

WOODS' FAIR

Every Article in Our Basement at Sale Prices This Week

In our basement is to be found great piles of choice China, Dinnerware, Toiletware, Graniteware, Glassware, etc., and the opportunity to buy these household necessities at so great a reduction is seldom given.

Whether you need these goods at the present time or not, it will certainly pay you to lay in a small supply. Every day makes a hole in the stock. Don't miss this great first annual sale.

Some of the Bargains To Be Had This Week

Crockery

Large White Bedroom Jugs, sale price 35c
Vegetable Side Dishes, white, sale price 5c
Porridge Bowls, white or printed, sale price 4c
Oyster Bowls, blue band, sale price 3c, 10c
Soup Plates, regular 10c china, sale price 7c
Tea Plates, white or printed, sale price 5c
Large Bedroom Slip Jars, sale price 75c
Printed Cups and Saucers, sale price, 4 for 25c
Brown Cane Chambers, sale price 19c

China

50c Japanese Sugar and Creams, sale price 38c
75c China Salads, sale price 50c
50c German Steins, sale price 50c
25c Japanese Plates, sale price 15c
25c English China Cups and Saucers, sale price 15c
25c Japanese China Cups and Saucers, sale price 15c
Two-for-15c Salts and Peppers, sale price 5c
One-quarter off all Fancy Glass Lamps.

Don't forget our sale of Ladies' Cloth Skirts, on the main floor, at the ridiculous prices of \$1.25 and \$1.50 each.

Also a fresh supply of McLaren's Prepared Jellies, three packages for 25c.

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J. M. THOMSON

The North American Life Assurance Company

Held its Annual Meeting at its Home Office, in Toronto, on Thursday, the 30th day of January, 1908. The President, Mr. John L. Blaikie, was appointed Chairman, and the Managing Director, Mr. L. Goldman, Secretary, when the following report of the business of the Company for the year ended December 31st, 1907, was submitted:

NEW BUSINESS
The policies issued for the year, together with those revived, amounted to the sum of \$4,622,635.00, being greater than the new business transacted for the previous year.

SAVING IN EXPENSES
The business has continued to be conducted on a conservative basis, resulting in a further reduction in the ratio of expenses to premium income of over two per cent. This percentage of reduction has resulted in a material saving in expenses of \$26,918.17, as compared with 1906.

CASH INCOME
The cash income for the year from premiums, interest, etc., was \$1,815,097.69, showing the satisfactory increase for the year of \$68,553.69.

PAYMENTS TO POLICY-HOLDERS
The amount paid on policyholders' account was \$607,347.44, and of this amount the sum of \$265,825.95 represents payments for dividends, matured endowments, and investment policies.

ASSETS
The assets increased during the year by the sum of \$936,811.63, and now amount to \$8,735,876.08.

After making ample provision for all liabilities, including the special Contingent Fund of \$155,173.35 to provide for the temporary depreciation in the value of debentures, bonds and stocks, and paying the sum of \$97,304.79 for dividends to policyholders during the year, there was an addition made to the net surplus which now amounts to \$673,556.04, the year's work from every standpoint being highly satisfactory.

NET SURPLUS INCREASED
The assets of the Company continue to be, as heretofore, invested in the best class of securities; a detailed list of these will be published with the Annual Report for distribution.

A monthly examination of the books of the Company was made by the Auditors, and at the close of the year they made a thorough scrutiny of all the securities held by the Company. In addition to the examination of the securities by the auditors, a committee of the Board, consisting of two Directors, made an independent audit each quarter.

The Officers, Field Representatives and Office Staff deserve to be commended for their efficiency and diligence.

L. GOLDMAN, J. L. BLAIEKIE,
Managing Director. President.

The Annual Report showing marked proofs of the solid position of the company, and containing a list of the securities held, and also those upon which the company has made collateral loans, will be sent in due course to each policyholder.

The business of the London District continues to show a substantial growth year by year.

Angus Elliott, District Manager
204 Masonic Temple, London, Ont. Phone 930.

Admiral Evans and his American fleet entered the Straits of Magellan yesterday afternoon.
A kick in time saves a lot of imposition.
A small amount of intelligence goes a great way with some people.

FOUGHT FLAMES FOR 36 HOURS

Terrible Experience of a Crew Rescued From Burning Ship.

New York, Feb. 4.—A wireless dispatch to the Times from the steamer Cymric gives the details of the burning of the steamer St. Catharines. Soon after the Cymric sighted the burning vessel the steamer Cambrian also came up and the two ships lay by for several hours awaiting a chance to safely lower a boat, the terrific wind which was blowing at the time making it impossible for a boat to live. Finally the Cymric got a boat away in command of First Officer Stacey, and with a crew of six men. After a hard fight with the waves the boat, which was brilliantly headed, succeeded, aided by the quantities of oil that had been spread on the water, in reaching the side of the burning ship. For ten minutes they lay before a heavy figure was lowered into the boat followed by a second. Then ten men made their way down a ladder and into the boat. All were fearfully burned. The boat returned safely to the Cymric and the rescued men were hoisted aboard. The same crew then made a second and a third trip back to the burning steamer rescuing 37 in all.

On the last trip the boat was stove in by a wave and barely reached the Cymric in safety. The officers and the crew of the St. Catharines had a terrible story to tell. At mid-day Saturday the fire was first discovered, smoke being seen emerging from a ventilator. The first officer rushed to the bridge, where the captain was, to tell him of the fire, when almost immediately a terrific explosion occurred, blowing off all the hatches in the forward part of the ship and destroying half the bridge. The captain was thrown to the deck, badly injured and blinded by the flames. The wheelman was driven away from his post. A boat was immediately lowered but was smashed, and its crew of fifteen, including the third officer, were drowned. For 36 hours the crew fought the flames, but with small success. The foremast melted and fell, throwing a stowaway who was hidden in the crow's nest into the flames, which had by this time burned through the forward deck. There were nine stowaways on the ship and all were caught in the forward holds and burned to death without a chance of rescue. After the fall of the mast the fire was partially checked, but the poisonous fumes of the fuel oil made fighting the fire almost impossible. The ship was loaded with fuel oil, matches, rags, willowware and other inflammable material.

The crew made a gallant fight and were rescued only just in time as the fire was rapidly gaining headway when the Cymric was finally enabled to put off the rescuing boat. All the rescued members of the crew were taken aboard the Cymric, and although many of them are badly burned it is thought all will recover.

AMERICAN

Hernandez Miguel, a wealthy planter of Mexico, is sought in California for the murder of another planter in the course of a feud.

The Townsend labor bill, providing for a commission to be named by the President to investigate strikes and end them, has been favorably reported. Ten lives are known to have been lost and property of great value destroyed in a tornado which swept across Copiah County, Mississippi yesterday.

Capt. Hanson B. Black, of the United States army signal corps, undertaken a 1,030-mile dog-team trip in Alaska for the purpose of inspecting the telegraph service in winter.

James Carter, conductor of a Los Angeles (Cal.) street car, was instantly killed and five persons were injured, some fatally, when a freight train struck the car. Six New York letter-carriers have had their salaries reduced \$100 a year for soliciting Christmas and New Year presents. These men left cards of greeting for the people to whom they daily deliver mail.

An important conference over the Ohio political situation was held on a "Big Four" train running between Columbus, O., and Gallon last night. Secretary of State Thompson and Senator Foraker were the principals.

The West Virginia Senate has refused to invite William Bryan to address it because his speech would not come within the scope of the special legislation recommended by Governor Dawson.

Plans are on foot to provide Detroit, Mich., with a hippodrome patterned after the one in New York. Robert E. McKisson, former mayor of Cleveland, is reported to be back of the project.

J. Pierpont Morgan, Cornelius Vanderbilt, W. K. Vanderbilt, jun., and Capt. John S. Barnes have denied purchasing the Chesapeake's flag in London. It is not known in New York who it was purchased for.

Prohibition of the liquor traffic failed in the Michigan State Constitutional Convention last night, when the delegates voted down a proposal providing for the prohibition of the liquor traffic in all towns having less than 500 population.

A firm of Japanese merchants in San Francisco, Cal., has sued the United States Government for \$1,500,000 for alleged overcharges by the customs department on importations of sake, a Japanese beverage.

Splendid Cure for Sore Chest

When it hurts to draw a long breath, and you feel as if a knife were stuck in your side, you know it's time to draw out the congestion that will soon become pneumonia. An ordinary cough syrup has no chance at all—you require a powerful penetrating liniment. Probably nothing is known that possesses more merit in such cases than Nerviline. Rub it liberally over the sides and chest—rub it in hard—when the skin is all aglow put on a Nerviline Porous Plaster, take a hot drink of Nerviline to enliven the circulation, and then get into bed. Doctors who have watched the success of this treatment say nothing is better. It is simple, safe, and costs but little.

MUCK-RAKING IN THE COMMONS

Baseless Charges Brought By the Opposition Regarding Timber Leases.

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—In the House today discussion was resumed on Mr. Lake's resolution asking for a committee to investigate timber leases made by the Interior Department. Mr. Boyce, of Algoma, charged that "the scandals of the Interior Department have penetrated all over Canada, and have gone across the ocean." Hon. Frank Oliver repelled the attacks of the Opposition as being baseless, and compared the record of the present administration with that of the Conservatives. He denied the charge of Mr. Heron that the advertising of tenders had not been ample, and showed that the Opposition's charges were not supported by the facts in the case. Mr. Boyce, of Algoma, made the statement that limits had been sold for a bonus of \$100 per mile, that were now worth \$1,000 per mile, and charged the department with "reckless, collusion and dishonesty." A state of things, he said, of which the member for Brandon (Mr. Sifton), knew a good deal.

Hon. Mr. Oliver, minister of the Interior, said the Opposition were assuming a theory for 25 years, which had not existed for 25 years. The policy of the late Government was to have the lumber produced to meet the necessity. It was not a policy of the original policy of the late Government, but which they later discarded. He held that the clause requiring the erection of a mill within a year had been ignored under the regulation in force at the time, but this regulation in form or another had been conducted in all licenses since 1881. The present Government, Mr. Oliver held, had only alienated 8,000 square miles, as compared with 20,000 square miles that their predecessors. He denied that the value of the timber limits were anything equal to the claims of the Opposition. The principle for 25 years past had been to grant the timber limit to the first applicant, provided his tender was not lower than the previous one. At the present time \$3,91 miles of forest preserves were held under reservation and 100,000 miles in public parks.

Referring to the limits instanced by Mr. Heron (Alberta), Mr. Oliver claimed that the advertising of tenders had been ample. Facts, he claimed, had been absent from the Opposition's argument. There had been a good deal of talk in the House, as to the alleged scandals in connection with these timber limits, but not a single critic of the Government had said that he (the minister) was responsible. If such a statement were made he (Mr. Oliver) promised that there would be an investigation ordered at once.

Mr. Borden remarked that when Mr. Oliver said the Conservative Government's policy had been continued by the Liberals, he was directly opposed to statements of Mr. Tupper (Assiniboia) in the House that the system was completely changed. If the minister's statement was correct, the west must not have advanced since 1883. The minister's statements were the most illogical that he had heard in the House. The blame could not be shifted back on Conservative predecessors.

Hon. Mr. Sifton moved the adjournment of the debate at 10:45.

RAILWAY WORKERS DEBARRED FROM DRINK

By Provisions of Bill Introduced in the Dominion Senate.

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—A second reading was given to Senator McMillen's bill providing the railway act, which he introduced in the Senate. The new act increases the penalty for selling liquor to railway men on duty to \$200, or one year's imprisonment. The present penalty is one month or \$30.

The bill incorporating the Dominion Lumbering and Power Development Company was also given its second reading.

Several senators argued that the bill proposed to give the company power to operate sawmills, flour mills, act as merchants, operate telegraphs, build tramways, develop waterpowers, and do almost everything else, not only within the Dominion, but also outside. It could, under the bill, it was contended, create a great Dominion monopoly similar to those troubling the United States today.

Senator Cloran called attention to the question of Provincial rights. The bill proposed that Parliament give the company the right to operate mines, and carry on smelting matters which were under the jurisdiction of the provinces.

NATAL ACT MAY STAND

Possible That Dominion May Not Veto British Columbia Law.

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—It is stated that if the Imperial authorities do not object it is quite possible that the Dominion authorities will not interfere with the Natal Act, which has been passed by the British Columbia Legislature. The bill in its present form will prevent Hindoos from coming into Canada, and they have already been shut out by immigration regulations.

Weather Probs: Milder.

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STORE NEWS TODAY.

Wednesday Feb. 5

NEW LINENS

Early Arrivals Create Great Interest

Table Damask and Huck Towels

Interest will not cease from now on, in this section, as new goods are arriving almost daily, and the enthusiasm is not kept up merely by the novelty of seeing new goods, BUT by the VALUES, the QUALITIES, and the CHARACTER of our Linens.

New Bleached Damask, 75c Per Yard

66-inch Pure Linen Bleached Damask, in shamrock spot, with conventional border; lily and trumpet flower designs; at per yard 75c
Take notice that every line of Bleached Table Damask is warranted pure linen.

Double Damask, \$1.35 Per Pair

71-inch Fine Double Damask Tablecloth, pure linen, thoroughly bleached, in two handsome designs, one a tulip design on satin band, and the other the Honesty plant design (a Scotch plant with berries), both very effective, at, per yard \$1.35

New Huck Towels, 12 1/2c Each

Many new lines of these have already arrived, but the above line at 12 1/2c stands out prominently as being worthy of special mention. They are fringed with red borders. Size 19x36-inch, and only a limited quantity in the lot. While they last, pair 25c

Saving the Odd Pennies?

Investigate this new money-saving idea. If you have not already one of our Safety Deposit Banks. (We have still a few of the first shipment for distribution).

THE OBJECT—These Banks cannot be opened by any key or combination other than the key which we hold, being fitted with Yale locks, and a device to prevent money being improperly extracted, which make them sure money-savers. When you wish your bank opened bring it to us and we will unlock it. The money and bank is yours.

"Why Not a Key To Each Bank?" You Might Ask

This would destroy the usefulness of your bank. With a key at home, you or any of the household would have access to your savings, and it would be of no more value than a pocketbook.

Why We Sell a \$1.00 Bank for 40c

Simply for the advertising. You are under no obligation to spend a penny of your savings in this store. It is purely an advertisement for us, and a money-saver for you. If we distribute one or two thousand in this city, our name is placed in that many homes, and that many people are brought to this store frequently, to have their banks unlocked and receive the savings. (Commence today).

STORE CLOSURES AT 6 O'CLOCK EVERY DAY SATURDAY INCLUDED.

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149 to 153 Dundas Street

NO U. S. TARIFF CHANGE

No Commission for Revision To Be Appointed by the Congress.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The present Congress will not appoint a tariff commission. Revision of the tariff will be undertaken next winter in the short term.

These announcements in substance were made today by Chairman Payne, of the house committee on ways and means, in the presence and with the tacit approval of Speaker Cannon, the occasion being a call upon those leaders by a tariff revision delegation from various parts of the country, comprising representatives of many of the biggest manufacturing and industrial concerns in the United States, and headed by James W. Van Dusen, of St. Louis, president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

The delegation called today at the White House, and paid their respects to the President. Later they went to the capitol, and were received in the speaker's committee room by Speaker Cannon and Chairman Payne.

BONI IN COURT

Says Jealousy Prompted Recent Attack on Cousin Helie.

Paris, Feb. 4.—The Sagan-Castellane case came up in the correctional court today, having been adjourned from Jan. 34. Count Boni and Count Jean de Castellane, his brother, are charged with assault by Prince Helie de Sagan. This charge is a result of the first encounter between the count and the prince on the streets of Paris early in January. Count Boni de Castellane is the divorced husband of Anna Gould, and Prince Helie de Sagan is his cousin.

Answering a question put by the court, Count Boni declared that he could explain his animosity toward Prince Helie by certain documents, but that the intimate character of these papers prevented their being made public. At this statement Prince Helie interrupted the proceedings by crying in a loud voice, "These documents are forgeries." Count Boni admitted that he had spat in Prince Helie's face at the time of the encounter, and he explained that he had not sent seconds to his cousin to arrange a duel as he knew that the prince could not find anybody who would be willing to represent him on the field of honor.

Count Boni declared that if his client had accepted the judgment of divorce from Madame Gould it was because he recognized that he had wronged the wife whom he still respected. In spite of the fact that they were separated by the law, Count Boni had not been able to restrain his indignation and anger when he heard that the Prince de Sagan was going to become the husband of the mother of his children. He considered also the interests of his children, and was convinced that Prince Helie could not be even a good godfather to them.

Stanley Sinclair, of Chatham, had his eye badly hurt by a wheel falling on his head while at work.

A young man named Wm. Perry, of Toronto, who was going to Buffalo to buy a pair of artificial limbs, was turned back by the immigration officers. He returned to Toronto last evening.

The mining tax brought in between \$30,000 and \$100,000 in 1906 to the Provincial Government. It is expected to be much larger in 1907.

The Bell Telephone Company, at Kingston, has issued an injunction against placing the current wires of the Essex County Railway, as they will interfere with the company's long distance connection. Work on the railway has been discontinued pending the injunction.

SHE PATIENTLY BORE DISGRACE

A Sad letter from a lady whose Husband was Dissipated.

How She Cured Him with a Secret Remedy.



"I had for years patiently borne the disgrace, suffering, misery and privations due to my husband's drinking habits. Hearing of your marvellous remedy for the cure of drunkenness, which I could give my husband secretly, I decided to try it. I procured a package and mixed it in his food and coffee, and, as the remedy was odorless and tasteless, he did not know what it was that so quickly relieved his craving for liquor. He soon began to pick up flesh, his appetite for solid food returned, he stuck to his work regularly, and we now have a happy home. After he was completely cured I told him what I had done, when he acknowledged that it had been his saving, as he had not the resolution to break off of his own accord. I hereby advise all women afflicted as I was to give your remedy a trial." 98

Free Package and pamphlet giving full particulars, testimonials, and price sent in plain sealed envelope. Correspondence strictly confidential. Address: **THE SAMARIA REMEDY CO.**, 16 Jordan Chambers, Jordan St., Toronto, Canada. Also for sale by E. L. Guillemont, druggist, corner Richmond and Dundas streets, London.

The defeated candidate for Berlin's mayoralty, Mr. Allan Huber, has been convicted of using grossly insulting and abusive language to Mr. George Rumpel, a member of the water commission. Sentence was suspended.

BEST QUALITY SEEDLESS ORANGES

From California

Ripe, sweet, juicy fruit. Special Price

30c size for 25c

Other sizes 20c, 40c and 50c
Very Fine Lemons, 1 dozen 20c
Tallman Sweet Apples, peck 20c
Spy Apples, peck 20c
Red Onions, peck 30c
Yellow Onions, peck 30c
Beets, peck 25c
Parsnips, peck 20c
Carrots, peck 15c
Turnips, peck 10c
Good Potatoes, peck 20c
We sell American Ivory Soap and Wool Soap, each, per cake 10c

John Diprose

TWO POPULAR STORES.
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IMPERIAL
CREAM TARTAR
BAKING POWDER
PUREST, STRONGEST, BEST.
E.W. GILLET COMPANY LIMITED
TORONTO, ONT.

CANADIAN

Manitoba's surplus is \$294,353.11.

The ice cut at Port Dalhousie is 19 inches thick.

The municipal election in Gainsboro has been voided.

Dresden is in the midst of an epidemic of grippe.

Niagara-on-the-Lake has 129 public school children.

The separate school tax in Hamilton this year is six mills.

Ottawa Council has cut off nine hotel and shop licenses.

Peterboro has opened a relief restaurant for her needy.

Stratford in January had 20 births, 8 marriages and 15 deaths.

Ingersoll has opened a relief fund for its shantown residents.

Stratford will erect a new public school on St. Andrew's street.

Hamilton Board of Health is urged to appoint a plumbing inspector.

J. D. McInnes has been sworn in as a member of the P. E. I. executive.

Peterboro has 250 young men who have failed to pay the poll tax.

The wife of Lieut.-Col. Scott, collector of the customs at Regina, is dead.

The water pipes at the Brantford City Hall were frozen on Saturday.

Omemee Council elections took place yesterday, and George Griffin is reeve.

James Garder, of Niagara-on-the-Lake, is dead, at Grand Valley, aged 54.

All wooden bridges in Elgin will be replaced by steel and concrete structures.

The differences between British Columbia and the G. T. P. have all been adjusted.

Hazel Rockett, aged 17, of Walkerville, has lost her sight as a result of overstudy.

By a new amendment to the election law, the candidate must swear to his actual expenses.

It is proposed to increase the insurance of the City Hall, Hamilton, from \$85,000 to \$100,000.

Charles McKay, who lived alone at Collins Bay, was found frozen to death in his house on Sunday.

Bishop Williams of Huron held confirmation services at Port Stanley, St. Thomas and Aylmer yesterday.

Mrs. George Atkin, of Galt, fell down cellar yesterday, and as she is 79 years old, her recovery is doubtful.

Richard Davis, a farmer of Chilli-wack, B. C., was struck by a bullet fired by a Chinaman and may die.

Dr. Unsworth, of the Mountain Samaritan, Hamilton, has resigned to take a course of special study in Europe.

A car of the Ottawa Electric Railway Company was burned yesterday on a siding, and the loss is assessed at \$3,000.

Peterboro water commissioners report a surplus of \$7,520.43, and that over 20 miles of pipes were laid in 1907.

St. Thomas citizens may keep the wood of trees cut in front of their houses, while the city removes the brush.

Michael S. Sanders, engineer in Richard Heay's sawmill at Kamsack, was caught in a belt on Saturday and killed.

Niagara Falls has a story that the C. N. R. has secured the right of way of the Toronto and Niagara Power Company.

The annual meeting of the South-west and Dunwich Telephone Association will take place at Iona Station on Wednesday.

Dr. Parkin, who is in Montreal, reports that a number of United States universities have decided to adopt the Oxford system.

An ice jam blocks the St. Lawrence at the foot of the Cornwall canal, and the St. Lawrence cotton mills is flooded and closed down.

The large sawmill in course of construction at Jacques River, and owned by the Lawson Lumber Company, was burned on Sunday.

Two engines, a snowplow and 135 men on the Guelph and Goderich Railway are working in the snow somewhere near Walton.

Fernand Berger, now in Boston, will be extradited to Montreal, where he is alleged to have victimized citizens to the extent of \$25,000.

The Dominion Government steamer Argus drifted from her moorings at Dartmouth, N. S., and is high and dry on the shore, with funnel missing and badly damaged.

The Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Rapid Railway Company shares will meet on March 2 to sanction the issuing of \$60,000 more bonds to complete the railroad to Leamington.

A movement is on foot in Toronto to unseat Mayor Oliver, Controllers Hockaday and Hadden, and Ald. Keeler, J. J. Graham and Hiley, were instrumental in bringing in the liquor license reduction bill.

It is stated that Rev. Father Lavallee has been appointed from Rome to be the new superior general of the Oblate Order. This district comprises the whole of the Canadian west. The new appointee is one of the best-known of the French clergy.

Chief Parnell, of St. Catharines, went to Buffalo to bring home a burglar captured there, but when he found that he was an escaped inmate of the Brockville asylum he refused to take him. The United States authorities say they will deport him.

Squire Smith handed out heavy fines to Wm. Frazer and Patrick Buckley, of McMillan Township, yesterday. The men were charged with creating a disturbance on a Grand Trunk train, in which they assaulted a passenger and damaged the car somewhat. Frazer's fines on three charges aggregated \$95, while Buckley's amounted to about \$75.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—The Pullman Company today mailed checks for \$175,000 to employees as an expression of gratitude for courtesy to the traveling public in 1907. The checks went to 1,153 conductors and 2,517 porters, a month's pay to each man.

The Pullman Company employs 535 conductors and 1,783 porters who get no checks.

Every man who receives an extra month's pay is on the "roll of honor." The system will be continued in 1908.

BRAVE PRIVATE
SAVED AMELIE

Grappled With Assassin as He Was About To Shoot the Queen.

Lisbon, Feb. 4.—The identity of the third dead assassin has been established. He was a Spaniard named Cordova. This man was partially identified soon after the tragedy, and his identification now has been confirmed.

From an account given by an eyewitness it appears that the queen owes her life to the courage of a soldier who grappled with Buica as he was taking careful aim at her, leaning his carbine against the colonnade.

The assassin fought desperately to accomplish his purpose. Apparently there was an interval between the shooting of the king and the crown prince, during which the queen was trying to push her way off the quay.

Suddenly Buica stepped out from behind the colonnade, a short distance from the street, and shot the prince. He then prepared to take off the queen.

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TWO BIG FIRES

Berlin, N. H., Feb. 5.—Two separate fires in the business section of this town today were controlled after five hours, causing damage estimated at \$400,000. The Green block, in which the first blaze originated, which was occupied by business houses, as well as the sheltering some forty tenants, and the Berlin National Bank, were destroyed by fire at the lower end of the town, which was the first; and six tenement buildings, several blocks up Main street, were burned to the ground by the second fire. The two fires, burning at each end of the business section, alarmed the local officials, and help was summoned from Portland and Lewiston, Me. The help from these places was responsible for the early mastery over the flames, as the local department was unable to cope with the fire to any great extent. The telephone exchange was deserted by the operators some time after the flames reached the Green block, in which it was located, and although service was interrupted during the night, it was resumed early today.

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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5.

THE HAMILTON RADIAL BILL.

The Hamilton radial bill was again before the railway committee of the House of Commons yesterday. The suggestion of a member that the company be granted a federal character, but that the road should be placed under provincial jurisdiction, was acceptable to counsel for the Ontario Government. This would mean special and exceptional legislation unless all such cases are to be covered by a general law, which is necessary to prevent confusion and discrimination.

The intimation of the deputy minister of railways that the Government was framing an act to more clearly define the line of demarcation between the federal and provincial jurisdictions will be received with general satisfaction. There has been an outcry of late over the alleged encroachment of the federal power upon provincial jurisdiction, especially with respect to public utilities. While Liberals are traditionally jealous of provincial rights, they have reason to suspect that some of the clamor against the Federal Government has been manufactured for party purposes. At any rate the issue is now clouded by technicalities, and they want it more clearly defined.

The Hamilton radial railway, when it crossed the Grand Trunk tracks at Burlington, was brought under federal jurisdiction by the act of 1888, which declared that any railway connecting with or crossing a federal railway was a work for the general advantage of Canada, and therefore, exclusively within the legislative authority of the Dominion Parliament. Such was the effect of Judge Street's decision when the question was raised in 1888. The law stood in this position from 1888 to 1903, when the railway act was amended, so that any railway which crossed or connected with a federal railway came under federal jurisdiction only with respect to such crossing or connection.

The present Minister of Justice pointed out, when the Hamilton radial bill was before the House a year ago, that there was no provision in the British North America act by which the Dominion Parliament could denude itself of its legislative jurisdiction over the works of any undertaking which it had once established. In other words, the Hamilton radial railway having become a federal work under the act of 1888, the federal authorities had no power to divest themselves of their control over the road and refer it to the jurisdiction of the local Legislature.

It will be seen that the company is entitled to have a declaration on the subject, which will put its position beyond question. Any acts regarding it passed by the Provincial Legislature since Judge Street's decision are of no effect or force, and the uncertainty as to jurisdiction renders it helpless.

THE COASTING PRIVILEGES.

The decision of the Dominion Government to revoke the coasting privileges granted to ships of certain foreign countries was not arrived at hastily, or before the matter had been fully considered in all its bearings. At the last session of Parliament the question was debated at length, members from the Maritime Provinces strongly urging the revocation of the privileges as in the interest of Canadian shipping.

It is now nearly 27 years since a foreign country was granted the coasting privileges by Canada, Argentina being the last to be accorded them. Other countries enjoying preferential treatment, and whose ships, after Jan. 1 next, will be placed on the same footing as those of the rest of the world, and become subject to the merchant shipping act, which provides that no goods or passengers shall be carried by water from one port of Canada to another, except in British bottoms, are Italy, which has enjoyed the privilege since 1873; Germany, the Netherlands, and Norway and Sweden, since 1874; Austria-Hungary, since 1876; Denmark, since 1877, and Belgium, since 1879.

The object of granting the privileges in the first place was to afford shipping facilities for cheap transportation of goods from one port of the Maritime Provinces to another, and from the Maritime Provinces up the St. Lawrence. At that time it was found that the shipping under the British flag engaged in the coasting trade was inefficient to meet the needs of shippers, who were willing to avail themselves of any vessels, no matter under what flag. But of late years opinion in regard to this matter has undergone a change, as it is found that ships enjoying the privileges create an unfair competition, inasmuch as the wages paid by their owners do not afford a living for a British or Canadian seaman. The vessels are of an inferior

class, and no responsibility is imposed on them by the laws of the countries to which they belong, for the maintenance of a load line similar to the British mark. It is now felt that the revocation of the privileges will have the effect of developing trade, as Canadian or British vessels will drive from our coast foreign vessels now engaged in a lucrative trade, and take their places.

NEW BRUNSWICK ELECTIONS.

A provincial election campaign is now in progress in New Brunswick. There does not appear to be any issue of special importance before the electors, but the contest reveals some features which in Ontario would be considered remarkable. Party lines have never been tightly drawn in New Brunswick, and hence it is found that while Premier Robinson counts among his supporters and most vigorous workers men who in federal politics are staunchly Conservative, Mr. Hazen, the Opposition leader, has succeeded in drawing to his support not a few men known as "Dominion Liberals." So, too, as regards the press, The St. John Sun, until now a staunch exponent of Conservative principles, is working for the present Government, while The St. John Telegraph, an old-time Liberal journal, has gone over to its former political enemies.

Provincial Liberalism in New Brunswick has suffered considerably of late years through the calling of its leaders to Ottawa. It has lost in succession Mr. Blair, Mr. Emmerson and Mr. Pugsley, yet the Government appears confident of being retained in office for another term. In Premier Robinson they have a young, able and aggressive leader. He has, however, been but a few months at the head of the Government, and it will therefore be the acts of the Pugsley ministry that will come under Opposition fire. This naturally brings the former premier into the struggle, and adds much to its interest. Mr. Hazen, on his part, claims to have under his direction the strongest Opposition since Confederation.

TAFT AND THE PHILIPPINES.

In his report on the Philippines, recently submitted to Congress, Secretary Taft deals with the condition and progress of the islands. After personally visiting the archipelago, he declares himself strongly of the opinion that justice requires the opening of the American sugar and tobacco markets to the Philippines. So confident is he that no injury would thereby be inflicted on United States sugar and tobacco industries that he would not object to a limitation on the amount of sugar and tobacco admitted from the islands, so that importations could not affect the price of either commodity in the United States, or lead to a great exploitation of the sugar and tobacco interests of the islands. He recommends further the rendering of United States coastwise laws permanently inapplicable to the islands, the further encouragement of agriculture, and the removal of needless restriction on the acquisition of land and mining claims.

Mr. Taft makes clear that his ideal is Philippine independence, which he promised to the Philippine Assembly, though expressing the belief that the time for it is not yet ripe. The Filipino oligarchy or aristocracy cannot, he says, be permitted to assume the government of the archipelago, but "we must educate its people until they are fully capable of popular self-government." It may, therefore, be taken for granted that independence for the islands is not likely to come for a generation at least, and as American control will continue meanwhile it would appear but right that Congress should do all in its power to advance the welfare of the Filipinos.

No man living is as well qualified to speak as to the needs of the archipelago as Mr. Taft. When he first visited the islands nine years ago he was by no means in favor of American control. Investigation caused him to change his mind, and to convince him that a great duty and an arduous task devolved on the American people, that all interests in that quarter of the globe would be best served by a policy involving a protracted American occupation. What he now recommends to Congress and the country is based upon facts and figures gathered to date. During his recent visit he personally inspected the work of the civil authorities and of the army, and formally opened the first Filipino Assembly, and returns and twenty-six years ago went to Tom more than ever convinced that the responsibility of the republic towards its wards of the Orient has not yet been completed. President Roosevelt indorses the report; it now remains for Congress to act. One stumbling block is the selfishness of the protected interests of the United States, which are opposed to any relaxation of the tariff, though the United States is morally bound to promote the progress of the islands by affording a market to their products.

THE SAVING ELEMENTS OF BUSINESS.

[Wall Street Journal.]
We may continue to pile up wealth until the bigness of our totals in the form of statistics stazes the imagination. We may consolidate corporations under all sorts of abstract names, and we may write hundreds of millions of added insurance pay by year, without necessarily giving a single atom of guaranty against the possibility of all these things going the way of Babylon, of Nineveh, of Egypt, and of Rome. Without a free regard for honesty that fears for nothing, man could do, without the rational aims that redeem us from laziness of thought, from the tenderfooted regard for luxury, and from the undertow of love of mere career living, we shall fall as sure as fate in all those great objects which make the life of man in society anything more worthy of respect than that of overbred hounds in sumptuous kennels.

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TUESDAY'S GAMES FOR THE TANKARD

Toronto, Feb. 5.—The results of yesterday's matches for the Ontario tankard were as follows:
Southampton.....Plattsville.
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J. E. Williscroft.....G. Giehrst.
Wm. Logie.....James Grieve.
S. T. McIvor.....21 A. Harner.....4

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THE SAME OLD CLIMATE.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
It generally happens along about the 1st of February that people who were doubtful begin to believe that we possess the same old climate.

MUTUALLY ACCOMMODATIVE.

[New York Tribune.]
The Bishop of London, at a dinner in Washington, told the story as the cigars came on about one of his predecessors. "When Dr. Creighton was Bishop of London," he said, "he rode on a train one day with a small meek curate. 'Dr. Creighton, an ardent lover of tobacco, soon took out his cigar case, and with a smile, he said: 'You don't mind my smoking, I suppose?'"

THE LOVELY WINTERTIME.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
Oh, lovely, lively winter days,
Glad days of snow and snow,
The sky is draped with number grays,
And cold winds madly blow;
The rubber shoe man's heart is glad,
The furrier is pleased,
The druggist, too, whose trade was bad
In summer, is appeased;
Scarlet fever, measles, mumps,
Smallpox here and there,
Trouble coming in the lumps,
Sickness everywhere.

NO PROPER VALUE OBTAINED.

[Democratic Telegram.]
At the Metropolitan Club of Washington, Justice Harlan had introduced to a well-known New York business man. With the apparent purpose of interesting those about him, the New Yorker remarked that his income exceeded \$500,000. "And I simply have to make that amount," he added. "Why, it costs me \$200,000 a year to live." "Dear me," said Justice Harlan, bluntly. "Really, that's too much! I wouldn't pay it—it isn't worth it!"

VALE.

[The Jewish Ledger.]
In a cemetery at Middlebury, Vt., is a stone, erected by a widow to her loving husband, bearing this inscription: "Rest in peace—until we meet again."

LOOKING FOR A PARTNER.

[Kansas City Journal.]
"I'm weary of being a bachelor girl," "Well?"
"Do you know any fellow who's tired of being a spinster man?"

MET TOO SOON.

[Puck.]
Mrs. Houlahan (gobbling)—I never saw you till the day before me unforfeited marriage!
Mr. Houlahan—An' I often wish you hadn't seen me till 'til day after.

A HUNDRED YEARS TO COME.

[H. F. Spencer.]
Where, where will be the birds that sing.
A hundred years to come?
The flowers that now in beauty spring,
A hundred years to come?
The rosy cheeks, the lily brow,
The heart that beats so gaily now?
Where, where will be our hopes and joys,
A hundred years to come?

Joy's pleasant smiles and sorrow's tears.
Who'll press for gold this crowded street
Who'll tread you sides with willing feet
A hundred years to come?
Pale, trembling age and fiery youth,
And childhood with its brow of truth?
The rich, the poor, on land and sea,
Where will the mighty millions be
A hundred years to come?

We all within our graves will sleep
A hundred years to come.
No loving soul for us will weep
A hundred years to come.
But other men our lands will till,
And others then our homes will fill,
And other birds will sing as gay,
And bright the sun shine as today,
A hundred years to come.

PRICE OF RADIUM REDUCED.

[Scientific American.]
Three grammes of radium (about 46 grains), the largest quantity yet produced at one time, has been extracted by the Imperial Academy of Sciences of Vienna from ten tons of uranium and pitchblende given them by the Government from its mines in Bohemia, and although the crude material cost \$10,000, the extraction alone amounted to \$10,000.
This, however, cheapens the cost of radium considerably, for the three grammes, approximately, above mentioned, were obtained at one-third the cost of previous products, which it has been estimated would be worth not less than \$2,000,000 an ounce.

TRUTH.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
Many a truth is spoken in jest because the speaker is afraid he might get knocked down if he didn't speak it that way.

LAST NIGHT'S HOCKEY SCORES

O. H. A.
Intermediate.
Seaford 6, Preston 12.
Beamsbury 11, Grimsby 5.
Brookville 1, Lindsay 5.

MULLIN JOINS HOLD-OUTS

[Continued from page seven.]
now with the club, who played on that team. Sleever was away from Detroit for two or three years, so that Mullin ranks all of the players in point of service.

Holds Unique Position.

Not concerned in the merits of the Mullin hold-out, but suggested by it, is the fact that this pitcher is the only twirler from the minors' League because a major circuit, has developed into a big league finger. In very other line the club has been successful. It has taken catchers, infielders and outfielders, smaller leagues, and has seen them become stars. Schmidt, Payne, Schaefer, O'Leary, McIntyre and others might be mentioned. There are only four veteran twirlers now on the staff, and of these Donovan came from Brooklyn, and Killian from Cleveland, while Sleever had been a regular before Detroit was a major league town, and later with St. Louis. It is a peculiar and unexplainable thing, but Detroit seems unable to develop the box artists.

Also of some interest in connection with the Mullin hold-out is the fact that Matty McIntyre's signed contract was received yesterday. Once on a time Matty was the annual throw in the flesh. This spring he is the hurry-up boy, having called the club for not giving him a chance to put his name down earlier in the year.

President Navin said yesterday that there was no truth in the story that Detroit is negotiating for land near Hot Springs, that it may build a permanent training field. The club is satisfied with its present plans, a ball-out for the veterans at the springs and a workout for everybody at Little Rock.

KEEN ICE RACING ON OTTAWA RIVER

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Holds Unique Position.

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Sporting Notes

Bill Papke draws the color line, side-stepping Sam Langford.
Jimmy Britt says he wants to fight Bat Nelson again.
Mike Schreck and Dave Barry will get together shortly.
Umpire Carpenter, of the National, wants to own a southern league club.
It is to be hoped that George Mullin has not reached the ultimatum stage. The funniest part of the Mullin "hold-out" are the remarks the fans are making.
Mat Kilroy, jun., son of the famous old Baltimore left-hander, starts pitching this year with Danville, Va.
"No excuse for the Naps this year," says a Cleveland exchange. No excuse last year, either, for that matter, or the year before.
They say Jim Roche is another Peter Maher. What keeps Yankee fans guessing is why Dick Croker should back him if he is that bad.
New York experts say that Billy Papke is the model man physically. His legs, arms, body and neck are perfectly proportioned, they claim.
Melvin Sheppard, who soaked Guy Haskins on the jaw because the latter was beating him in a Philadelphia race, has been refused pardon. He wanted his suspension raised.
With all that dignity as chairman of the national commission, for which he is justly famed, Garry Hermann remarks that Ty Cobb is "full of prunes" when he makes such demands.

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LIBERAL MINISTRY
FOR PORTUGALThe New Cabinet More in Accord
With the Views of the
Populace.

Lisbon, Feb. 4.—Lisbon is beginning to recover from the shock of Saturday's tragedy, but a strong undercurrent of popular and governmental nervousness remains. The political tension is slackening, although the progressists at first refused to join in the concentration of Admiral Ferreira. Do Amaral's cabinet from all of the monarchical groups, because the Conservatives were in predominance. The hitch, however, was straightened out and a temporary union of all the monarchical elements attained for the purpose of getting the country back on a constitutional basis, "ending agitation and restoring tranquility," as expressed by the leaders.

Senor Machado, the leader of the peaceful wing of the Republicans, agrees to a truce provided that his friends now under arrest are liberated, freedom of the press restored and the elections ordered. Admiral Do Amaral, the devoted friend of the queen, who assumes power, is committed to the reversal of the entire policy of the dictatorship, the abolition of repressive measures and the restoration of "the old Liberal monarchy."

On Sunday the Government, by decree, will be withdrawn, amnesty accorded political offenders not implicated in deeds of violence and the embargo on the press raised.

Franco Out for Good.

Franco's downfall is complete. He recognized that it was impossible to saddle the youthful king at the outset of his reign with the stern programme involving the immediate banishment and deportation of several hundred political offenders, to which he had committed himself, if he retained office. He told a friend that the assassination of the king ended his political career. He offered his services, however, but these were refused, both Queen Amelie and the Dowager Queen, Maria Pia, agreeing with the unanimous view of the council of state that the author of the dictatorship must be cast aside.

Practically no headway has been made in unraveling the plot of which the murder of the king and crown prince was but one step.

The police now admit that the three men arrested were not involved. Every one of the desperate band, except the three men killed, escaped in the confusion.

The identification of these three throws but little light upon the connections. While it is believed by some that they were involved in the conspiracies which were unearthed in the latter part of January, it is possible that the regime was planned and executed on the spur of the moment. The appearance of a decree by a small group of militant revolutionaries or anarchistic socialists, who may have imagined that the obliteration of the Braganza dynasty would cause an uprising of the people. The conspiracy was foiled in both respects, as the younger prince escaped and the people wailed mournfully for the double funeral on Saturday.

The New Cabinet.

During the course of the day Admiral Do Amaral succeeded in bringing the opposing factions to his way of thinking, and finally announced that the cabinet had been definitely constituted as follows:

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Admiral Ferreira Do Amaral, Senor Magalhães and Admiral Augusto De Castilho are known as independents.

Senor Henriques and Dr. Lima are regenerators, while Senor D'Esprequeria and Senor Sousa Telles are progressists.

BOWINS' PLEA SET ASIDE

Canadian Youth Will Be Tried for Murder at Detroit.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 4.—Attorney Kennedy, appointed by the court to defend Percy Bowins, who was brought here from Woodville, Ontario, to answer to the charge of murdering old Mrs. Welch on January 3rd, today made formal application to have Bowins' plea of guilty set aside, so that the boy may have a trial. The motion was granted, and it is expected that the trial will begin next Saturday. Bowins' mother telephoned from her home on Saturday night inquiring about the case, and said that she would be present at the trial. Mrs. Welch's son came over two hundred miles to have a look at Bowins. Bowins was afraid of the son, but the latter assured him that he would not try to harm him (Bowins), as he would undoubtedly be adequately punished before he regained his liberty.

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Ottawa, Feb. 4.—Before the private bills committee today Mayor Bowley protested on behalf of the city of Brantford against the passage of the Hamilton radial bill, on the ground that its prime object was to divorce this road from municipal control and to enable it to engage in the business of developing electric light and power. The committee, which had already shown signs of impatience during the previous address of Mr. Blackstock, broke out after Mr. Bowley's address into cries of "Question, question!" Mr. Bergeron said he could not vote otherwise than for the bill, after Parliament's decision, but at the same time he had a great deal of sympathy with Mr. Blackstock's argument.

Col. Sam Hughes moved, seconded by Mr. Macdonell, that the bill should be referred to a sub-committee for the consideration of all interests involved.

Then committee adjourned until tomorrow without a vote.

Apology Demanded.

When the bill respecting the Hamilton Radial Electric Railway was called, a letter was read from the mayor of London, expressing his satisfaction with the measures which had been taken in this bill for the protection of municipal interests.

Mr. Claude Macdonell moved that George T. Blackstock, K. C., and R. G. Code, K. C., be heard, as representatives of the Ontario Government, Mr. R. G. Macpherson, of Vancouver, was on his feet in a second to ask if this was the same Mr. Blackstock who had said that the average member of Parliament was a man who could not use sentences together without an oath. "Before Mr. Blackstock is heard by this committee, I think he should make amends,"

Duncan Ross: "I think that Mr. Blackstock should apologize to this committee."

Mr. Blackstock replied that both Mr. Macpherson and Mr. Ross were under a total misapprehension concerning the language he had used on the occasion referred to. The truth was he had never made any such observation at all. He had cast no aspersions on the general body of Parliament, but had referred alone to one member in a state of intoxication, who had used language which was unfit for anyone to employ.

Explanation Accepted.

Mr. Macpherson expressed his full and frank acceptance of Mr. Blackstock's statements, and the latter proceeded at once to a discussion of the expression "work for the general advantage of Canada," as it appears in the B. N. A. act.

Mr. Blackstock then went on with his argument.

Mr. R. A. Pringle, of Cornwall, asked why the company should not be given a Federal charter, yet at the same time remain under control of the Ontario municipal and railway board.

Mr. Blackstock replied that this was precisely what he would himself suggest.

Col. Gibson said his company would be perfectly willing to abide by the terms of whatever amendments were made to the general railway act, but he did not think the Hamilton radial, which was, after all, a Dominion road, already, should be singled out.

Mr. Foster thought, in any case, its bill should not be pressed until the amendments to the general railway act now under consideration were disposed of.

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Ottawa, Feb. 4.—Copies of the communications which passed between Hon. Mr. Scott and Lieut.-Col. Dunsinuir on the subject of the British Columbia immigration act of last year, were presented to Parliament today. The principal documents have already been published. On Monday last the Lieutenant-Governor telegraphed Mr. Scott that the Local Legislature desired to see the correspondence, and asking if he might accede to their request. The Secretary of State wired an affirmative reply.

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The Sporting World

Hockey, Basketball, Curling, Bowling.



Looks Like Another for London But Then You Can Never Tell

Ingersoll Team Can Shoot Hard and Has a Good Combination.

Will it be London, or will it be Ingersoll tonight?

Naturally the odds would seem to favor the locals, on account of a previous victory, but then, as has been set forth before, dope often goes awry.

The score of the first game between the two teams was 4-3, in favor of London. At that time the home-boys were minus Casselman, besides having had but little practice. Today the London look strong enough to stack up against anything in the intermediate ranks. But are they?

On Friday night they played like stars. In the previous game here with Paris they showed wonderful lack of form. The Londoners can scarcely be termed in-and-outers, if one judges by results, for London has won every game played since.

SPORTING GOSSIP

BY SOUTHPAW

HERE IS WHAT THE Ingersoll Chronicle thinks of London's chances the Wednesday night contest:

"The much talked of game between London and Ingersoll, which, if the Londoners win, will decide the district championship, will be played on Wednesday night. This is a game which every supporter of the Ingersoll seven is determined to see, and there will be a great exodus from the town. If the ice is hard, the game will doubtless be the best that has been played in group 5 this season.

To judge by the way Ingersoll have been winning their games lately, there is a great big chance that they may turn the trick Wednesday."

That sounds all right, Ingersoll. Even Tillsonburg was quite as optimistic once.

LOCAL SPORTING GOSSIP TODAY IS CONFINED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE BIG HOCKEY MATCH HERE TONIGHT. The all-absorbing question is: Will London repeat its former victory, or will Ingersoll turn the tables? There is no reason to look for aught but a London victory, and there is any amount of Forest City greenbacks floating around to say so.

NOW THAT ALFRED SHRUBB has gone back to dear old H'ngland, Longboat can come forth from his hiding-place with perfect security.

THE SPORTING EDITOR OF THIS PAPER is in receipt of entry blanks for the amateur boxing championships of Canada, which will be held at Massey Hall, Toronto, on the 19th, 20th and 21st of February.

The prizes will be gold, silver and bronze medals. Entries must be accompanied by an entrance fee of \$2, which will be returned after the contestant has competed.

All contestants must register with the C. A. A. U., and be amateurs in good standing.

To obtain C. A. A. U. certificates address N. H. Crow, 415 Yonge street, Toronto.

Entry blanks can be procured at The Advertiser, and must be addressed to H. A. Wilson, 35 King street west, Toronto.

In connection with the above information it might be well to add that if the local movement for amateur boxing exhibitions goes through, the winners at Toronto will be seen here at a later date.

All contestants at amateur contests are subjected to a rigid medical examination, and the rounds limited to three, unless in case of a draw, when an extra round can be ordered.

Clinton People Indorse Hockey Referee's Report

Clinton, Feb. 4.—So much has been published during the last few days regarding the hockey match at Clinton on Friday, Jan. 24, that the Clinton manager and observers of the game would like to give a further word to corroborate the report of the referee.

The following is the report as taken from the press. Referee Eason's report to the O. H. A., condensed, is: "The game was delayed for some time during the second half to remove a Goderich man from the ice, which the police had to do. There were four or five officers present. With four and a half minutes to play, I ruled Wiggins, of Goderich, off for two minutes for slashing, and he refused to go, at the same time abusing me with disgraceful language. I then increased his penalty to five minutes, and took him to the penalty timekeeper, when he rushed at me with his stick and grabbed me by the neck. The Goderich crowd came over the fence, and the general mix-up occurred, several being cut with sticks. I tried for twenty minutes to clear the ice, but found it impossible. Clinton did all in their power to have order, but the Goderich refused to leave the ice, and I called the game. Wiggins' actions were most ungentlemanly. At one time he deliberately ran at a man, knocked him down and kicked at him. His language during the game was most disgraceful. He was the most disgraceful I have ever heard of in a hockey game, and I recommend that the O. H. A. take strict measures with this player and prohibit his participating in any O. H. A. games."

The man referred to in the first part of the report was given every chance to behave himself, but after frequent warnings he was finally arrested, and pleaded guilty to the charge of being drunk and disorderly before the police magistrate, and was fined \$1 and costs, which amounted to \$5.60, and which he paid after consultation with some friend, from whom he borrowed the money and gave his check.

As the referee says nothing else of special notice took place in the course

of the game till within four and a half minutes of time, when Jack Wiggins was ruled off for two minutes for slashing, but refused to go, and gave the referee considerable back talk, which caused the referee to increase the penalty to five minutes. Then when Wiggins found out he would not be able to again play in the game, he rushed at the referee in the manner described in his report, and it was due to Eason's alertness that he escaped being badly hurt.

The scene might have closed here, as the players were ready to protect the referee had the manager of the Goderich team not jumped on the ice, apparently to interfere, contrary to rules, and which was a signal for the crowd to follow. A free-for-all fight then took place, in which the constables found it necessary to use their batons, and finally ended in the chief being knocked down and severely hammered, and his injuries are such that he is still confined to his home.

Much more could be said about the conduct of the Goderich crowd before and after the game, but this is not necessary, except to say that Clinton is not often disturbed in this way; in fact, it is a year since a similar disturbance took place, and that was when the last hockey match with Goderich was played here.

The referee was the choice of the O. H. A., and although not indorsed by either Clinton or Goderich before the game, the players were bound to accept his rulings, and the Clinton hockey club did so in every case.

The Clinton citizens who saw the game join with the manager and team in indorsing Referee Eason's report to the O. H. A. The report is also indorsed by Manager Davis and several of the Clinton citizens.

ADDITIONAL SPORTING
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First Semi-Final Next Wednesday London Will First Meet Simcoe

The first game of the semi-finals in the intermediate series, in which London is a participant, will take place here Monday night, when Simcoe faces the husky Londoners.

On Wednesday London will play at Simcoe, and on Friday the locals will journey to Preston. The latter will

prove one of the hardest nuts in the heap, if all accounts be true, for last night it handed Seaford a beating by 12 to 6 on the latter's own ice.

The City League contests will doubtless be held on next Wednesday evening, unless it is decided to run an excursion to Simcoe on that night.

London Curling Club Wins District

The London Club curlers have much reason to feel jubilant over the victory of its rink in the finals for the district cup with Windsor last night at Chatham.

The scores were as follows:

THE ONTARIO TANKARD WINNERS

The following is the record of clubs which have won the Ontario tankard since 1875:

Winning Club	Year	Last competing club
Hamilton Thistle	1875	Hamilton Mechanics
Toronto	1876	Orillia
Toronto	1877	No other competitor
Hamilton Thistle	1878	Port Hope
Bowmanville	1879	Galt
Port Hope	1880	Bowmanville
Hamilton Thistle	1881	Port Hope
Toronto/Caledonia	1882	Bowmanville
Brampton	1883	Barrie
St. Marys	1884	Orillia
Orillia	1885	Hamilton Thistle
Hamilton Thistle	1886	Guelp
Paris	1887	St. Marys
Thamesville	1888	Galt
Galt	1889	Toronto Granite
Walkerton	1890	Toronto Granite
Hamilton Thistle	1891	Toronto Prospect Park
Toronto Granite	1892	Peterboro
Bobcaygeon	1893	Oshawa
Toronto Granite	1894	Dundas
Hamilton Thistle	1895	Lindsay
Toronto Granite	1896	St. Marys
Lindsay	1897	Hamilton Victoria
Lindsay	1898	Dundas
Fergus	1899	St. Marys
Toronto Granite	1900	Forest City
Paris	1901	Hamilton Thistle
Lindsay	1902	Toronto Caledonian
Dundas	1903	Lindsay
Galt	1904	Toronto Caledonian
Lindsay	1905	St. Marys
Galt	1906	Toronto Granite
Barrie	1907	Preston

The Hortons Win on Ideal Alleys

The Hortons were last night, and trimmed the Derbys two out of three in the City League series on the Ideal alleys.

Connolly was high man both ways, and got away with seven straight strikes, rolling up a grand total of 254.

The scores:

Hortons.

Martell 153 160 166 479

Laundry 180 196 126 382

Brooks 157 189 192 538

Bayley 153 172 184 509

Graham 137 221 156 514

Totals 760 848 824 2432

Derbys.

Connolly 164 179 254 597

Price 138 123 157 418

Brown 160 163 183 506

McIntyre 131 141 160 432

H. Murray 135 148 156 439

Totals 748 749 899 2296

The Kidders and Hermits meet tonight.

English Skating Records Broken Old Champions Out of Running

London, Feb. 4.—The mile and a half amateur skating championship of England took place at Lingay Fen, near Cambridge, and the race this year was remarkable for its heat, and the downfall of Albert E. Tebbitt, who had held the title for fifteen years. The race was skated with three turns, an arrangement which was decidedly unfavorable to fast time, so the figures accomplished, both in the trial heats and final were such as would be considered miserably slow in this country.

New Champion.

Tebbit's most dangerous opponent was F. W. Dix, of Raunds, Northampton, who had won the King's cup for the mile earlier this season. As Tebbitt had not started in the mile, there was great curiosity to see how Dix would rate with the title-holder.

Only two men started in each heat, and Dix won his by 129 yards from C. F. Morley, of Cambridge, in 4 minutes 37 seconds, and Tebbitt accounted for his heat by 200 yards from H. Searle, the time being 4 minutes 52 seconds. Hudson, of Northampton, won his heat in 4 minutes 49 seconds, and the four who qualified for the final were Dix, Tebbitt, Hudson and Morley.

Tebbit was paired with Morley, and

the old champion won in 4 minutes 40 seconds. Dix was paired with Hudson, and the former won by six yards in 4 minutes 37 1/2 seconds, and these figures secured him the championship, beating Tebbitt, who was third, by 2 1/2 seconds. It was remarkable that Dix was second to Tebbitt in 1905, when exactly the same margin separated them. Hudson's time was 4 minutes 38 seconds, and second place was awarded to him.

Professional Races.

The mile and a half professional championship took place a day later on the same course, when it was said the ice was not so good. Three old champions were included in the starters—Fred Ward, of Walpole, holder of the title in 1900 and 1905; Joseph Bates, of Leigh, Lancashire, the winner of 1902; and Walter Housden, the amateur champion of 1891. The trio made a bold bid for success, but had to give way to a younger man, S. Greenhall, of Landbeach, near Cambridge, who was making his first attempt for the belt. He showed the best form by long odds, and finally won, his time being 4 minutes 18 1/2 seconds. Housden was second, Bates third and Walsh fourth.

SKATING

Edmund Lamy a Fast One—Defeated Big Field at Brooklyn.

New York, Feb. 5.—Edmund Lamy, the Saratoga Lake skater, who on Monday won the amateur championships at one and three miles in the Montreal races, proved his speed last night by defeating a fast field in two handicap skating races held at the Saratoga Park rink, Brooklyn.

Lamy was on scratch in the one and two mile handicaps, but had no difficulty in giving away large starts and catching his fields handsly.

In the one-mile he made a new record for the rink, covering the distance in 2 minutes and 40 2/5 seconds, remarkable time on a rink course.

In the 2-mile event his time was 5:58 2/5.

HIGH SCHOOL LADIES WIN

Glencoe Ladies Play a Good, Fast Game of Hockey.

Glencoe, Feb. 4.—Yesterday afternoon a very fast and exciting game of hockey was played between the high school ladies and the town ladies, resulting in an easy victory for the high school. Score, 6 to 0. The line-up:

High School—Goal, Bessie Crothers; point, E. McFarlane; cover, Sadie Currie; rover, Aggie Young; left wing, E. Wilson; right wing, Ruby Sulter; center, L. B. Johnston.

Town Ladies—Goal, Ellen Robertson; point, Lizzie Young; cover, Mrs. M. C. Elliott; rover, Mrs. Foucar; left wing, Mr. (Dr.) Jamieson; right wing, Aline Coad; center, Mamie Macmitch.

Referee—T. Harris.



JOE GANS
Champion Lightweight Pugilist of the World.

MULLIN JOINS THE HOLD-OUTS

Big Pitcher Sends Contract Back To Club Without Signature.

Detroit, Feb. 5.—George Mullin, twirler for the Tigers, incidentally the senior member of that organization in point of service, has joined the Hold-Out Club. The contract that was sent to him a few days ago has been returned. Coincidentally with its receipt at the Hammond Building comes the statement from President Navin that the instrument will reposes in the safe there until Mullin asks him to bring it out again. It will not be revised in any way, says the head of the club, and no concessions will be made.

Neither side to the controversy has much to say as to its merits. Mullin's action in returning it of itself shows that he is dissatisfied. The club, in view of its return, is frank in stating that the contract is a duplicate of that of 1907, save that the bonus feature is eliminated. Last year, it will be recalled, Mullin was offered \$500 for twenty victories and \$1,000 for thirty. This year no bonus is offered to any pitcher. Simmered down, the straight salary offered Mullin for the coming year is the same as that for 1907. In 1907 he added to his contract earnings a little more than \$2,400, represented by \$500 bonus and about \$1,950 world series money.

Record Is Peculiar One.

Mullin's record of last season was a peculiar one. Spurred on by the bonus offered for thirty victories,



GEO. MULLIN.
Detroit's Great Pitcher, Who Is Holding Out for More Money.

he was anxious to work as often as possible, and let him go in at the start of the season, despite advice by Bill Donovan and others that he would kill his arm. For a month or more he was almost invincible, winning with great regularity, and being the man to stop the triumphant career of Addie Joss, who had won ten straight until he bumped into the Detroit, who shut out the Naps and ended Addie's run.

Right after that Mullin went wrong, and all through the middle of the season he had the toughest sort of time winning his games. He made his \$500 bonus through winning a double-header from Washington in the last stand that the club made there, when it was making the great fight for the flag. The official records give him an even break, twenty and twenty. In justice to Mullin it may be said that he should be credited with one or two more victories than the dope hands to him. However, twenty were sufficient to give him his extra coin.

The latest addition to the hold-out joined the club in 1902, and is the only man, barring Seiver, Continued on Page Four.

SATURDAY BARGAINS

The best is none too good for you. That is why we are offering only 10 cent cigars made in London, four for 25 cents.

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The ring record of Joe Gans is one of the longest and most brilliant of any pugilist who ever donned a glove. The figures speak for themselves.

Born Nov. 5, 1874, Baltimore, Md. Height, 5 feet 6 1/4 inches. Weight, 133 lbs. Color, Rust.

1895.

April 25—Kentucky Rosebud W Baltimore Rounds.

May 4—Frank Peabody K Baltimore 6

July 15—George Siddons D Baltimore 17

Oct. 21—Joe Elliott K Baltimore 20

Nov. 18—Young Griffo K Baltimore 6

Nov. 28—George Siddons K Baltimore 10

1896.

Jan. 11—Benny Peterson K Philadelphia 3

Jan. 11—Joe Elliott K Baltimore 7

Feb. 22—Jimmy Kenyon W Baltimore 3

June 8—Jimmy Watson K Paterson 5

June 29—Tommy Butler W Brooklyn 9

Aug. 30—Jack Williams W Baltimore 12

Sept. 23—Danny McBride D Baltimore 20

Sept. 23—Jack Ball W Chicago 2

Oct. 6—Dal Hawkins W Philadelphia 4

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Nov. 12—Jerry Marshall W Baltimore 2

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LOCAL MARKET.

Wednesday, Feb. 5.
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Oats sold at \$1.52 to \$1.53 per cwt. A small shipment of the hogs was made today at \$5 per cwt.

WEEKLY REVIEW.

The amount of business transacted at the market the past week was considerably less than in the previous week. The almost impassable condition of the roads leading to the city has had an effect on the attendance, and as a consequence there has been a light supply of farmers' produce. This may be said especially of hay and straw. Oats are none too plentiful. As a result of the shortage prices are firm in every line, and there is a brisk demand for everything offered.

Grain—Oats are a shade higher at \$1.52 to \$1.53 per cwt. Several loads were sold at Tuesday's market at \$1.50 per cwt. The mills are offering \$1.50 per cwt. Wheat is selling at 22c per bushel.

Hay and Straw—So far this week the supply of hay has been very meagre, as all told, there have been only about 15 loads offered. However, there were 40 loads offered last Thursday, and 35 on Friday, therefore the shortage this week has not been so badly felt as would have been the case had the supply been light last week. Prices have advanced 50c to \$1.50 per ton; sales are made at \$16 to \$17.25 per ton, and a couple of loads sold at \$18.

Butter and Eggs—Butter is decidedly firm and about 7c per lb. higher than last week's figures; the stock held by the dealers is extremely light and prices will be no lower for some time. Eggs are made at 28c per dozen, and in some cases 30c was paid.

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Apples—Sales are slow, at \$1.25 to \$2.00 per barrel, the latter price for Spies; by the bag, 4c to 6c.

Poultry—The dealers quote the following prices: Old hens, 8c to 9c per lb. or dressed, and 10c for chickens alive and 11c per lb. dressed; ducks, 10c per lb. dressed, and 12c to 15c dressed. Hens, 10c per lb. dressed, and 12c to 15c dressed.

Dressed Hogs—Owing to the small number offered during the past week, prices are firmer. The dealers quote the following: say that \$7, or at the most \$7.12, is all they should be selling at, compared with the price of live hogs.

Live Hogs—There was to have been a shipment of live hogs from here to Montreal, but there were none brought in; a small shipment was made on Wednesday, 5c per cwt. for the lot.

Butcher's Meats—Beef is firm, at 12c to 15c per cwt; veal, \$7.50 to \$8.00 per cwt; mutton, 10c to 12c per cwt; pork, 10c to 12c per cwt; beef, 10c to 12c per cwt; pork, 10c to 12c per cwt.

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New York, Feb. 4.—Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining, 3.20c; centrifugal, 90 test, 3.25c; molasses, 50c; refined steady.

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City and District

A circular letter has been issued by the London Charity Organization, calling a meeting for Thursday at 4 o'clock in the city hall, with the object of inquiring into cases of poverty amongst immigrants reported here.

Police Clothing.
The police commissioners met yesterday afternoon and awarded the contracts for the clothing for the coming year, as follows: Winter trousers, Messrs. Dambra & Welch; summer trousers and tunics, John H. Chapman & Co. The specifications call for 84 pairs of trousers and 42 tunics.

Good Advance Sale.
The advance sale of seats for the Orient Club show, which is to be given in Bennett's Theater on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 20 and 21, has been exceedingly successful to date, and the boys are assured a bumper house. Seats are now on sale by all members of the club, and those desiring to attend should secure tickets at once, as persons having tickets before the opening of the plan, are positively guaranteed seats.

A sale of work and confectionery will be held at the home of Mrs. John Marr, 385 Dufferin avenue, on Friday, next, under the auspices of the Mission to Lepers. The ladies expect a large crowd of their members and friends will be present.

Fred. Ward's Condition.
The condition of Fred. Ward, the young man from St. Thomas, who has been unconscious so long at Victoria Hospital, has slightly improved, and for a short time this morning he regained consciousness. Shortly afterwards, however, he again became unconscious. The physicians attending him are in hopes that he will soon show an improvement.

—Rev. Dr. Ross, of St. Andrew's, presided at the regular meeting of the Sunday School Teachers' Association held in the First Methodist Church last night, when the subject, "The Woman of Samaria" was dealt with in a most interesting manner.

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BENEVOLENCE IN SARNIA

Ladies Form Useful Society—Arrest of Two Elopers.

Sarnia, Feb. 4.—The council meets on Monday, Feb. 10.

The Conservative Association of Sarnia will run a special train to the convention to be held in Petrolia on Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Mrs. T. A. Williams, of this place, died on Sunday, Feb. 2. Mrs. Williams was 79 years of age.

Messrs. J. A. Farquharson and A. Chester left today for St. Marys, where Mr. Farquharson will be married to Miss Esther A. Hayes, daughter of Mr. J. A. Hayes, of Brantford.

William Walker, a Grand Trunk fireman, had a narrow escape from injury yesterday. No. 1 Express from Toronto was about two miles from Sarnia, when the sidings on the fireman's side of the engine broke, and in its revolution, smashed the side of the cab to splinters.

The fireman Walker was not sitting on the fireman's seat in the cab, and from that fact alone he escaped without so much as a scratch. The disabled engine was at once replaced.

Cynthia Furr, a widow, 40 years, and Albert Frank, aged 32, a married man with three children, eloped from Berlin, Ont., Sunday and came to Sarnia. From here they went to Port Huron, but the officer at the tunnel were waiting for them and they were taken to the county jail to await information from Berlin.

On Monday afternoon in response to the invitation of Mayor Proctor, a large number of ladies met in the council chamber of the town hall, when a Ladies' Benevolent Society was formed. Mrs. T. F. Towers in the chair. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. T. G. Johnston; vice-president, Mrs. George A. Proctor; treasurer, Mrs. G. S. Samis; secretary, Mrs. F. W. Kittumaster. The membership fee is \$1 per year, and an invitation is extended to all ladies to become members by sending \$1 to the treasurer, Mrs. G. Samis.

Ladies have been appointed to visit different sections of the town and report cases needing assistance at the next meeting to be held in the council chamber, Feb. 10.

Annual Statement of North American Life Shows Good Progress.

The report for 1907 of the North American Life Assurance Company, which appears in another column, shows that the year's work from every standpoint has been highly satisfactory. A saving in expenses of nearly \$27,000 was made over the previous year, while the cash income shows the satisfactory increase of \$68,553.69. The assets of the company increased by the sum of \$936,811.62 and now amount to the large sum of \$3,725,876.08, while the net surplus was augmented and now stands at \$675,556.94. During the year the company paid out on policy-holders' account the sum of \$607,347.44, representing amounts paid in death claims, dividends, matured annuities and investment policies.

Greater security to policy-holders and a reduced expense ratio are the outstanding features of last year's operations by this Canadian company, which has made solidity and stability its chief aims.

The company's London office is at 204 Masonic Temple, and is under the successful management of Mr. Angus Elliott.

Four Japanese from Mexico tried to smuggle themselves ashore at Vancouver, and one was drowned, and the other three caught.

FINE MELODRAMA AT THE GRAND

Burgess Stock Company Make a Hit With Stirring Play and Good Vaudeville.

Another fine audience greeted the Burgess Stock Company at the Grand Opera House last night, when "On the Frontier" was presented. The play is typical of western life, and was very capably enacted. The scenes are strong and the climaxes well taken, and the audience gave the play its approval in no uncertain way. The leading role fell to Miss Arnett, who appeared in the character of Pug, a western girl. Miss Arnett entered into the spirit of the play in a splendid manner, and may be classed as an actress of power. Her work was very good last night; her versatility is great. Jack Morrissey and Norman Wendell took the two leading male roles cleverly. The play itself permits of much good acting, and the roles were all well taken.

Between acts there are some good vaudeville turns. Potts and Potts sing illustrated songs cleverly, and were greatly appreciated. The last evening. Tonight the offering will be "Rose of Virginia," a southern play of heart interest. This will be one of the best offerings of the week.

A ton of coal will be given the holder of the lucky coupon this evening, and Manager Burgess announces that the demand for seats is very large.

Friday night is amateur night, and a side-splitting evening is promised. The Earl Burgess Stock Company should not be missed.

CITY HAD TO HAND OUT INTEREST

Long-Delayed Payment of Montreal Engineer Comes Costly To the Municipality.

The regular meeting of the water commissioners was held yesterday afternoon, when several unimportant items of business were disposed of.

A hydrant at the Wolsey Barracks was broken recently, while being used to flush a sewer, and Secretary Ellwood writes, notifying the Barracks authorities that the hydrants were put in for fire purposes only, and that the Barracks would have to repair them. A request was read from the Barracks asking that it be allowed to use the hydrants for flushing purposes. Permission will be granted on condition that the authorities become responsible for all damages, and also in case any fires result while they are in use.

Engineer Moore's report recommended that the Y. M. C. A. be allowed \$70 of their last quarter's water rates, owing to a leak in the water pipe.

The dredging of the river bank below Springbank dam will be left over until spring, as Messrs. Boss, who are doing the work, find they cannot go on with it.

John Kennedy, engineer, of Montreal, wrote, asking that he be allowed \$67.26, being five years' interest on his account of \$448.43 which was only recently paid. The commissioners decided that Mr. Kennedy was entitled to the amount.

Messrs. E. McDonald & Son of Owen Sound wrote, asking for a location for a miniature railway next summer. The secretary was instructed to write, and tell Mr. McDonald that, in the commissioners' opinion, the road would not pay.

Mr. T. B. Richards wrote, asking the commissioners to readjust the water bills on some houses he owns.

Notice was received of a water-works convention to be held in Washington from May 11 to 29.

Engineer Moore's pumping report showed that 3,741,000 gallons had been pumped daily by the use of the hydraulic pumps.

The report of the Toronto engineers on the boilers were read, and the pairs recommended were ordered to be made.

There were present, Chairman Jones, Mayor Stevely, Engineer Moore and Secretary Ellwood.

Legal Queries

COLCHESTER.—Can a man be a county auditor in the same county where he is a town treasurer? Ans.—No.

The county council justified in borrowing money at the first session of 1908 to pay debentures that fall due before the 1908 rate is struck? Ans.—No.

The council of 1907 should have done so, but as it was not done the council of 1908 are bound to provide for the payment, and are, therefore, justified in borrowing the money required before the rate can be struck and taxes collected.

KOMOKA.—A, who at times is not right in his mind, sells his farm to B below value, and receives small payment on it. The agreement was signed by both. A's son objects to the sale at so low a value. He knows how his father's mind was. Can B enforce the agreement? Ans.—The mere fact that the price is under value and that the son objects is not enough to void the agreement. All the circumstances must be considered. You had better consult a lawyer. If A were legally declared of unsound mind then the agreement would not be binding.

ONTARIO.—A sells his farm to B and A's wife did not sign the deed. Would the whole place have to be sold at A's death? Ans.—No.

Could A's widow force a sale to get her share? Ans.—No; she must take her dower or its value.

Would A's widow have to take the valuation at the time A sold to B? Ans.—No, at A's death.

Could A's widow collect interest

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from the time A sold to B? Ans.—No. Her absolute right to dower began at the death of her husband.

TAXING OUTPUT OF ONTARIO MINES

The Income From This Source Is Estimated at \$90,000 to \$100,000.

Toronto, Feb. 4.—The tax on the output of Ontario mines, a law for which was enacted at the last session of the Legislature, is estimated to have produced an income for the past year of between \$90,000 and \$100,000.

The tax this year was collected on the basis of the 1906 output.

The output in 1907 was considerably greater than in the preceding year, so that the revenues for 1908 may be expected to be correspondingly expanded.

The act imposed a tax on the ratio of 3 per cent, of the profits at the mouth of the mine. It also provided that a certain proportion of this revenue was to be set aside as a bounty to encourage refining in Ontario. In regard to the latter provision it is understood, however, that no applications have yet been made.

Several smelting and refining institutions have been started in Northern Ontario, but most of them are not ready for operation yet.

FUGITIVE RUSSIAN VISITED MONTREAL

Stefan Ludkowsky Cut Quite a Figure in Old Quebec Metropolis.

Montreal, Feb. 4.—Stefan Ludkowsky whose house, store and furniture in Winnipeg have been seized in a suit brought against him by the Czar of all the Russias, spent some time in Montreal last summer. Today he and a woman whom he has introduced as his wife, but who is said to be the wife of a high official in Russia, are fugitives from justice.

Ludkowsky came from Turkestan by way of Asiatic Russia to Japan, and thence to Montreal. Here he presented papers which seemed perfectly in order, and sought advice from prominent Russians, who found him a charming companion. They advised him with regard to investments, and when he left Montreal to go to Japan once more, to transact business there, he carried letters of recommendation to prominent Russians in the Nippon cities.

Before his departure Stefan Ludkowsky started railway circles one evening by ordering a special train to take him to New York. He had gone to the station for New York, where the woman now known as his wife was to arrive from Europe. Arriving too late for his train, he made things hustle until a special train was made up, and he was whisked down in time to meet the steamer reaching New York in the morning.

It was only after Ludkowsky had gone to Winnipeg and there set up a Japanese goods store that news from Russia came that Ludkowsky was wanted for defalcations in his former office as treasurer of the Government of the Turkestan Province, and a request for his arrest was forwarded, so that he might be extradited.

Mr. Popoff, who went from Montreal to Winnipeg to manage the store, has been telling people that Ludkowsky started to join his wife in Montreal, whether she had gone to visit the Russian consul, who was a great friend of theirs, and that on being attacked by a fever which he had contracted in Japan he had, on the advice of physicians, gone south to California.

This story is ridiculed by Russians in Montreal, who knew Ludkowsky and the woman here, as is the other story that the alleged fugitive from the law was mixed up with Socialists and Anarchists in Russia, and took part in plots against the Czar and other high dignitaries of Russia. These stories, it is declared, are concocted merely to guard against the eventuality of an arrest and demand for extradition. Ludkowsky is wanted merely for alleged embezzlement, but if he and his friends could make out that he was wanted for political offenses he might avoid extradition, as there is a clause in the treaty which exempts political prisoners from extradition.

Settlers and homesteaders in Alberta and Saskatchewan will be loaned \$2,850,000 by the Government to enable them to buy seed.

The ancient city of Lyons, the third city in France, with a population of 500,000, vies with Milan in importance in the world's silk industry. No fewer than 40,000 people—men, women and children—are employed in the factories.

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RECEIPTS NAMED

Men Who Will Straighten Out Affairs of Morse's Big Concern.

Portland, Me., Feb. 4. — Receivers for the Eastern Steamship Company, the Metropolitan Steamship Company, and the Consolidated Steamship Lines, of Maine, and two joint special masters as well, were appointed by Judge Putnam in the United States circuit court today as follows:

Eastern Steamship Company, Wm. T. Cobb, governor of Maine; Calvin Austin, of Boston, president and general manager of all three companies.

Metropolitan Steamship Company, William T. Cobb, Calvin Austin and A. I. Culver, of New York.

Consolidated Steamship Lines, of Maine, Wm. T. Cobb, General Thomas H. Hubbard, of New York, and in case the latter cannot accept, Robert E. Herrick, of Boston.

Joint special masters: John F. A. Merrill and A. S. Woodmen, of Portland.

The receivers appointed for the holding company are permanent, while those for the Eastern and Metropolitan companies are interlocutory or temporary. Whether or not the latter will be made permanent it is announced, will depend entirely upon the court and the results they accomplish.

TURK AND PERSIAN MAY GO TO WAR

Former Is Concentrating Large Bodies of Troops in Region Recently Seized.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 5.—Recent advices from the Caucasus indicate that the Russian inhabitants are considerably alarmed over the concentration of Turkish troops in Armenia, and the region seized from Persia, which, it is believed, is designed as a reply to any attempt at demonstration on the part of Russia.

Under cover of Kurdish tribesmen, the Turks are reported as massing infantry at Bayazid and other strategic points near the frontier in such strength as to dispose of the probabilities that the movement is intended solely against non-militant Persia.

Russia now only has two army corps in the Caucasus, a large part of which is dispersed in detachments through the country to preserve order, or engaged in punitive expeditions. An officer is quoted as saying that the Turks could in case of trouble sweep the Caucasus and occupy Tiflis in ten days. Turkish emissaries and spies, it is stated, are to be found everywhere, fomenting disorder, and the Moslem inhabitants, particularly Daghestan, are in open sympathy with their co-religionists across the border.

The authorities here, although admitting the seriousness of the Turkish-Persian relations, do not share the alarmist views held in the Caucasus, and declare that the possibility of hostilities with Turkey, over which Russians there are panicky, is utterly excluded. Certain precautionary measures, however, are being taken by the military council, and during the past three weeks all regiments in that territory have been notified to hold themselves in readiness to move at short notice.

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