# A Merry Christmas

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## The Nicest Christmas Present

one can give a body—or buy for one's self—is a fur garment. Furs are sold in such a variety of materials that a seasonable present of this character is within the reach of any partly filled purse. Things to wear, especially fur things, and above all others Dineen's fur things, are nice to look at, comfortable to wear and make the wearer look nice and comfortable.

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*Cor. Yonge and Temperance Streets, Toronto.*

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Strong substantial Furs for the rough-and-tumble of a day in the country. It doesn't cost much money to be comfortable. We can bundle you up so you won't feel the cold.

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THE ROBERT **SIMPSON** COMPANY, LIMITED

H. H. FUDGER, President: J. WOOD, Manager. FRIDAY, DEC. 18

**STORE WILL BE OPEN TO-NIGHT TILL TEN**

## NOTICE.

TEMPORARY CHANGE OF CLOSING HOUR.

Beginning to-day, Friday, December 18th, this store will be open Evenings for One Week. By this Christmas shoppers will receive greater accommodation and helpers will earn extra remuneration. The appreciation by the public of the Christmas programme and time table of this store justifies the continuance of the same. For the last two years, between the beginning of September and this date the working time of this store has been more than fifty hours shorter—that is one full labor week shorter than any Department Store in Canada. This has been accomplished by simply closing the store at 5.30 evenings and on Labor Day.

### Christmas Overcoats.

The man or boy that is getting nervous lest he be caught shabby for Christmas had better take heart. A new Overcoat is not going to cost what you expected. We've arranged differently—that is if you care to take advantage of the Men's Store offer for opening time to-morrow morning. Only one hundred and twenty-two of them, remember, of the men's—65 for the boys.

122 Men's Heavy Winter Overcoats, the lot includes fine imported cheviots, in grey and black, and a few Montagnacs, made up in the popular Raglanette style, the medium length box coat, with square pockets, and a few swell Newmarkets, first-class linings and trimmings, some lined with silk and satin sleeve lining, neat velvet collars, thoroughly tailored and perfect-fitting, sizes 34—44, regular $10, $12, $14 and $15, Saturday ..... **6.95**

75 Men's Fancy Vests, an excellent Christmas gift, consisting of fine imported English vestings, in assorted fancy weaves, black with silver stripe, black grounds with neat red checks and colored overplaids, also fawn and brown corduroys, made in the latest style and cut high at the throat, some lined with red flannel, all well tailored and splendid fitting, sizes 35—44, regular $2.25, $2.50, $3 and $3.50, on sale Saturday ..... **1.98**

65 only Boys' Nobby Long Raglanette Winter Overcoats, made from fine soft-finished cheviots, in dark Oxford grey shades, made with vertical pockets and cuffs on sleeves, good farmer's satin linings and perfect fitting, sizes 23—30, for boys from 5 to 12 years, regular $5, $5.50 and $6, on sale Saturday ..... **3.49**

Men's Fine Black Vicuna Tuxedo Coats and Vests, a rich, soft-finished cloth that will not gloss, made with shawl collar and lined throughout with silk, well tailored and splendid fitting, Saturday ..... **13.50**

Men's Fine Imported West of England Venetian Worsted Dress Suits, fast black coat, made in regulation style, lined with silk and finished with narrow silk stitched edges, sizes 33—44, Saturday ..... **20.00**

## Watch Wisdom.

If you were as good a judge of watches as you are of victuals you would not need any help to buy. You read the published market report and compare it with the butcher's price and are satisfied to give him a living profit, or you know he's charging you too much. When it's a Watch you have to take somebody's word for it.

The Watch Department of this store sells Watches on the closest margin, depending on large turnover, just as the cotton department or the grocery department sell their goods.

Here Watches are not called by fictitious names or marked with meaningless trade marks. This store simply passes out to you the product of the Waltham and other famous makers—the best in the world, endorsing the makers' guarantee and adding always this unanswerable argument—money back if not satisfied. You don't need any Watch education to buy here. You don't have to pay for expert knowledge.

Is the Christmas secret in your home—a Watch for man or woman, boy or girl? Anybody, even a child, can buy it here with perfect assurance of obtaining the best possible value for the money.

Take these examples from our Watch program for Saturday:

57 Ladies' Fourteen Karat Gold-Filled Waltham Jewelled Watches, hunting or double cased, 25 years' guarantee, beautifully engraved, Saturday ..... **10.00**

Delivered in good order to any address in Canada for 10c extra.

78 Men's 18-size Gold-Filled Waltham Watches, jewelled, open face or dust-proof cased, 20 years' guarantee, engine turned or fancy engravings, Saturday ..... **8.00**

Postage 10c.

29 Men's 18-size Gold-Filled Waltham Watches, 17 jewels, open face or dust-proof cased, 20 years' guarantee, elegantly engraved or plain if preferred, Saturday ..... **11.90**

Out-of-town customers please add for postage, 10c.


## GRAIN PRICES ARE STEADY

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sion merchants, report the following sales at City market: 19 butcher steers, average 1,001 lbs. each, at $4.20; 6 butcher heifers, 595 lbs. each, $3.20; 9 exporters, medium, 1,216 lbs. each, at $4.30; 4 butchers, mixed, 955 lbs. each, at $3.45; 2 export cows, 1,085 lbs. each, at $4.00; 3 butcher cows, 1,103 lbs. each, at $3.00; 2 butcher steers, 1,050 lbs. each, at $4.00; 2 butcher heifers, 950 lbs. each, at $3.65; 2 butcher heifers, 910 lbs. each, at $3.35; 2 butcher cows, 1,135 lbs. each, at $3.10; 1 butcher cow, 1,040 lbs., at $3.25; 1 butcher cow, 1,350 lbs., at $3.25; 1 feeding steer, 800 lbs., at $3.50.

Charles Rechney bought 1 load exporters, 1300 lbs. each, at $4.60; 10 export cows at $3.50 to $4 per cwt.

George Dunn bought 1 load choice butcher heifers, 1100 lbs. each, at $4.50 per cwt.

Corbett & Henderson bought 27 butchers, 1130 lbs. each, at $4.45; 27 butchers, 1125 lbs. each, at $4.20; 10 butchers, 1050 lbs. each, at $4.15; 13 butchers, 1000 lbs. each, at $4.10; 4 export cows, 1320 lbs. each, at $3.40; 15 Fleet keeps, 1325 lbs. each, at $4.10; 3 feeders, 950 lbs. each, at $3.65; 10 exporters, 1460 lbs. each, at $4.50.

Crawford & Co. sold a load of export cattle, 1200 lbs. each, at $4.55; a load, 1258 lbs., at $4.50; a load of mixed cattle, 1100 to 1150 lbs., at $3.85 to $4.25; a load of mixed cows and steers, 1300 to 1625 lbs., at $4.10; a load, 1200 lbs., at $4.40; a load, 1055 lbs., at $3.90; a load, 1200 lbs., at $4.37½.

H. McCrae bought 40 butcher cows and common steers at $2.75 to $3.25 per cwt.

Wm. Britton bought for the Harris Abattoir Co. 250 lambs at $4.50 to $4.60 per cwt.; 100 sheep at $3.50 per cwt.; 5 calves at $8 each.

Zeagman & Sons bought 1 load rough steers and heifers, 690 to 890 lbs. each, at $2.25 to $3.25 per cwt.; 16 good steers, 950 lbs. each, at $3.65; 10 fat cows, 1100 lbs. each, at $3.25; 1 export bull, 1790 lbs., at $4.25 per cwt.

### JUNCTION CATTLE MARKET.

Receipts of live stock at the Junction Cattle Market were 26 cars, consisting of 217 cattle, 801 sheep and 5 calves.

The quality of fat cattle generally was good, all of which found a ready market. More cattle were wanted, as Mr. Levack had to order several cars from Chicago.

William Levack bought 150 fat cattle, exporters, at $4.50 to $4.80 per cwt. and butchers' at $4.25 to $4.50 for the best loads and $3.25 to $3.75 for fair to medium cattle.

Mr. Snell also bought several loads at $4.25 to $4.35 per cwt.

W. R. Levack bought 150 sheep and lambs at $4.50 per cwt. for the lambs and $3.50 for sheep.

## CATTLE MARKETS.

### Cables Steady—Butchers Holding Back for Lower Prices at Montreal.

New York, Dec. 17.—Beeves—Receipts only 4 head; no trading; feeling steady; cables unchanged; exports to-day 30 sheep.

Calves—Receipts 157; steady; common to fair veals sold at $5 to $8.50.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts 1384; market firm; sheep sold at $2.50 to $4.00; lambs at $6.00 to $6.75.

Hogs—Receipts 7894; market steady.

### East Buffalo Live Stock.

East Buffalo, Dec. 17.—Cattle—Receipts 100 head; steady on good, easier on common; prime steers, $5.10 to $5.50. Veals—Receipts 60 head; 50c higher, $5.00 to $8.00.

Hogs—Receipts 10,200 head; fairly active, 5c lower on good weights, steady on others, heavy $4.70 to $4.75; mixed, $4.65 to $4.70; yorkers and pigs, $4.60 to $4.65; roughs, $3.80 to $4.15; stags, $3.00 to $3.50.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts 10,600 head; steady; lambs, $5.00 to $6.50; yearlings, $4.50 to $5.00; wethers, $4.00 to $4.25; ewes, $3.75 to $4.00; sheep, mixed, $2.00 to $4.00.

### Montreal Live Stock.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—About 400 head butchers' cattle and a few calves were offered for sale at the East End abattoir today, but the severe cold weather was not favorable for trade; also the butchers seem to be holding back for lower prices in Christmas cattle, as a larger number than usual are here waiting for purchasers. Mr. Drolet of Quebec bought two of the best cattle on the market at 5¾c per lb. A few Christmas cattle were sold at 5 to 5¼c per lb., but they were not the best. Prime beeves sold at about 4¾c per lb; good mediums at about 4c; ordinary mediums at 3½ to 3¾c, and the common stock at 2½ to 3¼c per lb. The calves were only small bobs, but good veals are much wanted. No sheep and lambs were offered here today. Fat hogs sold at 5 to 5¼c per lb.

### British Cattle Market.

London, Dec. 17.—Live cattle steady at 10½c to 12¼c per lb. for American steers, dressed weight; Canadian steers, 10c to 11½c per lb.; refrigerator beef, 8¾c to 9¾c per lb. Sheep, 10c to 11c per lb. Lambs, 12c to 12½c, dressed weight.

### Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 10,000 head; slow, steady; good to prime steers, $4.90 to $5.75; poor to medium, $3 to $4.50; stockers and feeders, $1.75 to $3.90; cows, $1.25 to $3.00; heifers, $1.75 to $4.75; canners, $1.25 to $2.20; bulls, $1.75 to $4.15; calves, $2 to $5.75.

Hogs—Receipts to-day, 38,000; to-morrow, 20,000; mixed and butchers', $4.40 to $4.65; good to choice heavy, $4.50 to $4.60; rough heavy, $4.25 to $4.50; light, $4.20 to $4.55; bulk of sales, $4.45 to $4.55.

Sheep—Receipts, 14,000; sheep, steady to 10c higher; lambs, steady; good to choice wethers, $3.70 to $4; fair to choice mixed, $2.75 to $3.50; native lambs, $4 to $6.

## HALF CENT TO MARIE CORELLI.

### Result of Her Opposition to Carnegie Library Site.

Birmingham, England, Dec. 17.—At the Assizes here late this evening the jury awarded Miss Marie Corelli, the novelist, half a cent damages, each side to pay its own costs, in a libel suit brought by her against the proprietor of The Stratford-on-Avon Herald, in connection with a recent controversy in which Miss Corelli opposed the erection of a Carnegie library on the ground that it involved a desecration of Shakespeare's birthplace. The alleged libel consisted in a statement that Miss Corelli desired to erect a library at the same place. The case attracted considerable attention, and the court was crowded, many fashionable people being present.

Miss Corelli testified in her own behalf for two hours, and emphatically denied that she ever intended to erect a library.

## CRUSADE AGAINST PERJURY.

### Four Men Arrested for False Swearing in Bankruptcy Case.

New York, Dec. 17.—A crusade against alleged wholesale perjury in bankruptcy proceedings was inaugurated to-day by the Federal authorities with the indictment and arrest of four men on a charge of perjury. They are Leon Wechsler, formerly a manufacturer of clothing; Kassel Oshinsky, real estate dealer; David Levy and David Lachman. The latter two were formerly associated together in the cotton goods business, but were thrown into involuntary bankruptcy by creditors.

The four men when arraigned pleaded not guilty and were released on bonds.

### J. A. TUCKER VERY ILL.

James A. Tucker, assistant editor of Saturday Night, is very ill at his home on Pearson-avenue. He has been for some time affected by heart trouble, but since his return from the summer holidays, which he spent near Owen Sound, he has been quite ill. His condition was very serious yesterday, but Dr. T. McKenzie said that he was improved considerably since Tuesday and that there is now hope for recovery.

### Simpson's Open at Night.

For the convenience of Christmas shoppers the department store of the Robert Simpson Company will be open evenings, beginning this evening and continuing till Christmas.

## TECHNICAL VS. MANUAL IN METHOD OF TRAINING

### Tendency of the Government in Making Grants Said to Emphasize the Latter.

Chairman Tweed of the Technical School Board had to wait for a quorum last night; but when the number of the elect had been accomplished, business proceeded with despatch. A correspondence with the Educational Department over the reduction in the government grant received most attention. Three thousand dollars had been promised by Hon. G. W. Ross when Minister of Education on condition that the school got buildings of its own. When this was done only $1500 was granted, and now that amount is cut down by $500. When pressed for a reason the Minister of Education submitted an extract from the report of Inspector Albert H. Leake, which read:

"The institution is doing admirable work as far as its appliances will permit. Its organization is efficient, its courses of study comprehensive, and its faculty highly qualified, particularly on the theoretical side. In equipment it falls far short of what is demanded by the industrial importance of the city and the province, of such a school. Excellent theoretical teaching is given, but with the exception of household science and art departments, this does not differentiate the work from that done in many collegiate institutes, and it is not the function of a technical school to devote its attention solely or mainly to principles. Pure science to be effective must be applied, and it is precisely the opportunity for this application that the school lacks. There is, generally speaking, an utter absence of tools and appliances for practical work, which is not seen in any other school of the same status on this continent. Building (brick making, stone cutting, carpentry, glazing, plumbing, etc.), metal working (moulding, founding, sheet-metal working, forging, engraving, etc.), machine construction (pattern making, die sinking, tool making, turning, fitting, etc.), textile (carding, spinning, weaving, dyeing, etc.), to take typical groups, are totally unrepresented by any opportunity for practical work, and the installation of typical tools and such simple machines as embody the foundation principles of machines in general, is necessary to complete the equipment of the school, and enable it to fulfil its proper function.

**Day School Creates Urgency.**

"This provision was not perhaps so urgently necessary so long as the energies of the school were confined to evening classes, whose students might reasonable be expected to have some practical acquaintance with machines and processes, gained during their daily labor, but now that a flourishing day department is a feature of the school, its inclusion is vitally important. The school should be such that it would give a practical training to those boys and girls leaving our Public Schools and Collegiate Institutes, intending to enter the industrial life of the province, and be an advance on that they have already received. . . . With the present equipment, it would not be possible to do better work than that carried on to-day."

After the correspondence had been read, a discussion followed, when it was stated that the inspector had made his report from the school prospectus and not from personal observation; that the $20,000 asked by the provincial government for technical training had been devoted to manual training schools, with the exception of 10 per cent., and that no other school building in the province had an equipment of over $1500 in value, whereas $ 0,000 had been spent on the Toronto school equipment.

**Schedule an Impossibility.**

Principal Pakenham was called upon for an explanation. He thought that the new schedule adopted by the government made it impossible for the Toronto Technical School to get an adequate grant. Ten conditions had been laid down when the $3000 grant had been promised. All of these had been kept in letter or spirit, except that requiring training in tools and machinery. But it was impossible to comply with this and the other terms of Premier Ross' letter, which required training in the principles underlying trades to be given, and did not want the erection of a trade school by the City Council. The reduction of $478 was hardly worth discussion when the board is spending $30,000. It would be interesting to get a statement of what was required from the board to earn the $3000, the offer of which was bona fide. No authority presumes to say that manual training is technical instruction. The tendency of the department in its grants was to emphasize manual training. The crux of the question was in the irregular, unstable character of technical training, which was governed by the locality in which instruction was given. What was suitable for Stratford would not do in Toronto. Industries vary, and the technical instruction should harmonize with local requirements. But it is a doctrinaire and not the practical men in charge of the work who decides what is to be called technical instruction.

On motion of Ald. S. W. Burns, a committee consisting of the mover, James Simpson and John M. Gander were appointed to draw up a strong resolution, expressing the views of the board on the reduction.

**Resignation Accepted.**

The Finance Committee submitted a report of accounts recommended for payment, amounting to $827.11. The School Management Committee reported the receipt of several gifts to the school, including an assortment of fruits and spices from the West Indian exhibits at the recent Exhibition. The resignation of J. L. Banks, teacher of modelling, was accepted, and Mr. Castrucci engaged as caster for one month, at $25. The reports were adopted.

## A QUESTION OF TIME

### Occupied P.S. Board Last Night—Workmen Will Get Extra Hour

The Public School Board became involved in a discussion last night on working hours. The Supply Committee recommended that the workmen employed by the board start work at 8 a.m. during the winter months, instead of 7 o'clock, as at present. Trustee C. A. B. Brown moved that they be allowed to start at 8 o'clock the whole year round.

"These men," said Trustee Keeler, "do emergency work when called upon to do so, and it was for this they had their wages changed from payment by the hour to a fixed yearly amount."

Trustee Douglas inquired whether they had ever asked for shorter hours when they were working by the hour, and said that the men had their wages paid by salary at the beginning of the year and now, after they were firmly settled in the new method, wanted to have their hours shortened, which was the equivalent of giving them a raise in their wages.

"If," said Trustee Lobb, "we allow them four months during the year of shorter hours, that is all that should be expected of us, and they should be willing to work the extra hour in the morning for the benefits which they enjoy of two weeks' holidays in the summer and having their pay go on in case of illness."

"The emergency cases," said Trustee Shaw, "that these men are called out on are to take the places of caretakers when these officials are laid up and before a temporary caretaker can be found."

"What is the use," asked Trustee Watson, "of asking the men to get up before daylight and before any other person is around. These men will, no doubt, do nearly the same amount of work in eight hours as they will do in nine hours, because they work with more vigor."

Dr. Spence asked whether the men would be willing to go back to the old style of wage earning by the hour. "I don't think," he continued, "that it is right for this board to try to make laws for the new Board of Education governing their officials, and to do it at the next to last meeting of the board."

The vote resulted: Yeas (16)—Parkinson, Scott, Hales, Watson, Levee, Shaw, Brown, C. A. B. Brown, Coulter, Jones, Miss Brett Martin, Geary, Kent, Keeler, Gooderham, Godfrey. Nays (3) Lobb, Spence, Douglas.

The minority report of the Management Committee referring to the purchase of grounds for the use of the Hamilton-street and Bolton-avenue schools was lost.

Mr. Gooderham said that when the estimates for the year were submitted to the City Council the board was asked to save $12,000. This was done and $635 besides, so that the year can be considered a success financially. The public school offices will be closed the day after Christmas.

Trustee Clara Brett Martin made her first appearance at the board since her trip to Mexico and Central America. She has been away since June.

## $250,000 CHRISTMAS GIFT.

### Chicago Firm Will Divide This Amount Among Its Employes.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—The Crane Company will wish its employes a merry Christmas to the extent of $250,000 in cash this year. It is said that on an average each worker for the concern will receive about $50.

There are five thousand men and women in the employ of the company. It is announced that all those who have worked in the last twelve months will be entitled to a gift. Acountants are at work figuring out the amount each is to receive.

### MANILA VETERAN CONVICTED.

New York, Dec. 17.—William Cushing, a naval veteran, said to have been on the Olympia at Manila, who killed his wife on July 21, was to-day convicted of murder in the second degree and remanded for sentence.

### BRYAN SEES TOLSTOI.

Moscow, Dec. 17.—William J. Bryan arrived here to-day and went to visit Count Tolstoi. Mr. Bryan will proceed to St. Petersburg on Dec. 19.

### New Books at the Library.

Dale, Faox Hunting in the Saires, Meakin, In Russian Turkestan; Kennedy, Forty Lessons in Salmonia; Lado d, The Re ery o. Marie de Medicis; Bishop, Across North Land; Thomson, Progress of Science in the Century, The Nineteenth Century; Viscount Dundee, by Louis A. Barbe (Famous Scots); The a'Beckets of "Punch," Memories of Father and Sons, by Arthur W. a'Beckett; Izaak Walton and His Friends, by Stapleton Martin; Charles Reade as I Knew Him, by John Coleman; Leo XIII., Life, From His Personal Memoirs, by Right Rev. Bernard O'Reilly; Faulkner, Sea Murmurs and Woodland Songs; Stringer, Hephaestus; William Wetmore Story and His Friends, by Henry James, 2 vols.; MacGregor, The Souter's Lamp; Phillips, The Master Rogue; Seawell, The Fortunes of Life; Dudeney, Robin Brilliant; Barr, Over the Border; Oliver, L'Empire Libera, vol. viii.

## ON EVE OF ELECTIONS

### NOMINATIONS THURSDAY.

**West Algoma—A. C. Boyce, Conservative.**

**South Gray—H. H. Henry, Liberal.**

**South Oxford—James Clendenning, Conservative.**

**East Lambton—Charles Jenkins, Liberal.**

West Lambton Liberals will nominate a candidate for the Commons at Sarnia on Jan. 7.

The following candidates have been nominated in Ontario: West Algoma, A. C. Boyce, Conservative; South Bruce, J. J. Donnelly, Conservative; A. W. Robb, Liberal; Durham, Col. H. A. Ward Conservative; Frontenac, W. J. Shibley, Liberal; Grenville, Dr. J. B. Reid, Conservative; South Grey, H. H. Henry, Liberal; East Hastings, W. B. Northrup, Conservative; West Hastings, E. Gus Porter, Conservative; North Lanark, T. B. Caldwell, Liberal; East Lambton, Charles Jenkins, Liberal, Lennox, Uriah Wilson, Conservative; Dr. Vrooman, Liberal; Lincoln, E. A. Lancaster, Conservative; E. D. Lovelace, Liberal; Muskoka, Dr. J. G. Freeborn, Conservative; North Ontario, G. D. Grant, Liberal; South Oxford, Jas. Clendenning, Conservative; Parry Sound, R. J. Watson, Liberal; Peel, N. Milner, Liberal; East Peterboro, J. A. Sexsmith, Conservative; Prince Edward, G. A. Alcorn, Conservative; Stormont, R. A. Pringle, Conservative; South Wellington, Hugh Guthrie, Liberal; Centre York, Archie Campbell, Liberal.

A Liberal convention for the east riding of Lambton was held at Watford yesterday. The following officers were elected by acclamation: President, John W. Kingston of Warwick; vice-president, M. A. Smith of Forest; secretary treasurer, F. Williams of Watford. Seventeen candidates were nominated, but all retired with the exception of Albert Duncan and Charles Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins was declared the nominee of the convention on the first ballot. Addresses were given by W. S. Calvert, M.P.; H. J. Pettypiece, M.L.A.; F. F. Pardee of Sarnia. The candidates and others.

Barrister A. C. Boyce of the Soo was yesterday chosen Conservative candidate for West Algoma in the approaching general elections at the convention held at Desbarats. The only other name to go before the convention was Ald. W. H. Munro. Mr. Boyce will make a strong candidate, for, altho a resident of the Soo for only a year, he has gained great popularity. At the last election, while a resident of Rat Portage, he opened A. E. Dyment, M.P., and the a stranger in town, having spoken at only one meeting, and the voting was seven days after the general election, the Soo gave him a substantial majority.

South Grey Liberals met at Durham yesterday. H. H. Miller was nominated for the Commons, defeating Dr. Mearns on a ballot by a substantial majority. The following officers of the association were elected: President, J. P. Telford; first vice-president, D. McDougall; second vice-president, D. McKinnon; secretary-treasurer, C. Ramage. Resolutions of confidence in the Ross and Laurier administrations were passed.

Dr. John Ferguson discussed the three schemes of Pacific railway building that have been promulgated before the Laurier Club last night. He favored the Laurier plan on account of the vast amount of new land, estimated at 40,000,000 acres, which it would throw open. It would also give the government of Canada a constant check on freight rates by controlling traffic east of Winnipeg. Dr. Ferguson believed that in fifty years the railway would be worth double what it might cost to build, and the cost would be met by the enhanced value of the territory traversed. W. J. Sykes occupied the chair.

At the oCnservative convention held at Mount Elgin yesterday James Clendenning was unanimously chosen as the candidate to contest the riding of South Oxford in the coming elections. Mr. Clendenning is a prominent farmer living in North Oxford Township and has been assessor for a number of years.

The Liberals of North Essex will hold a convention in Windsor on Saturday, Jan. 9, to select a candidate. R. F. Sutherland, the present representative, will receive the nomination by acclamation if he desires it.

The rumor that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is going to California is denied. He will spend Christmas at Arthabaskaville.

The mock parliament that was to be held by the Mackenzie Liberal Club at Prospect Park Hall last night was postponed till the second Tuesday in January. The postponement was the result of the absence of some of the members. Instead, however, the discussion of Chamberlainm's fiscal policy was continued from last meeting. H. S. Scott was in the chair, and among those who spoke were: I. B. Peacock, Mr. Fielding, G. Dickinson and James Bradford. The majority of those who spoke were in favor of Joseph Chamberlain's policy.

The Young Conservative Club will begin an active campaign after the municipal elections. The first meeting will be held January 4. The club hopes to have prominent Conservatives give addresses during the season. R. G. Geary is president of the club.

It is a strange coincidence that the bill introduced in the legislature in March, 1897, making it an offence punishable with dismissal for an official of the government to take part in an election campaign, should have been brought in by a legislature bearing the name of Gamey. This particular Gamey was a member for one of the Greys, being elected as a Patron and Conservative. He was a relative of R. R. Gamey, "the man from Manitoulin," and it seems that he disappeared from public life after the election of 1898. Mr. Gamey's bill was designed to cover such cases as that of Dr. Mackay of Pembroke, who appeared on R. R. Gamey's platform in Beachburg the other night. He holds several offices under the government. The bill was not made a statute, but a strong resolution declaring that civil servants should not actively participate in election campaigns was offered as a substitute. Mr. Garrow of Huron, now Judge Garrow, introduced the resolution, and Premier Ross and other members of the government supported it. The legislature carried it unanimously. The question now seems to be: "Will Premier Ross dismiss the offending official?"

A cross-petition against Dr. Hart, the unsuccessful candidate in the Muskoka by-election, will be filed at Bracebridge in a few days. The time expires on Monday.

A Liberal convention has been called for the nomination of a candidate for North Perth. The convention will be held at Listowel on Dec. 30.

### SLATED FOR DISMISSAL.

Pittsburg, Dec. 17.—It is reported that the wages of the employes of the Crucible Steel Company will be reduced, beginning with next month, and that a number of employes are slated for dismissal.

### NO CHANGE IN STEEL PRICES.

New York, Dec. 17.—Representatives of the steel plate pool were in session here to-day and reaffirmed the present price, namely, $1.60 per 100 pounds at Pittsburg.

### The Strolling Players.

Three hundred leading people of Toronto were guests of the Strolling Players' Amateur Orchestral Society at the King Edward last night. The American dining room was devoted to the entertainment. The card was excellent. The committee of management was composed of Mrs. George Harley Roberts, Miss Winnifred Andras and Mrs. Grayson Smith. Herr Klingenfeld is the conductor and the present members of the orchestra are: Mesdames Church and Clute, and Misses Millichamp, Paterson, Acheson, Kitson, Kenny, and Gordon, first violin; Mesdames Delamere, Phillips and Smith and Misses Andras, Wedd, Sweatman and Fraser, second violin; Misses Luttrell and Connor, violas; Miss Keating, harp; Mrs. Harley Roberts, Misses Gibson and Miss Creighton, cellos; Miss E. H. Mockridge, piano and organ. A splendid program was rendered, provoking considerable applause.

The Broadview Social Club have pleasure in announcing a skating party on their new rink in the near future. An energetic committee have this affair in hand, and it should certainly be a great success.


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