

## Brantford Roofing!

Just received one car of  
Red & Green Crystal 1-2 & 3 Brantford  
Asphalt; 2 & 3 Leatheroid.

Also,  
1-2 & 3 Ply Barrett Roofing.  
1 & 5 lb. Tins Elastigum.  
Coal Tar in Casks and Tins.

**W. & G. RENDELL**

## Presbyterian General Assembly Votes for Church Union.

Official Vote Was 426 to 134—Austrian  
Loan Over Subscribed in New York—  
Reparations Question Still Un-  
satisfactory to France.

### Presbyterians VOTE FOR CHURCH UNION.

PORT ARTHUR, June 11.

The Presbyterian General Assembly

settled the Church Union

question here to-day. Closure was ap-

proved by a vote of 426 to 134.

The debate which opened

last Friday, Saturday and to-

day was abruptly ended. Two votes

were taken. The first was on the

question of an amendment involving

the holding of negotiations, which

was proposed by Rev. Dr. Drummond

of Montreal. This was defeated 416

to 134. The second vote on the main

question was carried 426 to 134.

Immediately after the action of the

Assembly decided to proceed

with the Union with the Method-

ist Congregational Churches on

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sengers will go forward by other  
liners and the steamer will be ex-  
amined for damages.

### LOST LIVES IN FLOOD.

WICHITA, Kansas, June 11.

Six persons are believed to have

lost their lives in the flood waters of

the Smoky River, near Wichita, ac-

according to reports reaching here this

afternoon. The water is said to be

sixteen feet deep over the entire val-

ley at that place.

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### Famous Abdications.

DIOCLETIAN, WHO GREW CAP-

BAGES; CHARLES V, WHO EN-

TERED A MONASTERY.

Abdication has been the refuge of

the weak and the fate of the strong.

Yet in the course of 2,000 years twice

at least have powerful Emperors, of

their own choice and unlike Napoleon

or James II., forewarned power for

privacy, the Roman Emperor Diocle-

tian in the fourth century and the

Holy Roman Emperor Charles V. in

the sixteenth. Their abdications form

one of the most remarkable parallels

in the history of kings.

Son of a Slave.

In the third century the Roman Em-

pire stretched from the Grampians to

the Sahara, and from the Atlantic to

the sands of Mesopotamia; to govern

these vast dominions the Roman leg-

ions chose Diocletian, the son of a

slave.

In Diocletian there shone the states-

man as well as the soldier; as the

latter he foresaw that the danger of

the Empire lay in the Goths, Vandals,

Burgundians, and Persians, outside its

frontiers; as the former he saw the

impossibility of organizing the Em-

pire from a single central Govern-

ment. He accordingly put the imper-

ial office and the imperial capital, as

it were, into commission, associating

with himself three imperial col-

leagues, and, with the City of Rome,

four imperial capitals, Treves, to

watch France and the West, Milan and

Sirmium (Mitrovitz) to watch Ger-

many and the Danube, and Nicomedia

(Ismid) to watch Asia. His policy of

decentralization soon justified itself

in every part of the Empire.

At the Height of His Success.

In Britain, France, and Africa re-

volts were suppressed by the wise

head of Diocletian and the firm hand

of his lieutenants; in Mesopotamia,

that bugbear which for centuries had

cost the Romans so much blood and

treasure and which successive Em-

perors could never make up their

minds either to conquer or to leave,

Diocletian patched up a peace with

the Kurds and Persians near Mosul

in 297. In 302 and 303 Diocletian and

his principal imperial colleague

Maximian celebrated at Rome a mag-

nificent triumph; it was the last

Eternal City ever beheld.

The next year, at the height of his

success, he abdicated, and retired to

his native village in Dalmatia, and for

ten years afforded the peasants the

unaccustomed spectacle of a Roman

Emperor growing vegetables. When

urged to resume the purple, he re-

plied: "If you could come and see my

cabbages, you would not invite me to

exchange happiness for power." He

died in 312.

For twelve centuries after Diocle-

tian's death history can find no such

striking abdication till, on October

25th, 1555, the Emperor Charles V.

leaving upon the arm of William of

Orange, announced his abdication in

the ancient palace of the Dukes of

Brabant at Brussels.

For over thirty years Charles had

worn the Crown of that Holy Roman

Empire, which in the sixteenth cen-

tury was rapidly becoming, as Vol-

taire remarked, "Neither Holy, nor

Roman, nor an Empire." Charles had

two dreams—the restoration of the

universal Empire of the West, upon

the foundations of Charlemagne and

Otto the Great, and the establishment

of an undivided church upon the

Rock of St. Peter. These two aims

were irreconcilable. At times his

hopes ran high. He defeated the

French at Pavia, the Germans at Mu-

burg, and the Turks before Vienna.

But the Germans and Netherlands

whom he persecuted as Protestants,

he needed as soldiers to fight the

French and Turks.

Escorted by the British Navy.

If he championed the spiritual au-

thority of Rome, he disputed her

claims to temporal power, and the