

House and Lobby.

Farmers Discuss the High Tax Policy.

A Member of the Bowell Cabinet to be Opposed by a Conservative.

Extravagant Expenditure of the Public Money Exposed.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—Mr. Smith (Ontario) continued the discussion on the budget yesterday. He contended that the debt of the Dominion had been caused by building railways and canals, and argued that it was folly for Liberals to be so anxious to establish reciprocal trade relations with the United States.

Mr. Dawson (Addington) contended that the Liberals, unlike the Conservatives, had uniformly opposed tariff, justice and class legislation. He contended that the tariff discriminated in favor of certain classes and against others, and denied that Canadians had a "free breakfast table," claiming that the protection on sugar, baking powder, rice, tapioca, etc., placed a tax of three and a half million dollars on the breakfast table. He believed that it was the duty of every man to promote the friendly relations that should exist between Canada and the United States, and a war of tariffs, in which the men in power had indulged in, was the last way of accomplishing this end. Mr. Dawson exposed and in severe measures condemned the corruption of which the Government had been proved guilty. He concluded at 12:10 a.m. and the House adjourned.

It is now understood that the budget debate will close on Friday night.

About a dozen deputations were here yesterday, mostly from Quebec, asking for subsidies of different kinds.

It is understood that Mr. Laurier has made an offer to Mr. Foster to permit three months' supplies to pass the House without opposition in order that the public services of the country may not be at a standstill upon July 1. This means, of course, that the main estimates for the next year will not be passed by this Parliament. Why should they be passed in the present hurry-scurry sixth session, when in all probability the men asking for them will be defeated in the general election now at hand?

The Conservatives of Brockville have asked Mr. W. J. Cluff to contest the riding on the ground that Hon. John F. Wood has ceased to represent the true sentiment of the Conservative party. Mr. Wood is a member of the Ottawa Government. The disruption in the Cabinet extends to the Conservatives. The requisition to Mr. Cluff declares: "In the first place, we think the Hon. John F. Wood has long since ceased to represent the true sentiment of the Conservative party, and his concurrence in such deals as the Carleton Place, Sheik's Island, the Carleton Place, which cost the country \$500,000, and brings but a revenue of \$138, and his 'Ulrich Heep' conduct towards Sir Mackenzie Bowell, are some of the reasons which impel us to condemn him, and ask you to become a candidate in the true Conservative interest."

There is much squabbling over the Manitoba School Bill in high tax circles. No one seems prepared to say what the probable outcome will be, but the confession is general that no workable measure can be passed at Ottawa in the 31 days available between Tuesday next and the drying day of Parliament.

At the Public Accounts Committee it was brought out by Mr. Martin that J. K. Barrett was drawing \$25 per month for an office which was said to be located at 1000 St. Patrick street. This was stopped by Mr. Martin calling attention to it. Since then \$30 a month has been paid for an office for Barrett in the Corn Exchange, and he has never used it, nor has it ever been furnished. Barrett does his work at public buildings, which he has always done.

PATRONS' GRAND ASSOCIATION.

President Mallory Delivers His Annual Address—His Views on the Tariff and the Duty of the People.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—The opening session of the Grand Association of the Patrons of Industry, held in the Temperance Hall last evening, was devoted to the routine work of the organization. Grand President Mallory's address was read, revised and adopted.

This address, which becomes a sort of pronouncement of the whole association, in its opening paragraphs speaks of the rapid growth of the organization since its inauguration six years ago; speaks of the earnest desire of the order to continue a connection with a "splendidly isolated" empire; touches on the world-wide depression of recent times, and proceeds to demand that rigid economy shall be practiced in all branches of the public service, to the end that the increase of the country's debt may be stayed.

The abolition of the Senate is demanded and the further bonusing of railways in a country with 16,000 miles of track already subsidized to the extent of \$204,000,000 is condemned.

It is demanded that municipal officers shall prepare the voters' lists for all purposes, including Provincial and Dominion elections.

The gerrymandering of constituencies is advised against, and it is urged that when readjustments take place the county boundaries shall be observed.

With regard to the tariff question, the address says: "Our tariff planks conform as nearly as our conditions will permit with those of the motherland, whose wealth and glory we desire to emulate. We desire reciprocal trade with all the world, but will consent to no tariff barriers against the motherland as a price for temporary gain. We are convinced that the simplest and most effective means of protecting labor and its results from combinations and monopolies which oppress the people, is to throw down the walls of protection, and invite competition from other lands."

"We are willing that our manufacturers shall have their raw material free, and in return demand that no custom wall shall enhance the price of necessities to the masses of our land. Great Britain gives free entry to all our exports, and in return, as loyal subjects, we desire, as far as our revenues will permit, to receive her ex-

ports duty free, though she may never consent to tax her poor to add value to the products of her children's toil abroad.

Regarding the immediate future of the body, the address says: "And now the supreme effort of Patriotism is upon us. This will be a contest of might with right, a contest for our homes, a contest between paupered corporations and their press, a contest between bigoted partisanship with wealth and prestige and the long-suffering masses without wealth or prestige, goaded to desperation, but confident in the justice of their cause. God is on the side of right. Our cause is just, and with prudence and energy we must prevail."

Ontario Legislature

The Two London Bills Brought Before the House.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—The budget debate drags. Yesterday Dr. Meehan claimed the Government was not at all economical, and that it expended too much money in the management of the Province.

Mr. Stratton replied. Though Quebec has a much smaller population than Ontario, the expenditure for education in Ontario for the year was \$693,000, compared with \$389,000 in Quebec; for hospitals and charities, Ontario \$190,000, and Quebec, \$120,000; for repairs and maintenance of public buildings, and public works, Ontario \$470,000, and Quebec \$491,000. In Ontario the expenditure per head was \$1.79, while in Quebec it was \$1.81, and Ontario had given \$2 for education to every dollar given by Quebec. Besides these expenditures, a good deal had gone toward defending the attacks of the friends of the Opposition on disputed territory.

Mr. Stratton argued that the Government could easily refuse to give liberal grants to the municipalities, but he people were averse to that kind of economy.

Mr. Meehan followed on the same lines as Dr. Meehan, and Mr. Craig defended the Government.

Mr. St. John was speaking for the Opposition when the House rose.

The following bills were introduced:

Mr. German—An act respecting the London Street Railway Company. Bonding privileges for \$750,000 are asked for.

Mr. Hobbs—City of London bill regarding Grand Trunk shops, sewerage, waterworks and Fair buildings.

WOMEN RULE THIS TOWN

It Has a Woman President, Preacher, Doctor, Cobbler, Caterers and Merchants.

Decatur, Mich., Feb. 26.—In this town—the population of which is 1,500—the president of the village council is Mrs. Alma Sage, and all of the town officers, except that of the official dog catcher, are filled by women. Mrs. Dr. Kinney is a leading physician. Mrs. Ada Gregg is a preacher, and her church—the Advent—is taken care of by a janitress—Mrs. Barnett. The restaurant of the town is conducted by Mrs. Crane and Miss Haines. The biggest store in the place is owned and kept by Mrs. Mary Schood. Mrs. Nicholson is the postmistress. Miss Clara Hotelling is a shoemaker and a good one. Mary Percival is a furniture maker. Miss Anna Farnett makes harness. Mrs. Carpenter is a florist. Mrs. Childs is a carriage painter. There are several women painters, weavers and brookers. The women have a secret society run on the endowment plan. There is also a women's literary club. The women control the saloons, and the only things to drink are soda and pop. In a village near by there is a woman undertaker who can attend to all of the details of a funeral, even to driving the hearse.

GOLD IN THE MORMON MECCA.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 26.—Gold has been discovered in City Creek Canon, within the city limits. Assays are reported running as high as \$500 gold and \$40 in silver per ton.

ANTI-TRAMP ASSOCIATION.

Fond Du Lac, Wis., Feb. 26.—Five hundred persons attended the first annual convention held here of the Wisconsin Anti-Tramp Association. Resolutions were adopted condemning county jail sentences of tramps and the fee system, and favoring county workhouses. The organization was made the first of a national association, to be known as the "American Anti-Tramp Association."

THE VULCANIZER BLOW-UP.

Brantford, Feb. 26.—Yesterday afternoon a vulcanizer in the office of Dr. Hart, dentist, Colborne street, exploded with a loud detonation, and the iron core of the machine was hurled into the middle of Market street, and served to attract a crowd of excited spectators. The young man in charge of the office had just left the window, and to this fact he probably owes his life. The reason given for the accident is that the safety valve was clogged and refused to work.

TRAGEDY IN MADISON, WIS.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 26.—A. W. Patterson, a wealthy and highly connected citizen of Madison, Monday night, after the family had retired, shot his wife through the head and then himself. The noise awakened a daughter sleeping in an adjoining room, who rushed into the room and found her father dead on the bed, and her mother lying in a pool of blood on the floor. Mrs. Patterson cannot live. The couple leave five children. No reason for the deed is known.

BOUGHT THEIR OWN GRAIN FROM THIEVES.

Waterford, Feb. 26.—Messrs. Duncombe & Shannon, grain buyers, were victimized last week by a couple of thieves. The firm have elevators and storehouses at different points, where they store grain for shipment, among other places, at Townsend. A couple of cheeky thieves some days ago drove up to this storehouse with a wagon and stole between 60 and 70 bushels of wheat. They went to Hagersville and offered the grain for sale, but not being bid more than 5 cents for it, they refused to sell it at that price, and hauled it to Waterford, where the wheat was sold to Messrs. Duncombe & Shannon, from whom it was stolen, at 80 cents per bushel.

Every sacrifice offered on a Roman altar was perfumed either with flowers or with some odor extracted from them.

Warmth causes feverishness, moaning and restlessness during sleep. Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator is pleasant, sure and effective. If your drugist has none in stock, get him to procure it for you.

A Sticker!

The Street Railway Company Wants to Enter the Waterworks Park.

One Clause Which May Cause the Whole Deal to Fall Through.

The Commissioners Want the Company to Contribute Towards the Expense of Keeping the Grounds Clean—Railway Says "No"—Some Clauses Agreed Upon.

With the exception of one clause, the water commissioners and the street railway company have practically agreed upon the terms whereby the latter can extend their line into the waterworks park at Springbank.

That one clause is a stickler, however, and if the commissioners insist upon its insertion in the agreement the company will throw up the deal. That will mean that citizens who want to take a trolley ride to Springbank will have to walk a long distance after leaving the car, as they did last summer.

The clause in question states that the company shall pay \$250 a year towards defraying the expenses incurred in keeping the park clean.

Manager Carr says he cannot agree to it.

Chairman Judd, of the commissioners, cannot see his way clear to omit the clause, as the company will carry the crowds which will necessitate the grounds being kept in a cleanly state.

So there the matter stands. The commissioners and the railway representatives have been working on the agreement for some weeks, and both sides "gave in" on some of the clauses which were originally desired. It was a case of "saw off," as it became apparent that a settlement could not otherwise be arrived at.

The commissioners held their regular weekly meeting yesterday afternoon, which was attended by Manager Carr. A draft of the agreement, as far as completed, was read, and when Commissioner Judd brought up the \$250 clause a halt was made.

"We cannot agree to it," said Mr. Carr, "as we think it would be very unjust."

"Well," replied Mr. Judd, "I cannot see that the city should keep the grounds clean, when the company carries the crowds which will make them dirty."

As there was no sign of give on either side, Mayor Little quietly suggested that the railway action be postponed. In the meantime Mr. Judd will make a draft of the clause.

Some of the conditions agreed upon are:

The company to lay the tracks where the commissioners shall direct, the westerly terminus to be at the point west of the baseball grounds. The trains to be run to the westerly terminus.

The agreement to extend over 50 years, dating from March 8, 1875. Construction of the extension to begin April 15 and be completed June 15. The tracks and all works necessary to be built and made in a most substantial manner, according to the best modern practice, and under the supervision of the commissioners' engineer.

The waterworks property to be kept in as good a condition as before the work was started.

"It" shall be used.

The city to have the right to take up any portion of the track when necessary for the laying of sewers, drains or water pipes across, along, or under any part of the Springbank line, without being liable for any damage that may be occasioned thereby.

The company to maintain and operate their line without causing injury to the waterworks system, and to become liable for all damages arising from the construction or maintenance of the railway.

The company to adopt the most improved safety standards and incidents and injury in the running of the railway in the waterworks property. No motive power other than electricity to be used except with the commissioners' approval.

A train to leave the city every morning at 6:30 o'clock, arriving at the waterworks not later than 7; a train to leave the waterworks at 6 o'clock in the evening, and at least one other return trip to be made every morning and two every afternoon, between May 15 and Oct. 15.

Electric lights to be erected on the property by the company, where considered necessary by the engineer.

The company, at their own expense, to construct switches with sidings, from the boundary of the G. T. R. property near the Wharfcliffe bridge to some point on their track, and to their line to the coal sheds of the commissioners at Springbank, and to permit locomotives with loaded or unloaded cars attached to pass between the said switches, free of charge, for the purpose of hauling coal to Springbank.

The company to haul broken stone, gravel, garbage, street sweepings, or any other material from any point on their city or Springbank lines to any other point on the same lines for \$1 per car load of ten tons weight.

The city to be permitted to make use of the company's embankment on the low lying lands near the coves for the purpose of preventing the flooding of the said lands and to have the right to strengthen and face the said embankment with timber or any other material, and to place stop logs or gates where the company's line crosses the coves, the corporation to be responsible for any damage caused to said embankment by reason of such use.

The company also to be allowed to have bands, fireworks, etc. At the park, and to run electric launches on the river.

The routine business of the commissioners was light.

Mr. Freeman Perkins, liveryman, appealed against his rates for the last quarter, claiming that they were double those of the same quarter of last year. The increase was caused by a leak. Mr. Perkins was allowed a rebate of \$8.

Engineer Findlay's report for the week ending Feb. 24, showed that a total of 5,529,473 gallons had been pumped. The steam machinery was used eight hours on Feb. 20, and six hours on Feb. 21, the amount of coal consumed on the respective dates being 4,500, 6,300 and 1,500 pounds. The largest amount pumped on any one day was 4,082,536 gallons—Feb. 20.

Town and Country.

News of the Day Gathered by Advertiser Correspondents.

The "Advertiser" was yesterday put in possession of information, from a trustworthy source, which shows that one of its correspondents has proved himself unworthy of confidence or respect. In the attempt to be "smart," or "funny," the young man seems to have mistaken impertinence and misrepresentation for wit and cleverness, and—in a way not to be detected by the general reader—has wounded the feelings of some of the "Advertiser's" friends and supporters.

The "Advertiser" greatly regrets that its columns should have been so misused, and the person referred to will not again have an opportunity to betray the trust of its publishers. The "Advertiser" is glad to believe that among its numerous correspondents there is but one who could so demean himself, but the possible discovery of anything of this kind in the future will meet with prompt and vigorous action.

During the past two weeks over 1,000 bushels of beans have been marketed at Glencoe.

Mr. P. H. Laird, Newbury, one of Newbury's most popular cattlemen and poultry shippers, is seriously ill.

Messrs. John Kennedy, Alfred Bailey and Joseph McDougall have been re-appointed license commissioners for East Middlesex.

A box social was held Tuesday evening at the residence of Mr. Isaac Jackson, con. 13, London township, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of Bryanston Methodist Church. The attendance was very large and the repeat of the social was an excellent programme, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, recitations, readings and addresses, was presented by the chairman, Rev. J. H. Kirkland. The company dispersed at a seasonable hour, well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

Snow-shoveling is the order of the day around here. All the roads running north and south had to be dug out to make them passable.

Mrs. Thos. Atchinson, of Exeter, was the guest of Mrs. Geo. Knight, Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a number from Birr, Denfield and Falkirk were at the Helder rink Saturday night.

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THORNDALE.

Thorndale, Feb. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. Eyron left for Manitoba yesterday.

Mr. Jas. Hunter, evangelist, preached in the Methodist Church on Sabbath.

This morning "Pat Vanderburg," an innocent little pug, ran into the morning train with fatal results. The small fry of the village are in mourning as the deceased was a general favorite.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Moncton, who have been visiting friends here have returned home.

A load of young folks attended the revival meetings, at Wyton Methodist Church, last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Moore have returned from their wedding-tour.

A successful musical and literary concert was held in Methodist Church, Evelyn, last evening.

DELAWARE.

Delaware, Feb. 26.—The tea meeting at the Howlet Church was a grand success, proceeds amounting to \$125.

Mr. Ackland, our Delaware miller is commencing to train his Ontario colts which he purchased from Mr. Sidney Seabrook at a handsome figure last week.

Several sleigh loads left the village this evening for Cook's Church tea meeting, which promises to be a success.

Some of our Delaware heirs of Anneke Jan's great fortune, like Mr. Micawber, are still waiting for something to turn up.

Jas. Turnbull, one of our Delaware boys, has gone to swell the army of milkmen of London. He has located near Byron, from which point he intends pushing the business in this style.

The eldest son of Mr. Ed. Bidkin is rather ill with lung trouble.

FOREST.

"Advertiser" Agents, Weatherdon & Co. Forest, Feb. 24.—Registered at the Franklin House on Monday: W. J. Stirton, London; W. S. Cater, London; A. J. McFavish, Toronto; M. Hoffman, London; A. J. Boxer, Woodstock; W. M. Jackson, Detroit; C. L. Bailey, Toronto; C. Boes, London; J. G. McKie, Sarnia; A. E. Paine, Toronto; T. H. Allen, Hamilton; L. H. Smith, Strathroy.

The thanks of the Forest Bachelors' Club are due to Mr. H. G. Collamore of London, for his useful and ornamental gift of a handsome hand-painted china drinking bowl to the club.

A very interesting curling match was played here on Monday between two rinks from Stratford against two rinks of the Forest Club, resulting in favor of Forest by five shots.

A seven-mile foot race was run by Thomas Rockie and Frank Restric, both of Watford, for \$20 a side. The race ran from Watford to Warwick village. Frank Restric was an easy winner by about 100 yards. Time, 1 hour and 10 minutes, which is good, considering the state of the roads. After they arrived at Warwick village, where they rested and had some refreshments, they went 100 yards for \$5 a side, which was won by F. Roche. Restric lost by

ing satisfied, ran him another 100 yards for the same amount, but was again beaten.

London Township Council.

Odell's Hotel, Westminster, Feb. 24.—The township council met Feb. 24. Present: G. Riddle, reeve; J. Cousins, J. McDougall; D. Nichols and R. M. Piper, councillors. R. M. Piper was the treasurer for 1895. Accounts to the township of Delaware for two and a half days' use of the road grader. The court of revision of the assessment roll for 1896 is to be held on May 26 at W. L. Odell's. John W. Shaver was promised the bounty on a wire fence on the west side of the side road. George Blakie, Neal Munro and S. Carrothers were paid \$10 each for killing dogs that were caught worrying sheep. The auditor, J. W. Crinklaw and D. Lawson, presented their statement, which was examined by the council and adopted, and 200 copies ordered printed. E. S. Hunt presented his statement of uncollected taxes, \$80, returned to the township treasurer for collection. It was voted that E. S. Hunt be continued in office as collector; salary, \$140. The treasurer presented a receipt for \$7,084.32 from the county treasurer for collected taxes, \$150. The amount of \$195.04 for auditor, roads and sundries were passed. Next meeting of council to be on the first Tuesday in April, at W. L. Odell's. Henry Anderson, township clerk.

Steamers Arrived.

Feb. 24. At Vancouver. From Liverpool. Portland. Feb. 25. From New York. From Seattle. H. H. Meyer. Bremen. New York. Braunschweig. Bremen. New York. Pat. Hamburg. New York.

A Grand Record.

It is now nearly four years since Lakehurst Institute, Oakville, opened its doors for the treatment by the Double Chloride of Gold system of inebriety, morphine, tobacco and cocaine addiction. During this time, there have been received for treatment, in addition to the many hundreds of average cases, scores who had been virtually given up by their friends and sent to Oakville with the expectation that they would not live long enough to complete the course of treatment. The results have been a pleasant surprise. Restored in health, no appetite for liquor or drugs; these have left us at the end of four or five weeks feeling as they never expected to feel again. An old patient, three years through, recently remarked that the results of the Oakville Double Chloride of Gold treatment were as great a source of wonder today as the day he left the institute cured. No one is disappointed. Every patient, it is said, continues to be so. Toronto office 28 Bank of Commerce Building.

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Two of London's Brightest Women on Female Suffrage.

A Greater Service to Bear Children Than to Bear Arms.

Says Mrs. Tennant—There Would Have Been No Deadlock If Women Had Been on the Council, Says Mrs. McMechan—Her Laughable Description of the House of Commons in Session.

The true "new womanhood" was depicted, and "woman's rights and wrongs" set forth at a meeting of the W. C. T. U. in Somerset Hall yesterday afternoon before an audience of about 150 women and two men. Mrs. Tennant handled the first topic, and as usual made it very interesting. Mrs. McMechan was equally logical and entertaining in handling the second topic, and both had the same end in view—the furtherance of women's franchise.

Right at the outset Mrs. Tennant waded sharply into those who by joke and caricature have created the hideous new woman of the comic papers. "They were," said she, "written by pens which might have been more profitably engaged than in hurling unjust censures at the mothers and women of today." On the creature called the masculine woman, she would not waste time, and to the true new woman she would reserve the right of being the home-maker of the world.

"That does not mean that she can do nothing else," explained Mrs. Tennant; "but that she can do that as none other can. The world needs her there; her own heart calls her there, and nothing but failure would be written above, beneath and across any attempt to separate the ideal woman and the ideal home."

"Who can make a home but a woman? Man may take up a residence; he may occupy a house; associated men may meet together in clubs, lodges and societies; but without wife, mother, sister or daughter, there is no home. If she be removed from the domestic hearthstone, man would feel the solitude of passing his own door without a welcome."

"The closing days of the nineteenth century call for the exaltation and consecration of our time and best talents to make home the brightest and happiest and best spot upon earth—in short, a perfect haven of rest and arms." (Applause.)

The new woman would believe in health, and would train her boys to believe "that the avoidances of the brain does not measure the capacity of the intellect." (Laughter and applause.) She would want the ballot to protect the boys and men from the evils of the saloon, the gambling dens, would educate the girls, and men would recognize that she could discuss other questions beside the baby, the weather, or, perhaps, the latest thing in gloves.

Mrs. Tennant struck a sledge-hammer blow at the argument that as every ballot was a bullet, woman should not vote because she cannot carry arms.

"Is not she just as honorable, valiant and blest in the world," said she, "who goes down in the very valley of shadows to give sons and daughters to the nations of the earth, as he who at the sound of the bugle's call goes forth to meet the occasional foe? Yea, verily, we think her name shall stand at the top of the honor roll for it is a greater service to bear soldiers than to bear arms." (Applause.)

"Woman's Rights and Wrongs" was Mrs. McMechan's subject, but she asked permission to change it to "Equal Rights."

"You know," explained Mrs. McMechan, "if you ask one of your brethren, 'Are you in favor of woman's rights?' ten to one he will answer 'No' at once. But if you ask him 'Do you believe in equal rights for women?' he will probably ponder and then say 'Yes, why not?'"

"Why is woman's rights needed?" asked Mrs. McMechan. It is needed as a moral force, as a civic power, and as a national blessing. (Applause.)

"Continuing, the speaker referred to the gains made by the movement in the last 20 years, and to the fact that school debating societies were discussing the question."

"We are very grateful that our boys give their mothers permission to vote," laughingly added Mrs. McMechan, "it will not be so very difficult for their wives to obtain the suffrage." (Laughter and applause.)

As a moral force the enfranchisement of woman would remedy the social vice, and it would be equally efficacious as a civic purifier.

"Do you think if there had been women in our Civic Council during the last three or four weeks that the deadlock would have continued?" was Mrs. McMechan's next pertinent remark.

"We are awake now, we women," she continued, "there is a way to help the average woman. We have got the leaders; the average woman is really the rank and file. It doesn't do to have all generals in an army."

Mrs. McMechan's depiction of the Ottawa Parliament in session was laughable in the extreme.

"It was not a moral subject like the Dickey bill (as they are pleased

to call it), that they were discussing when I was a spectator," explained Mrs. McMechan, "but a discussion of mills and streams privileges in the tariff bill. Although the House was fairly well filled, and there were not many vacant seats, there were only about ten members on each side of the House who were listening to what was going on. Three-fourths of the members were either asleep or pretending to be. I did not hear their snoring, but they had their hats pulled down over their eyes, and many were even stretched out on the chairs."

"Imagine a woman going to sleep with a debate in progress!" concluded Mrs. McMechan, and all the ladies present laughed at the very idea.

Later Mrs. McMechan dealt with the argument that the clergy would largely control the ladies' vote.

"Well," said she, "I don't see that it is any worse to control the woman's vote than to control the man's vote. Is it?" (Applause.)

Miss Cosford moved a vote of thanks to the speakers and Mrs. Thornley, who occupied the chair, conveyed the same.

A Lot of London

May Now be Seen from a Street Car.

On One Trip—The Belt Line Service Inaugurated—The Running Time and the Night Lights.

London's electric railway belt line service has been inaugurated, the new bridge at Ridout street supplying the missing link. It is a great trip through some of the prettiest sections of the city. It is four miles and a half in length and all it costs, ladies and gentlemen, is the small sum of five cents.

You may take a car at the corner of Dundas and Richmond street, drop your nickel or ticket in the slot, and whiz through the following thoroughfares.

Richmond street, Dundas to York. York street to Thames. Thames street to Horton. Horton street to Ridout. Ridout street, over Victoria bridge, to Elmwood avenue.

Elmwood avenue to the Wortley road. Wortley road to Askin street. Askin street to Wharncliffe road. The Wharncliffe road to Stanley street. Stanley street, over Westminster bridge, to Ridout street.

Ridout street to Dundas. Dundas street to Adelaide. Adelaide street to Central avenue. Central avenue to Richmond. And Richmond street back to the corner of Dundas.

This trip is bound to become popular, especially in warm weather. It will be a pleasant, cool way for women and children to spend the afternoons, and excursion cars will probably be attached to the regulars for their accommodation. One may see a good deal of London from a street car nowadays.

The present time-table of the various branches of the street railway service is as follows:

Belt line (including South London), every seven minutes. Oxford and Richmond street, every ten minutes. This will be made a seven-minute service as soon as the Grand Trunk tracks can be crossed.

Hamilton road and Horton street, every ten minutes. This line will also have a seven-minute service when the crossing privileges are obtained and will connect with Oxford street.

Dundas and Mount Hope, every ten minutes; will be seven minutes in the summer.

In addition the market cars run on Dundas street, connecting with the Grand Trunk station. By filling in they give Dundas street a five-minute service.

A great many have not yet learned the night lights. They are: South London and the belt line, red light; Dundas and Mount Hope, white; Oxford and Richmond streets, green; market cars light blue.

THE LITHOGRAPHERS' STRIKE

Statement That the Calvert Men Will Not Go Out.

Detroit, Feb. 26.—A dispatch from New York says the members of the International Lithograph Artists' and Engravers' Protective and Insurance Association, who are on strike, have issued a board to strike in twelve cities, including Detroit.

"We received circular letters from the International Association some time ago," said Mr. Calvert, announcing that it would be necessary for us to concede our men 44 instead of 48 hours per week. The same notice was sent to our men, but I understand that our employees, who are members of the association, telegraphed that they were satisfied and asked that they be not interfered with. We have never had trouble with our men, and will not now, if we can avoid it."

The lithographers held a conference with the firm this (Monday) morning, and the result is that there will be no trouble at the Calvert establishment.

New York, Feb. 25.—The 500 or more members of the International Lithographers' and Engravers' Association who went on strike yesterday morning are meeting in Holt's Hall. Letters have been received from all branches of the union throughout the country promising financial and moral support.

The engravers, who went out on strike yesterday morning, were told to go back to work, but not to touch any color work, and were informed that in case their going out lost them their jobs they would be taken care of by the association. Vice-President Bernstein announced that a conference would be held with the employers by the executive board, and that indications were that the strike would be speedily adjusted.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 26.—The Brotherhood of Decorators and Painters, embracing a membership of between 1,200 and 1,500 members, decided Monday to strike on March 1, unless the masters accepted their scale, \$3 a day of nine hours, eight hours on Saturdays, 50 cents an hour for overtime, \$1 for Sundays and legal holidays; masters to pay car fare to and from all points, and but one apprentice to every workman.

THREE CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH. Baltimore, Feb. 26.—Three children are dead and one lying at Johns Hopkins hospital in a precarious condition as the result of the fire caused by the lighting of coal oil in the house of Frederick Rose. The dead are: Theresa Rose, aged 8; Hannah Rose, aged 6; Mary Rose, an infant 16 months.

Willie Rose, 11 years old, is severely burned about the head, neck, hands and limbs. He may recover.

How to Cook.

Interesting Addresses in East Middlesex by Miss Livingstone.

Superintendent of the School of Cookery—Recipes for Many Tasty Dishes—Boston Baked Beans.

The East Middlesex Farmers' Institute meetings in St. Johns, Bryanston and Harriestville the past few days have been rendered very attractive and profitable by Miss B. Livingstone, superintendent of the School of Cookery, Ottawa.

In introducing her subject, Miss Livingstone drew attention to the increased interest taken in the economical feeding of people in the different countries, explaining the different foods of nations and how each country produced that which was best required to sustain its people. Several breakfast dishes were cooked and distributed among the audience. On a chart she showed the proper way to cut up a beef, giving the general price paid for each part, with the best methods for cooking these so as to make them the most palatable and to give the least waste. The lowest-priced cuts are as nutritious as the high-priced, and by proper cooking they will be relished.

The best cuts should be roasted or broiled; the thinner, tenderer cuts should be steamed or boiled; the tougher pieces, such as the neck, shins and briskets, should be made into soups, broths or beef tea, and the flanks into corned beef. Now, in cooking meats we should remember that the juices are extracted by inserting in cold water, and that quick heat is not, either as hot water or dry heat, forms a coating and retains the juices, and that all meats except broiling should be cooked slowly and kept covered. To roast, sear on a rack in the oven, then broil three-quarters of a minute, then season and cook in the oven fifteen or twenty minutes for each inch in thickness. Gravy should be made out of a fork in turning in the meat. Do not insert quick heat in any meat, but allow the juices to escape. When properly cooked the lean will be a pink, not rare. If the lean is dried, it does not become available to the system. To boil, the object is to retain the juices, so insert at first in boiling water. Boil for a minute or two and set on back of the stove. To broil, have the pan red hot. Lay the slice on for three-quarters of a minute; turn the other side for the same time, moderate the heat, and cook until done. To stew, the object is to extract part of the substance; so cut the meat into about 1-2 inches square. After frying a short time to brown, put in cold water, into boiling water and cook slowly, flavoring with pepper, etc.

To make soup, two pounds bones equals one pound of meat. Cut the meat in half, put in cold water, in cold water for one hour to soak, in proportion of about one pound meat to one quart of water and one teaspoonful of salt; then boil slowly for four or five hours. The last hour add sliced vegetables to flavor; strain, and then set to cool over night. Remove the grease. A quantity of this may be made up at once, and in the quart of this may be used for a quart of the soup. With the addition of different strained vegetables a large variety of soups may be obtained. In all potting, meat keep well covered to retain steam.

Milk and eggs are considered model foods for growth. They contain in themselves all the nutrients for a growing body. Milk contains about 87 per cent of water and 13 per cent of mineral matter. It is a perfect food which forms bone, casein to form lean flesh, and fat and sugar to form fat, heat and motion; but no starch, and no digestion in the mouth, starch food should not be largely fed to infants, until they receive their teeth. Milk is made purer and better by being sterilized, especially for infants. To do this, boil for ten minutes, or to 180 degrees. Unless the water is kept at 180 degrees, milk is almost sure to spoil, making it more indigestible; or burn and stick to the sides of the dish, destroying the milk. For milk, as bread, it is better to be served with starch food, and being an albuminous food, it is better eaten with starch food, as rice, bread, etc., but not after a meal of meat, beans, etc. Beans require a lot of cooking to make the albumen available to the system. In boiling tough vegetables a little baking soda is added to soften; if used in vegetables salt on being added to the water has a tendency to toughen.

Nourishing summer drinks may be made from roasting wheat, corn or oatmeal, and water, and the center and making a coffee from them, or a gruel made thin and strained is much better than the common oatmeal and water. The purest drinking water may be obtained from rain or from the first part of a shower is kept in the cistern and the cistern kept very clean. A good filter is iron filings, charcoal and sand, to be renewed frequently.

Milk soup for supper—Use one pint of milk, two tablespoonsful of butter, one tablespoonful of flour (butter and flour melted together); melt milk over water; add one cup strained juice of egg, add a little salt, a little onion or celery, and pepper, etc. A different flavoring may be given to this by adding the strained juice of any vegetables chosen; a cup of mashed potato may be added.

Cheese custard—Take the quarter cup milk, one cup grated or chopped cheese and one teaspoonful butter (dissolved over hot water). Melt the cheese over water and add one beaten egg. Add cayenne, pepper, mustard and salt to taste, and serve with crackers or French toast (bread soaked in milk or butter and toasted). In the cooking of cereals the larger the meal the better flavor it is considered to have, but in cooking, it will require to be slowly cooked for four or five hours on the previous day and warmed up with hot water for breakfast. Forty-five minutes is considered sufficient for the rolled grains. The early vegetables are very healthful.

To make the noted Boston baked beans—Soak one quart beans over night; in the morning par-boil in different water, in which a little baking soda is added; boil till tender enough to pierce with a pin; do not have the skins broken; drain and pour cold water through them; put the beans in the bean pot (an earthen vessel, small enough to hold one quart of beans); one-quarter cup molasses (black strap), one teaspoonful mustard and one teaspoonful salt in one cup boiling water; pour over beans. Then fill the bean pot with hot water. Bake one-quarter pound fat salt pork (score the rind), put down into the beans and cook the beans slowly in oven from seven to eight hours, adding water as re-

quired. The last hour bring the pork to the surface and brown. Leave the cover off the last hour.

Recipe for curing pork or beef—One gallon water; one and a half pounds salt; one-half pound brown sugar; half ounce potash or baking soda; boil this and skim. Do not salt for two days after killing. Sprinkle meat lightly with saltwater to clean before salting. When the brine is cool cover the meat with the brine and leave in brine, according to the size of the pieces, from three to six weeks. To smoke, wash with hot water, scrape, and smoke for two to three days.

Near and Far.

Western Ontario Items From All Quarters.

Five Years for Stealing Five Bags of Wheat—Forest Farmers Short of Cattle Feed—Demand for Good Houses in Waterloo.

Ald. Kilroy, of Windsor, has been unsuccessful in his attempt to secure a school purpose of \$23,000 to \$24,000 for school purposes this year.

Mrs. Shipley, while on her way to church at Brantford, on Sunday, fell and broke her arm.

The Brantford City Council and Board of Trade are making another effort to get a free postal delivery in the city.

Wm. Clerk was sentenced at Chatham to five years in the penitentiary for stealing five bags of wheat from J. W. Elliott, of Chatham township.

Blenheim engages its health officer and town physician by the year at \$30, including all medicines. One medical man offered to take the job for nothing.

A Mount Forest banker estimates that it will cost the farmers of Bruce, Huron and Grey a quarter of a million dollars to buy feed for their cattle this winter.

It has been decided to give the Walkerville people the privilege of using the Windsor library in return for an annual payment of \$175, which is one-tenth of what Windsor pays.

In Brantford City Council on Monday a petition was presented increasing the number of licenses from 16 to 18. It was signed by 288 names, but the petition was filed, and not the slightest reference was made to it at the council.

Letters patent have been issued by the Ontario Government incorporating the Sydenham Glass Company of Waterloo, limited, and the Hub, Spoke and Bent Goods Company, of Sarnia.

Henry Neard, who went to Windsor as a runaway slave over 40 years ago, died on Monday after a lingering illness. His father was a white man, an English minister, but Neard was born in slavery.

Sunday evening, in Listowel, on the anniversary of the occasion in the Congregational Church, the Presbyterians gave up their own service and joined with their brethren of the Congregational Church.

Guelph Herald: It is now beyond doubt that a new wing to Galt hospital will be erected during the coming season. About \$4,000 of funds for the purpose are already in sight. It is expected that the cost of the wing will be about \$5,000.

One of the best known residents of Arran passed away last week in the hospital of Mr. Robert Esplen, of that township. Mr. Esplen was one of the nine brothers who went to Arran from Peterboro about 45 years ago.

Wallaceburg News: There is not one vacant house in Wallaceburg that is in a fit condition to live in, and the demand for good houses is far beyond the supply. Fully twenty houses could be rented at once if they could be had.

Rev. Mr. Holmes, of Florence, was taken suddenly ill at Thamesville on Sunday after the morning service in the Methodist Church. Mr. Ward, of the Methodist Church, took his place in the evening, and preached very acceptably.

Many residents of Bruce sincerely regret the death of Mr. Angus Stewart, of Lucknow, who passed away last week. Deceased was license inspector for the south riding and a most efficient official. He was also pipe for the Lucknow Sons of Scotland. Mr. Stewart had a pimple or abrasion on his arm from which blood poisoning set in, and extending to the body, death followed.

SWIMMING IN ICY WATER. Boston, Mass., Feb. 26.—To win a bet of \$50 William Sickles swam across Setauket lake on Sunday night. The lake is a quarter of a mile wide, and the mercury was 14 degrees below freezing point. To reach open water Sickles had to walk out over the ice that had formed along the edge of the lake. It took him about five minutes to get across the lake and he has shown no ill effects of his exposure since. He says that he would repeat the performance any time for the same amount of money.

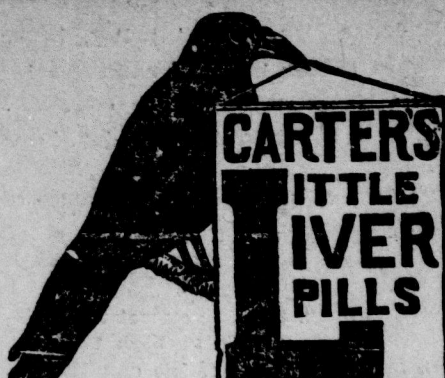
THE CAUSE OF FEVERS. Few people fully appreciate the effects of malaria on the human system. Residents of low-lying districts are daily storing away in their bodies the inhaled germs of disease which permeate the air, and even where the location is elevated, too often, malaria is imported and emanations from decaying vegetable matter render the air poisonous. The result is a train of bilious disorders, agues, intermittent and bilious fevers. A good plan is to take a few doses of mild but thorough and searching cathartic whenever an attack is threatened. For this purpose Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are unequalled. They depurate the liver, cure constipation, improve digestion, and often ward off dangerous fevers. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

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Important to Teachers, Scholars and Parents.

Though at the outset it was stated that this year's session of the Ontario Legislature was likely to be unimportant, it is early made evident that several measures of great interest to the people are to be discussed and disposed of. There are the bills to improve the county, city and other councils, and to simplify and cheapen municipal government, and the Minister of Education has also placed before the Legislature bills affecting the high and public schools which will have a far-reaching and beneficial effect. Owing to the large number of persons who come up to the annual departmental examinations Hon. Mr. Ross proposes to establish an educational council, to whom the duty of preparing examination papers, reading the answers of candidates and reporting the results would be assigned. This council will be composed of twelve persons, four appointed by the Education Department, four by the Senate of the University, and four by the executive of the Educational Association of the Province, and to this council will be assigned, under suitable regulations, the duties heretofore discharged directly through the Minister of Education, with power to report results, consider appeals and judge the standing of all candidates for certificates. That this action was necessary is proved by the fact that last year 8,883 persons were examined at the departmental examinations in July, besides 17,023 candidates at the entrance examination, about 5,000 for the public school leaving examination and nearly 3,000 more at the different professional examinations at the School of Pedagogy, the Normal Schools and the County Model Schools. For these different examinations 729,500 examination papers were printed and dispatched to the different centers at which examinations were held, entailing an enormous amount of work and responsibility on the officers of the department.

In future boards of public and high school trustees may be united for the joint administration of the educational affairs of the city, town, or incorporated village, if the municipalities deem it wise to establish a union. There is also a change with regard to the maintenance of public schools in counties which, it is expected, will tend to secure more general efficiency in education. Public schools are now maintained by a Government grant, a county grant, an assessment over the whole township of \$100 for each school in the township, and an assessment upon the section concerned for such additional sums as may be necessary for school purposes. It is with regard to the county grant that a change is proposed. Each township is taxed by the county for the grant which it receives through the county treasurer, so that what was intended as a county grant is a township grant. To remedy this condition of affairs and to provide more generously for weak schools, it is proposed in the new bill to collect by a uniform rate over the whole county the sum of \$50 for each rural school in the county.

It is proposed to slightly increase the summer holidays by providing that in all rural schools the autumn session shall begin on the first Monday in September instead of on the last Monday in August. The intention is to enact that the rural schools shall also have a week's holiday at Easter. In both instances the new regulations bring the number of county school holidays up to that enjoyed by city pupils, thus securing uniformity in town and country. The changes will no doubt meet with the approbation of teachers and pupils, but parents do not always look at these matters in the same light as do the educationists and the rising generation. If pupils can be induced to make good use of their school time their course of study is now so engrossing that an occasional holiday spell is calculated to do them good. If anything, too much is attempted to be taught at one time to the average pupil, and he is required to undertake too exacting home work. We cannot afford to be come a nation of smatterers. The "thorough" man or woman will alone wear well in the race of life.

In 1877 wheat sold in Canada for \$1 40 a bushel. And the high tax campaigners told us in the campaign that year that the "N. P." would secure a higher price for it. What an imposition!

Britain and Germany.

Under a "protective" policy, borne because of the huge expenditures for war, German workmen are compelled to live on a few kreutzers a day. They are not as well paid as are British workmen, who enjoy the blessings of trade freedom, and they have to work much longer hours than British work people.

What idiosyncrasy, then, to expect the British worker to resort to high taxation as a means to improve his condition? We in Canada know that the worker can never be permanently benefited by an increase of the national burdens, undertaken at the behests of monopolists and avaricious men.

By the Way.

Lieut.-Col. Aymer, formerly of this city, holds in the Week that rifle practice is of far more importance than drill, as now conducted at the annual gatherings. Col. Aymer is an experienced officer, and his views should be laid to heart by the authorities.

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The "executive clemency" has been extended to a Quebec murderer named Morin, who was convicted in 1890 and sentenced to be hanged, but whose sentence was commuted to imprisonment for life. He has now been released. Morin is a Frenchman, and it is possible that the Governor-General ordered his release in order to placate French feeling over the escape of Shortis from the gallows.—Hamilton Spectator.

The Governor-General is not responsible for the release of murderer Morin, after five years imprisonment. He owes his liberty to a decree of the Government at Ottawa. The insinuation that Lord Aberdeen desires to placate the French feeling over the miscarriage in the case of Shortis is therefore not warranted. Nevertheless, the fact remains that Shortis had his life saved because the men in power at Ottawa refused to do their duty, and told the Governor-General that they were unable to reach any decision with regard to the disposal of the murderer. In this matter, as in many others, the high tax leader bungled most decidedly.

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The general elections are at hand. Opponents of the high tax Cabinet should be getting together and organizing everywhere. The country needs a change.

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The city of Boston spends \$200,000 a year on free public libraries. It was the first city to establish a tax-supported library—in 1849.

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On \$7,997 worth of skates imported last year the people of Canada paid \$4,230 in taxes.

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For laughing at a Transvaal policeman, John Hays Hammond, the American mining engineer, now in trouble at Johannesburg, was fined \$7 shillings. It is no small matter to be gay at the expense of the majesty of the Boer law.

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If the promises of high tax politicians meant anything, how rich we would all be in a marvelously short time.

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President Cleveland's enthusiastic approval of international arbitration will do much to soften the asperity of his supercilious, though undoubtedly sincere message on the Venezuelan question. At heart Mr. Cleveland is a warm admirer of Great Britain and would be happy to see the present difference amicably settled.

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Italy is bankrupting herself and sacrificing the flower of her army, trying to subdue Abyssinia; Spain is waging a hopeless war in Cuba; France has a hard time conquering the Madagascans and Germany is looking round for vacant territory. In view of this it must have been aggravating to them to see the slick manner in which Britain gathered in Ashanti, without even firing a shot.

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Mr. Laurier's nomination for the Commons in far off Saskatchewan shows the leader's popularity is as wide as his platform.

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Preparations are already being made in Toronto for the visit there in 1897 of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. A meeting of those having in hand the arrangement for organization has been held, Prof. A. B. Macallum, Ph.D., of Toronto University, presiding, and committees were appointed to provide for all the details of the congress. The co-operation of all scientific, literary and commercial bodies in Canada will be sought. The Dominion and Ontario Governments and the city of Toronto will contribute liberally to the fund for expenses. Arrangements will be made for the delegates to visit various parts of Canada, and a committee will prepare guide books, etc. The executive committee having the Canadian arrangements in charge consist of: Prof. A. B. Macallum (chairman), A. Macdougall (secretary), James Bain, jun. (treasurer), Hon. Edward Blake, M.P., Hon. G. W. Ross, President Louder, B. E. Walker, Barlow Cumberland, Arthur Harvey, F.R.S.C., Prof. Ramsay Wright, Chancellor Wallace, Hon. G. W. Allan, Provost Welch, Chancellor Burwash, John Hoskin, LL.D., Hon. Richard Harcourt, O. A. Howland, M.P.P., Mayor Fleming, H. P. Dwight, A. H. U. Colquhoun, B.A., Prof. James Maynor, Thos. McGaw, T. Hodgins, M.A., J. A. Patterson, M.A., G. E. Lumsden, Dr. Daniel Clark, Prof. Ellis, Prof. Coleman, J. C. Hamilton, B.A. Representative men from other parts of Canada will be added to the committee.

FUNNY THINGS YOU SEE.

The nervous young girl, who firmly believes that the comet which is coming this way will strike the earth on March 14, wondering what kind of a hat she will get for Easter.

The look on the coal man's face when the friend you are walking with bolts around the corner to escape meeting him.

The woman who frantically wishes she was dead dodging trolley cars at the corner of Richmond and Dundas streets.

The young man who swore he would drown himself when "she" refused him, borrowing her brother's umbrella ten minutes afterwards to keep off the rain.

The peculiar look on the real good man's face as he is surprised by a snow slide from the City Hall roof.

WORLD INDEBTED TO JAPAN.

(Inquirer, Philadelphia.)

Modern warfare between the most civilized nations has never brought about such remarkable and beneficial results as has the campaign between China and Japan. Too often wars are simply wars inspired by selfish greed and the love of conquest, and the one thought is to inflict every possible burden and humiliation upon the defeated combatant. But Japan has been generous. She has not sought in her hour of triumph to form an aggressive alliance with some other powerful nation, but has gone on as before, looking to the development of her commerce and industries, and striving to take a part in the peaceful rivalries of civilization. China, too, has been taught a lesson, and is throwing down her barriers, and turning her face to the light of progress. History will yet have to record that the world owes a debt to Japan.

With the March issue, the Atlantic Monthly begins two important series of papers. The Irish in American Life, by H. C. Merwin, is the first of the articles on "Race Characteristics in American Life." Under the general heading "The Case of the Public School," the Atlantic will discuss the payment and standing of teachers throughout the country. "The Presidency and Secretary Morton" is the second paper in the series of political studies. "A Seminary of Sedition" is another of John Fiske's historical studies in Virginia. J. M. Ludlow, in an article entitled "Two New Social Departures," gives an interesting account of two meetings recently held in London to discuss the relation of employer and employee, and the question of international co-operation. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston.

The complete novel in the March issue of Lippincott's is "A Whim and a Chance," by Wm. T. Nicholls, already favorably known to the readers of this magazine. Clare E. Robie sketches sharply and not admiringly the portrait of "A Labor Leader." Other short stories, both agreeably light, are "Miss Pettigrew's Silver Tea-Set," by Judith Spencer, and "Henry," by Mary Stewart Cutting. Oliver McKee considers a topic now attracting general interest, the relief merits and disadvantages of "The Horse or the Motor." Emily Bally Stone presents a picture of "Household Life in Another Century"—not the twentieth, but the fifteenth. Jean Wright offers "A Little Essay on Love," which she handles in no sentimental vein; Agnes Carr Sage traces "The Evolution of the Wedding-Cake," and Frances Courtenay Baylor has something to say "About Widows."

FATAL FIGHT OVER A COLLAR BUTTON.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 26.—At Chilesburg, this county, on Sunday, Henry Benton was shot and killed by Bob Toomey, both colored. The row grew out of the loss of a collar button, two years ago. Toomey surrendered himself to the authorities.

A TARIFF BILL KILLED.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Mr. Morrill, chairman of the finance committee, moved in the Senate yesterday that the Tariff Bill be taken up, urging that the needs of the treasury and of business demanded such action. The bill was dead, and he added it was now shown there was not a Republican majority in the Senate.

TORONTO FAILURES.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 26.—The Toronto Shoe Company, corner King and Jarvis streets, has assigned to Mr. E. R. C. Clarkson. The liabilities will not greatly exceed the assets, which are \$10,000.

The liabilities of Thomas E. Cleghorn, the insolvent fish and fruit firm, are \$14,900, nearly half of this amount being located here. The assets are \$8,500.

BLAZE IN WINDSOR.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 26.—J. W. Drake's furniture factory was totally destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. It cost \$3,000, and was used of late as a machine shop, and the machinery had been removed. The furniture was insured. The blaze spread to John Gault's barn, totally destroying it, and James Juncen's was damaged \$500 worth. The fire department saved W. J. McKee's lumber yard and several cottages.

LIZZIE, THE BIGAMIST.

Windsor, Feb. 26.—Mrs. Elgin Williams, formerly Lizzie Shaw, the young woman who came to Windsor to hunt up her husbands, for she has two, was sentenced to four months in the Mercer Reformatory by the magistrate, whom she vainly implored to let her go back to her first husband, Williams, in Hamilton. During the trial it came out that Lizzie's mother is living in Detroit, but would have nothing to do with her. No word has been secured from West, who eloped from Hamilton with her.

THE BOUNDARY TROUBLE.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—The Venezuelan Commission has received an intimation from the Royal Geographical Society of England, through Clements R. Markham, its president, that all the maps and records of that society will gladly be placed at the disposition of the commission. A courteous reply has been sent, declining the offer, in view of the willingness already officially expressed by both the British and Venezuelan Governments to furnish all necessary information. Mr. Malet-Provost, secretary of the commission, thinks the members are determined to make the result of their labors a decision which would withstand the most violent partisan assault, voting exactly as the Supreme Court would over any contest before it, and that no matter what subsequent or concurrent negotiations take place the line they draw will be adopted as the permanent boundary between the two countries and be supported by both.

She—Why do you not enjoy a few minutes' happiness and satisfaction by having your work done at the Palace Barber Shop, 60 1-2 Dundas street west?

ALASKAN SEALS.

Congress Passes the Bill for Their Extinction.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The House has passed the Dingley bill to exterminate the Alaskan fur seal herds in case a modus vivendi cannot be concluded for the protection of the seals pending the adoption of proper and effective regulations by the countries interested.

The bill authorizes the President to conclude negotiations with Russia, England and Japan, or either of them, for a commission to inquire into the habits of the Alaskan fur seals and the best method of preserving the seal herds, pending which he is authorized to conclude a modus vivendi to terminate Jan. 1, 1898, for the protection of the seals. In case such modus vivendi cannot be concluded before the opening of the present season, the secretary of the treasury is authorized to take and kill all seals while on their feeding grounds on the Pribylov islands.

Mr. Dingley explained that the necessity for immediate action arose from the fact that the Canadian pelagic sealers, whose ravages the bill sought to prevent, were already fitting out their vessels and would begin to sail in the course of a week. The bill was passed without debate.



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LOVE AND LURE

She sat a little, and then she hurried away to finish the work on which she had been engaged; but when Mrs. Cliff came to look for her, she did not find her packing provisions for the captain's cruise, but sitting alone in one of the inner caves.

"What's crying?" exclaimed Mrs. Cliff. "Now, let me tell you, my dear child, I do not feel in the least like crying. The captain has told me that everything is all right between you, and the more I think of it, the more firmly I believe that it is the grandest thing that could have happened. For some reason or other, and I am sure I cannot tell you why, I do not believe at all that the captain is going to be shipwrecked in that little boat. Before this I felt sure that we should never see him again, but now I haven't a doubt that he will get somewhere all right, and that he will come back all right, and if he does it will be a grand match. Why, Edna, child, if Capt. Horn never gets away with a stick of that gold, it will be a most excellent match. Now, I believe in my heart," she continued, sitting down by Edna, "that when you accepted Capt. Horn you expected him to come back. Now, isn't that true?"

At that instant Miss Markham gave a little start. "Mrs. Cliff," she exclaimed, "there is Ralph calling me. Won't you go and tell him to come in here."

When Ralph Markham heard what had happened while he was down at the beach, he grew so furiously angry that he could not find words in which to express himself.

"That Capt. Horn," he cried, when speech came to him, "is the most despicable tyrant on the face of the earth. He tells people what they are to do, and they simply go and do it. The next thing he will do is to tell you to adopt me as a son. Marry Edna! My aster! And I not know it! I she, just because he asks her, must go and marry him. Well, that is just like a woman."

With savage strides he was about marching back to the beach, when Mrs. Cliff stopped him.

"Now, don't make everybody unhappy, Ralph," she said, "but just listen to me. I want to tell you all about this matter."

It took about a quarter of an hour to make clear the ruffled mind of Ralph, the powerful, and in Mrs. Cliff's eyes, the imperative, reasons for the sudden and unpremeditated matrimonial arrangements of the man who grew quieter, and there appeared upon his face some expressions of astute sagacity.

"Well," said he, "when you first put this business up, now you've got heads up, it looks a little different. He will be drowned as like as not, and then we can call our souls our own, and we ought not to grumble. All right; I won't forbid the banns, but between you and me I think the whole thing is stuff and nonsense. What ought I to call him? Brother Horn?"

"Now don't say anything like that, Ralph," urged Mrs. Cliff, "and don't make yourself disagreeable in any way. This is a very serious time for all of us, and I am sure that you will not do anything which will hurt your sister's feelings."

"Oh, don't be afraid," said Ralph; "I'm not going to hurt anybody's feelings. But when I first met that man knowing what I think of him."

Five minutes later Ralph heard the voice of Capt. Horn calling him. The voice came from the opening in the cave, and instantly Ralph turned and walked toward the beach. Again came the voice, louder than before: "Ralph, I want you." The boy stopped, put his hands in his pockets, and shrugged his shoulders, then he slowly turned.

"If I were bigger," he said to himself, "I'd thrash him on the spot. Then I'd feel easier in my mind, and things could go on as they pleased. But as I am not six feet high yet, I suppose I must as well go to see what he wants."

"Ralph," said the captain, as soon as the boy reached him, "I see Mrs. Cliff has been speaking to you, and you know the arrangements that have been made. But I have a great deal to do before I can start, and I want you to help me. I am now going to the mound in the cave to get out some of that gold, and I don't want anybody but you to go with me. I have just sent all the negroes down to the beach to carry things to the boat, and we must

be quick about our business. You take this leather bag. It is Mrs. Cliff's, but I think it is strong enough. The lantern is lighted, so come on.

To dive into a treasure mound Ralph would have followed a much more ruthless tyrant than Capt. Horn, and although he made no remarks, he went willingly enough. When they had climbed the mound and the captain had lifted the stone from the opening in the top, Ralph held the lantern, while the captain, reaching down into the interior, set himself to work to fill the bag with the golden ingots. As the bag with the golden ingots, the boy gazed upon the mass of dull gold, his heart swelled within him. His feeling of indignant resentment began to disappear rapidly before the growing consciousness that he was to be the brother-in-law of the owner of all that wealth. As soon as the bag was filled the stone was replaced, and the two descended from the mound, the captain carefully holding the heavy bag under his arm, for he feared the weight might break the handle. Then, reaching the innermost cave before any of the negroes returned, neither Mrs. Cliff nor Edna were there, and the captain placed his burden behind a piece of rock.

"Captain," said the boy, his eyes glistening, "there must be a fortune in that bag."

The captain laughed. "Oh, no," said he, "not a very large one. I have a good deal of experience with gold in California, and I suppose each one of those little bars is worth from \$250 to \$300. What we have represents a good deal of money. But now, Ralph, I have something very important to say to you. I am going to appoint you sole guardian and keeper of that treasure. You are very young to have such a responsibility; but upon you, but I know you will feel the importance of your duty, and that you will not be forgetful or negligent about it. The main thing is to keep those two negroes, and anybody who may happen to come here, away from that mound. Do what you can to prevent anyone exploring the cave, and don't let the negroes go over the rocks to the stream."

"If I should not come back, or a ship should come along and take you off before I return, you must be as watchful as cats about that gold. Don't let anybody see a piece of it. You three must carry away with you as much as you can, but don't let anyone know you are taking it. Of course I expect to come back and attend to the whole business, but if I should not be heard from for a long time—and if that is the case, you may be sure I am lost—and you should get away. I will trust to your sister and you to up an expedition to come back for it."

Ralph drew himself up as high as circumstances would permit. "Captain," said he, "you may count on me. I'll keep an eye on those black fellows, and on anybody else who may come here."

"Very good," said the captain, "and I am sure you will never forget that you are the guardian of all our fortunes."

CHAPTER XVII.

After the noonday meal on the day of Capt. Horn's departure, Mrs. Cliff went apart with Maka and Cheditafa, and there endeavored to find out, as best she might, the ideas and methods of the latter in regard to the matrimonial service. In spite of the limited efforts of the two, with their limited command of English, to make her understand how these things were done in the forests and wilds of the Dark Continent, she could not decide whether the forms of the Episcopal Church, those of the Baptists or those of the Quakers, could be easily assimilated with the previous notions of Cheditafa on the subject. But having been married herself, she thought she knew very well what was needed, and so without endeavoring to persuade the negro priest that his opinions respecting the marriage rite were all wrong, or to make him understand what sort of a wedding she would have had if they had had to impress upon his mind the forms and phrases used at a very simple ceremony, which she believed would embody all that was necessary.

Cheditafa was a man of considerable intelligence, and the feeling that he was about to perform such an important ceremony for the benefit of such a great man as Capt. Horn, filled his soul with pride and a strong desire to accomplish his task. In this honorable function, and he was able to perform very long to satisfy Mrs. Cliff that, with Maka's assistance as prompting clerk, he might be trusted to see through the ceremony without serious mistake.

She was strongly of the opinion that if she conducted the marriage ceremony it would be far better in every way than such a performance by a black official, but as she knew that her offices would not count for anything in a civilized world, whereas the heathen ministry might be considered satisfactory, she accepted the situation and kept her opinions to herself.

(To be Continued.)

Hints to Housekeepers.

DAILY BILL OF FARE.

BREAKFAST — Bananas and Cream. Buttered Toast. Broiled Lamb Chops. Browned Potatoes. Grape Jelly. Graham Crackers. Coffee.

DINNER — Beefsteak Pie. Mashed Potatoes. Canned Sweet Pickles. Celery. Peach Sweet Pickles. Bread and Butter. Rice Snow. Balls. Cheese.

SUPPER — Dried Beef. Cream. Gravy. White and Graham Bread. Raspberry Jam. Cake. Milk. Tea.

RICE SNOW BALLS.

Put one cup rice into steamer; with two cups milk, cook until soft; but the grains whole. Add a little salt and half cup of cream; shake; but do not stir; moisten in cups. When ready to serve upset in separate dishes; put a spoonful of peach, cherry or strawberry preserve with each ball; serve with sweet cream.

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Of all the people need to take a course of Hood's Sarsaparilla at this season to prevent that run-down and debilitated condition which invites disease. The money invested in getting a dozen bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla will come back with large returns in the health and vigor of body and strength of nerves.

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ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

A STRONG COMPANY.

Twelfth Annual Statement of the Provincial Provident Institution of St. Thomas, Ont.

Herewith is presented the twelfth annual report of the P.P.I. covering the business transacted during the year 1895. Notwithstanding the exceeding scarcity of money, and almost unprecedented hard times, it shows such substantial progress and increase of strength, attained in difficult times, that it must be considered highly satisfactory by all interested in the welfare of the institution.

During the year 1,844 applications were received and 1,386 policies were issued for \$2,407,000 new business. There were 174 applications rejected, showing the determination of the management to accept only first-class risks and thus build up the company with the very best material obtainable. The P.P.I. has had the lowest death rate during the past twelve years of any company reporting to the insurance department at Ottawa for the same period and every precaution is taken to insure a continuance of the same. The large volume of new business written during the past twelve years is to the confidence of the insuring public in the institution.

Only eight assessments were required to meet the claims of 1895, although \$94,550 was paid out to members and beneficiaries. A net increase made in the reserve and emergency funds of \$16,973 05. The large increase in the reserve is one of the most gratifying features of the report, showing, as it does, that it is effected without imposing any burden upon the policy-holders. It is a bulwark of strength to the company, and a guarantee to the policy-holders against the levying of more than ten assessments in any one year.

The net increase in insurance in force was in round figures \$500,000, and the total amount in force on the books at Dec. 31 was \$13,067,000.

One great advantage that the P.P.I. offers over other companies is that members get the direct benefit of the low death rate in Canada. Other companies collect premiums based on a higher death rate than they are ever likely to experience. The P.P.I., making provision for expenses, and a reserve which limits mortality assessments, only levies for the amount actually required to meet claims. Since organization the company has paid in claims \$355,000. The company never claims, and never had, a claim due and unpaid. It is an invariable rule with the management to pay claims soon as proofs are completed and approved.

The financial statement, herewith gives a detailed account of the membership funds, and it indicates such a measure of growth and prosperity as must commend the company to the insuring public.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, 31st Dec., 1894.....\$79,897 54
Emergency fund.....13,227 58
Mortuary and annuity fund.....9,975 19
From mortuary and annuity assessments.....111,532 83
From emergency fund assessments.....1,227 64
Interest.....4,592 13
\$225,453 19

EXPENDITURE.

Death, disability and annuity claims.....\$94,650 00
Balance on hand.....130,803 19
\$225,453 19
The above balance of \$130,803 19 held by the trustees on behalf of the membership, and invested or on deposit as hereinafter stated, is composed of the following several accounts or funds, viz:—
Reserve fund.....\$5,642 95
Emergency fund.....19,455 50
Balance mortuary and annuity funds.....15,704 74
\$130,803 19
Mortgages on real estate and accrued interest.....\$21,516 23
Real estate.....7,506 10
Debentures and bonds.....48,632 46
Loan and Savings Co. and Bank deposits.....52,968 40
Rent due and accrued.....180 00
\$130,803 19

INCREASE OF RESERVE FUND IN DETAIL.

Balance on hand 31st Decem-ber, 1894.....\$79,897 54
Transfer of 10 per cent from assessments.....11,153 28
Interest from investments and deposits.....4,592 13
\$95,642 95

LIMITATION OF ASSESSMENTS.

Every cent contributed to the reserve fund by all members, including those who have lapsed, together with all interest earned on that fund, is held in trust for the general security of the membership, but as the security of the more than ten single assessments during any one year.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORT.

Applications received during the year.....1,844
Certificates issued during the year.....1,386
Applications rejected during the year.....174
Applications held over and awaiting examination papers or payment of preliminary dues.....284
Certificates in force 31st December, 1894.....7,770
Certificates issued during the year.....1,386
Certificates revived during the year.....7,184
Certificates terminated by death, lapses, surrender and cancellation.....1,212
Total certificates in force 31st December, 1895—7,951.

ANNUAL MEETING.

From the St. Thomas Evening Journal.

The twelfth annual meeting of the policy-holders of the Provincial Provident Institution was held in the Insurance Block, St. Thomas, 11th inst. It was a very representative gathering, and many were present from a distance. R. Miller, Esq., local Master-in-Chancery, on motion of President G. K. Morton and Secretary E. S. Miller, was appointed chairman, and Mr. E. H. Coughlin, secretary, of the meeting. The annual report of the managing directors was adopted, and many of the members present expressed their appreciation of the splendid showing of the past year, and their continued confidence in the company and its management, the following resolution being carried unanimously:

"That the members of the Provincial

Provident Institution, in annual meeting assembled, desiring to place on record their high opinion of the business capacity of the trustees of the said institution, and their appreciation of the business methods pursued by them in the upbuilding of the institution. Be it therefore resolved that we do hereby approve, ratify and confirm the business transactions and acts performed, and methods pursued by the trustees and officers up to the present time, and that we do hereby express our continued confidence in the integrity and ability of the said officers and trustees to successfully manage the affairs of the institution, which is today one of the largest and strongest life insurance companies in Canada."

Secretary Miller, in moving a vote of thanks to the agents, said that the success of the institution rested largely with the agents, and spoke in very complimentary terms of the splendid showing made by them during the year of financial depression. His motion, which was seconded by J. Farley, Q.C., was in substance as follows: "That the members of the P.P.I. in annual meeting assembled, do hereby express our hearty thanks to the agents of the institution, who, notwithstanding the unprecedented hard times, worked faithfully and well in the face of many discouraging circumstances, with such success as enabled the institution to show a gain in new business over the year of 1894, and to show a gain of nearly half a million dollars in insurance in force at the close of 1895."

Both the trustees and agents acknowledged the compliments and thanked the members for their expression of confidence.

The meeting throughout was indicative of a desire on the part of the trustees, agents and members alike, to make the P.P.I. what is fast becoming the largest and best insurance organization in Canada.

Cost per \$1,000 of insurance in the P.P.I. for 1895:

Age.	18 to 20.....	21 to 22.....	23 to 24.....	25 to 26.....	27 to 28.....	29 to 30.....	31 to 32.....	33 to 34.....	35 to 36.....	37 to 38.....	39 to 40.....	41 to 42.....	43 to 44.....	45 to 46.....	47 to 48.....	49 to 50.....	51 to 52.....	53 to 54.....	55 to 56.....	57 to 58.....	59 to 60.....	61 to 62.....	63 to 64.....	65 to 66.....	67 to 68.....	69 to 70.....	71 to 72.....	73 to 74.....	75 to 76.....	77 to 78.....	79 to 80.....
Age.	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75	

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This institution is the leading Canadian Assessment Company, and the only one that gives its members the direct benefit of the low Canadian death rate, while making ample provision for their security. Considering our low rates, coupled with the other attractive features of the institution, and in view of its record of progress during the past twelve years, and its present standing, it will be readily seen that the P.P.I. offers an attractive field of employment for life insurance men of energy and ability. Every business man who is not profitably employed should write the secretary for particulars. The management offers liberal contracts to men of intelligence who are not afraid of work.

GEO. K. MORTON, Secretary, P. O. Box 2,000, St. Thomas, Ont.

Head Office, 312, corner Church and Adelaide Streets.

LOCKED IN A VAULT.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—Emma Kelsey, the 12-year-old daughter of Rev. J. D. Kelsey, of the Free Methodist Church, was locked for an hour and a half in the safety vault of the church Sunday night, and was taken out barely alive. With several girl companions she was playing hide and seek, and stepped into the vault just as the door was accidentally slammed shut. When the circumstances became known the congregation flocked to the office. The excited people resorted to prayers and sledge hammers before the door was opened. In the nick of time, finally made to work.

ELECTRICITY

Its marvellous advances.

An interview with a prominent electrician and inventor.

Mr. D. C. L. Ferguson, of the Eclipse Electric and Manufacturing Co., 211 Church st., Toronto, consented to be interviewed by our representative the other day. Mr. Ferguson said: "To see me now you would not fancy that I had undergone severe hardships and battled with disease, yet such is the case, and were it not for the events I am about to relate I would not now be able to prosecute further scientific researches."

"I have been troubled with my kidneys and liver for the past 10 years. During the last 4 years I have been growing worse rapidly, until I was almost unable to work. I have been treated by doctors and taken a large variety of medicine without benefit. I had constant pain across my back, at times almost unbearable, especially at night. My urine was wine color as if mixed with blood, and with much sediment, burning sensation when venting. I felt tired and dragged, and it was with the utmost effort I was able to work at all. Seeing the Doan Kidney Pills Co. advertisement, I thought I would try one box of their pills on the principle that it would do no harm to try again, so I got one from Dr. W. Robinson, Druggist, 834 Yonge st. I have not quite finished that first box, but am happy to say it has proved the best experiment of my life. I improved from the start and there has been a rapid improvement daily, until I am today a well man. Pain all gone. Urine natural in color, no sediment. I am stronger, and able to work as well as ever I did. I cannot be too thankful for the result of my trial of Doan's Kidney Pills. I would be glad to tell anyone who suffers as I have done, how I was before, and how I am after taking Doan's Kidney Pills, if they will call at my place."

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The order for dog tags
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Take your work to Brock, too.

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Take your work to him
And he'll do it well.

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On cycle or gun;
Take it to Brock's
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CLOUDY TO FAIR; MILD.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 25.—11 p. m.—
A disturbance of some importance is
centered tonight near Lake Superior; another
one covers Alberta. Pressure is higher in
the Southern States. The weather has been
generally fair in Canada, and very mild
from British Columbia to Lake Superior
and cold elsewhere.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Edmonton, 32—48; Calgary, 28—38; Qu-
'Appelle, 30—42; Winnipeg, 24—38; Parry
Sound, 16 below—14; Toronto, zero—22;
Ottawa, 8 below—6; Montreal, 2 below—12;
Quebec, 2 below—16; Halifax, 28—38.

PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—1 a.m.—For the lower
lake region (including counties lying south
of the Georgian Bay region, east as far as
Belleville)—Cloudy to fair and decidedly
milder.

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If you are going to give a dance, recep-
tion, party, ball, let us attend to the
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A Treat for London.

Approaching Visit of the Great Albani-
Her Remarkable Reception in
Montreal.

The greatest musical event in Lon-
don for years will be Mme. Albani's
appearance here on March 10, at
the Grand Opera House. This is what
the Montreal Star says of her per-
formance there the other evening:

"Last evening the Windsor Hall was
crowded to the doors, and even the
platform was brought into requisition
for the audience. It was truly a bril-
liant house, and must have been a
gratifying welcome to the great artist
on her return to her native land."

"Mme. Albani received a perfect ovation
when she appeared, and it may be
remarked that she has not changed
at all since her former visit. She has
the same playful mannerisms which
have ever characterized her appear-
ance on the concert platform. She
takes genuine delight in her own suc-
cess. The people's appreciation appeals
to her impulsive and sunny nature,
and she is delightfully gracious and
responsive in return."

"After the applause had abated—
and it was some minutes—Mme. Al-
bani bowed and smiling radiantly all
the while, she presided to the famous
song, 'Casta Diva,' was played. The
effect of a little cold or fatigue was
apparent at first, but this was only
momentary. The glorious voice was
soon under control. This song, a vor-
table tour de force of ornate vocalism,
showed not only Mme. Albani's won-
derful technique, but the great range,
brilliance and versatility of her voice.
With the closing trill and cadenza
came a perfect storm of applause and
a procession of floral tributes; three
of the ushers were laden with bou-
quets, and an immense basket, which
the diva managed with perfect ease,
although almost buried in flowers. In
response to the repeated applause,
"Souvenir de Jeune Age" was sung
amid much enthusiasm."

"Handel's 'Sweet Bird' (d'Allegro de
Bencosere), with flute obligato by M.
Rocquoy, Mme. Albani's second song,
gave still further scope for the dis-
play of her great powers. In this
song the sweetness of the tones was
remarkable, the change from the high
register to the lower being noticeably
smooth and perfect. At times it was
difficult to tell which was the flute and
which the voice. 'Robin Adair' was
given as an encore, after repeated
rounds of applause. Moore's (a)
"Sweet Vale of Avocha," and (b) "Rosa-
buds," Ardit's new waltz, were the
closing numbers of the prima donna.
The audience was wildly enthusiastic
at the close, and after repeated bows
and kissing of her hands, once more
she beckoned to her accompanist to
return to the stage, and "Home,
Sweet Home" was sung with much
feeling."

"It is rare to see such an array of
artists as Mme. Albani has surround-
ed herself with. With such a star one
might naturally expect a rather me-
diocre setting, but all are good, and
from the beginning to the end the concert
was one enthusiastic success."
"Mme. Albani wore magnificent jew-
els, many of them the gifts of royal-
ty. She wore a very handsome brace-
let, the gift of the Queen, a short time
ago, when the prima donna paid her
usual autumnal visit to her Majesty
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Impoverished blood causes that tired
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Provincial Provident Institution

In another column will be found the
twelfth annual report of the Provincial
Provident Institution, of St. Thomas,
Ont., which has most successfully car-
ried out the assessment system in life
insurance. That the Provincial Provi-
dent is well managed, the report abun-
dantly proves. Last year it issued 1,386
new policies, which were carefully se-
lected by its medical experts. Past
caution in management is exhibited
also in the fact that in 1895 only eight
assessments were called for to meet
the claims of the year, though \$94,650
was paid to members and beneficiaries,
and \$16,973 was added to the reserve
and emergency funds, which now amount
to \$95,642 95. This large fund is
held as a guarantee that no more than
ten assessments shall be levied in any
one year. The Provincial Provident
had in force \$13,067,000 insurance at
Dec. 31 last—an increase of \$500,000
since last year. Everyone interested in
life insurance—and who is not?—will
find much valuable information in the
report appearing elsewhere in this is-
sue.

London and Environs

—Mr. Bert Such has gone on a short trip
west for the benefit of his health.

—Mr. Ed. Struthers, who broke his knee
cap some weeks ago, is able to walk on
crutches.

—A concert will be given in the St.
James' Presbyterian Church, Richmond
street, on Friday night. Excellent local
talent will appear. A silver collection only
will be charged.

—Miss Jessie Alexander, the charming
elementalist, who is always a favorite in
London, will appear at the Dundas Center
concert on Friday evening. There will also
be good music under the direction of Mr.
Hewlett.

—The report that the traveler found dead
in bed at the Russell House, Ottawa, on
Monday, was Mr. J. W. Macquire, of this
city, happily turns out to be incorrect. Mr.
Macquire called at the "Advertiser" last
night to say that he is not dead.

—The Winnipeg Tribune announces the
death of Mr. John Bell, who was fatally in-
jured in a runaway accident there. He was
formerly coachman to Lady John Scott,
Berwickshire, Scotland, and afterwards to
Bishop Helmuth, of this city. He had since
lived in Galt, Chicago and Winnipeg.

AT THE HOTELS.

Four friends of the St. Marys Curling
Club are at the Tecumseh.

E. Tiffin, general freight agent of the
C. P. R., Toronto, and brother of W.
R. Tiffin, divisional superintendent G.
T. R., city, is at the Tecumseh.

Judge Armour, Toronto, is stopping
with friends in the city. He was regis-
tered at the Tecumseh yesterday.

T. M. Cutler, Halifax; R. J. West,
Toledo; C. H. Cleaveland, Grenfell,
Ohio; D. D. O'Connor, Hamilton, and
John Glegg, Montreal, are among
those stopping at the Tecumseh.

Fred J. Ward, Halifax; Darius Wigle,
Kingsville; C. A. Johnson, Hamilton;
John Govenlock, Seaford; and J. E.
Gayler, Ingersoll, are at the Griggs.

Rev. George H. Smith, Thamesford;
W. G. Chater, Galt; H. Lightfords, St.
Marys; James Brotherhood, Watford;
and James W. Simpson, Hamilton, are
at the City Hotel.

A TRIP TO THE COUNTRY.

A load comprising some members of
the choir of the Dundas Center and
Hill Street Methodist Churches made a
trip to the Evans' Chu-... (The name is cut off in the original text)

If you want a good, bright, cheerful light
for the long nights, get Lilywhite Oil. Ask
your grocer for it. It's the best lamp oil
now offered. We don't supply peddlers.
Gasoline, benzine, cylinder and machine
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The Poorest Man on Earth can be Cured
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We offer by Mail a Remedy that will
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Read the strongest endorsement ever given
any remedy, and if you are not fully satisfied
write for leaflet containing over Six Thousand
(6,000) Testimonials.

UNITED STATES HEALTH REPORTS—

OFFICIAL INDORSEMENT.

JUNE 19, 1896 (PAGE 10.)
In the light of our examinations and tests of
"Uncle Sam's Tobacco Cure" we are but per-
forming a duty we owe the public, when we
indorse the same and stamp it as the crowning
achievement of the Nineteenth Century in the
way of destroying a habit as disgusting as it is
common. (For only \$1.) Hence we earnestly
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League Quartet; solo (instrumental),
Miss Brock; selection, Hill Street male
quartet; instrumental, Mr. Hewlett;
duet, Misses McLay and Brock; recita-
tion, Miss Daisy Lewis; vocal duet,
Messrs. Stephenson and Lewis; solo
(vocal), Dr. Ziegler; instrumental duet,
Misses McLay and Brock; club swing-
ing, Miss Fram; solo, Miss Golding;
selection, Epworth League Quartet; in-
strumental solo, Mr. Hewlett; recita-
tion, Miss Golding; solo, Dr. Ziegler;
recitation, Miss Daisy Lewis; selection,
Hill Street male quartet. The audience
was thoroughly appreciative.

WHY SHE READS ADVERTISE-
MENTS.

"I study advertisements, and I know
where and when and how to purchase
the household supplies. My husband
used to laugh at me for reading ad-
vertisements so carefully, but he has
long since learned that I save many
dollars every month. I know of no
better way to practice economy, and
do you know that it is a wonder how
soon you learn to detect the real from
the false, intuitively, almost? You
hear a great deal nowadays about the
"practical pages" of magazines and
newspapers, but for me the practical
pages are those containing the business
announcements of reputable business
houses. The housekeeper who takes
advantage of the practical hints in
those pages shows a great deal more
common sense than does the one who
tries to furnish a seven-room cottage
with a lot of soap boxes covered with
deaths worked in fancy stitch, and to
feed her growing family with never-
ending reminiscences of the meal that
went before. To the economical house-
keeper, advertisements are the most
important part of any publication."
Womankind.

Brown's Bronchial Troches give prompt
and effective relief in all throat troubles.
Mr. Amos R. Peachy, Hungerford, Berk-
shire, England, writes: "Change of climate
(from South Africa) nearly cost me my life,
as it produced the greatest prostration from
Ulcerated Throat and Bronchial Inflamma-
tion. My friends are astonished at the re-
markable change in my health from the
time I commenced using Brown's Bronchial
Troches."

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Clothes, of course; you hadn't thought of
that.

Why not be clothed in the right way?
Oak Hall is in the business to make all
men equal as far as being well dressed is
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A good or poor suit can make or mar
your appearance.

Why not be attired in the tailor-made
style of today at one-half tailor prices. Re-
liable, serviceable suits, \$5, \$6, \$6 50, \$7,
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Latest spade last, needle toe.

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153 and 155 Dundas Street, Feb. 25, 1896.

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facts concerning its usefulness. Yet some never know
and never seem to understand. They're usually the ones
who profess to know nothing about "trade," and who as-
sume never to mix with people "in trade." Some things
here would surprise them if they knew, but of course they
don't. To those who haven't studied it this store is a revelation—the busi-
ness we do and the systematic way it is carried out. No pains or expense is
spared to make the store indispensable to shoppers, and yet some would
rather stay away and confine their impressions of the business to what they
hear.

Home Comforts.

Enough of them to crowd one acre of selling space, with the impetus of
a February Sale to make things lively. What we're doing this month is im-
portant enough to crowd the store. House Furnishings of every sort are sell-
ing cheaper than you expect, and dividends are declared on every investment.
Here is the pith of the whole matter.

House Furnishing Sale.

Enough has been printed about each to show the trend of values. All
month long we have been busy—unusually busy—on the second floor, and
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