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Six More Officials Sent Up for Trial
Inspector Stark on Corruption Trail

Judge Morgan Opens Investigation Into Assessment Department This Morning.

The submission of evidence sending six more election officers up for trial, the announcement of Ald. McGhie's refusal to attend further sessions of the Council until he was relieved of the suspicion attaching to his election, over fourteen bogus votes being discovered to have been cast for him in Div. 9 of Ward 6, and the assignment of Inspector Stark and three of his sleuths to the work of running down clues for the civic investigators were the interesting developments of the city scandal yesterday.

The opening before Judge Morgan this morning of the investigation into the Assessment Commissioner's office is the factor that promises to centre the interest of the city on that part of the case. It is said B. F. B. Johnston, K.C., will be present to take charge of Mr. Fleming's interests, while Mr. DuVernet will sit beside Mr. Riddell and cross-examine the Assessment Commissioner. Following Mr. Fleming will come a number of his clerks.

What Riddell Will Do.

Mr. Riddell says he will not be able to determine more than one day in advance just what witnesses will be called, because much will depend for future conduct of the examination upon the revelations of each particular witness. Inspector Stark is expected to have his men follow up the line of inquiry first as to the identity of aldermen who have placed upon the assessment rolls names of voters who were not entitled to suffrage. After this line of investigation is sifted it is said that he will attempt to supply the special counsel with the names of each returning officer who was appointed at the request of the particular aldermen or candidates. This is the lead that promises the richest developments.

Cahoon, Maguire, Thompson and the Grays have been returning officers for many years. The detectives will look into their history and their connections.

Inspector Stark Takes Hold.

There was perceptible energy displayed by the detective department yesterday, and the activity extended all over the City Hall. It followed the report that Inspector Stark would have what sleuths he required to work out the mysteries of the scandal. This appointment has given much satisfaction since the chief of the detective department is noted for the thoroness with which he handles all cases at his disposal, and the fitness that dictates his conduct at all times. Inspector Stark has put Detective Sergeant Reburn temporarily in his place. He has put on the most delicate work two of the best detectives on the force—Messrs. Slemin and Cuddy. If others are required the inspector has been assured that he shall have them. Since the first manifestation of crooked work at the polls Inspector Stark has been very busy, and the speed with which these personated have been found is due altogether to his efforts. He is expected to keep his men several days ahead of the investigation and have data ready for Messrs. Riddell and Robb to proceed with. As rapidly as new lines are ferreted out the inspector and his men will follow the clues.

Officials Bound Over.

The following election officials were bound over by Magistrate Denison in the sum of $600 yesterday, on the charge of conspiracy to corrupt the elections:

Div. 2, Ward 5—D.R.O. A. Cahoon; clerk, Thomas E. Kerr.

Div. 3, Ward 6—D.R.O. Frank Gray; clerk, Col. John Gray.

Div. 4, Ward 6—D.R.O. Alfred Gianelli; clerk, Louis Gianelli.

Bondsmen—Cahoon, his brother Samuel Cahoon; Kerr, Ald. Frank Woods; the Gianelli brothers, Victor Gianelli, a brother; the Grays, J. F. Connolly.

The magistrate refused to accept Samuel Cahoon as bondsmen for both his brother and Kerr. He observed at the same time that he would have increased the bond of Cahoon, but he disliked to make an execution.

Interest Keeps Acute.

The Police Court audience was generously sprinkled with politicians and municipal statesmen yesterday when the trial of election officials was resumed. Mayor Urquhart and Special Prosecutor Riddell were present, the city's chief executive occupying a place beside Col. Denison thruout the hearing. A striking feature of the evidence was that the accused were all experienced election officials, some of them having acted as long as fifteen years. This is of peculiar significance as indicating just how much tampering with ballots these old campaigners may have been responsible for. Mr. Riddell consulted freely with Mr. Curry during the progress of the trials and Mayor Urquhart manifested lively interest. A force of Inspector Stark's plain clothes men were in evidence during the day, and Chief Grasett came in for a few minutes during the afternoon. The crowd maintained interest enough in the proceedings to stay thruout the day. The announcement that John Laxton, the D.R.O. of division nine, Ward 6, would be tried to-day, and that the Thompson case would be called the not likely be tried indicated the program for the Police Court end for the next 24 hours.

The trial of the six election officials developed nothing particularly new, the magistrate observed after the hearing in Cahoon's case that had he known of the extent of the tampering when he mad Durance's bail $600 he would have increased it. But since he wished to be uniform he would not change the amount now being sent up for trial.

Torn Off in a Bunch.

D.R.O. Cahoon and Poll Clerk Kerr were the first to face the court. Handwriting Expert Stanton was the first witness. He swore that fourteen Board of Control ballots had four crosses each that were apparently made by the same hand for F. H. Richardson. This damaging evidence was supplemented by the statement of Mr. Littlejohn that he had selected eight of these bogus ballots and comparing them with the stubs from which they were torn had been satisfied THEY WERE TORN OFF IN A BUNCH. This was unusual, since the returning officer would naturally tear off one ballot at a time, as it was required by a voter.

Mr. Robinette for the defence urged that it was not unlawful for a bunch to be torn off in that manner, but the magistrate thought it was at least suspicious and quite unusual.

Crown Attorney Curry said he could account for ten of these similarly marked ballots with ten persons who swore they had not voted for controller, three others recorded as voting could not be found, and he thought the fourteenth ballot was Cahoon's vote. This presumption, if warranted by the evidence, would make out a strong prima facie case.

Sixteen Witnesses Heard.

Sixteen witnesses went into the box to deny that they voted at all or that they voted according to the way the record had been kept. Dr. E. W. Spragge denied that he had voted in that division for the Board of Control, tho he had been credited with such a vote. He did vote for alderman, as he was entitled to do. Morris Uniacke admitted that he voted from 86 Mitchell-avenue, tho he had no interest in the property, since it belonged to his father's estate.

Special Constable Rideaux said that when the counting began the ballots were separated by the scrutineers, the poll clerk, the returning officer. The Crown-Attorney remarked that this should not have been permitted, and might account for some of the fraudulent marks. The witness did not think, however, that any ballots could have been marked without his noticing it, and he had not noticed anything wrong.

This closed the case, and Mr. Curry thought the bail should be more than $600, but the magistrate said no, that if they absconded the payment of such a sum and exile would be punishment, and he thought would be sufficient to secure the appearance of the accused at the sessions.

Marks for Dr. Orr.

The case against Col. John Gray and his son Frank, the Queen-street druggist, was taken up at once. Barrister Denton acted for the defence. It was complained that only school board ballots had been tampered with, 48 ballots having been wrongfully marked, all for Dr. Orr. Expert Stanton went into the box and swore to the similarity of the marks on the ballots. Evidently two persons had been concerned in the work. The marks for Dr. Orr were different all the way thru from other marks on the same ballots. This is Dr. Orr's home division. On cross-examination the expert insisted that he could distinguish character in crosses as well as in handwriting. The magistrate indicated his faith in the contention of the witness.

Mr. Denton wanted the witness to tell who were present when he was examining the ballots. He said Messrs. Curry and Littlejohn and a shorthand man were with him. The defence asked for dismissal of the case, since it was not shown that others besides the accused had not been given an opportunity to make the marks. A discussion was started that ended in the expert going again into the box. He was asked how many votes Dr. Orr received in the division. The record showed 337, and 166 of that number were not questioned.

Evidence was introduced showing the accused to have been the officers in charge of that poll, and City Clerk Littlejohn testified concerning the returns. It developed that ten of these

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LOOK OVER THE COUNT.

WARD 3.

In Division 3 (MAGUIRE'S) 12 bogus ballots have been already proved. All these were marked for Controller Loudon, 48 votes; and 6 each for Ald. Ramsden and Sheppard. In this division, Controller Loudon also benefited by 8 votes, miscount, 56 votes in all; Ramsden, 31 votes, miscount, 37 votes in all; Sheppard, 4 votes, miscount, 10 votes in all. Controller Richardson got 11 votes by miscount, Geary 11 votes in the same way, Hubbard 2 votes, McMurrich 1 vote. Starr lost 5 votes by miscount. McMurrich, who was the fourth man, is 500 votes behind Ald. Sheppard. What the other divisions (33 in all) in this ward will develop is awaited with great interest.

WARD 4.

In Division 9 (THOMPSON'S) 22 bogus ballots were put in, counting 88 votes for Richardson. The same ballots went for Jones and Burns in the aldermanic contest. Three gave one vote each to Loudon and three to Richardson.

WARD 5.

In Division 2 (CAHOON'S) 16 bogus ballots were put in, all marked for Richardson, 60 votes.

WARD 6.

In Division 3 (GRAY'S) 48 bogus ballots were put in, giving Dr. Orr 192 bad votes.

In Division 4 (GIANELLI'S) at least 15 bogus ballots were put in, giving Dr. Orr 60 votes, or, so far, 252 bad votes for Dr. Orr.

Division 9 (LAXTON'S) 14 bogus ballots were cast, each marked with cross for Ald. McGhie.

SUMMARY.

So far as the investigation has gone, Controller Richardson has 167 bad votes to his credit, Controller Loudon 56, Controller Hubbard 2, Candidate (for controller) Starr should have 5 more votes placed to his credit.

By the official figures Mr. Starr is 72 votes behind Hubbard; rectified in the light of the above he is only 65 votes behind Hubbard. Starr claims to be able to show that 8 votes cast for him in another division were deliberately spoiled (by putting an extra X to his votes), and if this is proven he will be still nearer to Hubbard. Starr is within 279 votes of Richardson and already at least 167 of Richardson's votes are bad.

M'GHIE MAKES ODD MOVE DECLINED TO DO BUSINESS

Asks Mayor to Excuse His Non-Appearance at City Hall Till Suspicions Are Removed.

Ald. McGhie created a sensation yesterday by directing to the Mayor a letter in which he begs to be excused from further attendance to his duties as a representative of Ward 6 until his name is cleared from the suspicion of scandal. He does not resign, however, but leaves a large loop-hole, as he says he will resign if it be found that his election was due to irregularities. The letter is as follows:

Feb. 4, 1904.

Thomas Urquhart, Esq.,
Mayor of Toronto.

DEAR SIR,—I NOTICE BY THE PUBLIC PRESS THIS MORNING THAT ON INSPECTION OF THE BALLOTS IN WARD NO. 6, THERE WAS SOME QUESTION AS TO THE REGULARITY OF SOME VOTES CAST FOR ME. I CANNOT BELIEVE SUCH IS THE CASE, BUT SHOULD IT BE SO, IT IS ENTIRELY UNKNOWN TO ME. YOU WILL THEREFORE KINDLY EXCUSE MY ABSENCE FROM FURTHER MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL AND ANY COMMITTEES OF WHICH I AM A MEMBER UNTIL THE WHOLE MATTER IS CLEARED UP. I REQUEST THE FULLEST INVESTIGATION INTO ALL BALLOTS CAST FOR ME, AND SHOULD IT APPEAR THAT MY ELECTION WAS DUE IN ANY SENSE TO IRREGULARITIES OF ANY KIND I SHALL AT ONCE TENDER MY RESIGNATION AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.

YOURS VERY TRULY,
(Signed) J. H. McGHIE.

"Don't you think McGhie was a little premature?" said one alderman yesterday. "If they all followed his example there would hardly be enough of us left to form a quorum. It surely is time enough to offer to resign when direct charges are made or when matters affecting one's election come up for hearing and not simply on account of newspaper reports."

"It's good politics," said another City Hall man. "There are so many of them under suspicion that none can repudiate his connection with the frauds too promptly to suit the people."

The revelations that promoted the alderman's action came from a further examination of the returns in Div. 3, Ward 3, over which John Laxton presided. It was not known until yesterday that the work of the pluggers in that division extended to any but School Board ballots, when fifteen similarly marked ballots were discovered in favor of Ald. McGhie.

NINE TRAINS WERE STALLED IN LESS THAN TWO HOURS

Manager McGuigan, However, Hopes to Move Freight To-Day Over Entire System.

No better illustration of just what the weather has to do with the running of thetrains in Ontario has yet been given than that instanced by Manager McGuigan of the Grand Trunk Railway last night at the King Edward Hotel, in an interview with The World. Mr. McGuigan, who returned from a trip over the western part of the road at noon yesterday, and had received reports from the superintendents of the various divisions thruout the system, wired General Manager Hays at 4 o'clock that all trains were moving on every track. But in less than two hours Mr. McGuigan had to send the General Manager the statement that ninetrains and four snow-plows were stuck in the snow. The line between Welland Junction and Port Robinson was the point most affected. Both tracks were banked with snow, making it an utter impossibility to move a train for hours. This is the point where Elias Rogers' coal is delayed. The tie-up happened in almost an hour, said Mr. McGuigan. Ayton, on the Southampton branch, is another point where more difficulty was experienced last night.

Taken Unawares.

For the first time in the history of the southern division it had been tied up this year. There is always more snow and cold weather in the eastern part of Ontario than in the west, said Mr. McGuigan, but nothing has ever been heard of any marked lateness of the trains in that part of the system. It was simply because the management knew what to expect. A winter like the present had never been experienced in the western part of Ontario.

What 48 Hours Could Do.

Mr. McGuigan stated confidently that if the present weather gave place to a little milder temperature it would not take any more than forty-eight hours to have the Grand Trunk working to the satisfaction of very one, in every district thru which it goes. Preparations are being made to move freight over the whole system to-day, and it is hoped that all lines will be cleared for traffic.

MRS. MAYBRICK FREE.

Now Under Care of a Religious Sisterhood, But Under Surveillance.

London, Feb. 4.—The Associated Press can announce with authority that Mrs. Florence Maybrick is now in a home in a distant part of England, and under the care of members of a religious sisterhood. She is kept under surveillance, but to all intents and purposes her life is that of a free woman. She will remain under surveillance until next July, when her punishment will be ended under the special license, and she will be allowed to go free subject to the usual conditions governing ticket-of-leave convicts.

The transfer of Mrs. Maybrick from a penal prison to a quiet country home constitutes an almost unprecedented action on the part of the authorities. It was due to the mediation of Adeline Marie, Duchess of Bedford, who, as a visitor to Aylesbury Prison for many years, has taken a keen personal interest in Mrs. Maybrick.

In order to permit her hair to grow out again and for the recuperation of her health, Mrs. Maybrick was quietly transferred to this private institution. Her exact whereabouts is guarded with extraordinary secrecy, chiefly for the purpose of preventing criticism of the government for having taken the foregoing exceptional steps.

HAD ROUGH VOYAGE.

Halifax, N.S., Feb. 4.—The steamer Pretorian had a very stormy passage, but suffered no serious damage. On Jan. 26 she ran into a hurricane when 1150 miles from the Irish coast, and the machinery was deranged. The main engine was disabled, the crankshaft was fractured, and, after several hours' hard work, the engineers repaired it, and the steamer then proceeded, but the weather was so bad that only 87 miles was made. Captain Johnson says that it was the worst passage of his 35 years' experience at sea. The skylights were smashed and some deck damage done. The Pretorian brought Captain Snowdon and four of the crew of the Newfoundland schooner Silver Sea, which was abandoned on Jan. 3. The crew were five days in an open boat without food or water when rescued by the barque Lawton and taken to Liverpool.

MATERNAL SOLICITUDE

MRS. BRITANNIA: Don't you go too far away from your mar we'n the beagle's hexpanding of 'imself that w'y, children. That's w'en he carries little boys hoff.

[The London Morning Post, referring to the increase in the United States navy, says it is very much mistaken if it will not stimulate Canada and Australia to take a livelier interest in Imperial defence.]

Three Majority For Ross

Address Amended by Government

First Vote Was 48 to 45

Hanna of West Lambton Vigorously Assailed Government in Last Speech of Debate.

A majority of three was recorded for the government in the first vote of the session in the legislature yesterday. There were no pairs, but two members were away on each side—Cameron of Fort William and Barber, government supporters; and Carscallen of Hamilton and Beck of London, opposition supporters. The vote was 48 to 45. When this was announced the government benches led in applause, which was taken up immediately by the Conservatives, amid derisive laughter from the government.

The first vote was on the amendment of Mr. Hoyle, censuring the government for calling the house together in advance of the election trials. This being disposed of, Mr. Pense of Kingston moved an amendment to the amendment of Mr. Foy in the following words:

That all the words after the word "and" in the amendment be struck out and the following be added:

"We also desire to express our pleasure that every electoral district in this province is now represented in this assembly."

Mr. Foy's amendment, which this was calculated to get rid of, was a condemnation of the government for the long disfranchisement of North Renfrew. When it was read there was satirical applause from the opposition, which lasted for a minute.

"That's hard on West Huron," came promptly from Mr. Foy, remembering Graham Cameron's constitutional point that North Renfrew is now without a member.

Mr. Whitney was on his feet, "I understod the debate was to close here. There was no intimation of any such a performance as this. I'm sure the member for West Huron will want to speak on the amendment as it puts him in a most peculiar position."

W. J. HANNA, WEST LAMBTON,

Whose speech in the Legislature yesterday was considered one of the ablest efforts of the debate.

The yeas and nays were again called for, altho the opposition had not intended to ask that the vote be again taken. When it came to Mr. Cameron's turn to rise, the opposition benches resounded with loud applause.

"A willing sacrifice," shouted Mr. Whitney.

The Address as Amended.

The amendment was carried by the same vote as before, and the same division was recorded for the original motion. The address to the Lieutenant-Governor reads, as amended:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honor for the gracious speech which Your Honor has addressed to us, and we also desire to express our pleasure that every electoral district in this province is now represented in the assembly.

Debate Lasted Three Weeks.

Thus ended the debate. It lasted three weeks, and many valuable con-

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ANOTHER MARCH ON CITY BIG ARENA FOR JUNCTION

Horse Breeders' Association Favor Grant of $15,000 Toward Erection of $60,000 Structure.

At the meeting of the Canadian Horse Breeders' Association last night, a resolution was presented by W. E. Wellington to the effect that the association commit itself to put $15,000 into an arena for horse and cattle shows, to be built on the grounds of the Union Stock Yards Company at Toronto Junction, provided that the stock yards company put an equal amount into the building. This would make $30,000, leaving another $30,000 in the estimated cost to be raised by other associations or private parties. The resolution carried by a large majority.

The World asked a prominent citizen about the proposal last night, and his reply was that Toronto had neglected for years to make provision for a large show building of this kind, and as a consequence the more enterprising people out at the Junction had slipped in and brought up suddenly the proposal that carried last night. He stated he was sure that the Toronto Junction parties would soon have the arena under way and Toronto would be left in the lurch.

The speakers who advocated the Horse Breeders' Association taking stock in the Toronto Junction arena declared that there were numerous advantages out at the Junction now in the way of stabling, and that the two railways companies as well as the street railway would be in a position to give a first-class service between the city and the stock yards, where the arena is to be.

NEW ARMY COUNCIL.

London, Feb. 4.—In pursuance of the army reforms all the heads of Departments of the War Office to-day received letters of dismissal and were notified that they will be employed elsewhere.

LORD ROBERTS, commander-in-chief of the forces.

LIEUT.-GEN. GRENFELL, commanding the Fourth Army Corps.

LIEUT.-GEN. SIR JOHN FRENCH, in command of the First Army Corps, and

SIR WM. BUTLER, commanding the west district, have been invited to join the new Army Council.

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THREE BURNED TO DEATH.

Montreal, Feb. 5.—(Special.)—At an early hour this morning fire broke out on Cadieux-street, and is raging fiercely. Three people have already been taken out dead, and it is feared that many more lives have been lost, for a large lodging house is on fire.

MARRIAGES.

ASHBRIDGE—DAVIS — On Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1904, by the Rev. H. S. Magee, at the home of the bride's sister, Wellington T. Ashbridge, to Mabel Florence, youngest daughter of Thomas W. Davis, all of Toronto.

KLEISER—MORGAN—At St. Margaret's Church, on Feb. 3, 1904, by the Rev. E. J. Moore, Elizabeth Hope Morgan, to Albert Gordon Kleiser, both of Toronto.

DEATHS.

BRIGHT—At the residence of her son-in-law, A. E. Carroll, 194 Berkeley-street, Ellen Bright, widow of the late W. J. Bright.

Funeral from the above residence at 2 p.m. Saturday, to St. James' Cemetery.

HUTCHISON—On February 3, 1904, suddenly, of pneumonia, at 39 Crawford-street, Robert H. Hutchison, veteran of '66, in his 66th year.

Funeral Saturday, at 2 o'clock, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

Chicago papers please copy.

SEES A GREATER AMERICA THRU RECIPROCITY EYES

Ex-Governor Lind Tells Yankees Not to Belittle People as Great as Themselves.

Washington, D.C., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—"One nation on the great American continent" was the battle cry of Democracy which ex-Governor John Lind of Minnesota and now member of Congress from Minneapolis, uttered to-day. He said his advocacy of better trade relations with their northern neighbor was not prompted by local or personal considerations. He knew it would be very desirable for the people of Minnesota, the millers of his city, laboring men and railroads to handle the crops grown to the north of the States, and to participate in the development and exploitation of that great country.

These reasons alone, Governor Lind said, would not induce him to advocate closer relations with the Dominion, but higher and larger ideals prompted him to raise his voice in behalf of friendlier feelings between Canada and the United States, both commercially and politically. Then, developing his thought along broader lines than has heretofore been heard on the floor of the American Congress, he said:

Mighty Army of Men.

"There are men on this floor, and I hope many of them, who will live to see 150,000,000 English-speaking people on the North American Continent. Think of it, 150,000,000 of people speaking the same language and reading the same literature upon this great North American Continent! Bearing that in mind, is it not a vital question? Is it not a question that appeals to every patriotic American and involves every economic consideration, whether this great mass of unified and ethnically, sociologically and historically connected population shall co-operate and work together hand in hand in amity, brotherly rivalry and American energy to develop this great continent into a greater America?

"I want to say to you that I would infinitely rather see a greater America on this continent than any portion of a Greater Britain. That is the question involved here. ARE WE TO CONTINUE A POLICY OF NAGGING AND BELITTLING PEOPLE JUST AS GREAT AND JUST AS GOOD AS WE ARE, relatively speaking? It is poor policy; it is not the part of wisdom, and I want to say, my fellow members, it is not Republicanism in the State of Minnesota."

Papers for It.

Ex-Governor Lind then read a number of editorials from leading Republican papers of Minnesota, and incident thereto the recent message of Governor Cummins of Iowa, who came out boldly in favor of reciprocity with Canada. The speech was listened to by a large audience, who showed by their applause the growing interest the subject had for American legislators.

In concluding, he commended to the consideration of the house the fact that the only genuine, lasting, efficient reciprocity treaty that this country ever had was inaugurated and promulgated under a Democratic President, and when the Democratic party was in power long before his day.

John Lind, Democratic Representative for the fifth district of Minnesota, is a lawyer in Minneapolis, and was Governor of the State from 1899 to 1901. He was born in Sweden in 1854, and sat as a Republican in the Fifteenth, Fifty-First and Fifty-Second Congresses. On the expiry of the term as Governor he was elected to this, the Fifty-Eighth Congresses, as a Democrat, receiving 19,603 votes to 17,800 cast for the Republican candidate.

PROFIT IN MUNICIPAL STORE.

Kenosha, Wis., Feb. 4.—The first semi-annual report of the manager of the municipal grocery store operated by the City of Kenosha for the support of her dependants, was filed this afternoon and shows the city has received a profit of more than $2000. The report shows that during the six months ten families, with a total of forty-three persons, have received all their food supplies from the store, and for these supplies the city is charged with $448. The expenditure for the same purpose during the last year before the opening of the store was $2412. The store is the first thing of the kind ever known in Wisconsin and is under the direction of Ald. Peter Jacobs.

BLAMES THE LIBERALS.

London, Feb. 4.—Joseph Chamberlain in the House of Commons declined to accept the individual responsibility for the South African war or its conduct, and said that peace was made impossible because Kruger hoped for foreign assistance, and was misled by the attitude of the British parliamentary opposition into believing that Great Britain was not in earnest.

Good things are always cheap. They are cheap at any price, but when the rule is applied to the wares of merchants, for instance, it is just a bit ridiculous to say that his goods are cheap at any price. Dineen's coon skin coats are cheap at thirty-eight dollars—amazingly cheap—and when the comfort that is in one radiates through the wearer's frame he cannot associate the notion of dearness with any price that may be set upon them by the W. & D. Dineen Company, furriers, corner Yonge and Temperance streets, where real value in coon skin coats originates.

SNOW AT NIGHT.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Feb. 4.—(8 p.m.)—This morning the temperature over the greater portion of Canada east of the Rockies was zero or below, and the day has been very cold. Light snow has fallen in the Territories and also locally in Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 42—48; Kamloops, 26—38; Calgary, 8 below—zero; Qu'Appelle, 2 below—zero; Parry Sound, 1 below—10; Toronto, 4 below—10; Ottawa, 14 below—8; Montreal, 2 below—8; Quebec, 12 below—2; Halifax, 2—22.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Strong winds; a little higher temperature.

Ottawa Valley, Upper and Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Fair, cold weather; scattered snow flurries.

Maritime—Fresh southwest winds; fair and cold.

Lake Superior—Cold with snow.

Manitoba—High winds and cold, with snow.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Feb. 4.	At.	From.
Pretorian	Halifax	Liverpool
Kaiser W. der G.	New York	Bremen
Finland	New York	Antwerp
Hohenzollern	New York	Genoa
Dominion	Liverpool	Portland
Sicilian	Moville	St. John
Cedric	Queenstown	New York
Carpathian	Trieste	New York
Hekla	Copenhagen	New York
Rhynland	Antwerp	Philadelphia

Alarmist Reports From the Far East Indicate That Conflict is Imminent

Russia's Reply Sent to Japan and To-Day Will Tell the Tale.

NO HOPE FOR PEACE.

London—A despatch to The Reuter's Telegram Company from Tokio says: "The general impression here is that all hope of peace is gone. The Elder Statesmen had a conference this afternoon, at which the Emperor was present. It is believed a weighty decision was reached."

London—A despatch from the Central News Agency fro Seoul, Corea, says that about 6000 Russian troops have sailed from Port Arthur, and will endeavor to land at Chemulpo, the port of Seoul, to-morrow.

London—The ominous rumors circulating here of the imminence of hostilities in the Far East caused the rates on war risks at Lloyds to bound upward from 40 to 70 guineas per cent.

St. Petersburg—The Russian response to the latest Japanese not was sent to Tokio to-night.

Tokio—The government has been informed that the Russian fleet has left Port Arthur. Its destination is not known.

Tokio—The Japanese commercial agent at Vladivostock was notified Wednesday by the commander of the Russian garrison that he might at any time, in accordance with orders from St. Petersburg, have to proclaim a state of siege.

Port Arthur—The Russian fleet left the harbor and was maneuvering, it was reported, against 00 Japanese warships near Wei-Hai-Wei. This report was put afloat as an attempt to see "how the wind blows." The quarantine against Chefoo has been annulled. The fleet under Admiral Stark put to sea at dawn, Feb. 3. It has taken up its anchorage outside the harbor.

London, Jan. 5.—The news that Russia has already despatched her reply to Japan has not yet reached the English newspapers, which are beginning to believe that Russia has no intention of sending a reply. The most pessimistic views are taken of the situation.

Reports are current that prominent commercial houses having relations with Japan have received private despatches intimating the belief that a rupture of relations between Russia and Japan is imminent, but nothing of an official character is obtainable, the alarmist views of this morning being based solely upon the reports of yesterday of the sailing of the Russian fleet from Port Arthur and the rumored Japanese move on Corea, which are repeated from different points in the Far East.

The correspondent of The Daily Mail at Chefoo says a Russian fleet comprising all the battleships excepting the Sebastopol and six cruisers and two destroyers, is cruising along the coasts of the peninsula.

The Seoul correspondent of The Daily Mail says that a Russian army is moving south from Mukden, while the correspondent of this same paper at Port Arthur says that both Russia and Japan have placed an embargo on coal shipments.

A telegram received here from Copenhagen declares that eighteen foreign steamers have just been chartered by Russia to convey war material from Odessa and Libau to the Far East.

No confirmation of the alarming war reports current here could be obtained at the Japanese legation here to-night, and legation officials profess ignorance of any new decision on the part of the Japanese government or fresh departures in the negotiations. The officials admitted, however, that the legation had received official confirmation of the reports of the greatly increased Russian naval and military activity in Manchuria.

RUSSIAN VIEWS.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 4.—The feeling

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PEACE OR WAR TO-DAY.

Washington, Feb. 4.—"War or peace will come with to-morrow." This is the general opinion in the diplomatic corps. Both at the Russian embassy and the Japanese legation the situation in the Far East is described as grave.

It is stated at the Russian embassy that the St. Petersburg government had made a determined and earnest effort for peace, even going so far as to offer magnanimous concessions in Corea. The question of Manchuria, Russia is unwilling to discuss, taking the ground that this is a subject for negotiation between St. Petersburg and Pekin. In the opinion of the Russian government, Japan's legitimate interests in Manchuria do not exceed those of the United States or Great Britain or the other powers signatory to the peace protocol of 1900. For this reason Russia has declared her unwillingness to discriminate between the powers and enter into a special treaty with Japan.

FALLING PRICES.

Cotton has started to tumble from its phenomenal rise. It has dropped in two days 2.37 cents a pound.

Coffee has fallen two cents in three or four days.

Steel rails are coming down.

American railway securities are steadily dropping.

Wheat is going up. And wheat goes up in hard times.

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ONE YANKEE KICKS.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Acting Secretary of State Loomis transmitted today to the House a memorial from the Wales Island Packing Company of New York praying for relief on the ground that the decision of the Alaskan boundary tribunal placed their canning plants on the Canadian side, which, it is contended, will prevent the continuance of the business of the concern.

Just try them—Cafe-Noir, pure Egyptian Cigarettes. 15c.

H. G. ROSS SHOOTS HIMSELF.

Dawson, Y.T., Feb. 4.—H. G. Ross, formerly a member of the Northwest Mounted Police, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself thru the heart.

W. H. ALLISON, K.C., DEAD.

Picton, Feb. 4.—W. H. Allison, K.C., died here to-day in his 67th year. He had been in poor health for a number of months. Mr. Allison had been an active Liberal politician. He was clerk of the court and registrar of the Surrogate Court, to which office he was appointed in 1893.

Try the top barrel, 31 Colborne-street

WIGLE AND STONE.

Essex, Feb. 4.—To-day the Conservatives nominated Lewis Wigle of Leamington for the Dominion House and J. E. Stone of Essex for the local for the riding of South Essex.

Try the decanter at Thomas.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Dominion Cattle Breeders, Palmer House, 9.30 a.m.

Dominion Sheep Breeders, Palmer House, 3 p.m.

Parkdale W.C.T.U., Parkdale Methodist Church, 2.30 p.m.

The Legislature, 3 p.m.

St. George's Society annual meeting, 8 p.m.

Arts dance, Varsity, 8 p.m.

Wilson Masonic Lodge at home, Temple Building, 8 p.m.

Knox College Literary Society, 8 p.m.

Ottawa Old Boys, King Edward Hotel, 8 p.m.

Princess—"Sherlock Holmes," 8 p.m.

Grand—"Awakening of Mr. Pipp," 8 p.m.

Majestic—"Deserted at the Altar," 2 and 8 p.m.

Shea's—Vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.

Star—Burlesque, 2 and 8 p.m.