made to sell at 75c. Sizes 3-7, 5-10, 5-11, 3-12. Sale price.....	40
15 Pairs Girls' Whole Stock Kip high-laced Shoes, sizes 7-11, 8-12, 1.25 Shoes.....	75
All of our Children's Warm Slippers, which were sold at 30c, 35c, 40c.....	25

You will find bargains all over the store during this month

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