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CIVIC ELECTION INTEREST RISING

A Big Businessman and Close Friend Says Mr. Beck Will Run for Mayor.

MUNICIPAL POT BOILING this morning. The agreement has been M. P'S. WERE CRITICIZED

Present Outlook Is That Coming Election Will Be a Record Breaker.

surprises before nominations on Wed-

"General Arathy" appeared to hold the usual 11 o'clock car on Saturday the situation, but it looks as if "General Interest" is going to take a hand in the game.

Strong pressure is being brought to crease considerably. bear on Hon. Adam Beck, Philip Po-cock and A. McMahen and others to run, and there is said to be no doubt that they will seek the suffrages of the people.

Mr. Beck Interviewed.

Hon. Adam Beck, when interviewd this afternoon, stated that he had nothing to say on the question, that he had not seen the petition being circulated, nor had he been asked to run by the gentlemen behind it. However, he will be asked to run before Wednesday, and those in close

touch with him are confident that he will consent. If he does so, there will be a large number of new candidates for aldermanic board as well as a big field for the utilities commission.

People Are Waking Up. More interest is being taken than most reople imagine, and when nominations are closed on Wednesday night there is certain to be one of the day that Mr. Beck will run, and that his answer will be received on Tues-

have been circulated are influencing Mr. Beck, as attached to the petitions BRITISH WRITS OUT are the names of very many prominent citizens of both sides of politics. Possible Candidates.

The possible candidates for offices are as follows:

guson, Ald. Beattie.
Utilities Commission — Three to be elected.-Phil Pocock, A. T. McMahen, William Wyatt, Ald. Josh Garratt, Mayor Stevely, Ald. Stewart, E. T.

H. Chapman, D. H. Howden, W. Spencer, W. W. Thomson, R. C.

HONORED PREMIER SCOTT

Liberals of Saskatchewan Put Up a Silver Tea Service.

ficent silver tea service. The presenthirty constituencies the Laborites tation was made by H. C. Lisle, as the and Unionists will have a straight oldest, and A. F. Totzke, as the young- light. est Liberal members in the House

SANTA CLAUS BUYS **TOYS FOR \$7,500,000**

Larger Amount Than Ever Before Spent for Trinkets.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Santa Claus issue before which all others sank this year apparently has on his books the names of many more children than the speeches the names of many more children than of the Liberals? The Unionist policy heretofore, and means to remember was at least constructive, remedial, descriptions.

watchful eye on the records of toys ing at Warrington, laid stress on unfor Christmas, and his latest figures employment, for which palliations indicate a great increase in the value would be found in the development of playtnings, that have been accumulating in the United States from the consideration by the board of trade. toy makers of Germany and elsewhere, and those made in the United States, the cordite scare as ridiculous. for distribution Christmas eve. During the year at least \$7,500,000 if home rule were granted to Ireland

worth of toys have been imported, what was there to prevent Belfast Last year they amounted to \$6.929,- from becoming a base for the Ger-837. The toy makers of Nuremberg man fleet, sent to the United States during September, and October \$172.541 worth more of their product than during the same period last year-an increase of nearly 64 per cent. During the ten months ending Oct. 30 the imports of toys amounted to \$5,300,-486, half a million dollars more than the same period last year.

SUDBURY VISITED BY \$125,000 FIRE

Sudbury, Dec. 20.-Sudbury's worst fire in its history destroyed \$125,000 worth of property in two hours yesterday morning, between the hours of street (aunt of the bride), when Ruby one of the best known men in Mont-4 and 6, and almost resulted in the loss of several lives. The town was less of several lives are lived to several lives. The town was less of several lives are lived to several lives. The town was less of several lives are lived to several lives are lived to several lives. The town was less of several lives are lived to several lives are lived to several lives. The town was less of several lives are lived to several lives are lived to several lives are lived to several lived to several lives are lived to several lived 4 and 6, and almost resulted in the Adelaide, daughter of the late J. W. real, and who had a wide circle of in darkness at the time, owing to the H. A. Baxter, was married to John Ontario, died very suddenly while atpower company taking advantage of Martin Fleming, of Milton, North Cartending early mass at the Jesuit Sunday to change the transformer. This greatly hampered the initial bride movements of the fire brigade, and amethyst tailored gown, with black Ont., near Woodstock, 46 years ago, necessitated the inmates of the burn- picture hat, and was accompanied by and came to Montreal in 1893. He ing building groping their way to her sister, Miss Adda Lester, from To- was particularly well known in sport-

The fire was discovered in the largest business block of the town, a three-story structure built of brick with a frame leanto, and in 20 minutes it was doomed. No cause can delegation of malcontents arriving harding and Hackett this morning here assigned, as there was not a stove here from Granada brings news of a started a hattle with the ice from Amn the entire premises, and the building was electrically lighted throughout. With the power off, the cause could not be assigned to the fusing.

Doing Well in West.

Mr. Alf. Denner, formerly of London, has opened an up-to-date bakery finally training a Maxim gun on the steamer John F. Eddy and barge were friends wish him every success.

TEN CENT FARE TO SPRINGBANK AND RETURN

Went Into Operation This Morning—New Schedule for Christmas.

The new schedule to Springbankthe ten-cent fare-went into operation this morning. The agreement has been

made effective.

Manager King also announced a new schedule for Christmas week. There will be three cars in the morning, and four in the afternoon, each day week. The morning cars will leave The municipal pot is commencing to Richmond and Dundas at 6:30, 7:35 boil, and there is certain to be some and 11 o'clock. The afternon cars will depart at 1:30, 4 o'clock, 5 a'clock and 6:30 o'clock. Of course, there will be

> There is considerabl traffic this week on the line, and it is expected to in

LAST COUNCIL MEETING OF YEAR TONIGHT

After This Session the Mayor and Aldermen Will Officially Be No More

The last council meeting of the year vill be held this evening, at the conlusion of which the aldermen of 1909 vill be no more-officially at least. There will be little business of importance to be transacted, with exception of bylaws. The committee work is light, and there is nothing new

of outstanding importance. The board of works will possibly hold one or two meetings after tonight largest ballots voted on in many days. but until the formation of the council It was stated to The Advertiser to- of 1910 everything will be in the hands of Mayor Stevely.

It was expected that the water com day evening. This statement was missioners would meet this afternoom made by one of the most prominent but there is no business to be transmade by one of the most prominent but there is no business to be transmaded by one of the most prominent but there is no business to be transmaded to the commission will not mee missioners would meet this afternoon acted, o the commission will not meet

ON JANUARY EIGHTH

Mayor-Hon. Adam Beck, Ald. Fer- Uncontested Constituencies Will Be Smaller in Number Than For Many Years.

Council—Ald. Gerry, Ald. Rose, Ald. Saunders, Ald. Cooper, Ald. Moorhead, Ald. Fitzgerald, Ald. Stevenson, A. J. leving the first election on the 13th. Morgan, W. A. Wilson, John G. Rich- lowing the first election on the 13th. horse-racing, and it seems to me that ter, Henry Pocock, J. A. Tancock, There will again be heavy broadsides Hubert Ashplant, Henry Kilbourne, of oratory this week. Mr. Balfour, his cold. John Dunkin, Thes. Reyeraft, R. J. who has recovered from his cold, Young, J. H. Jeffries. W. Jeffrey, J. speaks at Edinburgh today, and Mr. Asquith at Birkenhead on Half a dozen ministers will be on the platform every night, led by the Chan-cellor of the Exchequer. The most Teasdall, J. I. A. Hunt, G. N. Weekes, novel feature of the election is the Dr. J. D. Balfour and A. S. Maegregor, Hospital Trust—J. C. Judd, K. C. dressed 73 meetings, and 70 more are

already arranged for.

It is now possible to indicate how It is now possible to indicate how he had never known a young man to be the parties stand in the matter of candidatures. The uncontested constitu-encies will be smaller in number than for a long time past. At the outside they will probably number seventeen, Regina, Sask., Dec. 20. — Members of which fifteen will be represented by of the provincial Liberal party Satur- Unionists. The triangular contests will day evening, in the Speaker's room, also be few. The Chronicle estimates presented Premier Scott with a magni- that they will not exceed twenty. In thirty constituencies the Land. touches of them. M

Pessimistic Milner.

Lord Milner, speaking at Bridgeport on Saturday, said he had never been scaremonger, but the great position won by Britain was being menaced more and more every day. The future demanded the energies not only of the United Kingdom, but of the empire. Imperial unity was the great the good little boys and good little national, and imperial. The Liberals girls bounteously with toys of all were agreed on nothing except predatory taxation and hostility to Uncle Sam has been keeping a lords. Mr. Winston Churchill, speak-Dr. McNamara in London denounced The Earl of Cawdor at Leeds asked

DONALD GUNN KILLED

Head of Toronto Pork Packing Con-

cern Run Down by Auto. Toronto, Dec. 19.-Donald Gunn president of Gunn's, Limited, wholesale oork packers, was struck by an autonobile on Saturday afternoon at Yong street and Wilton avenue and fatally injured. He died Sunday morning.

Fleming-Lester.

A very happy wedding was solemnized Saturday morning at the home of Mrs. A. O. Jeffery, Ridout olina, by the Rev. J. G. Perdue. The Church yesterday morning. ronto The happy couple left for a ing circles, especially among horsementh's tour to the Southern States.

"DEATH TO ZELAYA." Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 20 .-- A

Saturday. A crowd formed at the herstburg to Southeast Shoal, ompanied the rioting.

and confectionery in the town of rioters several of whom were arrested, angay, Alta. His many London while the others fled and went into Clair last night. So far as known the

REV. MR. INKSTER ON GAMBLING

Bookmaking and Especially the Handbooks Denounced in Strong Terms.

For Their Attitude on the Bill in Parliament-Betting and the Anglo-Saxon People.

"Gambling" was the subject of Rev . Gibson Inkster's sermon at the First Presbyterian Church, last night, in which he made a strong appeal for the abolition of bookmaking and especially of the handbook.

"We want to stop the man who goes poolrooms and takes bets as low as a had gone there to see he said "I would ask the stop publishing information on their sporting pages that helps gambling, and much will thereby be done to stop Mr. Inkster spoke about the recent bills brought before Parliament, and

spoke knew so little about their sub-"Before taking up an important thing like this, that affects the whole

deplored the fact that the men who

Dominion," he said, "they owe it to the people to become conversant with their subject."

The Personal Element. Mr. Osler and Mr. Barker, in presenting the matter, had allowed the personal element to creep in. Both gentlemen being interested in race tracks this was not to be wondered at, but as a result it prejudiced their arguments. Hon. A. B. Aylesworth had stated that it was a tendency of the Anglo-Saxon race to bet.

"Sin," said Mr. Inkster, "seems a tenlency of every race. But are we going to stop our efforts because of that? Betting is not only a tendency of the Anglo-Saxons, but a world-wide tenlency. Even among the Zulus of

The King and the Race Track. had been It had been said by Mr. Aylesworth that the best people frequent the race tracks, and he had referred to King Edward opening the

"Many of the so-called best people, who frequent the race tracks," he said. "are a disgrace to society. Had the Minister of Justice been in England, as I was, the first time King Edward London, Dec. 20.—It has been finally a storm of protest against such a proattitude was the better one

The Vested Interests.

Mr. Aylesworth had said that if the bills would touch vested interests he would not be in favor of them. "It is not a question of capital or of vested interests."
said Mr. Inkster. "It is a question of right or wrong. The bill, moreover, does not propose to touch race tracks, but bookmaking. bookmaking.
"Mr. Osler made the statement that

seen a man killed by a railway train. Because he did not know of any cases it does not follow that thousands of young an announcement men have not been ruined.

Gambling a Passion.

"This gambling is nothing but a pas-"This gambling is nothing but a passion for swift and uncarned gains. It touches our moral fibres and hardens them. Mr. Inkster spoke of the condition of affairs in Vancouver before the petition to close races had been successful. All the race track crooks from California and other states he said, had flocked there and the people of the States had laughed at Canada for Woodstock.

California and Vancouver. "California is bad enough," declared the speaker, "but when they were not tolerated in California and had to be driven out, the Lord help Vancouver."

Speaking of local conditions, Mr. Inkstruction, and if all goes ahead as

ster said he was glad to learn that very little gambling was carried on here. He had heard that women played bridge for money and became excited over the

"In so far as the element of chance enters in," said Mr. Inkster, "it is wrong if the transaction is only for one cent." PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS

Official Notification of Election of James W. Doyle.

Toronto, Dec. 20.-Notice appears in the Ontario Gazette of the election of James William Doyle, to represent the riding of North Middlesex. The following appointments appear: Isaiah Robb, to be police magistrate for the town of Palmerston; J. McW. Keith, of Smith's Falls, and A. J. Hume, of Richmond Hill, to be notaries public; E. A. Remey, of Dorset, to be clerk of the fourth division court of Haliburton, instead of George Simmons, who refuses to act.

GEORGE O'NEIL DEAD

Expired Suddenly While Attending Service in Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—George O'Neil, was attired in a modish Mr. O'Neil was born at Norwich,

BATTLING WITH ICE. demonstration which occurred there started a battle with the ice from Amrailway station and forcibly released the Canadian steamers, Strathcona and from custody several political prison- Donaconna. There is a great amount ers. Cries of "Death to Zelaya" ac- of ice in the lower end of the river and an all-day tussle is expected be-The police made a demonstration fore the tugs reach the shoal. The still tied up in the ice in Lake St. boats have asked for no assistance.

SHORT CHECK ARTIST IN POLICE COURT

The Restitution Was Made and Offender Was Allowed to Go With a Warning.

In the police court this morning a young man charged with giving a check to a local merchant, had not sufficient funds in the bank to meet it, appeared, but on arrange ments being completed to make restitution, and pay all costs, the charge was dismissed. Magistrate Love gave the young man a very severe lecture as his conduct in the past has not been particularly good.

"If you ever come up before me again," said the court, "I will send you down for a long term."

Indian Lister Case. John Mercer, an Indian lister, was charged with loitering around the London House. He offered the excuse that his brother had asked him into barber shops and hangs around meet him in the sitting-room, and he Barnhill stated that he had found Merpapers of London and of all Canada to cer in a room off the sitting-room, where drinks were served. "I will adjourn the case for two weeks," said the court, "I do not wish

> if I can help it, but I must do as the statutes direct." John Brazell, charged with vagrancy, said that he had no home, no noney, no friends and no work. had a sore foot and intimated that he would be glad of a rest. "I will remand you to jail

to fine you at this season of the year

week," said the court. MAGNATES HERE

Southwestern Traction Company Was Inspected by Mr. Verner and Others.

Africa betting prevails to an enormous BIG PLANS ARE MATURING extent.

Line Is To Be Connected With Brantford in the Spring-Other Big Moves Contemplated.

A thorough inspection of the Southwestern Traction Company's line was made this morning by Verner, of Pittsburg and Brantford; ceeding. His mother, Victoria, of this city; Manager Mower and other blessed memory, never countenanced officials.

A special car left early, and the ternals and line were looked over care fully by the new owners Nothing was announced bearing or the policy of the new company. "We have just returned from looking the road over," said Mr. Verner. "We found everything in good condition,

and we are well satisfied. Large Plans.

"As for our policy in the future, we are not prepared today to make announcement. We have large plans, of course, but as yet they are somewhat vague, and have not yet been crystallized. It will not take us long Another Case of Alleged Break= what vague, and have not yet to evolve proper plans, however, and when that has been done we will make "The new charter is to be consid-

ered yet, and when that is granted we oas-It will be in a position to make known what we intend doing."

Part of the Scheme. According to semi-official information, the company will continue the place of business is in the East End, road from Brantford to London in the spring. This will mean the construc-

At the latter place, the Woodstockto-Ingersoll line will be taken over.

struction, and if all goes ahead anticipated, the whole work will finished early next year, or at the latest

in 1911. There are other lines in contemplation, but information concerning them also testified, and offered similar evicould not be obtained.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS. At New York-Minneapolis. At Havre-La Bretagne. Dover-Kroonland.

Piraeus-Patris. Genoa-Lazio. At Naples-Oceania, Roma, Saxonia. At St. John-Lake Champlain. St. John-Lake Champlain, New York-Kaiserin Auguste Vic

toria, Florida, Calabria, Virginia, At Queenstown—Carmania, At Moville—Caledonia, At Liverpool—Devonian, At Plymouth—New York, Amerika,

Closing Exercises.

Closing exercises in all the schools

will be held on Wednesday. Programmes of more than usual merit are being prepared. In connection with those events the various medal wintrophies. TOMORROW-COLD.

FORECASTS.
Toronto, Dec. 20-8 a.m.
Today-Strong southwesterly and westerly winds; cloudy, with light local snow-

Tuesday-Strong westerly winds and continued cold.
TEMPERATURES. Stations.
 Winnipeg
 8

 Port Arthur
 14

 Parry Sound
 28

 Toronto
 24
 Ottawa

 Ottawa
 24

 Montreal
 18

 Montreal
 22

 Quebec
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 Father Point
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 Father Point....... 20 6
WEATHER NOTES.
The weather is moderately throughout the Dominion.
SUNDAY'S WEATHER. moderately Toronto, Dec. 19-8 p.m.—The pressure has been low over the Great Lakes and high over the Western Provinces. Al-

though light snowfalls have occurred from Alberta to Northern Ontario, the weather has been for the most part fine. weather has been for the most part fine. Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, Saturday, 17-25; London, Sunday, 11-19; Dawson, zero-10; Calgary, 8-28; Vancouver, 34-36; Kamloops, 24-26; Edmonton, 2-26; Battleford, 2-14; Prince Albert, 4 below-8; Moosejaw, 4 below-28; Qu'Appelle, 14 below-zero; Winnipag, 11 below-8; Port Arthur, 6-14; Parry Sound, 14-23; Toronto, 15-24; Ottawa, 2-18; Montreaf, 10-20; Quebec, 12-18; Halifax, 22-26.

MERRILY GOES THE **BUDGET CAMPAIGN**

Meetings Continue Large and Strenuous Despite the Holidays.

MORE VIOLENT

The Unionists Trying Hard to Create a Panic Over the Liberal Policy.

London, Dec. 20. - The suffragettes are progressing in violence and gave several examples last week of their determination to plead their cause by force as well as by mere words. Instances of their attacks upon members of the ministry are so frequent! that the newspapers dismiss them nowadays with but a few lines. Budget Fight Keeps Up.

The usual Christmas lull has not affected the general election campaign so far. The struggle in progress grows more bitter every day, and if the size and enthusiasm of the crowds at the

public meetings were a sure index to the result of the campaign a great Liberal victory would seem certain. But in this country the mass of silent voters who stand aloof from public demonstrations determine the esult of general elections, and Tories are concentrating their efforts on an attempt to drive this class of electors into a state of panic over the

policies of the Liberal party.
Possibly the most significant feature of the campaign thus far has been the decided hostility shown toward Austen Chamberlain whenever he has addressed his own constituents. On Thursday he had to abandon the attempt to gain a hearing in Birmingham, the principal town in the Chamberlain constituency.

Chamberlain Aids Son.

The influence of the Chamberlains in the Birmingham sphere has hitherto been so overwhelming that their opponents have existed there only on suffrance. The defeat of Austen Chamberlain would be a dire blow to the Tories and the tariff reform adherents, not only because his own personality is important in the struggle, heretofore in routing all attacks on

their stronghold. That county returns no less than sixty occasion. members to Parliament and both parties are focussing their attention on it. summate ability in defence of the (Continued on Page Eight.

CIGAR SELLING CASES **ENGAGES THE MAGISTRATE**

ing of Sabbath in Police Court.

ras, a Greek restaurant keeper, whose Advertiser: McIntosh, who in the box stated that of Christmas cheer, to those who very received by Peter Elson, Esq. on Sunday, Nov. 7, he had seen two ing out, he saw they had cigars, and from information he received, went and questioned Honduras if he had

Mr. Honduras admitted that he had because he read in the papers that in month or two, getting the usual yearly stituents, accounted for all the petinature the cigars were held to be part of the lunch.

"I will look up the case to which you have reference," said the court, "and will reserve decision for a week." NO ONE TO BLAME

The Empress of Ireland Probably Hit a De. elict.

Montreal, Dec. 19.-Judgment was handed down at Quebec on Saturday afternoon by Wreck Commissioner L. take this matter up by asking for sub-A. Demers, in which the court finds scriptions, and sending out some bas- one knows, is the first business of the ners will be presented with their that no one can be blamed for the kets this year to those who are in need House. As I entered the Chamber the accident to the C. P. R. steamship of them. Empress of Ireland last October, near Ste. Felicite, on the south shore of nor St. Andrew's Societies will follow my seat, I presented the patition as the St. Lawrence. In going over the this very bad precedent of the Irish from Rev. Dr. Chown and others, beevidence of the various experts, it is shown that their almost unanimous their countrymen have a good, big the same time I considered it strange opinion is that the Empress struck a wholesome meal on this, the greatest that he should send me a pathion insubmerged derelict, probably with an and most joyous day of the year."

The Explanation that it had been shown that the soundings marked on the Government chart at the spot where the mishap occurred were correct, while Capt. Miles. R. N. who had made a thorough examination of the river there for the department of marine, had failed to locate any derelict.

STRIKE SPREADS.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20 .- Following the example of their sister workers in New placed in the hands of people York, several thousand shirtwaist makers of this city went on strike here ter working conditions. Recognition not be denied. of the union and increases in wages amounting to 20 per cent is demanded.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Chicago, Dec. 20.-John Corrodio, aged 7 years, Charles Corrodio, aged 2 years, and Mary Corrodio, aged 4 Roman Catholic bishop of Lon years, were burned to death today in their home at South Chicago, when he has done elsewhere, and may known cause during the absence of social and moral betterment of the

75.000 TRAINMEN ASK MORE WAGES

Strike Not Contemplated, But Will Insist That Demand Be Granted.

Pittsburg, Dec. 20. - Trainmen to number of 75,000, employed about 75 railroads east of the Mississippi River, today, through officials of the Railway Trainmen, formally noti fied the various divisions and railroads affected that a demand for an increase in wages amounting to from 5 per cent to 40 per cent, will be made on Jan, 3. The agreement between the railroads and the trainmen necessitates a notice before any demand can be presented. The trainmen will wait until Jan 20 for an answer from the railroads, it is

said. According to W. G. Lee, president izens are advised to be on the watch of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, the chief demand is that the tened securely.

wages of conductors and their crews The "worket" in question visited be standardized, which will mean in- Strathroy last night, and between 12 creases for the various branches of the and 1 o'clock entered no less than five trainmen from 5 to 40 per cent. A houses and secured five valuable strike is not yet contemplated, said watches, a considerable quantity of Mr. Lee, but he reiterated that the jewelry and a number of other artrainmen will insist that their demands ticles, including a quantity of undere granted.

BUFFALO PEOPLE

Bison City People Are Coming to and notwithstanding the warning given by the police, the man succeeded London to Attend Bishop Fallon's Consecration.

ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE

Priest Tells His Flock He Is Going To Leave Them, and There Is Great Sorrow in Buffalo.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Buffalo, Dec. 20.-Rev. Father M. F. Failon, of Holy Angels' parish, has reurned to this city from Ottawa, Ont., but because the Chamberlains have and last night announced that he never found the slightest difficulty would become bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of London, Ontario. It had been hoped by his parishioners To buttress his son's position, Joseph that he would not leave Buffalo. He is Chamberlain has appeared again as a immensely popular here. He an-candidate for West Birmingham. It is nounced that he would not now remain three years since he has even seen the in this city longer than a few months, House of Parliament, and, even if he long enough to wind up his few busi- The Editor of The Advertiser: were elected, he would never take his ness affairs. Many parishioners and seat again in the Commons, so deplor- friends of the priest are already arable is his physicial condition. Some ranging to escort him to London and Presbytery, the Rev. Mr. Inkster special train will be chartered for th

ties are focussing their attention on it. CITY ENGINEER GRAYDON CRITICIZES THE I. B. S.

Thinks Old-Fashioned Baskest Should Have Been Given Out for Christmas.

much require and are in ned of it, member for East Middlesex, and John Fraser, one of the young men, will in no way be benefited. There is Elson, Esq., the member for

> subscriptions for them. A Severe Criticism. "Many homes that in former years had been sent to me. were bright and happy by the ham-per from the Irish Benevolent Society, Mr. Inkster has not mentioned and, as this year will undoubtedly be very I wish to be perfectly frank and fair miserable by this unfortunate and ill-in this matter. I will state the facts advised change, and for my part I regarding it. When I arrived at the would sooner see the annual pients to House I got, out of my postoffice box, Port Stanley done away with, than a letter and upon opening it just leave any of our fellow-countrymen in I was entering the Chainter found that want or not having a good time this it was from Rev. Dr. Chown, of To-

"It is not too late for the society to to present a petition which he there-

"I trust that neither St. George's by the Speaker, and. without

The Explanation.

A member of the I. B. S. takes exception to this criticism. He says the money has been spent where it will do the most good, and points out that in the past the society many that the society many the society many that the society many the past the society was sadly imposed upon. For one person who was in direct from London, as I think they need and was assisted there were ten who were not in need and who simply been none of this trouble. "worked" the I. B. S. for a hamper of good things. Now the money will be know those in want, and undoubtedly an application to any of the institutoday for increased wages and bet- tions to which money was given will

Prayed for the Bishop. In the course of a prayer yesterday morning at the First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Mr. Inkster asked the blessing of Providence upon the 4 Roman Catholic bishop of London. "May he persevere in the good work the house caught fire from an un- power and influence be exerted for the

"HOUSE WORKER" IS IN LONDON

Police Issue a Warning to People to Keep Doors and Windows Locked.

A PROFESSIONAL THEIF

Worked Strathroy and Entered Five Houses in a Few Hours-Profit by the Warning.

The police wish to warn Londoners that a professional "house worker" is busy in this vicinity, and may pay a visit to London at any time. All citizens are advised to be on the watch

A Professional Thief.

wear.

The thief is evidently a professional and his clean-up is one of the biggest that has ever been made in Strathroy The local detectives have been advised of the robbery, and are keeping a sharp lookout for the man. Last year a series of robberies of a similar naure were perpetrated in the district, in entering several residences in South London. He displayed considerable daring,

eye lantern, and roused the inmates of the house, but the thief got away. MAJOR BEATTIE EXPLAINS FINDING OF PETITIONS

and in one instance walked just a

lighted room, in which a woman lay sick. She saw the gleam of his bulls-

Documents Against Race-Track Gambling Went to Other Members of House.

Major Thomas Beattie, M.P. for London, sends the following explanation of the finding of the anti-racing petitions:

of the ablest speeches heard in the attend the veremonies consequent upcampaign have been those delivered on his elevation to the bishopric. A Shearer, that all the politions re-race Shearer, placed in one envelope and addressed to me at Ottawa. I do not for one moment doubt Rev. Mr. Inkster's veracity when he says that this was the information which Rev. Dr. Shearer gave him, and there-Rev. Dr. Shearer gave him, and therefore, in view of the facts regarding these petitions which I am about to relate. I cannot but think that Rev. Dr. Shearer, when he made the statement to Rev. Mr. Inkster, must have known that it was not correct. I have been obliged to submit to this unfair and unjust insimuation made me until now, because I wished, when City Engineer Graydon is a whole- repudiating the charge, to be able to hearted Irishman, or at least Irish- do so by giving the records of the Canadian, and he has a grievance be- House and thus putting the truth of At this morning's session of the police court Magistrate Love heard the evidence against William Hondu the evidence against William Hondu- of London. He says in a letter to The Rev. Dr. Shearer says were sent to dvertiser: ne were not sent to me, but were "It is with regret that I find the Irish addressed to and received by other and who is charged with breaking the bylaws by selling cigars on Sunday.

Benevolent Society have departed members of the House, and were by again this year—they did so last year them duly presented to the House. tion of the line from Brantford to The charge was laid by P. C. John for the first time—from the giving out Rev. Mr. Inkster's three petitions were young men, John Fraser and John Mc-Intosh, go into the store and get some uted the money to the different charit-intosh, which the money to the different charitcom-s, and went went receiving a basket of good things from Mitchell," and I believe that that is and questioned Honduras if he had sold the cigars, and received an affirmative reply.

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John Fraser, one of the voung men. absolutely no rhyme or reason for giv-ing these amounts to the charitable sented to the House. Thus I hope, sir, institutions, as collectors for all of that I have, both to your satisfaction sold cigars, but stated that he did so them have covered the city for the past and to the satisfaction of my contions which the Rev. Mr. Inkster. at

> ronto, containing a note requesting me litst call for petitions had been made Istead of sending it to one of the four members for Toronto, his own Subsequently, when searching the rethe petitions had been sent to should have been, there would have I have the highest esterm for the London Presbytery, and therefore reallowing the insinuation that I had received the petitions and not presented them to be made without first afford. ing me an opportunity of furnishing them with the records of the House, as I now have done. I remain, sir,

the meeting of the presbytery, stated

London, Dec. 20, 1909. COOK NOT ABOARD.

THOMAS BEATTIE...

Yours respectfully

London, Dec. 20.-Advices from

Queenstown and Liverpool state that Dr. Frederick A. Cook was not a pas-senger upon the steamer Carmania, which arrive at the latter port today.