

NO CLUE YET IN KINRADE MURDER

City Detectives Find It Difficult to Work Out a Theory, But Are Not Ready to Admit the Story That Murderer Was a Tramp.

Council Has Offered a Reward of \$500---The Whole Detective Staff at Work---Many Stories About Strange Man in West End.



MISS ETHEL KINRADE, victim of the shooting at the home of her father, Mr. T. L. Kinrade, 105 Herkimer street, yesterday afternoon.



MISS FLORENCE KINRADE, who witnessed the shooting and tried to wrest the revolver from the hand of the murderer.

THE TRAGEDY.

One of the Most Sensational Crimes in the City's History.

Well-known young woman slain by a tramp in her father's home, 105 Herkimer street.

The victim—Miss Ethel Kinrade, 23 years of age, shot five times and instantly killed.

The murderer—Unknown thug, 35 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches in height, medium dark complexion, long, dark wavy mustache drooping over the mouth, wore a black slouch hat over his eyes, black overcoat, black undersuit.

Time—About 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

To be foully murdered in her own home, in broad daylight, by a man who emptied the contents of a .38 calibre, five-chambered revolver into her body before making good his escape, was the cruel fate that befell Ethel Kinrade, twenty-three years of age, second eldest daughter of T. L. Kinrade, principal of the Cannon street school, yesterday afternoon.

The remarkable feature of the tragedy is that the mother of the dead girl was at police headquarters appealing for protection against the brute who slew her daughter when the murder was being committed.

Although the police were quickly notified, and had the drag net out within ten minutes of the time of the shooting, scouring the city and surrounding country, no trace of the man sought for has been secured yet.

TWO GIRLS WERE ALONE.

The murdered woman and her sister, Miss Florence Kinrade, a well known singer, were alone in the house at the time of the tragedy.

Going to the door she was surprised to see a man about five feet seven inches tall, of medium build, with a dark, wavy mustache, and wearing a slouch hat and dark clothes.

She recognized in him the man who had been hanging around the place for several days, and was preparing to ask him his business when he curtly demanded that she supply him with food.

"Give me what money you have!"

"I won't," said the frightened girl, as she backed towards the stairs and tried to scream.

"If you yell, I'll shoot," he said.

The desperado repeated his demand that she hand over what money she had. She went upstairs to get it, and he attempted to follow.

Having heard the noise downstairs and alarmed by her sister's warning, Ethel bravely attempted to leave the house by the back entrance and summon help.

KILLED HER IN COLD BLOOD.

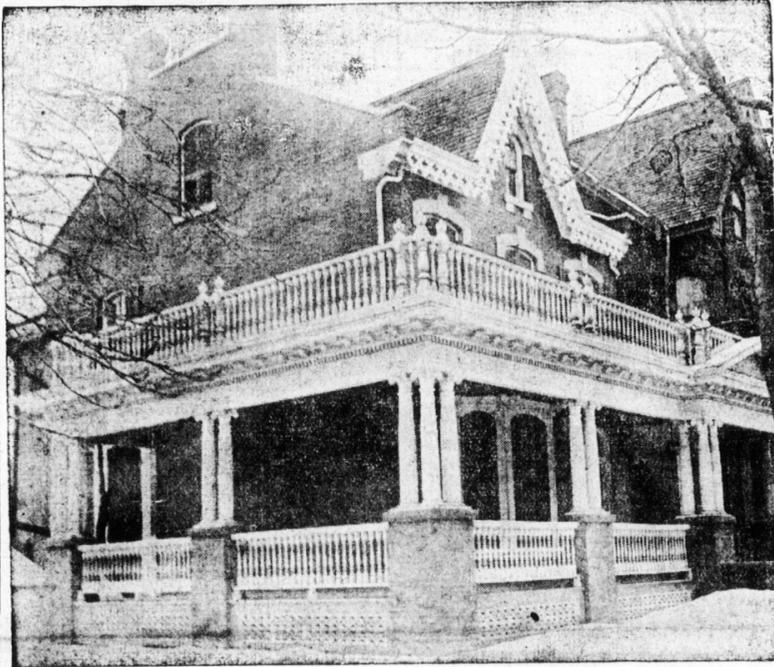
When Ethel was confronted with the man with the revolver she attempted to scream for help. This alarmed the stranger, who said, "Don't scream or I'll shoot you."

The unfortunate girl did not heed the warning, and her sister Florence, convinced that the man meant all he said, tried to wrest the revolver from him.

Mr. Hunt and a clerk, grabbing long meat knives and a hatchet, rushed to the Kinrade homestead.

He had his horse hitched up and was just preparing to start out on his afternoon rounds when somebody rang him up and informed him that he was wanted at the Kinrade house.

Mr. Hunt and his companion rushed into the house and found Ethel Kinrade stretched out on the kitchen floor, at the foot of the back staircase, in a pool of blood.



SCENE OF THE MURDER OF MISS ETHEL KINRADE.

This picture, taken this morning, shows the Kinrade homestead to good advantage. It is a solidly built two storey brick house on the south side of Herkimer street, east of Caroline.

IS SERIOUS.

Mrs. Kinrade's Condition Causes Considerable Alarm.

This morning at the house where the terrible tragedy of yesterday was enacted there was gloom and sadness.

Mrs. Kinrade was first told that there was something wrong, and then the terrible thought came to her that her son was being brought home dead from Montreal, and the woman collapsed.

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Break It Up.

That cold that is just beginning. Get after it now and break it up. A 20c box of Parke's Laxative-Quinine Cold Cure will break up an incipient cold in twenty-four hours.

POLICE TRYING TO GET THEORY.

Miss Florence Kinrade Examined by Detective This Morning.

Naturally, There Are Discrepancies in Her Story.

That the murder is a sensational mystery, with a host of baffling features, which may lead to startling developments at any minute was intimated by the police this afternoon, after detectives had gone over the ground thoroughly.

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through the room both going and coming. She ran out of the front door and gave the alarm.

"This morning when I interviewed her she told the same story about being alone with her sister. She changed her story of the night before, however, in this respect. She said that when she came down stairs with the money the man was standing in the hall, and she turned into the second parlor and raised a window. This window was up when we arrived. The shutters were not fastened. A woman's tracks, with the heels facing east and the toes west, and with one footstep facing south, were plainly to be seen out in the snow.

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"Of course, we must allow for hysteria," said the officer. "Last night she said that the man rang the door bell and asked for something to eat. She said, 'Certainly,' and was going to get it when he rushed past her and said, 'If you have any money I want that too.' She ran upstairs to get him \$10 she had saved up. While upstairs, she said, she went to her bedroom, raised the window to call for help, but did not do so. She told Ethel to lock herself in her room, but received no reply. She heard a shot, followed by a scream, and then four shots. She went downstairs and into the dining room, where she met the man and handed him \$10. She went through the dining room and kitchen, and out into the back yard to the rear fence. I tracked her footsteps in the snow. The snow showed that she dragged her feet, and evidently ran back into the house, judging by the footmarks. Into the dining room she went and met the man, who turned on her with the revolver, and told her if she shouted or made a noise he would shoot. She tried to wrest the revolver from him, but was not successful, and ran out the front door. During all this time she said she never saw her sister, who was found at the bottom of the back stairs. She had to pass

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CORONER'S INQUEST IS OPENED.

Jurors View Body and Comment on Brutality of the Murder.

A patrol wagon called at the house of Constable Robert Lentz yesterday afternoon shortly after Coroner McNicol issued the precept, and he was called out of his bed to summon the jury, all other officers being out after the murderer. He got the following jury together at once: Willoughby Ellis, John Work, Fred Skerrett, John Wells, H. F. Stenabaugh, John Hunter, R. B. Spera, H. S. Hooper, William Powell, E. B. Turnbull, John Guy, John Wilson, James Reding, James Byrne and J. Noble.

The jurors met at the City Hospital at 8.30 last night and viewed the body in the morgue. It was fully dressed and the hat was still on the dead girl's head. Coroner McNicol showed the wounds to the jurors. There were three in the left breast. Two of these pierced the heart, and the third one is likely to have done so, too, said the Coroner.

CRIME CREATED A PROFOUND SENSATION

Charitable Officers Say Hamilton Is Winter Headquarters of Tramps.

No crime in recent years has created such a tremendous sensation as this brutal murder. The news swept like wildfire over the town and the tragedy was on every lip. The extras issued by the newspapers were eagerly purchased by the big crowds that thronged the streets between the hours of five and six, and in every house in Hamilton the members of families read with horror the details of the crime.

Hamilton Home of Tramps. It is a well-known fact among men engaged in charity work here that Hamilton is the headquarters in winter of hobo's from all over the country. Some of these characters have frankly confessed to Relief Officer McMenemy and officers of charitable societies that this city is the softest place they ever struck, that they noise the fact abroad and that many of them year after year flock here when the cold weather comes. They pick out charitably inclined people, tip each other off as to

FEATURES THAT PUZZLE POLICE.

Was It the Deed of an Insane Man? Some Think That It Was.

There are mysterious features in connection with the affair that puzzle the police. Why this man should haunt the vicinity of the Kinrade homestead, peep in the windows, try to break in, and finally murder the girl in broad daylight, and yet not molest the other neighbors, are points that have the police guessing. It suggests the act of a crazy man.

Saturday Tobacco Bargains.

Ten cent plugs of British Navy for 7c; Bob's, 8c; Lily, 9c; Empire, 8c; King's Navy, 7c; Starlight, 8c; T & B, bright plug, 10c; Black Watch, 3 plugs for 25c; at peace's cigar store, 107 King street east.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

HAD TRIED TO BREAK IN.

The Kinrades are charitable people. No wanderer who knocked at their door to appeal for relief was ever turned away without assistance. Mrs. Kinrade went to the door. Through the glass she saw the man

In this age of rush and push you must keep your name before the public. If you don't, the other fellow will have your trade. Business will come your way if you advertise in the TIMES

Use the Times for Wants, For Sales, To Lets—1c per word, Daily and Semi-Weekly. Special price for three and six insertions. Always on hand—For Sale, To Let and Boarding Cards for windows.

Advertise your Wants in the Times. 10 cents will do the trick

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

TWO STOREY BRICK HOUSE, SEMI-attached, central. Apply 215 John street south.

MILK BUSINESS AND PROPERTY, AP- ply 125 Peter street.

FARMS FOR SALE

FOR SALE—12 ACRES, GUELPH ROAD, near city, with frame dwelling, stables, barn, etc., about seven hundred fruit trees, also raspberries and strawberries; three hundred an acre or exchange for city property. Bowerman, Bank of Hamilton Bldg.

ROOMS TO LET

FURNISHED ROOMS, EVERY CONVEN- ience, very central. 28 Gore.

NEWLY FURNISHED ROOMS—WITH every convenience. 28 Elgin street.

WARM FURNISHED ROOM, BOARD OP- erating, 112 Ferguson avenue north, over Pergrine's.

TO LET

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Desirable Office, Ground Floor, HAMILTON PROVIDENT BUILDING, MODERATE RENT. Apply to C. FERRIE, Treas.

COUGING HOUSE FOR SALE, 20 TO 35 regular lodgers; central; meals furnished. Box 22, Times Office.

TO RENT—FIVE ROOMED COTTAGE ON Hilliard street. Apply Miss Yurell, 207 John north.

HOUSE TO LET, ALL CONVENIENCES. Apply 25 Margaret st.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—ESTABLISHED GOOD paying business on King street, capital \$1000. Apply Box 29, Times Office.

FOR SALE—SPLENDID, CHEAP, SECOND hand boat. Repairs well done and guaranteed. 124 James street.

BAINES' PIANO BARGAINS, NEW UP- dated, factory prices, actions by West- sell, New York, Higel or Burghaines, Tor- onto, 45 monthly payments. Full size up- rights, in excellent order, \$145. J. Baine, pianos and real estate, John street south, near Post office.

HOCKEY SHOES, SKATES, STICKS, TRAINING SKIS or double. Terms for meeting possible. Wentworth Cycle Works' Store, adjoining new armory.

BICYCLES—CASH OR ON EASY PAY- ments. 207 King east. Phone 255.

QUARTER CORD DRY MIXED WOOD FOR \$1.00. Kelly's Wood Yard, also car- pet cleaning, corner Cathcart and Cannon streets.

BOARDING

FOR BOARDERS WANTED AT 215 West Avenue. Every convenience.

ROOM AND BOARD FOR THREE YOUNG men, 38 Catharine north.

LADY BOARDERS WANTED AT 279 Hughson north.

MISCELLANEOUS

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED, NO witnesses required. Bowerman, Bank of Hamilton Bldg.

THE JORDAN TRANSFER AND FUR- niture moving vans, pianos moved, dis- tance no object, packing, crating or storage, training skis or double. Terms for meeting possible. Wentworth Cycle Works' Store, adjoining new armory.

SEE MISS PARGETER'S FINE STOCK OF hats, one glance will convince you. Finest French, German and English goods; also American goods and best device (in- formation) bangs, jewelry, watches, way switches, pompadour fringes. Headquarters for theatre, oil wigs, etc. Remember the place, 197 King street west, above Park.

ROY KING WISHES TO INFORM THE public that he has opened a first class saloon at 117 Barton street east. Parties called for and delivered. Family work, 25 and 50 cents.

MONEY TO LOAN

MONEY ADVANCED ON BUILDING contracts, first mortgage, real estate. Martin & Martin, Federal Life Build- ing.

MONEY TO LOAN—AT LOWEST RATES of interest on real estate security in sum to borrowers. No commission charged. Apply Lester & Lupton, Spectator Building.

FUEL FOR SALE

FOR SALE—CHOICE KINDLING WOOD; best in city. Ontario Box Co., 196 Main street.

TOBACCO STORE

J. L. ANDERSON, TOBACCO, CIGARS, Pipes, billiard parlor, 221 York street.

DENTAL

D. M. F. BINKLEY, DENTIST, PRICES that appeal to the working classes. ARTIFICIAL TEETH receiving special con- sideration. MATERIAL AND WORKMAN- SHIP no better to be had at any price. Of- fice, 17 1/2 King street east, Hamilton.

DR. JAMES F. McDONALD, DENTIST, Greenman's Hall, 41 James street north. Telephone 199.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE

WANTED—A GENERAL SERVANT. Ap- ply 229 King street west.

LADY AGENTS WANTED, APPLY AT Vancouver Hotel, room 2, from 4 to 6 p. m.

WANTED GIRLS FOR CUT DEP. Ap- ply Geo. E. Tuckett & Sons, Ltd., Queen north.

HELP WANTED—MALE

WANTED—SMART, INTELLIGENT boy as stenographer and typewriter, one with knowledge of book-keeping preferred. Apply stating age, experience, etc. any qual- ity, position and salary expected, to Box 25, Times Office.

WANTED—A MARRIED MAN FOR A farm, well experienced; state wages. Apply Box 21, Times Office.

EXPERIENCED FRESH MEAT CUTTER. References required. Forbiss, Hobson & Co., Limited.

MISCELLANEOUS WANTS

YOUNG MAN ACQUAINTED WITH ON- tario hardware dealers would like three months' engagement as traveler. Box 25.

BOOKKEEPER, EXPERIENCED, WANTS temporary position auditing or bookkeep- ing. Box 25.

ADVERTISER DESIRES POSITION FOR few months. Box 25.

WANTED—A FURNISHED HOUSE, in good locality. Box 31, Times Office.

YOUNG LADY STENOGRAPHER DE- sires position. Box 25, Times.

WANTED—BUILDING LOT, IN GOOD locality, fairly central, about 20 feet frontage, good depth. Address, stating terms, Box 25, Times.

WANTED TO PURCHASE HOUSEHOLD furniture. Address Box 29, Times.

SITUATIONS VACANT

WANTED LIVE AGENT OF GOOD re- pute to sell Calgary suburban 1908 special inducements to right party. Apply by letter to "Manager," 109 Stair Building, Toron- to, when appointment can be arranged.

PERSONAL

FOR THE RIGHT PARTY I HAVE A money-making proposition and manu- facturing rights in Canada to offer a man with small capital. Call and investigate. Curtis, Room 2, Vancouver Hotel, Hamilton.

I WILL POSITIVELY PAY HIGHEST SPOT cash price for your S. A. land warrants, write to me before you sell. Anderson, 15, 2, Robb, 428 College street, Toronto. Telephone coliers 452.

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—BLACK SPANIEL DOG WITH collar on. Owner, call same by calling at 211 Locke north.

FOUND—A GOOD CAFE AT POPULAR prices. The Oriental, 15 King William street. Phone 2487.

JEWELRY

OLD FILLED WALTHAM WATCHES, seven fifty; alarm clock, eight; fine coins, guaranteed. Phillips, 215 King east.

PHOTO SUPPLIES

CALL AND SEE OUR DARK ROOMS, en- larging room best in the city. Absolute- ly free. Seymour, 7 John street north. Phone 2522.

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BELL & PRINGLE, BARRISTERS, solicitors, etc., 1012 Federal Life Building, fourth floor, James street. Main, stones to lead in large and small amounts at lowest rates. Wm. H. R. A. Pennington.

HENRY CARPENTER, BARRISTER, SO- licitor, etc. Money to loan on real estate at lowest current rates. Office, Room 4, Federal Life Building.

WILLIAM H. WARDROPE, K. C., BAR- rister, solicitor, 1027 Dundas street west, Federal Life Building. Money to loan at lowest rates of interest.

HARRY D. PETRIE, BARRISTER, ETC. Office, Spectator Building. Money loaned on first-class real estate security.

LEMON, BARRISTER, ATTORNEY, notary. Office, No. 212, Hughson street south. N. B.—Money to loan on real estate.

MEDICAL

R. BUKHALA, DENTIST, 121 Dundas street west, corner King and West avenue.

F. RANK D. W. BATES, M. D., EYE, EAR, nose and throat specialist, has removed his office to room 306, Bank of Hamilton Building. Hours 9 to 12 and 2 to 5. Tele- phone 24. Dr. Bates has opened an office in Detroit and from now on will spend from the 1st to the 22nd of each month in his office here, and from the 23rd to the end of the month in Detroit.

DR. T. SHANNON MCGILLIVRAY HAS removed from the corner of King and James streets to 1027 Dundas street south. Specialties in heart and nervous dis- eases. Phone 140.

JOHN P. MORTON, M. D., F. R. C. S., "Edin." James street south. Surgeon. Eye, ear, nose and throat. Office hours 9 to 12 and 2 to 5. Telephone 152.

G. E. HUSBAND, M. D., Homeopathist, 121 Main street west. Telephone 25.

DR. MEDWARDS, SPECIALIST, Eye, ear, nose and throat, corner King and Bay streets. Office hours—9 to 12 p. m., 2 to 5 p. m., 7 to 9 p. m. Telephone 829.

DR. DEAN, SPECIALIST, DISEASES OF men, 29 Charlton street, Toronto.

DANCING

BEGINNERS' CLASSES FORMING. J. B. Hackett's, 29 Barton street east. Tele- phone 1440.

MONUMENTS AND FUNERALS

WOOD MANTELS, GRATES, FENDERS, TRING, Choice Granite Monuments, Middleton Marble & Granite Co., Limited, Furness & Eastman, managers, 232 King east.

PIANO TUNING

M. RAYMOND, PIANO TUNER, AND repairer, removed to 125 Hess street north. Phone 1075.

PATENTS

PATENTS, TRADE MARKS, DE- sign, Choice Granite Monuments, Middleton Marble & Granite Co., Limited, Furness & Eastman, managers, 232 King east.

Times Ads Bring Results Call for letters in boxes 1, 3, 6, 7, 13, 34, 35, 36, 38, 47, 49.



House hunting used to be toil. Many a woman has endured hardships during the period of house hunting preceding the period of moving that has told heavily on her strength. Do not wear yourself out looking for a house. Save your strength. You will need it in these first few days when you want to straighten up your new home.

HARD COAL Large clean No. 2 Nut, quality Vaverly, the best free \$5.00 Stove and Nut \$6.00

FISHERVILLE Mr. John Rider is laid up with a broken shoulder, the result of a kick he received while attending his stock.

HELD DEBATE. Y. M. C. A. Reception Committee and Literary Society.

THE LIVERPOOL & LONDON & GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY CRERAR & BURKHOLDER

UMBRELLAS UMBRELLAS MADE TO ORDER, RE- covered and repaired at 500, 9 King William.

VALENS Miss May McMillan, of Georgetown, was the guest for a couple of weeks of Mrs. Ed. McGachy.

STONEY CREEK Several from here attended the District Epworth League Convention at Cainsville on Wednesday.

ATTECLIFFE Butter 22c. Eggs 21c. Mr. George Clark is getting material on the ground for a new house.

WE PASS. Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 25.—How high can a woman hold her skirt on a damp night and still remain a lady?

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CASTORIA The Kind You Have Always Bought

A LONG SESSION. Washington, Feb. 26.—After debating over the sundry civil appropriation bill until 3:21 o'clock this morning the House of Representatives gave up the attempt to pass the measure and took a recess until 11 a. m.

ANCASTER NIGHT. Two special cars will convey one hundred people from Ancaster and surrounding country to the Alexandra Roller Rink to-night.

TRAVELLERS' CHEQUES FORGED. New York, Feb. 26.—Word was received at police headquarters of the arrest of Milan, Italy, of four men accused of forging traveller's cheques of the American Express Co., amounting in all to \$2,400,000.

BALDWIN DYING. Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 26.—A tele- phone message from Dr. Truworthy, upon attendance upon E. J. Baldwin, to-day was that he did not expect the aged millionaire to live many hours.

KNOW HOW HE FELT HIMSELF. Wife—Oh, hear that parrot swear! Hub—No wonder, with a big bill like that stuck in front of his face.—Boston Transcript.

CARTOONIST DEAD. Paris, Feb. 26.—Emmanuel Poiré, bet- ter known under his pen name of Caran D'Ache, the English comic artist and cartoonist, died in the city to-day.

A SARCASTIC JOLT. Housewife—If I give you ten cents will you spend it for drink? The Beggar—No, mawn, I want it to buy an automobile and a fur coat!

W. D. FLATT "Choice Building Lots" In Southwestern Residential Section Beulah Survey and Addition Offer 60 Desirable Home-Sites

A FAIR TRIAL Is the only means of deciding whether you can save money by using our GENUINE GAS COKE

Fun For Our Readers

Correctly Defined. Little Girl—What's an intelligence office, Mamma? Mother—It's a place where one goes to find out what wages cooks are charging.—New York Herald.

THE HAMILTON TIMES

FRIDAY, FEB. 26, 1905.

A SHOCKING MURDER.

The horrible murder of Miss Ethel Kinrade in the family home on Herkimer street yesterday is one of those crimes well calculated to shock our citizens out of their sense of security in the orderly habits of our society and the protection which its organization affords to person and property.

It would seem that the man had been noticed, and that his actions were regarded with suspicion by the family, his hanging about having been reported to the police. Miss Kinrade has been able to give a fairly definite description of the criminal. Little time intervened between the shooting and the presence of the police in force upon the scene.

The Times joins with our citizens generally in extending its sincere condolences to the parents and family thus cruelly bereaved.

COAL STRIKE PROSPECTS.

For six years there has been peace in the anthracite coal region. Most of us have unpleasant reasons for remembering the last labor difficulty in 1902. The Coal Strike Commission appointed in that year set about not only settling the strike then existing, but to provide means for avoiding future disputes.

It is worth some effort and expense to secure this instalment of national development. It means prosperity not only to the West, but to the East. We all share in the advantages this healthy growth brings. Let the partisan slanders be still, or rather let him express pride in and hope for his country's future. There are few countries which so well justify the pride of their people as Canada.

pling the voters' lists during the last five years there had been gross irregularities.

1. In the names of persons who were qualified to be registered as electors, and who took the proper steps to secure registration of their names, being left off the lists, thus depriving such persons of the franchise.

2. In names of persons qualified to remain on the list being left off, no notice having been given such persons of any application made to strike their names off.

3. In the registration upon the said lists of large numbers of persons not properly qualified to be registered.

4. In the illegal addition of names to the said lists in contravention of the provisions of the said act.

5. In gross irregularities being committed by the registration of clerks.

6. In retention on the lists of names of persons not qualified to vote, through the refusal of the registration clerk to accept applications, properly made and filed to strike off such names.

7. In gross unfairness and partisanship being shown in the administration of the act, in the allotment of dates, hours and places appointed for registration.

These are serious charges. Hon. Mr. Rolin refuses to permit them to be investigated, and, instead, appoints a committee for an entirely different purpose, and his organs chuckle at his feat of dodging.

PRIDE IN CANADA.

There were 49,154 homestead entries in the west in 1904; the number in 1907 was 29,436. In September, 1908, there was 14,279, the new Dominion Lands Act coming into force with that month.

Think of it. Nearly 50,000 new families of farmers to produce and consume. It means more money brought into the country. It means a greater output of natural produce. It speaks of larger demand for the products of our shops, mills and factories.

And in spite of all criticisms, the class of settlers which we are getting is good. Even the most grouchy Tory, now that the elections are over, will admit that probably 20,000 settlers from across the line will take up their homesteads and begin work on them this spring.

Many of these people are Canadians who have been temporarily expatriated. These 20,000 families represent probably 100,000 people, and they bring in with them not far short of \$1,000 each. That is \$20,000,000 added to the wealth of the Dominion.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Don't you think you see the walls of that Great Technical College that Whitney is for isn't it? Give Hamilton rising in majestic grandeur!

Those British Suffragettes are fired by the idea of martyrdom. Their method of campaign is a little better, however, than that of the bomb-throwing nihilists.

It now appears that the rumor of a strike in the Intercolonial shops at Moncton was set afloat by a number of Tory papers for party effect. The Moncton Transcript declares that it was sent out by a local contemporary.

The retrial of the Standard Oil case, in which a fine of \$20,240,000 was imposed, is on again in Chicago. Perhaps now that the Presidential election is over, there will not be so much of the spectacular in the hearing.

It is a very poor time for a moulders' strike, poor for the men, bad for business. Can't those interested most directly get together and by applying common sense settle the difficulty by reasonable methods?

The course of the Ottawa Opposition in trying to manufacture a grievance out of the non presentation of the Waterways Treaty to Parliament up to this date shows the littleness of the men in control of the party. They are perfectly aware of the circumstances, and they fully understand that in dealing with the matter the Government is bound to follow the course laid down by British practice with regard to international conventions.

The long promised reduction in telephone rates is announced by the Manitoba Government, but it is very far from "cutting in two" the old rates of the Bell Telephone Company. Considerable increases were made after the Government took over the system. Now the reduction announced in Winnipeg is from \$50 to \$30 for business service, and from \$30 to \$25 for residence service. Even at that correct bookkeeping will show a deficit in telephone finances.

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mercial and residential lighting, it is possible that the clause will be of value." Great Scot! What would the organ have us think Toronto is spending from two to five millions in a lighting distribution plant for? Does it think our people are all fools? Does it think Toronto is foxing?

The "Indian" provision of the License Act will become ineffective and farcical unless there is devised some means of identification; for it is not to be supposed that every licensed vendor and his servants can recognize by sight every one of a list of several hundred of the forbidden. It would be unreasonable to expect them to do so. It would be no hardship to compel the "Indians" to wear an official badge, the decoration to be exposed at all hours under a penalty of ten days at the stone heap.

The Toronto Mail and Empire enlarges Mr. Currie, M. P. for North Simcoe, as "an active and wide-awake legislator" because he discovered "the flaw in the boundary treaty with the United States" by which the word "not" is omitted from the printed copy which fell into his possession, "before it was too late!" The word "not," however, is in the treaty, all right, and if Mr. Currie had never emerged from his obscurity in the back seats of the Opposition the serenity of the world would never have been disturbed.

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The Cow. (Toronto Star.) Whatever is said about pasteurized milk, the pasteurized cow is better than the one that is fed on baled hay the year round.

More Bosh. (Toronto Telegram.) Hamilton and Peterborough are two pre-arranged communities that have never done anything but bite the Hydro-Electric hand that is feeding their factories.

Changed Daily. (Lindsay Post.) The first edition of Toronto's lease commissioners has been published. The others will follow shortly.

Want the Facts. (Kingston Whig.) Whatever may or may not be done in the Commons, respecting the McAvity case, the courts will probably bring out all the facts. St. John's merchant.

Jail or School. (St. Thomas Times.) Chief Justice Sir William Mulock puts the case for education in a nutshell when he says that if people do not spend money to put a child in school they run the risk of spending money later to keep him in jail.

The Outside Service. (Ottawa Free Press.) The truth is that in the Ottawa post office last year no fewer than 30 men got increases of \$30, four got an increase of \$20, one got an increase of \$50, one got an increase of \$100, three got \$8 a month more, and 31 got an increase of 25 cents per day. This was in the Ottawa city post office proper.

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Human Limitations. (Catholic Record.) There is this to be said on the other side: that the man who cries for light knows that there is light, though he himself is sitting by the wayside blind. The man too who longs for truth knows that there is such a thing beneath the edifying currents of thought and the wavelike disputes of men. The Oxford professor concludes his letter with a narrow question: "Is it easy to reconcile this Italian catastrophe with the providential government of the world?" It may be difficult for us who see but dimly and whose vision is limited. If we take particular events and measure them by our own ideas of God's providence, we shall wither away through fear or perish in our own conceit. After we have laid down our premises with all possible self-satisfaction, after we have drawn with intellectual pride our conclusions, and added a corollary, there remains the greatest act of the mind to

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An Authoritative Showing of New York's Latest Styles

We have stepped from Winter to Spring in the Garment Section, which is resplendent with all the latest New York styles in coats and suits. Never has so much beauty been revealed as this year in the opening of them, styles and trimming effects are so different and yet they convey New York's latest fashion ideas. Space prevents us from telling you much about them here, but the "Princess" and semi-princess styles seem to be the favorite and, in fact, we are showing the largest range of exclusive styles and novelty weaves this store has yet made. We invite your inspection to-morrow in both Suits and Coats.

Prices in Suits at \$18.50, \$20.00 to \$35.00. Prices in Coats at \$5.00, \$5.50 to \$11.50.

Panama and Serge Suitings, 54 inch, 75c, Saturday 49c

A stylish, light fabric for spring suits, separate skirts and children's wear, 54 inch, all wool Panama Cloth in navy, brown, myrtle and black, also English all wool Serge in cream or navy, and Cheviot Serges in brown, myrtle, navy and black. See these goods; 75c, Saturday 49c

Fancy Spring Suitings, \$1.50, for 98c

All wool shadow stripe effects in Scotch Cheviots, also best German makes in new chevron and radiant stripe effect, worsted finish. Dark grounds with brown, olive, navy and myrtle effects. Value \$1.50, Saturday 98c

Rush Out of Muslins, Etc. Values to 50c for 19c

A great price opportunity for Saturday shoppers. A clearing of Cotton Voiles, Dresden Organzies and Dotted Swiss (white, navy or black). Stylish patterns in stripes and floral effects in all the wanted colors for spring and summer wear. Consist Regular 35c to 50c, Saturday 19c

Crossbar Muslins 15c, Worth 25c

Fine white Crossbar and Overplaid Muslins, also white Figured Vestings in a new range of patterns, stylish for blouses, etc. Value 25c, Saturday 15c

Bleached Cotton 9c, Worth 12 1/2c

Fine English Bleached Cotton, also softest pure, soft finish, 36 inches wide, worth 12 1/2c, on sale 9c

FINCH BROS., 29 and 31 King St. W.

The Hotel Manager's Wife

(N. Y. Sun.) The wife of the manager of a big uptown apartment hotel was unbosoming herself to a party of women friends.

"The next time that I live in the hotel of which my husband is the manager—well, I won't," was her plaint. "The wife of a hotel manager who lives in the hotel is what my husband calls 'in bad.' The women guests carry all of their little grievances to her instead of to the hotel desk and take it out on her if the grievances are not fixed up instantly. My apartments has become a sort of kick bureau to which all of the women in the house promptly repair when things don't happen just to their liking.

"For example, the hotel's filtering apparatus got out of order a while ago and the water came out of the faucets rather rusty and unpleasant looking. Well, every blessed woman in the house to whom I had been introduced and a few that I hadn't met at all rushed here to my apartment to hold me personally responsible for the trouble.

"Why, I wouldn't even bathe my dog in such looking water, half a dozen of them told me, as if I cared what they bathed their dogs in.

"I told them that I perceived that the water was a bit rusty, but that I myself had to wash in it or get unwashed; but that didn't appease them.

"I didn't want to be rude and I couldn't come out plainly and tell them that the rottenness of the water was a circumstance over which I had no more control than over the revolutions of the planet Saturn, and so I had to just sit and listen to their wails and do the best I could to comfort them.

"At dinner the other day the fish wasn't exactly up to the mark. No less than time of the women guests hurried straight to my room right after the meal.

"Where on earth did you get such perfectly dreadful fish? They all asked me breathlessly, imploring me with their reproachful eyes.

"I told them that no doubt the fish had accidentally escaped the inspection of the hotel steward.

"But that's no excuse at all," they fairly shrieked at me. "There ought to be somebody to see that the fish served here isn't— Oh, well, I shall spare you what the matter is about the fish. From the pining glances that they all bestowed upon me it was perfectly obvious that they thought that I ought to be that somebody to inspect the fish.

"No use in my telling them that I had absolutely nothing to do with the management of the hotel; that I had never even set foot in the hotel kitchen, and so on. If I had told them those things they would have gone off among themselves and called me snippy and stuck up. Women living in an apartment hotel, you see, don't consider it seems that the hotel manager's wife has any right or license to live in the hotel as a guest.

"They take it that she ought to do something for her board and keep, and the 'something' that they plainly expect her to do is to stand for all of their moans and wails over the terrible mismanagement.

"The hall outside my door hasn't been swept this week," a teaty old lady hurried to my apartment here to tell me while I was taking breakfast in my room the other morning.

"Yes? Have you seen the housekeeper about it? I couldn't help but ask and she flared up instantly.

"No, I haven't seen the housekeeper," she retorted. "I am not accustomed to making complaints to servants."

"But the housekeeper has the management of the chambermaids in her hands," I told her as gently as I could.

"Well, the housekeeper doesn't attend to her business then," she came back at me, and there ought to be somebody around here—fixing me

CONFERENCE ABOUT FRUIT

And the Way the Express Companies Handle It.

Companies Say They Cannot Accept the Proposed Rates.

But Are Willing to Meet Shippers in Other Matters.

The conference between the express companies and the fruit growers was continued yesterday afternoon in the Board of Trade rooms.

Captain Murcheson, of Oakville, spoke of the need of a shelter in place of the small platform, which is being used at present.

Mr. Allan, one of the officials, said there was good accommodation at that point, and stated that a shelter could not be erected within five feet of the tracks.

Mr. H. S. Rittenhouse, of Jordan, said there was little chance of success at his station, with the shed accommodation, but there was with the roof of the shed, which allowed the rain to run into the wagons when unloading.

Mr. Bryce gave Mr. Samuel Culp assurance that the sheds at Beamsville would be attended to.

Mr. Frank Randall, of Grimsby, had a complaint to make against the accommodation at that point.

Mr. Walsh said that the Grimsbyites must understand that the electric cars gathered the fruit from along the line for the company.

Quite a bit of discussion ensued over the accommodation at Burlington, Bronte, Lorne Park and Clarkson, and it was decided to leave the matter between the fruit growers at the different localities and the express companies.

The question of train service was next taken up. The fruit growers contended that, in the Niagara district, there should be two trains a day to pick up all the fruit.

The last question taken up was that of rates, and this left the fruit growers and the officials further apart.

Mr. Walsh, for the Dominion Express Company, said that he could not accept such terms, and Mr. Bryce said that the fruit growers would not accept the rates.

Mr. H. P. Carpenter wanted to know why the express companies could not give a lower rate on fruit products going to Western points.

Mr. Walsh replied that the conditions were altogether different, as the express companies could not carry fruit at express rates, on the Winnipeg trains, and make money out of the traffic.

The conference was then brought to a close, but it is likely that something definite will be arrived at in the near future.

HOME OF THE FRIENDLESS. The committee for the Home of the Friendless and Infants' Home acknowledge with thanks the following donations for the month of February.

MONTREAL'S ASSESSMENT. Exempt Property Valued at Sixty-four Millions—City Growing.

Montreal, Feb. 25.—According to civic statistics, the exempt property in Montreal now runs up to over sixty-four million dollars in value.

The value of taxable property in the city during the past year has risen from \$216,540,000 to \$234,821,903, an increase of 17,181,903.

DUNDAS.

Y. M. C. A. Ladies' Auxiliary Gives a Fine Concert.

Dundas, Feb. 26.—The concert given last evening in the Y. M. C. A. parlour, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. ladies' auxiliary, was a gratifying success.

The programme was one of unusual excellence, and every nuance of song and appreciation.

Thomas Sturrock, who has, for the past twenty-five years, or longer, carried on a very successful coal business here, is about to retire from active business.

After a long and critical illness James (Fuzzy) Smith, of G. C. Wilson & Co's., is able to be out again, which gives much pleasure to his large circle of friends.

Prof. Wrong, of Trinity University, will lecture this evening on "Wainwright's 'Lydils of the King'."

NEW SPRING GOODS.

A Superb Showing at the Right House.

Vast stocks of new spring goods are piling into the Thomas C. Watkins store for the new season, and they invite the people of Hamilton and vicinity to visit the store and study the authoritative new styles for spring and summer.

Several special sales to-morrow at The Right House will add zest to the great displays.

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TO HAMILTON.

Another Insane Murderer For Colony on the Mountain.

George Stewart, whom the authorities at Orangeville feared to remove from jail to stand his trial for the double murder in Melancton township, has been adjudged insane and will be removed at once to the ward for the criminal insane at Hamilton Asylum.

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WILBUR AND SLOANE.

At the meeting of the Sodales Club of Central Church last night Wilbur and Sloane, the original "Pavement Patter Boys," provided fifteen minutes of solid traffic for the members when they presented, by request, their original comedy team act, "Those Were the Joyful Days."

HAMILTON GIRL GRADUATED.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Toronto, Ont., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Miss Bertha M. Greenway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Greenway, of Markham, graduated from St. Luke's Hospital, Newburgh, N. Y.

A Big Sensation.

The last day of Treble's great February shirt sale is on Saturday, and the final day prices are bound to cause a big sensation, for long will be the day before such high grade shirts will be bought again at the prices.

School house No. 9, West Adelaide, about nine miles northwest of Strathroy, was burned down on Thursday.

TWO MEN SHOT.

Protest Against Sale of Cheese in Brantford Market.

Wife Desertion Case—Want New Collegiate Building.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Brantford, Feb. 26.—What might have proved a very serious shooting accident occurred shortly before noon at the Verity Plow Works yesterday, when George Kingdon and J. Draper, two young men, were talking in an adjacent coal shed to the factory where they are employed.

The local Grocers' and Butchers' Association sent a strong deputation last night to wait on the members of the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the City Council, with the request that a by-law be passed prohibiting the sale of cheese on the local market.

FOR WIFE DESERTION. Acting on instructions from Chief Hubert Berlin, Russell Thomas, an alleged wife deserter, was arrested here yesterday. He will be taken back to Berlin for trial.

TO GUARANTEE BONDS. The Sanderson-Harold Company, whose place at Paris was destroyed by fire on Christmas last, has decided to remain in Paris, and will erect large new buildings.

RESCUED ON RAFT. St. Thomas, Feb. 25.—A rather unusual rescue was effected by members of the M. C. R. train crew on the St. Clair branch at Muncey this morning.

IS 55,000.

Catholic Population of the Diocese of Hamilton.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Advance sheets of the Official Catholic Directory, published by the M. H. Wiltzins Co., Milwaukee, Wis., give the following statistics regarding the Hamilton diocese.

BURNED BOOKS. A Railway Contractor Near Fredrickton Disappears.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 25.—A Fredrickton despatch says that John Dubois, a G. T. R. sub-contractor, with creditors interested to the amount of about \$6,000, left the country this week, after burning the books at his construction camp and discharging his employees.

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Former Hamilton Man Now President of Great Company.

The United Press Syndicate of New York publishes a sketch of J. S. Ralston, formerly of this city, and who for several years carried on a real estate and brokerage business on John street, between King and Main.

Mr. Ralston was born at Hamilton, Canada, in 1865, the son of Robert and Sarah (Springer) Ralston.

He successfully practiced his profession for a number of years in Chicago, but retired in 1904 to organize the now defunct Ralston Steel Car Company, of Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Ralston was married in 1889 to Miss Annie Marr, of Caledonia, Canada. They have three children, Florence, Benjamin and Joseph.

He is a member of the Railway Club, of New York, the Ohio Club, of Columbus, the Aecia Masonic Lodge, of Canada, and of several other organizations in various parts of the country.

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Our present showing of Women's Spring Costumes, Coats, Waists and Skirts is commanding a great deal of attention.

The costumes are particularly choice—the rich quality of the materials and trimmings, the air of distinctive style, the new lines, the perfection of the fit and the finishing, all proclaim the highest grade workmanship and man-tailoring.

And right now, when the thought of Spring garments is uppermost in the minds of women, are rare values indeed.

Visit this section to-morrow and acquaint yourself with the advantages of buying your Spring garments at this store.

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This store has built up its Dress Goods trade upon the basis of popular prices—marking even the most exclusive novelties at reasonable figures and at the same time offering only the best, most desirable and trustworthy materials.

The department is bright with Spring's newest and best fabrics. Select early. Look these values over to-morrow.

New Fabrics at 50c. All Wool Poplin, Cashmere, Satin Cloth, Serge, Venetian and Panama, good qualities, well finished, in good shades of blue, brown, green, red and black, for suits, skirts and children's dresses.

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10 Dozen Pairs at 19c Pair. To-morrow we will hold another of our famous Hosiery sales.

10 dozen pairs of Women's plain Black Cashmere Hose, seamless throughout, elastic welt tops. Made of the best cashmere yarn with linen and wool, spliced heels and toes. On sale at 83c sharp at 19c pr.

Children's Cashmere Hose 15c. Odd sizes in Children's Ribbed Cashmere Hose, some have double knees, others are plain ribbed. All have double toes and heels. Worth regularly 25c pair. On sale to-morrow at 15c.

Other Specials for To-morrow. Women's Knitted Corset Covers, in natural color, with long sleeves, perfect fitting, special price 19c each.

Children's Knitted Norfolk Coats, with belt around the waist, very neat and comfortable. \$1.00 each. Women's Fancy Knitted Woollen Coats, with long sleeves, for wearing under jackets, opera cloaks, etc., not bulky, and very warm and comfortable, white, navy and cardinal, only \$1.00.

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"The painter, as all conscientious painters ought to be, was absorbed in his work. As a matter of fact he had got her left eye in a bit of a mess. After a pause the question was repeated. He started.

"Jordan Fruit Growers' Association are getting afraid of the level crossings, and have submitted a plan for the building of a subway, which they have sent to the Railway Commissioners. As at several of the fruit shipping stations levels are unable to reach the fruit platforms without crossing the tracks.

Having mixed a fresh tint, his eyes sought hers, and expressed them distant. Then he glanced at her mouth. It was an imperious mouth, rather too full, perhaps, and just a shade too large; but, still, by no means unworthy of his genius. It bloomed before him on the canvas—a beautiful, but immature shape—awaiting its vitalization.

But first the magnificent creature must be induced to smile. As a rule he did not trouble about such precautions, but Miss Trelawney was a great personage, and consequently art demanded for her an especial fidelity.

And she had four sisters, none of whom had been painted. So, with the brush poised in mid-air, and his head thrown slightly back, he assumed a dazzling smile. It was one of his most effective poses; there were unkind people who said that his reputation had been built up on such poses. But just as he smiled it occurred to him that he had not answered her question. What it was he had forgotten, and, of course, it would never do to ask her to repeat it.

However, he fancied that it had been of a somewhat positive and affirmative nature, and surely that was sufficient. Accordingly, he raised the brush a little higher, as though a sudden recollection had seized him, and cried, softly: "You asked me a question just now, and I haven't answered it. Will you forgive me? Of course, I should have said 'Yes'—that I entirely agree with you."

The lady sat up, her dark eyes flashing. "What! You think she is?" she cried. The painter's face took on a mild perplexity. Could it be that he had not said the proper thing. However, as it was never his way to confront a difficulty, but rather to evade it gracefully, he flung out his hand in pained remonstrance. "Oh, please," he implored, "don't talk."

Then, as quickly as he thought consistent with the dignity of his expression, he smiled again. "Now," he cried, sweetly, "I want you to smile. The faintest, tiniest, most bewitching little smile that the most bewitching of women can invent, and at each adjective he gave the brush a tiny wave.

When he had spoken, his own smile faded, moving slowly into a look of blank bewilderment. Such a look might a marksman have assumed, who, expecting a bull, had missed the target. And, indeed, the simile applied. For wherever his request had landed, it was somewhere very wide of the mark. In short, instead of doing what he had so engagingly requested the lady was gazing at him darkly, and with a rising color.

"You call that—that woman good looking?" she demanded, with a terrible emphasis. "If she had slapped his face the Painter could not have been more astonished. "I," he stammered, "called." He paused and swallowed a lump in his throat. "When?"

"When?" echoed the lady, scornfully. "This very instant!" He ran his tapering fingers through his shock of hair and essayed a smile. "No, no; you are mistaken, dear lady. I am unarmoured. 'Impossible! Why I—' again he swallowed something. "I don't even know when you mean."

The lady rose majestically, and when she spoke her voice was so cold it made him shiver. "Really, Mr. Delaine. You are quite too impossible!" She drew a jeweled watch from her corsage. "As I regret I cannot comply with your request I think we had better stop," and, descending

from the dais, she gathered her skirts together with an ominous rustle.

The Painter stood before her with the frozen remains of his smile still glued to his lips. "Stop!" he faltered. "She looked him full in the face. 'Will you be good enough to ring for my car?'"

"The studio swam before his eyes. "On my word of honor—" She stepped the floor impatiently. Suddenly the painter underwent a transformation. In spite of his poses and his affections he was still a man, though he frequently overlooked the fact.

"Miss Trelawney," he began, in a voice that almost made him jump. "If you would tell me of whom you are talking I should be glad. There are times when even I find that my work demands the whole of my attention."

"I was speaking," said the lady, with just a shade of embarrassment, "of Lady Bentwood Twigg."

"And I," he answered, "do not as much as know her ladyship by sight." They surveyed each other in silence. Slowly the expression on the lady's face changed. The frown vanished from her forehead, the glitter from her eyes. Presently the faintest, faintest, most bewitching little suspicion of a smile appeared at the corners of her mouth.

"Ah!" cried the painter ecstatically, as he ran to the easel, "that's the very expression I was waiting for! Just keep like that for two minutes! No, never mind the chair! There!" Spenser Edge, in Black and White.

New Publications. The Strand Magazine for March provides its readers with a budget of good things and is particularly strong in fiction. Hall Caine's latest novel, "The White Christ," is continued and increases in interest as the plot thickens.

Short stories by Max Pemberton, Sidney Low, Pitt Rivers and Dorothy Deakin are all of the best. Harry Lauder, the Scotch comedian, continues his "Reminiscences" and relates some humorous incidents of his early struggles. F. A. H. Eyles writes on "Crime and the Crystal Ball" and prefaces his remarks with the question, "Has Crystal Gazing a Scientific Basis?" "Stage Follies" will surely interest "stage folk" for many revelations are made regarding the enormous salaries which are paid to retortists, pianists, vaudeville artists, vocalists, singers, and dancers. The color section consists of portraits of Grand Opera Artists chosen by themselves.

The trolley cars during the rush hours are full of men who are mere hangers on.

AMUSEMENTS

Charles Mack, of vaudeville fame, will appear at the Grand to-night and to-morrow matinee and evening in the Irish picture play, as it is called, "Come Back to Erin." There is nothing so pleasing as a good realistic Irish play that reminds those who have left years previous the land of their birth, or those who have descended from parents of the Emerald Isle to see reproduced scenes and incidents, that are familiar from the cradle. In the presentation of "Come Back to Erin," with the famous Irish comedian, singer, dancer and pianist, Charles Mack, the theatre, it is said, will have an opportunity of witnessing a play, and an artist that is a worthy follower of "Seanon." The play, which is of a romantic order, with an absorbing plot, introduces true Irish life and customs, sparkling with comedy, sentiment, and music. The Irish bagpipers stir a strong sentimental and patriotic feeling, not only in true Celts, but also an interest with the theatregoers who enjoy a good play, interpreted by clever performers.

SALE OPENS TO-MORROW. The sale of seats for the grand recital by Marie Hall and two other English stars, opens at the Grand Opera House to-morrow evening at 9 o'clock. As orders for about half the seats on the lower floor have been received from subscribers, the indications are that the whole house will be sold out for the big musical treat.

AT BENNETT'S THEATRE. The headliner at Bennett's next week will be "Handkerchief 13," introducing the most unique of all comedians, Frederick Bond, who is considered by New York critics to be the cleverest artist in his line of work on the variety stage to-day. He has a rare sense of humor and this sketch is said to be uproariously funny. He played thirty weeks, solid, in New York, and was rated as one of the best paying headliners of this season. A feature that should make a solid hit in a city where Scotch sentiment is as strong as in Hamilton, is Jack MacKay, a bonnie Scotch comedian, whose work on the bagpipers is wonderfully artistic. He has some rare Scotch tunes that are bound to rouse enthusiasm. His work is fashioned much along the lines of Harry Laurier, the celebrated Scotch comedian. An act that really merits headline position is that of Cartmell and Harris, one of the best sketches of its kind ever seen in vaudeville. There is a merry ledge of pug and music. A number of other attractive numbers have been booked.

Desmond and Bailey, two clever colored comedienne, delight with their singing and dancing. They have excellent voices. This act replaced the Conely sisters, who were obliged to retire on account of the illness of one of the girls, and their work has made a very favorable impression. The merriest little playlet ever seen here is the Gardner Crane sketch, "Pixley's Prodigal Parents," which has delighted playgoers all this week.

AT THE SAVOY. Miss Marie Pettes has made a big hit this week at the Savoy theatre in the part of Nell Gwyn, the willful emperor-of-lor-own actress, passionate, laughing, meek, mild, many dispositioned lady, she made a great hit. That she will become a favorite here is assured. This character is supposed to be one of the hardest to portray on account of the many moods and speeches. Bursts of applause greeted her even though she was going through one of her tantrums of fierce temper. The next instant she would be a serene and happy faced actress again. The little actress has much ability, youth and beauty to help her. Her delightful characterization makes her love her and there certainly could not have been a better role chosen to show off her many gifts. The scenery is scrumptious. There are four acts and all beautifully mounted. This elaborate production will be seen all this week at the Savoy.

A WESTERN DRAMA. "Montana," the attraction at the Grand next Wednesday and Thursday evenings, shows ranch life in all its phases. The scenes are laid on the prairie and the play is peopled with ranchmen, cowpunchers, Indians, etc., who inhabit that locality. A remarkable feature is that it is free from so much sentimentalism generally seen in dramas of this kind, and there is very little gun play. "Montana" is meeting with considerable favor in Toronto this week, where it is well spoken of. Seats go on sale Monday morning.

TWO HANGED. Refused to Plead Guilty to Get Life Imprisonment Sentence.

Wethersfield, Conn., Feb. 26.—A double hanging took place in the Connecticut State Prison early this morning. Raffaele Carfano and Giuseppe Campagnolo were executed for the murder of D. Sheehan, of New Haven. The two men who were hanged lived in Montowese, just outside of New Haven. They attacked Sheehan as he was walking with a young woman last August, mistaking him for a melon thief. Sheehan was shot and pitch-forked fatally.

Carfano and Campagnolo were tried at the October term of the New Haven Superior Court and sentenced to death at this time. They were offered a sentence of life imprisonment during their trial if they would plead guilty, but Carfano, who was only 19 years old, refused to do so. Campagnolo was led from his cell shortly after midnight. Warden Garvin sprang the trap at 12:04 o'clock, and the body was taken down at 12:25 o'clock. The man's heart continued to beat for four minutes. Carfano was led to the gallows at 12:30 o'clock and the body was cut down at 12:46 o'clock. He went to the gallows with a smile on his face. Campagnolo trembled and showed signs of extreme nervousness.

Very Adaptable. "The automobile is a great institution." "For instance?" "You can sit up in it as you pass a friend, and crawl under it when an erudite heaves in sight."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

MAY MANTON PATTERNS 10c All the New Ones in Stock

Silk Underskirts—A Snap 50 Women's Underskirts, made of taffeta silks of good wearing quality, as dependable as if they had a lithographic guarantee attached to them, pleated, flounced and ruffled, black and all the good light and dark shades, \$5 and \$6 values, for sale Saturday for each \$2.95

Underskirts \$1.50 Made of sateen, moreen and our special Regal that has all the quality of heatherbloom, but not its price, black and all the good colors, \$2.00 and \$2.50 values, on sale Saturday for \$1.50

Underskirts at 98c Underskirts made of sateen and moreen, black, grey, navy and greens, good \$1.50 value for 98c

Knitted Wool Underskirts, worth \$2.25, to clear at \$1.59

White Blankets—A Sale

Union Blankets, \$4.00 for \$2.50. Pure Wool Blankets, \$4.50 for \$2.95. Pure Wool Blankets, \$6.00 for \$4.50. Pure Wool Blankets, \$7 for \$5.00

Children's and Misses' Dresses

Dresses to fit girls from 8 to 12 years, made of good, heavy quality of fast colored wrapperette, navy and cardinal, well made and perfectly cut, \$1.25 values, to clear at each \$0.95. Dresses to fit girls from 2 to 6 years, made of similar goods, nicely braided and finished, worth \$1.25 to \$1.50, to go for \$0.95. Misses' and Children's Dresses, made of fine Cashmeres, Panamas, De Laines, etc., beautifully finished and very stylish, nearly all high-class samples, on sale at LESS THAN HALF PRICE.

Corset Covers 25c Made of fine Cambric, with lace trimming, equal to most \$35 kinds, for 25c. Wool Gloves 19c Boys' and women's sizes, black and colors, 35c kinds for 19c. Toques 15c All Wool Toques, navy and cardinal, 35c kinds for 15c. Mufflers 50c Merceized Yarn, white and colored, Bradley patent. Knit Gloves \$1 Pewee's, the Best Kid Glove in Canada, for \$1

Cambric Drawers 25c Made of splendid Cambric, tucked and lace trimmed, per yard. Wool Gloves, All Wool 15c Ringwood's, women's and misses', 25c kinds for 15c. Toques 30c Honeycomb and plain knit, white and colors, 50c for 30c. Cashmere Hose 19c Women's sizes, plain and black Cashmere, 25c for 19c. Children's Hose 19c All Wool Cashmere, "Little Darling" make, 25c for 19c

The Late Dowager Empress of China

(Fortnightly Review.) Truth becomes stranger than fiction, history more fascinating than romance, when the late Dowager Empress of China is the biographer's theme. For Tsu Hsi was one of those massive world-figures—demigods of whom the ancients were wont to worship and the moderns are willing to immortalize. As a Hibernian admirer of hers once remarked, "We have to go back to very ancient times for a parallel to Tsu Hsi, and even then we do not find one." A sketch of the main episodes of her living and striving, her reverses and triumphs, painted in colors sufficiently deep yet faithful to the tones of history, would stir the souls of impressive readers with strong emotions. For despite many serious defects of mind and soul, Tsu Hsi was not only a commanding personality in her age and country, but she was also endowed with some of the sterling qualities of absolute greatness. Like the green leaf of the lotus that sprouts up from the slime, she raised herself aloft by innate worth, tact and will-power from nothingness to a dizzy height, where she maintained herself for forty years in spite of the rigorous prohibition of her country's laws and the stern disapproval of her country's enemies. Alone she fought the battle of individuality against a nation of 400 millions of living men and myriads of the dead, whose spirits are still quick and influential there. And by dint of energy, resourcefulness and perseverance she scored a signal victory over them all.

Seventy-four years ago one of the busiest, wealthiest and most populous haunts of men was Hankow, on the Hankiang. Even at present it is one of the most prosperous markets in China, but in those halcyon days its inhabitants, counting the population of the two adjacent towns, numbered several millions, with not a white-skin among them. That, however, was before the rebel Taipings destroyed it, before foreign consuls were admitted, when only sail and steamships plied on the river. One sultry evening in August, 1834, a quaint Chinese houseboat, bearing a widow with her two daughters, and a coffin, was moored to the left bank of the Hankiang. The lady's husband had been serving the Crown in the province of Szechuan. The widow's only son, who was a young man of about 15 years of age, had been killed in the latter part. They had halted there on their way to Peking. Their stores were exhausted, they lacked the wherewithal to replenish them, and, bereft of funds, had but slender hopes of pushing on to the capital. And the widow's only daughter—

A GIRL FULL OF LIFE AND CHARM AND GRACE— who, glancing with wistful awe upon the strange functionary, prostrated herself before him and called him father. Wu returned the greetings, recognized the child as his daughter by adoption, and soon after took his leave. The

Our Winter Clearing Sale

KEEN JUDGES OF VALUE BUY AT SHEA'S—The more mantle and cloak buyers learn to judge values, the less they are carried away by mere talk. Our customers are keen judges; we educate them to be. Ask them to go through other stores and compare. They do go and come here to buy—coming during this sale as never before—telling us they see NO SUCH VALUES AS OURS. Saturday's Mantle Sale will be a wonder—Half price is the average—a few on either side of the line. It's the mantle event of the season. Sizes 32 to 48.

Women's Mantles, black and colored, worth \$10 and \$12, on sale for \$4.95. Women's Mantles, worth \$15 to \$17.50, on sale for \$7.50. Women's Mantles, worth \$20 to \$25, on sale for \$10.00. Women's Coats, worth \$30 to \$40, on sale for \$15.00. \$50.00 Fur Coats \$45.00 Fur-Lined Coats \$25

Big Purchase of Dress Skirts—Sale 300 Women's Skirts, all high class garments, purchased this week from a large wholesale manufacturer, clearing out his entire stock of styles, A. W. Gies, Venetians and Broadcloths; blacks, navys, greens, browns, etc., etc., finished with strappings of silk and satin and buttons. These are the cut prices: Women's Skirts Worth \$5.00 and \$6.50, on sale for each \$3.95. Women's Skirts Worth \$7 to \$8.50, on sale for \$5.95. Women's Skirts Worth \$10 to \$12, on sale for \$7.50

SHEA'S THE STORE FOR THRIFTY PEOPLE

Blouses! Blouses!! Blouses!!! The Shea Blouses and Shirt Waists have already set the standard of value for the spring season. Saturday's showing of Lawn Waists will prove this to be a keen judge of value and design.

One special lot of high class Waists, some all-over embroidered lawn, others with fine inserted lace and embroidery, all made of beautiful sheer lawns, various new sleeve styles, on sale Saturday as a value demonstration, for each \$1.00. Women's Waists, made of cashmere, lustre and lawn, \$1.00 value, for 49c. Women's Waists, made of black net, silk slips, nicely trimmed with silk lace and insertion, \$1.00 value, for \$1.95. Women's Waists, made of cream net with long tucked sleeves, \$2.95 value, for \$2.95. Women's Waists, made of lustre, delaine, cashmeres and fancy, \$2.00, for 95c. Women's Waists, made of net and silk, in white, cream and black, long three-quarter sleeves, \$3.49 value, for \$3.49. Women's Waists, made of cream and white net and point d'esprit, full \$6.00 value, for each \$3.95

Women's Knit Underwear Union and Pileed Vests and Drawers, natural or white, 35c. Turnouts: Flat Knit Vests and Drawers, all sizes, worth \$1.25, for 79c. Wool and Cotton Mixed Vests and Drawers, worth 75c regular, \$1.00 value, for 50c. Knit Golf Waists, white and colored, worth \$2.00 to \$2.50, for \$1.19

Dress Skirts Made to Measure of Sale Goods for \$1.25

Women's Suits Women's New Spring Suits, cut in the new styles of coat and skirt in rich cloth, black and colors, good \$15.00 value, here for each \$10.95

Women's Suits Browns, blacks, navys, greens in stripes and plain cloths. Coats silk lined, skirts in new plain good styles, \$20.00 value, for \$15.00

Children's Cashmere Coats, infants' sizes, embroidered and very nicely trimmed; two special prices, \$2.75 and \$3.95.

Women's and Children's Mantles Nearly 100 to clear, all sizes and colors. \$4.00 for \$1.95. \$5.00 for \$2.50. \$7.50 for \$3.95. \$10.00 for \$4.95

Flannelette Blankets—Low Priced

All "Ibex" Brand, the best Canadian Cotton Blanket, all perfect white or grey, note the prices, 10-4 size, for 89c; 11-4 size, \$1.10; 12-4 size \$1.29. Batting Bed Comforters, about 50 left for Saturday, 60x72, worth \$1.05, to clear at each 90c

Table Linen Prices Worth While Cream Damasks, in the best patterns known to the trade, 60 to 72 inches wide, every yard real Shea Linen value, cut prices show savings you can make on Saturday. 40c Tabling for 25c. 50c Tabling for 37c. 60c Tabling for 45c. Grass Bleached Table Damask Satin finished and most artistic designs, most of it direct imported, new wide double border, a special feature. 50c Damask for 35c. 75c Damask for 55c. \$1.00 Damask for 75c. 60c Tabling for 50c. 75c Damask for 60c. \$1.25 Damask for 95c

Towelling Both Tea and Roller, worth 10 to 12c, for 7 1/2c. Bleached Sheeting 72 inches wide, in plain only, 30c, for 23c. Women's Belts Black Elastic, with black buckles, 40c, for 25c. Women's Belts Black and Colored, plain and with steel studs, 75c, for 50c. Women's Collars Embroidered, stiff laundered, all sizes, worth 25c, for 15c. Table Napkins 5 1/2 size Union, in good pattern, worth \$1.50, for 95c. Flannelette 35 inches wide, in good, dark and light stripes, 1 1/2c. Dress Goods Grey Venetian Cloth, 50 in. wide, \$1 value, for 50c. Black Dress Goods French Taffeta and English Panamas, 75c for 0c. Ruching Silk and Chiffon, 5 and 6c frills, in box, worth 50c, Saturday for 25c

same day the houseboat sailed down the Yangtze, bearing the girl, whose name was Yehonala. (At her birth, a Chinese girl receives a temporary name, which is generally suggested by an object just seen by one of the party—as, for instance, a flower, a bird, or seven years later another name—containing a flattering allusion—is substituted for this, but nobody may utter it excepting her grandparents, parents, and professors. Her brothers are not excepted, on to the high seas of life, where, under the name of Tsu Hsi, she was to grapple successfully with circumstance.)

Twenty years later the curtain was raised on the second scene of this little drama. Meanwhile a deep debt had been left on the history of the Celestial Empire, deeper than any of its predecessors, which had made Hankow had been destroyed in the Taiping rebellion, which cost the nation twenty million lives. China, therefore an embalméd corpse, enfolded in silk coffins, covered with ancient inscriptions, was being slowly shaken out of its lethargy. At this moment Tsu Hsi had come and vanished, the dynasty had been endangered, the throne shaken, the empire itself had well-nigh gone to pieces. But Wu Tang had survived all changes, plodding tamely on with the flawless serenity of spirit which so many of his countrymen possessed. He had dogged perseverance and length of service at last won recognition. Wu Tang was promoted and transferred to the province of Kan Si. Joyful he set out on a visit to his new chief. But the Marquis Tseng—a polished man of the world and moderate reformer—was not at all impressed with his new subordinate. Tseng, who was striving just then to gather around him a band of enlightened workers, had no use for Wu Tang as subprefect, and deemed it his duty to get the appointment quashed. The Viceroy accordingly dismissed his visitor curtly, and he returned a damaging report about him to Peking.

In the fullness of time there came a strange report. Tseng was informed that the Empress-Regent had been pleased to raise Wu Tang from the post of sub-prefect to that of Prefect. At this news Tseng was startled. The Empress, he concluded, could not have received his report. He therefore wrote again. Quicker than before came the answer. It was another edict of promotion. It now pleased her Majesty to appoint Wu Tang to the post of Tao Tai, or Governor. The mystified Viceroy sent for Wu Tang. "Who are your influential friends at court?" he asked. "I possess no friends, no influence, no acquaintances there," was the answer, and its accents carried conviction. "Then it is a mistake after all," the Viceroy argued, as he turned the matter over in his mind, "and it must be set right." So he despatched another letter to the Empress, this time asking that her Majesty would vouchsafe to honor Wu Tang with an audience.

Shortly afterwards the new Tao Tai was summoned to Peking. On the morning fixed for his departure he entered the palace in trepidation. His eyes were fixed on the new Tao Tai, who, he felt upon his knees. The Empress commanded her awe-struck subject to rise up and draw near. Startled at the voice, which caused a dim memory to flit before his eyes, the new Tao Tai did as he was told, his gaze riveted to the floor. "Look into my eyes," was the next behest. A hasty glance brought back Wu Tang's thoughts to years gone by, and he recognized in the all-powerful monarch the girl who had once prostrated herself before him as his adopted daughter on the site of old Hankow. The helpless little Yehonala had become the mighty Tsu Hsi. And he trembled with tumultuous emotions. But

At this period of her career, Tsu Hsi, the new as in the old role, she was simple, ready, resourceful. That she retained her modesty is proof that it was deep-rooted, for her advisers did their utmost to cure her of it. Fitness for great opportunities and a capacity to create lesser ones were among her main characteristics. Success never seems to have intoxicated her, no failure to have demoralised her. In politics, which may be described as the art of the possible, Tsu Hsi, like the world's great statesmen, was an opportunist. She made the most of changing circumstance, and when unable to alter conditions to suit her plans, she modified her plans and adjusted them to the conditions. Hence she has been charged by the conservatives with excessive readiness to humor the white men, and by reformers with harboring rancorous hatred of everything that was white.

CHINESE NOR MANCHU. In truth, she merely utilized the foreign element for the good of her empire, her dynasty, her personal weal. It was ever her way to use mankind as a bridge over which to pass to her goal, and having reached it, she generally tried to draw her people after her. During her first regency Tsu Hsi, then in the flower of her age, indulged, it is said, in the passions of a Mesalline and the cruelty of a Blinbeard, putting several of her obscure favorites to death. A priori the story may be true. It is safe to assume, however, that many acts of the regent, which Europeans would condemn and Chinese condone, have been magnified by enemies into heinous crimes. As a western critic once ironically put it, "half the calamities spread about the land are in all probability untrue." Doubtless Tsu Hsi perpetrated crimes enough to kindle raptures of moral indignation in the West. But it would be well to remember that she had no indulging source of any. A conscience formed no part of her equipment. She dwelt beyond the domain of right and wrong.

Thus Tsu Hsi, who was the first Empress, was also the last autocrat of China, an autocrat by nature as well as by law. In a country where centuries of peaceful toil and military quiescence had contributed to the decay of energetic passions, she was an epitome of much that was great in healthy human life. Such was Tsu Hsi's zeal for the public service that during her last agony she insisted on being present at a state council, and, lying dressed on her couch, she took such part in its deliberations as the rapid advance of her malady permitted. For the freshness of her soul was unimpaired in a body that year had enfeebled and disease undermined. "I can bear no more," were the last articulate sounds that passed her lips. A few minutes later the colorless figure that had dominated China for over forty years had faded to a memory and a shadow. And the Dalai Lama bent down over her pale, rigid face in silent prayer.

Increasing His Patrimony. "My boy, I have nothing to leave you but debts." "Yes, dad." "But be diligent, and no doubt you can increase your inheritance."—Washington Herald.

No, Maude, dear, we shouldn't advise you to consult an ear specialist for erysipals. DR. A. W. CHASE'S 25c CATARRH CURE... is sent direct to the diseased parts by the Improved Blower. Meets the ulcers, clears the air passages, stops droppings in the throat and permanently cures Catarrh and Hay Fever. Blower free. All dealers, or Dr. A. W. Chase Medicine Co., Toronto and Buffalo.

JACK--THE--RIPPER CAUGHT IN BERLIN.

Attacked Young Woman in Street This Morning and Was Caught--May be More.

Berlin, Feb. 26.—The man who during the past fortnight has been delivering a series of attacks upon women on the streets of Berlin was captured this morning. He made an attempt to stab a young woman on the Friedrichstrasse, one of the crowded shopping streets of the city. The clothing of his intended victim was cut, but she herself suffered no harm. The woman screamed, and her assailant fled into a house on an adjoining street, where he was at once seized by a policeman. He is a young man, but he has not yet been identified.

To-day's attack was the 36th "Ripper" affair since the beginning of the outrages. The descriptions of the assailant do not agree, and for this reason it is believed that various men may have been engaged in the work.

There has been an actual state of terror among the women of Berlin, many servants refusing to go on the streets alone after nightfall. The police have made every effort to capture the assailant. They even had special detectives dress up as women and saunter through the streets inviting attack, but all to no purpose. The assaults have been made by day as well as by night, on the open street. The assailant quietly strike at her swiftly with a sharp stiletto, and then make his escape during the ensuing confusion.

The police made inquiries concerning the assault of this woman, and as a result they are inclined to doubt that he is the "ripper" they are after. He is being held on a charge of assault.

BOTH GUILTY OF STEALING.

Edward Rock and Thomas McCarthy Sentenced To-morrow.

Remand in Serious Charge Against Percy Doan.

City By-Law Cases in Police Court This Morning.

Edward Rock and Thomas McCarthy were found guilty this morning by Magistrate Jelfs at the Police Court on the charge of entering the office of Harry Stephens and stealing several watches, chains, stick pins, etc., amounting in value to about \$200. Mr. M. J. O'Reilly, K. C., appeared for Rock and Mr. Geo. S. Kerr, K. C., for McCarthy. Both pleaded not guilty, at the outset, but Rock's lawyer changed the plea after the evidence had been put in.

Stephens said that he had a shop at 904 King street east. It was entered on Friday last while he was out collecting, and the above amount of jewelry taken. In his own words, "it was a general clean-up." He said he had reason to believe that Rock and McCarthy were the men who took the stuff. He had known both young men ever since they went to school. In answer to a question by the Crown Attorney, witness said that any simple key would fit the door of his office, although he had not given Rock a key to get in with.

Stephens identified all the articles produced in court as belonging to him. A cross-examination by Mr. M. J. O'Reilly, witness said that he did not see any craps games in progress in the office at any time.

"You are quite sure that nothing of the kind happened in the office on a certain Sunday?"

"Say, do you think I am running a gambling joint for the benefit of the public and the police?" asked Stephens.

"Why, Mr. O'Reilly, you know that there are no craps games going on in the city now, don't you?" quietly inquired Mr. Washington.

"Are you sure that there was no whiskey on the premises at any time, Mr. Stephens?" asked Mr. O'Reilly.

"Yes, I am quite sure there was none." "Ever have any women up in that famous room?"

"Not to my knowledge." "I suppose you would close your eyes if there were any around?"

"I might," replied Mr. Stephens.

"Well, that is just what I thought of you," said Mr. O'Reilly.

"Ever play poker up in this office of yours?"

"No."

"Are you quite sure?"

"Well, we did play one afternoon, I think it was a Sunday, but at the end of the game we gave Rock his money back," said Mr. Stephens.

L. Strauss, pawnbroker, 37 James street north, told of Rock going into his store on Friday afternoon last, and pawing a silver watch, for which he gave Rock \$2.

John Mehl, 28 Hunter street east, said that he had met Rock and McCarthy on the same afternoon, and that Rock was very drunk. The latter asked him to take a watch for him, and keep it for a while. Mehl said he gave Rock \$2, as he had told him he needed some money.

Andrew "Punch" Carnegie was the next witness. He said he had known the two boys for two or three years, and on Saturday afternoon had seen them "out" on James street. Rock was the worse of liquor, but witness did not see any jewelry. On Friday afternoon Rock had shown him a copper ring.

"A love token, I suppose," said the Crown Attorney.

"Let me see, weren't you sent out for to get whiskey on the Sunday afternoon the poker game was played?"

"Don't drink," was Carnegie's short and gruff answer.

Detective Campbell told of going to Niagara Falls, and bringing Rock and McCarthy back to the city. He found some of the jewelry on Rock. He also recovered a watch that had been taken from Rock by the Niagara Falls police.

Rock was put on the stand, and said that he was very drunk at the time he entered Stephens' store, and he had no recollection of how he got in. He had no recollection of taking the jewelry. In answer to Mr. Washington, Rock said that he was drunk all Friday and up till Saturday night.

"Do you mean to tell me you were practically unconscious all that time?" "I guess I was."

Peter Rock, the father of the prisoner, was next called.

NO CLUE YET IN KINRADE MURDER.

Attacked Young Woman in Street This Morning and Was Caught--May be More.

who had aroused their fear by his actions. Afraid to open the door, she told him to go away, that they were tired of this sort of thing, and it would have to be stopped. The man muttered an oath and walked away. The murdered girl and her sister Florence Kinrade were out at the time. Mr. Kinrade, fearing for their safety, grabbed a poker, walked down the street to meet them. He waited for them and escorted them home. During the night they were alarmed by a noise at the front of the house. They turned on the lights, and this apparently frightened the assailant, for they heard somebody walk off the verandah. After waiting for a while and making sure that he was gone, they retired for the night. An examination in the morning revealed the fact that an attempt had been made to pry open the bay window, which opens on a verandah on the front of the house. A large chip had been cut off the bottom of the sill, which made it look as if a strong "jimmy" had been used.

Mrs. Kinrade was even further alarmed when she discovered this man loitering along Herkimer street, yesterday morning. She told the other members of the family about the incident and went down to see Magistrate Jelfs. In the afternoon she called at police headquarters and informed Detective McMahon of what had occurred and asked that a policeman be sent up for a few nights to protect the house. While she was making the request her daughter was being murdered.

SEARCH FOR THE MURDERER.

It was not more than two minutes after Mrs. Kinrade stepped out of the office before the telephone rang and Inspector McMahon was told of the call for the patrol and detectives, and police hustled to the scene. The la-

ment was even further alarmed when she discovered this man loitering along Herkimer street, yesterday morning. She told the other members of the family about the incident and went down to see Magistrate Jelfs. In the afternoon she called at police headquarters and informed Detective McMahon of what had occurred and asked that a policeman be sent up for a few nights to protect the house. While she was making the request her daughter was being murdered.

Saturday at Shea's.

The big feature of this busy store to-morrow will be skirts. Hundreds of them, bought this week from a large wholesale manufacturer. All the very latest styles of plain gored and modified Directoire styles, black and all the good colors. Volles, Panamas, venetians, poplins, silk and satin, trimmed, on sale at following reductions, all in separate racks for quick choosing, \$5 and \$6 for \$3.95; \$7.50 to \$9.00 for \$5.95; \$10 to \$12.50 for \$7.50.

Finch's mantle reductions for Saturday will make a record for cut prices in the Shea store. All sizes, 32 to 48, in stock; \$25 to \$35 coats for \$15; \$20 coats for \$10; \$10 to \$15.50 coats for \$5; other coats at \$1.95 and \$2.95. Suits, new and natty, actual \$15 value, special Saturday offer, each \$10.95. Children's and misses' coats half price and less. Silk undershirts for less than ever before; full \$5 and \$6 value, in black and colors, for \$2.95. Women's waists were never offered in better values; lawn waists, the best value in Canada, at \$1; net waists, worth \$4 and \$4.50 for \$1.95, and untrimmed, at \$2.95 and \$3.49. Fur, at about 1/2 price, and women's underwear at less than manufacturers' cost. A special line of the new smoke shade Venetian cloth, to clear at per yard 50c.

Hooks and eyes and other dress-makers' wants at 1/2 usual prices. New belts and frilling. Bed comforters at 90c, worth \$2. Shop early.—James Shea.

HAD SMOKER.

Monthly Event of Court Transportation, C. O. F.

Court Transportation, C. O. F., held its monthly smoker and concert last night in the Canadian Foresters' Hall, John street south, which proved a great success and was enjoyed by a goodly number of the members and their friends. Clay pipes, tobacco and cigars and the following programme were provided:

Piano solo, Mr. L. Carroll; song, Mr. F. Hall; song, Mr. A. Waddup; comic sketch, Bennett and Featherstone; four-round boxing bout, Liddycoat and Matthews; song, Mr. J. B. Jardine; song, Mr. Nichol; juggling, Mr. W. Seymour; wrestling bout, Pettis and Matthews; song, Mr. Manix; song, Mr. C. Servos; song, Mr. Gordon; musical turn, Bennett and Featherstone; song, Mr. Manix; wrestling bout, Sheridan and Gerres.

The evening's entertainment was arranged for by the entertainment committee, Bros. Servos, Jardine, Liddycoat and Widdup.

The Store of Quality and Satisfaction.

Early shoppers will find Finch Bros. up and ready to serve them well with everything that is new and fashionable for spring wear. Their advertisement to-night tells of some of the new things, but there are many others. Many are taking advantage of the early showing of the new goods for spring and buying now. Besides the new goods many special Saturday bargains are advertised for to-morrow, which should interest every shopper and lead them to this popular west end shopping place, the best store for women, for the house of quality and satisfaction.

Indicator For Health and Pleasure Points South.

While the climate and scenery of Ontario appeals to lovers of nature in the summer months, there is no denying the fact that a great many people find the changeable spring months hard to bear, and they long to visit the milder climate of the sunny south, California, Mexico, Florida, etc. The excellent service of the Grand Trunk Railway system and connecting lines makes these tourist resorts easily accessible, moreover, the rates are very reasonable, placing a trip within reach of not only the rich, but also those in moderate circumstances. Full information regarding rates, etc., may be obtained from Chas. E. Morgan, C. P. and T. A. or W. G. Webster, depot agent.

DOCTOR IMPROVING.

Welland, Ont., Feb. 26.—Dr. Glasgow, of the second dragons, president of the Ontario Medical Association, is recovering from an operation and is expected to be able to be out shortly.

pector and Detective Coulter were among the first to arrive. Detective Bleakley, Sayers and Campbell, Sgt. Finch and other officers were there within a few minutes. Detective Sayers was off duty on account of his brother being killed by an electric current on Wednesday. The body is at his house on Robinson street, and he was called away from the side of the coffin to join in the chase.

After getting the best description they could of the murderer the plan of campaign to capture him was mapped out. Chief Smith called into service every available man. They were furnished with the description and this was also supplied to the night squad. The men were instructed to pick up suspicious characters answering the description.

A rigorous search was made of all the haunts of a character of this kind might inhabit and it was hoped that he would be landed within a few hours. So far, however, he has succeeded in eluding capture.

"We have notified all the places in the surrounding vicinity," said Chief Smith last night, "and furnished them with the description. If we do not get our man by the morning the description will be flashed all over the country."

The police are at a loss to understand how this man could enter the house, commit such a crime and make his escape without being seen. "If this man was seen by anyone," said the Chief, "they are keeping still. It is rather a difficult neighborhood in which to get information as people do not care to be dragged into these cases."

The police, however, have strong hopes of getting the man positively identified if he is captured. Miss Flossie Kinrade would instantly recognize him, and she is sure to be able to give him in daylight on the street.

IS A HOUSE OF SORROW.

Tragedy Was a Terrible Shock to Members of Kinrade Family.

The Kinrade home at 105 Herkimer street was a house of sorrow when the newspaper men called there shortly after the body had been taken away. The heartbroken father received a terrible shock. He knew nothing of the affair until it walked up to his home and found it surrounded by a group of awestricken people. He almost collapsed when he heard the story. Stalking around the room, running his hands through his hair, he gave vent to his grief. Between sobs of emotion he cried out: "She was one of the sweetest girls God ever made and to be taken from me like this. I would give my life a thousand times for Ethel." Time and again he repeated this, and refused to be consoled by kind neighbors who sympathized with him in his terrible hour of affliction.

MRS. KINRADE HEARD NEWS.

Equally terrible was the shock received by Mrs. Kinrade. She had just stepped out of the police office after registering her complaint against the man who is supposed to have murdered her daughter, when news of the tragedy reached the City Hall. For an hour and a half she remained down town in ignorance of the murder. As she neared her home and saw the mourning group her heart was filled with fear.

THE STORY OF AN EYE WITNESS.

Florence Kinrade Tells How She Saw Her Sister Foully Murdered.

The only eye witness to the terrible tragedy, Miss Florence Kinrade, was interviewed yesterday afternoon by a Times reporter at the home of Mrs. F. J. Hickey, where she was staying with her mother. She was completely unnerved by the horrible ordeal, and it was with difficulty she told the story of how she saw her sister shot down in cold blood. Her mother, completely prostrated with grief, was in an adjoining room, under the care of kind friends.

"This man," she said, "first appeared a week ago Sunday when we were returning from church. We had just entered the house and seated ourselves when we noticed him peeping through the dining room window. When he saw us he admitted his presence and he went away. He then walked off the porch. My mother returned to the dining room and told father that it was the same man who had peeped in the window on the previous Sunday. Father, fearing for our safety, armed himself with a poker and walked down the street to meet Ethel and I.

HOW SISTER WAS MURDERED.

"I was awakened during the night by a grating noise as if someone was trying to raise one of the front windows with an instrument. The other members of the family were also awakened by the noise, and father got up and turned on the lights. This scared the man away.

BAD FEATURE OF CHEAP LODGING HOUSES

Men Get Orders For Meals and Beds and Sell Them to Get Whiskey.

Yesterday's shocking tragedy has set the police and citizens thinking about the numerous cheap lodging houses around the city. In connection with some of these places a custom prevails which is only evil in its results. It is the custom of some of these

places to issue slips to their patrons, made up largely of the tramp element. Provided with these men start out. They call on citizens whom they tell their story to. If the householder is moved he signs a slip which is simply a promise to pay the lodging house-keeper a certain sum of money—10, 15 or 25 cents, as the case may be—presumably for the poor man's bed and breakfast or for supper, bed and breakfast.

Then comes in the abuse. It is positively stated, and so the police have been advised, that men have been known to take the orders to certain lodging houses, sell them for cash, getting probably 15 cents for a 25 cent order, or 10 cents for a 15 cent order, and with the money thus received, the tramp goes off and gets liquor, taking a chance on getting another order for his bed, if, indeed, he has not two or three already.

The Times was told this morning by two good citizens that they had given their last order. They are strongly opposed to the cheap lodging house trade, and believe that the city or some trustworthy person appointed for the purpose by the united charitable societies should have charge of the places, and that every private lodging house that caters to this class should be under the most rigid supervision.

Of course there are cheap lodging houses where abiding of the sort referred to are not carried on.

MR. BROWN'S STORY.

This morning D. M. Brown, grocer, who keeps a store at the southeast corner of Caroline and Herkimer streets, was seen by a Times reporter. He was in Mr. Hunt's store across the corner, and was talking to Lank Copple, the clerk there. Suddenly a girl rushed into the store. It was Miss Florence Kinrade, and she was in a state of utter collapse.

"There is a burglar in the house and he has shot my sister. She is lying on the floor now," she said to the girl, and she fell forward over the counter. Mr. Brown told Copple to call the police and a doctor, and just then Mrs. Hickey came in and helped to take the girl to her home. Hunt and Copple called Dr. McNeil, and went to the scene and found the terrible results of the fiend's work.

Copple has been for seventeen years a clerk at Hunt's, but left last evening after a run-in with the proprietor, and the police have not been able to see him to interview him yet.

Many are the stories of persons who have seen the supposed murderer, and the possibility is that all are wrong. Last evening at 6 o'clock a man was seen running down Lougheed street. The people were alive with the news of the occurrence, and immediately decided this was the murderer. Why or eight blocks of the tragedy two hours after it happened is a thing the police bucked on when they heard the story.

SEEN ON BECKETT DRIVE.

Men in plain clothes patrolled the district last night. Constable Brannon, who was covering the section at the head of the Beckett Drive was approached by a minister who lives back on the mountain and told that a man was in that vicinity about 5 o'clock, or a little later, an hour after the tragedy.

"What was he like?" queried the officer.

"He was about medium build, and rather dark, and wore a slouch hat," said the minister who had seen no description of the man at the time. The minister then asked what was wrong, and when told a man had been committed, he was greatly distressed. "This man seemed very greatly agitated; that was why I noticed him," said the pastor. "He was pacing quickly and nervously back and forth between the Beckett Drive and the Ayclim," he added. Brannon scanned around that district all night, but found no trace of the man.

ANSWERS SAME DESCRIPTION.

On Wednesday morning a man called from an alley near Herkimer and Locke streets to a lady of that neighborhood and made offensive gestures. He attempted to grab the woman, but she ran away and called up the police. It was some time before the officers responded, and by that time the man had made a getaway. The lady in question met Constable Brown, and gave him a description and offered to go out with him to see if the man was still in the neighborhood. The description of the man tallied in every detail with that of the supposed murderer.

MANY VAGS AT NO. 3.

"Extra. All about the murder!" That was all one could hear on the streets last night. This grand harp on the ears of tramps and shiftless characters, who expected that all tramps would be arrested on suspicion. For the past few nights several men have applied each night for lodgings at King William street police station, but last night no less than eight men applied. They recognized the fact that if they went voluntarily to the police with their alibis and stories they would be sheltered and protected.

Constable Robert Lentz had an experience three nights ago while on the beat in that district. He met several tramps, and one of them he spoke to, and told to go home. This man looked something like the man described as the murderer, but it has been discovered that his name is Hattie, and the resemblance is not close at all.

HOW MANY SHOTS?

There is a difference as to how many shots were fired by the murderer. Miss Florence Kinrade thought six were fired at her sister, but it is likely there were only five. The reports of Drs. Edgar and Balfe will decide this, but it will not be made public till all given at the inquest on Wednesday night next.

This morning a policeman stated that there were five wounds on the body—two in the breast, one in the side of the face near the ear, one which grazed the right hand and the chin, a neck cutting in a quarter of an inch, and the fifth in the mouth. The one in the mouth, the officer stated, had broken off several of the girl's teeth, and passed into her neck at the base of her skull.

MRS. HICKEY'S VERSION.

Mrs. F. J. Hickey, 106 Herkimer street, was seen by the reporters this morning. She said that she heard no shots fired, and all she knew was that the half-fainting girl rushed over to her place and rang the bell suddenly. She let her in and the girl screamed out: "They have shot Ethel; shot her six times."

Mrs. Hickey thought the girl was mentally deranged, and tried to calm her. "Believe me," she begged, "get a doctor; she is killed."

Mrs. Hickey at once went next door and notified the police, and when she returned Miss Florence Kinrade was rushing for the corner stores to get help. The police were soon there, and Coroner McNeil came at once. Ethel was past all human aid, however, and the body was left there till the police arrived.

THE FAMILY.

Mr. T. L. Kinrade is the son of a man who came here from Ireland many years ago. He was born in this city, and got his education here. He graduated at Toronto University, and has taught school here for years. The children were all born in the old homestead on

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Lovely new Spring dress goods

EXCLUSIVE! Of course. We selected the very cream of the new Spring things and had them confined solely to us for Hamilton. It's time now to plan the new Spring outfit—not a bit too early if you wish to have it made promptly. You know what a scramble there always is to get a good dressmaker when the season gets in full swing. The lovely new fabrics on display here are at once exclusive, dainty, superior in quality and altogether different from any you'll find elsewhere. Don't miss seeing these handsome Spring materials to-morrow.

CHIFFON BROADCLOTHS \$1.50, \$2—Rich, satiny, all-wool weaves in the correct chiffon weight for tailored wear. They are unspottable, uncrushable and thoroughly shrunk—full 54 inches wide, women of fashion will use them for tailored wear, dresses, skirts and evening wraps. All the new shades are included—taupe, wistaria, rose, French blues, navy, green, brown, red, seafoam, champagne, fawn and mode. They are really wonderful values, at \$1.50 and \$2 the yard.

NOVELTY WORSTEDS AND SERGES—Light, medium and dark stripe effects; some have satin stripe, very firm, superior qualities, for business or street wear; 52 inches wide. Prices range \$1, \$1.15 and \$1.35.

SATIN STRIPED TAFFETA CLOTH 75c—New shades of Paris tan, fawn, French blue, taupe, brown, red and other good colors. Beautiful self-colored satin stripes. This will be one of fashion's favorite weaves for the season, per yard 75c.

THOMAS C. WATKINS

Fancy linens: A tremendous stock-adjusting sale: Read

Centre pieces, tray cloths, 5 o'clock tea cloths, d'oylies, runners, sideboard scarfs, covers

9c, formerly 12 1/2c
13c, formerly 18c
19c, formerly 25c
37c, formerly 50c
79c, formerly \$1.00

98c, formerly \$1.35
\$1.19, formerly \$1.65
\$1.59, formerly \$2.00
\$2.13, formerly \$2.75
\$3.19, formerly \$4.00

JAPANESE hand-embroidered and drawn work pieces, Japanese hand drawn and embroidered pieces, Roman lace pieces and lace edged and inserted pieces. All sizes in scores of styles. A stock adjusting sale of all small lots, broken ranges and surplus stocks—Thousands of pieces are included in the sale.

THOMAS C. WATKINS HAMILTON ONTARIO

A special display and sale of Swiss pattern lace curtains

\$4.88, formerly \$6.50 \$4.98, formerly \$7.00

ABOUT 235 pairs are gathered together in these two great groups and marked down for immediate clearance. They are all fresh from their packages, but are in small lots of one to twelve pairs of a kind. Many pretty patterns in floral and conventional effects; very lacy and pretty; full large sizes; white and ivory.

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WIZARD BURBANK.

Company Formed to Exploit His Many Discoveries.

Will Push His Spineless Cactus and Other Productions.

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—In order that his discoveries may be generally distributed and, incidentally, that his work may not be hampered by the business worries, the brains and genius of Luther Burbank, the plant wizard, have been capitalized for several million dollars.

The men who have secured the sole right to distribute to the world the plant discoveries of the Santa Rosa millionaire, are Hartford Law and his brother, Herbert E. Law, two well-known capitalists of this city, and Oscar E. Dinner, a wealthy eastern capitalist.

There is no limit to the rights which the men have secured, except one or two small contracts, which Burbank is fulfilling. Working alone, Burbank has not had time to give the results of all of his experiments to the public, but now a systematic effort will be made to distribute both his past and future products to the world.

One of the first things to be undertaken by the new company will be the fuller development of the spineless cactus, which promises to transform the desert wastes into grazing lands for cattle. In this connection it is announced that Burbank has developed a cactus capable of producing such a matter which will yield both sugar and alcohol.

Burbank, when asked regarding the formation of the new company, made the following statement:

"It is a fact that Mr. Herbert Law and his brother, and Mr. Oscar E. Dinner have secured the sole rights to the handling of my products, with the exception of a few varieties, which already had been sold. I am glad to be rid of the business end. It will give me so much more time for the development of more fruits and flowers."

The company will be called "The Luther Burbank Products, Incorporated."

MR. TAFT.

Cardinal Gibbons Thinks New President is All Right.

Baltimore, Feb. 26.—Cardinal Gibbons, who has returned from New Orleans, speaks of Mr. Taft in the highest terms. "Mr. Taft," he said, "possesses an iron hand in a silken glove, and I believe he will conduct his office admirably." The cardinal said Mr. Taft was enthusiastically received in the south, and that in New Orleans the people could not do enough for him.

"Mr. Taft is a man of fine calibre," said the cardinal, "his tact and diplomacy are matched by his kindness of spirit and his open-heartedness. He filled all who met him with love toward him, and I am sure he made few or no enemies. His good executive ability, combined with his judicial judgment, will all go to make him an excellent president. I feel that he is a man of principle, who will respond to his duties nobly."

INSTANT DEATH.

Restaurant Keeper Electrocuted in Front of His Business Place.

Erie, Pa., Feb. 26.—John Knoebel, a prominent restaurant keeper on the East Side, was killed by a live wire in front of his place of business, on Parade street, yesterday afternoon. Linemen of the Bell Telephone Company were engaged making repairs to the system, disarranged by the recent storm. Mr. Knoebel stepped out-side in his shirt-sleeves to watch the work, when a dangling wire, which had become crossed with the electric light high voltage cable, struck him in the face. He fell to the pavement without a murmur. Friends rushed to his assistance and an ambulance was hurriedly summoned, but examination proved that he was dead. Mr. Knoebel is survived by his widow and three daughters.

MARKETS AND FINANCE

TORONTO MARKETS

FARMERS' MARKET. The receipts of grain to-day were small, with prices firm. Wheat is nominal at about \$1.04. Barley firm, 200 bushels selling at 60c per bushel. Oats also firm, 100 bushels selling at 50c.

closed the previous day at 7.75, made a strong advance. The stock sold as high as 8.25, but the price receded to 8.00 and closed at 8.05.

TORONTO EXCHANGE.

Thursday Morning Sales. Chambers-Ferland—500 at 76, 100 at 75. Foster—100 at 40, 60 at 35. Peterson—2,500 (60 days) at 29 1/2, 1,500 (90 days) at 29 1/2, 1,000 (60 days) at 29 1/2, 500 at 27, 200 (60 days) at 29 1/2, 100 at 25, 500 at 29.

STANDARD EXCHANGE.

Thursday Morning Sales. Beaver—500 at 24 1/2, 500 at 24, 1,000 at 24, 500 at 24, 1,000 at 24 1/2. Crown Reserve—500 at 27 1/2, 100 at 27 1/2, 100 at 27 1/2, 200 at 27 1/2, 100 at 27 1/2.

LIVE STOCK.

The railways reported receipts of 109 car loads of live stock for Wednesday and Thursday, consisting of 1,712 cattle, 1,631 hogs, 298 sheep and lambs, with 134 calves.

Trade in butchers' cattle was good, with prices a trifle higher in the medium class, but the market for exporters was not any better than at the commencement of the week; in fact, it was not quite so good, that is, when quality is considered. Prime picked lots of calves did not sell at any higher quotations.

Butchers—Prime picked lots sold at \$4.85 to \$5.15; loads of good, \$4.40 to \$4.75; medium, \$4.10 to \$4.40; common, \$3.50 to \$4.00; cullers and common, \$2.50 to \$3.00; butchers bulk, \$3 to \$4.

Winnipeg Wheat Market. Wheat—Feb. \$1.09 1/4 bid, March \$1.08 7/8 bid, July \$1.12 3/8 bid, May \$1.11 3/8 bid.

COBALT MINING STOCKS. Heavy unloading of Peterson Lake caused a flurry on the Standard Exchange at Toronto yesterday, and the price suffered a depreciation of five points very quickly.

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NEW YORK STOCKS. Reported by A. E. Carpenter & Co., 102 King Street East. RAILROADS. Open, High, Low, Close. Atchafon... 101.4 102 101.3 102

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Toronto Cobalt Stocks, reported by A. E. Carpenter, 102 King Street East. Asked, Bid. Chambers-Ferland... 76 75. Cobalt Central... 47 45. Cobalt Lake... 15 15

COFFIN NAILS. Price of Cigarettes to be Increased—Means Millions.

New York, Feb. 26.—The proposed increase in the price of cigarettes, announced yesterday, will cost the consumer a cent or two per package. While this may sound like a small affair, it will actually mean millions of dollars per year to the cigarette smokers of the country.

An Understanding. Hub (during a quarrel)—You talk like an idiot. Wife—I've got to talk to you as you understand me.—Boston Transcript.

A Hayseed From Missouri Fell Into the Hands of Gamblers on an Ocean Liner.

A little comedy was acted out in the smoking room of one of the ocean grey-ettes recently which might have afforded a profitable amusement to the passengers in general and would have given great satisfaction to one or two of them in particular had they known it was going on.

The usual complement of two or three professional gamblers was on board, with a very stylish looking blond woman to assist them in the matter of making acquaintances. About the second day out they had succeeded in getting up a little game of bridge for the modest sum of ten shillings a hundred, and they were careful to play badly enough to lay the foundation for their revenge later on at higher points.

The sixpence a point game being once fairly under way and the gamblers being careful not to push their luck too hard, it looked as if they could pay their expenses for the voyage and leave the last day for the grand coup which would supply them with velvet for shore leave, especially as the blond woman was particularly fortunate in getting a good hand with passengers who fancied themselves bridge players.

Among the inevitable spectators in the smoking room was one who seemed to be of the genus hayseed. He looked like a 60-year-old ragging over who-who, which he energetically combated out with his fingers whenever he got particularly interested in anything.

He wore a rather seedy looking suit of grey, which he never changed during the voyage, but he always had on a clean shirt, although it was surrounded by a celluloid collar and a ten cent ready made tie of the butterfly persuasion.

At first this thing was amusing, but after a very short time it got to be a nuisance, and he soon developed an aversion to the game, and he soon realized that the price of resistance was the no trump. Whenever such a declaration pulled itself out of a small hole or made a grand slam he would comb his whiskers vigorously with his fingers, and, I swear, but this here game's most as good as seven up.

During the course of the explanations which the dummy or the onlookers were good enough to give him while dodging his excited tobacco juice it developed that Mr. Carroll's appreciation of any game depended entirely on its merits and demerits when compared to his standard of excellence, seven up. He was ever tired of insisting that seven up was the greatest game ever invented.

The Latest About Gow Ganda VALUABLE BOOKLET FREE. We have just issued a booklet (full of illustrations) telling all about the Bartlett Mines, Limited, with maps of the silver field at Gow Ganda, which we will send free to anyone on request.

OPIMUM TRAFFIC. Commission Urges Restriction of Manufacture of Morphine. Shanghai, Feb. 26.—The International opium commission practically concluded its work here. Nine resolutions were adopted. One recognized the unwavering sincerity of the Chinese Government's efforts to suppress the opium traffic, and the real, though unequal, progress already made.

FLORIDA SOLD. Ship That Sank the Republic Brings \$225,500 Under the Hammer. New York, Feb. 25.—The Italian steamship Florida, which collided with the Republic off Nantucket shoals lightship on Jan. 23, was sold at public auction to-day by United States Commissioner Alexander, who was appointed trustee in the limited liability action brought by the Italiano Societa di Navigazione, the owners. She was sold in the same condition that the collision left her in, with the bow smashed back to the bulkhead.

DIED POOR. Was at One Time Rich and a Power in Business World. Los Angeles, Feb. 26.—Peter B. Weare, at one time a power in the business world of Chicago and later a factor in business in the Northwest, is dead. At the time of his death he was virtually penniless.

TRAIN DITCHED. Engineer Killed in Wreck of the Overland Limited. Chicago, Feb. 26.—At the general superintendent's office of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad it was stated that the westbound Overland Limited train had been ditched at Van Horn, Ia., and that the engineer, C. H. Brown, had been killed. There were no other fatalities, the officers of the company asserted.

OBITUARY. James H. Inglehart Died in Hospital Yesterday. James H. Inglehart died at the City Hospital yesterday, aged 79 years. He was a native of this country, and had been a resident of Grimsby for many years. The remains were taken to the residence of his daughter, Mrs. V. H. Carpenter, 126 Main street west, where the funeral will take place on Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock to the H. G. & B. thence to Grimsby, where interment will take place.

A CRACKED JEWEL. In your watch will cause it to vary in time. We skillfully replace any worn or broken part at a very small charge. A large stock of engagement and wedding rings, \$2 up. Choice stock of gold and silver watches, fine gold-leaf patterns, \$2 up. Marriage licenses, P. D. S. England's Watchmaker, 1035 street south.

KINGSLEY. Fine Illustrated Address by Mr. A. H. Baker. At the regular meeting of Christ's Church Cathedral Literary Society last evening, after the usual routine business had been transacted, an illustrated talk on Kingsley's Country was given by Mr. A. H. Baker, being based on historic incidents and places mentioned in Kingsley's "Westward Ho," illustrated by 89 pictures taken by the lecturer. Proceeding on the illustrated talk, Mr. Baker gave an instructive address on Kingsley and his wife, after which a hearty vote of thanks was passed to him.

NOT AT GALT. Galt, Oct. 26.—In a letter received from Miss Kate Wilks, of Cruckston Park, who is now in New York, by friends in Galt, it is stated that Mr. Matthew Astor Wilks and his bride, (late Miss Sylvia Green), will not visit Cruckston Park at present, but in all probability will do so later on, possibly in the spring or early summer. Miss Wilks does not say where Mr. and Mrs. Wilks are at the present time. The Cynical Bachelor rises to the mark that where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to get married.

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Synopsis of Canadian Northwest Land Regulations. ANY person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may succeed in a quarter-section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any agency, on certain conditions, by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.

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THE TIMES SPORTING PAGE

Gossip and Comment

Among the Hamilton racing fans who witnessed the Dorando-Shrub race at Buffalo last night was Mr. Sol. Mintz, who has had the distinction of entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Tom Longboat this week, and who is still their host.

From the Toronto World: That Shrub could have beaten Longboat last night is most probable, especially if the Indian had accepted Promoter Murray's \$2,500 proposition, made two days ago, when he was in no kind of condition.

In the Hayes-Dorando race Dorando always led, and the time at fifteen miles was 1:31.43 3/5. In the first Longboat-Dorando race the Italian was ahead at fifteen miles in 1:30.02 2/5, and also the second in 1:29.54 2/5. Shrub was, of course, ahead at fifteen miles against Longboat in 1:28.25 4/5.

Tom Longboat holds the Canadian fifteen-mile record, 1:25.43 2/5, made in Montreal, J. Appleby's record was made in England.

In answer to several inquiries, Jim Jeffries did fight negroes, lots of times. He beat Peter Jackson in three rounds in San Francisco on March 22, 1898, and licked Bob Armstrong in New York in ten rounds, Aug. 5 of the same year.

According to the despatches from Albany an old friend, Fred Paige, has lost to "his name" in California and yearning for this dear old Chicago, understands the situation now. Chicago was passionately fond of horse racing until it became acquainted with the un-speakable element that butted itself into the control of it.

They say that one is born every minute. On the day that Pat Powers first saw the light, the output must have been unusually large. From Chicago Tribune: We trust that the grima with the horse who is doing the best he can in California and yearning for this dear old Chicago, understands the situation now.

BASKETBALL AT Y. M. C. A.

St. Andrew's and Central School Teams Won.

At the East Hamilton Y. M. C. A. last night two games were played in the Junior City League. The first game was between St. Andrew's and Central Y. M. C. A. resulting in a victory for St. Andrew's, score 32-23.

In the second game the East Hamilton second team met defeat at the hands of the East Central School team by a score of 31-19. Ironsides and McKelvey were the pick of the Central School team, while North, for the East End, put up a good game. H. Veale officiated.

JUNIOR GAMES TO-MORROW

At the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium to-morrow night will be the final game of the Saturday City League series, when the Boys' Club meet the Eureka's. In the second game the East Hamilton boys will play with the intermediates, J. McKay will officiate.

BY 13 POINTS

Another friendly shooting match took place last night at the James street rifle gallery between George Beattie's sharpshooters and the Stoney Creek Rifle Club. The "crick" team won by 13 points. The scores and teams: Sharpshooters, Stoney Creek, E. Anderson, 124; J. Marshall, 125; W. Glover, 124; J. Gowen, 124; J. Reschonne, 125; S. Hewitt, 125; F. Harvey, 123; D. Dewey, 122; W. Harvey, 124; A. Lee, 122; N. Long, 123; W. Jones, 122; R. Bastie, 122; C. Walker, 122; E. M. Jones, 122; A. Glover, 122; X. Long, 121; A. Marshall, 121; A. Ferguson, 120; H. Lee, 121; J. Hawkins, 120; W. Clark, 121; J. Gill, 120; A. Hendershot, 120; W. Ellis, 120; J. Walker, 120; T. Ryan, 120; A. Lee, 119; Geo. Anderson, 119; A. Jones, 119; Geo. Beattie, 118; S. Walker, 119; W. R. Miller, 117; M. St. John, 119; W. Hanburg, 116; L. Kriek, 117; Geo. Vance, 113; T. Webb, 116; J. Crockett, 113; J. Webb, 115; W. Barnhart, 112; J. Miller, 115; P. House, 109; E. Cornan, 111.

SHRUBB WON EASILY.

Englishman Made U. S. Record at Buffalo.

Indian's Contract With Powers is Valid.

Canadian Curlers Lose at London.

Buffalo, Feb. 26.—Dorando Pietri, the gallant little Italian distance runner, ran fifteen miles here last night a minute faster than in his heart-breaking race with Tom Longboat two months ago.

The magnificent army of the 74th Regiment had about 1,000 visitors last night, a very fine turnout, considering the difficulties and doubts about the race, which was originally arranged between Shrub and Longboat as the complement of their race over the Marathon distance in New York.

At the same time the St. Patrick's took two games from the Thornton Douglass team. Battella was high man with 451. The scores: Thornton Douglass, Filgiano, 156; 125; 127; 98; Riggs, 87; 122; 154; 363; Thomson, 139; 132; 119; 381; Hoffer, 164; 141; 179; 421; Carmichael, 122; 120; 171; 412; 887; 633; 693; 1981.

THISTLES LOST

Hamilton Curlers Defeated at Toronto.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—The Hamilton Thistles visited the Granite Club last night and were beaten by 19 shots, as follows: Hamilton Thistles, Granite, J. Thomson, 7; H. T. Wilson, 18; H. T. Gates, 12; W. E. McMurtry, 9; Dr. Oldmsted, 7; A. E. Trow, 18; Dr. Coleman, 10; C. H. Badenach, 10.

PAIGES ANNUAL

Mr. Fred. Organizing Another Baseball League. Albany, Feb. 26.—The Eastern Association of Professional Baseball Clubs was organized at a meeting here yesterday, which was attended by representatives of Johnston, Gloverville, Schenectady, Pittsfield, Mass.; North Adams, Mass.; Kingston, Poughkeepsie, Newburgh and Middletown. Fred Paige, of Poughkeepsie, was elected temporary president, and Hugh MacKinnon, of Kingston, N. Y., temporary secretary and treasurer.

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Knocking Down the Pins

In the City Ten Pin League at the Brunswick alleys last night the Hamilton H. took two games from the Westinghouse L. Laing was high man with 573. The scores: Westinghouse L., Peacock, 194; 167; 174; 534; McKelvey, 163; 184; 211; 558; G. Thomson, 194; 161; 155; 462; Smith, 149; 182; 156; 487; Mitchell, 148; 158; 167; 473; 841; 852; 812; 2535.

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BEAMSVILLE BEATEN.

St. Catharines Hockey Team Won, 16 to 6.

Galt Defeated Brantford Professionals.

The City Indoor League Games Last Night.

St. Catharines, Feb. 26.—The Niagara Centrals, of St. Catharines, defeated Beamsville in an intermediate O. H. A. hockey series last evening in a listless, one-sided game by the score of 16 to 6. This was the second of the home-and-home games, the first resulting in a win for the Niagara Centrals on Tuesday evening at Niagara Falls by 9 to 1, making the score of both games 25 to 7.

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NEWS FROM THE OLD LAND

Many Interesting Happenings Reported From Great Britain.

(London Daily Mail.) Nine lives were lost at a fire which occurred on Monday morning at a common lodging house at 114 Grosvenor street, Manchester. The house had accommodated for over 300 men, and there were a large number still in bed when the fire broke out at 8 o'clock.

The flames spread with great rapidity through the four floors, and a blinding smoke added to the difficulties of escape for the inmates. Many rushed down the stairs clad only in their shirts, while others threw themselves from the windows at the rear of the premises, three sustaining fatal injuries.

An outstanding feature of the affair was the heroism of a Charles Baird, the night watchman, known as "Old Charlie." A very stout man, suffering from asthma and a lame leg, he went from floor to floor arousing the men, and he refused to desist when urged to make his escape.

"I will see the last man out before I give up," he said. Subsequently his dead body was found stretched across a bed on the third floor. Six men escaped down a ladder hoisted at the back of the house by a neighbor, and others were got out by the firemen. Some rushed through the smoke and flames protecting themselves with sheets and blankets. Three dead bodies were found on the second floor and three on the floor above. Two of the men were in one cubicle clasped in each other's arms.

The identification of the men was a matter of difficulty, as several were known only by nicknames. The dead, however, include: Charles Bird, forty, watchman, Manchester; William Connor, twenty-eight, laborer, Manchester; Michael McArdle, eighteen, news-vendor, Manchester; A half-caste, name unknown; A man known as "Pleasantly Billy," a club-footed man, about forty years of age, who came from Birmingham two nights previously; A hawker, about sixty years of age, name unknown; An orphan programme-seller, about sixteen years of age, name unknown; A laborer, name unknown; Two other men were taken to hospital seriously injured.

JUBILEE OF FAMOUS HYMN.

The jubilee of the famous children's hymn "There is a Friend for Little Children," was celebrated on Sunday at Newport (Isle of Wight), where the veteran author of the hymn, Mr. Albert Midlane, has lived all his life.

Sunday school children of all denominations, to the number of about 2,000, and a large crowd of adults assembled in the market square and sang the hymn in impressive style in the presence of Mr. Midlane, who expressed his gratitude for the demonstration, and hoped the celebration would sink deep into the children's hearts.

At the age of eighty-four Mr. Midlane is still hale and hearty, and in conversation on Sunday said that on the night of Feb. 7, 1859, after a busy day, he commenced to write what had proved his best hymn. In spite of physical and mental fatigue, he finished the poem at 2 o'clock in the morning, when he was found insensible from exhaustion.

THE KING AND GEN. BOOTH.

In reply to a letter describing something of the work the Salvation Army is carrying on among the very poor this winter, General Booth has received the following communication from Sir Dighton Probyn, sent by command of the King:

Buckingham Palace, February 8, 1909. Dear Sir,—I have submitted to the King your letter of the 5th inst., and before His Majesty left London this morning I received his command to forward the enclosed cheque for 100 guineas as a donation from His Majesty towards the great work in which you and your officers are, with such success, daily engaged, in relieving the necessities of the deserving poor both in the metropolis and other parts of the kingdom.

The King desires me to say how very glad he was to hear of the improved state of your health, and further to add His Majesty's sincere hope that you may long be spared to carry on the great work to which you have unceasingly and with such success devoted so many years of a life.

I remain, dear Sir, Yours faithfully, (Signed) D. M. Probyn, General. Keeper of H.M. Privy Purse. The Rev. William Booth.

SAVED BY THE QUEEN.

A touching story of the Queen's solicitude for the life of a poor consumptive baby which attracted her attention in a London hospital was told at a church gathering at Burstwick, near Hull, on Sunday.

The vicar of the parish (Rev. J. F. Jones) stated that he recently spent 17 nights in making personal investigation of the sorrowful case of a baby in London. One night on the Embankment, in Cleopatra's Needle, he spoke to a woman, who turned out to be a Yorkshire woman from Leeds, and who told him that her husband and several children had died of consumption.

The poor woman got her baby into Brompton Hospital, where it attracted the attention of the Queen. Miss Knollys, who was with her Majesty, made notes of the child's history, and a private detective was sent to Leeds to substantiate the story.

"The Queen," added the vicar, "sent me a letter to Leeds saying, 'I will save the life of your baby if possible, and am going to send it to the south of France.'"

The woman, added the vicar, showed him a letter from Miss Knollys thanking her for a bunch of primroses she had sent to the Queen, and saying that Her Majesty trusted the change would save the child's life. The child is still in France.

ROMANCE OF A MILLION.

Nottingham is greatly stirred by a romance which is the result of the discovery of a large sum of money hidden in a bed and of a fortune said to exceed one million pounds, which is reported to have been found by a man named "Tom."

The man, aged about twenty, was seen working in a jeweller's shop with a sense of the chain's value. When "Miss Fortune"—as she is now being styled—visited a jeweller's shop with a friend the jeweller's expert eye discerned the high value of her muff-chain. He asked her to be allowed to examine it. Then visibly struggling with his eagerness to have it, he inquired, with well-simulated indifference, whether the wearer would accept 490 for it.

The lady neither closed with the offer nor acknowledged that the chain originally cost her 4s. 6d. But she pondered over the tradesman's valuation, and a few days later called upon another jeweller, in a larger way of business, to ask him to value the chain for her.

This man was much more liberal. Having obtained a glowing account of the chain from the first jeweller, he astonished the young lady by asking whether she would be so kind as to accept 45,000 for the chain. Reflecting that this seemed to be fair profit on an article for which she had paid 4s. 6d., the owner parted with her property, and pocketed the jeweller's cheque. She showed his feelings by not telling him how much she had made by the deal.

He, however, explained to her that unknowingly she had been wearing a lovely string of black pearls, adding that there still remained for him a good margin of profit.

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It ought to be understood that Mr. Jackson is neither a minister nor member of the Canadian Methodist Church. Nor is he amenable to any of our conferences or courts, but a "free lance," not responsible to any body in particular, and it is something of a problem to say who is his superior. He comes to us in Canada as a minister from Britain, hired as an assistant, it seems, to a church in this country, under some such arrangement as I trust may never be repeated in our Methodist dissonant and submerging the regular pastorate, and through wide open the doors to all manner of irregularity.

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What he makes of the Christian faith? A thing of a moment, a burst, a bubble on a rolling tide, thin and dark at the top, just ready to break and foam for ever? Or is it a well and logically compact system of the being of the Eternal God and His attributes as revealed to His purpose and His acts? What would we know of the Christian faith but for the revelations and records of God in Holy Scripture through the centuries? To make the first chapters of these records as set down in our books, historic and unscientific does not carry conviction, or command the assent of the ripest scholarship and the best men. It calls forth the fanciful theorizing and tumultuous jangle of speakers and writers more or less uneducated, and here and there a taint of fanaticism. What does nothing, but fills the air with cloud and dust, the church with suspicion, confusion and strife.

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BASUTOS IN LONDON.

Four Basuto chiefs arrived in London on Feb. 6 with a counsellor, two interpreters, and an assistant interpreter of the same nation. They bring a loyal message from Lesia, the paramount chief of the Basutos, to the King, and will lay before the Colonial Office the views of the national council on the position that Basutoland should occupy in the new federated South Africa.

The Colonial Office is determined that the chiefs shall carry back a good impression of the hospitality of the British nation. Three smart carriages met the visitors at Waterloo and conveyed them to a handsomely furnished house in Bayswater close to Hyde Park. Here they are being looked after by a firm of wholesale providers, who see to their entertainment out of doors as well as their comfort at home. The chiefs had not been installed in these comfortable quarters many hours before a fashionable tailor arrived, sent by the Colonial Office, to take their orders.

On Tuesday the chiefs were received at the Colonial Office by Col. Seely, Under-Secretary of State, in the absence of Lord Crewe. No political questions were discussed, the visit being one of "greeting" only.

In the afternoon Miss Tus-saud's exhibition was visited, and the chiefs were shown round the galleries by the manager. They were particularly struck by the magnificent models of the King and Queen. Upon leaving they thanked Mr. John Tus-saud for his hospitality, remarking that their people would not credit the wonders they had seen.

A Swiso, the leader of the deputation, is a son of Lesia Moshesh, a former paramount chief, and uncle to the present chief of the Basutos. He is a man of great gifts and height, caretaker of the Matiele ward of the Mateng district, and owner of great wealth in cattle, sheep, goats and horses. His age is fifty-six.

The remaining members of the deputation are Seeso's brother Mojela, sixty-one years old; his nephew, Masapha, twenty-seven; and his cousin, Leshobora, fifty-two.

LONDON IN FIGURES.

Statistics relating to every department of the life of London are contained in the Statistical Abstract, 1908, issued by the London County Council.

The rateable value of London is £44,298,902, equal to £9 8s. per head, and the number of rated houses 632,591. The credit of the rates was in 1907 £108,558,237, equal to £23 4s. per head. In 1908 the total was £44,268,871. Other figures for 1908 are:

Parliamentary electors 666,839
County Council electors 816,593
Children at elementary schools 726,538
L. C. C. tramway receipts £1,671,873
Letters delivered 771,200,000
Post cards delivered 191,600,000
Telegrams sent 24,947,000

In 1907 there were 8,774 acres of agricultural land in the county of London, including 272 acres of corn. The number of cattle was 4,227, of sheep 3,274, and of pigs 2,038.

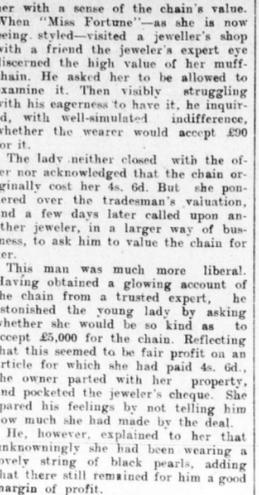
"MISS FORTUNE."

Who is the lucky young lady in the West End of London who bought a pearl muff-chain for four shillings and sixpence and sold it for £5,000?

Everybody in society is talking about her good fortune and asking her name. But the young lady's most intimate friends discreetly decline to divulge her secret, partly to keep the income tax officials out of her way and partly to save her from unpleasant notoriety.

In connection with the story the name of a well-known admiral has been freely mentioned. The rumor goes that he assisted the lucky young lady in investing the £5,000.

The facts are that the fortunate lady bought a muff-chain for 4s. 6d. in an old curiosity shop. The chain looked to be of value, and the young lady determined to obtain expert opinion. It was a jeweller who first impressed



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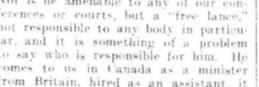
Thomas P. Macdonald, a prominent singer of Teeswater, tells how PSYCHINE restored him to perfect health after a severe attack of La Grippe, which robbed him of his voice. He says, "Six years ago I became a victim to La Grippe and had it in its worst form. The attack was unusually severe, and left me in a terribly bad shape. I was utterly prostrated, weak, and run down entirely. My voice also completely gave out, and my lungs seemed to be seriously affected. People who knew me, thought I was not long for this world."

"I had for years been a member of our Church choir, and accustomed to singing at concerts and other entertainments, but the doctor told me that I could never hope to do so any more, as it was impossible to cure me in the state I was then in."

"One day I saw in the paper what PSYCHINE had done for others, and thought I would give it a trial, so I sent for a sample bottle. This gave me such immediate relief, and helped me so, that I determined to keep on with it at all costs, and in spite of what the doctor had said. In an incredibly short space of time I was completely restored, and my voice was soon in grand shape again. They used to tell me that a breath of wind would blow me away, I had got so thin, but PSYCHINE built me up in no time; I am a pretty solid specimen of humanity to-day, having gained in weight and put on flesh all the time."

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The gross earnings of the railways of Canada for the year amounted to \$146,738,214, an increase of \$180,098 over 1907. Operating expenses averaged \$4,672 per mile of line, showing an increase of \$51 per mile over 1907. The percentage of operating expenses to gross earnings was 31.94, an increase of 2.34. Net earnings for 1908 were \$39,614,171, a decrease of \$3,276,366.

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During the year special statistics were gathered with respect to accidents at public crossings. At crossings in cities 20 were killed and 35 injured. At rural crossings 21 were killed and 32 injured. The total number of level crossings guarded in Canada is 3,115; unguarded, 11,884. During the year ten persons were killed and seven injured at protected crossings, or one fatality for every 311 of these crossings, and one person injured for every 45, while one person was killed for every 289 and one injured for every 104 at unprotected crossings. There was a total reduction of 17,600 in the staffs of the railways during the year, but at the same time the wages bill was larger by \$1,657,114. A steady advance in prices has taken place, and the details of operating expenses show.

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The number of passengers carried during the year was 24,044,992, an increase of 1,967,673, or 8.33 per cent, over 1907. The average passenger journey for the year was 61 miles, and the average number of passengers per train 54. The number of tons of freight hauled during the year was 63,071,167, showing a decrease of 794,968 tons, or 1.24 per cent.

The gross earnings of the railways of Canada for the year amounted to \$146,738,214, an increase of \$180,098 over 1907. Operating expenses averaged \$4,672 per mile of line, showing an increase of \$51 per mile over 1907. The percentage of operating expenses to gross earnings was 31.94, an increase of 2.34. Net earnings for 1908 were \$39,614,171, a decrease of \$3,276,366.

The returns with respect to equipment show a substantial increase in motive power and cars during the year. The number of locomotives during 1908, freight cars, 8,202, and passenger cars, 54.

The returns of accidents for 1908 show that 449 persons were killed and 2,347 injured. As compared with 1907 the fatalities were 149 less, but the number of persons injured was greater by 195. The total number of passengers killed was 28, as compared with 70 in 1907. The number injured was 345, as compared with 352 in the preceding year. During the year 224 emigrants were killed and 1,792 injured. There was but one passenger killed to every 1,215,892 carried, and one in 98,691 was injured. Only two passengers were killed in collisions, as compared with 26 during the preceding year. Only eight were killed by derailments, as compared with 21. Of the 190,739 railway employees in Canada one in every 449 was killed, and one in every 56 injured. In the case of trainmen, including all who were directly concerned with the actual running of trains, one in every 168 was killed, and one in every 23 was injured. Of the total fatalities to employees, 133 were caused by collisions, 186 by falling from trains, and 141 in coupling or uncoupling cars.

During the year special statistics were gathered with respect to accidents at public crossings. At crossings in cities 20 were killed and 35 injured. At rural crossings 21 were killed and 32 injured. The total number of level crossings guarded in Canada is 3,115; unguarded, 11,884. During the year ten persons were killed and seven injured at protected crossings, or one fatality for every 311 of these crossings, and one person injured for every 45, while one person was killed for every 289 and one injured for every 104 at unprotected crossings. There was a total reduction of 17,600 in the staffs of the railways during the year, but at the same time the wages bill was larger by \$1,657,114. A steady advance in prices has taken place, and the details of operating expenses show.

The mileage of electric railways in the Dominion increased during 1908 from 814 to 992 miles. The number of

Advertisement for Mother's Bread, featuring a loaf of bread and the text: 'Mother's Bread is made of the best ingredients. Mother knows that good bread and butter is by far the most wholesome food for children. A. M. EWING HAMILTON.'

Advertisement for Railway Figures, featuring a large graphic of a train and the text: 'TRY THE LITTLE RAILWAY SIZE ADMISSION TICKETS For Church Concerts and Entertainments of All Kinds. ONLY \$1.50 PER 1000. Times Printing Co.'

Advertisement for Riordon Paper Mills, Limited, featuring a graphic of a paper mill and the text: 'The Paper on Which "The Times" is Printed is Made by the Riordon Paper Mills, Limited. THEY ALSO MAKE BUILDING PAPER AND ARE THE LARGEST MAKERS OF SULPHITE PULP IN CANADA.'

Advertisement for 'A FINE POINT', featuring a graphic of a typewriter and the text: 'ABDUCTED HER. Young Port Burwell Girl Accuses Two Strangers. Is a Sporting Editor Recognized in Law As An Editor?'

Advertisement for 'CROLENE ANTI-SEPTIC TABLETS', featuring a graphic of a box of tablets and the text: 'CROLENE ANTI-SEPTIC TABLETS. A simple and effective remedy for SORE THROATS AND COUGHS. They combine the germicidal value of Croleline with the soothing properties of slippery elm and licorice. Your druggist or from us, in stamps. Lescage, Mass Co., Limited, Agents, Montreal, Que.'

Advertisement for 'Killed at Carleton Place', featuring a graphic of a train and the text: 'Killed at Carleton Place. Carleton Place, Feb. 25.—William Scott, an employee of the C. P. R., was accidentally killed here this afternoon. He was in the act of taking a ferry across the track, when he fell backwards, striking his head on the rail. He expired almost immediately thereafter.'

THE ASSIZES NEXT WEEK.

List of Cases Entered to Come Up For Trial.

The following is the list of actions that have been entered for trial before Justice Latchford at the Spring Assizes, which open on Monday. There are three criminal cases to be tried—Louis Perrin, aiding and abetting impersonation; James McInerney and Harry Patterson, Dundas, highway robbery, and M. M. Robinson, criminal libel. Mr. Frank Arnold, K. C., of Toronto, will be the Crown prosecutor. The civil list is:

JURY CASES. McComb vs. Grace; \$10,000, death of workman; Lewis & Arroll, plaintiffs; Stanton, O'Heir & Morrison, for defence. Ross vs. Townsend; \$505.30, salary; Ross & Tolson; Stanton, O'Heir & Morrison. Brown vs. T. H. & B. Railway; \$10,000, death of workman; Lee & Farmer; Cahill & Soule. Howell vs. Patterson; \$300, breach of agreement; Biggs & Biggs, Toronto; W. M. McLennan. Lee Sing vs. Lee Hing; \$3,000, damages for false arrest; Puhlow & Ogilvie; Kerr & Thomson. Brown vs. McLennan; \$1,500, negligence; Martin Malone; Lewis & Arroll. Dymont vs. Dymont; to recover \$5,000 legacy; W. E. S. Knowles; Creswick & Alexander; Barrie. Smuck vs. Smuck; \$1,150, breach of agreement; Lewis & Arroll; W. M. McLennan. Gibson vs. Hamilton Street Railway; \$5,000, injury; Kerr & Thomson; Gibson, Osborne, O'Reilly & Levy. Cox vs. Dickenson; injury to child; W. S. McBrayne; Lee & Farmer. Baldwin vs. Soule, et al.; \$200, damages, injury to traveller; Stanton, O'Heir & Morrison; W. H. Duff and Farmer & Scheffer.

NON-JURY CASES.

Martin vs. Union Trust; specific performance; Lee & Farmer; Kerr & Thomson. Webb vs. St. Mary's & Western Ontario Railway Co.; \$90,741.14, money due estate; Bell & Pringle; J. W. Graham; St. Mary's. Reid vs. Robertson; \$566.66 and \$33.34, wages and damages for wrongfully dismissed; S. F. Washington; Lees, Hobson & Stephens. Hamilton Tool vs. Canadian Writer; press; \$1,260, work done; Nesbitt, Gauld & Dickson; S. F. Washington. Bull vs. City; injunction; T. D. J. Farmer; F. R. Waddell vs. City of Hamilton; \$232.28, construction and sidewalk; W. A. H. Duff; F. R. Waddell. Proctor vs. Caracellan; to establish a will; Martin & Martin; Stanton, O'Heir & Morrison; E. D. Cahill, A. C. Beasley; Peter McDonald; F. W. Harcourt; Nesbitt, Gauld & Dickson. Gage vs. Nash; \$500, damages, trespass; W. A. H. Duff; Gibson, Osborne, O'Reilly & Levy. Kennedy vs. Martin; \$250, money lent; W. H. McLennan; Gibson, Osborne, O'Reilly & Levy. Burke vs. Landers; recovery of land; Lees, Hobson & Stephens; Stanton, O'Heir & Morrison. McGregor vs. VanAllen; \$1,215.61, wages; Stanton, O'Heir & Morrison; Kerr, Bull & Co., Toronto. Brown vs. Lee; damages for wrongful detention of machinery; Stanton, O'Heir & Morrison; Betty, Blackstock & Co., Toronto.

THEY HAVE ARRIVED

Fine Samples From Bartlett Mines. Beautiful specimens of native silver from the Bartlett Mines, with all the beauties of a typical blizzard, are on exhibit today at the office of John A. Street & Co., room 503, Bank of Hamilton building. If you have not seen them today, call this evening. The office will be open until 9 p. m. Mr. J. W. Bartlett, of the firm of F. R. Bartlett & Co., is on hand and will give full particulars of the property and of the wonderful future of the Gowganda silver land. E. F. Arthur is the Hamilton representative for the Bartlett Mines. The phone is 364.

GOLD WATCH

For Geo. Riach and Umbrella For Thos. Eaton. The twenty-fifth anniversary of the institution of Barton Tent, K. O. T. M., was celebrated last evening by the holding of a banquet at which there were about 125 of the members and invited guests present. Commander Geo. Riach presided and introduced a toast list consisting of "The King," "Canada," responded to by Sir Knight McLennan; "Sister Tents," by Sir Knight J. H. Robinson, and "Ladies' Hives," by Mrs. Links. The toast list was interspersed with songs by Fred Linke and Thomas Jones, and a recitation by Miss Pearl Bloom. At the conclusion of the programme Sir Knight Commander Geo. Riach was presented with a gold watch and Sir Knight Lieut.-Commander Thomas H. Eaton with a gold-mounted umbrella, on behalf of the Tent, as a token of its appreciation of their long continued and faithful services. Prof. Linke's orchestra provided music for the banquet and dance.

GOETZ CONVICTION QUASHED.

Mr. M. J. O'Reilly, K. C., moved before Judge Monck yesterday to have the conviction of Andrew Goetz, proprietor of the Franklin House, for selling liquor on Feb. 17 last, quashed, on the grounds that there was no evidence to support the conviction. Crown Attorney Washington opposed the motion. His honor quashed the conviction, and Goetz will get his money back.

Gentlemen—Our Store Window

Will be worth your attention the next few days. The swimming reductions on suits, overcoats and hats will wind up this sale in ten days. Be sure and see the bargains.—Frank & Co., 13 and 15 James street north.

Home From England.

Mr. Robert McKay, proprietor of R. McKay & Co., has returned home from an extensive buying trip to England and the continent. Mr. McKay has made elegant selections in all the latest spring specialties, and ladies will be delighted with the numerous goods now being

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

—Tom Longboat was the guest of Jacob Obermeyer, Union Hotel, Wednesday evening.

—Some of the pupils of Miss Gertrude Stares will give a musical entertainment at the boys' Home this evening.

—A distinguished German ecclesiastic, the Archbishop of Lemberg, in Austria, is in the city on a visit to Bishop Dowling.

—Tomorrow's Times will contain a Paris and interesting letter from our Paris correspondent, "Chanteclair." Look for it.

—The members of the Thirteenth Practice Band are requested to attend a regular meeting this Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

—Miss Alfred Hoodless, who is staying with Miss Marjorie Brouse, Toronto, will probably visit Mrs. Oliver Adams before returning home.

—Before Judge Monck this morning the case of C. Reis and C. Giesler was laid over until Thursday next, pending a settlement. The matter is a fine fence dispute. Mr. A. C. Bessley appeared for Reis and N. D. Biggs, K. C., for Giesler.

—In Picquet vs. Guelph & Goderich Railway, H. S. White, for defendants, moved at Toronto, yesterday to postpone trial. A. M. Stewart, for plaintiff, Trial postponed until March 8th, and motion enlarged until that day.

A large number of friends attended the funeral of the late David V. Lewis, which took place yesterday at 2:30 p. m. from his father's residence, 207 Locke street north, to Hamilton Cemetery. Rev. D. Drummond officiated. The pallbearers were three sons, Thomas, David and Winsor, and three cousins, David and George. Many floral tributes were numerous and beautiful.

POLICE TRYING TO GET THEORY

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day. The family refused to give his name.

INSANE MAN THEORY.

All last night plain clothes men and detectives scoured the surrounding country for some trace of the man, but they were forced to admit this morning that they were baffled. There is much to give color to the theory that the deer was seen by that of an insane man. For several weeks that neighborhood has been alarmed over the action of a man, who has attacked respectable women and shocked young girls with his actions.

Witnesses in the south end of the city, occupied a time and portion of those armed by what they had heard of the tragedy, were brightly illuminated last night. There was a genuine scare along Herkimer street, and all night lights burned brightly on front verandahs and inside the houses. Several stout people have discovered that their front door posts have been marked with chalk, a sort of arrow-sign, which is said to be a sign to traps, that the occupants of such houses may be depended upon to assist with money or lodging tickets.

HOW DID HE GET OUT?

Which way the supposed murderer left the house and which way he took to get out of the yard, front or back, is being cleared up now. There was a story that one of the neighbors had seen a man leaving the house a few minutes after 4 o'clock. Detectives Bleakley and Currier investigated this thoroughly, but could not find the person who is alleged to have been seen here. The detectives are thoroughly satisfied that the man did not go by the back fence, as there are no marks in the alley. The back door leads through a little summer kitchen and into the yard and other than this the only entrance to the yard is a gate in the back fence, but no person has been seen the man either leaving or entering the place is a mystery.

BEACH AND COUNTY

Deputation Before Mr. Cochrane Discuss Matters in Dispute.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Toronto, Ont., Feb. 26.—A deputation representing Burlington Beach and Wentworth county waited on Hon. Frank Cochrane this morning to try to come to an agreement in the matter of the Beach's contribution to the county rates. For the county, W. A. G. Wilson, M. P. P., of the County Council, with John L. Counsel as legal adviser; for the Beach, Messrs. Morden, Birge, Parks and Montague. J. G. Farmer was spokesman. Col. Hendrie was present. The party was introduced by G. C. Wilson, M. P. P. The opposing interests presented arguments and then got on opposite sides of the Minister's office and tried to come to an agreement. Col. Hendrie urged a friendly spirit and co-operation. The county made the last offer to reduce the amount from \$250,000 to \$100,000. This was refused. The Beach delegates said they did not wish to exceed \$250 per annum in full of everything. The matter was threshed out for two hours, but no agreement was reached. The whole thing will now have to be fought out in the courts.

IN QUEBEC.

Mrs. Hoodless Honored by the Women of Montreal.

Mrs. Hoodless, of this city, and Miss Watson, Principal of the Macdonald School for Girls at Guelph, were the guests of Dr. Robertson, of the Macdonald School at St. Ann's, Quebec, the first part of the week, and thoroughly inspected the institution. Mrs. Hoodless delivered an address to the students, who gave her a great ovation as the pioneer of the work in Canada. On Thursday the ladies were the guests of the Presidential head of the Montreal Council of Women at a luncheon given at the Windsor Hotel. Mrs. Hoodless, who is chairman of the technical education section of the International Council of Women, gave an interesting address on the coming meeting of the International.

A Wonderful Display.

We are making a display of McLaren's invincible extracts and instantaneous jelly powders that is really wonderful. We extend an invitation to call and see the beautiful effects obtainable in preparing dishes with McLaren's jelly powder. Mrs. Wright, who has charge of the demonstration, will be pleased to give you all information concerning the mode of preparation, and we are sure a visit will be a pleasure and a profit to you. Peebles, Hobson & Co., Limited.

LONGBOAT AT SAVOY.

Tom Longboat, the famous Indian runner, will be the guest of Manager Jack Appleton at the Savoy Theatre to-night. He and his wife will occupy one of the front boxes, and it is likely a big crowd will welcome him.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

It seems that Inspector Birrell's "Indian list" was ultra vires or something.

The commotion at the City Hall is said to be growing worse instead of better, and no man knows what will happen next.

If those girls who were in Police Court yesterday were padding around the streets at that time of night, what were they narrow thinking about? If they have any, they should be made to tell.

Of course, it is understood that the Board of Works will have all the money it needs, and that a good roads by-law is not now needed.

You will notice that, since he went to Ottawa, Mr. Stewart has done nothing for Hamilton, not even put in a good word for the reversion wall. It was a sorry day for Hamilton when Mr. Zimmerman got left.

I understand from a reliable source that the grocers' picnic will be held at Niagara Falls this year, at least that is the probability, although I have not yet seen Ad. Ford or Mr. Ballentine.

I think the easier way would be for the members of the Indian list to wear a distinguishing badge or medal for the hotel men to see.

When titled ladies gladly go to prison for an idea they made be something in it.

Is the Hamilton Improvement Society dead for good or only for a time? Another summer campaign might work wonders. The back alleys aren't too clean yet, and some of the boulevards are looking quite frowny.

What's become of the Desjardins Interurban Electric Railway that was knocking for admission at our western gates? Also, John Patterson might report progress as to when he will put up Dundurn Park.

Do you read the true-detective stories that are appearing in Saturday's Times? Quite interesting and getting better all the time. No, they don't hurt boys or anybody else who read them.

When is justice to be done to Hamilton in the matter of a technical college? Premier Whitney makes no promise yesterday. And Hon. Mr. Hendrie had nothing to say.

My two local contemporaries seem very anxious to have Mr. Heddle quit the City Hall. Is it an effort to compromise the man with the civic rulers?

The courage of these British women suffragists may be more remarkable than their discretion. But most reforms, and this may be one, have been gained by courageous leaders.

Truth is oftentimes stranger than fiction. If that Malone-Wilkins-Simcoe case formed the plot of a novel it would be deemed absurd.

Take a look at this evening's Times ads. You may see the very thing you want.

I am asked by the mountaineers to remind the aldermen when they are placing the new electric lights not to forget Mount Hamilton. They don't want to fall over the brow in the dark and break their necks.

TWO IN ONE.

Court International Joins Forces With Court Orient.

There was the usual large attendance of members at the regular meeting of Court Orient, Independent Order of Foresters, last night. Four applications for membership were received and three initiated. One member received the first instalment of his old age annuity, amounting to \$250. An important feature of the business of the evening was the consolidation of Court International with Court Orient. This event had been in contemplation for some time, the result being a large turn-out of the members of the youngest court in the city to proceed with the formalities of amalgamation with one of the big, strong, healthy courts. Bro. Robert H. Foster, High Chief Ranger, performed the ceremony, while Bro. Wm. Allan, the presiding officer of Court Orient, warmly welcomed the members from the northeast end, and assured them that the action taken would certainly be of a beneficial character in the interests of Forestry. Bro. Thompson, Chief Ranger of Court International, in a graceful manner thanked the officials of Court Orient for the kindly feelings extended, and intimated that he and his associates would continue to exert themselves in the upbuilding of the membership and welfare of the combined court. After the regular business had been concluded, good cigars, pipes and tobacco were plentifully supplied, and progressive eulphre took up the remainder of the evening.

DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE.

The officers of Hamilton Municipal Chapter, Daughters of the Empire, held a meeting in the Y. W. C. A. parlour for the annual meeting, which will be held on Monday afternoon at 3:30 in Centenary Sunday school. Mrs. Nordheimer, Toronto, President of the National Council, and Mrs. George, Secretary of the National Council, will address the meeting. Mrs. P. D. Crear will entertain the ladies at 5 o'clock tea.

ANOTHER BRANCH.

Yesterday the Lyons Tailoring Co., of Hamilton, opened at Windsor their sixth branch store in Ontario. The manager of their Windsor store, as in the case of their other branches, is a custom tailor and cutter of acknowledged repute. The Lyons people have earned an enviable reputation for the production of snappy, stylish cut and splendidly tailored clothes to measure. Starting in a very modest way, the Lyons business has assumed such proportions as to require upwards of 10,000 square feet of floor space, and is growing rapidly. "Keeping everlastingly at it brings success," and the proud position the Lyons Tailoring Co. occupy today reflects credit not only upon themselves, but brings an added prestige to Hamilton. We need more of these growing industries.

\$500 REWARD

Will be paid by the City of Hamilton, Canada, for such information as will lead to the arrest and conviction of the murderer of Ethel Kirade who was shot and killed at her home in said city on the afternoon of the 25th February, 1909. Description of murderer: Age about 35 years; height, about 5 ft., 7 or 8 inches; stout build, medium dark complexion, long wavy dark hair, mustache drooping over mouth. Wore dark suit and dark overcoat and black elouch hat. In case more parties than one claim a share in the reward the same shall be proportioned by the Board of Police Commissioners of Hamilton. S. H. KENT, City Clerk.

Habit

People often talk about the strength of habits—bad habits; but good habits are just as strong, and the strongest habit of all, when once acquired, is the Savings habit.

One dollar will open an interest-bearing account with the Dominion Bank.

GET THE SAVINGS HABIT.

The DOMINION BANK Main Office—39 MacNab St. N. East End Branch—Corner King and Wentworth Sts. W. K. PEARCE, Manager.

DEATHS

COOMBS—In this city on Wednesday, February 24th, 1909, Jane Fisher, beloved wife of James Coombs, of Port William (formerly of this city) aged 48 years. Funeral from the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. George Coombs, 131 Stanley avenue, on Saturday at 2:30 p. m., to Hamilton Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers. Fort William papers please copy.

INGLEHART—At the City Hospital on Friday, 25th February, 1909, James H. Inglehart, aged 72 years. Funeral from the residence of his son-in-law, V. H. Carpenter, 125 Main street west, Monday at 2 p. m. to St. Paul's station. Interment at St. Andrew's Church, Grimsby.

KINRADE—At No. 126 Herkimer street on Thursday, 25th February, 1909, Elizabeth Caroline, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Kinrade, aged 23 years. Funeral Sunday at 2 p. m. Interment at Hamilton Cemetery.

THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS—Fair and comparatively mild, local snow flurries to-night. Saturday northerly winds and mostly fair with a little lower temperature.

WEATHER NOTES.

The storm is dispersing over the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The weather is decidedly cold from the Ottawa Valley to the Maritime Provinces and moderate and cold in Western Ontario and Manitoba.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Eastern States and Northern New York—Rain or snow, warmer tonight and Saturday, except fair in extreme north portion to-night; moderate variable winds, becoming southerly.

Western New York—Snow or variable tonight and Saturday; warmer to-night.

MEADOWS' TRIAL.

Case of Buffalo Society Man is Up in Criminal Court. He is Accused of Failing to Deliver Stock Valued at \$72,000.

Buffalo, Feb. 26.—From the proud position of senior member of a brokerage firm that dealt in thousands of dollars' worth of stocks each day, to that of bankrupt; from a popular clubman and society man to face a charge of grand larceny, was the situation that confronted Harold G. Meadows yesterday morning when he seated himself in criminal court before Justice Brown, who is to preside at his trial. William E. Silverthorne is the man who brought the grand larceny charge against "Harold" Meadows. When he obtained the warrant for the arrest of the broker, Mr. Silverthorne stated under oath that he ordered Mr. Meadows to purchase for him \$72,000 worth of U. S. Steel stock; that he received word that the stock had been purchased; that he returned to Buffalo on a honeymoon and returned to find the brokerage firm bankrupt, and that he has been unable to secure either his stock or the cheque for \$72,000 which he sent to Meadows, Williams & Co.

There are other indictments against "Harold" Meadows, but the Silverthorne charges were given precedence over all others, presumably because Mr. Silverthorne was the first to state that he would either get his money or try to send Meadows to jail. Mr. Silverthorne is a former lumber operator who is intimately acquainted with society leaders in Buffalo, Chicago and several southern cities. He is vice-president of a Chicago betting firm and is reputed to be a millionaire.

Steamship Arrivals.

February 26.—Atlantic—At New York, from Southampton. R. D. Hall—At New York, from Genoa. February 27.—Atlantic—At New York, from Southampton. Genoa—At New York, from Trieste. Numidian—At Philadelphia, from Glasgow. Canadian—At Boston, from Liverpool. Cruise—At Queensbury, from Boston. Bostonian—At Liverpool, from Boston. Lancastrian—At London, from New York. Rydman—At Boston, from New York. La Provence—At Havre, from New York. Columbia—At Madeira, from New York. Galatia—At Marselles, from New York. Groszer Kurort—At Genoa, from New York. Genoa—At New York, from Copenhagen. California—At Cape Haze, from Glasgow. Carlsbergian—At Halifax, from Glasgow. Pomeranian—At Halifax, from Havre.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the shareholders of The J. Stone Company, Limited, will be held at the office of the company, No. 11 King street east, Hamilton, Ontario, on Wednesday, March 10th, 1909, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon. E. J. MOORE, Secretary. Hamilton, Ontario, February 25th, 1909.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WANTED—EXPERIENCED HOUSEMAID. References required. Apply Mrs. R. Moodie, "Bliss Bonnie," Bay street south.

\$1.25 For Saturday \$1.25 For 69c

Last Day of Treble's Greatest Spring Shirt Sale--Final Sweep-Out

Tomorrow night at 11 o'clock will bring to close the most successful shirt sale Hamilton has ever seen, and no wise man can allow this golden opportunity to pass unheeding, for long will be the day before such values will delight Hamilton men again.

WARNING—The last day values will not allow dilatory shopping, so be on hand early. Sizes 14 to 18.

Your Last Chance to Buy \$1.25 Spring 69c Half Price Men's Suspenders, Reg. 25c 50c, for

90c, Shirts, English Oxfords, regular \$1.25 and \$1.50. 40c, Boys' Shirts, regular 75c. 60c, Men's Night Shirts, regular \$1. \$1.50, Shirts, best English materials, regular \$2.00 and \$2.50.

Irresistible Values in Boot Dept.

Corner King and John \$2.75, worth \$3.50 \$3.75, worth \$4.00 Velour or Dongola. Men's Goodyear welts, box calf.

Leather \$3.39 worth \$4.00 Limited Box Calf Bluchers, solid leather.

TREBLE'S Two Stores

N.E. Cor King and James N.E. Cor. King and John

Women's Accounts

are especially welcomed by this Bank. Not only is absolute safety assured, but every convenience is extended, and both officers and employees are glad to give every possible assistance.

There is a comfortable reception room, provided with writing materials and desks.

None but new money, whether coin or paper, is given to the Bank's customers.

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that they will refund your money if after you buy a bottle of Partke's Cough Balsam it fails to give satisfaction. This Balsam is recommended in all cases of coughs and colds. It is healing and soothing to the bronchial tubes, and by the liberal guarantee attached to each bottle you can't lose, because it is either a cure or your money back. Fifty cents per bottle.

Partke's Cough Balsam

17, 19, 21 & 23 Market St. 22 & 24 MacNab St. W.

AUCTION SALE

Pursuant to the powers of sale contained in a certain mortgage, which will be produced at the time of sale, there will be offered for sale, by public auction on Saturday, the 13th day of March, A. D. 1909, at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, at the office of William Bowerman in the Bank of Hamilton Building in the City of Hamilton, auctioneer, the following property:

Part of lots numbers 13 and 15 in Manby's survey, being 67 Stanley avenue, in the said City of Hamilton.

75 PER CENT. OF THE BALANCE OF THE PURCHASE MONEY TO BE PAID AT THE TIME OF SALE AND THE BALANCE WITHIN THIRTY DAYS THEREAFTER.

The property will be sold subject to a reverse bid, and also subject to a prior mortgage thereon, for the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, and subject to the existing tenancy.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to Lees, Hobson & Co., Bank of Hamilton Building, Hamilton, Ontario, for the vendor.

Dated the 25th day of February, A. D. 1909.

AMUSEMENTS GRAND To-night The Irish Comedian CHAS. MACK Is a Member of Ireland's COME BACK TO ERIN SEATS ON SALE

SAVOY PHONE 2191 Mads., Puss., Thurs and Sat. JOSEPH SELMAN CO. Presents The Great Dramatic Play NELL GWYNN PRICES: Mar. 10, 15, 25c. Feb. 15, 25, 35, 50c. Souvenir Matinee every Tuesday.

BENNETT'S Hamilton's Home of Variety Mr. and Mrs. GARDNER GRAY & CO. Presenting Pixley's Prodigious KINGSTON JOHN W. WORLD & MINDEL KINGSTON. Damm Bros., Arthur Rigby and others. Matinee daily, 10, 15, 25c. Evening, 15, 25, 35, 50c. Seats now on sale. Phone 353.

ALEXANDRA TO-NIGHT Ancaster Session 15 SKATING NUMBERS. The Alexandra patrons should welcome the variety of skating with the crowd. No advance in prices. Balcony 10c.

THISTLE RINK Good Ice. Band To-night Also Saturday night if weather permits.

Britannia Roller Rink. TO-NIGHT 15 Skating Numbers SATURDAY NIGHT "LOWMYER" BAND. Skating 7:30-11 o'clock. Irish Carnival, March 17.

COLD STORAGE Rooms for the storage of Fruits, Meats, Vegetables, Cheese, Butter and Furs. APPLY TO F. W. FEARMAN CO., LIMITED REBECCA STREET

LISTEN TO THIS This is the last week of this giving away sale and it has been the best ever had. Every lady that came to our show rooms went away with a genuine bargain and now for these few days we will give you ladies' bonnets at half price, all felt shapes at half price. A number of those 10c felt shapes on sale yet. Come and get one. All trimmed hats in stock from New York. See these new black silk turbans for mourning wear just in from New York, only \$2.50 each. Come and see them. We are making this the best week of all to clear out the stock to make room for the imported goods that are coming in, also the novelties from New York, the result of Mrs. Hinman's visit to that great millinery centre.

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