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WANTED, GIRLS FOR CORE MAKING. Apply International Harvester Co., Limited.

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LARGE SAFE, TYPEWRITER DESK, SIX chairs, electric light fixtures, couch, 67 yards linoleum. North American Life, 64 King east.

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WILLIAM H. WARDROPE, K. C., BARrister, Solicitor, Notary Public, Office, Federal Life Building. Money to loan at lowest rates of interest.

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HENRY CARPENTER, BARRISTER, SOLicitor, etc. Money to loan on real estate at lowest current rates. Offices, 36 James street south.

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STORAGE WAREHOUSE FOR—MERchandise, furniture, pianos, trunks, valuables; separate rooms for each family's goods. Myles' Fireproof Warehouse, Main and Hughson. Phone 690.

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Times Ads Bring Results

Call for Letters at Boxes

9, 19, 21, 31, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 46, 47, 50, 53.

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Alike, you must agree;
For while the farmer tills the soil
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Our partial payment plan gives you immediate possession of a new brick six-room detached house for a small cash payment. Then your rent money pays the rest, principal and interest. A deed in five years. Our property is the east end—where the growth is.
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DR. M. F. BINKLEY, DENTIST, PRICES that appeal to the working classes. ARTIFICIAL TEETH receiving special consideration. MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP: no better to be had at any price. Office 17½ King street east, Hamilton.

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS.

ANY even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the North-West Provinces, excepting 8 and 26, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person the sole head of the family, or male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section, of 160 acres, more or less.

Application for homestead entry or inspection must be made in person by the applicant at the office of the local Agent or Sub-agent.

An application for entry or inspection made personally at any Sub-agent's office may be wired to the local Agent by the Sub-agent, at the expense of the applicant, and if the land applied for is vacant on receipt of the telegram such application is to have priority, and the land will be held until the necessary papers to complete the transaction are received by mail.

In case of "personation" the entry will be summarily cancelled and the applicant will forfeit all priority of claim.

An applicant for inspection must be eligible for homestead entry, and only one application for inspection will be received from an individual until that application has been disposed of.

A homesteader whose entry is in good standing and not liable to cancellation, may, subject to approval of Department, relinquish it in favor of father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister, if eligible, but to any one else, on filing declaration of abandonment.

Where an entry is summarily cancelled, or voluntarily abandoned, subsequent to institution of cancellation proceedings, the applicant for inspection will be entitled to prior right of entry.

Applicants for inspection must state in what particulars the homesteader is in default, and if subsequently the statement is found to be incorrect in material particulars, the applicant will lose any prior right of re-entry, should the land become vacant, or if entry has been granted it may be summarily cancelled.

DUTIES.—A settler is required to perform the conditions under one of the following plans:—

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of a homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such homesteader the requirement as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirement may be satisfied by residence upon such land.

Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, of his intention to do so.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST MINING REGULATIONS.

COAL.—Coal lands may be purchased at $10 per acre for soft and $20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

QUARTZ.—A free miner's certificate is granted upon payment in advance of $5 per annum for an individual, and from $50 to $100 per annum for a company according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500 x 1,500 feet. The fee for recording a claim is $5.

At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When $500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1 per acre.

The patent provides for the payment of a royalty of 2½ per cent. on the sales.

Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee $5, renewable yearly.

A free miner may obtain two leases to dredge for gold of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles. Rental $10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of 2½ per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

Had No Complaint to Make.

After a long and warm discussion of the merits of female suffrage, occasioned by the reports of the recent troubles in the British house of commons, two men decided to lay a wager on the subject. One of them declared that eight out of every ten men were in favor of allowing the women to vote, while the other man bet that this was not so. They decided to hail the first ten men they met and get their views, taking them as an average. Going out in Market street the betters encountered a stolid-looking man. "Do you believe in woman suffrage?" they asked. There was no hesitation in the man's reply. "Sure," he said, with a growl, "let them suffer." —Philadelphia Record.

Most theories will work like a charm. A charm seldom works.

December 31st

To participate in the 100 Per Cent. Bonus being offered by the Western Oil and Coal Consolidated (no personal liability) it is necessary that your order be in by December Thirty-first. If you haven't a prospectus write me.

JOHN N. LAKE
Resident Director
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MacPherson Switches and Frogs, Roller Rail Benders and Track Jacks.

Acid Open Hearth Steel Castings, of all kinds.

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We have decided to clear out all Winter Goods before the last of January. From now on we will sell our Winter Stock at greatly reduced prices.

Still on hand fine assortment of

Furs

Men's, Ladies' and

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and complete

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YOUR CREDIT IS GOOD

THE Dominion House Furnishings Co.
118-120 James North

Open Evenings

SOCIETY OF BIRD FRIENDS.

Iowa Farmers No Longer Regard the Crow as a Pest to Crops.

Farmers near Sheldon, Iowa, are forming what they will call "The Bird Friends' society." Farmers have been studying the use of various birds to their growing crops and as a result there is much less animosity against the crow, blackbird and bluejay than formerly, for it has been proved that these birds aid the farmer more than they hurt him. James O'Briend is president of the society.

The swallow, swift and nightingale are the guardians of the atmosphere, feeding on the wing and taking from the air those forms of insects that might endanger the fruit trees.

Woodpeckers, chickadees and creepers are the guardians of the trunks of trees eating the grubs that injure the bark of fruit or ornamental trees.

Blackbirds, thrushes, crows and larks protect the soil, eating the worms and insects that injure the corn, wheat and oats. They scarcely partake of corn except in the autumn.

The snipe and the woodcock are the guardians of the subsoil, reaching far down into the earth after hatching larvae and insects that would soon attack the roots of the growinb crops.

The long-persecuted crow is really the farmers' friend, for he destroys more insects than the average bird and rarely pulls up the corn, as alleged. He has been known to eat 200 grasshoppers in a single hour.

The pretty quail, whose life has been spared by the hunter only because of the laws of several states, eats the weed seeds which would otherwise scatter and is also a good feeder on insect life.

The grouse of the west as well as the east is a prolific eater of grubs and grasshoppers and all forms of insects.

Trouble in Suburban Families.

"What's the matter with all you swampbursters?" demanded Citiman. "You all appear to hate Newcomb and yet he's a decent sort of fellow."

"Huh," snorted Subbubs, "the miserable chump bought his wife a $30 bonnet the other day and now there's no peace in our homes." — Philadelphia Press.

It must hurt for a hen to sit on an egg and hatchet.

NOBLE LADY DEAD.

LIFE OF BARONESS BURDETT-COUTTS IS ENDED.

Was at One Time the Richest Woman in England and Gave Unsparingly of Her Wealth for Charitable and Noble Purposes.

London, Dec. 30.—The Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who has been ill at her residence here since Christmas eve, is dead. Besides depriving the country of one of its greatest and most famous philanthropists, the death of the Baroness removes from London life a unique personality and interesting social figure. Her life was a link with the past, for she was born on April 21, 1814, during the reign of the Emperor Napoleon, and has lived during the time that five British Sovereigns occupied the throne. The dead Baroness was the daughter of Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., M. P., representing several English constituencies, while her mother was a daughter of Thomas Coutts, a banker. Her full name, combining that of both father and mother, was Angela Georgina Burdett-Coutts.

At one time she was probably the richest woman in England, the basis of her fortune being the celebrated old Coutts Bank, where, it is said, half the secrets of English aristocracy are concealed. Few people have made more noble use of money, her name having figured at the head of nearly every charitable and philanthropic enterprise for half a century. She founded many institutions for relieving the distressed or uplifting humanity, and it may be said that she used the immense fortune at her disposal so as to die beloved by a nation. It was by way of recognition of such generosity and kindness that in 1871 the late Queen Victoria conferred upon the then Miss Burdett-Coutts a peerage and since that time she was known by the title Baroness.

Few women in the world have received so many offers of marriage, some of them even coming from princes of royal blood. Upon several occasions suitors, were so numerous that she was compelled to call upon the police for protection. In 1881 she decided upon a matrimonial venture, selecting as her husband William Lehman Ashmead, a native of the United States, afterwards naturalized as an Englishman, and who was about fifty years her junior.

Prior to the marriage she had nursed him through an attack of sickness, contracted while distributing her relief at the close of the last Turco-Russian war. Her husband was permitted to assume her name, though not her title, and received an annuity of $250,000 for the remainder of his life.

The deceased Baroness had two outstanding characteristics—an intense interest in art and a great love for dumb animals. Many a poor struggling painter has been assisted by her, while gifts of all kinds were made to organizations helping dumb animals.

NEW ROWING MACHINE

HAMILTON SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL CULTURE HAS IMPORTED ONE.

As seen in the advertising columns the Hamilton School of Physical Culture has imported one of the celebrated Kerns four-oared rowing machines, fitted with all the latest and up-to-date improvements, sliding seats, oars with springs and swivels, to enable the oarsmen to manipulate the oars exactly as they would in the boat. A friction wheel governs the power so that light or heavy crews can get just the power required. This is the same machine used by the Argonauts, Winnipeg and other leading clubs on this continent, and Hamilton oarsmen have now the opportunity of competing on equal terms with others, and if the Hamilton Rowing Club members take advantage of this privilege by joining the school and rowing during the winter they ought to be able to hold their own with any crews in the country. Hamilton has the men, but hitherto has lacked the facilities.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

27,000 Barmaids in England.

London, Dec. 30.—Efforts made by reform, societies in England to get a law abolishing barmaids have disclosed the fact that 27,000 girls are employed in barrooms in the United Kingdom, at least 7,500 in this city. Most of them are under 25 years of age and above 16. Salaries vary from $1.25 to $3.50 a week.

MARKETS AND FINANCE

Toronto Farmers' Market.

The grain offerings to-day show little improvement, and prices ruled steady. Wheat is unchanged, with sales of 100 bushels of fall at 72 to 73c, and of 200 bushels of goose at 67c. Barley firm, 400 bushels selling at 54 to 55c. Oats are steady, with sales of 200 bushels at 39 to 40c.

Dairy produce in fair offer, with prices steady. Dairy butter sold at 25 to 28c, according to quality and new-laid eggs at 40 to 45c per dozen.

Hay quiet and firm, with sales of 30 loads at $14 to $16 a ton for timothy, and at $11 to $13 for mixed. Straw dull, selling at $12 to $15 a ton.

Dressed hogs are firm, with light quoted at $9 and heavy at $8.50.

Wheat, white, bush.	$0 72	$ 0 73
Do., red, bush.	0 72	0 73
Do., spring, bush.	0 70	0 00
Do., goose, bush.	0 66	0 67
Oats, bush.	0 39	0 40
Barley, bush.	0 53	0 55
Buckwheat, bush.	0 55	0 00
Hay, timothy, ton	13 00	16 00
Do., mixed, ton	11 00	13 00
Straw, per ton	14 00	15 00
Seeds—		
Alsike, fancy, bush	6 50	6 75
Do., No. 1, bush	6 00	6 25
Do., No. 2, bush	5 75	5 85
Red clover, fancy, bush	7 75	8 00
Do., No. 1	7 00	7 25
Do., No. 2	6 35	6 50
Timothy, bush	1 25	1 80
Dressed hogs	8 50	9 00
Eggs, new laid, dozen	0 40	0 45
Butter, dairy	0 25	0 28
Do., creamery	0 30	0 32
Chickens, dressed, lb.	0 10	0 12
Ducks, dressed, lb.	0 11	0 13
Turkeys, per lb.	0 14	0 16
Apples, per bbl.	1 50	2 75
Potatoes, per bush.	0 70	0 85
Cabbage, per dozen	0 30	0 50
Onions, per bag	0 75	0 80
Beef, hindquarters	7 00	8 00
Do., forequarters	4 75	5 50
Do., choice, carcase	7 00	7 25
Do., medium, carcase	5 50	6 00
Mutton, per cwt.	8 00	9 00
Veal, per cwt.	9 00	10 00
Lamb, per cwt.	9 00	10 00

Flour Prices.

Flour—Manitoba patent, $.75, track, Toronto; Ontario, 90 per cent., patents, $2.70 bid for export; Manitoba patent, special brands, $4.50; strong bakers, $4.

Winnipeg Wheat Markets.

Winnipeg—Futures closed yesterday; Dec. 72 5-8c, May, 76, July 77c bid.

British Cattle Markets.

London, —Canadian cattle in the British markets are quoted at 10 1-2c to 12 3-4c per lb.; refrigerator beef, 8 3-4c per pound.

The Year of 1906.

Dun's Review: With scarcely an exception, reports of industrial, commercial agricultural, railway and financial progress during 1906 surpass all previous records. The net result is undoubtedly the most prosperous period in the new year opens under auspices bright beyond precedent. The marvelous returns are especially gratifying in view of pessimistic predictions by those who believe in the periodicity of panics, unchecked progress for a decade being considered an impossibility by some students of economics. Warnings by the conservative element were disregarded and the country's resources were developed so vigorously that before the year ended there existed a great scarcity of men, money and motive power. This restricted operations to some extent, it is true, and many undertakings were postponed, but not often abandoned. As a result the unfinished business carried over into 1907 promises a continuance of activity only limited by facilities, which are being extended as rapidly as possible, and the leading manufacturing industries have more orders on the books than at any previous date.

Failures Last Week.

Dec. 29.—Failures this week in the United States, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., are 187, against 254 last week, 261 the preceding week and 21 the corresponding week last year. Failures in Canada number 17, against 26 last week, 25 the preceding week and 27 last year. Of failures this week in the United States, 7 were in the East, 59 South, 4 West, and 27 in the Pacific States, and 57 report liabilities of $5,000 or more. Liabilities of commercial failures reported for December to date are $10,384,228 compared with $7,613,481 a year ago.

Mr. J. J. Hill, President of the Great Northern Railroad, wired last night that there was no authority for the report stating that he was about to retire from the Presidency in January.

Pittsburg capitalists are putting five million dollars into Parry Sound copper properties.

New York, Dec. 31.—Cotton futures opened quiet. Dec. 920 bid; Jan. 922; Mar. 957; April 961; May 969; July 978; Aug. 968 bid; Oct. 968.

New York, Dec. 31.—The opening quotation of money on call to-day was 20 per cent. 11.20 o'clock it was quoted at 25 per cent.

Liverpol, Dec. 31.—Hams, short cut, steady, 58s 6d. Bacon, Cumberlands cut, dull, 50s; short, clear backs, steady, 47s.

Cheese steady, Canadian finest white, 62s; do., colored, 63s.

Pittsburg, Dec. 31.—Oil opened $1.58.

McKENZIE MILLS ARRESTED.

Detective Campbell arrested McKenzie Mills this morning for the Cayuga officials. He is wanted there on a charge of false pretences. It is alleged that while collecting from a firm in Cayuga he made false representations and embezzled some of the money he collected. He will be taken to Cayuga this afternoon.

Stocks and Bonds

	Asked	Bid.
A. T. & S. F.	104¼	103¾
Balt. & Ohio	119	118¼
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	79	78¾
C. P. R.	192¾	192
Chic. Mil. & St. P.	148½	146¾
Erie	42¼	42¼
Illinois Central	166	165
Louis & Nashville	142½	142
Missouri K. & T.	40	40
Missouri Pacific	91¾	90¾
New York Central	130¼	129¾
Nor. & Wes.	91¾	91¼
Penna.	138¼	137
Reading	133¼	132
Rock Island	29¾	29¾
St. Louis & San F., 2nd pref.	47¼	47
Southern Pacific	92¾	92
Southern Railway	33¼	32¾
Soo Common	136	135
Twin City	102	102¼
Union Pacific	179¼	178¾
Wabash, pref.	37	36¾

Industrials.

	Bid.	Asked
American Car & Foundry	44	42¾
American Locomotive	71¾	71¼
American Sugar	132½	132¾
Amalgamated Copper	115¾	114¾
Colo. Fuel & Iron	52	51¾
Distillers' Securities	70½	71¼
People's Gas	97¾	98
Pressed Steel Car	53	53
Rep. Iron & Steel	39	38¾
United States Steel	47¼	43
United States Steel, pref.	104½	104¼

MOVING PICTURES.

The rapid advance in the art of animated photography has been most marvelous, and it is to-day a source of entertainment to the masses. In a judicious selection of subjects rests much of the ability of the exhibitor to please; this coupled with a corps of experienced assistants enables the Vitagraph Co., to present the best exhibition of moving pictures before the American public. This company leads all competitors in the conception and production of headline features, and with their own positive hits, combined with the best of European novelties and sensations. The name of Vitagraph in connection with moving pictures is a guarantee of the best. And this company will put on one of their very best programmes to-morrow, matinee and evening, at Aocia-tion Hall.

COSTLY RAM TO SCRAP PILE.

Katahdin to be Broken Up Into Junk After Years' Trial.

After being carried on the naval list of warships for a number of years at a big expense to the government the ram Katahdin, one of the failures of the new navy, which has been lying since long before the Spanish-American war in the back channel at League island, is on the list to be disposed of as junk. The Katahdin, which, it is claimed by the naval men, has cost nearly $3,000 every two years to keep in such condition that it would not be eaten away by rust has already been condemned as utterly useless for any purpose whatever, naval or commercial, and orders from Washington to sell the ram as old iron are expected at League island any day.

Few of the hundreds of visitors to League island every week know what a tremendous cost the peculiar turtle-backed vessel has been to the government. The Katahdin dates from the period in the history of the new navy when the government was doing a whole lot of experimenting to get a formidable fleet of warships. Various schemes for getting naval strength were tried and one of the experiments resulted in the building of the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius at a cost of $350,000. When turned over to the government the Vesuvius was looked upon as the terror among all seafighting craft and it was predicted that it would play havoc with any enemy it ever engaged in battle with. The Vesuvius also proved a failure as a dynamite projectile thrower and was sent to League island and ordered out of commission.

Soon after nearly $500,000 was appropriated for the building of the ram Katahdin, constructed all of steel. The Katahdin was the idea of an officer of the navy who at the time of the building of the ram declared that the sharp-pointed craft, from the manner in which it was constructed would be immune from the shots of an enemy, but would send any warship to the bottom that it came in contact with. Great things were expected from the ram, but after it was accepted as part of the navy it was discovered that the alleged terror was able to make only sixteen knots at its best, and as the warships of any of the navies of the world were capable of making at least eighteen knots it would be impossible for the Katahdin to catch up with them.

As a fighting craft the Katahdin was found to be worthless and was sent to League island. There it remained for several years and at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war both it and the Vesuvius were used to protect the coast. The Vesuvius was turned into a serviceable torpedo training ship, but the peculiar build of the Katahdin made it impossible to convert the vessel into anything that would be of use.

Worcester Up-to-Date.

Son—"Does the dictionary include every word?"

Father—"Oh no, my boy. New words are being brought into use every day."

Son—"Is that so? Well, then, what's the last introduced?"

Father—"Ask your mother. She always has the last word."—Rire.

"Why do you call your horse Weather Beaten?" asked the casual visitor to the track. "Because," replied the trainer, "he always loses on a muddy track."

Cupid is not always a match for cupidity.

SPORTING NEWS.

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est possible. Rusk was second by a nose. Phil Finch won the distance handicap.

SADDLE AND SULKY.

The Irish trainer, J. J. Maher, has sold to C. Bewicke the four-year-old steeplechaser Old Fairyhouse, for £3,000. Old Fairyhouse has not been beaten this year.

The selling race feud between U. Z. De Arman and J. B. Dunn, which began at Hamilton, is still going on at Los Angeles, U. Z. De Arman started the game there by bidding up Miss Martha. Then Dunn retaliated by boosting De Arman's Cigarlighter to $1,100. The following day Dunn got busy again, and boosted Bryan from $1,400 to $1,600, and De Arman let The Commoner gelding go.

Picton, Dec. 31.—The annual ice races of the Picton Driving Club take place on Jan. 22 and 23, when $750 will be given in purses. The free-for-all takes place on the second day. B. Hepburn is the Secretary.

A CHECKER TIE.

Walton and Garvin to Fight it Out for Championship.

The results of the Ontario Checker Association's tournament here on Saturday are as follows: Nichol, Hamilton, 3; Duggan, Toronto, 1; Pickering, Baltimore, 2; Cummings, Hamilton, 1 game and 3 draws; Young, Ellsmere, 0; Garvin, Ottawa, 2 and 1 draw; McGibbon, Brampton, 3; Ormston, Hamilton, 1; Walton, Hamilton, 2; W. Nicholson, Hamilton, 1 draw; Young, 0; Pickering, 2; McGibbon, 0; Pickering, 2 and 1 draw; Curtis, 1; Pickering, 2; Nichol, 2; Ormston, 4; Walton, 2, Cummings, 0 and 3 draws; Pickering, 3; Nichol, 0.

Up to Saturday night Garvin won 9 games and lost none; Walton won 10 and lost none, and Pickering won 8 and lost 1.

Walton and Garvin play off to-day.

At the Ontario checker tournament this morning, M. Pickering, of Baltimore, met Garvin, of Ottawa, in their tie. Pickering won the first, a defiance, and early in the second, a single corner, it was soon apparent he was on Easy street, finally winning. The players then adjourned. Pickering has only to draw one game now to win the tie, and Pickering's other match is with Johnston, of Toronto, practically a gift for the easterner.

Walton, of this city, and Garvin will play as soon as the Garvin-Pickering tie is finished.

SHORT ENDS.

Little Paragraphs of Sport From Far and Near.

Bufalo, Dec. 31.—Thomas Hueston, of St. Louis, defeated Jerome Keogh, of Buffalo, in the three nights' play, ending Saturday night, for the pool championship of America. The total s[illegible] Hueston 600, Keogh 507.

Dr. Creamer, who was the official medical adviser of the sixday bicycle pluggers this year, comes to the front with the announcement that much of the press talk about the riders being "dippy" was the purest sort of superheated atmosphere. He says that the men were often excited—very naturally—but they

MRS. CHAPMAN DEAD.

WAS THE WIFE OF JESSE CHAPMAN, OF THIS CITY.

After one year's illness, six months of which she was confined to her bed, Mrs. Emily A. Chapman, wife of the former proprietor of the Dominion Hotel, Jesse Chapman, died this morning, at an early hour, at the family residence, 144 Market street. Deceased leaves a husband, one son and three daughters. The son is Fred Chapman, and the daughters, Mrs. R. W. Monk and Mrs. F. S. Morison, of this city, and Mrs. Albert McPherson, of Camden East, Ont. She was a sister of A. Attwood, the King street jeweller.

The deceased came to this city from Yorkshire, England, when 8 years of age, and has lived here about 50 years. The funeral takes place on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, from the family residence, to Hamilton Cemetery.

were thoroughly examined before the start, and were watched very carefully throughout the race. That there was or will be any ill-effect he strongly denies.

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—J. McCulloch, the former champion skater of Canada, has decided to break into the game again after an absence of several years from the ice.

It is considered in England as quite certain that France will enter a representative crew for the Grand Challenge Cup at the next Henley Royal Regatta. It may be remembered that the Ghent (Belgium) eight, which won the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley this year, was beaten a month later at a regatta at Neuilly by a French crew.

ICE IN RIVER.

Sarnia, Ont., Dec. 31.—The St. Clair River has filled with ice to a point reaching to the mouth of the Black river.

LEO'S BODY.

Rome, Dec. 31.—The Observatore Romano to-day announced that the transportation of the body of Pope Leo. XIII. from St. Peters to the Church of St. John Lateran, would be strictly private.

NOT SO WELL.

Stockholm, Dec. 31.—King Oscar did not pass a good night. The bulletin issued by his physicians to-day says his sleep was disturbed but that his condition is unchanged.

DROWNED IN CISTERN.

Child of Bayham Township Man Meets a Tragic Fate.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 30.—The five-year-old daughter of Alexander Grant, who lives in the township of Bayham, was drowned in a cistern yesterday. The child was playing with a hand sleigh, and ran into the cistern, which was at the bottom of the incline.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought