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PAID UP CAPITAL \$6,000,000. RESERVE FUND \$2,600,000.

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R. E. CLAPP, M.D. Physician and Surgeon. GRADUATE, Toronto University and member of College Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario. Residence, Elora St., nearly opposite the Electric Light Plant. Office in the Drug Store, next to Merchants' Bank. MILDMAY.

J. A. WILSON, M.D. HONOR Graduate of Toronto University Medical College. Member of College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. Office: Front rooms over Moyer's Store—Entrance from Main Street. Residence—Opposite Skating Rink. MILDMAY.

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Mildmay Market Report.

Carefully corrected every week for the GAZETTE:
Fall wheat per bu..... 67 standard
Oats..... 24 to 27
Peas..... 64 to 64
Barley..... 41
Potatoes per bushel..... 50
Smoked meat per lb, sides 10 to 11
" " shoulders 8 to 11
Eggs per doz..... 16 to 17
Butter per lb..... 14 to 14
Dressed pork..... 14 to 14
Dried apples..... 5 cents per lb.

Giebs & Selling's Market.

Wheat..... 67 bu
Peas..... 64 to 64
Oats..... 27 to 27
Flour, Manitoba..... \$2.25 per cw
Family flour, No. 1..... \$1.90
Family flour, No. 2..... \$1.80
Low Grade..... 80c
Bran..... 55c
Shorts..... 70c
Screenings..... 65c
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Cracked Wheat..... \$2.10
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Notice to Creditors

In the Estate of Ferdinand Hinsperger, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to chapter 123, Sec. 28 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, that all persons having any claims or demands against the estate of Ferdinand Hinsperger, late of the Village of Mildmay, in the County of Bruce, Hotelkeeper, deceased, who died on or about the 10th day of November A.D. 1898, at the said Village of Mildmay, are required to send to Charles Schurter, August Weiler and Mary Hinsperger, Mildmay, P. O., Ontario, the executors of the last will and testament of the said Ferdinand Hinsperger, deceased, on or before the 2nd day of January A.D. 1899, their christian and surnames addresses, and descriptions, and full particulars of their claims and statement of their accounts duly verified, and valuation of any security held by them.

And notice is further given that after the said 2nd day of January the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard to those claims only of which they then shall have received notice and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part so distributed to any person or persons of whose claim or claims notice has not been received by the said executor at the time of such distribution.

A. COLLINS, Solicitor for said Executor. Dated at Mildmay, Nov. 30, 1898.

Township Elections.

We give below the returns of the municipal elections held in the Township of Carrick on Monday, Jan. 2nd. A noticeable feature of the election is that the four successful candidates should poll almost the same number of votes. Moses Filsinger heads the list with 326 votes. Very little interest has been taken in the election, and in consequence many of the electors did not come out to vote, a fact which will be noted when the last years vote is compared with that of the recent election. Last year Hill had 491 votes, Filsinger 396, Schuett 437, and Lints 369. The following is the result of this year's election:—

| | Filsinger | Hill | Kenzie | Lints | Schuett |
|-------|-----------|------|--------|-------|---------|
| No 1— | 49 | 36 | 31 | 40 | 43 |
| 2— | 72 | 56 | 78 | 56 | 69 |
| 3— | 69 | 52 | 16 | 56 | 74 |
| 4— | 15 | 16 | 26 | 11 | 28 |
| 5— | 27 | 34 | 17 | 61 | 19 |
| 6— | 33 | 37 | 9 | 36 | 29 |
| 7— | 36 | 64 | 14 | 38 | 41 |
| 8— | 25 | 26 | 5 | 17 | 16 |
| | 326 | 321 | 191 | 315 | 320 |

Walkerton

Mr. W. W. Huck of your town was in Walkerton on Tuesday last.

The Walkerton Batt. band went around the town on New Year's Monday showing what they could do. In the evening they drove out to Otter Creek and presented the people of that town with music.

Died in Walkerton, on Thursday Dec. 29th, Marjorie Ellen, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. On the same day Mr. Lawrence Monahan, aged 85 years. The funeral took place on Saturday to the Walkerton cemetery.

On Friday December 30th, John Arthur, eldest son of Fred. Pollakowsky aged 12 years and 3 days.

The election in Walkerton passed off pretty lively, and among those who have been elected are as follows: County Commissioners, Messrs. Richardson and Cannon. Mayor for the town of Walkerton, Dr. Stalker; Councillors, S. H. McKay, S. W. Vogan, H. Clark, C. W. Cyderman, A. Menzies and J. J. Schumacher. S. H. McKay head the poll.

Mr. McKay is a hustler to get votes. In the evening after the election there was a meeting held at which Mr. R. E. Truax presented the crowd with a very interesting speech.

Robert King, a former hotelkeeper, was arrested at Paisley by Pinkerton men from Chicago, and remanded by Judge Barrett for extradition proceedings next Saturday. He is charged with passing a forged draft for \$550 on a bank at Rock Rapids, Iowa, but it is understood there are other charges against him.

Dr. C. M. Harlan, writing to the American Journal of Health, Feb. 10th, says: "Among the proprietary medicines deserving recognition is Dr. Chase's Ointment, as a remedy for piles eczematous skin eruptions of all kinds, for which it has been used with marked success and has effected remarkable cures in many obstinate cases which seem to baffle the skillful medical attendant."

The Christmas Farmer's Advocate, of London, Ont., a copy of which we have just received, is a graphic revelation of the agricultural progress of Canada during the past fifty years, and of its capacities as a food producer for the British Empire. The articles reviewing these and other subjects read equal to a romance, but, like the half hundred engravings illustrating its 72 beautiful pages, they are the faithful portrayal of realities in every part of Canada, from the humble home of the settler to the mansions of those who have risen to a competence. Our old contemporary modestly says little or nothing about its own 33 years service on behalf of the farmers' advancement, which, in the opinion of many best competent to judge, has been probably the most effective for good of all agencies.

Agricultural Notes.

The largest horse in America has been discovered in Illinois. He stands twenty hands high, weighs 2,500 pounds and has never been broken or shod. He is nearly a pure blood Clydesdale. Of course he is a freak, and not likely to be worth anything except for exhibition purposes.

A writer in the Practical Farmer says: "I have cured my horses of colic several times with common salt. Take a large handful and put it pack as far in the mouth as possible. Hold up the head so they cannot spit it out. More salt will not hurt them. They will generally be all right in a day or two."

Here is a good recipe for curing hog meat so that it can be used in summer as well as winter. The proportions are to 1,000 pork take ten quarts fine salt, three pounds brown sugar, and a little saltpetre (dissolved.) Mix and rub on as soon as cut up. The meat is laid on a board about ten days, then sewed up in a cloth bagging.

The rarest bird in existence is a certain kind of peasant in Anam. For many years its existence was known only by the fact that its longest and most splendid plumage was in much request by mandarins for their head-gear. A single skin is worth \$400, and the living bird would be priceless, but at soon dies in captivity.

Cattle have been known to have been poisoned by eating the leaves of wild cherry trees and shrubs. It is caused by the prussic acid in the leaves, and it is estimated that one half pound of black cherry leaves may be considered as a fatal quantity for a cow to eat. It is this tree the leaves of the cherry tree should be excluded from all hay.

Pigs may be made useful in more ways than one. Recently an Australian coasting steamer struck on a reef and those on board were likely to come to grief. There being no rockets on the ship, the captain tied a life line to some pigs which formed part of the cargo, and had all the animals put overboard. The pigs swam to the shore taking the lines with them, and by establishing communication every soul on board was rescued by means of travelling cages.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 26—John Clark, an inmate of the Soldiers' Home in Dodge City, is said to have been buried alive for two days. He had been ill with typhoid fever. The doctor attending pronounced him dead and was buried in the soldiers' cemetery with military honors.

Some of his comrades declared that they did not believe Clark was dead. One soldier named Hazen persisted that Clark had been buried alive and demanded that the body be taken from the grave. The doctor was recalled and asked what he thought about the case. Hazen insisted that Clark was subject to sinking spells and with typhoid fever it would be worse. After consultation it was decided to open the grave. When the coffin was opened it was seen that Clark's hands were not in their former position, and there was moisture upon the glass above his mouth. Stimulants and careful nursing turned the tide for Clark and death was robbed of its victim.

When Clark was finally restored to consciousness he said that he had been half conscious of all that had happened and knew that he had been buried alive.

"Still, I could not do anything" said the old soldier. "I was helpless, but life did not desert me. It was an awful thought, yet I could not cry out."

When I appeared to myself to be dying the experience was a very pleasant one. I seemed to be entirely free from trouble and passing into a new realm.

When I began to recover consciousness I found myself in what seemed to be a coffin, but I at once knew that I was not dead, because my feet were cold and I was hungry. I knew if I were in heaven I would not be hungry, and if I were in hell my feet would not be cold."

Clark is nearly 70 years old. He was buried on Wednesday and taken out on Friday.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT.

Dr. Chase's Ointment, Kidney-Liver Pills, Catarrh Cure, Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine and Liver Care enjoy the confidence of everybody. They have won their into the public favor on merit. Their sterling qualities and high standing and purity have made them the household word all round the world. All dealers sell and recommend them.

The G. T. R. express leaving Owen Sound early Tuesday morning, before it had got well outside the corporation limits was derailed, two passenger coaches being overturned and wrenched completely off the trucks. We are informed that the accident was caused by the spreading of the rails at a sharp curve in the track near the bay shore, in turning which the rear end of the train was whip-lashed off the forward part, the last two coaches being thrown ten or fifteen yards off the track and overturned as stated. Quite a number of passengers were more or less cut and bruised though none very seriously. One two-year-old child was propelled through a car window head first into a snow bank and was pulled out a few seconds later with never a scratch or bruise of any kind. To one who viewed the interior of one of these overturned coaches with seats torn up and smashed to kindling wood, it certainly seemed little short of miraculous that of the large number of passengers aboard, all should have escaped with life and limb!

Up to the beginning of the present century Ireland was practically farther from England than Hawaii is from the United States. The distance is about 90 miles, but on account of storms bad navigation; and the deficiencies of sail craft, it often took as long to cross the channel as a steamer might now employ in crossing the Atlantic. The historian Macaulay, writing of King William's difficulties in sending his troops to Ireland in 1690, with which to meet the forces of James II., which expedition resulted in the battle of the Boyne, relates that three weeks and more elapsed at times before a ship could sail across the channel, wind and storm being against her. The remoteness of Ireland from England, down to the close of the eighteenth century, is in affect about the same as to-day the Philippines are from the United States. It takes three weeks to sail to the Philippines, but the telegraph cable gives instant communication, steam and electricity overcome distance in a way that the old fellows never dreamed of.

The arch enemy of human ease and comfort, la grippe, which has been destroying the peace of Old London, and several European cities, has arrived in New York. The malady has assumed the epidemic form and it is said a hundred thousand people are under its influence. Fortunately it is of a rather mild type and up to date, and has not taken many of its victims over the bar. The best defence against the monster is to live right. Observe the laws of health in food, drink, proper clothing, exercise, cleanliness and no worry. Above all, have a clear conscience, pay your debts and subscribe for your local paper. Whenever la grippe makes its appearance, it should not be forgotten that the doctors have come to the conclusion that the malady is not only infectious but contagious. That is, that it may be taken by inhaling the breath of a person affected, and also by touch, or handling things that have been in contact with the sick person. That shows the necessity of isolation as in diphtheria, measles or smallpox.

DIED.

Cook—In Denver, Colorado, on Dec. 4th, 1898, Mr. Richard H. Cook, formerly of Mildmay, aged 72 years. The funeral took place at Fairmount cemetery. His death took place during a visit to his daughters.

FUTURE OF THE SOUDAN.

LORD KITCHENER TELLS WHAT MUST BE DONE.

The Inhabitants Must be Civilized and Educated—The Sudan Says The Are an Intelligent Race.

The freedom of the city of Edinburgh was conferred on Lord Kitchener on November 29, followed by a banquet in the evening. In the course of a speech in reply to the toast to his health the Lord said: Not long ago in the Janjion house, I alluded to one of the results of the recent campaign as being that the British and Egyptian flags now fly in Khartoum, I hope never to be hauled down again, cheers, and I think it would interest you if I take you a step further on what remains in consequence of that event, for us to do in the Sudan. I think all agree that our first task will be to civilize the inhabitants of those vast districts in the Valley of the Nile, which it has fallen to our lot to be responsible for administering. We have done a great deal already and we are still working hard to open up those countries to easy access. Cheers. By this means we hope to introduce and facilitate what in some of its aspects is a very large civilizing element. Hear, hear. At the same time, we wish to prevent, as far as we can, the introduction with trade of those pernicious adjuncts, the liquor traffic and dishonest dealing with natives, which too frequently in new countries accompany it. Cheers. We shall have to introduce or establish Government administration in those districts. We shall have to give justice to the people. We shall have to organize a police force. There is great civilizing power in the policeman. Cheers and laughter. Public security on our frontier and internally will have to be safeguarded, and we shall have to teach the inhabitants that they must develop their industrial habits in order to help to pay for the administration. They will also have to attend to sanitary regulations, hear, hear, and they will be also taught that they are not allowed to rob or do acts of violence amongst each other, hear, hear, and if they allow our guidance in this matter they may rest assured that the Government will leave them alone in undisturbed possession of their properties and their ancient rights.

GORDON COLLEGE AT KHARTOUM.

It is here that I should wish to see the English race step in and give what the Government cannot afford to provide—namely, education to the children of these poor people who have suffered during 15 years an almost indescribable oppression. They are an intelligent race, entirely uneducated. The Mahdi, like every Oriental despot, put his face firmly against any form of instruction that would enlighten his people and I can assure you they would take advantage if the means were placed at their disposal, and highly appreciate education if it were given to their children. I do not mean to be understood to advocate that education should always be free in the Sudan. I think that as the country prospers, as I feel sure it will prosper, the people will be able to pay for the education of their children, and I merely propose that by the formation of a Gordon Memorial College at Khartoum, cheers, conducted on English lines, by English masters, we should give to these people the nucleus of education, round which future developments will grow. By this gift we should in some way pay a debt that we owe. Much might be said of how Gordon would have rejoiced had he known that by his death the blessing of education would be given to the people that he loved and among whom he died. Cheers. Much might be said of what this gift will do to abolish fanaticism and slavery but here, speaking to a hard-headed Scotch audience, I can only say that I would like to remark that if you had left you a fertile property that had been for 18 years uncultivated, you would have to spend something on tilling the ground before you could reap the harvest, hear, hear, and to all those who spend large sums in advertising their goods surely it must occur that it would be a benefit to them if they spent money in teaching the inhabitants of this new market which has been opened to read their advertisements. Laughter.

THE MONEY REQUIRED.

And you must remember that if you do not educate those people somebody else will, hear, hear, and will implant upon their minds influences which may lead to the greatest difficulties that we may have to overcome in the country. To form a college such as I propose, I consider that £100,000 would be necessary. I do not think it could be well done for less, and if it were not well done I should not care to have a hand in its formation. Hear, hear. Out of that sum I would propose that £90,000 should be invested in order to permanently provide for the salaries of the English masters that it would be necessary to maintain. If the college were not started on some such permanent foundation as that, I feel sure that it would not successfully do the work that is before it, and, also, I do not think that the college should come year by year to ask for aid at your hands. Of course, at the beginning the college would have to be a school for almost elementary education, but as the country progressed the college would develop into a higher form of instruction and would enable the pupils to take positions as clerks in the Government, and positions in the telegraphs as land surveyors, as tax collectors, and many other positions of Government, and I hope they would develop into technical

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WHEN EARLY PLANTING IS DESIRABLE.

"I tell a well-meaning but perhaps not yet perfectly persistent young friend, who asks me about it," said Mr. Staybolt, "that there is no such thing as an incubator that will hatch out eagles from dollars while you wait; that the only way, indeed, in which a money crop can be raised is by the most careful and constant cultivation. And I venture to remind him, he being young and with the world yet before him, that this is a crop in which it is desirable to begin planting early, in order to produce the best results."

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INFATUATED.

I never saw such an infatuated man as Mr. De la Motte, said Triplet. He actually thinks that his wife has better taste in ties for him than he has himself.

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SAW THE NEW BONNET.

Mrs. Ellison—So you met Mrs. De Fashion on the street? I'm so glad. They say she is wearing a new bonnet just imported. Did you see it?
Mr. B.—Yes, I noticed it.
Mrs. E.—That's splendid. How was it trimmed?
Mr. B.—Well, it had a cowcatcher in front, a tailboard behind, a flower garden on top, and a job-lot of assorted ribbons all round. You can easily make one like it.

CLOVER AND PHOSPHATE.

In the publication of agricultural experiments discussed by the "Stratford-on-Avon Herald," Friday, June 24th, 1898, we not particularly the remark; "Thomas-Phosphate Powder, that latter day introduction, dovetails conveniently with the nitrogenous collecting principle, and for top-dressing rotation, clover and grass lands commands the situation." In a later edition of the same paper, "A Wandering Commissioner," in the course of an article descriptive of his wanderings, says: "We were greatly interested in this field, at Newbold, on account of the experiment Mr. Potter had been trying with Allerts' Thomas-Phosphate Powder. The land is a poorish gravel soil of scanty herbage. Farm-yard manure has failed to give satisfaction on it. Last summer he applied Thomas-Phosphate Powder, and the result is a mass of clover described by him as thick and soft as a feather bed. In this particular instance, it was the yellow variety of clover, trefoil, and not the desired white, which the phosphate has become famous for getting. This is interesting and we expect the explanation is that such poor land favors a lower order of clover, because it has not a sufficiency of the plant food necessary to produce the higher order of vegetation to which the white belongs. But it is also interesting to note that white clover always gains the ascendancy if sufficient of the phosphate is available with the potash in the soil. In looking over the field in question we can readily see ample evidence of the better clover already making headway. We speak with a good deal of confidence on this point, having noticed so many developments on similar lines."

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AFTER MANY YEARS

Of Suffering From Gravel, Mr. J. N. Babcock Recovers.

Thanks to Dodd's Kidney Pills Which Cured Him Speedily and Thoroughly—Mr. Babcock's Story in His Own Emphatic Words.

Sharbot Lake, Dec. 26.—A Dresden despatch, to the Canadian press, last week, described how ex-reeve W. G. Cragg, of that town, was cured of severe Inflammatory Rheumatism by Dodd's Kidney Pills, after the best doctors had failed to benefit him, and after many so-called "remedies" had proved utterly useless.

The story has been the subject of a great deal of interested discussion here, and it has been ascertained that Dodd's Kidney Pills are an article in universal use in this district.

"Mr. Cragg cannot tell me anything about Dodd's Kidney Pills that I don't know already," said a well-known lawyer, who was discussing the matter with a group of friends yesterday. "I have known them to cure cases of Rheumatism which six doctors had pronounced incurable."

"I have experienced what Dodd's Kidney Pills will do," said Mr. John Nicholas Babcock, another well-known resident. "I suffered the most acute tortures from Gravel and other Kidney Diseases, for twenty long years. I spent hundreds of dollars in doctors' bills, and for various so-called cures, but with no lasting benefit."

"I didn't believe Dodd's Kidney Pills would cure me, but expected to get a little temporary relief from their use. I was completely and thoroughly cured by them though. There is no Kidney medicine on earth to compare with Dodd's Kidney Pills."

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HIS EXPERIENCE.

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A GOOD THING, INDEED.

Even in geography the beneficent plans of nature appear, remarked Mr. Poindexter. Do they? asked Mr. Perkase. Well, consider for yourself the result if the Canaries were near Cat Island.

THOMAS PHOSPHATE POWDER

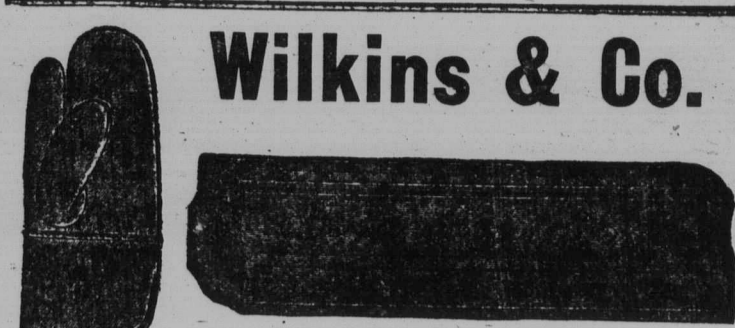
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A celebrated judge was once trying a case where the accused could not understand Irish, and an interpreter was accordingly sworn. The prisoner said something to the interpreter and the latter replied. "What does he say?" demanded the judge. "Nothing my Lord." "How dare you say that, when we all heard him? Come, sir, what was it?" "My Lord," said the interpreter, beginning to tremble, "it had nothing to do with the case." "If you don't answer I'll commit you sir." Now what did he say? "Well, my Lord, you'll excuse me, but he said, 'Who is that old woman with the red bed curtain around her sitting up there?'" At which everybody present roared. "And what did you say?" said the judge, looking a little uncomfortable. "I said, 'Whist, ye spalpeen.—That's the old boy that's going to hang ye.'" No better evidence that Canada is passing through an era of prosperity is required than to instance the fact that the public deposits in the savings bank accounts for the month of November, have increased 4 1/2 million dollars. During the hard times of 1895 and '96 the average increase was only 1/2 million dollars. Nobody should cry "hard times" any longer. If times are hard with some people they have only themselves to blame.

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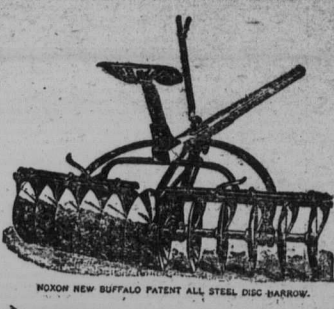
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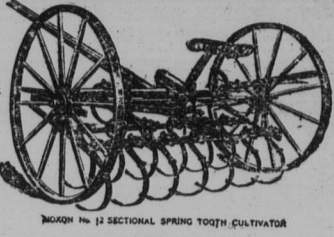
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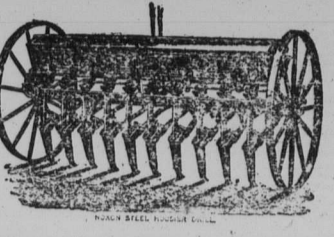
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Stockers—Few stockers were offered. Prices ranged from \$3 to \$3 40 for inferior to good, with choice picked lots at \$3 50.

Heavy Feeders—Few feeders are coming forward, prices remain unchanged at \$3 60 to \$3 70 per cwt.

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CHAPTER VIII.—(Continued.)

He met her eyes gravely, almost reproachfully; then, after a moment's silence, dropped his own and said quietly:

"I don't think so."
And of course she was glad because he said it. What woman, with a woman's nature, would not have been glad? But for all that, she knew, at the very bottom of her heart, that it would probably be as she said—some day he would marry one of those girls.

"When Matthew Dane makes up his mind to a thing, it generally takes place," she said, unconsciously speaking her thoughts aloud.

"Why, what do you know about Matthew Dane?" he inquired in surprise.

"Oh, nothing—except, of course, what you have told me about him." Her face was partly shaded by her hand. After a pause, she added, "He must be a determined man, from what you say about him, and you tell me he sent you down to Halifax? I only put two and two together, you know, it is a woman's faculty."

He laughed a little uneasily; the idea oppressed him somewhat. And now he came to remember it, his uncle had told him only the day before that his partner's daughters were coming, and that he should expect him to escort them about. What if Rose were right? Not that it could matter, of course; only it might make disagreeable complications for him.

"I have not seen them again," he said presently aloud.

"No, but you will, I imagine—the uncle will take care of that!"

He marvelled at her shrewdness, but the subject was too dangerous to be pursued, and he changed it quickly.

That conversation had taken place a week ago, and Rose thought of it now, as she waited for him under the beech tree. She was a woman who rarely deceived herself, or if she did, her deceit was of such a willful nature that it resembled the deliberate walking into a river of a man who knows that he is unable to swim, and that he will probably be drowned.

Sometimes she asked herself "How will it end?" and she was perfectly aware of the answer to her self-question. She knew that this "friendship," as she chose to call it still, must end, for her, in utter misery, but, for the sake of the brief fleeting happiness which was so great and so real, she was content to shut her eyes to the future.

All that she hoped was that she herself might be the principal sufferer. "He is young," she would tell herself to quiet the reproaches of her conscience, "he will get over it easily—a little heart-soreness, and then he will be cured. He will marry one of those girls, become a rich and prosperous man, and all this will be forgotten."

Even as she said it to herself, she perceived the brougham coming slowly up the hill, and a face at the window looking out for her. As soon as he caught sight of her, he stopped the carriage and let himself out, and came eagerly up the slope to meet her, with outstretched hands, and if no words had ever crossed his lips, there was nevertheless but little doubt concerning the love looks in those speaking brown eyes—absolute joy—the lover's joy in the delight of seeing that which he loves—that was what shone in his eyes as he grasped her hand.

But Rose, woman-like controlled herself better—she was gracious and friendly, but nothing more, and the no love-light in her eyes, and the gladness with which she had watched the line of white smoke in the distance had been carefully toned down into a look of discreet and temperate pleasure.

"Your train is punctual to-day," she said, as she returned the pressure of his hand.

"How good of you to come out and meet me," he answered, looking down at her with a sort of rapture, of which she seemed to be sublimely unconscious.

"I thought we would have a walk—the days are so much longer. I have been up on the hills."

"What in this wind? Is it not too cold?" and he shivered a little.

"No, it is healthy, and will do you good—more good than sitting over the fire."

Possibly Geoffrey did not agree with her, but he always did what she told him, and side by side they climbed the hill-side together, and found shelter in one of the yawning white chalk excavations with which the downs were indented. Here, beneath some stunted juniper bushes, they turned and looked together over the wide, flat country.

"It looks very wintry still," said Geoffrey.

"I love it so much," she answered dreamily. "No place we have been to has ever become so dear to me. I shall be sorry to go away."

"You will go away?" he repeated in dismay. "When?"

"Do you not know that we only took the house till May? Our time is up then."

Geoffrey could not conceal his distress.

"But you can take it on, surely!" he cried. "Hidden House has not so many admirers. Would the landlord, would be thoughtful if you took it on; you might live on in it for years."

"Oh, I know that. But we never stay long in one place, it is not our custom. My father-in-law does not like it."

"How odd!" I should have thought that constant changes would have been very bad for his health; I should have imagined that you—"

"My friend," she said, laying her hand softly for one instant upon his arm, "do not speculate about me—ever."

Her gentle touch stopped him at once. But he looked at her with a sort of hungry desperation in his eyes.

"It does not matter; wherever you go I shall come, just as I do now."

"Yes," she said in a low voice, looking away from him with fixed, dull eyes over the wide grey-blue plain of leafless wood and wind-blown meadow.

"Yes; that is if you know where I go."

"There is no corner of the world where you could hide yourself that I could not find you," he answered rather huskily.

She put up her hand.

"Flush! you know if I told you I did not wish it, that you would not look for me."

"Is that how it is to be, then?" he answered bitterly. "Are you going to banish me already?"

"Perhaps it would be best," she replied very gravely, and then in a lighter voice she added, with a smile, "I have not 'banished' you yet, as you call it! Come, let us go home, it is very cold."

"Yes," he assented dully, "it is very cold," and he followed her in silence, and the wind seemed all at once to cut through him like ice; he had hardly noticed it before.

CHAPTER IX.

"Can I speak to you, papa?"

Florence Dane stood at the door of her father's little study some two days later with a grave and preoccupied face.

The Vicar did not look up from his writing.

"Well, not, I think, just now, my dear, unless it is anything of importance. I am writing my sermon."

"It is of importance, of very great importance," replied his daughter seriously. Mr. Dane laid down his pen with a little sigh of resignation.

Florence was the parish girl of his parishioners, and she directed her father's notice to which she directed her father's notice with so much exactitude, were of a nature which in his secret heart the good man would sooner have never heard of.

Nevertheless, she was so good and so earnest, and worked so hard as his lieutenant in all things, that he was always bound to give her a patient hearing.

"Then, of course, I am at your orders, my love. Come in and shut the door. Now what is the matter? Has Joe Barker beaten his wife again, or is it Tommy Sturt who has stolen more pennies? Has old Jenkins been drinking, or has that disreputable girl of his got into fresh trouble?" and Mr. Dane looked pleasantly up at his daughter, smiling at her blandly over the top of his spectacles as he enumerated all these enormities, for he knew pretty well that the chances were that it was one or other of the delinquents he had named whose oft-repeated crimes had once again made some scandal in the community. Coddisham was no more depraved than its neighbors, but in every village there must always be a certain number of black sheep, who defy order and morality, and live apparently only to be throns in the sides of their spiritual pastors.

Mr. Dane bore with these chronic evidences with a Christian and even a philosophical fortitude, but Florence frequently made herself desperately unhappy over them. It was, therefore, with some surprise that he listened as she answered with a deep sigh:

"Indeed, papa, I only wish that it was anything so trivial that I have to tell you about. It's far worse, unfortunately. It is Geoffrey."

"Geoffrey?"

Mr. Dane pulled his spectacles hurriedly off and laid them on the table by his side. He was grave enough now.

"Go on, Florence."

"There have been some very unpleasant rumours about him for some time back, which I have heard something of, but have always disbelieved."

"What rumours?" The vicar's voice was short and hard.

"That he has been down here very often."

"What, to Coddisham?"

"Well, to the neighborhood. Some of the people have persisted in it that they have seen him. Mrs. Greeves told me long ago that she passed him walking late one evening in the Lilminster Road; old Walker, the shepherd, says he has seen him up on the Downs no more than one occasion, and others have mentioned the same thing. All along I have pooh-poohed the idea, for you know how long it is since he has been home, and it seemed perfectly ridiculous to imagine that he could be down here and we know nothing about it. But now, I am sorry to say, it is quite beyond a doubt, for Amy and Grace have seen him quite plainly—"

"Where—where?"

"Yesterday afternoon, as they were coming back from their walk with Miss Jones, and I am sorry to tell you that he was in that dreadful woman's carriage, going down to Wray Road Station. They saw his face quite plainly, and when they passed he sat back as if he did not want to be seen, and put up his hand to screen his face, but both the girls saw him plainly, and, of course, they could not be mistaken."

"Is that all? Yes? Then please explain yourself a little more clearly, Florence. Who, to begin with, is that 'dreadful woman' and, even if Geoff were in a lady's carriage, what is the terrible iniquity you suspect him of?"

"I should have thought you would see that plainly enough," replied his daughter, irritably; "that Geoffrey should be constantly coming down here without our knowledge, as it is evident that he has been doing, surely argues that he is doing something underhand which he does not want us to hear about."

"Softly, my girl! Don't be so ready to believe evil of others—it is not sisterly; it is, indeed, scarcely Christian."

"But surely, papa, you cannot overlook the fact of his being in that woman's brougham?" cried Florence indignantly, "he must come down to stay with her; there must be something very, very wrong in it, I am convinced."

"To begin with, Florence," interrupted her father, in his cool, matter-of-fact voice, "I must really request you, once more, to inform me who it is you allude to when you speak of that 'dreadful woman'?"

"Why, that woman who lives at Hidden House, up on the Downs."

"Madame de Brefour? Why is she dreadful?"

"Is she not a Papist—a foreigner? A woman whom nobody visits; about whom there appears to be some unpleasant mystery. People are never mysterious unless they are guilty," added Miss Dane, angrily.

"Florence you are very uncharitable," said her father, sternly. "Even if this poor lady were all you suggest it is unbecoming of you to speak of her like that. You ought to think the best, not the worst, of her."

Florence Dane burst into tears.

"Is this a time to think the best of a person who is, no doubt, leading Geoff to his ruin?" she cried bitterly; "is it possible, papa, that you can see no danger to him in such an intimacy? A person whom nobody knows anything about—don't you think it strange to her house, instead of to his own and unnatural that he should go there father's? That he should hide his constant visits to her from his own family? There must be something amiss with the whole thing, or else, why is it kept a secret from us? Why, she may be trying to convert him, or—"

Mr. Dane smiled quietly. "My dear, don't excite yourself so much. You were quite right to tell me, if this made you unhappy, but, if I were you, I should treat it all as quite a natural thing, both to the people and the girls. It is odd, I admit, but very likely Geoff has very good reasons for what he is doing, and I for one am not going to believe that my boy is guilty of any enormous iniquity."

"But what are you going to do?"

"Do Nothing!"

"Are you not going to write to him for an explanation?"

"Certainly not. If Geoff has any confidences to make to me I shall hear them all in good time. Now, my dear, you must leave me to finish my sermon in peace, if you please."

Nevertheless, after his daughter had left the room, Mr. Dane sat on, and pondered, pen in hand, over what he had heard. He was puzzled—what he even a little pained—but he had his theories concerning the management of sons who are grown to man's estate; and to "let them alone," was the gist and the backbone of his system concerning them. The Rev. Mr. Dane was, essentially, a broad-minded man. He had once been in the army, and had seen life, before he settled down in his country vicarage; and he knew that injudicious interference with the ways of a young man who is buying his own experience, is only calculated to drive him further away from home sympathy and home influence. A man who had taken his place in the thick of the world's battle, was not, he thought the vicar, to be treated like the village Sunday scholars—or lectured about his peccadilloes, on the same level as the honest souls who meekly received their admonitions from the lips of his energetic daughter. Mr. Dane knew this, and was not prepared to take any sort of action upon the information concerning his son's movements which Florence had given him; but he was vaguely disturbed by that information, and found it in his heart to wish that she had kept her discoveries to herself.

"She means well," he said to himself, as he dipped his pen once more into the ink, and settled his spectacles back on his nose. "But that is the worst of women—they do very well with the poor people, but they can't rise above clothing clubs and provident societies. An admirable curate, for a rural district is poor, dear Florence—and what I should do without her, I really cannot think; but there is no breadth, either of tact or of charity, about her. As to Geoffrey, he is right enough. There is no harm in him," and then the Vicar wrote a few more lines of his sermon, after which he laid down his pen again, and said aloud—

"But, as a match, it would be most undesirable,"—adding, after a pause, in a more decided voice—"But it will never come to that—no fear of it!"

And then, once more, he addressed himself with energy to his work. It was, however, a noticeable fact, that the Vicar's Sermon, on that following Sunday morning, was not by any means, up to his usual average—which shows, perhaps, that his mind was more disturbed during the writing of it than he would have cared to acknowledge.

But, as to Florence, she went her way out of her father's study, in a very tumult of disturbance. She had gone to him, deeply anxious, filled with a grave apprehension; and he had made light of her anxiety, and treated her fears as things of straw. Not only that, but he had accused her of lack of sisterly feeling towards her brother, and of want of charity towards her neighbour. These things were hardly to be borne. All her life, Florence had striven to do her duty in that position in which God had placed her. No joys of early girlhood had been hers—no worldly pleasures had fallen to her lot—she had never murmured nor complained at the lack of her life with a brave energy, and had done that which it seemed to her that God had

appointed her to do cheerfully and without hope of reward. She had been her father's right hand, at home, ordering his household with economy and justice, looking after her younger sisters, she had tended the sick, hearted, and admonished the backsliders. It was often weary and thankless work, but she had never grumbled at it. Now she felt that it was hard, after all her toil and service, to be called unchristian and uncharitable, by her own father.

(To be Continued.)

DISTRIBUTING CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

It undoubtedly adds to the pleasure of Christmas present-giving, and especially if there be young folks in the household, to adopt some original mode of presenting the gifts. The following suggestions as to the distribution of Christmas gifts might also be useful in connection with Sunday school or church Christmas festivals, when novelty in presentation of gifts always adds materially to the pleasure of the occasion.

A Father Christmas.—One popular mode of distribution is to have Father Christmas make the presentations. Whoever is chosen to impersonate this important character should be ready-witted, capable of saying something bright and humorous at least to the junior members of the party as he hands them their presents. He should be dressed in a red robe, with a long white beard and a wreath of holly on his head, a stick in one hand and a large bag containing the presents in the other. This, if not too large, he may carry in, and put down in front of him; if too large, he may walk in front of a procession of girls and boys and take his place behind the presents, which should be hidden beneath a tablecloth.

He may have a musical procession in which he can sing, or some one may play the piano while the children sing—

Christmas comes but once a year, Christmas always brings good cheer, Christmas to boys and girls is dear, Hurray for merry Christmas.

All the gifts should be packed up and addressed, if Father Christmas is to distribute them, otherwise they may fall into the wrong hands.

When all are distributed, he should lead this procession of boys and girls, who follow him singing the Christmas verse as before.

The Magic Cave is another taking mode of distributing gifts. For his a corner of a room, or if a hall is used and is large it may be easy to arrange the structure there; a screen will materially assist, or two screens, are even better. Any large dried grasses and palms are handy to pile up on one side, on the other crystallized wadding made to look like stalactites by pulling it into points, gumming and sifting over glass powder, will give the effect of a cave.

If cotton wool, or wadding of any description be used, the very greatest care should be taken that no light of any description is allowed to be near it, as it is of such an inflammable nature that mischief would be very likely to be the result, and, therefore, during the making of the cave, as well as using it, no light should be suffered to approach it.

At the door of the cave a fair should stand with a wand in her hand, and after making some mystic movements with it, she may silently enter the cave, bring out the present and hand it to the person for whom it is intended, then with her wand beckon to another to approach her, and so on.

Pretty, soft music should be played during the distribution.

The Christmas tree still holds its place in many homes; it is very attractive, especially when the recipients of the Christmas gifts are mostly children.

The Bran Tub.—When a number of presents of about equal value are provided, a large tub filled with bran, and the presents papered and covered with the bran, is very good fun for children, who take, and this provides a little amusement.

The Fairy's Well is also a source of considerable amusement. All the presents for this mode of distribution must be put into a deep tub, which may be decorated round the sides with evergreens and grasses, and made to look like a well. One or two short fishing rods are used to draw the presents out with.

SAVED HIS TIME.

I've come to see your husband in the interests of the Knights of Labor, Mrs. Reagan, said a bland, elderly man, as the mistress of the Reagan household answered his ring.

He ain't home, said Mrs. Reagan, with arms akimbo; but I can promise you one thing, sorr, and that is, you'll git never a night or labor out av Tim Reagan, and it's no use tryin'! Sure and he'd knock off work in the daytime, if it wasn't for me keepin' at him till I'm that wore out there no stren'th left in me!

A FAVORED CLASS.

Irate Passenger, who has managed to board a trolley car that didn't stop—Suppose I had slipped and lost a leg—what then?

Conductor—You wouldn't have to do any more running then. We allers stop for a man with a crutch.

As a rule men laugh and women weep at a wedding. The fact that they are not the principals in the affair probably has something to do with it.

HEALTH.

POINTS OF BEAUTY.

A graceful carriage of the head and an erect figure are points of beauty which no woman can afford to overlook. Unlike certain other features, such as the shape of the face, the color of the hair, and the size of the hands and feet, these peculiarities are within the power of every woman to control as she pleases. One sometimes sees an otherwise beautiful young woman who goes along with head bent forward in a manner suggesting a turtle looking out of its shell, and provoking the thought at once that she has lost and is searching for something. Nothing is less pleasing than an awkward carriage of the head.

Every girl should cultivate the habit of holding up her chin. A flat back, a well-poised head, and a graceful way of walking make the difference between a girl who has style and her friend who is clumsy and awkward. One should not overlook the advantages of drill. It is only necessary to think of the soldier in the awkward squad and compare him with the man who has undergone some months of rigid training, to be convinced that freedom and grace of movement are to be had by those who are willing to work for them.

Where a girl can daily take exercise in a gymnasium, she may train her muscles so that they will obey her will; but even better (than this in-door training) is that which one who walks a great deal in the open air, plays golf and tennis, or often rows a boat across pond or river.

Another point of beauty, needless to say is a good complexion. This, too, is within the reach of every girl who, first of all, endeavors to maintain a high standard of health. Pure blood has everything to do with a clear skin; therefore one should be careful of her diet, avoiding unwholesome and indigestible food, but taking care to eat a due proportion of meat, not omitting baking fruit a part of her diet. Tea and coffee should be sparingly used by the young woman who would have a beautiful skin. Every day thorough bathing and rubbing with a crash towel are essential, and the face once a day should be washed with hot water and a lather made of a delicate toilet soap. This should be thoroughly rubbed into the skin, cleansing the pores of the fine dust which clogs their facelike texture. The face should be carefully rinsed, and wiped with a soft towel. The best time to do this is at night before retiring. Given sufficient exercise, good food, regular bathing, and plenty of sleep, there is no reason why a woman should not preserve the freshness of her skin unimpaired from childhood to old age.

Not only the beauty of the skin, but also the gloss and abundance of the hair, the brightness of the eyes, and the sheen of the teeth, all are dependent on the circulation, which is promoted by healthy living.

Well-shaped hands and feet have always been regarded as distinctive marks of beauty. While one cannot regulate the size of these members, she can always have her hands and nails well cared for and her feet becomingly dressed. A woman who is well gloved and well shod makes a creditable appearance even if the rest of her dress be somewhat shabby. If one has not much money to spend on her costume, let her not invest so much in her gown, and wrap comparatively as she does in fine, well-fitting shoes, in gloves of good quality and color to suit her dress, and in a tasteful hat. The extremes give tone to the toilette. Solid, ill-fitting, or worn-out gloves, with yawning holes at the finger end and buttons off, will ruin an appearance, and detract from the impression of beauty which a woman should make upon the eye of the beholder.

CHAPPED HANDS.

There are three common causes of chapped hands—constant exposure to water or to cold, or to the action of some alkali, such as is usually found in the strong soaps used in laundry work and washing dishes. Housekeepers who expose their hands wet with damp soapsuds to the cold winter's air are especially liable to this affliction. The dust of sweeping and other household frequently penetrates into the cracks of the chapped hands and renders it difficult to heal them, and a painful operation to wash them thoroughly with a hand or flesh brush, as they should be washed. The only remedy for this is to wash the hands thoroughly, in spite of the pain, and rub them with some soothing cream, until they are healed, wearing gloves at night. Whenever the hands are exposed to dishwater or coarse soapsuds, some acid preparation softened by glycerine or cream should be used to counteract the alkali in the soap. The hands should never be exposed to the cold air when damp. As soon as you are through using common soap, rinse your hands thoroughly in warm water and apply the acid preparation. The simplest one likely to be convenient is a mixture of equal parts of vinegar and cream. A better preparation, which ought to be kept in a bottle or some convenient place in the kitchen, is composed of one part citric acid in solution and two parts of glycerine. Equal parts of lemon juice and glycerine may also be used. Any of these preparations will keep the skin soft and free from chapping, provided the hands are always thoroughly dried before they are exposed to the cold air.

A danger that is known is a guide-post to safety.

THE NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

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Interesting Items About Our Own Country, Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

CANADA.

Berlin's Board of Trade advocates that town's incorporation as a city.

Edmonton, N.W.T., is to have a new roller flour mill of 100 barrels capacity daily.

The Government inspector reports that Montreal Civic Hospital is uninhabitable.

A pork packing factory is likely to be started in Woodstock by Perrin & Co. of Chicago.

Captain Woodside, a well known Canadian correspondent, is reported lost in the Klondike.

The citizens of Montreal will raise a fund in aid of the Gordon Memorial College at Khartoum.

Wheat receipts at interior elevators west of Winnipeg are at present aggregating 100,000 bushels daily.

Napoleon Picard, an insurance agent of Montreal, committed suicide by putting a bullet through his head.

Ernest Boyd has been committed for trial at Hamilton. There are nearly 80 charges of theft against him.

The first of twenty-five new Grand Trunk locomotives has been turned out by the works at Point St. Charles.

The Leyland line will run a direct fortnightly steamship service between Antwerp and Montreal next summer.

Application will be made next session for power to build a line of railway from Lake Winnipegosis to Edmonton.

Fifteen thousand gallons of rum, seized in Cape Breton, will be offered at auction in Halifax within a few days.

John McNamara, the Elizabethtown, Ont., boy injured in the Murray Hill wreck, has become violently and incurably insane.

The will of the late Lieut.-Col. Chas. Magill, of Hamilton, leaves an estate worth \$250,000, entirely to the family of the deceased.

The Hamburg-American Line is improving its service between Montreal and Germany, and will put new vessels on the route next summer.

Mr. Edwin Smith and Mrs. Ellen Matt, both of Fort Steele, B.C., were married on a mountain top in East Kootenay, on Nov. 27th.

The steamer Danube brings news to Victoria, B. C., from Skaguay, that about 20 lives have been lost on the White Pass road since winter set in.

C. P. R. returns of cattle shipments show that 40,000 head were this year shipped from the North-west to Eastern Canada, 2,000 less than last year.

The Department of Marine and Fisheries has been notified that American companies are taking large quantities of fish off the coast of British Columbia.

Miss Alice Teaver of Hamilton, sued Dr. Baxter, dentist there, for \$200. She said he broke her jaw while extracting a tooth. The jury gave her \$100.

In honor of General Lord Kitchener the C.P.R. Company has changed the name of the new town at the eighth siding of the Crow's Nest road from Creston to Sirdar.

The immigration branch of the Interior Department will shortly issue a 10-page atlas of the geographical and topographical features as well as the climatic conditions of Canada.

Four delegates, who have returned to Winnipeg from Minnesota, say that fully 200 families will move to North-west from Minnesota and Wisconsin next spring, and locate near Edmonton.

R. O. G. Thompson, an ex-mounted policeman of Regina, while practising on a trap-bar in the bowling alley at Fort Steele, B.C., fell and dislocated his neck. His arms are partially paralyzed.

A rich pay streak has been struck in shaft No. 2, Mikado mine, Lake of the Woods. It is said to be the greatest strike ever made in this district and runs about twenty thousand dollars to the ton.

Miss Booth, of the Salvation Army, who has just returned to Toronto from a tour of the Army's stations in the Maritime Provinces, will make a more extensive tour going to Newfoundland, early in the New Year.

It is said an action for damages will be brought against the Grand Trunk Railway by the young German emigrant, Frederick Cohen, whose parents were killed in the Murray Hill disaster.

Judge Johnston of Sault Ste. Marie has been presented with a handsome gold watch, the gift of his brother district Judge, in recognition of his services as Secretary of the Board of District Judges.

A company will at the next session of Parliament seek incorporation with power to acquire and operate the Niagara Central Railway, and to extend it to Hamilton, Toronto, and to extend it to Lake Ontario.

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All the Deputy Ministers of Militia and Defence have been lawyers. Mayor Puttvoe, the first deputy, was an English lawyer, and the late Col. Panet was a lawyer, and that is also the profession of the new deputy, Mayor Pinault.

Mr. Charles H. Norris, who is in Ottawa on his way to New York, claims to have discovered a new gold country in the Yukon which will rival the richness of the Klondike. This new country is known as the Tooya district, and is reached by way of the Stikine River.

Acting Warden Foster of the Kingston Penitentiary says the best work that the Prisoners' Aid Association could do would be to protect discharged prisoners against the private detectives, who hound them and track them, and when they have got employment warn the employers of their prison record.

Kenneth Finlayson, son of one of the earliest factors of the Hudson Bay Co. who died recently the biggest land owner in Victoria is in trouble in Victoria. He was charged on Tuesday in the Police Court with embezzling \$1200 from the Dominion Savings Bank, where he was employed as clerk. Inspector Fraser says his speculations dated from February last.

It is reported in Ottawa that Connolly Bros., of Montreal, are the successful tenderers for the new Intercolonial Railway deep-water wharf at St. John, their tender price being in the neighborhood of \$300,000. The wharf is to be over 500 feet long, and will accommodate the largest vessels at all conditions of tide. Messrs. Connolly are just completing a big contract at Philadelphia.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The year's output on the Clyde reaches the enormous total of 446,911 tons.

A thousand tons of ships' plates have just been landed at Glasgow from Norfolk, Va.

It is said that the number of British vessels wrecked during November was 62 causing the loss of 77 lives.

George Stone, an engraver, has been sentenced to be hanged at Hull, Eng., for the murder of Emily Hall.

Christopher Sykes, well-known clubman, and intimate friend of the Prince of Wales, is dead at London.

Sir William Anderson, Director-General of the Royal Ordnance Factories and part inventor of cordite, is dead.

Negotiations are reported to have been begun between Russia and Great Britain for the solution of the Chinese problem.

Sir Alexander Gollan, British Consul-General to Havana, who is now in England, has resigned and will not return to the Cuban capital.

The Prince of Wales has summoned a private meeting to be held at Marlborough house to discuss the best methods of staying the ravages of consumption.

February 25th is the date fixed for the marriage of Mrs. Adeline Patti to Baron Von Cederstrom, which will take place at Neath, Wales. Baron Von Cederstrom is about to become a naturalized British subject.

UNITED STATES.

Buffalo is now free from smallpox. Buffalo's grain blockade continues. Eighty vessels are waiting there to be unloaded.

Major-General Brooks has been appointed Military Governor of Cuba by Mr. McKinley.

The 8th annual convention of the American Federation of Labour is in session at Kansas City.

The steamer Alameda, at San Francisco from Australia, brought treasure amounting to \$3,510,000.

Dr. Lyman Abbott's resignation of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, will take effect from May 1 next.

Four United States war vessels, the Brooklyn, Texas, Castine, and Resolute, have been ordered to Havana.

The Cuban Evacuation Commission has recommended that an army of 50,000 men is requisite to maintain order in Cuba.

It is reported that Mr. Joseph H. Choate of New York will be the next United States Ambassador to England.

A proposal to raise the Maine from Havana harbor and the Cristobal Colon at Santiago is before the Washington authorities.

There was an epidemic of suicides in New York on Sunday. Three people took carbolic acid, while a fourth jumped into the river.

The lumber cut on the Aroostock river in Maine, this winter will be twenty-one million feet, which is in excess of the past year.

Congress on Thursday in 20 minutes passed the Pension bill, calling for an appropriation of \$145,000,000, an increase of \$4,000,000, over the act of the current year.

It is said that a tunnel under New York, to solve the city's rapid transit problem, will be begun by a private company within a year. The work will cost \$50,000,000.

A purse of \$1,000 has been subscribed by Baltimore shipping merchants for the crew of the British steamer Vedamore, who saved 45 of the crew of the wrecked Landonian.

Gideon W. Marsh, former president of the wrecked Keystone National Bank, at Philadelphia, was sentenced there yesterday to 12 years and three months, and to pay a fine of \$500.

Mormon church authorities in Salt Lake City Utah, have advertised an issue of \$500,000 in eleven-year 6 per cent. bonds, payable in gold. The object is to pay off pressing indebtedness.

A verdict for \$10,500 damages has been rendered against the St. Paul, Minn., Street Railway Company. The complainant was A. D. Litten, guardian of Michael J. Reen, who had his foot crushed.

Mr. Richard Croker announces that work on a tunnel under Manhattan Island, to solve New York's rapid transit problem, will be begun by a private company within a year. He places the cost of the work at \$50,000,000.

Mrs. Lulu Johnston, aged 60 years, has been indicted by the grand jury at Perry, Ok., charged with murdering two husbands. She has been a widow seven times. The bodies of her two

last husbands which have been exhumed were found to contain arsenic.

Henry A. Chapin, the multi-millionaire mine owner, and richest man in Michigan, died in Niles. He was 86 years old. Deceased leaves a widow and one son, C. A. Chapin of Chicago. He was estimated to be worth \$10,000,000 to \$30,000,000. Death was caused by old age.

Daniel W. Getchell, engineer on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway, indicted for manslaughter, for causing the death of Franklin M. Waters in a rear-end collision at Sharon, Mass., was found guilty by a jury at Dedham, Mass. The case will go to the Supreme Court.

Kansas negroes are leading a movement for the deportation of 2,000,000 negroes to Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii and Africa. Petitions are being circulated, and will be forwarded to the Kansas delegation, praying for an appropriation by Congress of \$100,000,000 to carry out these plans.

Harry Sheffield is under arrest at Hot Springs, Ark., on a charge of murdering and cremating Mrs. Nellie J. Horn, a beautiful young woman who disappeared several weeks ago. Sheffield's brother, in whose house the crime is alleged to have been committed is also under arrest.

A riot occurred in the First District Police Court of St. Louis, during which Judge Thomas H. Peabody, on the bench, sat with a revolver in his hand while Attorney J. D. Storts, with drawn weapon, denounced the judge in unmeasured terms because of a decision he declared unfair to his clients.

The National Board of Trade, meeting at Washington, has adopted a resolution to the effect that the commercial prosperity of the country would be greatly promoted by the nearest practical approach to the establishment of complete reciprocal trade relations between the United States, Canada and Newfoundland.

GENERAL.

Prince Mirza, second son of the Shah of Persia, is in Brussels.

It is reported that the Duc d'Orleans is to ask the Pope for permission to divorce his wife.

Sir Thomas Upington, Premier of Cape Colony from 1884 to 1886, died at Cape Town.

It is reported that Russia has acquired a number of warships that are being built for Japan.

In a test on British ships at Hong Kong recently, 2,000 marines disembarked in 20 minutes.

Berlin has a case pending in its courts involving "exalted families" in an immense gambling scandal.

The Mexican Government has a scheme to fill up the vacant lands of that country with Spaniards from Cuba.

Gen. Ludlow has been appointed Military Governor of Havana by the United States Secretary of War.

The Swiss Federal Assembly has elected E. Mueller, of Berne, to be President of the Swiss confederation.

A Jack-the-Ripper is at work in Brussels. Another woman was found murdered in the street there last night.

A despatch from Bombay says that a British soldier has died from lumbago at Bangalore, capital of Mysore.

Over 15,000 silk workers in the Rhine provinces have gone on strike, according to a despatch from Krefeld, Germany.

Capt. McCullough, former chief of police of New York, now in the same position in Havana, expects to keep order there with 1,000 m-n.

The imports into France during the last eleven months increased \$17,833,960. The exports during the same period decreased \$5,868,200.

By the explosion of a shell at Fort Constantine, at Cronstadt, Russia, nine soldiers were killed and three officers and seven soldiers wounded.

The story is revived that President Kruger of the Transvaal will not go to Europe to consult a specialist on account of inflammation of his eyes.

A Vienna newspaper says that Count Tolstoi, the novelist, is shortly to be expelled from Russia, because of social disturbances attributed to his teaching.

The French Government is being urged to test the practicability of having ocean liners carry rafts as shade-decks and life savers in the event of shipwreck.

The trial at Rome of Signor Favilla, former manager of the Bologna Bank for misappropriation of the bank funds has ended in his conviction. He will serve two years.

The French Chamber of Deputies, has adopted a bill loaning \$100,000,000 for the construction of railroads in Indo-China, guaranteed by the Government of Indo-China.

Mail advices from Constantinople report that the Kurds have not been confined in their attacks to the Armenians, but are committing robberies and outrages on the Turks, who were formerly their allies against the Armenians.

PRINCE CANNOT LEAVE.

No Prospect of H. R. H. Opening the Victoria Bridge.

A despatch from London says:—Enquiry made on Tuesday at Marlborough house as to the reliability of the rumour that the Prince of Wales is to cross the Atlantic next summer to open the new Victoria jubilee bridge at Montreal, on the invitation of the Grand Trunk Bridge Co., resulted in positive assurance that there is no truth whatever in the rumour. It is generally believed in court circles here that the Prince will not leave Europe in the near future, on account of the age and generally critical health of his mother. In case of any untoward happening to the Queen the Prince's absence would involve serious difficulties.

MARKETS OF THE WORLD.

Prices of Grain, Cattle, Cheese, &c. in the Leading Markets.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Eggs—Not much coming in. Demand steady, and prices unchanged. Quotations are:—New laid 20 to 22c; held fresh 17 to 18c; cold storage, 15 to 16c; and limed, 14 to 15c.

Potatoes—Market steady; demand is fairly active for all first-class stock. Car lots sold on track to-day at around 60 to 61c. Dealers sell out of store, at 70c; farmers' loads sold at around 65 to 70c.

Poultry—Deliveries not heavy and market holds steady to firm. Quotations are:—Chickens, per pair, 25 to 40c; ducks, 40 to 60c; geese, per lb, 5 1/2 to 6c; turkeys, per lb, 8 to 9 1/2c.

Beans—Choice hand-picked beans sell at \$1 to \$1.10; and common at 70 to 75c, per bush.

Dried apples—Dealers pay 4 to 4 1/2c for dried stock, delivered here, and small lots resell at 4 1/2 to 5c. Evaporated, 8 to 8 1/2c for small lots.

Honey—Market quiet. Round lots of choice, delivered here, will bring about 5 1/4 to 6c; dealers quote from 6 to 7c per lb. for 10 to 60-lb. tins; and in comb at around \$1.25 to \$1.50 per dozen sections.

Baled hay—Very little doing. Strictly choice, in car lots, is quoted at \$6.50 to \$7.50 per ton; No. 2, at \$6.

Straw—Demand nil. Car lots are quoted at \$4 to \$4.50, on track.

Hops—Business is slow. Dealers here quote choice Ontario stock to-day at 10 to 18c, while holders will take nothing less than 20c.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter—Receipts coming forward are ample for the present trade requirements. Dairy keeps easy and creamery about steady. Quotations are as follows:—Dairy, tubs, poor to medium, 10 to 11c; choice, 13 to 14 1/2c; large rolls, 13 to 14c; small dairy, lb. prints, about 14 1/2c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 19 to 20c; lbs, 20 to 21c.

Cheese—Market firm; early makes are selling at 9 to 9 1/2c; and late makes at 9 1/2 to 10c.

BREADSTUFFS, ETC.

Wheat—The strong tone in Chicago to-day imparted a decidedly better tone to the local market. In the morning red and white wheat, north and west, sold at 66c, but this afternoon none could be had under 65c; odd cars sold at 67c. Manitobas were firm. No. 1 hard, Toronto and west, sold at 78 1/2c. No. 2 hard and No. 1 Northern, Toronto and west, at 75 1/2c. No. 1 hard, track, Midland or Owen Sound sold at 73c.

Flour—Tone firmer among holders. Straight roller in bbls, north and west, offered at \$3.20; and exporters bid \$3.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, in bags, on track here, \$3.40 per bbl; and in bbls, \$3.50.

Millfeed—Scarce and in good enquiry. Car lots of bran, middle freights, \$13; and shorts, \$15. Ten lots of bran at Toronto mills sell at \$14, and shorts at \$16.

Peas—Higher. Car lots, north and west, 43 1/2c, and east, 64 1/2c.

Oats—Firmer. White oats, north and west, sold to-day at 27 1/2c, and mixed at 27c; white sold east at 28 1/2c.

Barley—Quiet. Car lots of No. 1, outside, are quoted at 47c asked, and 46 1/2c bid.

Rye—About steady. Car lots, west, are quoted at 51c, and east at 52c.

Buckwheat—Scarce; exporters quote 45 to 46c for car lots, outside.

Corn—Firm. American yellow, track, Toronto, sold to-day at 42c, and mixed at 41 1/2c. Canadian yellow, Chatham, 32 1/2 to 33c.

DRESSED HOGS AND PROVISIONS.

Low prices have had the effect of stopping the heavy supplies which have been coming forward all week, and to-day deliveries were light. Values held unchanged. Western hogs were sold on track to-day, car lots, at \$5.15 mixed weights; and Northern hogs at \$5.25 to \$5.25. On the street farmers' loads sold at \$5 to \$5.10, according to quality. Provisions market remains unaltered.

Quotations are as follows:—Dry salted shoulders, 7 1/2c; long clear bacon, car lots, 7 3/4c; ton lots and case lots, 8c, hams, 8 3/4 to 9c.

Smoked meats—Hams, heavy, 10c; mediums, 10 1/2 to 11c; light, 11c; breakfast bacon 10 1/2 to 11c; rolls, 8 1/2 to 8 3/4c; backs, 10 1/2 to 11c; picnic hams, 7 3/4 to 8c. All meats out of pickle 1c less than prices quoted for smoked meats.

Lard—Tierces, 7c; tubs, 7 1/2 to 7 3/4c; pails, 7 3/4 to 8c; compound, 6 to 6 1/2c.

Buffalo, Dec. 20.—Spring wheat—Dull but steady; No. 1 hard, spot, 76 1/2c; No. 1 Northern, 74 1/2c; No. 2 Northern, 70 1/2c. Winter wheat—Neglected; No. 2 red, 72c, on track, No. 1 white, 72c.

Corn—Strong; little doing; No. 3 yellow, 36 3/4 to 37c; No. 4 yellow, 36 1/2c; No. 3 corn, 36 1/2c. Oats—Quiet; barley steady; No. 2 white, 31 1/2c; No. 3 white, 31c; No. 4 white, 30 1/2c; No. 2 mixed, 30c; No. 3 mixed, 29c.

Barley—Strong. Flour—Steady; fair demand. Rye—Dull; No. 2, in store, 61c.

Minneapolis, Dec. 20.—Wheat—December, 61 3/4c; May, 64 3/4 to 65c; on track, No. 1 hard, 65c; No. 1 Northern, 61c; No. 2 Northern, 62c. Flour—First patents, \$3.70 to \$3.80; second patents, \$3.50 to \$3.60; first clears, \$2.65 to \$2.75.

Duluth, Dec. 20.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, 67 3/8c; December, 65 7/8c; bid; May, 66 7/8c; No. 1 Northern, cash, 62 7/8c; December, 62 7/8c; bid; May, 65 7/8c; bid; No. 2 Northern, 58 3/8c; No. 2 red, 57 7/8c; to arrive, No. 1 hard, 65c; bid; No. 1 Northern, 64c. Oats—27 3/4 to 28 1/2c bid. Rye—51c bid. Barley—36 to 42c. Flaxseed, \$1.01 1/4. December, \$1.04 1/4 bid; May, \$1.08 7/8. Corn—32 1/8c bid.

Toledo, Dec. 20.—Wheat—No. 2, cash, or December, 69 1/2c; bid; May, 70 7/8c.

Corn—No. 3 mixed, cash or December, 35c. Oats—No. 2 mixed, 27c. Rye—No. 2 cash, 54 1/2c. Cloverseed—\$5.15. Detroit, Dec. 20.—Wheat—Closed—No. 1 white, cash, 69c; No. 2 red, cash and December, 68 1/2c; May, 70c. Milwaukee, Dec. 20.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 66 1/2 to 67c; No. 2 spring, 63 1/2 to 64c; No. 2 Northern, 65 to 65 1/2c. Rye—No. 1, 54 to 54 1/4c. Barley—No. 2, 48 1/2 to 48 3/4c; sample, 42 to 48c.

DIVIDING UP AFRICA.

Arrangement Between Britain, France and Germany.

A despatch from Berlin says:—The Belgian Minister to Germany, Baron Greindl, states that diplomatic negotiations are on foot between the Congo Free State and Great Britain, on the one hand, and Germany and France, on the other, looking to the obtaining of the acquiescence of France and Germany in the treaty of May 12, 1894, between Great Britain and the Congo Free State. By the terms of that treaty Great Britain was to lease to the Congo Free State a territory including the Province of Bahr-el-Ghazal for the term of the reign of King Leopold, and a lease of a goodly portion of the territory was to be continued to his Majesty's successors. Great Britain was to receive from the Congo Free State a lease of a strip of territory which substituted Great Britain for the Free State as Germany's neighbour on the western boundary of German East Africa. In deference to Germany's objection Great Britain withdrew the article of the treaty whereby it was provided that territory should be leased to her, and France induced the Free State to renounce her claim under the British lease to the Bahr-el-Ghazal territory.

For the concessions that are now asked France and Germany are to receive compensation in other parts of Africa.

BELGIUM GAINS NEUTRAL TERRITORY.

The negotiations between Prussia and Belgium regarding the neutral territory of Moresnet, about one and one-half square miles of land on the Prussian-Belgian frontier, are now ended. This territory of about 1,000 acres in extent, which, since 1815, has been possessed in common by the two kingdoms, is ceded by the new convention to Belgium, subject to the consent of the inhabitants. Prussia is to receive compensation in the shape of part of the Belgian Hertogen forest, near Eupen.

LOST SCALP RESTORED.

Remarkable Operation by a Paris Doctor.

A despatch from Paris says:—A very remarkable case is reported from one of the Paris hospitals. Last August a laundress had her hair caught in the machinery of the room where she was working. She was literally scalped from the neck to the eyebrows. The scalp was left hanging in the machinery so as to form evidence of the manner of the accident, and the laundress was taken to the Broussais hospital.

Dr. Malherbe, who had charge of the case, sent immediately for the scalp. He had the hair shaved off, and the scalp carefully washed and dipped in an antiseptic solution, and then carefully applied to the head.

Everything proceeded in the most satisfactory way, and the young laundress was discharged yesterday little the worse for her accident.

SENT A BRITISH WARSHIP.

Will Resist Enforcement of French Claims in Shanghai.

A despatch from Shanghai, says:—The American, British, German, and Japanese merchants here have forwarded through their Consuls identical protests to their Ministers P. kin against an extension of the French area of exclusive control in Shanghai.

Rear-Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, who represents the British Associated Chambers of Commerce, attended the meeting at which the decision was arrived at to forward the protests.

The British cruiser Iphigenia arrived here Saturday. China interprets her arrival as meaning that Great Britain will oppose enforcement of the French claim.

THE NEGUS DELIGHTED.

Upon Receiving a Photographic Message From Queen Victoria.

A despatch from London says:—Newspapers here announce that Lieutenant Harrington, the British military representative in Abyssinia, recently communicated to the Negus Menelik a photographic message of friendship from Queen Victoria. The Negus was delighted, and ordered that an artillery salute be fired in honor of her Majesty.

BRITISH EMBASSY ATTACKED.

A despatch from Washington says:—The residence of Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Ambassador at Washington, was attacked on Friday by a man named Jos. W. Pearson, who threw stones and bricks into the drawing-room. One of the missiles hit Miss Pauncefote, injuring her ankle. The valuable cut-glass in the front entrance and several windows were smashed. The man is now under arrest, but is believed to be insane.

CHURCHES.
EVANGELICAL.—Services 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sabbath School at 2 p.m. W. H. Holtzman Superintendent. Cottage prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Young People's meeting Tuesday evening at 7:30. Choir practice Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Finkbeiner Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN.—Services 10:30 a.m. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. J. H. Moore, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Davidson, Pastor.

R. C. CHURCH. Sacred Heart of Jesus.—Rev. Father Halm. Services every Sunday, alternatively at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Vespers every other Sunday at 3 p.m. Sunday School at 2:30 p.m. every other Sunday.

GERMAN LUTHERAN.—Pastor, P. Mueller, Ph. D. Services: every 2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday of each month 2:30 p.m. Every 3rd Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 1:30 p.m. Every 3rd Sunday at 9:30 p.m.

METHODIST.—Services 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sabbath School 2:30 p.m. G. Curie, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, Thursday 8 p.m. Rev. Mr. KEEFER, B. A., Pastor.

SOCIETIES.
C. M. B. A., No. 70—meets in their hall on the evening of the second and fourth Thursday in each month. H. KEELAN, Pres. A. GISSLER, Sec.

C. O. F.—Court Mildmay, No. 186, meets in their hall the second and last Thursdays in each month. Visitors always welcome. John McGinn C. R. M. Filsinger, Secy.

C. O. C. F. No. 155—meets in the Forester's Hall the second and fourth Mondays in each month, at 8 p.m. J. W. WARD, C. R. W. M. JOHNSON, Sec. Sec.

A. O. U. W. 415, meets in the Foresters' Hall, the 1st and 3rd Wednesday in each month. L. BUHLMAN, M. W. M. JASPER, Sec.

I. O. F.—Meets on the last Wednesday of each month. J. W. WARD, C. R. W. M. JOHNSON, Sec. Sec.

K. O. T. M. Unity Tent No. 101, meets in Foresters' Hall, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. W. McCULLOCH Com. M. JASPER, R. K.

Grand Trunk Time Table.

Trains leave Mildmay station as follows:

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| GOING SOUTH | GOING NORTH |
| Mail..... 7:33 " | Mixed..... 1:59 p.m. |
| Mixed..... 10 a.m. | Express..... 10:15 p.m. |

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

—13 lbs of good coffee for \$1.00 at J. J. Stiegler's.

—The Glass blowers have left town. Their show was well patronized, and everybody received a handsome prize.

—Brothers Patrick and Theobald of Toronto are here at present with their mother, Mrs. O'Reilly, who is very ill.

—Carpets at 10c 25c and 40c at Stiegler's.

—The following is the result of the municipal elections in Clifford:—Reeve, E. Tolton. Councillors, Eckenswiller, Graff, Preiss and Ziegler.

—Anniversary services will be held in the Methodist church on Sunday. Rev. Mr. Tonge of Plattsville will occupy the pulpit both morning and evening.

—The Postmaster-General has issued a proclamation that after Jan. 1st 1899, letters may be sent to all parts in Canada and the United States for two cents. This will prove a great boon to business men.

—The Noxon Works at Ingersoll has lately changed hands and the new management have signified their intention of excelling all other companies with their implements. Thos. Woodcock is the Agent at Mildmay. See their advertisement in another column.

—J. L. Schwartz has resigned his position as manager of the hardware department of Elford Bros., business and after a month's vacation with his parents at Demerston, Ont., will return to engage in business for himself in some of the new towns along the line.—Langdon, N. D., Democrat.

—The annual meeting of the Carrick Branch Agricultural Society will be held in the town hall Mildmay, on Wed., Jan. 11, at 1:30 p.m. to elect officers for the ensuing year and to transact general business. All interested are requested to attend. Geo. H. Liesemer Secy.—Treas. J. M. Fischer, Pres.

—Mr. John Schweitzer, the popular manager of the Skating Rink, has decided to change the evenings for skating, and hereafter the rink will be open to skaters on Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Mr. Schweitzer also wishes to intimate that all shouting and yelling must be stopped. This is a step in the right direction, as it is a disgrace to jeer at new beginners.

TO THE PUBLIC AND TO THE FARMERS.

It has been circulated around the country by some individuals of our town that I do not pay cash for my logs, therefore I wish to notify all those who have any logs to sell to bring them to my mill and I will pay the highest market price when unloaded, if required. As far as I knew I have paid for every log that ever was brought into my yard and should I owe anyone for logs please call for your money. GEO. SCHWALM.

—Factory cotton at 26 per yd. at J. Stiegler's.

—Sunday street cars carried in Ottawa by a majority of 1,600.

—Boys' suits worth \$2.50 at \$1.50 at J. J. Stiegler's.

—Mr. J. H. Schmitt, the new shoeman, is selling boots and shoes at greatly reduced prices for the next thirty days. See his ady. in another column.

—New overshoes for \$1.00 at Stiegler's.

—The teacher and pupils of S. S. No. 7, Carrick, purpose holding a concert in the school next Thursday afternoon. All interested in this school are invited to attend.

—Glebe & Logging are paying the highest prices for A1 maple logs, and all other kinds of logs. They also wish to state that one hundred cents on the dollar will be paid for every log brought in.

—FOUND—In C. Liesemer's hardware store, Mildmay, one day last week, a sum of money. Owner can have same by proving his ownership and paying for this advertisement.

—Rev. C. S. Finkbeiner left on Monday for Parry Sound District where he will spend two weeks in the interest of the Evangelical church. He expects to preach every day during that time.

—STRAYED—From Steinmiller's mill, Otter Creek, on Saturday, December 24th, a black Newfoundland dog, which answers to the name of "Danger," was last seen in Mildmay. Finder will be suitably rewarded by returning same to J. Steinmiller, Otter Creek. Notice is also given that any person harboring said dog will be prosecuted.

—The harness shop on Main street which has been conducted by G. Lindenschmidt for the past six months, has been purchased by Mr. H. Pletsch, of Ailsfeld, a young man who has had ample experience in the business. We learn that Mr. Lindenschmidt intends working his father's farm on the 6th con.

—Election of officers took place at the C. O. F. meeting last Thursday evening:—C. D., Geo. H. Liesemer; C. R. Jno. McGavin; V. C. R., J. E. Mulholl and; Chap., Rev. Keefer; Condt., R. Wilton; F. S. W. Hack; R. S., Moses Filsinger; Treas. Ferd Voigt; Woodwards, M. Jasper, Clendening; Beadles, Geo. Behrnes and Jno. Fink; Guards, L. Pletsch and H. Miller; Court physician, Dr. Macklin; Trustees, John Hunstein, H. Miller, Geo. Roswell; Auditors, R. E. Clapp and E. N. Butchart.

—About six o'clock last Monday night several citizens noticed a bright light in a northwesterly direction. We have since learned that it was the barn of Mr. Robt. Weir, of Turnberry. It appears that one of the boys was milking and went up to see if one of the cows was properly secured when it kicked the lantern and in a few moments the building was in flames. So rapidly did the fire spread that they were only able to get out two cows and the horses. 25 head of cattle were burned alive. We have not yet learned the amount of the loss.

—It used to be the custom with the boys of this town that when three or four wanted to go for a drive in one buggy, a couple would walk out of town and wait for the rig,—so that the livery man would not catch on. The girls have evidently followed the example set by the other sex, as last Friday two of our popular young ladies marched up over the hill and waited there for their would-be sweetheart to join them in a pleasant cutter ride. Now whether these young ladies were afraid it would hurt their characters to be seen driving through town or whether they were playing the boys' game is a mystery to us all.—Com.

Mr. J. Gordon, the Huntingfield postmaster, has returned to Lapeer, Mich., with his son Charles; there to spend the remainder of his days. Owing to his failing eyesight and old age, having considerably passed the four score years, he resigned the office which he has held upwards of fifteen years. The office is left in charge of Mr. Robert Haskins for the present, until a new postmaster is appointed. It is needless to say Mr. Gordon will be greatly missed. He was a faithful mail carrier, braving the storm on many days when many men of half his age would not have ventured out, and although everything about the office was not kept in the same style as a city office, yet we believe he performed his duties to the best of his ability at all times. We hope he may be spared to spend many pleasant days among his friends.

—D. G. Braun, who for several months past held down cases in the Democrat office, left Tuesday for Minneapolis, Minn. later to take a trip to the Pacific coast. While here he became decidedly popular with all, both socially and in a business way. That the change may be beneficial to him in every way is desired.—Langdon, N. D., Democrat.—D. G. Braun is a son of Mr. L. Braun of con. 12, Carrick.

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Dr. Macklin spent last week at his home in Stratford.

Mr. A. Penneck and family of Drew spent New Year's with his parents here.

—The Montreal Herald and Weekly Star and the Gazette for \$1.75 per year.

Messrs. Wm. and Alex McGavin have returned from the Northwest.

Dr. and Mrs. Wilson spent New Year's with relatives in Stratford.

Wm. Johnston of Robb visited at his home here over New Year's.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. John Boehmer is recovering from his very serious illness.

Charles Schultze of Hespeler spent New Year's at his home here.

Oliver Querrin of Ethel is renewing old acquaintances here.

—Mr. Albert Dustow returned home from the west last week. He looks hale and hearty.

—Jos. Schneider of Langdon, N. D., has returned home. He has been clerking in a general store for the past year.

—Miss A. Kartes who has been visiting at J. N. Schefer's returned this week to her home in West Branch, Michigan.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The virtues of Dr. Chase's remedies are known the world over and like old England's flag the sun on them never sets.

Spain needs money. Great Britain needs the absolute command of the Mediterranean. Therefore, with a good hope of success, Great Britain seeks to purchase from Spain a coaling station in the Balearic Islands and other strategic points, to render Gibraltar unassailable. The matter is deferred until Premier Sagasta gets better but France and Russia are working tooth and nail against the proposal.

It is not a happy new year in the Spanish newspapers. All of them deplore the raising of the United States flag in Cuba and the Philippines. It means, they say, the closing of four centuries of Spanish colonial history. They tell the people to take heart and reorganize the affairs of the county as speedily as possible. It is said that Senor Sagasta will from a new Cabinet, to include Lieutenant-General Weyler.

Poor Zola, who was chucking a while ago over English amiability in keeping his asylum secret, is being scented out by Scotland Yard detectives. A newspaper correspondent who was "in the know" was asked by a detective to tell all about it. The newspaper correspondent nobly refused, and gave Zola the tip. From other sources it is learned that the British Government at the request of France, has issued a warrant for the arrest of Zola, who is known to be in England. Of course, it is the famous "I accuse" letter in the Dreyfus case for which they want to extradite the novelist.

In all the expansionist jubilation it must not be forgotten that Uncle Sam has two armies engaged in subduing the Philippine insurgents. At Washington there is some irritation because the War Department has not heard from Gen. Otis, whether or not he succeeded in making a landing. Gen. Miller, of the other army is seeking to avoid hostilities, and if Gen. Otis doesn't make a bad break, there is a chance that the islands will be subdued without bloodshed.

Dreyfus has not been released, nor has there been any modification of the severe treatment of him ordered by the French Government. This information comes to the London Daily Telegraph from its correspondent in Cayenne, the capital of French Guiana. Dreyfus received on December 23 the documents forwarded to him by the Court of Cassation, and his replies will leave the island to-day. M. Henri Rochefort, a violent anti-Dreyfusard, is responsible for the report that the Court of Cassation, on the Government's representations, has abandoned its intention to bring Dreyfus to France.

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