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### LADIES' FUR **JACKETS**

Don't need to open your purse so very wide to buy one of our Ladies' Astrachan or Seal Jackets. Every jacket we sell carries with it our guarantee of perfect satisfaction. We have all lengths and all sizes now in stock and without doubt the handsomest lot ever in this store. The curls are close and bright, rich in appearance and very serviceable.

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New Sable Ruffs now on display, made of first quality Alaska Sable, well rounded and nicely trimmed with squirrels tails, extra values at

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### TURRILL The Shoe Man.

### MASONS' SUPPLIES.

We have a complete stock of Lime, Cement, Plaster, Sewer Pipe, Fire Brick, Cut Stone, Sand, Hair, Etc., of the best quality and at the lowest possible prices-give us

### J. & J. OLDERSHAW.

Opp. Piggott's Lumber Yard

### CHRISTMAS TREAT

The pupils of the Central school are a happy lot of children to-day. The Saturday, teachers of the staff thought that there was no better time than the closing day of school to give the scholars a Christmas treat, and this was done. The children assembled in the upper hall at 2 o'clock this afternoon, where a concert was given, all the numbers being selections from the children. At three o'clock the children were treated to candy and oranges, three cases of oranges and two barrels of candy being distributed among them, the gift of the teachers. A large Christmas tree was erected in one of the junior rooms for the younger classes. This display of kindness and good will on the part of the teachers was keenly appreciated by the scholars.

### PREMIERS' MEETING TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

REPRESENTATION OF QUEBEC MAY BE INCREASED.

NO FORMAL SITTING OF THE CONFERENCE YESTERDAY.

TRAINS CONVEYING THE MEM-BERS WERE LATE.

Quebec, Dec. 19 .- The meeting of the Provincial Prime Ministers and their colleagues, which has been called by Premier Parent of Quebec to take up and carry if possible to a successful issue the work of the interprovincial conference of 1887, and which was due to open here at noon yesterday, had to be postponed for a day owing to a prolonged delay in the arrival of the C. R. express from Halifax, bringing Premier Murray and Attorney-General Longley of Nova Scotia and Premier Tweedie of New Brunswick. At the hour fixed for the gathering only two of the expected Ministers had arrived, Premier Roblin of Manitoba and Attorney-General Pugsley of New Brunswick, who had come down from

Montreal by the morning train and put up at the Chateau Frontenac, which will be the headquarters of the Provinces representatives during their sojourn in the city, and where they were met and welcomed by the Quebec Premier and his colleagues. The afternoon express from Montreal brought Premier Peters of Prince Edward Island.

As soon as it became apparent that owing to the delay of the Halifax ex-press the others could not reach Quepec until late in the afternoon, it was decided, in order to obviate any loss of time, to hold a preliminary meeting at once to expedite the business of the regular conference, and this meeting was accordingly held in the chamber of the Quebec Executive Council in the Parliament buildings, the members present being Hon. Messrs. Peters, Roblin and Pugsley, and Hon. Messrs: Parent, Duffy. Guerin, Gouin, Turgeon and Robitaille of the Quebec Government. It is understood that the hour fixed for the general meeting of the delegates was 10 a.m. to-morrow. The sessions of the conference will be private, as in 1887, and they are not expected to in 1887, and they are not expected to be brought to a close before Saturday afternoon. In the meantime only such scraps of intelligence as the conference may choose to make public or as may be gleaned from its members need be looked for. The conclusion arrived at will probably be formulated in the shape of resolutions and embodied in a report to the Dominion Government following the precedent of 1887. Nothing is known as yet as to who will be Preis known as yet as to who will be President or Chairman of the conference

The general anticipation is that the action of the present conference will be mostly on lines somewhat similar to those laid down in the Quebec resolutions of 1887, chief among which are the increase of the Provincial subsidies from the Dominion, the adjustment of the representation and the indemnity receiv ed by the Dominion from the fisheries award. It is rumored this evening that Premier Peters of Prince Edward Island has a plan to submit to the conference for the settlement of the difficulties connected with the fisheries award, and there is no doubt that the feeling re-garding the readjustment of the subsidles is unanimous, so far as known. The functions of the Provinces have greatly expanded since the amounts of the sub-sides were fixed. The Provinces are now under a much greater expense for the maintenance of schools, for the con-struction of roads and bridges, and for many other things. The revenue of the Dominion, on the other hand, has greatly increased since the subsidies were fixed.

Then as regards the representation, it is believed that a rearrangement of the representation of the Provinces in the Federal House can be secured, without the reduction of the present represen-tation of any of the Provinces, by in-creasing the representation from the Province of Quebec, which is now the basis of arrangement. The relative proportion could remain the same as provided for by the terms of the British

North America act. It is also stated that in the event of the conference agreeing unanimously on some matters of action the resolu-tion will be given to the press for pub-

At the time of wiring to-night the delegates from the Maritime Provinces have arrived and are with the Quebec Ministers, attending a State dinner. which is being given in their honor by the Lieut. Governor, Sir Louis Jette, at Spencerwood. During their stay in Que-bec several other festivals will also be given in their honor by Premier Parent to-morrow and by his colleagues on

### LOCAL BRIEFS.

Mrs. Sturman, who is in the Gen eral Hospital, is improving steadily. Workmen are engaged putting up a new pipe on the factory of McKeough

Peanut Trilby, Cocoanut Crisp and Almond Taffy 10c. lb. at Wigzell's. Samuel Trotter was out yesterday and superintended the work of erecting the drilling rig of the Chatham Oil Company on the farm of Ernest Edwards, 8th concession, Raleigh Township. Drilling will be commenced Monday. Robert Coldwell is the master driller.

### IN CITY KINDERGARTENS

Little Folks Contribute Pleasing Programs for the Festive Oc casion-The Yuletide Tree and its Many Charming Associations.

Yesterday was Little Folks' Day at the city schools. It signatized the was for a little pupil—and that there closing of the kindergartens and their pleasing exercises. CENTRAL SCHOOL.

The closing exercises of the Central School Kindergarten were held yesterday afternoon in the Sunday school room of the First Presbyterian Church. These exercises were the best attended and the most successful of any which have yet been held by this school. There were fully 125 parents and friends present and over 85 children took part in the drills and

singing exercises. The room was very tastefully decorated with flags and bunting, and presented a very inviting and cheerful appearance. A large Christmas tree was erected in one corner, on which were hung presents, made by the children, for their parents, and also a number of presents for the children, the gifts of their teachers. It would hardly be believed that the former were actually made by these little tots. They consisted of match-lighters, Central school calendars, whiskholders and handkerchief sachets. The

work done on them was very clever. There is nothing which delights parents more than to note the progress of their children along educational lines. According to this, every parent who attended these exercises yesterday has every reason to feel proud of their little children. It was surprising to see, the interest which these little tots take in their work and how readily they grasp the meaning of their teachers. The exercises opened with the singing of Christmas songs: The children sang with spirit and enthusiasm, and enjoyed it as much as their listeners. This was followed by occupations. The little chil-dren were seated around their small tables and the parents were given an opportunity to inspect their work while it was being done.

Marching and games were next. This was the most enjoyable part of the afternoon's proceedings, for both children and parents. The children, while at play and enjoying themselves were at the same time being taught the rudiments of education, counting, the rudiments of aducation, counting, etc., and thinker for themselves—the fundament of the kinder are the games the children gathers but the christmas tree and discount the christmas are also than the competent assistants. This was a little competent assistants.

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MeKEOUGH SCHOOL.

Into a room radiating the ready velcome and dainty allurements of festivity and joy; whose walls smiled down with delicate and delightful decorations and bright legends of Christmastide; whose ceilings were shrouded in rich and graceful streamers of cedar foliage, from the emerald folds of which there peeped, ever and anon, sparkling scarlet sprays of holly; and-best of all, in the eyes of the enthusiastic little folks-whose interior was graced by the well laden and drooping branches of a fine oldtime Christmas tree, were courteously escourted the scores of parents and friends who availed themselves of the invitation to attend the Christmas closing exercises of the Mc-Keough school kindergarten yester-

day afternoon. Preceded by an entertaining talk between the directress, Miss Victoria Aylesworth, and the children, concerning the mystic associations and myriad pleasures of the Yuletide, the tiny pupils contributed a fascinating program of songs, marches and These were symbolic in character and pleasing in performance. The songs, the renditions of which were enhanced by the acceptable ac-companiments of Miss Helen McTaggart, the clever young pianiste, in-cluded the Christmas Hymn, Greeting to Parents, September, Fishing, the Weavers, the Baker, the Star, Rock-a-Bye-Lady, Doll Song and Santa Claus' Family. The games were varied and illustrated by miniature Delsarte evolutions. They were described as the Squirrel, Skip-tag, the Compass, Coo-coo, Snowballing and Missing the Train, the last named being an innovation which was evidently a great favorite with the little folks. The program was concluded by an intricate and dainty march, during which the children proudly carried flags and sang pat-

But ere the mysteries of the Christ mas tree were explored a surprise was in store for the little kindergarteners. A large basket of dainty A happy idea of the Christmas tree is revealed when the gifts are removed. The sentiments of the season find embodiment in the reciprocal shorester of the giving. The chile character of the giving. The chil-dren have prepared charming gifts

packages made its appearance and investigation by Miss Aylesworth re-

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were more than enough to go round.
These packages were a Christmas
gift from the principal of the school,
Miss Esther Abram, and contained a delightful assortment of candy toys, which were soon more or less demolished. They were acknowledged by the hearty expressions of good will and gratitude to Miss Abram. Then—The Tree! Misses Aylesworth and McTaggart handed out the gifts from the lower branches, while Trustee John McCorvie, assisted by Mr. Clements, nervously manipulated the shears at the ethereal extremity of a tall ladder and separated the good things from the upper boughs. for their parents, friends and col-leagues; the teachers have in turn remembered the little folks. Some of the work was exquisitely done. The gift of the kindergarten to Principal Abram, which Mr. McCorvie discovered on the highest branch was an exceedingly chaste and charming Christmas calendar, delicately put together with baby-ribbon work and illuminated with sprays of hand-painted violets. All the children contributed their quota to this gift and it was really a marvel

of juvenile accomplishment. Many well-deserved expressions of eulogy on the exercises were heard on every hand and Miss Aylesworth and her assistant , Miss McTaggart, were the recipients of many sincere and hearty congratulations, all of which were thoroughly merited.

The kindergarten staff desire to acknowledge with thanks the generous gift of the large Christmas tree and cedar foliage from Mrs. Mc-

### A REIGN OF TERROR.

MANY ACTS OF VIOLENCE LEGED AGAINST MINERS.

Testimony Presented Before the Commission as to Grave Offences by the Union Men.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 19.-The Coal Strike Commission listened yesterday to further testimony, tending to show that a reign of terror existed in the authracite coal fields during the five and a half months of the mine-workers' strike. About a score of witnesses were called during the two sessions by the attorneys for the non-union men. They told of serious boycotts, brutal attacks by crowds of men, women and boys, and an attempt to burn the house of a non-union man. In most instances the witnesses testified that the alleged offenders were members of miners' union. The lawyers for the miners objected to the admission of testimony on hearsay, and sometimes objected because of the irrelevancy of cer tain other statements. Chairman Gray said the commission wanted to know whether a reign of terror existed in the anthracite region, and it could not get that information if the strict rules of evidence were applied. "The coward who will go to the storekeepers," he said, "and tell them not to sell the necessaries of life to a poor woman usually seeks the obscurity that the law of evidence throws around him. If a girl is discharged from her position in a store because she rode in a street car in inclement weather, while a street car strike was on, the coward who dis charged her is coward enough to refuse to testify." He recognized, he said, why some merchants will not come for-ward and tell who forced them to refuse to sell necessaries of life to certain boycotted persons, but if he (Chairman Gray) were a storekeeper, he thought he would risk his all in order to assist

in breaking up the cowardly business.

After considerable evidence of the nature above mentioned, other witnesses testified that their wives were insulted on the streets; their children were beaten by other children, and could not safely be sent to school; that local unions requested storekeepers to refrain from selling goods to anyone related to a man working in the mines; that their houses were stoned; that they were stoned, shot at, and hung in effigy, and that life generally was made miserable for them and their families. Most of the witnesses connected strikers with the offences alleged.

### PRESIDENT OF HAYTI.

Gen. Nord Has Been So Acclaimed and Has Assumed Office. Port au Prince, Hayti, Dec. 19.-Gen-

eral Nord, having been acclaimed President of Hayti by the army, took posmorning.

Revolution Renewed.

Drc. 19.—Telegrams received at The Hague from Curacao announce the outbreak of a fresh revolution in Venezuela. Several skirmishes, it is said, have already taken place between the revolutionists and Castro's soldiers. The rebels are reported to number five thousand.

The Scottish curling team sailed for

### AN OAKVILLE BANK.

C. W. ANDERSON & SON MAKE AN ASSIGNMENT.

THE DEFOSITS AMOUNT TO OVER \$200,000.

#### BUSINESS OF THE TOWN TEM-PORARILY PARALYZED.

Oakville, Dec. 18 .- "C. W. Anderson & Son, bankers, Oakville, have assigned to E. R. C. Clarkson, Toronto. The trouble in connection with which, in conjunction with the refusal of their bankers to further honor their drafts, made it impossible to continue the business, and an assignment became unavoidable. "The Messrs. Anderson state that the loss to their creditors will not be large."

Toronto, Dec. 19.—This notice, on the doors of Oakville's most important banking institution yesterday, almost produced a Anderson & Son have he d the confidence of farmers and townspeople throughout the whole countryside, and the suspension of a chartered bank would not have occasioned more consternation than the forced assignment of the old firm's affairs, following, as it does, the sensational collapse of the bank's late That the fate of the latter firm has had a considerable effect in bringing about the embarrassment of Anderson & Son there can be no doubt, but this is no the sole cause, for the great majority of the bank's customers have remained loval to it, in the face of the prejudic against private banks produced by the Andrew & Howarth failure.

Behind the closed doors of the bank accountants from the office of Mr. Clarkson, the assignee, are to-night at work on the firm's books, but no den ite statement of the firm's position has yet been reached. The liabilities of the bank to depositors is roughly placed at \$200,000, and nothing definite as to the securities held by the firm can be ob-

securities held by the firm can be ob-tained.

C. W. Anderson & Son was established in 1887, the present members of the firm being C. W. Anderson and his two sons, E. B. and C. E. Anderson. The business was handled mostly by the sons, the father giving considerable attention to interests in Palmerston. The firm have about \$8,000 invested in the electric light plant there. They own consider-able property in Oakville, and also farm-ing property in the neighborhood, ining property in the neighborhood, in-cluding two splendid fruit farms. Until a year ago a banking business was carried on by Mr. Anderson, sen, at Palmerston, but the concern was ab-sorbed by a chartered bank. The business in Oakville has been for several years under the control of the sons, who have made some stock investments, and hold in addition a number of mortgages throughout the county.

The extent to which the failure will

affect the county can be estimated from the fact that every well known merchant in Oakville, with two exceptions, had an account of some size with the bank. The business men to-day gathered in each other's shops and discussed the gloomy situation, and as the afternoon wore on dozens of farmers arrived to the rumors that had reached One merchant had seven passbooks belonging to different members of his family, the aggregate of all of the accounts being \$15,000. Several of the farmers claimed to have individual accounts score of creditors interviewed had a word of reproach or condemnation for Anderson & Son. The general feeling ap-peared to be that the bank had been aught by an unexpected run due to the distrust created in the community account of the tangle in the affairs of Andrew & Howarth. A dozen mem-bers of the farming community who were among the heaviest depositors had given notice that they would withdraw their funds in the hands of the bank on Jan. 1. The refusal of the Bank of Hamilton to carry the firm over this crisis precipitated the assignment. In efforts to tide over the condition produced by the Andrew & Howarth failure, the merchan's endeavored to stop this quiet withdrawal of accounts from Anderson & Son, and they succeeded during the past few days in induc-ing several customers to leave their money in the bank.

The merchants all believe that the business will be resumed, but business will be for some time practically at a standstill. Wheat that was brought in yesterday could not be paid for, but the local grain buyer is securing funds from Toronto, and the grain business will be continued possibly to-morrow. Several stocks of goods intended for the Christmas trade are in the stores, and the money that was to have been paid for them is in the hands of Anderson & Son. The town funds were in the Andrew & Howarth bank when it failed, and the school monies, as also the accounts of several churches, were held by the bank several churches, were held by the bank which closed its doors to-day. Many aged persons had their entire funds invested through the bank. The local business of the bank extended from Streetsville to Burlington, and back from ten to fifteen miles in the country, including Trafalgar, Nelson and Toronto, all rich townships. The bank acted for Beatty, Blackstock & Co., Toronto, in their loaning department, and also for the Canada Permanent Loan & Sav-

ngs Co., on the sinking fund plan. Mr. lately not taken an active part in the business, has always been connected with the firm, is ill as a result of the

American "Soo" Canal Closed.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 18 .- The American locks have been closed for the season. The Canadian lock will be kept in operation for some time to come, probably as long as Christmas, in order probably as long as Unisting to accommodate local traffic.

#### A CLUBFOOT REDUCED.

Dr. Lorenz Kneaded it to Putty and Then Shaped it.

New York, Dec. 19 .- Dr. Lorenz has for the first time since his arrival in New York, operated on a clubfoot. The patient was a four-year-old girl. Dr. Lorenz kneaded and twisted the crippled foot until it was as soft and pliable as a piece of putty. Then he deftly moulded it into proper form, and anthe firm of Andrew & Howarth caus nounced that the operation was comed a run on Anderson & Son's bank, pleted, and a plaster east was fitted to the foot. The doctor said that the child should be allowed to use her foot as much as she could after four or five days, and it would be necessary to keep the cast on for six or seven month after which she could walk.

#### The Veterans' Land Grants.

The time specified by the act in which application for a grant can be made expires on the 31st instant. Those who lo not apply within this time will forfeit iny right they may have to the land panic in the town. For fitteen years grant. Forms for application can be had from the Veterans' Locating & Colenization Association, Canada Life buildng. Towonto.



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