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#### COMMERCIAL

Montreal Produce Market. Montreal, Jan. 5.-Grain in store: Grade 2 oats, 27½c; peas, 51c; rye, 51½c; buckwheat, 37c; barley, 34c to 35c. Ontario red wheat, 90c; white do, 35c. Ontario red wheat, 50c, white \$5; 89c. Flour—Strong bakers, \$4 50 to \$5; spring patents, \$5 40; winter do, \$4 75 Provisions: spring patents, \$5 40; white distributions: to \$5; straight roller, \$4 35. Provisions: Canadian pork, per obl., \$15 to 16c; hams, 11c to 13c; bacon, 10c to 12c; lard, pure 7c to 7½c, compressed 5c to 5½c. Feed—Ontario bran, \$10; shorts, \$11; bulk Manitoba bran, \$10 50; shorts, \$11 50, bagged. Produce: Eggs—New laid, 22c; choice candled, 18c to 19c; Montreal limed, 14c to 15c; west, 12c to 121/2c. Poultry-Good demand; turkeys, 9c to 9½c; chickens, 6c to 7c; ducks, 8c to 8½c; geese, 5c to 7c. Beans-Demand slow; 84c for primes, Oc for hand-picked. Honey-Quiet; white clover, 12½c; dark comb, 10½c; dark extracted, 7c to 8c. Potatoes— Firm: 50c to 60c per bag.

American Markets. BUFFALO, Jan. 5.—Flour—Quiet; steady. Spring wheat—No. 1 hard, \$1 00%; No. 1 northern, 98%c. Winter wheat—No. 2 red, 95c; No. 1 white, 95c. Corn-No. 2 yellow, 321/2c to 33c; No. 3 yellow, 32c to 321/2c; No. 4 yellow, 31c o 31½c; No. 3 corn, 31c to 31½c. Oats -No. 2 white, 28c to 281/2c; No. 3 white, 27c to 27½c; No. 3 mixed, 26c.

DETROIT, Jan. 5.—Wheat—No. 1

white cash, 90¾c; May, 91¾c; July,

white cash, 90¾c; May, 91¾c; July,

able and courteous manner he has 24c; No. 2 red cash, 90%c. FOLEDO, Jan. 5.—Wheat—Cash, 91%c; May, 92½c. Corn—Cash, 27½c; May, 29½c. Oats—Cash, 22c; May,

NEW YORK. Jan. 5. - Flour - Receipts NEW YORK. Jan. 5. — Flour — Receipts, 18,614. bbls. sales, 2,800 packages: slow, but steady. kye flour—Dull: \$3 60 to \$3 25, latter fancy. Wheat—Receipts, 126 725 bu; sales, 375,000 opened easy on bearish home crop news. but rallied slightly on ste-dy foreign advices: Jan., 974c; May, 925c to 93 3 16c. Rye—Quiet. Corn—Receipts, 43 7 0; sales, 30,000; options dull but fairly steady on small receipts; May, 345c to 34 3-16c. Oats—Receipts, 255 6 0 options quiet, steady. Butter—Receipts, 6850 mackages; steady and unchanged. Cheese sptions quiet, steady. Butter-Receipts, 0 sospeckages: steady and unchanged. Cheese—Receipts, 1,14? packages; quiet and unchanged. Eggs—Receipts, 5,284 packages; easier; state and Penn-ylvania, 21c to 24c; western, 21c to 23c. Sugar-haw and refined, steady and unchanged. Hops—Firm and unchanged. Lead—Strong.

Chicago, Jan. 5—Wheat, May, 91½c to 9½c; July, 52½c to 83a, Corn, May, 29c; July, 33c; Oata, May, 23½c. Pork, May \$9 15. Lard, May, 15. Lard, May, \$4 82½. Ribs, May, \$4 62½. Chicago Exchange. Policying are the fluctuations on the Chicago

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Puts, 891: calis. 913 English Markets

Liverpool, Jan. 5—Closing.

Wheat — Spot, No. 2 red western winter,

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Oorn—Futures quiet; Jan., 3s 2td: Feb., 3s

td: March, 3s 2d. - St. Louis fancy winter steady, 10s. edium. western. 45s. ort cut 14 to 16 lbs. firm, 36s 6d.

no stocks: clear bellies, 12 to 14 lbs. dull, 40s; shert clear backs, 16 to 18 lbs., 27s 6d.
Shoulders—Equare 12 to 14 lbs. firm, 28s 6d.
Futures steady; Jan., 6s 2½d; Feb., 6s 2½d;
March, 6s 2½d.
Lard—Prime western, steady, 24s.
Butter—Finest American, 92s; good, 60s.
kosin—Common steady, 4s 1½d.
Cheese—American finest white, firm, 43s; colored, firm, 43s.

Bases — Alleracan macro de la lered, firm, 43s.
Tallow — Prime city, steady, 18s 6d.
Cottonseed oil — Liverpool refined, dull; 16

Turpentine spirits-Steady, 94s. Hops-At London (Pacific coast), firm,

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Lobo Town hp Council.

Minutes of special meeting of Lobo township council held on Friday evenitz, reeve; Archibald McGugan, deputy reeve; Duncan Cameron, John B. Janes and Alex. McIntyre, councilors. A petition signed by George H. Monger and 354 others, asking the council to submit a bylaw to the electors for the repeal of the local option bylaw was tabled on account of not having time to properly advertise, and other reasons. The reeve Hausch, city, violinist. The convergave the casting vote in favor of taking no action. Adjourned.

Council met again on Wednesday, Dec. 15. Present: Charles W. Zavitz, reeve; Archibald McGugan, deputy reeve; Duncan Cameron, John B. Janes and Alex. McIntyre, councilors. Minutes read and signed. The reeve was authorized to issue a check to the trustees of the several school sections for the amount of their school levy for the year 1897. The following checks were issued: J. Marsh, \$60, salary as treasurer; E. R. Barclay, \$100, balance of ibald Campbell, \$8, township share of \$1 50, digging ditch; Archibald Camppell, \$5, drawing and putting in stone tile; Wm. Thody, \$1 50, road work; Jonas Zavitz, 75 cents, road work; Wm. Barber, \$18, gravel bee; Hngh Mc-Intyre, J.P., 18 cents for grael; Neil A. Graham, 40 cents, bolts for bridge; Vm. Thody, 50 cents, repairing culvert; Dan. Daniels, 50 cents, road work; Wm. Thody, \$2, commutation money due his road division; Ephraim Stoner, \$1, road work; Wm. Linton, \$1, repairing culvert; D. J. Campbell, 58 cents for gravel; Richard Edwards, 18 cents for gravel; John H. Mitchell, 50 cents, for repairing culvert: W. S. Frank, 50 ents, for teaming; London Hardware Company, \$2 37, for spikes; David Long, \$1 26, balance for gravel; Aaron Hunt, \$1, repairing bridge; John Sinclair, \$1 for work in gravel pit; D. W. Graham, \$26 67, being two-thirds value of damages for 3 sheep worried and 2 killed by a dog or dogs. Charles Bardigging ditch; Henry Fraser, \$1, for filling washout; Thomas Skinner, \$1, for repairing drain; Wm. Paul, pathmaster, \$1, for road work; members of council for their services as councilors and commissioners for the year 1897, as follows; Charles W. Zavitz, \$45; Archibald McGugan, \$45; D. Cameron, \$45; J. B. Janes, \$45; Alex. McIntyre, \$45; Walter A. Zavitz, 50c, for gravel; G. Craven, \$1, putting in culvert; H. W. Harris, collector, \$1, being dog tax relieved; J. Marsh, \$10, for copying township book of receipts and expenditures for the year 1897; Jacob Marsh, \$4 32, for furnishings for town hall; J. D. Dewar, \$12, being two-thirds value of damages for three sheep damaged by a dog or dogs: Mait. Chelew, \$3 12, for cleaning ditch; C. H. Lockwood, clerk of the muni-cipal corporation of the township of Caradoc, \$56 59, being balance of account for gravel and work done on townline between Lobo and Caradoc; C. W. Zavitz, \$19, expense to London in the McArthur case; River Bros., \$400 balance of account for making concrete tile for township use. Heard & Co., \$48, John tile for township use. Moved by A. McGugan, seconded by D. Cameron, that the members of this coun-

TWO COUNTRIES IN AFRICA. [Boston Transcript.] What France does at the head waters of the Nile is of little consequence as compared with what England does at its mouth. Alexandria and Cairo are the governing cities of Egypt, and both are strongly held by England, which, moreover, is rapidly organizing its recent acquisitions in the Nile Valley on the road to Khartoum. Dirt-or sand -is flying fast on the extension of the railroad system that keeps in close touch with the rear guard of the Anglo-Egyptian expedition into the Soudan This railroad line, primarily extended as a military measure, will have great mercial developments. Even if Major Marchand's expedition succeeds in cutting the chain of British influence which was intended to reach from Alexandria to Cape Town, the break will not be long continued. English colonies in Africa are solid facts. They have English colonists in them. They will push English influence northward to meet that coming southward from Alexandria. Between the two the theoretical French possession of an intervening slice of territory is likely to be squeezed into a thinness that a bold push or a fortunate misunderstanding will break. It seems astonishing that France will continue a "colonial policy," for her colonies simply drain the mother country of money and attract no colonists. French people are easily tickled, and an administration that does not give them a cheap triumph now and then has not long to live

presided over this board during the present year, carried. Council adjourned. E. R. Barclay, township

HIS STATUS. "The man who doesn't get vexed at a bad dinner is no man at all." "Of course not; he is an angel .-

Chicago Record. The shortest and surest way to live with honor in the world is to be in reality what we would appear to be: reality what we would appear to be:
or ribs. 20 to 24 lbs. dull, 30s: long
and if we observe, we shall find that
all human virtues increase and
strengthen themselves by the practice
and experience of them.

LATEST WEATHER FORECAST. Toronto, Jan. 5—11 a.m.—Probabilities for the lower lakes region for the next 24 hours: Moderate to fresh westerly winds; fine and mild today and Thursday.

-The London Conservatory of Music and School of Elecution reopens to day. -Mr. Fred Durkin, of Hill street, is

spending a few days with friends at Komoka. -Special meetings will be conducted in the Gospel Hall, corner Colborne and Horton streets, by Donald Ross on

-Mr. and Mrs. James R. Moyes, 60 Becher street, South London, with their granddaughter, Miss Ethel Rob-inson, leave on Friday for Monti, California, where they will spend three months visiting their sons, Charles and Edward Moyes. -Mrs. Boomer would like it to be

understood that any vacant rooms in the Convalescent Home are at the disposal of the doctors for victims of the disaster not requiring trained nurses. The Local Council of Women also desire to assist in any possible way. -This week's edition of The Western Advertiser contains a full account of

the disaster at the city hall. It is an

excellent paper to send to friends at a

distance. For sale at the counter of The Advertiser office on and after Thursday, Jan. 6. Price, 2 cents. -On New Year's Eve the choir and congregation of the Church of the Advent presented Walter Mills, barrister, with a handsome library chair and ing, Dec. 10: Present: Charles W. Zav- table and their compliments and best wishes for a happy new year.-Ridgetown correspondence, Chatham Banner. -The programme committee of the Western University conversazione met had almost the appearance of walking last night, and decided to engage Senor

Delasco, basso; Miss Herchmer, star

pianiste, Montreal; Miss Lillian Burns.

elocutionist, Toronto; and Mme.

sazione will be held on Jan. 14. -Mr. and Mrs. Leadbitter, of Grand avenue, South London, were the victims of an accident yesterday afternoon. While driving around the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets their cutter was overturned, and they were thrown out. Mrs. Leadbitter was stunned and hurt, but was able to be taken home. The horse ran away, but was

caught. -The contracts for supplies for the permanent military corps in this salary as clerk; Samuel Clare, \$18, this city have been awarded salary as janitor of town hall; Arch- to the following: William Isaac, meat; John Diprose, bread; John Law-Percival, forage and straw for men; Wm. Stevely & Son, cleaning stoves and furnishing stoves and stovepipes.

# The Funerals.

Four of the City Hall Victims Borne to the Grave.

Large Corteges-The Pall-Bearers and Other Particulars.

victims took place this afternoon, and pit." all were largely attended.

JAMES HARRIS. The funeral of the late James Harris, one of the victims of Monday night's disaster, took place this afternoon, from were rescued unhurt. the family residence, 211½ Dundas street, to Woodland cemetery. It was largely attended by members of the organizations to which Mr. H. ris belonged, and several beautiful wreaths testified to the esteem in which the deceased was held. At the house, service was conducted by Rev. Ira Smith and Rev. Mr. Sawyer. At the grave the Woodmen and Orangemen took charge. The pall-bearers were: Woodmen, A. Fisher, J. Herrick, J. E. Vodden, D. Penwarden; Orangemen, Frank Wright, Ed Agams, Robert Hill, H.

land, S. B. Laird and W. Miller. THE LATE ALD. TURNER. The funeral of the late John Turner took place from the family residence on Maitland street, near Princess avenue, this afternoon at three o'clock, and was attended by a large concourse of sorrowing citizens. It was a striking testimony to the worth and popularity of deceased. Rev. Robert Johnston conducted the services. The city council, the board of education, the police force under Chief Williams, and the local members of the Woodmen of the World, attended in bodies. The pallbearers were chosen from the woodmen as follows: J. H. Sanders, E. Jarmain, G. F. Morris, W. C. Fitzgerald, T. Val-

lier and Frank Smythe. The home was crowded during the religious services, which began at 2:30 clock. Many beautiful floral emblems lay on the casket and in the room. Forest City Camp, Woodmen of the World, sent a magnificent floral arch, surmounted by a dove. Mayor Little and Mayor-elect Wilson each sent magnificent tokens. The council's emblem was a bed of lilies, in which the words "Our Colleague" were worked. "Our Friend" was the inscription on another handsome design sent by the teaching staff of the Collegiate Institute. The school board and other corporations and private per-

sons also sent tokens. JOHN FORTNER. The funeral of John Fortner, No. 11 Bathurst street, took place at 3 p.m., and was in charge of Court Excelsior, A. O. F., West London, of which deceased was a member. Rev. G. B. Sage conducted the services.

NOBLE CARROTHERS. The funeral of the late Noble Carrothers, who was killed in the late terrible calamity, took place to Woodland Cemetery this afternoon, followed by a large number of sorrowing friends and relatives. Five cousins and a personal friend of the deceased acted as pallbearers. They were: Wm. Carrothers, Robert Carrothers, John Carrothers, Geo. Carrothers, R. A. McVean and R. Nichois. Rev. Mr. Moorhouse conducted the service at the house and at the est sympathy with the bereaved and grave. The remains were interred in sufferers from the fearful and disthe family plot. Mr. Noble Carrothers, father of the deceased, who was in Hensall, arrived home last evening. Mr. Greer, of Nash & Greer, where deceased was employed, sent a beauti. ful wreath. Numerous other beautiful floral offerings were sent.

It is in the home, if anywhere, that ocial instincts can be wisely develop ed and guided, and that the best pre-paration for social welfare can be made. The very qualities that enable brothers and sisters to live happily together also fit them to live happily with their fellow men in after life. Moral courage is the surest key to the heart of a pure woman.

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GOVERNOR BOSTON'S THEORY. Mr. Robert Boston, ex-M.P., supplied the informatioon which gives his idea f the cause of the final smash. He said: "I was about twelve feet away from the platform, having gone back there a few moments before it occurred. There were a lot of men standing on the seats in front of me, the only seats in the hall, clinging to one another. All at once, just at Mr. R. M.C. Toothe was commencing to speak. some of those seats, which were old, broke, sending the men down to the floor with a crash. This was the last straw, and the over-burdened floor gave way. Suddenly the whole square, which you see has fallen in, went through. The reporters, who were sitting in front of the platform, fell into the hole backwards, and then the platform, which was a temporary structure and not properly secured, tilted forward. I saw Mr. Toothe pitching into the mass head foremost, and the others following him. Then the dust from the broken plaster and old flooring rose between me and the platform, and I could see no more.

"I rushed back with the others around me to the exit in the southwest corner, and then there was a terrible scramble to get out, because the people thought the floor was still falling, and falling, and falling. The dust was so thick that you could hardly see. The people shouted in panic, but there was no fighting, as has sometimes occurred in such accidents. Some of the weaker ones were forced up from the floor by the crowding, which was so great that, once lifted above the heads of the people, they remained there and on the people's shoulders. It must have been twelve minutes before I got down the stairs. When I got to the foot of the stairs I did not know where I was, but soon found I was on the market square, and I went round to the front. Just as I got there, my brother, who is an old firemen, dragged out two men whose legs were broken; then the firemen got to work like men, and did their work in grand order and with remarkable expedition. It was a tremendous and horrible experience. could hardly sleep all that night, and the horror of it remains with me still " OTHER STARTLING EXPERI-

ENCES. While Mr. Boston was speaking, Mr. Wm. McLeod interjected the remark: "Great presence of mind, Mr. Boston, that fellow had who grasped my boy. He was just sinking down below the floor, when the man seized him by collar and saved him. I wish I knew who he was."

Ald. Charles Taylor, who is badly bruised about the legs and thighs and complains of severe pains in his body. said: "I was sitting at the back of the platform. The first thing I knew I found myself down, with several on top of me. I was on top of a portion of the platform, and there were a number under it. Part of the platform lay on my two legs. By a lucky chance the platform lurched up, and in falling back a chair settled under it, so that my legs were freed and the people underneath partly protected. I found that I could not move. A ladder was let down some twelve feet away from me, and I managed to drag myself to it, and, with the help of others above The funerals of four of the city hall and below me, I got out of the terrible

Dr. Wilson, a brother of the mayorelect, had six members of his family in the hall at the time. A number of them, including his wife, daughter and sister, went down into the abyss, but

THE INJURED DOING WELL. All the injured are doing well, and no further fatalities are feared. Albert Joyce, of 316 Grey street, is the most seriously hurt. His chest is crushed in, his jaw dislocated, his ear badly torn, requiring stitches, and his leg crushed. But the doctors hope to bring him through.

A SAD CASE. A peculiarly painful bereavement is that which came to the family of the late James Harris, who was one of the Wallace; McClary's, M. Burke, W. Yel- first of the dead to be taken from the ruins. His wife is an invalid, and the little woman of the household is a 14-year-old daughter, who, during the long months in which her mother has been in bed with a painful illness, has had to be housekeeper and general overseer of the family of three girls younger than herself. The members of the Hill Street Mission of Dundas Center Methodist Church have taken an interest in the family, and on Sunday it was announced at the services in the mission that a prayer meeting would be held last night in the little home, so that the unfortunate woman could participate, she being deprived of the opportunity of going to regular public services. Last night, when some members of the mission went to the service at the house, they were astonished to find crape on the door. They thought that Mrs. Harris was dead. It did not occur to them that a victim of the city hall disaster lay dead there, the published accounts pointing to another man of the same name. The house was one of mourning, and the missionaries set about assisting the unfortunate little ones and their mother. Members of the city council also visited the family, and it is likely that the benevolent will lend a hand in supplying needed aid to the widow and orphans. There are but two days' pay coming to the unfortunate woman, along with a little insurance

AID OFFERED. Mr. D. Sare this morning received a communication from the chief officer of the Ontario License Holders' Association in Toronto, asking if aid was necessary for the victims of the late disaster, and saying, if so, he would forward a check at once. Mr. Sare inquired of the mayor, Mr. Hobbs, M.P.P. and the city clerk, and members of the trade. He found aid was not necessary,

for its offer. Late I essages Received FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL. Ottawa, Jan. 4.

but the association was duly thanked

Please accept and express our deep-ABERDEEN. Governor-General. The citizens of Brantford most pro-

Brantford, Jan. 4. foundly sympathize with you in the dire calamity that has befallen your W. G. RAYMOND. city. Mayor-elect.

Chatham, Jan. 4.

most heartfelt sympathy in this the sad hour of your affliction, through last evening's sad calamity. JOHN O'DONGGHUE

Detroit, Jan. 5. Convey to the friends of those killed. to the injured and residents of your city the heartfelt sympathy of the Canadian residents of Detroit in your sad calamity. B. A. ROTHWELL.

Toronto, Jan. 4. Myself and colleagues share in the grief of the citizens of London at the terrible calamity of last night, and sympathize with the bereaved and suffering families. A. S. HARDY.

## The Trouble Over!

The Kiao Chau Difficulty Said to Be Settled.

Death of the Czar's Doctor-More German Warshins En Route to China.

THE CZAR'S DOCTOR DEAD. Moscow, Jan. 5.-Dr. Zaccharin, the famous physician of Czar Alexander III., is dead.

EN ROUTE TO CHINA. Port Said, Jan. 5.-The German warships Deutschland and Gefion, under the command of Prince Henry of Prussia, have arrived here on their way to

SETTLED. Pekin, Jan. 5.-The Kiao Chau difficulty was settled yesterday at a conference of the Tsung-li Yamen (Chinese foreign office), which made the necessary concessions. Details are expected.

SITUATION IMPROVING. London, Jan. 5.-There is a general feeling in England, and it is reflected on the stock exchange, that the situation in the far east is improving. It is believed that the proposed Chinese loan of £16,000,000 (\$80,000,000) will be guaranteed by the British government, although the final decision is not likely to be reached until the meeting of the cabinet on Monday next. The Pall Mall Gazette this afternoon refers to the "ascendancy of money over the mailed fist," and says: "Great Britain's vessels are anchored off Chemulpo and at Port Arthur. This is quietly implying that Great Britain will have a voice in the future arrangement. Further, the latest telegrams clearly indicate that she has plenty of friends."

## IT IS A COLOSSAL PRIZE.

face of the Earth. In a recent issue of the Economic Studies some interesting facts as to the world's area and population are brought together by Mr. W. F. Wilcox, Ph.D., in connection with a study of the area and population of the United States at the census of 1890. The area of the earth's surface, land and water together, is computed to be 196,899,795 square miles. The area of the United States is 3,025,600 square miles, exclusive of the 531,000 square miles of Alas-In defining the bounds of the United States the census officials excluded the sea within the three-mile limit and the portions of the great lakes subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, but no uniform rule was applied to gulfs and bays. Long Island ound, for example, was not included as part of the area of the United States, while the Chesapeake and Delaware bays were included. Excluding Alaska, coast waters, rivers and lakes,

would be about 2,970,000 square miles

Including all these its area is 3,607,950

square miles. The land area of the globe is estimated to be about 52,300,000 square tire surface. A few great powers and a multitude of small powers possess together 38,451,916 square miles, or 73.5 per cent of the whole. The list is as follows: British Empire, 11,334,391 square miles, or 21.7 per cent of the earth's surface; Russia, 8,666,282 square miles, or 16.5 per cent; China, 4,218,401 square miles, or 8.1 per cent; United Railway runson the way to Irkutsk. States, 3,607,950 square miles, or 6.9 per cent; Brazil, 3,209,878 square miles, or 6.1 per cent. France has 2,804,839 square miles, mostly in Africa; Argentine Republic, 1,778,095 square miles; Ottoman Empire, 1,609,240 square miles; German Empire, 1,228,740 square miles. If to England's share be added countries like Egypt and the Soudan, where her control amounts to possession, and countries like Afghanistan, where her influence predominates, it will be seen that the mother country is exercising her guidance over about one-fourth of the earth's surface. If regard be had to the fact that the countries held by her are for the most part fertile and populous and largely such as can be safely inhabited by Europeans, the value of her landed estate, as compared with that of Russia or France, will be seen to be vastly greater than the percentages make it appear to be.

The population of the earth in 1893 is estimated to have been 1,485,763,000. In 1897, according to the Statesman's Year Book, 1,273,284,463, or four-fifths of the inhabitants of the earth, were under the sway of the following ten great powers, in the proportions indicated: China, 402,680,000; British Empire, 129,-545,000; France, 70, 467, 775; United States, 62,929,766; German Empire, 62,879,901; Austria-Hungary, 41,358,886; Japan, 41,-813,215; Netherlands, 38,859,451; Ottoman Empire, \$9,212,000. Among these powers the United States holds the fifth place as regards population, and has about one twenty-fifth of the population of the earth. The population of China is really unknown, some authorities placing it as low as 225,000,000. The population of the earth as a whole is thought to show a net increase of some 10,000,000 or 15,000,000 a year. Seven of the great powers just enumerated are European in origin and Christian in religion, while Japan is assimilating European culture. China and Turkey are supposed to be losing in population and becoming relatively, if not absolutely, weaker, while the rest are growing stronger.

dividing among themselves the territories of non-progressive and non-Christian potentates. All are desirous of markets. England acquires wider empire to widen, or preserve, the area within which she may enjoy "free trade," or trade on equal terms with other powers. Other powers widen their empires so as to widen the areas within which their high tariffs will give them exclusive advantages. Commer-Chatham is overwhelmed with the tive to empire, not land hunger, or magnitude of the calamity with which your city is shaken. You have our fullest sympathy. HENRY SMYTH, glory, as in former ages. Africa, at the door of Europe, has already been pretty completely appropriated. There re-Mayor.

Stratford, Jan. 4.
On behalf of the citizens I beg to convey to you and your people our slowly, owing to the inability of the

ed chiefly by commercial ideas, are still

powers to agree upon their respective shares. Siam has recently lost laregly to France. Corea is in dispute between Russia and Japan. China is in process of distribution. Japan. Russia, France and England have all recently had "whacks" at its vast area, and Germany is now seeking, it seems, to get even with its rivals. China is the coming Africa. Its distribution among the powers is to be the next great problem of European politics.

#### MONDAY'S VOTE.

Some Changes in Figures Which De Not Change Results.

The city clerk at noon today officially summed up the returns in the London municipal elections. There is little change from The Advertiser figures published on the morning after the contest. Dr. Wilson's majority as mayor is increased by 2 to 577. Mr. Wm. Jones' vote as water commissioner is reduced 10 to 3,658; Mr. Judd's to 2,985; Mayor Little's vote for the commission is 4,159, an increase of 6; Mr. Parsons' vote is 561, not 709, as originally given.

The vote for hospital trustee was: Col. Lewis, 3,785; Mr. John Bowman, 2,634; majority for Lewis, 1,151. The bylaw to provide hospital accommodation carried by 366, not 387, as Aldermanic and school trustee figures are not perceptibly changed.

#### TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

The deputation of C. P. R. telegraphers in Montreal have been unable as yet to come to an agreement with

the company. J. Smith, the discoverer of the famous Treadwell mine, in Alaska, was found shot through the head in his workshop in San Francisco. He had

committed suicide An iceboat went through the ice on Hamilton Bay, throwing seven people into the water. Miss Amelia Hall nar-rowly escaped drowning, going down two or three times before being res-

Edward Clifford, a former West Shore Railroad detective, was on Tuesday sentenced in Jersey City to be hanged there on. Feb. 16 next for the murder of Superintendent William Watson on March 5, 1895. Watson refused to reinstate the detective after have dismissed him for intoxication.

LOCAL OPTION IN GARAFRAXA. Fergus, Jan. 5.-A vote was taken in East and West Garafraxa on the repeal of local option, which has been in force for the past three years. East Garafraxa sustained local option by a majority of 60, and West Garafraxa by

### Steamship Arrivals

Steamship Airivais.		
Jan. 4.	At	From
Aurania	New York	Liverpool
Veendam	New York	Rotterdam
Labrador	Liverpool	Portland
Cepalonia	Liverpool	Boston
Gallia	Hanfax	Liverpool
Bergen	New York P	illey's Island
Majestic	Queenstown	New York
Jan. 5.	At	From
Bovic	New York	Liverpool
St. Paul	Southampton.	New York
Majestio	Liverpool	New York
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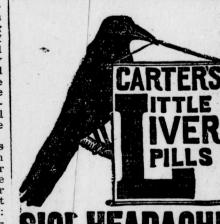
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