The January Sale.

Now look carefully at this coat; it will bear close scrutiny.

It is a careful drawing of the overcoat we offer to-day at 10.25.

It's a common-sense overcoat—no "freak" fashion; it's a kind that will not be out of style next year, nor the year after. It's the January sale, not the quality of the coat, that makes the price 10.25, for it's a regular 15.00 coat.

OAK HALL CLOTHIERS

115 King Street East,
116 Yonge Street.

THE PENITENT ORIENT.

What's the news from China?
Powers have a grip
On the situation—
Hear the cracking whip!
Boxers panic-stricken—
Movement is in shreds—
Under fierce excitement,
Losing of their heads.

Headsman getting busy,
Working overhours;
Cutting things per orders
Of the allied powers;
Yellow devils failing
Prey to anxious fears,
Lose the things they walk on
Close up to their ears.

Li Hung Chang's housecleaning,
Emperor at nights
Burns three yaller candles
Setting things to rights;
Hopes by Chinese New Year
To do penance grand,
And resume his business
At the same old stand.

Spain Favors Arbitration.

Madrid, Jan. 7.—The Federal Republic party has introduced resolutions in the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies declaring that Spain should adhere to the first proposal of arbitration between Great Britain and the two Boer Republics, whether coming from Holland or some other power, and that if no such proposal is forthcoming Spain should take the initiative.

Boers Beaten Back.

Lorenzo Marquez, Jan. 7.—Reporting to the War Office, under date Jan. 6, Lord Kitchener says: "Yesterday Dabington engaged Delarey's and Steenkamp's commandoes at Naauwpoort. The enemy was forced to retire to the northwest. Our casualties have not yet been received, but are reported slack. A Boer doctor admitted that 20 Boers were killed or wounded. Commandant Dupree was taken prisoner.

"It appears from reports of the wounded who have arrived at Heilbron that a detachment 120 strong belonging to Knox's command came into contact with a superior force near Lindley. I regret to say that Lieut. Laing, two other officers and 15 men were killed, and two officers and 20 men wounded. No details have come from Knox of this action."

Submarine Boat Out of Business.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 7.—Submarine warships such as the Holland boat have been rendered useless, it is claimed, by an invention of Prof. Elisha Gray of Chicago, the inventor of the Telautograph, and Arthur J. Mundy of this city. By means of the invention an extremely delicate and sensitive machine, the signals of an approaching submarine boat could be heard in time for the object of attack to steam out of danger, provided the latter ship were equipped with the invention. Henry M. Whitney, commander; A. P. Nazro, U.S.N.; Prof. W. C. Sabine of Harvard and Prof. W. Y. Allen have signed a report of a test of the invention, which says:

"We hereby certify that we have this day heard the submerged bell of a steamer engaged for the purpose at distances of one and one-half, four, eight, and twelve miles in the open sea."

An Echo of the Election.

A Howland man and a Spence man were exchanging language as the returns were being bulletined down town last night.

As the majority kept climbing up, the Howlandite became jubilant and sarcastic.

"Better go and get a drink to cheer you up a little bit," he said:

"I wish I knew where to get one, and I would take your advice," was the sincere reply.

"Come up to my house, and we will have a bottle of Shamrock Ale," said the happy ratepayer.

He ordered the ale from Taylor, 205 Parliament-street, on Saturday, so it came in very handy as the friends of the victor and the vanquished talked the battle over the bottle, in the satisfied man's dining-room.

Brockville Gets Them.

An entry in the shipping books of the old firm of Heintzman & Co. tells of the increasing popularity of these instruments. In time to reach their destination before the New Year is found the record of five grand pianos of this firm in upright form, addressed individually to five of Brockville's most prominent citizens.

PLATE PRICES.

Superior skill, material and facilities produce Artificial Plates that give the wearer comfort, natural expression, easy articulation and a hygienic substitute for Nature's teeth.

Nothing else ever will.

Such work cannot be "cheap." Cheapness cheapens the result and makes the experiment dear.

We hold charges down to what is fair—hold the quality of work up to all that is best.

Set of Teeth, $5.
Best Set, on Rubber, $7.50 up.
Best Set, on Aluminum, $15 up.
Best Set, on 20k Gold, $40 up.
Extraction Free when plates are ordered.

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HAMILTON NEWS

BOARD OF TRADE QUARTERLY

The Elections Responsible for a Small Attendance at Yesterday's Meeting.

STOVE COMBINE LIKELY TO GO.

Conviction Against a License Holder Quashed by Judge Snider—General News.

Hamilton, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The Board of Trade quarterly meeting this afternoon was poorly attended, owing to the elections. H. H. Davis, hide inspector, reported the following number of hides inspected during the last half year: No 1 6077, No. 2 2113, No. 3 157. Total 8347. Fees collected $417.35. At the request of the Ottawa Board of Trade, the board will reconsider the question of technical schools. It was agreed to accept R. Dowson Starling's offer to lecture on "Manchester and Its Ship Canal." Mr. Starling belongs to Toronto, and is the company's Canadian representative. The Board decided to refer to a special committee a communication from the Brantford Board of Trade respecting the Extra Provincial Corporations' Act, by which commercial corporations holding charters granted by the Dominion Government must take out Provincial licenses. Brantford does not approve of Ontario's stand.

Winter Assizes Opened.

Mr. Justice Ferguson opened the winter assizes this afternoon. Ald. Alex. Dunn was chosen foreman of the jury.

Niagara Fruit Growers' Co. v. Bell, an action to recover under a guarantee bond, which was tried at the last assizes, and in which the jury disagreed, has been settled out of court.

Gilmour v. T., H. & B. Railway was another action settled out of court. The widow and daughter of Engineer Gilmour of the T., H. & B., who was killed at Brantford late summer, sued for $5000. By the settlement Mrs. Gilmour receives $550 and her daughter $400.

Faulds v. Gartshore goes over to the next court.

The Stove Combine.

Dr. McAuley of Chicago, who is the promoter of the contemplated consolidation of the stove foundries of Western Ontario, was at the Royal Hotel to-day. He stated that there was every prospect of the deal going thru, but he preferred saying nothing about the plans of the promoters. Some unforeseen obstacles have delayed the closing of the deal and the doctor did not think everything would be in shape for the consolidation until early spring.

Wanted a "Salaried Attorney."

This morning Judge Snider quashed a conviction entered against Theodore Cook of the Grand Central Hotel by Magistrate Jelfs. Constable Campaign found Cook selling liquor during prohibited hours on Saturday, Dec. 15. The same officer caught Cook doing business again on Sunday, Dec. 16. Chief Smith laid an information against Cook, charging him with violating the license law on the previous Saturday and Cook pleaded guilty. Later another information was laid against Cook, charging him with committing a second offence. Cook appeared in the Police Court, was found guilty and fined $40.

James Haverson of Toronto acted for Cook in the appeal proceedings, and the appeal was taken on the ground that a licensee cannot commit a second offence until after he has been convicted of the first. The case again illustrates the need of a salaried Crown Attorney from whom the police department can get advice in the matter of laying charges. The present attorney receives fees, and claims, it is alleged by the police, that it is not his duty to advise the department in the matter of preferring charges.

Minor Matters.

Rev. J. K. Unsworth read a paper on "Christianity and the Modern Spirit," at the meeting of the Ministerial Association this morning.

Robt. Lucas, proprietor of the Crystal Cafe, died suddenly this morning of heart disease.

A parchment certificate has been awarded to Walter Gallinger for promptitude and conspicuous bravery in saving Jane Dennison from drowning in the canal at Cornwall on July 14, 1900.

Rice & Barton's Extravaganza Company appeared at the Star Theatre this evening and gave a bright show.

HAMILTON WOMAN'S SUIT.

Mrs. Charlotte Bridgewood Desires to Recover $25,000 on a Land Deal—Action is Deferred.

Buffalo, Jan. 7.—Lewis H. Coles' sensational suit against Mrs. Charlotte Bridgewood of Hamilton, Ont., to recover $25,000 in connection with the famous Kentucky land deal did not go on trial in part I. of the Supreme Court this morning.

When the case was called, Coles' attorney stated to the court he was not ready for trial, and asked that the case be put over the term.

Mrs. Bridgewood's attorney opposed such action. He said he was ready to go to trial, and had his witnesses in court. Mrs. Bridgewood was in the rear court room in the custody of Matron Hathaway of the jail.

The attorneys finally agreed that the case go over, and an order was made vacating the order of arrest against Mrs. Bridgewood and releasing her from the jail where she has been detained for several months awaiting trial of the case.

Mrs. Bridgewood's suit against Cole for damages is on the calendar of the same court. Her attorney said this case would be called in a day or two, and he will insist upon it being tried out. Cole is still in jail on the order of arrest obtained against him by Mrs. Bridgewood. Some sensational developments may arise in her case against him.

TORONTO'S HOPE IS MAYOR HOWLAND.

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those heartless branches of economics. John Bowman always had a tender word for any poor wight who was in trouble. Dr. Lynd, who was in the Council of 1899, comes back as a Liberal in the room of Ald. Asher. Mr. W. W. Hodgson takes the Conservative seat vacated by Ald. Bowman, so that the change was a fair exchange in the political sense.

On the whole, the new Council will be richer for the new blood and will not be poorer in material.

THE VOTE BY WARDS.

The following is the vote received by each candidate in each of the six wards:

Ward One.	
FRAME	1870
RUSSELL	1352
STEWART	1321
RICHARDSON	1237
Preston	1077
Ward Two.	
OLIVER	2402
FOSTER	1987
COX	1825
LAMB	1742
Barber	1429
Akers	1424
Ward Three.	
SHEPPARD	2561
LUDDY	2514
STEARD	1922
McMURRICH	1876
Saunders	1620
Morrison	1565
Bowden	1499
Curry	993
Hunter	733
Fraser	720
Curtis	246
Barton	101
Tremaine	98
Ward Four.	
URQUHART	3191
BURNS	2680
HUBBARD	2673
CRANE	2500
Williamson	1699
Platt	740
Ward Five.	
STARR	1907
FRALEIGH	1748
BELL	1595
WOODS	1571
Stewart	1505
Dunn	1440
Denison	1418
Dunbar	447
Schilling	81
Ward Six.	
GRAHAM	1687
WARD	1525
HODGSON	1481
LYND	1325
Bowman	1286
Asher	1145
O'Neill	347

SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

The features of the election of School Trustees were the magnificent vote polled by Mr. G. H. Gooderham in Ward 3, the choice of a lady lawyer (Miss Clara Brett Martin) in Ward 2 and the defeat of Trustee T. S. Lobb in Ward 1.

Several new faces will be seen on the board. T. S. Lobb was the only member of last year's board to fall down at the polls, but several vacancies were caused by retirements. In Ward 4, Mr. Lobb was badly defeated by John C. Jones and Lewis Brown. The latter has served on the board before. In Ward 2, Dr. Noble secured re-election easily, and Miss Clara Brett Martin, barrister, was also elected, receiving nearly as many votes as Dr. Noble. Miss Martin fills the vacancy caused by the retirement of Trustee John R. Allan.

In Ward 3, Mr. G. H. Gooderham polled 3285 votes, and will occupy the seat vacated owing to the retirement of Mr. McKendry. Trustee Baird was re-elected, and enters upon his 13th term on the board.

In Ward 5, Trustee J. A. Keeler was re-elected. The other member-elect is R. H. Watson, who fills the vacancy caused by the retirement of Ald.-elect W. W. Hodgson. Mr. Watson only polled eight votes more than the defeated candidate, Mr. Turbill.

The vacancy for a one-year term caused by the retirement of Ald.-elect Starr will be filled by W. N. McEachren, who will enter upon his first term.

There was a decidedly active interest in the contests.

The state of the poll was as follows:

Ward One.	
JONES	1332
BROWN	1291
Lobb	970
Ward Two.	
NOBLE	1350
MARTIN	1319
Thompson	973
Edmunds	827
Cauldwell	783
Hansford	763
Hogg	359
Ward Three	
GOODERHAM	3285
BAIRD	2242
Boxall	1231
Elliott	736
Ward Four.	
KENT	(accl.)
OGDEN	(accl.)
Ward Five.	
KEELER	1889
WATSON	1733
Tuthill	1725
—For One-Year Term.—	
McEACHREN	1199
Lee	1162
Tytler	724
Sabine	319
(Sub-division No. 10 to hear from.)	
Ward Six.	
DOUGLAS	(accl.)
SPENCE	(accl.)

IN FAVOR OF CIVIC GAS.

Following is the result of the vote on the question: "Are you in favor of the city purchasing and operating the gas plant?"

	For.	Against.
One	1298	87
Two	2272	120
Three	2915	152
Four	2805	171
Five	2751	119
Six	1821	728
	13,862	6477

Majority in favor 7385.

CROWDS ON THE STREETS.

Lively Interest Taken in the Election of Mayor Howland—A Tremendous Throng.

The weather last night was most favorable for the gathering of a large crowd down-town to witness the returns thrown upon canvas by the various newspapers. Rarely has such a crowd been seen on the occasion of a municipal election—as that which last night thronged Yonge and King-streets in the vicinity of the various offices. Soon after 7 o'clock traffic became blocked. The street cars having some difficulty in making a passage thru the crowd. The returns were somewhat slow in coming in, and in order to keep the crowd in humor various well-known faces and scenes were thrown upon canvas by limelight. The mass of the people kept moving from one newspaper office to another, occasionally much crushing and jostling and damage to ladies' bonnets and finery. As soon as the returns began to be flashed out the crowd showed its sympathies, yelling now for one candidate, then for another, those contesting the Mayoralty being in greatest demand, the aldermen being almost forgotten. It was not long before it became apparent to the most doubtful that Howland was to be Toronto's next Mayor. As his majority ascended and no more doubt was left as to his election the crowd began to evince more interest in the aldermanic candidates.

About 9 o'clock one crowd which had listened quietly to the returns, showing every time a majority for Howland, were given a hint to go home in the following words: "Howland's majority anything you like."

However, until a late hour crowds still hung about the newspaper offices viewing various pictures of public men and pastoral scenes. The streets emptied rapidly after 11.30 p.m., only a few feeling more or less exuberant remained.

MAYOR PRAISES THE WORLD.

To Ten Thousand People Mr. Howland Spoke From The World Building.

As soon as the results indicated that Mr. Howland was at the head of the polls, his supporters who crowded The World's editorial room clamored for a speech. An adjournment was made to the rooms of the Central Press Agency, where, thanks to the kindness of Mr. Fred Diver, the front window was utilized as a rostrum.

Ten thousand people thronged the street in front of The World office and blocked all street car service. Ten thousand throats cheered for Maclean and Howland. Mr. W. F. Maclean, M.P., appeared at the window, and was cheered to the echo. In a few words he introduced the Mayor-elect, and his introduction was hailed with every manifestation of approval.

Mr. Howland appeared, and his very appearance was greeted with a torrent of cheers. When he could be heard he said: "I wish you all my thanks for the splendid work done and the fine exhibition of citizenship, and I look for your support in my aim to accomplish your wishes and carry out some of the promises made. [Cheers.]

"I have the satisfaction of announcing that my majority was equally divided over all localities of the city, and was irrespective of class, party or creed. [Cheers.] I hope later to express my indebtedness to the splendid manifestation of citizenship that has accomplished this revolution. [Cheers.] But I must admit that the voice with which I started this campaign has almost joined the majority. [Laughter.]

"It would be ungrateful to conclude without a word of acknowledgment of the splendid work of The Toronto World, **that was the first to break the ice of silence that reigned over our campaign.**" [Cheers.]

Here the vast throng called for Mr. Maclean, but he had done his work.

The next speaker was Col. N. F. Paterson, Q.C., who, as chairman of Mr. Howland's Committee in Ward 4, did valiant service. He threw much fire into his remarks and wrought the crowd to the highest enthusiasm.

A. H. McConnell, the second-best pleased man in the city, followed, and declared that when the citizens' barque—Howland's candidature—started out on the stormy sea of public opinion, it floated without a rudder. But The World came to its assistance, provided the rudder and ran the barque into harbor and safety. [Cheers.]

Other persons spoke and the crowd went on its way rejoicing at Mr. Howland's success.

When Mr. Howland left The World office he was escorted by a score or more friends to The News and The Mail. Here crowds were in waiting, and in response to cries for a speech the Mayor-elect briefly and feelingly thanked his hearers for the very great honor they had done him. He was more than thankful, he said, for their efforts, which had been productive of such good results. At the National Club an enthusiastic welcome was accorded the victor by the members, and the reception at the Albany Club later on in the evening was equally as cordial. Hundreds of admirers showered their congratulations upon him, and a visit to the City Athletic Club ended what was probably the most momentous day in Mr. Howland's life.

HOW HE LOVES SPENCE.

Mayor Macdonald Was Not Downcast, But on the Other Hand Jubilant at the Result.

Mayor Macdonald was not in any way downhearted over the result of the election. As a matter of fact, the retiring Mayor was jubilant over the result, and particularly of Ald. Spence's downfall. "I am glad that Ald. Spence is defeated. He was an evil influence in the Council," said His Worship. As regards himself, he willingly would submit to the will of the people. His defeat, he said, was brought about by a peculiar combination of circumstances. It was caused by "The Mail and News combination." He believed that the general upheaval would be greatly in the interests of the people.

As to his majority over Ald. Spence in Ward 1, Mr. Macdonald said: "It is a compliment to me, for it was in this ward that I started my municipal career.

"The contest yesterday did not create as much interest as the election of last year when I was elected," said His Worship.

SHAW WAS NOT SEEN.

Enquiry at His Home Elicited the Fact That He Was Not "At Home."

"Mr. Shaw cannot be seen to-night." This simple yet imperative answer was given last night when The World called at Mr. Shaw's home on Bloor-street and asked to see him in order to learn his views on the result of the fight. The lady who answered the rap at the door, however, took advantage of the opportunity to say a few words in denunciation of the methods of certain newspapers which, she said, had brought about Mr. Shaw's defeat.

SPENCE ON HIS FAILURE.

Declares Politics and Slander With a Paucity of Votes Defeated Him.

Mr. F. S. Spence took his defeat philosophically. Early in the evening he gave up all hope of being elected, and, after thanking his workers at the Central Committee rooms in the Confederation Life Building, he visited the offices of the newspapers that had supported him. When found by a World man, he was busy shaking hands with friends and declining their pressing requests to make a speech. "No," he said; "I have made enough speeches during the campaign, and, as I have nothing whatever to say, it is useless to deliver an address."

"To what do you attribute your defeat, Mr. Spence?" The World inquired.

"Why, I was defeated simply because I did not get enough votes," he laughingly retorted.

"Yes; but how was it you failed to secure the necessary votes?"

"The influence at work that was largely, and, I might say, wholly, accountable for my defeat, was political," was the answer. "Combine with this the campaign of slander waged against me, and you have the cause. Toronto is a Conservative city, and if an election is run on political lines a Conservative is bound to win—no one else has the shadow of a chance. I represented a ward for years; but, then, the elections there were non-political lines."

Mr. Spence added that, altho he was out of the Council, he felt very much pleased that the reduction in water rates had been made, and that the city would continue to not endeavor to make money out of that public service. He was also pleased that in the street railway difficulty there would be no compromise, and that his scheme regarding the Consumers' Gas Company was approved by the ratepayers.

When asked what his plans for the future were, Mr. Spence said they were in the future. He had money, or, if he had, declined to make them known.

Mr. Spence went home about 10 o'clock.

RESULTS IN TORK.

Wallace Maclean Elected to Township Council by One Majority—Other Returned Men.

The returns from the various sub-divisions show as follows:

Goulding—1, 8; 2, 41; 3, 30; 4, 35; 5, 36; 6, 34; 7, 33; 8, 38; 9, 27; 10, 25; 11, 23; 12, 35; 13, 26; 14, 35; 15, 29; 16, 40. Total 495.

Maclean—1, 112; 2, 54; 3, 79; 4, 31; 5, 14; 6, 11; 7, 8; 8, 74; 9, 42; 10, 25; 11, 14; 12, 8; 13, 6; 14, 6; 15, 8; 16, 4. Total 496.

Miller—1, 22; 2, 38; 3, 15; 4, 31; 5, 21; 6, 21; 7, 19; 8, 17; 9, 111; 10, 70; 11, 13; 12, 20; 13, 19; 14, 24; 15, 18; 16, 26. Total 495.

Sylvester—1, 23; 2, 52; 3, 39; 4, 54; 5, 37; 6, 35; 7, 33; 8, 62; 9, 27; 10, 26; 11, 25; 12, 41; 13, 20; 14, 13; 15, 24; 16, 30. Total 569.

Syme—1, 17; 2, 56; 3, 29; 4, 38; 5, 20; 6, 23; 7, 22; 8, 42; 9, 43; 10, 38; 11, 42; 12, 62; 13, 26; 14, 31; 15, 23; 16, 33. Total 545.

Manning—1, 70; 2, 10; 3, 19; 4, 33; 5, 14; 6, 6; 7, 6; 8, 51; 9, 54; 10, 20; 11, 14; 12, 13; 13, 10; 14, 5; 15, 18; 16, 8. Total 359.

The returns were made at the Town Hall, Eglinton, where a large body of ratepayers had assembled. As the returns began to close it was seen that the polling between Messrs. Maclean, Goulding and Miller was very close, but it was totally unexpected when a tie was announced between the latter two, Mr. Maclean being elected by a majority of one over both. The clerk will give his decision to-day, and, according to a rule he has recognized and endeavored to be placed on the statutes Mr. Goulding will get the benefit of the casting vote. Mr. Miller spoke of having a recount last night, so that the membership of the 1901 council is still in doubt. The various candidates addressed the gathering at the close of the returns.

Sharon Division Councillors.

Holland Landing, Ont., Jan. 7.—Voting for county councillors for Sharon Division—Pegg 85, Woodcock 60, Lundy 52, Kively 36. Municipal officers elected in Holland Landing as follows: Reeve—William Lane. Councillors—Duncan Bell, Thomas Foster, Robert Longhurst. G. W West; School trustees as follows—W D Glover, Charles Sheppard, Albert Foster.

Etobicoke Township.

J. T. Carr was elected reeve of Etobicoke to-day over Henry Taylor, by a majority of 16. The councillors-elect are W. Grubbe, H. Culham, Donald Hendry and Isaac Johnson. The bylaw to raise $5000 for steel bridges carried, but the bylaw to commute the statute labor of the township was defeated.

Toronto Junction.

Reuben Armstrong was to-day elected Mayor by a plurality of 320 over ex-Mayor Peter Laughton. All the old councillors were returned, Mr. W. A. Baird filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Mr. Armstrong to contest the mayoralty. The vote for the respective candidates was as follows: A. J. Anderson, 581; W. A. Baird, 503; J. R. Chisholm, 477; W. Ford, 461; S. Ryding, 435; M. Beatty, 421. School trustees: In Ward 3, A. B. Rice; Ward 4, W. L. Joy; Ward 5, W. J. Wadsworth. The question at issue in the contest for school trustees was whether the town should retain the Model School or not. The verdict of the people to-day was in favor of retaining the school.

Weston School Trustees.

Weston, Ont., Jan. 7.—School Trustees for Weston—T. Holley, L. Mercer, A. Maltby.

Markham Election.

Markham, Jan. 7.—The most exciting election contest for some years was held here to-day. No less than 18 candidates were on the ballot for the Council and School Board. Following is the result: Reeve—Edward H Wilson, 74 majority; Council—L H Speight, A W Milne, H C Marr, C H Billings; school trustees—Dr J A Macdonald, E B F Robinson, Thomas L Willis.

Richmond Hill.

Reeve—Peter Savage, acclamation.

Councillors—William Furey 97, David Hill 94, William Innis 90, Thomas Trench 76. Defeated—Ed. Barker 32, Amos Wright 24.

East Toronto.

Reeve—Dr. Walters, acclamation.

Councillors—G. Oakley 127, J. Berry 95, A. McMillan 89, H. Moore 54.

Defeated candidates—F. C. Brown 91, T. Dudley 50, J. McElroy 50, R. Tomlinson 16, J. M Faircloth 29, J. L. Davidson 40.

The old Council was all and singular left at home.

INCORPORATED VILLAGES.

CAMPBELLFORD.—Reeve—Smith. Council—Davidson, Dunk, Doxsee, Gillespie. Trustees—Armstrong, Cumming, Lowry. Water Commissioners — Wills, Morton. County Councillors—A A Mulholland, T J Naylor.

SHELBURNE.—Reeve—G M Vance. Councillors—J D Madill, R L Mortimer, F Shepherd, W J Sawyer. School Trustees—S T White, T F Brown, Thomas Seaburne.

MARKDALE.—Reeve—J E Marsh. Council—R S Rae, R McNally, W J Shortill, F Sargeant. School Trustees—John Lyons, W A Armstrong, George Haskell (accl.).

AYR.—Reeve—Henry Gemelin, Councillors—Dr Paxton, William Nichol, A E Watson, John Goldie. School Trustees—M Robson, James S Black, George Graham.

An American Notion.

London, Jan. 8.—"The United States Government has proposed to the powers," says the Washington correspondent of The Daily Mail, "to transfer the Chinese negotiations from Pekin to Washington."

Mother's Heroic Sacrifice.

Williamsport, Pa., Jan. 7.—Mrs. J. M. Poust of Muncy, in a hospital here, yesterday paid an heroic sacrifice for the sake of her child. The child was born with a facial disfigurement of hair growth, extending over the brow and cheek. The doctors told Mrs. Poust that the hair growth skin could be cut away and skin from some other person grafted in its place. The mother declared she would submit to the operation of furnishing the graft, and a piece of cuticle eight inches in diameter was cut from her back and transplanted on the child.

CENTURY'S HOROSCOPE.

Stars Show That United States Will Have to Fight Germany and England.

The horoscope of the twentieth century has been cast by a noted Boston astrologer, known in astrological literature as Hermes.

Mercury stands in the tenth house of the Zodiac, and Mars in the seventh house, both in angles. Mercury rules the destinies of the United States, and its dominant position over Mars shows that the United States will rule the whole of North and South America, but not without fighting with Germany and England, for Mars, the ruler of those countries, stands in the house of open enemies. Uranus, the ruler of Russia, however, stands in the powerful, ruling tenth house, and near to Mercury, showing a possible coalition between Russia and the United States.

Uranus and Saturn, rulers of the rising sign, portend universal changes in political and intellectual circles, and point to a growth of Socialism.

The spread of education, commerce, aerial and submarine navigation, increase of mechanical invention, are all indicated by Mercury strongly placed in the tenth house elevated above all other planets.

Celibacy will increase, as is indicated by the conjunction of Venus with the moon in Mars' second house of Scorpio. Wars, and rumors of war, and business disasters are shown; the first by the position of the moon to Saturn; in the house of conflagration by the position of a retrograde Neptune in the house of speculation. Speculation in general will be very active in the opening years of the new century.

The Outlook

on the whole is optimistic and rose colored. Sagittarius rules the eleventh house, the house of hopes, ambitions and of congresses, parliaments, etc. Jupiter, its ruler, applying to a conjunction with Venus in the ninth, are both grand testimonies of an optimistic world outlook for the twentieth century.

Governments will yield popular measures to the people; religions creeds will near a better point of common understanding, and bigotry will decline.

Skirts Could Not Stop Her.

"Until I went abroad this summer I never realized what a godsend the elaborate petticoats we women wear must be in case of emergency," remarked a New York girl yesterday. "Father and I were coming from Edinburgh to London on one of those English flyers which seem to go at great deal faster even than our Empire State Express. I was sitting by the door when the guard locked us in and until the call came for us to go into the dining car for luncheon I never budged an inch. When I did jump up to follow father into the dining car, however, I found to my horror that I was practically chained to the spot. You know that scene in "Captain Lettarblair," where Virginia finds her skirt caught in the door? Well, that was my case to a T. The train of my gown had caught in the door as the guard locked it and there I was with the prospect of being there a prisoner until we reached London at 10 o'clock that night. We called the guard and begged him to open the door just an inch, but all the consolation we could get out of him was: "Sorry, ma'am. But it's against regulations. That door can't be unlocked till we get to London."

"By this time every other mortal in the train was in the dining car gorging himself. Poor father, never as a hunter, was champing at his bit. As for me, the sudden conviction that I couldn't go to dinner had brought on one of the worst attacks of hunger I had ever experienced. I told father to go and eat enough for two. Then in despair I sat down to curse my fate and realize what it is to feel like a reconcentrado.

"Suddenly it flashed into my mind that I had on my jet black silk petticoat, a perfect symphony in frills. In less than a minute I had undone my skirt, leaving it securely anchored on the floor, I stepped out of it and sailed into the dining car with my most grand manner. And the joke of it was that in spite of the fact that the carriage was full of women not a soul recognized my appearance. Even father didn't really realize what I had done until we had returned to our carriage again, for he had to get him to unlock the door to get back into my skirt. I don't think I ever enjoyed a dinner so much in my life."—New York Sun.

A Century of Methodism.

The Methodists have been taking an account of stock for the century in the United States, and the results show an astonishing growth. At the close of the eighteenth century it numbered 57,296 members and 64,984 members. Now it has over 30,000 ministers and 2,929,000 members. Besides the Methodist Episcopal Church 10 other Methodist churches have sprung from it, having the same doctrine, and now have 26,424 ministers and 5,985,843 members. In 1800 there was not one Methodist educational institution, now the church controls 225 schools of various grades, with an endowment of $14,543,489, and debts aggregating $2,336,338. The financial reports of the missionary society began in 1820, when the collections were $823; in 1900 they have been $1,233,904. Old world Methodism, which in the days of Wesley had 313 ministers and 76,968 members, now has 6330 ministers and 1,189,188 members. Such has been the work of the last century. In the opening year of the present century the Methodists propose to add 2,000,000 converts to their number and to raise $20,000,000. Of this sum they have already raised 8,192,538.

Earliest Chinese Christianity.

One of the most interesting monuments of ancient Christianity in China is the Nestorian tablet or Syro-Chinese monument which stands one mile outside the gate of Singanfu in Shensi. The story it tells is that of the fortunes of the Nestorian mission in China between the years 636 and 781. It sets forth the dogmas of Christianity, records the history of Christian effort in China, and adds a sort of metrical thanksgiving to God and to the Emperors who favored the Christian cause. All trace of the mission has vanished except only this monument. It was unearthed in 1625. The Syriac characters composing the signatures of Olopim and his associates add to its interest. In 1859 a Chinaman rebuilt the tablet into the brick wall where it had once stood outside the city. The material is a coarse marble. A considerable controversy has raged round this interesting relic, but the weight of evidence now inclines toward the conclusion that it is genuine.

Dunraven Dubious.

London, Jan. 7.—In a letter to The Times this morning, the Earl of Dunraven, emphasizing the "very grave situation in South Africa," warns the country against the opinions of experts on the spot and to be ready for the unexpected. He complains of the "inertia of the authorities," and urges the necessity of large reinforcements.

Multiplicity of Boers.

London, Jan. 7.—The Cape Town correspondent of The Times, who confirms the reports of the multiplicity of the Boer commandoes, says: "Nearly five-sixths of the British troops are employed to guard the lines of communication and to garrison towns, leaving a very small number, partly unmounted, to pursue the enemy. Large reinforcements are advisable, and these would be cheaper in the end. The damage which the Boers did to the Kleinfontein mines is officially estimated at £210,000."

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THE QUEEN AS A FARMER

Notwithstanding the fierce light which beats upon the throne, many people seem to have been surprised to learn of Her Majesty's great success at the Birmingham Cattle Show, for few of us are accustomed to think of our sovereign as "Victoria, Queen and farmer."

Sixty years ago, Prince Albert became a member of the Smithfield Club, and every year since that time Her Majesty's farms have been represented at the leading agricultural and fat stock shows, while the Queen's personal interest in farming and agriculture has increased rather than diminished as years have gone by.

When the court is at Windsor, it rarely happens that more than a day or two elapses without the sovereign paying a long and detailed visit to her two farms. Further, the Queen is most kind in showing strangers to go over them, and both the Shaw farm and the Flemish farm have been visited by all the leading agriculturists of this country and of the Continent. It is at the Shaw farm that Cicely, the Shorthorn heifer, who has just won the three challenge cups or a hundred guineas each, was bred, and her progress from infancy being watched by the Queen with the greatest interest. Here also, in the home farm, to give it its second name, are kept some curious foreign cattle, including the Zulu cow, which was a present from Cetewayo's brother.

As is natural, the sovereign devotes more attention to what may be called the dairy side of farming than to that which simply consists of the production of fat stock. Till comparatively recently, the Queen, accompanied by some of her daughters and grandchildren, was fond of walking in the early morning to the dairy farm, there to partake of new laid eggs, delicious butter, and syllabubs. The dairy, which was erected in the 21st year of the Queen's reign, is a charming building, lined with Minton tiles, the windows being filled in with stained glass, of which the design includes roses, shamrocks, thistles and harebells. Some fifty cows are milked each day, and even in winter upwards of thirty pounds of butter is made daily, a special little churn being set apart for the production of that served at the Queen's breakfast. All the dairy tables are of solid marble, and below, extending to the full length of each, is a reservoir, thru which a stream of water can, when desired, be kept flowing. At each end of the dairy stands a majolica fountain, while a third fountain, consisting of an exquisite water nymph pouring water from a jar, ornaments another side of the room. At the same time the Queen was fond of going regularly into the cowhouses, and even now she often makes inquiries as to the milking record of a favorite Alderney.

Queen Victoria was a poultry farmer long before cocks and hens became the fashion. During the first forty years of her reign, this department was under the care of a lady; now the interests of Her Majesty's poultry are vested in the capable hands of Mr. Hammond. There is probably no end of ideal poultry farm in existence than that at Windsor. Every breed is kept carefully distinct, and it is interesting to learn that Dorkings are the sovereign's most favorite, being generally used for the royal table. Old-fashioned farmers will probably approve of Her Majesty's distaste for incubators; instead, there is a beautiful row of hen sitting-houses, where broody hens are made thoroly comfortable.

Her Majesty takes great interest in new breeds of poultry, especially those which come from far-distant quarters of the Empire. Thus a special spot in Windsor forest has been set apart for Canadian turkeys, and American varieties are also in high favor at Windsor, all the ring-doves in the royal aviary are descended from a couple presented to the Queen on the occasion of her first visit to Ireland; their royal owner has always shown a special interest in them, and has often reached with pleasure the occasion on which they were presented to her.

The Queen's favorite bird is the canary, but Her Majesty much disapproves of the practice of keeping birds and other pets in small cages; every animal whose happy life is spent on the royal farms is made as absolutely comfortable as is possible.

One question naturally presents itself to every practical agriculturist—how far do the Queen's farms pay? It is a mistake to suppose that Her Majesty is, as a farmer, one of those fortunate few who pay no rent; on the contrary, the sovereign is a tenant farmer. But whether Her Majesty has sought for and obtained, as have so many tenant farmers, a substantial reduction of rent, is, of course, known only to the Commissioners of Woods and Forests. As mots agriculturists are only too well aware, in farming, as in everything else, a large outlay always pays in the end, and few British farms have had more money laid out on them than those belonging to the sovereign. For one thing, all new farming implements are brought to the notice of the Queen by Mr. Tait, whose connection with the Windsor royal farms may be said to have begun in infancy, for he succeeded his father, a most able agriculturist, in those offices, to whom the late Prince Consort had the greatest confidence. Mr. Tait inhabits a charming group of buildings appertaining to the Shaw farm, which contains a suite of apartments used only by the Queen, and from which it is possible to visit privately the whole range of poultry sheds, cowhouses, stables, granaries and various other departments.

The sovereign names most of the animals born on her farms, and some of the appellations are quaint, among the earlier names bestowed by the Queen being Alix, Norma, Graceful, Bracelet, Cold Cream—a famous Pawsley cow from whom many prize winners descended—Ajax, Prince Arthur, Rachel, while such old-fashioned farm names as Cowslip, Daisy, and so on, are not neglected.—London Sketch.

Soldiers Return Home.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 7.—