

WHITNEY AXE AGAIN FALLING NORVAL WANLESS LOSES JOB

Spoils System Once Again Breaks Out in the London Insane Asylum—Official Is Beheaded Simply Because He Is a Liberal.

The Whitney axe is falling. All the fine promises of Hon. Adam Beck have availed nothing, but, on the other hand, the spoils gang is in complete control.

As outlined a few days ago in The Advertiser, several dismissals and changes were to be made in the asylum staff.

The first move in this new campaign of spoils came yesterday, when Mr. Norval Wanless, who has been storekeeper at the asylum for some years, was given notice that after the first of the year, his services would no longer be required. The communication stated that he was not wanted. It is said that other changes are anticipated, and that several more will be given their official notice.

St. George's School Opened Today By the Minister of Education

Large Gathering at the Informal Affair—History of the School.

Hon. Dr. Pyne, minister of education, opened the new St. George's School this afternoon in the presence of a large gathering of educationists. He briefly addressed those assembled. Chairman Fitzgerald and others of the board were present. The affair was quite informal.

The following was the programme: Chairman's address, W. C. Fitzgerald, address, C. B. Edwards, B. A., public school inspector; address, W. J. Teasdale, M. D., chairman No. 2 committee; address, Hon. Adam Beck, M. P.; address, Major Thos. Beattie, M. P.

verster this morning, and confirmed the statement.

"Yes, that's right," he said. "I got a nice Christmas box. It is such a pleasant time to give something like this. So far as I know I am the only one to get it at this time. I have heard that there will be others, but, of course, I don't know. Still, what can you expect?"

Mr. Wanless is well known in athletic and social circles, and is a member of one of the oldest families in London. He is very popular, and the dismissal will come as a shock to his many friends. No reason can be assigned for it. Mr. Wanless never took an active interest in politics, and always looked after his duties faithfully and well. The only reason advanced so far, and it seems the most conclusive one, is that somebody needed the job. That was sufficient.

Next!



MR. EDWARD WYATT,
Popular Principal of St. George's School, Waterloo Street North.

THE DEATH PIT AT MONONGAH

House Census Shows 338 Men Missing—Eighteen Bodies Yet in Mine.

Monongah, W. Va., Dec. 13.—State Mine Inspector Paul, of West Virginia, is making a thorough examination of mines Nos. 6 and 8 today. Until Mr. Paul concludes his investigation, all other work at the mine has been suspended.

Explorations were stopped last night, at which time a total of 220 bodies had been recovered.

The result of the house census taken by the company shows that 338 men are missing, which leaves eight bodies still in the mines, according to the company's estimate.

With a few exceptions it is believed by the officials that these figures constitute the actual number of miners killed. In addition, however, there are a number of contractors and men hired by these contractors, believed to have been in the mines when the explosion occurred.

Mr. Paul's examination will probably be completed by night, when a force of men will begin to clear away the debris in both mines caused by falls.



HON. DR. PYNE,
Minister of Education, Who Opened St. George's School Today.

A London Case.
At Osgoode Hall, Thursday, in the case of Photo-Engravers Company vs. Simcoe—Z. Gallagher, for plaintiffs, moved for order setting aside third party notices for want of prosecution. Casey Wood, for defendants, contra. W. A. Proudfoot, for third parties. Defendant having complied with order, motion dismissed. Costs to plaintiffs in cause, and as between defendants and third parties, costs to be in the third party proceedings.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SNOW OR RAIN.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Dec. 13—8 p.m.

Today—Fair and cold.

Saturday—Strong breezes or gales mostly east and northeast; snow or rain.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary.....24 14 Cloudy

Winnipeg.....26 20 Fair

Port Arthur.....18 16 Fair

Parry Sound.....10 2 Fair

Toronto.....24 12 Cloudy

Ottawa.....8 6 Cloudy

Montreal.....8 6 Fair

Quebec.....2 2 Clear

Thunder Bay.....8 8 Cloudy

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 a.m. of this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

The pressure is high over the lake region and the Middle States, and low over the northwestern and southern portion of the continent. Fair cold weather prevails from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, and fair, comparatively mild conditions continue in the Western Provinces. In British Columbia rain is falling heavily.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 2-28; Victoria, 44-46; Calgary, 22-41; Prince Albert, 4-22; Regina, 4-42; Winnipeg, 10-30; Port Arthur, 10-34; Parry Sound, 10-21; Toronto, 16-24; Ottawa, 10-12; Montreal, 10-14; Quebec, 12-22; St. John, 28-42; Halifax, 36-50.

Local temperatures yesterday: Highest, 26; lowest, 16.

Ald. Beattie Will Run for Mayor If Ald. Matthews Is Switched

And Indications Are That the Switch Will Take Place.

Ald. Beattie has got the mayoralty bug all right, and is considering whether he will run for mayor or not. Some time ago he declared he was out of it, but in the meantime the Conservative bosses have got after him. They tried to force Mr. A. T. McMahon into the running, but that attempt failing, they looked about for another candidate, and great pressure was brought to bear on Ald. Beattie. He is wavering, and may consent to run, provided something else does not happen.

"Are you going to run for mayor?"

was asked.

"Well, I can't say," he answered. "I am considering it. It all depends."

"On what does it depend?" the reporter ventured.

"Well, it depends on several things," he replied.

"On Ald. Matthews?" he was asked.

"I will not tell you further than that I am considering it," he answered.

From outside sources it was learned, however, that it depends entirely on Ald. Matthews. If Ald. Matthews insists on running he will have the privilege, but without the official endorsement of the Conservative Club.

Mr. McMahon was the first choice of that body, with Ald. Beattie second choice.

Ald. Beattie then will be the candidate provided Ald. Matthews can be "switched." It looks like a "switch."

Ald. Matthews is still silent on the matter.

Chairman Screaton Denies the Rumor

There was a rumor going the rounds at the city hall this morning that there would be an overdraft of \$20,000 for the hospital trust. This was denied absolutely by Chairman

Screaton this morning. He thought it would be less than \$2,500.

"There is not a word of truth in it," he said. "I heard yesterday myself that it would be \$15,000, so it has grown a little. You might just as well make it \$100,000. There is nothing in the story at all."

Three More Cases of Smallpox Two on Alexander St., One on B

All Are Traced to the Woods' Household, on Tecumseh Avenue.

Two additional cases of smallpox have broken out at 26 Alexander street, West London.

The patients are a young cigarmaker, named Dicker and his sister. Both were removed to the isolation hospital yesterday.

This makes seven patients who are confined at the hospital suffering from the disease.

It is alleged that Dicker has been a frequent visitor at the home of Mrs. Woods, of South London, the lady who first carried the disease here from Goderich.

Still another case has developed on Brick street, outside the city limits.

The victim is John Ayers, who has been also, it is said, by caller at the Woods' household. Dr. Routledge has the case in hand. There are six members in the Ayers' household—father, mother and four children, John being the eldest.

Dr. Hutchinson's Statement.

Dr. Hutchinson, London's medical health officer, expressed indignation when told of the report that the two young men had visited the Woods' house.

"There is absolutely no truth in the report," he said.

According to Dr. Hutchinson's story Dicker and his sister visited the Woods' house two days before smallpox was discovered.

Not Quarantined.

"Were the Dickers quarantined when this fact was known?" was asked.

"No, of course not. Why should people be quarantined for visiting a place where no smallpox was known to exist at the time of their visit?"

Fourteen days after their visit to the Woods' the Dickers were taken ill with a light form of smallpox.

Attended Collegiate.

Pupils at the local Collegiate Institute received a scare this morning, when it was learned that a little sister of John Ayers had been attending that school up to within two days of the time that the existence of smallpox in the family began to be suspected.

Both Dr. Routledge and Dr. Hutchinson visited the collegiate today in reference to the matter, but they say there is no danger to the students.

No quarantine will be placed on the school, and it was stated by Dr. Hutchinson that everything has been made safe there.

LEGAL ROW OVER A WINDMILL SALE

Case of Barfitt Versus Harrison Being Heard at the Sessions.

But one case came up at the December sessions yesterday before Judge Macbeth, and according to the outlook it will take all day today to complete the taking of evidence.

William Barfitt sues a farmer named Harrison, to recover \$157 alleged to be due on a windmill and crusher, which he put in for the defendant some three years ago.

Harrison resides near Ailsa Craig, and Barfitt near Parkhill.

Barfitt was the only witness heard yesterday.

The defense alleges that the equipment was not according to specifications. Thirteen other witnesses remain to be heard. Mayor Judd, of Meredith & Judd, is acting for the plaintiff.

APPEAL FOR UNEMPLOYED

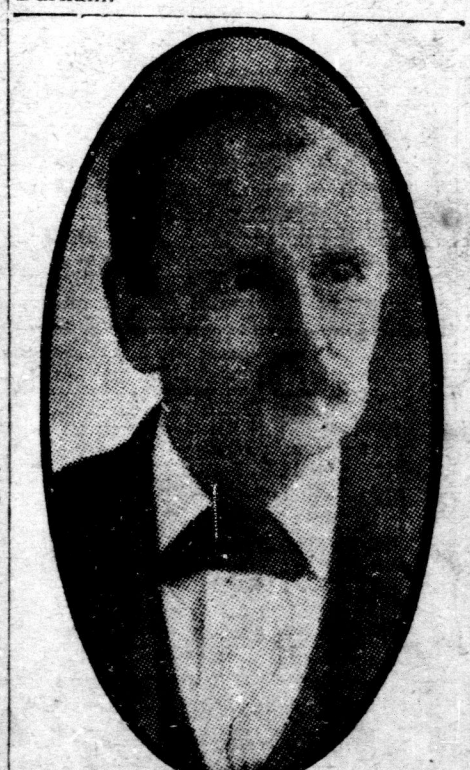
Premier Asked to Have Government Work in Toronto Go On.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Rev. Dr. Shearer, Dr. Chown and Mr. Thompson, of the Associated Charities in Toronto, waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Pugsley today, and asked that Government works now under contract in Toronto, or provided for, should be proceeded with at once, so as to give work to the unemployed in Toronto.

HER FATAL MISTAKE

Petrolia, Dec. 13.—Miss Maud Durham died suddenly at her home here yesterday from the effects of a dose of carbolic acid taken in mistake for a medicine which had been prescribed by her physician for a nervous trouble. Miss Durham was alone in the house at the time of the accident. A physician was hastily called, but despite his attendance the unfortunate young lady died shortly after. Miss Durham, who was one of Petrolia's most popular young ladies, was the second daughter of the late E. J. Durham.



MR. EDMUND BELTZ,Grand Treasurer of the Oddfellows of Ontario.

Who has been grand treasurer of the Oddfellows of Ontario for over 21 years, and was last night presented with a purse of gold by Grand Lodge officers.

WILL LAY IT BEFORE PREMIER DR. PYNE ON TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Influential Deputation Laid London's Claims Before The Minister of Education Today—Such Schools Not Now Matter of Government Policy.

Hon. Dr. Pyne, minister of education, arrived in the city this morning, and was met by Chairman Fitzgerald, of the board of education, Trustee MacRobert, chairman of the special committee, and Trustee Weekes, and he was taken to the Tecumseh House.

At noon a large deputation was introduced by Chairman Fitzgerald to urge the claims of London for a technical school.

The board of trade sent a large delegation headed by the president, Ald. Stevely.

The Trades and Labor Council was also represented.

London's Claims.

The first speaker was Dr. Tillmann, the chairman of the special committee of the board of education having this matter in hand. He pointed out

that the board had been approached on several occasions of late regarding the establishment of a technical school in this city.

There was splendid equipment for other branches of education, but the mechanical end had been entirely lost sight of. The boys of the schools were getting away from trades. There should be given every pupil of the college a fundamental grounding in mechanics. This would give every boy his bent, and lead to a more healthy sentiment towards labor. He pointed out the advantages of London as such an institution. It was in the center of a large manufacturing district. He referred to the great growth of technical education in Europe, and its attendant advantages. He expressed the hope that the Government would

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Engineer Suggests Two Extensions Of the Local Street Railway Service

Would Have a Loop in North End and a New Line in the East.

The board of works met last evening, but there was little business to be transacted. In response to the request of the committee Engineer Graydon prepared a plan for the north end street railway extension. The report is given in full. Other minor matters were settled.

City Engineer Graydon's report was sent to the council, as the committee had no power to deal with the question. It is as follows:

Proposed Loop.

"In regard to the extension of the street railway tracks in the north end of the city, I would suggest that a loop be run off Oxford street at Colborne street, north on

Colborne street to Victoria street, east on Victoria to William, south on William to Oxford street. This could be easily operated in connection with the Oxford street line, and would give the north end of the city ample service for many years to come.

Take up St. James' Street.

"To make this route better, and make a very equitable division in the north end, it would be advisable to enter into some arrangement with the London Street Railway Company to take up their present track on St. James street, Wellington and Regent streets, relay them on Richmond street from St. James street to Regent street. I do not think it advisable to run north on Adelaide street to Victoria street, for two reasons; the first is you are building up the township at the expense of the

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Japan Will Be Friendly With Canada If Canadians Will Let Her Be So

Montreal Star Comments Upon Interview With the Hon. Mr. Hyman.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—The Star, under the heading, "Hyman on Japan," has the following to say regarding certain statements made by Hon. Mr. Hyman upon his return to London some days ago:

Mr. Hyman is back, after having spent considerable time in Japan and China; and he is of the opinion that the United States and Canada are the enemies of Japan by arrogantly excluding their people from the continent, Japan will retaliate by shutting their trade out of Asia. It is not the Japanese navy that he bids beware of, but the Japanese trader.

Of course, the Japanese trader will get all the trade he can for himself in any case, if he is human like the rest of us; but should he find himself cut off from the advantages of friendly relations with the United States and Canada, he might resort to open legislative and executive measures to exclude the trade of our continent from his that would be very damaging.

Canada is probably in a better position in this matter than the United States. We are a part of the British Empire; and Japan is naturally more anxious to keep on friendly terms with its one ally than with a nation which is merely friendly in a general sense. Thus it ought to be easier for us to come to an understanding with Japan than it will for our neighbors. Our friendship has more to offer the Japanese than it does to the British.

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Five Months On Australian Tariff

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 13.—The House of Representatives, after a five months' debate, in which 800 amendments were disposed of, and 300 dis-

visions taken, has just completed the tariff bill.

The strongly protective character of this bill has been somewhat modified.

Mr. Graydon and Mr. King Not Agreed

City Engineer Graydon does not like the belt proposed by Manager King, of the street railway, regarding the north end line.

Ald. Matthews wanted the Oxford line continued down Adelaide street to Central avenue, and make a belt line.

Manager King wanted it continued down Adelaide street to Dundas.

Against both City Engineer Graydon spoke.

"That Adelaide street crossing with

the C. P. R. is an impossibility," he declared.

"There is a fearful lot of shunting done there. Trains are made up there and thus it is one of the worst crossings in the city. That is out of the question. I just took Manager King's suggestion, and moved the whole business one block west. I did so because it will be more cheaply built than the route he proposed, and because it seems to me a better scheme. The east end loop is the only one in sight. At least that's my opinion."

The Police Hear Stories of Bartlett

The police have discovered some rather interesting facts in regard to the disappearance of Harry Bartlett, the young Englishman who has been missing for a week or more.

It was stated this morning that a young lady with whom Bartlett has been keeping company for some time, is very anxious to find him.

Bartlett, it is said, promised to marry the young lady in question, but once before, in the summer, left London mysteriously.

The girl located him in Stratford, and induced him to come back.

Lately she has been looking forward to a wedding, and was rather surprised to hear not long ago that Bartlett had a wife living in England,

and that she was intending to come to this country.

It is said that when she told Bartlett of this not long ago, he would neither confirm nor deny it, but disappeared almost immediately without even attempting to collect several sums of money which were owing to him. The police are also looking for another party in connection with the affair, but what they want they refuse to say at present.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Dec. 12. Reported at. From.
Atlantic.....Plymouth.....New York
La Provence.....Havre.....New York
Molke.....Naples.....New York
Calabria.....Naples.....New York
Batavia.....Genoa.....New York
Kerensa.....New York.....New York
Cairn.....Quebec.....New York

Grand Jury's Presentment Brought In But It Contained Nothing Startling

Thirty Persons Are Now in the Jail—Latter Found Clean and Well Conducted.

The grand jury this morning made its presentment at the December sessions.

The jail had, as usual, been found in good condition, and the work of the matron, Miss Doyle, was especially recommended.

The jury recommended that an aged vagrant, John Whiting, by name, who was recently committed to jail, be placed in a suitable home, such as the house of refuge.

In the opinion of the jury, the jail is in need of a new roof.

What About the Seats?

Beyond asking what had become of the resolutions adopted by the county

council some three years ago in reference to the placing of seats in front of the courthouse, around the lawn, for the convenience of jurymen, witnesses and the general public, no action was taken in that matter.

Following the precedent set by two previous grand juries, the jury recommended that a room be provided for the accommodation of petit jurymen. At present no place is available for hanging up coats, hats, etc.

It is understood that the city, whose place it is to provide these accommodations, refuses to take any action in the matter.

Thirty Prisoners.

Thirty prisoners—28 males and 2 females—were found in the jail. Of these, 8 were in for theft, 7 for drunkenness, 2 like number for vagrancy, 2 for assault, 1 for desertion from the army, one for murder and 1 for house-breaking.

Action Against the Hon. Adam Beck

A writ was issued today against Hon. Adam Beck, on behalf of Frederick Dundas, a former employee of Mr. Beck's, who suffered the loss of a finger and the use of his left hand, in an accident in connection with an alleged guarded circular saw on the 30th of October.

The saw penetrated between the thumb and first finger, besides taking off the middle digit.

As a consequence it is alleged that the use of the hand is permanently destroyed.

The damages are unstated.

Mr. J. F. Faulds is acting for the plaintiff.

CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENTS.

Meetings—When no admission is charged, one cent per word each insertion.

Articles for Sale, To Let, Help Wanted, Situations Wanted, Board and Lodging, Lost and Found, Rooms to Let, and all similar condensed advertisements—First insertion, one cent per word; each subsequent insertion, one-half cent per word. No advertisement less than fifteen words.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

DEATHS.

BURGESS—At his late residence, 79 Bruce street, on Dec. 13, 1907, Mary A., relict of the late Capt. James Burgess, in her 81st year.

Funeral private, from above address, on Sunday, at 2:30 p.m.; service at 2 o'clock.

AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES, ETC.

The BIJOU DREAM

INAUGURATE THEIR
NEW ENTERTAINMENT
NEXT WEEK,
COMMENCING MONDAY

Consisting of continuous vaudeville and moving pictures, vocal and instrumental music, dancing, magic sketches, acts, etc. Complete change Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

One full hour show, 10 cents.
Hear the Little Blue Bird.
Come in at any time and see the show through. Ladies and children may attend without escort.

BENNETT'S
Every afternoon and evening
LASKEY QUINTETTE
High-class instrumental novelty
LAURA ORDWAY,
English Contralto and Comedienne.
SCHENCK BROS.
Marvellous gymnasts, list of K. & E.
5—FEATURES—5

GRAND—TONIGHT
JOS. KING'S EAST
GREAT PRODUCTION
LYNNE
Popular prices, 15c, 25c, 50c, 1.00. No higher.
Saturday, Matinee and Evening
THE MADISON SQUARE SUCCESS.
MRS. TEMPLE'S TELEGRAM
The laughing hit of two continents.
Seats Ready. Eve., 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50.

DIRECTION OF A. D. JORDAN.
MESSIAH
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
TUESDAY, DEC. 17
EMINENT SOLOISTS.
CHORUS 100 VOICES. Tickets 25c

AUDITORIUM TONIGHT
PASTOR P. H. WILSON
Saturday, Mat. & Eve. Prices, 10c, 15c

VICTOR'S ROYAL
VENETIAN BAND
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
Dundas Center Methodist Hall.
Matinee and evening. Prices: Mat., 10c; Eve., 15c. Opening number, Y. M. C. A. course.

Empress Ships
Empress of Ireland sails St. John to Liverpool, Dec. 27. Rates and sailing folders, at F. B. Clarke's, Richmond street, next Bank of Commerce.

SHIPS REPORT
Direct telegrams and special wireless messages immediately ship arrivals and departures displayed in window of F. B. Clarke's, Richmond street, next Bank of Commerce.

SKATING TONIGHT—EAST END RINK
corner York and Redford. Ending Saturday afternoon. Children, 5c.

VICTORIA RINK—GRAND OPENING TO-NIGHT
London Concert Band in attendance. Admission, 10c; children, 5c. Saturday afternoon. Corner Adelaide and Piccadilly.

WESTMINSTER RINK—CLOSED TO-NIGHT.

SIMCOE STREET RINK (ENLARGED)
Band tonight, also Saturday afternoon and evening. Excellent ice. Phone 1608.

LEARN TO DANCE—PRIVILEGE LESSONS
by R. B. Millard, 345 Prince Avenue.
Season open. Call and register. 2511

PALACE DANCING ACADEMY—ADVANCED
class, ladies and gentlemen, opens Wednesday, 10 p.m. Call and register now. Dayton & McCormick.

OCEAN TICKETS—MONEY EXCHANGED
for steamship passengers. Gold, drafts, etc. F. B. Clarke, Richmond street, 2

MUSIC FURNISHED FOR PARTIES
balls, banquets. Phone 1265. Tony Vita's Italian Harmonica, 122 Queen's avenue.

TONY COFFEY—ORIGINAL LONDON
Harper. Music furnished for all occasions. 161 Maple. Phone 1070.

MEETINGS.
REGULAR ASSEMBLY, RICHARD COE, do Lion Procey, No. 4, Knights Templar, quarterly, Ontario Lion building, on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 8 o'clock. Degree will be conferred. Visitors welcome. Dayton & McCormick.

LONDON COUNCIL, NO. 233, ROYAL
Arcanum, will meet this (Friday) evening, at 8 o'clock, in the Duffield block. Election of officers. Samuel M. Jensen, secretary.

COURT DUFFIELD, I. O. F.—ELECTION
of officers and business of special importance, on Saturday, Dec. 14, 1907. J. F. Hicks, B. S.

MISCELLANEOUS.
WILL THE MAN WHO RECEIVED \$100 on the market, part payment for load of potatoes, on Saturday, Dec. 14, then collect full amount when delivered, call and settle at once?

MALE HELP WANTED.

SCHOOLBOYS WANTED TO SELL
the Christmas Echo, Saturday. Apply Echo office, 362 Clarence street.

WANTED—CYLINDER PRINTING PRESS
feeder, for color work; one desirous of improving himself on presswork. Southern Printing and Litho. Company. 2141

SHOE TRAVELER WANTED (EXPERIENCED)
for West of London. Box 3, 210

MIDDLE-AGED MAN WANTED TO TAKE
care of church. Apply 373 Talbot. 206

AMBITIOUS YOUNG MEN LEARN TELEGRAPHY
No other profession offers better opportunities. Railways are in dire need of telegraphers. Send for particulars. Dominion School of Telegraphy, 9 Adelaide east, Toronto. 821v

CIGARMAKERS WANTED—KING ED.
WARD Cigar Factory, Toronto; first-class hand workmen only; steady employment guaranteed. 20v

ENERGETIC MAN WITH GOOD REFERENCE
to take general agency of city for Continental Life Insurance Company. Toronto; also other vacancies. Good contract offered. Apply between 10 and 12, Bank of Toronto Chambers. 194t

ORGANIZERS WANTED APPLY ALFRED
Tyler, 35 Clarence street.

WANTED—GENERAL COOK, APPLY AT
Barnes House, Pottersburg. 22c

WANTED—COMPETENT MAID FOR GENERAL
housework, in small family. Apply Box 6, Advertiser. 194t

WANTED—A PARFUMER WHERE
household is kept. Apply Miss Labatt, 572 Queen's avenue. 131t

TEACHERS WANTED.
TEACHER WANTED FOR JUNIOR SCHOOL, school section No. 16, Melbourne; salary expected, personal application preferred. Address G. W. Spenceburg, Melbourne, Ont.

WANTED—ASSISTANT TEACHER FOR S.
No. 9, Chatham Township; duties to commence first of year 1908. Apply D. Ewing, Tupperville, Ont. 13m

WANTED—FIFTY GALLONS WHOLE
milk. Apply at once, McCormick Manufacturing Company. b

S. K. MILROY, MANUFACTURING JEWELER
will buy old gold and silver cases.

WANTED TO PURCHASE A SECOND-
HAND good-sized cutter. Apply Box 4, Advertiser. 20u

LOOKING FOR SMALL BUSINESS IN
city—Have \$500 to \$1,000 to invest; concrete treated confidentially. Box 5, Advertiser. 20u

LOST AND FOUND.
LOST OR STOLEN—BLACK AND WHITE foxhound dog, brown points. Liberal reward. If detained after this notice, parties will be prosecuted. L. Langley, 14 Kensington street. 21c

THE LADY WHO PICKED UP BLUE COLLAR
case on Queen's avenue this morning will please return to The Advertiser.

LOST—FOURTEEN COLLAR AND DOG
tag No. 1151; answers to "Nipper." Reward, W. G. Coles, 299 Princess avenue. 22c

LOST—BLACK PURSE, THURSDAY, RE-
TURNED street, 6 o'clock, on King street, between Ridout and Ridgway. Reward at this office. 22c

AGENTS WANTED.
SIDE LINE FOR AGENTS—SPLENDID sales can be carried in the pocket. Excellent terms. Cavers Bros., Galt. 594t

FOUR MEN, TWO LADIES, TO REPRE-
SENT and sell our 82 phonographs. Apply Frank Smith, 226 Dundas street. 19

SITUATIONS WANTED.
WANTED—POSITION AS GROCERY clerk; country store preferred. Apply Box 119, Advertiser. 19n

HOUSES, ROOMS, TO LET.
HOUSE TO LET—55 SIMCOE STREET. Apply to Green & Co., coal dealers, 455 York street. 22a

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street, south of Hamilton road. Reward 746 Hill street. 22a

TO LET—A GOOD BRICK BUILDING,
20x72 feet, three stories, suitable for manufacturing; in business part of city. Apply to Mr. M. M. 1 Mascolo Temple. 404v

TO LET—COTTAGE, 523 PICCADILLY;
store at corner Central and Adelaide; house, 497 Central avenue. Apply 381 Dufferin avenue. 211

SIX-ROOMED COTTAGE TO LET ON
Ridout; street; also rooms. Apply 443 Ridout. 20u

TO LET—GOOD STABLE, FOR ONE OR
two horses; terms moderate. Apply 74 Front street. 18n

COMFORTABLE FURNISHED ROOM,
suitable for two gentlemen. 389 Bloor street. 17u

MEDICAL CARDS.

DR. H. PARDEE BUCKE, 307 QUEEN'S
avenue—Eye, ear, nose and throat.

DR. SEPTIMUS THOMPSON, 43 PARK
avenue, corner Queens. Eye, ear, nose, throat.

DR. SPENCE-OFFICE AND RESIDENCE,
435 Hamilton road, Bourne block. Phone 1632.

DR. JOHN D. WILSON—OFFICE AND
residence, 260 Queen's avenue. Special attention paid to diseases women and children.

J. J. MASON, B.A., M.D., SOUTHEAST
corner Dundas and Colborne. Phone 338.

DR. MACGREGOR, 245 QUEEN'S AVENUE
—Hours, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Phone 389.

R. W. SHAW, M.D., L.R.C.P., AND
S. England office, 297 King street. Telephone 623.

DR. KINGWILL, MEMBER ROYAL COL-
LEGE Surgeons, and Licentiate Royal College Physicians. Corner Park and Queen's avenues.

DR. G. L. CLARKE (RETURNED FROM
Europe). Eye, ear, nose and throat. 478 King street.

DR. MOLELLAN EYE AND EAR SUR-
GEON—Removed to 554 Richmond, opposite Albert. Hours, 9 to 4:30, 7 to 8.

DR. JAMES D. WILSON—OFFICE RE-
MOVED to 123 Dundas street. Specialties, diseases of digestive organs.

DR. MEEK, QUEEN'S AVENUE, LONDON
—Specialties, diseases of women. Hours, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

DR. ALICE JAMIESON, 281 WELLINGTON
street. Hours, 11 to 1:30 and 5 to 8.

DR. W. J. STEVENSON, 391 DUNDAS
Phone 105. Special attention diseases women and surgery. X-rays.

DR. SPOEROTHAM CORNER RICHMOND
and King. Phone 614. Residence, 2202.

DR. J. CAMPBELL, M.A., M.D.—SPECIALTY
diseases stomach. Hours, 2:4, 7:8 and 9:10.

DR. FOCKER, 406 WELLINGTON STREET
—Hours, 10 to 12. Specialties, diseases of women.

DR. GEORGE MCNEILL, NORTHWEST
corner Dundas and Waterloo streets. Telephone 210. Phone 228.

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CHINA STRIKES BACK.

The total Oriental market for mer-
chandise is more than a billion dollars
annually, of which Britain has a larger
share than any other country. Ger-
many and the United States following
in order. In 1905 one-sixth of the im-
ports into China were from the United
States, but American exports to that
country show a sudden and significant
decline. Their value in 1905 was \$55-
000,000; in 1906, \$26,000,000. The ex-
portation of American cotton cloth
alone to China was \$27,405,475, in the
first ten months of 1905, and \$2,468,530
for the corresponding period in 1907,
a decrease of 90 per cent.

The decline is attributed directly to
the boycott of American goods in re-
taliation for the harsh enforcement of
the Chinese exclusion act. Related in-
structions to enforce the law more
humanely were sent out by President
Roosevelt, but Chinese resentment is
still operating against American trade.

It was not believed that a movement
of this kind could be effective in
China, where there is said to be no
such thing as public opinion among
its loosely-organized and uneducated
millions. The fact that the idea of
a boycott has circulated and taken
hold, with disastrous effects to Amer-
ican commerce, teaches a lesson to
both Canada and the United States. If
the Chinese can do this, the same
weapon in the hands of the Japanese
would be destructive beyond compar-
ison. There is a keener national con-
sciousness in Japan; the pride of race
runs high, and if it were wounded the
nation would act as one man. Can-
ada and the United States, whether
they wish it or not, must show a stid-
ious regard for the newly-awakened
spirit in the Orient. The restriction
of Oriental immigration is the settled
policy of both countries, but to carry
out this national purpose without
alienating the friendship of Japan,
will require diplomacy and statesman-
ship.

AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY.

The indications are that for another
decade at least Austria and Hungary
will remain linked together, and it is
quite possible that the aged Emperor
Francis Joseph, accounts from whose
bedside have of late been less alarm-
ing, may live to see what appeared
to be a threatened breach between the
two kingdoms temporarily healed.
What is known as the Ausgleich ex-
pired ten years ago, and ever since
disintegration has been avoided by
makeshifts, inspired by the emperor-
king, whose personal influence alone
has prevented a determined separation
movement on the part of the Hungar-
ians. Largely, no doubt, because of
an almost universal desire to calm
the declining hours of the venerable
sovereign, a compromise has been
reached by the Austrian and Hungar-
ian governments in the form of a
treaty settling the mutual relations
between the two countries for a term
of ten years.

The treaty is much more acceptable
to Hungary than was the Ausgleich,
inasmuch as it recognizes that coun-
try's claim to constitute for most pur-
poses an independent political entity.
A common customs arrangement is
provided for, and until 1917, when the
agreement comes to an end, unless re-
newed, commercial treaties concluded
with foreign powers, must be signed
by representatives of both Austria and
Hungary. In the past, excise duties
have been common to both states;
hereafter each will determine and levy
such taxes for itself. The construc-
tion of a railway to Dalmatia, con-
necting that province directly with
Austria and contributing to the econ-
omic development of that portion of
the dual monarchy, is also authorized
by the treaty. The appointment of a
court of arbitration composed of four
Austrians and four Hungarians, who
are to elect a fifth member as chair-
man, is also provided for. Another
important feature of the treaty is that
dealing with finances. It has long
been a grievance of the Austrian
Reichsrath that Hungary has not
borne a fair share of the joint fiscal
burden. The treaty increases Hun-
gary's contribution from 34.4 to 36.4
per cent. This for over a year has
been a sticking point in, and is re-
sponsible for the delay of negotia-
tions. Provision is made for a
homogeneous currency for the whole
of the dual state, the question as to
whether the charter of a joint state
bank shall be renewed being left for
separate discussion. Such an institu-
tion, though unpopular in Hungary,
obviously means a community of com-
mercial standards between the two
peoples, together with a saving of
time and simplification of business.

The treaty is now before the Aus-

trian Reichsrath and Hungarian Diet,
and, it is said, is certain to pass both
bodies.

Meanwhile, while the people of Aus-
tria have entered into the enjoyment
of universal suffrage, those of Hun-
gary are still awaiting the fulfillment
of the promise of a similar privilege
made by Count Andrássy, the Hun-
garian minister of the Interior.

THE AXE AGAIN.

Some of the spoilsmen in the local
Conservative camp have been hinting
for two or three weeks past that a
"killing" of Grits at the London asy-
lum was in prospect. Apparently the
tip had come from headquarters, and
the secret was too good to keep. These
rumors, which were mentioned in The
Advertiser some days ago, are being
verified. The first to go is the store-
keeper, Mr. Wanless. As usual, the
Whitney Government overlooks the lit-
tle formality of assigning a reason.

In the first flush of gratitude and
goodwill after his election, Mr. Whit-
ney promised that he would deal fairly
with the civil service, and that no
member of it would be dismissed with-
out conclusive evidence against him.
He went so far as to say that charges
must be supported by affidavits. Mr.
Whitney has since then fallen from
grace, if he were ever really in that ex-
alted state. The patronage-mongers
and the place-hunters have made
sport of his good resolutions, and the
spoils system has been introduced in
the installment plan. The Govern-
ment's brutal, cold-blooded treatment
of scores of efficient public servants is
a foul stain upon the public honor of
Canada, and on the Premier's part, in
view of his voluntary pledges, an act
of perfidy which must cost him the
good opinion of many who voted Con-
servative in the last provincial elec-
tion for the first time.

So far the London Free Press is the
only newspaper picaresque enough to
find a grievance in Sir Wilfrid Laur-
ier's traveling expenses.

The mayor of Toronto says the talk
of hard times is being overdone. Yes,
by underdone politicians and news-
papers.

Contrast the Whitney Government's
brutal treatment of Liberal office-
holders, with the magnanimous atti-
tude of the Laurier Government to-
ward Conservatives in the civil ser-
vice!

The national expenditure is neces-
sarily growing with the country, but as
the bulk of it is paid out of customs
taxation, and as all good protection-
ists assure us that the foreigner pays
the duty, the load ought to be carried
easily.

After the Provincial election, Major
Beattie tickled the fancy of a Conser-
vative audience by picturing a proces-
sion of Grits out of the asylum gates.
It was not an empty threat. One by
one the appointees of the last Govern-
ment have been given their "walk-
ing-tickets," and apparently the few
remaining are to follow.

WAR.

[Arthur Stringer.]
From hill to hill he harried me;
He stalked me day and night;
He neither knew nor hated me;
Nor his nor mine the fight.

He killed the man who s'ood by me,
For such they made his law;
Then foot by foot I fought to him,
Who neither knew nor saw.

I trained my rifle on his heart;
He leapt up to the air;
The screaming ball tore through his breast
And lay embedded there.

Lay hot embedded there, and yet
Hissed home o'er hill and sea,
Straight to the aching heart of one
Who'd wronged not mine nor me!

IN THE FOOLISH DAYS.

[Tatler.]
They had only been married two months,
and still loved each other devotedly. He
was in his den seeking inspiration for his
new novel.

"Jack," she called at the top of her
voice, "Jack, come here, quick!"
He knew at once that she was in im-
minent danger. He grasped a stick and
rushed up two flights of stairs to the re-
sidence. He entered the room breathlessly,
and found her looking out of the window.
"Look," she said, "that's the kind of hat
I want you to get me."

A NEAR-TRAGEDY.

[Chicago Journal.]
The woman was lightly clad and pinch-
ed with the cold.
"Have you no heart?" she asked.
"None," The man's answer was gruff,
almost harsh.
"None whatever?"
"Absolutely none."
"Then I guess you may give me a
pound of liver."

A STRAIGHT ANSWER.

[Life.]
"How does it happen, Jane," snapped
the angry mistress, "that I saw you feed-
ing that policeman on pie in the kitchen
last evening?"
"I forgot to plug the keyhole, mum."

ONE TOO MANY.

[Harper's Weekly.]
A street car in charge of a newly-ap-
pointed Irish conductor, had just left the
car barn for the downtown run. Before
it had proceeded many blocks it was
boarded by an inspector. This official,

after a glance at the register and the
occupants of the car, asked in surprise:
"Way, O'Flaherty, how's this? You have
seven passengers, and the register shows
but six fares rung up?"
"Begorra, it that so?" puzzled the green
conductor. Then instantly a happy solu-
tion of the difficulty struck him. "Git
out o' here, wan o' yez!" he shouted.
"There's wan too many o' yez on this
car!"

SENSITIVE SPOTS.

[Mark Twain, in New York Tribune.]
We think boys are rude, unsensitive ani-
mals; but it is not so in all cases. Each
boy has one or two sensitive spots, and
if you can find out where they are located
you have only to touch them and you can
scorch him as with fire.

INTER-MET. AIRWAY.

[Philadelphia Bulletin.]
"The airship will be a tremendous im-
provement over all other methods of trans-
portation."
"You bet you," responded Mr. Graball,
with enthusiasm. "Why, we cannot only
place straps in the usual positions, but
also suspend 'em from the bottom and
hang an indefinite number of passengers
in the ambient air."

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.

[Harper's Weekly.]
Mrs. Coburger—It isn't right to charge
Freddie with taking that money out of
your pocket. Why don't you charge me?
Coburger—Because it wasn't all taken.

NOT FOR HIM.

[Tit-Bits.]
A well-known officer has a beautiful
daughter. A young ensign, with no re-
sources but his salary, fell in love with her
and asked the old gentleman for her hand.
The father at once told him that he had
hardly enough to keep him in white gloves
and to furnish his brass buttons. "Well,
Admiral, what you say is true; but when
you married you were only a midshipman,
with even a smaller salary than mine.
How did you get along?"

"A good defense," he thought he had made
a good defense.
But not so. The crafty old sea-dog
thundered forth:
"I lived on my father-in-law for the
first ten years, but I'll be hanged if you
are going to do it."

QUALIFIED.

[Harper's Weekly.]
"And is Willie Vanfeller really studying
medicine?"
"Yes; and he's getting on famously. He
told me yesterday I was looking well, and,
by Jove, I was!"

A BRUTAL HUSBAND.

[Exchange.]
A tombstone unearthed during the de-
molition of an old churchyard in Radnor-
shire bore a curiously unloving "In
Memoriam." Here it is:
"I plant these shrubs upon your grave,
dear wife,
That something on this spot may boast of
life.
Shrubs may wither, and all earth must
rot;
Shrubs may revive, but you, thank
heaven, will not."

WOMEN IN JAPAN.

[Japan Times.]
A Japanese saying runs: "Woman is an
unmanageable creature; flatter her, she is
elated; thrash her, she weeps; kill her,
her spirit haunts you." We would suggest
that the best remedy is to love her.

EXPATRIATED CASH.

[Montreal Herald.]
Canadian money is now being found,
circulating at par and accepted with avid-
ity, in far interior States of the neighbor-
ing union. It would not be a bit surpris-
ing if the people who have been asking
us to debar American money because
America refused ours, should now turn
around and demand an export duty on
Canadian coinage, on the ground that we
need it all at home.

COMMON DIFFICULTIES.

[J. W. Foley, in New York Times.]
You look quite clever, friend.
I know you're an average man;
Did you ever open a tin of meat
With the key that is on the can?

I know you're bright and sharp,
I like your cut and style;
Can you get dressed in a sleeper berth,
And not get out in the aisle?

I know you've been about,
You look like a man alive;
Did you ever get a ten-cent smoke,
As advertised, for five?

You've had experience
In some of the paths you've strayed;
Can you put a tight car window up,
And not have to call for aid?

I know you've been about,
You've put your time to use;
Did you ever find it hard to strike
The joints of a roasted goose?

Thanks, friend; I'm reassured.
You've been around, I see.
I thought, perhaps, that I asked,
The fault lay all with me.

SOFT BOILED SHIRTS.

[Woman's Home Companion.]
She was a dear old lady, but she lived
at Hardscrabble, and was a bit behind
the times. She had been reading the ad-
vertisements in a city newspaper chance
had brought her way.

"Father," she asked her husband, "what
is these here negligee shirts they talk
about?"
Father, being a man, was equal to the
occasion.

"Don't know what they be?" he grinned.
"Well, you are a back number. Negligee
shirts ain't quite so stiff and choky as a
billed shirt—I mean a regular hard-billed
shirt. A negligee shirt is something you
might call a soft-billed shirt."

INFANTILE PUNISHMENT.

[Woman's Home Companion.]
Freddie—Hey, does your mother ever
whip you?
Jimmie—Worse'n that. She washes my
face.

HIS ARTISTIC SPECIALTY.

[Baltimore American.]
Father (angrily)—I wish you would let
that painter chap alone. I never see him
that he isn't coming out of a saloon. What
is his artistic specialty, anyhow?
Son (cautiously)—He is a marine painter,
and I rather think he devotes himself par-
ticularly to schooners crossing the bar.

THE QUEEN'S PORTRAIT.

[Woman's Life.]
When the Queen was in Paris she was
presented with a wonderful portrait of
herself. It was entirely embroidered in
silks by a Polish lady, and it is to be
offered eventually to the South Kensington
Museum. The work is so finely done that
one has to look very closely to see that it
is not painted. The face and neck espe-
cially are so even and so well shaded the
effect is almost as beautiful as the lovely
Queen herself.



Is dat little Jean—mon Dieu—
What has happened unto you?
You look just lak one little puddle
of frog.

Do you tink you're little pig—
In de dirty mud you dig,
Better go and live wid oder little hog.

But it don't offen happen so—
I s'pose this tam let it go,
Maybe accident you meet today.
So just don't go for cry—
But make one great big try
Wit 'Baby's Own' to wash dat dirt
away.

"Oul, 'Baby's Own Soap'
Is bon savon—good soap.
Makes all dirt go fast—yes, sirree;
Will clean me up quick,
Dat's mighty smart trick;
Dat 'Baby's Own Soap' good for me."

SCOTLAND

Typhoid has become quite epi-
demic in Montrose.

Rental of inlet property in Edin-
burgh amounts to \$650,000.

A young Eskimo has been brought
to Scotland for medical treatment.

Dunfermline tenters are leaving
by the dozen for Glasgow, where a
strike is on.

Culross burgh salmon fisheries have
been let for \$40 to Bailie Stewart,
Dunfermline.

Burntisland parish church has been
promised a pipe organ by Mr. An-
drew Carnegie.

Thirty cattle on an Ayr steamship
were killed during a storm on the
Firth of Clyde.

Kilmarnock town council has de-
cided this year to do without any
official "kirkin."

At Burntisland, a crusade has
been started to get workmen to
attend the kirk.

The oldest inhabitant of Fochabers
district, Mrs. Forbes, died recently
in her 82nd year.

There is an outbreak of measles
raging in southwest Hyndland and
Patrick.

Mr. Daniel Ross, Kildermorie, has
been presented with a gold Albert on
leaving the district.

In Ross and Cromarty County har-
vest operations have been greatly re-
tarded by heavy rains.

Rev. John McNeill has been asked
to conduct a series of evangelistic
meetings in Inverness.

Mr. James M. Wilson, of the Edin-
burgh Evening News, was drowned
while fishing at Peebles.

It is said that very satisfactory
foundations are being got in the vi-

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The Established Church Women's
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"The death of an Arran weaver, Mr.
Archibald Campbell, Balmichael, in
his 100th year, is announced.

At Marykirk, on the 4th inst., died
the Rev. James Campbell McClure,
aged 76, for 50 years minister of the
parish.

Charles Kelly, a child of 4 years,
while playing on the quay at Ayr
harbor, fell into the water and was
drowned.

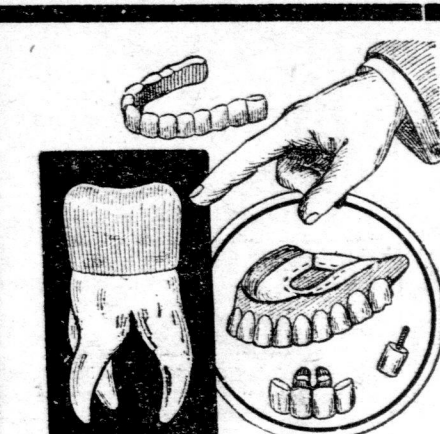
At Cupar, on Nov. 5, William Jar-
vie, master of a steam trawler, was
fined \$500 for illegal trawling off
May Island.

By an explosion of gas at Seven
Sisters' colliery, near North, a fire-
man of long experience, Owen Gethin,
lost his life.

The new reservoir at Kilmorie, con-
structed to hold 5,000 gallons of
water and costing \$115,000, was re-
cently opened.

Perth County Council is taking \$1-
000 from the equivalent grant for
the encouragement of rifle shooting
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battle of Balaclava the school chil-
dren of Blair Atholl were entertained
on the 25th of October.

Mr. Harry Lauder, the great Scot-
tish comedian, now in New York,
was at one time a half-timer in a flax
mill at Arbroath.

A Cleveland skyscraper, 20 stories
high, will be topped by a Goddess of

Liberty holding a torch, from which a
heaping flame of gas will be burning
at all times. The exact hour of the
day and night will be indicated by
causing the flame to shoot high into
the air during the minute preceding
each hour.

Canada's exports to Japan for the
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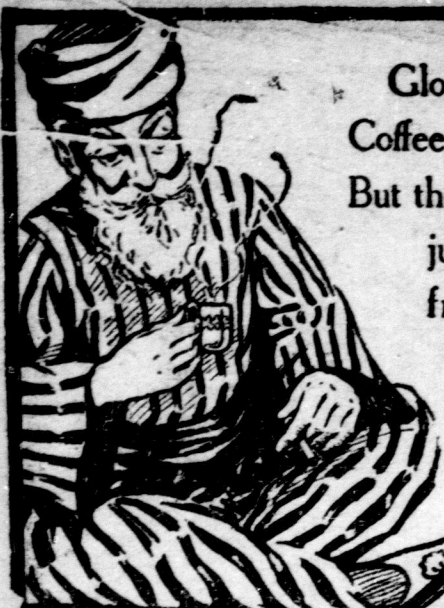
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ternally to cleanse the sore, and it helped
a lot."

The negroes of Philadelphia own
\$02 pieces of property, valued at \$2-
435,675, which is an average of \$3,010
each.

THE GUARDED SECRET

CHAPTER LV.

A look of bitter pain came over Mr.
Delaney's handsome face at those
words from Mr. Rodney's lips.

"Who could have been so cruel, so
wicked?" repeated the lawyer.

And then Mr. Delaney answered:

"One to whom I owed a debt of
gratitude, and who caused me to pay
the heaviest price man ever paid for
a like debt."

"I do not understand you," said Mr.
Rodney.

"I did not suppose you would. My
reference was too obscure. I will make
my meaning more clear," said Mr. De-
laney. "When I first went on my tra-
vels abroad I met in France a native
of that agreeable country by name
Monsieur Sanson. Our first meeting
was on an occasion when he saved my
life, in what manner I will not now
relate, as my strength would not hold
out for the recital. But we became
friends from that hour, and in course
of time fellow-travelers. I found my
new friend one of the best-read, and
most agreeable men I had ever met.

He was clever, cultivated, full of
bon camaraderie—in short, a man of
the world, full of wit and bel esprit.
He was middle-aged and good-looking,
and appeared to have the means of
living well, and even extravagantly,
at his command. He told me that he
had no family ties with the exception
of one daughter, a young and lovely
creature, then being educated in the
retirement of a convent school. Of
this daughter, his 'chere Julie,' as he
lovingly called her, he never wearied
of talking, and expatiating on her mar-
rriage prospects. Once he showed me
a small portrait of her. It represented
the loveliest brunette I ever beheld. I
fell in love with her and begged to be
presented, but he laughingly refused,
telling me that he did not intend to
have his plans for chere Julie spoiled
in that way. After a while he told me
more seriously that in France the par-
ents seldom permitted daughters to
have any male acquaintances, fearing
unfortunate love affairs for them, as
they were usually affianced by their
parents to men of wealth and posi-
tion."

"I have heard that that is the way
they manage affairs of marriage in
France," said Mr. Rodney at this point.

"I found it so to my cost," groaned
Oran Delaney, and then there was a
short silence. His face lay still with closed
eyes, breathing heavily.

"You have unduly wearied yourself
in talking so much. Defer the remain-
der of your story until you are bet-
ter," said Mr. Rodney.

"No, I will go on. I am anxious now
that the secret I have kept so long in
my morbid pride should be revealed.
I am anxious to clear the name of
Aline from the stain I suffered to rest
upon it to save my own," he answered.

"My poor Aline! Shall I ever find
her?" sighed the wretched father.

"God grant you may! Oh, if I only
were not chained down to this bed by
my weakness, I would search the world
over, but I would find her," cried Oran
Delaney, with feverish impatience.

A vision came over his mind of the
fair young face and the sweet, supple-
cating eyes. He seemed to hear her
voice again as she spoke those strange
words that made the warm blood run
tingling through his veins with raptur-
e.

"I want to be your wife," she said in
her clear frank voice, with her large
eyes lifted childishly to his face, while
in her exceeding innocence she had
never dreamed of the passion of pain
and despair in the man's heart as he
refused her request.

"Ah, heaven, if only I might have
taken her at her word!" he sighed to
himself. "I would have taught that
young heart to love, and that soft
cheek to blush at my glance. I would
have won her heart as well as her
hand. Aline, my poor darling, where
are you tonight?"

He put away the thought of her
with a great effort of will, and returned
with a shudder to the subject of his
story.

"I was young and impressionable.
Mr. Rodney, my heart was touched by
the beauty of the picture I had seen,
and Monsieur Sanson's refusals to pre-
sent me to the original only fanned
my boyish passion into hotter flame. I
importuned him often, but he

laughed at me, artfully leading me on
by his apparent reluctance to yield to
my desires. Ah, what a simple, gull-
ible fool I was in those days."

He paused and drew in his breath with
a heavy tortured sigh.

Mr. Rodney held a reviving cordial
to his lips. He heart was pierced with
remorse as he looked at the pale face,
and heard the weak voice, and realized
what a wreck he had made of the
strong man.

"It would be much better if you
waited until you are stronger before
you finish," he said compassionately,
though his anxiety to hear the rest
was very strong.

"No, I cannot wait. Let me tell my
story and clear Aline's name, then if
I die, what matter? I have long been
weary of life," sighed Oran Delaney.

There came to him again the mem-
ory of the long intervening months a
memory of the words he had read to
Aline when she lay wounded and im-
patient in the beautiful blue room—
the words she had rejected in the
blindness of her ignorant youth:

"How many days will it be, I wonder,
and how will their slow length pass,
Till I shall find rest in silence, under
The trees and the waving grass?"

"Not long now, perhaps," he thought
wearily, for he felt strangely weak and
faint, and his sufferings from his
wound were most severe.

He cleared his throat and slowly
proceeded:

"When I look back at that past time,
Mr. Rodney, I am lost in wonder at
the consummate young fool I was in
those days. Would you believe me,
sir, that in my infatuation for Aline
I had never seen, but of whose perfec-
tions I had been told day by day for
months, I proposed to marry Monsieur
Sanson's pretty little school-girl
daughter?"

"Impossible!"

"I did, Mr. Rodney, and I was in
the most serious earnest. Monsieur
Sanson pretended to be shocked when
I laid the matter before him, but
promised that he would consider it."

"I assured me that he would have no
objection to an American son-in-law,
why?"

declaring that he admired Americans
individually and as a nation to a most
excessive degree. I was delighted at
his blarney, which slipped from his
tongue as easily as from a son of the
Emerald Isle."

CHAPTER LVI.

"Monsieur Sanson must have been a
villain!" exclaimed Mr. Rodney, vehe-
mently.

"He saved my life once, and now he
is dead. I scarcely feel at liberty to
express my real opinion of the man,"
said Mr. Delaney.

"All obligations were canceled by the
wrong he did you," said Mr. Rodney.
"Perhaps so. He saved my life, but
then he certainly made it valueless to
me," said the wounded man musingly.

After a moment he continued:

"After a short time, and without any
further solicitation on my part, he
consented to allow me to consider the
beautiful Julie my fiancée, but on the
condition that we never met until the
bridal day. Although I was most
eager to meet my fair intended bride,
I was forced to acquiesce in his deci-
sion. Indeed, I did not greatly care to
change it. I was carried away by the
romantic idea of never meeting my
bride until the hour that gave her to
my eager arms. Its very difference to
the customs of my own country had
its peculiar charm for me."

Monsieur Sanson wrote to his daughter, and she
consented to the marriage in a naive,
pretty letter that transported me with
rapture. It was arranged that the fair
one would leave her convent school to
become my bride in about six months.

Do I weary you with all this prelimi-
nary explanation, Mr. Rodney?" in-
quired the invalid, pausing suddenly.

"On the contrary, I am deeply inter-
ested in your story," replied the law-
yer.

"I will hasten to the end, then," said
Oran Delaney. "We continued our tra-
vels for a while, when about two
months before the time set for my
marriage Monsieur Sanson left me, to re-
turn to his villa at Nice, ostensibly to make
preparations for the marriage. He was
to write to me when to come, but in
little more than a week I was tele-
graphed to go to his villa. He had
been accidentally shot himself."

He was growing excited now. The
feeble breath came from his lips in
great palpitating gasps.

"You are overtasking yourself," Mr.
Rodney reminded him again.

"No, I shall soon have done now,"
Mr. Delaney answered. "Well, I went
there late one night, and found Mon-
sieur Sanson dying. They told me that
he had been handling a revolver, which
had exploded in his hand, fatally
wounding him. He lay at the point
of death, and his one anxiety was his
fair young daughter, whom he was
leaving alone in the world."

"I have an objection to fulfilling my
marriage contract now, he asked me,
that he might die satisfied."

"I told him I would marry Julie at
once, and his mind was at once re-
lieved of its load of care. The arrange-
ments were made for a midnight marriage. A
priest was summoned. Everything
was arranged with perfect legality."

He paused and swept his aristocratic
white brows with his hand.

"How it all comes back to me," he
said. "It was a beautiful summer
night. A wind from the sea came into
the room through the open windows,
mingled with the breath of tropic
flowers. A dim light burned in the
room where the dying man lay
breathing heavily. They brought my
bride in to me. I could not make out
either her face or her form for the
swirling billows of snowy lace in which
she was enveloped from head to foot,
but I fancied that all womanly love-
liness was centered in her form. Well,
they made her my bride, and then led
her quickly from the room, for Mon-
sieur Sanson's death hour was at
hand. He thanked me feebly for what
I had done, and then he bade me by a
solemn oath to protect and cherish
his Julie as long as she lived, never
leaving nor forsaking her."

"I have already promised the priest
all that," I said in wonder. That was no
matter, he said, and persisted in his
request that I would solemnly swear
to do what he asked. An oath made
to a dying man would be more sacred,
he said."

"Though I thought him unreason-
able I could refuse nothing to a dying
man, so I took the oath he asked of
me. I thought it could not greatly mat-
ter, anyhow, I had no idea of ever for-
saking my young foreign bride. I was
too much infatuated with the charm-
ing young creature the fertile imagina-
tion of the Frenchman had painted
for me."

"He died a little while after the cer-
emony and left me to comfort his be-
reaved daughter. It was not until af-
ter the funeral that she allowed me to
see her. She was prostrated by the
shock of her father's death, they told
me."

"Oh, Mr. Rodney, can you guess
what a terrible shock it was to me,
when I beheld her at last?"

"I had in my mind the vision of an
angel. I imagined my bride lovely in
mind as in person, and thought myself
most fortunate in the possession of
such a perfect creature."

"When they showed me the creature
to whom I had bound myself—the
misshapen, deformed, blighted crea-
ture, with a mind as blasted and out
of shape as her body—do you wonder
that I almost went mad?"

"Surely the laws of any land would
have freed you from such a creature!"
exclaimed Mr. Rodney, indignantly.

"I made no attempt to free myself,"
said Oran Delaney. "I was so shocked
at finding myself placed in such a
terrible position, so ashamed of the
foolish case with which I had fallen
into the trap set for me, that I was
like one dazed and stunned. It was
some little while before I realized it,
and then the weight of my oath to the
dying man held me back from taking any
steps toward freeing myself from my
horrible incubus."

"Monsieur Sanson had left a letter
for me, too. It was a confession."

"A confession!" repeated Mr. Rod-
ney.

"Yes, it appeared that the story of
the accidental shooting was all a
hoax. The man had shot himself with
suicidal intent."

Mr. Rodney uttered an exclamation
of horror and dismay.

"He had committed suicide. But
why?"

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"Because he had run through his property and was reduced to beggary, he had led a fast and gay life and had nothing left to live upon. The villa and all its furniture were mortgaged beyond their value and were to be seized. There would be nothing left for him and the deformed maniac, his daughter, whom, despite her afflictions, he seemed to cherish with a strange, morbid affection."

Mr. Rodney could not repress a shudder of disgust. He thought of his three brilliant, beautiful children with a feeling of pride, and he wondered that even a father's heart could have cherished tenderness for the dreadful, misshapen maniac of Delaney House.

"So he formed that dreadful plan for providing his deformed and maniac daughter with a husband to take care of her, and then he consummated it in the way I have told you. When it became impossible to enjoy the wealth and pleasure of this world any longer he sent himself out of it with a shock-
ing deliberateness, and shifted his burden upon my shoulders."

"He was a villain. But you were not compelled to accept the monstrous lega-
cy he bequeathed to you. The mar-
riage, being with a person of unsound
mind, was really null and void in the
eyes of the law," said the lawyer.

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ple home recipe now being made
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check the many cases of rheumatism,
kidney and bladder trouble which have
made so many cripples and invalids
and weaklings of some of our brightest
and strongest people.

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patent medicine should not let a little
inconvenience interfere with making
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UNWORTHY OF THE OPPOSITION

Would Blame the Government
for the Collapse of the
Quebec Bridge.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—An unfair and unworthy attempt on the part of the Opposition to make political capital out of the Quebec bridge disaster marked the concluding part of the debate on the address, which, after the defeat of an amendment proposed by Mr. Barker, censuring the Government for the manner in which the ill-fated undertaking had been carried on, suddenly collapsed this afternoon.

The address was passed without further division, and tomorrow the House will go into committee of supply on the estimates.

Mr. Fielding announced that the undue length of the debate had upset the plans of the Government. Consequently the budget will not be presented until after the Christmas holidays. In the interval it is understood that in addition to the estimates several Government measures, including the French treaty, will be discussed.

The speeches of the Minister of Finance and the Prime Minister completely disposed of the efforts of the Opposition to fix responsibility for the Quebec bridge calamity on the Government, and emphasized the tendency which has been so marked this session on the part of the Opposition to disregard recognized parliamentary practice.

The Government majority on Mr. Barker's amendment was 46.

Mr. Foster asked whether the budget speech would come on before the Christmas recess.

Mr. Fielding replied that until the debate on the address was concluded he was not prepared to give an answer.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated, in reply to Mr. Walsh, that a representation had been made to the Government by Rev. Dr. Chown of the temperance and moral reform department of the Methodist church, Toronto, with reference to stores or buildings on the international boundary line. The question was of a somewhat delicate nature, which would require to be dealt with by the treaty between the two countries.

Hon. W. S. Fielding, in a short but admirably delivered address, took Mr. Barker to task for his method of procedure. This was not the time for the discussion of the matter, which was under thorough investigation at present.

The honorable gentleman had chosen not to follow the well-established Parliamentary practice, and had tried to make a case out of press reports and rumors. The only inference was that he feared that when the official papers were brought down he would find that no fault could be found with the course of the Government. (Government cheers.)

Mr. Monk declared his approval of every part of the resolution and commendations of Mr. Barker's remarks. No doubt reports would be brought down, but he questioned if there would be anything in them not now known.

Sir Wilfrid expressed surprise that Mr. Monk had spoken of the Quebec Bridge Company as he had done, and attempted to cast a slur upon the men who were directors or question their motives. "He ought to be aware that these directors were men whose lives were without reproach, some of the best men, not only in Quebec, but in Canada. Mr. Parent, Mr. Sharpley, Mr. Lemoine, Mr. Price and Mr. Audet were some of them. Conservatives, men whose business reputation and integrity were beyond reproach, who, it was impossible to believe, would be guilty of attempting to plunder the treasury in the summer of 1907. Such language was not tolerable in that House. (Liberal cheers.) Such language was not worthy of the honorable gentleman (Mr. Monk). It was beneath his dignity, and he should not have spoken as he did of men who, with all deference, were his equals in every possible respect. (Liberal cheers.)

Sir Wilfrid Laurier—Where is the evidence which reads the honorable gentleman to speak the way he has? Is not the honorable gentleman aware that the first thing done by the Government was to appoint a commission to investigate these very facts?

Mr. Monk—Afterwards.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier—Of course, afterwards. How could it be before? (Liberal cheers.) At present there was a commission of competent engineers, whose efficiency had not been questioned, engaged in the process of finding out where the responsibility was to be put.

The House divided on Mr. Barker's amendment, which was defeated by 96 to 50.

The motion to present the address in reply to the speech from the throne was then put and carried, without a division.

Tortured Day & Night

ZAM-BUK CURES PILES.

That there is no end to the healing powers of Zam-Buk is being demonstrated every day. Mr. Julius Glacier, of Denbigh, Ont., was tortured day and night with blind bleeding piles, so bad that he says: "I could find no comfort standing, sitting or lying down, and was unable to do any work. One day my eyes rested upon a little sample box of Zam-Buk. I picked it up and read the words, 'CURES PILES.' I started using Zam-Buk that night, and before I could purchase a large box I was already cured, and HAVE NOT BEEN TROUBLED SINCE. You may publish this if you wish for the benefit of other sufferers." This is only one of the many cases where Zam-Buk has healed piles when all else failed. Why do you go on suffering when such a splendid remedy is near at hand?

Zam-Buk heals sores, cures eczema, skin eruptions, ulcers, ringworm, itch, barber's rash, blood poison, bad leg, salt rheum, abrasions, abscesses, cuts, burns, scalds and all skin injuries and diseases. Of all stores and druggists at 50 cents, or from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, for price, 3 boxes for \$1.25.

PANIC PREVENTED BY COOL HEADS

Four Big Audiences in Chicago
Calmly in the Face
of Danger.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Three audiences in the Fine Arts and Studebaker Theater buildings were kept from panics by quick action of fire department officers and theatrical managers after a fire had been discovered in the Chicago Musical College building, which adjoins the structures.

One alarmist was knocked unconscious in the lobby of the Studebaker building by Advertising Agent, Rose, after he had uttered one shout of "Fire." Hobart Chatfield-Taylor hurried to the stage of Music Hall, where a performance of "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme" was being given under the direction of the Alliance Francaise, and calmed the people in the audience, who had smelled the smoke and had begun to exhibit signs of alarm.

The fire, which was in the organ loft of the Chicago Musical College, on the seventh floor, was of little consequence, and readily was extinguished. Chief Horan ordered that all the fire department apparatus should be stopped half a block north of the theater buildings. He also quickly stifled the rumors and the firemen's shouts.

In the Studebaker Theater, where "The Man from Home" was being witnessed by 1,400 people, all the exits were taken in charge by ushers and firemen, who were ordered to throw them wide open at the first symptom of panic. Less than a score of persons in the theater knew of the fire. In a whisper, the Russian consul, who had been informed of the situation, warned his friends of the danger and told them to be ready if a rush for the doors was started.

The Molliere play in Music Hall, which was connected with the Musical College building by many entrances, was being witnessed by an audience of 900. Smoke was curling about the ceiling when Mr. Chatfield-Taylor, who had knowledge of the fire for many minutes, told the audience of the fire in the adjoining building, and assured it that there was no danger. The assurance satisfied the spectators and none left the playhouse.

On the tenth floor of the Fine Arts building 500 members of the Shakespeare Club were gathered, and in the Anna Morgan Dramatic School on the eighth floor about 75 pupils and teachers were engaged. They were warned by attendants of the building and all left by the elevators.

The fire evidently had been caused by crossed electric wires and had smoldered for several hours before discovered. It was being fought by Manager Sullivan, of the Studebaker Theater and several assistants when the fire department arrived, when it was quickly extinguished. The damage did not exceed \$1,000.

AMERICAN

In the elections on Tuesday, Lynn, Mass., cast out saloons by 1,271 majority.

In Chicago, fresh pork prices have been cut again as the result of lower values at the yards.

Augustus Willson, of Louisville, was inaugurated Tuesday at the 28th governor of Kentucky.

A horse at Jerseyville, Ill., annoyed at sporting automobile near him, kicked it to pieces.

A grand jury will hear evidence regarding an illegal combination of milk dealers in Chicago.

The State University at Lincoln, Neb., has sworn in W. C. Rodgers, a Socialist, to serve as regent.

The funeral of Mrs. Louise M. Taft, mother of the Secretary of War, was held Wednesday at Milbury, Mass.

The Social Democrats in the common council are opposing the midnight closing of saloons in Milwaukee.

The Amalgamated Window Glass Workers of America have agreed to accept a reduction of 12 per cent in wages.

Three thousand dollars in twenty-dollar gold pieces were found by T. J. Jones near Milford, Conn., buried in a teakettle.

The public schools of Cleveland may be equipped with book holders which enable the scholars to sit erect while studying.

Charles Oberg, 43 years old, a patient in a Chicago infirmary, jumped from the second-story window, and died two hours later.

A hydraulic dredge, with 28 men on board, filled with water and plunged to the bottom of Lake Michigan. The crew was saved by a tug.

George Papos, 21, a Greek, obtained a license in Chicago to marry Barbara Pechkova, 16, a Bohemian, neither knowing the other's language.

The Iowa Meat Producers' Association adopted resolutions in Des Moines yesterday condemning Chicago terminals for alleged overcharging.

Bernard Prentice, a cowboy, is dead, and Dick Moran, a cook, from Kansas City, will probably die as the result of a duel at Deadwood, S. D.

At Elgin, Ill., Charles Grosche, a painter, yesterday found \$600 in an old cocoa can which had been placed under his sink with a lot of rubbish.

The establishment of the William Budd Furniture Company, in Petersburg, Va., was burned yesterday. Loss \$75,000, partially covered by insurance.

Ernest Schults and F. W. Ryle were probably fatally scalded and twelve others severely burned in an engine room at the American Steel and Wire Company's plant at Cleveland.

Major-General Alexander Hamilton, grandson of Alexander Hamilton, secretary of the treasury under George Washington, died at his home in Tarrytown, N. Y., yesterday at the age of 92.

Will Winfree, son of Judge W. H. Winfree, Hopkinsville, Ky., shot and fatally wounded Policeman Charles Herd here today. Herd had arrested Winfree and a companion for drunkenness.

Advertiser Correspondence

The Pulpit and Bible Chronology.

During the course of an able and instructive sermon delivered in St. Andrew's Church on Sunday evening, the pastor, Rev. Dr. Ross, said in effect, that the date for the age of the world as printed in our English Bibles, on the authority of Bishop Ussher, is now obsolete and untenable in the light of modern learning and scientific research, and he cited the recent discovery of certain buried cities to show that the human period is very much longer than the time-honored chronology allowed. It is gratifying to find even a section of the Christian pulpit courageous enough to break away from venerable tradition and established usage and line itself up with those scholars and critics who can penetrate the disguises of archaic forms and rescue the pure gold of the word from the coarser accretions in which it is often embedded.

One cannot help thinking, however, that the pulpit in thus declaring itself on such a crucial question is assuming a very grave responsibility, as it cannot, to be consistent and preserve its dignity, brush lightly aside Bishop Ussher's chronology, and which is, by a skillful handling of the material, deduced from the Old Testament records, and then, by its silence at least, go on assuming the unimpeachable historicity of its sources. If, as the critics tell us, large parts of the Old Testament narratives, such as that preceding the birth of Abraham, is not history at all in the modern sense of that word, but primitive legend, poetry, tribal folklore and religious myth, then the pulpit must face the issue and in its wisdom show whether such an interpretation is or is not derogatory to the authority of the Bible as God's Word, and wherein that authority lies.

As laymen and learners we are reading all kinds of current critical literature on science and the Bible—good, bad and indifferent, and we look to the pulpit for wise, prudent, discriminating advice and helpfulness in the great modern crisis in the church, that we neither be lulled into a false sleep while the din of battle surges around us, nor be swept from our moorings by the rising tide of materialism and infidelity.

Feather Beds, Pillows and Mattresses removed and stored, and new manufacture of Mattresses, Feather Pillows, Cushions and Spring Beds, Brass and Iron Beds, Stoves, Furnaces, and all kinds of Heating Apparatus, at the Feather Bed, Pillow and Mattress Cleaning Factory, J. F. HUNT & SONS, 593 Richmond street. Phone 997.

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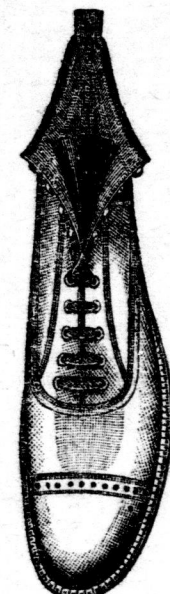
During the past three weeks the unprecedented success of this sale has astonished the general public. The main reason of this great success is because of the general satisfaction experienced by our patrons in the High-Grade goods that can be purchased in every part of the store at prices that cannot be duplicated by any other Retail House in Ontario. Satisfaction in Goods and Prices is therefore the Keynote of

Neill's Great \$30,000 Shoe and Leather Goods Sale

The past week has certainly been a **Record-Breaker** of the most emphatic kind. Three weeks of the **Best Value-Giving** this city has ever witnessed has rolled by—three weeks of enthusiastic buying by **Money-Savers** from every section of Middlesex and adjoining counties.

Stick-to-itiveness in better value-giving, persistency in our determination to shove this **Big Sale** to a far higher mark in business volume than any of its predecessors in this city, has brought from the people the greatest of buying enthusiasm. You can safely size up the business we are doing by the immense stock you see on every floor and the large number of eager buyers coming and going hourly.

Remember We don't display this large stock of Men's, Women's and Children's Fine and Staple Footwear of every kind; Trunks, Bags, Suitcases, Ladies' Chatelaine Bags and Men's Fine Leather Wallets, just for the fun of the thing, but to give Christmas shoppers positively the largest and best choice to be found in this city.



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Tells the story of the greatest selection possible, both as to Styles and Prices. An honest, unprejudiced investigation will prove all we claim. You want Bargains. We give them. This GREAT SALE is the place where Dependability and Economy meet. In other words—'We deliver the goods.' So come in and buy, buy, buy.

We again call your attention to our splendid lines of **Christmas Holiday Leather Goods**, because, if you wait until the last minute to make your selections you'll certainly miss the **Choice Bargains**. Use Your Eyes and Your Common Sense. The Following Price List Will Help You:

MEN'S		Women's and Children's		LEATHER GOODS	
Men's English Felt House Slippers. Regular price 50c.....	29c	Ladies' English Felt House Slippers. Regular price 50c and 60c.....	29c	Ladies' Dolphin Grain Hand Bags, black and brown, moreen lining. Regular price 75c.....	39c
Men's Imitation Alligator Slippers, brand new goods. Regular price \$1.00.....	69c	Ladies' Fancy Felt Slippers. Regular price 75c, 47c and.....	39c	Ladies' Dolphin Grain Hand Bags, black and brown, moreen lining, gilt and nickel frames, with purse. Regular \$1.00.....	47c
Men's Fancy Velvet Slippers, patent leather quarters. Regular price \$1.00.....	69c	Misses' Fancy Felt Slippers. Regular 50c.....	19c	Ladies' Dolphin Grain Hand Bags, black and brown, moreen lining, gilt and nickel frames, with purse. Regular \$1.25.....	59c
Men's Chocolate Alligator Slippers, leather-lined. Regular price \$1.50.....	98c	Children's Fancy Felt Slippers. Regular 35c.....	16c	Ladies' Dolphin Grain Hand Bags, black and brown, leather lining, gilt and nickel frames, with purse. Regular \$1.50.....	69c
Men's Vici Kid Pullman Slippers. Regular \$2.00.....	\$1.37	Ladies' Fancy and Self-Color Velvet and Felt Juliet House Boots, leather soles and heels. Regular \$1.25 and \$1.50.....	98c	Ladies' Dolphin Grain Hand Bags, black and brown, moreen lining, gilt frame, with purse. Regular \$1.25.....	89c
Men's Chocolate Vici Kid Pullman Slippers. Regular price \$2.50.....	\$1.97	Ladies' Patent Three-Strap Slippers. Regular price \$2.25.....	\$1.69	Ladies' Dolphin Grain Hand Bags, black and brown, moreen lining, leather-covered frame with purse. Regular \$1.50.....	98c
18 pairs only Men's Patent Colt Blucher Cut, Lace Boots. Regular \$4.50.....	\$2.89	Ladies' Vici Kid and Patent Kid Slippers. Regular price \$2.75.....	\$1.98	Ladies' Walrus Grain Hand Bags, black and brown, leather lining, leather-covered frame with purse. Regular \$2.00.....	\$1.29
17 pairs only Men's Patent Colt Button Boots, mat. calf tops. Regular \$5.50.....	\$3.79	Ladies' Patent Colt, Blucher Cut, Lace Boots. Regular \$3.00 and \$4.00.....	\$2.89 and \$2.19	Ladies' Real Morocco Hand Bags, black and brown, leather lining, leather-covered frame, with purse. Regular \$2.75.....	\$1.79
Men's Patent Colt, box calf, velour calf and vici kid, Blucher cut and plain bals. All sizes, styles and widths. Regular price \$5.00 and \$5.50.....	\$3.98, \$3.89 and \$3.79	Ladies' Dongola Lace Boots, self and patent tip. Regular price \$1.75.....	\$1.19	All higher-priced Bags at like reductions. Regular \$4.00 at \$2.59; \$4.50 at \$3.27; \$5.00 at \$3.59.	
RUBBERS!		RUBBERS!			
Men's Rubbers.....	67c, 59c and 39c	Ladies' Rubbers.....	47c and 39c		
Boys' Rubbers.....	57c	Misses' Rubbers.....	23c and 19c		
Youths' Rubbers.....	47c	Children's Rubbers.....	29c		

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STRATFORD FIRM WINDS UP.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—Application was made today to wind up Kurtz & McLean, gas engine manufacturers, of Stratford, the applicant being the former president, Mr. J. L. Young, who is a creditor for \$335. The company was signed on Dec. 9. There is a mortgage of \$10,000 on the property. The authorized capital was \$40,000 in 400 shares, of which 215 were paid up.

ST. KITTS HOME-COMERS.

St. Catharines, Dec. 11.—St. Catharines Old Boys' Association has been formed, with the following officers: Past president, W. J. Burgoyne; president, J. B. McIntyre; first vice-president, J. T. Petrie; second vice-president, John Marshall; third vice-president, Hugh E. McSloy; secretary, Arthur W. McMaugh; treasurer, G. W. Connolly. A number of prominent

citizens have been elected honorary officers and several strong working committees have been formed. An old home week will be held in 1908, beginning Sunday, June 28.

George Stimson, of Minneapolis, shot his wife and then himself, while their two little children slept. The tots were locked up in the house with their parents' bodies for over 20 hours.

The catbird in her scrap basket-like nest; lays four to six blue-green eggs.

WOMEN AND WOMEN. Use Big 64 for unnatural discharges, inflammation, irritations or alterations of menses, membranes, Pains, and not astrin- gent or poisonous. Sold by Druggists, or sent in plain wrapper, by express, prepaid, for \$1.00, or 5 bottles \$4.75. Circular sent on request.

Sweets to the Sweets

The same old story! Who hasn't been there? Young man, if you want to stand well with her, get read solid with her—send her, or better still take her a box of our Candy. It is right here—pure as the dew on the rosebud. She will like it. Money cannot buy better Candy than we sell.

Olympia Candy Store
186 Dundas Street. Phone 473.

THISTLE CLUB WORKING HARD TO MAKE BONSPIEL SUCCESS

Handsome Trophies Offered—Rinks Will Be Here From Many Cities, Detroit and Toronto Included—A Big Advertisement for the City.

If enterprise and good old Canadian hustle counts for anything, the coming bonspiel of the Thistle Club, from Jan. 14 to 16, inclusive, will be about the biggest thing in its line that was ever pulled off in this city, and it will be the only bonspiel ever held in the Forest City.

The affair is in the hands of the Thistle Club executive, and everybody knows what that means.

It means that nothing will be left undone to make the occasion a complete success, and, furthermore, that it will be a success.

The object is to conduct the big bonspiel along the lines of those held in Winnipeg.

BETWEEN 30 AND 40 RINKS.

The curling will be conducted much along the lines of the bowling in reference to the draws and the manner of dropping from one competition to the other.

It is confidently expected that between 30 and 40 rinks will be on hand when play begins, and this means much work for President Warren Thomson and those in charge of arrangements.

Mr. James McDougall, the famous bowler, has kindly offered his assistance in arranging the draw for the bonspiel.

The draw will be made on the evening of the 13th of January, and all entries should be in the hands of Secretary Bert Glover before the 11th of that month.

In case of no ice on the date of the bonspiel, clubs will be notified by wire of the fact in ample time to prevent their coming on.

HANDSOME TROPHIES.

The trophies already donated for the big affair are handsome and numerous, and the winners will indeed have prizes which are worthy in every way of the Thistle Curling Club.

The first and biggest prize is the handsome trophy donated by Mr. John McNece, sen.

This trophy is open to competition to any club having four or more members, and must be won by a club three times before it becomes permanent property.

Along with the trophy goes four handsome cut-glass dishes, donated by the president of the club, Mr. Warren Thomson.

Second prize will consist of four beautiful cut-glass dishes, the gift of Vice-President Bert MacDonald.

ASSOCIATION MATCH.

From the trophy competition, losing clubs will drop into the association match, for which Mr. George O'Neill, of the Tecumseh House, has offered a handsome trophy cup, which will be known as the Tecumseh trophy.

This cup must also be won three times to become the permanent property of any club.

Eight other beautiful prizes have been offered by the following members of the Thistle Club—Messrs. Charles Sterling, Charles Graham, "Sid" Swift, W. Boughner, L. J. Walker, Bert Heaman and Bert Glover.

CONSOLATION PRIZE.

Then comes the consolation prize, otherwise known as the Bank of Toronto trophy, which was donated by Mr. John Pringle.

There are also eight prizes with this trophy.

All rink games will consist of twelve ends.

The following cities and clubs are expected to be represented:

St. Thomas, Galt, Ingersoll, Woodstock, Chatham, Detroit, Stratford, Paris and the Queen City Club, of Toronto.

MEMBERS ENTHUSIASTIC.

The Thistle Club members are most enthusiastic over the outlook, and expect to see the bonspiel made an annual affair in London just as the big bowling tournament is.

There are no better methods of advertising a city than to have it up-to-date in a legitimate sports way, and the Thistle-Club is to be commended for its progressiveness.

Liberal Club Bowlers Won Out Took Two Out of Three With Ideals

Very Good Sport on Good Alleys
Last Night—The Scores.

The Liberal Club bowlers paid one of their weekly visits to John Martell's ideal alleys, and succeeded in winning two games out of the three with the Ideals.

As is the case generally when the boys visit this place they all had a rare good time.

"Jack" McMurphy came back strong last evening, and looked like a real bowler on this occasion. He got away with high average, getting 163 for the three games.

Percy Stone was good for one game, and pulled away with the high single score—173.

"Jimmy" Murray wanted to give McMurphy a show, so he just rolled a few to keep the boys within a mile of the finish.

Worrall was good except in the middle section, when he bowled like a real bad one. Victor Brock was about as usual.

John Martell was the candy with his bunch and showed the way. He was closely pursued by Forbes, with Humphries close up. Judd gave Jimmy Murray an awful race for the booty prize, but Jimmy was a little the worst. McLaughlin thought he would like these honors himself, but when he saw how really bad it looked he beat them out.

The Scores.

The scores show what a fine evening it was:

Liberals.			
Stone	140	178	128—446
Worrall	161	167	156—424
Brock	131	152	122—415
McMurphy	136	155	153—444
Murray	113	122	128—363
Totals	721	715	702—2,137
Ideals.			
Judd	114	196	158—378
Humphries	163	133	126—422
McLaughlin	129	130	127—386
Forbes	164	133	147—444
Martell	132	164	172—468
Totals	702	666	730—2,098

Sheere Leads in City Ten Pin Series

The leader in the city ten pin series is that great old warrior, Chester Sheere. Graham comes next on the list, a notch above our old friend Benny Watterworth, who is entrenched in third place. The standing is as follows:

Games—T. 1. Av.		
C. Sheere	18—2,556	169
R. Graham	18—2,974	165
B. Watterworth	18—2,972	165
A. Sheere	18—2,972	165
C. Scott	16—2,620	164
W. A. Primeau	15—2,430	162
J. Wilson	12—1,878	157
E. Smith	18—2,778	154
J. Ross	18—2,772	154
T. Dewan	18—2,768	154
L. Lackie	17—2,619	154
J. Mason	15—2,273	152
C. Clark	18—2,714	151
E. Monte	18—2,702	150

Move To Form New Western League

The Western University hockey team is working diligently to form a new Western Ontario hockey league. The new league will probably comprise the Western University, Stratford Collegiate, Petrolia and Sarnia teams.

The Varsity team first intended to enter the local City League, but this motion was abandoned.

As stated in The Advertiser yesterday an open-air rink has been constructed at the university grounds, so there will be no trouble about ice.

LONDON TEAM BEAT ST. THOMAS

Interesting Game of Indoor Baseball in the Railroad City Yesterday.

The Seventh Regiment buglers' indoor baseball team last night journeyed to St. Thomas and took the soldiers of the railroad village into camp by a score of 18 to 15.

The floor of the armories was very slippery and fast running was impossible. Calahan and Orr acted as the London battery.

SHAMROCKS AND MIDGETS WINNERS

The Shamrocks, headed by the invincible Harvey, again proved victorious over the Wizards last night at the local Y. M. C. A. by a score of 36 to 30.

In the second contest the Midgets proved just a trifle too speedy for the Medicos, and won out by 35 to 35.

The Lineups:

Shamrocks (36)—Forwards, W. Brock and Jones; center, Harvey; defense, Martin and Smith.
Wizards (30)—Forwards, Henderson and Crosbie; center, Strauch; defense, George and Stephenson.
Midgets (35)—Forwards, E. Glen and MacRobert; center, Duffield; defense, M. Brock and N. Glen.
Westerns (35)—Forwards, Rose and Poisson; center, Moore; defense, Jepson and Stephens.
Referee—Skinner.

Standing.

	Won.	Lost.	Play.
Shamrocks	7	1	1
Midgets	4	4	1
Wizards	4	4	1
Medics	1	7	1

SPORTING GOSSIP

COMING: The Thistle bonspiel, the Garrison indoor baseball league, O. H. A. hockey, City League hockey, inter-collegiate hockey, basketball, bowling, Nuf sed.

THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE has proved a fizzle. St. Thomas, as usual, was the straw that broke the camel's back.

AND NOW Tom Flanagan, of the Irish-Canadians, is talking of suing the instigator of the charges against himself and his allies. That ought to give someone a Payne. No vegetables, please.

THE WESTERN UNIVERSITY team will not down. When it found that there would be difficulty in procuring ice space it made a rink of its own.

HARRY PEEL is the popular choice as referee for the O. H. A. games. No skin games go with Peel.

IT IS FUNNY to see the Free Press bunch parading down to the bowling alleys every day. Getting in trim for a beating?

THE CONSERVATIVES should adopt the name of the Tecumsehs. Scalping seems to be their forte.

CHESTER SHEERE is still mowing them down in the City Tenpin League. The old vets still have something on the youngsters.

EVERYBODY is looking forward to the 30th, when the O. H. A. season begins locally. The Hortons are rapidly getting into trim, and should at least give a good account of themselves.

O'NEIL OFFERS ANOTHER TROPHY

Mr. George O'Neill, proprietor of the Tecumseh House, and honorary president of the City Hockey League, has announced that he will offer for competition a handsome trophy cup.

This offer will be highly appreciated by the members of the league.

Mr. O'Neill has further offered the use of his hotel for future meetings of the league.

INDOOR GAMES AT THE ARMORIES

Two good games of indoor baseball resulted at the armories last night despite the fact that the floor was as slippery as glass.

"C" and "D" companies put up the best battle of the evening, the final score being 23 to 22 in favor of "D" company.

"H" company had something on "A" company, and won by a score of 15 to 8.

Jeffries and Jeffries umpired satisfactorily. Summary:

"H" company	4	2	2	3	0	—15
"A" company	2	2	3	1	0	0—8
Batteries	"H" company, Richards and Anderson; "A" company, Langley and Leggo.					
"D" company	0	9	0	2	5	2—23
"C" company	2	2	3	1	0	0—22
Batteries	"C" company, Penwarden and Pearson; "D" company, Hayes and London.					

The sergeants of the Royal Artillery in Maryhill Barracks inaugurated a new drill hall for the use of the brigade by a dance.

An angler at Sanquhar had a novel catch. He was fishing with a fly and the lure attracted a playful kitten, which was promptly hooked.

STORE OPEN EVERY NIGHT
UNTIL CHRISTMAS.

GRAFTON & CO.
Limited.

The Largest Manufacturers of High-Grade Union-Made Clothing in the Dominion.

Great Pre-Christmas Sale

Greatest Programme of Clothing Economy Ever Offered
by This or Any Other House at this Opportune Season

Once more Christmas is here, and once again this store asserts its ACKNOWLEDGED LEADERSHIP in the clothing world, and offers to the people of this city and vicinity a MOST ASTOUNDING ARRAY OF VALUES AT PRICES THAT CHALLENGE THE ENTIRE CLOTHING TRADE, determined to outdo all past undertakings and fully resolved to show beyond all question that this is indeed Canada's Greatest Clothing House.

We're ready to prove to you the purchasing power of ready money—yours and ours. We're ready to show the difference between sweat shop clothing and GRAFTON'S PEERLESS HIGH-GRADE. We're ready to prove that in this day of substitution and adulteration, constant insistence for quality brings results. In a word, we're prepared to offer you Clothing opportunities that will compel your most serious consideration and win your best approbation. We throw down the gauntlet to all other Clothing Houses and simply defy them to match our prices.



OVERCOATS

An immense assortment. Every garment new, crisp and clean. Many of them made up specially for Christmas trade. The art of the designer, the skill of the workman, the turn of the collar, the lay of the lapel, all bear mute evidence of the superiority of Grafton's garments.

Overcoats worth \$7.50, Christmas sale	\$4.98
Overcoats worth 8.50, Christmas sale	5.98
Overcoats worth 10.00, Christmas sale	6.98
Overcoats worth 11.00, Christmas sale	7.98
Overcoats worth 12.00, Christmas sale	8.48
Overcoats worth 13.00, Christmas sale	9.98
Overcoats worth 15.00, Christmas sale	11.98
Overcoats worth 16.00, Christmas sale	11.98
Overcoats worth 18.00, Christmas sale	12.98
Overcoats worth 20.00, Christmas sale	14.98

Men's Fur and Fur-Lined Coats

THE LARGEST VARIETY AND POSITIVELY THE BEST VALUE

Our claim that we can supply you with reliable first-class Fur Garments at the very lowest possible prices is well borne out this season. Every article we sell is thoroughly reliable in every respect, and we are here to see that every customer gets full value. We handle no Furs that are not in every way strictly up to the mark, and you have only to get our quotations on any garment to find our prices much the lowest. Our showing is extremely large. We only ask your inspection of our great showing, knowing beyond question that there are none who can give you the same excellence for the same price.

FUR COATS	\$12.98 to \$50.00
FUR-LINED COATS	\$27.00 to \$75.00



Christmas Suggestions From The Furnishings Department

ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL MAKE AN ACCEPTABLE CHRISTMAS GIFT.

Men's New Neckwear, all shapes	25c, 35c and 50c
Men's Ties, in individual boxes, Christmas sale	50c, 75c and \$1.00
Men's Braces, in individual boxes	50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50
Men's Braces, Christmas sale price	15c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 50c and 75c
Men's Kid Gloves (lined)	50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50
Men's Kid Gloves (unlined)	\$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00
Men's Mocha Gloves	75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00
Men's Satin Mufflers	50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50
Men's Square Silk Mufflers	50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75
Excelsa Handkerchiefs	10c, 12½c and 15c
Plain Silk Hemstitched Handkerchiefs	25c, 35c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00
Initial Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs	15c, 20c and 25c
Hemstitched Plain Linen Handkerchiefs	15c, 20c and 25c
Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs, in boxes of ¼ dozen, each	40c, 60c, 75c, \$1.00
Men's Fancy Cambric Shirts	50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1.25
Men's Fancy Oxford Shirts	50c, 75c and \$1.00
Men's White Dress Shirts	50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1.25
Men's Umbrella extra special	75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2 and \$2.50

ALL KINDS OF UNDERWEAR AT MILL PRICES.

Bath Robes and House Coats

The largest and most varied assortment in the city. Boys' Dressing Gowns, ages 5 to 15 years, in gray and white, blue and gray \$2.95
Men's Handsome Dressing Gowns and Bath Robes \$3.95 to \$12.00

Men's House Coats

In all the latest styles shown for 1908 \$3.95 to \$12.00

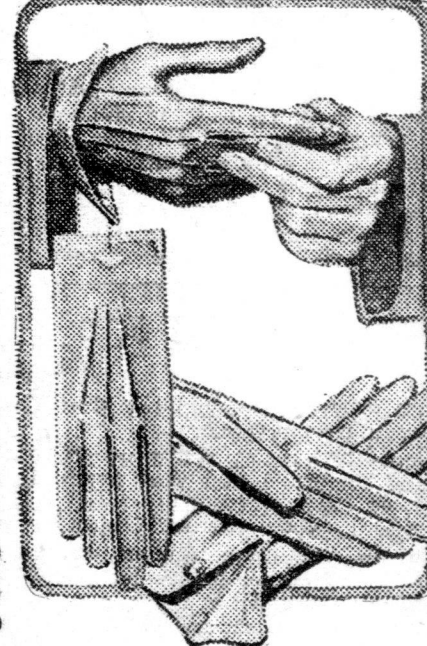
Men's Fancy Vests

A great showing of Fancy Vests, in silk brocade, fancy chevrons and knitted vests \$1.50 to \$5.00

Boys' Reefers, 98c, regular \$3.75

15 only Boys' Heavy-Weight Reefers, to fit ages 3 to 6 years. Made from best quality of beaver. Special 98c. Regular \$3.75.

Select your Christmas Gift. Pay us a small deposit and we will keep it for you 'till Christmas Eve.



Grafton & Co. Ltd.

Dundas Street, London

LOCAL MARKET.

There were 35 loads of hay brought in today and the holders had to accept low prices; \$15 to \$16 was the range; there have been only about 50 loads offered all week, which was about half the number offered last week.

Straw was higher, as there have been only a few loads offered all week; sales were made today at \$8 to \$8.50 per ton.

Oats sold at \$14 to \$14.50 per cwt; the supply was not large, but sufficient for the demand.

There will probably be a big market tomorrow and poultry will be the principal feature.

BEAN MARKETS.

DETROIT.
Detroit, Dec. 12.—January beans are in demand, but there is no change in prices and no business doing. Quotations: Cash, \$2.25; December, \$1.90; January, \$1.90 bid.

HAY MARKET.

TORONTO.
Toronto, Dec. 12.—Baled Hay.—The amount of baled hay now coming in is little too heavy for requirements, and prices rule easy. Timothy is quoted from \$17.50 to \$18.50 per ton, but the latter price is for places where the latter price is paid a few.

Baled Straw.—Quiet, at \$9.50 to \$10.50 per ton on track here.

DAIRY MARKETS.

CHICAGO.
Chicago, Dec. 12.—Butter.—Firm; creameries, 21c to 22c; dairies, 17c to 25c. Cheese.—Steady; 11c to 12c.

NEW YORK.
New York, Dec. 12.—Butter.—Steady and unchanged; receipts, 6,711 packages. Cheese.—Steady; 11c to 12c.

SUGAR MARKETS.

NEW YORK.
New York, Dec. 12.—Sugar.—Raw quiet; fair refining, 3.30c to 3.35c; centrifugal, 96% test, 3.50c; molasses, 22c to 23c; refined, 24c to 25c.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK.
New York, Dec. 12.—Cotton.—Futures closed steady. Closing bids: December, 11.00c; January, 11.05c; February, 11.10c; March, 11.15c; April, 11.20c; May, 11.25c; June, 11.30c; July, 11.35c; August, 11.40c; September, 11.45c; October, 11.50c; November, 11.55c; December, 11.60c.

OIL MARKETS.

CHICAGO.
Chicago, Dec. 12.—Crude oil.—Steady; 10c to 11c.

LONDON.
London, Dec. 12.—Crude oil.—Steady; 10c to 11c.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

CHICAGO.
Chicago, Dec. 12.—Cattle.—Receipts, 5,000; market, weak; 15c to 16c.

DETROIT.
Detroit, Dec. 12.—Cattle.—Receipts, 5,000; market, weak; 15c to 16c.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL.
Liverpool, Dec. 12.—Wheat.—Spot weak; No. 2 red winter, 7s 6d; futures, 7s 6d.

MANCHESTER.
Manchester, Dec. 12.—Wheat.—Spot weak; No. 2 red winter, 7s 6d; futures, 7s 6d.

PRODUCE MARKET.

TORONTO.
Toronto, Dec. 12.—Butter.—Firm; creameries, 21c to 22c; dairies, 17c to 25c.

CHICAGO.
Chicago, Dec. 12.—Butter.—Firm; creameries, 21c to 22c; dairies, 17c to 25c.

WAIT AND HEAR FROM MR. LEMIEUX

Mr. Monk Brings Up Matter of Japanese Immigration—Mr. Lancaster's Bill Goes.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The question of Japanese immigration was raised for the first time in the House this afternoon, on a motion by Mr. Monk for all correspondence between the Dominion and Imperial Governments relative to the Anglo-Japanese treaty. The member for Jacques Cartier took the ground that the clause insuring the Japanese freedom of travel and residence in Canada involved an abandonment of the principle that Canada was entitled to control its own immigration, and argued that as the character and habits of the Japanese were different from those of Canadians there should have been a restriction.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said the House was entitled to the fullest information on the subject, and that Mr. Monk had no objection to the motion, but he pointed out that it would not be advisable to bring down the papers until Mr. Lemieux had concluded his mission.

Replying to Mr. Foster, the Prime Minister explained that Mr. Lemieux had no diplomatic status in Tokyo, and that representations to the Japanese authorities had been made through his majesty's ambassador.

Mr. Lancaster's bill respecting un-protected railway crossings, which was rejected by the Senate last session, was read a third time, with the unanimous consent of the House, being the first bill to go through this session.

The bill provides that no train shall pass over a highway or level crossing in any city, town or village at a greater speed than 10 miles an hour unless the crossing is constructed and maintained in accordance with the regulations of the railway committee of the privy council and board of railway commission. The board may limit the speed to any rate deemed expedient. It comes into force January 1, 1909.

According to a notice of motion given by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Commons will adjourn on Thursday, Dec. 19, for the Christmas recess, and will reassemble on Wednesday, Jan. 8.

Sir Frederick Borden, in reply to Lieut.-Col. Worthington, said \$6,000 Sutherland rifle sights had been ordered by the militia department. No payments had been made on them. They were to be adjusted to the Lee-Enfield rifle. The question as to whether they were to be used with the Lee-Enfield rifle was under consideration.

Hon. Frank Oliver, replying to Mr. McCarthy (Calgary), said a bill was now in preparation to give effect to the resolution of Dec. 1, 1906, to set aside grants of lands for residents of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta who took part in the South African war.

Mr. Wright (Renfrew) introduced a resolution to have the singing of the House closed at 10.30, but at the Premier's request he withdrew it.

Mr. Foster asked on what grounds does Mr. Lemieux stand as representative of the Government? It is difficult to say exactly on what grounds he stands. We have no diplomatic status anywhere, but Mr. Lemieux has been introduced to the authorities at Tokyo by his majesty's ambassador, and it is under his majesty's ambassador that the negotiations are being conducted.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock.

THAMESFORD TOPICS
A Pleasant Visit from a Returned Missionary—Prospective Wedding.

Thamesford, Dec. 13.—Rev. Harvey Grant, from Honan, China, who is home at Mr. Marry's after an absence of fifteen years, took charge of the services at St. Andrew's Church on Sabbath at both services, and gave powerful addresses on the customs, religion and characteristics of the Chinese. He speaks very hopefully of the work carried on by the missionaries in Northern China. St. Andrew's Church has been contributing for two years in a special manner to the work in China, and Mr. Grant is the mission agent.

Money goes to aid. This was one reason that made his message to them of great interest.

The annual meeting of the Thamesford Branch Bible Society is to be held on Wednesday evening in the Methodist Church, and is to be addressed by the resident clergyman, the agent of the Society, Mr. C. E. Morris.

Mr. Jewell, of London, England, is assisting Mrs. McGowan & Babb in the pharmacy.

Mr. C. Vanatter, of the Traders Bank, Hamilton, is spending a few days here reviewing old acquaintanceships and at the same time relieving Mr. Hughes, the manager, while the latter is away to secure an alibi, this one to be "for better or worse." Mr. Hughes' friends wish him health and prosperity to enjoy his married life.

Miss Seelien has returned home, after spending three weeks in relieving a sick lady at Lakeside.

Dr. Torrie, inspector at Toronto Junction, spent Sunday here. There is some talk of his resigning his position in Toronto and resuming his practice at veterinary at the corner of Allan and Dundas streets.

The village has now resumed its old-time quietness, as milk drawing is over for the season. The stage mill has shut down, and the continued wet weather has caused those working on the "good roads" to quit for the present.

Mrs. P. F. Weisbrod and son came from Winnipeg to visit her parents for the holiday season.

Mrs. T. H. McKay is visiting her father, Roderick McKay, and Miss Ida Robertson, who is spending a few days with Maggie Young.

ARISTOCRATIC OPIUM DEN.
Turin, Italy, Dec. 13.—A big opium den, luxuriously fitted with all the traditional requisites, has just been opened here. The prices charged are high and the patrons are chiefly aristocrats, both men and women. People come from distant parts of the country to pass whole days in the place.

KAISER WILHELM STARTS FOR HOME

Will Visit Queen Wilhelmina of Holland on the Way Back.

London, Dec. 12.—Emperor William of Germany, after a month's sojourn in England, left last evening on his return home. He will stop on his way back to Berlin to visit Queen Wilhelmina of Holland. A distinguished party gathered at the railroad station here to bid his majesty farewell.

Emperor William traveled by special train to Port Victoria, where he embarked on board the German imperial yacht, Hohenzollern.

Just before his departure the statement was given out that Emperor William had benefited greatly by the rest cure taken at Hinchliffe Castle, and that he had enjoyed his visit in England very much. In conclusion, the statement expressed the hope that the emperor would have contributed to foster friendly feelings between Great Britain and Germany.

The German emperor spent the last four days of his stay in seeing the sights of London. He resided at the German embassy. He visited a number of art galleries, called at the studios of some English artists, and even went to some of the big stores.

YORK LOAN CLAIMS
Nova Scotia Investors Say They Are Not Legally Shareholders.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—Nova Scotia investors in the York Loan, through Mr. A. A. Masten, their solicitor, will seek to establish that the company did not legally "carry on business" in that province, and that consequently Nova Scotians who invested in the concern were not legally shareholders, but creditors, and as such have priority of claim over the regular shareholders.

The Nova Scotia claims came before Official Referee Mr. George Kappelle, when Mr. Masten examined Mr. Sturges, formerly secretary-treasurer of the York Loan. He said none but holders of stock certificates were loaned money up to 1904, when the concern engaged in the promotion of the York Loan, which was carried on in Nova Scotia, subscriptions being collected through the Halifax agent, and loans to shareholders made.

Argument will go on as soon as the evidence of the good faith of the company is given judgment in a case of the C. P. R. vs. the Ottawa Fire Insurance Company, which bears upon the present case.

ONTARIO BANK LOSS
TOTALLED \$2,157,546

Interim Statement Presented at the Meeting of Shareholders.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—Sixty shareholders of the former Ontario Bank met at the premises at Scott street yesterday afternoon, and received the interim statement of the curator, W. E. Stavers, who presided.

The statement shows a net loss of \$2,157,546, including \$629,000 on overdue bills and doubtful debts.

There is a loss of \$1,784,463 in securities other than those of the Ontario Bank.

Assets: Bonds and stocks, estimated present value, \$3,310,501; Real estate, \$2,061,041; Circulation, \$2,061,041; Past due bills and overdue debts, \$629,000; Bills redemptions, \$629,000; Balance (see subjoined explanation), \$2,157,546.

Liabilities: To other banks, \$1,510,695; Circulation, \$1,510,695; Depositors' bills, \$1,510,695; Contra, \$950,000; Reserved for provide for loss on circulation, \$1,510,000; Capital, \$1,500,000.

THREE LITTLE MAIDS
Stork Was Very Generous to a Toronto Household.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—The stork was busy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Finkelshten, 50 Nelson street, last night, when he departed he left three fine baby girls. It was night when the first little stranger arrived, and there was great joy in the household.

The joy was doubled and trebled when the two little sisters were presented to the happy father.

DRAYTON MAN KILLED.
Moorefield, Dec. 13.—James Woolner, an old man who lived near Drayton, was struck by the noon train, one mile south of here, on the public crossing today and killed, his buggy being smashed to pieces.

BANDMASTER BETTER.
New York, Dec. 13.—The condition of John Philip Sousa, the bandmaster, who returned to this city from Buffalo, because of illness, was much improved today. He is no longer under a physician's care.

THE DUMA LEADER SENT TO PRISON

He Was Founder of the First Revolutionary Circle—Had Returned to Russia.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 12.—Nicholas Tschakovsky, who last spring accompanied A. F. Alladin, the leader of the Group of Five in the second Duma, on a visit to the United States, has been arrested here and confined to the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Tschakovsky was the founder of the first revolutionary circle in St. Petersburg during the reign of Emperor Alexander II, in which many of the most prominent terrorists were educated.

He fled to London in 1875, where, together with Prince Kropotkin, he directed the revolutionary activity in Russia for many years. He was revisiting Russia for the first time when arrested.

In an adjoining cell is the 70-year-old Madame Breshkovskaya, one of the first artistic converts to the terrorist propaganda. She was sent to Siberia in the early seventies, but escaped in escaping from the mines and disappeared.

Madame Breshkovskaya was recently apprehended in this city while distributing terrorist literature.

FOUR BABIES BURNED TO DEATH
Two Little Ones Perish in Montreal and Two at Cobalt.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—Two children, one aged 2 years and the other a baby, belonging to Mrs. Belleville, of Bushville, near East Clifton, were burned to death last night. The mother left the children in the house while she went to a neighbor's on a message.

Cobalt, Ont., Dec. 13.—The house of Wm. Hewitt, which had been the Cobalt gas property, was burned to the ground Wednesday night, a 3-year-old baby, Evelyn, aged 5, and May, aged 3, were burned to death while sleeping together.

Both parents were absent at the time and the origin of the fire is not known. When the fire brigade arrived it was too late to save anything.

Some parties broke through one of the doors, and the babies, brought them to the house of a neighbor. One breathed only a few minutes.

When the mother saw the fire she became hysterical. One more child, who was visiting with relatives, survives.

SUICIDE AT OTTAWA
Druggist Out of Employment Takes Deadly Poison.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—A climax, to a fruitless fortnight's search for work here came yesterday, when Mr. John Booth, an English chemist, who came here in July, committed suicide by taking cyanide of potassium. His efforts to keep his wife and 16-month-old child failed, and in a fourth avenue months he had rented for the winter with the child and took the poison.

When going into the hall he asked his wife to forgive him, told her what he had done, and falling at her feet, expired. He did not harm the child.

It is asserted that it was only a few weeks since want of work forced him to pawn his wife's watch, a wedding ring, and that with some of the money he purchased a revolver and suggested that the wife end her life, but that she refused to do so. With a knowledge of drugs he was able to pick out a most deadly poison—one that causes almost instant death. There will be no inquest.

ESTIMATED WORTH \$20,000,000 MORE
& Great Increase in Value of Western Crops Over Last Year.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—Mr. F. T. Griffin, C. P. R. immigration agent at Winnipeg, telegraphed to the management today, stating that as a result of latest inquiries made by the railway and milling interests, it is now computed that this year's grain crop would be worth twenty millions more to the three Provinces of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan than that of last year had been. This is largely due to the increased price which coarser grains command; No. 3 wheat yielding this year as much as No. 1 Manitoba had formerly did.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS
Thousands Sailing for Great Britain During the Month.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 12.—The steamship Empress of Britain, of the C. P. R. fleet, sailing from St. John this afternoon, will take away more than 1,500 passengers. This, it is claimed, will be the largest number ever landed in a Canadian port on an eastbound steamer, and will be fully 200 more than were carried on the Christmas steamer of the C. P. R. last year.

The total number carried by the C. P. R. steamer in December last was about 2,000. This season more than that number have gone, and there are still two boats, so that the total will be about double last year.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over THIRTY YEARS by MILLIONS OF MOTHERS for their CHILDREN WHILE TEething, with PERFECT SUCCESS. IT SOOTHES THE CHILD, SOFTENS THE GUMS, ALLAYS ALL PAIN, CURES WIND COLIC, and is the best remedy for diarrhea. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's."

TALK OF CHANGES IN U. S. CABINET

Feeling Between the President and Cortelyou Is Getting Quite Chilly.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Well defined rumors are prevalent in Washington to the effect that the one man who was supremely dissatisfied when the President's order was given to federal officers directing them to refrain from third-term work for Mr. Roosevelt is Secretary Cortelyou.

These rumors run a variety of directions. Some are to the effect that the President came to know that Cortelyou was desiring to elect Roosevelt delegates under guise of being for Roosevelt when they were really to be for Cortelyou, and that these caused the order.

Others even go so far as to hint that Cortelyou's relations with the financial powers in New York have been cordial enough to cause the President to feel decidedly like putting a brake on the Cortelyou wheel, since it looks too much as if the Secretary of the Treasury might become a real check on the action of the President for the presidency in case he develops more strength than Hughes.

None of these rumors is to be traced to any reliable source, of course, as it is manifestly impossible for the White House to affirm or deny rumors. But it is known that there is ground for the statement that Secretary Cortelyou is sore, and if there is substance to the attached reports, especially the one last mentioned, the entire history of Mr. Roosevelt's career would indicate that something like this might be expected to be happening at any moment.

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL OPENED
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that time it was a one-story building with two rooms. A gallery was added increasing the accommodation considerably. In a year or so subsequent changes were made until in 1905 there were twelve rooms in the school. Last year it had again become too small and four rooms were added, and it was thoroughly remodeled, making it one of the most up-to-date in London.

The First Teacher.
The first teacher was Mr. Irwin, a general Irishman, a very strict disciplinarian. The school was then known as the North School. His salary was £137 10s. Mr. Timothy Shea was the first janitor.

Miss Shenick was the first lady teacher, appointed in 1852. The attendance was somewhat lessened in 1858 by the establishment of a separate school. That year the report was first printed in decimal currency.

The Principals.
Among the more recent principals of this school are several well-known public men of this city, and include Mr. Nicholas Wilson, Dr. S. P. Reynolds, Inspector Edwards, and Mr. S. Baker, now city clerk.

Several of the pupils of Mr. Irwin's time have achieved some greatness, such as Hon. C. S. Hyman, ex-minister of public works; Mr. Samuel Barker, M. P. of Hamilton; Sheriff Cameron, ex-Ald. Wyatt and others.

The Staff.
The staff is the largest in the city, and is composed of a principal, an assistant principal, and seventeen assistants. They are as follows:

Principal, Mr. E. Wyatt, Grade VIII. (a).

Assistant Principal, Mr. Claude Brown, Grade VIII. (b).

Miss M. A. McEwan, Grade VII. Miss M. Upshall, Grade VI. Miss Spence, Grade V. Miss E. Thompson, Grade IV. Miss E. Ferguson, Grade IV. Miss J. Weir, Grade IV. Miss J. Grant, Grade III. Miss E. L. Evans, Grades II. and III.

Miss L. Winnett, Grade II. Miss L. McEwan, Grade II. Miss H. M. Giddens, Grade I. Miss G. G. Giddens, Grade I. Miss J. McCrimmon, Grade I. Miss A. Bryans, director of morning kindergarten. Miss S. M. Kilborne, assistant morning kindergarten. Miss A. Henderson, director afternoon kindergarten. Miss I. Grant, assistant afternoon kindergarten. Mr. R. Aiken, janitor.

Principal Edward Wyatt is one of the most popular and successful teachers in London, and his school would be established in London. The citizens were willing to do their share towards its establishment.

JAPAN WILL BE FRIENDLY
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panese than the friendship of the Americans.

As we have pointed out before, the true basis for any understanding with the Japanese Government is the identical interest of both peoples in the matter at issue. The Japanese authorities want to keep their people at home, and we are willing that they should succeed in regard to the laboring classes. Now the only way we can help is to show the Japanese authorities by what devious methods some of their people evade the will of the Japanese Government. Then it remains for the Japanese Government to meet these devices, and so succeed in its own policy of keeping its own people for the Japanese nation, and a powerful nation is willing to sacrifice not only a few emigrants but many soldiers and much treasure to re-establish its self-respect. It will not want to sacrifice either the emigrants, the soldiers or the treasure; for it has great and pressing need in



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other directions for all three. But we can compel the sacrifice if we are stupid enough to insist upon slamming our door in the face of a people who may be at our doorstep, but who do not want to come in.

This is a task for diplomacy; and our Mr. Lemieux has it in hand. We ought to emerge from this business with the friendship and the commercial co-operation of Japan. Japan will be friendly with Britain's colony if we will let her; and nothing but blundering through haste or a misunderstanding of the situation can give Japan the impression that we do not respect her people and desire her friendship.

WILL LAY IT BEFORE PREMIER
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aid the city in the establishment of such an institution.

Board of Trade's Views.
Ald. Stevely introduced the board of trade delegation. He would not speak on behalf of that body, but was induced to assist the delegates in bringing this matter before Dr. Fyfe. The matter of a technical school had been brought before the board of trade some time ago, and after considerable discussion that body was in hearty favor of its establishment. Personally he was in hearty sympathy with it, and he hoped that the attention of the Government with such force that it would result in the establishment of the school.

Necessity of Training.
Mr. E. R. Dennis spoke of the necessity of training the boys in mechanics. He pointed out the great difficulty in getting skilled mechanics. They had to be imported in many cases from the countries where technical schools were in operation. Germany's industrial development began when the technical school was established.

Trades Aid Labor.
Mr. Joseph Holland, the representative of the Trades and Labor Council, spoke briefly. He declared that he was in hearty favor of the establishment of a technical school. He spoke of the difficulty in getting apprentices. With a technical school the boys would choose their own road, and they would put more enthusiasm into their work. The council has preserved an open mind on the matter, and was looking for more information.

Manufacturers' Views.
Col. Gartschore declared that from a manufacturer's point of view technical schools were a necessity. He pointed out the great difficulty in getting an industrial country due to its technical schools. The same was also true of Japan. What had been accomplished by Japan during the past forty years was marvelous. In the United States nearly all the young men in the large cities employed in great industrial enterprises were graduates of a technical school. He hoped that technical education would be improved, and that more attention would be devoted to domestic science in the large cities employed in great industrial enterprises would be willing to do their share towards its establishment.

DIED, AGE 114 YEARS.
Council Bluffs, Ia., Dec. 13.—John Busha, 114 years old, died on Tuesday night. Busha took part in the Black Hawk war in 1832. He had been blind and helpless for fifteen years.

MINER FATALLY SCALDED.
Bay City, Mich., Dec. 13.—William Balen, a miner, 40 years old, fell into a vat of boiling water at Handy Bros. mine yesterday. He was terribly scalded, and died three hours after being pulled from the vat.

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General Stoessel Was Not to Blame Important Testimony By Kuropatin

Former Russian Commander Causes a Sensation—Japs Were Slow.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 13.—Gen. Kuropatin was a witness at the trial by court-martial of Lieut.-Gen. Stoessel and other army officers of high rank, charged with needlessly surrendering Port Arthur to the Japanese, and what he said made a sensation in the courtroom.

He declared that the Japanese could have taken Port Arthur by assault in the early days of the war. The defenses were then so incomplete, Gen. Kuropatin went on to say, that the fortress must have fallen at the first vigorous attack; but the slowness of the Japanese and the resistance made by the army in the field, gave the Russians time to improvise defense works which had withstood the Japanese for months.

On the whole, Gen. Kuropatin's evidence was favorable to Gen. Stoessel.

Conduct of Gen. Fock.
The conduct of Gen. Fock, who is charged with responsibility for the defeat at Nanchan, and the subsequent retirement to Port Arthur, also was reviewed by the court, and the evi-

dence of Gen. Kuropatin was helpful to this officer as well.

Gen. Kuropatin declined to answer several questions on the ground that to do so would make known military secrets, but he did say that the whole plan of the war was based upon the supposed invincibility of the Russian fleet, and that the original scheme for the defense of Port Arthur could not be carried out successfully after the squadron had been crippled by the "treacherous opening attack" of the Japanese.

Retirement Justified.
According to the indictment, Gen. Fock's retreat from Nanchan, jeopardized the fortress, but Gen. Stoessel produced orders from Gen. Kuropatin and Viceroy Alexieff justifying the admission from Gen. Kuropatin that the position was untenable without the assistance of the fleet. Over the fleet Gen. Stoessel had no authority.

The name of Former Viceroy Alexieff, who was claimed to appear as a witness, was mentioned continually in an unfavorable light, and a ripple of merriment was provoked by a phrase in one of his orders saying "the chief task of Fock is to retreat at the proper time."</

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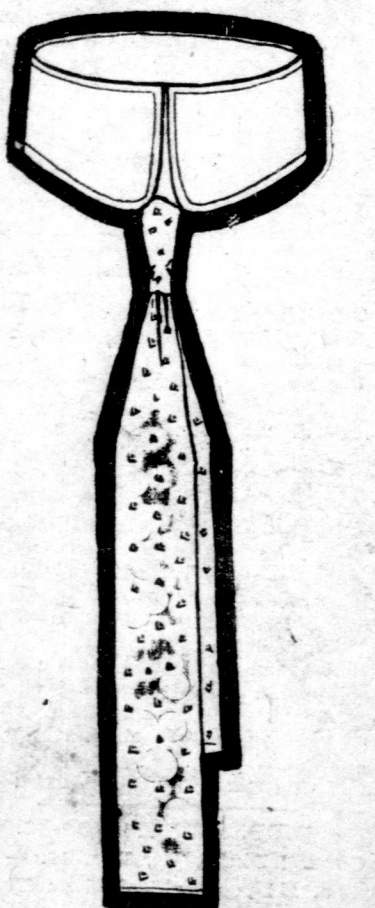
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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—The Christmas tree and entertainment of the Methodist Sabbath school, Komoka, will be held Friday, Dec. 20th.
—The Hortons have made arrangements with the management of the Princess rink and all O. H. A. games will be played there. Mr. Holman says the rink is being refitted, and will be ready very soon for the hockey boys.

—The "Limerick" craze has come to London in earnest. The Cowan Hardware Company, of this city, have been advertising a competition, which closes on Dec. 23, and the prizes received to date shows the interest of Advertiser readers in "Limericks." The advertisement appears on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, on page 8. Two handsome prizes will be given to the winners.

Banquet to Mr. Towse.
The Hermitage Club will tonight tender a banquet to Mr. Allen Towse, who is a popular member of the club, and is leaving to accept a lucrative position in Boston, Mass.

Clearing House Returns.
The returns at the London clearing house for the week ending Dec. 12, were \$1,308,150. The total for the corresponding week last year was \$1,305,776—an increase this year of \$2,374.

Ministerial Alliance.
Owing to the illness of Rev. T. T. Shields he will not be able to address the Ministerial Alliance next Monday morning, but Rev. Herbert McKenzie has consented to present to the mission the story of his remarkable success in securing missionary contributions from his people. Perhaps no church in Canada has made such a record in this most laudable enterprise as the Christian Workers of London. It will be last opportunity to hear Mr. McKenzie and his last meeting with the ministers.

Elected Officers.
Lodge Princess of Wales, D. of E., at the last regular meeting elected the following officers for the ensuing year: W. P. Mrs. Penwarden; V. P. Miss P. Smith; secretary, Mrs. E. Hooper (retained); treasurer, Mrs. W. Dyson (retained); chaplain, Miss E. Penwarden; physician, Dr. Becher (retained); first guide, Mrs. Leah (retained); second guide, Mrs. Nichol (retained); third guide, Mrs. Brazil; fourth guide, Mrs. Patton; outside guard, Bro. Brooks; inside guard, Miss C. Jones; auditors, Bros. Martin, Brooks and Nutkins. The former trustees were retained.

Late Stanley Lawson.
The funeral of the late Stanley Lawson took place from the family residence, 426 Piccadilly street, on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at Woodland Cemetery, and was conducted by Rev. E. B. Lancelley, pastor of Dundas Center Methodist Church. The deceased was born near Nilestown on March 14, 1871, and was the son of P. H. and Alice Lawson. Everywhere Stanley was a favorite. For the past year he has been a student of the London College, and he was a consistent member of Dundas Center Church, being connected with various young men's organizations of that church. The

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Prohibition workers in Des Moines, Ia., have begun a campaign for state-wide prohibition.

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