As wine merchants our policy has been to so carefully attend to the purity of all the liquor we handle as to render Michie's label on a bottle an unquestionable guarantee.

Michie's extra old rye at 3.20 a gallon enjoys its unique reputation because of this attention to purity and quality.

We have this also in bottles at 70c.

MICHIE & CO.,
Wine Merchants,
5½ King St. W.

BIRD DOCTORS.

A representative of The World had the following interesting conversation with Mr. J. A. Cottam, manager for Bart Cottam Co., of Cottom Bird Food fame. In the outer office the song of various kinds of birds gave a most appropriate welcome. Mr. Cottam was found with a stenographer, a pile of correspondence before him, dictating a letter for a lady in Montreal, who had applied for advice regarding her sick bird.

"Do many take advantage of your offer of gratuitous advice, Mr. Cottam?"

"Here are five or six cases," replied that gentleman, pulling out a number of letters from the pile, "from a mere cold to an evident case of galloping consumption; and scarcely a mail but brings applications of that nature."

"Then, birds, as well as men and women, are subject to consumption?"

"Most decidedly! And, likewise, to nearly all the other diseases of humanity."

"To what influence do you most attribute the large demand for the Cottam Bird Foods?"

"Well," explained Mr. Cottam, "it's like this. When bird keepers feed the Cottam Foods they know their birds are getting absolutely the very best the world affords. The birds thrive. Less successful bird keepers enquire how they are fed. And the answer always results in another customer for our foods. So the knowledge of their peculiar properties spreads."

"But, what about your advertising in the papers?"

"Of course that helps us a good deal, or we wouldn't spend so much money every year in magazine and newspaper space; but we rely principally on the quality of our Foods and the experience we bring to bear in their preparation."

"Do you really believe your Foods are so superior to others?" This evidently touched a vital spot, for Mr. Cottam's rejoinder was almost indignant.

"Do you think we would make our claims so public had we any doubt on that point? Why, sir, it would be ruinous to advertise the way we do and make statements not absolutely true. Believe in the Cottam Foods! I should think we do; and, what's more, every birdkeeper in the land who uses them in accordance with directions believes in them as firmly as we. When you feed the Cottam Foods you don't have to buy a bird every few months."

As our representative withdrew, Mr. Cottam went on dictating the letter to the lady in Montreal about her bird, saying that the symptoms would indicate that latent phthisis or tubercular phthisis had developed, and recommending that a few drops of elixir of vitriol and a little infusion of gentian be administered in the event of a tendency to diarhoea.

Wabash Railroad Co.

If you are contemplating a trip south or west for the winter, please consider the merits of the Wabash line, the short and true route to the south or west, including Old Mexico, the Egypt of the New World, Texas and California, the lands of sunshine and flowers. Travelers will tell you that the Wabash is the best-equipped line in America, everything is up-to-date and first-class in every respect.

Passengers leaving Toronto and west via evening trains reach Chicago next morning, St. Louis next afternoon at 2 p.m., Kansas City same evening 9.30 p.m.

Rates, time-tables and all information from any R. R. agent, or J. A. Richardson, District Passenger Agent, northeast corner King and Yonge-streets, Toronto. ed

Five Dollars a Box

The Price Cut No Figure With Him.

I want to say for the benefit of some poor dyspeptic that Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will give comfort and a cure every time. Five dollars a box would not stop

my purchasing them should I ever suffer again as I did for a week before using them.

The one 50 cent box I bought at my druggist's did the work and my digestion is all right again.

Many of my neighbors have also tried them and found them to be just as represented, and Mr. Ellims also wants me to use his name in endorsing Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. Signed

A. Ellims and Charles F. Buzzell,
Assistant Postmaster.
South Sudbury, Mass.

Mrs. James Barton of Toronto, Canada, writes: "For eighteen months I suffered from what I supposed was bladder and kidney trouble, and took medicine from three different doctors, without any sign of cure. I felt so ill at last I was hardly able to do my work.

"I thought I would try a box of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and see if they would make me feel better, never really thinking I had dyspepsia, but after only three or four tablets had been taken all the acid trouble disappeared and then I discovered I had had acid dyspepsia, while the doctors had been treating me for kidney and bladder trouble and one of them treated me for rheumatism.

"My digestion is fine, my complexion clear and I am able to do my work, and low spirits are unknown to me.

"I am so thankful for finding a cure so good and so pleasant to take as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. I am surprised at the change they have made in me."

All druggists sell and recommend Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, because they contain only the simple natural digestives, and taken after meals prevent acidity and cause prompt digestion and assimilation of food.

Physicians everywhere endorse them because they are as safe for the child as for the adult; they are invaluable for sour stomach, nervous dyspepsia, heartburn, gas on stomach and bowels and every form of stomach derangement.

OFFICIAL ELECTION FIGURES

Mayor Howland Receives Telegraphic Congratulations From Many of His Outside Friends.

THE BOARD OF CONTROL FOR 1902

A Matter of Lively Interest With the Aldermen—Inaugural Meeting Next Monday.

Mayor Howland was in his office yesterday receiving congratulations from many citizens on his victory. He was also the recipient of numerous telegrams from all parts of the country. Among them were those of George Stewart, vice-president Royal Society, Ottawa; A. E. Jones, president Victoria Club, Buffalo; Sir Adolphe Caron, Jules DeClement, secretary to Hon. Israel Tarte, Mayor Hendrie, Hamilton; G. O. Alcorn, M.P., Picton; Fred Cook, Mayor of Ottawa; ex-Ald. David Walker of the Walker House, who is now at San Antonio, Texas; A. M. F. Gianelli, Italian Consul at Buffalo; Warden Rickard, Newcastle; T. K. Foster, journalist, Ottawa; ex-Mayor J. G. Maulson, Winnipeg; Mayor Ingles, Lindsay; Mayor Smith, Moncton, N.B.; Mayor Beck, London, and Mayor Woods, Brantford. His Worship also received a large number of congratulatory letters from citizens.

Inaugural Meeting.

The inaugural meeting of the City Council of 1902 will be held at the Horticultural Pavilion, Allan Gardens, next Monday, at 11 a.m. There will be no invitations issued, and the gallery will be entirely reserved for ladies and their escorts. After the Board of Control and the chairmen of committees are chosen, the Council will adjourn for lunch, and the meeting will be continued in the Council Chamber at the usual hour, 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Dying Council.

The last meeting of the Council of 1901 will be held to-morrow afternoon in the Council Chamber, when congratulations will be extended to the old members who will sit again, and condolences to the old members who will not. Some small matters of uncompleted business will be disposed of.

The result of the election was discussed in all its phases at the City Hall yesterday, but civic officials believe that silence is golden and wisdom the next best thing, so, consequently, their opinions were sealed.

The Board of Control.

The Board of Control for 1902 is now a lively speculation. Indications are that all the old aldermen would like to have a look in, and the vote of the six new members of Council will be looked upon as a valuable asset.

This is the first year since the Board of Control was organized that all its members have been re-elected. The boards of Control since its inception were as follows:

1890—Lamb, R. H. Graham, McMurrich.
1897—Leslie, R. H. Graham, Lamb.
1898—Hubbard, Leslie, Burns.
1899—Burns, Lynd, Woods.
1900—Sheppard, Spence, Frame, Bowman.
1901—Sheppard, Frame Hubbard, Lamb.

The names of nearly every member of the Council are being used in connection with membership on this year's board, and many confidences are being exchanged.

The Official Figures.

At noon yesterday City Clerk Littlejohn made the usual statutory declaration of the result of the election in the Council Chamber. The official figures are as follows:

MAYORALTY.

	Howland.	Maclean.	Woodley.
Ward No. 1	1,332	1,249	106
Ward No. 2	2,378	1,538	97
Ward No. 3	2,794	1,658	99
Ward No. 4	3,049	1,602	83
Ward No. 5	2,214	1,645	147
Ward No. 6	1,658	1,131	107
Total	13,425	8,818	642
Majority			4,607
Vote polled, 1902			23,885
Votes polled, 1901			24,993

ALDERMEN.

WARD ONE.

FRAME	1,685
FLEMING	1,615
RICHARDSON	1,302
STEWART	1,205
Preston	1,129
Spears	321

WARD TWO.

SPENCE	2,318
OLIVER	2,050
FOSTER	1,825
LAMB	1,626
Cox	1,525
Akers	1,081
Henderson	616
Douglass	415

WARD THREE.

SHEPPARD	2,578
CURRY	2,551
McMURRICH	2,526
LOUDON	2,233
Sheard	2,071
Ramsden	1,852

WARD FOUR.

URQUHART	3,283
BURNS	2,803
CRANE	2,710
HUBBARD	2,494
Williamson	1,847
Schilling	209

WARD FIVE.

BELL	2,017
DUNN	1,914
WOODS	1,892
STEWART	1,635
Starr	1,601
Fraleigh	1,332
Hamilton	773

WARD SIX.

WARD	1,614
GRAHAM	1,551
LYND	1,319
HALL	1,178
McGhie	969
Hodgson	929
O'Neill	245
Holmes	216
Noble	200

SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

WARD ONE.

CHISHOLM	1,821
LOBB	1,230
Smith	862
Godbold	857
Hobbs	367
Ryott	395

WARD TWO.

HALES	1,646
THOMPSON	1,582
Davis	1,570
Hogg	904

WARD THREE.

BROWN	2,941
RAWLINSON	2,204
Hacker	1,139
Lee	217

WARD FOUR.

JONES	2,244
LEVEE	2,206
Simpson	1,782
Elliott	429
Code	388

WARD FIVE.

PARKINSON	2,364
SCOTT	1,532
McEachren	1,375
Harper	309
Sabine	216

WARD SIX.

GODFREY	1,433
BUCK	1,229
Miles	753
Galbraith	645

EXHIBITION BYLAW.

WARD ONE.

For	523
Against	452

WARD TWO.

For	982
Against	501

WARD THREE.

For	776
Against	411

WARD FOUR.

For	1,177
Against	753

WARD FIVE.

For	901
Against	722

WARD SIX.

For	742
Against	487

Majority for Exhibition bylaw, 1,775

Assessment Commissioner Fleming thinks this is the time that people who are entitled to be on the voters' list and are not there should communicate with him. There were some citizens who are entitled to vote, but found on Monday that their names were not upon the list.

Some of the newly elected aldermen visited the hall yesterday just to look the place over.

There are really no suggestions yet as to who will secure the chairmanships of the various committees.

TEN MILLION CONSUMPTIVES.

Startling Statement Made By an Eminent St. Louis Physician at a Meeting of the St. Louis Medical Society.

The season is here for the usual epidemic of coughs and colds, and when spring arrives the already large list of consumptives will, as a natural result, be greatly increased. For that reason it is worth while to carefully consider the statements made by some of the most eminent physicians and tuberculosis specialists.

At a recent meeting of the St. Louis Medical Society, William Porter, A.M.M.D., physician in charge of the Mt. St. Rose Throat and Chest Hospital, declared that ten million of people now living in the United States and Canada will die of tuberculosis. The Ottawa Health Report for the past year states that 125 adults died from consumption, and 102 died from pneumonia. The Canadian Practitioner and Review, a well-known medical journal, states in the November issue that the autopsies performed by Dr. Councilman has revealed the presence of tuberculosis in 17 per cent. of the cases which were supposed to have been free from the disease. This may mean that almost one-third of all civilized people are tuberculous. The people themselves are directly responsible for this state of affairs. When they get a cough or cold they neglect it, instead of using ordinary commonsense precautions, and ridding themselves of this forerunner of consumption, before it gets a firm hold and undermines the throat and lung tissues. Sometimes they do make a feeble effort to rid themselves of the cough or cold by the use of some cough mixture. Cough mixtures generally contain opiates or narcotics, which simply allay the trouble for a short time, and, when spring arrives, the patient has either developed a case of chronic bronchitis or consumption. The sooner people learn that these so-called "simple troubles" must be properly taken care of at the very beginning of their existence the sooner will we be able to stamp out the dread disease consumption, which is every day becoming more powerful in its ravages. The medical profession is devoting the greatest attention to this ever-increasing disease, and many claim to have discovered a cure for it. A preparation that is largely prescribed by physicians and used in the hospitals for the treatment of throat and lung disease, especially those of a tuberculous nature, is made from a refined petroleum and is fast superseding other preparations. This remedy is called Angier's Petroleum Emulsion. The refined petroleum is combined with hypophosphites of lime and soda, and being odorless and practically tasteless, agrees with the weakest stomach, an important point to consider when treating children's diseases. Besides, it soothes heals and cleanses the diseased membranes, aids digestion, and thereby builds up health and strength by improving the power of assimilation and nutrition. Until recently this remedy was sold only upon doctor's prescriptions. Now every druggist sells large quantities of it to the general public, and reports an ever-increasing demand for it. Though largely advertised, this preparation is not a "patent medicine," and the manufacturers make no false claims for it.

Doctors Wait on the Premier.

A deputation of physicians from the Medical Defence Association waited on Premier Ross yesterday, and asked him to consider the advisability of making the council of the Ontario Medical Association elective. The interviewers were Drs. Hall Bar, Bowmanville; Sangster, Port Perry; Coburn, Oshawa; Rutherford, Aurora; Parks, Saintfield; Bingham, Peterboro; King, Toronto; Jessop, St. Catharines; Armour, St. Catharines; Haig, Oshawa, and Eastward, Whitby.

The Action Dismissed.

Judgment was delivered by Judge Britton yesterday, dismissing the suit of Blanquist v. Hogan. The defendant, at the preliminary trial, was awarded $2500 damages for injuries caused while in a mine by an explosion. The judge finds that there was no negligence, and so dismissed the action.

Not a Liberal.

Mr. Robert Fleming, alderman-elect for Ward 1, was classed as a Liberal in yesterday's World. He comes of a Conservative family, and has been himself a lifelong adherent of the party. The political complexion of the Council is, therefore, 14 Conservatives and 10 Liberals.

The regular meeting of the Browning Club will be held this evening in the lecture room of the Unitarian Church.

Blood Poison Cured Free

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The Illustrations Above Plainly Show What This Grand Discovery Will Do.

A celebrated Indiana physician has discovered the most wonderful cure for Syphilis, or Blood Poison, ever known. It quickly cures all such indications as mucous patches in the mouth, sore throat, copper colored spots, chancres, ulcerations on the body, and in hundreds of cases where the hair and eyebrows had fallen out and the whole skin was a mass of boils, pimples and ulcers, this wonderful specific has completely changed the whole body into a clean, perfect condition of physical health.

William McGrath, 48 Guilford-street, Buffalo, N.Y., says: "I am a well man today where a year ago I was a total wreck. Several doctors had failed to cure me of syphilis. I was rid of my sores and my skin became smooth and natural in two weeks, and after completing the treatment there was not a sore or pimple on my body, and to-day I am absolutely well. I give you permission to use my name, and I will answer all inquiries from suffering men."

Every railroad running into Ft. Wayne brings scores of sufferers seeking this new and marvelous cure, and to enable those who cannot travel to realize what a truly marvelous work the doctor is accomplishing they will send free to every sufferer a free trial package of the remedy so that everyone can cure themselves in the privacy of their own home. This is the only known treatment that cures this most terrible of all diseases. Address the State Medical Institute, 3199 Elektron Building, Ft. Wayne, Ind. Do not hesitate to write at once and the free trial package will be sent sealed in plain package.

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$18 White Fox Boas, at 10
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$50 Bokharan Lamb Jackets, at 40
$45 Grey Lamb Jackets, at 35
$225 Alaska Seal Jackets, at 175

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Send for Price List.

MORE ELECTIONS.

LEAMINGTON—The following are the results of municipal elections here yesterday: Mayor, L. Wigle; councillors, D. Kennedy, William McCrae, W. Irwin, C. Curtis, H. Chamberlain and W. Prosser.

KEMPTVILLE—Reeve, G. P. Ferguson, 230; John Selleck, 102. Councillors, Z. Leach 223, A. McLellan 216, W. A. Spotswood 208, Dr. J. A. Sanderson 189, W. A. Barnes 147, G. A. Eager 130. The Council elected comprise a straight ticket pledged to oppose the granting of a license to the billiard room.

ARNPRIOR—The bylaw for raising a sum of money for laying a sewer on Daniel-street was carried by a majority of 1. The House of Refuge for Renfrew County question had a majority of 77.

CUSTOMS OFFICER RETIRED.

Ottawa, Jan. 7.—Asa C. Gerald of the Customs Department, Prescott, has been superannuated and P. C. Murdoch of that place has been appointed in his place.

They Never Knew Failure.—Careful observation of the effects of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills has shown that they act immediately on the diseased organs of the system and stimulate them to healthy action. There may be cases in which the disease has been long seated and does not easily yield to medicine, but even in such cases these Pills have been known to bring relief when all other so-called remedies have failed. These assertions can be substantiated by many who have used the Pills, and medical men speak highly of their qualities.

Mothers Rub Their Babies

with Campana's Italian Balm, to prevent chafing; most moustacheless fathers use it after shaving; most ladies use it for their complexions. At drug stores, or mailed to any address on receipt of 27c, by Hutchings Medicine Co., Toronto. 135

Week of Prayer.

The subject for prayer to-day at 4 o'clock in the Y.W.C. Guild Hall, McGill-street, will be Nations and Their Rulers. The chair will be taken by A. E. O'Meara, and Rev. W. Frizzell, Ph.B., will deliver an address.

The schools opened again yesterday after the Christmas vacation.

The Long Distance Telephone

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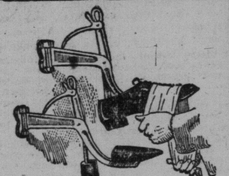

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POPULATION OF UNITED STATES

Including Outlying Possessions Totals 84,233,069 for 1900.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The Census Bureau to-day issued a report announcing the population of the entire United States, including all outlying possessions, was 84,233,069 in the census year 1900.

This is itemized as follows:

Continental United States, or United States proper, 75,994,575 (heretofore announced); Philippines, 6,961,339, being the estimate of the statisticians to the Philippine commission; Puerto Rico, 953,243; Hawaii, 154,001; Alaska, 63,592; Guam, 9000; American Samoa, 6,100; persons in the military and naval service of the United States, outside of the territory of the United States proper, 91,219.

ALL IS QUIET NOW.

Buenos Ayres, Jan. 7.—(Via Galveston)—The governments of Argentina and Chili, having come to an agreement as to the wording of the clauses in the protocol referring to the policing of Ultima Esperanza, Argentina's rights in the matter being safeguarded, the representations of Argentina on the wording of the clauses referred to are ended, and all the questions in dispute will now be submitted to the arbitration of the British commission.

GOVERNOR OF RHODE ISLAND.

Providence, R.I., Jan. 7.—Hon. Charles Dean Kimball was inaugurated Governor of Rhode Island to-day and the oath of office administered to the members of the legislature.

TWO MEN KILLED.

Roanoke, W. Va., Jan. 7.—Two men were killed in a railway wreck here to-day.

Meetings for Mr. Beith.

Bowmanville, Jan. 7.—A series of meetings has been arranged for in the interest of Robert Beith, Liberal candidate in the West Durham Federal bye-election. Among the speakers are Hon. Clifford Sifton, Hon. Sydney Fisher, and Hon. William Patterson.

The Church of England Woman's Auxiliary will meet to-morrow morning in Grace Church schoolroom. Holy communion will be celebrated, and Rev. Carey Ward will give an address.

Stop that Head Cold in 10 Minutes—or it will develop into chronic catarrh. Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder stops cold in the head in ten minutes, and relieves most acute and deep-seated catarrh after one application. Cures quickly and permanently. "I have used Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder with best results. It is a great remedy, and I never cease recommending it." John E. Dell, Paulding, O.—23.

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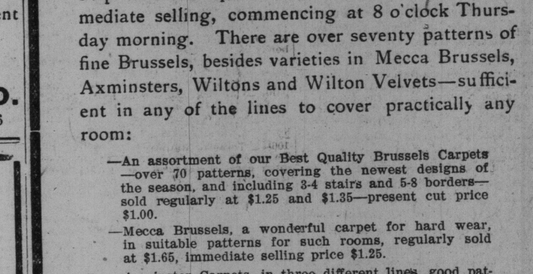

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Throughout our entire stock this month we hold out generous inducements for shoppers to buy. We tell here and now of a particular lot of carpets that are put out on the main floor for immediate selling, commencing at 8 o'clock Thursday morning. There are over seventy patterns of fine Brussels, besides varieties in Mecca Brussels, Axminsters, Wiltons and Wilton Velvets—sufficient in any of the lines to cover practically any room:

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—Axminster Carpets, in three different lines, good patterns, borders to match, $2.25 line for $1.75, $1.50 line for $1.20, $1.20 line for $1.00.

—Wilton Carpet, a carpet that always gives satisfaction, a regular $2.00 carpet, for immediate selling at $1.50.

—Wilton Velvet Carpets, always give good satisfaction, regular $1.50 line, for immediate selling $1.25.

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SCHLEY MAY APPEAL.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Admiral Schley visited the White House yesterday to request the President to entertain and consider an appeal for the reversal of the action of Secretary Long and the disapproval of the majority judgment of the Court of Inquiry. The interview was satisfactory, the President granting the Admiral's request. Messrs. Rayner and Teague to-day will assist Admiral Schley in the preparation of the appeal.

To Tax Foreign Corporations.

Albany, Jan. 7.—Senator Krum, in the Senate to-day, introduced a bill providing for a State tax of one-tenth of 1 per cent. on each dollar of capital stock of all foreign corporations doing business in this State.

THE POLISH AGITATION.

London, Jan. 7.—The Vienna correspondent of The Times says there has been Polish agitation, but there is no Polish question, and the Prussians must be careful not to create one. Prejudices against the birching of little girls and the imprisonment of their mothers are not peculiar to the Poles, but the Prussians, who have long indulged in diplomatical denunciations of imaginary British atrocities in South Africa, are astoundingly sensitive in regard to the publication of reports about their own peccadilloes. The best thing, says the correspondent, would be to let the matter drop, as the Austrians are disposed to do.

Small Fire.

Hespeler, Jan. 7.—A fire to-night in the shoddy mill here caused several hundred dollars' damage.