

DIVISION IN THE LEGISLATURE; THE GOVERNMENT SUSTAINED

Three Weeks' Debate On Speech From Throne Ended— Government Approved 48 to 45.

PREMIER BRINGS DOWN THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Feb. 4. — Premier Ross today demonstrated his right to hold the reins of government in Ontario, the first division of the session resulting in a Government majority of 3, the vote standing 48 to 45. The seemingly intolerable debate was concluded after three weeks' duration, Mr. Hanna being the only speaker of the afternoon. The division was upon Mr. Hoyle's amendment censuring the Government for calling the House into session for the purpose of recording his vote for the Government. Mr. Adam Beck, who was absent, was paired with Mr. D. C. Cameron. The only other pair was that of Henry Carscallen with J. R. Barber. Tomorrow will be private members' day. The House adjourned at 5 p. m. with the intention of delaying the election trials. The Liberal members evidenced their splendid loyalty to their leader, each arising in his place and recording his vote for the Government. Mr. Adam Beck, who was absent, was paired with Mr. D. C. Cameron. The only other pair was that of Henry Carscallen with J. R. Barber. Tomorrow will be private members' day. The House adjourned at 5 p. m. with the intention of delaying the election trials.

TRANS-ATLANTIC FREIGHT RATES

Service to the United Kingdom Badly Demoralized.

BIG CONFERENCE AT NEW YORK

American Steamship Lines and C. P. R. Meet But Fail to Reach an Agreement.

New York, Feb. 5. — One of the most important conferences of steamship men here in years has just been held. Agents and representatives of practically all the lines operating between Atlantic ports and the United Kingdom were present. The object of the gathering was to see if the current demoralization in the trans-Atlantic freight business could not be ended by a concerted action. The minimum rate agreement under which the lines have been working for two years or more expires by limitation in a few days. The meeting was for the purpose of seeing if some common ground of renewal could not be found. There was little hope of reaching an agreement, and the conference broke up without definite date for re-assembling, and with a prevailing belief that the freight situation will now become so bad that the demoralization itself will force the lines to come together. Meanwhile, the freight brokers report that, while the old agreement had not officially expired, it has had a premature death in that it has been entirely ignored for ten days or more, and that large contracts for freight for the coming month have been made at rates favorable for shipping. These contracts are now a barrier to any immediate negotiations for a new agreement. The London lines, it is understood, patched up somewhat of a new agreement a few days ago, but no formal agreement has been entered into. The lines represented in the conference operate to the United Kingdom from all ports on the coast from New York to Portland, Me., and included also the Canadian Pacific steamers. Continental lines were not represented.

THE FIRST DIVISION

Imperial Government Has Majority of 86 on First Vote.

London, Feb. 5. — In the ultimate division in the House of Commons today on Mr. Robson's amendment to the address, the Government had a majority of 86, the vote being 192 for, and 278 against the amendment.

THOUGHT GIRL WAS SATAN

An Infant Woman Chokes Her Daughter to Death.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 5. — In the presence of her two daughters, Lou and Maggie, Patsy Eligan, living on a plantation eight miles from Walterboro, Colleton County, yesterday, nearly 17 years old, and clutching her by the throat, choked her until she was dead. The two sisters, who were in the room at the time of the tragedy, seem to know little of the crime except that they helped to carry the body of their mother to an adjoining room at the command of their mother. An inquest was held, the jury finding that the deceased came to her death at the hands of her mother by choking. Patsy was committed to jail, charged with the murder of her own child. In prison the woman denied the killing of her daughter, but said she had killed the devil and that she did so at the command of Christ. She professed to have communicated with the other world, and when questions were put to her she would place her ear to the wall of her cell and receive her answer before replying.

GREAT FIRE AT BUCKINGHAM, QUE.

Three Business Blocks and Several Hotels Burned.

COMMERCIAL HOUSE DESTROYED

Many Stores and Offices Wiped Out— Loss Very Great—Fire Still Raging.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 5. — A special from Buckingham, Que., says that shortly before midnight fire broke out in the Commercial House there, and it is still raging. The Commercial House, Thomas Brule, proprietor, is a total wreck, together with the remainder of the block, consisting of Dr. Rodrigue's drug store and John Cosgrove's general store. The Commercial House contained McCullum's saddlery and furniture store, the upper part being occupied by the Masonic Hall and I. O. F. lodge rooms. T. J. Thompson's bar, store, Bernard's block, the latter contained the Buckingham Hotel, T. Senchal, proprietor; Bernard's shoe store, Feller's confectionery, P. Ague's bar, shop, and a Chinese laundry, Albert Storey's grocery and F. J. Wilson's shoe store. The Commercial House, McCullum & Lahaie's loss alone being over \$30,000.

HANNA HAS TYPHOID

Physicians of the Ohio Senator Issue a Bulletin.

Washington, Feb. 5. — Senator Hanna is officially pronounced to have typhoid fever. The following bulletin was issued by the physicians immediately after the consultation at 9 o'clock this morning: "Senator Hanna has typhoid fever. The diagnosis is confirmed by the complete blood examination reported this morning by Dr. Edward Behrson. The senator seemed fairly well last night and this morning his temperature is 100, pulse 82." President Roosevelt walked over from the White House this morning personally to inquire after the senator's condition. He spent ten minutes at the hotel.

GOT AWAY WITH \$5,000

An Express Messenger Robbed of Big Shipment of Gold.

New York, Feb. 5. — A dispatch to the "World" from Sterling, Ill., says nearly \$5,000 in gold has been stolen from an express messenger of the Adams Express company here. The thieves escaped. The express car was attached to a Chicago, Burlington and Quincy train, Sterling being the terminus. The express messenger, Fred Harmon, had just placed the canvas sack containing the gold on a truck. A moment later he discovered that the sack was gone. The theft was done in an instant and the messenger did not get a glimpse of the thieves.

WILL BE DEPORTED

Manila, Feb. 5. — Sixto Lopez, the well-known Filipino agitator, whose unfriendly disposition toward American rule in the Philippines has been exhibited before, has arrived here and refused to take the oath of allegiance. He will be deported.

WIDOWS AND FATHERLESS

Families of the Dead Miners Sent Back to Austria.

Pittsburg, Feb. 5.—Fifteen widows and their families, bereft by the Cheswick disaster, have been ticketed to Vienna and Trieste, Austria, by the relief committee. In all over 100 widows of foreigners who lost their lives will be sent back to Europe.

HAMLET'S CASTLE

Famous Building Threatened With Destruction by Undermining Tiles.

New York, Feb. 5. — The Danish castle of Kronborg, famous as the Elsinore of Shakespeare's "Hamlet," is threatened, according to an American dispatch from Berlin, by destruction by the undermining of the Kattogat. The foundations are seriously damaged and the castle may have to be pulled down, together with the rampart on which the ghost of Hamlet's father appeared.

MURDERED BY HEREROS

Two German Officials and Two Correspondents Butchered.

Berlin, Feb. 5. — Telegraphic communication with Windhoek, German Southwest Africa, has been restored. The authorities there cable that the Hereros murdered Assistant Director Hoepner, of the colonial bureau, and Herr Watermeyer, an agricultural expert. No information regarding the fate of Herr Muellerhoff, the Cologne correspondent's correspondent, is given. The forestry expert, has been obtained by the authorities. Both of these men are reported to have been murdered.

THOUGHT IT "BLUFF"

Bannerman Tells Commons Some Anti-War History.

London, Feb. 5. — An interesting little bit of anti-war history was revealed by the Liberal leader, Sir Henry Bannerman, in the House of Commons today, in the course of the debate on the amendment to the address, in reply to the speech from the throne. Sir Henry said that when Mr. Chamberlain interviewed him on June 20, 1898, prior to the war, and asked him if the Opposition would support the Government in sending out 10,000 troops to Cape Colony, he, Sir Henry, expressed surprise, whereupon Mr. Chamberlain said: "You need not be alarmed. There will be no fighting. We know those fellows won't fight. We are playing a game of bluff." Sir Henry said the Opposition refused the request.

ROUGH ON BUCHANAN

College Principal Asks Mercy for Soul of United States President.

Columbia, Mo., Feb. 5. — President R. H. Jesse, in his conation address at the opening of the second semester of Missouri University, created a stir by naming the presidents of the United States whom he considered the five great champions of education, and holding up Buchanan and others as contrary examples.

MR. BLUEBEARD'S TROUBLE

Peculiar Litigation Arising Out of Irish Folklore.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—The United States Government has become a party to the complications growing out of the Irish folk tale of "Bluebeard," said to be the most pretentious extravaganza ever sent on the road in America, was owned in England, and the scenery, costumes and properties were covered by bond in the New York custom house when they were brought here.

MR. WHITNEY'S FUNERAL

Many Americans of Prominence in Attendance at Obsequies.

New York, Feb. 5. — Funeral services over the remains of William C. Whitney, former secretary of the United States navy were held today at Grace Episcopal Church. Rev. Dr. William R. Huntington conducted the services, Bishop Doane, of Albany, also participating. In the assemblage which filled the body of the large church were many men of the highest prominence in New York and the United States, representatives of the various interests with which Mr. Whitney had been connected.

WEATHER BULLETIN

TOMORROW—SNOW AND SLEET.

London, Friday, Feb. 5. Sun rises 7:21 a.m. Moon rises 10:46 p.m. Sun sets 5:32 p.m. Moon sets 3:59 a.m. Toronto, Feb. 4—5 p.m. This morning the temperature over the greater portion of Canada, east of the Rockies was zero or below, and the day has been very cold. Light snow has fallen in the Territories and also locally in Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 42—48; Kamloops, 24—28; Calgary, 8 below—zero; Qu'Appelle, 20 below—zero; Parry Sound, 19 below—10; Toronto, 4 below—10; Ottawa, 14 below—8; Montreal, 2 below—6; Quebec, 12 below—2; Halifax, 2—22.

SIX BURNED TO DEATH

Overheated Stove Starts Disastrous Fire at Trenton, Pa.

Mahanoy City, Pa., Feb. 5. — Six persons, all foreigners, were burned to death early today at Trenton, near here. The fire destroyed six double dwellings. John Checonski and his 7-year-old son, were among the victims. The names of the others are not known. The fire started from an overheated stove.

ENTIRE TOWN SWALLOWED UP

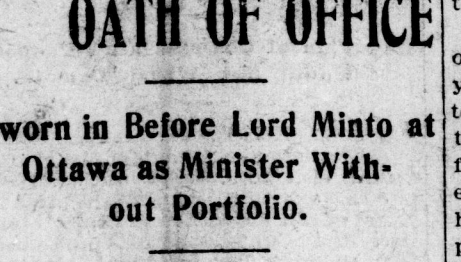
Great Loss of Life by Volcanic Eruption On the Island of Java.

Amsterdam, Holland, Feb. 5. — Advice received here say that an entire town in the Island of Java, Dutch East Indies, is reported to have been swallowed up by a volcanic eruption and that hundreds of persons were killed.

MR. HYMAN TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

Sworn in Before Lord Minto at Ottawa as Minister Without Portfolio.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 5. — Mr. C. S. Hyman, M. P., was sworn in a member of the cabinet today without portfolio. The swearing in ceremony took place at the office of the Governor General in the eastern block at 12:45.



C. S. HYMAN, M. P. FOR LONDON, Sworn in this morning as Cabinet Minister.

The member for London is one of the most popular members of the House, and has a host of friends at the capital, who are today congratulating him on his appointment. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. James Sutherland and Hon. Raymond Prefontaine were present when Mr. Hyman took the oath of privilege councillor from Lord Minto.

HOPE OF PEACE IS ABANDONED

20,000 Russian Troops Massed in Yalu Valley.

READY TO SEIZE NORTH KOREA

Japanese Newspapers Have Given Up All Hopes of Peace Being Maintained.

London, Feb. 5. — A dispatch to the Central News Agency from Tokyo says that the newspapers there publish Telegrams, saying that 20,000 Russian troops have been concentrated in the Yalu Valley, with the probable intention of seizing North Korea. It is added that hope of maintaining peace has been abandoned.

THREE DEAD IN MONTREAL BLAZE

Mrs. Edward Crawford, Her Son and Son-in-Law Lose Life in Early Morning Fire.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 5. — Three sleeping inmates of a dwelling at 773 Cadieux street, were suffocated early this morning; four others were badly burned and injured. Two of these probably will die. The dead are Mrs. Edward Crawford, 40 years of age; William Hogan, 15, son; James Hogan, 21, son-in-law. The injured, infant son of James Hogan, badly burned, will die; Edward Crawford, 40 years, burned all over body, probably will die; Thomas Harve, 35 years of age, face and hands burned.

A PUBLIC BEAUTY

Princess of Pleas Stars Again in London Society.

London, Feb. 5. — Once more the Princess of Pleas is the most talked about beauty of the British Empire. Since the little discussion in the fall of 1901 over the reputed and disputed authorship of "Elizabeth and Her German Garden," the fair-haired and violet-eyed daughter of Mrs. Cornwallis West has not appeared much as a topic of print, but her astonishing success as one of the ugly sisters in the pantomime "Cinderella" presented before the King at Chatsworth, has again brought her into the public light.

WEATHER NOTES

The weather continues very cold throughout the Dominion. A storm which entered the continent from the Pacific yesterday morning is moving toward the great lakes. A heavy snowfall has occurred in the Northwest Territories.

WEATHER NOTES

Local temperatures: Thursday—Highest, 10° above; lowest, 8.5° below.

Fatal Wreck in East London Yards of the C. P. R.—Fireman Geo. Hunter Killed

Number Five Express From the East Crashes Into the Rear End of a Freight Train—Hunter Jumped and Met an Instant Death—Engine and Cars Wrecked— Passengers Escape Injury.

George Hunter, a C. P. R. fireman, of Toronto, lies dead in this city, having met his death this afternoon in a wreck which occurred on the main line, just east of Adelaide street. Hunter was the fireman on engine No. 5, attached to passenger train No. 5, due here at 11:30 o'clock. John Abernethy, also of Toronto, was the driver, and he was badly shaken up, but it is not thought that his injuries will be serious.

The accident occurred as a result of overcrowding in the yards here. The yards were full, and it was necessary to make up the freight on the main line tracks, along which No. 5 was due from the east at 11:30. The train, however, was late—reported an hour and a half—and it was thought it would be possible to make up the freight before it would arrive. Just to the east of the scene of the accident there is a curve which would prevent an engine driver seeing any train ahead any distance, and as the passenger train came in this afternoon, not quite an hour and a half late, she crashed into the freight almost before the engine driver was aware of the danger of an accident.

Abernethy struck his passenger train, and he was badly shaken up, but there may be serious results. However, nothing could be reported at the time as to what complications might arise. He was not in a fit condition to give any idea of how the accident happened. Both of the men are married. Hunter, who is a young man, has a wife and family in Toronto.

SCENE OF THE WRECK

The scene of the accident is at the foot of Carling's Heights, and on the north side of the track there is a clear space, where hundreds of people who heard of the news congregated. The second to the last car of the freight was badly enough smashed and thrown off the track, but it was to the last car that the greatest amount of damage happened. The train was to be largely of beef, but the last car at least, contained other freight. The chief merchandise consisted of barrels of groceries.

People who saw the accident from a distance say that when the engine struck the car the debris was thrown into the air three times as high as the car. The car was completely smashed, and some idea of what a sight it was may be imagined when it is said that twice as high as the ordinary car were the wheels imbedded in the broken wood. The engine was partly under the ruins, and also damaged.

CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT

The cause of the accident is a matter the railway officials will settle. At this place it is difficult to see any distance ahead, coming from the east, owing to the curve, but there is a semaphore a few hundred yards east of where the accident happened, and this afternoon it was set against the express train. Some say that even if the semaphore was set against the passenger it would be hard for the driver or fireman to see it, coming around the curve, as at this time there were engines at the east end of the yard on the other tracks, and the steam from them would hide the semaphore altogether.

Dr. English was on the scene this afternoon, and was attending to the injured men. Dr. English also went through the passenger cars to see if any passengers needed attention, but no one was hurt. The shock was very severe, as the train was going at about 35 miles an hour, and how all the passengers escaped is something of a mystery. No. 5 was switched off on to a siding until the track could be cleared.

SUPERINTENDENT'S STATEMENT

Mr. Murphy, superintendent of the C. P. R., was interviewed by The Advertiser, and denied that there was any engine in the yards from which escaping steam could prevent the engineer of No. 5 seeing the semaphore, and he stated positively that the agent was not to blame. He said: "It is another unfortunate occurrence of men running past signals. All I can say is that I cannot see why the engine ever ran past the semaphore. I understand he is a very good man, but I cannot see how he could pass the semaphore unless he did not have his eyes open. The signal was set against him, and there was no engine in the yard whose steam could interfere with his seeing it. As to the passenger train, it was not hurt, except that the mail car was slightly damaged. The shock was not very great, and the passengers, of whom there were not many, did not suffer any injury at all."

CLEVER ROGUE OF MANY ALIASES

Engineered Many Swindles Throughout Britain.

HE HAD 22 DIFFERENT NAMES

Plundered One Gentleman of \$20,000— Quoted the Judge Who Condemned Him.

London, Feb. 5. — One of the most versatile rogues of his time is James Byrne, who stood with melancholy face in the dock at the Old Bailey yesterday. Under 22 different names he has dabbled in nearly every variety of fraud, and exhibited ingenuity enough to have made his fortune in an honest way.

Now, at the age of 37, he begins three years' penal servitude. One of Byrne's devices for getting money was the founding of "correspondence colleges," which he set up in London, Gloucester and other places. Having worked on that vein, he established the "R. Constabulary Gazette," in Dublin at absconded a few days later. At different times he ran a bogus "handwriting competition," and a publication company, and was a fish salesman. Billingsgate, which stock he obtained by fraud. Only a few weeks after he had undergone eighteen months' labor he was found conducting a fishing business on the old lines. Finally he took office in the Strand as a clerk and a printer, and launched to a big swindling scheme. He was a victim of his own greed, and by this time scores of people all over the country. His dupes he defrauded sums varying from £15 to £500. One gentleman at Wisbech, he plundered of £4,500.

With a delightful audacity he even sent out circulars signed Judge Addison, of the Society court, as saying that he ought to turn his business into a "liability company." He really had said—as his honest ally pointed out in his own day—was that, owing to the state of the law, people were forming themselves into limited companies, being given every facility for swindling the public, and, therefore, that every man who did not turn up as a company.

It was for the Strand swindler that Byrne was yesterday sentenced to three years' penal servitude. He was a "millionaire" in the past, but he lost it all in a moment. His trial lasted three days, and his defense was a masterpiece of cleverness. He was a "millionaire" in the past, but he lost it all in a moment. His trial lasted three days, and his defense was a masterpiece of cleverness.

SWEET OVERBO

New York, Feb. 5. — A boy was washed overboard from the steamer Bluecher, while day; another fell and broke his leg; and a third was injured. The crew countered a succession of gales and very rough seas.

Saturday Sale OF Ladies' Kid Gloves

You may not need a new pair of Gloves now, but you will before long, and you cannot afford to let this snap go by without taking advantage of it. They are odd lines, in assorted shades; sizes 5 1/2, 6, 6 1/2, 6 3/4, 7, 7 1/4, 7 1/2. The regular prices were 75c to \$1.25. Perfectly made and splendid value. On sale all day Saturday and Saturday night, your choice, per pair.....

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Ladies' Corsets, regular \$1.25 lines, in sizes 18 and 19 only, to clear at less than half price, each.....	2 pieces Cardinal Felt (72 inches wide), regular 75c, for, per yard.....
Misses' Combination Suits, only a few left, regular 75c, to clear at, per suit	Fine Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, extra value. Saturday sale only, each.....
Dark Flannelettes, striped patterns, 32 in. wide, regular 8c, Saturday sale, 22 yards for.....	Damask 5 O'Clock Tea Covers, worth 50c, Sat. sale, each.....

THE COAL SITUATION

Agreement Between Operators and Men Not Yet Reached.
Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 5. — Vice-President Bellingham, of the Pittsburgh district to the Indianapolis joint convention of United Mine Workers and operators, said that the joint scale committee will be again reconvened in a short time, and that upon the outcome of this meeting depends future action. If the scale committee cannot agree there will be another convention in Indianapolis to consider future action. He added that the situation in the bituminous district is serious. It is significant that in the differentials on pick and machine mined coal, outside scales and other points for which the miners have been fighting for years, are now comparatively lost sight of, and the crucial is the wage question problem.

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STORMIEST ON RECORD

SS. Pretorian Has Fierce Struggle With the Atlantic.

Halifax, Feb. 5. — The steamer Pretorian, which arrived last night, had a very stormy passage, but suffered no serious damage. On Jan. 26 she ran into a hurricane when 1,150 miles from the coast, and the machinery was deranged, the main stop-valve of the engine was fractured, and after several hours' hard work the engineers required it, and the steamer then proceeded, but the weather was so bad that only 57 miles were made. Captain Jackson says that it was the worst passage of his 35 years' experience at sea. The skylights were smashed and some deck damage done. The Pretorian brought Captain Silver Sea, which was abandoned on Jan. 2. The crew were five days in an open boat without food or water when rescued by the barge Lawton and taken to Liverpool.

BRITISH ARMY REFORMS

Several War Office Heads Given Notice of Dismissal.

London, Feb. 5. — In pursuance of the army reforms all the heads of department of the war office yesterday received letters of dismissal, and were notified that they will be employed elsewhere. Lord Roberts, commander-in-chief of the forces; Lieut.-General Lord Grenfell, commanding the Fourth Army Corps; Lieut.-General Sir John French, in command of the First Army Corps, and Sir William Butler, commanding the west district, have been invited to join the new army council. In the House of Commons Mr. Robinson (Liberal) moved an amendment to the address setting forth that the evidence presented to the war commission disclosed grave mismanagement and negligence on the part of the Government during the South African war. The Robinson severely criticised Premier Balfour and former Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, and at the conclusion of his remarks asked if ministers capable of such conduct were fit to conduct the affairs of the nation. Mr. McNamara (Radical) seconded the amendment. Mr. Wyndham, secretary for Ireland, in reply, defended the Government. He admitted mistakes had been made, but insisted they were due to an inadequate army system. Acting with the machinery of those days, he said, the Government did not stand condemned. It must stand or fall by the report of the commission, which discredited some of the evidence because it was conflicting.

ESSEX CONSERVATIVES.

Essex, Ont., Feb. 5. — Yesterday, at the Conservative convention in Essex, candidates for both the Dominion and Local Legislatures were nominated. Lewis Wile received the unanimous nomination for the Dominion House. For the Local House the above-named gentleman, with the addition of Mayor Brault of Amherstburg, and Ernest Bailey, of Kingsville, were nominated, all retiring with the exception of J. E. Stone, Essex, who asked for a few days to consider before finally accepting.

CHAMBERLAIN TO REST.

London, Feb. 5. — Joseph Chamberlain will start on Feb. 11 on a two months' holiday. He declines to say where he is going, because it is his desire to have a complete rest and not to be troubled with correspondence. Sir Oliver Lodge has conceived a device for fighting fog by electricity, the current to be shot from tall masts.

BACK THE SOO

A New Scheme for Reorganization Presented.

CAPITALIZED AT \$40,000,000

Stockholders to Contribute Five Dollars a Share—Clergue May Join New Staff.

Toronto, Feb. 5. — What appears to be the most hopeful plan of reorganization yet promulgated in connection with the Lake Superior Consolidated Company, which suspended last September at Sault Ste. Marie, is now under negotiation in New York and Philadelphia. As a result thereof, the preferred stock of the company has taken a sharp rise of late. The committee of reorganization consists of John Pitcairn, of Philadelphia, who was formerly a director of the company, but who retired two years ago, because of certain disagreements with the management; Thomas M. King, of New York, who won note as the reorganizer of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad; Mr. Bull, a member of the well-known stock brokers' firm of E. Sweet & Co., and Mr. John T. Terry, of New York, the well-known capitalist, who was one of the participants in the Speyer loan.

For some three weeks back Senator J. K. Kerr, of Toronto, has been participating in the affairs of the committee. He is supposed to be representing both the Ottawa and the Ontario Governments. In former years Senator Kerr frequently acted as a disinterested representative of Mr. F. H. Clergue, and is still on confidential terms with him. Clergue, who has no part in the present negotiations, but there is a possibility that if the present plan of reorganization succeeds he will be given a position on the staff. The capitalization of the reorganized company, if it comes into effect, has not been definitely decided on, but in Philadelphia it is supposed that it will be forty million dollars. Under the plan proposed all the stockholders are to subscribe five dollars per share, and the outside bankers who were participants in the Speyer loan are to extend time for payment two years, taking the stock and bonds as collateral. Speyer & Co.'s personal share in the loan was \$1,700,000. This is to be paid off in cash, as a condition of the reorganization. It is desired that Speyer & Co. consent to this, having many times affirmed that they want only their money. There is said to be a reasonable prospect that the other bankers, whose claims aggregate \$3,350,000, will grant the two years' extension which is proposed. Another condition which involves the raising of immediate capital is the necessity of completing the Algoma Central Railway in order to earn the Government land grants in connection therewith. With regard to the Government's own claims, it is stated that the proceeds of certain sales of lumber are under deposit in the Ontario Bank to cover this claim. How the Canadian creditors will fare if the reorganization is carried out, it is difficult to say. The plan is to pay the claims on a basis of settling claims for cash at a certain reduction. If the reorganization is successful, and those chiefly interested are sanguine that it will, it is possible that the Government will accept the presidency of the new company.

Mr. James Brickley, K.C., legal representative of Speyer & Co. in Canada, has been in New York this week. It is understood that his visit is in connection with the settlement of overdue taxes on the property. The steel plant lies in the township of Sault Ste. Marie, outside the limits of the town, and the claim for taxes thereon is over \$10,000. A settlement has been arranged, whereby \$10,000 shall be paid for 1903 taxes, and a fixed taxation of \$5,000 per annum is to be the rule in future.

REAR-END COLLISION.

Lockport, N. Y., Feb. 5. — A dozen persons were injured, five of them seriously, in a rear-end collision, between two passenger trains, the Niagara Falls branch of the New York Central at the Lockport Junction, three miles west of this city. The forward train, carrying the Niagara Falls branch, was stopped by a signal. The train following it plunged into the rear coach while traveling at the rate of 25 miles an hour. The injured passengers were taken to Lockport and Buffalo.

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FROZEN TO DEATH

John Turnbull, of Galt, Found Dead by the Roadside.

Galt, Ont., Feb. 5. — John Turnbull, aged 66 years, was found frozen to death on the roadside near Glenora, yesterday morning. Turnbull, who had resided in Galt with his brother George until recently, never married, and leaves, beside an unmarried sister, E. Van Every, a vice-president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, to a letter introducing himself as "J. O. Gelet," to Miss Eleanor Anderson, daughter of a restaurant keeper, in this city. Mr. Van Every and Miss Anderson were both before the grand jury.

ABEEL INDICTED

Gelet's Personalities Must Answer a Charge of Forgery.

New York, Feb. 5. — The grand jury yesterday returned an indictment for forgery in the third degree against Radial Road, who was taken from his own office yesterday, on extradition papers, en route to New York. Abeel is charged with forging the name of "J. O. Gelet," to Miss Eleanor Anderson, daughter of a restaurant keeper, in this city. Mr. Van Every and Miss Anderson were both before the grand jury.

IT'S BRITAIN'S BUSINESS

Rejection of Chamberlain's Proposals Would Not Worry Canada.

London, Feb. 5. — Messrs. Montagu and Herbert said that during their recent visit to Canada they thrashed out the question with the representatives of the Canadian Government, and that the Canadians realize so clearly that Britain's fiscal policy is Britain's business, that they are not at all concerned by the rejection of Chamberlain's proposals on the ground of their danger to British prosperity or the general prosperity of the empire would not cause any serious dissatisfaction to Canada.

NEW RADIAL ROAD

Will Connect Stratford With St. Marys, Mitchell and Lake Huron.

Stratford, Ont., Feb. 5. — T. M. Hamel, the surveyor for the Radial Road, who has been in the city since his survey of five miles of the city streets along the route to be taken by the electric street railway, which will connect at the radial railway at Galt street with the road, which will run to Lake Huron, and is now taking the plan of the road. The road company's application for a charter will come before the radial committee of the House on Feb. 10, and is supposed to be a large one. The road, when completed, will connect with another road, which will be completed to connect this city with St. Marys and Mitchell.

MURDER AND SUICIDE

Terrible Double Tragedy Reported From Adrian, Mich.

Adrian, Mich., Feb. 5. — Frank Dunham, former superintendent of sewer construction, yesterday shot the woman who has been taken to his wife. Later, when he was shot by a posse of citizens, he shot and killed himself. The bullet entered the woman's back. There is some doubt as to whether she may die. In 1895 the couple eloped from Sudus, N. Y., where Dunham had lured the woman to desert her husband, Wm. Dunn. She was taken to Dunham to serve three months for assault, and yesterday succeeded in getting a divorce. Mr. Dunham, who is now in property here which she had deeded over to Dunham. The shooting occurred on the street, in the business section of the town. Dunham was about 45 years old. The woman is younger.

MRS. MAYBRICK'S CASE

Her Release Due to the Influence of Duchess of Bedford.

London, Feb. 5. — It is announced with authority that Mrs. Florence Maybrick is now in a home in a distant part of England, and under the care of members of a religious sisterhood. She is kept under surveillance, but all inquiries and purposes her life is that of a free woman. She will remain where she is until next July, when she will be released. The usual conditions governing the release of a prisoner are subject to the usual conditions governing the release of a prisoner. The Duchess of Bedford, who, as a visitor to Aylesbury prison for many years, has taken a keen personal interest in Mrs. Maybrick. In order to permit her to grow out again, and for the recuperation of her health, Mrs. Maybrick was quietly transferred to this private institution. Her exact whereabouts is guarded with extraordinary secrecy, chiefly for the purpose of preventing criticism of the Government, having taken the foregoing exceptional steps.

ELECTRICAL ENGINES.

Ottawa, Feb. 4. — It is announced officially that the Ottawa and New York Railroad, running from Ottawa to Tupper Lake, N. Y., will substitute electric for steam locomotives. The change will go into effect this year, says General Manager Gays.

STALLED AT ST. THOMAS.

Oswego, N. Y., Feb. 5. — The Chicago-New York Wabash trains, due here Wednesday and yesterday, are stalled in snowdrifts near St. Thomas, Ont. Owing to the unusually severe storm in two days, and in the same time only one train has got in from Northern New York. That train arrived yesterday afternoon, and consisted of a rotary plow, four engines and four coaches.

SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE RUBBED IN.

Whenever pain is felt in the limbs or back, take Dr. Thomas' Kidney Pills. It is a sure cure, and, applying it to the surface beneath which the pain lies, rub briskly. If the first application does not afford relief, which is not usually the case, keep rubbing. The Oil will gradually penetrate to the affected part and relief will come. "Idle" is not the word to describe Prince Ludwig Ferdinand of Bavaria. He is a general in the German army. By profession he is a surgeon. During the past summer he played first violin in the orchestra of the Munich Opera house. He attended his clinic before going to rehearsals for the Wagner performances.

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- Three Navy Blue Flannelette Blouses, prettily made, small pleats forming a yoke, wide box pleat in front, finished with pearl buttons. Splendid value at regular price, \$1.25. Saturday morning only.....
- One only Handsome Cream Silk Blouse, with Monte Carlo front trimmed with lace, applique tucked back and sleeves, lined throughout, size 32. Regular price \$7.50. Saturday morning only.....
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PHOTOGRAPHED SATURN

Remarkable Scientific Feat Performed by a Hamilton Man.

Hamilton, Feb. 5. — Dr. Marsh, president of the Hamilton Astronomical Society, has performed a feat in photographing the planet Saturn with radium light, which, it is said, has never before been accomplished. The radiograph of the planet is pronounced remarkable by local astronomers. Dr. Marsh was successful in obtaining a small quantity of the precious stuff, of which there is believed not to be a pound in the possession of scientists in the whole world. He will carry out many interesting experiments. The radiograph and radium will be shown at the next regular weekly meeting of the Astronomical Society, when Dr. Marsh will lecture on radium.

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The Advance of Russia.

The subtle but solid and masterful advance of Russia has been achieved by the processes of statecraft; but it now seems that Russia must rely on the sword for the next step in her onward march in Asia. A writer has said that there is something almost pathetic in Russia's efforts to escape from her cage—a vast cage to be sure, but still a cage. On the west she is confronted by the millions of gathering hordes of Germany and Europe. On the south the Turk turns her back from the Mediterranean. On the north is the frozen Arctic Ocean. On the east are the savage tribes of Asia, while India, fortified and organized by Great Britain, prevents access to the Oriental sea. From the days of Peter the Great, Russian statesmen and people have adhered to their great monarch's far eastern designs, without ceasing to try to realize his dreams of Russia on the ocean. This vast purpose of Russia has become so fixed as to be almost a religion.

The occupation of Manchuria is a mighty installment in the realization of Peter's vision. This province of China is an empire in itself. England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales are not one-third as large, nor are they richer in natural resources. With a population of only 15,000,000, Manchuria is capable of sustaining 50,000,000 people. There can be nothing but reprobation for the duplicity by which Russia has established herself in China's fairest province; but the masterful way in which she has assimilated it, without the expenditure of a dollar except for railways and fortifications, without the shedding of blood, and without provoking the ill-will of the natives, commands admiration. The Russians were originally Asiatics. They crossed to Europe where they have undergone an organizing and civilizing process, and now they are returning to their Asiatic mission. The Cossack has inherited from father and son, through generations running back hundreds of years, the instinct of the frontier. He knows intuitively how to inspire the fear or affection of the tribes with which his ancestors for generations have been in contact. It is because Russia's understanding of the Asiatic has been instinctive and congenial that she has been so successful in the work of assimilation. She has extended the net-work of her power over Asia with a far-sightedness not exhibited by the foreign diplomats of any other nation. The world is kept in the dark as to her diplomatic plans until they are disclosed by results; and in this way she has a tremendous advantage over nations such as Great Britain and the United States, where foreign relations must be openly discussed by the people's representatives.

The lease by China to Russia of the Manchurian ports of Dalian and Port Arthur extends for only 25 years, but no one imagines that she will relinquish her hold. Her single port on the Pacific, Vladivostok, is open to commerce in the winter months only by the aid of ice-breaking devices. Port Arthur and Dalian give her the outlet she has coveted for centuries. She has built 1,700 miles of railway in Manchuria; her forts are there, her soldiers, her ships, her business. These she means to keep there. The only check to her continuous expansion will be the planting of a Japanese Empire on the mainland of Asia; and this is the settled purpose, the burning passion, of Japanese statesmen. Before Japan awoke from her age-long lethargy, her population was almost stationary. With the progress of the science of medicine she has become a modern hygienic nation, and the death rate has been lowered, so that the population is rapidly increasing. She is already crowded for living room and must find an outlet for her people or sink permanently to the level of a second-rate nation. Korea is life or death to her. A Japanese statesman combined this sentiment with a reference to the geographical relations of the two countries, when he said: "Korea is like an arrow aimed at our heart." A glance at the map will show the pungency of this remark.

Calculations as to the relative military and naval strength of Russia and Japan on paper may be shattered by the first test of war. Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, who visited Russia and Japan two years ago to investigate the situation in the far east, gives the public this interesting record of his impressions as to the morale and organization of the Japanese army.

"Their tactics are almost wholly German, even to the artificial and exhausting 'goose-step' on parade. Indeed the Japanese army is a perfect machine, built on the German model, but perfected at minute points, and in exquisite detail with the peculiar ability of the Japanese for diminutive accuracy and completeness. The Japanese army, regiment, company, is 'built like a watch' and each Japanese soldier is a part of this machine, like a screw or spring or disk, with this exception—every soldier is capable of being transformed into another part of this simple yet complex mechanism. They are hardy fellows, too—not apparently of a high intelligence as revealed in the physiognomy or cranial development, but with suggestions of the bull terrier. You can well believe the tales of their ferocious courage. But it is not thought they have the endurance of their Russian antagonists. For the thing they are fed more than the Russian soldiers are fed. Inspection of their rations for each meal was a source of surprise, for it appeared that they eat almost as much as the American soldier, though, of course, not of so heavy and nutritious food. But their food is better and of greater quantity than the food of the Russian soldier. For this reason Russian soldiers are not so efficient in the grueling campaigns.

of 250,000 men in 24 hours' declared one of the very highest military authorities in Japan. And there is no doubt of the truth of the statement. The Japanese believe they can land an army corps in Korea in less than three days. But competent European officers think this impossible. It is believed by the most conservative men in Japan that a force of 250,000 men can be transported to the peninsula or to Manchuria in two weeks, and a line of provision transports established and defended. Perhaps this is not so far from the truth. Very moderate opinion is that Japan could have every man in her active service landed at any point she pleased in Manchuria and Korea, and a line of commissary transports established and defended.

The First Division.

The first division of the session took place in the Legislature yesterday, the Government having its full majority of three. There were four absentees, the member for London, Mr. Beck, being paired with the member for Port Arthur, Mr. Cameron, and the member for West Hamilton, Mr. Carson, with the member for Halton, Mr. Barber. The public will be surprised to hear of these pairs. At the beginning of the session the Conservative members in caucus decided to grant none. This announcement was made with a flourish of trumpets as a proof of the fighting spirit of the Opposition, and was warmly commended by the Conservative press. The Liberal members were not at all alarmed, recollecting that last session the Opposition started out with the same resolution, and gladly dropped it in a week or two. Mr. Carson, who was one of those opposed to pairing this session, unfortunately fell ill, and the Conservative whip found it expedient to seek a pair for him with Mr. Barber, who was also under the weather. Mr. Barber has recovered, and was in the Parliament buildings yesterday. Had the Government chosen to pay the Opposition back in its own coin, the majority would have been four instead of three. Mr. Whitney and his colleagues must have recognized the irony of the situation, and no doubt will behave more rationally during the remainder of the session. The Government asks no quarter from the Opposition, and needs none. A majority of three is sufficient to enable it to carry on the affairs of the Province. A contemporary argues that it is in the power of one or two members to "hold up" the ministry; but there are no Games in the Liberal ranks, and the Premier can fully rely on a loyal and honorable support. He may proceed confidently with his programme. At least two important Government measures—a new assessment act and amendments to the license law—will be put through the House, and there will be the usual grist of private legislation. It is fortunate in the public interest that the Government has a safe working majority, or public business would be tied up while the two parties were fighting outside the walls of Parliament. The wisdom of assembling the Legislature before the election trials has been demonstrated. No injustice has been done the Opposition, as there will be ample time before the next session to determine which party will carry on the affairs of the Province for the balance of the parliamentary term which ends in 1908.

PROMISES A RICH HARVEST.

[Boston Herald.]

If there's any truth in the old saying that the winter's snow is God's fertilizer, the outlook for the coming year's crops is something magnificent. This is a straight tip on the next harvest.

THE SERVANT PROBLEM.

[New York Sun.]

Household service, in spite of the peculiar advantages to women afforded by its shelter, has against it very much of the same prejudice and, undoubtedly, there is reason for the aversion, apart from the objection of so many women to an employment which seems to suggest servility in its very name. Domestic servants, unless in families where many are employed, so that different shifts are possible, are likely to be restive under more or less necessary restraints peculiar to that form of employment. When a shop girl or a factory girl's day's work is over, she remains for her period of freedom from the supervision of her employer, but a household servant may be kept continually at the mercy of the caprice of an employer, with few or no opportunities for escape.

J. FROST'S BUSY TIME.

[Hamilton Spectator.]

A wonderful winter this—something doing every day.

STILL WITH US.

[Harpers Bazar.]

Rip Van Winkle looked about in a dazed manner.

"And are they all, all gone?" he faltered, tearfully.

"No," replied the villagers, consolingly. "Pat is still giving her farewell performance."

Shouting with joy at the discovery that one thing at least was unchanged by the lapse of years, he hastened to don his opera clothes.

RESIGNED TO THEIR LOSS.

[Chicago Daily News.]

Mrs. Meenguy—John! The baby has swallowed a penny! What on earth shall I do?

Mr. Meenguy—Oh, well, let him have it. Next Thursday is his birthday, anyway.

THE POCKETLESS SEX.

[Westminster Gazette.]

It is quite time that some sumptuary laws were passed to prevent ladies from offering unnecessary temptation to passers-by to take brooches or watches off them like ripe oranges from a tree. A great many ladies would be only too glad to have pockets, but at present they dare not, because their dressmakers won't let them.

RECKLESS FINANCING.

[Chicago Tribune.]

The wild-eyed man leaned over the grocery store counter.

"Got any eggs?" he inquired.

"Yes, we have 'em."

"Buy 'em," shouted the wild-eyed man, "I'll pay you for 'em."

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"Such a narrow escape as I've had," cries she, running into Vera's room. "I flatter myself that for once in my life I have done that old woman."

"The admirable Grunch. That silly, Mr. Peyton, would come to the very wall to see what had become of me, and Grunch was within an ace of seeing him. However, she didn't."

"I don't believe she is as clever as you think."

"I think she was clever enough to get my uncle on my track the other day. No, Vera, I can't go into a thing as you do, and argue it out to the bitter end. I have only my instincts to guide me, and they warn me against the amiable Grunch. She has many a stone in her sleeve for me, and one of them she threw the day before yesterday."

"You forget that I have instincts, too," says Vera, with a languid smile. "I was warned against my cousin, can hardly, therefore, blame you for unreasonable fancies. But how foolish of Mr. Peyton to come! He must know how Uncle Gregory would regard his, or anyone's, presence here."

"His especially. But as he told him half an hour ago, I tell you now, he was unfortunately born without a grain of sense. Never mind, I have to thank him, in that through his coming I was able to outwit the lively Grunch. But, darling, how ill you look! Oh, Vera, I do believe you are letting that old man's insolence get upon you."

"I don't know what is the matter with me. My brain seems on fire at times. How cruel, and how unkind it is for parents to bring children into the world, unprotected, at the mercy of strangers!"

"I always console myself with the reflection that ill-luck must cease some day," says Griseida.

"That is true," slowly. "There is great comfort in that thought. Death, as you say, is the end of all things, and each us at any moment, and then, farewell, to trouble."

"Indeed, indignantly. 'I said nothing of the kind. Catch me wanting to die! I think I see myself! And for you, my good child, you look like living for many a day, in spite of your dismal expression.'"

"One can't be sure, our mother died young. Happy mother!" sighs Vera, forlornly.

"Rubbish!" cries Griseida, with more force than elegance. "It is maddening to hear you say that. If death were to walk in this instant, bony arms, sickle, eyes sockets, and all the other regulations of the grim reaper, can just imagine the sequel that would follow. You are posing as one of those wretched heroines one meets with in books who always cry aloud on kindling death to take her, whenever she has so much as a pain in her big toe."

"My dear Griseida, I am not anything so graphic to tell calmly."

"Well, I haven't patience with the die-away lot. And after all, there is not the remotest fear of your being forced into a marriage with that man. It isn't the age for that sort of thing. One is quite independent now. You are able to shout a good sound 'No' at the altar, even if compelled to go so far, and there is always the risk of the worst, let us suppose that terrible uncle of ours should be able to persuade you to marry him."

"How would that help us?"

"Why, if I were to be driven for your sake into marrying him, that would secure a home for you as well as for me."

"But why should you be sacrificed? Surely such an end is as bad for you as for me."

"I am the stronger; I feel I could be up and under a tree lot better than you could," says Griseida, with a far-away, high and mighty look.

"Oh, no, darling, I am quite touched. And, besides, falling back into the original gloom, perhaps Mr. Peyton doesn't want to marry you. This suggestion is received with much disfavor."

"Oh, doesn't he?" says Griseida, getting up from her seat as though sitting still is a burden not to be borne. "That's all you know about it. You are very much out of it, if you think that. He—he would marry me tomorrow if I would let him."

"How do you know? How can one believe in anyone?"

"I can believe in him," says Griseida stoutly. "If you only saw him—as I do—you would know. Says Vera, 'You are a lucky girl,' says Vera, 'To know that someone really cares whether one lives or dies is a great matter.'"

"Oh, he cares," says Griseida.

"Then you ought to be happy."

"Well, I don't know, really. I may be a little bit like him better, but he wasn't so awfully silly, that is, in earnest, don't you know? Now, what do you think he said today? That he—mark the absurdity of it—that he honestly believed I hadn't a fault in the world! That was a little too much, eh?"

"I don't know. I like it. I call that being a good lover," says Vera, thoughtfully.

"Perhaps you would have told him so. For me, I said, 'heaven give you sense! I hope it will be a blessing to you.'"

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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Miss Sadie Moran, of this city, has been visiting Mrs. W. Henry at Applin.

—The Ontario Government has appointed Mr. James Kilgour a justice of the peace.

—C. H. Jones, of this city, is renewing old acquaintances in Warwick this week.

—Pte. McMahon, of No. 1 Company, has re-enlisted at Wolsey Barracks for three years.

—The spring styles in millinery are being prepared at the local wholesale houses by over a hundred young ladies.

There never has been a better winter in this section of the country for the wearing of moccasins, yet very few are seen in use.

—Very Rev. Dean Davis, of South London, inducted Rev. A. F. P. Chadwick as rector of All Saints' Church, Windsor, on Wednesday.

—Ed Johnston, who for a short time held the position of city clerk agent of the G. T. R. at Guelph, has returned to his home in this city.

—The Westminster township council propose to divide the township into two wards, and will ask the Legislature for permission to return to the ward system.

—Mrs. T. Charles Keenleyside and daughters, Misses May and Dawson, of Winnipeg, are spending some time here with the former's mother, Mrs. Mary Brown, of Colborne street north, and other relatives.

—Mrs. J. H. Brown, of Chicago, has returned to her home in this city. Mrs. Brown is quite bright and in full possession of her faculties.

WEEK'S CLEARINGS.

For the week ending yesterday, the clearing at the London Clearing House totaled \$737,118.

OPEN TEMPORARY PREMISES.

Graham Bros. settled with the insurance companies yesterday, and today commenced to move the salvage to the vacant store on Dundas street, north side, opposite the London Clearing House, which will open temporary premises until the old store is rebuilt.

INVITED TO THE FAIR.

Mrs. Hoodless, of Hamilton, well known in London, has been asked by the General Federation of Women's Clubs to read a paper at the education conference to be held in connection with the St. Louis Exposition in May. The federation is a strong and most influential organization. Mrs. Hoodless' subject will be "Ethics of Education."

EDUCATIONAL MATTERS.

No. 2 committee of the board of education met last night, Chairman Fitzgerald, Trustees MacRobert, McCormick, Birtwistle, Cousins and Dr. English being present. The architect was instructed to have the ventilation improved in one of the rooms.

Also decided to inspect the several schools and to place therein new alarm bells where required. It was also resolved that the use of the class rooms for physical culture exercises would not be granted in the future.

REBECCA SCHOOL REPORT.

The January report of school section No. 1, Niagara, is as follows:

Class V.—Willie Ashman 240, May Pines 68 (absent).

Senior IV.—Stella Rogers 1,076, Nellie Ashman 768, Lexie Rogers 638, Earlton Bourne 500, Percy Bourne 420, Robina Duffin 387, Richard Fox 116.

Junior IV.—Blanche Piper 242.

Senior III.—Myrtle Piper 603, Mayme McFadden 89 (absent).

Junior III.—Willie Rogers 135, Robbie Ashman 426, Edward Judd 134, Mary Duffin 220.

Senior II.—Tommy McFadden 14 (absent).

Part II.—Mabel Bourne 375, Georgie Duffin 310.

Part I.—Ernest Ashman 365, Morley Rogers 335, Stanley Moore 128 (absent).

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NO RECOMMENDATION YET

Board of Works Cannot Decide On Best Class of Pavement.

Matter Laid Over Till Next Meeting to Secure Information.

The board of works dealt gingerly with the pavement question before it last night. Each alderman expressed his opinion on the subject, but no recommendation was made.

Chairman Wyatt did make the statement that he was inclined to believe brick pavements were the most durable that can be laid.

It was deemed advisable, after a short discussion to lay the matter over until next meeting, so that as much information as it is possible to obtain may be secured regarding the different classes of pavements before the committee meets.

When the memo from the council re Garritt's motion to have all poles and wires placed underground on streets where pavements are to be laid, came up, City Engineer Graydon stated that there was no bylaw in existence which compelled the telephone and telegraph companies to place their wires underground in this city, and of course, he was powerless in the matter.

It was then decided to consult the city solicitor, and see if the city has power to pass such a bylaw. City Solicitor Meredith will be instructed to call the attention of Mr. S. Hyman, M.P., to the matter of electric poles on the railway crossings of this city, the city's application having been laid over last year, so as to place it before the railway committee. The committee's object is to keep the question alive in order that it will receive prompt attention when the railway commission meets.

The claim for damages put in by William Duncan, of Westminster, was referred to the city engineer to report upon.

The petition of George Hodge and others against the construction of a sewer on Queen's avenue, between Park avenue and Wellington street, was referred to the assessment commissioner.

The petition of the residents of Brydges street for certain improvements was laid over until the committee makes its annual inspection of the street.

The city engineer presented a list of 53 blocks upon which permanent walks should be laid down this year. The list was recommended to the council to be advertised on the initiative plan.

The pay sheet, amounting to \$209.94, was presented.

Chairman Wyatt, Ald. Foristall, Gerry and Abram and Secretary Bell were present.

DR. A. O. JEFFERY NEW CHAIRMAN

OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Unanimously Chosen at the Inaugural Meeting—Work of the Library During 1903.

Dr. A. O. Jeffery is chairman of the public library board for 1904. At the inaugural meeting last night, Mr. O. Labelle moved, seconded by Mr. Geo. C. Gunn, that Dr. Jeffery be chosen chairman. The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Blackwell then announced that Mr. Labelle had been appointed to represent the separate school board, Mr. J. C. Hazard, the public school board, and Mr. Henry Macklin, the city council.

The following committees were appointed: Library committee—Messrs.

proof vault for the storage of books and records of the library.

As a matter of economy, heat and light, a vestibule should be provided for the second floor entrance, and a skylight over the circulating counter in the delivery hall.

INTERESTING FIGURES.

The receipts for the year 1903 amounted to \$2,723.21, including a sum of \$302.13 brought forward from 1902, and the statement showed an overdraft of \$7,780, making a total expenditure of \$3,481.34.

The circulation of books and magazines for the year was: General works, 2,835; philosophy, 617; religion, 808; sociology, 689; natural science, 949; useful arts, 1,318; fine arts, 1,025; literature, 1,102; history, 1,084; travel, 1,429; biography, 1,055; reference use, 3,742; juvenile literature, 11,194; fiction, 4,157; magazines, 9,718; total, 30,510. The average circulation of 1903 was 230, and of magazines 34. The largest issue of any one number, 108, on July 7. The estimated average daily attendance was 150. The cards issued for 1903 amounted to 1,067, and the total issued to date was 10,742.

The number of volumes in the library at Dec. 31, 1903, was 16,572, and 321 were added in 1903, making a total of 17,403. Of these 374 had been worn out, etc., leaving a total of 17,029 volumes at the end of 1903.

REPORT ADOPTED.

The board adopted the report, with the exception of the clause regarding the fireproof vault, etc., which was referred to the finance committee.

It was decided to purchase several volumes on municipal economy, for which City Clerk Edwards had made application.

On motion of Mr. Egan, seconded by Mr. Gunn, Dr. A. O. Jeffery, R. R. Bland, Henry Macklin and E. Mailgault.

BOYS HAD A BANQUET

Gathering at Y. M. C. A. Under the Auspices of Get-One Club.

The Get-One Club is a recent innovation of the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A., and last night it had a successful banquet. The club is the outcome of a membership contest in which it was agreed that everybody who brought in one new junior member to the Y. M. C. A. should be included in a banquet list. The fact that 50 or more boys sat down last night showed what an enthusiastic lot of workers the boys are.

The ladies' committee provided an enjoyable supper, after which Mr. J. L. Richmond, the chairman, proposed the toasts. "Canada" was responded to by Tom Sullivan, and "Our Association" by Mr. C. E. German, who appeared to be the boys to be mainly. Responding to

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Crystallized Cherries, per pound, 90c.

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The programme that preceded the dancing was thoroughly enjoyed. It was opened by Mr. W. H. Hewlett, whose piano solos were delightful. Mrs. Eva Roblyn-McKillop was warmly received, and her rendering of "Roseale," "Spring is Here," "Sea Breezes," and "Japanese Love Song," were pleasures of the evening. Miss Freeman's solo was warmly appreciated. Miss Anthillie recited "The Debating Society" in her usual capable manner, while a new song sung by Miss Roseale, Miss Tena Elliott, who gave the "Kissing Cup's Race" in a creditable and most pleasing manner. Bro. A. Cottam gave two readings that pleased, and Bro.

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Before the dance, said he had been working for Chantler, and more than one occasion had stolen for him, though he did not get anything extra for stealing. Witness thought he must have stolen twenty sheep for Chantler and others were stolen besides.

The crown attorney objected to the counsel for the defense, Mr. Meredith, asking who stole the others, and the justice upheld this objection. The witness stated that he could not name the farmers he had stolen sheep from but could drive anyone to the farms. Mr. Meredith claimed that he could be allowed to ask the question: Who were the others who stole the sheep? as this was a serious statement. He thought he could indict Parsons for perjury, and he wanted to show that Parsons was "an utterly bad man, rotten from the core, where she is playing