



Fifty Years Ago.

This is the way it was bound to look when grandfather had his "pictur took." These were the shadows cast before the coming of Constance Daguerre and his art, like a girl in a pin-fair, some day to bloom to a goddess fair. Men certainly were not as black, we know as they pictured them, 50 years ago.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla

began to make new men, just as the new pictures of men began to be made. Thousands of people fronted the camera with skins made clean from blotch and blemish, because they had purified the blood with Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It is as powerful now as then. Its record proves it. Others imitate the remedy; they can't imitate the record.

50 Years of Cures.

Twice Downed.

London Curlers Doubly Defeated by St. Marys.

Thamesville Wins the Match for the Ferguson Curling Trophy.

Hockey Matches at Brantford and Dundas—Other Sporting Matters.

CURLING.

ST. MARYS EXPERTS.
St. Marys curlers again won in their friendly contest with Forest City yesterday afternoon. In the morning they defeated three rinks of the London club by seven shots, and in the afternoon they left Forest City fourteen behind. The score was as follows:

FOREST CITY. ST. MARYS.	
Rink No. 1.	Rink No. 1.
H. S. Blackburn, Dr. Balfour, J. Burnett, W. T. Strong, skip.	R. S. Box, Rev. Cosgrove, J. O'Leary, J. J. McInyre, skip.
Rink No. 2.	Rink No. 2.
J. McWhinney, R. Shephard, H. A. Beattie, W. S. McInyre, skip.	R. S. Box, Rev. Cosgrove, J. O'Leary, J. J. McInyre, skip.
Rink No. 3.	Rink No. 3.
C. E. Sterling, R. Shephard, J. Mattinson, W. S. McInyre, skip.	R. S. Box, Rev. Cosgrove, J. O'Leary, J. J. McInyre, skip.
Rink No. 4.	Rink No. 4.
Dr. McDonald, skip.	W. S. McInyre, skip.
Total.....51	Total.....65

St. Marys winning by 14 shots.

AT GODEFRICH.
Seaford and Godefrich curling clubs had a match Tuesday. Godefrich won by four shots.

AT CHATHAM.
Thamesville, Ridgeway and Chatham curlers, each represented by two rinks, played on Tuesday for the Ferguson trophy. Thamesville won by 35 to 29, and Chatham by 35 to 29.

AT BRANTFORD.
A hockey match, played Tuesday night, between the Brantford and London teams, resulted in a victory for Brantford by nine goals to six.

AT DUNDAS.
Two games of hockey were played Tuesday night, one between Dundas II. and Canada II., resulting 6 to 5 in favor of the home team. The other, Hamilton Vics vs. Dundas, resulted 4 to 3 in favor of the Vics.

COLLEGIATE VS. COLLEGIATE.
The London Collegiate Hockey Club, who have held the junior championship for the past two seasons, will run up against the boys of St. Thomas Collegiate Institute on Friday night, and a good fast game is promised. The collegiate team's combination work, though good, must be improved.

THE TURF.
TIPS.
John R. Gentry now weighs 935 and Robert J. 830 pounds.

The Indiana racing mare, Nellie McCro, sold last week to Canadian parties for \$2,500. She is now being trained by a party who will build a new running track in Indiana, about 55 miles from Chicago, this summer. The track will not be run in opposition to the Ohio track.

For the past two years August Belmont, owing to his herculean efforts to place thoroughbred racing on a respectable basis, has broken down and been ordered south.

BASEBALL.
GROUNDERS.
The Louisville club is willing to pay \$5,000 for a first-class pitcher.

Buck Weaver says if he ever quits baseball it will be because someone drives him out of the game with a club.

Arthur Irwin has bet George Stallion \$10,000 that he will win the Kentucky Derby.

SMALL YET LARGE.
A dollar bottle of K. D. C. is a small thing as regards size, but when its contents are taken for any form of indigestion, it is then you see its largeness.

IT'S THE MIGHTY CURE OF STOMACH ILLS.
The great men, the good men of America, honestly recommend it. For they have tested its merits. It is a dollar bottle of K. D. C. were prepared in liquid form it would be sufficient to fill a quart bottle, so you see that while K. D. C. is the best as regards merit, it is the cheapest as regards quantity. Write for a sample.

K. D. C. PILLS are splendid for the liver and bowels and restore them to healthy action. **K. D. C. COMPANY, Ltd.**
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ings that his Toronto team will take a game from the Phillies when the two get together in the south this spring.

Georgia will be a great stamping ground for the National League clubs this year. The Bostonians will be in Savannah, Baltimore in Macon, Pittsburgh in Atlanta, and Phillies in Augusta.

It is stated that Louisville is dickering with New York for pitcher Russ. The scheme is for New York to farm him to Louisville for the season, and receive a handsome bonus for his services.

Jimmy Manning has secured Dolan, the left-handed pitcher who belongs to Boston and is expected to be loaned to the champion for Providence last year. This completes Manning's team, and it is a strong one. He has strengthened where he was weakest—in the pitching department—during the last few weeks.

ATHLETICS.
BLOWS.
Parson Davies is willing to match Jimmy Barry against Peder Palmer at 108 pounds, for \$10,000 a side. A London club is trying to arrange the match.

Tracy has signed the articles for the fight with Ryan. It will be for the welterweight championship, and will be pulled off in Syracuse on Feb. 24. A letter from London announces that Charley Mitchell has completed arrangements to return to this country within the next three weeks. The letter states that it is Mitchell's intention to challenge the winner of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight. Failing in this, Mitchell will issue a challenge to fight any heavyweight man in the world.

MIE CORBETT-FITZSIMMONS.
Fitzsimmons' money for his fight with Corbett is not all up. Corbett's is. When the money is all up, Dan Stuart must put up \$10,000 more, or \$15,000 in all, as a guarantee that will provide a place in which the contest can be decided. A failure to do this will result in the forfeit of \$15,000 to Corbett and Fitzsimmons. The money is not due until Feb. 17. Stuart's expenses will probably be about \$40,000—\$15,000 for the purse, \$10,000 for erecting the arena, and \$15,000 for outside matters. The building will seat 20,000 persons, and if half that number attend, his gate receipts alone will amount to \$100,000. This means a profit of more than \$100,000, not counting the kinship receipts.

At Delmonico's, in New York, several bets of \$1,000 to \$700 have been made that Corbett will win.

Our Neighbors.

Death of a Lucan Pioneer—Mail Stage Change.

The grip prevails around Lucan and vicinity at present. Some cases are quite severe.

Mrs. Mary Maguire, aged 84 years, an old pioneer of Lucan, died Tuesday morning of general debility. She leaves a family of five children, but they are all settled in life, except one daughter, who made her home with her mother.

The mail stage between Lucan and Elmdale, which was quite satisfactory, being run by Mr. J. W. Orme, has been changed to the mail conveyance.

James E. Martin, of South Dorchester, was arrested Friday night by Constable Palmerston at Springfield and taken to St. Thomas on a charge of neglecting to support his wife and child. In 1895 Martin was arrested for wronging his present wife, and compromised matters by marrying her in Aylmer. He lived with her for one week, and without any warning left and went to Michigan, where he resided until a few days ago. It is understood Martin claims to have obtained a divorce from his wife. Mr. A. Grant, for the crown, applied for a remand, which was granted.

The annual meeting of the Westminster Mutual Fire Insurance Company was held on Monday in the village of Lambeth. There was a large attendance of the members of the company. A report of the past year's business was given, which was quite satisfactory. Messrs. John Nixon and A. M. Hunt's terms as directors expired. Mr. Hunt was re-elected by acclamation, and Mr. Nixon was re-elected by a majority of nine over Mr. James Elliott. Messrs. H. Foote and D. Lawson were elected directors. As a result of the meeting of the board the following were elected officers of the company for the coming year: President, A. M. Hunt; vice-president, R. G. Rose; secretary, Henry Anderson; treasurer, Thomas McDougall.

E. M. FARMERS' INSTITUTE.
Meetings of the East Middlesex Farmers' Institute will be held as follows: Belmont, Feb. 11, Thursday afternoon and evening; Nijlstone, Feb. 12, Friday afternoon and evening; Thrapston, Feb. 13, Saturday afternoon and evening; Bryanston, Feb. 15, Monday afternoon and evening. Addresses will be given at each meeting. Lecturers: Mr. McCrae, of Guelph, and other expert and practical agriculturists, on topics of vital interest. Farmers should not miss these meetings.

ALISA CRAIG.
Public School Honor Roll for January—The Piano Business.

Alisa Craig, Feb. 3.—Following is the honor roll for the month of January, the order of merit being the six in each class receiving the highest number of marks: Miss Struthers' room, Class 5—Dan McDonald, Geo. Easton, Nellie McCabe, Brenda Wright, Milton Gillies, Willie Reid. Class 4—John Bell, Sylvia McKenzie, Archie McKay, Ernest Roberts, Lloyd McNeil, Wilmer Clark. Class 3—Annie McKay, Mattie Robinson, Harold White, May Bowman, Willie Hodgins, Norman McDonald.

Class 2—Willie Robson, Albert Atkinson, Annie Black, Mamie Powell, Mervin Hutchinson and Philip George (equal). Class 1—Nellie McNeil, Clara Alexander, Nora Robinson and Hugh McDonald (equal), Katie Fraser, Willie Davis.

Mr. Bell's room, junior 3rd class—Harry McCabe, Edith Foster, Pauline Cusick, George Roberts, Annie Atkinson, Emma Hughes, Senior 2nd class—Hannah Black, Nellie Hodgins, Mabel McLellan, Willie Brown, Jennie Chapman, Abbie Black, Junior 2nd class—Cora Alexander, Maggie Livingston, Mary Cunniss, Blossom Thompson, Maggie Davis, Ida Hodgins, D. S. McDonald. Junior 1st class—Chas. Chapman, Stuart Bell, Percy Parker, Amos McLellan, Mary Parker, Arthur White, Senior 3rd class—Harvey Gunn, Percy Calhoun, Sadie Martin, Maggie Walker, Hugh Gillies. Don't forget.

Mr. J. Calhoun, of London, agent for the celebrated Belmont pianos, has been here for a few days, and succeeded in disposing of two beautiful Chas. Edwards and Miss Lynn. Pianos are all the rage here at present, no less than four having

been sold here within the last two weeks.

Mrs. Maguire, mother of James Maguire, of this place, died at her residence at Lucan on Monday the 1st inst.

Rev. Mr. Smith, of Thamesford, preached in the Presbyterian Church here on Sunday last. His subject was "A Gentleman is a Favorite Here." We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Doss is very poor at present, with very little hope of recovery.

ARKONA.

Two Deaths Chronicled—Sojourners in Uncle Sam's Domain Return Home.

Arkona, Feb. 2.—Mr. Joseph Foster, aged 76, an old pioneer, passed quietly away on Saturday last after a brief illness. The interment took place here on Sunday last at the Arkona cemetery. The funeral was largely attended by relatives and friends. The sermon was preached in the Baptist Church after the interment by Rev. M. Baldwin, pastor. Mr. Foster leaves a wife and large family, one of whom is at present in a critical condition. They have the sympathy of the neighborhood in their bereavement.

Mr. W. Sadler, a highly respected and noble Christian worker in our town, all feel his loss, and all join in deep sympathy with the bereaved widow. The funeral took place on Tuesday at 3 o'clock, and was largely attended. A brother of the deceased from Chicago, among the many other relatives, was present. Services were held at the home before leaving for the cemetery.

Mr. T. Fitzsimmons, who has been for a trip in Uncle Sam's domain, has returned.

Mr. Robert Fitzsimmons, one of the county councilors, has just returned from council.

Mr. Randall, of Uttoxeter, paid a visit to town and vicinity this week. Miss A. Larn, of London, who has been visiting friends in town for the past week, returned to her home on Monday.

Mr. A. E. Everest has returned from Port Huron, where he was working in the cloth business. Mr. Everest prefers the drug business, and so has come back. The boys and girls all welcome him.

LAKE SHORE—BOSANQUET.

No Lack of Preachers and Preaching—Left for Buffalo—Scarlet Fever Patients.

Lake Shore, Bosanquet, Feb. 2.—This place lacks of preachers or sermons. The Congregational and Methodist Churches are having special union services alternately at their respective churches. The Rev. A. T. Burdett, of Detroit, is a preacher who is engaged in a protracted meeting, under the leadership of Rev. Mr. Douglass, of Detroit, Mich.

Lake Huron has been covered with ice this winter as yet, though there is a broad strip along the edge. Mrs. Taylor, who has lived all her life here, who was married recently, has gone with her husband to live in Buffalo, and leaves a host of warm friends here. Mrs. Taylor has about recovered from the scarlet fever, and Norton attended the former, and Dr. Horton the latter.

KONOKA.

Surprise Party at a Minister's House—Largely Attended Funeral.

Konoka, Feb. 3.—Quite a large sleigh party drove from this place to Hyde Park on Monday evening and spent the night at the home of Mr. Haig, who met the joyful crowd at the door with his usual smiling countenance and extended hand, making every body welcome, and all of them were made comfortable and happy. The sleigh party was a success, and the evening was spent in singing, etc., the evening was drawn to a close by singing that familiar hymn, "How Firm a Foundation." "We Meet Again," and all left the manse much pleased with the pleasant evening they had spent.

The funeral of Mr. J. Graham, which took place Monday afternoon, was one of the largest that has been witnessed here. The service was very impressive, and was attended by a large number of relations and friends from other parts of Canada and the States. The Rev. J. Nash, of London, officiated, and the head of the procession, which was conducted and guided by the S. C. E. Co., J. Nash and his family, had the sympathy of this community in their sad bereavement.

A large sleigh party went from this place to the home of Mr. J. Taylor, to hear the great lecturer, Mr. J. Taylor. Mr. W. Heath is indisposed.

GRIEF AND WORRY

Cause Heart Troubles.

A well and favorably known lady of Montreal gives an account of her sufferings:

"Grief at the death of near and dear relatives is a deep-seated sorrow, and nervous trouble and general debility. Prior to that time I was in excellent health, and was quite satisfied with my mind and nerves were in such a state that I found it almost impossible to compose myself to sleep. When I did drop into slumber I would wake up in a short time trembling violently and in a cold perspiration, and could not get to sleep again. My memory became clouded and faded. I had great pain through my temples, and my heart frequently seemed to stop its pulsations. I was again and again fainting spells, so that my friends thought I was a hypochondriac. Fortunately I procured a Box of Miller's Heart and Nerve Pills from Mr. S. A. Hodge, the well-known druggist of this place, and commenced taking them last spring. To my gratitude they performed a complete cure. My appetite improved, my heart and nerves were in good health, and I feel now as healthy and happy. I sleep well, and have now no trouble with my heart or nervous system. I have gained great credit for heart and nerve troubles as well as a splendid tonic for the entire system. I am very glad to recommend them to all sufferers from similar complaints. (Signed) Miss W. M. Mitchell, Montreal, Ont."

Laxa Liver Pills cure constipation, biliousness, and sick headache; 25c.

Carrie-Jack thinks I'm fickle. Lena that's just the reason he doesn't propose a second time. I don't know how many women cure a trial. I have now ten torn from one pair of feet without any pain. What has done once it will do again.

In High Life.

Great Railroading Through Kicking Horse Pass.

Interesting Interview With the Oldest Engineer on the Division.

Mr. James Ormister in the City—The Great Divide—Grand Scenery.

Twenty-five years ago an English traveler journeyed from the land of his birth to the wilds of British Columbia, making the voyage by way of India, Australia, and San Francisco. In the Canadian territory he traveled as far east as the Rocky Mountains, enduring great hardship, but exhilarated by the grandest scenery to be found in the world.

He reached a spot, since famous as the Park of Canada. Standing on the summit of the Kicking Horse Pass, 5,300 feet above the level of the sea, the lonely adventurer was surrounded by the lofty snow-capped mountains of Stephen, Fitz and Cathedral, and in the distance the peaks of the Van Horn and the other ranges, one upon another, were plainly visible. His eye wandered down the Bow River Valley to the southeast, and 48 miles distant the foot hills could be seen. Looking up at Mount Stephen the traveler could see a little stream hurrying down the winding course to the west, where it divides, some of the minute particles of water going down the eastern slope and some to the west, the merest chance deciding which direction they should take. The traveler, as he stood contemplating that little mountain stream, noting its source in a glacier close by, little thought what food there was for reflection connected with it. That is the great water shed of the continent. The portion of the stream that rushes down to the west becomes augmented and forms the Kicking Horse River, which joins the Columbia River, and eventually reaches the Pacific Ocean. The other half of the little stream becomes the Bow River, and eventually reaches the Atlantic Ocean.

Three special engines are used on the Kicking Horse Pass to assist through trains up and down the heavy grades on either side, and the engineers are men of extraordinary nerve.

The other day an Advertiser reporter, Mr. James Ormister, the oldest engineer on the division, was interviewed on the construction. He was in the city the other day, having been on a visit with his family to the city near Wyton. The engine, the throttle of which is handled by Mr. Ormister, is No. 316, turned out of the C. P. R. shops at Montreal last August, and is the largest on the line. It is a construction engine, weighing 101 tons, and has four pairs of driving wheels. Its boiler, though, is much larger than that of the latter build.

The division covered by these special engines is from Laggan to Donald, a distance of about eighteen miles, and includes the grandest scenery on the continent. Close by the track is the division of the little stream which is the source of the Bow River. They approach this point, are reminded of the importance by the sign, "The Great Divide," in large oak letters, placed there by the railway company. On the hill is a field, a little hamlet of seventeen families, principally the descendants of the early settlers, and his family live. Near there is the famous natural bridge over the Kicking Horse River. The railroad bridge, which is one of the finest ever built. It is 155 feet span, and of very heavy construction, necessarily, have occurred. A complete telephone system, however, facilitates matters greatly.

The summit of Kicking Horse Pass is 2,000 feet above the level of the track on the plains to the east, and the up grade averages from 1-2 to 5 feet per hundred. Toward several thousand feet above the pass are the peaks of the surrounding mountains, which can be seen at a distance of 150 miles.

This section is rich in minerals. The C. P. R. take all their hard coal for the western division from Canmore, and the anthracite coal from McNeil's mines, both of which are in the immediate vicinity of the pass. The Monarch gold mine, in Mount Stephen, yields a large amount of ore, and little gold claims are springing up everywhere.

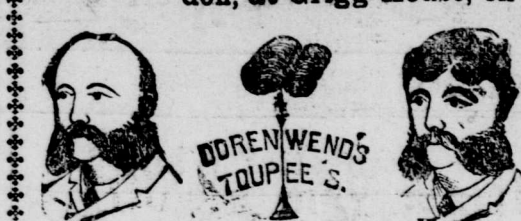
Stephen and Field are monumental mountains, the one being named after Lord Mount Stephen, and the other after Cyrus W. Field.

Fever and Ague and Billous De-generations are positively cured by the use of FARMER'S PILLS. They only cleanse the stomach and bowels from all bilious matter, but they open the entire system, causing them to pour copious effusions from the blood into the bowels, after which the corrupted mass is thrown out by the natural passages of the body. They are used as a general family medicine with the best results.

Irish papers announce the death, at Limerick, county Londonderry, of Mrs. Anne McLoughlin, at the age of 112 years. She is believed to have been the oldest subject of her Majesty in the British Isles.

ART HAIR COVERINGS.

PROF. DORENWDEN'S WINTER VISIT OF 1897. He will be in London, at Grigg House, on Thursday, Feb. 4.



His many patrons and all who are afflicted with baldness or thin hair should consult him and see his beautiful HAIR GOODS, in Gents' Toupees and Wigs, Ladies' Bangs, Switches, Wigs, and other Art Hair Goods he manufactures. Thousands upon thousands enjoy health, comfort and youthful appearance by wearing them. Why not you? Remember, at GRIGG HOUSE, LONDON, on THURSDAY, FEB. 4. Consultation and fitting on free. Prices as usual. VERY REASONABLE. Also at Grand Central Hotel, St. Thomas, Friday, Feb. 5, until 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6.

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LETTERS TO THE "ADVERTISER."

HORSE POWER.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: Please be kind enough to let me know through your valuable paper. How much power constitutes a horse power? FETER SCOTT, Teeswater.

(Note.—Thirty-three thousand pounds raised 1 foot high in 1 minute, or 550 pounds raised 1 foot high in 1 second, constitutes a horse power.—Ed.)

Washington and the Inauguration.

A visit to the national capital during the winter must be taken to be appreciated. The gay city is at its gayest; Congress is in session; the Ministers and attaches of all foreign legations are in town, and Washington, in itself, is a beautiful city, is made kaleidoscopically picturesque by the multitudes which throng the streets. Particularly is this so during inauguration week. Washington is the Mecca for thousands of pilgrims from all over the country. The glittering pagantry and pomp of the inaugural parade and ceremony are a feast to the eyes of the American people, always lovers of display and magnificence. One of the grandest features of the ceremonies is the inaugural ball, which is unsolicited as to attendance.

To enable all to participate in the pleasures of the capital during the inauguration week, greatly reduced rates will be made by the Lehigh Valley Railroad system from all points along its lines. Tickets will be good for return on March 1, 2 and 3, and good for return on March 4 to 8.

The route traversed by this line is too well known and popular to require particular description. The beauties of scenery are a feast to the eyes of the traveler. Call upon or address the nearest Lehigh Valley agent for reduced rates and all other information desired. 333e ed

A Climatic Trait.—Michener—Straws to which the wind is blowing. (From Kansas)—Out there in our country houses, trees, and horses tell their name tale.—Philadelphia North American.

THE MEDICINE FOR LIVER AND KIDNEY COMPLAINT.—Mr. Victor Ager, Ottawa, writes: "Take great pleasure in recommending to the general public Parnele's Pills as a cure for Liver and Kidney complaint. I have taken them for the last three years, and have been cured of all my troubles. I have taken many medicines that were recommended to me without relief, but after taking eight of Parnele's Pills I was quite relieved, and now I feel as free from the disease as before I was troubled."

"Good canvasback ducks," said Rivers, "are quoted, I see, at \$3 apiece. How true it is that riches have wings!"—Chicago Tribune.

A Prominent Lawyer Says: "I have eight children, every one in good health, not one of whom but has taken Scott's Emulsion, in which my wife has boundless confidence."

Judge Laird, of Saginaw, wife and family, have been spending a few days at the London Sanitarium, for the benefit of their health, and have returned home.

Navigation and Railways.

ALLAN LINE

Royal Mail Steamships, Liverpool, Calling at Montreal, Portland, Halifax.

Laurentian.....Feb. 11 Feb. 13
Mongolian.....Feb. 11 Feb. 13
Numidian.....Feb. 11 Feb. 13
Laurentian.....Feb. 11 Feb. 13
Farsian.....Feb. 11 Feb. 13

RATES OF PASSAGE.

First cabin Derry and Liverpool, \$32.50 and \$30.00; return \$60.00 and \$55.00. Second cabin, Liverpool, Derry, London, \$34.00. Steerage, everything found, \$21.50.

Glasgow-New York service.—From New York, Siberia, Feb. 11. Cabin \$40 to \$50 return, \$80 to \$100; second cabin, \$30 return, \$55. To GLENVIEW, E. De la Hooke, "Clock" corner Richmond and Dundas. To St. Thomas, southwest corner Richmond and Dundas street, and E. De la Hooke, 415 Richmond street.

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Navigation and Railways.

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S.S. GERMANIC, Feb. 17
S.S. ADRIATIC, Feb. 24
S.S. BRITANNIC, March 3
S.S. MAJESTIC, March 10

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Through tickets and all information at Grand Trunk ticket offices, in London, "Clock" corner, E. De la Hooke, agent, or G. T. R. depot, or write to M. C. Dickson, D. P. A., Toronto.

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Railway Time Tables.

CONNECTED NOV. 23, 1896.

GRAND TRUNK—Southern Division, MAIN LINE—GOING EAST.

Trains arrive at London from the west—4:15 a.m., 12:35 p.m., 10:15 a.m., 4:20 p.m., 11:20 p.m.

Trains leave London for the east—3:35 a.m., 4:20 a.m., 8:25 a.m., 12:40 p.m., 2:25 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.</

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When a thing pleases both parties to the trade it must be a good one. This is the case with our Rebuilding Sale. During the first week we have made many customers happy with low prices on fine new goods. We have been made happy by an unusually large trade. We have sold large quantities of Ladies' and Children's Cashmere and Wool Hose, and no wonder; the price is enough to make them go. Call and see them on our counters. We begin Children's Black Wool Hose at 50c pair. Ladies' Black Wool Hose 2 pairs for 25c.

It is a rule of this house to give more for the money than the money is worth.

See Our Linen Department.

Large size Linen HUCK TOWELS..... 50c each
Very large Linen HUCK TOWELS..... 100c each
Splendid line of DAMASK TOWELS..... 50c each
New line of SIDEBOARD DRAPES..... 150c each
Nice line of LINEN TABLES..... 15c yard
Fine line of DAMASK TABLES..... 19c yard

Other lines of excellent value.

More News for watchful eyes to read. More BARGAINS for London's provident housekeepers to take advantage of.

Ladies' Fleeced Cashmere Gloves, fine quality, worth 35c, for 23c pair.

Ladies' Colored Cashmere Gloves, worth 20c, for 10c pair.

Just In new lines in ART MUSLINS, worth 10c for 6c; 38 inches wide.

Beautiful Patterns in ART MUSLINS, worth 12½c to 15c, for 8c and 9c yard; 38 inches wide.

New lines in WHITE CURTAIN NET, spot and figured, nice stripe border, new goods just in, worth 12½c to 15c and 20c, for 10c, 12½c and 18c.

One line is 45 inches wide, worth 25c, for 18c.

THESE GO IN AT CUT PRICES FOR THIS SALE.

LADIES' TAN CHATELAIN BAGS, regular 75c sale price 20c.

LISTER PLUSH, worth 75c yard, sale price 58c.

Western Ontario.

Three Bouncing Boys at One Birth in Chatham Township.

Breach of Promise Case—The Chatham Drug Co.'s Stock Taken by the Sheriff.

Joseph M. Clark, tailor, Tilsonburg, has assigned to Jonas A. Graves.

The Elgin Farmers' Fair Association have decided to hold the spring show on April 24.

Cameroon & Curry have sold the Ainslie Bros' property of 100 acres, near Tilsonburg, for \$1,000.

The cost of the Elgin County Council this session was \$116 20. Last session (November) the cost was \$275 20.

The wife of Mr. Noble Stark, of the 6th concession of Chatham township, gave birth to three fine boys on Saturday last.

There were no deaths from contagious diseases in Windsor during the past month, and only one for the previous month.

The induction of Rev. D. R. Drummond to the pastorate of Knox Church, St. Thomas, will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Matthew Wilson, Q.C., of Chatham, who has spent some months in a Baltimore hospital, has returned much improved in health.

Some \$10,000 of Essex county debentures will be sold to make up the deficit in the money required for the new county buildings.

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The platform of the pump being unsteady, the young lady fell through it, into a 40-foot well, with 15 feet of water in it. As she did not return, one of the household went out to see what was wrong. She was found clinging to the frame of the pump. Ropes and ladders were obtained, and Miss McMahon was rescued. At last reports she was getting better.

Tilsonburg Liberal: "Edna Whittington, aged 13, daughter of a farmer near Lynden, eloped Sunday with Alex. Talmie, aged 23. Talmie was a hired man with Mr. Whittington for over two years, and was discharged last November. Miss Whittington left home Sunday to attend church, but instead of doing so she left with Talmie, driving to Galt, and taking a train for Detroit. The girl not returning home from church, inquiry was made, and it was learned she had gone away with Talmie. Whittington immediately went to Bradford, placed the case in the hands of the police, who traced the couple to Detroit, where they were arrested on Monday. They were brought back, and Talmie was tried at Hamilton, being allowed out on \$2,000 bail. The girl went home with her parents."

Their Last.

Final Meeting of the School Board of 1896.

Serious Difficulty in Heating the Collegiate Institute.

The Annual Reports of the Various Committees.

Attention Called to the Practice of Snowballing and "Bobbing"—Votes of Thanks—Chairman Campbell's Address.

Last evening the final meeting of the Board of Education of 1896 was held and the organization meeting of the new board will be held tonight.

Trustee Bayly moved to reconsider the recommendation of the inspector to transfer Miss Munro from St. George's school to Maple avenue school. He said no good reason had been given for overruling the inspector, but everyone knew the reason was not agreed on. The chairman said he had been informed by Miss Monroe that she had been unfairly treated at St. George's school, charging Principal Baker with openly criticising her work before her class, in violation of the school regulations. He had written a letter, threatening to expose her if she did not resign, which was coercion. He did not permit her to enter the school on one occasion when she had come there to teach, and had told the pupils, in introducing her successor, Mr. Plewes, that their holiday for three months was over; that now they would have to go to work. "That is the side of the matter," said the chairman.

"What is the other side?" said Mr. Logan.

Dr. Campbell—the other side is that she was unable to keep order and was inefficient as a teacher.

Trustee Greenleaf said he had suggested the change recommended by the inspector. Mr. Baker had overstepped himself so far as to write forged orders, and also a note, saying that she was going to get married.

Mr. Bayly's motion that Miss Monroe be transferred to Maple avenue school, was carried.

Mr. Baker said he wanted the board to appoint a committee to investigate the matter.

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Fourteen meetings of the audit committee were held during the year, which were attended as follows: Trustee Griffin 9, Hunt 9, Campbell 12, Logan 4, Buchner (chairman) 14.

The finance committee reported accounts passed for the payment of \$349 78. The meetings during the year were attended as follows: Hunt 21, Bayly 17, Buchner 20, Buchner 20, Wilkins 21, Keenleyside 19, Martyn 7, Bradford 4, Anderson 15, Campbell 16, Gillean 6.

Trustee Griffin asked that the secretary call the attention of the principals of the schools to the violation of the rules by the children, in snowballing and catching on at school. It was very dangerous, he said. Two children had their legs broken last week through this custom of riding on sleds.

"Bobbing" will doubtless be the subject of numerous lectures in the schools ere long.

It was decided to pay the mother of the late Miss Charlotte Dunbar the difference between the amount paid a substitute, and the salary which her daughter would have earned from the time of her death to the end of the year.

Mr. F. C. Powell, Kincaidine, wrote the board expressing sincere gratitude for their kindness to his daughter during her illness.

The resignation of Miss May W. Field, of Maple avenue school, was accepted by the board.

Trustee Greenleaf moved a vote of regret at the loss of the four retiring members, who, he said, would be greatly missed.

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The Wooing of Nell.

George Claris had no suspicion of his visitor's profession. In spite of the rumors about the house, there were travelers staying there about five nights in seven.

The detective himself, for such he was, called himself a commercial traveler, and professed, during the four nights he spent under the roof of the Blue Lion, to do a round of business calls in the neighboring towns, returning to the inn towards evening, now from one direction, now from another, in a perfectly unostentatious and business-like manner.

On the second day he announced that he should have money to receive on the fourth, and he made this announcement in the presence of as many people as he could.

Jem nudged one of his companions and winked knowingly. The detective, without appreciating matches from his wink and took note of Jem.

When the last finger had been turned out, and the Blue Lion had closed its doors for the night, the detective made a few notes in his own room before he went to bed.

On the fourth night, when he was supposed to be in possession of his collected money, the detective went upstairs, as usual, to sleep. He had avoided such an accident by a nap in the afternoon.

Fully dressed, he lay down under the bed covering, and for three hours he waited. And presently, about two hours before the dawn, the expected visitor came.

Very softly, with the rapid, light movements of an expert, the figure crept round the bed, groping, searching. The man in the bed sprang up, kept out, and planted his back against the door.

Then for five minutes he waited in vain. Not a sound betrayed the presence of another person in the room. He took a box of matches from his pocket and struck a light. He could see the greater part of the small room, but no trace of a human being beside himself.

After the lapse of a few minutes it occurred to him that the intruder might have slipped out of the room or herself in a cupboard which filled the recess between the wall and the fireplace on the other side of the bed. Trusting to his own nimbleness of movement, he slipped out of the room, and he climbed quickly over the bed, and had his hand on the cupboard door when a sound behind him caused him to turn his head just in time to see the door of the room flung open by the shadowy figure, who must have been hiding under the bed.

The detective sprang to the door and caught the disappearing figure by the arm. Instantly the woman—for a woman it was—remained as still as a statue.

"Now I've got you!" cried the detective, between his teeth. "Let's have a look at you."

Still holding the arm in a firm grip, he struck a fuse from a case he found in his handiest pocket. Before he could distinguish anything, however, the light was promptly blown out by his prisoner, who began to struggle violently.

Still holding the glowing fuse, he tried, while holding his captive, to distinguish her features by the red glow. Pausing a moment in her frantic efforts to free herself, she managed with one imprisoned hand to seize the fuse, and with a sob of pain as the burning head pressed into the palm. The next moment, by a dexterous twist, she had wrenched herself away.

The next thing of which the detective was conscious was that there was a sound like a fall at the bottom of the stairs, and then the back door was opened and shut again with a bang.

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George Claris from above calling out to know what was the matter.

Now there was by this time enough daylight for the detective to flatter himself that the chase would be a short one when once he got out of doors. He was surprised to find, however, that the mysterious creature he was pursuing had vanished altogether, leaving no trace. Dashing out among the cabbage stumps, he had a wide view over the fields and across the little river. But there was not a sound, not the flutter of a skirt, to help him in his search.

He went carefully round the house, in the first place, trying the doors of the outhouses, and peering about for dark corners in which the thief might be hidden. As for the house itself, the lower windows were secured by shutters, and bore no sign of having been tampered with, while the front door was securely fastened from the inside. He then made his way to a group of cottages which stood near and questioned a laborer, who was just leaving one of them to go to his work, as to whether he had seen any person about within the last few minutes. The man answered in the negative.

Returning to the back of the inn, the detective was struck by the circumstance that a punt which had been moored at the inn side of the river before he made his tour of the house, was now fastened to a post by the opposite bank. He had just noted this when the landlady came out. He looked very surly, and he went up to the sham commercial traveler in a threatening manner.

"So it's you that's been turnin' the place upside down, is it? An' all for what? That's what I'd like to know. All for what?"

"You'll know in good time," said the detective, dryly. "I want to see the women folk in your house, if you please, ladies and all. I don't want to know what I've come about. I don't want to give you any more trouble than I can help, but I've got to clear this business up."

"Well, you may ferret it out your own way, then," said Claris, sullenly. "I'm not going to have nobody disturbed by you."

"Well," returned the other, in a conciliatory tone, "I don't want to put the ladies to any inconvenience, I'm sure. But if they'll just answer a few questions, they'll help me, and you, too. For, I'm sure, it's by no wish of yours that these tales have got about, and that you'll be very glad to hear the last of them."

"That's as may be," said George. "But I'll not stand any cross-questioning work to set 'em all in hysterics. And, anyhow, by this time they're all out and about. And if you want to talk to them, you may find 'em."

The detective took Claris' insolence very quietly. Remembering the incident of the fuse, he was able to chuckle to himself with the thought that he held the clue of which George Claris knew nothing.

"There'll be a burn in her hand," he thought to himself, "for many a day."

Returning to the house by the door through which he had left it, he noticed now in the broader daylight that there was a large cupboard immediately opposite, under the stairs. Opening the door of this cupboard, which he found unfastened, he saw that the contents were in some disorder, and he waited about until Meg, the servant, came to it to fetch her brooms.

The woman started with a grunt of exclamation at his appearance. "There's nothing for you to be frightened about," said he, quietly. "I only want you to tell me whether that is exactly the state in which you left the cupboard when you went to it last."

It had needed only a very few moments for him to decide that this was not the woman of whom he was in search. Stout, broad, clumsy as far as movement and heavy tread, the robust figure before him had certainly none of the nimbleness of the thief of whom he was in search. He had had experience enough to know how to assume an entirely reassuring manner with persons of her stamp, and it took her only a few minutes to recover her self-possession and to answer him intelligently.

"Why, no, it ain't," she said, with robust surprise and vehemence. "The things has been knocked down an' trampled on, an' all my brooms mixed up. Why, do you think, sir, she went on with round eyes, "that the thief 'aself has been in here?"

And she looked back at her brooms, her pails and her cloths, with a mixture of amazement, fear and respect. "Well, somebody's been in there, that's evident, isn't it?" said he, good-humoredly.

And he decided in his own mind that the clever thief had opened and shut the back door loudly as a blind, and had secreted himself in this cupboard until he was safely out of the house.

"I suppose you don't happen to have seen him about this morning?" he went on in a jocular tone, and it took her a moment to answer. "Seen the thief? Lor' no, sir. If he's been in the house, he must have got out again pretty quick; for I got down pretty near as soon as the master himself. An' there was nobody about then, for sure, but 'im an' me an' Miss Nell."

"The poor young lady was frightened, I'm afraid, by the commotion?"

"Oh, well, we're used to these set outs by this time," replied Meg philosophically. "Miss Nell did look very white an' faint like, an' she was all of a tremble, poor thing, when she heard about the fuss. So master picked her off to the colonel's, and told her she was to stop there till he sent for her."

"The colonel's! And who is the colonel?"

"Oh, an old gentleman as lives a little way from here along the Court stairs road. Miss Nell takes them their milk there fresh from the cow every morning and evening."

(To be continued.)

A FARMER IN TROUBLE.

A Greenville County Man Speaks His Mind—Feels Like a New Man—Cured by Four Boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Cardinal, Jan. 30.—Mr. Robert McIntosh, a farmer very widely known in this county, and living near this village, has been in a painful and dangerous condition as the result of kidney disease affecting the bladder.

When called upon he said: "During three years, until quite recently cured by using four boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills, I have been an intense sufferer from Kidney Disease, which kept going from bad to worse, though I was doctoring all the time."

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Worms cause feverishness, moaning and restlessness during sleep. Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator is pleasant, pure and effectual. If your druggist has none in stock, get him to procure it for you.

Free Library.

First Annual Report of the Librarian.

Works of Fiction in Circulation About 86 1/2 Per Cent.

Financial Statement—Miss Gray's Salary Increased—Other Matters of Interest.

The first annual meeting of the London Free Library Board was held last night at the library, and was well attended. At 8 o'clock Librarian R. J. Blackwell read the certificates of appointment of the following members: Joseph Marks, by the City Council; James Egan, by the Separate School Board; and Robt. Reid, sen., by the Board of Education. Mr. James Egan was unanimously elected chairman, and after the usual address of thanks the business was proceeded with.

The librarian's annual report shows that out of 60,043 volumes circulated during the year, 51,882 volumes, or about 86 1/2 per cent, were works of fiction. Mr. Blackwell said:

"In presenting my first annual report, I beg to draw your attention to the use the public are now making of the library. At such a distance, however, other arrangements will soon have to be made for their accommodation. I am sorry to say that the books are not in complete running order, and will not be for some time. A card catalogue is now ready of all the books in the library. It is arranged by author, title, and subject, and as soon as the balance of the books now on order are in, and arranged, we will commence work on preparing a printed catalogue. Supplying the public with books before the stock was ready increased the work to a great extent. However, they have had the advantage, although delaying the final arrangements. The reading room is well patronized, and the arrangements appear to give complete satisfaction. The reference room we have not given any attention to, and will have to leave that part until our circulating department is in running order."

"Circulation returns show a large percentage of fiction. This is a fact to be noted in several ways. First, all libraries show a high percentage when first starting. Toronto is about 80 per cent, but is now down to about 46 per cent. Then, the first books ready were fiction, being the easiest to prepare."

"The reading public in standard literature are finding out that we have a choice collection of works in all classes, and I trust to see the percentage increase in the same before the next report."

"In reference to juvenile literature, I hope we will have the assistance of the school teachers in suggesting books for the use of the scholars, also in directing them in what to read to assist them in their studies. This is a strong feature in other libraries, and leads to making the library an educational center. We have many books which would be useful to them, and when our catalogue is issued I hope to see them using them."

"It also finds that the public are using the library as a bureau of information, and we are being called upon to put them in the way of the information required. Donations have been acknowledged each month as received, but but few have been made as many as might be expected."

The total number of books in the library is 1,200. The number in each department, together with the circulation, from Feb. 8 to Dec. 31, 1896, is as follows:

Department.	Volumes.	Circulation.
General works	1,179	171
Philosophy	258	254
Religion	542	474
Sociology	454	299
Philology	201	480
Natural science	525	708
Useful arts	297	415
Fine arts	201	480
Literature	972	2,000
History	659	1,252
Travels	479	1,135
Biography	875	875
Adult fiction	2,003	13,407
Juvenile fiction	692	38,475
Totals	12,210	60,043

The number of magazines in circulation was 11,410.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts—Library rate \$7,545 00
Legislative grant 250 00
R. Reid, balance 48 91
Rent 74 00
Membership fees 6 00
Fines 172 64
Cards 197 80
Books lost and paid for 1 88
Books damaged and paid for 3 55
Incidentals 28 82
Mechanics' Institute 685 41

Total \$9,024 01

Expenses—Debiture \$1,539 55
Books 2,532 76
Binding 139 99
Building and repairs 177 68
Furniture 202 22
Telephone 25 00
Light and heat 557 93
Salaries 2,170 94
Sundry 216 19
Incidentals 177 70
Stationery 119 42

Total \$8,897 14

Cash balance on hand 126 87

The total number of cards issued to Dec. 31 was 3,918.

The statement for the month of January shows: Adult fiction, 3,501; juvenile fiction, 1,514; miscellaneous, 875; magazines, 1,012; total, 7,003.

The average circulation of books per day was 250, and of magazines, 42.

The figures for the month amounted to 77 1/2 per cent. The receipts for January were: Sale of cards, \$77 85; fines, \$14 99; books damaged, 25 cents; incidentals, \$3 72; total, \$95 51.

The number of cards issued for the month was 3,918.

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To the Public:

For the purpose of putting in an electrical plant to generate power sufficient to operate a twenty-stamp mill, hoists, electrical drills, and light the mines, THE COLORADO GOLD MINING & DEVELOPMENT COMPANY offer 100,000 shares of treasury stock at \$1.00 per share, on which a dividend at the rate of 1 per cent. a month is guaranteed for five years.

In the *Keyes, Keyes Extension* and *Three Chimneys* the Company has three splendid properties from which it is now taking pay ore, and negotiations have just been concluded for the fourth, which gives it four great properties in the Keyesville District, Kern County, California, a county which has produced gold to the value of more than a hundred millions of dollars since its discovery.

This group of mines presents a combination of seven full mining claims, making an aggregate extent of two miles with a full width throughout of 600 feet. The body of ore is enormous in quantity and of high grade. It is free milling, and more than ninety per cent. can be saved.

The Kern River, the second largest river in the State, is about one mile from the mines, and it is the intention of the Company to introduce a system of undershot wheels in the river, thereby generating sufficient power to operate the dynamos for the electrical plant as above outlined.

When the proposed improvements are completed, the cost of mining and milling will not exceed \$2.50 per ton; and as the average value of the ore is \$40 per ton, it is believed our net earnings will average One Thousand Dollars a day, which will insure dividends of at least 3 per cent. a month on the par value of the shares.

So well satisfied is the Managing Director with the feasibility of the proposed plan of operation and of the increased earnings that would accrue from the material reduction in the cost of mining and milling, that I have personally guaranteed dividends at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum until February 15th, 1902, on such an amount of stock as it may be necessary for the Company to sell in order to provide for the machinery necessary to enhance its earning power to what is believed will prove 36 per cent. per annum. I am moved to do this, being confident that the Company's earnings will protect me against personal loss, and enable it to realize a fair amount for its treasury stock, so that it need not dissipate its assets by selling at an unnecessarily low figure in order to provide for the improvements already mentioned.

At the price the shares are now offered, with the present rate of dividend, we are justified in saying they are by far the best investment offered in the Dominion to-day, combining as they do perfect safety with a high rate of interest.

After the sale of this 100,000 shares no more stock will be offered, and there will remain in the treasury 1,300,000 shares of stock, 1,000,000 of which will be retained in the treasury for future use. The remaining 300,000 shares of stock will be allotted among the shareholders of record, to be disposed of as they see fit.

In order to insure investors of the absolute stability of the investment offered, Messrs. Lownsbrough & Co., Bankers, together with the Managing Director, J. Grant Lyman, personally and jointly guarantee dividends at the rate of one per cent. a month on the par value of the shares for five years.

The same shares offered by the Company carrying the same dividend, but not guaranteed by Messrs. Lownsbrough & Co. or J. Grant Lyman, we are offering for 75 cents.

It goes without saying that the Company, in order to pay dividends on part of its stock, must pay dividends on all, as there is no such thing as "preferred stock"; but in personally and jointly guaranteeing these dividends we make assurance a positive fact, and, of course, such stock is worth more money.

Intending purchasers of mining shares will please note the following features of this enterprise:—

FIRST—The company is not in the experimental stage, but an established enterprise with an assured earning capacity, extending its operations.

SECOND—Our proposition is purely a business one, as we buy only such properties as show a profit over our investment and do not buy "prospects."

THIRD—Every shareholder stands on the same basis, no shares being given away or set aside for an officer or director, except as they are paid for the same as by other shareholders.

FOURTH—The payment of the dividends is assured beyond all question.

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was 167, making the total number of cards 4,085.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A letter was read from Mrs. E. Morphy, stating that the Woman's Art Association had decided to rent the eastern room in the Public Library at \$15 per month, if the services of the janitor were given, the association agreeing to pay him for extra work done on exhibition weeks.

The secretary was instructed to communicate with Mrs. Morphy, stating that the services of the janitor could not be given.

The request of the Middlesex Law Association, asking that they be given copies of the Toronto papers at the end of every week, was granted.

John Law's donation of the Leeds Weekly Times was accepted with thanks.

MISS GRAY'S SALARY.

Mr. Reid made a motion to raise Miss Gray's salary from \$325 to \$350 per year, saying that at the last meeting all the other salaries had been increased \$50, while Miss Gray only received an increase of \$25.

Mr. Edmund Weld opposed the motion on the ground that the salary question was dealt with last meeting, and the estimates made accordingly.

Mr. E. R. Cameron said that Miss

Gray did not receive as much consideration as the others.

Mr. Marks thought Miss Gray was worth all the board was in a position to pay her, as they depended upon her when the secretary was unable to attend.

The motion passed, Mr. Weld alone dissenting.

The Canadian Horticulturist will be placed on the magazine list.

The committees this year will be as follows: Finance, Messrs. Keen, Marks, Dignan and Mayor Little; Library, Messrs. Reid, Cameron, Macbeth and Weld.

Mr. Reid, in a short speech referred to the good feeling that had characterized his two years of office as chairman, and invited the board to an oyster supper.

Suffered With Neuralgia. Wardsville, Ont., Jan. 9, 1897.—I had neuralgia of the stomach, and all through my system. I procured a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and a bottle of Hood's Pills, and these medicines did me more good than anything else I have ever taken. I heartily recommend them to all. Esther Winger.

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Prices are down Below Cost—in order to close out all our Ready-Made Furs.
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FAIR TO CLOUDY AND MILD.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 2-11 a.m.—The southern storm which, it was thought, would move towards the lakes, has moved northeast, off the Carolina coast, and is now approaching Nova Scotia. Fair and comparatively mild weather has prevailed throughout the Dominion.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Esquimaut, 46-48; Kamloops, 20-28; Qu'Appelle, 8-24; Prince Albert, 1 below-20; Winnipeg, 2 below-3; Toronto, 14-23; Ottawa, zero-32; Montreal, 8-26; Quebec, 10-24; Halifax, 20-42.

Probabilities:
Toronto, Feb. 2-11 a.m.—Probabilities for 24 hours for lower lakes region: Moderate winds; fair to cloudy and comparatively mild.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:
The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory yesterday were 32 above and 20.5 below.

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That a man who gives his whole undivided attention to one particular subject should acquire a great proficiency in it, than one whose energies are expended in different directions. This is true of the medical superintendent, and his staff of assistants, at Lakeside Institute, in their treatment of alcoholism and kindred diseases. Every fresh case adds to the experience of years, and to the number of those successfully treated. There is no sudden and dangerous deprivation of liquor; there are no bolts and bars; the patient gives up the drink habit almost unconsciously, and from that moment, takes the first step on his upward career, commencing life afresh under brighter auspices. For pamphlet and terms address The Manager, Lakeside Institute, Oakville, Ont.

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Tomorrow's Elections.

Tomorrow three Dominion bye-elections will be fought—in East Simcoe, South Brant and North Ontario.

All three seats were carried by Conservatives at the general elections.

The results may now be different.

The Advertiser will bulletin the returns in each of the three constituencies at an early hour in the evening.

A Local Budget

—The London West school trustees meet tomorrow night to hold a ball about the end of this month.

—Mr. George Moore, of Detroit, is visiting friends in London West.

—Has any dog-owning citizen obeyed the Board of Health order in re-trying up or muzzling dogs?

—Sim Fax, city, is announced to sing in Bradford Opera House on Feb. 18. Sim is much in demand these days.

—Job printing of every description turned out neat and clean, and on shortest notice, at The Advertiser Job Press. The hand good and good weather combined to draw a large crowd to the Princess Rink last night.

—Mr. S. H. Turner, of Belleville, who has been attending No. 1 Royal School of Infantry here, has returned home, having completed his three months' course.

—Divul services are being held in the London West Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. B. Clement, assisted by city ministers. The meetings are being well attended.

GENTLEMEN:

Before the year grows any older stop that expensive and disgusting habit—the use of tobacco. We have a guaranteed cure for it.

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202½ DUNDAS STREET

Mr. N. Wilson, teacher, of the Forest City, and who has been associated with the teaching staff there for over 20 years. A large number of ex-pupils of the gentleman are now residents of Winnipeg and throughout the Northwest, and it was decided to participate in a testimonial. Organization was effected of a committee to solicit subscriptions, and any lady or gentleman ex-pupils of Mr. N. Wilson desiring to contribute to the fund can send the amount to any of the following gentlemen, who compose the committee: T. W. Taylor (chairman), W. Wilson (secretary), W. J. Christie (treasurer), W. S. Chisholm, J. A. Eland, J. Stevens, J. T. Colton and J. W. Leathorn.

—It is never too late to advertise a lost article in The Advertiser, whose circulation reaches in every direction through the country. On Jan. 24 Mr. John Kent, of Littlewood, while driving home over the Lambeth road, lost a valuable dog-skin mitt, which was picked up by Mr. John Curtis, about two miles from the city. Seeing the advertisement in Monday's Advertiser, Mr. Curtis today brought to this office the lost mitt, and Mr. Kent is now a firm believer in the fact that advertising pays, and that The Advertiser is the best medium.

THE BRITISH IN EGYPT.
This is the subject of the lecture to be delivered in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium tomorrow evening by Hon. David Mills, L.L.B. It is one of the live public questions of the day, and threatens to become one of supreme importance in the near future. No one on this side of the Atlantic is better qualified to describe it than Hon. Mr. Mills, who is famous as an earnest student of history and constitutional law.

A NEW COMPANY.
Frederick George Rumball, John Watson, Edward Grant and John Al-cesander Smith, manufacturers, and John Shannon, accountant, all of this city, have been incorporated "to manufacture from wood and to deal in boxes, frames and builders' materials, matched lumber, sashes, doors, window frames and blinds, and to acquire the necessary real and personal property," by the name of the London Box Manufacturing and Lumber Company, Limited, with a total capital stock of \$36,000, divided into 360 shares of \$100 each.

COST OF PAVEMENTS.
City Engineer Keating, of Toronto, has prepared an estimate of the cost of different classes of pavements. The cost per foot frontage, 24 feet wide, is: Heavy asphalt (6-inch concrete, 2-1-2 inches asphalt), stone curbs, \$4 46; light asphalt 4-inch concrete, 2 inches asphalt, stone curbs, \$2 90; brick, 4-inch concrete, stone curbs, \$3 65; brick on 6-inch gravel, stone curbs, \$2 55; cedar 6-inch concrete, stone curbs, \$2 77; cedar blocks on 6-inch gravel, wooden curbs, \$1 19; cedar blocks, relaid, wooden curbs, 90 cents; macadam, stone curbs, \$2 47; macadam, wooden curbs, \$1 50.

MR. MITCHELL-TREE'S RECITAL.
The talents of Mr. Thomas Mitchell-tree were rewarded and appreciated last night by a large and refined audience at Croyne Hall. Considering his blindness, Mr. Mitchell-tree's performance was marvellous. His numbers were strictly classical, being chosen from Chopin, Liszt, Schumann and other masters, and were executed with a technical precision, which even the possession of sight could not improve. Every rendering was marked by the delicate sympathy characteristic of his touch. Mr. Mitchell-tree had the able assistance of Miss Quila Meade, soprano. She sang some of Mr. Mitchell-tree's composition in a manner that delighted the author and the audience.

Messrs. Welford Bros., rope manufacturers, of this city, have added another branch to their already large business. They have recently purchased the latest machinery for broom-making, which line they purpose going into more extensively than hitherto. The plant is now being set up, and will be in operation in a few days.

—The death of the wife of Mr. Alonzo N. Payne, of the Postoffice Department, Ottawa, formerly of this city, and brother of the late Mr. Payne, is announced. This will be sad news to many Londoners. She was a clever woman, of amiable disposition, and was much esteemed by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. The blow will be a sore one to her husband and his infant babe, as well as to the only other member of the family is her sister, Mrs. H. B. Wilson, of Calgary.

—P. J. Watts' large mastiff was bitten by J. M. Breen's dog, about which the City Council debated for an hour not long ago, and has since died of hydrophobia. Dr. Stevenson experimented to determine whether Breen's dog was mad or not, and obtained evidence that it was. He secured the posterior part of the dog's brain, which connects with the spinal cord, and macerated it with glycerine. After placing it in a bacteria incubator for 24 hours, he treated a couple of rabbits with the emulsion. One of the rabbits died twelve hours afterwards, showing signs of dumb rabies. By microscopic inspection Dr. Stevenson obtained also positive evidence of hydrophobia. Robert Kelly, the man bitten by Breen's dog, is still in his usual good health.

—The Winnipeg Free Press of Jan. 30 says: "A fairly representative gathering of former residents of London, Ont., met last night at the committee room. The meeting was called to unite in some action in the movement for presenting a testimonial to Mr. N. Wilson."

—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 petroleum, kerosene, benzine, kerosene, and machine oils at lowest price. Phone 207.—Empire Oil Co.

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Wanted in 5 minutes
A cup of Beef Tea.
Something to give strength to the Soup.
Some rich Gravy for Meat.
The housewife is at her wits end unless supplied with

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16 oz. Bottle \$1.00

AROUND THE CITADEL

Number of Beds Provided and Meals Dished Up During the Month.

The elder and the unfortunate still continue to seek refuge at the Salvation Army Shelter Home. During January the number of beds supplied was 1,266. Of course, the major portion of these sought meals, ranging from 2 to 10 cents each. The number of meals served during the month was 2,320. Out of the honest and industrious visitors, 44 men were placed in temporary situations, 19 of whom secured work from citizens, while the remaining 25 were employed at the mill on the floor, which was comfortable compared with the cold world outside.

Brigadier Margatta is at Toronto interviewing Miss Eva Booth, the Canadian commissioner, on work in the Province.

Staff-Captain Turner has returned from Starthroy, where he has been holding a series of special meetings. At the end of the week the captain will proceed to Petrolia with a small detachment, to bombard the fortification of the Father of Lies in that city.

ENDEAVORERS' RALLY.
Sixteenth Anniversary of the Society Celebrated.

Christian Endeavorers of the city celebrated the sixteenth anniversary of the society by a rally at St. Andrew's Church last night. The president of the local Christian Endeavor Union, Mr. H. J. Brown, was in charge, and among the speakers announced were Rev. John Young, of Hamilton, and Rev. Thomas Wilson, pastor of the King Street Presbyterian Church, city. The latter, however, was unable to attend.

Revs. J. W. Pedley and G. B. Sage conducted the opening exercises, and the chairman introduced Rev. Mr. Young, who gave a most earnest address. He urged that there be a closer co-operation among the young people. He didn't mean uniformity or unanimity alone. People might be of one mind concerning any matter, and yet unity was a harmonious co-operation—not co-operation in regard to one or two matters, but a something that would bring two or more individuals so in touch with one another that there

would be as it were a one-ness between them. It was something that touched the human soul and permeated the whole character. "This unity is not found among young Christians today," said Mr. Young; "hence the influence of the church is checked and the glory of God lessened, and wrong influences go out; and instead of being a help to some at times, we are stumbling blocks." This, the speaker said, was working about the spirit of the said, and if they were going to get rid of it, they must cultivate unity. If the true spirit was ruling in all Endeavorers, there could not help but be the spirit of unity and of co-operation. There was more of that spirit today than there ever was in the Christian church, but the workers were not where they should be. Under the direction of Mr. Charles Wheeler the church choir furnished excellent music.

The Friend-Tryhard, the funny man, has a happy disposition. He never seems to be out of humor. The Enemy—I guess you haven't read many of his jokes.

INSTANT DEATH FROM HEART DISEASE

Heart Disease Kills.

Relief in 30 Minutes.

The most pronounced symptoms of heart disease are palpitation, or fluttering of the heart, shortness of breath, weak or irregular pulse, smothering spells, swelling of feet or ankles, nightmare, spells of hunger or exhaustion. The brain may be congested, causing headaches, dizziness or vertigo. In short, whenever the heart flutters, or tires out easily, aches or palpitates, it is diseased, and treatment is imperative. Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure has saved thousands of lives. It absolutely never fails to give perfect relief in 30 minutes, and to cure radically.

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