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### English Markets.

Ruling prices for the past four market days— The following table shows the quotations per cental at Liverpool for the three previous market days. In the case of wheat highest

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Nov		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec	5		5	71/2	ā	71/4	5	73%
March	5	9	5	938	5	93%	5	934
May	5	97%	5	973	5	91/2	5	954
CORN-								
New		5	3	51/6	3	51/3	3	534
Old	3	5	3	51/8	3	51/3	8	534
Dec	3	47/8	3	51/4	3	55%	3	53%
Jan		5	3	53%		51/4	33333	55%
Feb			3 33 33	53%		51/4	3	55/8
March	3		2	5%		53%	3	53/8
May	3	5	3	55%	3	51/8	3	5
lour	17	9	17	9	17	9	17	6 5
eas			5	41/2	5	41/6	5	5
Pork	57	6	57	6	57	6	57	6
ard			28		29		29	0
Tallow			25		35	6	25	6
Bacon, light	83		33		35		35	0
Theorem white	57	0	57	0	57	0	57	0
Cheese, white Cheese, colored	58	6	58		58		68	6

American Markets

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 9-Spring wheat-No 1 northern, 745%c: No. 2 northern, 71%c. Winter wheat-No offerings; No. 2 red quoted at 71%c. Corn—No. 2 yellow, 37%c; No. 3 yellow, 35%c to 37c; No. 3 corn, 34%c. Oats—No. 2 white, 28% c to 29c: No. 3 white, 28%c; No. 2 mixed, 261/2c on track. DETROIT, Dec. 9.-Wheat-No. 1 white and No. 2 red, cash and Dec.,

TOLEDO, Dec. 9 .- Wheat-Cash and Dec., 68%c; May, 73%c. Corn—Dec., Dairy and Dressed Poultry Show, 31c; May, 33%c. Oats—May, 25c. MILWAUKEE. Dec. 9. - Wheat -Cash. 671/4c.

Chicago Exchange. CHICAGO, Dec. 9. Trade furnished by F. H. Butler Wheat—Dec. ... 66¾
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Canadian Cheese Export. Canada's export of cheese to England has grown from \$500,000 in 1868 to \$17,-500,000 in 1898, whereas the United States exported only \$3,287,000 worth in the same year.

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### Latest Probabilities

Toronto, Dec. 9-10 a.m.-Probabili-ties for the next 24 hours for the lower lakes region: Winds increasing to strong or a gale. from southeast to south; fair today, follower by sleet or rain late tonight. Milder temperature Sunday; show-

# TE LOCAL ITEMS

-The trolley pole on car No. 56 broke this morning, and the car had to be towed to the barns for repairs.

-Mrs. F. E. Knapp, of Penn Yan, N. Y., is the guest of her brother, Mr. Lawrence Nichols, Elmwood avenue, South London.

-Mr. W. H. Hewlett, of this city, acted as accompanist for Mr. Watkin Mills at the concert given in Massey Music Hall, Toronto, last evening. -A load of beef belonging to David Hardy, of Nissouri, was seized on the market this morning by the medical health officer, being unfit for food. -A boy named Joe Jamison, who has

been knocking around the city for some time, has been found a foster-home near Paris by the Children's Aid Society. -Messrs. Dayton & McCormick opened their advanced class at the Palace Dancing Academy to... ek, and reg-istered over 100 pupils the first night. The class meets every Wednesday

-"The Three Musketeers" will be presented at the Grand on Saturday next, with Harry Glazier as D'Ar-tagnan. The performance will be one of the best ever given of this play in the city, as the production will be lavishly mounted and costumed.

-Arrangements have been completed for a return engagement of Mr. kin Mills in a song recital at the Audi-torium Thursday evening, Dec. 28. W. Spencer Jones, of Brockville, will act as accompanist, and Henry Saunders, solo 'cellist, of this city, will also contribute to the programme. Mr. Saunders has appeared with Mr. Mills on his entire Canadian tour. This oncert promises to be one of the most pleasant musical evenings of the sea-

-Dr. Carlyle will give a lecture-recital at the Collegiate Institute on Tuesday afternoon next, Dec. 12, at o'clock, the subject being "His Personal Reminiscences of Charles Dickens," with illustrations of Dickens' personal peculiarities as seen in several of his novels. Dr. Carlyle's intifits him to speak with authority on the subject. Premier Ross invited him to

-Those who have heard the Hon. Johnston, of Jamaica, lecture on his travels through Central Africa, will be pleased to see him announced to ecture again in this city, at the Auditorium, on the 15th inst. The doctor crossed Africa on foot, a distance of 1,500 miles, covering a period of over two years, and has spent considerable time in the Transvaal, visiting Kimberley, Ladysmith and other points of set of views, and this lecture will no

Mayor Wilson presided at the police court this morning, Magistrate Love being out of the city.

George Langley, charged with taking part in robbing the Wortley road school, was remanded until Monday. Mrs. E. Jeffries asked that her brother-in-law, James Jeffrier, and his son, be bound over to keep the peace, as they had some trouble. Adjourned until Monday. George Nichols, a drunk, was dis-

charged. TEAMSTERS MADE A SCALE.

The Maple Leaf Union of Teamsters held their regular meeting last night in Labor Hall, with a large number present. Questions of importance were discussed. Among them was a new schedule of prices, to take effect Jan. 1, 1960, and a committee was appointed to frame bylaws, etc. Several new members were initiated, and officers elected for the ensuing term, as follows: W. G. Pepper, president; M. Bardwin, vice-president; W. B. Davidson, recording secretary; Thomas Fox, financial secretary: John Moir, treasurer; Joseph Riddler, conductor; Murphy, warden; T. Hodgins, J. Murphy, M. Grey, trustees. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the retiring of-

ficers, and the meeting adjourned till the second Friday in January, 1900. A GRAND DISPLAY. Visitors to the Provincial Fat Stock, which will be held in this city all next week, up to Friday afternoon, will have the privilege of viewing the best and most complete display of fat and dairy cattle, sheep, swine and dressed Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago | poultry ever brought together on this ontinent. The date for receiving entries has closed, and it is now possible to give the numbers of animals entered in each department. Of fat cattle there are 93, dairy cattle 54, sheep 307, swine 303, and dressed poultry 87. There are 25 sheep and 88 head of cattle entered for the block tests. All that now remains to make the exhibition a complete success is for citizens and farmers to patronize it in large numbers, which we are sure they will do, as they will be amply repaid by what they will

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The meeting held at the Antonio Maceo Club, Santiago de Cuba, last evening, to celebrate the anniversary of the death of Maceo, developed a vio-

Complimentary Address to the Retiring Warden, Mr. Henry Hardy.

tatistics Concerning the House of Refuge and the County Jail-Other Reports.

The county council for 1899 concluded its labors at 1 p.m. today. County Commissioner Talbot presented an approximate estimate of the cost of the necessary rebuilding of bridges in 1900. The cost of the bridge on the town line between Mosa and Ekfrid, south of Strathburn, is placed at \$400; the approach to Shepherd's bridge over the Thames, \$500, and the bridge between Delaware and Southwold \$300. The House of Refuge committee reported inspecting the premises Dec. 7 and having found them in a satisfactory condition. The purchase of about 171/2 acres of land was referred to the warden, inspector and chairman to ef-

The jail committee found the county jail premises neat and clean, and everything well kept. The inmates are 17 males and 2 females. The following tenders were accepted: D. McPherson, 6 cord green wood at \$4 90 a cord; dry
vid Jackson, at \$5 50 a cord;
beef, Geo. Morris, hind quarters, 4c;

shanks, 1c; bread, W. West, 3%c per loaf; groceries, John Lawson. Inspector M. McGugan, of the House of Refuge and Industrial Farm, commended the keeper and matron for keeping the cost of maintenance very

low, and at the same time making ample provision for the health and comfort of the inmates. He recom-mended the purchase of a team of horses, and that 15 or 20 acres more be added to the farm. There are 100 inmates in the house, including 9 from the city of London, and 20 from London township. The number of inmates Nov. 15, 1898, was 104; the number of deaths during the year was 17; discharged 7; absconded, 25. A list of the causes of pauperism as shown by the causes of pauperism as snown by the inmates gives intemperance, 55; homeless, 46; weak intellect, 14, and a variety of infirmities. Loss of prop-erty is given as the cause of one case. mate acquaintance with the novelist To the credit of maintenance account was \$2,194 39, I eaving the net cost of maintenance \$8,028 79. The cost of each give this lecture before the Normal inmate in the house per day was School, Toronto, last year. All are incapital added, 19 70-100 cents. A large quantity of produce was raised.

Mr. James Gilmour, M.P., was re-

> Middlesex was read three times and passed.

A communication from Hon. Mr. Har- decided not to defend Bloemfontein, as schools act, giving important powers to tein. interest, and has had dealings with the Boers. The lecturer has a magnificent re the teaching of agriculture

kind, efficient and impartial manner in town. which he had penformed his various duties as warden, and expressing appreciation of his courtesy. A resolution to have the address engrossed was

adopted unanimously. The retiring warden made a suitable The council adjourned about 1 p.m.,

until the fourth Tuesday in January, when the election of the new warden will take place. The councilors were paid \$294 60

## The Strike Situation.

A correspondent, not a workingman, but who throughout the strike has been and children of the Royal Canadians serving in South Africa has been adtiser whether, now that the general public are beginning again to use the child four cents per day while the cars pretty freely, he should be rightly husband and father is on active serconvenience much longer. As he puts cott of opinion having been tacitly tions of the imperial service, by being offered. Those who do not ride, ren a monthly stipend. he says, though they would like to do so, are those of the general public wno will not ask for the amount from the are friendly to labor; so that, he com-plains, it is the friends, not the opponents, of labor, who are being fined for sires to supplement this by the usual their friendliness to labor in the shape of inconvenience. He takes the view that while organized labor will naturally decide for itself the extent to which, for what length of time, and in what manner, it shall continue to calfront the company, it should now be held that the general public, by its half a year's magnificent support of the labor side, by abstaining from riding, have earned the right to release from further sacrifice of convenience for the present. Such is the general gist of our correspondent's views, which he says he knows are shared by many far-seeing workingmen, who know the value of the good-will of the general public, and who think it would be a great mistake to tire it out.

opinion. To be frank, we think there is a great deal of force in our corre spondent's contentions, and we agree with those who, recognizing the enor mous value of a friendly public opinion and recognizing also that it may be as much needed, from time to time, in the future, as it has been in the past, think It would be suicidal to destroy or weaken it, by unreasonable demands on their good-will. The Advertiser is also asked, into what alternative policy the sympathies alike of the friendly general public and of organized labor could now be profitably directed. Two things strike us as of prime importance—first, the election of, sound, upright, helpful municipal representatives, irrespective of any sort of partisanship: Customers supplied with just what and, second, a determination to press insured for \$8,200. forward, resting not day nor night, until means are found to either prevent or bring to a speedy close, all large disputes between those enjoying dis lic franchises over the people's streets, and their employes, whether in London or elsewhere, by the way of legislation providing for compulsory arbitration in such cases.

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British Advancing, Preceded by an Armored Train.

News of Important Battles Expected Hundred Stretcher-Bearers From Pietermaritzburg.

London, Dec. 9 .- A special dispatch from Pretoria, dated Friday, Dec. 8, say 3,000 British troops preceded by an armored train, are advancing on Colesburg from Naauw Port

The authorities anticipate from the announcement that howitzer and cavalry have reached Gen. Methuen. and that Gen. Buller has received the heavy artillery for which he was waiting, that the advance will no longer be delayed, and news of important battles in both directions is expected

Besides foreshadowing Gen. Buller's advance, the fact that he has ordered 200 stretcher bearers from Pietermaritzburg to assist the regular ambulance corps, indicates that he anticipates sharp fighting.

The latest pigeon from Ladysmith. furnishes Gen. Buller with an important map, sent by Gen. White. THE FRERE BRIDGE.

The engineers at Frere camp have done a good week's work in completing the trestle bridge, a distance of 200 feet, and an armored train is now repairing the line in the neighborhood of Chieve-

The news from Cape Colony is not satisfactory from the British point of view. Small outpost skirmishes have occurred at various points, and at Queenstown a quantity of rifles and ammunition, including dum-dum bullets and Martinis, belonging to disloyal Dutch, have been seized. The latest advices from Stormberg indicate that the Boers' position there is exceptional-

ly strong. The war office has received the following dispatch from Gen. Forestier-Walker, the British commander at Cape Town: "The Free State Government reports that there are 35 prisoners at Bloemfontein, including Lieut. Tristram, of the 12th Lancers, who is severely wounded." FROM BLOEMFONTEIN.

appointed hospital trustee.

The bylaw appointing P. J. Thompson inspector of public schools in East ing Mr. Fraser, the chairman of the Reports received at Cape Town from The Free Staters, it is alleged, have

court, minister of education, calling it is not fortified, but to make a stand attention to amendments to the public at Bainsviei, southwest of Bloemfon-

re the teaching of agriculture, was mind is failing.

laid over.

According to dispatches from Ladyset of views, and this lecture will no doubt be one of very much interest, as it bears particularly on the present crisis. It is under the patronage of Lieut.-Col. Holmes, D. O. C., and officers of No. 1 military district.

According to dispatches from Lady-emith, excursions are running weekly from Pretoria, bringing numbers of gaily-attired Dutch women, who take up points of vantage on the hills, and council, thanking Mr. Hardy for the kind, efficient and impartial manner in Russia is sending Gen. Guerko, of the general staff, as attache at the Boer

head laager. SIEGE TRAIN SHIPPED. A siege train was shipped to South Africa today from Southampton. Mrs. Langtry's husband, Mr. Hugo Gerald de Bathe, sails for South Africa Dec. 16, on special service. Mrs. Langtry declares that if she had not made all her American arrangements she would go, too, in the capacity of

nurse or otherwise. ALLOWANCE TO SOLDIERS. Ottawa, Dec. 9.-The difficulty raised by the auditor-general regarding the government allowance to the wives on the side of labor, asks The Adver-tiser whether, now that the general of militia. Under the imperial regulations the wives get 16 cents and each expected to continue his sacrifice of vice. The payments for the month of November, which formed a fixed charge against the Dominion, have it, those who do not favor organized been made. The regiment, since landlabor ride when they choose, the boy- ing, has come under all the regularaised, and no hindrances, as is proper, the war office allows wives and child-

Of course, the Canadian Government Imperial Government, but will pay it itself. If the Imperial Government deallowance the contribution will be all

the more welcome. Hon. Dr. Borden has decided that the payments for December and following months until the return of the troops shall be made promptly out of the Do-

minion treasury.

The members of the Canadian per manent corps who are on service will continue to receive from our government the pay of their rank, and the minister of militia has now under advisement the question of Canada supementing the pay which the war office will give the other members of the service regiment. Certain men em-ployed by the Federal and Provincial Governments are having their salaries raid while they are away, and it would As usual in such cases, The Adver- be too much of a good thing to add to tiser, which is alluded to by our cor- this a further allowance. It will be respondent as having stood up for or-ganized labor at the cost of a consider-but in a few days Dr. Borden will able amount of abuse, is asked its make a decision covering all cases.

NO TIDINGS OF THE NIAGARA. Buffalo, Dec. 9.-The water front this morning furnishes no tidings from the Canadian steamer Niagara, supposed to have foundered in the gale of Tues-day night, with a crew of 16. Searching parties are scouring the Canadian shore for a 60-mile strip, extending to Long Point, where the vessel was supposed to have been seen when the storm broke. Haines & Co., lumber dealers, the consignees of the Niagara's cargo of shingles, said to an Associated Press representative this morning that they had practically abandoned hope for the steamer's safety. The steamer was valued at \$24,000, but was uninsured. The cargo of 3,400,000 shingles was

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ing piles. You have no risk to run, for remedy to do me good. Dr. A. W. Chase's Ointment is guar-

anteed to cure piles. Wm. Weir, president of the defunct

### The Fraternities.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, NO. 42. R. W. Bro. Morris, D. D. G. M., paid an official visit to St. George's Lodge. No. 42, on their election night. A large number of the brethren were present and participated in the enjoyable en-Soon-General Buller Orders Two | tertainment which followed the election. The officers for 1900 will be:

I. P. M.-W. Bro. W. M. Althouse. W. M.-W. Bro. J. E. Adkins. S. W.-Bro. J. H. Deeks. J. W.-Bro. C. F. Ward. Chaplain-W. Bro. T. R. Parker. Treasurer-W. Bro. W. Skinner. Secretary-V. W. Bro. Andrew Ellis. S. D.-Bro. B. Dawson. J. D.—Bro. A. G. Stephens.
I. G.—Bro. W. A. Tanner.
Organist—Bro. W. H. Hewlett.
D. of C.—Bro. A. G. Langford.
S. S.—Bro. Lewis Clarke.
J. S.—Bro. W. E. Leng. Tyler-W. Bro. John Robertson.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, NO. 330. The officers who have been elected by the members of Corinthian Lodge, o. 330, for the ensuing year are:
I. P. M.-W. Bro. E. C. Blanchard.
W. M.-Bro. H. J. Childs. S. W.—Bro. H. J. Irvine. J. W.—Bro. M. Malone. Chaplain—Bro. John Whittaker. Secretary—V. W. Bro. H. C. Simpson. Treasurer—V. W. Bro. O. J. Bridle. Representative to Board of Relief-T. W. Bro. H. C. Simpson. Trustees—V. W. Bro. H. C. Simpson

and Bro. Childs.

Auditors—V. W. Bro. Peter Toll and
Bro. James Morrison. Tyler-W. Bro. Joseph Simmons. TUSCAN LODGE, NO. 195.

The officers appointed at the election meeting of Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, which was held this week, were:
I. P. M.—W. Bro. W. Allen Young. W. M.-Bro. J. M. McWhinney. S. W.-Bro. E. Manigault J. W.-Bro. H. C. McBride. Chaplain-W. Bro. John Higgin-

Secretary-R. W. Bro. P. W. D. Brod-Treasurer-W. Bro. Ed. Paull.
Auditors-Bro. J. Mattinson and J

Tyler-W. Bro. John Robertson. Court Forest City, A. O. F., No 5,744, will give their 27th anniversary supper in the Foresters' Hall, East London, next Thursday.

### **Otis Skinner** in "The Liars."

The success of last night's performance at the Grand should improve Mr. Otis Skinner's opinion of London au- France, says, in a report upon the diences. The house was much the best he has ever played to in London, And Mr. Skinner does not hold the very first place in the hearts of London lovers of bright, clean comedy. The audience, though not one of the

able of the season. The play is a four-

finished dialogue are a source of joy and exhilaration. The little foibles and shams and weaknesses of men and women stand revealed as under a searchlight, but the spectator is compelled to view them kindly, and forgivingly. Scarcely masked by the superficial flippancy are seen moving the great strong tides of human passion, which make one tremble at their awful strength. The whole play breathes an atmosphere of refinement. In spite of its name, it has not a single note of cynicism. A young and beautiful woman, with a jealous, unsympathetic husband, has been a little indiscreet. Though perfectly innocent, appearances are against her. She determines to lie out of the difficulty and enlists a number of her lady and gentlemen friends to help her to make things appear "not as they were, but as they should have been." The complications are amusing, and the final result almost disastrous. Mr. Skinner, as Col. Deering, was charming. The character required and received the most delicate shading. Mr. Skinner is an artist, and was as great in what he refrained from doing as in what he did. The most difficult role, however, falls to Miss Nanette Comstock, as Lady Jessica Nepean. Her graceful and powerful personation of one of the most fascinating feminine characters ever seen on the stage was the greatest success of the performance. The supporting company was admirable. Every member deserves special praise. The gowns were a delight to the feminine portion of the audience, and the setting of the play all that could be desired. The cast: Col. Sir Christopher Deering ....

Gilbert Nepean, Lady Jessica's husband.....E. A. Eberle George Nepean, Gilbert's brother Freddie Tatton, Lady Rosamund's Waiter at the Star and Garter at Shepperford......Alfred Edwards Talpin, Sir Christopher's servant Gadsby Harold Winters
Gadsby Lewis Webster Dolly Coke, cousin to Lady Jessica and Lady Rosamund. Ethel Strickland

Lady Jessica Nepean.....Nanettel Comstock

Give Holloway's Corn Cure a trial. It removed ten corns from one pair of feet without any pain. What it has There was a serious fire at the Montreal custom house Friday afternoon, which at one time threatened the destruction of the whole building. Loss, \$3,000 or \$4,000.

lungs and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, stating that Itching Piles.

False modesty causes many people to trouble with the best results. Acting ndure in silence the greatest misery on this advice I procured the medicine, imaginable from itching piles. One ap- and less than half a bottle cured me; plication of Dr. A. W. Chase's Ointment I certainly believe it saved my life. It will soothe and ease the itching, one was with reluctance that I consented box will completely cure the worst case to a trial, as I was reduced to such a of blind, itching, bleeding or protrud- state that I doubted the power of any

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### TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

It is said that a big trust, backed by English and American capital, to the extent of about \$5,000,000, is after all the knitting factories in Canada. Mr. W. M. Dorman has been appointed postoffice inspector, with quarters at Vancouver.

An anonymous gift of \$10,000 is being received by McGill University to found a chair of electrical research. Scandinavian bachelors, 600 in number, sailed for Norway and Sweden from New York yesterday. All are Dakota ranchmen, going to their native

land for wives. Oxford County Council has adopted a report recommending that the council purchase the toll roads in the county at a set price, take them over and maintain them, and let the owners collect the tolls until the tolls are paid.

A Montreal dispatch says J. I. Tarte and a party of Montrealers will leave London this (Saturday) morning "for St. Joseph, via Hensall, G. T. R. station." They left Montreal in a special Pullman at 10:25 last night. ROADSIDE FRUIT TREES.

A few years ago the Companion mentioned the system of public cuitivation of fruit trees along streets and highways which was being introduced in France and Germany. This purpose, then in its experimental stage, has now become a practical success, which makes it a matter worthy the serious consideration of the people of this country, who are at once practical and beauty-loving. The American consul at St. Etienne.

which are found throughout the east of France now bring in a handsome pub after 'The Liars' it will be strange if lic revenue. Plum trees are generally used for the purpose, and have largely replaced the scraggly and dying Lom-bardy poplars which were once so com-In the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, the largest, was one of the most fashion- revenue produced in one year from fruit trees along the roadside was \$200 .-000. Plum trees predominate in roadact comedy by Henry Arthur Jones, side planting in Germany, as well as

subject, that the roadside fruit trees

wayside in Canada as well as any-where in the world. It would be impracticable for the general governmen to undertake such a work, but it is quite within the scope of county and municipal governments. Emulation between county governments in such a matter would result not only in beautifying the highways, but in sav-

### How to Become An Optimist

The following letter from Ella Wheeler Wilcox, one of the brightest and most widely read of American writers, is well worth reading and re membering: "To the Sanitarium Health Food Com-

pany: "Gentlemen,-It has long been my conviction that light eaters make long livers. The regular prevalent idea of a good appetite which consumes bloody meats and greasy foods of all kinds three times a day, is filling hospitals and sanitariums with dyspeptics, dia-betics and victims of Bright's disease. For the first time in my life I cheerfully give my name as reference for the excellent and beneficial effects of your Health Foods. I thoroughly believe in them. Could many who are complaining of their ailments be in-

would turn an army of grumblers into cheerful optimists. "ELLA WHEELER WILCOX." Granose, Granola and Caramel Cereal, manufactured by the Sanitarium Health Food Company, London, are sold by all first-class grocers. 24-u

duced to use your foods, I believe it

### The Canadian Fire Insurance Company.

The Canadian Fire Insurance Company, whose head office is located at Winnipeg, has opened an office for the Province of Ontario, and has secured headquarters for the Province of Ontario in the Janes building, corner of King and Yonge streets, Toronto, That company has a strong board of directors, and has been established some six years. The most prominent business and professional men of the Northwest are represented on the di-rectorate. Mr. F. K. Foster has been appointed manager for Ontario, with a local board of directors composed of Mr. S. R. Parsons, James McLenaghan and W. Sanford Alley, of Toronto. This is the first insurance company of the west that has entered the confines of this province for business, and much encouragement was offered the conpany to commence business in Ontario The financial standing of the company is very strong, the authorized capita being \$1,000,000, and subscribed capital \$500,000. A local agent for London LIFE SAVED .- Mr. James Bryson is required, and applications should be Cameron writes: "I was confined to sent to Mr. F. K. Foster, secretary, Tomy bed with inflammation of the ronto. Before long the Canadian, no ronto. Before long the Canadian, no doubt, will have its share of insurance from London and the surrounding dis trict.

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## **MURDERERS** SENTENCED

One To Be Hanged; Another to Twelve Years' Imprisonment. Windsor, Dec. 9 .- Levi Stewart was

sentenced to be hanged at Sandwich on Feb. 6 next for the murder of James Ross. The prisoner made a long speech, in which he accused Sarah Carter and a man named Shanklin of the murder, but admitted that he was accessory to it. New Kirk, I. T., Dec. 9.—Clyde Mattox, the slayer of five men, was convicted here of manslaughter and sentenced to twelve years' imprisonment in the penitentiary. The crime for which he was sentenced was the killing of Lincoln Sweeney, a ranger, dur-

prisonment for life, and President Mc-Kinley, at a later date, pardoned him.

ing a barroom fight last spring. For a previous murder Mattox was sen-

tenced to hang, but President Cleve-land commuted the sentence to im-

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567, Kingston, Ont. Parliament has been formally pro-

rogued until Jan. 22.