

FIRST BIG GUN OF THE CAMPAIGN

Sir Richard Cartwright Addresses Great Gathering.

PROGRESS UNDER THE LIBERALS

By Statistics and Lighthouse Views Shows How the Country Has Prospered.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—Sir Richard Cartwright, the Nestor of Canadian politics, never stood higher in the estimation of the people of Toronto than last night, when, after delivering one of the greatest of many great speeches...

TALKED ABOUT TARTE.

Sir Richard opened his address by paying particular attention to Mr. Tarte. He noted the change since his last visit to Toronto, when the air was blue with denunciations of Mr. Tarte, who was denounced as the evil genius...

PANAMA AND U. S. SIDE BY SIDE

Gunboats of the Two Countries Will Give an Object Lesson to Colombia.

Panama, Dec. 11.—The principal work of a political nature now occupying the attention of the Junta consists in preparations to call a convention and to proceed with the election of members of the House of Representatives, etc.

HIS CUE FROM SOLOMON

Pittsburg Magistrate Calls for Sword and Then Picks Mother.

Pittsburg, Dec. 11.—Magistrate Vichentini went back to King Solomon Wednesday for a precedent in deciding which of two women was mother of a disputed child.

Baby Millionaire.

Providence, Dec. 11.—Four-year-old John Nicholas Brown, the \$20,000,000 descendant of the philanthropic Brown, of Rhode Island, laid the cornerstone of the new memorial gates to be erected at Brown University as a memorial to his father.

BOUNDARY POST IS MOVED BACK

First Change Made in Conformity With Alaska Award

NEW POST IS ON DALTON TRAIL

But Survey of Next Spring May Drive the Post Still Further Back.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 11.—A dispatch to the Post-Intelligence from Dawson says: Major Zachary Taylor Wood, who has returned to Dawson, announces the first change of Canadian outposts in conformity with the findings of the international commission which arbitrated the boundary dispute between Canada and the United States.

CENSUS FRAUDS.

In this connection he said that the census of 1891 was in almost all respects a deliberate fraud. It had been shown in the House that in twenty constituencies in Quebec there had been registered 40,000 people who were never there, and he had reason to believe that this work was duplicated all over the country.

THE NATIONAL DEBT.

Speaking of the national debt, Sir Richard said that with a stagnant population and an impoverished country there had to be a large increase in the cost of labor and material. He asked how much the population increased from 1867 to 1896, and how much the cost of labor and material increased? If he could show 50 per cent of the increase was merely nominal, that the population had increased 25 per cent, and labor and material a similar amount, the Government could not be held responsible for the increase.

THE G. T. PACIFIC.

The ends and aims of the Government Continued on page 4.

ELGIN COMPANY ASKS DAMAGES AND CROSS-BONES

Wish To Recover From Liquidators of Atlas Loan.

THE CASE AT OSGOODE HALL

Mr. George C. Gibbons, K. C., Presents Argument for Plaintiffs—Details of Transaction.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—The adjourned argument in the suit brought by the London and Western Trust Company, as liquidators of the Elgin Loan Company, against the National Trust Company, liquidators of the Atlas Loan Company, was heard this morning by Chancellor Judge Osgoode Hall.

COBRA SWALLOWS MATE IN FIGHT

Two Great Snakes Battle in the New York Zoo.

OVER A RAT ONE HAD EATEN

Made No Efforts to Inflict Fatal Bite—Each Intending to Make a Meal of the Other.

New York, Dec. 11.—Locked in deadly embrace two giant specimens of the cobra de Capello, fit types of the fatal viper, the scourge of India, that slays its victims in a matter of minutes, according to official statistics, fought yesterday for the mastery in the Bronx Zoo.

ANTI-SEMITISM RIFE IN RUSSIA

The Provincial Governors Ask That They Be Expelled From the Empire

London, Dec. 11.—The Times' Russian correspondents say the St. Petersburg Government sent a circular to the provincial governors asking for their opinions on the laws relating to the Jews, and as to what alterations should be made. The greater number of the replies are unfavorable to the Jews, some governors even asking that the Jews be expelled from the provinces.

MILTON'S PARADISE LOST

MSS. of the Famous Poem To Be Sold at Auction.

NEEDLE'S LONG TRIP

In 19 Years Journeyed From Hip to Foot and On Hand.

Lockport, N. Y., Dec. 11.—George Hadgley, a fat, cushioned chair nineteen years ago and a needle penetrated his hip. It gave him no trouble until three years ago, when his left ankle began to trouble him.

WORSHIP SKULL AND CROSS-BONES

Scandal Over Erotic Mysteries in France.

COUNT AND A BARON INVOLVED

One of Them Attempts Suicide—Physicians Declare the Pair To Be Degenerates.

Paris, Dec. 11.—It is announced in a telegram from Marseilles, Alsace-Lorraine, that the so-called Baron De Adelsward, who with Count De Warren, was found guilty here on Dec. 3 of incest with his daughter, attempted suicide there today, injuring himself dangerously. The attempt was made near the residence of the girl to whom Adelsward was engaged.

MURDERER CHASEL HAS ESCAPED

Locks Three Guards in His Own Cell at Calgary

WAS TO BE HANGED TUESDAY

Is Supposed to Have Started for the United States—Only Twenty-One Years of Age.

Winnipeg, Dec. 11.—Ernest Cashel, who was under sentence of death to be hanged on Tuesday next for the murder of Rufus Bell, escaped from the police barracks at Calgary at 6:30 p.m. Constable Piper, who was on guard, ordered the prisoner out of the cell.

MONARCHS EMBRACED

King Alfonso Visits His Royal Brother of Portugal.

Lisbon, Dec. 11.—King Alfonso of Spain arrived here yesterday, and was welcomed at the railway station by King Carlos and a striking phalanx of officers, nobles, peers, deputies, and naval and military officers.

FOUGHT TURKS WITH CANE

Another Story of the Alexandretta Fracas.

Constantinople, Dec. 11.—The United States legation's latest advice regarding the Alexandretta affair confirms the reports of the violence of the police and the attack on Consul Davis, who had only used his cane in self-defense.

MR. FOSTER INTERVIEWED

Talks to the Americans About Tariff and Wheat.

New York, Dec. 11.—George E. Foster, former finance minister of Canada, has just returned from England. He declares that within five years the Dominion will be able to supply England with the wheat now sent from the United States.

NARROW ESCAPE OF HER MAJESTY

Fire in Queen's Bedchamber at Sandringham.

ESCAPES IN DRESSING GOWN

The Floor Collapsing a Few Moments After She Had Left the Room—Cause of Blaze.

London, Dec. 11.—A fire occurred yesterday at Sandringham, and Queen Alexandra and her secretary, Miss Knollys, had narrow escapes. It broke out at 5 o'clock in the morning in Miss Knollys' bedroom in the chimney flue, where a beam is supposed to have been smouldering for some days.

THE SIX DAYS' RACE

Seven Teams Are Now Tied for First Place.

New York, Dec. 11.—With seven teams tied for first place, Root and Donlan having withdrawn last night, that is passing away. You see, the United States stretches its carcass across our front door. We've got to get out to sea—that is, if you will let us.

KAISER'S NEW NAVAL PLAN

Latest Cruisers to Have the Tonnage of Battleships.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—The eight armored cruisers that yet remain to be built under the naval programme will approach battleships in tonnage, with corresponding increases in armor, gun power and steaming radius.

STRATHCONA ON OUR WHEAT LANDS

He Says Canada's Agricultural Resources Are Unlimited—The Grain Production.

London, Dec. 11.—Lord Strathcona, president of the dinner of the London Chamber of Commerce yesterday, said that in the very fringe of the wheat growing districts of Canada, 4,000 farmers were able to produce 16,000,000 bushels of wheat, quite as much as other grain, Canada had enough to make her all that England had to the motherland.

WEST AFRICA COTTON

Britain to Become Independent of the United States.

London, Dec. 11.—An imperial grant in aid of cotton-growing in British West Africa will be proposed at the coming session of Parliament. The recent excitement in Laneshire, caused by the transfer of the agricultural department at Washington to being utilized in the American crop, is being utilized as a reason why every effort should be made to render the British cotton trade independent of shortages in the United States.

RACES WHILE ASLEEP

Extraordinary Incident at English Race Course.

London, Dec. 11.—An extraordinary incident occurred during the races at Gatwick yesterday, when Happy Bird was discovered fast asleep at the end of his run for the two-mile Horesham hurdle race. Efforts were made to rouse him and he opened his eyes for a second or two, but promptly relapsed into slumber.

MORE TROOPS FOR THE DOMINION

One Thousand Extra Men to Be Stationed at Halifax and Esquimaux.

HE SAYS CANADA'S AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES ARE UNLIMITED

The Grain Production.

Halifax, Dec. 11.—The British war office is evidently preparing to strengthen its military position in Canada. There are at present over 1,800 troops in Halifax garrison, and next year another regiment 1,000 strong will be stationed here. In addition it is proposed to station a line regiment of 1,600 men in Western Canada, one half at Esquimaux. At present there are more Imperial troops in Halifax than there have been since 1886.

WHEATHER BULLETIN

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WHISKAR'S THREE BUSY STORES, 228, 230, 232 Dundas St.

A GROUP OF SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY NIGHT.

FROM 7:30 TO 10 O'CLOCK.

Goods and Prices That Make Quick Selling a Certainty.

Ladies' Fine Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, embroidered initial in corner, worth 12 1/2c each. Saturday night only 5c Each.

Men's Woolen Socks, regular 20c quality. Saturday night only 2 Pairs for 25c.

Ladies' Flannelette Gowns, lace trimmed; white only. Regular 90c. Saturday night sale 59c Each.

Ladies' Tan Cashmere Hose, regular 25c and 35c. Saturday night to clear 10c Pair.

Children's Camelhair Tams, worth 50c. To clear Saturday night 39c Each.

Table Linens, two pieces only. Regular 25c line. Saturday night 20c Yard.

Children's Ribbed Cashmere Hose, sizes 4 1/2, 5, 5 1/2, 6, 6 1/2; regular 15c and 19c. Saturday night 10c Pair.

Black Mercerized Satin Skirts, regular \$1.25 lines. Saturday night 75c Each.

35c Velvetens at great reduction, colors, cardinal, brown, navy and gray. To clear at 20c Yard.

Ladies' Fleeced-Lined Cashmerette Hose, sizes 8 1/2, 9, 9 1/2, worth 25c. Sale price 17c Pair.

Ladies' Flannelette Gowns in pink, blue and white. Splendid value; worth \$1.25. 75c Each.

Black Silk Velvet, one piece only, worth 40c yard. Saturday night 15c Yard.

NEW "SOO" COMPANY

Different Views of the Outlook for Reorganization.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—A dispatch today from Thomas Drummond, Canadian representative of the reorganized Company, states that the special meeting had been further adjourned till tomorrow afternoon, and that everything indicated a favorable arrangement with the Philadelphia interests in the Speyer syndicate to participate in the plan. Its success is now almost assured.

WAR IN THE SPRING

An Austrian General Predicts More Trouble in the Balkans.

Vienna, Dec. 11.—General Tzontcheff has gone to Paris. He will go later to London, and it is possible that he will visit the United States. In an interview, General Tzontcheff said he considered that a war between Turkey and Bulgaria next spring was inevitable, and he expressed the belief that Serbia would co-operate with Bulgaria. He said that the scheme of reforms in Macedonia formulated by the Austrian and Russian governments, and formally consented to by the Porte, was doomed to failure.

ALL HANDS LOST

By Wreck of Schooner on the North Carolina Coast.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 11.—Reports from Cape Fear life-saving station, at the mouth of the Cape Fear River, give particulars of the loss of the schooner Clarence H., a small coasting vessel, bound from Shallotte, N. C., to Wilmington, and the drowning of the captain and crew and two passengers. The body of one of the passengers, a local fisherman, drifted ashore, with the schooner bottom up. The presumption is that the schooner encountered a heavy gale as she was attempting to get over the bar on Wednesday night.

BRIDGE IS WANTED OVER THE THAMES

Deputations Wait On the Middlesex County Council.

COST OF STRUCTURE IS \$15,000

Action Deferred for a Day—Councilor McLeod Reappointed Hospital Trustee.

Strong representations were made to the county council at its session yesterday afternoon for the building of a bridge at the Willey bridge site over the River Thames. This is a short distance north of the village of Dutton, and is between the Township of Dunwich, in Elgin county, and the township of Ekfrid in Middlesex County.

WANTS ST. PIERRE ISLES

Mr. Clark, K. C., Wants Us To Head Off the United States.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—J. M. Clark, K.C., addressed the Empire Club yesterday on "Newfoundland, St. Pierre and Miquelon." Mr. Clark urged the bringing of Newfoundland into the Dominion and thus rounding off the confederation. It was essential that Canada should retain control of the navigation of the St. Lawrence and of the Atlantic coast from the Hudson Strait to the Straits of Belle Isle. It was not necessary that all disputes in regard to fishing rights between Newfoundland and Great Britain should be settled. They would eventually all be settled, and need not stand in the way of negotiations with Newfoundland. Senator Lodge had suggested that the United States should secure the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon. Canada should strenuously oppose this, for these islands should belong to the British. In this connection the Monroe doctrine had no bearing.

THE WEATHER TODAY—Cold, with snow flurries.

See display of Handsome Evening Dress Materials in west window. Pretty as a picture, and priced moderately.



This Is Toy Time

CHRISTMAS wouldn't be Christmas for the children without Toys—they instruct as well as please. Permit us to introduce to you the contents of our large Toy Department. Other years you've been delighted with our showing—this year you'll be more delighted. It is impossible to give in this space a detailed list of our stock, for we're brimfull of all the latest and best mechanical and other interesting Toys. To give you some idea we have:

- Mechanical Toys, in all the latest novelties, at from 20c to \$2.50
Handsome, Durable and Pretty Dolls, all kinds and all sizes, at from 18c to \$2.50
Wooden Horses and Carts, almost unbreakable, good value from 25c to \$2.25
Rocking Horses, in three sizes, unbreakable rockers. Special at \$2.25 to \$3.50
Beds, Cradles and Rockers, the regular 50c and 25c kinds selling special. See these for the little motherly girls. Wonderful value at 15c and 25c

\$1.25 Tapestry Clearing at 75c.

A quality we bought for upholstering purposes, but it's too heavy. Just right weight for a good, serviceable bedroom carpet. Only a few yards required for so wide a width—50 inches. As we do not handle anything in regular floor coverings we have marked this line at a price to clear at once. This is a bargain. Regular \$1.25 yard, for 75c. It has large floral designs and soft rich colorings of blue and gold, brown and gold, and terracotta and green. Per yard 75c

Dainty Hosiery for Xmas Gifts.

- Ladies' Fine Black Cashmere Hose, full fashioned, spliced heels, feet and toes; sizes 8 1/2 to 10 inches. Per pair, 50c.
Ladies' Extra Heavy Plain Black Cashmere Hose; full fashioned, spliced heels, feet and toes; special for winter wear; sizes 8 1/2 to 10 inches. Per pair only 50c
A special line of Ladies' Cashmere Hose in red, white, tan and natural wool; full fashioned, spliced heels, feet and toes, sizes 8 1/2 to 10 inches. Per pair only 50c
Ladies' Superfine Black Silk Hose, full fashioned, spliced heels, feet and toes; sizes 8 1/2 to 10 inches. Per pair 50c
Children's Heavy Rib Wool Hose, with double knee and spliced heel and toe; recommended for their elasticity and durability; sizes 6 1/2 to 10 1/2 inches. Per pair from 30c to 40c
Children's Heavy Rib Black Wool Overstockings, with improved wide leg; sizes 6 1/2 to 11 inches. Per pair, 50c, 40c and 30c
Children's Extra Heavy Plain Black Cashmere Hose, with ankle patch, spliced heel, foot and toes, fashionable; sizes 4 to 8 1/2 inches. Per pair 35c to 40c
Men's Fine Black Cashmere Hose, silk, clocked in red, white and blue, spliced heel and toe; sizes 10, 10 1/2, and 11 inches. Per pair only 50c
A special line of Men's Heavy Black Rib Wool Hose, sizes 10 to 11 inches. Good value at only, per pair 25c

SMALLMAN & INGRAM, 149, 151 and 153 DUNDAS STREET.

THE ATLAS LOAN
Council's Argument To Be Heard at Toronto.

RAILWAYS AND NAVIGATION.
WHITE STAR LINE
United States and Royal Mail Steamers.

RAILWAYS AND NAVIGATION.
NEW YORK, QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL
TEUTONIC, DEC. 16, 4 P.M.
CEDRIC, DEC. 20, NOON

ALLAN LINE
ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.
From St. John every Saturday, and Halifax every Monday, to Liverpool, via Merville.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.
Dec. 10.—At New York—Graf Waldersee, from Hamburg; Ethiopia, from Glasgow.
At Philadelphia—Belgenland, from Antwerp.

ROYAL MAIL TRAINS
—VIA—
INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY
Canada's Famous Train

CLYDE
TO FLORIDA
The only direct all-water route between Boston, New York, Charleston, S. C., and Jacksonville, Fla.

MARITIME EXPRESS
Leaving Montreal, 12:00 noon, Sundays, carries the European Mail, and lands passengers, baggage and mail at the steamer's side, Halifax, the following Monday.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAY RATES.

SPECIAL TRAINS
Leave Halifax on arrival of inward mail steamers with passengers and mail for St. John, Quebec, Montreal, connecting with trains for Ottawa, Toronto and all points west, when regular trains do not make close connection at Halifax, N. S.

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER TABLE
Get some new cutlery for your own or your friend's table.

51 KING STREET, EAST
TORONTO, ONTARIO.
Christmas and New Year's EXCURSIONS.

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER TABLE
English Carvers, Table Knives and Forks, Tea, Dessert and Souvenir Spoons Table Spoons and Forks.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL
"The Niagara Falls Route."
SINGLE FARE
Good going Dec. 24 and 25, returning until Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1904.

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER TABLE
A. WESTMAN
These goods make excellent gifts.

THE WABASH RAILROAD
It is the great winter tourist route to the south and west, including Texas, Old Mexico and California, the lands of sunshine and flowers.

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER TABLE
A. WESTMAN
Statistics show that in 50 years the average height of British men has risen an inch. The present average height for a man of 30 is 5 feet 3 1/2 inches.

THE WABASH RAILROAD
Some first editions of Dickens' works were sold for 25c at Messrs. Sotheby's recently.

ONE OF A SCORE

In a Newfoundland Town Cured of Lame Back and Kidney Disease by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Fortune Harbor, Nfld., Dec. 7.—Richard Quirk, one of the best known residents of this place, is one of a score of people here who were cured of Lame Back and Kidney Disease and were permanently cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills. Mr. Quirk says: "I suffered from Lumbago and Kidney Disease for more than twenty years. At intervals I was totally unable to work. Doctors and medicines gave me little relief, and I had almost made up my mind my trouble was incurable, when I started to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. I expected relief almost at once, and seven or eight boxes cured me permanently. Cure your Backache with Dodd's Kidney Pills, and it will never develop into Bright's Disease."

BEBEL ROASTS RUSSIA

Makes a Ferocious Attack On Muscovite Methods of Government.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—During the debate yesterday in the Reichstag on the budget estimates, Herr Bebel, the Socialist leader, alluded to German co-operation with Russia in suppressing political discontent, and the receptions to Cornelius Vanderbilt, an exhibition of Caesarism. Alluding to the reception of Mr. Vanderbilt, he asked: "What has he done to deserve all this applause?" In answer to a question as to whether he was essentially a barbarous state, against large quantities of arms and military stores. The speaker then alluded to Kishineff, where he said, the authorities "stood by and watched murders." He asserted that a Russian general had driven thousands of Chinese into the Amur River, and said the arrest of a Russian spy at Sofia had resulted in finding among his papers "documentary proofs that Russia was privy to the plan to assassinate King Alexander several months before the event occurred."

DESERTED THE BRITISH

Small Levies Go Over to the Mad Mad's Forces.

Aden, Arabia, Dec. 11.—It is reported here that the Small Levies raised by the British in East Africa have mutined and joined the forces of the so-called Mad Sultan. The mutiny broke out at the Mad Sultan's headquarters at Aden. The mutineers were reported to have killed the British commander and to have taken possession of the place. The British forces were reported to be in a state of confusion and to have fled from the place.

ACETYLENE GAS AGAIN

One Man Killed by Explosion in Nanitoba.

Deloraine, Man., Dec. 11.—The acetylene gas machine in the Revere Hotel here, exploded about 11 o'clock yesterday morning. Robert Nicholson, the porter, was killed and the building badly wrecked. Luckily the fire was not ignited, and no other damage done by that element.

CAUGHT AT OMAHA

May Be the Man Who Killed Rudden, of Windsor.

Detroit, Dec. 10.—An Omaha dispatch says: On the advice of Detectives Campbell and Mahoney, of the Ontario provincial police, a colored man giving the name A. S. Smith, has been arrested by Detectives Davis and Mitchell, of the local police force. He is said by the chief of police to be the suspect in the Rudden murder, which occurred in Windsor, Oct. 26.

OAK EXTRA TANNED
Quality up—prices down, the factors that give our OAK EXTRA TANNED Belting its reputation—the best.

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER TABLE
A. WESTMAN
These goods make excellent gifts.

\$2,000,000 TO COME IN

As Result of the Timber Limits Sale.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—Yesterday was setting day at the Crown Lands Department for the lumbermen who purchased timber lands at Wednesday's sale, and they were on hand early to get rid of their money. When D. Y. Ross, the accountant of the department, went out for luncheon he said he did not know how much had been paid in, but it was up in the hundreds of thousands. Rumors that the banks proposed putting the brakes on the lumbermen were absolutely disproved. Under the terms of the sale there is between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000 due the department now, and this will all come in within a few days.

BRANTFORD ROBBERIES

Burglars Break into Two Railway Ticket Offices.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 11.—On Wednesday evening, between 5 and 6 o'clock, the C. P. and B. Railway ticket office was broken into by burglars and \$65 taken out of the till. The ticket clerk left the office for tea at 5 p.m., and on returning shortly after he found the door unlocked and the money drawer open and ransacked. The electric lights were not burning, and it is supposed the robbers cut the wires and darkened the station to facilitate the robbery. Another burglary took place at the Grand Trunk ticket office, at Colborne street station. It was entered between 6:30 and 7 p.m., and the money drawer was forced open, but as there had been no money left in the drawer the burglars had their work for nothing. No clue was left in either place, and it is supposed the same parties broke into both offices.

Doan's Kidney Pills

Could scarcely get up or down without help.

Had a severe pain in the small of the back. Was treated in the Hotel Dieu, Kingston, but not cured. Kidney trouble was the trouble. Doan's Kidney Pills cured me.

MR. FOSTER AND MONTREAL

May Be Offered Nomination of St. Antoine Division.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—The French-Canadian Conservatives of St. Antoine division announced yesterday that they would favor the nomination of Hon. George E. Foster in that division, and together with the English committee, would offer it to him at the meeting of Monday next. The chief of police to be the suspect in the Rudden murder, which occurred in Windsor, Oct. 26.

No Grip, Pain

Hood's Pills

Or discomfort, no irritation of the intestines—but gentle, prompt, thorough cleansing, when you take Hood's Pills. Sold by all druggists. 25 cents.

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LONDON, FRIDAY, DEC. 11.

Municipal Questions.

The municipal nominations will be held two weeks from next Monday, and it is time the ratepayers began to give some thought to the elections. Among the names suggested for the mayoralty, that of Ald. Dr. Cl. T. Campbell will be most favorably received by all classes. The doctor has given 25 years of unselfish service to the city as school trustee, alderman and member of the board of health. This is a municipal training which few men in the country have had. During all that time he has never sought the mayor's chair, though he might have had it more than once. His municipal record, public spirit and ability entitle him to the highest honor in the gift of his fellow-citizens. He has not intimidated whether he will accept a nomination, but if he does his claim will be the strongest one before the public. Dr. Campbell has always had well-defined views on civic and other public questions and has promoted them aggressively, but not offensively. He is conciliatory and courteous, and a chief magistrate would not be the fool of a party or clique, but would consider himself the representative of all the electors, not of one class.

The past two years have been inconsequential from a municipal standpoint. The council has dealt with ordinary matters in an ordinary way, but has initiated nothing of importance and has settled no difficult questions. The street railway dispute, which is hung up in the courts, the waterworks problem and the telephone franchise are matters looming up which will require experienced handling. Dr. Campbell is conversant with these questions and would bring to their solution a cool judgment and a level head.

A member of Parliament may be elected to represent a sentiment or support an abstract principle, but municipal government is merely one of business administration and municipal candidates, granting they are honest, should be chosen solely for their business ability. A city council corresponds to the board of directors of a private corporation, but ratepayers will vote year after year for some men whom they would not employ in their private business. A man's political opinions have nothing to do with his fitness to serve a municipality, and the attempt to make a municipal government a political machine is destructive of genuine civic spirit. The tendency of the party in control to claim credit for everything done, prevents the loyal co-operation of all classes of citizens in promoting the public interests.

The reduction of the key rate of insurance on mercantile premises from 60 to 40 cents is a diplomatic triumph. Ald. Greenlee with his usual modesty gives the credit to Mr. John W. Little, whose tactful presentation of the city's case, and evident knowledge of insurance values impressed the underwriters and induced them to greatly modify their demands. In return for a comparatively small expenditure by the city on the fire department, the merchants get a reduction in insurance rates amounting in the aggregate to many thousands of dollars annually. This is saved to the whole community, as the merchants would have had to collect the increased rate from their customers.

Sir Richard Cartwright at Toronto.

Sir Richard Cartwright made a great speech in Toronto last night. The old war horse must be in fine fettle for the campaign. He spoke for two hours and a half with his usual energy of manner and expression, and his address covered the whole field of contemporary politics. Sir Richard speaks seldom, but he always has something to say, and no Canadian public man can unfold practical and complicated questions more lucidly. His parliamentary and platform addresses follow the best British models, being logical and argumentative, and in careful literary form.

The major part of his speech was a vivid analysis of the material conditions of the Dominion. The mass of information which he had gathered might have been unwieldy in the hands of one less skillful, but Sir Richard has the gift of making statistics luminous. It was a masterly review of the progress of the Dominion under the Liberal Government, and the lessons drawn were full of hope for the future. Sir Richard did not hesitate to face the Chamberlain policy, and this portion of his address was original and suggestive. He pointed out that the value of the British markets to the United States gave Great Britain the power to do three things: 1. To enforce

reciprocity on the people of the United States. 2. Greatly stimulate the food production of Canada, of Australasia, of India, and of the Argentine Republic and other places; or (3) pave the way to something closely resembling a Zollverein between all the English-speaking nations, and subsequently to something like a practical alliance between all English-speaking nations. He thinks that if Great Britain placed a tax on American farm products, the American farmer would overthrow protection, and the United States would seek reciprocity with Great Britain. Sir Richard declares his own preference as follows: "I may be pardoned for saying in my own position as I have held it long; I have advocated the formation of a friendly alliance by any possible means between Great Britain, Canada and the United States. With that view I advocated reciprocity with the United States. Largely with that view I have advocated the British preference. It is for that reason I would welcome an English Zollverein in that direction, and if Britain and Canada desire to bring about that realization, then I would heartily bid them Godspeed. (Applause.) "If they mean to utilize this great weapon which American selfishness has put into their hands Canada will profit by it. I do not want for my part that we should gain at England's cost. We can prosper without that, and prosper abundantly, as we have shown the people of the United States we are able to prosper without them. (Loud applause.) But with all that I recognize very clearly the political importance of an alliance of the British people with the United States. Sir, 30 years ago the people of the United States numbered 30,000,000. Today they have grown to 80,000,000. I do not suppose that this rate of increase will be maintained quite so rapidly in the future. In the next 30 years, however, some now here may see that great nation of 80,000,000 grow to 120,000,000. If there be any public man in Canada who says that Canada or the British people can afford to despise the good will of such a people I cannot find parliamentary language in which to express my opinion. If there is any man of business who says trade with such a nation is of no object he is only serving some selfish ends."

A friendly alliance of English-speaking countries is a noble conception. Sir Richard evidently believes that the argument that will appeal most forcibly to the United States is a fiscal one. The imposition of a tax on the American farmer would in his opinion teach the United States how intimately its interests depended upon the maintenance of good relations with its best customer, the British Empire. So far as it goes, this is an argument in favor of the preferential feature of Chamberlain's policy, although Sir Richard has no sympathy with the protective side of it. He would welcome an imperial Zollverein as a step toward the alliance of the British Empire and the United States, a commercial as well as a sympathetic alliance. It is a great ideal, and the contemplation of great ideals is a wholesome thing, whether there is hope of reaching them or not. Sir Richard has given the people of Anglo-Celtic countries something to think about.

Chamberlain's Umbrella Story. [M. A. P.] Joseph Chamberlain, in one of his recent tariff reform speeches, told an umbrella story that has not been recorded. Mr. Chamberlain wished to point out that ignorance was to blame for much of the censure that had been attached to his tariff reform scheme. He said: "Why, my friends, many of my opponents are as ignorant of my proposition as was a certain farmer, many years ago, of the umbrella. "This farmer had made a journey of some 20 miles on foot to a small town. As he was about to set off for home again a hard rain came up, and his host loaned him an umbrella—a novelty at the time—saying to himself as he went to save his friend all possible trouble. "A week later the farmer brought the umbrella back. The weather was bright and fine, but he held the instrument open over his head. "This contrivance," he grumbled, 'is more trouble than it is worth. There wasn't a drop of rain in the village I could get it through, and I had to tetch it all the week in a field."

The Old Huntsman. [A. Conan Doyle.] There's a keen and grim old huntsman, On a horse as white as snow; He's coming, he's coming, He's coming, he's coming, As you read the rhyme I write; You can hear his hoofs' low drumming Day and night. You can hear the distant drumming As the clock ticks-tack, And the chiming of the hours Is the music of his pack. He's coming, he's coming, He's coming, he's coming, As you read the rhyme I write; You can hear his hoofs' low drumming Day and night. And they never check or falter, For they never miss their kill; Seasons change and systems alter, But the hunt is running still. Hark! The evening chime is playing, Or the long gray town it peals; Don't you hear the death-hound baying At you needs?

Where is there an earth or burrow, Where a cover left for you? A year, a week, perhaps tomorrow, Brings the huntsman's death halloo; Day by day he gains upon us, And the most that we can claim Is that when the hounds are on us We die game. And somewhere dwells the Master, By whom it was decreed: He sent the savage huntsman, He hunts to our undoing. We thank him for the chase, We thank him and we flatter; We hope he'll never miss us, But have we cause? No matter! Let us trust!

Two Wars of Fitting Clothes. [Philadelphia Record.] A man gets his clothes made to fit the shape, but a woman, who is resourceful, gets her shape made to fit her clothes.

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At Six P.M. [Cleveland Plaindealer.] The boy stood in the crowded car. He couldn't turn his neck. He groaned before he traveled far. "For me the burning deck!"

Casey's Hopeful Reformation. [Cleveland Leader.] "I've quit smoking," said Casey, accidentally smashing his pipe as he came up out of the gas trench. "I think you're a liar," said Dugan. "I hope I am," said Casey.

A New Puzzle. [Toronto Star.] If Ann's age is half now of what Mary Ellen's was four years ago, when will the Dominion elections come off?

Canadian Literature. [Toronto News.] For purposes of literature, each nation exhibits a gravitation towards some center, where the atmosphere becomes electric with intellectual energy. A man of real ability who lives in touch of London, where ideas are valued at their true worth, will reach the full measure of his growth. Every person possessed of any literary power who lived in the Boston of 40 years ago reached the full measure of his growth. But anybody now within the range of the intellectual life in New York has every opportunity to show his caliber. When will the time come, and what shall hasten the day, when men like Roberts, Carman and Stringer will find in their own country inspiration, recognition and atmosphere in which their genius may liberally expand?

GIRL OF SIX SAVES BROTHER'S LIFE Used Her Neck Scarf for Rope and Drew Lad From Ice Pond. Kenosha, Wis., Dec. 11. — A 6-year-old girl, Mrs. James Walker, was the heroine of an exciting rescue in Kenosha last night. Unassisted and alone, she saved her 7-year-old brother, Clarence Walker, from drowning in Hellik's Lake, just outside the city limits.

The two children had gone to the lake with a large skating party composed of older boys and girls, who soot, skated out of sight and hearing. The two children skated around by themselves for some time. The boy was more venturesome than the girl and skated over where the ice was thin. A warning cry from the girl was unheard. The ice broke and the boy plunged into the cold water. As he rose to the surface he cried for help and for the moment lost his presence of mind. The little girl gave one shout for help and then ran and rescued her brother. The child will be presented with a medal by the people of Kenosha, who are anxious to show their appreciation of heroism on the part of one so young.

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First Big Gun of the Campaign. Continued from page 1. building the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway were to open up a new territory, to add a great population and much additional wealth, and to unite the eastern and western sections more closely together. Sir Richard referred with hesitation to Mr. Chamberlain's proposals of fiscal reform and said the question now was: "Was it possible to solidify the empire?" The manifesto of Mr. Balfour had been more theoretical than practical, as he had studied from books and was a closet naturalist, who had never met the beast in the jungle. Mr. Chamberlain knew better than Mr. Balfour when he said the tariff of the United States was one of abominations, but he had not thought out well all of the practical consequences of such a policy. He had nothing to say for him if he designed protection, or if he said that the United States had prospered under protection, but would agree with him if he desired reciprocity, and said that the States had flourished in spite of protection, but without adding to the cost, he was wrong. The policy of the United States had been an extraordinary condition, and Great Britain might use power to enforce reciprocity or might take the way to a Zollverein between the English-speaking nations of the world. He was convinced that the interests of Canada were closely bound up with those of the United States, and he did not wish to gain at England's cost as Canada was able to show that it prospered against any country. Sir Richard closed with an appeal to support the Government.



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BURNED TO DEATH. Fatally at Burford—Set Fire to Home While Intoxicated. Brantford, Ont., Dec. 11.—A sad fatality occurred at Burford, 12 miles west of this city, Wednesday night. John McIntyre, a farmer, who resided alone in his home on a 14-acre farm, was burned to death. Early in the evening he became intoxicated at Burford, and returned home at a late hour. It is supposed that in striking a match to light a lamp he set fire to the house. His charred body was found in the cellar of the house next morning. The structure was burned to the ground, with all its contents.

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KICK COST A QUARTER. Lawyer Fined for Assaulting Another in Lindsay Court. Lindsay, Ont., Dec. 11.—At the county court and general sessions yesterday, before his Honor Judge Harding, Gerard H. Hopkins was charged with an assault upon Wm. Steer on Oct. 30 last. The parties are barristers, and were engaged on opposite sides in a case before Police Magistrate Deacon. During Mr. Hopkins' examination of a witness an altercation arose between the two lawyers, in consequence of some interruptions Mr. Steer was making. Mr. Steer came around close to where Mr. Hopkins was, and a few angry words passed. Steer then turned to Hopkins as a pup and a cur, whereupon Hopkins kicked him.

Both parties subsequently apologized in his evidence Mr. Steer stated that his intention was to irritate Mr. Hopkins and provoke an assault if possible. Both parties subsequently apologized to Mr. Deacon for the breach of peace in his court. The jury found Hopkins guilty of assault. His honor, while censuring both parties, commented with especial severity upon Mr. Steer's conduct, and said the provocation was so great that a fine of 20 cents only would be imposed upon Mr. Hopkins. Charles Readshaw was sent to the Central Prison for six months for assaulting Thomas Mullen in the back with a butcher knife.

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Pittsburg, Dec. 11.—Seven persons were seriously burned, and a number of others sustained slight injuries today in a fire and explosion at Armstrong's cork factory. One man is missing.

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Cornwall, Dec. 10. — Charles Wilson, alias "Foxy" Smith; John Martin, alias Charles Yeats, and Frank L. Watrous, pleaded guilty in general sessions yesterday to breaking into and burglarizing the stores of M. F. Beach and Sanderson & Co. at Winchester, in September. Judge O'Reilly sentenced Wilson and Martin to four years in Kingston penitentiary on each charge, the sentences to run concurrently. Watrous was given three years on each charge, the sentences also to run concurrently. Lever's Y-Z (Wash Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is a boon to any home. It disinfects and cleans at the same time. Permanent salvage corps to render aid in cases of accident are about to be organized by the Swiss Alpine clubs.

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A Surgical Triumph.

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The FILIGREE ..BALL..

BY ANNA KATHERINE GREEN

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"Look down the lost and found column," said he. "The third advertisement you will see there came from the district attorney's office; the next one was inserted by Mr. Moore himself."

I followed his pointing finger and read two descriptions of the filigree ball. The description in the first advertisement was apparent. That promised by Uncle David was calculated to rouse any man's cupidity and should have resulted in the bauble's immediate return.

"He got ahead of the police that time," I laughed. "When did these advertisements appear?"

"During the days you were absent from Washington."

"And how sure are you that he did not get this jewel back?"

"Oh, we are sure. His continued anxiety and still active interest in this, even if our surveillance had been less perfect."

"And the police have been equally unsuccessful?"

"Equally."

"After every effort?"

"Every."

"Who was the man who collected and carried out those things from the southwest chamber?"

He smiled.

"You see him," said he.

"It was you?"

"Myself."

"And you are sure this small ball was among them?"

"No. I only know that I have seen it somewhere, but not where, among the articles I delivered to Mr. Jeffrey."

"How did you carry them?"

"In a hand-bag which I locked myself."

"Before leaving the southwest chamber?"

"Yes."

"Then it is still in that room?"

"Find it," was his laconic reply.

Here most men would have stopped, but I have a bulldog's tenacity when once I lay hold of something, and I went back to the Moore house, and taking every precaution against being surprised by the sarcastic Durbin or some of his many flatterers, I ransacked the southwest chamber on my behalf for what certainly I had little reason to expect to find.

It seemed a hopeless cause from the first, but I acted as if no one had hunted for this object before. Moving every article, I turned up the top floor and then in every possible cranny for the missing trinket. But I failed to find anything about as thorough as my knowledge myself defeated when my eye fell on the long brocade curtains which I had drawn across the several windows to hide every gleam of light from the street. They were almost free from folds, but I shook them well, especially the top, and the table, and naturally with no effect.

"Folly," I muttered, yet did not quite desist. For the great tassels still hung at the sides and when you may call it an impossible find or say that if the bauble was there it should have been discovered long ago, I searched for it! I will not say so, I can only tell you what happened. When I took one of those tassels in my hand, I thought as it twirled under my touch, that I saw something gleam in its faded old threads which did not belong there. Startled and yet not thoroughly realizing that I had come upon the object of my search, I picked at this thing and found it to be a morsel of gold chain that had become entangled in it. When I had pulled it out, it showed a small golden ball at one end, filigreed over and astonishingly heavy for its size and apparent delicacy.

How it came there—whether it rolled from the table, or was swept off inadvertently by the detective's hand, and how it came to be caught by this old tassel and held there in spite of the many shakings it must have received, did not concern me at this moment. The tasselman of this old family was found. I had but to discover what it held concealed to understand what had baffled Mr. Moore and made the mystery he had endeavored to penetrate so insolvable. Rejoicing in my triumph, but not waiting a moment in self-congratulation, I bent over the candle with my prize and sought for the clasp or fastening which held its two parts together. I have a knack at clasps and curious fastenings and was able at first touch to spring this one open. And what did I find inside? Something so trivial and seemingly harmless, that it was not until I recalled the final words of Uncle David's memorandum that I realized its full import and the possibilities it suggested. In itself it was nothing but a minute magnifying glass, but when used in connection with what? Ah, that was just what Uncle David failed to say, possibly to know. Yet this was now the important point, the culminating fact which might lead to a full understanding of these many tragedies. Could I hope to guess what presented itself to Mr. Moore as a difficult if not insolvable problem? No, guessing would not answer. I must trust to the inspiration of the moment which suggested with almost irresistible conviction.

The picture! That hazy and seemingly worthless drawing over the fireplace in the Colonel's Own, whose presence in so rich a room has always been a mystery!

Why this object should have sug-

gested itself to me and with such instant conviction, I can not readily say. Whether, from my position near the bed, the sight of this old drawing recalled the restless nights of all who had lain in face of its sickly smile, or whether some recollection of that secret law of the Moores which forbade the removal and sale of their pictures from the time-worn walls, or a remembrance of the curiosity which this picture excited in every one who looked at it—Francis Jeffrey among the number—I no sooner asked myself what object in this house might possibly yield counsel or suggest aid when subjected to the influence of a magnifying glass, than the answer, which I have already given, sprang instantly into my mind. The picture!

Greatly excited, I sprang upon a chair, took down the drawing from the wall and laid it face up on the bed. Then I placed the glass over one of the large coils surrounding the insipid face, and was startled enough, in spite of all mental preparation, to perceive the crinkly lines which formed it, resolve themselves into script and the script into words, some of which were perfectly legible.

The drawing, simple as it looked, was a communication in writing to those who used a magnifying glass to read it. I could hardly contain my triumph, hardly find the self-control necessary to a careful study of its undulating and often conflicting lines and to the slow picking out of the words therein contained.

But when I had done this, and had copied the whole of the wandering scrawl on a page of my note book the result was of value.

Read, and judge for yourself.

"Coward that art, I am willing to throw upon posterity the shadow of a crime whose consequences I dare not incur in life. Confession I must make. To die and leave no record of my deed is impossible. Yet how tell my story so that only my own heirs may read and they when at the crisis of their fate? I believe I have found the way by this drawing and the insipid face has left to the holders of the filigree ball."

[To be Continued.]

HARRY PEEL TURNED DOWN BY THE O. H. A. EXECUTIVE

His Application for Reinstatement as Amateur Refused.

Thistle Curling Rink Soon to be Opened for Season.

Ex-London Players Identified with Western Teams—General Sporting News.

ROCKEY.
HARRY PEEL TURNED DOWN.
A dispatch received from Toronto this morning states that Harry Peel, who applied for reinstatement to the O. H. A. executive, had been turned down at the meeting held last night. The secretary of the association refused to say more than this. This will come as a surprise to Londoners.

HOCKEY SEASON OPENS.
The hockey season in London will be opened this evening at the Jubilee rink when the city hall officials will meet a team composed of the employees of J. C. Green & Co. Both teams are famous (?) and a great game of "shiny" is promised.

LONDONERS IN DETROIT.
Detroit, Mich., Dec. 10.—The Detroit lacrosse club men will get together in a few days to make arrangements for forming a hockey seven. Good players are plentiful here, so the two teams may be formed. Three of the champion Paris team are living in the city this winter, and other good men are Harry Burns, formerly of London; Klein, of Toronto, and Douse, of London. Secretary A. Reid, of the lacrosse club, is endeavoring to arrange for the Detroit club to play the Crescent A. C. at Brooklyn on Memorial Day next year.

ABERDEENS ADMITTED.
Toronto, Dec. 10.—The Aberdeens of Ottawa were admitted to the O. H. A. senior series by the executive tonight. The grouping of the various clubs was adopted. Phillips, of Montreal, was granted a permit to play with the Marlboro.

LOHMAN MAKES AN OFFER.
Jack White, of the Toronto baseball club, has received an offer from Paul Lohman, manager of the Oakland club in the outlaw league, and formerly of London.

MEETING CONCLUDED.
New York, Dec. 10.—The annual meeting of the board of directors of the National League terminated today, after a brief session, the only business of importance announced as transacted today being the delegating of James A. Hart, of Chicago, to go to California to confer with the California League in an effort to have that organization sign the national agreement.

THE PITTSBURGH CLUB TODAY SIGNED WILLIAM STANWORTH, SECOND BASEMAN, LAST YEAR WITH THE HOLY CROSS COLLEGE.
The league is not expected to meet again until next March, when the new schedule, which will be prepared in the meantime by the schedule committee, will be considered.

THE MATTER OF GEORGE DAVIS AND F. A. JONES, THE ONLY QUESTIONS AT ISSUE BETWEEN THE NATIONAL AND AMERICAN LEAGUES, WERE SENT TO A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF HART, DREYFUS AND HERMAN.
They expect to arrange matters that the players can sign for next season, and that neither the New York Nationals nor the Chicago Americans will lose anything in the transaction.

YESTERDAY'S TURF WINNERS.
At New Orleans—Mynheer (Jost), 10 to 1; Symphony (Gannon), 3 to 1; Bud Embryo (Travers), 3 to 1; Big Ben (Robbins), even; Birdwood (Hayams), 15 to 1; Mountebank (W. Fisher), 15 to 1.

CANADIAN TROTTING CASES.
Among the cases decided at the session of the board of appeal of the American Trotting Association were the following:

Ed. Swartz, Godrich, Ont., and Chas. Price, Vale vs. Caro Driving Park Association, Caro, Mich. Overruled and money ordered paid to defendant.

William De Lacy, Port Huron, Mich., and E. Marshall vs. Stratford Turf Association, Stratford, Ont., protested collection. Ordered that the protest be sustained and money returned to protestant.

D. McLachlan, Chatham, Ont., and

LONDON PLAYERS ON WESTERN TEAM

Lawlor, Bishop and Tierney Are Among the Available Men.

St. Paul, Dec. 10.—There is quite a little activity in western hockey circles this year. St. Paul and Minneapolis have the Twin City League, consisting of about ten clubs, and although the rinks are not artificial, the weather is cold enough to insure a fairly long season. The game has taken a strong hold in Houghton, Mich., and Sault Ste. Marie. Both towns have built rinks. In Milwaukee the game is popular with the high school boys and a number of matches are played.

For several years hockey has been played in a desultory way in and around Chicago, but there has never been any attempt to form a league. With the exception of the Evanston Country Club team and the Calumet, none of the teams has shown any great amount of skill.

Among the men available are: T. Collins, formerly of the Shamrocks, of Montreal; G. Bishop, of London, Ont.; G. Worth, Arthur Wood and A. Wood of Rat Portage, Manitoba; T. Lawlor, formerly of the Shamrocks, of Montreal; and last year's champion, G. H. A. team; F. Tierney, of London, Ont.; P. Rubridge, of the Wellingtons, of Toronto, and Dr. Baker, of Stratford, Ont. The rink will be lighted with electricity and most of the games will be played at night. Secretary C. J. Donnelly has received challenges from Sault Ste. Marie, St. Louis and St. Paul, and matches probably will be arranged in all of these cities.

CRISIS IN THE JAPANESE DIET
Members Censure Government's Temporizing Policy—House May Dissolve.

Tokio, Dec. 11.—The House of Representatives adopted without division a reply to the speech from the throne, accusing the ministry of following a temporizing policy at home and neglecting its opportunities abroad. This was regarded as doubly significant, because hitherto the reply has formally expressed thanks for the imperial concession in personally opening the Diet. It is not possible at present to foretell the effect of the action taken by the house.

London, Dec. 11.—The correspondent of the Times cables as follows: "It is practically certain that the House of Representatives will be dissolved tomorrow."

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 10.—A dispatch from Tokio yesterday, announcing that a Russian squadron of eight ships had arrived off Chemulpo, Korea, to support Russia's opposition to the proposed opening of Yonampo, on the Yalu River, to the commerce of the world, and that the Russians threatened to land 3,000 men and march on Seoul should Korea disregard the warning, is largely discredited here. The foreign office has no confirmation of the report, and is inclined to class it with other sensational rumors from the east. The matter, later, have been proved to be baseless.

THE VITALITY CONSUMED DURING WAKING HOURS MUST BE REPLACED DURING SLEEP—OTHERWISE COLLAPSE.

Sleep is more essential to life than food. Men have lived for weeks without food, whereas a few days without sleep and man becomes a raving maniac—a mental and physical wreck.

Nights of sleeplessness tell of a feeble and depleted nervous system, of approaching nervous prostration or paralysis.

The regular and persistent use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food will form new, rich blood, create new nerve force and thoroughly cure sleeplessness and nervous exhaustion.

By keeping a record of your increase in weight while using great food curer you can be certain that the new firm flesh and tissue is being added to the body. You will feel the benefit in every organ.

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, 50 cents a box, 6 boxes for \$2.50, at all dealers, or Edmanston, Chase & Co., Toronto. To protect you against imitations, the portrait and signature of Dr. A. W. Chase, the famous receipt book author, are on every box.

In the body of a horse that died suddenly at Newport (Yorks), the veterinary surgeon who made a post-mortem examination discovered three large stones, one of them nearly as large as a cricket bat.

SEVERE COLDS are easily cured by the use of Bickel's anti-consumptive Syrup, a medicine of extraordinary penetrating and healing properties. It is acknowledged by those who have used it as being the best medicine sold for coughs, colds, inflammation of the lungs and all affections of the throat and chest. Its agreeableness to the taste makes it a favorite with ladies and children.

As the outcome of much painstaking investigation the existence has been demonstrated of a class of human beings called moral imbeciles. Their average height of British men has mental characteristic in complete moral imbecility, revealed by a total absence of repugnance to the suggestion of crime before the deed.

THEY ARE A POWERFUL NERVE TONIC.—Dyspepsia causes derangement of the nervous system, and nervous debility once engendered, is difficult to deal with. There are many testimonials as to the efficacy of Farnes's Vegetable Pills in treating this disorder, showing that they will never fail to produce good results. By giving proper tone to the digestive organs, they restore equilibrium to the nerve centers.

In the ten city churches administered by the Glasgow Corporation 4,991 sittings out of 9,500 are unlet.

Death of a Rothschild.
London, Dec. 11.—A dispatch to a news agency from Monte Carlo announces the death yesterday of Baron Arthur de Rothschild. He lived in Paris and at Cornay-la-Ville, Department of Seine-et-Oise, France.

Divorced Her Coachman.
London, Dec. 11.—Half an hour's hearing in the divorce court today sufficed to secure for Countess Mabel Russell (who sued her husband, William Brown, a former coachman, for divorce), a decree. The countess testified to the cruelty and misconduct of Brown, who married her in December, 1902, under the title of Prince Approbato Stuart de Modena, alleging that he was a Bavarian nobleman.

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UNION MADE.

DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT ONCE. Every day you wait means just so much less to choose from and greater crowds to make shopping more uncomfortable. When there is everything to lose and nothing to gain by waiting, why wait?

Our Holiday stock of Clothing and Men's Furnishings is the greatest any store in Canada has ever collected, and our prices are emphatically the lowest. The lines we advertise for tomorrow's selling in some instances are limited. You'll need be here prompt to secure a good choice. However, come at all events. Disappointment is an unknown quantity here.

OVERCOATS

OCEANS OF THEM.

Tomorrow we will show a range of Raglanettes all made from dark gray All-wool Canadian Frieze, long loose fitting, vertical pockets, velvet collars, turn cuff, good Italian linings, superlative value at \$8.50.
Saturday \$6.95.

At this price we will show a range of Raglanette Overcoats, in heavy All-wool Gray Frieze and Cheviot; deep turn cuff, velvet collar, vertical pockets and extra good trimmings, worth \$10.
Saturday \$7.95.

A superb showing at this popular price, fabrics, Cheviot and Frieze, dark gray and black; long, loose fitting, square shoulders, would pass for tailor-made at \$15 anywhere.
Special \$8.50.

For a choice collection of high-class Coats, mostly in long, loose Raglanette shape, but a few are of the shorter order, all have first-class trimmings and thick velvet collars, good values at \$12 and \$15.
Saturday December Sale \$10.

A full range of high grade Canadian Frieze, extra fine finish, rich dark gray shade, made with deep turn cuff, straight or vertical pockets. Some with loose belted back, the finest value at the price we've ever shown. Extra \$14 value.
Saturday December Sale \$12.

You have been used to great bargains all this season in our Overcoat section. This \$14 offering is beyond all question ahead of any previous offer. Choice imported Cheviot and Friezes, extra long, loose fitting Tweed garments not shown anywhere else at less than \$16 to \$17.
Saturday December Sale \$14.

This popular price is fully represented in every wanted fabric shade or size. The garments are really magnificent specimens of high-class Tailoring, the sewing, the shoulders, and the general get-up, all denote the exclusive Custom Tailors' best work in a \$22.50 garment.
December Sale \$15.

This price consists of a full range of plain Cheviots and Vicunas, suft striped Tweeds, belted or plain back, plain or cuffed sleeve, all have silk velvet collars and pointed lapels, are cut extra long, and loose fitting—would be extra value for \$18.00.
December Sale \$16.

Elegant Black and Gray Cheviots, half silk lined, best Skimmer's satin sleeve lining, extra long, loose fitting, vertical or straight pockets, silk velvet.
Extra Special \$18.

This Coat is unexcelled value, is cut extra long with full swing skirt, lined with Skimmer's best satin, has heavy silk velvet collar, straight or vertical pockets, plain sleeves, or sleeves with cut, shades mid and dark gray.
December Sale \$20.

No description we could give could do this Coat justice. The fabrics come in Vicuna or Cheviot, mid, dark gray and black, lined throughout with best Skimmer's satin. A really swell garment, would cost \$40.00 Custom-made.
Saturday \$25.

This Coat is made of Carr's celebrated Melton in black and olive, lined throughout with Skimmer's world renowned satin, is finished throughout in the highest class manner known to the tailoring world. No better garment could possibly be produced, sizes 35 to 42.
Saturday \$28.

Just to hint a full range of Boys' Overcoats, special prices for tomorrow.

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DAISY FLOUR. Fields flour products that combine deliciousness with the highest nourishing value.

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The Problem. Of Christmas giving is answered by the word KODAK. W. A. MCKENZIE, Opposite City Hall, Upstairs.

EAST END LIBERALS. Meeting Called for Tuesday Night to Elect Officers.

A Smoking Set. makes a very fine gift for a gentleman. W. G. Young, 21 Dundas Street.

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HIGHEST GRADES OF Burning Oil, Lubricating Oil and all other Petroleum Products.

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Holiday Sale. Now is the Time to Secure Your Christmas Footwear.

Pocock Bros. Opp. Market Lane. People needn't worry as to whether PRETTY FOOTWEAR would be appreciated.

ORGANS FOR CHRISTMAS. Some Special Bargains at present. NORDHEIMER'S, 189 Dundas St., London, Ont.

It Is Well To Have An Executor. Who will not die. Who will not resign. Who will never abscond.

Canada Trust Co. London, Canada.

When in Doubt. Send FLOWERS. Nothing more acceptable. Our Christmas supply will be superb.

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Christmas Fancy Goods. INK STANDS, PHOTO FRAMES, BOOKMARKERS, ANDERSON, The Bookseller, 183 DUNDAS STREET.

Pearl Brooches. Pearl Crescents, Pearl Sunbursts, Pearl Stars.

FURS. Seal, Sable, Fox, Otter, Mole-skin, Gray Squirrel, Thibet Gray Lamb, Russian Lamb and the finest collection of Persian skins.

Leading Beltz, Furrier.

QUALITY STORE. A Christmas Grocery Store.

THE Grocery Store—perhaps Pure Food Store is a better name—is at your service. There is a bountiful supply of the best that Canada and foreign countries produce.

CRESCA FIGS. 1-lb Basket.....35c 2-lb Basket.....65c

CRESCA STUFFED FIGS AND DATES—These are the same as we have sold for the past 2 years.

See our assortment of Lowney's Chocolate Bonbons, in fancy packages, just for the Christmas trade.

Tom Smith's Christmas Conundrums and Crackers, per dozen from 25c to \$1.25

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS—We have a full assortment, from 10c to \$2.00

The best BISCUITS are to be had here. Nabisco Sugar Wafers, in all flavors, per tin.....28c

Florida Oranges. Malaga Grapes. Choice Cranberries.

Let us have your Christmas order, for we believe we can save money for you by buying your groceries at this store.

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FOR YOUR WIFE. An income for 20 years. FOR YOUR FAMILY. The amount of the bond. Guaranteed by our 5 per cent Gold Bonds.

EXCHANGE WILL BE MADE. Rev. R. D. Hamilton, of This City, To Go To Petrolia.

Rev. Mr. Livingstone Accepts a Call to London.

In July next, Rev. R. D. Hamilton, pastor of the Wellington Street Methodist Church, will leave his pastorate here, his term of four years being completed, and he will assume the pastorate of the Petrolia Methodist Church.

The Petrolia Advertiser has the following to say of the approaching changes: The Methodist congregations of Petrolia and Wellington Street (London) Church, have arranged to exchange pastors.

GROCERS ASSIGN. Blanchard Bros., a Richmond street grocery firm, have made an assignment.

MCLEOD ESTATE SOLD. The McLeod estate at Lucan was on Tuesday sold by the London and Western Trusts Company.

PLAINTIFFS WERE SUCCESSFUL. Two unimportant civil suits were tried at the sitting of the county court yesterday afternoon.

ELOCUTIONARY CONTEST. The silver medal elocutionary contest took place in the York Street Mission last night, under the auspices of the Epworth League of the mission.

A PLEASANT RECITAL. A large audience greeted Mrs. Alice Calder-Leonard, of Detroit, and formerly of this city, in her recital at Wesley Hall last night.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS. Pocket Knives; Pocket Scissors; Coffee, Tea, Dessert and Table Spoons; Carvers in Cases; Pearl Knives and Forks in half-dozen and one dozen sets.

Just imported from Sheffield, Eng. EVERY PIECE GUARANTEED.

We would like you to come and see them at The PURDOM - GILLESPIE HARDWARE CO.

LADIES. It's the nice things you serve that makes your Afternoon Tea

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Jordan Almonds. For gifting especially, per pound.....50c

Stuffed Figs and Stuffed Dates. The finest Fard Dates and Figs, filled with shelled nuts, per box.....35c

ROYAL FIGS, 1 pound basket.....30c

Imported Turkish Delight. A delicious Confection, 1 pound boxes.....20c

Barley Sugar. Glass jars.....15c

Genuine Swiss Milk Chocolate. 5c and 10c package.

Tryphosa Jellies. Have a delicate, distinct and delicious flavor, not found in any other; 7 fruit flavors, per pkg.....15c

For your Salads use Columbia Salad Dressing. The best flavored dressing made; three sizes, per bottle.....15c, 35c and 60c

FRENCH CHERRIES (pitted) Glass bottles. FRENCH TRUFFLES. Glass and Tins.

Olives. We have the largest assortment in London to choose from.

Fancy Biscuits. Festive Almonds, Champagne Wafers, Nabisco Sugar Wafers (assorted flavors), Five O'Clock Teas, Water Ice Wafers, Assorted Sandwiche, Almond Drops.

Delicious Coffee. We don't need to say much about our Coffee. Its quality is known in every part of the city.

T. A. Rowat & Co. 234 Dundas Street.

SAVING PENNIES. If it's to be cheap laundry work there's no saving.

FOREST CITY LAUNDRY. "The Careful Laundry"—72-74 King St.

LINCOLN WAS HIS SUBJECT. Rev. R. E. Knowles Speaks of the Great President.

Lecture and Concert in the Auditorium Last Night.

The lecture and concert given in the Auditorium last night under the auspices of the King Street Presbyterian Church was attended by an audience that filled the greater part of the ground floor of the building.

The programme included vocal and instrumental selections, as well as a lecture, and the audience went away well pleased.

The vocalists included Mrs. Mackelcan, of Hamilton, and Mr. Ed Webster and Miss Edna Mortimore, both of this city.

Mr. Mackelcan is well-known here, and in her three numbers she more than sustained her previous reputation.

Miss Mortimore was a favorite with the audience, and more than one encore was demanded of her.

The "Daffodils" and "The Angel's Serenade" were her programme numbers. Though not yet 18 years of age, Miss Mortimore possesses a soprano voice of wonderful sweetness and range, and it is expected that in time she will become one of the leading vocalists of the west.

The lecture was by Rev. R. E. Knowles, M. A., of Galt, who, though one of the young school of clergymen, has the distinction of preaching every Sunday to one of the largest congregations in the Dominion of Canada—certainly the largest of the Presbyterian denomination. Mr. Knowles was

Christmas Furnishings. Special offerings of new and beautiful furnishings to beautify the home for the Christmas season.

\$50 Axminsters Rugs for \$36 50. Five only first quality Axminster Rugs, 10x13 feet, suitable designs for drawing-room, library or dining-room, in new and handsome designs and colorings.

\$1 25 Brussels Carpet for \$1 Yard. 450 yards of 5-frame best English Brussels, 3/8 borders to match, good designs and splendid colorings, always sold at \$1 25 per yard, to clear, per yard.....\$1

\$5 English Eiderdowns \$3 90 Each. A wide range of beautiful patterns in Fine English Saten, pink, green, blue and mauve shades, ventilated. Special value \$3 90 each. Others in better quality making handsome gitts at \$6, \$8 and.....\$10

Table Linens at Cost. Our stock of Table Linens to be cleared out and will be offered at cost prices and under.

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Christmas Crackers! Home at Christmas Time is made merrier by a Box of Crackers.

Nothing That Costs so Little. Will carry so much amusement into the family circle.

Children Delight in Them. Adults Enjoy Them. They are a wonderful assistance to the hostess in entertaining.

Our Direct Importations. Enable us to make the prettiest and most artistic display of CHRISTMAS CRACKERS ever made in the city.

Our Store is more inviting in points of variety and novelty than it has ever been at Christmas time, and quality is the keynote of everything as usual. We invite inspection of our stock.

OVER 100 VARIETIES FROM 25c TO \$1.75 PER BOX.

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Christmas Presents. Suit Cases, Valises and Trunks, Handsome and in Variety. Gloves, Mitts, Gauntlets, Canvas Leggings, Coats, Skate Straps, Shawl Straps, Etc.

R. F. LACEY & CO. 395 TALBOT STREET, Phone 511. Opposite Market Square.

Literary Notes. MOTHER'S MAGAZINE. The December Methodist Magazine is an excellent number.

Some large beetles are as good as circular saws. They seize a branch or twig with their deeply toothed jaws, and whirl round and round until the twig is sawn off. They have been known to saw a twig as thick as a walking stick in this manner.