THE WEATHER:
TODAY—CLOUDY; FAIRLY COLD.
TOMORROW—SNOW FLURRIES.

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SEEK $300,000 ADDITION TO ONTARIO HOSPITAL

Mother and Two Children Lose Lives When House Burns

Move Hits Inefficient Engineers

Government Inspector Orders Changes Made Following Inspection in Local Plants.

TO SEEK REVISION

Union Members Declare Form Present Legislation Causing Considerable Hardship.

Radical changes are expected to result in the laws governing stationary engineers due to the agitation started by the London branch of the stationary engineers' union to allow none but properly qualified men to handle high-pressure boilers. Members of the London union explain that some time ago the Ontario government board, which has jurisdiction over the engineers, issued an order permitting men without certificates to handle boilers not using more than fifteen pounds pressure. Previous to this nobody but a properly qualified engineer was permitted on a boiler using more than ten pounds pressure.

It is the purpose of the agitation begun here to secure a return to the previous 10-pound ruling.

"This is for several reasons," said one prominent local stationary engineer today. "The main one is that in the interests of public safety an unqualified man should never be allowed to handle a high-pressure boiler. Think what might happen if through the inexperience of a man working in a large school or other building in which there are generally scores, and perhaps hundreds of people, some accident occurred and the so-called engineer in charge did not know how to cope with it. Suppose there was an explosion or that a steam pipe burst. Several persons might be injured or a panic might ensue. You know what that usually means."

Inspection Finished.

An investigation of conditions following complaints made to the government by the London union men has been carried on here this week by J. H. Everett, a member of the board of examiners for stationary engineers. This investigation which was concluded last night resulted in the inspector encountering several violations of the act, that is, unqualified engineers were operating higher pressure boilers than the law allows them.

In each of these cases the employers were ordered to have bona fide stationary engineers on the job inside ten days or prosecution will follow.

The London local has prepared a number of resolutions which will be presented at the forthcoming convention of stationary engineers and these will form part of the recommendations to be made to the Ontario legislature at

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TURKEY AND RUSSIA ALOOF FROM LEAGUE

New Treaty Bars Either Country From Co-operating With World Matters.

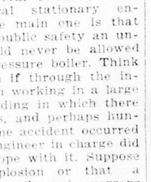
Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 24.—One point made in the discussion of the recently signed Russo-Turkish guarantee pact is that it apparently prevents both countries from joining the league of nations, inasmuch as under the terms of neutrality which the treaty establishes, neither country could allow passage through its territory of troops acting on behalf of the league of nations against the state with which the league had had a rupture.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

West and northwest winds; mostly cloudy and moderately cold tonight and Friday, occasional snowflurries.



Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	52	46	Cloudy
Calgary	18	16	Clear
Winnipeg	12	— 4	Fair
Port Arthur	14	6	Clear
Toronto	28	20	Cloudy
Montreal	14	12	Snow
St. John	28	8	Fair
Halifax	36	12	Clear
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LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 23; lowest, 14.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 24; lowest, 20.

The sun rises at 7:50 a.m. and sets at 4.46 p.m.

Barometric Readings.

Wednesday—8 p.m., 29.15.
Today—8 a.m., 29.33.

ONTARIO ASYLUMS NEED 1,000 ADDITIONAL ROOMS

Accommodation Lack at the London Hospital Stresses Building Demand.

$300,000 IS WANTED

New Hospital or Addition to Local Institution Required, Says Dr. Robinson.

To relieve present crowded conditions at the Ontario hospital for the insane, effort has been made by Dr. W. J. Robinson, superintendent, to obtain from the provincial government a sum of $200,000 or $300,000 for the erection of a new building next summer. Already many buildings of the institution are being reconstructed at a cost of $10,000 in order that better hospital accommodation might be offered.

A new addition to the London hospital is a necessity, according to a grand jury's report at the first of the month. Dr. Robinson points out that there are 1,400 patients at the Ontario hospital now, and a new building for at least 400 is badly needed.

The province as a whole is in imperative need of a new 1,000-room institution, Dr. Robinson declares. Either a new hospital must be built or additions must be added to the present institutions in Ontario, he says, and the latter plan, in his opinion, is the more feasible.

Advocate New Building.

Although a new building for the Ontario hospital has been advocated in each grand jury report of the past few years, no action has been taken by the provincial government. It is believed, however, when the actual crowded condition of the hospital is represented to the provincial secretary, a sum of money for the immediate construction of a new building will be granted.

"It is only through the backing of the public that we can accomplish anything," Dr. Robinson said today. "I am taking up the question of an addition to the hospital. We have always been crowded, and although present alterations will relieve the situation somewhat, an addition, costing $200,000, should be erected to accommodate some three or four hundred patients.

"I believe that every institution in Ontario is experiencing the same difficulty and for that reason the true state of affairs must be presented to the public and the government.

Alterations and improvements have been commenced in the interior of buildings at the London hospital. They are being carried out at a cost of $10,000 and will be completed, it is believed, by the summer.

Triplets Born To Elgin Cow

St. Thomas, Dec. 24.—A Durham cow owned by Angus McKenzie, South Yarmouth, today gave birth to three calves, a male and two females, all marked alike, and thriving.

STRUCK BY ENGINE, DRAGGED 300 FEET

St. Thomas Man Escapes Death When Carried With Demolished Truck by Locomotive.

Special to The Advertiser By a Staff Correspondent.

St. Thomas, Dec. 24.—Thomas Baker, an employee of McMurtry's Hardware Company, narrowly escaped death at the Hughes street crossing of the C. N. R. at 11 o'clock this morning, when the truck which he was driving was demolished by the C. N. R. yard engine.

Baker approached the crossing, which is of the blind type, and did not notice the approaching yard engine till it was right on him.

Baker stayed in the truck till it fell from the fender of the engine some 300 feet down the track. Baker received a bad shaking up, the flying glass severing the artery behind the right ear. Medical attendance was summoned and Baker was removed to his home.

WIFE OF R. SCOTT HELD AT BORDER

Declares She Does Not Know Whereabouts of Husband, Wanted by Police.

Associated Press Despatch.

Detroit, Dec. 24.—Deportation to Canada today faced a young woman who yesterday gave her name as Ethel Howard, but who later under questioning admitted she was the wife of Robert Scott, upon whose head the police of Cook county, Ill., have placed a price. Scott is wanted in connection with the killing of a clerk in a Chicago holdup a year ago. His brother Russell is serving a life sentence in an Illinois asylum for the insane on the same charge, having escaped hanging after a sensational fight.

Mrs. Robert Scott insists she does not know her husband's whereabouts. "He left me more than three years ago," she said. "We lived together about six months. Then his parents began to get after him about me. Finally he left."

With Mrs. Scott, when officers entered an apartment in Stimson Place, was a man who called himself Jack Davis. In a moment of thoughtlessness he let slip the information that his companion was a Canadian. Pursuing the information the officers, who in raiding the apartment, had only a general idea of what they wanted, brought from the young woman the fact that she was the estranged wife of a man whose life the Illinois law has sought for more than a year.

FOUR MEN ARE KILLED IN HEAD-ON COLLISION

Two Engine Crews Wiped Out as Trains Crash in South Carolina.

Associated Press Despatch.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 24.—Four men, two engineers and two firemen, were reported killed and many passengers badly shaken up in a head-on collision early today between two Atlantic coastline trains two miles south of Honck's Corner. Among the passengers on the northbound train was former Secretary of War Weeks, who was slightly injured. The two engines were smashed and seven coaches derailed. One of the trains was three-quarters of an hour late and the other seven hours late.

POLICY IS UNCHANGED.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 24.—The recently announced retirement of J. St. Loe Strachey as active editor of the Spectator, one of the best known of English weekly reviews, will not mean severance of his connections with that publication nor change in its policy of advocating closer Anglo-Saxon relations, it was made known today. The editorship of the review has passed to Major Evelyn Wrench, but the majority of the shares remain in the hands of Mr. Strachey and his family.



MARSHAL FENG,
Chinese Christian general, who captured Tientsin this morning after sacrificing thousands of troops.

TIENTSIN IS TAKEN BY MARSHAL FENG

Thousands Are Killed as Noted Stronghold Falls to the Christian General.

Associated Press Despatch.

Peking, Dec. 24.—Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang's national army troops entered Tientsin this morning after several days' fighting in which thousands were killed or wounded.

The troops of General Li Ching-Ling, civil governor of Chihli and Feng's enemy, are fleeing in disorder.

Chaos reigns in the native quarter of Tientsin, where soldiers attached to the defeated army are engaged in looting. Foreign volunteers and troops are protecting the gates of the foreign settlement, which is barricaded. Feng's supporter, Sun Yueh, has been appointed tupan (civil governor) of Chihli, to succeed Li.

CHANG ADVANCING.

Associated Press Despatch.

Tokio, Dec. 24.—Consular reports from Mukden say that the troops of General Kuo Sung-Lin are abandoning guns and munitions in their retreat before the forces of Marshal Chang Tso Lin, the Manchurian war lord, near Mukden. Chang's troops have reoccupied Paikipu and are advancing on a wide front.

The reports say that the failure of General Kuo's operations amounts to a serious setback for him.

OFFERS SURRENDER.

Associated Press Despatch.

Tokio, Dec. 24.—Kokusaki, (Japanese news agency) declares that the Japanese war office has confirmed advices from Mukden, Manchurian capital, declaring that General Kuo Sung-Ling wrote to Marshal Chang Tso-Lin offering to surrender if Chang will spare his life and protect his property.

SEVEN DIE IN WRECK.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 24.—Seven persons are known to have been killed and 40 injured when a train on the longitudinal railway turned over last night at Vallenar. Details of the accident are lacking.

BISHOP FALLON LOSES SUIT TO RECOVER BANK DEPOSIT

Supreme Court Master Rules $32,076 Account Must Stand.

TWO DEBTS SET OFF

Mr. Garrow Rules Deposit Not Ordinary One—Pays Just Debt.

Special to The Advertiser by Staff Correspondent.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—The judgment of Charles K. Garrow, master of the supreme court, sitting as official referee in the matter of the Home Bank of Canada and the winding-up act, on the claim of Rt. Rev. M. F. Fallon, Bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of London, awards to Bishop Fallon and the diocese the right to set off of funds on deposit against two debts of $10,892.81 and $7,240, but finds that the payment of $32,076 into the bank after 2 o'clock on the date of the bank's failure must stand.

Mr. Garrow states that the ownership of the accounts standing in the names of various organizations of the diocese by the bishop on behalf of the diocese was proved to his entire satisfaction and further that the debt of $10,892.81 charged to the seminary account and the debt of $7,240 charged to the account of P. Langlois and L. Marchand, Tecumseh, are the obligations of the corporation and of no one else.

Referring to the payment made on the date the bank closed, the judgment says: "My conclusion is upon the evidence that it was after 2 o'clock, standard time, that the check was delivered, probably not less than five minutes nor more than ten minutes after. I do not doubt at all that Mr. Chappelle, the former manager of the Home bank at London, gave, to the best of his recollection, his idea of the time at which this event took place, but he was not present when the check was delivered, and the accountant who actually received it was not available."

After reviewing the evidence given by Bishop Fallon, Mr. Garrow failed to find that the contentions for set-off of this sum, and consequent re-payment by the bank's liquidators of some $19,000 were well founded.

"In the first place," he states, "this was not a case of a person depositing money in the ordinary way in an insolvent bank, or, in other words, lending money to it.

It was the case of a payment of a just debt, the accomplishment of one of the very purposes for which the bank had closed, namely to collect its debts and distribute its assets among those entitled, and there is in the mere fact of payment nothing inequitable from the standpoint of the one paying. The applicant always intended payment and still does. It is only a question as to which bank account shall pay it, Standard or Home Bank.

TWO CHILDREN AND GIRL ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Associated Press Despatch.

Okmulgee, Okla., Dec. 24.—Two children and a 19-year-old girl were burned to death, the mother of the two children was critically burned, three others were injured, and thirteen others barely escaped with their lives when a three-story frame hotel, the oldest in this place, burned early today. The dead are: Clem Wall, 14; Lorena Wall, 10, and Beatrice Mulberry, 19, of Arkansas.

Santa Pinched For Speeding

Associated Press Despatch.

Providence, R. I.—Santa Claus was presented with a "ticket" for speeding here, it was revealed when a traffic officer was discovered at police headquarters looking up the address of an erring motorist, who gave his name to the trusting bluecoat as "Mr. Kriss Kringle."

French Now Want Peace, Fear Turks

Reports From Syria Say Turk Forces Are Joining Druses in North.

POSTS ARE OCCUPIED

Cairo Reports Armistice Has Been Signed by Opposing Forces.

Associated Press Despatch.

Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 24.—An armistice is reported to have been signed between the Druses and the new French high commissioner in Syria, Henri de Jouvenel.

All the French prisoners held in Syria on political charges are to be liberated, the despatch states.

REPORT TURKS ACTIVE

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 24. — Cabling from Damascus on Wednesday, Reuter special correspondent in Syria said the French were endeavoring to speed up their peace negotiations with the Druses. They were moved by disquieting rumors regarding the situation on the northern frontier, where Turkish bands were reported to be massing. The Turks, it was said, have even occupied some of the French posts.

The French peace delegation which conferred with the leaders of the Druse tribesmen had returned to Damascus, the correspondent said. They regarded the prospects of peace as hopeful, but declined to make any statement before interviewing High Commissioner De Jouvenel.

Brigands were active on the outskirts of the city and some penetrated the Chagour quarter the day the despatch was filed. The French authorities took the precaution of strengthening their barricades. The Druse tribesmen had mostly left the district, but were reported to be active around Hasbeiya.

COMMISSION BILL IS $28,500 LOWER

$32,000 More Power Sold to Consumers During the Past Year.

By expert management the public utilities commission has saved $28,500 on its power bill to date this year.

The commission bought only $3,500 more power from the H. E. P. C. of Ontario for the first 11 months this year than last year and has sold $32,000 more power to the commercial and domestic consumers.

The difference comes in the economical use of power during off peak hours, that is the commission tries to keep the peak load from "floating unevenly" by working out needs and calls for power during off-peak hours, thus maintaining the peak at as consistent a level as possible.

Thus the December peak occurred on Friday afternoon between 5 and 6 p.m., at 20,300 horsepower, about 50 horsepower less than the peak the previous month, while the average load throughout the month stands at about 95 per cent of this peak, denoting careful handling all through.

It might be pointed out also that the commission has been able to bring about this very considerable saving, making possible a handsome surplus this year, without any increase in rates.

APPEAL MADE TO SAVE STANTON FROM GALLOWS

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—Appeal to quash the conviction of John B. Stanton, former St. Marys, Ont., boy, now under sentence of death for the hammer murder of John Penny, 70, here on Dec. 23, 1922, has been lodged with the registrar of the court of appeal by Percy E. Hagel, his counsel. Grounds for the appeal are contained in four charges claiming error and misdemeanor on the part of the trial judge, Mr. Justice Adamson.

The appeal is mainly through the submission to the pury of gruesome photographs of the murdered man, which Mr. Hagel claims were of such a nature as virtually to inflame and prejudice the jury's mind against the prisoner.

One Paper Tomorrow

In accordance with the usual custom, only the morning edition of The Advertiser will be published on Christmas Day. All Evening Advertiser subscribers will be served with the morning paper.

Convicts Become "Actresses"



FOOLED AGAIN; THEY'RE HOLD-UP MEN.

Sing Sing, the New York state penitentiary, is merrily enjoying its own musical comedy, which the hardened inmates have produced. The gushy scene pictured above is being enacted between the ingenue (Coy Bill Vought, hold-up man serving two and a half to ten years) and the leading lady, beautiful Tom Rice (knock-'em-cold hold-up man).

Christmas Day On Friday Is Welcomed By Workers

Marvels Many In Oyster Small

Inspector Richard Sanders, city hall, received a unique Christmas gift this morning in a small box. After unwrapping several thicknesses of paper, Mr. Sanders found an oyster with directions to place it in a glass of water. Complying with directions, the inspector was amazed to see the shell break away and a little flag, flowers and a woman's head appear in the water.

Number of Larger Business Concerns Remaining Closed Until Monday.

TRAINS ARE CROWDED

Additional Sections Necessary To Carry Unusually Large Volume of Traffic.

Everywhere today there is hustle and bustle preparing for Christmas Day tomorrow.

Doubtless it has been the same the day before Christmas for one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four years, but it seems more so this year.

The fine fall of snow has added just the desired finishing touch and it will be genuine Christmas weather that greets London, and all western Ontario for that matter, tomorrow morning.

Hundreds of office and store workers will be delighted that Christmas falls on Friday this year because a number of the larger concerns, including Smaiman & Ingram's, the Bell Telephone Company, and the London Life Insurance Company are remaining closed until Monday morning.

The downtown streets are particularly crowded today, as was the case last night, with last-minute shoppers buying delayed and belated gifts. Incidentally all the storekeepers report that business has been distinctly above the average this year.

And the railroads are making no complaint concerning their Christmas traffic, while the postoffice authorities can hardly take time off from their rush for a few hours' rest for fear they will never get caught up again.

The schools, of course, are all closed and will remain closed until Monday, Jan. 4 at 9 a.m. and thus 11,000 or more students from 5 to 21 years are set at liberty to roam where they will.

Plenty of Diversions.

London will probably spend Christmas rather quietly tomorrow though

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BRITAIN SIGNS TREATY WITH SULTAN OF NEJD

Pursues New Policy in Arabia As Result of Change in Rulers.

Associated Press Despatch.

Jerusalem, Dec. 24.—The text of an agreement between Great Britain and the new sultan of Nejd, whose victories in central Arabia recently caused the abdication of King Ali of the Hedja, was published yesterday.

It is said to mark a new line of British policy in Arabia resulting from the collapse of King Ali's dynasty, with which the British government has been in close contact since the latter part of the great war.

The first article of the treaty fixes the frontier between the sultanate of Nejd and Transjordania, which is under British mandate. The outlying territories of Wadisirhan are left within the territory of Nejd. Other articles are aimed to insure the safety of the frontiers of Transjordania, Palestine and Irak, freedom of passage for travellers and pilgrims being guaranteed.

Holy Door Closed By Pope Ending Year of Penitence

Associated Press Despatch.

Rome, Dec. 24.—Pope Pius XI, picturesquely clad in pontifical robes of rich mediaeval designs and surrounded by ecclesiastical dignitaries whose sumptuous attire for such occasions is famous the world over, today performed the ceremony of closing the holy door of the Basilica of St. Peter, the mammoth mother church of Roman Catholicism. The ceremony officially brought to a close the year of penitence and pardon specially marked in Catholic calendar once every quarter of a century.

The holy door had remained opened since one year ago today, when the pope was the central figure in a similar opening ceremony. Since that time more than three million Catholic pilgrims from every corner of the world had crossed the sill and kissed the doorposts as a sign of devotion and humility.

Several thousands of pilgrims, together with multitudes of Romans, men occupying high positions of state and members of historic Roman aristocracy, composed the 70,000 persons who filled the great basilica and its massive portico today to bear witness to the time-honored solemn ceremony. Other thousands without number congregated in the spacious St. Peter's square.

Except for the touch of modernity lent by the lay participants, the ceremony was an exact reproduction of the first holy door ceremony of 1300, when Dante and St. Francis of Assisi were numbered among those present.

Three Dead After Fire In Prescott

Mrs. Edward Boyle and Two Children Die As Result of Burns.

HOME IS DESTROYED

Mother Receives Fatal Injuries While Trying To Save Others From Flames.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Prescott, Ont., Dec. 24.—Fire last night claimed the lives of a mother and her two children in their home here. The dead are: Mrs. Edward Boyle, aged 36; Hugh Boyle, aged four, and Francis Boyle, aged two.

Hugh perished in the flames which consumed the family residence on Henry street, while Mrs. Boyle and Francis died within half an hour of each other between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning, as a result of burns received in the fire.

The family of three were sleeping in a rear room of their home when the fire started towards the front of the house. Mrs. Boyle awakened to find the room full of smoke. There was only one door in the small building.

It is believed that Mrs. Boyle grabbed the children from their beds and staggered to the door, being badly burned herself. To open the door she was forced to drop Hugh. She threw the younger boy from her into a snowbank, and herself staggered out the doorway.

Little Francis was unconscious when found but Mrs. Boyle, while conscious, was suffering greatly from pain. Physicians stated that 90 per cent of her body was covered with burns.

After subduing the flames firemen found the charred body of little Hugh inside the building, a short distance from the door. Both legs were completely burned off.

An exploding lamp is held accountable for the fire. Neighbors said that only a few seconds before the alarm was spread they heard a loud crash, and the belief is that the oil lamp exploded, scattering the flaming oil over the room.

The family came to Prescott last spring from Throoptown, Ont. The husband was away from home employed on construction work on the new Roman Catholic church at Throoptown. He was notified late last night.

MOTHER BRINGS GIFT, FINDS SON MURDERED

Husband Shoots Boy and Kills Self in Fear of Separation.

Associated Press Despatch.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 24.—Returning home with a Christmas present for her six-year-old son, Lester, Mrs. Catherine Fleming yesterday found the bodies of her husband, Pearl Fleming, 32 years old, and the youth dead from shotgun wounds. Mrs. Fleming, who also desired to talk with her husband about her pending divorce suit, found a note planned to the boy's clothing in which Fleming declared he had killed his son "rather than have him taken away from me to be brought up by a cuckold gangster." She admitted to police she had been living, since leaving her husband, with the man named in the note.

A stick, with bent nail, showed how Fleming had contrived to kill himself with the single barrel gun. The condition of the bodies indicated the tragedy occurred several days ago.

VOTING MADE COMPULSORY TO COMBAT COMMUNISTS

Associated Press Despatch.

Athens, Dec. 24.—The Greek government has decided to combat communism. To this end it will make voting compulsory in the future.

This is an outcome of municipal elections at Saloniki, where M. Patrikiou was re-elected mayor, notwithstanding the fact that the government had annulled his previous election on the ground that he was communist.

FORMER MIDDLESEX MAN DIES IN WINNIPEG CITY

Associated Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 23.—J. Frank Grundy, Winnipeg's first piano dealer, who came here in 1882 from North Middlesex, Ont., is dead.

LOSS TOTALS MILLION.

Associated Press Despatch.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 23.—An official estimate placed the loss caused by the burning of the 100,000-bushel grain warehouse of E. Steen & Bros. here last night at $1,000,000. Captain Harry C. Jones, 51, aide to Fire Chief August Emrich, was killed and five other firemen were injured, two seriously, when they were caught under a falling wall.

CHILDREN WILL ASSIST BYRON PREVENTORIUM

Furniture To Be Bought With Offering Made at New Year's Rally.

SPECIAL ORCHESTRA

United Church Gathering Will Be Addressed by Rev. Floyd Maine.

Plans are progressing favorably in connection with the grand Sunday school rally of the United churches of the city on New Year's morning at 10 a.m. in the Metropolitan church.

Rev. Floyd Maine, professor of history and religious education at Albert college, Belleville, now taking post-graduate work at the University of Chicago, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Main, 84 Byron avenue, will be the speaker for the occasion.

There is to be an orchestra of 100 pieces under the direction of A. S. Gesensway, leader of the Sunday school orchestra at Metropolitan church.

Telegrams of greeting will be read from Rev. Geo. C. Pidgeon, D.D., Toronto, moderator of the United church general council, and from Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Hamilton, where similar Sunday school rallies are being held.

The eighteen ministers and Sunday school superintendents of the United churches in the city will occupy seats in the choir loft.

There is to be a roll-call of each school, to be responded to by the singing of a verse of some hymn or in some other original manner.

The offering, which is to be taken, will be used to provide furniture for the preventorium at Byron Sanatorium, something from children to children.

A pennant will be given to the Sunday school having the best percentage of attendance at the service.

Rev. Col. Wm. Beattie, D.D., First church, president of the United Church Ministerial association, under whose auspices the rally is being held, will be [illegible] confidently expected by the committee having the arrangements in hand that the auditorium of Metropolitan church will be taxed even beyond its capacity.



W. M. MESSER.

331 St. James street, who was elected worshipful master of the Temple lodge, No. 597, A., F. and A. M.

NAME M'WILLIAMS KILWINNING'S HEAD

Masonic Lodge Elects New Officers—Harmony and Progress Mark Year.

The annual meeting for the election of officers of the Kilwinning lodge, No. 64, A., F. and A. M., was held recently in the lodgerooms in the Masonic Temple. There was a large and enthusiastic gathering which indicated the harmony and progress of the lodge, under the direction of Wor. Master W. C. Doidge. Encouraging reports were given of the various activities of the lodge during the year.

Bro. W. A. McWilliams was elected to the wor. master's chair. The results of the election of the other officers were as follows: I. P. M., Wor. Bro. W. G. Doidge; S. W., Bro. W. M. B. Boyd; J. W., Bro. W. A. Adams; secretary, Wor. Bro. W. Lancaster; treasurer, Bro. W. Glover; chaplain, Bro. J. P. Kerman; S. D., Bro. A. Lamery; J. D., Bro. W. G. McNeill; D. of C., Bro. Thos. Copp; I. G., Bro. C. H. Tennent; S. S., Bro. A. L. Anderson; J. S., Bro. W. G. Summers; tyler, Bro. A. Young; organist, Bro. L. Buller; executive board, Wor. Bro. Thos. Wolley; Wor. Bro. E. Flock, Rt. Wor. Bro. W. P. Walsh; rep. building committee, Wor. Bro. A. A. Campbell; rep. benefit committee, Wor. Bro. U. A. Buchner; auditors, junior and senior wardens; rep. finance committee, Rt. Wor. Bro. J. T. May, Wor. Bro. W. Lancaster, and Wor. Bro. W. A. McWilliams.

SPLENDID PROGRAM GIVEN BY STUDENTS

Wortley Road Seventh Grade Pupils Prove Clever Entertainers.

An excellent entertainment was put on by the pupils of the seventh grade of the Wortley road school Tuesday evening. The proceedings were opened by a short address from the chairman. Then the school yell was lustily given, followed by the program which included recitations, reading, a violin solo by Lindsay Cott, a pirate play, and a collection of minstrels who provided much humor and as they were the last on the program the audience went home satisfied.

The room was beautifully decorated by the members of the class and the parents provided much good cheer. T. A. Willis, who is in charge of the class, was the recipient of many beautiful gifts, including a copy of Tennyson's poems.

M'CORMICK EMPLOYEES REMEMBERED BY FIRM

Every employee of the McCormick Manufacturing Company will be remembered this Christmas with gifts from the firm. The "old-timers" who have been with the company for a number of years will be given turkeys, while if they are unmarried they will receive a certificate of purchase on any store in London. The more recent employees will be given a two-pound box of chocolates.

The company is distributing also Christmas candies to the Aged People's Home and other similar institutions in the city.

YOUTHFUL ACCIDENT VICTIM IS IMPROVING

X-Ray Examination Reveals Lung Not Penetrated by Bullet.

Improvement was noted this morning in the condition of Jack Hay, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hay, 239 Ridout street, who was yesterday accidentally shot through the chest when a .22 rifle with which he was playing discharged in his hands.

At Victoria hospital, where the lad underwent an X-ray examination, the bullet could not be located, though it had not penetrated the lung. He incurred only a severe flesh wound, it is believed.

The accident happened when young Hay, shooting with the rifle at his home yesterday afternoon, found that the gun had jammed and, in examining it, released the bullet.

Headaches from Slight Colds.
Laxative BROMO QUININE Tablets relieve the Headache by working off the Cold. A Safe and Proven Remedy. The box bears the signature of E. W. Grove; 30c. Made in Canada. —Advt.

MOSA TOWNSHIP MAN ISSUES WRIT FOR $688

A writ has been issued in county court by Joseph D. Simpson against A. E. Squire. Both men reside in Mosa township.

Mr. Simpson claims the sum of $688.60 from Mr. Squire as maker of a promissory note, dated Nov. 11, 1921, made payable twelve months after that date. Of this amount $600 is principal and $88.60 is interest.

Elliott and Moss of Glencoe are appearing for the plaintiff in the action.

SEVERAL AGED MEN IN NEED OF ASSISTANE

Inspector Richard Sanders of the city relief department is anxious to provide a really "Happy New Year" for several aged men dependent on the city for groceries and fuel. These men haven't got very many warm clothes, and the inspector would be glad to receive donations of old suits, socks and underwear for the oldtimers, who are, every one of them deserving, Mr. Sanders states.

EARTHQUAKE IN ALASKA.

Anchorage, Alaska, Dec. 23.—A sharp earthquake lasting nearly a minute was felt here at 1 o'clock this morning. No damage was reported.

BOYS' PARLIAMENT BEGINS SATURDAY

London Sending Three Representatives to Annual Session in Toronto.

TO ELECT PREMIER

Kitchener, Perth and Picton Have Candidates in Running.

Saturday, Dec. 26 marks the opening of the fifth annual session of the boys' parliament in Toronto. The London members going down on Saturday morning are Oswald Brown of Knox church United, Harry Hookaway of Metropolitan United, and Hugh Scratch of Dundas Centre.

The premier for this session will be elected by the 136 members on Saturday night at the Ontario parliament buildings. "In the five years of the existence of the boys' parliament," Mr. Scratch stated, "London has contributed one premier, Milton Walker, and one leader of the opposition, Frank Adams."

Sunday no business will be transacted, but there is a special service being held at St. Paul's United church in the evening.

Monday evening at 8:30 is the time for the formal opening of the parliament. An address of welcome will be given by Hon. J. Howard Ferguson, premier of Ontario.

Tuesday there will be a caucus of members and at 12:15 the Toronto Rotary club will entertain the boys at the King Edward hotel for luncheon.

Wednesday, after the morning session, a bus ride will show the members the principal points of interest around the city. Another session will be held in the evening.

On Thursday, Dec. 31 the sessions will close. When asked if there was any talk of inaugurating a dominion parliament Mr. Scratch said "Yes, there has been talk of that, but it is not feasible on account of the expenses that would be incurred. But the London members are going to urge that a dominion cabinet be formed. This would bring the C. S. E. T. of each province under a central head."

The three boys eligible for the premiership are Edward H. Devitt of Kitchener, Ronald Predenburgh of Perth, and James Grimmon of Picton.

DISTRICT COVERED BY SNOW BLANKET

Farmers Talking Seriously of Getting Sleighs Out For Winter.

A blanket of snow over four and a half inches thick covered London and Middlesex county when the sun of the day before Christmas peeped over the edge of the horizon this morning.

Commencing late yesterday afternoon the snow fell until an early hour this morning. As the evening drew on the storm developed almost into a blizzard, driven along by a gusty wind.

Londoners generally seem to be rejoicing over the prospects of a "white Christmas," and farmers who came in over the country roads to market, talk seriously of bringing out their cutters and bob-sleighs.

The records of Miss M. I. Dewar of the local weather bureau, show that Western Ontario has had snow on the ground every Christmas since 1918. In some cases the snow fell only the day before, but when Christmas morning came—there was the snow.

This morning both the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific railways announced that no serious tie-ups had been reported. The Detroit and Sarnia trains leaving the city at 9:08 and 9:20, respectively, last night were both over an hour late, and were operated with additional power to cut through the drifts which were rapidly rolling up. All Canadian Pacific trains and all through freights were pulled by two engines.

Street Car Service Kept Up.

Local transportation was not seriously affected, although George Louch, inspector of the London Street Railway, stated that a short tie-up was reported in South London, as a result of the drifting snow. The two snowplows were immediately pressed into service, however, and during he latter part of the evening every car was running as per schedule.

The Metropolitan buses went through the evening without a mishap or a delay in transporting the Christmas shoppers to and from the business district. In a statement made to The Advertiser early this morning, the manager of the local bus fleet said that every bus ran on time during the night, and any adversities, with which they may have met, were easily overcome.

The blinding snow greatly hampered local motorists, but no accidents were reported to the police headquarters. According to Tom Terry, local garageman, many hurried calls were received from motorists in all parts of the city, who complained of being "frozen up." Aside from frozen radiators, however, no mishaps were reported, and traffic in the downtown district was capably handled by the police.

Merchants of the city were generally disappointed with the heavy snowfall which commenced late in the afternoon. According to several businessmen, the Christmas trade was greatly affected, as the majority of citizens did not venture out last night. They are of the opinion that things will get back to normal today, and are preparing to handle the rush, which they say, will be exceptionally heavy as the result of last night's blinding storm.

M. C. R TRAINS FEEL STORM

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Dec. 23.—No serious tie-ups are anticipated as a result of the blizzard which broke over Western Ontario this evening. Travel was the heaviest it has even been on the local roads, and every train, with the exception of No. 41, will be operated in two sections on the M. C. R. out of Buffalo.

The Detroiter was pulled by two engines this evening, and some of the through freights are operating under additional power. Heavy drifts are rolling up in cuts on some of the roads.

London Misses Mistletoe, City Misses Miss Kisses

Kissless Christmas Looms as Complete Famine in Magic Mistletoe Ie Reported—Health Authorities Herald Shortage As a Victory For Progress—History Dates to Pagan Days.

A kissless Christmas is the appalling prospect facing London today as the result of an acute shortage of mistletoe. In fact, it's worse than a shortage. It's a complete famine. Florists say there isn't a bit of the real article to be had anywhere in town.

"Isn't it awful," commented a demure maiden with auburn locks this morning in rueful tones. "And mother just said yesterday that if I got kissed on Christmas Day she wouldn't say a word. Oh, what will I do? What will I do?"

A little ray of hope dawned when she was informed that some of the stores had on sale very creditable imitations of mistletoe sprigs, so clever, in fact, that any daring youth might well be pardoned for mistaking them for the real article. Until the supply of these is exhausted there's still hope of a Merry Christmas.

Unhealthy, Anyway.

But while youths and maidens view the absence of mistletoe with genuine alarm, the fact is comforting to Dr. W. H. Downham, medical officer of health. Why? Because he knows that every kiss is laden with thousands of germs. A noted physician has declared that one small kiss (they come in different lengths these days) could transmit a million germs. Another medical authority has said that osculation is intoxicating. So from the strictly medical standpoint London will have a safe and sane Christmas as the result of the mistletoe famine—perhaps.

Meanwhile florists are said to be putting forth every effort to produce the innocent little white berries in greenhouses so as to guard against similar calamity next season. The price, of course, will be high; but, as every flapper knows, mistletoe is no good unless it is over one's head. It is usually within reach of gallants who desire to make use of its magic propensities.

Forestry officials and tree doctors have decided that mistletoe is a parasite. It stunts the growth of trees by twining around their branches and strangling them. Sometimes it kills a tree—so the foresters have decided to kill the mistletoe instead. They haven't killed it all yet—but a bunch that would cost Miss London ten cents two years ago is thirty-five cents today, and next year it may be a half dollar.

Comes From Alabama.

With the exception of a little grown in Southern British Columbia, no mistletoe can call Canada its native land. England is said to have been the original home of this romantic little plant, but the state of Alabama supplies practically the entire London market today, and holly comes from Virginia.

Since the Christian era mistletoe was dedicated to Christmas time. With it went the custom of kissing under the white-berried plant, probably a survival of the saturnalia of pagan rites. But the Christian elders decided that when the churches were decorated with mistletoe there was too much kissing going on during the services, and too many requests for the wedding service.

So they abolished mistletoe and hung up in its stead holly, to signify the dark monotony and many thorns of matrimony. But the mistletoe stayed in the homes at Christmas, and so did the kissing custom.

No Kisses—Bad Luck.

It is very bad luck for a maiden to stand under the mistletoe and not be kissed. It means that she will not be married that year. So there is no excuse for repulsing a man under the mistletoe.

In ancient Germany the peasants called the mistletoe "spectre's wand," for it was believed that if you hold a branch in your hand you will not only see ghosts, but you can compel them to speak.

It was also believed that mistletoe will open all locks, but has not been heard of as part of a burglar's kit. Up until very recent times it was held to have great medicinal properties. It was just about the only cure for epilepsy, and very effective against sterility. The Druids called it "all-heal," and said it was a cure for all diseases.

Curious maidens in the old days would speak away to consult the witches to see if they would be married. The witch, for a certain consideration, would impart a magic secret. Fresh mistletoe berries, not exceeding nine in number, steeped in wine, beer, vinegar and honey, and made into pills, should be swallowed on an empty stomach before going to bed, provided the maiden goes to bed before twelve. Take these pills on Christmas Eve, or the first and third of a moon, and you will dream of your future husband. If no husband is in store for you, a coffin will appear.

The Druids used to venerate the mistletoe as a sacred plant, second only to the oak; in fact, if the mistletoe did not grow on the oak, it had no peculiar properties. So it was the custom among the fakirs of the priests to take the mistletoe from the apple tree and graft it on the oak, where it rarely grew.

Five days after the new moon, in the winter solstice, the Druids gathered the mistletoe with great ceremony. There was a long procession, first the bards, then a herald bearing a golden scythe, then the priests, finally the prince of the Druids. All were clad entirely in white, and the entire populace turned out to view the spectacle.

When the oak on which the mistletoe grew was reached, two white bulls were bound to the tree. The prince took the scythe, climbed up the tree and cut the mistletoe. The mistletoe must be caught in a white mantle held by the priests. If a sprig dropped on the ground a great catastrophe would overtake the nation. Then the bulls, perhaps human beings, were sacrificed. On the first of the new year the mistletoe was distributed among the people amid great jubilation. They hung it over their doorways and windows, and thus kept out witches.

TRANSIENTS CARE NOT FOR LOOKS OF BOBBIES

Seek Cheap Fares Out of London—Inspector Says Roads Are Still Good.

London transients do not like the watchful and penetrating gaze of London policemen, so they tell Relief Inspector Richard Sanders.

Three gentlemen of leisure who have no home in particular have called on Mr. Sanders recently asking for railroad fares to cities where the police won't look upon them as potential criminals.

The latest arrived at the city hall yesterday and asked for a ticket to Hamilton. Mr. Sanders presented him with a crisp $1 bill and told him that the roads were open to Hamilton, with lots of motorists travelling in that direction.

WILL SELL HIS PAPER FOR ONE DOLLAR CASH

Illinois Publisher Tired of Publishing—Wants To Spend Time Writing.

Associated Press Despatch.

Fountain Inn, S.C., Dec. 23.—Robert Quillen, humorist and publisher, who recently erected a monument to Eve, wants to sell his weekly newspaper, the Fountain Inn Tribune, for one dollar.

The current issue of the paper bears this announcement across the front page:

"The Tribune is for sale, lock, stock and barrel, subscription list, print shop, equipment, paper stock and good will. The price is one dollar, no more, no less.

"This is no joke, but it is a bargain. The first responsible man who planks down one dollar gets it. The business will be turned over to him Jan. 1."

Mr. Quillen began publishing the paper Jan. 1, 1911, sold it in 1922 and reassumed editorship in March, 1925. He said the paper "amused me at first" but that he was giving it up in order to devote more time to writing.

WINTER TRAVEL.

The desire to travel is inherent in the great majority of people and at this season of the year thousands of Canadians have their winter trip in view. With many the question is "where to go." The Pacific Coast, California, Florida, The Bermudas, The West Indies or Gulf Coast Resorts all have their individual appeal—it is just a matter of selection.

Take advantage of Canadian National Railway services—their travel representatives can be of much assistance to you in completing the details of your trip, make your reservations, etc. Nothing adds more to the pleasure of your journey than to have complete advance arrangements.

Agents of "The Canadian National" are at your service.—Advt.

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GAMBLING ON SUNDAY COSTLY FOR YOUTHS

Fifteen Young Men Pay Fines Following Raid on Poker Party.

Police court was richer by $100 shortly after 9 o'clock this morning when 20 Londoners appeared to plead guilty and pay fines out of court on gambling and disorderly conduct charges.

Fifteen young men were charged with breaches of the Lord's Day act when they were caught last Sunday by Sergeant James Oakley in the midst of a poker game. Five other participants were too loud in their shouts of jubilation at a big winning and they were summoned on disorderly charges. Each was fined $5 and costs when Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon learned of their reluctance to fight the case.

WEST IS WARMING TO LONDON REUNION

Recent Visitor to Prairies Predicts 100,000 People Will Be Here.

London's centennial celebration and old boys' reunion next August will see large delegations from the Canadian west, George Chittick who returned to the city last week after a tour of the west, declares.

"There were over 300 people at a London Old Boys' dance in Calgary recently," said Mr. Chittick. "I found flourishing associations of London old boys and girls at Lethbridge and Saskatoon."

"I am willing to bet anybody a flock of hats that there will be 100,000 people here next summer."

Ex-Mayor George Wenige stated this morning that recent communications from New York, Toronto, Detroit, Chicago and Toledo were highly enthusiastic and optimistic.

INCOME TAX FORMS TO BE ISSUED SOON

Assessment Commissioner's Office Will Begin Work of Distribution January 2.

Ten thousand city income tax forms will be mailed from the assessment commissioner's office on Jan. 2. They will not interfere with the happy new year greetings, as the taxes on the 1926 incomes will not be payable until 1927.

The forms will be mailed to all manufacturers and employers of labor and to financial institutions for returns on dividends last year. The greater number of forms will be for personal income returns.

NO STAFF CHANGES, C. N. R. ANNOUNCES

Change at Leaside Locomotive Works Will Not Affect Local Carshops.

There will be no changes in the staff of the local car shops of the C. N. R., due to the conversion of the Leaside locomotive works into a steel car shop. The rumor which was circulated in Toronto to the effect that the Leaside locomotive works would be closed and the men transferred to Stratford and Pointe St. Charles, Montreal, involving a number of changes throughout the system, was corrected later. In the correction it was stated that the locomotive works would not be closed, but converted into steel car shops.

The changes and transfers which would then be made, would concern only the men being brought to Leaside to work in the steel car repair shops and the men who are sent to other car shops for locomotive work.

No other changes in the local plant have been officially announced as yet and it is not expected that there will be any for some time.

USE LEASIDE SHOPS.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Dec. 23. — The following statement was issued this evening from the head offices of the Canadian National Railways:

"A report has been circulated from Toronto that the Canadian National Railways have decided to close down the locomotive shops at Leaside and transfer the men to Stratford and Point St. Charles, Montreal.

"The facts, as they have been presented, are only partially correct, and in order to prevent and apprehension the incorrect report may cause, the following statement is made:

"The C. N. R. have decided to convert the locomotive shops at Leaside into a steel car shops. This change will be brought about gradually, and will extend over a period of some months.

"It will not reduce the total number of men now employed at Leaside, though it will necessitate a certain number of transfers, men being brought to Leaside to work in the new steel car repair shop and replacing such men now employed in the locomotive shops, who will be transferred to other locomotive shops of the system.

"The imputation that these men are being moved to further the interests of any of the political parties is as ridiculous as it is false.

"The conversion of the locomotive shop is due to the fact that the company has more locomotive shops than it requires, while the Toronto district is at present without the proper facilities for doing steel car repair work."

News Briefs

COAL CENT A POUND.

Boston, Mass.—Hard coal has become so scarce here that one large firm is offering anthracite to cash-and-carry buyers at one cent a pound. Buyers must bring their own hods or baskets.

GIRL HEADS BANDITS.

New York—Four gunmen, led by an auburn-haired girl, today entered a jewelry store in Brooklyn, handcuffed Samuel Pistarowitz, son of the proprietor, to a radiator pipe, and made off with diamonds and other jewels valued at $25,000.

KILLS SELF IN REMORSE.

Duluth, Minn.—Ivan Petrovich shot himself after writing a letter saying he had assassinated Col. Petlurovski at Miropole, Poland, several years ago.

BULLFIGHT IN FLORIDA.

Tampa, Fla.—Ralph Gomez, said to be a premier matador of Spain, has been engaged to mingle with bulls here on New Year's Day. Two Spanish-American clubs are backing the show, in which, under the laws of Florida, no bulls may be slain and no horses may be used. Otherwise everything will be just like Seville.

COUNTESS MERE BOY.

San Francisco.—The Countess Zeldan Letroveiski spent a joyous five weeks as a dashing widow, but then it is said made the misstep of purloining a couple of female wigs. The countess was arrested and turned out to be Jack MacDonald, 17-year-old Bingham, Utah, youth.

NO SENTIMENTAL MUSH.

Cambridge, Mass.—The Harvard Glee club has voted to withdraw from the intercollegiate contest in New York rather than sing sentimental mush.

OPTIMISTIC AT 76.

New York.—Oscar S. Strauss, an immigrant boy, who became a member of the United States cabinet, a diplomat and a member of the permanent court arbitration at The Hague, is entering his 76th year optimistic about peace. There were 75 candles on his birthday cake yesterday.

HAD $800,000—NOW BROKE.

New York.—"Nick F.," race track plunger, who made $800,000 at the New Orleans track two years ago, is broke and suffering from pneumonia

$631,000 IN FIVE MONTHS.

New York.—In five months, F. E. Moskovico has made a paper profit of $631,000 in an option on Stutz stock. At Charles M. Schwab's behest, Moskovico became president of the company last August with an option for purchase of 10 per cent of the stock, or 263,000 shares at the then market price, $10. The last closing price was $34. The option runs until Feb. 15, 1927.

COURT HOUSE OFFICIALS BEGIN SHORT VACATION

Today marks the beginning of the short vacation for officials and employees at the courthouse and county buildings.

All offices will close at 12 noon every day for two weeks.

No business will be done after that hour except in the office of Crown-Attorney Albert Judd, which is open until 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

DEATH LIST NOW FOUR.

Associated Press Despatch.

Erie, Pa., Dec. 24.—The death toll as a result of the panic late Tuesday, in which three children were trampled to death when 5,000 boys and girls made a wild dash for exits following the collapse of a bench at the Erie arena during a Christmas observance, was increased to four yesterday when Joe Majikilewicz was reported dead at his home. His name had not been included among the injured.



W. A. McWILLIAMS,

elected worshipful master of Kilwinning lodge, A., F. and A. M.

CHURCHES SEEKING REGULAR PASTORS

Five Charges in London Presbytery Unsettled—Pottersburg Meeting Next Week.

London Presbyterian presbytery has only five charges that are not now settled with regular pastors.

Rev. DeCourcey Raynor, former Congregational minister at Watford, has already taken charge at Wallacetown.

Rev. S. D. Jamieson, Brantford, has received a call to Kintore and South Nissouri and will give his answer in a few days.

Rev. James MacKay, B.D., moderator of presbytery, will moderate in a call at St. George's church, Pottersburg next week in the vacancy created by the removal of Rev. John Hosie to Kintyre.

The churches in which there are no ministers settled are: Mosa; Appin; Crinan and Duffs; St. George's Pottersburg; and Delaware and Tempo.

The London presbytery will hold its next regular meeting in Knox church, St. Thomas, the latter part of next month.

TWO PRISONERS ELECT SUMMARY COURT TRIAL

Charges Laid by Three Girls To Be Heard On Monday.

Charles Medley and Vernal Morse, electing summary trial before Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon in police court this morning, will appear on Monday to face serious charges under the criminal code laid by three girls under the age of 16 years.

The men were arrested two months ago with Claude Fisher, who was sent for trial by jury last week, when evidence in the case was heard by Magistrate Graydon. E. W. M. Flock and Frank Curran appeared for the prisoners this morning, but adjournment of the case was granted by the magistrate when Crown Attorney A. M. Judd announced that three of his witnesses were not present.

Morse, who is 80 years of age and a deaf mute was acquainted of the court proceedings by an interpreter.

OFFICIAL'S OFFER GETS COLD REBUFF

Aged Couple Prefer Rent-Free House to Old People's Home.

An attempt by Inspector Richard Sanders of the city relief department to help an aged couple yesterday met the fate of the ordinary bill collector. In other words, Mr. Sanders had the door slammed in his face.

It seems that a couple 80 years of age have been living in a house for over six months without paying rent. The owner states that he is not a millionaire and has to pay taxes on the place and yet he hasn't the heart to have them forcibly removed. The couple will not go to the aged people's home and have been eking out an existence with the aid of various church societies.

A few days ago an aged couple were admitted to the aged people's home. They weren't capable of taking care of themselves any longer and in order to repay the city they turned over their old home to Inspector Sanders.

The latter lost no time in calling on the first couple to tell them that they could live in the house rent free.

"We are quite comfortable here and we don't want any change," said the old woman, barring the doorway. "You just get out," she concluded, slamming the door in the inspector's face.

SANTA CLAUS VISITS M'CLARY'S FACTORY

Entertainment at York Street Plant Attended by 500 Employees and Children.

McClary's dining-room at their uptown plant on York street was the scene of a real old-fashioned Christmas entertainment last night when 500 employees and their children spent the evening in merrymaking and frolic. The hall was artistically decorated in evergreens and one entering the building was filled with the Christmas spirit.

On the stage was a great fireplace with a large chimney, where Santa Claus came down to make his debut.

Santa was there in all his glory and was literally attacked by the children. He made his round about the hall and chatted with them and they clamored at his knees. It was a great time for the kiddies, who were there in the majority.

The two large Christmas trees were beautifully decorated with lights and were laden with gifts for every child present. The children were also given candies and oranges. The program was an impromptu one, with the children taking part. There were songs, recitations and addresses.

On Tuesday night the foundry plant also held a Christmas tree and the children of the employees of that part were entertained.

DINNERS WILL BE BROUGHT TO CHEVROLET EMPLOYEES

Today every employee of the local Chevrolet garage received a turkey as a Christmas gift from the management.

In addition to this, the men who will have to work on Christmas Day will have a full course dinner, with all the trimmings, of course, brought to them at the garage from a downtown restaurant, arrangements for this having been made today by Thomas R. Faulds, the manager.

BOWLERS, ATTENTION!

LEAGUES ARE OFF FOR TWO WEEKS

24 Alleys Now Open for Practice Bowling

Arrange your parties during this lay-off of the leagues, December 21st to January 2nd, 1926.

Arcade Recreation

231 DUNDAS STREET.

GRIGG CAFE

PHONE 5675.

Special Christmas Dinner

From 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

334 Richmond Street. Christmas Dinner 75c.

RELISH.
Celery Hearts. Head Lettuce. Queen Olives.

SOUP.
Cream of Chicken, a la Imperial.

FISH.
Fried White Fish, mand de hotel.

CHOICE OF MEAT.
Roast Young Turkey. Cranberry Sauce.
Roast Young Goose Pineapple Sauce
Roast Young Duck King Apple Sauce.
Prime Roast Beef, au jus.

SALAD.
Combination Victoria Salad.

VEGETABLES.
Mashed Potatoes. Buttered Sweet Corn.

DESSERT.
Steamed English Plum Pudding. Vanilla Sauce.
Hot Mince Pie. Deep Apple Pie.
Neapolitan Ice Cream. Christmas Fruit Cake.
Fresh Pumpkin Pie. Mixed Fruit and Nuts.

English Christmas Dinner, 75c

THE DRAKE ENGLISH GRILL

Dundas Bldg., 195 Dundas St.
Opposite Loew's Theatre.

Cream of Tomato Soup.
Celery. Stuffed Olives.
Fresh Tomato Salad.
Roast Young Turkey. Cranberry Sauce.
Roast Milk-Fed Goose. Apple Sauce.
Creamed Mashed Potatoes.
Hubbard Squash Mashed in Butter. Early June Peas.
English Plum Pudding. Maple Sauce.
Apple Pie. Pumpkin Pie. Hot Mince Pie.
Chocolate Layer Cake with Ice Cream.
Nuts. Raisins.
Tea. Coffee. Milk.

DINNER FROM 12:00 NOON TO 8:00 P.M.

DANCING From 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Christmas Night, with Special Orchestra.

PHONE 9850 FOR RESERVATIONS.

Management of Elmo A. Drake
Eleanor A. Drake

12 CONVENTIONS HERE NEXT YEAR

London Benefits by Publicity Work of Chamber of Commerce.

London is assured of having twelve conventions come to the city during the next twelve months.

"If the new hotel was completed," W. H. Wood, secretary of the chamber of commerce, said today, "London would be overwhelmed with conventions."

The fact that the city, without adequate resources necessary to make it a convention city, is having at least twelve conventions, is due to the great publicity work being carried on by its chamber of commerce.

At the board of directors meeting, R. H. Dowler, chairman, reported on work done by Lt.-Col. W. J. Brown at the National economic conference held at Winnipeg last November. Due to his efforts, London was chosen as one of the four cities to send a representative to Ottawa on a committee to work out the details of a Dominion chamber of commerce. The three other cities to send representatives were Toronto, Hamilton and Montreal.

J. D. Isaacs read a report on the tourist trade, a subject with which he has been in very close contact as a representative of the Windsor-Niagara highway tourist association, and tourist association of Ontario.

"The tourist trade," he said, "is the third largest industry in Canada, and we should capitalize it one hundred per cent. This can be done, and is being done by the organizing of the chambers of commerce of the municipalities throughout the province.

Prof. E. H. Morrow read a report on the prominent part played by the eight representatives of London at the annual convention of the Western Ontario chambers of commerce held at Preston. The Londoners were successful in having passed each resolution they brought up.

Mr. Wood spoke of a new process film that was being shown in Kansas City, Miss., of moving pictures taken in this city. He received word this morning that the films were a success, and were causing much favorable comment in the American city. This was cited as an example of the advertising London is receiving through the efforts of its chamber of commerce.

VARIETY IS CONCERT FEATURE.

Avon, Dec. 23.—The annual Avon Sunday school Christmas entertainment was held Monday evening in the church, which was well filled. Rev. H. F. Ball was chairman. Mrs. Will Garner sang a solo. Laurie Horne gave a violin selection. A comic sketch was given by the boys dressed as old men, and a pantomime by Mrs. Elston Dafoe's class.

An important feature was the presentation of one dozen knives and forks and a library table to Mr. and Mrs. Harley Jolliffe, who are moving to Mount Elgin. The address was read by W. H. Johnson, superintendent of Sunday school. Mr. Jolliffe very fittingly replied.

Santa Claus distributed the many presents from the tree.

British People Are Beginning To Grow Wary of Rubber Game

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 24.—Rubber brokers are beginning to retire with well-filled pockets, and the public is wondering whether they foresee a collapse of the boom and are "standing from under."

Baiss and Rogers, who have announced they have decided to close down their business, have been in rubber brokerage for less than four years, and are said to have made £1,000,000 in profits. Several other firms say they will retire with the end of this year. Baiss and Rogers have often handled more than two million rubber shares for as many as 2,000 customers in a single day.

The firm had to reserve a large number of rooms in a hotel adjoining its offices in the city, and its employees slept in relays. Sometimes they were able to get only a few hours of sleep because of the press of business. Work was kept up Sunday as well as weekday.

Many rubber brokers in the city have seldom been able to close their offices before midnight of recent months, and the pressure continues, with new issues of rubber plantation stock offered constantly in the papers.

It is the custom of many brokers to give Christmas bonuses to employees in proportion to their heavy profits, and the sums disbursed this way this year are said to total tens of thousands of pounds. The Daily Mail says one firm is giving each employee a bonus equivalent to one year's salary, while sums ranging from £10 to £100 each are common.

LIBRARY'S BEST BOOKS FOR WEEK ANNOUNCED

Three Well-Known Novels Are Included Among the Best.

The ten best books of the week at the London public library, announced today by Richard Crouch, librarian, are:

Fiction—Soundings, by A. Hamilton Gibbs; well-written and interesting study of character and love, which is a departure from the modern trend of the novel. Thunder On the Left, by Christopher Morley; this novel is reviewed as Morley's last contribution to American literature; a mental travelogue of the minds of his character. The Scarlet Sash, by Elson; an historical novel of the Canadian Niagara frontier, interestingly written, with a great deal of action.

Travel.

Sunlight in Canada, by William McFee.

An interesting tale of travel. Mr. McFee blends in this book the moods of the essayist and the traveller.

Living Pageant of the Nile, by Wilson.

The author, a journalist, treats in story form, historical incidents and the life of the Egyptians discovered through modern scientific investigations.

History.

Brigham Young, by Werner.

This book is practically a history of the Mormons.

Tolerance, by Hendrick Van Loon.

A history of a man's struggle for freedom of thought, and the right to think.

Essays.

Adventures in Understanding, by David Grayson. It contains the intimate mind to mind talks of his earlier works, Adventure in Contentment, and Adventures in Friendship.

Poetry.

What o'Clock, by Amy Lowell. The last works of this popular poetess.

ANGLICAN CHURCH WILL REVIVE HEBREW BRANCH

Bishop of Jerusalem Puts Stamp of Approval on Movement.

Associated Press Despatch.

Jerusalem, Dec. 24.—The Anglican bishop of Jerusalem has set the seal of his approval upon a movement designed to revive the ancient Hebrew branch of the apostolic church. In a public statement the bishop holds that now there has come into being, with the approval of the league of nations, a Jewish spiritual and cultural center in Palestine where the Jewish national feeling may learn to express itself in some tangible form, the revival of the ancient Jewish-Christian branch of the church becomes possible.

The Jews who are to form the principal body of this Jewish-Christian congregation proclaim their right to observe the national and social customs of Israel. The Hebrew branch of the apostolic church fell into disuse following its ban by the council of Nicaea in A.D. 325.

WHITE GIFT SERVICE HELD BLENHEIM UNITED CHURCH

Special to The Advertiser.

Blyth, Dec. 23.—Queen street United church was the scene of a most interesting and helpful service on Sunday evening, when they held their annual white gift service. Rev. Dr. Barnby, the pastor, gave a short address and the rest of the service was taken by members of the Sunday school, who presented their white gifts for the King.

Trinity church and St. Andrew's United church held Christmas entertainments for their Sunday schools on Monday evening, the former in the Orange lodge room and the latter in the basement of their church. Queen street United church held their Christmas tree in the basement of their church Tuesday night. All were well attended.

PARIS IS ISOLATED AS STORM ABATES

Great Gales in France Dies Out, Leaving Wires Down—Damage Great.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The gale which had been raging with unprecedented fury during the last few days has blown itself out. The full tale of disaster, however, still is lacking. The telegraph system throughout the country is so badly wrecked that the work of restoration will require considerable time.

Paris remains cut off from a majority of the principal provincial cities as well as from foreign countries, excepting in a few cases where it has been possible to establish a roundabout precarious service by linking up various local lines.

The dislocation in communication has given birth to numbers of rumors. One of these which created considerable excitement was to the effect that the liner Lutetia, bound for Bordeaux from Buenos Aires, had foundered. Late radio communication was established with the Lutetia, which reported all well on board and that she expected to arrive in Lisbon today.

CITY SCHOOL CHILDREN HAVE $30,000 IN BANK

London Pupils Have the Third Largest Account in Penny Bank.

Assets of the Penny bank of Ontario are placed at $807,541 in the financial statement for the year ending June 30, which has just come to hand.

Lieut.-Col. H. D. Lockhart Gordon, D.S.O., of Toronto, president of the bank, in his commentary on the report, which is the 20th since the bank was organized, points out that a branch was opened at Gananoque during the year, and that Premier G. H. Ferguson, minister of education, has indicated his approval and proffered his co-operation in the bank's work.

The pupils of London schools had a total of $30,141 on deposit on June 30, thus standing third on the list of 272 schools, with 12,000 depositors being behind only Toronto with $453,218 in 93 schools and Ottawa, with $33,823.

Three Londoners are on the board of directors: Chairman S. F. Lawrason, Col. W. M. Gartshore and W. N. Manning.

BANK CLEARINGS INCREASE.

Bank clearings show a substantial increase this week in comparison with the clearings for the same week last year. This year the clearings amounted to $3,196,830, while last year they were $3,160,024, showing a difference of $36,806.

LEASIDE C.N. SHOPS LIKELY TO BE MOVED TO STRATFORD

About 270 Men Will Be Added To Locomotive Department If Favored Plan Carried Out—Thornton Gave Promise, Senator Rankin Declares.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The Leaside locomotive shop of the Canadian National Railways is to be discontinued after Jan. 1, and about 270 men will be transferred to either Stratford or Montreal, where there are locomotive shops.

The present staff at the Leaside repair shops is about 550 men, of all trades, and the office staff. The monthly payroll aggregates $55,000 to $60,000

The Leaside shops will be used for the construction and repair of steel cars, mostly of the gondola freight type. The C. N. R. has been purchasing this type of car from private companies.

The total number of employees at Leaside will not be affected.

Seniority Observed.

A plan of seniority will be adopted with the men in moving, the older employees to be given the opportunity of saying whether they want to go to other places or remain in Toronto.

A statement to this effect was made at the Canadian National Railway headquarters here today. The affected workers will be moved by degrees, the whole transition to take a few months, it was said.

STRATFORD UNINFORMED.

Special to The Advertiser.

Stratford, Dec. 23.—Officials at the C. N. R. shops here today said that they had no official information about the proposed move of the Leaside shops to Stratford.

D. M. Wright, M.P.-elect for North Perth, stated that he had heard some time ago that there was a possibility of part of the Leaside locomotive works being transferred to Stratford.

Promise Made.

Senator Rankin said that he had been promised by Sir Henry Thornton, several months ago, that when the Leaside shops were closed the locomotive repair department would be moved to Stratford. The question of closing the Leaside shops as a matter of economy came up, and the senator immediately emphasized the advantages of re-establishing the shops here.

CHURCH NEWS

ALL SAINTS' CONCERT.

A delightful Christmas entertainment was given by the pupils of All Saints' Anglican Sunday school last night. Santa Claus was present and distributed gifts, and Rev. A. A. Bice, the rector, presented certificates to the winners of the good conduct and attendance awards. The stage was prettily arranged with evergreen trees, and the program included the opening chorus by the girls of the school, led by H. Watson; a carol by the infant classes of Mrs. Young and Miss Hart; recitations by Jean Nesbitt; choruses by Mrs. Hobbs' class; readings by Eva Bishop; choruses by girls from Mrs. Young's class; piano selections by Helen Maston; recitations by Marian Lacey; song, Hilda Wilson; a Christmas tableau by the girls of several classes, led by Mr. Watson; readings by Marian Risler; a piano duet by Fred and Leslie Wakefield; recitations by Raymond Johnston; piano solos by Fred Wakefield; choruses by Mrs. Slade's class; six recitations by Mrs. Knight's class, and a final drill by the girls, led by H. Watson. The superintendent of the school, H. A. Secord, was the chairman. There was a large attendance and the concert was greatly enjoyed by the parents of the pupils.

TRINITY CONCERT.

One of the most successful Christmas entertainments held in the history of Trinity United church was held last night, when the members of the Sunday school presented a splendid program. A prettily decorated Christmas tree was arranged, and Santa Claus arrived in full regalia and distributed the gifts.

Rev. J. N. Clarry, the pastor, was the chairman. The general convener was the Sunday school superintendent, W. F. Ballingall. The program included recitations by Miss Eileen Williams; selections by Mrs. M. Stevenson's class; recitations by Raymond Joliffe; recitation by Jean Ogden; selections by Hilda Reaveley's class; recitations by Maxine Brooks; vocal solos by Mr. Wilson; recitations by Wilfred Walters; recitations by Arthur Brunner; dialogues by Miss Duncan's class; vocal duets by the Misses Hilda Ballingall and Norma Pierce; a drill by the classes of Mrs. Poad and Mrs. Beatty; a recitation by Evelyn French; cornet solos by Edgar Rush; a play by the classes of Mrs. McLeod and Harold Reaveley; a recitation by Orion Roberts; a drill by Miss Mary Beattie; a kazoo selection by Mr. Sheppard's class; a vocal solo by Arthur Warren; a pantomime by Mr. Couke's Live Wires, and orchestral numbers by the Sunday school orchestra, under the leadership of Mac Mills in the absence of Mr. Couke.

ST. DAVID'S CONCERT.

The annual Christmas concert of St. David's Sunday school was held last night in the new parish hall. The program was made up of drills by Mrs. Day's class and Mrs. Mess' class; a tableau by Miss Metcalfe's class, and others taking part were: Peggy Sturman, Billie Slade, Connie Fay, Grace Slade, Reg. Hussey, William Boyce, Tommy Oliver, Annie Boyce, Clifford Wright, Ruth Day, Helen Cosier, Hilda Facer, George Tucker, Isabel Facer, Fred Hussey, Evelyn Nuttal, Sydney Wright and Dorothy Merrall. Appropriate speeches were made by Mr. Slade and the rector, Rev. R. D. Mess.

Superintendent James acted as chairman, while Mrs. Sturman was the pianist for the evening. The giving out of prizes by Santa Claus and distribution of oranges and candy was one of the chief attractions of the night. Special thanks was tendered Mr. R. Gardiner by the committee for his impersonation. It was felt by all that this year's concert was the best ever.

COLBORNE CONCERT.

A very successful Christmas entertainment was given by the members of the primary and junior departments of Colborne street United Sunday school on Tuesday night. Attractive Christmas decorations were used, and the following took part in the program: Hughes Jeanette Isler, Margery Towle, Mary Pugsley, Lorraine Hale, Geraldine Helen Henderson, Clarice McRoberts, Helen Ellis, Josephine Pirri, Stella Pirri, May Miller, Shirley Clarke, Margaret Edgecomb, Jack Winterbottom, Jack Smith, Eleanor Moss, Kathleen Hughes, Pearl Towle and Donna Huffman.

Special numbers were contributed by the classes of Mrs. Squires, Mrs. McAdams, Mr. Greaves, Miss Fletcher and Miss Ferguson. The convener of the event was Miss Harriet Powell, assisted by Mrs. F. B. Gidley, Miss Ida Elliott and Mrs. Turnbull. A special treat was arranged for the children by Mrs. Squires and Mrs. McAdams. F. F. Westbury, the superintendent of the school, presided.

ST. JAMES' CHOIR.

Mrs. Page, Bruce street, entertained the choir boys of St. James' Anglican church, last night, at a supper party. There were sixteen boys present and a very enjoyable evening was spent in games. At the close of the event, light refreshments were served and the hostess was assisted by her daughter, Miss Page, and the Misses Green and Eleanor Wray. A treat of bon-bons was sent to the boys by one of the ladies of the guild.

BEECHER SERVICES.

Special Christmas services are being held at Beecher United church on Sunday. At the evening service, the organ and choir will be augmented by an orchestra and soloists. The pastor will speak on A Christmas Carol, with illustrations from Dickens's masterpiece. Rev. C. S. Miller has given several "literary" sermons this winter, which have attracted attention and favorable comment.

ST. JAMES' S. S. SUPPER.

The primary department of St. James' Anglican Sunday school held their annual supper and concert recently, when Santa Claus distributed gifts to the children, after which a delicious supper was served. Rev. T. G. Wallace was a special guest, and about 125 little pupils attended. The committee in charge of the arrangements included Miss N. Douglas, superintendent; Mrs. Martin, Miss Florence Martin, Miss D. Bagler, Mrs. B. Wood, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Southcott, Miss L. Gilbert, Miss Ledgely, Miss Louise Leonard, Miss Doris Jenkins, Miss Chatto and Mrs. Harry Coulson of Toronto.

ST. JAMES' DINNER PARTY.

The members of the Strangers' club of New St. James' Presbyterian church are to be entertained at a Christmas dinner tonight at the church. Miss Frances Margrett will be in charge of the event and will be assisted by the Misses Baillie and Hurley. A short program is to be given by the members of Miss Margrett's Sunday school class and a delightful time is anticipated.

HILL ST. ENTERTAINMENT.

There was a large attendance at the annual Christmas concert presented by the Sunday school members of Hill street Baptist church recently. The Sunday school superintendent, Mrs. Sara Brown, presided during the interesting program of recitations, dialogues, drills and solos given. Those participating in the program included Bernice Logan, Teola Thompson, Vera Kelly, Dorothy Moxley, Lloyd Kelly, Vivian Knox, Freddie Kelly, Violet Clinton and Billy Hackett. A prettily decorated Christmas tree was one of the features of attraction for the small children and they hailed with delight the visit of Santa Claus and the distribution of gifts which followed. The pupils were trained for the event by Mrs. Hattie Berry. Mrs. Pearl Kelly was the pianist. A very interesting address was given during the evening by W. A. Myers.

EPIPHANY CONCERT.

There was a very large attendance at the Church of the Epiphany Christmas entertainment, held recently, when the Band of Hope presented a pleasing program. The event was arranged by Mrs. Robert Peake, the superintendent, assisted by Miss Phyllis Husband, Miss Christene Watson, the secretary-treasurer; Joe Husband and Mrs. G. Baker, the organist.

Supper was served at 6 o'clock, and a splendid concert followed. The following members took part: Wilfrid Morley, Leslie Willis, Annie Brown, Margaret Evison, Daisy Asser, Winnie Genereaux, Alice Watson, Helen Southern, Alberta Gardiner and Gladys Birchell. Robert Peake was the chairman.

CENTENNIAL CONCERT.

A very successful entertainment was held in the school room of Centennial United church recently by the members of the beginners and primary departments, and during the evening a number of lovely gifts were distributed from a prettily decorated Christmas tree. The program included choruses, drills, recitations and songs, and among the children who participated were: Helen Sanford, Howard Bedggood, Dorothy Shannon, Claire Boyce, Jean Francis, Helen Gustin, Ross Gilkes, Jean Stainton, Georgina Privett, Roger Stanfield and Lloyd Bennett. The teachers in charge of the arrangements were: Miss A. Wright, Miss Stephens, Miss Mabel Somerville, Miss Roberta Kernohan, Miss Isabel Wright and Miss Anita Graham.

TEN ORANGE LODGES PLAN INSTALLATIONS

Rev. Dean Tucker To Be the Principal Speaker at Ceremony.

The joint installation of the ten Orange lodges of the city will be held at the Ulster hall on Wednesday, Dec. 30. A special program, consisting of speeches will be provided. Rev. Dean Tucker will be the principal speaker of the evening. The installation will be in charge of Rev. R. D. Mess, district master, and his staff.

The lodges to be installed are as follows: Ahoghill, No. 230; Boyne, No. 298; Forest City, No. 762; Hackett, No. 805; Rev. Wm. Lowe lodge, No. 2056; Beaver lodge, No. 2102; Nassau, No. 2170; Langemarck, No. 2625; Star of Bethlehem, No. 2769, and Pro Patria, No. 2851.

ASSESSMENT JUMP SEEN IN 2 WARDS

Ordinary Repairs Not Reason For Increased Valuations, States Commissioner.

There will be no increase next year on dwellings that have received ordinary repairs, such as new roofs, paint, etc., assessment commissioner Harry Bennett states. The assessors commence their duties on Jan. 3, in ward four.

However, there will be an adjustment in land values, particularly in the north-west portion of ward four, and in some sections of ward two, where land values have increased in the past five years. Part of ward one will be increased, with the London West assessment remaining unchanged. Ward three will see reduced assessments in some localities, Mr. Bennett asserts.

The natural increase in assessment (new buildings), will be about a million dollars, the assessment commissioner declares.

"Some people have the mistaken idea that every time they paint their house, their assessment is increased," said Mr. Bennett. "There is a real reason for any increase, and we tell the people so, but they will persist in thinking a coat of paint is responsible for increased taxes."

MOVE HITS ENGINEERS UNFITTED FOR DUTIES

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its next session in the move to secure better conditions.

"Why, right now," explained a first-class engineer today," there are properly qualified men with years of experience walking the streets while fellows who know very little about the work are holding down positions simply because they will work for less money. This, in our estimation, is a marked injustice and hardly fair to the real engineers who have made a thorough study of all phases of the work in order to pass the exacting examinations of the board."

Winter Jobs Only.

He pointed out that in several large institutions first class engineers are employed only during the winter season and consequently have to seek work elsewhere in the summer. Hence it's a particular hardship for them to be unable to follow their trade in the winter owing to the presence of unqualified men.

As effort was made at the last session of the government to have the ruling changed, but the opposition of rural members resulted in blocking this move. This was because small creameries and similar plants in the country districts would be affected.

A farmer owning a threshing outfit is allowed to operate his engine for any purpose at all on his own property, but if he takes it off his property to do work for others he must have a regular certificate.

Several greenhouses in the vicinity of London are exempt from the certificate ruling since they are listed under agricultural pursuits. The union wants this changed as it is felt that because of the precision needed in heating these places only first class engineers should be employed there.

JACK HAY WOUNDED WHEN GUN DISCHARGES

Jack Hay, twelve-year-old son of J. Beverley Hay, 239 Ridout street, who was shot through the chest at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the gun with which he was playing accidentally discharged in his own hands, was reported by hospital authorities last night as to be only slightly injured. At first it was thought that the injury might prove serious, but Dr. Percy Banghart, who was in attendance, did not find it necessary to operate.

Mrs. Alfred Collins, mother of the two children who were killed in the Delaware crash on Sunday night, and who herself received terrible injuries, is still in a serious condition, although hospital authorities last night stated that she had spent a most restful day.

PRAYERS OFFERED FOR GIRL'S HEALTH

Catholics Make Supplication For Daughter of United Church Minister.

Denominational barriers swept aside on the war-torn battlefields of France and Belgium, where Protestant and Roman Catholic stood shoulder to shoulder, are once more cast aside in the shadow of death.

In the majestic quiet and peace of St. Mary's Catholic church prayers are being fervently offered for the recovery of Miss Jean McIntosh, daughter of the Rev. Dr. W. R. McIntosh, who is critically ill at Victoria hospital.

Dr. McIntosh is pastor of King street United church, which is just around the corner from St. Mary's church, and he and his entire family are most popular in the district.

Rt. Rev. Monsignor M. J. Brady, rector of St. Mary's church, and Dr. McIntosh are close personal friends, and have spent many evenings together discussing religion from a broad world-wide standpoint.

Dr. McIntosh was greatly affected when informed that hundreds of his Roman Catholic friends were praying for his daughter's speedy recovery, and in a public pronouncement from the pulpit of his church, commented on the growing evidence of the goodwill of people generally in taking an interest in the sorrows of others.

Miss McIntosh, who has been very ill since Sunday, shows marked improvement today, and is now believed to be practically out of danger.

CIGARETTE STUB IS CAUSE OF BLAZE

Fruit Shop and Cigar Store Damaged by Smoke and Water.

A cigarette stub was the cause of a fire that caused considerable damage to the premises of the Grigg House fruit shop and J. M. Gilligan's tobacco store on Richmond street, early this morning.

The blaze was discovered at about 4:30 a.m. at the rear of the tobacco store. The fire department responded quickly to the call, and with the aid of chemicals extinguished the flames. The damage estimated at $250, was mostly caused by smoke and water.

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TURKS WILL NOT ACCEPT LEAGUE MOSUL DECISION

Waiting On Arrival at Angora of Foreign Minister—Country Will Be Behind Kemal Pasha If He Decides For War.

By NEGLEY FARSON.
Special Cable to the London Advertiser and the Chicago Daily News.

Angora, Turkey, Dec. 22.—(Via London, Dec. 23)—The decision of Turkey regarding the Mosul crisis awaits the arrival of Foreign Minister Tewfick Bey at Angora.

Angora is tense but calm. There have been no demonstrations. The Turks declare: "We will never relinquish our rights to Mosul." This might be interpreted as another Alsace-Lorraine. Because of the Kurdish question in Mosul and future British intrigue, the Turks say it would be suicide to accept the league's decision. They declare that General Ladonier, the Esthonian, who investigated the question for the league, is a British tool.

If Kemal Pasha declares war on Great Britain the entire country will be behind him. Everybody realizes the consequences, but they are desperate. Meanwhile the diplomatic corps has gone to Constantinople for Christmas as usual.

NEEDY ONES AIDED BY MANY BODIES

Toy Shop in St. Thomas Fire Hall Works Overtime To Bring Joy To Kiddies.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Dec. 23.—The men of the St. Thomas fire force are working overtime in an effort to have the toys ready for distribution Thursday afternoon and evening. The toy shop presents a happy picture. The auxiliary truck is decorated, and will be pressed into service in distributing the Christmas cheer to the needy of the city.

At the chamber of commerce rooms all is a bustle. Two hundred and twenty Christmas baskets, containing vegetables, clothing and fruit are being packed, representing purchases of $1,200 worth of goods. Mrs. W. Folland, Mrs. W. Collins, Mrs. R. J. Dunsmore, Mrs. D. Meadows, Mrs. J. Black, Mrs. B. F. Cascadden, Mrs. Galloway, H. B. Holtby, H. G. Gillies and D. H. McIntyre are among those engaged in the work.

The postoffice is handling a record quantity of mail. The change in the entrance to the postoffice, petitioned by the city council, and recently completed, has made handling the crowds a difficult matter.

Santa Claus was busy this afternoon in the Tivoli theatre distributing presents to the children during a special matinee. They were contributed by Danny McGill, J. H. Gould, Liggett's Drug Store, Woolworth's and the Tivoli Theatres Ltd.

The Children's Aid society announce donations amounting to $371.29. The Christmas Community fund totals $655.10.

Stanley Oliver, former popular organist of First United church, and now presiding over the organ at St. James' United church, Montreal, was presented with a cane at the close of a Kiwanis minstrel show staged by the Montreal club. Mr. Oliver was musical director in the show, which brought $10,000 to the club.

NATIVITY PLAY IS AGAIN PRESENTED

Bethlehem Has Come To Be Christmas Institution in London.

Norah Holland's beautiful Nativity Play is growing into the knowledge of the people of London with each Christmas. For four years now, Bethlehem has been an institution of the Christmas season. Last night it was again presented in Warner Hall under the direction of Rev. G. Quintin Warner and perhaps, as never before, this exquisite bit of drama, lived and carried its beautiful message across the footlights.

The play was first presented four years ago under the auspices of the London Drama League, and many of the original cast appeared again last night. Since its production last year, the frail little woman who wrote the beautiful lines of the play has laid down her pen forever, but her work lives and grows in its influence, after her.

Many of those who witnessed the first production of Bethlehem, remember that Norah Holland was present, and helped to direct the dress rehearsal. Altogether the play has a special interest for London.

Music Excellent.

The exquisite incidental music, composed by F. L. Willgoose, formerly of this city, seemed to find a perfect instrument for rendition, in the orchestra chosen last night from the R. C. R. musicians, and led by L. K. Harrison, bandmaster. The stage settings were lovlier than they had ever been, and the lines were well read.

The opening and closing scenes of the play were perfect pictures. The half-gods, Opollo, Pan, Diana and Pallas are disclosed in a glade in Olympus. Dryads and fauns enter. As the actors remain silent on a twilight stage, the fauns dance to spiritluelle music, rendered by the orchestra from behind the stage. The effect was exceedingly lovely.

The closing picture is of the Madonna with her golden hair lit by an ethereal light, wearing filmy drapery and singing lullabies over the simple cradle in which the Christ child sleeps. Joseph, bare-footed, and in plain garb, stands adoring at her side.

The role of the Madonna was again played by Miss Edith Vann, who has a voice of remarkably sweet lyric quality, well adapted to the singing of the Madonna's lullaby. Miss Lorna Rumball spoke some beautiful lines in the role of Diana. W. B. Pope was an excellent Apollo, Miss Ruth White admirable in the role of Pallas, and K. L. March a most adequate Pan.

Mr. Warner as Felix.

Rev. Quintin Warner played the role of the Shepherd's Felix, his lines crossing the footlights in the form of a message to the people. Dr. Logan Towers offered clever character work as the very old and feeble shepherd Mac, while Richard Smith appeared as the youthful shepherd Hob. Mrs. Arthur Brickenden, as announcer, who appears before the curtain with the Christmas message, gave a beautiful significance to the familiar words, by her delivery of them.

Others who took part in the cast were Walter Holt, as Joseph, Agur Treleaven as The Angel; Miss Patricia Adams, Miss Ethel Burch, Miss Lillian Adams, Miss Gibson, Miss Element and Mrs. Richard Smith as the dryads; Marcelle Adams, Ruth Rider, Dorothy Robinson, Margaret Graydon, Catherine Anderson, Patricia McCullough.

Some of the most beautiful effects of the performance were secured by the choir of the church, singing behind scenes, as the Chorus of Angels. Ernest O'Dell, choirmaster, directed.

ARTHUR M'LURG DIES AFTER LENGTHY ILLNESS

Prominent Tea Merchant Had Been Resident For 34 Years.

For the past 34 years one of the most prominent tea merchants in this city, Arthur McLurg, aged 63 years, died at his late residence, 337 St. James street, early last evening. Owing to failing health, Mr. McLurg retired from business about two years ago, and since that time had been confined to his bed.

Born in Lobo township in 1862, he spent some 30 years of his life in that district. On coming to London as a young man, Mr. McLurg at once set up in business for himself, and up until the time of his illness had conducted the business, together with his son, at their home on St. James street. Buying tea from the wholesalers of London, Mr. McLurg blended it himself and resold it to the retail merchants of the city.

He was exceptionally well known in London and throughout all of Western Ontario. He had been an active member of the New St. James' church for many years.

Besides his widow, he is survived by one son, Earl, and his daughter, Cecile, both at home; also three brothers, Dr. James McLurg of Sault Ste. Marie; Dr. David of Detroit, and Harry of Ailsa Craig; three sisters, Mrs. Wm. Parker of London, Mrs. James Shippley of Lexington, Mich., and Mrs. James McFarlane of Ailsa Craig.

The funeral services will be held from the family residence on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. James McKay of New St. James will officiate. Interment will be made in Mount Pleasant cemetery.

KNOX CHURCH S. S., W.LORNE GIVES CHRISTMAS TREE

Special to The Advertiser.

West Lorne, Dec. 23.—Knox Presbyterian church school put on a Christmas tree entertainment tonight. More than 120 attended and sat down to supper. Rev. Mr. Rayner, the newly-inducted minister, and Mrs. Rayner were present. Rev. Dr. Stalker acted as chairman. The classes of Mrs. McGill, Miss Annie Montgomery, Mrs. Fischer and Miss Leverington took part in the excellent program. The treat to the children of candies, oranges and toys was distributed by Assistant-Superintendent Archer. The Sunday school superintendent is Minor Boss.

EMPLOYEES ARE FETED.
Special to The Advertiser.

Clinton, Dec. 23.—The annual Christmas entertainment for employees of the Clinton Knitting Company was held Tuesday evening. H. G. Harper, the president, was chairman. Others who entertained were Miss I. Glidden, Col. H. B. Combe, Miss L. Crich, A. A. Morrison, A. G. Calder, F. Livermore, T. W. Lewis. Santa Claus, in the person of Mr. L. Deeves, distributed gifts from a gaily-decorated Christmas tree. Lunch was then served and dancing, led by the Agnew orchestra, commenced.

COOLIDGE BACKS FLIGHT TO POLE

Writes Sponsors of Project Praising Them For Initiative.

Special to The Advertiser.

Detroit, Dec. 23.—President Coolidge has endorsed the purpose of the Wilkins Arctic expedition, it became known here today, and has bespoken his personal interest in the project, which is sponsored by the American Geographical society, the Detroit Aviation society and the North American Newspaper Alliance.

The president's comment was made in a letter to William B. Mayo, general manager of the Ford Motor Company, who is president of the Detroit Aviation society and chairman of the board of control of the Detroit Arctic expedition. The letter was written from the White House on December 15. It reads as follows:

"My dear Mr. Mayo—I have your letter of December 11, signed by yourself and Mr. Frische, telling me that the Detroit Aviation society is planning to organize and privately finance an expedition to explore the land west of the north pole. It has aroused the keenest personal interest.

"America has always been in the forefront of Arctic exploration, and it is fitting that we should strive to set the first to open the unknown lands to the knowledge of the world. The importance to commercial aviation in the possible development of air routes across the Arctic region makes the proposed enterprise of particular value. Sincerely yours, CALVIN COOLIDGE."

BLIND MINING GIRLS RECOVER THEIR SIGHT

Congenital Cataracts Removed From Eyes of Two West Virginia Sisters.

Associated Press Despatch.

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 23.—Two mining girls, blind since birth, marched from the Huntington hospital today and marvelled at the sights they beheld. Their sight had been restored, a Christmas gift from their mountain neighbors and a Huntington surgeon.

The girls, Fay Cook, 17, and her sister Mayme, 24, suffered from congenital cataracts. In their remote mountain home of Lorado, Logan county, they had about given up hope of ever gaining use of their eyes, and were educating themselves in the methods of the blind when kindly-disposed neighbors interested Dr. C. M. Hawes of Huntington.

The doctor said he was willing to perform the delicate operations necessary without cost. The neighbors, anxious to have the girls back home by Christmas, hurriedly subscribed to a fund to defray hospital expenses. The operation was a success.

SEEK TO HEAL BREACH IN QUEBEC TORY RANKS

Peace Parley Called at Which Mr. Meighen Will Attend As Leader.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—The Star in its news columns today says:

"Immediate steps will be taken to bring about complete unity among all the Conservative interests in the province of Quebec, as a result of a meeting of defeated and successful candidates at the Place Viger Hotel and Montreal club yesterday.

"Although the meeting was held behind closed doors, it is now understood that a representative committee was appointed charged with the duty of bringing conflicting interests into line and of organizing another meeting, at which plans for absolute unity and cooperation will be adopted.

"It was stated that Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen would attend the meeting as leader of the Conservative party.

"Detailed plans for the second meeting will, it is understood, be made immediately after the Christmas holidays.

"Hon. E. L. Patenaude, outstanding Quebec Conservative and leader of the party during the recent federal campaign, will issue his official statement within a few days."

BAKERY CAR CRASHES TREE, DRIVER IS BADLY BRUISED

Special to The Advetriser.

Lucan, Dec. 23.—Harry Lankin, driver for George Strasser, local baker, was badly bruised and shaken up when his auto left the road about a mile south of Crediton, jumped a ditch and crashed into a tree. Lankin was pinned between the delivery body of the car and the steering wheel, and while no bones were broken he was rendered unconscious and suffered bad bruises about the body. He was discovered by passers-by soon after the accident and brought home after medical attention had been given him.

He is resting easily now and no serious results are anticipated. He says that a rut in the road was the cause of the mishap.

PAY TRIBUTE TO MAYOR

St. Marys Council Fetes C. E. Richardson on Retirement.

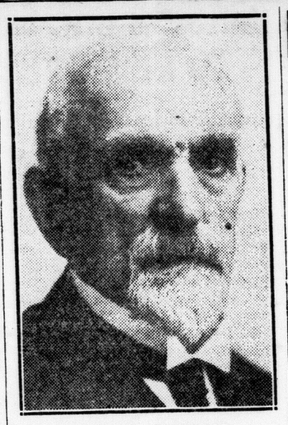
Special to The Advertiser.

St. Marys, Dec. 23.—A pleasing event took place at the home of Mayor C. E. Richardson, when the members of the 1925 town council and other town officials gathered to honor him prior to his retirement at the end of this year after having successfully served two terms as chief magistrate.

The guests presented Mayor Richardson with a gold-headed cane.

PUPILS HOLD CONCERT.
Special to The Advertiser.

Middlemarch, Dec. 23.—The pupils of S.S. No. 14 held their Christmas entertainment in the Grange hall on Monday. Santa Claus distributed presents from a well-laden tree. Much credit is due their teacher. Miss Chambers, for the efficient manner in which she had trained the children.



VETERAN DIRECTOR.
J. W. Scott of Listowel, aged 91, who has resigned as president of the British Mortgage Loan Company of Stratford. He has been a director since organization of the company in 1877 and president since 1917. He is succeeded by Hon. Nelson Monteith.

SMITH UNLIKELY TO GET FREEDOM

Stand of Nickle Likely to Influence Decision of Federal Authorities.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—There is some doubt whether Peter Smith, former provincial treasurer, will be paroled soon, in view of the opposition of Attorney-General W. F. Nickle and the Ontario government.

The case has been before the minister of justice for some days now, since a delegation presented a petition for parole of the former treasurer on a number of grounds. The desire of the delegation was that Peter Smith be released for Christmas. The department of justice is silent in regard to the letter which, according to Toronto despatches, Mr. Nickle has sent, and in which he sets forth the attitude of the Ontario government.

NICKLE FORWARDS LETTER.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The attitude of the Ontario government in regard to the suggested parole of Peter Smith, former treasurer of Ontario, has been conveyed to the minister of justice at Ottawa in a letter forwarded by Attorney-General Nickle today. The letter is said to be discouraging to the hopes of friends of Mr. Smith who have been endeavoring to secure his release from Kingston penitentiary, where he is said to be in serious ill-health.

"I am not prepared to make the letter public," stated Mr. Nickle today, "but it was written by my deputy, and it intimates, as I have previously told you, that the government is of the opinion, as the result of evidence adduced at various trials, that a large amount of public money was improperly diverted from the treasury of the province, a portion of which came under the control of the late provincial treasurer. The government, therefore, is of the opinion that before clemency is expected restitution should be made."

Conserve Fuel, Ottawa Warns

Chatham Is Advised of Possible Shortage—City Only Half Served.

Special to The Advertiser.

Chatham, Dec. 23.—Mayor C. D. Sulman today received a communication from the Dominion Fuel Board warning citizens to protect themselves against a fuel shortage, which may develop early in the new year.

According to a survey made by the board, forty-five per cent. of the estimated requirements of local coal consumers have yet to be received by the dealers.

ESCAPED CONVICT GOING BACK TO KINGSTON PEN.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Official notification that Gordon Simpson, escaped convict from Kingston penitentiary, would be taken direct from New York, where he was arrested, to Kingston, was received by Eric Armour, K.C., crown attorney, here, today.

He will be tried in Kingston on a charge of jail-breaking. Mr. Armour stated today that if Simpson were given a substantial sentence in Kingston that the charge of bank robbery against him in Toronto would be dropped.

PARTY FOR EX-PUPILS.
Special to The Advertiser.

Avon, Dec. 23.—On Tuesday, in the Avon public school, a Christmas party was held in honor of Helen, Lorne and Eva Jolliffe. A number of the ex-pupils were invited. A jolly time was spent, and gifts from one to another were presented. Cake, sandwiches, candy and coffee were served.

JOHN FITZGERALD DIES AFTER LENGTHY ILLNESS

John J. Fitzgerald, a lifelong resident of this city, died at his late residence, 178 Maitland street, yesterday afternoon, after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Fitzgerald was born in London some 65 years ago, and has always made his home here. A boilermaker by trade, he had for many years been employed locally with the Canadian National Railway.

Besides his widow, he is survived by one son, Calvin, at home; his daughter, Willow, of Ayr, and one brother, Thomas, of this city; also three sisters, Mrs. Alfred Gregory of London, Mrs. Albert Hawkins of Hayden, Alberta, and Mrs. Rose Hawthorne of Toronto.

The funeral will be held from the family residence at 3 p.m. on Friday afternoon. Dean Tucker will conduct the services, and interment will be made in Woodland cemetery.

DIAMOND THEFT OF $1,600 IN TORONTO PAWNSHOP

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Thieves have stolen $1,600 worth of diamonds from the pawnshop of James McTamney, 139 Church street, during the past week, it became known today. The diamonds were contained in eight rings, one valued at $800. The diamonds were either stolen from the window or the reception-room. Mr. McTamney did not discover his loss until yesterday, when he was looking over his stock. "The eight rings were my own stock, not customers'," said Mr. McTamney. "They were not insured against theft."

BELIEVE SESSION TO BE SHORT ONE

Legislature Opens Feb. 10—Expect No Contentious Legislation.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—No legislation of a contentious nature is as yet upon the horizon for the approaching session of the Ontario legislature, which will convene on Feb. 10. Announcement of the opening date was made by Premier Howard Ferguson this afternoon following a lengthy cabinet meeting, at which routine matters were cleared up preparatory to most of the ministers leaving to spend Christmas at their homes. The date chosen indicates that a short session is expected by the government, since Premier times the assembling of the house with Ferguson times the assembling of the house with a view to Easter adjournment.

Statute Revision Work.

The work of the statute revision commission upon the assessment and municipal acts hold out the greatest promise of labors so far for the chamber's members, while a consolidation of Consolidations of the mining and of as a matter for considerable routine energy.

the various highway acts also looms up the fish and game acts are also thought to be due, although no intimation has yet been given as to whether they will be undertaken.

One legislative project of great interest has already been forecast by the premier, namely, a legislative basis for a farm colony scheme for caring for the feeble-minded of the province.

WIDNER NELLES DIES AGE 73, IN MONTREAL

Former Londoner Was Prominent Manufacturers' Agent —Sister in City.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—The death occurred in the General Hospital this morning of J. Widner Nelles, prominent manufacturers' agent, in his 73rd year. The deceased, who had been in business in Montreal since 1876, was born in London, Ont., the son of Mr. John Nelles. He had been a resident of this city for 60 years.

J. Widner Nelles, who died in Montreal yesterday, was born in this city in 1853, the son of the late Dr. John Nelles. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. James Colerick, a resident of this city, and Miss Fannie Nelles, of Toronto. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

CUDDY CALLS SPOTTERS EVIL, BUT NECESSARY

System of Catching O. T. A. Offenders Unreliable, Ontario Police Aide Admits.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—" Liquor operatives are a necessary evil, as there is no other way of getting evidence of infractions of the Ontario temperance act," said Alfred Cuddy, assistant commissioner of the provincial police, referring to a Port Arthur despatch to the effect that local hotelmen were considering making a protest against the methods of such operatives.

Mr. Cuddy added, however, that the department did not believe in trying to get such evidence by tempting anyone to sell liquor. The operatives were instructed that in cases where complaints had been received that the liquor law was being broken, they were to buy liquor if it was apparent that such was readily purchasable. He said that the type of men available for the work was such that it was difficult to assure that they would in all cases carry out instructions. There are about 20 operatives in the employ of the province, he said.

HON. MR. LARKIN'S HOLIDAY.
Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 23.—Hon. P. C. Larkin will spend an hour or so of the holiday season with his old friend, Sir Thomas Lipton at Southgate, on the borders of Northern London, or with an equally old friend of the high commissioner, a neighbor of Sir Thomas Lipton, Lord Inverforth, whose house was burglarized this week, when jewels owned by Lady Inverforth to the value of $30,000 were carried off.

TELEGRAPHERS SECEDE.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—By a unanimous vote members of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, in the employ of the Canadian National Telegraph in Toronto, decided tonight at a meeting here to secede from the International Commercial Telegraphers' Union. On Tuesday night telegraphers in Winnipeg took similar action.

WHEAT PRICES GO SOARING AS U.S. CROP FIGURES CUT

Believed That United States Will Have To Replenish Stocks in Canada—Out of the Running As Competitor in the Export Markets.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—The holiday apathy on the local grain exchange was rudely shaken today, following the publication, after the market closed yesterday, of the United States department of agriculture estimate, reducing the wheat crop in that country by 28,000,000 bushels from the previous estimate.

Gains of from 5c to 6c over the previous close were registered. The market opened 3½c to 3⅞c higher, gained another 2c or 3c during the day, and reacted slightly on profit taking.

Investment buying was heavy, while there was a big spreading trade in progress, in the shape of sales against purchases in Chicago.

Out of Export Trade.

The feeling was prevalent that the United States would have to come to Canada to replenish wheat stocks. It was indicated that traders believed the United States report confirmed previous indications that the United States was practically on a domestic basis, and will be forced to import wheat, and also that the United States is out of the running as a competitor of Canada in selling wheat for export.

NORTH HURON GOES TO KING JUDGE LEWIS MAKES RECOUNT

Final Result Gives Progressive 5,340 Votes, Conservative 5,170 —County Judge Refuses Adjournment and Carries Out Supreme Court's Order To Count Disputed Ballots.

Special to The Advertiser.

Goderich, Dec. 23.—At noon today Judge E. N. Lewis proceeded with the rehearing of the North Huron federal election recount, and, carrying out the instructions of Mr. Justice Wright, declared a majority for J. W. King, Progressive, of 170.

On resuming his hearing his honor refused the request of George Spotton's attorney for an adjournment, and proceeded without arguments being heard to carry out the order of Mr. Justice Wright of the supreme court of Ontario.

He opened the rejected packets of ballots from the polls of Nos. 2 and 6 of Grey and No. 7 Ashfield, and removed the counterfoils from them, 342 in all. Finding all these ballots otherwise in proper form, he allowed all same and counted them. In his declaration, which he handed to the returning officer, there were: King, 5,340; Spotton, 5,170.

Returning Officer C. A. Nairn will now deliver the final count to the chief electoral officer, Col. Biggar at Ottawa, closing the North Huron riding and electing the Progressive candidate. It is understood that on the opening of parliament in January, J. W. King will be in his seat, the previous declaration by the returning officer being superseded by the new official count.

ENDED, SAYS MR. SPOTTON.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—As far as George Spotton, the Conservative candidate, is concerned, the fight for possession of the federal seat of North Huron ended today with the decision of Judge Lewis in the recount declaring J. W. King, Progressive candidate, elected. In an interview here tonight, Mr. Spotton stated that the matter was closed.

"We fought for the secrecy of the ballot," he said, "feeling that a ballot that was not secret was not a British ballot. You will remember how we fought for the abolition of the old numbered ballot in the days of the Ross administration. Sir James Whitney gave us our sacred, secret ballot.

Double Error Found.

"With the present ballot, the same number which is opposite the voter's name in the poll-book is placed upon the counterfoil, and when the counterfoil is left on there is no secrecy. Yesterday I learned that in one poll the deputy returning officer committed a double blunder. He left on the counterfoils and also failed to put on the number on the counterfoils, hence the secrecy of those ballots was not violated.

"Upon hearing this I telephoned Richard Vanstone of Wingham, solicitor for my opponent, stating that if this was found to be correct he could advise His Honor Judge Lewis that we would press the matter no further. Mr. Vanstone, finding this to be the case, gave the court my message, and the matter is ended.

Not Standing on Technicalities.

"If the numbers had been on the counterfoils in this one particular poll the fight would have gone on, but had we known at the beginning of the recount of the double blundering of this one D.R.O., which still left the ballots of his poll secret, the fight would never have gone this far. We have no desire to take advantage of any technicalities.

"I may add," concluded Mr. Spotton, "that when my chieftain, Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, learned of this phase of the matter he heartily concurred in my view."

Car, 6 Occupants Hangs On Bridge

Special to The Advertiser.

Warwick, Dec. 23.—Six people had narrow escapes in a serious accident on the 18th sideroad of Warwick on Tuesday night. A car driven by Donald McLacy was proceeding northward when it skidded and collided with the railing of a bridge. The front wheels and axle were torn from the car, and it was left suspended in such a way that the merest touch would overbalance it into a deep ditch. Leslie Kenzie and four high school girls from Watford were the passengers.

STREET CAR CONDUCTOR REWARDED FOR HONESTY

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Albert Wadley, street car conductor, has been rewarded for honesty. Last August Wadley picked up a parcel in his street car containing $15,000 worth of diamonds and handed it over to the lost articles department, by which they were returned to their rightful owner. Wadley has been presented with a diamond stickpin and a check by the owner of the diamonds.

COAST PROVINCE WANTS PEACE RIVER BLOCK

Would Be Used For Subsidies To Aid in Building Railway in Area.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 23.—Offers will be made for the British Columbia government to secure possession of the Peace River block, it was stated here today.

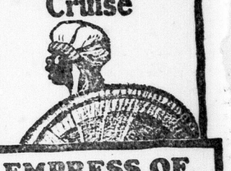
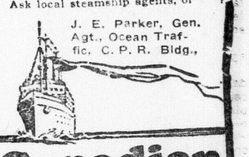
Premier John Oliver plans to first lay a proposal to this effect before the Dominion government in the form of a written memorandum and then, if necessary, to make a personal visit to Ottawa to press the matter.

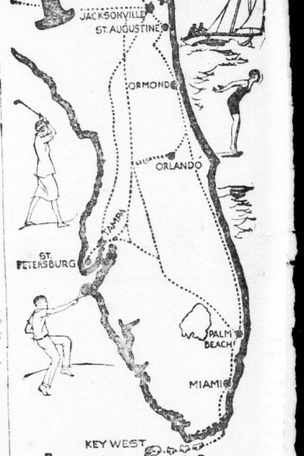
While the premier will ask that the Peace River block be returned to British Columbia, it is understood that he will be willing to agree that the land shall be used as subsidies to aid the construction of the proposed railway through the Peace River area, this being the chief value of the land to

INJURED WHILE CRANKING CAR.
Special to The Advertiser.

Brussels, Dec. 23.—John Oliver, Sen., is carrying his right arm in a sling as the result of a "kick" while cranking his automobile.

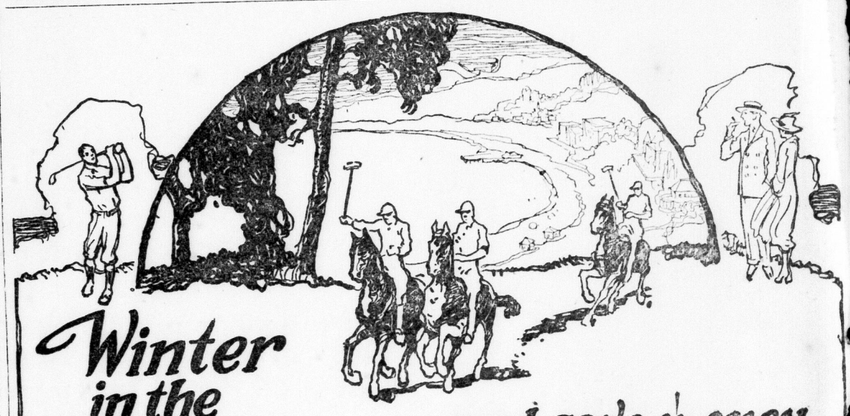
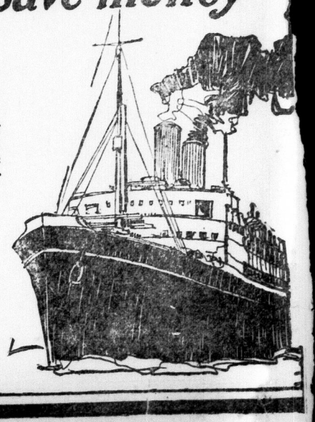
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BEFORE MUSIC CLUB

First Concert of New Year To Be Given On January 4.

The London Women's Music club has a treat in store for its members on the evening of Monday, January 4, when George and Renee Longy-Miquelle will be the artists. The evening's program will include 'cello and piano numbers of great merit, and promises to be exceptionally fine.

Georges Miquelle is a youthful artist, being but 24 years of age, yet he has been acclaimed, both on this continent and abroad as a remarkable violoncellist. First he was known as a child wonder, later, at 18 years of age, he captured the first prize at the Paris Conservatoires, France. He toured the north of Spain in the summer of 1914, entering the Frech army in 1915, and serving until the close of the war.

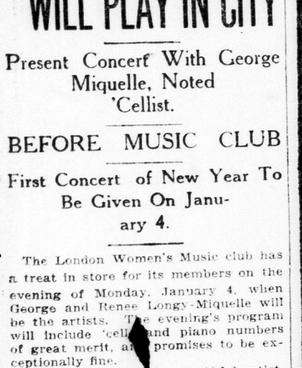
From 1918 to 1920, he was with the Boston symphony orchestra, and in the fall and winter of 1920, travelled extensively with the New York Chamber society.

He began the study of music at the age of 5.

Rene Longy-Miquelle is the talented daughter of Georges Longy, the world-renowned artist, and is a remarkable pianiste. Making her first public appearance in Boston when only 17½, she won the enthusiastic recognition from both public and press.

Not only is she a good musician herself, but she is a gifted instructor and director of the Longy School of Music. She was born in Paris, France, and educated there. In 1914, she came to this continent and was appointed instructor of the New England Conservatory of Music.

She began her study of music at the age of 4, wit hher father as her first teacher, taking up the study of the oboe and piano. At the age of 8, she began to specialize in piano, giving up the oboe entirely. Since then her career has been a distinguished one.



UNCLE WIGGILY'S CHRISTMAS TREE.

Such a wonderful, happy, jolly, exciting time as there was in Woodland, near Uncle Wiggily's hollow stump bungalow! Such mysterious goings and comings; such whisperings, squeaking, mewing, barkings, whistlings and other sounds made by the animal children! Such a scurrying here and there—doors opening—doors closing—doors slamming shut by themselves—such a rustling and rattling of paper—such wonderful odors of cooking coming from the burrows, nests, kennels, dens and other places where the animal boys and girls lived!

"Oh, I'm just so happy I don't know what to do!" exclaimed Baby Bunty.

"So am I," said Susie Littletail.

"And to think that tomorrow is Christmas!" mewed Kittie Kat. "Oh, I wonder what I'll get?"

"Well, I hope I get a nice, juicy bone," barked Jackie Bow Wow, hungry like.

"I'm hoping for some nut candy!" chattered Billie Bushytail, the squirrel. Gathered together near Uncle Wiggily's bungalow were the animal boys and girls, including the forty-leven little bunny children of the old rabbit gentleman himself. They were talking about the wonderful day that was coming tomorrow, guessing what presents they would receive, and secretly hoping the presents they had ordered for others would be just what was wanted.

"And that's the best fun of all," thought Sammie Littletail, as he looked in as secret hollow of new-mown hay, that he had bought for his



Mr. Whitewash began to howl

mother, was safe; and it was. "The best fun of all," said Sammie to himself, "is to get things for somebody else."

But if the children gathered around the bungalow were happy, Uncle Wiggily, himself, was a little worried. And it was about the Christmas tree he was going to bring home to set up, so presents could be put on it at Christmas Eve.

"I don't want these children to see me dragging the Christmas tree into my bungalow," said Mr. Longears, rubbing his cold, pink nose with his paw. "I want them to think the tree got there in a magical way but if they see me dragging it in, half the fun will be gone. I wonder how I can get that tree home."

Up in the forest, on a hill, the tree was cut and ready. Mr. Whitewash, the strong polar bear gentleman, had used his sharp claws and teeth to cut the tree for Uncle Wiggily.

"But how can I get the tree home without the animal children seeing me?" asked the bunnny of the polar bear, who was waiting for him at the place where the Christmas spruce lay ready. Mr. Whitewash gave a woofing grunt and said:

"Drag the tree almost to your bungalow. Then, when you are hiding behind a bush, give a shout or a grunt or a yell. That will surprise the boys and girls. They will run away and before they run back you can slip in with the tree!"

"A good idea!" laughed Uncle Wiggily. "But as my voice isn't very good for shouting, suppose you do that. Come with me and growl!"

"All right," agreed the polar bear gentleman, laughing. He helped Uncle Wiggily carry the Christmas tree to the edge of the clearing in which stood the bungalow. Around it still played the children.

"Scatter them!" whispered Mr. Longears. Raising his long nose in the air, Mr. Whitewash began to howl! Oh what loud and scary howls came from the bear gentleman's throat, but they were only howls in fun.

"Wurra! Wurra goolash! Wurra!" howled Mr. Whitewash.

"Oh! Listen to that!" gasped Baby Bunty. "What a dreadful noise!"

"I'm going to run!" mewed Kittie Kat. "Maybe it's Santa Claus and he doesn't want us to see him."

"Let's all run!" barked Jackie Bow Wow. Away ran all the animal children, hiding behind rocks, stumps and trees. Then, when the coast was clear, Uncle Wiggily quickly hopped into his bungalow, dragging the Christmas tree behind him. And only Nurse Jane and Mrs. Longears saw it being brought in.

"Ha! Ha! That was a good trick!" chuckled the rabbit gentleman. "And if the children were a bit surprised, why, tomorrow I will wish them Merry Christmas and everything will be all right."

And when Christmas came, there was Uncle Wiggily's tree, laden with presents—presents for every girl and boy animal in Woodland.

"Merry Christmas!" cried Uncle Wiggily. "Merry Christmas to everybody, all over the world—ten thousand wishes of Merry Christmas!"

And I wish you the same. Because if the rubber boot doesn't go out walking with the candlestick and forget to come back to dance with the umbrella, next you shall hear about Uncle Wiggily's Christmas party cake.



RETURNS TO CANADA.

Frances Nickawa, Cree Indian from York Factory on Hudson Bay, has just returned to Canada after a tour around the world in which she made a marked impression in reciting Canadian poems. Miss Nickawa visited this city two years ago and her readings delighted many Londoners.

ASK CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR PROTESTANT HOME

Little Citizens Need Merriment and Gifts To Make Tomorrow Complete.

The day before Christmas, and still there is need for donations for the little people at the Protestant Orphan's Home on Richmond street north. Half a hundred or more children are comfortably housed at the home, but warmth and cosyness will mean nothing to them if Santa fails to visit the institution.

The little citizens must not be forgotten by the older folk, and the authorities, realizing this, appeal to Londoners to bring cheer to young hearts ere the Christmas dawn breaks It is essential, particularly at this time, that Christmas be made a period of merriment, cheer and plenty.

Gifts and donations of any sort will be welcomed.

LAURA SECORD EMPLOYEES GIVEN BONUS

For the third successive year local Laura Secord employees received Christmas bonus checks. They represented a substantial percentage of the individual salaries and are directly a share of the profits of the year.

The checks were accompanied by a personal message from Mr. O'Connor, president of the Laura Secord Candy Shops, who expressed pleasure that the popularity of Laura Secord Candies with lovers of wholesome sweets, and the loyalty of the employees were so well rewarded that profits were available for this purpose.

NO. 9 MOSA W. I.

The meeting of No. 9 Mosa W. I. was held recently at the home of Mrs. A. Burke with 16 members and one visitor present. Mrs. F. I. Abbott, vice-president, presided. Readings were given by Mrs. G. Murchy and Mrs. F. Abbott; solos, Mrs. A. Walker; instrumental, Miss Alma Henderson. A letter of thanks was received from Miss Fairley, superintendent of Victoria hospital, London, for a donation of fruit sent to the War Memorial Children's hospital. There was received for the birthday stockings, $9.40.

WOMEN and THE HOME

MILITARY WARD IS ENTERTAINED

Dinner Is Served to Returned Men by Associate Auxiliary Members.

A hospital ward at Victoria was made a very homey and cheerful place last evening, when some eighteen returned men of the military ward were guests at a dinner arranged by Mrs. James Hendry, Mrs. Thomas MacDonald and Mrs. Robert Brown, associate members of the Victoria hospital auxiliary board.

The keynote of the gay decorations was an impromptu fireplace in one corner of the large room and the many other decorations added interest to the party. Lights softly shaded in red, gay tinselled curtains at door and window, and many candles made an attractive picture.

An excellent program was provided following the dinner hour. Cpl. Bunting very delightful numbers were El. Webster, soloist; Pipe Major MacDonald, and the little Misses Helen Wilkie and Lenore Gilmour, dancers. During the dinner hour Rev. J. Bruce Hunter spoke briefly, bringing a Christmas message.

Among the gifts on the tree were special gifts for each man from the London Red Cross. Miss Scott was responsible for the attractive decorations, in which she was assisted by the sisters of her ward.

Beaver Babies Find Pond Hard

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

Yowler the Bob Cat kept away from the dam of Paddy the Beaver. He kept away because he didn't dare to go over there again. Something or someone had struck him from behind as he crouched on a big gray rock near the middle of that dam watching for a chance to catch an unsuspecting Beaver. Yowler had been both hurt and frightened, so frightened that on the instant he had jumped and landed in the water. As he scrambled out on the dam and then rapidly sneaked ashore he kept looking over his shoulder. But he neither heard nor saw anyone. It was so mysterious that Yowler decided then and there that he didn't really want a Beaver dinner after all, and would keep away from there.

As for Hooty the Great Horned Owl, who had struck at Yowler's twitching, stubby tail, without knowing what he was striking at, well, Hooty just naturally flew away without so much as saying excuse me. He didn't want anyone to know what a mistake he had made.

So it was that Paddy the Beaver, Mrs. Paddy and the two nearly grown children were hunted no more, Old Man Coyote having long since decided that it was a waste of time to go 'way over there with the chances all against him. So Paddy and his family worked, ate and slept, slept, ate and worked day after day, and wasted no time at all. The trees were cut on the shore of the big new pond, towed down to the dam, dragged across this, and towed down to the food pile in the old pond. Young trees, small enough to be handled, were taken down there whole. Big trees were trimmed of their branches and cut into logs. Then these and the big branches were taken down.

One or twice the young Beavers complained because they had to work so steadily. They thought they ought to have some time for rest and play. But Paddy kept them on the job.

"You will have all winter in which to do nothing," said he. "But if winter catches us without food enough to carry



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us through, you will wish you had worked twice as hard as you have."

"Other people get along without storing up a lot of food, so I don't see why we cannot," grumbled one young Beaver.

"Who?" demanded Paddy.

"Peter Rabbit," replied the young Beaver.

Paddy laughed right out. "True enough," said he. "But Peter can travel about to hunt for food, and if he can't find the food he wants he can make another do. At that, he goes hungry often enough. The same thing is true of others who do not lay up food and who do not sleep through the winter. You never find any of them fat in winter. It is a lean time, a hard time, and stomachs are really filled only once in a while. But last winter there wasn't a day that you went hungry. Why? Because we had been thrifty. Because we had worked hard at the proper time and stored enough food to last until spring even if it should be late. If you should have to travel over snow and ice to get food Yowler the Bob Cat or Old Man Coyote would soon have the Beaver dinner both are forever dreaming about."

The young Beaver grumbled a little to himself, but he kept right on working and did his full share. Then came a day when after working a good part of the night Paddy insisted that they should work through the day. Several times that day he swam around that food pile looking it over with the greatest care. Then he would urge the others to work a little faster. As jolly round red Mr. Sun disappeared behind the tops of the trees on his way to bed behind the Purple Hills, the last stick was added to the pile, and Paddy once more looked it over.

"I think it will do," said he. "Anyway, it is time we rested."

The next morning when that young Beaver came out of the under-water doorway and started for the surface he bumped his head. The pond was frozen over. Then he understood why his father had kept them at work so. Winter had arrived and they were ready just in time.

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The next story: "The Christmas Spirit."

EVERYTHING

I wrote to Santa Claus today
Because I had so much to say.
I wrote like this [illegible]
[illegible] which said to bring
A little child just everything!
A jumping-jack and sugar plum,
And Baa-Baa lamb and painted drum—
I put my letter in the box,
And now I'm hanging up my socks.

—Margaret Clarke Russell, London.

QUEEN'S COUNSEL

Written for The Advertiser.

by Marie Queen of Roumania

THAT LOOK OF HAPPINESS.

How often do we see people who look satisfied, happy, prosperous, of whom we say, "There goes one who has everything!"



HER MAJESTY MARIE QUEEN OF RUMANIA.

Don't believe it!

If that person really "has everything" you can count upon it that the "everything" has been gained only after long effort and unhappiness, or else the person is of an extremely simple intellect, "brother to the ox". . . .

It is hard, I know, to distrust appearances. It is only when we have become old, or at least elderly, that we learn we cannot read the heart from the face or general appearance.

One of the happiest-looking women I know has had a life to make one shudder. She has forced herself in very self-defence to wear a mask of smiling serenity, and by wearing that mask for years and forcing herself to seem happy, she has become more happy.

I know someone else, of whom people say, "She is indeed a fortunate woman. She has a loving husband, a home, children, amusement, prosperity."

Ah, yes . . . But I happen to know that woman's earlier life. What she has now is built upon years of bitter grief and disappointment that have aged her before her time.

The blessings she now enjoys have come almost too late. Her heart is tired. . . . Her spirit is worn with waiting and with struggle. For what we want, we want when we want it, not when it pleases fate or chance to give it to us. Often we are too old to profit by life's deferred favors. . . .

So, I say, do not envy anybody. Do not grow discouraged yourself—the best may be yet to come. What are Browning's beautiful lines?—

"Grow old along with me,
The best is yet to be—
The last of life, for which the first was made!

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Social and Personal

Mrs. J. S. Niven is a Christmas guest with her daughter, Mrs. Torrance Beardmore, in Toronto.

Mrs. Carrie Glintz is spending Christmas with her sons, Messrs. Clifford and Fenton Glintz, in Detroit.

Miss Ada Pitman, of Sarnia, is a holiday guest with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Matthews, Sterling street.

Mr. Graham Jackson, of Hamilton, is a holiday guest with Mr. and Mrs. John Munroe, Egerton street.

Miss Ora Hunter, of New York, arrives in town shortly to be a guest with Mrs. John Farrow, Hyman street.

Miss Ada Pitman of Sarnia will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Matthews, Sterling street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pickett will be Christmas guests with Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Mara, Bridport street.

Mrs. Gregg of Walkerville is a guest with her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Isaacs, Horne street.

Professor Robert Hannah of Cornell university is spending Christmas with his mother on Princess avenue.

Mr. Stuart McCallum will spend Christmas with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. McAdam in Hamilton.

Miss Kathleen Burrows is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Burrows, in Seaforth.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Archer, of Toronto, will be Christmas guests with the former's mother and uncle, Mrs. Julia Martin, and William E. Nixon, Wilton Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zeigler and young son Brooks of Waterloo will be Christmas guests with Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Zeigler, Waterloo street.

Mrs. J. D. McKee of Toronto is a Christmas guest with Mr. and Mrs. Purdom Love at Loveholm, Springbank.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carnie of South London are spending the Christmas holiday in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Keyes of Detroit are Christmas guests with the former's parents on Beaconsfield avenue.

Mrs. Howley and family, Elias street, are spending Christmas and New Year's with Mrs. Howley's mother at Havelock, Peterboro.

Miss Margaret Lawson Patterson, Alexandra apartments, left yesterday to spend Christmas with her uncle, Dr. R. E. Patterson, in Detroit.

Mr. Clifford Thompson, of Detroit, will be a Christmas guest with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Thompson, Byron avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson and daughter, Miss Jean Anderson, of Detroit, will spend Christmas with Mrs E. J. Stein, Victor street.

Mr. John Freeman, of Tecumseh, Mich., is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Albert Reason, and Capt. Reason at Coverlea, North London.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray, of Bobcaygeon, are Christmas guests with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Macfie, South London.

Mr. Walter W. Lowes, of the Brantford customs office, is a Christmas guest with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Suter, Chesley avenue.

Miss Marjorie Bliss, of Detroit, will be a holiday guest with her cousins, the Misses Eleanor and Ruth Wilson, Central avenue.

Mr. M. W. Rossie leaves early tomorrow morning for Toronto, where he will join Mrs. Rossie and Miss Mary Rossie for the Christmas week-end.

Mr. J. Douglas Woollatt, B.A., of Victoria college, Toronto, is a holiday guest with his mother, Mrs. H. Woollatt, Colborne street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCormick, Central avenue, are to be New Year's guests in Port Dover with the latter's mother, Mrs. Joseph Ivey.

Mr. Arthur Wilson of the O. A. C., Guelph, spent a few days in London this week en route to spend Christmas at his home in Petrolia.

Miss Hazel Fritz of the Highland Park General hospital is spending Christmas with her mother, Mrs. M. J. Fritz, 518 William street.

Miss Kathleen Gillmore of the teaching staff of the Littlewood school, Lambeth, is a Christmas guest with her parents in South London.

Mrs. Hume Cronyn has arrived in town from the east and will be at her home for Christmas. Mr. Cronyn returns later.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cadman and children will visit with Mr. Cadman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cadman, Wortley road, for the New Year's holiday.

Mrs. William Whitehead and two young sons of Montreal arrived in town yesterday morning to be holiday guests with her sister, Mrs. Hume Cronyn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Webster and children will be Christmas guests with Mrs. Webster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burt, in Brantford.

Miss Barbara Wilson of Montreal has arrived from Montreal to spend the holidays with her mother on Huron street.

Dr. and Mrs. D. J. McKay and family of Waterloo street north leave today for Toronto to spend Christmas with Mr. McKay's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Mann of Detroit will be guests with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cadman, Wortley road, for the New Year's holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold V. Baker, Mt. Edward Mayer and Mr. Richard S. DeCoursey of Detroit will be Christmas guests with Mr. Reuben E. Short, Beaconsfield avenue.

Mr. Fred Smith, Vauxhall street, who has been ill in the Christie street hospital, Toronto, following a serious operation, will be home in this city for Christmas and the New Year.

Miss Nettie Yeo and Mr. Russell Yeo of Schenectady, N.Y., are coming to London to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Yeo, Wortley road.

Mr. Duncan McLean of Toronto university and Miss Alice McLean of Detroit will be Christmas guests with their brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. R. Reynolds, Colborne street.

Miss Betty Stradley of Detroit will be a week-end guest with Miss Viola Stevens, Grosvenor street, coming to the city for the dance which is being given by the Misses Nash.

Miss Maybelle Douglass of Toronto will be a Christmas guest with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Douglass, Central avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent J. Colgan and little daughter, Rosemary, of Ardaven place, are spending Christmas in Toronto, guests with Mr. Colgan's mother, Mrs. E. Colgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Page entertained the members of the boys' choir of St. James' Anglican church at their home on Bruce street last evening at a delightfully arranged Christmas party.

Mrs. Fairley and her daughter, Miss Margaret Fairley, are coming from Fergus, Ont., to spend Christmas with Mrs. Fairley's mother, Mrs. M. Churchill, Wharncliffe road.

Mr. Paul De Marky, artist pianist of this city, is to appear at a concert in Toronto early in January under the auspices of the Women's Music club of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Williams and Miss Shirley Williams are coming from Detroit to spend Christmas with Mrs. Williams' mother, Mrs. S. Arscott, Piccadilly street.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Wiggins and children, Cameron and Harold, of Princess avenue, are spending Christmas in Ridgetown, guests with Mrs. Wiggins's parents.

Miss Phyllis J. Lee of Vancouver, who is attending the Battle Creek college, is a Christmas guest with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lee, Queen's avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coghill of Toronto, and Mrs. A. E. Domville of Toronto, are holiday guests with the latter's daughter, Mrs. B. B. Manning, and Mr. Manning, Alma street.

Mr. and Mrs. Castle Graham and Miss Lillian Graham of the Kensington are holiday visitors in Toronto, guests with Mr. and Mrs. Fox and with Rev. Dr. W. T. Graham and Mrs. Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Nicolls and son Glennie of Detroit will spend Christmas with Mrs. Nicolls' parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Giles, Talbot street.

Miss Ida Lowry of Brussels will be a Christmas guest with her sister, Mrs. I. W. Kingswood, and Mr. Kingswood at Sunnydene, where her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Matthews of Forest, will also be holiday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Israel Taylor, Wellington street north, are holiday guests with Mrs. C. W. Thompson in Clinton where Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Thompson Mackenzie avenue, are also Christmas guests.

Rev. W. M. Shore and Mrs. Shore, of the Church of Epiphany rectory, are spending Christmas in Ilderton, guests with the former's brother, Rev. Arthur Shore, and Mrs. Shore at the rectory there.

Mr. F. E. Ford, Florence street, and his brother, Mr. Frank Ford of St. Marys, will be holiday guests with their brother, Rev. C. J. Dickey, of Chicago, and with their sister, Mrs. B. Jarchow, of Calumet, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin McLeish of Windsor are to be holiday guests with the former's mother, Mrs. A. A. McLeish, Beaconsfield avenue, and with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McLean, St. George street.

Dr. and Mrs. Plaggemeyer of Detroit, who are arriving in town today to spend Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Greer, are entertaining at a dance at the London Hunt and Country Club on Saturday evening.

Dr. Roy C. Kingswood is motoring from Dr. Brook's clinic in Detroit to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Kingswood at Sunnydene, Princess avenue. Dr. Kingswood arrives in town today.

Miss Helen McNally, Queen's avenue, and her niece, Miss Ruth Robins, are leaving today to spend the holidays in Norwich and Woodstock. While in Woodstock Miss Robins will be a guest at the dance which is being given by her cousin, Miss Gwendolyn Mahon.

Mrs. T. W. McFarland, John street, are entertaining at a Christmas house party, the guests including Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Laschinger and Miss Marion Mrs. Laschinger of Sarnia; Mr. and Mrs. Brock Thomas of Sarnia; Mrs. J. T. Wood and Miss Mae Wood of Chatham, and Mrs. H. Milne of Detroit.

Professor Duncan MacArthur and Mrs. MacArthur and their two daughters arrive in town today from Queen's University, Kingston, to spend the holidays with Mrs. MacArthur's mother, Mrs. Frank Lawson, and with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lawson, Cheapside street. Professor MacArthur will go on to Ann Arbor to a special university conference during the holidays.

Banghart's new and old time dances scored another great success in Hyman hall this week. Excellent music was provided for the occasion, and the pretty decorations gave the affair the real Christmas party environment, the finishing touch being provided by the appearance of Santa Claus drawing his sleigh loaded with turkeys, geese, ducks and chickens, which he distributed to the holders of the lucky numbers. Even the kiddies present were not forgotten, being given bags of candy.

Mr. Oswald Hord, of the College of Education, Toronto, was a guest in the city yesterday en route to spend Christmas at his home in Komoka.

Dr. W. S. Westland and Mrs. Westland entertained at a delightful dance at the Highland Golf club last evening for their daughter, Miss Bunny Westland. The young hostess was winsome in her modish frock of yellow crepe romaine, and she welcomed about 100 guests into the clubrooms, which were gayly decorated in Christmas colors and yellow candles.

The girls of the office staff of McCormick's arranged a jolly Christmas dinner party at the Blue Dragon tea room last evening. Effective decorations were used and covers were laid for 30 guests. The evening was spent in games, music and dancing. Among the guests were Mrs. Drayer, Misses Margery McNee, Edna Thorpe, Beth Thompson, Ruth Kigle, Eleanor Cox, Connie Parker, Kathleen Cox, Mildred Jewell, Margaret Peace, M. Traver, Alice Miller, Ina Bowley, Helen Griffith, Evelyn Watson, Winnie Dunstan, Marcella Boyd, Mae Arbuckle, Dorothy Gardiner, Doris Leslie, Rose Pease, Minnie Bacon, Gladys Short, Helen Bugler, Elsie Arthur and Miss Bell.

CHURCH HOME HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas Spirit Invades Elmwood Avenue Building—Santa Is Guest.

The Christmas spirit invaded the Elmwood Avenue church home this week, when the Sunday school held its Christmas concert. It was a most successful affair, opening with a delicious feast of seasonable goodies at 6:30 o'clock. The tables were very gay with their white cloths and scarlet candles, and the supper was served by Miss McLeod and Mrs. Millard, assisted by a number of the mothers of the children.

Following supper, merry games were enjoyed under the direction of Miss Myrtle McCallum and Miss Ethel McAlpine. Old and young joined in the frolic.

Sharp at 8 o'clock, there was a hush, and the eyes of the many merrymakers centered on one of the windows as it slowly raised. Then with a merry clatter and amid cheers, good old Santa slid over the sill. There was a joyous scramble about the huge Christmas tree, brilliantly decorated by Miss Keyes and her assistants, as the dear old Christmas fellow began to dismantle the greenery of its many presents for the kiddies.

Special guests of the evening were Rev. and Mrs. Gillmore. Harmon Westland, the superintendent, was master of ceremonies.



GRAY SQUIRREL MODEL.

Gray squirrel is becoming increasingly popular both as a trimming on cloth coats or fur coats of a darker shade. It is also much in demand for neckpieces and stoles, and as in the photograph above as the material for a complete coat. This model is of Canadian design and workmanship.

CLUB NEWS

WEDNESDAY FOUR O'CLOCKS.

At the Wednesday 4 o'clock recitals, which are weekly functions at the Institute of Musical Art, the musical director, Mr. A. D. Jordan, is present and appraises the performance of each student by a schedule of percentages. The student receiving a percentage of 80 or more has his or her name entered upon an honor roll, which hangs in the reception room of the institution. The undermentioned pupils have received this distinction for the excellence of performance at these recitals during the pre-Christmas period: Dorothy French, Nyland Smith, Isabel Younge, Irene Orendorff, Gladys Chapman, Winnifred Hall, May Ford, Eileen Miller, Lois Colwill, Lily Richmond, Helen Noble, Hilda Foster, Barbara Buckle, Annie Holiff, Jean Merritt, Marian McMahen, Marion Lewis, Allan Case, Jack McDonald, Mary Younge, Marjorie Watson, Billy Norfolk, Jean Reid, Geraldine Hooper, Jean Govenlock, Lillian Dickens, Lois Fry, Sadie Butman, Eleanor Wilson, Shirley Jeffries, Esther Wilmer, Jack Smith, Dorothy Pevler, Mary Burns, Mae Andrew, Mary Beard, Margaret McMillan, Marjorie Lewis, James Lapthorne, Mary Leff, Lenore Carter, Aileen Guymer, Dorothy Heard, Helen Dyson, Nora Dawson, Madeline Corbett, Herbert Noble, Carmen Fitzgerald, Dorothy Linnell, Betty Rorke, Kathleen Milligan and Everett Case. The teachers responsible for the musical training of these pupils were Misses Gladys Sharpe, Mabel Stevens, Alberta Tory, Hazel Taylor, Mildred Chantler, Marjory McAllister, Gladys Roedding, Dorothy Munroe, Jennie Steele, Irene Burns, Doris Werner, Edith Irvine and Irene Foster.

EMBRO MISSION BAND.

Embro, Dec. 23.—The Busy Bees mission band met recently, with Annie Smith presiding. A missionary story was given by Marion Findlay. Annual reports were given, showing that over mussion band met recently, with Annie treasury for missions. Mite boxes were handed in with $20 in them. The officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Annie Smith (re-elected); vice-president, Marion Findlay; secretary, Helen Stevens; assistant, Helen Lane; treasurer, Mary McKerchar; home helpers, Helen Lane, pianist, Helen Lane.

OLD CHURCH PROGRESSES.

Special to The Advertiser.

Blyth, Dec. 24.—The continuing Presbyterians are becoming firmly established under the leadership of Mr. Gracey, an organizer for the association from Gananoque. Service is held every Sunday afternoon in Dr. Milne's hall.

HOLIDAY DINNER IS GIVEN AT BYRON

Civilian Patients Entertained by Members of Ladies' Auxiliary.

The Byron Sanatorium was in festive array again last night, when the annual Christmas dinner for the civilian patients was tendered. Over 150 men and women sat down to a banquet laid in the infirmary. Holly and gay Christmas decorations were used to brighten up the place, while the tables were lit with scarlet candles and trimmed with the bright red and green colors of the holiday season.

Members of the ladies' auxiliary to the London Health association, under whose auspices the dinner is given, were present, among them Mrs. Llanel Eliot, Mrs. C. H. Zeigler and Mrs. Gerald Pearson. Mrs. George Brown, the president, was unable to attend, having gone south to spend the winter.

Following dinner, a very fine concert was presented, including many humorous and seasonable numbers. Among the concert party were Harry Jarvis, Ken Murray and Miss Coughlin.

Santa Claus visited the sanatorium, and handsome gifts were stripped from the tree for every patient, presents from the auxiliary. Many of the patients' friends visited the institution for the concert and distribution of gifts. Altogether the evening was a merry one.

NO. 9 MOSA W. I.

The next meeting is to be held at Mrs. Neil Munro's on Jan. 28.

Two pairs of flannelette blankets are being given to a needy family who had everything destroyed by fire.

The program committee for next meeting includes Miss Flora McLauchlin and Mrs. J. C. Graham.

Lambeth, Dec. 23.—The annual concert and Christmas tree was held at Littlewood public school recently. A large audience assembled to enjoy an excellent program of choruses, violin music, recitations, dialogues and tableaux. Ellen Gallaher, Lucille Hayman, Margaret Gilmore and Jack Baird, all of London, contributed to the program. James Love acted as chairman.

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Hot Mince Pie Pumpkin Pie Assorted Cake
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1925.

Real Work To Be Done.

Although the transportation question in London has managed to occupy first place in attention of the 1926 city council it has not such a definite bearing on the tax rate of the city as two other matters, the London & Port Stanley Railway and the housing commission.

The city intends to apply for several added powers which the legislature did not see fit to grant in its Housing Act. The powers desired are (1) to issue debentures to provide for losses sustained through London's municipal building program, and (2) to sell the houses by auction or tender even though the price may be below the cost of construction, thereby entailing additional loss. With these powers it should be possible to make a definite move to clean up a situation that is admittedly a bad one for the city.

Although it was never the intention of the Housing Act that it should be done, the city built on its own initiative fifty-nine houses, seventeen on Garfield avenue and forty-two on Pine Lawn, at a total cost of $224,567.66. Beside this there were 103 houses built on private loans, and eight of these have reverted to the commission through failure to carry out purchase agreements.

The latest returns show that of the forty-two houses at Pine Lawn ten are rented, twelve are vacant, with the remainder held under sale agreements. Several of the houses have been sold three times. The government stipulated a certain schedule of payments on houses built on advances from the fund, and at the end of October these were in arrears to the extent of $19,083.

The trouble in making any move toward disposing of the houses has been that prospective purchasers do not consider them worth the price asked, which is $3,100 for a four-room cottage and $3,300 for a five-room. Authority is now sought to put these prices at what they are worth according to market valuation.

The deficit on the operations will be $55,000 at the end of the year, and this amount does not include the amounts that will have to be written off to bring the properties down to a point where they will sell. It is not possible to say definitely what this amount will be, but a builder who has no interest in the matter and a valuator both agree that the average write-off will have to be at least $1,000 on the fifty-nine houses, and they regarded that as a conservative figure. Added to the known loss of $55,000 that makes a loss of $114,000, without taking into account any portion of the $19,083 in arrears on payments at the end of October.

If the legislature grants the city power to sell these houses at a loss, the members of this year's housing commission will have an opportunity to do a real service by going as far as good business judgment will permit in establishing what the actual loss is going to be and stopping it at that figure. For the moment it is useless to complain that the city should never have taken unto itself building powers the act did not grant—all that is admitted. The big question now is to get out of what is plainly a nasty situation, and do it with the least possible loss.

When Crowds Stampede.

Three children were sitting on an improvised bench in an arena in Erie, Pa., when it cracked and let them down. Not a serious thing in itself, yet sufficient to start one of those most dreaded of all crowd movements, a panic.

The impression from the cracking bench was that the building was about to collapse, so the five thousand people in it had to get out at once.

The building did not collapse; there was not a crack in it, but the crowd got out. It fought for the exits, it trampled on those who stood in its way.

There were two little boys, one five, another nine, and one little girl of nine who did not make their way out. When the arena was cleared they were carried out, trampled to death, victims of that instinct of self-preservation that at times runs riot with common sense and all the finer sensibilities of human nature.

An expert in mental disorders when asked for an explanation of such a mob movement replied that he could neither explain it satisfactorily nor would he apologize for it. Self-preservation is something inborn; people practice it all the time. When it is cold they put on more clothing; when wet they wear rubbers; men insure their lives to protect their families; they put locks on their doors to protect their property. Consciously or unconsciously, this expert claims, people are always exhibiting this instinct. In primitive ages the feeling was even more marked, and people were more combative all through. It was the rule of survival of the fittest.

When a stampede starts, according to this expert there is no mental law to explain what takes place. The nearest answer is that the primitive instincts take control and for the time being batter down all the finer emotions that through tradition and present practice are prepared to make personal sacrifice that others may be saved. It is quite correct to state that such functions as reason or logic have for the time being ceased to be operative.

Others who have made a study of such matters say there is little hope of preventing panic stampedes. According to theory they should be least frequent in more highly educated communities, but according to fact they occur with little regard to location or standards of culture. Often the presence of one cool-headed individual who senses the danger of the situation quickly and acts intelligently will divert the attention of the crowd for a moment from the mad desire to move in mob style. Once that short-lived opportunity for reason to assert itself is lost then nothing can stop the crowd.

Has Its Value.

Hon. Arthur Meighen, speaking at the annual banquet of the Commercial Travellers' association, voiced opposition to allowing the parliamentary system of Canada to develop into groups. It would have been very interesting had Mr. Meighen gone farther and pointed out how such development could be avoided, especially when it has made itself felt in practically every self-governing nation.

The two-party system is a more direct system, and a straight majority on such a basis makes for more directness in initiating legislation and likewise fixing responsibility for its administration. In many ways it would create a very desirable method of government were the people all prepared to come within the alignment of two political parties and remain there.

Yet there are those who are not satisfied with either of the two main parties in Canada, and the fact that they are able to send men to parliament to express their specific desires is not an altogether undesirable thing. It shows more clearly than could be done in any other way that our system of government is a very sensitive machine, one that can at once register the rise or fall of any particular line of thought. Even the most ardent exponent of the two-party system could not wish to have it otherwise.

Ask Dr. John Dearness.

Dr. John Dearness of London has been elected vice-president of the Phytopathological Society of Canada. After looking this word up in our vest-pocket dictionary and asking the proof-reader upstairs, who is reputed to know more than the dictionary, we concluded that this society is one that delves into diseases that affect plant life.

If that supposition is correct, then the organization exhibited a commendable amount of good judgment in naming Dr. John Dearness to any office it might have to fill.

Dr. Dearness is not simply a citizen in good standing in London—truth is, he's somewhat of an institution, book of reference, court of last resort, or any other phrase that might be used to convey the same idea in a better way.

When school-age of London gathers up stray branches and odd flowers, and when the school botanist hesitates to pronounce on it finally, it's an unwritten law, "ask Dr. Dearness." This doyen of botanists gazes at it, smells it, perhaps bites it, takes a piece of paper and writes a word that could only be carried away in writing, and that settles it.

Likewise when the collector of mushrooms wants to know if he's gathered toadstools, he asks Dr. Dearness. We know the doctor will say that way of putting it is not correct, because he holds they are all toadstools or fungi or something or other. But, passing that point over, he'll look at the specimen, and the chances are he will turn to a page in a collection of photographed specimens hardly equalled on the continent, and will give the history of the family, profile and rear views of all relatives, and tell at once whether the specimen will make a good meal or a nice funeral.

Of course people in London are pleased to see him recognized by being appointed to office in a society that carries such a profound name. Few men possess such an intense and unerring knowledge on anything pertaining to plant life or fungi.

Note and Comment.

Montreal fur workers have been on strike for 35 weeks, which is long enough for any skin game to last.

Another tie that binds east and west came in the shape of a couple of carloads of turkeys from the wild and woolly west.

A newspaperman in London won $2,000 in a prize puzzle. He must be a bear for punishment, because he's not going to retire.

Man in Kansas City says it may yet be possible to make rubber from oil. Good idea. Then when you ran dry on oil you could melt the spare tire.

There are 200 four-year-old pupils in London schools, which means 400 rubbers and 400 mittens to fasten on the right places every day at noon.

The editor of the Brantford Expositor, on winding up his Christmas shopping, wrote a stinging editorial about the need for reduction in taxation.

The chief of police is going after autoists who go over railway crossings when watchmen warn them not to. Now and then a train deals with a case like this.

School teachers in St. Catharines may have to wear a distinctive dress so they can be distinguished from the scholars. Not a bad way of letting the teacher out of the contest to dress as well as some of the youngsters.

Latest reports from the North Pole said that Santa Claus had only to whittle out one more drum-stick and finish two more pairs of silk stockings, then he'd be all set to start.

There's to be another conference between coal miners and bosses. We've mislaid our conference statistics, and can't say just offhand whose turn it is to reject the proposals.

The spirit of goodwill and toleration finds many ways of expression at Christmas. The Free Press selected the following method yesterday:

"No acclamation for Mackenzie King, no matter what riding he slides into."

Ned Tried It

By ARK.

Ned Whiskers he come in last night when we was settin' down for tea, it didn't take so long to know how Ned was surely up a tree.

His wife she went away last week to see her folks a week or so, and Ned was certain when she went that he could manage when she'd go. In fact he urged on her to get, and let him show what he could do, he always puttered round the house and knew housekeepin' through and through.

Well all went well a day or so and Ned did cookin' in his coop, and mostly churned himself at night a dish of semi-ready soup.

When he got tired of soup why Ned he tried out pork and beans at night, but tired of them inside two days although at first they seemed all right. And after he had gone the round he ate a day on canned-up fish, but he was longin' much at nights to eat a hearty sort of dish.

And so he got the cook-book out and turned to "Pancakes, how they're done," and reckoned how much stuff he'd use to make a batter up for one.

Well he put in some flour and stuff, and added some of this and that, and put the frying-pan to work and greased it with some bacon fat.

But when he come to cook the stuff it was like fryin' lumps of lead, and Ned was fearin' two of them would make him 'bout as good as dead.

And all he wanted at our house was just my ink and fountain pen, to write as how he thought his wife she should be comin' home again.

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The Once-Over

An epicure dining at Crewe
Found quite a large mouse in the stew.
Said the waiter, "Don't shout
And wave it about,
Or the rest will be wanting one too."
—The Comic Muse.

On reaching his bedroom that night
He found there two rats in a fight.
He complained, but was told
By the manager bold
There was no extra charge for the sight.

WATCH OUT!

A timely watch night service took place at St. Thomas Tuesday evening. Two service station men parted with $30 worth of service for gold watches since valued at 75 cents.

Just because a Chatham resident named Mushmerryman sang carols on the road he was suspected of insobriety. With a name like his, why shouldn't he sing at this festive season.

As might have been expected, General Li's report of his great victory turns out to have been a fabrication.

To make matters worse, the Japs at Mukden have told the Chinese to take their war elsewhere.

A correspondent hopes we will "have a merry Christmas if it doesn't rain." The fact that he is a roofer by profession assures us of his sincerity.

When 161 foxes arrived in a ship at Plymouth, it took all the flea powder in town to separate them from their companions of the voyage. As an obscure poet truthfully observes:

"Big fleas have little fleas
Upon their backs to bite 'em,
And the little fleas have lesser fleas
And so—ad infinitum.

SAID THE BISHOP "TUT! TUT!"

An English bishop, a widower, reports: "On Whit Monday I had a very busy time laying stair carpets. The carpet unrolled and slid down a good many times." So now he's going to remarry.

THE MARKET IS STILL BUOYANT.

British rubber companies increased their profits by £55,000,000 last year but deny inflation.

Having just installed a new mayor and council, Londoners are entitled to stand on the sidelines and snicker as other municipalities endure the throes of municipal elections. E. J. P.

Isn't It the Truth?

What France needs is fewer frank friends and more friends of the franc.

Another great aid to progress at times is a first-class funeral.

Law, as you know, is the will of the people. But only close observers know which people.

He was a cashier and his wife had social aspirations. Puzzle: Find the cashier.

We aren't at the bottom yet. No show is as naughty as the advance notices indicate.

The penalty of success in any field is that it gives you an itch to start a magazine of your own.

The final test of a dry's sincerity is his willingness to travel without a corkscrew.

Anybody can prepare a bill to reduce taxes but only experts can get one party all the credit for it.

An amateur football player is one whose arrangement with the faculty is nobody's business.



One of the few things a garage mechanic knows is about how much of a charge you'll stand for.

Once the few who bossed us were called monarchs; now they're called reformers.

In modern, sanitary houses, sewage is never in evidence except in the conversation.

Among the nice things that don't function are blue laws, scar tissue and nice rules in time of war.

After you've struggled for 30 minutes with the range, it's hard to believe that a cigarette ever starts a fire.

Correct this sentence: "Yes, he's my wife's brother; but he paid back the money he borrowed from me." R. Q.

Editorial Opinion

BEST EDITORIAL FOR CHRISTMAS.

Suggested by St. Catharines Standard.

FOR I was a hungered and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in.

Naked and ye clothed me: sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison and ye came to me.

ALL FROM ONE BANG.

From the Indianapolis News.

A GEORGIA woman killed three deer with two shots, equaling the record of the Indiana hunter, who killed a cow, wounded two chickens and a horse, dislocated his shoulder, set fire to a haystack and missed the rabbit with one shot.

The Night Before Christmas



Santa Forke—It's too bad, but I'll have to disappoint one of those boys—probably Arthur.

Well Then, Why Worry?

By "SODBUSTER"

WILTON GROVE, Dec. 23.—In these hurried, eventful days of living we do not seem to find time to sit down and have a quiet talk to ourselves, and meditate on just familiar common things in our every-day life. We can all take time to worry about things that we cannot change one way or another.

It is said that we farmers are chronic grumblers. If the weather is dry it is too dry; if it is wet it is too wet; if it is hot it's far too hot, and if it is cold, it is terrible cold.

If spring opens up early and the weather is nice and sunny we worry for fear that it is too nice, and you'll hear folk say, "We'll have to pay for this," and it seems hard to just enjoy what we have in the present time, and come to think, that is about the only time that we can enjoy, for the past is dead and gone, and the future need not bother us, and when it becomes the present it is ours to make the best of it.

We have all seen predictons about the severe weather that is to smite our frame this winter. It is to be the most severe winter on record, and it is now nearly one-third passed away, and if the next two-thirds is no worse than first, we can put up with it all right. The present time is pretty good kind of weather for winter, at least it might be far worse.

WHEN the winter settled in a year ago I heard men say that it was a sure sign that the crops would be very poor in 1925, and as a matter of fact the crops were nothing of the kind and when this summer it continued dry and hot we were sure that no crops could mature, and yet they did mature, and filled out.

Wheat and oats were good, and corn—it is years since we had as good—so what was the use of our worry? We could not change it any, and we didn't know what weather was best for us anyway. If a man has his health and strength he can have a good time on a farm or any place else that he chooses to live, if he will use his common sense and quit worrying and get down to work, for "little sweat brings little sweet."

The story is told of a man coming home one night and he said to himself, "If supper is ready it will be a fault, and if it is not ready it will be a fault, and if the wife is away to bed it will be a fault and if she is not away to bed it will be a fault, and if there is not a fault I'll try to find one anyway," and that seems to me to be the way that worry works. It seems to undermine the temper and when things go wrong it never makes them better to make them worse.

The less we loose our temper the better for everybody and ourselves in particular. To get het up always does us more harm than the thing that made us angry. It shuts our eyes and opens our mouths and drowns what common sense we have on hand, and when we cool off it keeps us busy trying to explain to ourselves just how it happened.

THIS habit of worrying seems to be an unborn habit. The children have been counting the days until Christmas ever since away back in November, and although it is getting pretty near it won't came any before the 25th of December, and New Year's day won't be here until the first of January.

As a matter of course we can't hurry up anything on the farm, with the exception, perhaps, of ourselves. The seasons always come with unfailing regularity, never just at the same time or in the same way, perhaps. The grass will come next spring, and the sap will run and the maple syrup season will come; the frogs will wake up and call "knee-deep, knee-deep, knee-deep"; the robin will come and cheer our spirits, and while the earth remains seedtime and harvest always come, and though there may not be bumper crops of everything, as far as I can remember there is always a good crop of something.

The best fun, or at least the thing we enjoy most, are just the things that we do, and the part we ourselves play in working with nature. The little things that we like to eat are far sweeter if we plant them ourselves and cultivate and watch them grow and mature, but why worry about the things that come irrespective of us or any effort we can make?

Unemployment Here To Stay?

An Editorial in Manitoba Free Press.

THE theory being held in the city council that unemployment is a temporay emergency, it follows rather naturally that the council's policy toward unemployment is to handle it as cheaply as possible. But if unemployment is not temporary; if it is a steadily recurring condition, then a policy which uses temporary machinery to handle a permanent condition is not an economic policy. That is obvious.

All the bodies involved hate unemployment. When relief work began in 1921-22, the Dominion government accepted part of the responsibility and gave some money. And then refused to give any more.

The city council gets some money from the government of Manitoba, but not willingly, not as an accepted obligation, but as an act of beneficence. The province could refuse to give the city any money, and it is hard to see what the city could do about it.

The city council becomes yearly more irritated at the way the burden of unemployment is settling more and more heavily on it. Last year, out of $278,440.23 spent on relief, the city had to give $222,091.32. The members of the unemployment committee of the council look at these figures and shudder. And no wonder, with another winter on them again, and the whole performance about to be renewed.

IF, HOWEVER, unemployment is regarded as a permanent yearly condition the whole point of view towards it changes. It then becomes a recognized part of the city's, the province's, and the necessary permanent machinery for meeting it, insuring against it, and financing it would be brought naturally into existence and have some chance of operating efficiently and economically.

Five winters ago the city began to pour out its money on "emergency unemployment relief"; this winter it will pour out thousands more; and next winter, and the next, and so on. This is one way, certainly, of dealing with our unemployment problem, spending the money in the hope that some year a winter will come when everybody will have work, or enough money to live on. The citizens of Winnipeg can settle down to this system and pay out two hundred thousand dollars or so each winter to keep the bodies and souls of the unemployed together. That certainly is one way of doing—and it is not a proper or economical way, and at the end of each winter, after the annual wrestle with the unemployed, it leaves the whole question of unemployment still unfaced.

Plain Talk

REPLYING to an attack on the League of Nations in the Washington Post the New York Herald-Tribune replies vigorously, concluding as follows:

"Thus, in every essential that makes for independent impartial justice the existing world court is as free of outside political influence as any such body can well be. It is an experiment, a beginning. Its success depends upon its own ability and vision and the support it receives from the nations of the world. It is, of course, theoretically possible to scrap this world court and create a new one, ignoring completely the existence of the league, but, even if this course were practicable, it would be necessary to create new machinery to replace the council and assembly as electoral bodies. There would be no substantial gain and there would be time lost and the scrapping of an excellent body of jurists. Why not go into the present court and bring American wisdom and the American point of view to its aid and development?

"The case against the court seems to be composed of prejudice, general assertion and misunderstanding in equal parts.

JUST AS NOISY.

Mrs. Johnsing—"Ah thought you-all said you was gwine to name your new baby 'Victrola,' but Ah hears you-all done make a change."

Mrs. Moses—"Yes. Ah expected it would be a girl and Ah had decided to name her 'Victrola,' but she turned out out to be a boy, so Ah done name him 'Radio.'

A HARD CRACK.

"Well, sir," asked the musician, "what do you think of my compositions?"

"What do I think of them?" said the critic, "well, they will be played when Gounod, Beethoven and Wagner are forgotten."

"Really?"

"Yes, but not before."

25 Years Ago

From The Advertiser, Dec. 24, 1900.

The following officers are authorized to be attached, for instruction, to No. 1, Regimental Depot, R. C. R. I., Second-Lieut. James Colerick, 26th Regiment of this city, and Second-Lieut. J. S. Meyers, 30th Regiment.

London Council, No. 233, Royal Arcanum, elected the following officers at their last meeting: John A. Cottam, Alf. Wilkins, Thomas Bland, George Wardle, A. B. Munson, A. Screaton, Wm. Mayo, George Anundson, A. Scott, F. Stoneman, W. H. Bartram, R. Dart and J. H. Adams.

East End Masonic lodge rooms last night were the scene of one of the most important meetings of the year. The evening was marked by the installation of the officers who have been elected in the various lodges of the city. R. B. Hungerford acted as installing officer for the installation ceremonies. He was assisted by Oliver J. Bridle others. Officers were installed from the following lodges: Kilwinning, No. 64; St. John's lodge, No. 20; King Solomon lodge, No. 378; St. John's lodge, No. 209a; Union lodge, No. 380; Corinthian lodge, No. 430; Tuscan lodge, No. 195, and St. George's lodge, No. 42.

Coke is advertised at $4.50 a ton on the local markets today.

The Kensington Methodist Sunday school held their annual Christmas entertainment. The following took part in the program: Jos. Mitcheltree, Jas. Wilkins, J. W. Saunby and Rev. John Morrison. W. T. Hamilton acted as chairman.

Mr. W. H. Sallmon, M.A., gave a short address at the St. Andrew's church last night. Mr. Sallmon recently returned from the Old Country and brings a number of lantern slides of the German Passion play.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the King street Presbyterian church was presented last night. The pastor of the church, Rev. Thos. Wilson, presided.

To the Editor

Thinks Service Good.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir,—In regard to the street railway situation, I would like to say a few words in appreciation of the street car service, as most of the letters appearing in your paper seem to be in favor of kicking them off the street, which I never hope to see here in London, for it would mean a very deal to me, as two members of my family ride them six days a week to work.

We live in the south end of the city, and they work in the east end, and I have never heard them complain of the 5-cent fare, and there are hundreds in the same position as we are.

I know for a fact that higher fares are in force in many cities in the United States. A friend writes me that in Schenectady, N. Y., they pay 7 cents fare, wait fifteen or twenty-five minutes for a car, and one-man cars at that. He thinks we are very fortunate here in London, and wonders at all this knocking of the street railway service here. Yours truly, MORE LIGHT.

London, Dec. 23.

Fares in Other Cities.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir,—We were having a discussion about street car fares in other cities, and I am writing to ask if you can give me any information about the fares that are paid in other cities in Canada.

If we are the lowest, as has been stated, I think it is something that ought to be remembered. It is all very well to talk about better service and more service, but at the same time I think it's about time we woke up and realized that this plea for more service and better service is the very thing that is putting us more in debt all the time in every line. There is no great suffering in London with the present arrangement, and if we did get a better service and everything up to the minute I guess we would have to pay for it. If some of the people will stop and think what it would have meant in fares had the city purchased the road and then remade it at a total cost of $2,600,000, as was proposed, we would hear little complaint. On that basis, and with the decreased patronage of street cars, we would be having an 8-cent fare in London at the very lowest figure. If you have the figures I referred to I would like very much to see them.

DUNDAS EAST.

London, Dec. 23.

Answer: The following figures were secured a short time ago, and we presume they are still approximately correct for street car fares in Canadian cities:

Halifax	7c
St. John, N. B.	10c
Ottawa	7c
Peterboro	7c
Quebec	7c
Regina, Sask.	10c
Saskatoon, Sask.	10c
Sherbrooke, Que.	10c
Winnipeg, Man.	7c
Windsor, cash fare	6c
Sarnia	6c
Hamilton	5c
Brantford	6c
Toronto, cash fare	7c
Brandon, Man.	7c
Vancouver, B. C.	6c
Calgary, Alta.	10c
Sydney, N. S.	10c
Fort William	7c
Kingston	7c
Montreal	7c

"Yes, Jeremiah, Alice said that last night she dreamed she was dancing with you."

"You thrill me all to pieces," Hezekiah."

"—and then she woke up to find her kid brother pounding her feet with a flatiron."

All "SUPERTEST" Stations

will be closed Christmas Day in order that our service men may, with the rest of the citizens, enjoy a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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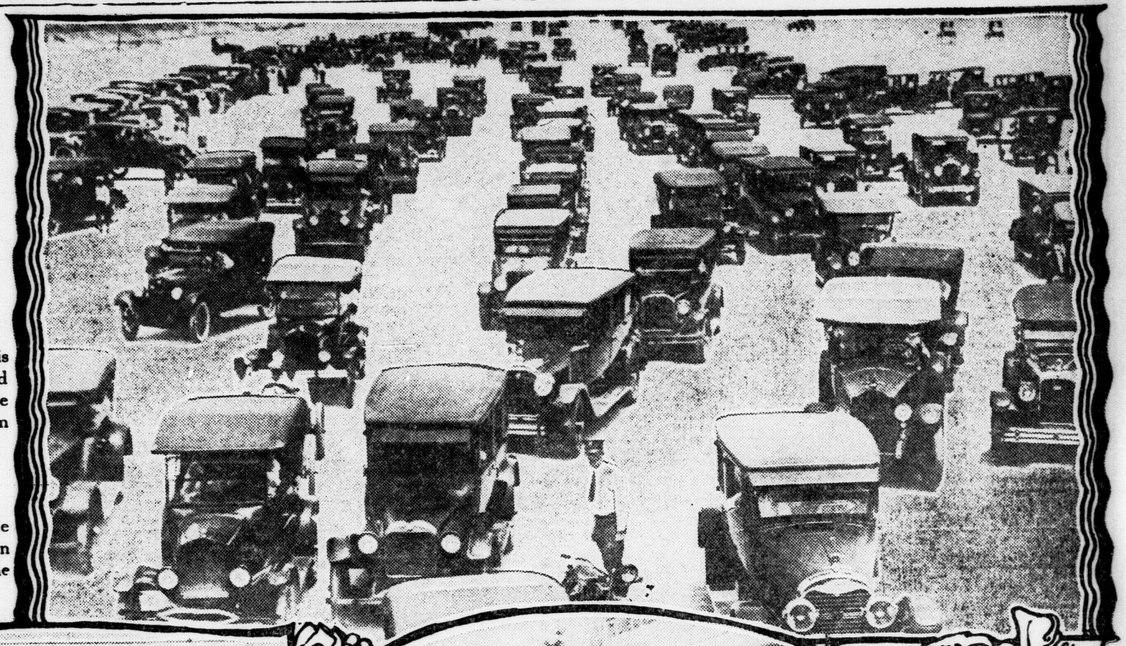
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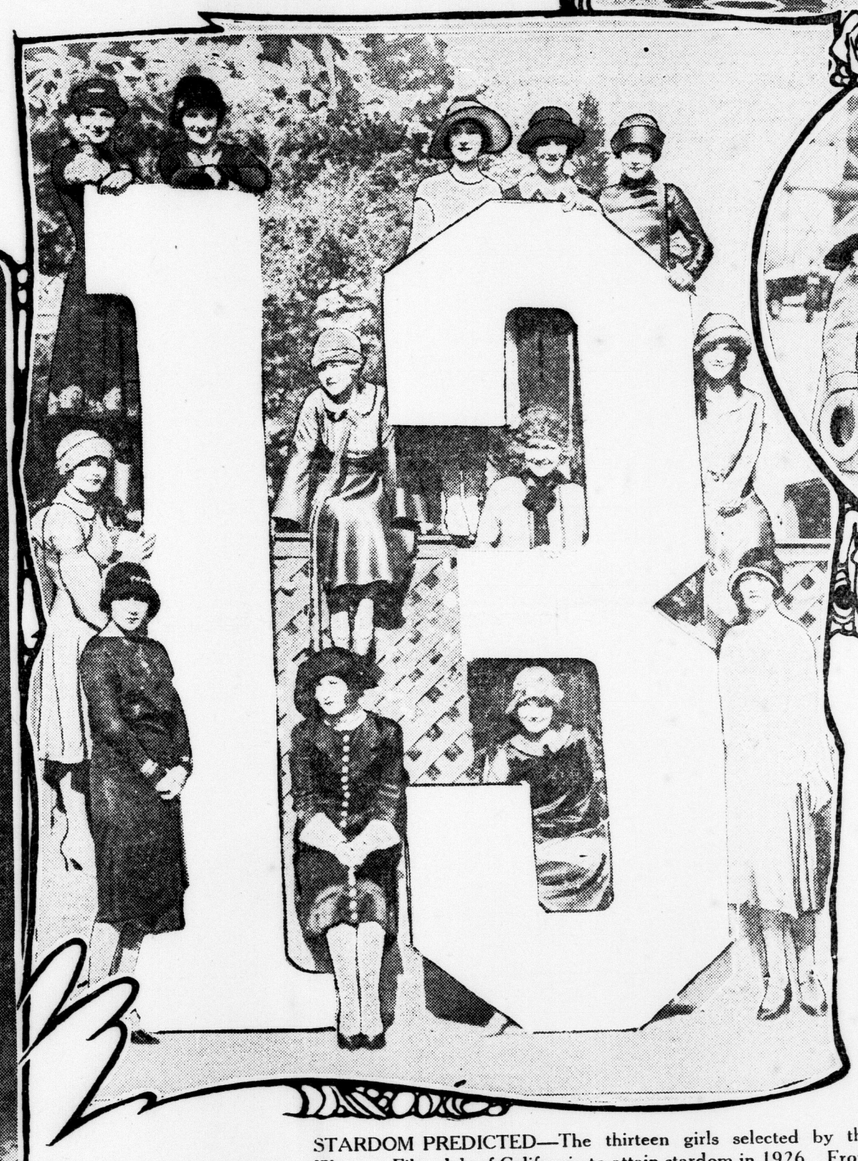
ASTRONOMER'S SPIRIT LIVES ON—Mme. Gabrielle Camille Flammarion, who was the great master's secretary and collaborator from the time she was 18, is now engaged in preparing for publication at Juvisy her husband's papers, left unfinished at the time of his death.



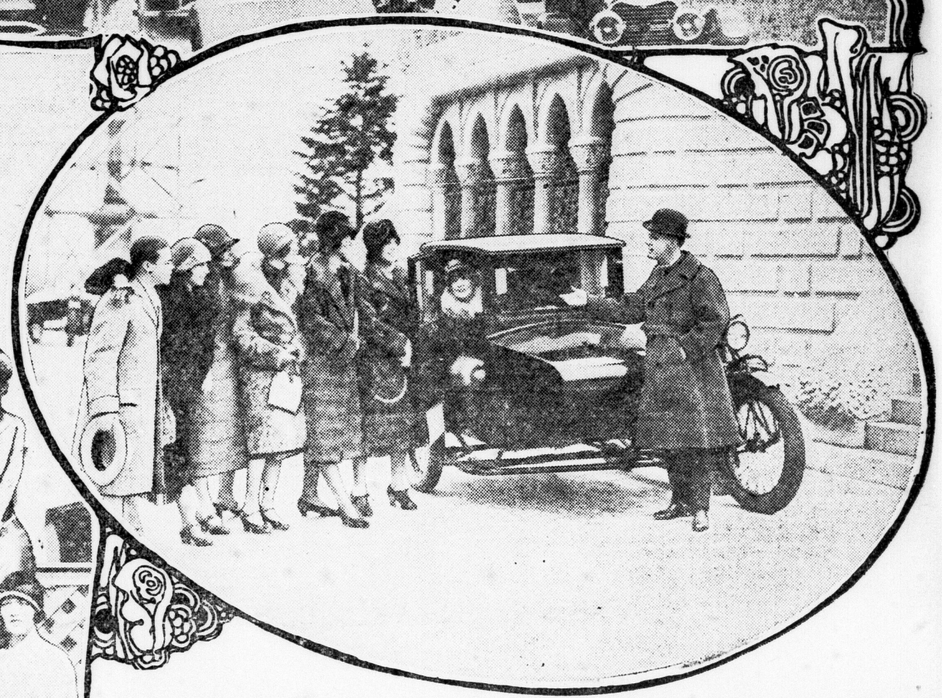
ROUYN RAILROAD DISPUTE—Above is shown the Cheminis station at the end of the Nipissing Central branch of the T. and N. O. on the Ontario-Quebec boundary. It is now up to the supreme court to decide whether the line will be extended from this point into the Rouyn gold field in Quebec.



RIGHT—IN FLORIDA—The wintry clime of the north and the land boom conspire to produce many a scene like the one shown on Ormond-Daytona beach. Three thousand motors enter the state daily, through Jacksonville, 'tis estimated.



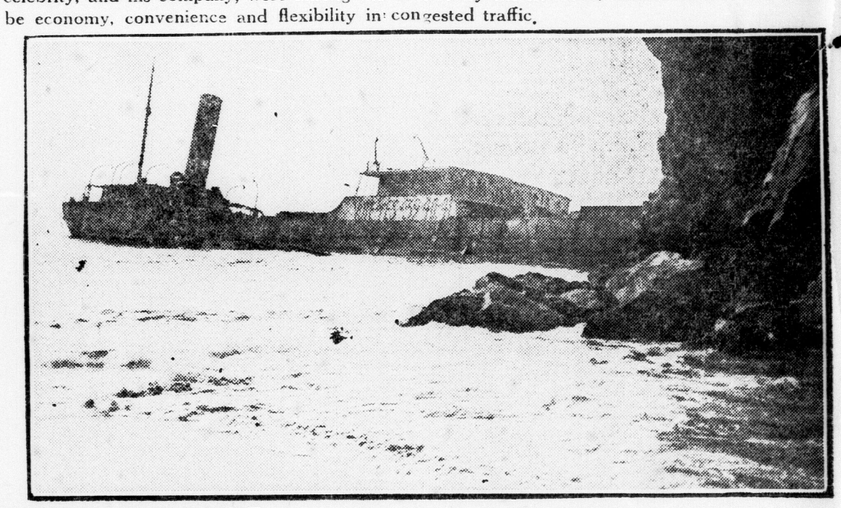
STARDOM PREDICTED—The thirteen girls selected by the Wampas Film club of California to attain stardom in 1926. From left to right they are: (Top) Dolores Costello, Mary Astor, Mercelline Day, Mary Brian, Sally O'Neill; (center) Vera Reynolds, Edna Marion, Joyce Compton, Fay Wray; (bottom) Dolores Del Rio, Jean Crawford, Janet Gaynor and Sally Long.



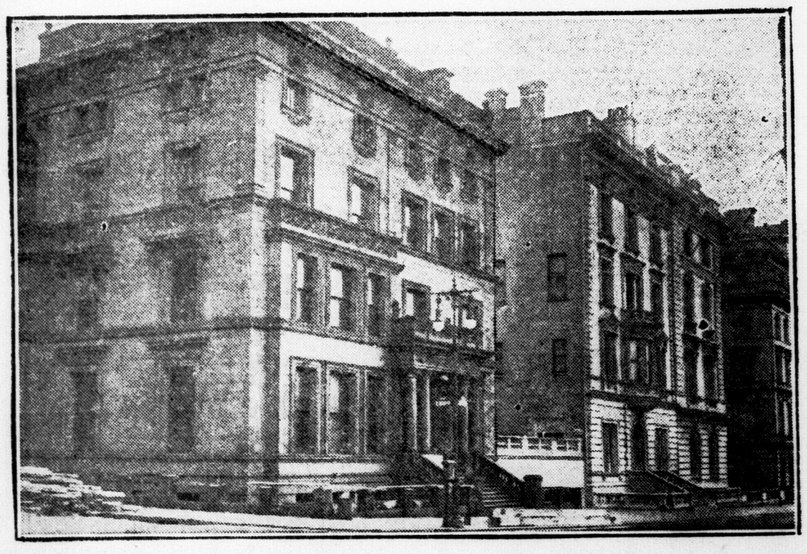
INNOVATION FROM EUROPE—The motorcycle taxi makes its appearance in Baltimore and New York. In the Maryland metropolis, where this photo was snapped, Pat Rooney, stage celebrity, and his company, were among the first to try the new cab, whose features are said to be economy, convenience and flexibility in congested traffic.



LEFT: RUSSIAN GIANT — Ivan Poddubny, 225-pound wrestler, who triumphed over Dan Koloss, Bulgarian champion, at New York recently. He scored two straight falls.



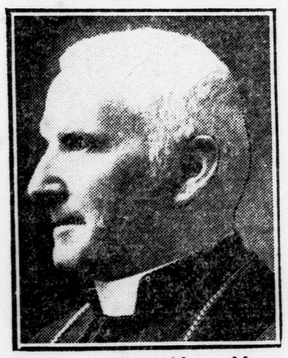
SALVAGE OLD DERELICT—After three years aground in the Golden Gate, Frisco, an attempt will be made to put the big oil tanker, Luman Stewart, into her service again. She went on the rocks in a fog.



RAZE HOME FOR AN EDEN—The million-dollar Yerkes home (shown at left) at the corner of Fifth avenue and 68th street, New York, which is to be torn down to provide room for a garden for the Thomas F. Ryan mansion that adjoins it on the south.



RHODE ISLAND'S RICHEST GIRL, the former Nancy Sayles, and her husband, Lee Garnet Day (both above), return from their European honeymoon. The bride recently created a furore in society when she spurned Lieut. Ernesto Becci, assistant secretary of state in Italy, after he had arrived to wed her.



MADE CARDINAL — Mons. Patrick O'Donnell, archbishop of Armagh, who succeeds the late Cardinal Logue, primate of Ireland. He is one of the leading figures in the Irish episcopacy. The ceremony took place in Rome.



ANTI-CHOKES WIN TEN-YEAR FIGHT—After a long struggle in the United States army, Secretary of War Davis has ordered the adoption of roll collar uniform for both officers and enlisted men. At the left is shown the new type already being worn by the air force, and right, the old uniform.

London, Preston and Windsor Win Big Six Contests To Shake-Up Standings

Galt Forces Locals Into Overtime For 3-2 Victory

MacPherson Slaps in Keeling's Rebound in First 40 Seconds of Last Ten Minutes.

PERCH ON TOP RUNG

Marsden's Crew Prove Dogged Fighters Against Close Checking of Heavy Terriers.

STANDING.

	W.	L.	F.	A.	P.
LONDON	2	0	8	4	4
Preston	2	0	9	4	4
Windsor	1	1	7	5	2
Galt	1	1	5	5	2
Niagara Falls	0	2	4	9	0
Stratford	0	2	4	10	0

"Shrimp" MacPherson darted in for the rebound off Keeling's shot in the first 40 seconds of the second overtime last night and gave London a 3 to 2 victory over the Galt Terriers. The goal pushed Galt off the first run of the Big Six ladder, for the Londoners held solid against the frantic efforts of the overtime hounds to knot it up again. It was a combat that gave a packed house an evening packed with thrills, and was all the sweeter victory when it came at the expense of the Galt Terriers, who justified the predictions made all along that they were the most dangerous team in the loop. Windsor defeated Stratford and Galt defeated the Hornets, and you can draw your own conclusions and deductions, but, believe the fans who jammed the local plant last night, these Terriers certainly made them draw some suspense-ful breaths. There is a long, long, hard and jolting trail ahead for the teams that ultimately grabs the Big Six bunting this year, and no team is going to be out very far ahead in the procession to the finishing post.

The Terriers had, if anything, a slight edge in the first and third periods. Moore gave a sensational display of net-minding in the first, or the game might never have reached overtime, and the Terriers were back again in the third, sifting through for what looked like certain goals. Twice they lost tallies by inaccurate shooting, and once when Himes, on a pass from Gauthier, had nobody to beat but Moore, he was bluffed out of the shot as the London goalie faked an Annette Kellerman on the puck.

Disputable.

In the third, however, the edge was disputable, for the Londoners missed many good chances to score both through lack of passing at the right moment and from breaks and, in Stark-ings' case, a trip. But in the second ings' case, a trip. But in the second the locals broke away from the Terriers, and it was their period by a long margin. Even then, though skated into the ice at times, the Terriers seemed to have the faculty to wobbling over into the road, getting their skates in the way of pucks that would have been saved by at any other time, or deflecting a pass with an apparently dragging stick.

Galt was the same hard and close checking crew of last year, with improvement here and there in the form of veterans, and with Boucher and Aurie added, not only reinforced their close-checking, but gives them as big scoring threat as there is in the Big Six. Himes, in bursts, was one of the trickiest men on the ice, with a lunging poke check. The Guathier brothers show improvement. The high-ly-touted Boucher was almost as good as the reports that preceded him. He's a big, strong husky, and he rushed down the center and brushed aside checks by main strength, and then unloosed terrific drives in the general direction of the net, as far out as center most times. He was in for the rebound like the rest of the Terriers, who were in the puck every minute, even into the corners. Passes went and mad scrambles in front of the net nearly justified this complete style of playing. Galt's big defence almost had to be skirted every time, as both G. Himes and Hoffman played a sound game of hockey all night, and pushed the odd and dangerous rush into the proceedings at regular intervals. And back of all this was Murray, as good as ever, but robbed of the spotlight because Moore had to make the more sensational saves of the evening.

Blanketed Speed.

Only at rare intervals were the Londoners able to shake off the Terriers and show an undoubted edge in sheer speed, but when they did shake loose, they made the dogged Terriers dizzy. Keeling's great speed and his shot was more evident again last night than in any game to date. He pretty nearly grabbed the honors of the night with his rifle-like drives. Twice in succession he elected to smoke shots through the defence with MacPherson going down beside him, and a short passing style might—just might—have been the best move, but that's hockey all over. The close checking, however, put the Londoners off their stride for the most part. And the local front line did not break and the local front line did not break as cleanly as they did against the Indians, nor did the defence look as tight against the quick breakaways of the Terrier sharp-shooters, and their short passes plumb down the center of the ice. Offensively though, Starkings made some beautiful rushes and his first goal of the game was the nicest individual play of the night. Graham's speed caught the eye of the fans, and nearly caught one goal as he swept around the nets and lacked but a few inches for the poke-in that would have counted.

But if the Terriers were dogged, so were the locals, and they well deserved their delayed win. They were giving away pounds of weight against a style of play where avoirdupois counts most, and they hung in long enough to get the break, which counted in the score sheet.

First Period.

Keeling got in from the face-off for a shot. Himes shot from center. Graham and Keeling combined, but Keeling overskated the pass inside the defence. London was checking hard at center ice. Keeling got in another smoker from outside. Moore came away but twice to spill Gauthier and then Hoffman as they double-passed onto the London nets. George Himes on for Hoffman. Starkings was in the penalty-box for tripping Hoffman, and MacPherson came on for Keeling. Moore sprawled all over his citadel in stopping combined Galt attacks. Starkings back again. Aurie on for Art Gauthier. Lowrey shot wide on a pass from MacPherson inside the defence. Starkings got at nice start, but passed wildly to MacPherson. Boucher shot from well outside, and was covered when his rent in. Keeling on for Leamy. Keel-ing's rush brought two hot shots at Murray. Aurie was pulling a great check-checked at center. Hoffman and Art Gauthier back again. Leamy on for Lowrey. Albert Gauthier penalized five minutes for hooking Keeling. Keeling mussed Galt up at the nets Leamy shot from outside, instead of passing. Murray made a great save on Leamy's shot from inside, and followed it up by stopping Keeling's try from close in on a pass after Starking's great rush down center. Aurie shot wide on a pass from N. Himes. Lowrey in again.

At 12:30 Starkings broke up a Galt rush, went down with MacPherson, and Lowrey faked a pass and shot the puck, bouncing off the boards in front of the nets where he shoved it around and under Murray. Keeling got down the ice, boards, but his shot was weak. Boucher got down center for a shot. London swarmed around the Galt nets, but Murray was putting up great work. Moore sprawled in front of at massed Galt attack. Bouched shot from his own end of the rink. Galt was trying everything.

At 12:10 Art Gauthier, with Aurie carrying the puck, beat Moore from five feet out to even the score. Graham sailed down the right boards and behind the nets, Hoffman stopping his pass-out. Walkem on for Starkings. Boucher sailed through to bring a mix-up at London's net at the bell. Score: London 1, Galt 1.

Second Period.

They were checking hard at center. Graham skated Keeling offside. Keeling got down with Graham and crashed into boards, after sending smoker across Murray's bows. Keeling shot into Murray's pads.

At 2:55 N. Himes cruised up alone and ghosted through the defence to beat Moore. Murray came out of the nets to stop Graham's shot. Boucher shot wide after getting right in. The Galt forward line bunched London up at the nets. Keeling broke up a rush to get in for a shot. Art Gauthier was penalized for tripping Keeling. Aurie shot from outside.

At 7:30 Keeling took a long pass from Leamy on a spectacular rush and beat Murray easily to even the count again. Graham and Keeling combined, but the former's pass was wild. London now had Galt on the defensive and on the run, and the local kept peppering Murray. Gauthier back again. MacPherson on for Lowrey. Boucher bumped Walkem out of a shot in a double pass with Keeling. Lowrey on for Leamy. Boucher and Lowrey were lectured by Referee Vair for roughing it. Hoffman got in front of a pass to Keeling. Lowrey just missed Keeling's rebound. Murray was hurt when Keeling and MacPherson went in after the rebound off the latter's shot. He got a big hand when he came to. Starkings on for Walkem. MacPherson was all over the ice picking up loose pucks. Starkings went right through, but a little too far, and he was covered. He provided a mix-up, anyhow. Leamy at center for MacPherson. Norm Himes got right in, but shot wild with a splendid chance. Graham's rush with Keeling was a beauty, but Murray cleared his shot. Lowrey was penalized for boarding Alb. Gauthier. MacPherson and Walkem came on for Keeling and Starkings. London was on the defensive, and they checked like fiends. Lowrey back again. MacPherson's shot on a lone trip was wild. Leamy's ghost trip brought a mix-up at the Galt nets. Keeling in for Leamy. Keeling speeded up for a shot. Score: London 2, Galt 2

Third Period.

Both teams were missing after getting in. Lowrey crashed into the boards on a try. The defence pairs relied on bumping to clear. Walkem came from behind to spill Aurie, with the latter on top of Moore. Starkings broke fast for a try, but overskated the puck. An offside lost a score for Galt. Keeling in for Leamy. Hoffman shot wide when inside the defence. Keeling shot wide on a pass from Starkings. Starkings spilled N. Himes out of a shot. Lowrey provided a mix-up at the Galt nets. Aurie was penalized for tripping Keelings. Walkem got away fast, but stopped at the defence. Starkings bumped Boucher out of a shot. Keeling bored one in. Aurie back. Leamy on for MacPherson at center. Lowrey got in a back-hand shot from inside. Aurie shot from center. Boucher was penalized for bumping Leamy in a trip down center. MacPherson and Graham on for Lowrey and Walkem. G. Himes got up for a shot. Starkings broke fast for a shot, and had Murray out of the nets, but MacPherson shot the rebound over the nets. Starkings was put off for slashing Boucher back. G. Himes messed up a pass from Al Gauthier as Moore jumped out to meet him. London was on the defensive again. Starkings back. MacPherson shot high on Graham's pass-out from behind the nets. Aurie took on the locals at the net. G. Himes spilled Lowrey out of a shot. McPherson tied G. Himes up in a corner. Leamy replaced Lowrey. Keeling took a chance from outside. MacPherson intercepted a pass and passed to Leamy, but Murray cleared. Aurie got in on a pass from Alb. Gauthier, but missed on for Keeling. Graham started a rush as the period ended.

Second Overtime.

Aurie is still off.

At 40 seconds MacPherson put London ahead when he shoved in the rebound off Keeling's shot. Boucher came back, and Keeling went to the hoosgaw when G. Himes bumped into him. N. Himes shot from outside, and went in after it. Moore took Aurie's shot from close in after a face-off at the London nets. MacPherson shot from center, took the puck around behind the nets, and speeded up for another shot. Keeling back. Boucher replaced G. Himes on the Galt defence. McPherson got down for three shots in succession. N. Himes went down and right in, Moore coming away out to spill him. The teams changed ends.

Leamy on for MacPherson. Boucher got away on a rush and shot from center, going in after the rebound, but Moore spilled him. The game became an all-checking affair. N. Himes replaced Aurie at center. A three-man London combination got in, but Lowrey, on the end of it, shot wild. London was checking and shooting the puck up the ice. Boucher was penalized for crashing Starkings. Galt swarmed about the net, and Moore stopped three shots in succession. Leamy broke away for a trip, but Aurie threw his stick to stop him. A three-man London combination got past with no one but Murray to beat, but Lowrey shot wild. Score: London 3, Galt 2.

The line-ups:

Galt—Goal, Murray; defence, Hoffman and Boucher; center N. Himes; wings, Art Gauthier and Alb. Gauthier; subs, Aurie and G. Himes.

London — Goal, Moore; defence Graham and Starkings; center, Leamy; wires, Lowrey and Keeling; subs, Walkem and MacPherson.

Referee—Vair, Toronto.

Goal Summary.

First period — London, Starkings, 12:30; Galt, Art Gauthier, 4:40.

Second period—Galt, N. Himes, 2:55; London Keeling, 4:35.

Third period—No score.

First overtime—No score.

Second overtime—London, MacPherson :40.

HOCKEY

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS.

N. H. L.

Montreal 1, Pittsburg 0.
Ottawa 4, St. Pats 2.

Senior O. H. A.

London 3 Galt 2 (20 minutes overtime)
Preston 3, Niagara Falls 0.
Windsor 5, Stratford 3.

Western Canada.

Edmonton 3, Victoria 1.

S. P. A. Junior Finals.

Parkdale 4, St. Mary's 1.

PARKDALE TAKES S. P. A. TROPHY

St. Marys, Three Times Champions, Are Defeated in Finals 4 to 1.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—After holding the S. P. A. junior trophy for three years, St. Mary's were forced to relinquish it to Parkdale, when the two teams met in the final here tonight.

The paddlers out-skated and outgeneraled the Saints in the first two periods, piling in four goals, and won the game 4 to 1. Hockey during the first forty minutes was fast and spectacular; not so good in the third period, but the game was a clever exhibition. Paddlers were too fast for their opponents and played better combination.

The line-up:

St. Mary's—Goal, Harris; defence, Moore and Crompton; center, Fields; wings, J. Kane and Primeau; subs, Bennett, Baker, Moffatt and Horkins.

Parkdale—Goal, Humphries; defence, Bury and Radke; center, Miller; right wing, Paul; left wing, Fleming; subs, Stanhope, Bruce, Clapper and Roberts.

Referee—Herb Matthews.

Summary.

First perior—1, Parkdale, Paul, 5; 2, Parkdale, Radke, 5.

Second period—3, Parkdale, Paul 3; 4, Parkdale, Bruce, 4; 5, St. Mary's, Fields, 4.

Third period—No score.

Sarnia Unmoved Over Kent Bar

McRury Predicts Tunnel City Seniors Will Be In It Again.

Special to The Advertiser.

Sarnia, Dec. 23.—Sarnia baseball enthusiasts are expressing no concern over the motion put through the last meeting of the Kent county league in Chatham, which firmly ejected the blue and white into the cold outside world to look for a new home. Locke McKury, local manager, today prophesied that next season would see the Sarnia seniors battling for the Kent league supremacy again.

One thing hard to understand is how the Kent moguls are going to snatch Sarnia's franchise from them. The local team fulfilled every obligation last year, played the game fair and left a record with not a sign of smirch on it. No constitution will allow any league to disenfranchise a team unless it is with good reason, and no reason was advanced at all when the Chatham contingent, which fostered the move, put up the bars against the Sarnia team.

If such a thing should happen, although the chances are slim, that Sarnia is refused their rightful place in the Kent league, immediate steps will be made to organize another senior O. B. A. league, which will give the winners an opportunity of entering the provincial playoffs.

WILD BILL SCORES K. O.

Seattle, Dec. 23.—After taking the count of nine himself in the first round of a six-round semi-final here last night, Wild Bill" McKenzie, Canadian-Vermeland lightweight heavyweight, knocked out Art Shearer of Portland, in the second round. This is McKenzie's fourth successive knockout in as many weeks, after being defeated by Lonny Austin of Seattle, a month ago.

On the Side Lines With C.S.G.

FLORIDA'S FLORID LANGUAGE.

(News Item—Red Grange and the Bears will play at Coral Gables, Florida Christmas Day.)

Red Caught a punt then ran it back
—$5,000 worth of frontage—
Then twisting, he goes fast, now slack
And leaves a trail of wreckage.
Again, he grabs a forward pass,
Surely he will muff it!
But, no, he hurtles through the mass.
—$8,000 fect of profit.

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Hockey went over with a bang in New York, but the loudest bang of all has been caused by the New York team's cracking.

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BARTER AND EXCHANGE.

Red Grange's share of the Christmas Day game at Coral Gables, Florida, will likely read:

Cash	$ 1,051.98
Lots valued at	$50,000.00
Alligator Farm	$ 1.50

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There must be something in a name, after all, when Dandurand would like to get a hold of Bellefcuille.

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BASKETBALL vs. HOCKEY.

In New York they are having mild discussions over the respective speed of hockey and basketball. There isn't any room for discussion, for no basketball player can get up the speed that even ordinary skaters may in the course of a hockey game. However, it serves to bring hockey home to the New York fan by way of a contrast he can understand, for the court game has many devotees in Gotham.

But when it comes to which is the more strenuous game, basketball leads by a couple of verses. The cage pastime is perhaps the most strenuous of all team games. That has been proven by many college football stars, who after finishing a hard season at what seemed the most gruelling of team games; have found themselves badly winded after a few fast turns around the court.

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MORE TAMPERING.

The increased interference zone may not be accepted by the C.R.U. when the Interprovincial delegates advance it at the annual meeting. It just barely got through the Big Four meeting.

Line work, everything else being fairly equal, has reached a stalemate, and by increasing the interference from three to five yards, it is presumed that more initiative would be given up in front. To the students of football, and those who like the thrill of the battering attack to the sweet and low accompaniment of snapping bones and ripping ligaments, more freedom in front-line plays may seem desirable, but to the average fan, the thrill of the game as it is now, is satisfying enough. Crowds cannot always be made up of ex-football players, and therefore the finer points of plays on the line must always be lost to the average spectator in an unscientific and uninteresting tangle of arms and legs and the blur of the boys of the bucket brigade as they rush to the stricken. This is not to say that the uninitiated may not thrill and get a faster pulse-beat at a succession of plunges, but it's the result, not the contributory plays which most fans appreciate. The aerial attack and end runs, every move of which is visible and understandable, the fan can appreciate and does. He is content to take for granted a stalemate on the front end, and except when the ball is within plunging distance of the line. He looks for the knock-out punch here from the front works, but if it doesn't come and a few points result, his afternoon isn't entirely ruined.

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Toronto, via The Telegram, lays claim to starting girls' basketball, but almost neglecting to mention that London and Edmonton made it famous.

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MR. McGRAW LOOKS AHEAD.

Next to winning pennants, Mr. John Joseph McGraw is concerned with bringing customers to the Polo Grounds. There are some cynical enough to insinuate that Mr. McGraw's first concern is to bring out the customers. Well, at any rate, Mr. McGraw is concerned with bringing out the customers, and might even admit it.

"If I had one Jewish Giant, one who really could play baseball, he would be worth thousands to us at the gate," Mr. McGraw frequently remarked. It was for this reason that McGraw nursed Moe Solomon along with such tenderness. But Moe could not make the grade in the majors; consequently, Mr. McGraw sent him back to the sticks from whence he came.

But Mr. McGraw is convinced that somewhere there must be hidden that pearl of great price for the Giants, a great Jewish baseball player. He is still seeking. At the current writing he has hidden at Waco, Texas, one Andrew Cohen, an infielder, who will be brought to New York if he can show big league metal.

If Mr. Cohen can qualify, New York National league baseball stock will be paying extra dividends in the very near future.

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Tommy Gorman, of the New York hockey club, would also like to get hold of a Hebrew star to attract East Side-West Side patronage. Maroons are not liable to let Rothschild and Ironstone go, as Montreal is a great clothing center, too.

1925 AMERICAN LEAGUE'S SECOND BEST SEASON

Associated Press Despatch.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The American league closed its second-best year since its organization in 1925, President Ban Johnson said tonight in discussing the attendance at the American league games this year.

This season's mark fell short about 68,000 of the banner year, 1924, Mr. Johnson said. He did not reveal the figures. The only year which came near to the 1925 figures was in 1920, he said, at the time when it was thought that baseball would suffer because of the 1919 baseball scandal.

DRUMBO WINS.

Special to The Advertiser.

Woodstock, Dec. 23.—Playing on soft ice, Drumbo last night won the first of a series of two games with Plattsville for the championship trophy of the Blenheim township rural hockey league by a score of 6 to 3. The second game of the series will be played next Tuesday evening. This series was played off last winter, but owing to the lack of ice, the finals had to be left over until this year.

MEDALS PRESENTED AT WOODSTOCK COLLEGIATE

Special to The Advertiser.

Woodstock, Dec. 23.—Following the breaking up of school for the Christmas holidays this afternoon, the literary society of the Woodstock collegiate institute held a semi-athletic meeting, at which the various prizes and medals for the collegiate sporting championships were awarded. The awards presented were as follows: Girls' senior tennis singles, Grace Slaght; girls' senior tennis doubles, Grace Slaght and Margaret Mullins; intermediate tennis singles, Jean Blow; intermediate tennis doubles, Jean Blow and Phyllis King; girls' senior field day championship medal, Georgian Hogg; boys' senior field day medal, Willis Hallock; intermediate field day medals, Mercer, 100 metres race medal and two medals for breaking records, Gregg Murray; athletic championship trophy, Willis Hallock and Gregg Murray. Two cash prizes for best school songs were awarded to Murray Sutherland and Corrigan Pearson.

PIRATES LOSE OUT IN OVERTIME TILT

Ottawa Hands St. Patricks 4 to 2 Beating in Capital City.

STANDING.

	W.	L.	T.	F.	A.	P.
Ottawa	7	1	0	20	10	14
Montreal	7	2	0	29	15	14
Pittsburg	5	4	1	21	18	11
New York	3	5	0	18	23	6
Canadiens	3	5	0	16	25	6
St. Pats	2	4	1	19	21	5
Boston	2	8	0	20	31	4

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Montreal Maroons kept in the running with Ottawa for the lead in the National hockey league race and for the time being pulled out ahead of Pittsburg when they defeated the Pirates here tonight, 1 to 0, in an overtime game. It was the most stubbornly contested and exciting contest seen here in several seasons.

For three periods the teams battled away at a terrific clip. The closest kind of checking by both sides kept the players from scoring. What chances were offered for scoring went astray through sensational goaltending by the two net guardians, Worters and Benedict. The play was strenuous but clean, though there were three severe accidents, Reg Smith, Milks and Dune Munro having to retire at various stages of the game.

When the overtime came the players were exhausted, but plugged away for eight minutes, and finally Siebert broke down left wing. He whipped a pass over to Nelson Stewart, who had jockeyed himself into a lone position, and the latter got the pass right in front of Worters and gave the sensational little goalie no chance to keep his team further in the fight.

The line-up:

Montreal — Goal, Benedict; defence, Munro, Noble; center, Stewart; wings, Broadbent, Siebert; subs, Dinsmore, Kitchen, Cain, Lowrey, Rothschild, Horne.

Fittsburg — Goal, Worters; defence, Conacher, Smith; center, Milks; wings, McCurry, Darragh; subs, Cleghorn, Cotton, Drury, White, Berlinquett, Spring.

Referee—Dr. O'Leary, Ottawa.

Umpire — Dr. Jerry Laflamme, Toronto.

Summary.

First period—No score.

Second period—No score.

Third period—No score.

Overtime period—1, Montreal, Stewart, 8:00.

IRISH ARE BEATEN.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—By a score of 4 to 2 Ottawa Senators defeated Toronto St. Patricks here tonight, and clung to their position at the head of the N. H. L. standing. The winners were masters of the situation for the greater part of the time, but a sudden spurt by the Green Shirts near the close of the second period following a penalty handed out to Alex Smith, nearly sent the Ottawa calculations awry.

Two goals in the first period and another in the early part of the second had apparently put Ottawa on easy street, when Smith, who had been sent on to relieve Denneny, drew a penalty for dumping Eye. In a trice the situation had changed, and the Harps rattled two goals past Connell, with only twenty seconds elapsing between the two tallies. However, the Senators steadied down and held the Irish safe until the end of the period.

The early part of the final period produced some exciting hockey, but after Boucher had scored his third goal and put Ottawa two goals to the good, it slowed down again and St. Patricks were unable to do much against the defensive strategy the Senators employed.

The line-up:

St. Patricks—Goal Roach; defence, Corbeau, McCaffery; center, Adams; wings, Day and Dye; subs, Holloway, Bellefeuille, Neville, Smylie.

Ottawa—Goal, Connell; defence, Boucher and Clancy; center, Nighbor; wings, Denneny and Finnegan; subs, Gorman, Kilrea, A. Smith, Duggan.

Referee—Cooper Smeaton, Montreal.

Summary.

First period—1, Ottawa, Denneny, 10:05; 2, Ottawa, Boucher, 1:45.

Second period—3, Ottawa, Boucher, 2:40; 4, St. Patricks, Corbeau, 14:45; 5, St. Patricks, McCaffery, :20.

Third period—6, Ottawa, Boucher, 5:50.

HAGEN TO TOUR WORLD.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 23.—Walter Hagen, professional golf champion, is going to make a golfing trip around the world next year. It will start with an invasion of the British Isles at the time of the British open and will include the French open, any other European tournaments available, India, Japan, Australia and the Hawaiian Islands.

KID MUST STAY IN CLASS.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 23.—The New York state athletic commission today denied a request by Louis Kid Kaplan of Meriden, Conn., world's featherweight champion to engage in matches against boxers of heavier divsions. Kaplan based his prediction on a claim that a dearth of 126-pound contenders would compel him to remain inactive.

ARREST FOLLOWS DECOY LETTER.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—A decoy letter led to the arrest of Phillip Leo Russell in the general postoffice this morning on a charge of extortion laid by a woman in the north end of the city. It is alleged that Russell sent the woman threatening letters and demanded $100 by mail to insure silence.

Dumb Hockey Puts Redmen In Cellar With Power City

Stratford and Windsor Senior Sextets Put Up Intermediate Brand.

RIVERSIDES WIN 3-0

Special to The Advertiser.

Stratford, Dec. 23.—Playing dumb hockey Stratford Indians dropped their second game in the senior O. H. A. series to Windsor here tonight 5 to 3. On the ngtht's play neither team looked like senior contenders, as the brand of hockey put up was distinctly below the standard expected and hardly good enough for intermediate, in fact. About 1,500 fans saw the game with little enthusiasm. The Hornets are young and hard-working and that's about all. Their goaltender, "Paddy" Farrell, kept them from disaster even tonight, and they will have to do better if they hope to get anywhere in the O. H. A. race.

Guest and Brown were the outstanding stars for them. The Indians individually were fair, but there was no team play. They were in on top of Farrell repeatedly, and had the luck been with them would have equalled up the score a bit and perhaps won out. The Carsons and Butch Kelterborne played fair, consistent hockey, but the work of the defence pair left something to be desired at times. The goal-getters were Frank Carson and Gross, and for Windsor, E. Guest, Brown and Walsh.

Farrell Works Hard.

Things began to be interesting for Paddy Farrell from the first half-minute of play, for the Redmen bored in dangerously, and he had shot after shot to handle. Either Lady Luck was with him or else badly against the Indians, as he turned away drive after drive earmarked for the net. It was pretty much a steady procession with Kelterborne leading the way with a shot in the first minute. Both Bill and Frank Carson were in on the nets repeatedly, but even once when Bill went right through all alone he was unable to find the net. Farrell saved once by throwing himself on the puck. Old stuff, but it got by. Dolson was not seriously in danger more than three or four times, but is seriously, and he acquitted himself well. Guest and Brown were the aggressive stingers for the Hornets and once near the end of the period Guest was through alone, and only Dolson's sensational stop saved the goal.

With but two minutes to go Frank Carson, taking a pass down the ice, went through for the first tally of the game on a hot drive to the high corner of the net. A minute later he was outlucked out of a scoring one, and then the bell went for the cessation of hostilities. Score 1 to 0 for the Indians, and Stratford's period on the play.

Play in the second period started slowly and there was little for the eye customers to enthuse about in the first five minutes or so. Stratford started a slight spurt, but it did not last long, and then came a landslide.

Guest Starts It.

Guest went down unchecked on left wing and slammed in the tying goal. A minute later Walsh put his team one up and after that the Hornets played largely a defensive game. Not so defensive, however, that they couldn't find time to slam in two more goals before the period was over. Guest got one of them and Brown the other. Just before the period closed Gross got through alone for the Indians' second tally. It was poor hockey, and although a visitor got the goals it was as much luck as anything else, for the breaks were against the homesters. Kentner got the first penalty of the game in this frame for tripping Kelterborne.

Kentner opened the third by getting his second penalty. Play was fairly even at the start, both teams trying hard. Griffin got saucy and was chased. Frank Carson got hurt in a scrimmage about midway of the period and had to retire. With one period half gone the Indians uncorked a stiff attack and pressed hard. Kelterborne the young junior recruit, worked hard and his work with that of Louch, another junior, was the feature of the last period's play. Frank Carson came back with only seven minutes to go and signalized his return by scoring the third tally for his team. Burke drew a rest for a heavy bodycheck, and the pace slowed down a bit in the last few minutes. With only a minute or so to go the game speeded up, with Stratford pressing, but it was a hopeless proposition, the game ending with Windsor two up.

The line-up:

Windsor—Goal, Farrell; defence, Wentworth and Kentner; center, Brown; wings, Guest and Butterfield; subs, Walsh and Corneau.

Stratford—Goal, Dolson; defence, Gross and Burke; center, Kelterborne; wings, W. Carson and F. Carson; subs, Louch and Griffin.

Referee—J. Rodden.

THREE GOALS IN TWO MINUTES.

Special to The Advertiser.

Preston, Dec. 23.—After over fifty minutes of scoreless hockey of the fastest possible brand, the Riversides popped in three goals in less than two minutes and applied the kalsomine to the fast Niagara Falls puckchasers in the local's first home game of the season. A goodly number of fans were on hand to see the Riversides apply the whitewash and they were well satisfied with the evening's card.

The first two periods and part of the third were very even, although the Riversides were in time and again, but failed to score, the work of Brown in goal being outstanding. This 13-year-old net guardian was sent in to guard the twine against the fast-skating and hard-shooting Riverside sextet in preference to the veteran Mayo. That Brown youngster turned in a beautiful game, but as soon as the first counter was planked he went up in the air and let two more in. Despite this he turned in a pretty game and deserved credit for the way he handled himself, especially in view of the fact that he is a graduate from the junior squad. The Falls goaltender materially just before the three goals were scored, and were unable to follow the killing pace set by Ashley and company.

It was hard to pick any really outstanding player on the ice for they all turned in a good exhibition of the winter pastime. Ashley, Burns and Clark went strong, but no stronger than the rest of the locals. Burns, who played in every position on the forward line, had the fans agog with his skating. He seemed made of iron and was setting the pace all the time. A junior last year he had the Cataracts completely outskated. Groh also did himself proud and his rally started the fireworks, for it was he who plowed through in the rush that culminated in the scoring of the first counter. He went down the ice with Clark and shot, Clark snapping in the puck when it bounced off Brown's pads.

It couldn't have been half a minute later when Arnott, Clark and Groh went down in another rush. The puck was lost in the scramble, but Arnott retrieved it from behind the nets and pushed it around the corner for another. A little later Dad Ashley took a chance and back-handed the rubber through the defence for the last counter of the evening.

The teams:

Niagara Falls—Goal, Brown; defence, Massaro and Fraser; center, Connors; wings, Kelterborne Herrington, Burmister and Molson.

Preston—Goal, Schmaltz; defence, Ashley and Talbot; center, Arnott and Burns; wings, Clarke, Groh and Julke.

Referee—Lou E. Marsh.

Goal Summary.

First period—No score.

Second period—No score.

Third period—Clark, 15; Arnott, 15:30; Ashley, 16:15.

BRITISH SOCCER.

Associated Press Despatch.

Glasgow, Dec. 23.—Cowdenbeath defeated Queen's Park in a first division Scottish soccer game played today, 7 to 2.

In the second division Arbroath defeated Nithsdale 4 to 1.

REBOUNDS

For 70 minutes and 39 seconds it was anybody's game.

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"Shrimp" got his goal. That's all he asks of any hockey game, and if they come as opportunely as his counter last evening, that's all the fans will ask.

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He did a good turn of the work in the heavy checking in mid-ice. At one time he looked as if he were going to display bad-man traits and get his man. He heaved big George Himes against the boards down behind the Galt goal when the Terriers were jostling him a little too much.

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A. Guathier has as many nasty little tricks as usual. Somebody was always picking on him again last night.

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Boucher by the way is not French. He's Scotch.

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The Terriers check hard, but they check fairly clean, and the bigger they are the cleaner they check, with the odd lapses, of course.

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They are a strong-wristed crew. They lean on the sticks as if they had been practicing with cant-hooks, and on heavy logs.

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Last night's victory was, as things have turned out, a good 30 per cent more impressive than the win against the Indians.

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Vernon Forbes, in a recent interview, said that Hobey Baker was the fastest hockey player he ever saw on skates. The late Hobey was a fairly fast player, but his great forte was his stickhandling and shooting. He was hardly as fast as Roach, Bouchard, Clancy, Drury, or other speed balls of the present league.

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Forbes, by the way, is having a great time in New York. They call him "Jakie" down there, and he is interviewed about every other day. Vernon hates the limelight, just like a movie actor.

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Reg. Noble has become a positive star since he started playing defence. This is one of Ed. Gerard's master moves. The same Edward has shown that he possesses plenty of hockey-acumen by the way he has handled the Maroons to date.

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In Fredericton hockey circles, it is rumored that the city and the U. N. B. teams are combining forces this year and hiring a professional coach. One of the names mentioned is that of Jimmy Gardener, who handled the Hamilton pros last year. Fredericton will be reinforced this season in their league games by several U. N. B. players. N. B. is playing only in the intercollegiate league. The Fredericton club have already signed about 20 players, and appear to be going after the championship in earnest this year.

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Toronto Star: Don't tell me that there are no good players in sight for St. Pats. There are plenty, only the Irish scouts are going out with prejudiced eyes. St. Pats' scouts have passed up a number of O. H. A. players who have since made good, and let others get away for a matter of a few hundred dollars.

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"Hooley" Smith would far rather play in Toronto than Montreal. He says that a difference of $500 sent him to Montreal. St. Pats' scouts came back from a "look-see" at Neis Stewart of Cleveland holding their noses, despite the fact that Toronto referees with one hand seem to favor action all game back reporting him as one of the cleverest center ice men and goal-getters they had seen. Other similar instances could be recalled.

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There are right now on various O. H. A. teams players plenty good enough for subs on any man's N. H. L. team. They are not stars but good, keen, hard players. It has been proved time and time again that any real good senior O. H. A. player is classy enough for N. H. L. hockey. O. H. A. players who are now starring in N. H. L. ranks did not set the world on fire when they were playing in the O. H. A. They were stars, true enough, but their checks all gave them merry arguments.

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Walter Trumbell, in the New York Evening Post, says:

"Hockey has always been a great winter sport in Canada, where professional players have drawn big salaries, and it promises to become a great winter sport in this country.

"In certain cities its popularity was assured long ago, but now it is spreading, homes of the others which have suitable rinks.

"It would not be surprising in New York to see hockey continue to crowd Rickard's new garden as big fights and six-day bicycle races do.

"There is no game which is faster or more exciting to watch, and Rickard has hired some of the best players in the world."

MUTT AND JEFF — According To Barnum, Jeff Has a Chance. — By BUD FISHER



Mike McTigue Gains Decision Over Tiger Flowers For Right To Meet Berlenbach

FORMER CHAMPION WINS FURIOUS BOUT

McTigue Discards Defensive Style and Trades Punches With Flowers.

USES SOLID RIGHTS

Atlanta Negro's Terrific Hooks Turn Opponent Around Several Times.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York Dec. 23.—Mike McTigue, former world's light heavyweight champion, tonight won a judges' decision over the Atlanta negro, Tiger Flowers, in a furiously fought 10-round bout at Madison Square Garden, the feature contest of a Christmas fund boxing show.

Discarding his customary defensive style to trade punches with the southern fighter, in every round McTigue met the vigorous assault of his foe with solid rights to body and head. Flowers replied with terrific hooks, which several times turned McTigue around. They fought toe to toe throughout, and at the conclusion boos were mingled with shouts of approval over the verdict.

Flowers went to the front in the first four rounds, backing McTigue around the ring with sweeping lefts and rights to the head. In the fifth, the former champion cut loose a counter-offensive, directing his fire at the negro's body, and compelling the latter to hold and cover. Both men received cuts over the eyes in the sixth, and the fighting thereafter was less vigorous. In the last two rounds, however, Flowers carried the fight to the New York man so strongly that many observers expected the rally would decide the battle in his favor.

McTigue weighed 171½; Flowers, 165¼ pounds.

Fidel LaBarba, of Los Angeles, new flyweight champion, marked his first appearance in an eastern ring tonight by scoring an impressive triumph over Lew Perfetti, of New York. LaBarba was awarded the judges' decision in the six-round semi-final.

George Godfrey, 222, negro heavyweight, challenger, of Leiperville, Pa., outpointed Martin Burke, of New Orleans, in a 10-round bout, but failed to impress a crowd of 15,000 by his triumph. Burke weighed only 177¾, and fought purely on the defensive, escaping the knockout, which had been anticipated by the throng, and the efforts of the two men were booed throughout.

Ernie Jarvis, flyweight champion of England, boxed a fast draw with Izzy Schwartz, of New York, in the first preliminary. It was their second meeting in two weeks, Schwartz having won the first fight by a judges' decision.



MIKE McTIGUE

will meet Paul Berlenbach for the light heavyweight championship of the world by right of his decision victory over Tiger Flowers in a ten-round bout at New York last night.

LONDON SUFFERS BY NAME SAYS MAYOR OF WINDSOR

Hits Naming of Canadian Cities After Old-World Centers.

Special to The Advertiser.

Windsor, Dec. 23.—Suggestions that the Border Cities be amalgamated under the name Leeds were attacked at the city hall today by former Alderman William Wheeler.

"I never read such nonsense," said Mr. Wheeler. "In this country we have sinned enough already in the way of borrowing names from old-world cities without sticking such a common cognomen as Leeds onto the Border Cities."

Mayor Frank J. Mitchell was present when Mr. Wheeler expressed this view. He agreed that too many Canadian cities had been named after places in the Old Country.

"Look at London, Ontario, for an example," said his worship. "London is a fine city, but it is robbed of a certain amount of individuality through being called after the great British metropolis. Windsor is another example of the same thing. There are four or five Windsors in the world, and two of them are in Canada."

IS INJURED BY AUTO.

Special to The Advertiser.

Ingersoll, Dec. 23.—Serious cuts and abrasions at the left side of the head were sustained by Charles Corbett of Mount Elgin when he was struck by a car driven by Roger Crooker.

FIRST BASEMEN ARE IN DEMAND

There Is Surplus in Majors, But Managers Hang Grimly On To Them.

By JOHN B. FOSTER.
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New York, Dec. 23. — Some of the major league clubs have a surplus stock of first basemen, but they hang on to them. The Giants have two, but McGraw will not let Terry go so long as he thinks he may have to use Kelly in the outfield. He has by no means assured himself as yet that will constitute his outfield in 1926.

The Giants are not offering big money for players, because they don't think there are any big-money men on the market, and it is impossible to get the better players from the second-division clubs of the National league as if the clubs were to dispose of them now their fans would do a lot of kicking. Both Philadelphia and Boston, for example, are looking for a lot of improvement next season.

Bottomley of St. Louis is the most valuable first baseman in the National league, and if he could be bought for $25,000 the Chicago club might go after him and throw in Grimm to boot. The Cubs are likely to play Grimm in 1926 at the start of the season, but they have fortified their first base position with a youngster and may take on another.

Boston would like mighty well to get a fast first baseman, and is angling for a swap that might land a player. Bancroft and Gautreau are short and fast and hurry-up throwers, and a man at first with a lot of agility is ded to back them up. Riconda may play third for the Braves if he can hit next year, and he, too, is fast, which emphasizes the need for a first-sacker.

The best first-year batter in the National league in 1925 will be Burrus of the Braves, a first-sacker who made a fairly good showing, but is not fast enough to suit the Boston fans. He batted .340 last year. In Atlanta Burrus batted .365, and that difference of 25 points is just about the logical proportion between a slugger's showing in major and minor league company.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE. By AHERN.



SARNIA CURLING CLUB OPENS FOR SEASON

Special to The Advertiser.

Sarnia, Dec. 23.—The Sarnia curling club opened for the season tonight when an unusually large number of curlers were on hand to twirl in a friendly encounter. The weather of the last few days had given the ice sheets a keen hard edge, and the curling was of first-class quality. With club quarters and ice second to none in Western Ontario, the local club is anticipating a record season. It is apparent that there is greater interest in the old game here now than ever before.

MRS. C. MARTIN IS DEAD.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Charlotte Martin, wife of William Martin, Port Stanley, died this morning in the Memorial Hospital after a long illness. Mrs. Martin was born 75 years ago in South Yarmouth, and had resided in the district all her life.

Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Frank Eveland, Port Stanley, and a brother, Frank Montgomery, Union. Three stepsons, Lorenzo Hannan, Melbourne, Mich.; James Hannan, Detroit, and Joseph Hannan of Stratford, also survive.

The funeral will be held from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Eveland, Port Stanley, to the Union cemetery. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

BOWLING.

ON MITCHES ALLEYS

Travellers' League.

L. Lackie was high bowler for the travellers' bowling league in the A group rolling a total of 764. A. Dixon, second high man, rolling a total of 641; Martin next with a total of 602. High singles: Lackie, 212, 286, 266; A. Dixon, 234, 233; Martin, 220, 208.

A group—			B group—		
Athletics	5	4	Cubs	8	4
Senators	8	1	Giants	8	4
Yankees	5	4	Red Brand	8	4
White Sox	4	5	Pirates	5	7
Tigers	4	5	Marathon	4	8
Red Sox	1	8	Indians	3	9

Imperial Oil League.

Premiers	3	0	F. Polarine	3	0
Polarine	0	3	Alcohol	0	3

Beatty Foundry League.

In the Beatty Foundry league Mr. Dixon was high man, rolling a total of 695; Parker, 648; Graham, 504. High singles were: Lascek, 194; Dixon, 272, 256; J. Graham, 202; Parker, 251; Arnott, 219.

The standing:

Core Giants	10	2	Tumblers	4	8
Has Beens	6	6	Bed Plates	4	8

In the Beatty Foundry league, P. Jolliffe was high bowler, with a total of 637; Deddas next with a total of 575; Clare, 557; R. Jolliffe, 553; Young, 546; G. Lumsden, 509; E. Blake, 505; Dolley, 512. High singles: R. Jolliffe, 203, 212; Jones, 222; P. Jolliffe, 200; Deddas, 222; Clare, 203, 210.

The Beatty Bros. league have completed their first series, with Senators high team:

Senators	21	15	Cubs	18	18
Giants	18	18	Pirates	14	22

Y.M.C.A. League.

In the Y.M.C.A. league, high bowlers for the week were: Williams, 561; C. White, 564; Walker, 473; Cowen, 444. High singles were: Williams, 204, 223; Walker, 177; C. White, 175, 183. The standing:

Leaders	18	9	Y's Men	11	16
Jr. Bus. Men	14	10	Young Men(2)	9	15
Seniors	11	13	Young Men(1)	6	21

City Businessmen.

In the City Businessmen's League, high bowlers for the week were: C. Lindsay, high bowler, rolling a total of 701 pins. The singles were: C. Lindsay, 265, 200, 236; G. Fletcher next high with 638; Goss of Forest City laundry, 616; G. Dean, 595; B. Barkey, 590; B. Runsick, 587. High singles were: A. Norman, 196; W. Knight, 228; W. Needham, 224; Runsick, 228, 216; Bremner, 250, 180; W. Taylor, 211, 192; O. Rindlehood, 242; W. Ashenden, 202; G. Fletcher, 219, 199, 220; G. Clayton, 194; T. Crawford, 195; J. Reid, 193; Goss, 271; B. Barkley, 199, 260; Reid, 193; Goss, 271; B. Barkey, 199, 260; Pingle, 255; B. Mennett, 234; Lindsay, 265, 200, 236; G. Dean, 225, 214; Suttom, 227; Tune, 227; Thomas, 204; Vanstone, 203. Hobbs Glass is the winning team in the first series:

Hobbs Glass	23	Thomas Fur.	11
Dennisteel	20	Colonial Club	9
C. R. Wells	20	Jones Litho.	9
Carling's	20	Peoples Elec.	6
Swampfiles	16	Carling's (2).	6
F. C. Laun.	13	Young Press.	3

Mitches' League.

High bowlers in the Mitches five-pin league for the week were: R. Brmner, 678; C. Hicks, 643; H. Wilson, 603; C. Green, 565; G. Fletcher, 560; Benwick, 556; Southcombe, 533. High singles were: Hodson, 207; H. Wilson, 264, 188; C. Hicks, 224, 210, 209; S. Mitches, 212, 194; C. Dann, 193; Benwick, 193, 184; D. Carter, 193; T. Southcombe, 191; Winmer, 193; Brimour, 245, 239, 194; C. E. Davies, 225; G. Hicks, 245; C. Green, 225; G. Fletcher, 245.

Chatham	22	5	Hamilton	12	15
Toronto	17	10	Montreal	3	24

McClary's Foundry League.

High bowlers in the McClary Foundry league were: Warwick of Originals, completing a total of 607; A. McKay rolled 577; T. Tye, 572; Blake second with a total of 589. High singles were: Blake, 232, 184; Warwick, 270, 170; Wilson, 200; B. Levey, 242; S. Ashby, 212; G. Lilley, 222, 204; A. McKay, 217, 181; P. Norman, 196, 193; T. Tye, 219.

The McClary's Foundry league have finished their first series this week with the Originals team winning:

Originals	15	6	Ace High	9	12
Dumbells	11	10	Buddies	7	14

WANTS CANADA INDEPENDENT OF U.S. IN SUPPLY OF FUEL

Besco Head Urges National Effort—Asks Customs Tax On Anthracite Screenings and Removal of Drawback On Foreign Coal Used in Steel-Making.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Halifax, Dec. 23.—Imposition of customs tax on anthracite screenings, cancellation of drawback on foreign coal used in steel manufacture and tax on foreign coal used for bunkers were among a list of suggested changes to the fiscal system proposed by Roy M. Wolvin, president of the British Empire Steel Corporation, when making his final appearance this afternoon before the royal commission investigating the coal industry in Nova Scotia.

Substitutes For Anthracite.

Mr. Wolvin urged a national effort to make Canada independent of the United States in the matter of fuel, and declared that if that object was achieved Canada would be independent of the U. S. in practically every respect.

A coke substitute for anthracite, he believed, would achieve this end, and although it would take years, the effort would bear fruit in constantly increasing progress. It would need government assistance.

Mr. Wolvin declared a return to the 1917 rate of wages to the coal miners was necessary if the industry was to proceed, and believed the miners would find themselves just as well off at those rates as they were in 1917, or better.

The witness was subjected to a lengthy cross-examination by John W. McLeod, president of the United Mine Workers of America, an organization which he declared caused a great deal of trouble in the Nova Scotia coal industry.

DEPLORE SCHOOLBOY'S LIKING FOR RUGBY

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 23.—The wholesale defection of schoolboys from soccer to rugby football was deplored in a resolution passed today at a conference of the headmasters of the great public schools of Great Britain. Rev. Dr. Cyril Alington, headmaster of Eton and chaplain to the king, declared that sport was the common bond between the classes in the schools, and if one class in a school were playing soccer and another playing rugby, the result would be a weakening of this bond.

LIQUOR PROFITS IN B. C. $591,799 IN SIX MONTHS

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 23.—Vancouver will receive a Christmas present from the provincial government of $115,010 as its share of provincial liquor profits, and $49,152 as its share of pari-mutuel taxes, it was announced at the finance department today.

This is part of a general provincial distribution to the municipalities of British Columbia amounting to $591,799. Of this total, $424,484 is made up of provincial liquor profits for the six months ending September 30 last, and $167,315 pari-mutuel taxes for the whole year.



ROUNDING THIRD

by Hugh A. Jennings

BLOCKING THE PLATE.

CHAPTER 22.

Charlie Bennett used to be called the Man With the Iron Arm. He was a wonderful backstop. While slow on his feet he was one of the hardest and longest hitters of his day. His baseball career came to a sudden end. He was going west on a hunting trip, accompanied by Kid Nichols, the pitcher. At one stop Bennett and Nichols got off to stretch themselves. They wandered a bit too far from the depot and discovered suddenly that the train was moving. Bennett and Nichols ran for a rear coach. Nichols swung on the platform. Bennett, trying to follow him, lost his hold and fell under the wheels. Both legs had to be amputated.

The modern game has produced some sterling catchers. There have been quite a list of them in the last fifteen years.

One cannot overlook Bill Carrigan of the Boston Red Sox, who later made a splendid record as manager of that team. Carrigan, although handicapped by a weak throwing arm, was still one of the keenest judges of base-runners and batsmen that I have ever seen.

He could nearly always outguess the base runner and few bases were ever stolen on him even if he could not throw so well as the average catcher. He was one of the most skillful handlers of pitchers in the history of the American League, and he really did his best work as a catcher after he became manager. He then had the power to insist that pitchers follow his instructions implicitly, the advantage he did not have before he became leader of the team.

While Bresnahan invented the trick of blocking runners off the plate, I doubt if Bresnahan ever did it more effectively than Carrigan. At least he never had an equal in his league. Carrigan was big and extremely game. One time in Detroit he blocked Moriarty at the plate when Moriarty tried to steal home. Had Moriarty succeeded it would have tied the score, but Carrigan blocked him and saved the game for Boston.

The Last Play.

It was the last play of the game. Moriarty and Carrigan became tangled at the plate and exchanged blows and a riot resulted. Carrigan was finally rescued and reached the club office. But the fans hung about the park more than an hour after the game, waiting for Carrigan. He walked out of the park between men that were aching to get a chance to beat him up. None of them recognized him. Carrigan was disguised in the working clothes of the groundkeeper.

Billy Sullivan made a big reputation as catcher for the Chicago White Sox, but he had his big years while Ed. Walsh was at his best. Sullivan always caught Walsh.

Since Sullivan's time the White Sox have had one of the game's greatest in Ray (Cracker) Schalk. He is small, but he made up for lack of size in abundance of aggressiveness. He handled pitchers well, threw well and had the faculty of outguessing base runners. While not a strong hitter, Schalk was always dangerous in the pinches and generally delivered when a hit meant something. He was one of the very best judges of foul flies in history. When a foul was hit in back of him, toward the screen, Schalk would get to the screen as fast as he could, turn and be in front of the ball. He did not try to take them over his shoulder as other catchers generally do.

When Schalk was at the height of his catching career, Johnny Bassler entered the league as a member of the Detroit Tigers. Bassler is slower than Schalk and not so aggressive, but a remarkable catcher and one of the most intelligent I have ever watched. He steadies his pitchers, is a deep and sound student of batsmen and is even better than Schalk at outguessing on hit and run plays. On top of that he is one of the best hitting catchers the major leagues have produced, one of the hardest men in the game to pitch past.

Muddy Ruel Fast.

"Muddy" Ruel of Washington is a catcher after the Schalk order. He is fast and aggressive, a good hitter and one of the few catchers I have ever seen who is quick and fast enough to bunt for singles and get away with it.

Bill Killifer made his big reputation as a member of the Philadelphia team. There he was the battery mate of Grover Cleveland Alexander and when Philadelphia sold Alexander to Chicago, the Cubs insisted that Killifer accompany him. So Killifer went to Chicago, where he continued his good work. He had good judgment and a good arm. The battery of Alexander and Killifer must be ranked as one of the best in history.

Hargrave of Cincinnati is one of the best the National league has had in recent years. He is a good backstop, a reliable and hard hitter and he handles pitchers in good style. Hargrave has an unusually good touch in nailing runners at the plate.

Frank Snyder of the Giants can be described as a "trier." He is always in fine condition and gives the team the best he has. He is a long hitter and a good thrower, a well-rounded backstop.

I have omitted some that may be considered equally as good, but I have tried to place before you the men that have impressed me during the time I have been in the game.

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MINERS WISH TO WORK THEIR PRIESTS ASSERT

Tired of Present Suspension and Want Negotiations Resumed at Once.

Associated Press Despatch.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 23.—Sixteen Catholic clergymen "representing, in a pastoral capacity, 85 per cent of the miners of anthracite coal," in letters to W. W. Inglis, chairman of the anthracite operators' negotiating committee, and John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, tonight declared that the great majority of the mine workers were "tired of the present suspension, and wanted to return to work."

The letters stated that the miners "want the authorized representatives of mine workers and operators to resume negotiations at once," and that in the event of their failure to reach an agreement, "both sides refer all disputed questions to impartial arbitration."

KITCHENER WILL CASE DECIDED BY JUDGMENT

Daughter of Wm. Pieper Gets Business Block Subject To Obligations.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—That the executors of the late William Pieper of Kitchener, who died in 1917, are entitled to convey to his daughter, Mrs. Annie G. Zinkann, the business block at 101 King street, Kitchener, is the decision of Mr. Justice Grant in a judgment given today.

Mrs. Zinkann is held entitled to the property, subject to the existing mortgage, a payment of $6,000 to the estate, and to sharing in the payments to meet the testator's debts and maintenances of the testator's widow.

The question was raised in a suit by a son of the testator, William Pieper of Detroit, who asked an accounting by the executors as to some $30,000 or $40,000. A reference on these accounts is directed to the county judge at Kitchener.

TRAVELLERS' ASSOCIATION INCOME.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—F. J. Zammers, president, and John Rutherford, secretary of the Commercial Travellers' association of Canada, report a successful year in their annual statements. "Our gross earnings show receipts of $308,544, of which was paid mortuary claims of $98,752, general and building expenses $31,468, leaving, to be carried to the reserve account, $150,282, which now stands at $2,315,221," says the annual report.

CITY FRATERNAL LEAGUE. STANDING.

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
St. Georges	9	8	1	396	340	.888
McClary Fdy.	7	6	1	315	255	.858
C. N. R. A. A.	7	6	1	359	307	.858
Christ Church	8	6	2	450	336	.750
Sergts' Mess	8	5	3	257	248	.625
St. Andrews I.	7	4	3	262	240	.572
C. N. R. Vets	9	5	4	453	447	.555
McClary A. A.	8	4	4	407	413	.500
Court Eclipse	7	3	4	260	247	.429
K. O. P.	8	3	5	288	328	.375
Kelloggs	8	3	5	235	289	.375
Knollwood Pk.	6	2	4	183	265	.333
7th Can. Fusiliers	7	2	5	295	317	.286
St. Andrews II.	7	2	5	165	224	.286

Hockey Rules and Problems

Some Discussion of Various Phases of Canada's Most Thrilling Game From a Referee's Viewpoint.

By LOU E. MARSH

THE NO BODY-CHECKING RULE.

This new C. A. H. A. rule prohibiting body checking on the forward line is not designed, as some people seem to think, to take the fangs out of a good red-blooded he-man's game. It is designed to speed up the play, put a premium on hook and poke checking in mid ice, and pave the way for quick-breaking forwards to get in on the defence. No body-checking on the forward line means just that—no body-checking and no more than that. It must not be construed as prohibiting and penalizing all bodily contact on the forward lines. Unless the player carrying the puck is relieved of it by a clean-cut poke, hook, or sweep check there is bound to be bodily contact. Even under the new rule a forward is allowed to crowd a player carrying the puck and he may even, under a lot of circumstances, bump into him quite legitimately while trying to relieve him of the puck. The rule merely stops deliberate body-checking designed to bring the puck carrier up short and letting the puck go where it may so long as the man is stopped and some of his effectiveness and speed lolled out of him. The new rule is designed to make all forwards pay strict attention to the puck and not to the man.

The new rule leaves a lot to the judgment of the referee, but he has it in his power to stop anything which in his judgment is done for the purpose of stopping the player and not the puck.

The new rule is a good one, but it requires a good sound common-sense interpretation lest the game become emasculated.

Of course good fair square body-checking is allowed by defending players behind their own forty-foot defence line. It must, however, be borne in mind that the prohibition of body-checking on the forward line does not give players behind the forty-foot line any leeway to transgress the old body-checking rule. It must be body-checking, not charging or cross-checking.

DEMPSEY TO MEET WILLS IN SEPTEMBER---FITZSIMMONS

Associated Press Despatch.

Los Angeles, Dec. 23.—Floyd Fitzsimmons, boxing promoter, who is here negotiating with Jack Dempsey for a title fight with Harry Wills, negro challenger, does not expect anything further to be done toward arranging the match until after Christmas.

"The fight will be held in September—that is definite," he said last night, "but there are arrangements to be completed and it can't be done in a day." He said that George Lauerman, whom he described as head of his Chicago syndicate of backers, is in the city and that negotiations are progressing without a hitch.

Referring to Governor Groesbeck's assertion that there would be no title fight in Michigan, the promoter declared he had never considered the state for the match.

GREB TO MEET TUNNEY.

Associated Press Despatch.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—Harry Greb, middleweight champion of the world, has another boxing bout with Gene Tunney in prospect, he announced just before taking a train for New York. Greb named Miami, Florida, as the probable location and Feb. 22 as the probable date.

Race Results

NEW ORLEANS RESULTS

FIRST RACE, 6 furlongs:
The Missus, $20, $15.20, $7.20, won.
Bally Nuisance, $9.20, $5.60, second.
Geisha Girl, $5, third.
Time, 1:15 4-5.
Street Liz, Mite, Shuffle, xMary Connors, Lardil, xLady Shaw, xMurky Sound, Flying Spark also ran.
xField.

SECOND RACE, mile and sixteenth:
Comedy, $4, $2.80, $3.20, won.
Duckling, $18.20, $10.60, second.
Gen Cadorna, $5.40, third.
Time, 1:50 4-5.
May Buddy, xMay Fly, Gloom Girl, Sleive, Bloom, xFast Boy, Miss Washington, Drummond, Pat Hampton, xOrphelin also ran.
xField.

THIRD RACE, 6 furlongs:
St. Quentin, $44, $24, $15.60, won.
Ombrage, $6.40, $4.40, second.
Llerre, $4, third.
Time, 1:15 2-5.
Nellio, xBooster, Hidden Jewel, Rocking, xLittle Betty, C. T. Worthington, Antonia, Slippery Smile, xIntake also ran.

FOURTH RACE, 6 furlongs:
Prince Pan, $9.20, $5.40, $3.60, won.
Eric, $7.40, $3.60, second.
Nabisco, $3, third.
Time, 1:14 1-5.
Nettle Sweep, Huntsman, Ritter also ran.
x Field.

FIFTH RACE, 5½ furlongs:
Brilliant, $7.20, $4.80, $3.40, won.
Sanola, $9, $4, second.
Pettibooker, $3.60, third.
Time, 1:07 3-5.
Mark Master, The Badger, Ferrah, Thundering, Poland, Courageous also ran.

SIXTH RACE, mile and sixteenth:
Resonance, $25.20, $12 $5.80, won.
Nora Hayes, $8.60, $4.80, second.
Harp of the North, $3.60, third.
Time, 1:51 1-5.
St. Donard, Little Ammie, Nan's Fortune, Gus R., Smart Guy, xFuten, xDr. F. T. Adams, xBenwood, Ponzaray also ran.
xField.

SEVENTH RACE, mile and sixteenth:
Petie, $4.20, $3, $2.80, won.
Spugs, $5.60, $6, second.
Pogonip, $4.60, third.
Time, 1:50.
Brunnell Soggartharoon, Catesby, Halu, Dutch Girl, The Plainsman, Promising Tom also ran.

TIA JUANA RESULTS

FIRST RACE—5 furlongs:
Wolf's Cry, $2.60, $3.40, $2.80, won.
Mouxie, $18.00, $7.40, second.
Ethel Brown $4.60, third.
Time—1:00 3-5.
Wild Thoughts, Miss Nancy, Midnight Bell, Irish Jury, Glenzar, Blue Miss, Dr. Tubbs, Phillipe Lugi, Little Hope, Enette and Mount Rose also ran.

SECOND RACE—1 1-16 miles:
Zing, $4.00, $3.20, $2.60, won.
Cote d'Or, $42.20, $15.20, second.
Shafe, $6.40, third.
Time—1:47 4-5.
Torsida, Colonel Lit, Old Faithful, Montana, Hidden Memory and Keala also ran.

THIRD RACE—5 furlongs:
Zeka, $9.80, $5.40, $5.40, won.
Ray Reese, $5.60, $5.20, second.
Shasta Bally, $10.20, third.
Time—1:01.
Brazen, Dewbank, Saucy Miss, Lihoiho, Waltee, Inciter, Cordonor, Reporter, Chuwater and Bardo also ran.

FOURTH RACE—mile and a furlong:
Nebraska Lad, $5.20, $3.20, $2.60, won.
Louis A., $4.00, $3.20, second.
Lary Longridge, $2.60, third.
Time—1:53 4-5.
Plunger, Lady Lillian, Pawnbroker, also ran.

FIFTH RACE—5½ furlongs:
Bryndear, $5.00, $3.00, $2.40, won.
Sequan $3.20, $2.60, second.
Mary Dear, $3.20, third.
Time 1:07 2-5.
Subtle, Queen Bess, Dorothy Pop, Lake Chapala.

SIXTH RACE—6 furlongs:
June Grass, $4.80, $3.00, $2.40, won.
Good Times, $2.40, $2.20, second.
Picnic, $2.60, third.
Time—1:12.
Rotarian Bob Harris, Pest, Brother John, Doc McMahon, The Falconer also ran.

SEVENTH RACE—mile and 70 yards:
Darius, $7.80, $3.60, $2.60, won.
Worthman, $6.00, $3.20, second.
Gunsight, $2.40, third.
Time—1:44.
Seth's Memory, Rallim, El Cid, Daviff Girl also ran.

EIGHTH RACE—1 mile:
Spear Shot, $6.80, $4.20, $3.60, won.
Sophia Goldman, $14.20, $7.40, second.
Perhaps, $6.00, third.
Time—1:40 4-5.
Hands Up, Hal Wright, Zealot, Scarecrow also ran.

HAVANA RESULTS

FIRST RACE:
Colossus, 8 to 5, 1 to 2, 1 to 4, won.
Miss Leighton, 2 to 1, even, second.
Salvage, 2 to 5, out, third.
SECOND RACE:
Burgoyne, 5 to 1, 2 to 1, even, won.
Runchief, 6 to 1, 3 to 1, second.
Needy, 2 to 5, third.
THIRD RACE:
Havana Electric, 8 to 5, 1 to 2, out, won.
Levulov, 1 to 2, out, second.
Mount Shasta, out, third.
FOURTH RACE:
Trapeze, 7 to 5, 2 to 5, 1 to 4, won.
Gentry, 7 to 10, 1 to 3, second.
Margaret Gaut, 2 to 5, third.
FIFTH RACE:
Maximac 8 to 5, 1 to 2, out, won.
Winnipeg, 7 to 10, out, second.
Brownie Smile, out, third.
SIXTH RACE:
Weary Dick, 7 to 2, 6 to 5, 1 to 2, won.
Day of Peace, 6 to 5, 1 to 2, second.
Zero, 1 to 3, third.

CARDINALS IN ROME GREETED BY PONTIFF

Associated Press Despatch.

Rome, Dec. 23.—The usual reception of the sacred college by the pope for presentation of Christmas greetings was held today, for the reason that tomorrow will be taken up with the ceremony of closing the holy door, marking the end of holy year.

All the cardinals living in Rome, accompanied by Cardinal Hayes, of New York and Cardinal Bourne, archbishop of Westminster, gathered in the hall of the consistory. Patriarchs, archbishops, bishops, heads of religious orders, the papal court and high officials of the Holy See also were present.

Pope Pius reciprocated their expressions of good wishes, speaking individually with each cardinal.

BRANT MAN HONORED.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Installed as worshipful master of the Mount Royal lodge, A. F and A. M., fifty years ago, W. Simpson Walker, K.C. a native of Brant county, Ontario, has been honored by his brethren on the occasion of his jubilee, and at the regular communication of the lodge Mr. Walker was presented with a 50-year jewel and a cane.

PLAY TO 1-1 DRAW.

Associated Press Despatch.

Minneapolis, Dec. 23.—Struggling through three regular periods and one overtime stanza, St. Paul and Minneapolis played a 1 to 1 tie in the United States amateur hockey association here last night.

MORNING IS BUSY ON WALL STREET

Bidding On the New York Exchange Is Active, While Prices Fluctuate.

New York, Dec. 24.—Although the renewal rate on call loans carried over the long interval until Monday, bidding for stocks continued in an impressive fashion on the New York Stock Exchange today.

American Can met heavy realizing after it touched 291, and it broke to 283½, but it was rushed up again to 290½ at midday. Announcement of the ten to one split up of S. S. Kresge stock caused a demand for the shares. They sold at 763, a jump of 38 points over the previous transactions last week. United States Steel rose to 137. Railway Steel Spring jumped 6¼ and International Telephone and Telegraph, Yellow Coach and Truck, Twin City, Rapid Transit, Remington Typewriter, Sloss Sheffield Steel, Frank H. Shattuck, Commercial solvents A, Sears Roebuck and Pacific Oil 3 to 4½ points.

EXCHANGE RATES

Special to The Advertiser.

Detroit, Dec. 23. — Detroit clearing-house banks' uniform rate of exchange on Canadian currency for Thursday is at a discount of 9c per $100.

New York, Dec. 23.—Money on call strong, 6 per cent.
Time loans steady; 60 days, 4⅞ to 5 per cent; 90 days, 4⅞ to 5; 6 months, 4⅞ to 5; prime mercantile paper, 4¼.
Sterling exchange irregular, at $4.80 3-16 for 60-day bills and at $4.84 9-16 for demand.
Foreign bar silver—Per oz., 68⅞c.
Mexican dollars—52⅞c.
Canadian dollars — Today, 3-32 per cent discount; yesterday, 1-16 per cent discount; week ago, par.
France—3.69c.
Italy—4.03¼c.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Sterling exchange rates were quoted here today as follows: Demand, $4.85⅛; cables, $4.85½.

London, Dec. 23.—Bar gold, per oz., Money—3⅝ per cent.
Discount rates—Short bills, 4⅞ to 5⅛ per cent; 3-month bills, 4⅞ to 4 15-16 per cent.

New York, Dec. 24.—Sterling exchange irregular. Demand rates, in cents: Great Britain, 4.84⅝; France, 3.66¾; Italy, 4.03¼; Germany, 23.80. Canadian dollars, 3-32 of one per cent premium.

OILS

Liverpool, Dec. 24.—Kerosene—No. 1, 1s 1d; No. 2, 1s 2d.
Rosin—Common, 29s 6d.
Turpentine Spirits—68s.

COTTON

New York, Dec. 23.—Cotton futures closed steady. Closing bids: Jan., 18.60c; Feb., 18.74c; March, 18.88c; April, 18.72c; May, 18.56c; June, 18.40c; July, 18.24c; Aug., 18.04c; Sept., 18.02c; Oct., 17.88c.
Spot cotton closed steady. Middling uplands, 19.40c.

Liverpool, Dec. 23. — There was a moderate business in spot cotton, with prices steady.
American middling, fair, 11.26d; good middling, 10.51d; middling, 9.76d; low middling, 8.86d; good ordinary, 7.86d.
The sales of the day were 6,000 bales, of which 5,300 were American. The receipts were 52,000 bales, including 50,200 American.
Futures closed quiet.

HOPS

New York, Dec. 23.—Hops were unchanged.

BEANS

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Detroit, Dec. 23.—Beans: Jobbers are bidding to country shippers $4.75 per cwt. for choice Michigan hand-picked prompt shipment.

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How the Stock Markets Closed

New York

Reported by Jones, Easton, McCallum Company, Royal Bank Building.
New York, Dec. 24—Noon.

Stocks.	Open	High	Low	Close
Allis Chalmers	94¼	94¼	94¼	94¼
Allied Chem.	114	114½	114	114
Amer. Ice	136½	136½	135	135½
Amer. Loco.	119¾	119¾	119¾	119¾
Am. C. and F.	109¾	110	109¾	110
Amer. Smelt.	136	138	136	137½
Amer. Can	282	295½	282	295½
Amer. Sugar	75	75	75	75
Amer. Ship	5¾	5¾	5¾	5¾
Alton	8	8	8	8
Amer. Woolen	41⅜	41⅜	41⅜	41⅜
Am. Steel Fdry.	47⅛	47⅛	46⅞	46⅞
Am. T. and T.	142	142	142	142
Anaconda	50⅜	50⅜	49	50⅜
Atlantic Gulf	65½	65½	65¼	65¼
Atchison	133	136¼	132½	136
Agr. Chem.	27	27	26¾	26¾
Amer. Tobacco	115¾	115¾	115¾	115¾
Ajax	10⅞	11	10⅞	11
Am. For. Power	41⅞	41⅞	41⅞	41⅞
Am. La France	15¼	15¼	15¼	15¼
Atlantic Coast	265¾	265¾	264	265
Armour "A"	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛
Amer. Chicle	49	49	49	49
B. and O.	93	93¼	92⅝	93¼
Baldwin Loco.	131½	132⅛	130½	132⅛
Beth. Steel	47⅞	48⅝	47⅞	48½
Butte Superior	14¾	15⅞	14¾	15¾
Briggs Mfg.	33¼	33¼	33	33⅛
B. B. Collender	27½	27½	27⅛	27⅛
Cast Iron Pipe	206¾	209½	206¾	209½
C. and O.	127	127¾	127	127¾
Calif. Pet.	31⅞	32¼	31⅞	32
C. F. and I.	37	37	37	37
C. P. R.	147¼	147¼	147¼	147¼
Cosden Co.	35½	35⅛	34¾	34¾
Cons. Gas	94½	95¼	94⅜	95¼
Chandler	47⅝	48½	47⅝	48¼
Corn Products	39¾	40	39¾	40
Cons. Textile	2⅞	2⅞	2⅞	2⅞
Coca-Cola	150½	150½	150½	150½
Crucible Steel	81	81⅛	81	81⅛
Cub. Am. Sugar	22⅝	22¾	22⅝	22¾
Con. Can	87¾	88⅞	87¾	88⅞
Chrysler	195½	198	193	197
Cerro Copper	63¼	63¼	63	63
Dodge Brothers	42⅞	43¼	42¾	43
Del. and Hud.	148½	149	148½	149
Dupont	226	232½	226	232½
Erie com.	38¼	38⅛	38⅛	38⅛
do, First	43⅞	43⅞	43⅞	43⅞
Eaton Axle Co.	28½	28½	28½	28½
Fisk Tire	22¼	24	22¼	24
Famous Players	106¼	107	106¼	107
Fleischmann's	169½	170	168	169½
do, new	56½	56½	56	56¼
Fisher Body	99	99⅜	99	99⅜
Foundation Co	157	157	157	157
Gen Electric	329⅜	332	329	332
Gen Motors	115¾	117⅞	114⅞	117¼
Gt North, pfd	78¾	79¾	78⅝	79¾
Gt Nor Ore	26½	26½	26½	26½
Great Western	11⅜	11⅜	11⅜	11¾
do, pfd	28⅝	28⅝	28¼	28¼
Gulf States	92	94	92	93½
Goodrich	62	62⅜	62	62⅜
Gen Petro	53⅝	53⅞	53½	53½
Hudson Man	35¾	35¾	35½	35½
Hupp Motor	26⅞	27⅛	26⅞	27
Harvester	133	133	132½	132½
Hudson Motor	112¼	112½	109¼	111⅜
Intertype	28	28	28	28
Int Paper	64⅜	65	64⅝	64⅝
Indus Alcohol	73⅝	73⅝	73⅝	73⅝
Insp Copper	24⅝	25	24⅝	24⅞
Inter Nickel	44	45¼	44	45¼
Int Combustion	66	66	65½	65⅞
Ind Oil & Gas	33⅞	33⅞	33½	33⅝
Illinois	122¼	123⅝	122¼	123⅝
Kansas City	48¼	48⅝	48¼	48⅝
Kennecott Cop	55½	55⅝	55⅛	55⅝
Kelly-Springfield	22¼	24	22¼	24
Lehigh Valley	85⅜	85⅜	85⅜	85⅜
Louisville	144	144¾	143½	144¾
Marine, pfd	41	41	41	41
Middle States	1	1	1	1
Mex Seaboard	9⅜	9½	9⅜	9⅜
Miami	12½	12½	12½	12½
M K and T	41⅜	41⅜	41	41
M Pacific	39	39⅜	39	39⅜
do, pfd	89	89⅜	89	89⅜
Mack Trucks	221½	222	219¼	221¾
Mont. Ward	80¾	81⅞	80¾	81⅞
Moon Motors	35½	35½	35½	35½
New Haven	45⅜	45⅜	45⅜	45⅜
Nor American	64	64	63¾	63¾
N Pacific	76	76¾	76	76¾
N Y C	130½	132⅛	130½	132⅛
N and W	148¾	150⅛	148½	150⅛
Overland, pfd	91½	94	91¼	94
Pacific Oil	66	68¼	66	68
Pure Oil	29¼	29⅜	29¼	29⅜
Pennsylvania	54	54	53⅞	54
Pan-American A	76	76	76	76
do, B	77⅝	78¼	77⅝	78
Producers	13⅝	14	13⅝	14
Phillips Petroleum	44⅜	44⅜	43⅞	44¼
Punta Sugar	39	39	39	39
Packard Motor	39⅛	39¼	39⅛	39¼
Pierce-Arrow	64⅞	65	64⅞	65
Pullman Car	168¼	168½	166⅞	168½
P. M. & W.	46⅛	46½	46⅛	46½
Royal Dutch	54½	54½	54½	54½
Ray Consolidated	12⅛	12¼	12⅛	12¼
Reading Railway	87¾	88	87⅝	88
Republic Iron	59⅞	60½	59⅞	60½
Rock Island	56¾	56¾	56¼	56¼
Rubber, com	81⅜	83	81	83
Reynolds Tobacco	94	94	94	94
Reynolds Spring	9⅛	9¼	9⅛	9¼
Replogle Steel	14¼	15	14¼	15
Sloss-Sheffield	137	137⅞	137	137½
St. L. & W.	65½	65½	65¼	65½
Sinclair Oil	21⅛	21¼	21⅛	21¼
Southern Railway	119½	119½	119½	119½
San Francisco	99	99	98½	99
Sears-Roebuck	233	235	233	235
Standard Oil, N.J.	43⅝	44	43¼	44
do, California	58¾	59⅜	58¾	59¼
St. Paul	9¾	9¾	9½	9½
do, pfd.	19	19¼	18¾	18¾
Studebaker	56½	56⅞	56½	56⅝
Southern Pacific	100¾	101⅞	100¾	101⅝
Stewart Warner	94½	94½	92¼	92½
Shell Oil Corp	26⅛	26⅛	25¾	25¾
Skelly Oil	31	31⅛	31	31⅛
Tob. Products	97½	97½	97	97¼
Tenn. Copper	14	14	14	14
Transcon. Oil	4⅛	4¼	4⅛	4⅛
Texas Oil	52⅞	53½	52⅞	53⅜
Tex. Pac. Oil	15⅝	15⅝	15⅝	15⅝
Texas Pacific	55½	56¼	55½	56¼
Timkens	54½	54½	54½	54½
Texas Gulf Sul.	117	117	117	117
United Cigar	92½	94	91½	92⅝
United Drug	153	153	153	153
Union Pacific	150	150	149⅞	149⅞
U. S. Steel	135½	137	135¼	136¾
Universal Pipe	27½	28¼	27⅛	28¼
U. S. Distribut.	56⅜	56⅜	56	56
U. S. Smelting	48¼	48¼	48	48
Vanadium Steel	31⅞	31⅞	31	31
Vivandau	27	27	27	27
Wheeling	29¼	29½	29¼	29½
West Maryland	16½	16½	16½	16½
Western Union	135½	135⅞	135½	135⅞
Wabash	43⅞	44¼	43⅝	44¼
do, "A"	73	73	73	73
Worth. Pump	45	45	44½	44½
Woolworth	211¾	213⅞	211¾	213
Willys-Overland	26	26⅜	26	26¼
Westinghouse	74½	75⅜	74½	74⅝
White Motors	82⅜	82½	82½	83⅜
Yellow Cab	28	30⅞	28	30½
Youngstown	87	87	86⅞	86⅞

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 24.—Closing prices today were:

British 5 per cenat laon	100⅝
do, 4½ per cent	94¾
Consols, for money	55
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe	132½
Baltimore & Ohio	92½
Canadian Pacific Railway	147
Chesapeake & Ohio	127½
Chicago Great Western	11⅛
De Beers Mines	14½
Erie Railway	38⅝
do, 1st pfd.	45⅞
Illinois Central Railway	121¾
Louisville & Nashville	144¼
New York Central	130½
Norfolk & Western	147⅞
Ontario & Western	28⅝
Pennsylvania Railway	53⅞
Rand Mines	2⅞
Reading Railway	88⅜
Southern Railway	118⅞
Southern Pacific	100⅝
United States Steel	135⅝

CHEESE

New York, Dec. 23.—Cheese firm; receipts, 120,845 pounds.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—The receipts of cheese yesterday were 479 boxes, as against 580 for the same day last week. Trade was dull there being practically no demand for supplies from foreign buyers, and prices were nominally unchanged, with current receipts of No. 1 white and colored nominally quoted at 18¼c to 18½c.

Liverpool, Dec. 24.—Cheese—Canadian finest white and colored, cwt, 108s.

Toronto

Toronto, Dec. 24—Noon.

Sales	Stocks.	High	Low	Noon
40	B. E. Steel	2½	2½	2½
120	do, 2nd pfd.	9½	9	9½
1688	Brazilian	83⅛	82	82¾
20	Brompton	26¼	26¼	26¼
80	B. C. Fishing	59	59	59
10	Bell Telephone	138½	138½	138½
50	Burt	64	63¼	64
20	Canada Bread	61½	61½	61½
10	Can. Car	3¼	3¼	3¼
100	Can. S.S. L. pfd.	55	55	55
5	C. G. Elec. pfd.	56	56	56
15	City Dairy	78	78	78
2875	Con. Smelters	176	169	176
10	Duluth Superior	31⅞	31⅞	31⅞
75	Davies "A"	36	35¾	36
16	Maple Leaf pfd.	106	105	105
50	Ogilvie pfd.	66⅜	66¼	66¼
40	Pure Gold	23	22	22
1225	Twin City	78¼	76	77⅞
	Mines:			
250	Dome	16.85	16.85	16.85
100	McIntyre	22.69	22.69	22.69
20	Nipissing	6.10	6.10	6.10
220	Hollinger	17.30	17.20	17.30
	Banks:			
2	Dominion	214½	214½	214½
10	Royal	249	249	249
30	Standard	198	198	198
	Bonds:			
1400	Can. Canners	94½	94	94¼

STANDARD EXCHANGE

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Total trading on the Standard Mining Exchange today was 239,075 shares. Several stocks gained may points and the market on the whole was stronger. There was activity in Goldale, which advanced 2½ points to 35 at the close. Kirkland Lake went up 3 points to 84½, Lakeshore was 30c beter, Premier 2 points up, Teck Hughes 4 points, Vipond Consolidated 2 points, Wright Hargreaves 5 points, Beaver 3½ and Castle Tretheway 3. Other stocks showed fractional gains and few were a point or a fraction of a point off.

Reported by Jones, Easton, McCallum Company, Royal Bank Building.
Toronto, Dec. 24—Noon.

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Apex	2¾	3	T Oakes	51	51½
Atlas	1¼	2	Teck-H	244	246
Argo	16	16¼	Vipond	154	155
Baldwin	2⅛	2¼	Vickers	13	15
Beatty	½	⅞	Wright	770	775
Bidgood	6½	8	Beaver	58½	54
Chaput	7	8	Capitol	32	32½
W D L	19¼	19½	Coniag	450	..
Columbus	3¾	3⅞	Cr Res	19½	19¾
Dome	1675	1685	Castle	149	150
Goldale	35	36	Everett	7½	8
Gold Reef	1¾	1⅞	Keeley	163	164
Hattie, p	1½	2	Lakeside	2½	3¼
Hunton	6⅞	7	La Rose	37	39½
Hollin	1725	1730	Lorrain	7⅞	8
Indian	5	5½	Trout L	110	125
Keora	13	14	McKin	22½	23½
Kirkland	84	85	M Corp	317	320
L Shore	935	945	Ophir	3	3¾
Moneta	16	17	Nipis'g	620	625
McInt	2250	2265	Peterson	2½	2¾
N Ray	38	40	Temisk	12	14
N Hawk	7	..	Wettlauf	4¾	5
P Crown	4	6	Premier	224	225
Preston	7½	8	Canadian	71½	72

GOVERNMENT LOANS

Reported for The Advertiser by Wood, Gundy & Co.
London, Ont., Dec. 24.

Year.	Bid.	Asked.	Yield.
5½% Victory:			
1927	102.10	102.20	4.40
1933	105.50	105.65	4.65
1945	103.75		5.00
1937	108.75		4.55
5% War Loan:			
1931	102.15	102.30	4.56
1937	104.20	104.30	4.53
5½% Renewal:			
1927	102.25		4.30
1932	103.10	103.20	4.96
5% Refunding:			
1928	100.55		4.86
1943	101.45	101.60	4.85
4½% refunding:			
1944	96.55	96.75	4.77
1940	96.00	96.10	4.85

ALLIED BONDS

New York, Dec. 23.

Sales.	Bonds:	High	Low	Close
32	Argentine 7s	102	101⅞	101⅞
44	do, 6s, A	96½	96¼	96½
16	do, 6s, B	96	95⅜	95⅜
26	do, 6s, June, 1959	96	95⅝	96
75	do, 6s, Oct., 1959	96	95¾	95⅞
1	do 5s	85⅝	..	..
66	Australian 5s	96⅝	96½	96⅝
12	Austrian 7s	100¾	100½	100¾
3	Belgian 8s	107⅞	..	..
11	do, 7½s	109⅞	109¾	109¾
42	do, 7s	95½	94⅝	94⅞
7	do, 6½s	92¾	92¼	92¼
43	do, 6s	85½	85⅛	85¼
26	Berlin 6½s	87¼	87	87¼
10	Bordeaux 6s	83	82½	82½
23	Brazilian 8s	101⅞	101¼	101⅞
1	British 5½s, 1929	117⅞	..	..
15	do, 5½s, 1937	104⅛	104½	104½
50	Canada 5½s, 1929	102	101⅞	101⅞
1	do, 5s, 1931	101¾	..	..
40	do, 5s, 1952	103⅛	103	103
8	French 8s	100⅞	100¾	100⅞
33	do, 7½s	98⅛	97¾	98
72	do, 7s	88	87½	87¾
226	German 7s	101½	101	101¼
3	do, Agl. Bank 7s	94⅛	93⅞	94⅛
2	do, G. E. 7s	95¼	..	..
10	Hungarian 7½s	96½	..	..
141	Italian 7s	94⅝	94½	94½
60	Japanese 6½s	92⅝	92½	92⅝
2	Lyons 6s	82½	..	..
9	Marseilles 6s	82½	..	..
14	Nord Railway 6½s	78¾	78¼	78¾
27	Paris, L. & M. 7s	83¼	82½	82½
27	do, 6s	77½	77	77½
5	Paris-Orleans 7s	83⅞	83¾	83⅞
33	Poland 8s	88⅜	88	88⅝
2	do, 6s	68¾	..	..
2	Queensland 7s	112	111¾	112
4	do, 6s	107¼	107	107¼
4	Seine 7s	86½	..	..
5	Serbian 8s	91¾	91½	91¾
5	Sweden 6s	104¾	104½	104½
15	do, 5½s	101¾	101⅝	101¾
6	Swiss 8s	116⅞	116¾	116¾
27	do, 5½s	103¼	..	..

NEW YORK CURB

Reported for The Advertiser by Arthur E. Moysey & Co.
New York, Dec. 24.

Stocks—	High	Low	Close
Canada Dry	4	42¾	43
Cons Dairy Prods	6¼	6¼	6¼
Cont Baking B	30¾	29¾	30
DeForest Radio	12½	12½	12½
Durant Del	12¾	12⅝	12¾
Goodyear	37	37	37
Happiness A	8¾	8¾	8¾
Hollander & Son	35½	35½	35½
Inter Utilities B	7¼	7¼	7¼
Northern Ohio	16½	16¼	16½
Reo Motors	23	23	23
Swift Int	21⅛	20¾	21⅛
Thermodyne	2½	2½	2½
Tobacco Products	5	5	5
Mining—			
Engineers Gold	15⅜	14⅜	15¼
Eureka Croesus	7	6⅞	7
Golden Center	2¼	2¼	2¼
Kay Copper	1—	1¾	1¾
Nipissing	6¼	6⅛	6¼
Ohio Copper	75	75	75
Premier	2¼	2¼	2¼
Oils—			
Anglo-American	18	18	18
Carib Syndicate	6⅝	6⅝	6⅝
Cities Service	37⅞	37⅞	37⅞
Columbia Synd	2⅛	2⅛	2⅛
Continental	24¾	24¼	24¾
Gulf Oil	92¾	92¼	92¼
Humble	94	93⅜	93⅜
Imperial	37¼	37¼	37¼
Inter Petro	33⅝	33⅜	33⅝
Lago Petro	10½	10⅜	10⅜
Mexican Panucao	4⅜	4⅜	4⅜
Mountain Prod	26	25¾	25¾
Prairie Oil	55½	55¼	55¼
Royal Can	40	40	40
Salt Creek Prod	34	33¾	34
Standard of Ind	68	67¼	68
do, of N Y	47	45⅞	47
Vacuum Gas	107¾	107½	107½

CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS.

London, Dec. 23.—The stock exchange here will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Liverpool, Dec. 23.—The corn exchange here will be closed Dec. 25 and 26, Christmas holidays.

Montreal

Reported for The Advertiser by McDougall and Cowans.
Montreal, Dec. 24.

Sales	Stocks—	Open	High	Low	Close
60	Abitibi	72½	72¾	72½	72¾
40	Atl Sugar	32	32	32	32
14	Bell Tel	138½	138½	138½	138½
100	B E St	2⅝	2⅝	2⅝	2⅝
1285	Brazilian	82	82⅞	82	82⅝
2205	Breweries	56¼	57⅜	56¼	56½
225	Brompton	26¾	26¾	26¾	26¾
20	Cement	104	104	104	104
10	Converters	94	94	94	94
25	Can St	11	11	11	11
100	Dom Glass	85	86	86	86
65	L W M	172	172	172	172
235	Laurentide	89	89	88½	88½
10	MacDonald	9	9	9	9
177	Montreal P	213	213	213	212½
45	Ottawa P	98	98	98	98
210	Price Bros	58½	58½	58	58
75	Quebec P	112¾	112¾	112½	112½
200	Shawinigan	167½	167½	167	167½
5414	Smelters	169	176½	169	176½
525	Spanish	105	105⅝	105	105⅝
340	Steel of C	97½	98	97½	98
470	Textile	90	90⅝	90	90⅝
295	Twin City	76	78½	76	77½
25	Wayagamak	74	74	74	74
100	Dryden	8	8	8	8
25	B A Oil	48¾	48¾	48¾	48¾
610	Paint	133⅞	135	130⅛	135
200	Inter Petro.	33	33	33	33
	Preferred—				
305	Can St	54½	54½	54½	54½
100	Canners	66	66¼	66	66
950	B E St. 2nd	9	9⅝	8⅞	8⅞
10	do, 1st	27	27	27	27
75	Dom Iron	20	20	20	20
5	Ottawa P	101	101	101	101
10	MacDonald	50½	50½	50½	50½
25	Asbestos	115	115	115	115
20	Winnipeg	95	95	95	95
8	Cement	116	116	116	116
	Banks—				
3	Montreal	261	261	261	261
4	Nova Scotia	281	281	281	281
	Bonds—				
15000	V L, 1934	10385	10385	10385	10385

BUTTER AND EGGS

New York, Dec. 22.—Butter firm; receitpts, 6,957 tubs. Creamery, higher than extras, 49½c to 50c; creamery, extras, 48½c to 49c; firsts, 45c to 48c.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Butter quotations to shippers: Creamery, No. 1, 43c to 43½c; creamery, No. 2, 42c to 42½c; dairy, prints, 35c, for goods delivered Toronto.
Churning cream — Quotations on churning cream for Toronto delivery are 40c to 43c per pound butterfat, f.o.b. shipping points.
Quotations to retail trade—Creamery, No. 1, 47c to 48c; creamery, No. 3, 44c to 45c; dairy, 40c to 41c.
Eggs—Wholesale, delivered in Toronto: Fresh extras, 60c; fresh firsts, 40c; fresh seconds, 30c. Prices to retail trade: Extra fresh, in cartons, 72c; extras, loose, 70c; firsts, fresh, 50c; storage extras, in cartons, 48c to 49c; storage extras, loose, 46c to 47c; storage firsts, 43c to 44c; storage seconds, 37c to 38c.

Toronto, Dec. 23. — The following prices were quoted for country produce here today:
Churning cream—40c to 43c per pound butterfat, f.o.b. shipping points for Toronto delivery.
Wholesalers are paying, delivered Toronto, as follows:
Butter—Solids, finest pasteurized, 44c to 44½c; do., firsts, 43½c to 44c; seconds, 42½c to 43c.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The butter market today ruled firm on all grades, and trading was very active. Buyers who had been operating close to requirements for some time were apparently replenishing stocks for the balance of the week, as stocks were very light. Dealers held firm, and in some quarters were obtaining premiums.
The centralized car market was firm, with demand good and supplies limited.
Fresh butter, 46½c; centralized, 45c.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Receipts of butter were 484 packages, as compared with 38 for the same day last week. The market was again very quiet. The volume of business was small. The tone was steady and prices were unchanged.
Butter—No. 1 pasteurized, 41½c to 42c; No. 1 creamery, 40c to 41c.
Eggs—Storage extras, 46c; storage firsts, 41c; storage seconds, 36c; fresh extras, 75c; fresh firsts, 65c.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Butter higher; receipts, 4,852 tubs; creamery extras, 46⅜c; standards, 45¼c; extra firsts, 44½c to 45½c; firsts, 42½c to 43½c; seconds, 40c to 41½c.
Eggs lower; receipts, 3,142 cases; firsts, 40c to 41c; ordinary firsts, 34c to 36c; refrigerator extras, 34½c; firsts, 33½c.

RAW SUGAR

Reported for The Advertiser by Bongard & Co.
Toronto, Dec. 24.

Month—	High	Low	Noon
December	2.31	2.31	2.31
January	2.33	2.29	2.33
March	2.42	2.40	2.42
May	2.57	2.56	2.57
July	2.67	2.66	2.67
September	2.77	2.76	2.76

Reported for The Advertiser by W. G. Coles Co., Bank of Toronto Bldg.
New York, Dec. 23.—Raw sugar market steady at 2⅜.

Special to The Advertiser.
Toronto, Dec. 23.—Wholesale sugar quotations to the retail trade on Canadian refiner sugar, Toronto delivery, are now as follows (Atlantic, Redpath, Acadia and St. Lawrence):
Granulated—100-lb. bags, $6.66.
Yellow—No. 1, 100-lb. bags, $6.26; No. 2 yellow, $6.16; No. 3, $6.06.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Raw sugar market reported by Messrs. Bongard & Co., 244 Bay street.

Month.	High.	Low.	Close.
December	239	237	237
January	235	232	232
March	243	240	241
May	257	254	254
July	268	264	264
September	277	274	274

COFFEE

New York, Dec. 23.—Coffee futures closed steady, with net gain of 5 to 12 points. Sales were estimated at 29,000 bags. Closing quotations: Dec., 16.82c; Jan., 16.80c; March, 16.77c; May, 16.57c; July, 16.28c; Sept., 15.84c.
Spot coffee firm.

FLOUR

New York, Dec. 23. — Flour firm; spring patents and hard winter straights, $8.75 to $9.25; soft winter straights, $8.15 to $8.50.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Flour, Manitoba spring wheat patents, firsts, $8.90; seconds, $8.40; strong bakers, $8 to $8.20; winter patents, $7.20.
Rolled oats—Bag, 90 lbs., $3.40 to $3.50.
Bran—Per ton, $30.25 to $31.25.
Shorts—Per ton, $32.25 to $33.25.
Middlings—Per ton, $39.25 to $40.25.

Toronto, Dec. 23. — Manitoba flour, first patents, $9.30, Toronto; second patents, $8.80.
Ontario flour—Toronto, 90 per cent patents, $6.35 per barrel; seaboard, in bulk, $6.35.
Millfeed—Bran, per ton, $30.25 to $31.25; shorts, $32.25 to $33.25; middlings, $39.25 to $40.25; good feed flour, $2.30 per bag.

POTATOES

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Potatoes, Quebec varieties, per bag, carlots, $2.40 to $2.50.

Grain Markets

WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—A 28,000,000-bushel reduction in the United States crop, as estimated by the government, making the total wheat yield of that country 669,000,000 bushels, was the main bullish factor in the markets here today, and both wheat and coarse grains scored sharp advances. With a wave of excellent buying by exporters and "shorts," wheat touched a high mark of about 6c above the previous close, while flax and rye were from 3c to 6c up and oats and barley from 1c to 2c higher. At the close wheat was 4⅞c to 5¾c higher.

Throughout the session the undertone to the market was very strong, and with the United States government report putting that country on a domestic basis, exporters freely predicted heavy sales from now on, and no difficulty is foreseen in disposing of Canada's 200,000,000-bushel surplus.

Though the coarse grain markets and cash commodities displayed a firmer tone, only an ordinary demand existed, and trade volume was light. The gains were in sympathy with wheat.

Cash grain:
Wheat—No. 1 northern, $1.51⅞; No. 2 northern, $1.48⅝; No. 3 northern, $1.43⅝; No. 4, $1.35⅛; No. 5, $1.27⅝; No. 6, $1.08⅝; feed, 88⅝; track, $1.50¾.
Oats—No. 2 C. W., 47⅜c; No. 3 C. W., 43⅜c; extra No. 1 feed, 43⅜c; No. 1 feed, 41⅜c; No 2 feed, 37⅜c; rejected, 35⅞c; track, 46⅜c.
Barley—No. 3 C. W., 62⅝c; No. 4 C. W., 57⅝c; rejected, 53⅝c; feed, 52⅝c; track, 62⅝c.
Flax—No. 1 N. W. C., $2.22¼; No. 2 C. W., $2.18¼; No. 3 C. W., $2.06¼; rejected, $1.96¼; track, $2.22¼.
Rye—No. 2 C. W., 98c.

WINNIPEG GRAIN FUTURES.

Reported by Jones, Easton, McCallum Company, Royal Bank Building.
Winnipeg, Dec. 24.
1:30

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—				
Dec.	$1 52⅝	1 53½	1 52	1 53¼
May	1 56½	1 58	1 55⅞	1 57⅞
July	1 55½	1 56½	1 54⅜	1 55½
Oats—				
Dec.	46½	46⅝	46⅛	46½
May	50⅝	50¾	50½	50⅝
July	51⅜	51⅜	51¼	51¼
Flax—				
Dec.	2 23¼	2 23¼	2 22½	2 22½
May	2 31½	2 32	2 30¾	2 31
Rye—				
May	1 03½	1 06	1 03½	1 06

CHICAGO

Chicago, Dec. 24.—With reports at hand telling of disappointing yields in Argentina, especially Pampas province, the wheat market here took an early swing upward today. The opening, ⅛c lower to 1½c higher, new style, was followed by a moderate general setback and then by a rise to $1.77 for December, and $1.72⅞ for May. Corn and oats were easy. After opening ⅛c to 1⅜c lower, corn prices rallied to about yesterday's finish and then sagged again. Oats started at ¼c off to ⅛c to ¼c up, and held near to initial figures.

CHICAGO GRAIN FUTURES.

Reported by Jones, Easton, McCallum Company, Royal Bank Building.
Chicago, Dec. 24.
1:30

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—				
Old Dec.	$1 70¾	1 73¾	1 70½	1 73¾
New Dec.	1 74½	1 77	1 73¾	1 76¾
Old May	1 69	1 71½	1 68½	1 70½
New May	1 71½	1 73¾	1 70¾	1 72½
July	1 48	1 50	1 47	1 49¼
Corn—				
Dec.	75¾	76½	75½	76
May	84	84	83⅜	83¾
Oats—				
Dec.	40	40¼	40	40¼
May	45	45⅛	44¾	44⅞

MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Oats, Canadian western, No. 2, 63½c; No. 3, 58½c; extra No. 1 feed, 56c.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 23. — Manitoba wheat, No. 1 northern, $1.67½; No. 2 northern, $1.63½; No. 3 northern, $1.60½.
Manitoba oats—No. 3, 52¼c; No. 1 feed, 50¼c; No. 2 feed, 48c.
American corn—Track, Toronto, No 2 yellow, 92c.
Ontario oats—42c to 45c.
Ontario good milling wheat—$1.37 to $1.40.
Barley—Malting, 65c to 67c.
Buckwheat—No. 3, 70c.
Screenings—Standard, recleaned, $20 per ton.

Live Stock

EAST BUFFALO.

East Buffalo, Dec. 24.—Cattle—Receipts, 300; fairly active and steady.
Calves—Receipts, 200; active, choice $1 higher; culls, 50c higher; choice, $15 to $15.50; fair to good, $12.50 to $14.50; culls, $8 to $12: heavy, $6 to $9; grassers, $4 to $6.
Hogs—Receipts, 2,400; active, 25c to 50c higher; heavy, $11.75 to $12; mixed, $12.25; yorkers, $12.50 to $12.65; light yorkers, $12.75 to $13; pigs, $13; roughs, $9.75 to $10; stags, $6 to $8.
Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 1,000; active, 25c higher; lambs, $9 to $17; others unchanged.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Hogs—Receipts, 19,000; good and choice 200 to 300-pound butchers, $11.10 to $11.50; better 160 to 180-pound weight, $11.75 to $12; 140 to 150-pound selections, $12 to $12.25.
Cattle—Receipts 6,000; top heavy steers, $12.25; yearlings, $12; bulk, $8.75 to $10; bulls, 10c to 15c up; vealers strong at $11 to $11.50; mostly outsiders hand-picking upward to $13 and better.
Sheep—Receipts, 2,000; fat lambs, bulk $16 to $16.25; fat sheep strong; fat ewes $8.25 to $8.75; feeding lambs fully steady; few loads $15.50 to $16; no choice handyweight on sale.

WEEKLY BANK CLEARINGS

Windsor	$ 3,550,278
Hamilton	5,447,827
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Peterboro	930,333
Halifax	3,268,460
Sherbrooke	831,565
St. John	2,851,446
Moncton	1,071,112
Montreal	94,129,798
Ottawa	7,666,254

EGGS AND POULTRY

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—With the Christmas markets practically closed, poultry receipts are decreasing throughout the west. The egg market continues to show an easiness under increased production.
Toronto—Fresh eggs easier; specials 70c, extras 68c, firsts 55c; storage extras 46c, firsts 42c, seconds 35c. Poultry firm; wholesale prices unchanged; turkeys retailing on farmers' market from 50c to 60c, geese 30c.
Montreal—Turkeys sold on the Montreal market today, f.o.b. Edmonton, at 36c for birds over 15 pounds, 34c for birds over 11 pounds and 32c for birds under 11 pounds and 25c for second grades. No. 1 chickens are offered from Winnipeg at: Over 4 pounds 30c, over 5 pounds 32c. Turkeys were cleaned up in the west, and Winnipeg reports there are no stocks left for shipment. The egg market is dull and unchanged.
Halifax—Egg prices unchanged, with fresh supplies arriving more freely. Dealers are paying to country points for dressed chickens and roasters 35c, jobbing 37c. Turkey toms, drawn, are paying, country points, 45c, jobbing 47c. Geese strong, bringing 25c at country points, jobbing, 28c. Poultry plentiful, with market firm. No overloading is expected. Small sale for fowl.

HAY AND STRAW

Special to The Advertiser.

Detroit, Dec. 23.—Hay, No. 1 timothy, $24.50 to $25; standard, $23.50 to $24; No. 1 light clover, mixed, $23 to $23.50; No. 2 timothy, $21 to $22; No. 1 clover, mixed, $20 to $21; No. 1 clover, $20 to $21.
Wheat and oats straw, $12.50 to $13; rye straw, $13.50 to $14 per ton, in carlots.

TURKEY PRICES SLIGHTLY HIGHER

Fewer Eggs on Local Market —Oats Still Quite Scarce.

For the day before Christmas the local market today made a poor showing. The number of farmers was fewer than last Tuesday, and buyers were "equally few. Turkeys have risen slightly, gobblers being sold at 40 cents a pound and hen turkeys at 45, with an occasional bird bringing 48 cents. Geese were selling from 19 to 23 cents a pound, while ducks brought from 20 to 23 cents.

Three loads of hay were brought in, the price remaining at $22 per ton. Oats have been scarce the entire week, but what is sold goes at $1.40 a hundredweight.

Eggs are weaker, strictly fresh laid ones costing 55 to 60 cents a dozen, retail. A few Christmas trees were on display and prices for these ranged from 25 cents to $2.50 a tree.

Grain, per Bushel:			
Barley, per bu.	$ 72	to	$ 72
Oats, per bu.	46	to	47
Wheat, per bu.	1 40	to	1 40
Grain, per cwt.:			
Barley, per cwt.	1 50	to	1 50
Buckwheat, per cwt.	1 50	to	1 50
Oats, per cwt.	1 35	to	1 40
Rye, per cwt.	1 60	to	1 60
Hay and Straw:			
Hay, per ton	19 00	to	22 00
Straw, per ton	9 00	to	10 00
Fruit, Vegetables:			
Apples, per basket	35	to	60
do, per bu.	85	to	1 50
Pears, per bu.	1 00	to	1 75
Beans, per bu.	3 00	to	3 00
Beets, per bu.	75	to	1 00
Cauliflowers, per doz.	2 50	to	4 00
Cabbages, per doz.	60	to	80
Carrots, per bu.	80	to	1 00
Celery, doz bunches	1 50	to	1 50
Lettuce, doz bunches	80	to	90
Onions, per bu.	1 25	to	1 50
Parsnips, per bu.	1 00	to	1 00
Parsley, per bunch	5	to	5
Peppers, per doz.	10	to	20
Potatoes, per bag	2 00	to	2 25
Pumpkins, each	15	to	25
Radishes, per doz.	50	to	65
Sage, per doz.	40	to	50
Spinach, per peck	20	to	25
Honey, Wholesale:			
Honey, 5-lb pails	50	to	75
do, combs, each	25	to	25
Honey, Retail:			
Honey, 5-lb pails	75	to	85
Dairy Products, Retail:			
Butter, dairy, lb.	43	to	48
do, creamery, lb.	46	to	50
Eggs, new-laid, doz.	55	to	60
Dairy Products, Wholesale:			
Eggs, fresh extras	55	to	55
do, firsts	48	to	48
do, seconds	35	to	35
do, cracks	35	to	35
Pullet extras	40	to	40
Dressed Meats, Wholesale:			
Heifers and steers, 500 to 600 lbs, cwt.	11 00	to	12 00
Cow beef, 400 to 500 lbs, per cwt.	8 00	to	10 00
Beef hinds, lb.	15	to	15
do, fronts, lb.	12	to	12
Lamb, spring, lb.	23	to	25
Veal, per lb.	12	to	14
Dressed Meats, Retail:			
Pork fronts, lb.	18	to	19
do, hinds, lb.	19	to	22
Live Stock:			
Bulls, No. 1, lb.	4½	to	4½
do, No. 2	3½	to	3½
Calves, per cwt.	10 00	to	11 00
Lamb, per lb.	10	to	11
Hogs, alive, per lb.	12	to	12½
Pigs, small, pair	10 00	to	12 00
Sows, fat, cwt.	8	to	9
Hides:			
Cow hides, No. 1, lb.	9	to	9½
do, No. 2	8	to	8½
Calf skins, No. 1, lb.	15	to	15
do, No. 2	13	to	13
Horse hides, each	3 00	to	3 50
Kip, No. 1, lb.	13	to	13
do, No. 2	11	to	11
Sheep skins, each	1 00	to	2 00

Poultry, Wholesale:	Alive.	Dressed.
Chickens, spring, over 6 lbs	21	22
do, 5 to 6 lbs.	19	25
do, 4 to 5 lbs.	17	23
do, under 4 lbs.	15	20
Black and red feathered	12	22
Hens, over 5 lbs.	18	20
do, 4 to 5 lbs.	15	20
do, under 4 lbs.	10	13
Roosters, old, over 5 lbs.	10	14
do, under 5 lbs.	8	11
Ducks, spring, over 5 lbs.	20	20
do, 4 to 5 lbs.	18	20
do, old, over 4 lbs.	15	18
Geese, over 10 lbs.	19	23
Turkeys, young, hens or gobblers, over 8 lbs.	40	45
do, old	39	43

PROVISIONS

CHICAGO PROVISIONS.

Reported by Jones, Easton, McCallum Company, Royal Bank Building.
Chicago, Dec. 24.
1:30

Lard—	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	$14 75	14 80	14 75	14 80
May	14 35	14 35	14 30	14 35
Jan.	14 45	14 50	14 42	14 50

Chicago, Dec. 24.—In line with hog values the provision market advanced.

New York, Dec. 23.—The raw sugar market was quiet and unchanged today at 4.11c for Cuban, duty paid. The only sale reported was 5,000 bags of Cuban for first half of January shipment to an operator at 4.11c.
European covering was again the principal sustaining feature in the raw sugar market. It caused early advances of 2 to 5 points, but on the upturn there was considerable realizing and selling by producing interests which caused partial reactions, and final prices were 1 point lower to 3 points higher. December closed at 2.37, January 2.32 March 2.41, May 2.54 and July 2.65.
The market for spot refined sugar was unchanged at 5c to 5.50c for fine granulated. Business was mostly in the way of withdrawals on old orders.

Liverpool, Dec. 24.—Hams—Long cut, 12 to 16 lbs, 117s 6d.
Bacon—Cumberland cut, 22 to 36 lbs, 107s 6d; Canadian Wiltshires, 50 to 75 lbs, 118s; clear bellies, 14 to 20 lbs, 112s; short clear backs, 12 to 20 lbs, 114s; shoulders, square, 12 to 16 lbs, 94s.
Lard—American refined, in boxes, cwt, 76s 6d; prime western, in tierces, cwt, 76s 9d.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Straw, per ton, $9 to $9.50.

New York, Dec. 23.—Hay was unchanged.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Hay, No. 2, per ton, carlots, $14.50 to $15.

Thieves Steal Christmas Pay

Six Armed Men Steal Payroll and Escape With $41,910.

Associated Press Despatch.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—The Christmas payroll of the Pittsburg Terminal Coal Company, totalling $47,900, was taken from the pay car by six armed men at Millenauer, a mining settlement nears Pittsburg today. The robber escaped in an automobile.

WHEAT AREA ABOUT SAME.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The area of winter wheat sown this fall is 39,540,000 acres, which is 1.03 per cent less than the revised estimate of 39,956,000 acres sown last fall, the United States department of agriculture today announced.

WORKERS WELCOME CHRISTMAS ON FRIDAY

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for those who wish to seek pleasure and enjoyment outside the home there will be plenty of divertissement provided.

The civic playground skating rinks and toboggan slide at Thames park will be opened for the first time this year tomorrow. There will be the usual extraordinary programs at the local theatres, while the bowling alleys, though the regular league tournaments have been suspended for a two weeks' breathing spell, will be going strong for private and unofficial matches. The arena will be open for skating afternoon and evening as will the Simcoe street roller rink. Dancing opportunities will be provided at the winter gardens with a specially arranged program to suit the tastes of all who attend.

The churches of the city will have services which those who desire may attend and participate in the communion sacrament. The United church and the Baptist church are having separate city-wide services at First church and Egerton street Baptist church respectively, while, of course, the Anglican churches will celebrate communion in the manner customary to this denomination. In the various Catholic churches midnight mass will usher in the day of Christ's birth, while tomorrow morning several other masses will be said.

Communion Services.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion will take place at the First United church tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, for all the members of the eighteen United churches of the city.

Unique as the service is in the United church, it is expected that there will be a large turnout to avail themselves of the privilege thus afforded on Christmas Day.

Rev. Col. William Beattie, D.D., the pastor of First church, and president of the London United church ministerial association, will conduct the service.

Baptist churches of the city will unite in a city-wide Christmas Day service to be held at Egerton street Baptist church tomorrow at 10 a.m.

Rev. James H. Versey, formerly of the Church of Christ, Disciples, Elizabeth street, will deliver the address at the service, which will be in charge of Rev. Alfred Burgess, pastor of Egerton street church.

Mrs. H. Pyman will sing, and the whole service will be over in an hour. It is the first service of its kind ever held, and those in charge are hoping for a full attendance.

Ice Surfaces Good

By a special effort the public utilities commission has been able to get fairly good ice surfaces at Victoria and Thames parks for skating, while the fine fall of snow has put the new toboggan slide at the Craig street entrance to Thames park in good shape.

There will also be skating at the Coves and at McGillivray's creek, the commission having made arrangements for clearing the ice at these places.

The commission is working on the hockey rinks, which will be ready within the next few days.

Arrangements have been made by the commission for protection against accidents on the toboggan slides, under the terms of the public liability insurances carried by the city council.

Staff Increased.

Although not decorated with tinsel, holly and mistletoe, London's postoffice took on a genuine yuletide appearance this week, with parcels and letters piled high and ready for Christmas delivery. Wednesday and Thursday saw the peak of the Christmas rush, necessitating an added staff to prevent a jam.

Postmen started on their rounds early this morning, long before dawn, in fact They were weighted down with bundles. Boys drew heavily loaded sledges behind, and snowy sidewalks aided them in the rapid delivery of presents throughout te city.

Christmas crowds this year are greater than ever, according to the traffic on the local railways. Special trains and extra sections are necessary to handle the many holiday passengers coming home for Christmas.

Trains Running Heavy.

The special C. N. R. train from Detroit via Port Huron, made up of 15 cars, arrived here forty minutes late last night, due to the amount of passenger traffic. Other trains, although not late, carried from 12 to 15 carloads of passengers. The Detroit-Windsor-Toronto train passing through here at 4:09 this afternoon, will be run in two sections, and the 7:20 train will carry three sections. The midnight train from Detroit tonight will be made up of two sections totalling 28 cars, the Chicago limited will consist of 14 cars, and other trains are relatively larger.

On the C. P. R., trains are pretty well on time, but extra trains and sections are also needed to cope with the exceptionally large traffic. The midnight trains last night and tonight from Detroit are both made up in two sections, and loaded to capacity. Tonight the Detroit train will be run in three or four sections, arriving at intervals after 7:30 p.m. Today at noon, a special was made up here for Toronto.

BIG ALUMINUM PLANT OPERATES NEXT YEAR

Biggest Works of Kind in the World Will Do Much For Quebec.

Canadian Press Association.

Quebec, Dec. 24.—The new plants of the Aluminum Corporation of America at Chute a Caron, Que., will be completed by the end of 1926, according to the vice-president of the corporation, preliminary operations being almost complete now. Within three months or so, it is expected transmission wires from the Grand de Charie plant will be installed.

Described by the premier of Quebec as the greatest industrial development ever projected in the province, an agreement was reached between the Quebec government and the Aluminum Corporation of America in June, 1925, which had for its objective the establishment of the largest aluminum works in the world in Lake St. John district of Quebec.

Ten of the largest turbines in the world, with a capacity of 8,000 horsepower each are to be installed and 20 boats will be kept in operation on the Saguenay to meet the requirements of the company. Some eight thousand men will be employed by the corporation.

TIDAL WAVE SWEEPS YAP.

Tokio, Dec. 24.—The navy department reports that the island of Yap experienced a tidal wave and storm Dec. 15. Buildings along the coast were severely damaged but there were no casualties. The wireless station was not damaged.

P. SMITH UNABLE TO PAY PROVINCE

Raney Says Former Treasurer Cannot Raise $100,000—Belittles Nickle's Stand.

Associated Press Despatch.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 24.—W. E. Raney, former attorney-general, who has been active endeavoring to get parole for Peter Smith, former provincial treasurer of Ontario, who is now in Portsmouth penitentiary, said today that he thought it impossible for Mr. Smith to raise $100,000, the amount he was fined when convicted.

"I do not think Mr. Smith could raise $25,000," said Mr. Raney. "He has an interest in a glass works which is not paying a dividend, and the rest of his assets, I believe, are tied up with the bank. The attorney-general, if he had so wished, could have made a seizure of the assets to pay the fine, but he has not done so."

Mr. Raney contended that the reference to the attorney-general by the federal minister of justice was just mere courtesy, as the attorney-general had no other standing than that of any private prosecutor.

BIG MUNN NURSES CHIN, BOXING LIFE TOO ROUGH

Big Wrestler Knocked Out in First Round—Will Give Up Fighting.

Associated Press Despatch.

Kansas City, Kas., Dec. 24.—Nursing a battered chin, Wayne (Big) Munn today had given up dreams of a career in the prize ring. Munn concluded that the equipment necessary to the wrestling game avails nothing in boxing shortly after he stepped inside the ropes here last night with Andre Anderson, heavyweight boxer of Chicago.

Gloves thudded on Munn's chin, and two minutes after the opening of the first round he was counted out. It was his second and final appearance in the role of a boxer.

"I guess I wasn't cut out for boxing," Munn said after the bout. "I'll stick to wrestling hereafter."

Families to Talk To Men In North

Friends Will Speak Over Radio to Mounted Police at Outposts.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—The mounties in Baffinland and Ellesmere Land above the Arctic Circle are going to have a New Year's eve reception.

The colorful uniform of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police will not be necessary, for the "reception" will be merely the reception of special messages from families and friends broadcast by prearrangement by Westinghouse station KDKA at Pittsburg, WBZ at Springfield, KYW at Chicago and KFKX at Hastings. The broadcast will take place Dec. 31.

KILLED AS CAR SKIDS.

Associated Press Despatch.

Detroit, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Arilla Grosvenor, 31, of New York City and Newport, died today of injuries suffered on Monday evening when the automobile in which she was riding skidded on the slippery pavement and struck a tree. Her brother, Alfred Frost of Detroit, was injured critically.

Circumstances Alter Risks

An insurance policy isn't something that you buy, put away in your safe deposit box and forget, except when premiums are payable.

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The Jitney Turns Out a Transportation Cinderella

Kissed By Fair Prince, Public Approval, Ugly Duckling Becomes Queen of the Road—Popularity of Motor Bus Has Come With Speed of Tropical Storm—What is Future of Travel on Rubber Tires?

THE jitney has grown up.

The ugly duckling of the transportation world has turned out a Cinderella. Kissed by the most beneficent of all fairy princes, Public Approval, the jitney has been transformed into the palace coach, and the electric and steam roads, like the elder sisters in the other fable, don't quite know what they are going to do about it.

A few short years ago the rubber-tired common carriers were a source of minor annoyance to an occasional street railway company. So minor that no one looked on them as common carriers. To-day there is not a single railroad system on the continent in which executives are not growing grey around the temples studying ways and means of meeting bus and truck competition.

Buses and bus services cover the surfaced roads of the continent. In three years they have spread like a plague. They are to the rail carriers' traffic returns what the boll weevil is to the cotton plant, the Colorado beetle to the potato and the European corn borer to the hog belt.

Profit and loss statements that in a happier day appeared in black are being written more and more in red. In Ontario electric lines between Hamilton and Dundas, Ingersoll and Woodstock, Burlington and Oakville, have discontinued operations. Other radials in the province are operating with decreased revenues of from 20 to 30 per cent. in a three-year period.

Nor is it only the rail carriers that are affected. Once profitable steamship lines such as those between Toronto and Hamilton and Toronto and the Niagara Peninsula are carrying but a fraction of the business they once did, and may be forced to curtail their services or abandon them altogether.

In the United States branch lines that a few years ago covered the country like chicken wire are being torn up or allowed to rust into dilapidation. The Boston and Maine has abandoned 1,600 out of 4,200 miles of track due to the competition of bus and truck services. Five years ago the cities in which buses or coaches operated successfully could be counted on the thumbs of two hands. To-day there is not a city of importance on the continent in which buses are not operating either in direct competition to the street railways or as auxiliary or special services.

Wherever there is a good road, there also is a bus and truck service, whether it be between Hamilton and Toronto, New York and Philadelphia, or from Birdseye Centre to the nearest railroad station. A regular de luxe service is in operation between Washington and Montreal through the White Mountains, another between Washington and Florida. It is possible to travel from New York to Chicago by bus. The coming year will see continuous bus services in operation on all the provincial highways of Ontario. It will be possible to travel from Montreal to Detroit or from Niagara Falls to Muskoka in plate glass road Pullmans.

Bus Has Come to Stay

THERE are nine bus services operating on approved schedules and under provincial license out of Toronto, seven out of Hamilton, three from Kingston, and so on down the list of Ontario cities. All of these lines are constantly adding to and improving their equipment.

The bus has come to stay. If anyone had any doubts on the subject they should have been dispelled by the announcement of railroaders at a recent convention when they told the waiting world that the bus was here to stay.

It has all happened with the rapidity of a tropical storm. This morning a cloud no bigger than a man's hand; now the deluge.

The evolution of the curb-to-curb and door-to-door carrier has been brought about by a series of accidental adaptations, in much the same manner as all other things evolve.

Twelve years ago an epidemic of street railway strikes forced the private automobile into public service. Rusty sided flivvers with asthmatic engines, catarrhal carburetors and eczemic tires survived the strikes and went on carrying passengers mainly because their owners had nothing else to do and liked motoring. If they could get paid for doing what they most wanted to do, they were sitting pretty.

Pioneers never get much credit while they are pioneering. They are only heroes to literature. The Mayflower sailed without a press photographer at the dock, the first covered wagon started soon after the mortgage was foreclosed on the old farm, and the U.E. Loyalists left the New England States without a damp eye to wish them God-speed.

Some day the Motor Bus Association should erect a tablet to the unknown jitney and its driver. It was he who demonstrated the revolutionary fact that the riding public, or enough of them to make it profitable, preferred being frozen in an automobile to being suffocated in a street car. There were other reasons, but the extremes will do.

With few modifications the jitney survived. Experts in other fields of transportation pointed out, just as some of them are still doing, that it was a novelty and the public would soon tire of it, and that it was a scatter-brained and irresponsible business anyway. They showed that all the jitney drivers of that day kept no record of their costs, depreciation meant no more to them than sand to an Arab, and they all thought a sinking fund was something you broke a spring in.

Which was very true. Pioneers never keep costs. If they did there could be no pioneering. They are either so destitute that depreciation means nothing because life has already written them off and the only thing in the sinking fund is themselves, or they are having such a good time that costs don't mean very much as long as they can go on having a good time.

It is doubtful if the early jitneys paid, but none of their owners knew that until their cars wore out under them, and by that time enough other people had been convinced that they must pay to take over the struggle.

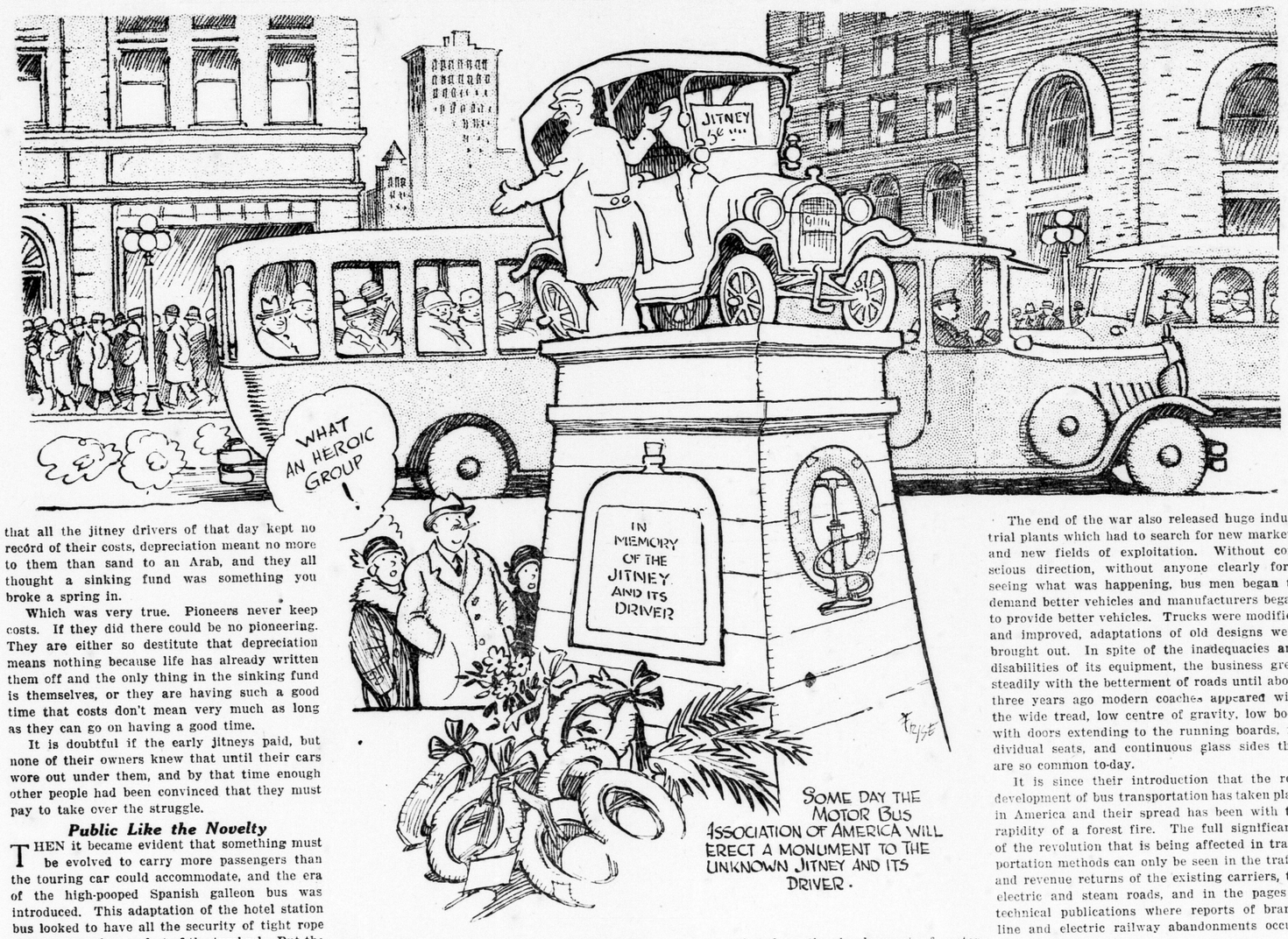
Public Like the Novelty

THEN it became evident that something must be evolved to carry more passengers than the touring car could accommodate, and the era of the high-pooped Spanish galleon bus was introduced. This adaptation of the hotel station bus looked to have all the security of tight rope walking and the comfort of the tumbrel. But the public persisted in riding in them. The novelty, if anything, grew worse. The business was still operated on the cash drawer system of accountancy. If there was money in the till you were making money, if there were bankruptcy proceedings you had lost it. It was simple, it was direct and it made the best of the business, and left the pioneers free to experiment with buses instead of the addition and multiplication tables.

During the war the motor vehicle proved its ability to transport men and materials. The close of the war saw a public that had been shaken to its very foundations by the events of the preceding four years. They were used to moving about, to going from one place to another rapidly. They had developed the habit of riding instead of walking because it was faster. A nervous public.

The disbanded armies threw hundreds of men into civil life who were used to an out-of-doors life and refused any other, and who had a little money coming to them. The bus business offered them an out-of-doors life with a chance of making money. It was only a chance and a gambler's chance at that, for at that time there had been a thousand failures to one success. Had its worth been proven it would not have been possible for the returned man with a few hundred dollars to go into it. It would have already been exploited and capitalized.

It is incalculable to what extent the returned man contributed to the development of motor transportation. Certainly without him and the creation of the restive public he served the stage of development reached at present would still lie in the future.



The end of the war also released huge industrial plants which had to search for new markets and new fields of exploitation. Without conscious direction, without anyone clearly foreseeing what was happening, bus men began to demand better vehicles and manufacturers began to provide better vehicles. Trucks were modified and improved, adaptations of old designs were brought out. In spite of the inadequacies and disabilities of its equipment, the business grew steadily with the betterment of roads until about three years ago modern coaches appeared with the wide tread, low centre of gravity, low body with doors extending to the running boards, individual seats, and continuous glass sides that are so common to-day.

It is since their introduction that the real development of bus transportation has taken place in America and their spread has been with the rapidity of a forest fire. The full significance of the revolution that is being affected in transportation methods can only be seen in the traffic and revenue returns of the existing carriers, the electric and steam roads, and in the pages of technical publications where reports of branch line and electric railway abandonments occupy columns in every issue.

Fast Motor Freight Service

ALONG with the growth of the passenger business of the bus has gone the handling of freight and express by truck.

Last week a Toronto manufacturer received a telephone call from a customer in Hamilton who wanted to place an order amounting to two tons of goods if he could be guaranteed delivery that afternoon. From the Toronto warehouse to the Hamilton place of business would normally have taken three days in freight, or, with the best of luck in placing the material at the freight sheds, two days. A trucking firm was telephoned, they called for the goods at 11 in the morning, and by 3 o'clock had delivered them in Hamilton.

A householder moving from one city to another can make arrangements with moving companies to have his goods packed one afternoon and delivered at his new residence in Detroit, say, the following morning at very nearly the same rate as he would be charged from freight shed to freight shed, and in the latter case delivery might take from one to two weeks.

Department stores that were once heavy shippers of package freight in car load lots for distribution at nearby cities have developed their own trucking fleets. They have to have trucks to get the goods to the freight sheds: why not have them take the load the whole distance? Industries with factories outside big cities and warehouses in them do their own hauling in place of using the railroads.

In the States the railroads are meeting competition by going off the rails and on to the roads. The Boston and Maine has established bus and truck routes throughout Massachusetts, the New York, New Haven and Hartford have founded a million-dollar subsidiary for handling bus and truck business, the Great Northern has asked for 1,300 miles of road route monopoly in Minnesota, the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific are going into bus routes in California.

In most states the control of bus traffic on the public highways is passing out of the hands of road authorities into those of the railway boards such as the Ontario Railway and Municipal in this province. From the free and open field enjoyed up to a year ago bus transportation is passing into a condition of close regulation and legislation. More and more are the existing common carriers such as railroads and street railways absorbing the independent operators and making the motor vehicle a co-ordinated service with their existing lines, using it only where its economic worth is proven.

Will It Solve Toronto's Problem?

IN Ontario the transformation has already taken place with one street railway. The Toronto Transportation Commission was one of the first managements to use buses for supplementary services. It was fortunate that it should have been called a transportation commission and not a street railway company when the municipality took over the franchise. It made possible a wider point of view and allowed experimentation where other companies faced with the same problems were hampered by a traditional outlook.

In Toronto are demonstrated all the uses to which the bus and coach may be put in conjunction with street railways. They are used on the outskirts of the city to serve districts where it would not be profitable to lay tracks, as in Rosedale and High Park, and in the new Hill route an effort is being made to compete with the privately owned automobile by special and very luxurious service. If coach service of this kind should prove generally successful it would go a long way to solve the problem arising from traffic congestion in restricted business districts.

But the railroads in Canada have as yet made no effort to leave the rails or go out on to the highways for business. Like the American roads, they are feeling the competition of the bus and truck keenly and suffering a loss of short-haul business. The Canadian Pacific, through a subsidiary corporation, operate one line of buses between Preston and Galt which is believed to have been very successful. Both railroads have been collecting data and studying it closely for some time, and it is probable that both the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific will make early announcements concerning their plans for retaining one of the profitable phases of their business.

Competent observers predict that within a very few years the romantic buccaneering days of the bus will have passed, and it will have been co-ordinated with the existing carriers in the general scheme of passenger movement and exchange of commodities.

In the meantime there seems to be a fly in the ointment of free and open competition between steam and gasoline. The railroad buys, builds and maintains its own right of way; the bus has no other expense than that of rolling stock. Both receive the same revenue per passenger mile. The bus is presented at no cost to itself beyond that of the taxes levied on any automobile, plus trifling mileage taxes, with a plant for which the railroad has to pay millions of dollars.

On the face of it this doesn't seem altogether right, and something will probably be done about it, although since the public pays at last for everything it may not be as important a consideration as it is made out to be.

On the Station Platform

By W. L. EDMONDS

TOURISTS entraining at Souris, Prince Edward Island, the other day were witnesses of a scene that both excited their sympathy and turned their thoughts God-ward.

Lying upon an improvised stretcher, preparatory to being placed on board the outgoing train, was the pain-wracked body of a woman that had evidently long since passed the age of "three score and ten." Standing by in shirt sleeves, his bent and emaciated body leaning heavily upon a rubber-tipped walking-stick, was the aged husband—a pathetic figure. His wife was being conveyed to a hospital in Charlottetown, and he had hobbled with difficulty to the station platform for what, judging from the worried expression carried by his sallow features, he feared might be the final farewell.

And just before the stretcher, with its aged occupant, was placed in one of the cars two black-robed sisters quietly approached, asked an attendant the nature of the illness, and then one of them, after gently stroking the brow of the patient, remarked with a sincerity that gripped the onlookers:

"The only thing we can do is to pray for you. And that we shall do."

"And me, too," another woman was heard to murmur, while one of the men in the group, in a voice that indicated he was feeling deeply, remarked:

"'The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man (and woman, too) availeth much.'"

Slink, the Rat

A Nursery Rhyme for War Babies

By Kim Beattie

THIS is the tale of a carrion rat,
A gruesome, grizzly, slithering ghoul;
Who lived "between" where Lone Death sat,
Who died "prematurely" on the prowl.

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Snug in his sock-lined dead man's hat
On the rims of War lived Slink the Rat;
Curious, cunning, old, war-wise,
Knowledge grim in his gleaming eyes.

He knew all the holes where rats could hide,
He knew all the parts where rats had died,
He shunned those parts which a wise rat shuns
Where men went ratting with black, squat guns.

Strange things had he seen, at night, this Slink,
Death, quiet, quick, on a crater brink;
He knew that the rovers lived no code,
A stab in the back seemed in the mode.

He had made men jump and backward roll,
For he startled them on lone patrol,
He knew they feared as an old rat knows,
Huge he did loom going past their nose.

And watched he, the raiders, waiting, tense,
The wire he'd tinkle to add suspense,
He'd scurry and dash, quick flick their heels,
Then squeal with glee as a pleased rat squeals.

But he had one friend, had Slink, abroad,
Corporal "Doc," of a scouting squad,
Who had winked at Slink with friendly eye
When stilled while a rocket lit the sky;

And Slink from then guarded "Doc" with care,
He'd hide each night in his stealthy lair,
Then welcome in sudden scuttling rush
That froze "Doc's" blood in the clammy hush.

But he warned "Doc" once of lurking death
When his busy nose caught Heinie breath,
For a hurried squeak came through the murk—
That Boche, unwise, did no more night-work.

Then there came a night when schemers planned
The doom of men in that doom-rife land;
On a night so still, life seemed to wait
And far grim guns did chant their hate.

When sentry nerves saw fear-wrought ghosts
Prowling "between" with the "missing" hosts,
The wily Hun 'neath an outpost digged,
And a minor mine soon quickly rigged.

Under the lip of the line redoubt
From where friend "Doc" came bellying out;
Then one ran a wire that front along
And Slink's curiosity waxed strong.

He puzzled on what that wire might mean
'Cross No Man's Land so snaky and lean,
Pondered he on, what it might contain,
He examined, he sniffed and sniffed again.

He started to gnaw and gnaw and chew,
Ratlike, he sought to chew it through;
Hard did he gnaw as a rodent gnaws,
And never knew that he got applause.

From Corporal "Doc" awatching these deeds,
Hunkering prone in the rank dead weeds;
Staunch "Doc" whose heart as a rule held scorn
Was cold with dread, for he could not warn.

And his pals the bombers soon were due
To crowd that post, 'twas the rendezvous
For the raid arranged to go at dawn,
And so "Doc" worried and troubled on.

On worked the Hun in frenzied haste,
And on gnawed Slink, disliking the taste;
Till a cut-short squeak told "Doc" who'd lose,
And a bright red spark fled up that fuse.

Woke the quiet with terrible roar,
To kingdom come did the Teutons soar;
White glared the night in a belching flame,
Loud throbbed the front, and then louder came,

As guns pumped in with shattering crash
And screamed and whipped with their bitter lash;
Then slowed to burst and to search anew,
Bewildered, ranging where Slink's mine blew.

Then "Doc," creeping in when panic stopped,
Found that Slink the Rat was fatally shocked,
Lying limp and still as a dead rat lies
When his soul has gone to Rat Paradise.

And "Doc" laughed long and thought it sport
That Slink the Rat should die a "short."
Yet he thought his end an ill-paid lot,
To save men's lives—then just lie and rot.

So, holding Slink, an aristocrat,
Likely to challenge a pouncing cat,
And wishing to honor poor Slink's name,
Pay him homage, admitting his fame,

He did choose a strand of barb-wire near
As a fitting No Man's Land rat's bier,
So Slink could sway by his tail knotted tight,
When the moaning winds crooned weird at night.

A RECTANGULAR PUZZLE

FATHER O'FLYNN'S gardener entered the village store, where Michael Cassidy sold anything from butter to braces.

"Well, Pat," cried Michael, who knew the gardener well, "and phwat may ye be wantin'?"

"Ut's his riverance, Mike," answered Patrick. "He wants a square of glass fourteen by twelve inches."

For some time a village storekeeper burrowed about amongst a miscellaneous assortment of glass, and then he leaned across the counter, shaking his head.

"Sorry, Pat," said he, "nothin' here fourteen by twelve, but I've a foine bit twelve by fourteen, if it's av any use to ye."

The gardener scratched his head and thought a little. Then, making up his mind on this abstruse problem which had just presented itself, remarked

"Well, hand it over, Mike; perhaps his riverance won't be noticin' the difference."

HUMAN NATURE AT SEA

HIS poor mother, never having seen the sea, her eldest son decided to take her down in a charabanc one Sunday afternoon.

Eventually the happy day dawned, and together they set out for the seaside. They arrived just about lunch-time, and, having treated his mother to a splendid meal at the best hotel in the place, the son escorted her down to the pier.

They stood on the end whilst the young man delightedly displayed the briny ocean.

Great breakers crashed on the beach, gulls flew hither and thither, whilst the sun glistened down on the white sails of sailing-boats, making them appear immaculate. A splendid wind, bearing the very breath of the sea itself, came blowing up from the south.

"There, mother," cried her son exuberantly, "there, that's the sea, the open sea. Now, tell me, what do you think of it?"

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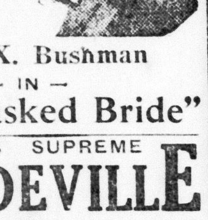
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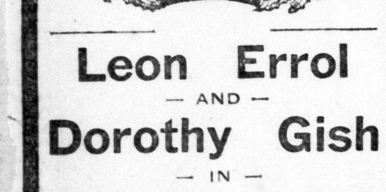
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BORN, MARRIED, DIED

DIED.

BOWLES—At his late residence, 326 Wharncliffe Rd. north, on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1925, Edward J. Bowles, beloved husband of Katharine Bowles, in his 65th year.
Private funeral service at the above address on Friday at 2:30 p.m. Interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

DALE—At her late residence, Lot 65, Con. 5, Westminster Township, on Wednesday, Dec. 24, 1925, Angelina Bennett, widow of the late Solomon Dale, in her 83rd year.
Funeral service will be held from the above address on Saturday, Dec. 26, at 2:30 p.m. Interment at Scottsville Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

FITZGERALD—In Victoria Hospital, on Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1925, John J. Fitzgerald, beloved husband of Annie Fitzgerald.
Funeral will leave his late residence, 178 Maitland street, on Friday, Dec. 25. Services at 3 p.m. Interment at Woodland Cemetery.

McLURG—At his late residence, 337 St. James street, on Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1925, Arthur McLurg, beloved husband of Annie A. McLurg.
Funeral service at the above address on Saturday, Dec. 26, at 2:30 p.m. Interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

MILLMAN—At Victoria Hospital, Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1925, Bessie, beloved wife of Wm. Millman of North Battleford, Sask., and mother of C. M. Millman and Mrs. Fred L. Ross, this city.
Funeral services at the Oatman's Funeral Home, King and Colborne Sts., at 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 25. Interment at Woodland Cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM.

CLARK—In loving memory of Alexander Clark, who passed away so suddenly on Dec. 24, 1923.
He said goodbye to no one,
He bade farewell to none;
The heavenly gates were opened,
And a loving voice said come.
—Inserted by his wife and son.

MILLSON—In loving memory of Harriet Millson, beloved wife of Caleb Millson, who died 2 years ago today, Dec. 24, 1923.
We miss her when we need a friend,
On her always could depend;
She cheered us in our sickness and soothed our pain,
God grant some day we'll meet again.
—Sadly missed by husband and family.

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$7,500—Ridout St. South, just reduced from $8,500, 2-story fancy brick, 4 beds, 4 c.c., living-room with fireplace, dining-room, kitchen, cupboards, veranda, 3-p. bath, furnace, hot water laundry tubs, oak floors, beautiful electric fixtures, attic floored, double garage, electric water heater, full 3-part basement. Owner most anxious to sell and will take smaller house in exchange.

$5,400—$500 DOWN, $35 monthly, fine large bungalow, south near Ridout St., 3 large beds, 3 c.c., living-room with fireplace, dining-room, kitchen, cupboards, veranda, 3-p. bath, furnace, full basement, oak floors, French doors, laundry tubs, electric water heater.

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Southampton, Dec. 22.—Mauretania, New York.

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Phone 3570

APPLICATION TO PARLIAMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application will be made by the Corporation of the City of London to the Legislature of the Province of Ontario, at its next session, for an act:

1. To validate and confirm bylaw number 8014 of the City of London, passed on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1925, to provide for the issue of $225,000 debentures for the erection of a Nurses' Home in the said city, after it had received the assent of the electors of the said city entitled to vote on money bylaws. The reason for requiring the issue of the said debentures is to provide the necessary accommodation for nurses-in-training.

2. To validate and confirm bylaw number 8015 of the City of London, passed on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1925, to provide for the issue of $75,000 debentures for the erection of additional buildings at the Victoria Home for Incurables and the Aged People's Home, in the said city, after it had received the assent of the electors of the said city entitled to vote on money bylaws. The reason for the issue of the said last-mentioned debentures is to provide the necessary additional accommodation for patients and inmates of the said homes.

3. To authorize the Housing Commission of the City of London, with the consent of the Council of the Corporation of the City of London, from time to time, to sell to any person or persons or any company or corporation, any, or all, of the houses erected by the said commission, by public or private tender, or by public auction or by private sale, at such prices, which may in any case be less than the actual cost thereof, and upon such conditions and terms of payment as may be approved of by the said council, and to ratify and confirm the sales of any houses erected by the said commission which have been sold for less than the actual cost thereof.

4. To authorize the Council of the Corporation of the City of London to provide for borrowing money from time to time upon debentures of the said corporation, payable within ten years from their date of issue (without submitting the bylaw for the issue of the same to the electors for their assent), such sum and sums of money as may be necessary to produce an amount equal to the difference between the sale prices of such houses, which have been sold, or may be sold, for less than the actual cost thereof, and the actual cost thereof.

5. To authorize the said commission, with the consent of the Council of the said corporation, to engage a manager to assist the said commission in the renting and sale of the properties under the control of the said commission, and to pay to such manager a salary to be approved of by the council of the said corporation.

6. To authorize the said commission, pending the sale of any houses which are or shall remain unsold, or which it may be necessary for the said commission from time to time to resell, to rent, to any person or persons or any company or corporation such houses from time to time, for such terms and at such rentals and upon such conditions as the council of the said corporation shall approve of.

7. The reason for the issue of the said last-mentioned debentures is to provide moneys to pay the difference between the cost of the houses erected or purchased by the said commission which have been, or shall be, sold or resold at less than the actual cost thereof.

8. The existing debenture debt of the said City of London is $13,056,445.15, made up as follows:

General debentures	$ 2,764,518.23
War purposes debentures—	$3,610.50
Housing commission debentures	646,126.57
Waterworks debentures ..	1,902,333.03
Electrical department debentures	1,473,640.23
London & Port Stanley Railway debentures	1,359,692.77
School and public library debentures	2,599,166.39
Local Improvement debentures (city share)	559,595.99
Local Improvement debentures (ratepayers' share)	1,667,761.44
	$13,056,445.15

Dated at the City of London this 23rd day of December, A.D. 1925.

S. BAKER,
City Clerk.
D.24,31,J.7,14,21,28

LENGTHY HOLIDAY FOR SMALLMAN EMPLOYEES

Store To Close Doors Tonight and Remain Closed Until Monday.

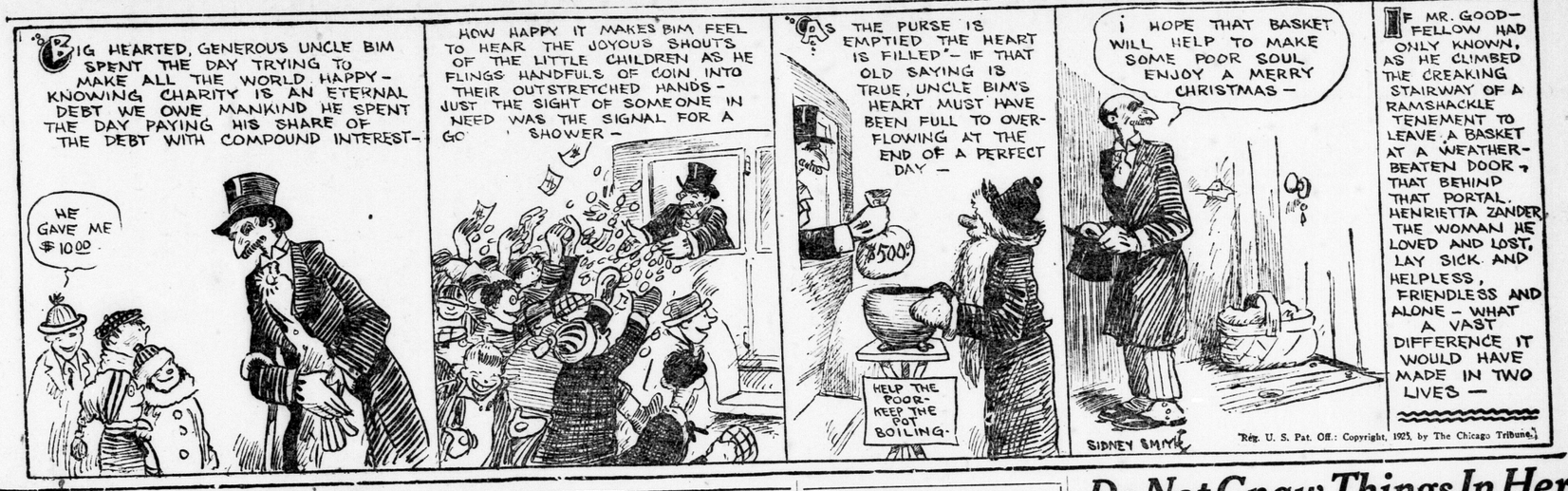
A novel procedure in regard to the Christmas season will be followed this year by Smallman & Ingram's. The store will be closed from Thursday night at 10 o'clock until the following Monday.

This is probably the first time such a thing has been done in this city. As explained by Major Gordon Ingram, the nature of the Christmas season this year, Friday as Christmas Day, offered an opportunity for the store to give its staff a rest, and it took it.

WEST INDIAN MARKET FOR P. E. I. POTATOES

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 23.—Prince Edward Island will go after West Indies trade by sending a trade commissioner to the islands on January 1, in the person of Hon. H. D. McEwan, who was yesterday sworn in to the cabinet of Premier Stewart with the portfolio of trade commissioner. He will visit the principal islands of the British West Indies to find markets for Prince Edward Island products, and ascertain what products of the islands may be profitably handled here.

THE GUMPS—PAWNS OF FATE



HEARTS GO OUT TO GIRL VAGRANT

Released From Cells When Big-Hearted Fellow-Prisoner Pays Fine.

Yesterday in police court when one prisoner, just released, volunteered to help a penniless "vag" on her way, a blase crowd of police court attaches were moved. They learned there is a kindliness among unfortunates, a pal-spirit developed by adversity.

The girl, who is 22 years old, was picked up on London streets and jailed as a vagrant because she had no money. She was called after another case had been temporarily disposed of, when the prisoner was bailed.

He stood aside when officers opened the door which leads to the cells below. He listened to the clang of an iron door and craned his neck with the rest of the court spectators to watch the girl appear. He heard the court tell her that she must leave the city if she wished to gain her freedom.

He knew she had no money. He knew she would probably be sent to the reformatory unless someone came to her aid and supplied sufficient money to pay her fare to Sarnia, where she had lived.

The man asked if he could pay her fine. He expressed his willingness to also buy her railroad ticket, and as he did so a ray of brightness shot through long iron window bars and trimmed sordid police court surroundings with happiness for the moment.

The girl had been taken to the cells again when the offer for her welfare was made. The money was paid over to Chief Birrell, and she was summoned, to be told that her release could now be brought about.

She left the police station accompanied by an officer, and departed from London shortly before noon. She still had money in her possession even after a ticket had been bought, as others, actuated by the first expression of generosity, had contributed, that she might have food and lodging for the night.

TRAINMEN'S LODGES INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

Two City Lodges of Railway Brotherhood Prepare For Active Year.

At a meeting of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen held in the Alma block last night, officers of two city lodges were installed. The following were installed as members of the executive of the Forest City lodge, B. R. T., No. 240: Past president, W. B. Crisp; president, G. Buckle, vice-president, G. V. Drynan; secretary, E. Hazelwood; treasurer, Thomas Kelley; warden, W. McRoberts; conductor, G. Turner; chaplain, D. Murray; guards, C. Collins and N. Witchman.

Following are the officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary, No. 129: Past president, Mrs. E. Rogers; president, Mrs. G. Buckle; vice-president, Mrs. F. Boyce; secretary, Mrs. C. Smith; treasurer, Mrs. G. Crosby; warden, Mrs. G. V. Drynan; conductress, Mrs. N. Witchman; chaplain, Mrs. F. Higman; guards, Mrs. L. Johnston and Mrs. W. McRoberts; pianist, Mrs. J. McCully; legislative representative, Mrs. L. Russell.

Dan Murray and Mrs. Thomas Kelley were in charge of the installation, after which an excellent lunch was served by the ladies.

FIVE VAUDEVILLE ACTS SECURED BY CITY T. M. A.

The Theatrical Mutual association's annual midnight show, which is to be held at the Patricia theatre on New Year's Eve, promises to outdo all others that have been put on by this body in the past. Five big acts of vaudeville that are new to Londoners are being brought here, and they will appear at this show only in this city.

The members of the association behind the show are the men who work in the different theatres to help to amuse the public on holidays and all. They put on this one show for charity on New Year's Eve each year. All the receipts go for charity during the next year

GERMAN TRADE BALANCE IS NOW NEARLY EVEN

By EDGAR ANSEL MOWRER.
By Cable to The Advertiser and the Chicago Daily News.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—For the first time since the mark was stabilized, the German trade balance has practically balanced.

Figures for November show an export deficit of only 65,000,000 marks, thus justifying the fundamental optimism of S. Parker Gilbert and other foreign observers.

After-Supper Story

A Short Story Complete in This Issue.

THE CHILDLESS MOTHER'S CHRISTMAS.

"No, I don't want to sit away over here in the corner," declared Miss Harriet Wilson emphatically. The surprised head waiter turned to wonder how he had failed to catalogue her type correctly. "I want to sit in the middle of the room, where I can see something. That's what I came in here for," she added tartly.

The words and manner of the very erect little person who carried her bag primly in folded hands surprised herself even more than they had the waiter. When she had entered, signifying her wish to be seated, she had stopped in the middle of her sentence apologetically. It was an infallible sign, and besides, someone had to take the undesirable places.

It was Miss Harriet's vacation from her labors as tutor to children of wealthy parents, and she had spent the entire morning in Fisk & Cooper's busy department store, gay in its Christmas trappings of red, green and tinsel, fragrant and spicy with evergreen and incense.

She had meditated long upon sending a gift to just one of her pupils. Undoubtedly the wondering eyed little girl would receive countless expensive toys and sweets, though perhaps not quite enough of love to go with them. Miss Harriet finally decided it would be unwise. She was beginning to refer to herself as "the childless mother of others' children."

With the first newspaper appeals for Christmas community work and donations, she had thrilled at the thought of the doll she might choose, the bright red kiddie car perhaps, or the little bonnet for a wee head that had never known a Christmas. She painstakingly prepared a list of the things she would like to do and took it to charity headquarters. The committee stated graciously but emphatically that such promiscuous giving did more harm than good, so with fingers that were not quite steady she wrote out a check for them to spend.

And so on this first morning of her vacation she had gone from one department to another of the big store, lingering longest at the dolls, the toys, the infants' section where Brownies and rabbits ran riot over soft white blankets and nursery tables. She moved on, turning at a distance to watch the faces of the women who bought.

The little tilt with the head waiter in the lunch room had lent a flash to her eyes that contrasted not unpleasantly with the scattered threads of gray in her hair. Confusedly she found herself seated in the center of the room at a table, crowded and somewhat disordered. She pulled off her gloves, blew in them before folding and studied the menu with pretended concentration. When she finally looked up she became aware of a man and three children seated with her.

The oldest, a serious-faced girl of ten, watched between bites the behavior of the two smaller children, especially the next younger, a rollicking boy who possessed a face brimming over with smiles, unruly hair, feet that beat a steady tattoo on his chair, and hands that built things with the silverware.

The father was awkwardly tucking a napkin under the chin of the four-year-old golden-haired girl, whose dress was already well streaked with milk and jam, to say nothing of a highly decorated face.

"Say, daddy, it wasn't a real elerphant in the window, was it? But it looked like one, didn't it, daddy? Gee, I wish I had a elerphant big as that—bigger'n that—an' a bicycle an 'a—a gun. Gee! if I only just but had——"

"Come, Bobby, eat your lunch now. Then we'll have some ice cream." The coaxed the father. "Oh, oh, baby!" was the quickly added exclamation as a heaping spoonful of jam flew from the raised weapon in the chubby hand into Miss Harriet's lap.

The man rose abruptly. "I'm so sorry, madam. Can I——"

"Just missed me!" cheerfully lied Miss Harriet, her face lighting as she surreptitiously scraped the wad of thick jam into her napkin and dropped it to the floor. "It would be well worth it, anyway," she added, unexpectedly, smiling at the baby whose sticky mouth had puckered threateningly at the father's rebuke. Sunshine reigned again and Miss Harriet accepted a piece of wet cracker as a truce.

Gratefully the man's gray eyes met hers. "Guess I made a mistake trying to be Santa Claus with them along," he offered. "Rather thought I could find out that way what was wanted, but—" He stopped helplessly.

"Oh! would you let me help?" Miss Harriet made no attempt to conceal the eagerness in her voice.

Greta, the other girl, had dipped the corner of her napkin in a glass and was wiping the baby's mouth and fingers. Then she pushed Bobby's chair a little closer to the table. Her own food was scarcely touched.

As Miss Harriet glanced from one to the other of the children a spark of understanding kindled between her and the girl who was trying to take the place of the mother that was no longer with them.

The father intercepted the glance and something rose in his throat which gave birth to instant fellowship. "If you really feel that you could," he answered with unmistakable appreciation, "it would be a real kindness. Our names are Morgan—Greta, Bobby, Betty," he added, extending a hand. "And yours?"

"Miss Harriet Wilson. I didn't think of doing a kindness," she corrected honestly. "It will be the greatest Christmas I ever had!" Her eyes shone at the prospect.

And so in immediate intimacy they went through the store, looking at games, toys, dolls. While one purchased the other kept the attention of the children. Finally they took the baby to the nursery for a nap. Bobby was introduced to the playroom and Greta was allowed to feast her eyes as long as she choose on the dolls, and later together they bought for her the Frenchy black-haired one in the pink silk dress before which she had stood most longingly.

Frank Morgan and Miss Harriet Wilson began to feel as though they had known each other a very long time. And still there were tiny ribbons to be bought and tinsel for the tree and shiny baubles. Things that would fit the toe of the stockings and things to stick out at the top. So they moved on together again.

Then the hour came to get the babies. Miss Harriet's face suddenly dropped and she unconsciously clutched her bag in primly folded hands. As they entered the elevator Greta's arm shyly crept around her, and Miss Harriet almost defiantly drew her close. The association that had seemed a natural one was to become a thing of memory.

"You—you wouldn't leave us to put all this into action—without you, Miss Wilson? You see, we're not half through. The real work begins at home." The father of three children looked almost boyish in spite of his 40 years or more.

"We have a housekeeper," he went on simply, "but I guess she rather thinks Christmas a nuisance—with the children and all. Heard her tell a neighbor this morning, that she'd be glad when it was over."

"How could she!" was Miss Harriet's astounded exclamation. "Of course, I'll help. There is a lot to do." And again her face reflected the glow of anticipation.

And so they spent the remaining evenings before Christmas putting together mechanical toys, building a doll house, tying bundles with bright ribbons and hanging holly wreaths. And Christmas eve as she handed him the shining star that was to go at the tiptop of the tree his hand slipped quietly over hers and did not let go.

"I just can't bear to think of spending another Christmas—without you—ever," he said in even earnestness. "You have become a part of us, it seems, for all the time. The children—do you think——"

And so after that Miss Harriet never again referred to herself as the "childless mother."

"It all started when I saw you tie that jam up in your napkin," laughed Mr. Morgan as they sat contentedly before the fire some days later.

But Mrs. Frank Morgan shook her head wisely. "No, it really started with that blessed head waiter that I thought was stupid."

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CHRISTMAS DINNER IN GALLOWS' SHADOW

John B. Stanton and Steve Nazar Must Eat Princely Meals in Solitude.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 23.—Christmas will be a lonely day for two young men who sit in solitary cells in the provincial jail awaiting the day of their execution.

In one cell is John Baker Stanton; in the other Steve Nazar. Neither will see each other until they are marched to the gallows on the morning of February 9.

Guarded by a continuous watch, the condemned men will on Christmas Day, in accordance with custom, be given the best for their holiday repast. Nothing within reason will be refused for the dinner, but both will be required to eat their meals in solitude, and under the shadow of death.

GRAIN PIT CLOSES SATURDAY.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—The members of the Winnipeg Grain exchange decided at a meeting today to close the exchange on Saturday, December 26, and Saturday, January 2. Consequently, the exchange will be closed from Thursday afternoon until Monday the holiday weeks. The local livestock markets will close for the same period.

BLYTH TEACHERS NAMED.

Special to The Advertiser.

Blyth, Dec. 23.—The local teachers for the coming term will be Miss Worsell, principal, and Miss Goldthorpe, assistant of the continuation classes; Mr. Menson, principal of the public school, and the Misses McNair and Babb, assistants.

California Gets Phone Greeting

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Dec. 23.—Christmas greetings were exchanged by phone this morning between Mrs. C. Macfarlane, Talbot street, city, and her daughter in Pasadena, California. The voices of the parties speaking from the sunny south were unusually distinct.

NEW RECORD SET IN HOLIDAY MAIL

Volume Now Being Handled at Sarnia Is Double That of Last Year.

Special to The Advertiser.

Sarnia, Dec. 23.—Postmaster George B. Dawson declared today that the volume of Christmas mail passing through the local office at the present time is practically double that of last year, and is easily a record. Fourteen extra men are employed for the rush season at the local office. The staff is working overtime, and the mail is being cleared as it arrives.

Sarnia today had a bumper poultry market, and the demand was heavy. Mrs. Johnston, of Wyoming, made a record for the day when she brought in a turkey weighing 18 pounds and a half. The prevailing price was 50 cents a pound, and geese from 25c to 28c.

PUPILS OF WOODSTOCK HIGH GIVEN DIPLOMAS

Graduation Exercises Attended by Record Crowd—Scholarships Are Awarded.

Special to The Advertiser.

Woodstock, Dec. 23.—The gymnasium of the Woodstock collegiate institute was crowded to capacity for the annual graduation exercises of the school, the features of which were the baccalaureate address of Inspector N. McDougall of Toronto and the valedictory address of Edmund Martin, of the graduating class. The various scholarships and general proficiency and oratory prizes were presented. Jerome Lowden received the McMaster university scholarship of $340 in mathematics and physics and the second Carter scholarship of $60. Edith Gerrish received the McMaster scholarship of $240 in classics and Evelyn Moxley and Kathleen Carrigan each received $150 scholarships for Western university.

The marriage was quietly solemnized on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in New St. Paul's church of Helen Marion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Bosworth, city, to Archibald McMaster, city, son of Archibald McMaster of County Gerry, Ireland, Rev. Canon Appleyard officiating. The bride was becomingly gowned in violet satin silk with sand trimmings and wore a hat to match. After a wedding trip to London and other western points, Mr. and Mrs. McMaster will reside in this city.

The death occurred suddenly at his home here last night of Harvey R. Rockett, in his 39th year. He was born in Culloden, Ont., but lived the greater part of his life in Woodstock. He is survived by his widow and two daughters, also by three sisters and four brothers.

CONCERTS NOW OVER.

Special to The Advertiser.

Beachville, Dec. 23.—The last of the local Christmas trees and concerts was held Monday evening in the assembly room of the school, when the school children, under the direction of their teachers, Mr. Finch, Miss M. Fish and Miss Z. Campbell, gave an entertaining program. Rev. H. D. Moore, pastor of the Baptist church, was chairman.

Do Not Gnaw Things In Here Catherine Great Warned

Quaint Rules For Conduct Found in Walls of Palace Now Being Dismantled by Bolsheviks—Tale-Bearing, Yawns Were Tabooed by the Russian Queen.

Associated Press Despatch.

Leningrad, Dec. 23. — While dismantling the sumptuous drawing-room of the late Empress Alexandra in the famous Winter Palace, the Bolshevik authorities discovered a quaint set of rules of social conduct written by Catherine the Great in 1785. Catherine, who was one of the most versatile and gifted women of her time, caused these "ten commandments" to be posted at the entrance of the imperial chambers:

1.—Leave your rank outside, as well as your hat, and especially your sword.

2.—Leave your right of precedence, your pride and similar feeling outside the door.

3.—Be gay, but do not spoil anything; do not break or gnaw anything.

4.—Sit, stand, walk as you will, without reference to anybody.

5.—Talk moderately and not very loud, so as not to make the ears and heads of others ache.

6.—Argue without anger and without excitement.

7.—Neither sigh nor yawn, nor make anybody dull or heavy.

8.—In all innocent games, whatever one proposes, let all join.

9.—Eat whatever is sweet and savory, but drink with moderation, so that each may find his legs upon leaving the room.

10.—Tell no tales out of school; whatever goes in at one ear must go out at the other before leaving the room.

Penalty for Disobedience.

Transgressors of these royal regulations were obliged, upon the testimony of two witnesses, to drink a glass of cold water for each offence, "not excepting the ladies." They also were compelled to read a page of the Telemachiade, a thoroughly bad poetic composition by Tretiakofsky, an unfortunate native poet of the time, whose literary reputation thereby became ruined. Those who broke any three of the rules during the same evening were required to commit six lines of the Telemachiade to memory. Any offender against the tenth rule was never again admitted to Catherine's presence.

Mayor's Cards For 25 John W's

Detroit, Dec. 24.—Twenty-five John W. Smiths in the Detroit city directory will get Christmas greetings this years from the mayor.

Mayor John W. Smith, in preparing his list for Christmas greeting cards, instructed his clerks to mail to all of the other John W. Smiths.

The mayor is not personally acquainted with all of the other John W. Smiths, but he said he wanted to wish them a merry Christmas anyway.

MANY SPECIAL TRAINS FOR CHRISTMAS TRAFFIC

Visitors From Border Points To London and East Numerous.

Christmas traffic on both the C. N. R. and C. P. R. is particularly heavy this year. Special trains and extra sections are being run to cope with the increase of passenger traffic.

On the C. N. R. a special will be run from Detroit via Port Huron, arriving in London at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning; another from Detroit and Windsor arrives at 7 a.m. Christmas eve a special will be run from Windsor to Toronto, passing through London at 3 a.m. Christmas morning, and one in the afternoon, arriving here at 3:50 p.m. From Toronto a special will be run to Windsor, arriving here at 8:45 p.m. tomorrow night. Other trains will be made up if it is found necessary to do so to carry the many holiday passengers.

Extra sections will be placed on the C. P. R.; the midnight train from Detroit will be run in two sections tonight and tomorrow night. Two sections will make up the train arriving here from Detroit at 1:15 tomorrow noon also. Christmas eve the Detroit train will be run in three sections, arriving at intervals after 7:30 p.m., and the midnight Christmas Eve train will also consist of three sections.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—J. D. O'Connell, "the children's friend," who gives picnics to orphans and poor children throughout the United States and Canada, has sent Mayor Foster of this city $210 to give to the children in Toronto Catholic, Protestant and Jewish orphanages. It is a direct gift to the children, and must not be used for institutional purposes. Mr. O'Connell sent his check from Cuba.

BRITISH FOR CANADA MOSTLY FARM CLASS

Saturday Review Says That For This Reason Cut in Fares Justified.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 23.—The Saturday Review, an independent weekly paper, rejoices in the "bold reduction in the emigrant fares to Canada," and insists that this is quite right from the dominion's point of view, as three-fourths of the emigrants from Great Britain are agriculturists.

Even though the majority of the emigrants are agriculturists, the Review says, their going overseas should relieve the congestion in the United Kingdom to a very considerable extent.

Family Rescued From Gas Fumes

E. Henderson, Brussels, Enters House To Find Mother and Children Overcome.

Special to The Advertiser.

Brussels, Dec. 23.—Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Henderson, together with their small children, narrowly escaped asphyxiation in their home here yesterday, when gas fumes filled the house.

Mr. Henderson was the first to notice any change, and even then, thinking it might be just a weak spell coming over him, he went out in the open air to refresh himself. On coming back into the house in a few minutes he found that Mrs. Henderson, in a weakened condition caused by effects of the gas, had fallen against the stove and suffered most severe burns about the face and arms. She was able, however, to make her way to a bed, and it was there that Mr. Henderson found her. The children also had been overcome with the effects of the gas.

A doctor was immediately summoned and gave the victims every attention. Although suffering to a great extent, their condition is by no means serious.

ROYAL BANK WINDFALL DRAWS $460,000 PRIZE

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 23.—The Evening News publishes a cable from its correspondent at Madrid, Spain, stating that the Royal Bank of Canada in Barcelona has drawn a prize of £92,000 ($460,000) in the great Spanish Christmas lottery.

The total amount subscribed in connection with the lottery, the Evening News correspondent says, was £4,000,000 ($20,000,000), of which the Spanish treasury will take £1,500,000 ($7,500,000).

FLAX INDUSTRY TALK.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Marys, Dec. 23.—The weekly "classification" talks being given by the various members of the St. Marys Rotary club have thus far proven intensely interesting, and some splendid talks have been heard. At the last meeting, Fred G. Sanderson, M.P., spoke on the flax industry, with which he is prominently connected as head of the St. Marys Flax Company, Limited. President W. N. Harrison presided, and there was almost a full attendance of members.

Dignity Strike Cancelled English Bricklayers Return

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 23.—Dignity marked the settlement today of the walkout of 40 English bricklayers who went on a "dignity strike" last week, declaring they would not resume labor until Ald. Edward Price, of the Lambeth borough council, retracted his declaration that they required one minute, 12 seconds, to lay a single brick.

Ald. Price conceded that he was seven seconds off in his reckoning, and that the operation might require only one minute and five seconds. The bricklayers have accepted this as the required apology, and will return to work next Monday, allowing 250 carpenters, painters and other workmen to resume their occupations, which were checked by the "dignity strike."

These other workmen have complained that they were the victims of "pampered swells who can't take a joke."

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POPE IN ENCYCLICAL ASSERTS SOCIETY PUSHED TOWARD RUIN

Refers Specifically To Russia As State Which Thought It Could Do Without God—Claims For Church Full Independence From Civil Power.

Associated Press Despatch.

Rome, Dec. 23.—Pope Pius XI. published an encyclical today, in which he especially decrees what he terms the "pest" of society—governments organized without participation of the Roman Catholic church and the clergy—and gives expression to the hope that if "Christ, the King, be venerated by all the Roman Catholics of the world" that pest with all its errors will be remedied.

The pontiff declares that for a long, long time, the empire of Carist over all the peoples has been denied, even "the right of the church, which springs from the right of Christ to teach the people, to give them laws and rule them, in order to lead them to eternal happiness" has been denied.

Strictures On Russia.

The pope stigmatized the fact that gradually the Christian religion has been reduced to the level of false religions, shamefully lowering it to their standard. Indeed, he adds, it has submitted to civil power, there having even been a state which thought it could do without God, and whose religion consisted in "lack of religion, in contempt of God."

The consequence of such conditions was "discord among peoples, unchaining of the lowest passions, sometimes disguised as patriotism, greed of earthly goods, contempt of domestic duties, disorder and instabilities in families, and the whole of society pushed towards ruin."

Special Festival.

The close of the holy year, the pope believes, is opportune for the establishment of a special festival for Christ's kingdom, which must be "a symbol of incitement to a new struggle in order to awaken the faithful and encourage the faint-hearted, leading them all with courage under the banners of Christ the King, animated by apostolic ardor to preserve the rights of God against all."

Pope Pius concludes by claiming for the church "full liberty and independence from the civil power. He claims also the same liberty for all religious orders of both sexes, which greatly cooperate with the church toward the extension and improvement of the kingdom of Christ."

TONIGHT'S RADIO

CHRISTMAS EVE, THURSDAY, DEC. 24.
(All time schedules P. M., except that time after midnight is denoted by heavy figures).
(Eastern and Central Standard Time.)

CFCA, TORONTO—356.9.
10:45—Christmas Eve serenade.

CKAC, MONTREAL—411.
4:45—Cabaret from Windsor hotel.
8:00—Christmas concert from Frontenac Breweries' studio.
11:45—Religious service.

CKCL, TORONTO—357.
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.—Studio music.
3:00-4:15—Recital.
7:00-8:00—Cecil Ryder orchestra.

CNRC, CALGARY—435.8.
9:00—Bedtime stories.
11:00—Male quartet; orchestra.

KDKA, EAST PITTSBURG—309.1.
6:30—KDKA little symphony.
8:15—Dickens' Christmas Carol.
9:00—KDKA little symphony.
11:00—Midnight revue.

KFI, LOS ANGELES—467.
8:30—Matinee and features.
10:00—Handel's Messiah.
12:00—Two hours of music.

KFKX, HASTINGS, NEB.—288.3.
6:30—KDKA dinner music.

KGO, OAKLAND—361.2.
8:30—"Friend to Boys."
11:00—Program.

KGW, PORTLAND—491.5.
9:00—Dinner concert.
10:30—News, lecture, etc.

KHJ, LOS ANGELES—405.2.
9:00—Stories and music.
11:00—Concert.
1:00—Dance music.

KOA, DENVER—322.4.
8:30—Dinner program.
9:30—Farm question box.

KJO, SAN FRANCISCO—428.3.
8:20—Stories and music.
10:00—Seiger's orchestra.
11:00—Studio program.
1:00—Coakley's orchestra.

KPRC, HOUSTON—296.9.
6:30—Children's period.
8:30—Blanchard's orchestra.
9:30—Studio concert.
12:00—Community carolers.

KPSN, PASADENA—315.6.
11:00—Studio program.

KSD, ST. LOUIS—545.1.
7:55—Program from WEAF.
11:00—Christmas cantata.
12:45—Midnight mass, Old St. Louis cathedral.

KTHS, HOT SPRINGS—374.8.
10:00—Latin-American serenade.
11:00—Christmas organ music.
11:30—Program of carols.
12:00—Christmas Eve frolic.

KYW, CHICAGO—535.4.
7:00—Dinner program, KDKA.
8:05—Stories and speeches.
9:00—Readings and music.
11:00—Evening at home.
2:00—Insomnia club.

WBAL, BALTIMORE—374.8.
6:45—WBAL dinner orchestra.
7:45—Old English carols.

WBAP, FORT WORTH—475.9.
7:00—Dinner program.
8:30—Music.
10:30—Concert.

WBZ, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—333.1.
6:10—Santa Claus; markets.
6:30—To be announced.
7:30—Kimball Dance orchestra.
8:00—Musical program.
9:00—Christmas carols.
9:30—Arthur Clifton, organist.

WCAD, CANTON, N. Y.—263.
7:30—Rebroadcasting WGY.

WCAE, PITTSBURG—461.3.
6:30—William Penn orchestra.
7:30—Santa Claus.
8:00—Program from WEAF.

WCBD, ZION, ILL.—344.6.
9:00—Gala Christmas concert.
5:00—Early Christmas morning carol program (435 m.)

WCCO, MINN.-ST. PAUL—416.4.
6:30—Children's hour.
8:00—Program from WEAF.
11:00—Travel talk; weather.

WDAF, KANSAS CITY—365.6.
7:00—School of the air.
12:45—Nighthawk frolic.

WEAF, NEW YORK—491.6.
6:00—Dinner music.
7:00—Mid-week hymn sing.
7:30—Billy Jones-Ernest Hare.
8:00—Christmas Carol service.
9:00—Male quartet; orchestra.
2:30—"Surprise program."
10:00—"O Wondrous Star."
11:00—Metropolitan male chorus.
11:30—Dickens' Christmas Carol.

WEAR, CLEVELAND—389.4.
7:00—Statler orchestra.
8:00—Program from WEAF.
10:00—Vincent Percy, organist.

WEEI, BOSTON—348.6.
6:45—Big Brother; musicale.
8:00—Program from WEAF.

WFAA, DALLAS—475.9.
7:30—Bestor's orchestra.
9:30—Jones and artists.
12:00—Dallas A. C. orchestra.

WFBG, ALTOONA—277.8.
9:00—Christmas carol program.
11:45—Midnight mass.
1:30—Christmas carols.

WFI, PHILADELPHIA—394.5.
6:30—Dinner program.
8:00—Program from WEAF.

WGHP, DETROIT—270.
10:00—Midnight mariners.

WGN, CHICAGO—370.2.
7:00—Organ and orchestra.
9:00—WGN classic hour.
11:00—Jazz scamper.

WGR, BUFFALO—319.
8:00—Program from WEAF.
11:00—Christmas carol program.

WGY, SCHENECTADY—379.5.
6:30—Santa Claus; Ten Eyck 3.
7:30—Book chat; recitals.
8:00—Carol program (WRC).
9:00—Handel's "Messiah."
11:30—Boisclair, organist.

WHAS, LOUISVILLE—399.8.
8:30—Special concert.

WHB, KANSAS CITY—365.6.
8:00—Organ recital.
9:00—Christmas music.

WHN, NEW YORK—361.2.
6:00—Dinner music.
7:00—Orchestra; entertainers.
10:30—Dance program (2 hours).

WHO, DES MOINES—526.
8:30—Raleigh quintet.
9:00—Christmas Eve program.
12:00—WHO Little symphony.

WIL, ST. LOUIS—272.6.
9:00—Concert.

WIP, PHILADELPHIA—508.2.
6:00—Weather; dance music.
7:00—Uncle Wip's roll-call.
8:00—Provost Christmas dinner.
8:45—Christmas carol program.
10:15—Eastern state penitentiary Christmas carols.
11:00—Chalk Pagoda orchestra.

WJAR, PROVIDENCE—305.9.
8:00—Civic Christmas Eve celebration, Exchange Pl.
9:00—Powels' orchestra.

WJR, DETROIT—516.9.
7:00—Petite symphony.
9:00—Serenaders.
10:00—Goldkette orchestra.

WJZ, NEW YORK—454.3.
7:00—Judge, Jun.; orchestra.
8:00—Christmas carols (WRC).
9:00—Handel's Messiah, with Kerns, Bryant, Price and Daniel, orchestra, chorus.

WKRC, CINCINNATI—422.3.
9:00—Musical program.

WLS, CHICAGO—344.6.
7:30—Organ recital; lullaby.
8:20—Christmas Eve program.

WLW, CINCINNATI—422.3.
7:00—Santa Claus; features.
8:00—Visconti's orchestra.
11:00—Dance program.
12:00—"The Fourth Wise Man," reading with music.
12:40—Christmas carols.
1:00—Midnight mass.

WMAQ, CHICAGO—447.5.
7:00—Organ and orchestra.
9:00—Music lecture; trio.
10:00—U. of C. chimes concert.

WMBF, MIAMI BEACH—384.4.
7:00—Dinner concert.
10:00—Dance music.

WMC, MEMPHIS—499.7.
12:00—Christmas services, St. Mary's cathedral.

WOAW, OMAHA—526.0.
7:00—Sandman; orchestras.
10:00—Christmas Eve program.

WOC, DAVENPORT—483.6.
6:45—Chimes news, Sandman.
8:00—Program from WEAF.
12:00—LeClaire orchestra.

WOR, NEWARK—405.2.
6:15—Santa Claus; sports.
6:45—Dinner music; news.

WPG, ATLANTIC CITY—299.8.
6:30—Sports; organ recital.
7:00—Ambassador orchestra.
8:15—Auditorium concert.
11:00—Program.

WRC, WASHINGTON—468.5.
6:00—Dinner music; talks.
7:00—Talk; Shoreham orchestra.
8:00—Christmas carols, St. John's church choir.
9:00—Handel's Messiah.
10:00—Dance music; organ.
12:00—Midnight mass.

WSAI, CINCINNATI—325.9.
8:00—Complete from WEAF.

WSB, ATLANTA—428.3.
9:00—Concert.
11:45—Radiola orchestra.

WTAG, WORCESTER—267.7.
7:45—Nature talk.
8:00—Complete from WEAF.

WTIC, HARTFORD—475.9.
6:30—Dinner music and talks.
10:30—Christmas Eve program.
11:45—Chorals on the chimes.

WWJ, DETROIT—352.7.
6:00—Dinner program.
8:00—Program from WEAF.
11:00—Christmas carols, St. Paul's Cathedral.

THURSDAY'S SILENT STATIONS:
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EMINENT PALLBEARERS FOR FRANK MUNSEY

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, N.Y., Dec. 23.—The body of Frank A. Munsey, newspaper and magazine publisher, who died yesterday, was laid in state today in the cathedral of St. John the Divine. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning, with Bishop Wm. T. Manning officiating. He was a close friend of the publisher.

The list of honorary pallbearers announced today includes: Elbert H. Gary, Charles Evan Hughes, Chauncey M. Depew, Otto H. Kahn, Governor Alfred E. Smith, John D. Rockefeller, Jun., Merville E. Stone and Kent Cooper.

POTATO PRICE JUMPS AS U. S. ESTIMATE RELEASED

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hartland, N.B., Dec. 23.—Potato prices rose 50 cents a barrel here last evening, following the release of the final report on the United States potato market. The report shows a decrease of more than 23,000,000 bushels from the report of November 10. The total crop is estimated at 323,503,000 bushels.

Between 60 and 70 per cent of the Carleton county crop has been sold, but a few producers are still holding out for higher prices. One farmer is holding 1,000 barrels for a $10 price.

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The Dream Detective

By SAX ROHMER

The morning came and brought a haggard company to the breakfast table. Few, if any, beneath the roof of Grange, had known sleep that night, although, so far as I could gather, there had been no manifestations of any kind.

Moris Klaw talked incessantly about the fauna of the Sahara Desert, and so monopolized the conversation with his queer anecdotes of snakes and scorpions that no other topic found entrance.

After breakfast the whole party, in Sir James' car drove over to Friars House, and despite the up-to-date furniture and upholstery, I found it a very gloomy residence. Stripped of its ghostly atmosphere, Grange had been quite a charming seat for any man; but this dungeonesque place, with its lichened tower that had dominated the valley when John signed Magna Charta, with its massive walls and arrow-slit windows, its eccentrically designed apartments and crypt-like smell was altogether too archaic to be comfortable.

Moris Klaw, standing in the room which had been fitted up as a library, removed his flat-topped brown bowler and fumbled for his scent spray.

"This place," he said, "smells abominably of dead abbots!"

He squirted verbena upon himself and upon Isis. He replaced the scent spray in the lining of the hat, and was about to replace the hat on his head, when he paused, staring straight up at the ceiling reflectively.

"My notes!" he said, abruptly; "I have left those notes in my valise. I must have them. Carse me, for an old fool! Sir James, you will show Isis this charming old tower in my absence? Do I intrude? But I would borrow the car and return to Grange for my notes!"

"Not a bit!" replied the baronet, readily. "Clement can go with you!"

"No, no! Certainly no! I could not think of it! My old friend, Mr. Searles, may come if he so likes; if not, I go alone."

Naturally, I agreed to accompany him, and leaving the others at the ancient gateway, we set off in Sir James' car back to Grange. Down into the valley we swept and up the slope to Grange, Moris Klaw sitting muttering in his beard, but offering no remark, and patently desirous to avoid conversation.

"Come, my friend," he said, as the car drew up before the house, "and I will show you what my mental negative recorded to me last night, just before the great danger came."

He led the way into the billiard room, curtly directing the butler to leave us. When we were alone—

"You will note something," he rumbled, swinging his arm vaguely around in the direction of the banqueting hall. "What you will note is this: the laughter—where is it heard? It is heard here, in the gun room on my right, in the banquet room before me. Great is the science of the mind! I will now test my negative."

I followed him with wondering gaze as he stepped into the deep old-fashioned fireplace which formed one of the quaintest features of the room. He bent his tall figure to avoid striking his head upon the stonework, and placed the historic brown bowler upon one of the settles.

"Perhaps I cannot find it," came his rumbling voice; "my negative was fogged by assassinations, murderous sieges candle-light duels, and other thought-forms of the troubled past; but I may triumph—I may triumph!"

He was standing on a settle with his head far up the chimney, and presently a faint grating sound proceeded from that sooty darkness.

"I have it!" he rumbled, triumphantly. "And in my pocket reposes the electric lamp. I ascend; you, my good friend, will follow."

True enough he scrambled upward and to my unspeakable amazement, disappeared in the chimney. Filled with great wonder I followed and saw him standing in a recess high above my head, a recess which he must have opened in some way unknown to me. He extended a long arm and grasped my hand in his.

"Up!" he cried, exerted his surprising strength, and jerked me up beside him with as little effort as though I had been a child.

He pressed the button of a torch which he held and I saw that we stood upon an exceedingly steep and narrow wooden stair.

"It is in the thickness of the wall between the panellings," he whispered, solemnly; "a Jacobite hiding place. Sir James knows nothing of it, for has he not spent his life in the Bush?"

He mounted the stair.

"On the right," his voice came back to me, "the gun room, the billard room! On the left, the banquet room! From here comes the laughter—from here comes the danger."

Still he ascended and I followed. The narrow stair terminated in a dusty box-like apartment no more than six feet high by six feet square. Moris Klaw, ducking his head grotesquely, stood there shining the light about him. From the floor he took up a square wooden case and waved to me to descend again.

"No exit," he said; "no exit. Sir James' bedroom is upon the farther side, but as I had anticipated, there is no exit."

We returned the way we had come; clearly there was no other. Beneath his caped coat Moris Klaw jealously concealed the case which he had discovered in the secret chamber. I was filled with intense curiosity; but Moris Klaw, having gone to his room, asking me to await him outside in the drive, returned, ultimately, without the case, but carrying a huge notebook, and intimated that he was prepared to re-enter the waiting car.

Behind the pebbles of his pince-nez his strange eyes gleamed triumphantly.

"We triumph," he said. "The haunting of Grange succumbs to the science of the mind!"

CHAPTER IV.

We all had lunch at Friars House, but were by no means a jovial party. Sir James seemed worried and preoccupied, and Clement Leyland even more reticent than usual. Moris Klaw talked certainly, but his conversation turned entirely upon the subject of the Borgias, concerning which notorious family he was possessed of a stock of most unsavory anecdote. So realistic were his gruesome stories, delivered in that rumbling whisper, wholly impossible to describe or imitate, that every mouthful of food which I swallowed threatened to choke me.

Afterward we wandered idly about the beautiful old grounds, which bore ineffaceable marks of monkish cultivation. Sir James, who was walking ahead with Moris Klaw and Isis, suddenly turned and waited for me. I had been examining a sundial with much interest, but I now walked on and joined our host.

"Mr. Searles," he said, "may I press you to remain here over the week-end?"

"That's very good of you," I replied. "I think I could manage it, and I should enjoy the stay immensely."

I concluded that Moris Klaw also was remaining, and consequently was surprised when a short time later he drew me aside into a rose-covered arbor and announced that he was leaving by the 4 o'clock train.

"But I shall be back in the morning, Mr. Searles," he assured me, wagging his finger mysteriously; "I shall be back in the morning!"

"And Miss Klaw?"

"She, too, goes by the 4 o'clock train and will not be returning—for the present."

"I understand that Sir James is taking up his residence here at Friars House from now onward?"

"It is so, my friend; he deserts Grange. The servants come over here today. Is he not well advised? Mr. Clement has all along recommended that this shall be his residence. He was against it, the idea of inhabiting Grange, from the first. He is wise, that Mr. Clement. He has lived in these parts so long. He knows that Grange is haunted, is uninhabitable."

Later, then, Moris Klaw and Isis took their departure; and just as the car was about to drive off my eccentric friend removed his brown bowler and sprayed his bald brow with verbena. He bent to me:

"Day and night," he whispered, huskily, "do not lose sight of him, Sir James! Above all, allow him not to explore!"

With that the car drove off, and I stood looking after it, wondering, utterly mystified. On the steps behind me stood Clement Leyland and his cousin. The latter's gaze followed the course of the car along the picturesque winding road until it became lost from view. I thought I heard him sigh.

Ensued an uneventful day and night. Life was pleasant enough at Friars House, if a trifle dull, and Sir James seemed unsettled, whilst his disquietude was reflected in his cousin. The latter, now that his active labors in preparing this new residence for the baronet were checked, seemed a man at a loss what to do with himself. His was one of those quietly ardent temperaments, I divined, and idleness palled upon him. Apparently he had no profession, and although I presumed that he had some residence of his own in the neighborhood, he apparently was prepared indefinitely to prolong his stay at Friars House. I think his companionship was welcome to Sir James, for the latter was yet strange to the new duties of a landed gentleman.

The next morning brought Moris Klaw, and I learned with ever-growing surprise that he had made arrangements to spend the following week beneath the hospitable roof of Friars House.

I have nothing to record of interest up to the time I left; but often during the ensuing six days the problem of the haunting of Grange and the mystery of Moris Klaw's protracted visit to Friars House came between me and my work. Then on the Saturday morning arrived a telegram:

"Can you join us for week-end—car will meet 2:30. Wire reply. Best wishes—Leyland."

I determined to accept the invitation; for respecting the nature of Moris Klaw's business at Friars House—and that he had some other motive than ordinary in sojourning there I was persuaded—my curiosity knew no bounds. Accordingly, I packed my grip, and at about 5 o'clock on a delightful afternoon found myself taking tea in a cloister-like apartment of the former Friary.

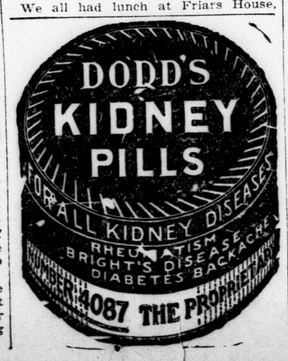
"Grange," said Sir James, in answer to a question of mine, "is shut up."

"It is shut, yes," rumbled Moris Klaw. "What a pity!"

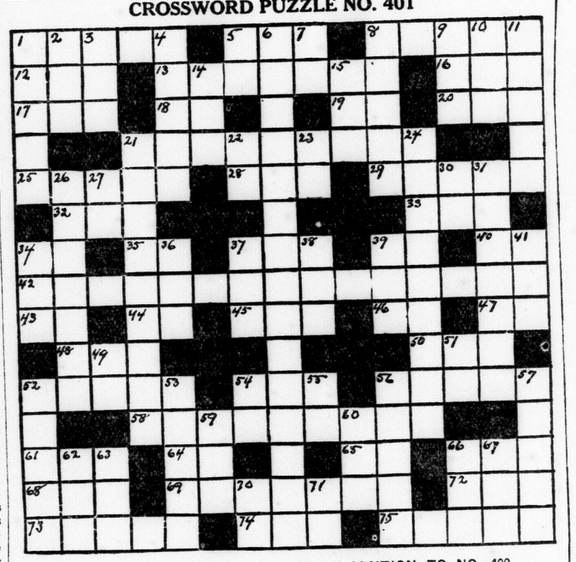
In the course of the day occurred incidents which I have since perceived to have been significant. I will pass over them, however, and hasten to what I may term the catastrophe of this very singular case.

Four of us sat down to dinner in an apartment which clearly had been the ancient refectory of the monks. Clement Leyland, who had arrived barely in time to dress, looked haggard and worried. I determined that he had some private troubles of his own, and beneath his quiet geniality I thought I could detect a sort of brooding gloom. His pale, clean-shaven face, so like yet so unlike that of his cousin, was a mask that ill repaid study; yet I knew that the real Clement Leyland was a stranger to me, perhaps to all of us.

CONTINUED TOMORROW.



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1 Minded.
5 Title.
8 Hubbub.
12 Metal
13 A name for God (Obs)
16 A species of blackbird.
17 Perform
18 Athletic Ass'n (ab)
19 State (ab)
20 Boy's nickname
21 Signifying past time
25 Insane
28 Amount (ab)
29 Incline
32 Large serpent
33 Frozen water
34 That is (ab)
35 Peacock butterfly
37 Residence (ab)
39 Argentum (ab)
40 Athletic Ass'n (ab)
42 Conveyances
43 Note of the scale
44 Tellurium (ab)
45 Color of horse
46 College degree
47 Above
48 Friend (Fr)
50 Illumined
52 Utensil
54 Dined
56 Concise
58 Criminal
61 Propeller
64 Light Infantry (ab)
65 Conventional appellation
66 Piece of timber
68 Askew
69 Pertaining to Edessa.
72 Part of "to be"
73 Guide
74 Suffix
75 Separates

Vertical.

1 Covers
2 Part of circle
3 Soak
4 Darling
5 Continent (ab)
6 Lacking moderation
7 Runic (ab)
8 Apartments
9 Went speedily
10 Single unit
11 Upper edge
14 Girl's name
15 Man's name
21 Complainant
22 Tantalum (ab)
23 Right (ab)
24 Available persons
26 A peninsula of Europe
27 Exclamation
30 Ocean (ab)
31 A ground nut (pl)
34 Possessive pronoun.
36 Suffix
37 Steal
38 Pen
39 Ancient Egyptian king
41 Snake
49 One thousand and one
51 Prefix
52 Realizes
53 A fisherman
54 Folio (ab)
55 Five hundred and one
56 Twists
57 Margins
59 Cover
60 Pathological suffix
62 Skill
63 A grain
66 One of the Etruscan gods
67 Worthless leaving
70 East Indies (ab)
71 Point of the compass

SOLUTION TO NO. 400.

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