

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

**BORN.**  
LEWIS.—In this city, on Dec. 22, the wife of Mr. Frank Lewis, of a son.

**DIED.**  
McKELLAR.—In this city, on Dec. 23, 1900, Florence May, youngest daughter of Malcolm and Catharine McKellar, aged 22 years 5 months.

Funeral from the family residence, 315 Dundas street, on Tuesday, at 2:30 p.m. to Woodland. Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation.

HOMISTER.—In this city, on Dec. 22, 1900, Charles Homister, in his 76th year. Funeral from his late residence, Oliver street, this afternoon, at 3 o'clock; service, 2:30. Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation.

NOONAN.—At the family residence, 72 Blackfriars street, West London, on Dec. 22, 1900, Bridget, beloved wife of Thomas Noonan, aged 58 years.

Funeral from above address Wednesday morning, at 8:30, to St. Peter's Cathedral. Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation.

## AMUSEMENTS.

Advertisements under this heading 10c per line, or 2c per word each insertion.

**London Opera House** One Solid Week.  
Commencing Monday, Dec. 24, Grand Xmas Mat., 2:30—10c, 15c, 25c, reserved.

**MARKS & BROS.**  
Continuous performance; specialties between acts. Xmas mat., "The Celebrated Case," Xmas, "Soldier's Sweetheart." Prices—10c, 15c and 25c. Plan now open.

**PRINCESS ICE PALACE—CHRISTMAS**  
afternoon and evening, good skating (weather permitting), 7th Battalion Band. Season books, ladies and children, 5c; gents, 10c. Skates to rent. Watch the ball.

**A FESTAL CAROL SERVICE** WILL be held in St. Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday evening next at 8 o'clock.

**JUBILEE RINK—MUSICAL SOCIETY** hand Christmas afternoon and evening.

**TWILIGHT ORGAN RECITAL**, DUNDAS CENTER METHODIST CHURCH.

Thursday afternoon next, at 4 o'clock, by Mr. W. H. Hewlett, assisted by Mrs. Clara Barnes-Holmes, contralto soloist, of Buffalo, N. Y.

Admission, 10 cents and upwards.

**FREE LUNCH—CHRISTMAS MORNING**, from 10 to 12, the Ross House, East London, will serve a free lunch of seasonable edibles. R. H. Reid, proprietor.

**PRINCESS ICE PALACE—THE MAN-AGEMENT** respectfully notifies its patrons that, having carefully reserved the ice for the past few days, that, weather permitting, skating on Christmas Day will be to the standard of this popular resort.

**THE AMERICAN LINE SHIPS**, NEW York to Southampton, take the Southern route to England. St. Louis, Wednesday, Dec. 26; New York, Wednesday, Jan. 2. F. E. Clarke, agent, Richmond street, next Advertiser.

**SPECIAL NOTICE—PALACE ACADEMY**—All classes adjourned until Jan. 2. Beginners' new term opens week Jan. 7. Dayton & McCormick.

**PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING** by R. B. Millard, 255 Princess venue. Special attention given to the waltz and two-step. Rapid teaching. Low rates. Lessons any hour.

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

**ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL—THE DIVINE** service on Christmas Day will be held at 10 o'clock instead of 11, as announced, the thanksgiving service for the returning contingent being held at 11:30 a.m.

## MEETINGS.

Headquarters 7th Regiment  
London, Ont., Dec. 24, 1900.  
Regimental order by Maj. J. W. Little, commanding.  
The Regiment will parade in field day order (great-coats and busbies) at the Drill Shed on Tuesday, Dec. 26, at 10 a.m. By order.

W. A. McCORMICK, Lieut. and Adjutant.

**L. C. I. CADETS WILL PARADE** at the school on Tuesday, at 9:40 a.m. G. Ingram, captain.

**GOING TO THE HALL** BEING OTHER- wise in use the regular meeting of the Real Estate Owners' Association will be held in Duffell Hall on Thursday evening, 25th inst. Every member should attend. W. H. Ferguson, secretary.

**ANCIENT ORDER FORESTERS—RALPH**, Court Pride Dominion robes, 10 a.m., Christmas morning, to meet our brothers. Bring your regalia.

**SPECIAL MEETING OF TRADES AND** Labor Council Wednesday night, 26th, Building Laborers' Hall, corner Dundas and Richmond streets.

## DOMESTICS WANTED.

**WANTED—KITCHEN GIRL**, FRASER House.

**WANTED IMMEDIATELY—A GENERAL** servant, Good wages. Apply at 96 Elmwood avenue.

**HOUSEMAID WANTED—REFER-** ences required. Apply Mrs. W. M. Garthore, "Beechwood," Ridout street south.

**WANTED—50 GENERAL GIRLS AND** cooks for London, St. Thomas and Woodstock, big wages. Mrs. Lockhart's Employment Office, European Hotel, Dundas street. Phone 964.

## FEMALE HELP WANTED.

**GIRLS WANTED—APPLY PARISIAN** Steam Laundry.

**SCOTCH TWEED SUITS,**

**\$15**

All new patterns to select from; made and trimmed in first-class style.

**JOS. DAMBRA,**  
MERCHANT TAILOR,  
Cor. Richmond and Carling Sts.

## The Christmas Turkey

can easily be bought with the money you'll save on a fair-sized purchase here.

## Ladies' Slippers

This has always been a good store for Ladies' Slippers, but just now our shelves are loaded with all the new and fetching styles suitable for gifts, with stacks of the ordinary kinds too. Here are just a few:

- Women's Plain Black Felt Slippers, 50c
- Women's Colored Felt House Slippers, elastic fronts, or lace, 75c, 90c and \$1.00
- Women's Kumfort Slippers, dark tan goatskin, white fleece-lined, 90c
- Women's Colored Felt House Slippers, very cozy, made in France \$1.00
- Women's French Felt Slippers, in colors, lined with lambswool, \$1.25
- Women's Quilted Satin and Fanny Velvet High-cut Julets, in colors, fur-bound and lined only, \$1.50, \$1.75
- Women's Vic Kid or Patent Leather Strap Slippers, with fancy bows (American), \$1.25
- Women's Fancy Kid or Patent Leather Slippers, beaded and ornamented (American), widths AA to E, sizes 2 to 8, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$1.98, \$2.50, \$3.00

## Men's Slippers

Every sort that's fit for a gentleman—bran new kinds—specially ordered for Christmas. Stylish, up to the minute and prosperous looking—not a few, but hundreds of them—modest ones as well. Can't name 'em all, but here are some:

- Men's Novelty Slippers, for bedroom, American made, oriental colors, in velvet, 50c, Derby, 35c
- Men's Carpet Slippers, 30c, 60c, 65c
- Men's Fancy Velvet Slippers, 65c, 75c, 85c, \$1.00
- Men's Dark Tan Goatskin Kumfort Slippers, white lambswool lining, \$1.00
- Men's Fancy Slippers, tan, black, and other colors, in dongola, kid, goatskin, imitation alligator, calf, etc., all shapes (American made), \$1.25
- Men's Tan and Black Slippers, in vic kid, goat and fine calf, any style desired, \$1.50
- Men's American Slippers, in all the new colors and styles, extra fine linings and finish, \$1.98
- Men's Best Black Cloth Overgaiters, \$1.75c

## LAMBSWOOL SOLES

—finest made, leather binding. Men's, 35c; women's, 20c; misses', 18c; children's, 16c; infants', 13c.

## Sorosis' Skating Boots

—tan, for women, \$3.50.

- Women's 10-button, Black Cloth Overgaiters, guaranteed to keep color and wear, 50c, 65c
- Women's 13-button Black Cloth Overgaiters, best quality, 75c
- Women's No. 1 Quality Leggings, 90c

Shoes may be exchanged after the holidays, or any time, if size is not right.

**Open Evenings Till 10 O'Clock.**

## J. P. COOK

167 Dundas Street.

## MALE HELP WANTED.

1c per word first insertion, and 1/2c per word each subsequent insertion. No advt. less than 10 words.

**FAITHFUL PERSONS TO TRAVEL**—Salary, \$750 and expenses. Absolutely not canvassing. Inclose self-addressed stamped envelope. Colonial Company, Chicago.

**WANTED—100 MEN TO PLUCK TUR-**keys, some tomorrow morning. H. Stevenson, Slater's Storage.

## HELP WANTED.

**WANTED—D. B. NOTES, GERMANIA,** Franklin and all others paid, return at once; needed here. Ellyian. 44u yz

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**WANTED—SITUATION BY BOOK-**keeper, employed at present, six years experience, \$3 a week to start. First-class references. Address Box 75, Advertiser.

## HOUSES, ETC., TO LET.

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**TO LET—TWO-STORY BRICK HOUSE,** with stable and large lot, Dufferin avenue, South London. Apply 354 Richmond street.

**TO RENT—EITHER FURNISHED OR** unfurnished, the residence of the late Mrs. McNeil, 54 Wellington street, opposite the park. Apply to Thomas Coffey, Catholic Record office, Richmond street.

**TO LET—STORE AT PRESENT OCCU-** pied by The Dominion Savings and Investment Society. Apply Thomas C. Knott.

**TO LET—LARGE STORE, NO. 173** Dundas street. Possession Dec. 1. Apply Fitzgibbon, Scandrett & Co.

**TO LET—UNION FURNITURE VAN**—Furniture carefully handled. John Biggs, Cathcart and Bruce, South London, late of London Furniture Company. Phone 210.

## The Hang of It

Here is the point in a fashionably-made garment. Clothes nowadays should not fit like paper on the wall; but they should seem to do so. An artist only can give the true effect. Try us. We employ none but the finest workmen.

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Merchant Tailors,  
355 Richmond Street.

## AGENTS WANTED.

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**CITY CANVASSER TO SOLICIT OR-** ders for Roswell's tea and coffee, 743 Richmond street.

**PATENT MEDICINE AGENTS—WE** have a proposition to offer you: send postcard; write quick. The Dr. Roberts Medicine Company, London, Ont.

## LOST AND FOUND.

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**LOST—SATURDAY—ON OR NEAR** Clarence street, purse containing about \$12. Particulars and reward at Fraser House, King street.

**LOST—SUNDAY—SMALL BUNCH OF** keys, about 5 on ring. Please return to Advertiser. Reward.

**LOST—ON MONDAY, 24TH—SATCHEL** purse, containing about \$8, between Dundas street and entrance to Public Library. Reward at this office.

**LOST—ON DEC. 20, BETWEEN IL-** lerton and Oxford street bridge, London, a lady's hand-bag, containing purse, sum of money, etc. Finder rewarded at this office.

**STRAYED OR STOLEN FROM 515** Queen's avenue, London, on Dec. 2, white and black and tan English setter dog. Had on collar and dog tag tag. Liberal reward for information. J. C. Duffield.

## ARTICLES FOR SALE.

**HARD WOOD—BEECH AND MAPLE**—Best quality; also soft wood. Prompt delivery. S. Gillies & Son. Phone 1,312.

**SIRLOIN AND PORTERHOUSE** steak, 10c; rib roast, 8c; shoulder roast, 7c and 8c; building plates, 5c and 6c, at Park's, corner Market Lane.

**SKATES, AIR GUNS, AND POCKET** knives at lowest prices. D. McKenzie & Co., 228 Richmond street, one door south of G. R. station.

**\$75—A SOLID OAK DESK FOR \$25.** A fine dresser for husband and son. Keene Bros., 127 King street.

**C. D. GIBSON'S SKETCHES FROM** "Life." A limited number only; mounted ready for framing.

Gold lettering done on purses, Bibles, etc. Blank Books made to order. CHAPMAN'S BINDERY, 31 Dundas Street.

**SNAP IN NEW AND SECOND-HAND** pianos during next ten days. One fine piano, 7 1/2 octaves, guaranteed; only \$100. Heintzman & Co., 217 Dundas street.

**BUCHANAN'S COAL AND WOOD DE-** livered to any part of the city. Office 633 Colborne street. Phone 1,096.

**STOVES—NEW AND SECOND-HAND**—Very cheap at Keene's Stove and Furniture Store, 141 King street.

**TURKEYS! TURKEYS! TURKEYS!** The market advanced today, but we will sell at the same price, 150 pairs of ducks of the largest size must be sold. Poultry to suit everyone at the Murphy Provision Store.

**TURKEYS, GEESSE, DUCKS, AND** Chickens—All for the Christmas trade. No occasion to go to the market for your Christmas poultry, as we guarantee to supply you with the best. Strictly new-laid eggs, 2c dozen; good eggs, 1c dozen; choice rold and crook Stoves, 21c by cooking butler, 1c 1/2. T. A. Faulds, 67 Dundas.

**NEW PROVISION STORE—NO. 12** Market House—Having purchased the provision business of James Clark, all friends of the late proprietor will be welcomed with any new ones. Finest butter and fresh eggs only will be handled. J. C. Abbott.

**\$1 GOLD COINS, TWO AND ONE-HALF** Gold Coins, Five Dollar Gold Coins for sale at 10c. F. C. Clarke, Richmond street, next Advertiser.

**IF YOU ARE TROUBLED WITH OLD** sores, piles, burns, skin disease, use New Century Magic Salve. No. 3 Market Square.

**NEW RIVER COAL—THE BEST IN** the city; a good supply of the best quality of hard and soft coal, at the lowest cash price. Yard, William street and Grand Trunk Railway. Green & Co. Phone 1,321.

**\$300 VIOLIN FOR SALE OR EX-** change, at a bargain; also square piano, Sanborn & Treblelock, 183 Dundas street, London (Anderson's book store).

**STORM RASH MUST BE PUT ON** eavegutters cleaned, trees pruned. Now is the time to buy an extension ladder. Factory, 465 York street. Catalogue free. Address, The Waggoner Ladder Company, Limited, London, Ont.

**BARGAINS AT PARISH'S STORE**—Few more baseburners left with ovens; 1 Red Cross, 2 Royals, Parlor and Cook Stoves for coal. Furniture, Bedroom Sets, Mattresses, Springs, all taken in exchange. Remember place, 357 Talbot street, south Market Square.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

**THE FACTORY OF THE ROBINSON** Corset Company, 375 Clarence street, closes on 24th inst. for their usual two weeks' holidays, reopening Jan. 7, 1901.

**OLD GOLD, SILVER, JEWELRY AND** diamonds bought for cash. S. K. Millroy, manufacturing jeweler, 255 Dundas street.

**WATSON & CO. HOUSE MOVERS**—Steam boilers and safes a specialty. 194 Hamilton road. Phone 1,231.

**F. B. LEYS' OFFICE WILL BE AT** the London Hat, Cap and Mantle Manufacturing Company, 355 and 357 Clarence street, for the present.

## PERSONAL.

**WILL THE WOMAN WHO HAS SEEN** take a basket beside a little boy Saturday morning return and save further trouble to 143 William street?

## STARTLING STORY!

Given Out With Reference to the Kidnapping of Million-

aire Cudahy's Son.

Toledo, Dec. 24.—A rather startling story with reference to the recent Cudahy kidnapping was given out here today by L. A. Bolton, a New York commercial traveler, who vouches for the truth of the story as he tells it. He asserts that a league has been formed for the express purpose of kidnapping as a business, the victims to be in every case the multi-millionaires of the country, either through their children, or, if necessary, to abduct the men themselves.

The organization has nothing to do with known crooks and will not tolerate any such within its circle. It is

being gradually extended, but only such recruits are sought as would not be at all likely to be under suspicion of any such offenses, and those in with the authorities. Bolton says that his acquaintance and disowned son of a millionaire, who was approached and asked to join the organization. Secrecy is insured by the fact that no one member knows more than two other members. No victim is to be used except in self-defense or in case of violation of confidence.

Among the victims already selected are said to be J. P. Morgan, Andrew Carnegie and John D. Rockefeller. The idea is always to secure young children if possible, girls preferred.

And men was posted, showing that 60 had been killed and 162 wounded.

**MORE MOUNTED TROOPS.**

The war office has made the following announcement: In view of the general position in South Africa, the following reinforcements of mounted troops have been arranged: Eight hundred will start next week. Two cavalry regiments have been ordered to leave as soon as the transports are ready. The colonial police will be increased to 10,000. Detachments will leave as fast as they are formed. Further drafts of cavalry will be dispatched at once. Australia and New Zealand have been invited to send further contingents.

In view of the prolongation of the war in South Africa, members of the Imperial Yeomanry will be paid five shillings instead of one shilling and twopence per day. Militiamen are promised priority of return over regulars.

None of the leading South African firms interested in Kimberley have received information to confirm the Evening Standard's report that the town is threatened.

Gen. Trotter, commanding the troops in the London district, in a speech at Twickenham, said he had obtained information by which he knew that the Boers were running short of ammunition, and that they could not maintain their guerrilla warfare long.

A Reuter correspondent says: "The Boers are totally ignorant of the real state of affairs, and do not believe that Mr. Kruger has left South Africa. They believe that Lord Roberts has been killed, that all the Cape Dutch will shortly join them, and that European intervention is certain. One of De Wet's artillerymen told my informant that De Wet's guns were worn out and useless."

**General Kitchener's Reports.**

**INVADERS CHECKED.**

London, Dec. 23.—The war office has received the following dispatches from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, Dec. 22.

"So far as it is possible for me to form an opinion from the reports of officers on the spot, I think the Boer movement into Cape Colony has been checked. Of the two forces that entered the colony, the eastern is still north of the Zoutpansberg range, while the one that entered west appears to have been turned in the direction of Krugersdorp and Pretoria. Our troops are getting around both bodies, and a special column is also being organized, which will be dispatched immediately when I know where its services are most wanted."

"The Boers have not received much assistance in Cape Colony, so far as my information goes. We have armed some of the colonists, who are assisting our forces. Railway and telegraph communication has been much interrupted by the very bad weather."

"De Wet is in the neighborhood of Senekal."

"Gen. French, in conjunction with Gen. Buller, has been ordered to attack the Boers, south of the Magaliesberg. The Boers broke away in a southwesterly direction towards Potchefstroom, and were followed by Gen. Gordon with a column of Boer's force."

"Yesterday evening about 5 o'clock Clements' force was engaged south of Oliphant's Nek, but I don't yet know the result."

"A later dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, Dec. 22, says: "The western column of Boers occupied Brittenburg and cut the railway south of De Aar Junction. The enemy is being followed up."

"Gen. French has been in contact for two days with the commando of Beyer and Delarey, south of the Magaliesberg. The enemy have lost considerable, and Commandant Kreutz and others have been captured."

"Gen. Colville engaged two separate commandos Dec. 21, near Viakfontein, with a light loss, the enemy retreating."

**IN CAPE COLONY**

London, Dec. 23.—Last night reports were received from Cape Town that the railway had been torn up in three places north of De Aar. A column of 500 of all arms, under command of Major Shute, left Colesburg Dec. 18 by the Philippstown road to relieve a post of twenty yeomanry who were invested on a farm at Harefontein. The Boers had been shaken off by the yeomen before the relieving column arrived. Two wounded Boers were captured. They stated that their party had lost two killed and twelve wounded. Besides the commandos already reported, a force has crossed at Zoutpans to reinforce the Boers occupying Philippstown.

A Standerton dispatch, dated Dec. 18, says a sharp encounter took place between two parties of Boers near Kalkspruit, ten miles south of the railroad. One of the Boer parties numbered 300. Both were routed after obstinate resistance. The British force lost two wounded and captured a quantity of live stock and forage.

**BRITISH CASUALTIES IN THE NOOTGEDAUGHT FIGHT.**

London, Dec. 23.—Many people gathered about the war office last night anxious for the welfare of friends engaged in the war, and especially for that of those connected with the regiments engaged in the Nootgedaught battle. At a late hour a list of the casualties to non-commissioned officers

**LIVERY STABLES.**

**LILLEY'S LIVERY—NO. 619 DUNDAS** street, East London, Ont. Telephone 666.

**BUSINESS CHANCES.**

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**FOR SALE—BRICK STORE AND GEN-** eral stock; six miles south of Bothwell. A great country trade. A snap for a man with \$3,000. J. H. Trevelyan, Clachan.

**PERSONS WISHING TO PLACE SOME** money in a safe place, and who will do well to address Box N, Advertiser.

**MUSICAL INSTRUCTION.**

**J. T. WOLCOTT, ORGANIST FIRST** Methodist Church. Teacher of piano organ and composition. Address 5 Prospect avenue.

**MR. W. H. HEWLETT, ORGANIST,** Dundas Center Methodist Church, teacher of piano, organ, theory and composition. 418 Queen's avenue. Telephone 1218.

**CHARLES E. WHEELER, ORGANIST** St. Andrew's Church, receives pupils in piano, pipe organ, harmony and singing. Both elementary and advanced tuition given. Studio, 215 King street.

## Christmas

## Perfumes and Toilet Goods

Dainty gifts for both ladies and men—for young and old.

We have the new, beautiful and useful—the best that money can buy. Give perfumes if you'd please the fair sex. The choicest kinds are here. All the famous makes—all the desirable odors—in bulk or in lovely packages for Christmas gifts; prices very low.

Our assortment of Fine Hair Brushes, Military Brushes, Whisks, etc., in ebony and handsome woods, is the most complete in the city.

No one shows so large a variety or asks such small prices.

**CAIRNCROSS &**



**Pearline** is a soapy powder - contains all the soap necessary and something else. Millions use Pearline with satisfaction - Hundreds have imitated Pearline to their own and the Peoples' disgust.

## PEKIN ENVOYS AGREE AGAIN

Report That They Have Really Signed the Joint Note

Regarding Negotiations Between China and the Powers—Ferocity of Russia's Troops.

London, Dec. 24.—Dr. Morrison, writing to the Times from Peking Saturday, says that official Chinese declare that China will accept all the conditions of the joint note without "losing her face."

SIGNED THE NOTE.

Peking, Dec. 23.—The last obstacle having been removed the joint note was signed yesterday by all the foreign ministers, including the envoy from the Netherlands, who arrived only recently. The note will be delivered to Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, the Chinese plenipotentiaries, as soon as the former shall have sufficiently recovered from his indisposition.

The Chinese close to Li Hung Chang still prefer to believe, despite the signing of the note, which they did not believe would take place, that the principal negotiators must be carried off in Europe or America. They resent the British modification of the note for, as they say, some power or powers might not be satisfied until the indemnity has been paid in full, which would mean the occupation of Peking for an indefinite time, as it cannot be expected that China will raise what would be required—possibly 1,000,000 taels—all at once. As a matter of fact it will take several years.

Li Hung Chang's condition is reported to be so much improved that he was able to be out of bed for a short time.

The cavalry and infantry detachments, which have been investigating the reported troubles near Ho Shi Enu, have returned and report that there is nothing to cause alarm. All the trouble, they say, is on the other side of the river, which the allies are not protecting. It was discovered that a party of Catholic Christians had started on an expedition, but its whereabouts is not known.

RUSSIANS THE WORST.

The Tokio correspondent of the London Times, in the course of a long letter, gives the views of Japanese officers upon western military methods in China, especially the conduct of the troops with regard to the graver crimes of robbery, incendiarism, murder and outrage. "The Japanese agree," he says, "in declaring the American troops free from all these excesses. The Germans come second in the list, and the British third, the latter being charged only with petty pilfering, and being fully acquitted of murder, arson and outrage. The French, who are fourth on the list,

## A MINISTER'S EXPERIENCE

Suffered Terribly With a Violent Form of Itching, Protruding Piles—Escaped a Dangerous and Painful Operation, and Was Thoroughly Cured by

Dr. Chase's Ointment

While scores of thousands of people in all the walks of life are being cured of the distressing effects of itching piles by using Dr. Chase's Ointment, comparatively few are so considerate of the welfare of others as to help to make known this wonderful preparation. The following letter from a Methodist minister, who is held in high esteem in Central Ontario, where he is well-known, represents the experience of very many ministers and others, who recognize in Dr. Chase's Ointment the only actual cure for piles and itching skin diseases.

Rev. S. A. Dupran, Methodist minister, Concession, Prince Edward county, Ont., states: "I was troubled with itching and bleeding piles for years, and they ultimately attained to a very violent form. Large lumps or abscesses formed, so that it was with great difficulty and considerable pain that I was able to stool. At this severe crisis I purchased a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment, but I had little or no faith in it, as I had tried various remedies before and to no purpose. "Now, imagine how great and joyous was my surprise to find that just the one box cured me, so that the lumps disappeared, and also the external swelling. I feel like a different man today, and have not the least doubt that Dr. Chase's Ointment saved me from a very dangerous and painful operation many years ago. It is the only remedy which has never yet been known to fail to cure piles of any form. 50 cents a box, at all dealers or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

No physician or druggist would think for a moment of recommending any other preparation than Dr. Chase's Ointment as cure for piles. It is the only remedy which has never yet been known to fail to cure piles of any form. 50 cents a box, at all dealers or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

are given to loot and outrage, but not to murder. Of the Russians the Japanese speak with horror, as combining ferocity with lust and the love of plunder."

WU CHANG TO BE OPEN.

The London Daily News publishes the following from its Shanghai correspondent: Chang Chih Tung announces the receipt of an edict authorizing the opening of Wu Chang, opposite Hankow, to foreign trade. Wu Chang is the center of an important trade, and the site of the terminus of the Canton railway.

Chinese papers assert that the anti-dynastic rebellion in the Province of Kan Su is becoming serious, and is likely to compel the court to depart.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The semi-official Temps announces, in confirmation of the press dispatches, that the viceroy of the provinces of Huh Pei and Hu Kan declares that Wu Chang will be made an open port.

## MURDER IN THE WAR DEPARTMENT.

A Well Known United States Government Official Shot Dead by a Clerk.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Frank H. Morris, of Ohio, auditor of the war department, was shot and killed Saturday afternoon by Samuel MacDonald, also of Ohio, recently a disbarred clerk of the treasury, in the former's office at the Windsor building. Seventeenth street. MacDonald afterward shot himself and also slashed his throat with a penknife.

Auditor Morris was cajoled alone with MacDonald when the shooting occurred, and in trying to make his escape he also assaulted the watchman, Thomas Cusick, with the butt of his revolver. He was arrested while leaving the building. Before being taken into custody, however, he shot himself in the stomach and also made an ugly gash in his throat with a small penknife. When the officers arrested him he was heard to exclaim: "I did it. I know I'm done for."

An eye-witness to the latter part of the encounter between the two men, stated that upon hearing the sound of the shot he ran into the auditor's office, which he had just left. Upon entering the room he saw two men struggling in each other's arms. MacDonald holding his revolver close up to Morris' breast. MacDonald, after firing again, attempted to get out of the room, but encountered a number of clerks and employees whom the sound of the firing had brought to the doors and then turned and fired again. This is believed to have been the fatal shot.

Employees who knew MacDonald said he had a grievance against Morris, who, he claimed, was responsible for having his pay reduced. Others who knew him said that they could not attribute his deed to anything but a diseased brain from over-indulgence in liquor.

## CONFESSED TWO MURDERS.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 24.—Edward V. Higgins, who resides in Coldwater Canyon, has confessed that on Dec. 4 he murdered his mother and Wm. Sheehan, a sheep herder, with an axe. A body has been found in a grave on the hillside where Higgins says he buried his victims.

## SMASHUP ON THE WABASH RAILWAY.

Locomotive and Several Cars Wrecked at St. Thomas—Two Persons Injured.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 24.—A rear-end collision occurred at 3:30 yesterday morning in the Wabash yards here, and as a result one man lies at the hospital in a precarious condition, and another is badly hurt up.

A through east-bound freight train was standing on one of the main tracks at the west end of the yards. The conductor, Hector Finney, and his two brakemen, were asleep in the way car, when another east-bound freight, with engine No. 1,352, and Engineer Thomas Yates, crashed into the standing train, wrecking the locomotive and seven or eight cars, some of which were loaded with merchandise. The wreckage took fire, and before the brigade could check the blaze the caboose and three cars were burned.

Conductor Finney was picked up in an unconscious condition. He was badly injured around the head, and his back is terribly wrenched.

Brakeman John Lawton had his face badly cut and leg ripped open. Engineer Yates and his fireman escaped with a few cuts. Both crews belonged to Windsor.

The switchman says the tail lights on the standing train were not lighted, and he gave the incoming train the track, thinking the other train had left. The company's loss will be heavy.

## BOYS OF B COMPANY AT HALIFAX

Lake Champlain Arrived at 2 A. M. Sunday.

They Met a Hearty Reception and Left for the West at 2 P.M.—To Reach Toronto Christmas Morning.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 23.—The steamer Lake Champlain, from Liverpool, with the balance of the first Canadian contingent, arrived in the harbor at two o'clock this morning. At nine o'clock the steamer came up to the dock at Deepwater terminus, while a salute was fired by the Royal Artillery from the citadel, and church and fire bells rang out a joyous welcome. The troops were received by Lieut.-Gov. Jones, the mayor and aldermen, and officers of the Royal Artillery, 30 of the R. C. R. I. and militia. A special train was in waiting, and men and luggage were quickly transferred thereto.

Thousands of citizens turned out to greet the returning heroes, and they were given a royal welcome. Sixteen officers and 275 men arrived on the steamer, all of whom are in excellent health and spirits. Col. Otter and Lieut.-Col. Buchanan brought their chargers with them.

A special train, carrying the boys for the west, left Deepwater at two o'clock. The train was made up of a baggage car, four tourist cars and one first-class sleeper. The New Brunswickers will leave the train at Moncton and take another special for their destination. As the train pulled out the band of the Third R. C. R. I. played "Home Sweet Home," and thousands of citizens gave three hearty cheers.

The Charlottetown men left for home at one o'clock today.

## HOME CHRISTMAS MORNING.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Otter tonight received a telegram from Col. Otter, stating that he and the Toronto officers and men would be home early Christmas morning.

The military will escort the colonel and his men from the station to the armories.

It is proposed to present the homecoming St. Thomas soldiers with \$25 in gold each on their arrival home, and to give them a banquet. Arches are to be erected in the streets, and the school children will walk in the procession.

## HOW IS THIS?

London, Dec. 24.—Lord Kitchener has evidently made earnest appeals to the British Government to dispatch reinforcements by stendering whether, as Canada has no national force in South Africa now, the Strathcona being the result of private munificence, Canadian troops will be sent as a second corps of 500 mounted men from the Northwest, to be raised and equipped by the Canadian Government.

## SERIOUS SITUATION

The Natural Gas Supply in Essex County Running Low—Factories Must Use Other Fuel.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 22.—The statement that the Essex county gas fields are giving out has raised a feeling of alarm in all the districts that are being supplied with natural gas. The failure of the natural gas supply would mean a dead loss to Windsor of over a hundred thousand dollars in money they had put out to take advantage of it. A very conservative estimate of the cost of connections, burners, and all other necessary expenses to enable a family to use natural gas is \$30 for each house. Most people claiming that the average price would be nearer \$75. Should the gas supply give out all the invested capital would be a dead loss.

Kingsville, Ont., Dec. 22.—At 6 o'clock tonight, by order of an agent of the United Gas Company, all factories in this town were shut off from using natural gas. The town at once connected its two wells, and will keep the furnaces going in the glass factory until Tuesday.

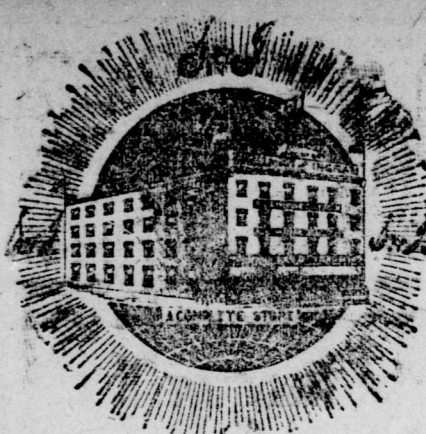
If the government does not act promptly in stopping the export to Detroit, the large glass factory will be closed Wednesday. The woolen mills and electric light plant are also badly handicapped.

In Greece, a man who is there sentenced to death waits two years before the execution of the sentence.

## Cancer Sufferers Shrink From Chloroform and Cutting

No Further Need for Dangerous and Painful Operations Since the Introduction of the New Constitutional Treatment.

People naturally dread the surgeon's knife, the chloroform and the operating table. More especially is this so in the case of those suffering from cancer, as the most skilled surgeon will tell his patient that he can promise no hope of a permanent cure by operation, and that the disease is as likely to return as not within a year. The new method of treating cancer by a constitutional remedy, taken internally, has been so wonderfully successful, that within the last few years it has practically superseded all other forms of treating this disease. The principle on which it is based is this, that cancer is a virulent poison in the blood, and removing the lump or growth simply does not get at the cause of the disease. The new remedy, when taken into the system goes directly to the root of the trouble, searches out the cancer poison, neutralizes and destroys it, and builds up the weakened organism. It is a pleasant preparation to take and will not upset the stomach of the most delicate. Messrs. Stott & Jury, Bowmanville, Ont., on receipt of two stamps, will be pleased to send further information about this remedy to anyone desiring it.



THE WEATHER TODAY—Colder, with snow flurries.

STORE OPEN TONIGHT—Closed between 6 and 7 o'clock.

## THE LAST DAY.

Today—the last before Christmas—the capacity of this store will be heavily taxed. There'll be a rush from the city and country, and before the doors fold to for the night we realize that thousands of pretty, useful, elegant and appropriate articles will be taken from our stock to be given as gifts on the coming day. We thank our many customers for their thoughtfulness in not leaving all their shopping till the last day, as in this way we have been given a chance to carefully serve all. If you have gifts yet to secure we recommend any of the following:

## Fur Gifts

What nicer for a daughter than a set of Furs? They are very stylish, very useful, and cost little here—drygoods prices prevailing. Any of the following will be found splendid value:

Black Thibet Ruffs.....\$1 25 to \$2 75	Sable Muffs.....\$8 and \$9 50
Sable Ruffs, were \$3 25; reduced to.....\$2 and \$2 25	Gray Lamb Gauntlets.....\$4 75, \$5 and \$5 75
Children's Gray Lamb Caps.....\$3 00	Splendid quality Persian Lamb Gauntlets.....\$6 50
Storm Collars to match.....\$5 75, \$6 50 and \$6 75	Astrachan Capelines, three tails.....\$5 00
Electric Seal Muffs.....\$4 50	Astrachan Capelines.....\$8 75
Coon Muffs.....\$3 75	Astrachan Capelines, with Electric Seal band and collar.....\$10 00
Astrachan Muffs.....\$3 50	Electric Seal Capelines, long front.....\$12 50

COZY RUGS FOR CHILDREN'S CARRIAGES, \$4.50 THE SET.

## Boys' Toys and Girls' Toys.

Whether you have much or little to spend you can make it go further here. Our toy stock is new and in it you will find articles that will cause the eyes of the little ones to glisten with joy.

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THE BIGGEST QUARTER'S WORTH EVER GIVEN.

As we hope to clear out every Toy in the store before we close tonight come along as early as convenient.

## Suggestions From Upstairs.

CHILDREN'S EIDERDOWN JACKETS—Sizes 1, 2 and 3, cream, cardinal, blue or fancy light shades, at.....\$2 50, \$2 75 and up to \$3 50

LADIES' FLANNELETTE GOWNS—In fancy stripes or plain pink, blue or white; all tastefully finished. Prices.....\$3 50, 50c, 75c and up to \$2 25

FASCINATORS—In all wool or wool and silk, pretty styles, in cream, pink, blue or black. Prices.....50c, 75c, 95c and \$1 50

FINE WOOL WAISTS—One table, in medium and dark shades, with fine white stripes. Price each only.....\$1 00

FRENCH FLANNEL WAISTS—Up-to-date colors and makes. Prices.....\$2 50, \$2 75 and \$3 25

WOOL SHAWLS—In cream, gray or black, selling quickly at.....50c, 75c and up to \$2 50

SILK SHAWLS—In cream, or black.....\$1 50, \$2 and \$2 50

LADIES' EIDERDOWN DRESSING JACKETS—Always nice for a Christmas gift. Prices.....\$1 50, \$1 75, \$2 00, \$3 75

SILK WAISTS—In black or colors. Prices.....\$2 50, \$3 50, \$3 95 and up to \$10

CHILDREN'S SHORT JACKETS—Warm, prettily finished, and in a nice assortment of styles. Price.....\$2 50, \$3, \$3 50 and up to \$7

FUR-LINED CLOAKS—What so nice for wife or mother? Nothing so seasonable, reason be or acceptable.....\$14 50, \$19 50, \$25 up to \$39

LADIES' JACKETS—Ladies' Warm Winter Jackets, in black or colors, at from, each.....\$3 25 to \$18

We wish every customer, every citizen, every reader, a right Merry Christmas. We expect one ourselves.

## SMALLMAN & INGRAM

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## REV. C. H. YATMAN

Addressed Many Meetings in London Yesterday—Interesting Services.

Since coming to this city on Saturday, Rev. C. H. Yatman has held eight services, all well attended, interesting and eloquently addressed. On Saturday afternoon he spoke to a meeting for boys in the Auditorium, his subject being "A Mouse and a Martyr." At 9 o'clock on Sunday morning he held a union young people's service, and at 11 o'clock he preached to a large audience at the First Methodist Church. At 2:30 o'clock and 4 o'clock two other meetings were held, the latter being for men only, at the Auditorium. "Judas Iscariot" was the theme upon which he spoke, and so soul-stirring was his appeal that a large number of those present signified their intention of seeking the better life. After taking the evening service at the First Methodist Church, Mr. Yatman concluded a day of strenuous effort with a meeting in the Auditorium. This afternoon he held special services for old folks, speaking of the "Sunset and Sunrise of Saints." Tomorrow a grand union service will be held at the First Methodist Church, 10:30 a.m. Mr. Yatman will tell the story of his second missionary journey of 40,000 miles around the world, during which he preached in Japan, China, Manila, Australia, Ceylon and India.

Steamship Arrivals.

Ship	From	Arrived
Manchester	Halifax	Dec. 22
Campania	New York	Dec. 22
H. H. Meyer	New York	Dec. 22
St. Louis	New York	Dec. 22
Pennsylvania	New York	Dec. 22
Colombia	Genoa	Dec. 22
Lucania	Liverpool	Dec. 22
Sardinian	Glasgow	Dec. 22
Tunisian	Toronto	Dec. 22
Lake Champlain	Halifax	Dec. 22
Oreagan	Portland	Dec. 22

## LIVED 101 YEARS.

Detroit, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Melissa Berry, aged 101 years, who lived with in thirteen days of seeing three centuries, was buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery last week. She was born in Virginia, Jan. 1, 1799, of a slave mother; moved to Newport, Ky., and was married there, and finally escaped to freedom with her six children, settling in Chatham, Ont. In 1856 she came to Detroit, where five grown daughters and a number of grandchildren, and one great-grandchild survive her. Rev. Wm. S. Braddon, pastor of the colored Baptist Church, of which she was a member, conducted the funeral services.

She was "Tortured."

"I suffered such pain from corns I could hardly walk," writes H. Robinson, Hillsborough, Ill., "but Bucklin's Arnica Salve completely cured them." Acts like magic on sprains, bruises, cuts, scabs, scalds, burns, boils, ulcers. Perfect healer of skin diseases and piles. Care guaranteed by W. T. Strong & Co. 25 cents.

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## SANTA FE STRIKE ENDED.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 22.—The telegraphers' strike on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway was called off last night.

## This Is What They Say.

Those who take Hood's Sarsaparilla for scrofula, eczema, eruptions, catarrh, rheumatism or dyspepsia, say it cures promptly and permanently, even after all other preparations fail. You may take the medicine with the utmost confidence that it will do you good. What it has done for others you have every reason to believe it will do for you.

Constipation is cured by Hood's Pills. 25c.

## THE OCEAN'S SPITE.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 24.—It looks as though the sea were venting a pitiless spite upon the victims of the Alpha disaster. Three of the recovered bodies were being taken in a boat to the place of holding the coroner's inquest, when through the capsizing of the boat three corpses were again swallowed up by the sea. The bodies were those of Purser J. H. Barber, Third Engineer Murray, and Sullivan, able seaman.

The blood will be poor so long as the stomach shirks its duty. A half wine-glass of DR. SIEBERT'S Angostura Bitters before meals cures dyspepsia. [Adv.]







## OLD WORLD HAPPENINGS

Discussed by Correspondents of American Papers.

### Marked Improvements in Foreign Relations—His Majesty's Health—Situation in Africa—Nicaraguan Canal and China.

London, Dec. 23.—Isaac Ford, in his cable letter this morning, says: There has been a marked improvement in foreign relations during the last year. German friendship has proved to be real and earnest, and French jealousy has been less mischievous than was feared. If it be impossible to find out what is going on in China, the Anglo-German alliance is an evidence that British interests have not been neglected, and that no European coalition can be formed against them.

#### THE BIG DITCH.

If the Anglo-American relations are really clouded by the senate amendments to the canal treaty the English press is slow in discovering it, and the general public is incredulous and optimistic.

The Saturday Review, true to its moss-grown tradition, finds in what it describes as "The Nicaraguan scandal" proofs that the United States Senate is playing havoc with the rights of nations and international agreements, that the president is a weak politician, and that England, by her policy of perpetual concession to the United States, has herself to thank for the whole bother.

The Economist, in a graver and more convincing argument, lays stress upon the duty of respecting treaties until their obligations are dissolved by mutual consent, and expresses the hope that Mr. McKimley will rise to the occasion and become the champion of unswerving national honor and public faith.

Even the mellow Spectator, which would accept fortification of the canal as a guarantee of neutralization, charges the senate with treating the Hay-Pauncefote conventions as if it were the work of the merest ignoramus, and with sanctioning treaty obligations with levity and recklessness. These weekly moralists take a more serious view of the whole affair than the daily press.

#### POSSIBILITIES OF COMPROMISE.

The general impression is that the transcontinental railways are making use of the senate to kill the treaty and prevent the construction of the canal, and that the McKimley Administration rather than England is under attack.

If Secretary Hay has contrived in the agreement with the Nicaragua Government to outwit the senators and to include in it a guarantee of his own convention with Lord Pauncefote, or if President McKimley can offer the foreign office some leeway for making concessions based on equivalents, it may not be impossible to patch up some fresh compromise, although the possibilities are against it. The result will depend upon the president's own attitude and defensive resources. Neither the foreign office nor the English people have any desire to prevent the construction of the canal in the interests of the freight business of the railways.

#### THE QUEEN'S HEALTH.

Referring to current rumors regarding her majesty's health, Mr. Ford says: Court circles show that the Queen is driving daily at Osborne, and this is accepted as a sign that the apprehensions current in the west end respecting the falling of her health are groundless. It is noticeable that the royal family party for Christmas is smaller than usual, and that the Czar's plans are in a state of uncertainty. Without doubt there has been considerable nervousness in the inner circles at court, the Queen's loss of appetite being considered an unfavorable symptom, and her anxiety over the recent bereavements and the Russian Christmas household being noticeable. The Queen is described by those who have seen her recently as unusually haggard and shrunken.

#### IN SOUTH AFRICA.

In regard to South Africa, Mr. Ford says: The situation on the Dutch territories is clearing slowly. The raiding bands which have invaded Cape Colony have not made any important captures or obtained any considerable number of recruits, and will probably be headed off speedily and forced to retire. They are operating against picked and petty garrisons, and are picking up horses, clothing and miscellaneous supplies.

#### CHILLY RECEPTION GIVEN THE RAIDERS.

The welcome extended them by Dutch residents who have property to lose is chilly. De Wet is reported in the Ladybrand district with a thousand men, and Botha is hovering about Standerton with a force of equal strength. The operations of French and Boer commandos against Delarey are not described in detail, but the Boers have apparently been scattered. A small Boer commando is reported in the Pietersburg district and a larger one in the neighborhood of Komatipoort.

#### EXAGGERATED REPORTS.

Small bands of guerrillas are in other sections of the veldt, but they are without artillery, and are incapable of making a serious attack upon the line of communications. The Boer campaign, when exaggerated estimates of the strength of the forces remaining in the field are corrected, is less formidable than is ordinarily represented. The mobility of the raiding commandos prevents successful pursuit, but no permanent advantages are derived even from such brilliant episodes as those of De Wet's raid and Nootgedacht, harassing and troublesome as are the tactics employed. An enormous British army still remains in South Africa, and requires reinforcements, but the victory is won and cannot be undone, and there is nothing to embitter the Christmas cheer.

#### BOUNDARY QUESTIONS.

The announcement that the Netherlands do not consider itself bound by the Paris-Venezuela commission decision regarding the Anglo-Venezuelan frontier is not regarded by the foreign office as being of any importance or as likely to form the basis for international friction.

#### DOESN'T WORRY JOHN BULL.

Another correspondent cables: The Nicaraguan Canal still fails to arouse any real deep interest here, as it is thoroughly understood that Great Britain will take no action in the near future.

The Chinese negotiations are regarded more in the light of a notorious farce than a serious problem, thanks to the absurd misunderstandings which have arisen between

the powers themselves. The only quarter in London where the performance is thoroughly enjoyed is in the Chinese legation, in which Sir Chih Chen Lo Feng Lu, the minister of China, mourning secludedly for his brother, is reported to be in a state of perpetual chuckle over the attitude of Christendom.

#### EDUCATIONAL MATTERS.

The decision of the queen's bench court, declaring it to be illegal for the London school board to spend the ratepayers' money for teaching science and art at evening classes for adults has created perturbation. Some 50,000 pupils are affected, and the whole of London's educational system must be revised. If the House of Lords upholds the verdict, the Speaker declares it is the most serious disaster which has befallen education for some time. Columns of comment appear on the subject in the dailies. Other large cities are seriously concerned as they all have classes similar to those of London. The headmasters of expensive schools appear to approve of the decision.

### BROKERS ACTED LIKE SCHOOL BOYS

Dignity Thrown to the Winds in a Christmas Celebration on 'Change.

New York, Dec. 24.—Holiday celebrations were held at the stock exchange and the consolidated exchange Saturday. Elaborate preparations had been made and both exchanges were packed with members and their friends. At the stock exchange the fun began soon after the close of the market. An enormous evergreen tree hung with electric lights and decorations of many kinds, stood on a platform near the street entrance. From the stained-glass skylight were suspended garlands and wreaths of green, while the rafters of the balcony were brilliant with the national flag.

The programme opened with a patriotic air by the 7th Regiment band, which was stationed on a raised platform near the rostrum. Charles Knobloch was master of ceremonies. At a signal the windows which overlooked the trading floor were opened, and a perfect storm of colored paper, confetti, wriggling snakes, rubber balls and favors of various kinds descended upon the heads of the brokers. Then came inflated paper sheep, bears, bulls and similar objects, which were caught by the crowd on the floor.

Dignity was thrown to the winds, old members as well as younger ones indulged in horseplay, while the on-lookers laughed in delight.

Impromptu parades around the trading floor generally ended in good-natured teasing of some broker who was forced to make a speech of thanks for the distinguished courtesy shown him.

The programme at the Consolidated Exchange was more formal in character and included a vaudeville performance.

### LOVE LETTERS AND FLORAL CODE.

Figure in a Boston Minister's Divorce Suit—A Widow in the Case.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Anne Dixon has secured a decree of absolute divorce from Rev. Joseph K. Dixon, who was charged with misconduct with the widow of her brother-in-law, Amersmann, of Scituate, Pa. Mrs. Dixon testified that she had seen her husband and the widow in a room together, having bored holes in the doors and ceilings. Dr. Dixon's charges of coquetry were dismissed.

The court made no disposition of the children, two of whom are now practically under the control of their father, and the other of her mother. Mrs. Dixon's counsel asked for alimony, because Mrs. Amersmann had left to Mr. Dixon about \$50,000. As the will of Mrs. Amersmann is being fought by her relatives, it is likely to be a year before this question is settled.

The most interesting incident of the divorce trial was the introduction of love letters with a floral code, which Mrs. Dixon's lawyers contend had been written by Dr. Dixon to Mrs. Amersmann.

Mrs. Amersmann became well acquainted with Dr. Dixon while she was building a memorial cottage for her husband. Mr. Amersmann had been the clergyman of the district. The widow left an estate of about \$250,000. In the will Dr. Dixon was given \$50,000 and Mrs. Amersmann's horses for life, and \$10,000 to keep them.

### BIBLE AS A TEXT BOOK.

Church People Ask for Its Use in Schools—Want a Half-Hour on Two Days a Week—Premier Ross Views.

An influential deputation waited on Premier Ross on Thursday afternoon and asked for a provision for religious instruction in the public schools of the province. Among those present were: Principal Caven, Bishop Sweatman, Principal Sheraton, Rev. Dr. Potts, Mr. W. E. H. Massey, Mr. N. W. Howell, Senator Allan, Mr. N. W. Hoyle, Rev. Dr. Courtenay, Rev. J. A. Macdonald, Bishop Baldwin of London, Rev. Dr. Dewar, Mr. Lawrence Baldwin.

The deputation requested that half an hour be set apart two days in the week for the purpose of giving practical religious instruction from the Bible—that is, that the Bible should be used the same as any other text book, to be read by the pupils, and to be explained by the teacher. They also asked that the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments should be printed in large type and posted in the various school houses.

The premier replied that it was a somewhat serious question. The danger of the proposition was that the teachers might use denominational tinge to the instruction, and in that way create discontent in the school districts in which they were engaged. Another danger was that such a change might lead to a demand for denominational schools, for if the Bible was to be expounded at all the various denominations might want it expounded according to their own views. However, the premier expressed his strong sympathy with the full extent of religious instruction compatible with the non-denominational character of our public schools and the maintenance of the integrity of the school system on the basis on which it was established by Dr. Ryerson, and on which it has grown so successfully so far.

#### BROWNED IN THE ST. CLAIR.

Sarnia, Ont., Dec. 24.—John McKay, aged about 55 years, was found drowned in the river Friday. The body was discovered in the rear of Hill's mill on the bay shore. Deceased was a bachelor, and lived in Sarnia for many years, being a laborer. John McKay, weigh master at the G. T. R. elevator here, is a brother of deceased.

## PARKER'S EDITORIAL METHODS

How the Reverend Gentleman Fills the Racing Column.

Doctors Cultivate New Drums for the Ears of Miss Alta Rockefeller.

London, Dec. 24.—In the Sun Saturday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Parker prints next to a two-column prospectus of the mines owned by Mr. Bottomley, the proprietor of the paper, and in place of the usual racing column, what he calls a corrected race record as follows:

The Eternity Stakes—The start, born in sin, etc., Psalm, li. 5. The race—All gone out of the way, etc., Romans.

The finish—After death the judgment, etc., Hebrews, ix. 27. The weighing-room—Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting, Daniel, v. 27. Settling day, for what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul—Mark viii. 36.

The betting items include 10 to 1 on bookmaker, 20 to 1 against novice, 40 to 1 against yokel and 100 to 1 against flats.

#### THE CANAL TREATY.

The Hay-Pauncefote canal treaty, with the United States Senate's amendments will be on their way to London by the steamer which leaves New York next Tuesday.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—The Novosti, discussing the Nicaragua canal, says: "England is evidently incapable of opposing the United States, the fact being that America is rising proportionately as England is slow."

#### DEAF NO LONGER.

The first details of the treatment of Miss Alta Rockefeller, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, the American multi-millionaire, for deafness, by Dr. Isadore Muller, of Vienna, have been made public. Dr. Muller said:

"When Miss Rockefeller's case was brought to my attention, it was a grave that all known methods had been tried unavailingly. I was forced to invent new methods, which have fortunately succeeded."

"The first was to introduce a small gold plate into the ear, fashioned into the required shape. This was placed between the ear drum and the chain of small bones which transmit the vibrations to the internal ear. This improved the patient's hearing so much that she could hear the ticking of a watch, something she had not heard for years."

"The second was to replace the destroyed portions of the tympanum or ear drum by myringoplastic means. Here again I inserted small gold plates. This was tried only after every known method had been used in vain."

"Two months ago the patient came to Vienna for the continuation of her treatment, which I have now carried to an unexpected point of success."

#### GRIP IN ST. PETERSBURG.

The influenza epidemic in St. Petersburg is so severe that the mortality for the last week have been the highest for a decade. A meeting of physicians was summoned to discuss remedies, but scarcely half a dozen responded to the call, the rest being overworked or themselves victims of the malady. The weather is conducive to the spread of the disorder, being changeable, with snow and slush alternating.

#### ROBERTSON—ELLIOTT.

Mr. Forbes Robertson, the actor-manager, and Miss Gertrude Elliott, sister of Maxine Elliott (Mrs. Nat Goodwin), were married Saturday afternoon at All Souls' Church, South Hampstead, London, by the Rev. Canon H. J. H. Robertson. There were no bridesmaids, but the bride was supported by Mrs. Madeline Reilly, the playwright. Mr. Norman Forbes was the best man.

#### LOOT FROM CHINA.

The French steamer Colombo, from China, has been seized by the Chinese, bringing another installment of loot forwarded by Gen. Fyfe. The loot was held by order of the government. Most of the objects will be returned.

#### CONSERVATIVE ELECTED.

Mr. Worsley Taylor, a Conservative, has been elected to represent the Blackpool division of Lancashire in the House of Commons in succession to Sir Matthew White Ridley, who, according to parliamentary usage, relinquished his seat in the Lower House on being elevated to the peerage, with the title of Viscount Ridley. In this election the Conservative majority carried in half the seats. The last general election Sir Matthew was opposed.

#### THE LATE DEAN LAUDER.

The Very Rev. J. S. Lauder, dean of Ottawa, and chaplain of the Canadian Senate, whose death at New Brighton, N.S., was announced Saturday, was prominent in the Anglican Church of Canada for a great many years. Dean Lauder received his early education in Ireland, but was a graduate of Trinity University, Toronto. After his ordination he was located at St. Catharines, Carleton Place, Merrickville and Ottawa. He was a strong advocate of the better observance of the Lord's Day.

#### HURT THIRTY STRIKERS.

Antwerp, Dec. 24.—A fresh attack was made by the striking dock laborers on non-unionists, Saturday. Policemen charged the strikers, firing revolvers. Thirty men were wounded, ten of them severely. Their attitude

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is menacing, the police are being reinforced, and more fighting is imminent.

#### CABLE NOTES.

The Aurora (Paris) publishes a long letter from Emil Zola to President Loubet, protesting against the passage of the amnesty bill, which he stigmatized "as a grave fault of the government."

A dispatch has been received from Hong Kong saying that American hospital ship Maine will arrive at Southampton Jan. 10 with 108 sick men on board. After consultation with the Chinese and military authorities in China, the government has decided that the Maine will not be further needed.

Frederick Richard Pickersgill, the painter, who was keeper of the Royal Academy from 1878 to 1887, died Friday. He was born in London in 1830. The steamer New York, which sailed from Southampton, via Cherbourg, Saturday, took the passengers of the steamer Westerland from Antwerp for New York, which was towed into Southampton with the loss of her propeller.

THERE IS DANGER IN NEGLECTING A COLD. Mary who had died of consumption dated their troubles from exposure, followed by a cold which settled in their lungs, and in a short time they were beyond the skill of the best physician. Had they used Bickie's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, before it was too late, their lives would have been spared. This medicine has no equal for curing coughs, colds and all affections of the throat and lungs. The grave of the famous owner, Grimaldi, in the churchyard of St. James', Piccadilly, London, is greatly in need of restoration.

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**METEOROLOGICAL**  
Toronto, Dec. 23—8 p.m.—The disturbance which was in the northwest portion of the continent on Friday night has since moved with unusual showers. It is now centered over Lake Superior. The weather has turned cold in the Northwest, and colder conditions will now settle in over Ontario. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 42-46; Calgary, 8-28; Prince Albert, 8 below-2; Qu'Appelle, 4 below-2; Winnipeg, 6-12; Port Arthur, 24-40; Parry Sound, 36-42; Toronto, 30-46; Ottawa, 10-30; Montreal, 10-34; Quebec, 10-28; Halifax, 26-46.

Local temperatures: Saturday, Dec. 23—Highest 48, lowest 28, Sunday, Dec. 24—Highest 50, lowest 37.5.

Today (Monday) the sun rose at 7:49 a.m. and sets at 4:45 p.m. The moon rose at 9:28 a.m. and sets at 8:01 p.m.

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## A LOCAL BUDGET.

—School out for remainder of 19th century.

—Mayor Rumball signed 240 bylaws on Saturday morning.

—Miss Ida Ryckman, William street, is spending Christmas at Thorndale.

—Mr. Will McMaster, of Toronto Law School, is holidaying at his home in Glencoe.

—Mr. Morley Newans, of Toronto, is spending Christmas at his home in London South.

—Mr. Walter Costello, manager of the Bell Telephone Company at Cobourg, is home for Christmas.

—Miss Edna Sangster, of Detroit, is spending the Christmas holidays at home in this city.

—The Grand Trunk will put into service 25 miles of double-tracking east of Hamilton on Christmas Day.

—A chimney fire at No. 62 York street yesterday afternoon called the fire department out. No damage.

—Mr. Wm. Murray, of Port Huron, is here attending the funeral of his brother-in-law, Levi Skelton.

—Mr. E. Laing, of the Rogers' Electric Light Company, is spending Christmas at his home in Detroit.

—Miss Addie Mumford, of this city, sang a solo at the College Avenue Methodist Church, Woodstock, last evening.

—Mr. Alex. McPherson, of this city, is the guest of his brother, J. H. McPherson, at the Manning House, Windsor.

—Mr. G. H. Mills, lumber and wood dealer, presented all his employees with a handsome turkey for their Christmas dinner.

—Bishop Baldwin yesterday held confirmation services at Brinsley, Christ Church, McGillivray, and Trinity Church, Alisa Craig.

—Messrs. Walter Seaborn, Will Bartram, Ed Taylor and Jack Gunn are home from the Toronto Law School for the Christmas holidays.

—At the Colborne Street Methodist Church yesterday the subscriptions to the church debt were \$800 in cash, the sum asked for by the trustee board.

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—Pte. Archie Treleven, of the Halifax garrison, son of Mr. Thomas Treleven, G. T. R. master car builder, is expected home for the holidays.

—Messrs. H. Rooks, W. Tackaberry, H. Currie, Percy McLaren, R. McAuliffe and Harry Burton, all of Detroit, are spending Christmas at their homes here.

—A well-known citizen has given a check to cover cost of sending a basket containing a dainty lunch for each member of E. Company now on the way home.

—Mr. F. T. Treblecock and his mother, Mrs. Thomas Treblecock, of Richmond street, left on Saturday to spend Christmas with relatives in New York city.

—Mr. Martin J. Burns, commercial traveler, of this city, is a member of the company formed to take over the business of James McCready & Co., boot and shoe manufacturers.

—The Windsor Record says that Mr. E. C. Pringle, of the Merchants' Bank, in Walker, Me., will shortly leave for London, where he will take up his duties with the same institution.

—Hamilton Spectator: Jas. McKenna, a Londoner, wishes to thank the members of Iron Molders' Union, No. 26, and the members of the hospital staff for their many kindnesses to him during his recent illness.

—On Friday afternoon the pupils of the intermediate and primary departments of the Embro school presented their teachers, Miss Haney and Miss Skeiton (formerly of this city), who are leaving Embro, with a handsome chair for Miss Skeiton and a gold ring and souvenir spoon to Miss Haney.

—The board of governors of the Amasa Wood Hospital, St. Thomas, have appointed Miss Minnie S. Tye, of this city, lady superintendent, to succeed Miss Armstrong. The new lady superintendent was for seven years lady superintendent of Victoria Hospital here. Miss Tye enters upon her duties on Feb. 1.

—It would be pretty safe to wager that not many Christmas shoppers have failed to view with admiration the artistically dressed windows of Oak Hall. They are certainly a pair of beautiful and fine sample of window-dresser's art. The designing is unique and novel, and the color effect perfect. Charles A. Anderson is the genial artist who fitted out the windows. He certainly knows his business.

—The fourth of the series of twilight organ recitals will be given by W. H. Hewlett in Dundas Center Methodist Church, on Thursday afternoon next (instead of Saturday), at 4 o'clock. The regular recital day is changed in order that the many patrons of these recitals may have the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Clara Barnes-Holmes, the popular contralto of Buffalo, who will be passing through the city that day. An excellent programme has been prepared which will no doubt be enjoyed by all who attend.

—The funeral service in connection with the death of the little daughter of Rev. W. J. Clark took place this morning, at the residence, 100 Wolf street, in time to get the 8:10 G. T. R. train to the family burying place, near Dundas. The services were conducted by Rev. J. G. Stuart, assisted by Rev. Dr. Johnston, Mr. McGillivray and Wilson, who also acted as pallbearers. At the station there was a good representation of elders, managers and other friends. Dr. Johnston kindly volunteered to fill Mr. Clark's pulpit last night. The service was appropriate and sympathetic, from the reference in the prayer to "this favored child, who has been invited to spend the Christmas with her mother." To the sermon. These kindly offices from Mr. Clark's brother ministers brighten bereavement with the inner spirit of Christmas.

## "SPECIAL" FROM ST. THOMAS.

A special train will be run from St. Thomas tomorrow to meet the returning soldiers and will take the St. Thomas contingent back.

## VACANT LAND.

The value of the vacant land in London, as assessed by Commissioner Grant, is: No. 1 ward, \$150,638; No. 2, \$106,880; No. 3, \$107,510; No. 4, \$175,965; total, \$540,993.

## BACK FROM CHINA.

Rev. Jonathan Goforth, a missionary, who returned lately from China, and who, with his wife and a party of other missionaries had many narrow escapes from death at the hands of the Boxers, preached last evening at St. Andrew's Church. In the course of his sermon he spoke interestingly of his experiences in China and the conditions prevailing there.

## WILL ESCORT THE SOLDIERS.

Memorial Church Company of the Boys' Brigade has been appointed by Col. Holmes to be a special guard of honor to the London contingent to South Africa upon their return to the city tomorrow. The boys, under command of Corporal Evans, will parade from their headquarters at the Sunday school to St. Paul's Cathedral, where they will meet the volunteers and will march with them into the church for divine service.

## AT HYDE PARK.

On Friday evening the pupils of the Hyde Park public school, under the management of Miss Ryan, teacher, gave a most enjoyable entertainment in the school house. It being made an occasion for presenting an address and gift to Mr. Bradley, the retiring principal. A drill tableaux, dialogues, recitations, vocal and instrumental music, formed an excellent programme. acted in his usual pleasing way. At the close, candy, the gift of Mr. John Fisher, trustee, was distributed among the children. The Orphans' Home was remembered in the collection which was taken up.

## A NARROW ESCAPE.

Wm. Burris, driver for the London Floral Company, and Mr. John Meredith had a narrow escape from seri-

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ous injury on Saturday evening. Shortly before 8 o'clock they were driving south on Waterloo street, and as they approached the G. T. R. tracks they stopped their rig for a minute, but on a signal from the watchman, started to cross. When nearly over the rig was struck by some cars loaded with coal, which were being backed down the tracks. Burris jumped, while Mr. Meredith, who was driving, caught the car and hung on until it was brought to a standstill. The rig was struck about the front wheel and dragged a distance of some twenty feet. In some manner the horse was held up by the shafts and thus escaped injury.

## DEATH OF THOS. JONES.

On Saturday morning there passed away, at the residence, 579 King street, Mr. Thomas Jones, one of the city's well-known and most respected residents. The major portion of Mr. Jones' lifetime of 75 years was spent in London, and he will be remembered as a useful and public-spirited citizen. The news of his death will come as a surprise to his many friends, as his fatal illness was of comparatively short duration. He leaves a family of five sons and four daughters. The sons are all of this city, and are Messrs. William, water, commissioner; John and Thomas, of Jones Bros., and Harry and Fred, of Lawson & Jones. The daughters are Miss Minnie, at home; Mrs. Bell, of Tilsonburg; Mrs. McKellar, of Denver, Col.; and Mrs. Parr, of England.

## PROSPERING.

The following, from the Dominion Presbyterian, refers to the congregation of Rev. John A. Clark, brother of Rev. W. J. Clark, of this city. Anniversary services are now in order. That of Cowan Avenue congregation was held last Sabbath. The Rev. Dr. Milligan was the preacher in the morning, and Rev. John Nell in the evening. The congregation is prospering under the pastorate of Mr. Clark, and the report presented this year will be better than that for any previous year. South Parkdale, and indeed, the whole of that section of the city, is filling up rapidly. It is a beautiful and healthy location, and the citizens are beginning to find out that Parkdale is no farther from the center of civilization than is the annex. The churches are benefiting by the popularity of the section, and the people are being benefited by the excellent preaching in all the pulpits of that suburb.

## MISSIONS IN MANITOBA.

Rev. Canon Matheson, principal of St. John's College, Winnipeg, preached at Memorial Church yesterday morning, making a forcible appeal in behalf of the mission fund of the Diocese of Rupert's Land. The canon based his remarks on Mark xiv, 15, and I Timothy, v, 8. In speaking of the progress that has already been made by the Church of England in Manitoba, he stated that 25 years ago there were only two churches in what is now the Diocese of Rupert's Land, which has now upwards of 90 ministers laboring within its boundaries, each of whom has charge of several parishes. In the past eighteen months sixteen new churches have been opened, and several missions have become self-supporting. Over 750 miles of railway have been laid by one company within the last two years, nearly all in the diocese, and the supply of an area of new country with missionaries was impossible for the diocese itself, and if progress is to be made, considerable assistance must be given by the mother church in Eastern Canada.

## LADIES' AID.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of King Street Presbyterian Church was held on Friday afternoon. The year has been in every way a successful one. The ladies have paid \$824 of the \$1,000 promised to the century fund. The following officers were elected for 1901: President, Mrs. D. Dobbin; first vice-president, Mrs. Urquhart; second vice-president, Mrs. Thos.

## FIFTY TONS OF CANDY

Have Been Sent to the Soldiers in the Philippine Islands by the Government.

Fifty tons of candy have been sent to the soldiers in the Philippine Islands by the commissary department of the army during the last three months and large amounts to the soldiers in Cuba and Puerto Rico.

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Candy was never furnished to the United States army before, although it has commonly been used as a ration by the French and British troops in the tropics.

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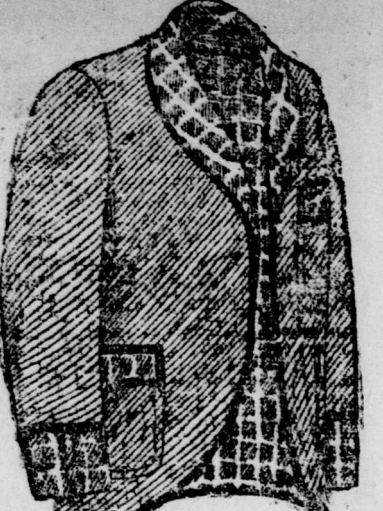
Very few things are injurious, and the food cranks who advocate the use of a few grains and vegetables and decry the use of sweets and meats are in error, as a wholesome variety of meat and vegetable food is absolutely necessary for the maintenance of the highest condition of health.

The best rule to follow is to eat what the appetite craves, and if there is any discomfort or trouble in digesting meat and sweets, the difficulty can be readily overcome by the regular use after meals of some safe digestive composed of pepsin and dextrose, which will adjust the stomach by increasing the flow of gastric juice and furnish the natural peptone lacking in weak stomachs.

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Mrs. P. Ford and Mrs. Wm. Black; Mrs. Richmond and Mrs. Robertson; Mrs. Nobb and Mrs. Martin; Mrs. Jamieson and Mrs. Urquhart; Mrs. Dobbin and Mrs. Link; Mrs. Clare and Mrs. Herbert.

Chief Pow, of Tilsonburg, received a telephone message from Ingersoll Wednesday night, stating that about 50 turkeys had been stolen from Derehana farmers, and that the thieves were heading for Tilsonburg.