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LONDON, CANADA, MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1900.

WHOLE NO., 16149.

#### 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; service 2 p.m., to Woodland. Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this in-timation.

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. 23, 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

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. 47k

PRINCESS ICE PALACE-CHRISTMAS afternoon and evening, good skating (weather permitting). 7th Battalion Band. Season books, ladies and children, \$3; gents, \$3 50. Skates to rent. Watch the ball.

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

48c tzx

JUBILEE RINK-MUSICAL SOCIETY band 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 MORN-ING, from 10 to 12, the Ross House, East Loudon, will serve a free lunch of seasonable edibles. R. H. Reid, pro-

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 up to the standard of this popular resort.

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

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

PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING BY R. B. Millard, 345 Princess venue. Special attention given to the waitz and two-step. Rapid teaching. Low rates. Lessons any hour.

# RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL—THE DI-VINE 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

# MEETINGS.



Headquarters 7th Regiment of Fusiliers, London, Ont., Dec. 24, 1900. Regimental order by Maj. J. W. Little, commanding: The Regiment will parade in field day order (great-coats and busbles) at the Drill Shed on Tuesday, 25th inst., at 10

W. A. McCRIMMON, Lieut. and Adjutant.

C. I. CADETS WILL PARADE AT he school on Tuesday, at 9:40 a.m. G. Ingram, captain.

WING TO THE HALL BEING OTHER-WISE in use, the regular meeting of the Real Estate Owners' Association will be held in Duffield Hall on Thursday evening, 27th inst. Every member should attend. W. H. Ferguson, secre-tary.

CIENT ORDER FORESTERS-RAL-Y, Court Pride Dominion rooms, 10 m., Christmas morning, to meet our rothers. Bring your regalia.

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

# DOMESTICS WANTED

WANTED-KITCHEN GIRL FRASER WANTED IMMEDIATELY-A GEN ERAL servant, Good wages. Apply at

HOUSEMAID WANTED-REFER-ENCES required. Apply Mrs. W. M. Gartshore, "Beechwood," Ridout street

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. 47c

# SCOTCH SUITS.



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

# JOS. DAMBRA,

MERCHANT TAILOR. Cor. Richmond and Carling Sts.

# Christmas lurkey.

can easily be bought with the money you'll save on a fairsized 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 word each subsequent insertion. No advt. less than 10 words. 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 Black Felt House Slip-

pers, 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 cosy, made in France \$100 Women's French Felt Shippers, in colors, lined with lambswool ..\$1 25 Women's Quilted Satin and Fancy Velvet High-cut Juliets, in col-ors, fur-bound and lined, only

..... \$1 50, \$1 75 Women's Vici Kid or Patent Leather Strap Slippers, with fancy bows (American) ......\$1 25 Women's Fancy Kid or Patent 

# Men's Slippers

Every sort that's fit for a gentleman-bran new kindsspecially 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:

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

Men's Novelty Slippers, for bedroom, American made, oriental colors, in velvet, 50c, Derby .....350 Men's Carpet Slippers... 30c, 50c, 65c Men's Fancy Velvet Slippers.... ...... 65c. 75c, 85c, \$1 00 Men's Dark Tan Goatskin Kumfort Slippers, white lambswool lin-

ing ..... \$1 00 Men's Fancy Slippers, tan. black, and other colors, in dongola, kid. goatskin, imitation alligator, calf, etc., all shapes (American made) Men's Tan and Black Slippers, in

vici kid, goat and fine calf, any style desired ..... \$1 50 Men's American Slippers, in all the new colors and styles, extra fine Men's Best Black Cloth Overgai-

# 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 Overgaiters, best quality .......75c Women's No. 1 Quality Leggins .... 90c Shoes may be exchanged after the holidays, or any time, if size is not right.

Open Evenings Till 10 O'Clock.

167 Dundas Street.

# MALE HELP WANTED.

1c per word first insertion, and ½c per word each subsequent insertion. advt. less than 10 words.

FAITHFUL PERSONS TO TRAVEL-Salary, \$780 and expenses. Absolutely not canvassing. Inclose self-addressed stamped envelope. Colonial Company,

WANTED-100 MEN TO PLUCK TUR-KEYS. Come tomorrow morning. H. Stevenson, Slater's Storage. 46c

# HELP WANTED.

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

# SITUATIONS WANTED.

1c per word each insertion, and ½c per word each subsequent insertion. No advt. less than 10 words.

WANTED—SITUATION BY BOOK-KEEPER, employed at present, six years' experience, \$8 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, table and large lot. Duchess South London. Apply 354 Rich

TO RENT-EITHER FURNISHED OR unfurnished, the residence of the late Mrs. McNeil, 564 Wellington street, op-

posite the park. Apply to Thomas Coffey, Catholic Record office, Rich-mond street. 45n TO LET-STORE AT PRESENT OC-CUFIED by The Dominion Savings and Investment Society. Apply Thomas C. Knott.

TO LET - LARGE STORE, NO. 173
Dundas street. Possession Dec. 1. Apply Fitzgerald, Scandrett & Co. 3tf

TO LET-UNION FURNITURE VAN-Furniture carefully handled. John Biggs, Cathcart and Bruce, South Lon-don, late of London Furniture Com-pany. 'Phone \$10.

# The Hang of It

Here is the point in a fashionablymade 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 sone but the finest workmen.

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# **DEEKS & MUNSON**

Merchant Tailors, 303 Richmond Street.

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# AGENTS WANTED.

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.

to per word each insertion, and 4/2c per word each subsequent insertion. No advt. less than 10 words.

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. b

LOST-ON DEC. 20, BETWEEN IL-DERTON and Oxford street bridge, London, a lady's hand-bag, containing purse, sum of money, etc. Finder re-warded at this office. 47c Cueen's avenue, London, on Dec. 3, white and black and tan English setter dog. Had on collar and dog tax tag. Liberal reward for information. J. C. Duffield.

## ARTICLES FOR SALE.

SIRLOIN AND PORTERHOUSE steak, 10c; rib roast, 9c; shoulder roast, 7c and 8c; boiling pieces, 5c and 6c, at Park's, corner Market Lane.

SKATES, AIR GUNS, AND POCKET Knives at lowest prices. D. McKenzie & Co., 298 Richmond street, one door south G. T. R. station.

\$2 75—A SOLID OAK DESK FOR \$2 75. A fine present for husband or 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,
91 Dundas Street.

SNAP IN NEW AND SECOND-HAND Pianos during next ten days. One fine Piano, 71-3 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 Fur-niture 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 Mur-phy Provision Store. TURKEYS, GEESE, DUCKS AND Chickens—All kinds of poultry in abundance for the Christmas trade. abundance for the Christmas trade. No occasion to go to the market for your Christmas poultry, as we guarantee our prices to compete with the market. Strictly new-laid eggs, 23c dozen; good eggs, 18c dozen; choice roll and crock butter, 21c lb; cooking butter, 17c lb. T. A. Faulds, 687 Dundas. 'Phone 1,192.

NEW PROVISION STORE-NO. Market House-Having purchased the provision business of James Clark, all friends of the former 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 Christmas. F. B. Clarke, Richmond

street, next Advertiser. IF YOU ARE TROUBLED WITH OLD sores, piles, burns, skin disease, use res, piles, burns, skin disease, use ew Century Magic Salve. No. 3 Mar-

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

\$100 VIOLIN FOR SALE OR EX-CHANGE, at a bargain; also square piano. Sanborn & Treblicock, 183 Dun-das street, London (Anderson's book

STORM SASH MUST BE PUT ON, eavestroughs cleaned, trees pruned. Now is the time to buy an extension ladder. Factory, 405 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. Mil-roy, manufacturing jeweler, 255 Dundas

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. 89tf

# PERSONAL.

WILL THE WOMAN WHO WAS SEEN take a basket beside a little boy Saturday morning return and save further trouble to 148 William street?

# STARTLING STORY!

Given Out With Reference to the Kidnapping of Millionaire Cudahy's Son.

Cudahy kidnapping was given out here of any such offenses, and those in with today by L. A. Bolton, a New York the authorities. Bolton says that his commercial traveler, who vouches for authority for the story is the scapethe 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

Toledo, Dec. 24.-A rather startling | being gradually extended, but only story with reference to the recent such recruits are sought as would not grace and disowned son of a million aire, who was approached and asked to join the organization. Secrecy is insured by the fact that no one member knows more than two other mem-bers. No violence 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 with known crooks and will not toler-ate any such within its circle. It is dren if possible, girls preferred.

# SERIOUS AND WELL-PLANNED

A British View of the Cape Colony Invasion by De Wet's Forces.

The Elusive Boer Commander's Ability Underestimated— Kitchener Reports the Movement Checked-Burghers Said To Be Short of Ammunition.

dispatches are almost the only available news from the seat of hostilities in South Africa, but telegrams from plosives. Cape Town depict the situation in anything but roseate views. Without General Kitchener's Reports. believing the assertion of the Transvaal agency in Brussels that 6,000 Loers have invaded Cape Colony, it is quite evident that the invasion was A SERIOUS AND WELL-PLANNED

AFFAIR. In connection with this a correspondent sends an extremely interesting letter, dated Bethulle, Dec. 1, describing Gen. De Wet and his doings. "De Wet has never been taken seriously enough," says the correspondent. "It is of little use to pursue him. He fights a rear guard action and gains twenty miles while he is being fought. He is a born military genius, whose wonderful powers have kept up his phenomenal resistance. Once he fails the whole thing could be crushed in a fortnight. He has every single commando under his supervision. All his patrols and columns march countermarch on his order. The forces under his command have been reduced by his strength of will to properly organized army, moving at his word. The sooner the British rid themselves of the idea that De Wet's forces are a mere rabble, wandering aimlessly, the sooner they will grasp the need of the determined effort which is necessary to capture him.

THE DUTCH JOYFUL. Advices from Cape Town represent the Dutch element in Cape Colony as greatly elated over the southward progress of the Boers, and as boasting that the whole district of West will join the raiders. It is suspected in Cape Town that the force traveling from Zoutpan's Drift is not

The Pietermaritzburg correspondent of the London Daily Mail says: "The Boers are active between Johannesburg and Pretoria, exchanging shots with the British outposts, and it is reported that parties of Boers are hovering around Johannesburg." It appears that the Boers have de-

stroyed a railway bridge 90 feet long, about 120 miles from De Aar, and no Cape mails have arrived at Bloemfontein for three days. Further anxiety has been caused in Cape Town by the discovery that, dur-

# LIVERY STABLES.

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

# BUSINESS CHANCES.

le per word first insertion, and ½c per advt. less than 10 words.

FOR SALE-BRICK STORE AND GEN-ERAL stock; six miles south of Both-well. A great country trade. A snap for a man with \$8,000. J. H. Trestian,

PERSONS WISHING TO PLACE SOME money in sure, profitable investment will do well to address Box N, Adver-

# MUSICAL INSTRUCTION.

dist Church. Teacher of piano and composition. Address 5

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

London, Dec. 24.-Lord Kitchener's | ing the last two months public bodies in out-of-the-way places have requisitioned supplies of dynamite. colonial government is now endeavoring to recover possession of these ex-

INVADERS CHECKED. London, Dec. 23.-The war office has received the following dispatches from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria,

"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 Britstown and Prieska. Our troops are getting around both bodies, 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 assist ing our forces. Railway and telegraph communication has been much interrupted by the very bad weather. "De Wet is in the neighboorhood of Senekal.

"Gen. French, in conjunction with Gen. Clements attacked a force under Beyers, south of the Magallesberg. The Boers broke away in a southwesterly direction towards Potchiefstroom, and were followed by Gen. Gordon with a column of French'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 Kitchena body of Boers, but one of colonials, er, dated Pretoria, Dec. 22, says: hastening to join the invaders. "The western column of Boers oc cupied Britstown 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 Beyers and Delarey, south of Magaliesberg. The enemy have lost considerable, and Commandant Kreuz and others have been captured. "Gen. Colville engaged two separcommandos Dec. 21, near Vlak-

#### fontein, with a light loss, the enemy retiring." 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 Shuite, left Colesberg Dec. 18 by the Philipstown road to relieve a post of twenty yeomanry who were invested on a farm at Hamelfontein. 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 Zoutspan to reinforce the Boers occupying Philips-

A Standerton dispatch, dated Dec. 18, says a sharp encounter took place with 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. J. T. WOLCOTT, ORGANIST FIRST The British force lost two wounded and Methodist Church. Teacher of piano captured a quantity of live stock and captured a quantity of live stock and forage.

> BRITISH CASUALTIES IN THE NOOITGEDACHT FIGHT.

London, Dec. 23 .- Many people gathered about the war office hist night anxious for the welfare of friends en-CHARLES E. WHEELER, ORGANIST St. Andrew's Church, receives pupils in plane, pipe organ, harmony and in singing. Both elementary and advanced tuition given. Studio, 315 King street. gaged in the war, and especially for

# Christmas Perfumes and **Toilet Goods**

Dainty gifts for both ladies and men—for young and old. We have the new, beautiful and 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, 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 & LAWRENCE, Chemists and Druggists. 216 Dundas street, London.

had been killed and 162 wounded.

MORE MOUNTED TROOPS. The war office has made the following anouncement: 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 dis-patched 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 regu-lars.

None of the leading South African firms interested in Kimberley have re-ceived 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 guerilla war-

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 artillerists told my informant that De Wet's guns worn out and useless."

# WILL ARRIVE IN LONDON TOMORROW.

Returning Heroes Will Eat Christmas Dinner at Home.

Are Expected to Reach the City on the 11:05 Express—Were at Moncton Last Light.

The London soldiers will dine at

home tomorrow. It is most likely that

they will arrive here at 10:05 o'clock on No. 3 express, G. T. R. A despatch states that a special train of eight coaches, having on board the returning soldiers, left Moneton, N. B., at 8:30 o'clock last evening. The train was running on the Intercolonial Railway on fast time, and should reach Montreal about o'clock this afternoon. 4:30 special may be run west of Montreal, in which event the Toronto men would reach home at 2 o'clock in the morning, a very unsatisfactory time. It is probable, therefore that they will be sent west on the Grand Trunk express, No. 3, reaching Toronto shortly after seven o'clock, and getting in-

to London at 11:05 o'clock Tuesday morning. Lieut.-Col. Pinault, Deputy Minis-ter of Militia, wired Mayor Rumball yesterday morning that pany would be home Christmas day.

Any organization may take part in the parade by making known their

GOOD YEAR FOR COLLECTING

TAXES. Toronto, Dec. 24 .- "This has been the best year we have ever had," said City Treasurer Coady today, when asked about the payment of taxes. When the returns are compiled, Mr. Coady thinks the arrears will be consider. ably below those of last year. taxes for the year were about \$3,-000.000.

# **Fine Electro-Plated** Silverware

TEA SETS. WATER SETS. COFFEE SETS

Pie cesof Table Ware. New. striking and low priced.

Chests of Sterling Silver

Spoons and Forks, Pancy

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powder-contains all the soap necessary and something else. Millions use Pearline with satisfaction— Hundreds have imitated Pearline to their own and the peoples disquist.

to murder. Of the Russians the Jap-

WU CHANG TO BE OPEN.

spondent: Chang Chih Tung an-nounces the receipt of an edict au-thorizing the opening of Wu Chang,

of the Canton railway. Chinese papers assert that the anti-

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Official Shot Dead by a Clerk.

Morris, of Ohio, auditor of the war

department, was shot and killed Sat-urday afternoon by Samuel MacDon-

ald, also of Ohio, recently a disburs-

ing clerk of the treasury, in the form-er's office at the Windsor building in

Seventeenth street. MacDonald after-ward shot himself and also slashed

escape he also assaulted the watch-

"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

office, which he had just left. Upon

Donald 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 employes 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

Employes who knew MacDonald said

he had a glievance 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

CONFESSED TWO MURDERS.

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 haburied his victims.

25,643,073 TONS

Of Freight Has Gone Through the Canadian

and American Soo Canals This Year.

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 24.—The re-port of the season's traffic through the

American and Canadian ship canais here has been made public. It shows a total freight tonnage of 25,643,073,

which is an increase of 387,263 tons over last year's. Of the freight, 20,-

632,493 tons was east-bound, and 5,-110,580 tons was carried west. The

traffic through the American canal amounted to 23,607,354 tons, as against 2,035,719 through the Canadian canal.

Of the registered tonnage, 20,136,782 tons went throught the American can-

al and 2,179,052 through the Canadian waterway. In addition to the traffic, 15,500 cords of pulp wood and 8,500,000

feet of pine logs passed over the rap-

Locomotive and Several Cars Wrecked at

St. Thomas—Two Persons Injured.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 24 .- A rearend 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

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. 1,392, and

Engineer Thomas Yates, crashed into

the standing train, wrecking the loco-

motive and seven or eight cars, some of which were loaded with merchan-

fore the brigade could check the blaze the caboose and three cars were

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

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

badly cut and leg ripped open.

company's loss will be heavy.

The wreckage took fire, and be-

canals had a season of 238 days.

SMASHUP ON THE

is badly used up.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 24.-Edward

his throat with a penknife.

Washington, Dec. 24.-Frank H.

made an open port

MURDER IN THE

# PEKIN ENVOYS AGREE AGAIN the Russians the Japanese speak with horror, as combining ferocity with lust and the love of plunder."

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, wiring to the Times from Pekin Saturday, says that official Chinese declare that China will accept all the conditions of the joint note without "losing

SIGNED THE NOTE.

Pekin, 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 indisposi-

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 on in Europe or America. They resent the British modification of the note occurred and, in trying to make the shooting for, as they say, some power or powers might not be satisfied until the man, Thomas Cusick, with the butt indemnity has been paid in full, which of his revolver. He was arrested would mean the occupation of Pekin | while leaving the building. Before befor an indefinite time, as it cannot be expected that China will raise what would be required—possibly 1,000,000 made an ugly gash in his throat with taels—all at once. As a matter of fact it will take several years.

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Li Hung Chang's condition is re-ported to be so much improved that "I di he was able to be out of bed for a

The cavalry and infantry detachments, which have been investigating the shots he ran into the auditor's the reported troubles near Ho Shi Emu, have returned, and report that there is nothing to cause alarm. All struggling in each other's arms, Macthe trouble, they say, is on the other Donald holding his revolver close up 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 whereabout 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 ob-servers 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 lat-The Germans come second in ter being charged only with petty pil-fering, and being fully acquitted of murder, arson and outrage. 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 Theroughly

# Dr. Chase's Cintment

While scores of thousands of people in all the walks of life are being cured of the miseries and discomforts 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 hight esteem in Central Ontario, where he is well-known, represents the experience of very many ministers and others, who recognize in Dr. Chases Ointment the only actual cure for piles and itching skin diseases.

Rev. S. A. Dupran, Methodist minister, Consecon, Prince Edward county, Ont., states: "I was troubled with itching and bleeding piles for years, and they ultimately altained to a very violent form. Large lumps or ab-seesses formed, so that it was with great difficulty and considerable pain that I was able to stool. At this se-vere 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 and many years of suffering. It is with the greatest pleasure and with a thankful heart that I give this testimonial, knowing what Dr. Chase's Ointment has done for me. You are at perfect liberty to use this testimonial as you see fit for the banefit of others similarly afflicted."

No physician or druggist would think for a moment of recommending any other preparation than Dr. Chase's Ointment as a cure for piles. It is the only remedy which has never yet been known to fail to cure piles of any form. 60 cents a box, at all dealers or Ed-manson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

and B COMPANY AT HALIFAX

Lake Champlain Arrived at 2 A. M. Sunday.

BOYS OF

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 are given to loot and outrage, but not 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 The London Daily News publishes out a joyous welcome. The troops were the following from its Shanghai corremayor 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.

opposite Hankow, to foreign trade. Wu Chang is the center of an important trade, and the site of the terminus 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 dynastic rebellion in the Province of Kan Su is becoming serious, and is likely to compel the court to depart. health and spirits. Col. Otter and Lieut.-Col. Buchan brought their Paris, Dec. 23.—The semi-official Temps announces, in confirmation of the press dispatches, that the viceroy chargers with them.

A special train, carrying the boys of the provinces of Huh Pei and Hu Nan declares that Wu Chang will be 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 thou sands of citizens gave three hearty A Well Known United States Government

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

The military will escort the colonel and his men from the station to the armories. It is proposed to present the home-

coming 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 schoo children will walk in the procession

HOW IS THIS?

Christmas morning.

London, Dec. 24.-Lord Kitchener has evidently made earnest appeals to the British Government to dispatch immediately large drafts of mounted infantry to hasten the end of gueril-la warfare. Some say he has asked for 40,000 men. New Zealand is sending another contingent, and Anglo-Canadians are wondering whether, as Canada has no national force in South Africa now, the Strathconas being the result of private munificance, Canadians may not wish a second corps of 500 mounted men from the Northwest, to be raised and equipped 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 laid out to take advantage of it. A very conservative esti-mate of the cost of connections, burners, and all other necessary expenses to enable a family to use natural gas is \$55 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 fac-

tory until Tuesday. If the government does not act promptly by 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 sen-tenced to death waits two years before the execution of the sentence.

#### ids bound for lower take ports. Both Cancer Sufferers Shrink From Chloroform and Cutting WABASH RAILWAY

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

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 surpassed all other forms of treating this disease. 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 pleas-ant preparation to take and will not upset the stomach of the most deli-cate. Messrs. Stott & Jury, Bowman-ville, Ont., on receipt of two stamps, will be pleased to send further infor-mation about this remedy to anyone desiring it.

THE WEATHER TODAY—Colder, with snow flurries.

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

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:

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: Sable Ruffs, were \$3 25; reduced to .... \$2 and \$2 25 Splendid quality Persian Lamb Gauntiets ....\$6 50 Children's Gray Lamb Caps......\$3 00 Storm Collars to match .... \$5,75, \$6 50 and \$6 75 Astrachan Caperines...... \$8 75 Electric Seal Muffs..... \$450 Astrachan Caperines, with Electric Seal band and collar .....\$10 00 Coon Muffs......\$3 75 Astrachan Muffs.....\$3 50 Electric Seal Caperines, 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.

BUGLES. TOOL CHESTS. PUZZLES. BUREAUS.

DOLL TRUNKS. DRESSED DOLLS. PAINT BOXES. DOLL CARRIAGES. BANKS.

TYPEWRITERS. RATTLES. GAMES. CHINA SETS.

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 tastny mushed.

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 stripe. Price each only...\$1 00 FRENCH FLANNEL WAISTS-Up-to-date colors and makes. Prices..... \$2 50, \$2 75 and \$3 25 

LADIES' EIDERDOWN DRESSING JACKETS-Always nice for a Christmas gift. Prices..... 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 o 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 ble or accept-LALIES' 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.

# MALLMAN & INGRAM

149, 151 and 153 DUNDAS STREET

# 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 the preached to a large audience at the First Methodist Church. At 2:30 o'clock and 4 o'clock two other meetings were heid, the tatter being for men only, at the Auditorium. "Judas Iscariot" was the tneme 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 strennous effort with a meeting in the Auditorium. This afternoon he held special services for old folks, speak-ing of the "Sunset and Sunrise of Saints." Tomorrow a grand union services will be held at the First Methodist Church, 10:30 a.m. Mr. Yatman will tell the story of his sec-ond missionary journey of 40,000 mies around the world, during which he preached in Japan, China, Manila, Australia, Ceylon and India.

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People naturally dread the surgeon's Orcadian......Portland .....London

LIVED 101 YEARS. Detroit, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Melissa Berry, aged 101 years, who lived within 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 mo-Virginia, Jan. 1, 1799, or a stave mother; moved to Newport, Ky., and the mass married there, and finally escaped to freedom with her six children, settling in Chatham, Ont. In 1855 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.

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

# The Brand Means Something.



"I look on the Brand of a 'Slater Shoe Rubber' as a sort of protection. You never know what you are getting in a pair of common rubbers till you wear them. "But a Com-

pany with a reputation like the "Slater" people have would hardly risk it by put-

ting their Brand on a poor rubber.

"That's one reason why I like the 'Slater Shoe Rubber.'

"And another thing:-You are always sure of a fit, which is hard to get in the common sorts

Name and price branded on the soles. All styles from \$1.00 up.

The Slater Shoe Rubber.

ONLY SOLD IN LONDON AT

# The SLATER SHOE STORE

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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, cat-arrh, rheumatism or dyspepsia, say it cures promptly and permanently, even after all other preparations fail. You may take the medicine with the ut-most 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.

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 the 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. SIEGERT'S Angostura Bitters before meals cures dys-

# WHISKARD'S

Three Busy Stores, 228, 230 and 232 Dundas St.

# WHAT SHALL THE GIFT BE?

The Question of the Hour is "What Shall I Give Him or Her for Christmas?"

Ladies should remember that it's the useful article that appeals to the one who receives the gift.

# Something to Wear Makes the Ideal Christmas Gift.

Splendid Value in Rugs. MOQUET RUGS, LARGE SIZE; worth \$3 50, for \$2 75 each. VERY LARGE MOQUET RUGS,

worth \$5, for \$4 25 each. LARGE REVERSIBLE RUGS. \$2 75 each. Large Rugs, at 59c each.

Door Mats, at 20c, 25c each. Carpet Squares, special prices

2 yards by 2 yards, 97c, \$1 19, \$1 49 2 yards by 3 yards, \$139 each. 21/2 yards by 3 yards, \$1 39 each.

8 yards by 4 yards, \$2 10 each.

Lace Curtains — Special.

43 inches wide, 3 yards long, taped; worth 75c, for 60c yard. CHENILLE CURTAINS, in cardinal, green and blue, \$2 79 pair. CHENILLE CURTAINS, cardinal, brown and blue, \$3 47 pair. TAPESTRY CURTAINS, all colors, \$2 47 and \$3 29 pair. Chenille Table Covers, 49c, 97c,

#### Fancy Department— Baskets.

Fancy Scrap Baskets, 20c, 39c, 50c, 89c each. Work Baskets, 10c, 15c, 19c, 25c

to 50c each. Dolls, from 5c to 89c each, special Kid Body Dolls, large, 25c each. Jointed Dolls, 10c each. Dolls' Toques, &c each; Dolls' Bootees, 5c each.

Children's Silver Sets, knife, fork and spoon, 15c. Metal Photo Frames, worth 25c; for 15c each. Japan Crumb Tray and Brush, 15c and 25c set.

Ladies' Shopping Bags, 15c, 20c, 2oc eac

Decorated Opal Ware. Large Jewel Boxes, 2 for 25c. Cuff and Collar Boxes, 25c each. Opal Trays, decorated and tinted, 100, 15c, 20c and 25c each, Decorated and Tinted Toilet Bottles, 25c each.

#### Double Attractions in Furs.

Quality and price. In this col-lection of Fashionable Fur Pieces we are enabled to offer Furs at half price. We have sold a big lot of them. Come before the rest are

Electric Seal Collarette, with large cluster of Sable Tails; regular price \$8; ours \$5. Ladies' Electric Seal Boas, \$3 50 each.

Ladies' Mink Ruffs, \$2 75 and \$3 50 each. Ladies' Blue Opossum Boas, worth \$8. for \$5 79. Ladies' Caperines, \$5, \$5 50 each.

Special values in latins, Silks, Ribbons. Handkerchiefs. Gloves, Hosiery, Gauntlets, Laces, Battenburg Work, Roman Embroidery Shams, Ladies' Underwear, Flannelette Night Dresses, all suitable for Christmas giving.

# **SCHOLARS** ENJOYED THEMSELVES

Closing Exercises Held in Many of the City Schools.

WEST LONDON SCHOOL. The closing exercises in connection with the West London school were held Friday afternoon. The rooms were specially decorated for the oceasion, and all the children and visiting parents had a thoroughly good In the 7th and 8th grades the children spent a very pleasant afternoon in playing games, etc. pupils of the senior grades and their friends assembled in the principal's room, and listened with marked attention to an address from Trustee Dr. Ziegler, who presented the Boyle memorial medal to master Walter Sage, the clever son of Rev. G. B. The doctor especially emphasized the important position of the assistant teachers in laying a solid foundation, without which the pupils could not be successful at the senior examinations, which he feared was too often overlooked. A few earnest, kindly words of encouragement were also given by the Rev. G. B. Sage.

In Room II., Grade VI., the children decided to send to the Hospital for Sick Children, in Toronto, the money usually devoted at Christmas time to the purchase of candy, nuts, etc., for the nselves. In the afternoon was given a programme, in which songs, readings and recitations, varsed by games and stories, furnished entertainment for a very delightful

afternoon. Grade V.; Miss C. Jeffery, telacher: Recitation, Mabel Leathorne; reading, Saddie McCutchon; recitation, Maud Lott; recitation, Laura Hooper; recitation, Ethel Pring; song, Ruby Trebilcock; recitation, Elsie Smitn; recitation, Kathleen Alteman; recitation, Daisy Griffith; song, class; recitation, Pearl Pudney; recitation, Warren Stanton; recitation, Anthony Pask; reading, Bertie Willis; reading, Frank Willis; reading, Daniel ren; song, class; recitation, Phoebe

# The Baby Sick?

Then probably it's a cold. Babies catch cold so easily and recover so slowly. Not slowly, however, when you use Vapo-Cresolene. Then a single night is all that is

necessary for a cure. You just put some Cresolene in the vaporizer, light the lamp beneath, and place near the crib. While baby sleeps he breathesin the healing vapor. Cold loosens, inflamed membranes heal, and all trouble ceases. It's a perfect specific for whooping-cough and croup. 8

Vape-Crescione is sold by druggists everywhere.
Vapo-Crescione outh, including the Vaporiser and amp, which should last a life-time, and a bottle of crescione, complete, \$1.50; extra supplies of Crescing physicians' testimentals from upon a containing physicians' testimentals from upon nts and so cents. Hustrated bookiet contain-class' testimentals free upon request. Varo-cents. The Fulten St., New York, U.S.A. Politation, Mable Jenkins; recitation,

Rogars; dialogue, two girls and a boy; recitation, Anthony Pask; recitation, Laura Hooper; song, Elsie Smith and Frances Finnegan; recitation, Mabel Leathorne; recitation; Gladys Conley; song, class; reading, Laura Hoope reading, Maud Lott; reading, Frank Kelland; reading, Sadie McCutchon; reading, Frank Kelland; song, Elsie Smith: recitation. Bertie Willis: reading, Carrie Sageman. "God Save the Nuts, candies and oranges were distributed at the close of the

Form IV .- Songs by the class; autoharp and mouth organ selections, by Master Clifford Robinson; recitations by the following pupils: R. Kipp, H. Elson, D. Jeffries; George Bowman; M. Thomas, R. Pask, B. Leslie, Guymer: F. Daniels, W. Bending, Harold McPherson, E. Bone, B. Gibson, J. Howe, L. Bowie, G. Tyler, G. Fowler, W. Guymer, K. Taylor, A. Bending, Newton, Geo. Bowman, F. Bonser, Crockett, L. David, M. Robinson; duet, B. Gibson and D. Jeffries; distribution of oranges, nuts and can'ly. Grade III.—Song, class; recitation, Maud Taylor and Emily Jane; recitation, Blanch Kaitenbach; song, three boys; pantomime, "Santa Claus," by sixteen children; song, class; recitation, Jean Nichol; recitation, Stuart Peace: guess games, four girls; recitation, Lloyd Nichols; recitation, Maud Osborn; song, class; Christmas acrostic, nine girls; recitation, Liela Pitter: Pitter; song, class; song, Myrtle Robinson and Grace Hea; dialogue, Stuart Peace and Walter Daniels; Situart Pelace and Walter song, Gladys Madge; recitation, eleven little boys; dialogue, four girls; dialogue, two boys and a girl; recitation, Tootie Jones: recitation, Mamie Leslie; song, the school; recitation, Eddie Pudney. Nuts, candies and oranges were distributed at the close of the programme.

Division II.-Greeting, Willie Newton; recitation, Maggie Howe: chorus, the school; recitation, Lewella Smith; recitation, Chifford Bice; song, eight children: recitation, Lily Fowler; exercise, fourteen children; song, the school; recitation, Alice Kaltenbach; recitation, Gladys Wickett; song, little girls; recitation, Lillie Armstrong: chorus, six children; dia-logue, eight boys; recitation, Reta logue, eight boys; recitation, McCoy; song, Lola Allison; recitation, Jennie Graham; recitation. Stanley Falis; song six children; calesthenic exercises, six children; song, six children; good-bye, Gussie Taylor; distribution of boxes.

Division I.—Chorus, "Christmas Bells"; song, Viola Snider; quartet, Erric and Stewart Parsons, Walter Day and E. Alltman; recitation, Grace Bonser; quartet, Maud and Ethel Ellis' and B. Larway; duet Stewart and Erric Parsons: recitation Miss Annie Holmes; chorus, six gfris; mong. Violet Griffiths; duet, Annie Mc-Murphy and B. Larway; chorus, twelve boys and girls; song, Maud Gidley; duet, Pearl Jones and G.

In the West London kindergarten the Christmas closing was held Friday morning, a large number of the parents being present who fully appreciated the morning's programme, which consisted of Christmas carols and other songs, suitable to the season, followed by the usual morning exercises. At the close of the morn-ing the presents from the tree were distributed. They were the work of the children, and were presented by them to their parents, accompanied by a suitable song. The kindergarten will reopen Jan. 3. The following children were promoted from the kindergarten to Grade I.: Eleanor Hamilton, Hazel

Lawton and Jimmy Clugston. ABERDEEN SCHOOL

Agnes Vrooman; song, Verena San-born; reading, "Santa Claus' Boy," recitations, Ethel Russell, Bertha Drewe, Alberta Hopkins; reading. Edith Daniels; recitation, Ethel Rus-sell, Mattie Goldborg. No. V. Grade—Recitation, Irene

Diels; song, eight boys; recitation, Florence Mowby; song, six girls; re-citation, Elsie Graydon; recitation, Allen Jacklyn; recitation, Mabel Elames; instrumental, Neilie Barlow; recitation, Mina Taylor; dialogue, F. Mawby and six boys; recitation, Annie Lewis; song, Mena Taylor; recitation, Percy Graham; recitation, Mina Taylor; oh nie Altkinson; song, Shine Out, Oh, Blessed Star; recitation, Nellie Barlow; song, Star of Pelace, class; recitation, Ada Brimacombe; recitation, Pearl Atkinson; God Save the Queen. Miss Campbell's Class—Chorus, the class; recitation, Annie Miller; recitation, Melville Stanton; solo, Anthony Adair; dialogue, Pearl Gallet, Grace Robins, Alice Hayes; chorus, the class; recitation, Madel Avery; recitation, Harry Graham; duet, Valerie Carrothers and Mabel Avery; recitation, Jessie Perrin; semi chorus, boys of the class; recitation, Laura Brady; recitation, Annie Sage; solo, Annie Evans; recitation, Ethel Corby; recitation, Dora Ross; chorus, the class; dialogue, Gertie Constable, Edna Huibert, Nellie Wootton, Violet Pitt, Daisy Biggs, Folsom Scott, Carrie Daniels, Mannie Harper, Pearl Oliver, Lizzie Wright, Bella Davidson, Rachel Slobersky; solo, A. Adair; recitation, Tillie Boath; dialogue, Mother Goose and some others—Mother Goose, V. Carrothers; Cinderella, E. Spencer; Red Riding Hood, L. Brady; Bopeep, M. Avery; Little Boy Blue, H. Graham; Curly Locks, F. Seighon; Curly Locks' Prince, M. Stanton; the Beggarman, R. MacKay; Daniels, Minnie Harper, Pearl Oliver, ton; the Beggarman, R. MacKay; Jack Sprat, H. Lewis; Joan Sprat, A. Evans; Simple Simon, E. Jones; Granny Gooseberry, D. Ross; Mistress Mary, N. Wooton; Old Mother Hubbard, A. Miller; The goose that laid the golden eggs, G. Tanner; recitation, Nellie Risler; recitation, Edna Cooper; solo, Grace Robins; recitations, Aggie Steele, Violet Pitt and Edna Hulbert; solo, F. Seighon; recitation, Lizzie Burgess; chorus "The Air is filled with

the Echoes," the class.
Grade II. and III.—Song, by the school; recitation, T. McKenzie; song, S. Comber; recitation, Edith Johnson; recitation, twelve boys; story, Daryl Tanner; recitation, Elsie Read; recitation, seventeen girls; song, by the school; recitation. Hugh McKenzie; dialogue, twelve boys; recitation, Ella Goldberg; recitation, Ethel Bowman; drill, eleven boys; recitations, Sena Whindell, Edith Johnson; dialogue, thirteen girls; recitations, Annie Hale, Fred Northey, Myrtle Pyne; song, four boys; recitations, B. Gibson, Frank Pugsley, Harry Kidner; dialogue, Ella Goldberg and Sara Server; recitations, George Vroman, Olive Bragg, Tena McKenzie, Polly Gibson.

GRADE I. A. Chorus, "Long Ago on Christmas;" recitation, "Christopher's Dream;" recitation, "Christopher's Dream;" recitation, "Angels and Children;" recita-"Come Little Birdie;" "Children, Can You Truly Tell?" recitation, "Santa Claus;" recitation, tation, "Santa Claus;" recitation,
"Flossie and Fido;" recitation, "A
Good Time Coming;" song, "The Air
Is filled With the Echoes;" recita-"When I'm a Man;" recitation, New Santa Claus;" recitation, "A "Good Advice;" recitation, "The Boy in Blue;" song, "Baby Bunting;" song, "Shine Out, O Blessed Star."

TALBOT STREET SCHOOL. The Christmas closing exercises in trance class were all marked with interest and enthusiasm. Many visitors enoyed the splendid programme of the kindergarten, and praised most generously the work done under the obles. all grades, from kindergarten to enously the work done under the able supervision of Miss J. Campbell and her assistants.

In grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 a bountiful supply of Christmas candy was distributed among the children. Grades 3, 4, 5 and 8 sent ample donations of Christmas cheer to many deserving families. Grades 6 and 7 took

up a collection in aid of the Children's Hospital, Toronto. The programme of grade 8 was carried out most successfully. Every number was a gem, while the singing of the choruses under Mr. Barron, the solo of Helen Ivey, the fantasia, and the specialties of Holman, Paull and Callard, including the reception act, were most artistically rendered. The presentation of the Boyle memorial me-

dal by Chairman Bayly of the board

of education to Master Edgar S. Lit-

tle, was a most interesting feature. After the literary and musical part, representatives of the classes of 1898 and 1899, with the visitors and friends, and the class of 1900, altogether numbering nearly 100, enjoyed a luncheon. the illuminations and decorations of the room, and the many carnival costumes, made a pleasing and ever-varying spectacle, The popularity of Principal Liddicoatt was on several occasions marked by enthusiastic and unstinted

The following are the programmes: Class chorus; fantasia, "Jack and the Beanstalk," Arthur Holman, Harold Little, Lena Rapley, Helen Ivey, Gertrude Taylor: recitation, Pauline Ivey; solo, Helen Ivey; trio, C. Paull, R. Callard and A. Holman; instrumental, Helen Ivey; class song; male quartet; recitation, Geo. Munnoch; duet, Helen Iven and Gertie Taylor; sketch, Paull and Holman; double male quartet; reception act. Refreshments. Accompanists, Lena Rapley, Mabel Jones, Gretta

Slater and Helen Ivey. Grade 7.—The decorations in this room were very pretty, many artistic drawings adorning the blackboards, ar 1 a brave display of flags and evergreens, holly and bunting giving an air of Christmas cheer. The pupils generously brought a splendid collection of good things, as their donation to the poor of the district, and so gladdened many hearts by their timely gifts. Several other rooms did likewise. The following is the programme carried out: Chairman's address, Eddie Grigg; opening chorus; recitations, Walter Murphy, Lottie Milburn, Raywood Smith; song, Essie Green; recitations, Eddie Grigg, Annie McLeod; chorus; recitation, Harold Ellis; dialogue, Eddie Grigg, Jack Grant, Gordon Ferguson and Roland Dear; recitations, Florence McNee, Wilmer Forsyth, Maud Coo; song, Essie Green; dialogue, Illing Walker, Fred Bowen; dialogue, Florence Kordes, Nellie Wedmore; recitations. Alex. Munnoch. Percy Bowman. Annie Brown; song, Della Birrell, Annie McLeod, Maud Coo, Katie Arm-strong, Lottie Milburn; recitations, Katie Armstrong, Eddie Shuttleworth;

reading, Essie Green, twelve girls; dialogue, Addie Hyman and nine pupils. Mrs. Gahan's class held their closing exercises on Thursday afternoon, that they might have the privilege of using the kindergarten room, and the plano. The programme was prepared entirely by the scholars, and was very creditably carried out. The children willingly gave up their usual treat of candies and oranges that they might give their donations to the Children's Hospital instead. Following is the programme: Christmas hymn; recitation, Harold Rennie; instrumental Hazel Douglas; duet, Elsie and Mabel Ferguson; "Her Majesty," class; in-strumental, Mabel Hamilton; recitation, Frank Gahan; Christmas song, class; reading, Eva Smelzer; instrumental, Dora Saunby; duet, Charley Ivey and

Russey Spry: recitation, Elsle Ferguson; instrumental duet, Wanda Gentles and Dora Saunby; address, Mr. Liddicoatt; "Red, White and Blue," the class; recitation, Nellie Crowe: instrumental, Wanda Gentles; recitation, Mabel Ferguson; guitar solo, Dora Miner; solo, Lottie Arscott: recitation. Harold Rennie; dialogge, seven boys and two girls. "God Save the Queen."

COLBORNE STREET SOUTH. Opening chorus; recitation, Hanna Druker, Allan McLean, fourth class, Ethel Warren, Berta Service, Elmer Janes, Edna Moxley, Gordon Penne-cote, Polly Gibson, Gertrude Reilly, Lulu Warren, Marguerite Reilly, Willie Carswell, Roy Hutchison, Jack Trace, Charlie Blake, Charlie Hotson, Jack Ackert, Al McLean, Willie Spindler, Vera James, Dolly Park, Florence Henri, Pearl Terry, Jenny Black, Paul Duncan, twenty-two boys and girls, Raymond Woollatt, Muriel Plewes, Charlotte Henri, May Hotson, Johnny Cox, Elmer Janes, Esther Grasby, Norman Jones, Myrtle Marlay, Percy Corbin, Hazel Fleming and Mabel Winslade; song, Aggie McLean. recitations, Mabel Winslade, Alice Williamson, Hazel Fleming, Evelyn Hurlbut, Tina Michael, Bertha Pollick; song, Minnie Hatherly; dialogue, Ethel Young and Merle Tanner; recitation, Mabel Williamson; chorus; recitations, Pearl Hatherly, Verna Kennedy, May Wills, Rachel Harris. Candy and oranges in pretty pink bags were distributed, and all the little ones went home happy. Gift books were sent to the sick children in the hospital.

The programme in the principal's room was as follows: Chairman's address; opening chorus; instrumental, John Wood; recitation, Edith Cannon; vocal solo, Lily Harding; recitation, M. Cuthbertson; duet, Beatrice Hunt and M. McNab; "Memories of War," Pte. Redge; reading, Jennie Carmichael; cornet solo, Clarence Robinson; recitation, Edith Blake: solo. Beatrice Hunt: recitation, Jennie Metcalfe; solo, Marian Willis; reading, Pearl Ward; mouth organ solo, R. Turner: reading, J.Carmichael; violin solo, Mr. David Murray; recitation, B. Fox; solo, Miss Halliday; address, Ald. Stevenson; duet, E. Bradford, M. Jones; presentation of medal, Mr. Evans; Boyle memorial, Flaeda Tambling; closing chorus. "God Save the Queen."

VICTORIA SCHOOL. The closing exercises of the primary rooms took place last Thursday, when after the programme of "pieces" and songs had been given, the gifts on the beautiful well-laden Christmas tree

were distributed.

The kindergartens closed on Friday, and the very large attendance of visitors shows the interest the parents take in these institutions. The work done by the pupils and the deftness and dexterity of the little fingers in doing it, is a good proof of the advantages of manual training, and a criterion of what good could be done by extending it to the higher grades.

After the exercises and games the richly - laden and gaily - decorated Christmas trees were dismantled, to the great delight of the pupils.

The pupils of grades 3, 4 and 5 brought contributions of vegetables and groceries for the relief of some needy families, and a fine collection resulted. Then after programmes of songs, dialogues and recitations had been given treats of candies and nuts were participated in. The fourth grade had a beautiful Christmas tree.

The sixth and seventh grades had fine programmes, including some beautiful fairy and Christmas pieces, after which refreshments were served.

the term: Grade 4 to 5-Eddie Kennedy, Douglas Aiken. Grade 3 to 4-John Reynolds, James Gillam, Martin Bleuthner, Grade 2 to 3-Percy Fuller. Kindergarten to grade 1-Myrtle Rowntree, John Ruddy, Helen Weld, Myrtle Mathers, Tillie Moore, Stella Reid and Annie Ed-

A successful closing concert was given by the junior third class of Victoria school Friday afternoon, when a number of the friends of the children were present. Solos were given Nina Taylor, Rhea Seccombe and Fred Ewart; recitations by May West, Ed-Ferguson, Percy Read, Mabel Lewis, Ethel Johnson, Alice Fawcett. Lillian Allsopp and Helen Pethick. Dialogues were enacted by George Murray, Vera Keene, Annie Parkin, James Burgess, Gilbert Young, John McLeod, Tracy McPherson, George Dowdell, Reggie Wilson, Willie Gleed, Arthur Stettner and others. The class gave some stirring patriotic and Christmas choruses, all of which were much enjoyed by the children and their friends.

PRINCESS AVENUE SCHOOL. At 2 o'clock Friday afternoon the pupils of Principal Bryant's room, Princess avenue school, gave their annual Christ-mas concert. The room was prettily and patriotically decorated with flags, evergreen, etc. The following programme was effectively rendered: Chorus, the class; recitation, Pearl Jackson; dialogue, Mary Love, Edna Bland and Hazel Gillean; solo, Frank Dowell; reading Charles Dickens; duet Lora Graham ing. Charles Dickens: duet. Lora Graham ing, Charles Dickens; duet, Lora Graham and sister; solo, Edna Bland; recitation, May McMahen; duet, Miss Agnes Templeton and Mr. W. Spence; solo, Miss Irene Love; dialogue, Mary Love and Herbert McGuffin; duet, Orr brothers; solo, Dr. Ziegler; mandolin solos, I. Tanton; chorus, Ethel Fax, Winnie Saunders, Oscar Roads, Charlie Granger, Harry Sounders, Tom Cheesit; instrumen-Harry Sounders, Tom Cheesit; instrumental, Edna Blanchard; solo, Heath Cooper; recitation, R. Irwin. Miss Irene Love acted as accompanist. The following presentations of medals were made: The MacRobert gold medal, won by Isabel Carson, daughter of Inspector Carson, presented by P. M. Frank Love; the Robb Memorial medal, won by Isabel Carson, presented by Trustee Logan; Boyle Memorial medal, won by Norman Irvine, presented by Chairman Bayly. Short addresses were delivered by the members of the board of education and by Messrs. Radeliffe and Little, of the Collegiate Institute staff. After the close of the concert, refreshments were served to those taking part.

MAPLE AVENUE SCHOOL. The pupils and teachers of Maple avenue school joined heartily in making Friday afternoon the most attractive and pleasing event of the year. The rooms were decorated with evergreens, pictures, bunting, mottoes, paper drapes and chains, and drawings. The school plants. the pride of the pupils and teachers, seemed at their best, and lent a pleasing charm to beautifully decorated rooms. The senior rooms joined in rendering a lengthy, interesting programme, consisting of readings, recitations, violin solos and singing. The junior rooms each ren-dered a similar programme, after which all were given the Christmas treat of

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# OLD WORLD HAPPENINGS

Discussed by Correspondents of American Papers-

Warked Improvements in Foreign Relations-Hes 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 op-

timistic. 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 per-petual concession to the United States, has herself to thank for the whole

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. McKinley will rise to the occasion and become the champion of unsullied 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 sacrificing treaty obligations with levity and recklessness. These weekly moralists take a more serious view of the whole affair than the

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 McKinley 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 McKinley 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 p bwill 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 circulars 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 failing of her health are groundless. It is noticeable that the royal family party for Christmas is smaller than usual, and that the Cimiez plans are in a state of uncertainty. Without doubt there has been considerable uneasiness 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 harassing care of Princess Christian's 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 in the Dutch territories is clearing slowly. The raiding hands 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, clo-thing and miscellaneous supplies. CHILLY RECEPTION GIVEN THE

RAIDERS. The welcome extended them by Dutch residents who have property to lose is thilly. 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 Clements against Delarey are not described in detail, but the Boers have apparently been scattered. A small Boer commando is reported in the Pietersburg dis-trict and a larger one is in the neighborhood of Koomatipoort.

EXAGGERATED REPORTS. Small bands of guerillas 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 columns prevents successful pursuit, but no permanent advantages are derived even from such brilliant episodes as those of Dewetsdorp and Nooitgedacht, 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 noth-ing to embitter the Christmas cheer.

BOUNDARY QUESTIONS. The announcement that the Nether-lands does not consider itself bound by the Paris-Venezuela commission flecision regarding the Anglo-Dutch frontier is not regarded by the foreign office as being of any import-tance 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

The Chinese negotiations are recarded more in the light of a mo-notonous farce than a serious prob-

themselves. The only quarter in London where the performance is thoroughly enjoyed is in the Chinese legation, in which Sir Chin 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 perpetual chuckle over the attitude of

EDUCATIONAL MATTERS. The decision of the queen's bench court, decision it to be illegal for the London school board to spend the ratepayers' money for teaching sciand art at evening classes for adults has created perturbation. Some 90,000 pupils are affected, and the whole of London's educational system must be reversed 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 dullies. 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 cele-brations 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 railings of the bal-conies were brilliant with the national flag.

The programme opened with a patriotic air by the 7th Regiment band, which was stationed on a platform near the rostrum. Charles Knoblach was master of ceremonies. At a signal the windows which overlooked the trading floor were opened, and a per-fect storm of colored plaper, confetti, wriggling snakes, rubber balls and favors of various kinds descended up-on 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 onlookers laughed in delight.

Impromptu parades around the trad-

ing posts generally ended in good-natured teasing of some broker who was forced to make a speech of thanks for the distinguished courtesy shown

The programme at the Consolidated Exchange was more formal in character and included a vandeville perform-

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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 Representative Amermann, of Scranton, Pa. Mrs. Dixon testified that she had seen her husband and the widow in a room to-gether, having bored holes in the doors and ceilings. Dr. Dixon's charges

of cauelty 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 all mony, because Mrs. Amermann had left to Mr. Dixon about \$50,000. As the will of Mrs. Amermann is being fought by her relatives, it is likely to be a year before this question is set-

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

Mrs. Amermann became well acquainted with Dr. Dixon while she was building a memorial cottage for her husband. Mr. Amermann been the clergyman's friend. widow left an estate of about \$250,000. In the will Dr. Dixon was given \$50,-000 and Mrs. Amermann'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 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. Petts, Mr. W. E. H. Massey, Mr. N. W. Rowell, Senator Allan, Mr. N. W. Hoyles, Rev. Dr. Courtice, Rev. J. A. Macdonald, Bishop Baldwin of London, Rev. Dr. Dewart, Mr. Lawrence Baldwin.

The deputation requested that half an hour be set apart two days in the week for the purpose of giving practical reli-gious instruction from the Bible—that is, gious 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

what serious question. The danger of the proposition was that the teachers might give a denominational tinge to the instruction, and in that way create dis-content in the school districts in which they were engaged. Another danger was that such a change might lead to a de-mand for denominational schoools, for if the Bible was to be expounded at all the various denominations might want it ex-pounded according to their own views. pounded according to their own views. However, the premier expressed his strong sympathy with the fullest extent of religious instruction compatible with the non-denominational character of our think exhaust and the graintenance of 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.

DROWNED 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 notonous farce than a serious prob-fem, thanks to the absurd misunder-standings which have arisen between vator here, is a brother of deceased.

# **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 ar 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

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 am-endments will be on their way to Lon-

don by the steamer which leaves New York next Tuesday. St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.-The Novos ti, 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 so 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 improv ed the patient's hearing so much that she could hear the ticking of a watch, something she had not heard for

"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 ev-ery known method had been used in

"Two months ago the patient came to Vienna for the continuation of her treatment, which I have now carried The doctor doesn't say anything about the size of his fee.

GRIP IN ST. PETERSBURG. The influenza epidemic in St. Petersburg is so severe that the mortality returns 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 actormanager, and Miss Gertrude Elliott, sister of Maxine Elliott (Mrs. Nat Goodwin), were married Saturday afternoon at All Souls' Church, South Hampstead. The ceremony was most quiet. 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 arrived at Marseilles, bringing another installment of loot forwarded by Gen. Frye. 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, re-linquished his seat in the Lower House on being elevated to the peerage, with the title of Viscount Ridley. In this election the Conservative ma-jority was cut in half. In the late general election Sir Matthew was un-

THE LATE DEAN LAUDER. The Very Rev. J. S. Lauder, dean of no equal for curing coughs, colds and Ottawa, and chaplain of the Canadian all affections of the throat and lungs. Senate, whose death at New Brighton was announced on 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 or-dination he was located at St. Catharines, Carleton Place, Merrickville and Ottawa. He was a strong advocate of the better observance of the Lord's

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 re-volvers. Thirty men were wounded, ten of them severely. Their attitude

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is menacing, the police are being re-inforced, and more fighting is immi-

The Aurore (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 govern-

ment. 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 naval and middle any 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 1873 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 Westernland from Antwerp for New York, which was towed into Southampton with the loss of her pro-

THERE IS DANGER IN NEG-LECTING A COLD. Mary who have died of consumption dated their troubles from exposure, followed by a cold which settled on their lungs, and in a short time they were beyond the skill of the best physician. Had they used Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, before it was too late, their lives would have been spared. This medicine has The grave of the famous cown, Grimaldi, in the churchyard of St. James', Pentonville, London, is greatly in need

of restoration. A Woman's Awful Peril. "There is only one chance to save your life, and that is through an op-eration," were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt, of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed, and they constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters, which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful Stomach, Liver and Kidney remedy. Cures Dyspepsia. Loss of Appetite. Try it. Only 50c. Guaranteed. For sale by W. T. Strong & Co.

Prisoners in Morocco are compelled to pay the officers for their trouble arresting and escorting them to jail. This plan makes the police watchful and alert for business.

TESTED BY TIME.-In his justly celebrated Pills Dr. Parmelee has given to the world one of the most unique medicines offered to the public in late years. Prepared to meet the want for a pill which could be taken without nausea, and that would purge without pain, it has met all requirements in that direction, and it is in general use not only because of these two qualities, but because it is known to possess alterative and curative powers which place it in the front rank of medicines

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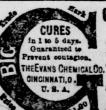
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Hood's Pills cure liver ills; the non-irritating and

# THE MARKETS.

I ccal Market A. M. HAMILTON & SON'S REPORT. London, Monday, Dec. 24. Wheat, white, per bu...........61%c to 63c Corn,per bu......42c to 44c Barley, per bu......331/2c to 43c Bckwheat, per bu.....401/2c to 45c

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English Markets Ruling prices for the past our market days-The following table shows the quotations per cental at Liverpool for the three previous market days. In the case of wheat highest

Dec, Dec. Dec. Dec.

WHEAT-	19.		20.		21.		22.	
Red Winter.	6	0	6	0	6	0	6	0
No. 1 Nor. Spring	6	3	6	3	6	3	6	3
Walla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Cal	6	21/2	6	214	6	3	6	3
Dec	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feb	5	11	6	0	6	01/4	6	01/4
March	6	0	6	014	6	01/2	6	03/8
CORN-	1			14	-	0/2	-	0,0
New	4		4	1	4	21/2	4	21/4
Old	4	3	4	3	4	11/2	4	11/4
Oct	0	0	0	0	0	0	U	0
Nov	0	0	0	0	0	0.	0	0
Dec	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0
Jan		103/8	3	10	3	103%	3	95/8
March		91/8	3	91/8	3	9	3	83/4
Flour			20	0	20	0	20	0
Peas			5	73/4	5	73/4	5	6
Pork, prime mess		0	72	0	72	0	72	0
Lard	38		38		38		38	3
Tallow	24	6	25		25	6	25	0
Bacon, light	4:		46		46		46	6
Cheese, white	51	6	51	6	51	5	51	6
Cheese, colored		6	52		52	6	52	6
Liverpool, De		_	-					·m·
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No. 2. red, western winter, 5s 11½d; No. 1 northern spring, 6s 2¾c; futures inactive; Feb., 6s ¼d; March, 6s ¾d; nominal. Corn—Spot easy; American mixed new 4s 1d; American Figure 1. mixed, new, 4s 1d: American mixed, old, 48 2d; futures quiet; Jan., 3s 9%d; March, 3s 8%d. Flour—Steady; St. Louis fancy winter steady, 8s 6d. Hops—At London winter steady, 8s 6d. Hops—At London (Pacific coast) steady, £2 5s to £3 5s. Peas—Canadian, 5s 6¾d; quiet. Beef—Dull; extra India mess, 67s 9d. Pork—Firm; prime mess, western, 72s. Hams—Short No. 1 California, 6s 3d; May nominal. Corn—Spot easy; American cut, 14 to 16 lbs, dull, 44s. Bacon—Dull; Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, 48s; short ribs, 18 to 23 lbs, 46s; long clear middles, light, 35c to 40 lbs, 46s 6d; long clear middles, light, 35c to 40 lbs, 46s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 40 to 45 lbs, 46s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, 42s 9d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, 53s 6d; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, steady, 34s. Lard—Quiet; American refined, in palls, 39s 3d; Quiet: American refined, in pails, 39s 3d; quiet; American Fenned, in pans, 398 3d. prime western, in tierces, 358 3d. Butter—Finest United States quiet, 95s; good Uniter States dull, 81s 6d. Cheese—Easy; American finest colored, 52s 6d. Tallow—Prime city firm, 25s; Australian, in London, steady, 27s. Cottonseed oil—Hull refined spot, quiet 20s 6d. Turnentine fined, spot quiet, 20s 6d. Turpentine spirits—Dull, 28s 9d. Rosin—Common steady, 4s 7½d. Petroleum—Refined quiet,

7s. Linseed oil—Steady, 3is 6d.

The imports of wheat into Liverpool last week were 64,800 quarters from Atlantic ports and 19,000 quarters from other ports. The imports of corn from Atlantic ports last week were 100,600 quarters.

# American Markets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Board of trade markets were dull today, because of the holidays. May wheat closed unchanged. December corn closed 1c. January 3/c and May %c lower. Oats closed unchanged, and provisions practically at yesterday's final figures. Seaboard clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 528,000 bu. Primary receipts were 794,000 bu. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 524 cars, as against 412 last week. Local receipts were 115 cars, one of contract grade. A year ago was a holiday. Estimated receipts on Monday—Wheat. 150 cars; corn, 610 cars; oats, 248 cars; hogs, 33,000 head.

The leading futures closed as follows: 610 cars; oats, 248 cars; nogs, 36,000 nead.
The leading futures closed as follows:
Wheat—No. 2, Dec., 70%c; Jan., 70%c to
70½c; May, 73c. Corn—Dec., 37%c; Jan.,
357%c; May, 35%c. Oats—No. 2, Dec., 23%c
to 23½c; Jan., 21½c; May, 23½c. Mess
pork—Jan., \$12 20; May, \$12 15. Lard—
Dec., \$7 20; Jan., \$6 80; May, \$6 87½. Short
withe—Lan. \$6 27¼c. May, \$6 27¼c.

ribs—Jan., \$6 271/2; May, \$6 371/2. Cash quotations: Flour dull; spring specials, \$4 30; patents, \$3 40 to \$3 85; straights, \$3 10 to \$3 60; clears, \$2 90 to \$3 30. No. 3 spring wheat, 66c to 71c; \$3.30. No. 3 spring wheat, 65c to 11c; No. 2 red, 72c to 744c. No. 2 corn, 374c; No. 2 yellow, 374c. No. 2 oats, 22½c to 22½c; No. 2 white, 25½c to 26½c; No. 3 white, 24½c to 26c. No. 2 rye, 50½c. Barley, fair to choice maiting, 52c to 58c. No. 1 flaxseed, \$1.50; No. 1 northwestern, 21.50. Prime timothy seed \$4.40. Mess Prime timothy seed, \$4 40. Mess \$11 221/2 to \$11 27. Lard, \$6 90 to Short ribs sides, \$6 25 to \$6 50. Dry salted shoulders, 5%c to 6%c. Short clear sides, \$6.65 to \$6.75. Clover, \$10 to \$10.25, Eggs dull; fresh, 20c. Receipts—Flour, 35,000 bbls; wheat, 168,-

12,000 bu; corn, 16,000 bu; oats, 265,000 bu; rye, 6,000 bu; barley, 50,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 24,000 bu: oats, 92,000 bu; rye, 2,000 bu; barley, 14,000 bu. THE OIL MARKET.

OIL CITY, Pa., Dec. 22.—Credit balances, \$1 07; certificates closed \$1 09 bid.
PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 22.—Oil closed

Live Stook Markets EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 22.—Cattle—Market very quiet; offerings small; calves in light supply, fair demand, steady; choice to extra, \$7 to \$7 25; good to choice, 21 loads; choice to extra lambs—Offerings, 21 loads; choice to extra lambs, \$5.50 to \$5.60; good to choice, \$5.35 to \$5.50; fair to good, \$5 to \$5.55; common to fair, \$4.25 to \$5; sheep, choice, to extra, \$4 to \$4.25; good to choice, \$3.75 to \$4. Hogs—Light, in active demand; heavy dull; heavy, \$4.95; and so; mostly \$4.95; mixed Yorkers and \$5; roughs, \$4.40 to \$4.60; \$t,ags, \$3.73

to \$4; close steady; good clearance. CHICAGO. Dec. 22.-Cattle-Receipts. 200: good to prime steers, \$5.25 to \$6; poor to medium, \$3.65 to \$5.20; selected feeders, \$3.75 to \$4.40; mixed stockers, \$2.50 to \$3.75; street, Toronto.

cows, \$2 40 to \$4; heifers, \$2 50 to \$4 40; canners, \$1 75 to \$2 35; bulls, \$2 40 to \$4 30; calves, \$3 75 to \$5 50; Texas fed steers, \$4 to \$4 85; do, grass steers, \$3 25 to \$4; Texas bulls, \$2 40 to \$3 45. Hogs—Receipts, 18,000; mixed and butchers, \$4 65 to \$4 95; good to choice heavy, \$4 75 to \$4 95; rough heavy, \$4 60 to \$4 70; light, \$4 60 to \$4 92½; bulk of sales, \$4 82½ to \$4 90. Sheep—Receipts, 1,000; good to choice wethers, \$3 70 to \$4 25; fair to choice mixed, \$3 15 to \$3 65; western sheep, \$3 60 to \$4 20; Texas sheep, \$2 25 to \$3 50; native lambs, \$4 to \$5 25; western lambs, \$4 50 to \$5 25.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES. London, Dec. 22.—Here and at Liverpool cattle are firmer, at 12c to 13½c per lb, dressed weight; refrigerator beef, 9½c to 9½c per lb.

The Dairy Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The receipts of butter for the week amounted to 34,912 pkgs, and shipments to 2,101 pkgs. Receipts of cheese for the week aggregated 14,813 boxes, and shipments 3,487 boxes. Butter—Receipts, 2,442 pkgs; steady; factory, 11½c to 16c; imitation creamery, 14½c to 19c. Cheese—Receipts, 752 pkgs; market quiet and firm; fancy large fall made, 11¼c to 1½c; fancy small fall made, 11¼c to 12c. Eggs—Receipts, 4,788 pkgs; market easier; state and Pennsylvania, 23c to 26c; western regular packing, at mark, 18c to 22½c; western, loss off, 24c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Butter steady: The Dairy Markets.

NEW YORK. Dec. 22.—Butter steady; creamery, 17c to 25c; factory, 11½c to 16c; June creamery, 17c to 23c; imitation creamery, 14½c to 19c; state dairy, 16c to 23c. Cheese firm; fancy large fall made, 11½c to 11½c; do, small, 11¾c to 12c. CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Butter was dull; creameries, 15c to 23c; dairies, 12c to 20c. Cheese dull, 104c to 114c.

### CHRISTMAS SUNDAY IN THE CHURCHES

Special Music, Sermon and Floral Decorations Marked the Day.

In all the city churches yesterday the approach of the anniversary of Christ's birth was, as usual, marked by special services. From nearly every pulpit at least one of the day's sermons had for its subject the advent of the Messiah and the influence of his coming on the succeeding ages. As usual floral decorations and special music formed an important and enjoyable portion of the services. The many excellent choirs which London boasts vied with each other in the effort to render artistically and rever-ently the tributes of song which the world's masters of music have laid at the feet of the Christ Child. The musical services in St. Paul's and St. Peter's Cathedrals, Dundas Street Center, First and Wellington Methodist Churches, St. Andrew's and First Presbyterian Churches and Tabot Screet Baptist Church were especially worthy of note.

#### Remembered Their Foreman.

The employes of the E. Leonard & Sons' boiler shop on Saturday presented their genial foreman, Mr. T. D. Smith, with an address and finely upholstered chair. Following is the address:

To T. D. Smith, Esq.:
At this season of the year when friends are engaged in the delightful task of exchanging greetings and sending messages of cheer and goodwill, we desire to place on record the high esteem in which you are held both as a man and an overseer for others and in their interests. We remember the period of years that have elapsed since you assumed the responsible position you now occupy, and we would express the hope that you may be long spared to reap the reward of your energy and industry. As a token of our regard we ask you to accept this chair, accompanied, as it is, by our very best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Signed on behalf of the boiler shop of E. Leonard & Sons, JAMES S. COOK,

J. J. FRYER. Mr. Smith made a neat address in re-

# ply, thanking them for their kindness.

JAS. BOXER.

RE CAR SERVICE. To the Editor of The Advertiser: I would like to ask, through your valuable paper, if the street car company has the right to put passengers out of their cars, after paying their fares, and keep them in the cold night air for twenty minutes until another car comes up. This occurred tonight at twenty minutes to 9 o'clock at Richmond and Oxford streets, and many ladies and children were passengers. Quite a few children were passengers. walked home on account of cold. Surely, Mr. Editor, this city of London should be protected from such abuse in travel by any company whatever. To see ladies and children turned out on the streets in the cold at nine o'clock is not pleasant. because, as they say they were behind time. Have these people to suffer? This occurred twice in one day. Cannot something be done to stop this abuse in travel? One who suffered.

D. M. DONALD, 510 Grosvenor street, Dec. 22, 1900.

LATTER DAY SAINTS. Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 24.—The annual meeting of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, otherwise the Mormons, was held here Saturday. The total membership in Ohio was reported at 250 out of a total in the country of 300,000. Ben E. Rich, of Chattanooga, Tenn., was elected as state president.

ASTHMA CURED. There Were Only Four Cases of Asthma in Nanaime, B.C., and Have All Been Cured by Clarke's Kola Compound-The Facts as Given by a Leading Druggist.

Mr. Watkinson, a bricklayer, with Vancouver Coal Company, states: Clarke's Kola Compound is the only preparation that ever gave him any permanent relief from asthma. Before taking this remedy he lost one month's work through asthma, and since he has not lost a day during the past year. He says, "I consider it a Godsend to the asthmatic."

A well-known cigarmaker, who used be a great sufferer, and could not do any traveling outside this city, told me the other day he makes his trips to Union and other places regularly, and has not had a single attack of asthma for over a year. "Thanks to Clarke's Kola Compound." He said no amount of money could estimate its value to him.

Mr. J. C. Wilson, a carpenter here, was almost a hopeless case, and is now completely free from asthma. He took but four bottles.

Mr. Alex. Dixon, a well-known con-tractor here, who was the first case of asthma cured, says he has spent hundreds of dollars during ten years in search of a cure, but has at last than twenty-four years. All Druggists. found it in Clarke's Kola Compound. He took in all about six bottles, and is completely cured. He has sent several fellow-sufferers to my store for it. Signed, F. C. Stearman, Phm.B., Chem-Nanaimo, B. C.

Clarke's Kola Compound will permanently cure any case of asthma or chronic bronchitis. Sold by chemists everywhere. Send for Dr. Clarke's book on Asthma, free. Address the G. and M. Co., Limited 121 Church

# Xmas

# At Bayley's.

Here's where a saving can be effected. The whole of this grand stock to be cleared. We suggest a few lines on which 50c will go as far as a dollar in other stores.

# Fans.

Elegant French Fans, the latest and most dainty designs at half price.

#### Purses.

Nice assortment of Fine Purses, handsomely finished in correct shapes; half regular price.

### Handkerchiefs.

There are none to compare with our styles; largest range in Western Canada; hundreds of dozens at half price.

# Hose Supports.

Very choice assortment, specially imported for fine trade; half regular price.

#### Umbrellas.

Handsome stock at halr

# Gloves.

Special lot of latest shades.

Everything Must Co at the Great Retiring Sale.



# A MODERN TENDENCY

To Popularize the Church-Is It Detrimental?

At Saturday night's meeting of the Baconian Club, a debate upon the resolution: Resolved, "That the modern tendency to popularize the church is detrimental to the progress of Christianity," was decided in favor of the affirmative. It was maintained, in support of the proposition, that the primary and essential office of the church was the spirit of good of Jesus Christ and the making of a Christian. When a departure from that main object was made it was detrimental to the progress of Christianity. Christianity in itself was not popular. When the church devoted its forces to the gathering of crowlds, it was wastenergies that might and should be used in advancing Christianity. Choirs, paid singers, paid organists and popular sermons were intended to attract crowds, who went not for worship but to hear the concert and listen to the sermon on war or politics. In brief, the efforts to make the church popular dissipated energies that might be better used in making Christians. The negative contended that Christianity should not be confounded with doctrine or dogma, while the present tendency might be detrimental to doctrine and dogma, it was not so to true Christianity, which was in itself a life. The highest, purest, noblest life manifested itself in all spheres of man's activity, social, commercial and political. The Christian must be an allround man. The church should recognize, encourage and offer opportunities for the development of the physical and intellectual as well as the spiritual, if it was to fulfill its mission. church, in fact, should supply that which was necessary for the fullest possible development of an all-embracing Christian life.

# Saw Death Near.

"It often made my heart ache," writes L. C. Overstreet, of Elgin, Tenn., to hear my wife cough until it seemed her weak and sore lungs would collapse. Good doctors said she was so far gone with Consumption that no medicine or earthly hope could save her, but a friend recommended Dr. New's Discovery, and persistent use of this excellent medicine saved her life." It's absolutely guaranteed for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis. Asthma and all Throat and Lung diseases. 50c and \$1 at W. T. Strong & Co's. Trial bottle

George W. Pattison, aged 70, a pioneer publisher and printer, known throughout Michigan and several other states, died at his home in Birmingham yesterday. He established the Western Star, the first daily newspaper published in Buffalo, N. Y., in 1834, also the Grand River Times, now the Grand Rapids Democrat, in 1837.

To cure a cold in a night—use Vapo-Cresolene. It has been used extensively during more

High tides strong winds and heavy rains have broken through the British Columbia dykes and the Fraser Valley farming lands have been badly flooded.

Do You Want Consumption? Are you really looking for it? Inviting it? Then pay no attention to your hacking cough, and your weak throat. You can prevent it, though. Take Scott's Emulsion early. when viting it? the cough first begins,

# BADEN-POWELL'S

Rumors Regarding the Raising of One Thousand Recruits in Canada.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 24.-Lord Minto has had a communication from Hon. Joseph Chamberlain in regard to getting recruits from Canada for Baden-Powell's force in South Africa, but so far none of the ministers of the crown have seen it. The militia department have no information to give on the subject.

The information given out to the Conservative press from the government House is that 1,000 men are wanted in Canada to recruit for Baden-Powell's force, and that they will receive five shillings a day. If this number is recruited here, then ten reputationics and fifteen lieutenancies in captaincies and fifteen lieutenancies in the imperial army will go to the Can-

Dr. Borden is here, but has not yet heard of the matter.

The Toronto Globe's London, Eng-land correspondent says: "I hear on good authority that in response to representations from the Canadian authorities that a number of residents of Canada are anxious to become members of the constabulary force which Col. Baden-Powell is organizing in South Africa, but have no facilities for doing so without paying their own way either to South Africa or to England, the war office has arranged to establish recruiting depots in Canada for the force in question. It is understood a considerable number of applications have been received by the Canadian Government, which, however, has hitherto been unable to take any action.'

# News at a Glance.

Lord William Beresford is ill from Tammany has ordered closed down all

the New York gambling houses Pare, the noted bank robber, had his leg amputated in Kingston penitenti-

Emma Goldman, the Anarchist, is to make a tour of the country to speak on anarchism.

Baptiste Joseph Dormer, twelfth Baron Dormer, is dead, in the 71st year of his age, says a London cable.

The American Express Company will give \$5 each to about 10,000 of its older employes, for Christmas, in Chi-

Frank Souder, a German, sixteen years of age, was killed by falling clay while working in Odell's brickyard, Ottawa East.

Carrie Hanley, a 14-year-old girl, who was burned in public school, 44, New York, while playing Santa Claus, died on Saturday. Gov. Roosevelt has removed from office Col. Gardiner, district attorney

of New York county, and appointed Eugene J. Philbin to fill the vacancy. Eugene and Byron Day and George W. Patterson, three of the most dangerous criminals in the country, have been arrested at Rochester, N. Y.

The body of Mrs. Alfred Price, who has been missing from her home on St. Patrick street, Toronto, since Thursday, was found in the lake near Sunny

President McKinley's second inauguration on March 4, will be marked by ceremonial splendor never before attempted in the city, says a New York World dispatch from Washing

A formal request from Bolivia that the United States use its influence to settle the boundary trouble between Bolivia and Chili, has been denied, says the Washington special to the New York Times. Robbing of mine pillars by the Penn-

sylvania Coal Mining Company has caused a cave-in, which has swallow-ed about 30 feet of the main street of Pittston, Pa, and threatens to engula other parts of the town.

The American steamer Jennie Hall (Capt. Lawson), from Trinidad, Nov. 10, for Baltimore, which stranded eight miles south of Cape Henry at 4 a.m. on Saturday, is a total wreck. The captain and two men were drowned.

An Indianapolis dispatch says Receiver Clark, of the Chosen Friends. thinks that creditors have little prospect of realizing much from their claims. The utmost they can hope for, he says, is 10 cents on the dollar.

A cablegram to the department of finance states that official notice has been given in the London Gazette of the admission of the Dominion scribed stocks to the list of securities in which trust funds may be invested. To save his mother from abuse and

to save himself from a beating with a poker, Albert Albertson, aged 17 years of age, shot and killed his father a their home in Wentworth avenue Chicago. Young Albertson was arrested. A special from Portsmouth, Va.

"Cut down in the darkness by a big ocean steamship, the little schooner Emblem (Capt. Geo. B. Marshall) went to the bottom in Hamp-ton Roads Saturday morning. The sailors escaped in the dory. Daniel Hawthorne, who is wanted at

Montreal on a charge of forgery, was neatly captured at Detroit on Saturday by Detective Elias Baker. Several supposed forged checks were found in his pockets. He consented to return to Canada without extradition proceedings. Advices from Sitka, Alaska, state

that town is in a condition of sup-pressed excitement, fearing an outbreak of Indians. The United States Marines stationed there are under arms, and the marshall and the deputies are taking every precaution protect the whites.

BICKLE'S ANTI-CONSUMPTIVE SYRUP stands at the head of the list for all diseases of the throat and lungs. acts like magic in breaking up a cold. A cough is soon subdued, tight-ness of the chest is relieved, even the worst case of consumption is relieved, while in recent cases it may be said never to fail. It is a medicine prepared from the active principles or virtues of several medicinal herbs, and can be depended upon for all pulmonary complaints

IT IS A LIVER PILL.-Many of the ailments that man has to contend with have their origin in a disordered liver, which is a delicate organ, peruliarly susceptible to the disturbances that come from irregular habits ack of care in eating and drinking. This accounts for the great many liver regulators now pressed on the at-tention of sufferers. Of these there is none superior to Parmelee's Vegetable Pills. Their operation though gentle is effective, and the most delicate can them.

# Double Trading Stamps

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#### EIDERDOWN COMFORTERS

Made from the finest selected English down, beautifully covered with satin and sateen, and absolutely down proof. Frices within the reach of all. Just the thing for a Christmas present.

#### TABLE COVERS.

These are shown in Velvet, Tapestry Chenille and Silk, from 1 yard square to 2 yards by 3; also Indian Covers, elaborately embroidered with gold.

Cushions, covered and uncovered and Cushion Tops. Five O'Clock Tea Cloths, all sizes, hemstitched and fringed. Shams and Scarfs in Roman embroidery.

SPECIAL BARGAINS IN CARPETS.

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We have a fine selection of goods suitable for Christmas Gifts.

GENTS' TIES-Specials at 25c and 50c. GENTS' MUFFLERS-Quilted, from 50c to \$1 00 each.

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GENTS' SQUARES-From 20c to \$1 00 each. GENTS' HANDKERCHIEFS-Linen and silk, beautiful assortment. GENTS' GLOVES-Lined Kid, at 75c, \$1 00 and \$1 25 per pair.

LADIES' TIES-In silk and lace. LADIES' KID GLOVES-See our guaranteed Gloves at \$1 00 per pair. LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS—A large range of silk, lace trimmed and hemstitched handkerchiefs, from 5c each up.

FINE LINENS—A nice line of Table Linens, 2 yards wide, at 35c per yard, and so on, up to the fine bleached goods, 2½ yards wide, for \$1 00 per yard.

NAPKINS, DOILIES and SIDEBOARD DRAPES-At moderate prices.

TRY US FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

# GRAY & PARKER, 150 Dundas Street.

# POLITICAL POINTS

North Gosfield Liberals will banquet Mr. M. K. Cowan, M.P., at Cottam, on Jan. 9.

Mr. Robert Rogers has been taken into the Manitoba Cabinet as minis-ter of public works, Mr. McFadden be-

coming provincial secretary.

The next speaker of the House of Commons, as already announced, will be Mr. L. P. Brodeur, M.P., for Rouville, and it is understood that his secretary will be Mr. W. W. Edgar, of Toronto, son of the late Sir James Mr. Edgar acted in a similar

capacity for his father while he was Henry Corby, M.P., announces that in consequence of ill-health he will retire from political life. It is said to be likely that Hon. G. E. Foster will receive the Conservative nomination for West Hastings, in succession

Henry Corby, who has announced his intention of resigning. It is understood that all the election protests of Nova Scottia, have been dropped. Premier Roblin on Saturday

the oath of office as premier, president of the council and minister of agriculture of Manitoba. Hon. Mr. Rogers was sworn in as minister of public works. Hon. Mr. McFaden will retain the provincial secretaryship and the municipal commissionership. other portfolios will remain as

Sir Hibbert, in an interview, said that he had heard nothing of the story that he would be temporary leader of the Conservatives in the house till a new leader is chosen. It might possibly have found its source in the fact that he is now senior privy councilor of the party, and it usual for the gentleman holding such priority to be offered a prominent

# THE ONLY HELP.

A Victim of Bright's Disease for Many Years-Cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Neepawa, Dec. 24.-Mrs. T. H. Mc-Kee, formerly of Listowel, came here as a last resort. Had suffered ten years with Bright's Disease. Reported to be past help and dying, her reappearance on the street in apparent good health was a pleasant surprise. The explanation given was that her little boy had insisted that she should use Dodd's Kidney Pills and prophethat they would cure her. She : "From the first few doses I began to feel better, and after taking four and a half boxes, I say it with heart-felt gratitude, I am perfectly Dodd's Kidney Pills is the only medicine in the world that has ever cured a case of Bright's Disease

LITTLE GIRL FATALLY BURNED. Jarvis, Ont., Dec. 24.—The three-year-old daughter of J. C. Mills, drug-gist and G. N. W. Telegraph agent, of this village, got possession of some matches, and while striking them set fire to her clothing. Before the mother and other members of the fam-ily could get to her rescue, the little was so badly burned that she died Saturday morning.

BLAZING TOBACCO.

Kingsville, Ont., Dec. 23. — At one o'clock last night fire destroyed the large buildings east of the town, formerly known as the Bauslaugh sash and door factory. The machinery had been removed and about twelve tons of home-grown leaf tobacco, which was stored in the building, was consumed, the Erie Tobacco Company losing six tons of last year's crop, and Messrs. J. D. Wigle and Walker about three tons each of the season's crop. There was a small insurance on build-

ing and tobacco. FRICTION OVER NEWFOUND-

LAND. St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 24.-On the last day of December the Anglo-French modus vivendi respecting the New-foundland coast expires, and this may creat complications between the two

·<del>\*</del> foundland Legislature will consent to renew the present arrangements, in which case friction may ensue, unless Britain makes another arrangement with France. The colony's position, however, is so strong with the British public that such arrangement must be decidedly favorable to the colony.

> PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS. Toronto, Dec. 24.-The following appointments, among others, are gazetted: Judge Barron, of Stratford, to be local master of the su court for the county of Perth; Mr. J. D. Moore, of Galt, to be registrar of deeds for the county of Waterloo; Dr. John A. Meldrum, of Belmont, to be associate corner in the county of Middlesex; Dr. J. B. McMurrich, of Bothwell, to be associate coroner in Kent county. The British-American Furniture Company are given permis-sion to change the name to "The Can-

ada Furniture Manufacturers." BANDITS BURGLARIZE BANKS. Dalton City, Ill., Dec. 24.—Between \$3,000 and \$4,000 was secured by a gang who dynamited the vault of the Dalton City bank Saturday. Although a posse was quickly formed, no trace of the

robbers has yet been secured. Cleveland, Dec. 24.—Burglars late Saturday night attempted to rob the Exchange Bank at Madison, O., 25 miles east of this city. They blew open the safe, but were frightened away securing its contents. The safe contained a large sum of money, but not a

PARDONER PINGREE'S LATEST. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 24.—Governor Pingree has just released eight state prison convicts in a bunch-seven on parole and one by absolute pardon. The pardoned man is Chas. C. Bostwick, sent from Lake county to Jack-son prison in December, 1897, for 15 years for criminal assault. Bostwick's alleged victim was his daughter, who has since made affidavit that she testified falsely against her father at the instigation of her mother, who was anxious to get rid of him, being en-amored of another man, whom she has since married without securing a

divorce from the convict. DROWNED IN THE THAMES. Chatham, Ont., Dec. 23.—The first fatal accident for this season in the River Thames occurred on Saturday night between 7 and 8 o'clock, when an unknown man of some 25 years of age met a watery grave under sensational circumstances. The scene of the accident was at the rear of Riverside Terrace, a fashionable residential row in the west end of the city. The neighborhood was startled by piercing shricks emanating from the river. The cries for help brought a crowd to the scene, but none could be of any assistance. The ice was honeycombed, and no one ventured on it. Boards were pushed out toward the drowning man, but they failed to reach anywhere near him. The firemen's ladder was sent out towards the victim, but when success was almost near he disappeared. No boats were kept near at hand.

# Malt Breakfast Food

The demand for this delicious and healthgiving breakfast food is extraordinary. The factory in Cowansville, Que., with its large daily output cannot fully supply the wants of the Wholesale Grocery trade. The trial of one package of Malt Breakfast Food will make it a prime favorite in every home. Ask your Grocer for it.

HOLLOWAY'S CORN CURE is the medicine to remove all kinds of corns and warts, and only costs the small

Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator does not require the help of any purgative medicine to complete the cure. Give it a trial and be convinced.

exact time of their coming, County

Clerk Robson will be unable to notify the majority of them in time to allow

MR. BENNET'S CHRISTMAS GIFT.

At the close of work this afternoon

at the Bennet Furnishing Company's

large establishment, Mr. R. W. Ben-

net presented each of the employes

with a fine Christmas tnurkey. This is a custom which Mr. Bennet has

generously carried out for a number of years. The gifts were received by the men with ringing cheers.

The county selectors of jurors, con-

sisting of Mayor Rumball, Warden

week will perform the duties of se-

Cathedral will be held at 10 o'clock to-

morrow morning, instead of 11 as an-

nounced. This change in time has

il:30 in connection with the return of the South African contingent.

Thos. Mulligan, the old man who on

A series of special meetings will be

held every night this week at 8 o'clock

in the Salvation Army Citadel, Clarence

street. A good start was made yesterday, and the services were largely attended, resulting in two conversions.

The public is specially invited to at-

tend the meetings this week. Tomor-

row being Christmas Day a meeting

will be held in the afternoon at 3

On Saturday evening the Hope

street residence of Mr. Frank Love

was the scene of a small and select dinner party, the members of which

had gathered to celebrate the 25th an-

niversary of the marriage of London's popular magistrate and his esteemed

wife. The guests expressed in tan-

gible form of many handsome and valuable presents of silverware their

best wishes for the continued happiness and prosperity of Mr. and Mrs.

On Saturday afternoon Mr. Thomas

G. Mitcheltree, the blind musician, en-

tertained several of his friends to a

short piano recital at the rooms of

Messrs. Heintzman & Co. (Mr. J. A.

Croden, manager). The wonderful ac-

complishments of Mr. Mitcheltree were

demonstrated by his rendition of clas-

sical, operatic and topical music. The

marvelous execution, brilliant technique

and memory of Mr. Mitcheltree, who

ly noticed. Mr. Mitcheltree played on

St, George's Society and the Irish Benevo-

lent Society Dispenses Baskets of Food

to the Deserving Needy.

Should any homes in London be un-

distribution of good things to the de-

serving poor, and this morning the re-

sults of their efforts was apparent in

the well-filled baskets which went in-

to all quarters of the city, to gladden

the hearts of hungry children and

bring for one day at least into many

humble homes the same contentment

that prevades the domiciles of more

In the vacant store, lately occupied

by Mr. Ed. Shea, were found Messrs.

John Stevely, Bernard McCann, John

Forrestal, and other members of the

Irish Benevolent Society, busily su-

perintending the sending out of sup-

plies. The society this year adopted

the plan of delivering their baskets in

drays, instead of having the recipi-

ents call for them. By this means

they not only show a considerable feeling for those whom they seek to

help, but they escape the inconveni-ence and crowding hitherto experienc-

this being the largest distribution ever

made by the society here. Two thou-

sand pound's of beef, 1,000 loaves of

bread, and flour, oatmeal, tea, sugar, raisins, currants, figs and biscuits in

St. George's Society's distribution

was made from the store at the north-

west corner of Talbot and Dundas streets. About 250 tickets had been

issued, and the services of a policeman

crowd of ticket-holders, all seemingly

anxious to get their share as early as

and 9 boxes of raisins. The committee

in charge of the distribution were: H.

T. Smith (chairman), W. H. Skinner, W. Barron, S. Roberts, John Pannell

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# TO-DAY'S MARKETS

Toronto Produce Market.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Wheat—Unchanged; red and white, 63c to 63½c, middle freights; goose, 60½c to 61c, middle freights; goose, 60½c to 61c, middle freights, and at 60c north and west; spring, 66c to 66½c for No. 1 east; Manitoba, 89½c for No. 1 hard at Toronto and west; 84½c for No. 2 hard, and 79c to 80c for No. 3 hard, and grinding in transit it is quoted at 91½c for No. 1 hard, 86½c for No. 2 hard, and 82c for No. 3 hard. Flour—Quiet, at \$2 %5 for cars of 90 per cent patents in barrels, middle freights; choice brands are held 15c to 20c higher; Manitoba flour steady, at \$4 20 for Hungarian patents, and \$2 85 for strong bakars in car lots, bags included, at Toronto. Millfeed—Steady, at \$14 for shorts and \$12 for bran west. Barley—Unchanged, at 39c to 39½c for No. 2, middle freights, and 37½c for No. 3 extra, north and west. Buckwheat—Steady, at 49c, middle freights. Corn—Market easier for American, and steady for Canadian; Canadian yellow is quoted at 25c west; No. 2 American yellow is lower, at 43½c at Toronto. Oats—Steady; No. 2 white, 25½c, middle freights. Peas—Steady, at 41½c, middle freig

# Housebreaking and Robbery.

Fred Fuller, Edward Fountain and Nelson Blackwell the former two (colored) being old offenders, appeared in police court this morning, charged with housebreaking. The alleged offense was committed on Dec. 1, when the residence of Christopher McRae, on Lyle street, was entered and a quantity of wearing apparel, etc., stolen. Some of the property was previdays with his parents ously recovered by the detectives in avenue, South London. ond-hand shops. But as Mr. McRae was absent from the city for a couple of months and had not discovered his loss, they did not know whose property it was. On Mr. McRae reporting the robbery last week, he was shown part of his property, and promptly identified it. The accused were remanded till Monday.

Three city physicians, and one private citizen were fined \$1 and \$1 85 costs for neglecting to register the births of infants. Two similar cases were adjourned till Thursday.

One drunk paid \$10 to escape spending 21 days in jail, while another was

# The Railways.

The new G. T. R. passenger station at Glencoe is rapidly approaching completion. It is a handsome, snug little building. The interior of the offices and Georgia pine in the natural grain. The building will be heated by hot air pipes, and lighted with incandescent electric light.

Mr. C. M. Hays, late general manager of the Grand Trunk Rallway, was tendered a banquet on Thursday night at

Montreal by the staffs of the Grand Trunk and Central Vermont Railway Companies, on the occasion of his de-parture for San Francisco to assume the duties of president of the Southern Pacific Railway. General Manager Reeve presided, and all the prominent officials of the two systems were present. Mr. Hays was presented during the evening with a magnificent album, con-taining portraits of all the officials.

According to one of the delegates who recently interviewed Premier Roblyn, the latter promised that the government should build a railroad for them. The delegation pressed for a government road from Hartney, through Oak Lake to Damietta, and ultimately to Dauphin, in all about 80 miles. A road in this vicinity would provide means of carrying timber from the Riding Mountains. badly needed, and the transportation facilities are very limited. Six different railway lines would be intersected by this line. Another deputation will press this line. Another deputation will press for a road from Brandon west to Birtle.

The best protection against fevers, pneumonia, diphtheria, etc., is in building up the system with Hood's Sar-

Edward Everett Hale gives the following three good rules for life: First, live as much as possible in the open air; second, touch elbows with the rank and file; third, talk every day with a man you know to be your

Never judge physicians by the praise undertakers bestow upon them. CANNOT BE BEAT.-Mr. D. Steinbach, Zurich, writes:—"I have used Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil in my fam-My for a number of years, and I can safely say that it cannot be beat for the cure of croup, fresh cuts and sprains. My little boy has had attanks of group several times, and one dose of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil was sufficient for a perfect cure. I take great pleasure in recommending it as a family medicine, and I would not be without a bottle in my house."



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#### Latest Weather Probabilities

CHRISTMAS DAY - COLD, FAIR, SNOW FLURRIES.

Toronto, Dec. 24-10 a.m.-Probabilities for the next twenty-four hours for the lower lakes region: Strong westerly, shifting to northwesterly winds; light snowfalls or flurries, turning cold-

er. Tuesday—Cold and mostly fair; local snow flurries.

A MICHIGAN PROPHET SPEAKS. Dowagiac, Mich., Dec.24.—On the 20th the sun crossed the line, and the pre-vailing winds for the 19th, 20th and 21st were from the south. From this Prof. Inman, of this city, augurs that warm weather will prevail until the last of February or first of March. The professor has relied upon this sign for nearly 50 years, and says it has never failed.

#### Tomorrow's Paper.

Both editions of The Advertiser will be published at an early hour in the morning tomorrow. Newsboys and agents should govern themselves ac-

# LATE LOCAL ITEMS

Welcome be ye that are here, Welcome all and make good cheer, Welcome all, another year, Welcome yule.

-Mr. J. Mutch, of Detroit, is in the

-Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Edy are enjoying the Christmas season with friends and relatives in Cayuga and Buffalo.

-Mr. Bert McKenzie, of McGill University, Montreal, son of Mrs. McKenzie, Byron avenue, is home for the holidays.

-Mrs. Chester Archer, of Chicago, nee Edith Patton, is spending the hol-idays at her home, 429 Ontario street. East London.

-Mr. Marvin Millar, of the Detroit Electric Company, is spending the holidays with his parents at 70 Elmwood -The veterans of 1866-1870 are called grand pianos.

to meet at the drill shed tomorrow morning to take part in the reception to the returning soldiers. -The city ticket office of the Grand Trunk Railway, "Clock" corner, will be

open this evening for the sale of excursion and other tickets. -The employes of the Parisian Steam Laundry received their annual Christmas presents on Saturday. This firm

yearly remember their large staff with timely gifts. -The services held in the York Street Mission Hall Sunday evening were of a very solemn character. The Mission Hall was draped in black in memory of the late Mrs. Thomas McCormick.

Evangelist Belcher preached an impressive sermon, and all the Sunday school children took part in the ser-B COMPANY'S ARRIVAL.

The G. T. R. train on which the R Company men are to arrive is due here at -11:05 a.m.

TO ADMINISTER AN ESTATE.

An order has been made directing that R. K. Cowan, local master at London, administer the estate of the late Warren Totten, a prominent barrister of Woodstock, who died recent-

SHORT VACATION BEGINS.

The legal short vacation begins today and continues till Jan. 6, inclusive. The office of Col. Macbeth, clerk of the high court of justice, closes at 12 noon every day, as does also the library of the Middlesex Bar Association.

REMEMBERED BY THE MAYOR. Mayor Rumball presented each of the corporation laborers with a fine turkey today. His action was much appreciated and he received many warmly-ex-pressed wishes for the enjoyment of this and future Christmas seasons.

DEATH OF CHARLES HOMISTER Mr. Charles Homister, a respected resident of Oliver street, died on Saturday, in his 76th year. He had suffered for some time with general de-The funeral was held this morning to Woodland Cemetery.

CANNOT BE PRESENT. It was the intention of the members of the county council to have that body

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#### largely represented at the homecoming of the soldiers from South Africa, but owing to the short notice received of the TOMORROW'S RECEPTION Honor All Who

Orders Issued in Regard to the Military and Civic Parade.

B Company, Second Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment, will arrive in London by the Grand Trunk Railway at 11 a.m. tomorrow. It will be met by all city corps and others hereinafter mentioned, who will parade in field day order (great coats) in sufficient time to be drawn up on York street, west of Waterloo, at 11 o'clock a.m., as follows: Cavalry; artillery; and No. 1 Company, R. C. R., at the freight shed, as directed by Lieut.-Col. Stacey, D.S.O. Murray, County Treasurer McEvoy, These details should be on hand not later than 10:45 a.m. The infantry as Judge William Elliot, Sheriff Cameron, and Clerk of the Peace James Magee meet on Wednesday next at 11 a.m., and throughout the balance of the follows: No. 1, R. D. R. C. R.; 7th Regiment Fusiliers, with band; 25th Regiment, with band; 26th Regiment representatives; civil bodies in the following order: Ancient Order of Foresters, etc. To be drawn up north of the track will be members of London Hunt Club, The Christmas services for St. Paul's mounted; his worship the mayor and council in carriages; cavalry escort; civil police; B Company, R. C. R. Care must be taken that all bodies march with a front of not less than fifbeen made on account of the services of thanksgiving which will be held at

teen feet, and an interval not greater than one yard. Interval between corps or civil bodies will be four yards. The route will be: Waterloo, Dundas and Richmond streets, to St. Paul's

thanksgiving service will be held.

Troops will carry their rifles into the June 6 last was taken from Mount Hope Refuge, where he had become cathedral with them at the shoulder, incapable of control, and placed in jail and will take care not to injure the on a charge of insanity, has recovered pews when being seated. sufficiently to leave the jail. He was taken back to the Refuge this morn-At the close of the service all corps

Cathedral, where fifteen minutes

will march at once to their private paing, and so will enjoy better Christmas Lieut.-Col. T. D. R. Hemming, R. C. fare than if he had continued in Gov.

R., will act as brigade major, and Regimental Sergt.-Major J. B. Munro, R. C. R., will act as brigade sergeant-ma-As the company detrains the bands

will play "Home, Sweet Home," all ranks cheering.

The parade will be under the com-

mand of the district officer command-Capt. Walter Smith, 7th Regiment Fusiliers, will act as orderly officer to the district officer commanding.

Lieut.-Col. J. Stacey will supervise the general arrangement and supervise civil portion of parade. By order. J. STACEY, Lieut.-Col., D. S. O. M. D. No. 1.

## POULTRY FANCIERS MEET

Election of Officers of the London Poultry and Pet Stock Association.

The London Poultry and Pet Stock Association held its annual meeting in its rooms in the Albion block on Friday evening. The attendance was satisfactory, and the affairs of the association were found to be in an encouraging condition. The chair was occupied by President McNeil, and considerable interest was manifested by the mem-

bers in the proceedings. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Wm. McNeil; vicepresidents, Newton Cosh and A. J. Morgan; secretary, Richard Oke; treasurer, John Saunders; directors, Wm. Smith, Lew Sage, Wm. Mc-Loud, F. T. Adams, Geo. W. Miller, C. Stewart, John Aitkens, J. W. Cook and faultlessly brings out every strong point in a piano's favor, was especialone of Heintzman & Co.'s celebrated gramme committe Wm. McNeil, A. J. Morgan and Geo. W. Miller; delegates to Western Fair, R. Oke and Wm. McNeil; delegates to Industrial Fair, Wm. McNeil and Allan FOR HUMBLE HOMES

# Closing Exercises.

LORNE AVENUE.

closing exercises of Lorne avenue school on Friday afternoon was exceptionally noteworthy, as the occasion was made one on which to present Pte. Geo. Taylor, of B Comprovided with Christmas cheer tomorpany, first contingent, with a costly ring. Pte. Taylor was at one time a row, it will not be the fault of either pupil at the school. The Eoyle memorial medal was presented to its St. George's Society or the Irish Benevolent Society, for both these bodies winner, Miss Beatrice Sifton, by Dr. have for some weeks been making as-An excellent programme of siduous preparations for their annual songs and recitations was carried out.

> RECTORY STREET. The usual Christmas entertainments were held at the Rectory street school on Friday. In the morning the children of the kindergarten department and their parents spent a few pleasant hours together, and in the afternoon grades 7 and 8 united to see the Boyle memorial medal panted to Miss Helen Tufts by Dr. English. Treats and concerts were also held in other rooms of the school.

> BLIZZARD IN MINNESOTA. St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 23. This section of the northwest is experiencing the first blizzard of the present winter. The storm is general throughout the

BRITISH STEAMER ASHORE. Atlantic City, N.J., Dec. 24.-The British steamer Antillia, from Nassau for New York, with general cargo, went ashore this morning on Great Egg harbor bar. Her passengers were safely landed.

THE S. A. WILL GIVE 25,000 CHRIST-MAS DINNERS. New York, Dec. 24.—The Salvation Army will give a Christmas dinner to-

morrow for 25,000 persons in Madison Square Garden, and, in addition, will send dinners to many others at their

250 GIRLS ON STRIKE. Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 24.-Two hundred and fifty girls employed here at the Wyoming Valley lace mills did not report for work today. They go out in

sympthy with the weavers of the mill who have been out on strike for nine possible. The quantities of goods sent out were as follows: Two thoumonths. There action necessitates total suspension. sand two hundred pounds of beef, 700 loaves of bread, 1,800 lbs of flour, 2 TRANSFERRED TO SEAFORTH. Windsor, Ont., Dec. 23.-In accordbags oatmeal, 350 pounds of sugar, 175 ance with orders from Bishop McEvay, pounds of tea, 4 barrels of biscuits,

Rev. Dr. Flannery, for the past five years parish priest in Windsor, will be transferred to Seaforth. Rev. Dr. Flannery has been in Windsor since 1895, when he succeeded the late Dean Wag-He came here from St. Thomas, where he had been stationed for nineteen years.

DEMANDS ON CHINA.

New York, Dec. 24.—"Two hundred million dollars is the maximum sum the administration wants the powers to demand of China as indemnity,' says a Herald dispatch from Washington, "yet the figures are likely to be many times that amount. The States army has a deficiency of \$11,-000,000 for transporation and army supplies and most of that is charged against China.

-Mr. Jack McInnes, of Orillia, is spending Christmas with friends in -Mr. and Mrs. Gray, of Norwich, are

Goods, Silver Novelties, etc. the guests of Mr. Van Buskirk, Onta-

Fight and Bleed!

The following tribute to Tommy Atkins is from S. Elson, a student at the London Collegiate Institute:

Whene'er the sullen cloud of war Hangs heavy o'er a nation's throne When mighty cannons boom afar, And flags unfurled must carnag

òwn, Then, loyal to their country's need, All patriots serve, and serving, bleed.

But. after dubious strife is o'er-Our haughty foes are lowly laid, And fields grow fat with ghastly gore, Drawn from the vein by ball or

blade— Who then should wear sweet glory's flower

But he who fought in peril's hour? Yet Honor, with her partial heart, Can smile on few but those who

sway; To leaders she would fain impart, That mark to sweet distinction prey; A title often gains renown, While humble birth receives a frown.

Why should the bold colossal bust Triumphant rise o'er one small grave, While others, hidden 'neath the dust, Lie all unmarked—yet died as brave? But who from privilege ne'er had won The office of the lordling's son.

Ye nations! that in conquest's day Prepare the victor's laurel wreath, Know that 'tis idle, vain display To gild alone one shoulder's sheath Obedience to a country's call Deserves a tear-whoe'er shall fall.

Think ye, the rustic peasant's lad Can easier bid his home flarewell, Than he, who, in credentials clad. Rides forth mid pomp and music's

swell? May tender ties bind not allone The ducal heart to favors known.

The tear which from a mother's eye Falls burning on a kindred cheek; The fond embrace, the sad "Good-bye," With love intense and action meek-To rending sorrow are a prey. Though humblest of the humble they!

So in the battle's awful storm, While comrades drop on every side-Who is the dauntless, faithful form, That bears the standard 'gainst the

'Tis he, the common soldier true, Who scorns at pride, but dares to do! Ah, ye who dwell in Fortune's grace, Are wont to scorn the lowly train,

In peaceful hours, disown their race,

And fetter them with servile chain; But when the trumpet sounds "A foe," No dearer kinsman do ye know. 'Alas! 'Tis part of human woe That glory tramples on the dead— Some leader mounts with every blow,

While sinks to earth his fellow's head! Yea, thousands yield to Death's dark

To write in red one soldier's name! Give me the deep poetlic fire, To sing to men the soldier's praise; And not alone shall tune my lyre

Who proudly bask in favor's rays:

Should win its tributes and its sighs!

Elach man, who for his country dies,

# Western Ontario.

Alex. Campbell, of Lorne, has sold his 160 acre farm to Wm. Finlayson, of Lucknow, for \$7,500. Corp. Phillips, a Walkerville soldier, has been presented with a gold-headed cane by the pupils of the Walkerville public

At the nearby municipal election Windsor citizens will decide whether the wards of the city are to be abolished or

While two young men of the firm of Pelton Bros., Innerkip, were engaged digging a well on the premises of R. Gobinson recently, at a depth of 14 feet, it caved in and almost buried one. All that could be seen was his head and one arm. The young man at the windlass lost no time in letting down the rope, and succeeded in hauling up the imperil-

Alexander Chalmers, a very old citizen f Lambton county, died at Sarnia the other day, age 98 years. The funeral took place to the Sarnia township Baptist cemetery, and was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Duncan, Mrs. Robert Stokes, Mrs. Joseph A. Jackson and Mr. Robert Jackson, who were distantly related to the deceased.

Melrose Methodist Sabbath school will Meirose Methodist Sabbath school will hold their anniversary services on Dec. 23. Rev. S. Knott, of Alisa Craig, will preach on Sunday morning at 10:30 and in the evening at 7:30. In the afternoon an open session of the school will be held at 3 o'clock, when interesting addresses will be given; also on Monday evening, Dec. 24, a grand concert will be given by will be given; also on Monday evening, Dec. 24, a grand concert will be given by the school.

A number of the Milverton young men assembled in Grosch's Hall on Thursday evening for the purpose of organizing a Young Men's Association, and officers elected as follows: President, Rev. T. B. Howard; vice-president, James Smith; secretary-treasurer, Alf. Glelser; literary and educational committee, Dr. Lederman, M. Loth, E. Weir, N. Honderich and S. Barth; rooms committee, S. Barth, J. Wettlaufer, S. Smith, E. Finkbeiner and H. Singleton. The officers, with the chairmen of the committees, will form the executive.

George Allen, East Oxford, was arrested on Wednesday exening at his home, on a capias, and taken to Woodstock. It appears that Mr. Allen indorsed a note for Miles Vandecar, of East Oxford, at an auction sale held by J. C. Sullivan, Woodstock. This note, with interest, amounts now to \$105. Mr. Sullivan heard that Mr. Allen was about to leave for the United States. The information he received caused him to make an affidavit. and on this and another affidavit made by his solicitor the capias was issued. It is understood that the matter is being

JUSTICE OUIMET'S FUNERAL. Montreal, Dec. 24.—The funeral of

the late Hon. Joseph Alphonse Ouimet took place Saturday from Notre Daine Church. All the judges of the district of Montreal attended, six of their number being pall-bearers, besides H. Pierre, representing the bar of Montreal, and Dr. Lachapelle, representing TO PREVENT TUBERCULOSIS.

Toronto, Dec. 24.-Dr. P. H. Bryce has been holding a conference with Sir James Grant with reference to a convention of the Prevention of Tuberculosis Society. The convention will be held at Ottawa in January, and a programme is now being prepared. SUCCESSFUL SKIN GRAFTING OPERATION.

Toronto, Dec. 24.-Mrs. John Hayman, who was badly burned several weeks ago in an endeavor to save her infant child from the flames at a fire in her home, underwent a skin grafting operation Saturday in Grace Hos-The operation was highly successful, and it is expected that Mrs. Hayman will speedily recoved. surface which required to be covered extended over more than a square foot. The skin was secured from the arms of two young men.

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# The Traveling Postoffice.

Congressman William Alden Smith has stolen another march on his Michigan colleagues in congress and, as usual, the fifth district is the gainer by his diligence and perseverance. For the next two months this district will hold the center of the rural free delivery stage in Michigan while the other eleven will be obliged to stand envious ly in the wings, waiting until the fifth has done its turn and retired with the floral tributes. Then, and not until then, will the other districts be allowed an inning.

The rural free delivery service has

been tried and found satisfactory. has become an important part of the regular postoffice system, and in time its operations will be extended the entire country. Some parts of th country—even some parts of Michigan -may not be permitted to enjoy privileges for years to come. It to time and money to establish a delive service that must cover some 3,000, square miles of territory. In considetion of these facts the farms embra within the boundaries of Kent, I and Ottawa counties seem signally vored. The rural free delivery system will be practically complete within the three counties, years before it appears even in a rudimentary form in the majority of the states of the union. The farmers of the fifth district are to have their letters, their newspapers. their orders from customers and commission men, their books and magazines, delivered at their doors while their esteemed fellow-countrymen eas tramping for many weary miles through autumn mud, winter snew. spring stush and summer ust to the nearest postoffice. It is tough on the other fellows, but then every district is not equipped with the fifth's type of congressman.—Grand Rapids Even ng

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# The Queen's Veil.

After a moment of awkward silence, and somewhat surprised at receiving no answer to her query, Tina looked up again to find herself being stared out of countenance by this self-suffi-cient specimen of English aristocracy. A bright flush of indignation shot

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to her very brow, then receded, leaving her with a trifle less color than efore. But with her clear eyes fixed full upon her adyship's, she settled her dainty shoulders, the merest trifle in the world, and the proud little head was elevated an atom as she said, in the purest of French accents:
"it was needle-point, I elieve, that

m'adam asked to see." "Ahem!" was Lady Holborn's re-ply to this, her glass still in its obnoxious position, astride her nose, and her hard eyes still staring at the

But she expected to see the object of her persistent observation cringe before her, she was disappointed, for Tine, without changing her position, stood regarding her with all the serenity imaginable, politely awaiting madam's own time to reply, until the color began to rise in Lady Hollborn's

"Mother, what will you look at first? the young lady is waiting," Lord Ernest said, with an accent of impatience in his tone.

He had never fully realized, until this moment, how extremely uncivil the English custom of inspecting everybody through an eye-glass could

"The young lady is waiting," she repeated, turning toward him with an expression of displeasure, and glad of anything for an excuse to turn from that calm, self-possessed look, which would not waver beneath hers, while the marked emphasis of those two words betrayed the sudden spite that had taken possession of her, and which some natures always feel at beholding such wondrous loveliness in persons whom they consider their in-

feriors, socially.
"Yes, mademoiseMe is waiting to show you whatever you wish to see,' he returned, the displeasure deepening

"Mamma, let her show you a shawl first, then something pretty and fancy for party wear for me," Addie interposed with ready tact. Then, advancing to Tina's side, she

and those new, pretty fichus that are beginning to be worn?"

"You have nice shawls, haven't you, "Don't, mamma, please," whispered her sensitive daughter, blaushing.

But madame only spifed continued sweetly:

"Yes, mademoiselle—I will show you," and Tina turned with eacrity get the desired articles.

More than an hour was spent in desiding what they would purchase; then Holborn, apparently well satisfied with her bargains, costly camel's-hair shawl about her shoulders and arose to go.

the had been extremely rude and overbearing to Tina during the transaction of her business, but the fair girl had retained her lady-like and unruffled manner throughout the interview, and her politeness and grace were all the more noticeable from madame's illbreeding.

Lord Hoborn was in a fever of in-

dignation on account of it. The girl's beauty, grace and refinement won upon him more and more, and he was deeply ashamed that his mother should be so ungracious.

Once, when Tina was trying to replace a box upon a high shelf, it slipped from her hands and would have fallen to the floor had he not sprang forward and saved it, taking it gently from her and putting it in its

His companions had not noticed the act, being intently engaged in dis-cussing the merits of the laces they were intending to buy. Thanks, monsieur," Tina said, in a low tone, and giving him a grateful

'Thank you, Mademoiselle Florienz, for your kindness somewhat over a week ago." he replied significantly, and touching the seal that hung from his watch-chain, and which her quick eyes had recognized the moment she

had entered the room. She colored vividly at his words, her heart thrilling strangely at his low, confidential tone, while she wondered how he could have known that she had been the one to return the lost treasure to him.

He saw the perplexity in her face, and smiled; but his mother claimed his attention just then, and there was no time to explain anything, even if he had wished to do so.

CHAPTER X. Lady Hollborn had selected a lace chawl at Monsieur La Fort's that was

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not quite completed; there were a few overlaid leaves of heavy needle-point to be yet attached to it, and it was coordingly left behind to be finish-

"We leave Thursday morning, and I shall expect you to send it without fail by tomorrow evening," she had said while settling with monsieur for her purchases.

The errand-boys had left the establishment at the usual quitting hour the next evening and the proprietor was in a dilemma for a messenger to convey Lady Holborn's shawl to her. Tina volunteered her services; she needed a walk, she said, and would be glad of the oportunity. She needed a walk, she said, and would be glad of the opportunity. She donned her jacket and had, took the box containing the precious shawl, and sped forth upon her errand, re-joiced to find herself at liberty for a

It was a long walk to the Hoted d'Europe, but she did not mind the distance, and thought she knew the way perfectly.

But she missed the turn that she

ought to have token, and passing on, and taking the next one, found herself wrong, and was obliged to re-trace her steps. It was rapidly growing dark, and this delay did not contribute to her

comfort, for she had never been ac-customed to being out alone after daylight had departed. A young man had been standing up-on the corner when she discovered her

mistake, and marked instantly her extraordinary beauty, her perplexity and hesitation, and when she had turned back he had followed close upon her.

Tina was not long in becoming conscious of this. Fear lent speed to her steps, and she only breathed freely when she found herself within the court of the

great hotel. Going directly to the office she gave the clerk her package, asking that it might be sent immediately to Lady Holborn's room.

Then feeling weak and almost faint

from the fear she had experienced upon discovering that she was followed, she crossed the court and entered a small reception or waiting-room, and sat down to rest and recover her-

She found a couple of ladies there. evidently waiting for some one. She recognized at once Lady Holborn and her daughter; but she had drawn her vell over her face upon leaving the office, and as she now sat down in the shadow of the half-open door, they did

not appear to know her.

A few minutes later a gentleman entered, and, seating himself at the table, opened a directory that lay there, and began to study its pages He was very nicely clad (although Tina saw at once that he was a foreigner), and evidently belonged to the better class of society, of whatever nationality he might be.

Lady Holborn appeared to be interested now, though she had bestowed only a passing glance upon the modest little lace-maker. She brought forth her eye-glass, carefully adjusted it, and glaneing forward, began a critical inspection

of the stranger, "American," she murmured, in an audible and rather scornful aside to her daughter.

An amused smile began to tremble about the mouth of the stranger, but he appeared not to heed, only turning over the leaves of the directory, with an "ahem!" of somewhat louder emphasis than was agreeable to one, at least of his companions.

"Yes, a thoroughbred Yankee, I am sure," pursued her ladyship, in the same tone that she had used before.

tuously, and seemed more interested then ever in the rara avis. The thoroughbred now looked up, and an innocent (?) smile relaxed his fea-

"How d'ye do, marm?" he said. with an accent that was somewhat broad, but in a perfectly respectful tone and with a not ungraceful bow. My lady drew herself haughtilly erect, but made no reply, although she did not lower her glass, nor remove her eyes from the object of her curio-

(To be Continued.)

FATHER AND SON KILLED.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—Edward Clark, aged 68, and his son, William, aged 38. years, both of Camden, N. J., met horrible deaths while at work at a machine shop here on Saturday. Young Clark was seized with chills, and in an attempt to get relief, climbed a ladder to the top of a large boiler. In a few minutes his fellow-workmen, among whom was the father, heard the noise of escaping steam. The father, realizing his son's danger, mounted the ladder to William's rescue. He missed his footing and fell on a big cog-wheel and was ground to pieces. Young Clark was scalded to death before relief could be had. The safety ball of the boiler had dropped off and allowed the fortypound pressure of steam in the boiler

# Pretty

come monopolized by the young lady at the typewriter. It is astonishing what an array of beautiful women are found in stores and offi-

ces. In fact, the typical American beauty will be found sitting at the typewriter rather than lolling

in a carriage in the And yet this pretty young girl needs always to be

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Death of One of Six Day Bike Racers -Hockey Team Getting Into Shape.

HOCKEY LONDON TEAM GETTING IN SHAPE. The candidates for London's team had a couple of preliminary whirls on the ice early in the week, and are now indulging in road, work, so as to be in readiness for the opening bell. As yet the line-up is practically an unknown quantity. Of last year's champions there are left only Hobbs, Peel and Johns. Jack Brown says he has retired, but it may be that he will once more don the red, white and black. Up to date no one to take his place at Up to date no one to take his place at cover-point is in sight. It will take a crackerjack to fill the position as Jack crackerjack to fill the position as Jack did last season. Ernie Westcott says business will not permit him to chase the puck this season, and Percy Ashplant has been barred out by the doctor's orders. George Ewing has settled permanently with a Winnipeg clothing house, and this winter is practicing with the Victorias, of that town.

There are several candidates for the forward line, and a fast and strong quar-

forward line, and a fast and strong quartet is assured. Frank Hobbs is in excellent form, while of the new players Belcher, of last year's Parkdale team, has shown up wonderfully well at practice. Killally, of the Molsons Bank, is another find, while Archie McMahen, Hugh Labatt and Dowell are all promising juniors, who have a chance of making the team. W. Hern, who was goal-keeper for Stratford last season, and who is attending the Forest City Business who is attending the Forest City Business College here, was out at practice the other night. He will not displace Johns between the posts, but may get a position on the forward line, as he is fast and a clever stick-handler, although a little light. If Brown turns out, as the cranks all hope he will, the defense will line up just the same as it did last season, while, with the number of good men to select from, the forward line should to select from, the forward line should

be fully as strong.

The St. George's team, of Toronto, have written asking for a game on New Year's Day, but as the rink could not be ed the date fell through. Should ed the date fell through. Should there be ice next week a game will probably be

arranged for the 28th.

The Aberdeens' of Ottawa, are coming west after the Carling cup, and negotia-tions are going on with regard to ar-rangements. It is likely that the cup games will be played about Feb. 12

London's first home game in the championship series is set for Friday, Jan. 4, when they will meet Tilbury. The Tilbury team is said to be strong and fast,

and includes a couple of ex-Osgoode Hall players, who were said to be the "best ever" in their day.

This season the junior team promises to be strong, and the candidates for the seven are already hard at work. Among those who are available are Coerce Cib. those who are available are George Gibbons, Victor Kerrigan, W. McLellan, Woolley, Dowell, Hugh Labatt, A. McMahen, Coghlan, C. McGuffin and Allan Gibbons, while many more are expected to have a try for the team.

NORTHERN ASSOCIATION. Newmarket, Ont., Dec. 22.-The Northern Hockey Association met here last night and decided to enter the Ontario Hockey Association as group A, northern district. Delegates were present from Newmarket, Barrie, Collingwood and Alliston. The four teams will play home-and-home games according to the sche-dule arranged, beginning Jan. 3 and ending Jan. 31.

GOLF.

BOSTON PLAYER BEATEN. London, Dec. 22.-In a 36-hole golf match on the Romford links today, James match on the Romford links today, James Braid beat Bernard Nichols, of Boston, Mass., by 9 up and 7 to play. The contest was spoiled by a prevailing fog, but Nichols, who was strange to the course, did not show to advantage. He was 7 down on the first round, and the home player led the first round with the score of 77

THE TURF. SATURDAY'S WINNERS. At New Orleans-Greydolly, Star Cot-

ton, Isen, Imp, Mint Sauce, Locust Blossom and Hood's Brigade. At Tanforan, San Francisco-Anjou, Argregor, Prestidigitator, Andrissa, Bill Garrett, Vincitor. GOT A LICENSE.

San Francisco, Dec. 22 .- J. T. Sloan today made application to the San Francisco Jockey Club for a jockey's license. In accordance with the rules of the San Francisco Jockey Club, which authorize the granting of a jockey's license to riders holding at the time of their application a license from any reputable asso-ciation, Sloan's request was granted, but he was notified that the license was subject to the pending actions of the York Jockey Club, from which he a license, concerning certain limitations from the English Jockey Club, involving his riding in England in 1901.

CRICKET.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Dissolution of the Teronto-Rosedale Cricket Club, for which arrangements have been going on for some time, has practically been arrived at. Next year there will be two distinct organizations, viz., the Toronto Cricket Club and the Rosedale Cricket Club. The Toronto club will go back to their old stamping ground, and will play on the

campus at 'Varsity, while the Rosedales will continue to play on the crease ever the ravines. Amalgamation of these two clubs occurred three years ago, and the result was the formation of the strongest eleven ever seen in Canada. The team was too strong, in fact, as opponents were unable to cope with them at all. The second season the aggregation of star players hung together, and as the juniors didn't get much of a chance, they gradually dropped out of the game. During the third season a purpler of the read ally dropped out of the game. During the third season a number of the good men became tired of supporting the club by themselves, and they gave it up. The result was that last season the amalgamated team was beaten right and left. As the nucleus of a club, Cooper, J. Forester and Larkin will remain with the Rosedale club, while the balance of the good players will go with the seceding Toronto club. WHEEL.

MICHAEL DEFEATED BY ELKES. New York, Dec. 22.-Harry Elkes, who with Floyd McFarland as a team mate won the recent six days' bicycle contest, tonight, before 5,000 persons in Madison Square Garden, showed his superiority as a follower of the motor pace by beating Jimmy Michael in a 15-mile race. The men started from expected sides of the men started from opposite sides of the track, but before they had traveled three miles Elkes caught Michael, and at the seventh mile lapped him. The race was

won by 1% laps.
Michael seemed to have some trouble in getting fast enough pace, and kept continually changing the motors. The pacers for Elkes were Veiter and Scherrer, Mills and Hedstrom; for Michael, Brooks and Torler, Hoyt and Thompson.

Summaries:
One mile amateur handicap—Final heat won by Walter W. Smith, K. C. W., Brooklyn, 30 yards; second, George Schofields, K. C. W., scratch; third, Wilbur L. Loze, Brooklyn, 30 yards; fourth, Daniel Sullivan, Dwight school, New York, 15 yards. Time, 2:11 1-5.
Team pursuit race—Won by King's County Wheelmen, G. Schofield, H. R. Brown and G. E. Homan, distance 6 miles; Hart Wheelmen, J. Hunter, G. Schreiber and G. King, second. Time, 14:02 3-5.

Fifteen miles motor-paced race-Won by Harry Elkes, Glen's Falls, N. Y.; second, Jimmy Michael. Time, 26:03 2-5. AARONSON DIES OF HIS INJURIES. New York, Dec. 22.—Oscar Aaronson, the bicycle rider, died in the New York hospital this afternoon from injuries resulting from his fall during the six-days bicycle race in Madison Square Garden.

WRESTLING. THE PROFESSOR WON New York, Dec. 21.-Professor Parker of Brockton, Mass., got the decision over George Bothner, of New York, on points in the wrestling match at the Grand Central Palace tonight. The men wrestled for 25 minutes, but neither got a fall.

FISTIC. A 15-ROUND DRAW.
Lowell, Mass., Dec. 21.—Joe Flaherty,
of Lowell, and Jack Delaney, of New
York, boxed 15 rounds tonight, resulting in a draw.

TEN ROUNDS. Denver, Col., Dec. 21.-Frank Childs, of Chicago, tonight won the decision over "Mexican Pete" Everett, of Cripple Creek, at the end of 10 rounds, before the Colorado Athletic Association. SPORTING NOTES.

NEW YORK CLIPPER'S HOLIDAY NUMBER.

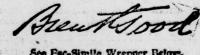
Last week's issue of the New York Clipper is emblematic of the festive season, and the Clipper's career as a journal for the sporting, dramatic and vaudeville profession. The edition is enhanced by a colored cover, designed to suit the holiday joyous times. It is embellished by four pages of portraits of clever personages in the dramatic profession, is well printed and full of important news for its readers.

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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. Mini-mum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 42-46; Calgary, 8-36; 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, 10-20; Miller (2014) 28; Halifax, 26-46.

Local temperatures: Saturday, Dec. 22—Highest 48, lowest 28. Sunday, Dec. 23-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

-Mayor Rumball signed 240 bylaws

-Miss Ida Ryckman, William street. is spending Christmas at Thorndale. -Mr. Will McMaster, of Toronto Law School, is holidaying at his home in

-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 even-

-M1. G. H. Mills, lumber and wood

dealer, presented all his employes with a handsome turkey for their Christmas dinner. -Bishop Baldwin yesterday held con-

firmation services at Brinsley, Christ Church, McGillivray, and Trinity Church, Ailsa 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

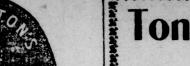
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-Messrs. H. Rooks, W. Tackaberry, H. Currie, Percy McLaren, R. McAuliffe and Harry Burton, all of Detroit, are spending Christmas at their homes

-A well-known citizen has given a check to cover cost of sending a bas-ket containing a dainty lunch for each members of B Company now on the way home.

-Mr. F. T. Trebilcock and his mo-ther, Mrs. Thomas Trebilcock, 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 lile, will shortly leave for London, where he will take up his duties with the same institu-

-Hamilton Specitator: Jas. McKenna, of London, 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 beauties—a fine sample of the 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 bust-

-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 re-citals may have the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Clara Barnes-Holmes, 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, early, at the residence, Wolff street, in time to get the 8:10 G. T. R. train to the family buryingplace, near Dundas. The services were conducted by Rev. J. G. Stuart, assisted by Revs. Dr. Johnston, Mc-Gillivray and Wilson, who also acted as pallibearers. 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 God himself," 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 returned soldiers and will take the St. Thomas contingent back.

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, \$107,810; No. 4, \$175,565; total, \$540,893.

BACK FROM CHINA

Rèv. 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 Sun-day 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, while Rev. Mr. Rhodes, as chairman, acted in his usual pleasing way. At the close, candy, the gift of Mr. John Fisher, trustee, was distri-buted 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 serie

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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 signel 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 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 sur-prise 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 Tisonburg; 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 Neil 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 civiliza-tion than is the annex. The churches are benefiting by the popularity of this section, and the people are being bene-fited by the excellent preaching in all the pulpit of that suburb.

MISSIONS IN MANITOBA.

Rev. Canon Matheson, principal of St. John's College, Winnipeg, preachmorning, making a forcible appeal in behalf of the mission fund of the Diocese of Rupert's Land. The canon chased his remarks on Mark xvi., 15, and I. Timothy, v., 8. In speaking of the progress that has already made by the Church of England in Manitoba, he stated that 25 years ago is now the Diocese of Rupert's Land. which has now upwards of 90 minis ters laboring within its boundaries, each of whom has charge of several parishes. In the past eighteen months sixteen churches have been opened. and several missions have become selfsupporting. Over 750 miles of rail-way have been laid by one company within the last two years, nearly all in the diocese. To supply such 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 Can-

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 Is-lands by the commissary department of the army during the last three months and large amounts to the soldiers in Cuba and Puerto Rico.

This is done upon advice of the medical officers of the army, because it is a physiological fact that a moderate consumption of confectionery promotes health and satisfies a natural craving of the stomach. 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. This explodes another old-fashioned

theory that sweets were injurious to the digestive organs, while a moder-

ate use of sweets is actually benefi-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 absolute-

ly necessary for the maintenance of the highest condition of health. The best rule to follow is 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 reg-ular use after meals of some safe digestive composed of pepsin and diastase, which will adjust the stomach by increasing the flow of gastric juice and furnish the natural peptone lacking in weak stomachs. The best preparation of this kind is

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ancial secretary, Mrs. D. Potter; organist, Mrs. Urquhart; supply committee, Mrs. Peter Ford, Mrs. John Nobb and Mrs. Alex. Grant. The following ladies were appointed visitors: Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Wilson; Mrs. Grant and Miss J. Grieve: Mrs. Harlow and Mrs. Hunter; Miss Carswell and Mrs. C. H. Summers; Mrs. Maitland and Mrs. Ewen;

Wilson; secretary, Mrs. W. H. Hunter; Mrs. P. Ford and Mrs. Wm. Black; assistant secretary, Mrs. John Harlow; treasurer, Mrs. George Ewen; fin- Mrs. Nobb and Mrs. Martin: Mrs. Jamieson and Mrs. Urguhart: Mrs. Dobbin and Mrs. Link; Mrs. Clare and Mrs.

Chief Pow, of Tilsonburg, received a telephone message from Ingersoll Wednesday night, stating that about 50 turns to the control of the cont keys had been stolen from Dereham farmers, and that the thieves were heading for Tilsonburg.