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Notice to Voters
Edith Ross Concert Co.—Opera House.
Mass Meeting—Victoria Hall.
Meeting—Ontario Council, National Union.
Cook Wanted—Mrs. Beattie.
Meeting—Electors No. 4 Ward.
Holiday Sale—Pigot & Bryan.
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Fancy Goods, etc.—Alfred Tupper.
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Mechanics' Institute—Glass Blowers.
AUCTION SALE.
Stock, Dec. 27—J. W. Jones.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

Latest Financial News by Mail and Telegraph.

London Money Market.

LONDON, Dec. 20—12:30 p.m.—Consols. 97 5-16 for money, 97⅞ for account; Mexican, 21¼; Mexican Central, 6⅝; St. Paul, 78; Erie, seconds, 103¼; Erie, 24; Pacific Central, 65¾; Reading, 26¾; Canadian Pacific, 91¾; New York Central, 112; Illinois Central, 100¼; Bank of England rate, 3 per cent.; open market discount, 1⅛.

New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20—1 p.m.—Stock market steady; American Express, —; Atcheson, 34¼; C. B. and Q., 97¼; Canton, —; Canadian Pacific, 89½; Canada Southern, 56¾; Delaware and Hudson, 128½; Delaware and Lackawanna, 148¾; L. N., 70⅞; Lake Shore, 130¼; Michigan Central, 103¼; Northern Pacific, 16¼; Northern Pacific, preferred, 48¼; Northwestern, 110¾; New York Central, 109¼; R. I., 83¾; St. Paul, 76¼; St. Paul, preferred, 120¼; St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba, —; Union Pacific, 37¾; Western Union, ex-div., 92¼.

Montreal Stock Market.

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.

	Ask.	Off
Bank of Montreal	232	230
Ontario Bank	—	—
Banque du Peuple	—	108
Molsons Bank	172	170½
Bank of Toronto	—	—
Banque Cartier	—	—
Merchants' Bank	163	157½
Union Bank	—	100
Bank of Commerce	143¾	142½
Wabash	—	—
Wabash, preferred	—	—
Montreal Telegraph Company	155	153
N. W. Land Company	—	—
Dominion Telegraph Co.	—	—
Rich. and Ont. Navigation Co.	70	69
City Passenger Railway	—	—
Montreal Gas Company	224	223
C. P. R.	89½	89
Canada Cotton Company	—	—
Montreal Cotton Company	140	—
Dominion Cotton Company	134½	131½
New Gas	—	—
Commercial Cable Company	173	172½
Bell Telephone Company	—	—
Grand Trunk Ry., firsts	—	—
Duluth Railway, common	—	—
Duluth Railway, preferred	—	—

SALES—Bank of Montreal, 25 at 231; Commercial Cable Co., 75 at 173.

Toronto Stock Market.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.

	Ask.	Off.
Montreal	232½	230½
Ontario	117½	116
Molsons	172	168
Toronto	250	246
Merchants	164	158
Commerce	143¾	142¾
Imperial	182½	181½
Dominion	236	234
Standard	167	162
Hamilton	170	161
British America	119	117
Western Assurance	163	161
Canada Life	—	—
Confederation Life	292	296
Consumers Gas	192	190
Dominion Telegraph	—	102
Northwest Land Company	89	87
Canada Pacific Railway Bonds	—	—
Canada Pacific Railway Stock	89½	89
Bell Telephone Company	164	160½
Dominion Savings and Loan, ex-div.	100	97½
Farmers Loan and Savings	—	127
Farmers' L. and S. 20 per cent	—	118
Huron and Erie L. and S., ex-div.	160	—
Huron and Erie, 20 per cent, ex-div.	—	150
London and Canada, L. and A.	133	132
London Loan	—	109
London and Ontario	—	—
Ontario Loan and Debenture	—	127
Ontario L. and D., new stock	—	—

SALES—Ontario, 10 at 116¼; Northwest Land 30 at 88.

Grave robbers have been at work in Napanee cemetery.

COMMERCIAL.

LOCAL MARKET

Reported by A. M. Hamilton & Son.

LONDON, Tuesday, Dec. 20.

The principle receipts to-day were hay, poultry and vegetables. There were moderate receipts of grain and not much butter and eggs. Dressed hogs sold higher, and again the demand was strong. The changes in values occurred in wheat, which was again lower. Oats were the same. The range in corn was narrower. Potatoes easier and the rest of the list unchanged. Closing values as follows:

GRAIN.			
Wheat, white, fall, 100 lbs	1 03	to	1 03
Wheat, red, fall, per 100 lbs	1 00	to	1 00
Wheat, spring, per 100 lbs	1 00	to	1 00
Oats, per 100 lbs	80	to	84
Peas per 100 lbs	95	to	1 00
Corn per 100 lbs	1 00	to	1 03
Barley per 100 lbs	80	to	81
Rye, per 100 lbs	1 00	to	1 00
Buckwheat 100 lbs	80	to	80
Beans per bu	1 60	to	1 00
HAY.			
Hay, per load	6 00	to	7 50
PROVISIONS			
Eggs, retail, per doz	20	to	22
Eggs, basket, per doz	18	to	20
Eggs, store lots, per doz	16	to	18
Butter per lb, pound rolls	22	to	24
Butter per lb, large rolls or crocks	20	to	22
Butter per lb, tubs or firkins	18	to	20
Lard per lb	10	to	11
Chickens per pair	40	to	60
Ducks	60	to	80
Turkeys, 8c to 10c per lb; each	75	to	1 00
VEGETABLES AND FRUIT.			
Apples, per bag	40	to	90
Grapes, per lb	00	to	00
Radishes, per doz. bunches	30	to	30
Celery, per doz	30	to	50
Cabbages, per doz	30	to	50
Cauliflowers, per doz	90	to	1 00
Squashes, each	5	to	50
Pumpkins, each	10	to	20
Potatoes, per bag	1 00	to	1 00
Onions, per bu	1 00	to	1 00
Carrots, per bag	40	to	50
Beets, per bag	75	to	75
Turnips, per bu	50	to	25
Parsnips, per bag	75	to	75

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Toronto Market.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.

WHEAT—Spring, No. 2, 60c to 61c; red winter, 61c to 62c; No. 2 white, 61c to 62c; Manitoba hard, No. 1, 79c to 80c; Manitoba hard, No. 2, 77½c to 78c; Manitoba hard, No. 3, 70c to 71c; goose, 55c to 56c; frosted, No. 1, 59c to 60c; frosted No. 2, 53c to 55c; frosted No. 3, 47c to 48c.

BARLEY—No. 1, 50c to 51c; No. 2, 42c to 44c; No. 3 extra, 38c to 39c; No. 3, 35c to 37c.

PEAS—No. 2, 53c to 54c.

OATS—No. 2, 29c to 31c.

CORN—57c to 58c.

FLOUR—Extra, $2 65 to $2 70; straight roller, $2 90 to $3 30.

Sales—Red wheat outside at 61c; peas outside at 50c to 54c.

Montreal Market.

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.

FLOUR—Receipts, 4,400 bbls. Market quiet and unchanged. The quotations are: Patents winter, $3 90 to $4 15; do, spring, $4 20 to $4 30; straight roller, $3 65 to $3 75; extra, $3 00 to $3 10; superfine, $2 80 to $2 90; strong bakers, $4 00 to $4 10; Ontario bags, $1 65 to $1 80.

GRAIN—Wheat, No. 2 hard Manitoba, 81c to 82c; corn, 60c to 62c; peas, 71c to 73c; oats, 31c to 33c; barley, 50c to 55c; rye, 52c to 54c.

MEAL—Oatmeal, $1 90 to $2 00; cornmeal $1 80 to $1 40.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, $19 00 to $20 00; lard, 8½c to 9c; bacon, 11c to 12c; hams, 11c to 12½c; cheese, 10c to 11c; butter townships, 19c to 21c, western, 17c to 19c; eggs, 15c to 18c.

English Markets.

Beerbohm's Report by Cable.

LONDON, Dec. 20.

Floating cargoes—Wheat quiet; corn none.

Cargoes on passage—Wheat quiet; corn quiet, steady

Mark Lane—Spot No. 2 good club Calcutta wheat 29s 6d, was 29s 9d; present and following month 28s 6d, was 28s 9d; do good Danube corn 19s 6d, was 19s 9d; prompt 19s 3d, was 19s 6d; do good mixed American corn 21s 9d, was 21s 9d; straight Minnesota flour 17s 6d, was 18s; good cargoes No. 1 Cal. wheat off coast 30s, was 30s 3d; do Australian off coast 30s, was 30s 3d; present and following month 31s 3d, was 31s 3d.

London—Good shipping No. 1 Cal. wheat prompt sail 30s 3d, was 30s 6d; nearly due 30s, was 30s 3d.

French country markets mostly turn cheaper.

Weather in England warm for the season.

Liverpool—Spot wheat weaker; corn downward tendency; No. 1 Cal. 6s 3d—1½d cheaper; red winter 5s 6½d—½d cheaper; Indian 6s 3d—1d cheaper; spring 5s 10d—1d cheaper; flour 19s 6d—unchanged; corn 4s—1d cheaper; peas 5s 3½d—½d cheaper.

On passage to United Kingdom—Wheat 2,753,000 qrs, corn 445,000 qrs. To Continent—Wheat 820,000 qrs, corn 305,000 qrs.

Imports to the United Kingdom for the past week—Wheat 421,000 qrs, corn 161,000 qrs, flour 327,000 bbls.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 20.

The quotations for the past three market days are as follows:

	Dec. 17,		Dec. 19,		Dec. 20.	
	S. D.	S. D.	S. D.	S. D.	S. D.	S. D.
Spring	5 11	511½	5 10½	5 11	5 10	510½
Red Winter,	5 7	5 7½	5 6½	5 8	5 6	5 6½
Kan. winter	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
No. 1 Cal.,	6 5½	6 6	6 5	6 5½	6 3	6
Corn,	4 1½	0 0	4 1½	0 0	4 0½	0 0
Peas, perc.	5 6½	0 0	5 5½	0 0	5 5½	0 0
Pork	82 6	0 0	82 6	0 0	82 6	0 0
Lard	50 6	0 0	50 6	00 0	51 0	0 0
Bacon, h vy.	45 6	00 0	45 6	00 0	45 6	0 0
Bacon, light	45 6	00 0	46 0	00 0	46 0	0 0
Tallow	26 9	00 0	26 3	00 0	26 3	00 0
Cheese, wh.	53 0	00 0	53 0	00 0	53 0	00 0
Cheese, col.	53 0	00 0	53 0	00 0	53 0	00 0

Wheat demand poor, holders offer freely; corn dull, demand poor.

Receipts of wheat for the past 3 days, 292,000 cntls, including 259,000 centals American; receipts of corn for the past three days, 134,000 centals American. Weather cloudy.

American Markets.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 19.

WHEAT—Spring wheat, dull; the fact that the visible supply shows an increase of near 3,000,000 bu over last week, and is 35,000,000 bu in excess of the corresponding period last year, is keeping buyers out of the market; 5,000 bu No. 1 northern sold on private terms, and outside of a few cars, at about closing quotations. There was no other trade; closing No. 1 hard, old, 85½c; No. 1 northern do, 84½c; do, Chicago, do, 78c; do, Minneapolis, do, 77c; do Washburn, do, 76½c; No. 1 hard, new, 80c; No. 1 northern, 77c; No. 2 northern, 73½c. Winter wheat—Offerings, fair; No. 2 red, 75c; No. 3 extra red, 70c to 70½c; No. 1 white, 75½c, asked on track.

CORN—Offerings and demand light and feeling easier. Sales: No. 2 yellow, 47½c; 1 car do, 47c; 2 cars No. 3 yellow, 46½c; 1 car do, 46½c; 1 car do, 46c; 1 car No. 4 yellow, 44½c; 1 car No. 2 corn, 46c; 3 cars No. 3 corn, 45½c; 1 car No. 4 corn, 44c, on track

OATS—Easy, demand light; 2 cars No. 2 white, sold 38c; 1 car No. 3 white, 36½c; 1 car choice do, 37½c; No. 2 mixed, 36c asked.

BARLEY—Quiet, unchanged; Canada, 73c to 83c.

RYE—Dull; No. 2, 55½c.

FLOUR—Weak; winter wheat grade being shaded for car lots or more; best family retails, $5.

MILLFEED—Firm; freights from west advanced 50c per ton.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.

Wheat closed at the same price as on Saturday, corn and oats each a trifling fraction lower. Provisions closed 2½c to 10c lower, except lard, which is 7½c to 10c higher. The market closed quiet.

THE LEADING FUTURES CLOSED.

WHEAT—Dec., 69½c; Jan., 70½c; May, 76½c.

CORN—Dec., 41½c to 41¾c; Jan., 42¼c; May, 46½c to 46¾c.

OATS—Dec., 30c; Jan., 30½c; May, 34½c.

MESS PORK—Jan., $15 82½; May, $16 22½.

LARD—Jan., $10 10; May, $9 95.

SHORT RIBS—Jan., $8 22½; May, $8 42½.

CASH QUOTATIONS.

No. 2 spring wheat, 69½c to 69¾c; No. 3 do, 60c to 65c; No. 2 red, 69½c to 69¾c; No. 2 corn, 41½c; No. 3 corn, 37½c; No. 2 oats, 30c to 31½c; No. 3 white, 31c to 32c; No. 2 rye, 47½c to 47¾c; No. 2 barley, 64c; mess pork, $14 75 to $14 87½; lard, $10 10; short ribs sides, $8 20 to $8 25; dry salted shoulders, $7 87 to $8; short clear sides, $8 80 to $8 85.

Receipts—			
Flour	18,000	Wheat	147,000
Corn	154,000	Oats	235,000
Rye	5,000	Barley	76,000
Shipments—			
Flour	20,000	Wheat	18,000
Corn	61,000	Oats	120,000
Rye	2,000	Barley	65,000

DETROIT, Dec. 20.

WHEAT—No. 1 white, 70½c asked cash; No. 2 red, 71½c cash; 71½c Dec.; 77c asked May.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 20.

WHEAT—Closes quiet, 69½c cash; 69½c May.

TOLEDO, Dec. 20.

WHEAT—71½c cash and Dec.; 77c May.

CORN—42½c May.

OATS—35c cash.

This exchange will adjourn from Friday, Dec. 23, until Tuesday, Dec. 27.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.

FLOUR—Steady.

WHEAT—Receipts, 116,000 bu; exports, 46,000 bu; sales, 1,005,000 bu futures, 8,000 bu spot; spots steady; No. 2 red, 75c to 76½c, store and elevator; No. 3 red, 72½c to 72½c; ungraded red, 70c to 79c; No. 1 northern, 79½c to 80c; No. 1 hard, 85½c; No. northern, 75½c to 75½c. No. 2 Milwaukee, 74½c to 74¾c; No. 3 spring, 69½c to 70c; options, steady; No. 2 red, Dec., 74¾c; Jan., 75½c; Feb., 79½c.

RYE—Nominal.

BARLEY—Dull.

PEAS—Quiet; Canada nominal, 70c to 72c.

CORN—Receipts, 32,000 bu; exports, 42,000 bu; sales, 390,000 bu futures; 24,000 bu spot; spots weak; No. 2, 50c, elevator; options steady; Dec., 50c; Jan., 50¾c; Feb., 51c.

OATS—Receipts, 15,000 bu; sales, 135,000 bu futures; 127,000 bu spot; spots active, options easier; Dec., 36½c, Jan., 36½c; Feb., 37⅜c; spots, No. 2, 36c; do white, 41c; No. 2, 36½c; do white, 42c; mixed western, 36½c to 38c; white do, 40c to 47c; No. 2 Chicago, 37½c.

COFFEE—Options opened irregular; 5 points up to 30 points lower; closed barely steady; unchanged to 20 points down; sales, 45,750 bags, including Dec., $16 25 to $16 40; Jan., $15 80 to $15 95; Feb., $15 60 to $15 65; March, $15 35 to $15 50; April, $15 30; May, $15 05 to $15 25; July, $14 95 to $15 05; Sept., $14 90 to $15 25; spot, Rio, quiet, steady; No. 7, 16½c; sales, 500 bags No. 7, 16¾c; 800 bags Santos, No. 7, 8 and 9 to arrive at 16½c.

SUGAR—Steady; Standard "A," 4 11-16c to 4½c; confectioners' "A," 4 9-16c to 4½c; cut-loaf and crushed, 5 5-16c to 5½c; powdered, 4 13-16c to 5c; granulated, 4 11-16c to 5c.

EGGS—Steady; State and Pennsylvania, 29c; ice house, 18c to 21c; western, best, 27½c to 28c.

Chicago Board of Trade Fluctuations.

[Reported by Drummond & Goldingham.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Clos'g
Wheat—				
January	70½	70½	70½	70½
May	70½	70⅞	70⅝	70¾
Corn—				
January	41¾	41¾	41⅝	41⅝
May	46⅝	46½	46	46½
Oats—				
May	34½	34⅝	34½	34½
Pork—				
January	$15 70	$15 70	$15 47	$15 52
May	16 22	16 22	15 92	15 95
Lard—				
January	10 05	10 05	10 00	10 05
May	9 92	9 95	9 75	9 77
Ribs—				
January	8 20	8 20	8 02	8 02
May	8 40	8 40	8 22	8 22

Live Stock Markets.

EAST BUFFALO, N. Y.

EAST BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Cattle—225 cars on sale, including 40 cars stockers and feeders, 20 cars milch cows and springers, balance of stock generally common to fair grades, the percentage of good to extra stock being unusually small. A slushy day and the close proximity of the holiday season induced the purchase of poultry rather than beef, making a dull market, with prices 10c to 25c lower. Extra Christmas beeves, $5 75 to $6; good to choice extra steers, $4 75 to $5 25; shippers' choice, $4 25 to $4 75, with some extra butchers among them taken by the local trade at $4 40 to $4 60; light handy butchers, $3 75 to $4 25, the latter for choice fine-boned fats; mixed butchers, common to choice, $2 to $3 25; cows, $1 50 to $3 15; stockers and feeders, offerings mostly common; stockers generally $2 15 to $2 25, choice worth $2 75; yearlings, $1 75 to $2 25; feeders, $3 to $3 50. Milch cows steady and unchanged; springers slow of sale and lower; good to extra fresh cows, with calf, $35 to $50; springers, $20 to $40. Veal calves, 150 head on sale; a few fancy Christmas veals sold at $8 to $8 15; general run of choice, $7 50 to $7 75; fair lots, $6 to $6 50; heavy fed calves not wanted.

Sheep and Lambs—Offerings, 124 cars, of which 32 cars were Canadas. The attendance of butcher buyers was only fair and very few feeders were on the market, but the order trade was fair and buyers for New York butchers took a fair number; there was a fairly good trade for best lambs at steady to strong Saturday prices. The Canada lambs were mostly of a good class, with a few extra in the offerings; sales mostly at $6 50, with an occasional lot at $6 60 and one deck at $6 70; one lead of fancy native lambs sold for $6 75—the top price of the day, the general run of choice natives being $6 35 to $6 40. Sheep were slow; fancy selected native wethers, $5 50 to $6; good to choice, $5 to $5 25; Canadas of good quality sold generally at $5 15 to $5 35 for wethers and $4 60 to $4 85 for sheep.

Hogs—The market was fairly active, with 110 cars on sale, and prices 10c to 15c higher all round; a fair number of good hogs, some few choice and a liberal number of medium weights composed the offerings. York men, packers and order buyers were all in want of hogs, and notwithstanding the low prices at Chicago the market here ruled higher; packers paid $6 85 for their kind; a few went at $6 90, and a deck of 264 lbs brought $7; York men paid $6 75 to $6 80, and a few went at $6 85; light Yorkers sold at $6 70 to $6 75; pigs were in fair demand at $6 65 to $6 70; rough stags, $5 50 to $5 65; stags $5 to $5 50.

PERFUMES

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THE OPEN FORUM.

A Libel on Colored Citizens.

To the Editor of the ADVERTISER:

In referring to the explosion of a locomotive on Sunday, the Free Press says:

"A colored people's prayer meeting was in progress in a parlor not very far from the locality, and one of the sisters was just starting a hymn as the bang came. The note of praise was changed to the screech of a thoroughly frightened woman, and after a couple of wails of agony, the singer toppled over into the arms of a nervous and highly excited brother. The lamp was upset, and for a time all was uproar and confusion. The women were in hysterics. The coolest were losing their senses in the excitement, and when a policeman came along with his lantern to help the people out some of the men were praying, some swearing, some holding on to their female relations with spasmodic energy, and one or two prostrated on the floor in expectation of the next act in the drama of the final winding up of all sublunary affairs. They were all got out without injury."

Now, sir, I was present at the meeting, and I say it is a gross misrepresentation of the conduct of the people there assembled. What antipathy does the Free Press entertain towards the colored citizens of London that it is always so ready to misrepresent them. Less than a year ago it insinuated that a colored preacher was guilty of perjury. Yours, CITIZEN.

Steamship Arrivals.

Dec. 19.	At	From
Norwegian	Glasgow	New York
Werra	Gibraltar	New York
Dec. 20.		
Servia	New York	Hamburg
State California	New York	Glasgow

Mr. Blaine's Condition.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—Mr. Blaine has held for 24 hours the improvement which was noted in his condition yesterday morning.

LONDON AND ENVIRONS.

—Mr. Sam. Grigg, of Moody's Institute, Chicago, is home on a visit.

—Harry McIlwain, of Chicago, formerly of London, is at the Tecumseh.

—Mrs. Warren, of Chicago, daughter of ex-Ald. Charles Taylor, is visiting friends in the city.

—George C. Robb, Government inspector of boilers, and several G. T. R. officials are in the city estimating the damage at the G. T. R. roundhouse.

No. 4 Ward.

Every elector friendly to the election of Ald. Gartshore as mayor for 1893 is requested to attend the meeting for organization in the vacant store, corner of Maitland and Pall Mall streets, to-morrow (Wednesday) night at 8 o'clock.

—The damage at the G. T. R. roundhouse is fast being repaired. People in the vicinity who lost glass by the explosion talk of trying to collect their loss from the company. The only ones who benefited seem to be the glass-dealers, who sold out their supplies in a short time.

—Mr. Thomas Reche, of Hamilton, arrived in the city yesterday to take the place of Mr. Frank Kirchmer as manager of the Academy of Music. While regretting the loss of Mr. Kirchmer, theater-goers will be glad to welcome in his stead such an able and experienced man as Mr. Reche. —[Toronto Empire.

Chosen Friends Officers.

London Council, No. 75, Canadian Order of Chosen friends elected officers for 1893 as follows last evening: Past councilor, T. Treleaven; chief councilor, F. Whittan; vice councilor, T. G. Davis; prelate, F. Garden; marshal, C. Ruse; warden, R. Greer; guard, R. Geldart; sentry, W. Loughrey; representatives to grand council, T. Treleaven, and J. Grigg; recorder, E. Ruse; treasurer, J. Grigg, trustee, R. Logan.

The Civil Servants' Christmas.

Hitherto it has been the habit of the Dominion Government to give the civil servants their month's pay before Christmas day. This year it is decreed that there shall be no money till the end of the month. "Sympathizer" writes: "Won't the children of the civil service officials sing the praises of a fatherly and painstaking Government for depriving their fathers of the means of giving them their usual Christmas greeting. Thanks to a kind and economical Administration many an empty stocking and broken-hearted child will be found on the morning of the great annual rejoicing. May those responsible for the above enjoy their Christmas dinners and never be troubled with dyspepsia is the wish of a sympathizer."

The McClary Fixed Assessment.

The indefinite manner in which the notice of application to the Legislature for liberty to restrict the McClary Manufacturing Company's assessment to $100,000 was drawn up by the city solicitor has resulted in a good deal of misrepresentation regarding the action of the City Council. An alderman informed an ADVERTISER representative to-day that he understood the city clerk intends to have the notice remodeled and republished, so that there may be no further misrepresentation on the subject. That is a very proper step. Unscrupulous men, in order to injure Ald. Gartshore in the mayoralty contest, have been asserting that the intention was to grant the firm with which he is connected total exemption from taxation, which, of course, is a gross misrepresentation of the action taken almost unanimously by the aldermen.

An Orange Concert.

There was a large attendance last evening in the East London Town Hall, the occasion being a concert given by Forest City Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 762. Mr. E. T. Essery occupied the chair. Following was the programme: Instrumental solo, Miss Barkwell; recitation, "The Irish Letter," Mr. C. J. Bradley; quartet, "That Is Love," Misses Wilson; song, Mr. Chausse; comic Irish specialty, Mr. S. Drennan; fancy club swinging, Mr. T. Partridge; song, Miss Minnie Hodgins; song, Mr. J. Turner; horizontal bar act, Messrs. Gibbons and T. and J. Partridge; instrumental solo, Miss Barkwell; recitation, "Pat's Correspondence," Mr. C. J. Bradley; song, "Bunch of Watercresses," Mr. J. Turner; quartet, Misses Wilson; song, Mr. G. Siddles; song, "My Martha Dear," Mr. S. Drennan; song, "The Song That Reached My Heart," Mr. Chausse; Miss Barkwell presided ably at the piano. Master Willie Baldwin, of Chicago, "the boneless boy and human knot," went through some marvelous contortions. After the concert was over the hall was cleared for dancing, in which a large number of young people participated. The managing committee were: W. J. Holmes (chairman), R. Loney, R. Hill, F. Wright, A. Berryhill and J. Norfolk. Music was furnished by C. Ensign and W. Sayles.

Paid the Penalty.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Joseph Meller was hanged here to-day for the murder of his wife in September last. The crime was an atrocious one, the woman being literally chopped to pieces with a carving knife and the remains buried in a cellar. Meller wished to be rid of his wife so that he could marry another woman. He met his fate coolly and the affair was uneventful.

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Against the Bylaw

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At 7 O'clock.

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GARTSHORE FOR MAYOR.

Electors No. 4 Ward.

A meeting of the electors of the above ward favorable to the election of W. M. Gartshore will be held at vacant store, corner Maitland and Pall Mall streets, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 21, at 8 o'clock, for organization. 42u

A PUBLIC MASS MEETING OF THE citizens of London will be held in the Victoria Hall Thursday evening next. Chair will be taken at 8 o'clock. Prominent speakers will discuss the burning question of the hour, "The early closing of bars." All ratepayers especially invited, including those opposed to the movement. b

NATIONAL UNION—ONTARIO COUNCIL meets Wednesday evening in Duffield Block; initiation and election of officers. 42u

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