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Reuben Short, of a son.

DIED.

this city, on 24th inst., at her son's
30 Grey street, Eliza King, beloved
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ND STREET TOBOGGAN SLIDE
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as Day service. At 11 a.m. Rev. Dr.
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MEETINGS.

F TRADE.—A SPECIAL GENER-
ting of the London Board of Trade
in their rooms, Masonic Temple, on
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usiness. A large attendance is re-
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THE ANNUAL PUBLIC MEET-
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will be held in Collins' Hall on
evening next, December 26, at 7.30,
ose of receiving a report from the
ncil.—T. S. MINTON, Village Clerk.

OTICE.—A MEETING OF THE
of the Township of London for the
ominating fit and proper persons for
Reeve and Deputy-Reeve of said
the year 1889 will be held in the
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The Free Press

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TELESCOPED.

A Terrible Disaster on a Southern Railway—Two Persons Killed and Thirteen Badly Injured.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 24.—Passenger train No. 5 on the main stem of the Louisville & Nashville railroad, telescoped passenger train No. 23 of the Knoxville branch at Bardstown Junction at 8.52 o'clock this morning. Both trains left the city on time, but 23, which left 20 minutes ahead of 5, got delayed by frequent stops until it ran on the other train's line. At the Junction there is a sharp curve, and 23 stopped on the main track just around this curve. No 5 was running at the rate of 45 miles an hour, and split the rear and second coaches of the stationary train in two, scattering fragments in every direction. So far as learned there were thirteen persons severely hurt and two killed outright. The list is as follows:—Killed—Mrs. Mary Perkins, of Old Deposit, Ky.; W. Houston, of Water Creek, Ky. Wounded—Engineer McPherson and fireman Charles King, both of this city; E. R. Dickerson, Boston, Ky.; Miss Bertha Flownbacker, Boston, Ky.; E. S. Miller, Lebanon, Ky.; Judge Phillip Thompson, Shepherdsville, Ky.; Mrs. Ada Adams and S. K. Adams, Louisville; J. R. Mount and Mrs. Mount, Lagrange; Miss May Kennard, Louisville; Bertha Rohner, East Bernstadt. Engineer McPherson and Fireman King, both of train No. 5, are thought to be fatally hurt. The former remained at his post, but the fireman jumped. Both recovered consciousness sufficiently to state they had seen no flagman.

OTTAWA.

Items of Interest From the Dominion Capital.

Ottawa, December 24.—The question between the Ottawa River lumbermen and the Dominion Government over the payment of $59,000 arrears of rent due for the water power occupied by the lumbermen at the Chaudiere has been settled, by the lumbermen agreeing to pay up all arrears on condition that their leases are renewed for a period of 21 years.

The Mayoralty contest is the all-absorbing topic of conversation here. The candidates in the field are Ald. Erratt and Dr. Valade. The contest will be fought on the grounds of exemption of church property from taxation. Dr. Valade, the champion of the exemption party, will receive the votes of the Roman Catholics, while the other candidates will poll a large Protestant vote.

An Order-in-Council was passed in reference to the duty on musical instruments brought into Canada by opera and concert companies. Heretofore duty was charged on these instruments at the rate of 25 per cent. *ad valorem*. This new Order-in-Council stipulates that if the instruments are exported again from Canada within 30 days 90 per cent. of duty paid will be refunded.

Lord Stanley, the Governor-General, formally opened the Tache Tobogganing Slide here this evening. The ceremony was attended by a large number of people. The Governor went down the incline on the first toboggan, through the puddles of water which had run in on the surface of the chutes. A drizzling rain was falling at the time. Lord Stanley remarked that tobogganing was jolly good fun—if it was not for the water.

A train loaded with passengers on the Brooklyn Bridge ran into an empty train at the Brooklyn end of the structure last evening, the brakes of the former refusing to work. Two persons were injured, but not seriously.

REAL ESTATE.

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1346—Talbot street, brick cottage, 8 rooms, hall, closets, cellar, shed, etc.; lot, 99x181; $2,000.

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1339—William street, two brick cottages, 6 rooms, hall, pantry, cellar, etc., in each; lot to both, 66x100; $3,200.

1095—York street, 2-story frame, 6 or 7 rooms; lot, 55x198; $1,800.

1401—Maple street, frame 1½-story, 7 rooms, pantry, closets, kitchen, city and soft water; lot, 26x175; $1,800.

1380—Victor street, London South, 1½-story frame, 8 rooms, pantries, closets, halls, woodshed, good cellar, barn, orchard and good garden, hard and soft water; lot, 80 by about 190; $2,200.

1412—Talbot street, two-story brick, 8 rooms, hall, closets, etc., city water and soft water, shed; $2,200; right of way in rear.

1172—Pall Mall street, brick cottage, 5 or 6 rooms, fruit and ornamental trees; lot, 165x264; $3,000.

1028—Princess avenue, 2-story brick, 8 or 9 rooms; lot, 66x100; $3,000.

1303—Queen's avenue, 2-story frame dwelling, 9 rooms, pantry, etc., city and soft water, gas, etc.; lot, 50x100; $3,000.

1325—Regent and Victoria streets, frame cottage, 6 rooms, kitchen, cellar, stone foundation, stable, sheds, etc., with 11 acres; $3,000.

1217—Talbot street, frame 2-story residence and good lot; $3,000.

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1309—Adelaide street, corner Lorne avenue, two-story brick, grounds beautifully laid out, and clean; $2,800.

1411—Queen's avenue, two-story brick residence, 15 rooms, hall, closets, etc., large lawn, fruit garden, gas, city and soft water, bath room; lot, 160 by about 168; $9,500; will sell 50 feet of lot separately, $3,000.

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NEWS FROM THE OLD WORLD

THE POPE'S ADDRESS TO THE SACRED COLLEGE.

His Holiness Bitterly Complains of the Painful Situation He is Placed in—An Unfavorable Report Regarding Mr. Bright's Condition—French Statesmen Displeased with the Newfoundland Bait Law—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain at Home.

London, Dec. 24, midnight.

The Argentine Republic has joined the Telegraph Convention.

Sir William Frederick Pollock, formerly Queen's remembrancer, is dead.

The remains of Lawrence Oliphant will be interred at Twickenham on Thursday next.

It is reported at Berlin that a malaria-stricken German vessel is returning from East Africa.

The baseball game at Melbourne to-day resulted in favor of the All-America team. All-America, 15; Chicago, 13.

Henry A. Blake, whose appointment as Governor of Queensland was opposed by the people of that country, has been appointed Governor of Jamaica.

The marines in the arsenal at Constantinople have revolted because their wages have not been paid. The leaders were arrested. There was no bloodshed.

The French Senate has passed the estimates of the departments of the interior, the navy, and education and art, restoring the opera subvention of 500,000 francs.

James J. O'Kelly, M.P., was released from prison at Sligo to-day. His friends tendered him a reception, and presented him with an address and a purse of gold.

M. Vacquerie, a Republican, will contest against a Boulangist the election for the seat for the department of the Seine in the French Chamber of Deputies made vacant by the death of M. Hude.

The Liberals of Lunenburg County, N. S., held a convention at Mahone Bay on Saturday to select a candidate for the House of Assembly. J. D. Sperry, of Petit Reviere, was chosen and accepted.

To night's bulletin about Mr. Bright is unfavorable. It is announced that his lungs are in worse condition than they have been for a fortnight past, and that he is becoming weaker. Renewed anxiety is felt as to the existence of organic disease.

King Milan has postponed the opening of the Servian Shuptschina until Saturday next. His Majesty has appointed fifteen representatives to report to the Shuptschina a draft of the revised constitution. The Radical members vehemently oppose the new constitution.

McMartin, a French Siberian explorer, will soon start on an expedition to Central China, and the unexplored regions of Eastern Thibet. He will have a small escort, and will carry with him a complete outfit of astronomical and topographical appliances. He will be gone three years.

Herr Von Gossler, German Minister of Ecclesiastical Affairs and Public Instruction, has sanctioned the order of the Governor of Schleswig that the German language alone shall be used in Elementary Schools after the 1st of April next. Certain exceptions are made in connection with religious instruction.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain arrived at Birmingham to-day. They drove from the railway station to Highbury, Mr. Chamberlain's residence, in a carriage. They were not expected until Thursday and were not recognized. Mr. Chamberlain's son, Austin, welcomed his father and stepmother at London and accompanied them home.

In the French Senate to-day Admiral Varan alluded to the effects of the Newfoundland law which prohibited the sale of cod bait to French fishermen. He complained that the British had erected factories for canning lobsters on the French shore, greatly to the prejudice of the French fishermen, and asked that the Government put a stop to these encroachments on French rights. M. Goblet, Minister of Foreign Affairs, replied that the Government wanted to secure respect for the rights assured to France by the treaty of Utrecht. The French fishermen did not now require Newfoundland bait. France only occupied one-fifth of the French shore where English industries had been established. These had been tolerated as long as they did not interfere with French rights. The Government would now, however, cause their removal, and would at once open negotiations with England with the object of suppressing the English lobster factories complained of. He assured the Senate that the Government would neglect nothing that was calculated to develop the French fisheries (applause).

The Pope, addressing the Sacred College to-day, gave thanks to God for the blessing which his jubilee had brought him. He affirmed with much feeling his former utterances on the question of temporal power, and indignantly rejected the accusation that he was an enemy of Italy. He urged Catholics everywhere to agitate in a legal manner for the restoration of the Papal supremacy, and spoke in deprecation of recent liberal enactments in Italy. His address throughout was unusually violent and bitter. The speech referred exclusively to the Vatican and Italy. His Holiness said the whole world saw in what a painful situation he was placed. One could only ask, how far will they go? At the present time a systematic war was being waged. Even the person of the Pope was exposed to the threats of the mob. The enemies of the Holy See had weapons enough already to injure the Papacy, and if these did not suffice they were prepared to manufacture fresh weapons. It was persistently asserted that the Pope was the enemy of Italy. This assertion was simply made to mask the real object of the perfidious war against the Church, and that object was to render Italians hostile to the Papacy. To vindicate the rights of the Pontiff was, in reality, to advance the prosperity of Italy. To demand that the greatest moral power in the world should possess real sovereignty in Italy where Providence placed the Church centuries ago was not an act of hostility to the country. The fact that bishops in foreign lands were laboring for the restoration of the Pope's temporal rights proved that interests of the whole Catholic Church were bound up in the cause.

TORONTO.

Fire in a Wholesale Grocery House—Legal Notes—The Ministerial Association and the Anti-Poverty Society.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Fire broke out this evening in the wholesale grocery store of Eby, Blair & Co., 19 Front street. The damage done by the fire was slight, the flames being soon extinguished. A good deal of damage, however, was done by the water used in putting the fire out, tea and other groceries being spoiled to the extent of $3,000 or $4,000, which is fully insured.

The hearing of the motion to set aside the award of ex-Judge Clarke and his brother arbitrators in the celebrated railway construction case of Conmee vs. C. P. R. Co. took place before Judge Rose. Judgment was reserved.

An order was asked for the release of James H. Samo, who eight months ago wes imprisoned under a *capias*. The Judgment Debtor's Act was urged as legal ground for his release, but the application was refused.

The Toronto Ministerial Association to-day decided to receive a deputation from the Anti-poverty Society in case the latter body choose to send one. The Association also arranged for a week of prayer, commencing Jan. 7.

Mr. J. Baldwin Hands has issued a writ of summons against S. R. Clarke, claiming heavy damages for alleged false and malicious arrest.

The Government of Ontario expect to spend $25,000 on the erection of additional buildings in connection with the proposed practical school of science.

The usual New Year's Day reception at the Government House will not be held this year on account of the illness of Miss Margory Campbell. The ball announced for the 16th January is postponed.

THE BURNED STEAMER.

The Loss of Life by the Destruction of the Kate Adams May Reach Sixty.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 24.—There is nothing of a startling nature to report to-day concerning the disaster to the steamer Kate Adams. The loss of life is not yet definitely known, and the probability is that the exact number who were drowned will never be known. Thirty-five is the most conservative estimate, but of a party of 15 laborers which boarded the steamer below Friars' Point, only two are said to have been saved. If this be true, there are no means of substantiating the fact. The loss of lives may reach 60, as many negroes who were on the lower deck lost their lives in attempting to swim ashore from the stern of the burning steamer. The boat and cargo were valued at $145,000.

He "Got Even" With His Wife.

Springville, Me., December 24.—On Thursday last John Bernier, a French Canadian, was convicted of cruel and abusive treatment of his wife and fined. During the trial he was heard to threaten to "get even" with his wife. On Saturday morning a doctor was called to Mrs. Bernier, and found her suffering from poisoning with Paris green, which her husband said she had taken despite his efforts to prevent her. The next day it was learned that she was dead. An examination of the facts seemed to show that on Friday night, while the woman was still suffering from the poison, Bernier beat her cruelly and thrust her out of doors in the bitter cold. She crept back, and he beat her again until exhausted. She died on Sunday. An inquest will be held at once. The deceased leaves three little children

Municipal Nomtuations Yesterday.

Saugeen—For Reeve, Jesse Smith, P. Cummings, J. McEwing. For Councillors, R. Webb, R. Smyth, Wm. McVittie, J. Gowanlock, D. Baker, A. Rankin, J. Lotter.

Bruce Township—For Reeve, Dr. McKay, Geo. Leeds. Deputy-Reeve, Daniel McNaughton, Geo. H. Francey. Councillors, Angus McKinnon, Alex. Black, John McInnes, Donald Munro, Neil McDougall, Alex. Gordon, Hugh McDougall, James Keillor, James Funston.

Perished in the Flames.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 24.—A special from Scranton says:—"Early this morning fire occurred at Forest City, in Susquehanna County, which destroyed the home of Mrs. John Priestly. The woman and her grandson were caught in the flames and burned to death. The woman was left $3,000 four months ago on the death of her husband, and by some the fire is regarded as being the means of covering a darker crime, as she is believed to have kept considerable sums about the house."

Preeper's Christmas Box.

Ottawa, December 24.—The Minister of Justice has commuted the sentence of death imposed upon W. J. Preeper, of Halifax, N.S., for the murder of Peter Doyle, to imprisonment for life. Preeper, it will be remembered, appealed to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, and later to the Supreme Court of Canada against the death sentence, but both appeals were dismissed. The sentence was to have taken effect next month.

A Fatal Boiler Explosion.

Denver, Col., Dec. 24.—Word has been received here from Boulder, Col., that at Hastings' saw-mill boiler, near Gold Hill, exploded on Saturday, instantly killing H. McDonald, A. Barnard and two men named Nodlett and Niles, and fatally scalding M. Barnard.

A Railway Dynamiter Sentenced.

Geneva, Ills., Dec. 24.—In the case of Baueveism, chief of the dynamiters at Aurora, Ills., who has been on trial here for several days, the jury returned a verdict of guilty, and fixed his sentence at two years' imprisonment.

Col. Chas. H. Coster dropped dead in front of the Presbyterian Hospital, New York, last night. He was well known in Grand Army circles.

LOCAL LEGAL NOTES.

Recently-Delivered Judgments from the High Courts.

Jones vs. Grand Trunk Railway Company—Judgment on appeal by the defendants from the judgment of the Chancery Court Division, refusing to disturb the verdict for the plaintiff for $2,000 in an action under Lord Campbell's Act, for the death of the plaintiff's husband by the alleged negligence of the defendants. Appeal allowed with costs, Hagarty, J. C. O., dissenting, and action dismissed with costs, on the ground that there was no evidence from which negligence could properly be inferred. Per Hagarty, C. J. O.—No specific Act of negligence was necessary to fix the defendants with liability for negligence; it might properly be inferred from evidence as to circumstances and surroundings. McCarthy, Q. C., and W. Nesbitt for the appellants, W. R. Meredith, Q. C., and R. M. Meredith (London) for the respondent.

North American Mfg. Co. vs. Cleland.—Judgment. Plaintiff's motion for judgment notwithstanding the finding of the jury in an action for damages for non-delivery of promissory notes as part of the price of a machine; dismissed with costs. Held, that there was ample evidence to support the jury's finding that the machine was not capable of doing good work, and the plaintiffs' right to receive the notes never became complete because the warranty of it was never complied with.

Hodgins vs. Walsh.—Judgment. Motion by defendant to set aside judgment of Falconbridge, J., at London in favor of the plaintiff in an action on a promissory note dismissed with costs. Held, that there was evidence to justify the finding of the trial judge against the defences of time being given and waiver, and his judgment should not be disturbed; in any case there was no consideration for a waiver shown, and the evidence of it would have to be very clear. P. McPhillips and Tennant (London) for the motion. W. R. Meredith, Q. C., contra.

Re Clark and Township of Howard.—Judgment on appeal by the township from the judgment of Robertson, J. (14 Ont. R. 598) quashing a by-law of the township for the construction of three drains. Appeal dismissed with costs. Pegley (Chatham) and D. Mills (London) for the appellants. M. Wilson (Chatham) for the respondent.

Leitch vs. Grand Trunk Railway Co.—Judgment. Appeal by the plaintiff from order of Macmahon, J., at Chambers (12 P.R. 541) allowed with costs, and order of local judge at London for the examination of a conductor of the defendants for discovery restored; but the plaintiff to pay the costs of the original order and of the examination at the end of the action. Held, (1) That in an action of negligence where the question is whether the train stopped a reasonable time to allow the plaintiff to get off, the conductor of the train is an officer of the railway company examinable for discovery under R.S.O. (1877) ch. 50, sec. 156. (2) Falconbridge, J., dubitante, that the conductor having been examined and cross-examined at the trial, and having offered to made discovery was not a reason for refusing to order his examination for discovery before a second trial. W. R. Meredith, Q. C., for the plaintiff. Aylesworth for the defendants.

Kilrain's Terms.

New York, Dec. 24.—The following are the terms which Kilrain will insist on in his match with Sullivan: "That the stakes be $20,000, open for $25,000 a side. That the battle be fought within 200 miles of any city, Kilrain preferring New Orleans or Sioux City. The battle to be also for the championship belt; the match to occur within three or four months of signing articles." An effort is made to force the belt down Sullivan's throat, as the sports think in belief that Sullivan will turn from the match. He also requires that the referee be named after the last deposit is made.

Shipwrecked Crews.

San Francisco, December 24.—Advices from Honolulu report the arrival there of the British man-of-war Hyacinthe from Tahiti. The Hyacinthe called at Malden's Island and rescued two shipwrecked crews of 24 men. They included master, two mates and 13 men of a German ship named Hermann, and eight of a crew of a Swedish bark Virgo, both vessels having been wrecked on the island November 27th, when the captain, mate, carpenter, cook and two seamen of the Virgo were drowned. All of the Hermann's crew escaped.

Crushed to Death Under a Mass of Coal.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 24.—This morning while a gang of men were at work at the Ohio Coal Company's dock, one of the bins holding 600 tons of stove coal burst and buried John Jackson and John Oleson under the mass. Both were killed. Oleson was first discovered, and died as soon as removed. When found Jackson was crushed beyond all recognition. Oleson was unmarried, but Jackson left a widow and two children in destitute circumstances.

SHIPPING.

Date.	Steamships.	Reported at.	From
Dec. 24—	State of Nebraska	Glasgow	New York
"	Ems	Southampton	"
"	Persian Monarch	London	"
"	Sarnia	New York	Liverpool
"	*Oregon	Halifax	
"	Fruestan	Philadelphia	Glasgow
"	Caspian	Halifax	Liverpool
"	Moravia	New York	Hamburg

*Mail steamer.

Surrendered.

Washington, Dec. 24. — Secretary Whitney to-day received a cable message from Admiral Luce, in command of the United States steamer Galena, at Kingston, Jamaica, saying the American steamer Haytian Republic was surrendered to him by the Haytian authorities upon demand.

A Fatal Railway Accident.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 24.—A passenger train on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad ran into the Knoxville branch passenger at Bardstown Junction this morning. Two passengers were killed and eleven injured.

Earthquake at Belleville.

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 24.—A slight shock of earthquake was felt here last night.

PRESENT TO THE POSTMASTER.

Honoring a Public Servant of 36 Years' Standing.

A very pleasing event transpired in the Post Office a little after four o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the clerks made Mr. R. J. C. Dawson, the popular Postmaster, the recipient of a tangible token of their esteem in the shape of an elegantly-chased silver water pitcher, which bore the inscription, "Christmas, 1888. Presented to R. J. C. Dawson, Postmaster, London, by the clerks." In making the presentation Mr. John Hunter made a few remarks, referring to the pleasure it gave him on behalf of his associate clerks to present the Postmaster with this slight token of their regard. He had worked with him for twenty-two years, and had invariably found him a model public servant, always anxious that the public interests entrusted to him should be protected. Mr. Dawson had exhibited a great deal of forbearance in their shortcomings, and after the lapse of over twenty years, both as Assistant Postmaster and Postmaster, he could say that he had not changed in any respect, but was always kind and considerate to his subordinates.

Mr. Dawson was taken entirely by surprise, but, nevertheless, made a very happy reply. After thanking the clerks for their kind remembrance, he referred to his early connection with the London Post Office. He entered the service on the 13th of July, 1852, the office then being located in a brick building on Rideut street, and the staff consisting of the Postmaster and only three clerks. From this building the office was removed to the Royal Exchange (O'Callaghan's Terrace), on the corner of Ridout and Dundas streets. A year or two later it was removed to the Buckley Block (near where Sare's restaurant now stands), and again to the store now occupied by Mr. John Moule as a grocery. In 1862 the office was removed to the present building. Working his way up step by step, he was appointed Assistant Postmaster in April, 1860, and finally Postmaster in June, 1881. Mr. Dawson again heartily thanked the clerks for their handsome gift, and assured them that he would ever look upon it with feelings of pride.

Christmas Pastoral.

The Bishop of Huron has issued the following:—

Synod Office, Diocese of Huron,
London, Nov. 23, 1888.

To the Brethren, the Laity of the Diocese of Huron, Greeting:—

With a grateful sense of all God's mercies vouchsafed to Mrs. Baldwin, my daughter and myself during our recent travels, I now return you my sincere thanks for your earnest prayers on our behalf, and for all the comfort and refreshment which your sympathy and good will afford.

Understanding that the past season has been one of comparative prosperity, and that the evidences of Divine blessing are manifest on every side, I trust that a generous and grateful spirit will animate every member of our Church, and that all the congregations in the Diocese will demonstrate their affection and regard for their pastors in the coming joyous season of Christmas, not only by their prayers, but by their material wealth and plenty.

You know, dear friends, the earnestness and untiring devotion with which they have labored among you, and how limited—and in many instances how utterly inadequate—their meagre stipends are to meet their humble wants; may I ask you therefore in your Christmas offertory to assist your clergy with a liberal hand, and, by an effort which will be comparatively easy for you, place them beyond the limits of financial anxiety and care.

Wishing you all the sanctified and eternal joys which the holy season of Christmas naturally suggests, and praying that God, through His dear Son, may be for ever glorified in you, I remain, yours in Christ Jesus,

MAURICE S. HURON.

A Pertinent Question.

To the Editor of the Free Press.

DEAR SIR,—I see by this morning's FREE PRESS that the Chairman of the Water Commissioners details the movements of the Board in regard to securing a new pumping engineer. From the apparent fairness of the steps taken by the Commission, I am led to enquire whether the members of the Commission are aware of the rumor prevalent in Woodstock, where Mr. Findlay belongs, that for some time previous to the examination one of the examiners was a guest of the new pumping engineer, and was closeted with him for two days? If the report is true it opens the way to a manner of surmises, and gave Mr. Findlay an advantage over all his competitors. The public, if the statement is authentic, would like to know why the Commissioners did not enquire into this. Yours truly,

A MACHINIST.

London, Dec. 24, 1888.

A Chicago despatch says:—Passenger rates to the North-west which have been cut for several weeks, were advanced to the regular rate this morning on all roads leading to the North-west, the fare being $11.50 to St. Paul first-class and $9 second-class. On January 1 the passenger fares for tickets from Chicago to Council Bluffs, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Atcheson and Leavenworth will be advanced to $12.50 first-class. The rates from Chicago to points between and beyond the above named terminals will, on the same date, be advanced to rates shown in the Chicago rate-sheet in effect on first instant.

It was ascertained on Saturday that G. M. Cotter, of Sophiasburg, a young man who had been attending a commercial college at Belleville, was missing. The belief that he was the person supposed to have been drowned two miles east of that city, on the 15th, impressed his friends, and a search was made which resulted in the finding of his body yesterday.

H. and J. Van Wormer, brothers, aged respectively 55 and 58 years were struck by an engine on the Albany & Susquehanna railway, near Oneida, yesterday and instantly killed.

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