

CORRESPONDENCE.

Fire Protection.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: Over the signature of Protection Fire Protection there is much matter for consideration. The writer is to be commended for placing himself on record on such an important matter, in your issue of Feb. 12.

But he does not evidently come as a graduate from the school of experience in such matters. Allow me to present a few facts.

The present steam fire engine is classed as a small-sized steam fire engine—capacity about 600 gallons per minute. Twice have the citizens witnessed that among the smaller mains of the east end the hydrants under existing conditions cannot supply this little engine. For instance, if the city were to experiment with his suggestion, or had the same steamers been placed at the Casket Company's fire, there would have been little difference in the results. Mind, there was no lack in the supply from Springbank, but it is like trying to get a cat through a keyhole to get water enough to supply a steamer, even of this capacity from our hydrants. Hence the larger the steamer, or the more of them, the greater becomes the difficulty.

Now, the fire underwriters, knowing

our conditions better than anyone else, have suggested a plan that they will accept, a plan that if adopted will more than pay for itself, and satisfy all concerned at a price within our reach.

Their plan is meter and high pressure. Meters reduce the price of water, and high pressure reduces insurance rates, and puts such fires as the Casket Company's and Westman's out in a few minutes.

High taxes, high insurance rates and dear water are not good drawing cards to show people looking over Canadian cities for advantages for factory sites, or any other purpose.

JOHN M. PARSONS.

London, Feb. 19.

A SWIFT PACE.

Newport, R. I., Feb. 18. — A new westbound trans-Atlantic record seemed well within the grasp of the big Mauretania turbine today, when at 8 a.m. she was reported by wireless as approaching Nantucket lights in fine weather, and tranquil seas, and with New York about ten hours' steaming distance away. Previous wireless reports looked showed that the ship had averaged above 25 knots an hour on her westward run, and today's messages indicated that she was maintaining her swift pace.

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February 19, 1909

VALUE, ONE VOTE.

EUROPEAN TRIP CONTEST
OF
THE LONDON ADVERTISER

This Vote Is Cast For

(Name of Candidate.)

As the most popular lady in District No.
of The London Advertiser European Trip Contest.

VOID AFTER 15 DAYS FROM DATE.

GOOD PROGRESS
ON THE DEBATEPremier Whitney and Hon. Mr.
MacKay to Wind It Up
Today.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Feb. 19.—Excellent progress was made in the Legislature yesterday in the debate on the reply to the letter, and that the debate will be brought to a conclusion this afternoon by Mr. MacKay and Sir James Whitney, after Mr. Allan Stucholme speaks. Fully capable speeches were heard yesterday, the first being by Mr. J. McEwing, Liberal member for West Wellington, who charged the Government with being inconsistent in some lines of its policy, both as regards its pre-election promises and its present performance.

Mr. Downey (South Wellington), followed in a speech which was a mingled glorification of the Government, and a personal criticism of Mr. McEwing's political career.

Mr. Downey, in seeking to prove that the liquor laws were carried out to the letter, and that the three-fifths clause was favorable to the majority of voters, referred to the fact that the deputations which were given to the Government last year were given unprecedentedly straightforward answers, and that the answers were satisfactory.

Mr. R. J. McCormick (Liberal, East Lambton), made a favorable impression on the members of the House by the brevity of his address. He criticized the Government's attitude towards Normal Schools. He was followed by Mr. A. H. Musgrove (North Huron), who in an able speech told of the work done for the teachers of the province.

A Government Caucus. The Conservative members of the House held a caucus in the morning, and elected Dr. Preston, of Lanark, whip of the party. Sir James advised the members to work hard to expedite matters, so that the House might adjourn before Good Friday.

Forget the Oath. Owing to the fact that he did not take the oath of allegiance before taking his seat in the House on Wednesday, Mr. J. D. McDougall (East Ontario) made himself in a peculiar position. He took the oath yesterday morning, but as he occupied his place on Wednesday without having taken the oath, a special act may have to be passed by the Legislature to confirm him in his seat.

The British North America act provides a penalty for Mr. McDougall's breach, but by British procedure he loses his seat, and his right to vote, and is liable to a fine of \$250 for sitting on Wednesday. The fine may be remitted by special act.

There was the perennial crop of petitions pressing for the repeal of the three-fifths clause in the local option law and section 606 of the municipal act, which fixes the liability for accidents caused by defective roads. A special committee was named to strike the standing committees.

With respect to the statute revision commission's bills, introduced by Hon. Mr. Foy, the Premier explained that the changes were in the main verbal, and did not require discussion, but opposite the bill for the revision of the third reading. He, therefore, asked that these bills receive their second readings immediately.

Abundant Says MacKay. Hon. Mr. MacKay asked if some of the proposed law reform measures

introduced by Mr. Foy after the House had passed the latter bills. The Premier replied that if such was the case, clauses could be inserted in the law reform bills to cover the contingency.

Mr. MacKay said it would be absurd and ridiculous to pass revised bills and then invalidate them at the one session.

The Premier said, "Pooh! pooh!" and the bills got their second reading. Mr. Stucholme (Labor member for East Hamilton), moved the adjournment of the House.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock.

CUP TRUSTEES BAR
MANY PRO. PLAYERS

Those Who Were Not With the Teams
on Jan. 2 Cannot Play in Cup
Matches.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—According to a decision reached last night by the Stanley Cup trustees, Albert Kerr, of Ottawa, Joe Hall and Steve Vair, of the Wanderers, and many of the players on the challenging teams will not be allowed to take part in coming matches for the Stanley Cup.

Mr. Moran will send letters to each of the challenging teams, viz. Renfrew, Shamrocks of Winnipeg, and the champions of the Temiskaming League, and the Ontario Professional League, requesting them to forward a list of their probable players, together with information as to when they joined their present teams.

The trustees intend to bar all players who figured in other leagues this season or who were not with the challenging teams on Jan. 2, the date of opening of the Eastern Canada Hockey Association.

It will also affect the defenders of the trophy, they being forced to play without the men who have joined their ranks since Jan. 2.

It is one of the most far-reaching decisions ever handed down by the Stanley Cup trustees.

New York has added 4,100,000 to its population in the last century.

WEATHER
PROBS.
MILDER.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM

FRIDAY,
FEB. 19.In the
Tea RoomContinuous service from 8
a.m. to 6 p.m. Breakfast, morning
and afternoon lunches.Special full-course dinner
served daily, for 35c, from
11:45 to 2:30.

Maggi's Soups

Free demonstration continues to interest our customers. You are invited to stop and have a cup of Hot Soup free, and have these famous Swiss compounds explained by the demonstrator. Opposite elevator, main floor.

See These Tomorrow

You will know by the price that the original is lost.

Twenty Ladies' Black Suits, in Broadcloth, Cheviot, Serge and Venetian, for each, \$8.50

Fifteen Colored Suits, in navy, green and brown Venetian, Panama and Tweeds. Each \$8.50

A GREAT SHEETING EVENT FOR SATURDAY

This is a shipment which was expected earlier in the week, but which has arrived only in time to be prepared for Saturday's selling. We consider this the biggest value yet offered, as it is a special purchase, and the price is far below anything we anticipated, being able to offer even at special February Sale prices, and should make tomorrow the biggest day since we commenced this sale. The advantage of buying Sheeting now, you will realize at once when you see these values, and we think you won't be satisfied with less than a whole piece. We will give a few price-quotations below:

Half-Bleached

Two yards wide, fine weave. A limited quantity only. Saturday, yard.....17¢
One and three-quarter yards wide. Suitable for three-quarter or single beds. Plain only. Extra value, Saturday, yard 19¢
Two yards wide. Plain only. Extra quality. Very fine and even. Very special, yard 20¢
Two and one-quarter yards wide. Plain or twill. Heavy make. Will be a great leader at, yard 25¢

SECOND FLOOR—TAKE ELEVATOR.

Bleached

Two yards wide, plain or twill, English make. Fully bleached, and remarkable value, at per yard 25¢
Two and one-quarter yards wide; special; bleached; in plain or twill. Sale price only, yard 31¢
Two yards wide, fine English, plain or twill. Special, at per yard, only, 32¢
Another shipment of that fine 36-inch Factory Cotton, put up in 30-yard pieces, and will be sold at same old price. Per piece \$2.75

EXTRA SPECIAL One Table of Ladies' Warm Tweed Ulsters, about fifty altogether. These have been laid out for a final clearance tomorrow. The greatest reductions of the season. For your choice we have made the price, each \$2.75

Store closes
6 p. m. daily
Saturday
included.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM

Dundas and
Richmond
Streets.

INDIGNANT COL. SAM

Objects to British Government Buying
Supplies in the United States.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Colonel Sam Hughes scored the British Government in the House today for purchasing large supplies of canned beef for the army and navy from the United States. The matter came up in answer to a couple of questions put by the Lindsay man.

The Premier told the colonel that the Government had not heard that the British Government had contracted for large quantities of meat from foreign nations. Neither had the Government any information whether efforts were made by the British authorities to buy in Canada, South Africa or Australia.

Mr. Hughes also asked: "Is it the custom of the British Government to favor foreign nations with whom it wishes to cultivate friendship, and persons other than those loyal and true to Britain and her institutions?"

This question Sir Wilfrid described as "improper as it implied censure where the House had no authority." He added that he believed the British Government would give any reasonable preference to citizens of the Empire.

Roumania is said to hold the prize for illiteracy. Two-thirds of the population can neither read nor write.

CONSERVATION CONFERENCE.

Washington, Feb. 18.—With a view to conserving the natural resources of the United States, Canada, and Mexico, representatives of these governments, in addition to many of the leaders of the conservation movement in this country, gathered here today in attendance upon the North American Conservation Conference.

The delegates to the conference, which was called by President Roosevelt, assembled in the east room of the White House, where they were received by Mr. Roosevelt, preliminary to holding a two-days' session at the state department.

The members of President Roosevelt's cabinet, and of the national conservation commission also, were present. The commissioners from Canada and Mexico were presented to the President by Secretary of State Bacon, after which an address was made by Mr. Roosevelt.

At its conclusion, the conference proceeded to the diplomatic room of the state department, where a brief address of welcome was made by Gifford Pinchot, chairman of the delegation. Then followed responses by the visiting commissioners, and remarks by members of the cabinet and others.

One of the most destructive as well as one of the most offensive pests that afflict the farmers in India is the red cotton bug. The insect has been reported as a cotton pest from every part of the country. Its presence is detected by the offensive odor.

WOODS' FAIR

Basement Sale--Quick Sellers for Saturday

Glassware

Glass Lamp, complete, at sale price:
Special 50c Lamp for 35c
Glass Pickle Trays 5c
5c Glass Tumblers for 3 1/2c
Glass Water Sets 1/4-off
Glass Milk Jugs 7 1/2c
Glass Water Pitchers 25c
10c Glass Goblets for 5c
Lemon Reamers at 5c and 8c

Hardware

Coat and Hat Hooks, sale price, a dozen 8c
File Handles, 5 for 5c
Shelf Brackets, regular 15c, for, a pair 10c
Small Pliers, regular 15c, for, a pair 10c
3-Ounce Carpet Tacks, 3 packages for 10c
Corkscrews, each 3c, 5c and 8c
Chopping Knives, each 4c

Woodenware

Washboards 15c and 20c
Chicago Curtain Stretches, Saturday sale price, a set 98c
Clotheshorses, regular 75c, sale price Saturday 59c
Ironing Boards, regular 60c, sale price 39c
Bathbrick Boards, sale price 15c
Chip Baskets 10c, 15c and 25c
Breadboards, sale price 15c
Mop Handles for 13c

Crockery

Gold Sprig Butter Dishes, sale price 15c
Gold Sprig Cups and Saucers, sale price, 2 for 15c
Gold Sprig Open Vegetables, sale price 10c, 15c and 20c
Gold Sprig Dinner Plates 8c
Gold Sprig Tea Sets, 4-piece, sale price, a set \$2.39

Graniteware

Granite Pie Plates, 2 for 15c
Granite Water Pails 39c
Granite Dishpans 33c
Small Granite Saucepans, sale price 5c
20c Granite Pudding Dishes, sale price 14c
Granite Chambers 17c and 24c

Brushes and Brooms

Scrub Brushes, regular 15c; sale price 10c
Stove Brushes, regular 15c; sale price 10c
Zinc Brushes, regular 10c; sale price 5c
Three-String Brooms, regular 30c; sale price 23c

Boys' Wool Hose, 25c

Boys' Heavy-ribbed Wool Hose, give splendid wear. Odd sizes, Saturday, pair 25c
Ladies' and Children's Wool Mitts, in black, navy and red. Sale price 25c
Ladies' Cashmere Gloves, in black or brown, stitched back, done fasteners. Regular 40c, Saturday 35c

SPECIAL

BROKEN CHINA MENDED
FREE OF CHARGE.

Bring your broken china in on Saturday and see the work we can do. China mended free. Come in and see it done.

Chocolate Drops, Saturday 10c Lb.

Our Extra Candy Special for Saturday will be Cream Chocolate Drops. We sell them regularly at 20c pound. Half price Saturday 10c

Special Values in Chamois

Regular 6c Chamois Saturday 3 for 10c
Regular 10c Chamois Saturday 3 for 25c
Regular 15c Chamois, Saturday 2 for 25c

Learn to Do Your Own Cooking

Special Half-Hour Classes for Saturday

We have arranged with Mr. F. Smith to give demonstrations in the art of cooking, commencing Saturday, and continuing until further notice. Mr. Smith is an expert in this line, well known in London, having had a large class in the Duffell Block for some time past. Be sure and attend some of these half-hour demonstrations on Saturday. You will find his quarters on second floor. Seats will be provided. Everybody invited.

WOODS' FAIR

J. M. THOMSON

The Metropolitan Life
Insurance Company

For the information of its army of policyholders, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, of New York, has issued a statement of its standing at the end of the year 1908. The facts set forth show that this great insurance organization continues to carry more policies, and to distribute greater benefits among the whole people than any other like institution, while its own resources gain steadily in proportion to its increasing volume of business.

The magnitude of the company's operations is astounding. To fully understand the meaning of the figures dealing in totals for the year, it is necessary to bring them down to the smallest division of time. For example, the mind can scarcely comprehend the significance of the statement that the total amount of outstanding policies at the end of the year was \$1,861,890,903, but one can easily grasp the no less astonishing fact that during the business hours of every day in the year an average of 6,343 new policies were issued and paid for. Every day—taking the average for the year—this persons received from the company the full value in cash of policies which had been carried for their benefit. Every day the company paid out to its policyholders and added to the policy-paying fund (reserve fund) more than \$106,000. The value of property owned and acquired by the Metropolitan Life during 1908 increased at the rate of \$127,000 per day. A policyholder of the company dies every six minutes, and the persons received from the company the full value in cash of policies which had been carried for their benefit. Every day the company paid out to its policyholders and added to the policy-paying fund (reserve fund) more than \$106,000. The value of property owned and acquired by the Metropolitan Life during 1908 increased at the rate of \$127,000 per day. A policyholder of the company dies every six minutes, and the persons received from the company the full value in cash of policies which had been carried for their benefit.

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men of consummate ability, but so are thousands of business organizations that never approach this company in magnitude of operations. It is not merely executive ability, but the ability to inspire and hold public confidence that has counted most in building up this greatest of insurance companies. The Metropolitan Life deals directly with the people. Its policy from the beginning has been one of entire frankness with the people. No man, however, unused to the making of business contracts, can fail to understand exactly what are the terms of his contract with the Metropolitan Life. Every promise of the company is set down in terms as definite and clear as the English language permits, every obligation of the policyholder to the company is equally plain. No inflated premiums are collected for "estimated" benefits; every payment to the company represents the lowest cost of bona fide insurance.

Instead of leading its policyholders to hope for more than they ever can receive, the company has voluntarily taken a directly opposite course. Within the past few years it has distributed amounts amounting to nearly eighteen millions of dollars among its policyholders in bonuses, in addition to what the policies promised. This has been done under no other obligation than a moral conviction that the company should share its prosperity with those who contribute towards its success.

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A PRETTY WEDDING
IN ST. PETER'S

Miss Elizabeth Brown Married to Mr.
Geo. E. Laidlaw.

One of the prettiest weddings of the season was celebrated in St. Peter's Cathedral on Wednesday morning, when Miss Elizabeth Brown, daughter of the late James Brown, of White Oak, was married to Mr. George E. Laidlaw, of Milestone, Saskatchewan. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father White in the presence of a number of friends and relatives. The bride entered the church on the arm of her uncle, Mr. Peter Anderson, amid the strains of the Lohengrin Wedding March, played by Miss Traher. The bride was given away by her uncle, Miss Annie Loblin was bridesmaid, and the groom was supported by Mr.

William R. Forbes, of Buffalo. Following the ceremony, the party proceeded to the bride's home, where a dainty wedding breakfast was served. Mr. and Mrs. Laidlaw will leave shortly for Milestone, Saskatchewan, where they will reside.

MACCABEES HAD
A PLEASANT TIME

Annual Smoker Was Held Last
Night in the City Hall.

The annual smoker of London Camp, No. 17, Knights of the Maccabees, was held in the city hall last night.

There was a very large attendance. With the many bright numbers of the programme and the instructive addresses, it was an occasion long to be remembered.

Roy Adair, a clever boy soprano, and Mr. Ernest Saunders, a clever comedian, met with splendid receptions and were forced to several encores.

Ald. D. A. Stewart presided, and speeches were given by Dr. Edmister, of Detroit, one of the members of the supreme medical board; S. W. Trusler, provincial commander, and member of the supreme board of trustees, and J. O. Townsend, provincial record keeper.

The committee in charge of the smoker were, Mayor Stevely, D. A. Stewart, C. M. R. Graham, W. R. Garner, and J. Ballantyne.

RIOTING AT GRANADA.

Granada, Spain, Feb. 18.—There was an outbreak of rioting here today over the question of the collection of duties on food stuffs into the city, in which two persons were killed and five wounded.

Cardinal Coullié, archbishop of Lyons, has issued a stern prohibition against the priests and clerical students of his diocese riding bicycles.

DR. A. W. CHASE'S 25c.
CATARRH CURE

Is sent direct to the diseased parts by the Improved Flower. Heals the ulcers, clears the air passages, stops droppings in the throat, and permanently cures Catarrh and Hay Fever. Sufferers from all diseases of the Throat, Nose, and Lungs, write to Dr. A. W. Chase, Medicine Co., Toronto, and Buffalo.

CURE
SICK
HEAD
ACHE

Sick Headache and relieve all the troubles incident to a bilious state of the system, such as Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Distress after eating, Pain in the Side, etc. While their most remarkable success has been shown in curing

Headache, yet Carter's Little Liver Pills are equally valuable in Constipation, curing and preventing the same, and giving the system a healthy action. They also correct all disorders of the stomach, stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels. Even if they only cure

Abbe would be almost priceless to those who suffer from this distressing complaint, but fortunately their goodness is not noted here and those who once try them will find these little pills valuable in all disorders of the stomach and bowels, and will do without them. But after all sick head

Is the name of so many lives that here is where we make our great boast. Our pills cure it while others do not.

Carter's Little Liver Pills are very small and very easy to take. One or two pills makes a difference. They are strictly vegetable and do not grip or purge, but by their gentle action please all who use them.

Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price.

Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price.

COLEMAN'S
CAMPHO QUININE

FOR COLDS & LA GRIPPE

Best thing you ever tried for Colds, La Grippe, Coughs, Neuralgia and Headache.

Cures colds in 24 hours. No after-effects—25c. At all dealers or from COLEMAN MEDICINE CO., TORONTO.

Condensed Advertisements.

No Advertisement Accepted Less Than Fifteen Words. Advertisements—Ten cents per line each insertion, or two cents per word if set solid. Meetings—When no admission is charged, one cent per word each insertion. Situations Wanted, Board and Lodging, Lost and Found, Rooms to Let, and all similar condensed advertisements—First insertion, one cent a word; each subsequent insertion, one-half cent per word. No advertisement less than fifteen words.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

BIRTHS.
BORLAND—In this city, on Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Borland, 209 Grey street, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.
DICKINSON—BROWN—At 80% Becher street, on Wednesday evening, Feb. 17, 1909, Reginald Dickinson, of this city, to Elizabeth Brown, of this city, by Rev. J. Mackenzie, pastor of the King Street Christian Workers' Church.

DEATHS.
PORTE—On Thursday, Feb. 18, 1909, suddenly, at London, Capt. Andrew William Porte, in his 81st year.

Funeral from the residence of G. P. Brinkman, Esq., 528 Queen's avenue, to Mount Pleasant cemetery, on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 2:30 p.m.; service at 3 p.m.

FURD—In Westminster Township, on Feb. 17, 1909, Susan Furd, relict of the late R. D. Furd, in her 53rd year.

Funeral from the family residence, Glendale, Feb. 19, at 2 p.m., by Rev. service at Glendale Methodist Church, at 2:30 p.m. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation. Interment at Brick street cemetery.

BLOUNT—In Ottawa, on Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1909, Mrs. Mary, infant daughter of William C. Blount, 1000 Somerset street (formerly of London), aged 5 months and 8 days.

MASON—At her late residence, 253 Talbot street, on Feb. 18, 1909, Katie, wife of Dennis Mason.

Funeral private, from the above residence, on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 3 o'clock; service at 3:30. The Toronto papers please copy.

AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES

GRAND—Tonight
POWER! The Dawn of Freedom
STOCK CO. 10c 20c 30c

COMEDY DRAMA, "ONE HUNDRED Thousand Pounds," under the auspices of the St. Mary's Dramatic Society, St. Mary's Hall, Monday, Feb. 22. Admission, 10c and 25c. 50c-XVZ.

G. P. R.

Empress Ships, to or from the Old Country. For particulars apply to F. B. CLARKE, 418 Richmond street, next Bank of Commerce. Appointed direct from Montreal and Toronto head offices.

SIX-HOUR WALKING CONTEST FOR championship of Western Ontario, Jubilee Rink, Feb. 25, 1909, beginning at 2:30 sharp. Admission: Afternoon, 10c; evening, 15c. Stakes free. The result of the Shrub-Longboat race will be posted in the rink.

DANCING—PRIVATE TUITION any hour. Classes as usual. Last February, hop, Monday evening, Feb. 22. Invitations. Call or phone. Layton & McCormick.

TONY CORTESSE, ORIGINAL LONDON Harpers. Music furnished for all occasions. 161 Maple. Phone 1570.

Traction Company
Hourly Service
London to St. Thomas, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Every two hours to Fort Stanley, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

\$20.00
BERMUDA AND RETURN.

Lowest fares are always obtainable at De La Hooke's Railway and Steamship Agency, "Clock Corner."

LEARN TO DANCE—RAPID TEACHING. Low rates. Special attention given to two-step. R. B. Millard, 94 Princess avenue.

MUSIC FURNISHED FOR PARTIES. balls, banquets, Phone 126. Tony Vita's Italian Harpers, 122 Queen's avenue.

MEETINGS.
KILWINNING LODGE, No. 64, A. F. and A. M., Masonic Temple, this (Friday) evening, 7:30. Visitors welcome. J. E. Johnson, W. M.; B. W. Glover, secretary.

LOST AND FOUND.
A SMALL PURSE FOUND AT THE bank on Egerton street. Apply at 49 Oak street.

LOST, LAST SATURDAY—BLACK purse, containing money, on Dundas near Richmond. Reward at 49 Oak street.

LOST, PEARL SUNBURST, Wednesday afternoon. Reward at 94 Waterloo street.

LOST, ON RECTORY STREET, BETWEEN York and Lovett streets—Lady's black skirt. Reward 25c. Rectory.

BUSINESS CHANCES.
STEAMSHIP STOCK FOR SALE—Thoroughly organized and up to date steel steamship line is offering some of its capital stock to the people of London. Steamers fully insured. Dividends from past records, 15 to 25%. Write and get particulars. Box 31, Advertiser, or phone 228.

BOARDING, ROOMS, ETC.
LARGE FRONT ROOM, WELL HEATED; nice for two or more ladies or gentlemen; board if desired; also furnished; suitable for light housekeeping. 301 Richmond street. 80c.

DENTAL CARDS.
DR. BENTLEY, DENTIST, OVER Severn Bank, Dundas and Adelaide. Phone 742.

WOOLVERTON & BROWN, DENTISTS, 215 Dundas street, over Cranbrook & Lawrence. Phone 822.

DR. G. H. KENNEDY, DENTIST—Specialty, preservation of natural teeth. 1614 Dundas. Phone 375.

VETERINARY SURGEONS.
TAMLIN & SCOTT—OFFICE AND HOSPITAL, 48 Talbot street. Phone 866. residence phone 765.

TENNENT & McDONALD, VETERINARY surgeons—Office, 137 King street; residence, 477 Dundas. Phone 742.

CHINESE LAUNDRIES.
WONG WOO—THE HAMILTON ROAD Laundry. All hand work. Goods cleaned and delivered promptly. 130 Hamilton road.

MALE HELP WANTED.

MAN TO FILE AND SWEDGE CIRCULAR, and do odd jobs; bookbinding; state age and wages. Reid Bros., Bothamby street, Tel. 111.

BOY WANTED AS STUDENT FOR architect's office. Talbot Heights, Room 9, Oddfellows' Building.

YOUNG MEN FOR POSITIONS IN telegraph, freight or ticket departments on Canadian railroads; college or mail courses. Railroad College, London. 241-VXZ.

SHOES REPAIRED QUICKLY AND neatly, and promptly returned. The Famous Shoe Repair Store, 304 Dundas street. Phone 2575.

MEN WANTED TO LEARN THE BARBER trade; new system; eight weeks complete; tools donated; graduates earn from \$10 to \$15 per week; write for catalogue. Barber College, Toronto. 7017.

FEMALE HELP WANTED.
WANTED—WATER with some experience to apply Technical House, 130 West Beaver street. 94c.

GIRL WANTED FOR OFFICE WORK Box 80, Advertiser office. 94c.

WANTED—GOOD GENERAL SERVANT; family of three. Apply Mrs. Depper, 229 Hamilton road. 280.

WANTED—HOUSEMAID, APPLY AT Victoria House. 93c.

MACHINE OPERATORS WANTED. London. Advertiser Lady Corset Company, London.

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF POSITIONS open for experienced operators and tuckers; steady employment and high wages. If interested write or call at the Royal National Company, Limited, manufacturing department, 154 Front street west, Toronto. 52n.

WANTED.
PARTNER WANTED ON A LARGE live stock and dairy farm, Western Ontario; must be reliable person, with references. Box 50, Advertiser. 92c.

VETERANS WILL PAY EXCEPTION- ALLY high cash price for your warrant. Write National Realty Company, Commercial Life Building, Toronto. 62n.

WANTED TO BUY OR RENT, BY April—Modern home of 100 rooms, in good locality. Box 51, Advertiser. 92c.

WANTED—A FARM, FROM 20 TO 100 acres, to rent, about two to four miles from city. Apply Box 50, Advertiser. 92c.

SOUTH AFRICAN VETERAN WILL pay highest cash price for your warrants. D. S. Robb, 425 College street. 3217.

WANTED—SOUTH AFRICAN VETERAN—Apply to J. A. Whitmer, 1000 Somerset street, Toronto. 79n.

ARCHITECTS.
TALBOT HENNESSY, ARCHITECT, London Loan buildings (formerly Oddfellows' Hall), Dundas street. Telephone.

REMOVAL—GEORGE CRADDOCK, ARCHITECT, 401 Talbot.

WILLIAM C. MURRAY, ARCHITECT, 14 Cecil street, Masonic Temple.

J. C. MCBRIDE, ARCHITECT—SIXTH floor, Bank of Toronto Chambers.

MOORE, HENRY & MCNEIL, ARCHITECTS, CIVIL, ENGINEERS, 1000 Somerset street, ALBION BUILDING.

JOHN M. MOORE, CIVIL ENGINEER, 1000 Somerset street.

HOUSES, ROOMS, TO LET.
TO LET—FRAME COTTAGE IN GOOD condition. 783 William street. Apply Dufferin avenue. 80c.

TO RENT—A HEINTZMAN UPRIGHT piano. Apply 44 Ridout street. 7017.

FOREST CITY UNION MOVING VANS—Largest improved vans in city. Furniture and pianos carefully moved. W. Brown, 1000 Somerset street (John Bikes), Storage, 97 Carling street. Phone 1152; residence, 1414.

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LONDON, FRIDAY, FEB. 19, 1909.

AN ARMY OF THE EMPIRE.

The British war secretary is reported as saying that he is in negotiation with the British overseas dominions with a view to the creation and constitution of an army of the Empire. The phrase "Army of the Empire" has a portentous sound, and suggests a stage of imperial development for which we in this country have not been prepared by discussion. But it seems there is nothing revolutionary in Mr. Haldane's proposals, which do not go beyond those outlined in the imperial conference of 1907, according to the information furnished the London correspondent of the Montreal Star.

The principle aimed at is the standardization of the military forces of the Empire, with no infringement of local autonomy. The overseas militia would be organized into regimental units, brigades and divisions upon the same plan as the British army. In the event of war the forces of the daughter nations and the mother country could be then readily assimilated; but the colonial contingents would consist only of those who volunteered their services, as in the South African war.

The scheme is in harmony with the decentralized imperialism which is favored by the majority of the Canadian people.

BERESFORD'S RETIREMENT.

In all likelihood the demission of Lord Charles Beresford from the command of the British Channel fleet one year in advance of the date when his retirement would have occurred under the age limit, will form a subject of discussion in the House of Commons before the session of Parliament has advanced very far. For "Charles B." as he is familiarly called, is extremely popular with all classes, more particularly in the navy, where he is made a sort of idol on account of his proven courage and bluff, warm-heartedness. The cause of his premature retirement is generally ascribed to the pressure brought upon the Government to reorganize the command of the home naval force in consequence of the strained relations between Lord Charles and Admiral Sir John A. Fisher, his senior, and Rear Admiral Sir Percy Scott, his junior. Fisher and Scott are among the most valued officers in the navy. The former has been more active service than Beresford, and since occupying the position of first sea lord of the admiralty has shown himself a skillful organizer and hard worker. In fact, he is given credit for revolutionizing naval policy. Scott also has distinguished himself in action and as an inventor of night-signalling apparatus and of appliances to improve naval marksmanship.

The trouble between Lord Charles and his brother officers appears to have been due to the fact that he considered Sir John Fisher, as admiral of the fleet, too ready to yield to suggestions of the admiralty board, and bluntly told him so. Beresford has always been a sturdy and uncompromising champion of the two-power standard, with a disposition to argue that if the standard were made a three-power one, so much the better. About a year ago the fact became generally known that the quarrel between the officers of the admiralty board, and bluntly told him so. Beresford has always been a sturdy and uncompromising champion of the two-power standard, with a disposition to argue that if the standard were made a three-power one, so much the better. About a year ago the fact became generally known that the quarrel between the officers of the admiralty board, and bluntly told him so.

That the Government has no intention of abandoning the two-power standard, as Lord Charles seemed to fear, was shown by Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, in a recent speech, when he declared in favor of building five new Dreadnaughts.

The retirement of Lord Charles Beresford will be regretted by most Britishers, as it was hoped he would eventually attain the position of admiral of the fleet, the age limit for which would enable him to remain in the service for several years longer.

A NEW MARITIME CODE.

The international naval conference, which for some weeks has been in session in London, has practically agreed upon a code of maritime law. There still remain to be adjusted some minor details, and the assent of each of the nations represented will be necessary to give validity to the delegates' conclusions, but the gravest differences of opinion have been reconciled.

In the past, each nation has been a law to itself in regard to the definition of contraband. The most recent

illustration of this was furnished during the war between Japan and Russia. The Russian Government, immediately on the opening of hostilities, promulgated a list of commodities which it had determined to treat as contraband, and in the carrying out of its policy on more than one occasion came near involving some neutral country in the conflict. Under the agreement reached by the conference the subject will be regulated by a set of rules to which each power will be expected to conform, and there will be three schedules whereby the status of merchandise will be established.

There are, of course, certain articles which are to be contraband absolutely, and liable to seizure and confiscation. The second schedule names articles which may or may not be contraband, such as foodstuffs and coal, which are presumptively exempt from capture, but which, when consigned to a garison or a naval station, or when intended for naval or military use, become contraband. In addition to this, there will be a list of absolutely non-contraband goods, which, as such, are privileged under all conditions against capture.

Another important matter, and one which there was for some time a deadlock in the conference, is the revision of the principle of continuous voyage, irrespective of transshipment. According to British practice, goods destined for a hostile port, no matter where their place of immediate consignment, could be seized anywhere on the high seas. That rule, under the agreement reached, will hereafter be applicable only to cases of absolute contraband. In other words, commodities not in this class will be free from capture on the high seas when consigned to a neutral port, but naval and military stores intended for the enemy will deprive the vessel of its immunity, irrespective of what port they may be consigned to.

The new code will, no doubt, prove of value as a guide to the projected international prize court when it is established.

ANOTHER STEP FORWARD.

Another step in the evolution of Canada as a world power is about to be taken.

A department of external affairs will be created by the Federal Government. It is intimated that for the present the minister will be the secretary of state, and that he will have a deputy and a departmental staff.

The innovation springs naturally out of the growth of Canada and of her powers of self-government. These conditions are bringing the Dominion into closer and more frequent touch with foreign nations. The logic of circumstances is projecting us more and more into international affairs. The Ottawa Government has recently conducted negotiations directly with Japan, with France, with Germany, and with the United States, and while the bulk of the correspondence between the Dominion and foreign states still goes through Downing Street, because of usage and the imperial relationship, it is probable that in the near future there will be direct communication at least between Ottawa and Washington, on all subjects exclusively affecting the two countries.

The new department is another attribute of nationhood, and a recognition of the fact that Canada must play an increasing part on the stage of the world.

The English suffragettes used their fists on the London police yesterday. If the sisterhood resorts to the hatpin it will be no laughing matter.

The Unionists brought forward their tariff reform proposals in the House of Commons yesterday. How a tariff can help British agriculture without raising the price of food has never been clearly explained.

The Synod of Toronto has been trying for three days to elect a bishop. The battle is not one between individuals, so much as between the high and low church elements. It is singular that a similar deadlock occurred in the same synod thirty years ago. It was ended only by the election of a compromise candidate, the late Archbishop Sweetman. Will this course be repeated?

The London Nation points out that the Boer war inspired no poetry worthy of the name, and no utterance worthy to be preserved in English literature, because it failed to appeal to moral enthusiasm. The one feature upon which the British race may reflect with pride, apart from the valor of the British soldiers, is the splendid preparation made by the present Imperial Government in granting a conquered people self-government, while their wounds were still smarting.

The Hamilton Spectator, in reply to a correspondent, says that Sandfield Macdonald was a Conservative. Sandfield himself always claimed to be a Liberal. He was an opponent of Sir John Macdonald before Confederation and formed a ministry after the defeat of the Government of Cartier and Sir John Macdonald in 1862. As the first premier of Ontario he led a coalition administration which was opposed by such Liberals as Blake and Mowat, but he never described himself as a Conservative.

ARE WE PROGRESSING BACKWARDS?

[Montreal Star.] It would do us good to occasionally observe the reverse of this glorious picture of progress on which we are always looking. There was not a slum on the continent when Lincoln was born. We have more wealth now; but we have also immensely fouler degrees of poverty. The fine old spirit of social equality is gone. We have built our magnificent cities and our mighty industrial and commercial enterprises; but the cement has been

mixed with the blood of the victims and the tears of the despoiled. Hawthorne's tragedy of "The Scarlet Letter" fades into purity when contrasted with the sordid tragedies of the daily life of Broadway, which are being flung into the faces of people in almost unending succession. We have lost ground as well as gained it in this march upward; and it is not comforting to reflect that what we have gained has been chiefly mechanical invention, while what we have lost has been largely moral stamina and individual character. The genius of our inventors cannot be praised too highly; but when we come to our personal merit, we had better speak in lower tones.

RECIPE FOR TROUBLE.

[The Philistine.] Take a little of nothing, and then put in some more nothing, and stir it up. Flavor with fear, a jigger of grouch and a piece of lemon, and serve hot to those nearest.

TEMPER-TESTING GOLF.

[Westminster Gazette.] Golf tries and tires the temper. It supplies a more severe test of control than any other game gives, perhaps more than any other circumstance in which our mortal life is likely to entangle us.

IN TOUCH WITH MEN.

[Proverbs viii., xi.] O keep us, Lord, in touch with men: For that our spirits may be glad: For that we may tell, in vale and glen, Of Thy great love to men.

O keep us, Lord, in touch with men, In kindly brotherhood; That we by life and voice and pen May seek their highest good.

O keep us, Lord, in touch with men, And love and help and cheer them when They faint and weary grow.

O keep us, Lord, in touch with men, When they in sadness grieve; In cave, or mine, or field, or fen, May they our care receive.

O keep us, Lord, in touch with men, That aching hearts may find In fiery flame or frosty snow, That thou art good and kind.

O keep us, Lord, in touch with men, When they in darkness grope; May it be ours to cheer them then, With words of faith and hope.

—T. Watson.

LINCOLN ON MONEY.

[Washington Star.] "Lincoln," said Senator Tillman recently, "had no great admiration for mere financial success."

"Financial success," Lincoln once said, "is purely metallic. The man who gains it has four metallic attributes—gold in his palm, silver in his tongue, brass in his face and iron in his heart."

LATER IT WILL BE "WRETCH."

[Cleveland Leader.] "What are the names of that young couple next door?"

"We won't be able to find out for several weeks. They're in the hospital, and he calls her Birdie and she calls him Pettie."

A HURRY CALL.

[Boston Transcript.] "Shall I tell your fortune, sir?"

"Yes; tell it to hurry up."

ALONE.

[Herbert Trench.] I heard a soldier sing a trifle Out in the sun-dried veldt alone; He lay, and cleared his grimy rifle idly, before a stone.

"If, after death, love, comes a waking, And in their camp so dark and still, The men of dust hear bugles, breaking Their halt upon the hill;

"To me the slow and silver pealing That then the last high trumpet pours, Shall softer than the dawn stealing, For with his call comes yours."

What grief of love had he to stifle, Basking so idly in his stone? That grimy soldier with his rifle, Out in the veldt alone?

JUDGE ELLIOTT SERIOUSLY ILL.

Condition Today Is Slightly Improved, Says His Physician.

The condition of Judge Edward Elliott, who has been dangerously ill for some time past, was slightly improved today, and Dr. W. H. Moorhouse, his attending physician, considers that the chances of his ultimate recovery have been considerably improved.

Judge Elliott suffered a severe attack of grip some time ago, and did not rally from its effects as well as could have been hoped, and it is the extreme prostration arising from the weakness caused by the grip that renders his condition alarming.

Judge Elliott has been an active member of the bench since his elevation to the junior judgeship of the county of Middlesex, on Sept. 25, 1893. In his official, as well as his private capacity, he is well and favorably known, and his many friends are earnestly hoping for his recovery.

Audiences Growing.

The Power Stock Company continues to draw larger houses every night, the attendance last evening being the best of the week. The play was "Over the Hills to the Poorhouse," and it pleased.

As in the others the company showed much ability, and handled their respective roles excellently. The vaudeville specialties were very good as usual.

The offering this evening will be "The Devil's Freedom," a play of much interest.

BOTHERING CASTRO.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—Cipriano Castro, at one time president of Venezuela, left here today for Dresden, where he purposes to make a prolonged stay. He is now doing his best to avoid the General. Castro leaves Berlin on account of the receipt of quantities of begging letters due to the newspapers' stories of his lavish expenditures. He has demanded \$125,000 of which the first installment of \$25,000 was to be sent immediately.

FLEET IN PACIFIC ADVISE OF SENATE

Upper House of Congress Passes Recommendation That Half Navy Be Kept in West.

Washington, Feb. 18.—One-half of the United States navy should be kept on the Pacific coast at all times in the opinion of the senate. An amendment to the naval bill was agreed to-night, providing that in the discretion of the President, one-half of the navy shall be kept in Pacific waters, so far as practicable.

The President already has the authority to so divide the fleet, but the amendment amounts to an expression of Congress in favor of such action. As introduced, originally, the division of the navy was mandatory. Mr. Flint said he understood that the people of the Atlantic coast did not care for the fleet and the people on the Pacific did.

Half the Fleet Strong Enough.

"Would half the fleet on the Pacific coast keep the Japanese out of California?" asked Senator Nelson.

"It would," replied Mr. Flint.

Urging the adoption of the provision, Mr. Fulton declared that there are great interests on the Pacific coast which need protection and that there is more danger of attacks being made on that coast than on the Atlantic seaboard.

At Mr. Hale's suggestion the provision was amended so as to leave the question of the division to the secretary of the navy, and later this was amended so that the secretary was to give the discretion to the President.

Discuss Marines and Tonnage.

The bill was reported to the senate, Mr. Lodge reserving for further consideration amendments relating to the marine corps being kept on board naval vessels, and providing for a reduction of 21,000 tons in the size of each of the two battleships authorized by the act.

Senator La Follette offered an amendment to the bill providing for a commission to consider what navy yards and naval stations should be retained, and which should be closed.

On a point of order by Mr. Clay, the amendment providing for a commission to examine into the business methods of the navy department was stricken out. This commission has been incorporated in the bill at the request of the secretary of the navy and it was amended so that under its recommendations the bureau system in the navy would receive its death blow. Some opposition to the provision existed on that account.

NATIONAL PARK WITH GLACIER

The Big Reservation on Canadian Boundary Contains Finest Scenery on Continent.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The House committee on public lands has reported favorably a bill which passed the senate last night. The bill provides for the establishment of a National Park, west of the summit of the Rocky Mountains and south of the Canadian boundary line in Montana. It includes about 1,300 square miles of the finest mountain scenery upon the continent, averaging about 10,000 feet above the sea level, containing about 250 glaciers, and is bounded by mountains which are said to be the only live glaciers in the United States outside of Alaska. The boundary lines connect a point on the Canadian border at the middle of the Flathead River, thence following southerly along and with the middle of Flathead River to its mouth, the Middle Fork of the Flathead River; thence following the north bank of the Middle Fork to where it is crossed by the right of way of the Great Northern Railway; thence following the said right of way to where it intersects the west boundary of its intersection with the Canadian boundary, thence along the Canadian boundary to the place of beginning.

Those who are interested in this enterprise are confident that the Canadian Government will reserve a similar area in the contiguous territory on the west side of even a larger area, which will make this the greatest park for natural beauty and the greatest preserve for wild animals in the world. It is intended hereafter to permit shooting within this park and fishing at such times and under such rules and regulations as the secretary of agriculture may provide.

By the pending bill he is authorized to lease ten acres of land to individuals or clubs for not more than twenty acres, for the purpose of providing homes, clubhouses and hotels for the accommodation of visitors; and persons now having summer homes or clubs within the territory will be permitted to remain, subject to such regulations as may be prescribed. The secretary of agriculture is authorized to sell the dead and fallen timber; to lease the streams for not exceeding fifty years for power, irrigation or any other lawful purpose, and he may authorize the construction of highways along the Flathead River or any of its tributaries, subject to the same rules that apply to forest reserves.

The territory included in Glacier National Park is already well known to American sportsmen. Ambassador Bryce, Secretary Bacon, Senator Penrose, and other prominent men have been up there fishing and shooting. There is practically no agricultural land and no mineral-bores formations of commercial value. In the canyons are roaring streams fed by melting ice and snow, and there are more than 250 lakes which abound in fish of many varieties. The whole region is inhabited by wild animals. Mountain goats, mountain sheep, black bears, deer, elk, moose are abundant, as well as a great variety of birds. The animals use it as a breeding ground, because they can find perfect protection.

The waters flow in three directions, finding the Hudson Bay, the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific Ocean. Some of the mountains are of unparalleled beauty, the highest peak having been named in honor of the late Grover Cleveland.

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We announce the spring opening of our Ladies' Tailoring Department. Everything is in complete readiness for the planning, originating and executing of Gowns for spring and summer. Mr. Diamond, our new ladies' tailor, comes directly from New York, where he has had twelve years' experience, and we think his work is second to none in the country. Many ladies have been waiting for this announcement, and we ask them to call and see some of the garments that are being made.

Live News From the Carpet Sale

English Velvet Carpet, splendid quality for drawing-rooms, parlors, sitting-rooms, etc. Two patterns in light fawn grounds are without borders, and two patterns in green effects have 5/8 borders to match. You can't realize until you see the Velvets, nor can't appreciate until you examine them, what it means to buy \$1.35 Velvets at 90¢ a yard, made and laid. We are safe in saying we never offered better value, because you remember we bought them at such a great advantage from the bankrupt stock of a wholesale carpet company. So what is your gain is also our gain, for we, too, are making our fair profit upon these goods and still selling them at 39¢ a yard less than the regular price.

Upon the payment of a small deposit, we will keep any purchase until spring.

J. H. CHAPMAN & CO., 126, 128, 128½ Dundas St.

IMPROVEMENTS IN SARNIA TOWN

Steps Taken Toward Securing a New Sewer on Front Street.

Sarnia, Feb. 18.—The question of putting down a new sewer on Front street, was fully discussed at a meeting of citizens held in the town hall on Wednesday at the call of Mayor Milne. The mayor explained that he had come to the conclusion that there should be a new sewer on Front street, from Cromwell to George. It could later be carried to Russell lane, if required. He was strongly in favor of a new sewer, his reason being that the town hall street is that there would be a gain of six feet in the fall. After a thorough discussion, Mr. Thomas Kenny proposed, seconded by Mr. J. J. Proctor, that a committee be chosen to circulate a petition to secure names for a new sewer at an estimated cost of \$4,000. The motion carried unanimously, and Elgin Wood, W. J. Proctor, Wm. Storey and the mayor were appointed a committee for the purpose named.

There was some discussion in regard to double tracking, but no action was taken, the opinion being that the matter had been settled by last year's council.

The funeral of Harriet Throver, widow of the late John Hanna, took place from the residence of her daughter, Harry Cartwright, on Monday afternoon, to Lakeview Cemetery. Rev. Mr. Oliver conducted the services. The pallbearers were W. F. Lawrence, Elgin Wood, R. E. Sauer, F. C. Watson, Timothy Maxwell and George A. Proctor.

Mrs. Hanna was the eldest of fourteen children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Throver, of Strathroy. She is survived by four children, Mrs. J. B. Eagleson, of North Dakota; Mrs. C. W. Hanna, Yale, Mich.; Mrs. Henry W. Hanna, Sarnia, and Dr. W. J. Hanna, Kingston, Mich. The late Dufferin J. Hanna was also a son. Deceased also leaves four brothers and seven sisters: David, Walter and Jacob Throver, of Brooke Township, and Albert, of Adelaide, on the old homestead; Mrs. John Boges and Mrs. M. Sauer, of Strathroy; Mrs. Geo. H. Parker, of Strathroy; Mrs. Mary Mann, Mrs. Joseph Grummett and Miss Etta Throver, of Sault Ste.

UNHEALTHY WOMEN

LOSE COLOR, CONSTANTLY WEARY, LOOK WRINKLED, HOLLOW.

They All Get Health—Vitality—Vim, Strength from Ferrozone.

Once you use the celebrated nerve vitalizer and tonic, Ferrozone—once you feel its magic powers working through your weakened system—then you'll know for sure that health at last awaits you.

So much quicker and surer is Ferrozone to rebuild and restore that thousands use no other medicine.

"Because I am well now," writes Miss I. P. Sinclair, from Sault Ste. Marie, "I feel it my duty to tell every young woman what benefit I got from Ferrozone. I grew very thin, and at 25 years old my face was hollow and wrinkled—my color was bad and I looked ten years beyond my age. I was nervous and hysterical, couldn't sleep, had no appetite, burst into tears at the least provocation. Then I worried, feared I would go into decline, and was so depressed every morning that life was no longer happy."

"It was astonishing how the quick and thorough action of Ferrozone. It gave me permanent strength and vitality, nervous forces disappeared, indigestion and stomach weakness were cured, and my system returned. I looked better and younger, had clear color, I gained in weight, felt happy, vigorous, strong. It is a great tonic and health-giver. I never knew before and I will continue to recommend it as the grandest tonic and strengthener on earth."

Very few girls and women are so abundant in health as to not require medicine. Nothing excels Ferrozone in supplying strength, blood and nerve power. Not a stimulant, but a nourishing tonic is Ferrozone. Fifty cents per box or six boxes for \$2.50, at all dealers. Try Ferrozone. Do it today.

EVERY ARTICLE GUARANTEED

BROWNLEE'S GREAT Holding-Our-Own Sale

TINWARE

Galvanized Tubs, regular 75c, for 58c
Galvanized Tubs, regular \$1.00, for 68c
Galvanized Tubs, regular \$1.50, for 78c
Retained Dippers, seamless, ordinary size; reg. 20c, for 9c
9-inch Deep Jelly Tins, regular 5c, for 2 for 5c
9-inch Pie Plates, regular 5c, for 3 for 5c
1-pint Pieced Drinking Cups, regular 5c, for 2 for 5c
1, 1½ and 2 pint Pudding Pans, regular 5c, for 3 for 5c

ENAMELWARE

1-quart Coffee Pots, blue and white, regular 30c, for 15c
1½-quart Coffee Pots, blue and white, regular 30c, for 20c
2-quart Coffee Pots, blue and white, regular 35c, for 20c
2½-quart Coffee Pots, blue and white; regular 40c, for 25c
3-quart Coffee Pots, blue and white; regular 50c, for 35c
1-quart Teapot, blue and white; regular 25c, for 15c
1½-quart Teapot, blue and white; regular 30c, for 20c
2-quart Teapot, blue and white; regular 35c, for 25c
2½-quart Teapot, blue and white; regular 55c, for 30c
3-quart Teapot, blue and white; seamless; reg. 75c, for 35c
Gray Enamel Wash Basins, No. 28, firsts; reg. 20c, for 10c
Gray Enamel Wash Basins, No. 30, firsts; reg. 25c, for 15c
10-inch Gray Enamel Pie Plates, 10c each, for 2 for 15c
Milk and Rice Boilers, No. 53; regular 60c, for 30c
Milk and Rice Boilers, No. 52; regular 50c, for 25c
Just arrived, first shipment of Perfection Oil Cook Stoves

J. A. BROWNLEE
385-387 TALBOT STREET.

We Sell Right Out of the Windows

CAPT. PORTE DROPPED DEAD

Continued from Page One

Hudson Bay Company at Vancouver, and who will not be home for the funeral; Edgar, Barrie; Alexander and Nelson, of Toronto; and two daughters, Misses Amy and Lulu, at home. His mother, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. Brickenden, also survives. Mr. T. Franklin Porte, of Oxford street, is a brother.

A Terrible Shock.

When the body was carried into the residence of Mrs. Brickenden, Capt. Porte's mother and sister were the only persons home. The suddenness of the attack was a great shock to the old lady, but she was told in the beginning that her son's heart was still beating and she bore up bravely. She was greatly distressed when the truth was told her.

No arrangements have been made for the funeral as yet. Mrs. Porte arrived in the city this morning.

CODE OF SHOE WIDTHS.

In the shoe trade dealers often meet with customers, women chiefly, who want a shoe that palpably is too small, but come to be a custom for some to them to omit calling for widths by letter and substituting for a letter a name that serves to cover up what they are doing.

"For instance, if a man has a customer who takes a D width and wants a C, after trying a shoe that palpably is too small, he frequently is up against it. The woman is apt to say: 'Why, I've always taken a C before,' and that leaves the dealer no response."

So instead of arguing he calls to an assistant: "Let me have a 4½ David." To the customer that sounds like a 4½ shoe with the width not specified, but the

dealer specified the width wanted by the first letter of the name.

Benny does for B. Charley for C. and Eddie for E, and the dealer gets what he wants, even though it may puzzle the customer to see how often the help in the store is changed apparently. This code is in use in many places.—New York Sun.

Scotch thistle canes are a fad in New York.

ENOUGH FOR A YEAR

Druggists are often asked to put up what is becoming generally known as the Leach formula for coughs and colds. People who have tried this remedy keep it constantly on hand for use at the first sign of throat or bronchial trouble. It should be kept in mind that the full formula provides for a sufficient quantity to last the average family an entire year, making it the least expensive as well as the most effective remedy for coughs and colds.

The original formula calls for one-half ounce of Virgin Oil of Pine, two ounces of glycerine and half a pint of good whiskey. Mix thoroughly and take a teaspoonful every four hours. It is claimed the mixture will break up a cold in twenty-four hours and cure any cough that is curable. Purchase the ingredients separately and prepare the mixture at home.

Because of steady cheap imitations that are sometimes offered, it is well to insist upon getting only the genuine Virgin Oil of Pine compound, pure, which is put up for dispensing only in half-ounce vials, each vial securely sealed in a round wooden case, with an engraved wrapper, showing plainly the name of the manufacturer, as follows: Virgin Oil of Pine, prepared only by Leach Chemical Co., Windsor, Ont.

A ROYAL WARD

By Percy J. Brebner, author of "Princess Maritza," "Vayenne," etc.

"I hardly think so, from remarks the prince fell, I believe the letter is of a more private nature. I am not in the prince's confidence to the extent of knowing what the letter contains, but he was insistent on one point: that the letter was to be delivered in to your own hands and opened by you in private."

"Then, knowing the fatal curiosity of a woman, Mr. Evertsen, you will—"

"Pardon me if I do not withdraw immediately," he said. "Opportunity is responsible for most of the success in life, and it is seldom that so humble a person as myself is favored with Lady Betty Walmisley's company apart from a host of admirers."

"You are very courteous, sir, and do yourself an injustice," she returned, with a low curtsy.

"Even if your words are but a phrase and have no depth of meaning, they give me courage," said Evertsen earnestly. "And if I seem importunate, you must forgive me, since the prize that every man covets must be written for early, or lost, in time, no long period has elapsed since you gave me wine at Abbots Chase, Lady Betty, but in that wine there lurked the most insidious poison as came to me through your eyes and your gracious presence. I entered your doors a whole-hearted man who had never given much thought to a careless thought to any woman; I went out your slave for all time."

"Indeed, sir, I—"

"Nay, sweet lady, let me make full confession. I am as a man looking towards a brilliant star, worshipping, loving, I love you, Lady Betty, humbly yet devotedly. I am not worthy of the happiness I seek, yet the offering I lay at your feet is not altogether unworthy. In time I cannot fail to bear a title which has been borne by many who are not unknown to history; one which even Lady Betty Walmisley could not think unworthy to grace. For the man, for myself, I am at your mercy."

"I am honored, greatly honored, Mr. Evertsen," and she curtsied low again; but I have no thought of marrying, no wish to marry—yet."

"The future comes quickly; it must come very speedily in your case."

"And in marriage such as I may presently desire there must be love," said Lady Betty; "and at present I have no knowledge of love."

"May I not try and teach you?"

"Can it be taught?" she asked.

"Will you not let me try?"

"It would be useless, I fear; indeed, I am sure of it. That love can be taught is a pleasant fiction, Mr. Evertsen. When love comes, it comes unsought, and no barriers can keep it out. You have not married, but love has not touched me—I am sorry."

She looked radiant in her sorrow, a sparkle in her eyes, her cheeks aglow. Never had a woman looked more desirable. She was more beautiful than Evertsen had ever believed.

"I love you," he whispered, and never before had he spoken more truly, "and surely you cannot hate me, or I could hardly have failed to discover it."

"Certainly I do not hate you; but then there is no man I hate," she answered.

"I refuse to let go of my hope," he said. "My reason may be unworthy, but the name were I so easily discouraged."

"But you must believe me—please," said Betty, leaning towards him in a petitioning attitude for a moment.

Advertiser Patterns

DESIGNED BY MARTHA DEAN.



NO. 8433—A COMFORTABLE, DESIRABLE AND CONVENIENT CREEPER OR ROMPER DRESS.

When baby learns to play with its top and crawls on the floor, when it begins to toddle round about the house and learns to make mud pies under the doors, it becomes necessary to protect his clothes from dirt and soil, and at the same time dress it comfortable and convenient. This pattern is here shown covers every requirement of a creeping apron or pinafore, and serves as rompers also. It may also be used as a sleeping suit, and will be such as found very practical. The pattern is cut in three sizes: 6 months to 1 year and 2 years. Gingham, flannel, chambray, or any of the light flannel may be used for its development.

A pattern of this illustration will be mailed to any address on receipt of 10 cents in silver or stamps.

PATTERN DEPARTMENT OF THE ADVERTISER.

Please send above-mentioned pattern, as per directions given below, to:

Name

Street Address

Town

Province

Measurement: Bust

Waist

Age (if child's or misses' pattern)

CAUTION.—Be careful to inclose above illustration and send size of pattern wanted. When the pattern is sent measure, you need only mark 32, 34, or whatever it may be. When its waist measure, 22, 24, 26, or whatever it may be. If a skirt, give waist and length measure. When misses' or child's pattern, write only the figure representing the age. It is not necessary to write "inches" or "years."

Patterns cannot reach you in less than one week from the date of order. The price of each pattern is ten cents in cash or in postage stamps.

PATTERN DEPARTMENT, LONDON ADVERTISER.

Boils and Pimples

Are caused entirely by the blood being in an impure condition, and the quickest and simplest way to get rid of them is to take a few bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters.

This purely vegetable remedy has cured thousands of cases of these painful and unsightly troubles during the past thirty years.

Mr. S. J. Weir, River View, Ont., writes:—"Last summer I had nineteen boils on my neck and back. I was so worried for over two weeks. I took every thing I could think of but to no effect. I got a bottle of Burdock Blood Bitters and before I had used half the bottle the boils were gone. I took the rest of it, however, and I have not had a boil since."

Mrs. W. J. Cranston, St. Mary's, Ont., writes:—"I was troubled with pimples on my face for over two years and tried a good deal of patent medicine, but they were not of much use. Finally I used four bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters and am now entirely cured."

For sale by all dealers.

The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

many hours of careful consideration which the writer had given to the matter, and now, with his own hand, he wrote to her asking her to treat Mr. Walter Evertsen, on whom his choice had fallen, with consideration. "Since I perceive," the letter concluded, "that he is in love with you already, I have not conveyed my wishes to him. You will, therefore, know that whatever protestations he may make, they are spontaneous and not dictated by me in any way."

Then Betty laughed, not gaily, but indignantly.

"If I wanted any assurance that I could never love Walter Evertsen, here it is in this letter. I wouldn't marry any man if he were compelled to marry, not if he had all the advantages of an archangel."

Betty experienced the sensation of uttering a little lie, and she felt that there was absolute finality in it. She started as the door opened and a servant came in with a note.

"The messenger said we were expecting it, my lady, and he is waiting for an answer."

Betty took the letter. "Show him in here," she said.

"Beg pardon, my lady, there is a female person as well. Do you wish to see them both?"

Betty glanced at the letter again as though she had not quite mastered its contents.

"No; the man—alone," she answered.

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Salvage Sale Savings for Saturday Shoppers

Don't miss them. They have been great all week, but Saturday's buying-opportunities will be greater. Every department has its special offerings, and you who have missed former Salvage Sale Savings should be here bright and early Saturday morning. The following brief list of Bargains can convey only a slight idea of the immense gathering awaiting your inspection. Be on hand early tomorrow and see what a little money is capable of doing.

2,500 Yards Print, 5c

Not as high-grade as the Print we sold last week, but less money is asked for it. 27 inches wide. A good English Print, warranted fast colors. Pretty patterns in light and dark shades, and the price is only 5c

Saturday Underwear Bargains

Whether you actually need new Underwear at present is a matter of little moment. Even if your wardrobe is liberally stocked, you can't afford to miss these Salvage Sale Prices. It will pay you to buy far into the future. Might as well take advantage of these savings by forestalling your requirements a trifle. Owing to the tremendous quantities of the various lines we are unable to advertise detailed descriptions, and prices. But to put the case in a nutshell, WE'RE SELLING LADIES' NEW SPRING AND SUMMER UNDERWEAR AT LESS THAN THE MANUFACTURER'S COST. COME AND SEE.

Three Special Staple Items

Here's an opportunity to save on goods you are using every day in the year.

1,000 YARDS VICTORIA LAWN, wide width. Regular 12½c, for, yard 9c

Bath Towels, size 14x32. Very special at 4 for 25c

Bleached Cotton, one yard wide. Value up to 9c, for, per yard 6c

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FINE PROGRAMME

AT LOCAL SMOKER

St. George's Society Entertained

Members and Friends Last

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Dealers—write for prices on Feed, Coarse Grains and Cereals. The T. H. Taylor Co., Limited, Chatham, Ont.

THE EXAMINATION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS

Public Accounts Committee Decides to Adopt Last Year's Plan.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—The public accounts committee had a general preliminary discussion this morning as to rules of procedure, in the matter of the examination of original documents. The members of the committee finally agreed to follow the course adopted last year, and the original documents and files produced in the custody of an officer of the department concerned. A number of witnesses were summoned on Tuesday next on the request of Dr. Reid, in connection with a couple of small public works contracts, which he wishes to investigate.

Only One "Bromo Quinine." That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the world over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c.

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Thousands of Women Suffer Untold Misery Every Day With Aching Backs That Really Have No Business To Ache.

Under ordinary conditions it ought to be strong and ready to bear the burdens of life. It is hard to do housework with an aching back. Backaches come from sick kidneys, and what a lot of trouble they cause.

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TRAVELERS' GUIDE

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

SARNIA TUNNEL TO SUSPENSION BRIDGE AND TORONTO.

Corrected to January 10, 1909.

Arrive from the east—8:48 a.m., 10:50 a.m., 11:12 a.m., 11:28 a.m., 11:50 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 12:30 p.m.

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Arrive—10:25 a.m., 4 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 11:00 p.m.

Depart—6:35 a.m., 11:35 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 8:10 p.m.

STRATFORD BRANCH.

Arrive—12:35 a.m., 11:35 a.m., 1:35 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 11:25 p.m.

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LONDON, HURON AND BRUCE.

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<small>(Note: Nearly all this Company's Ordinary Policies are Non-Participating—issued at low rates of premium.)</small>	
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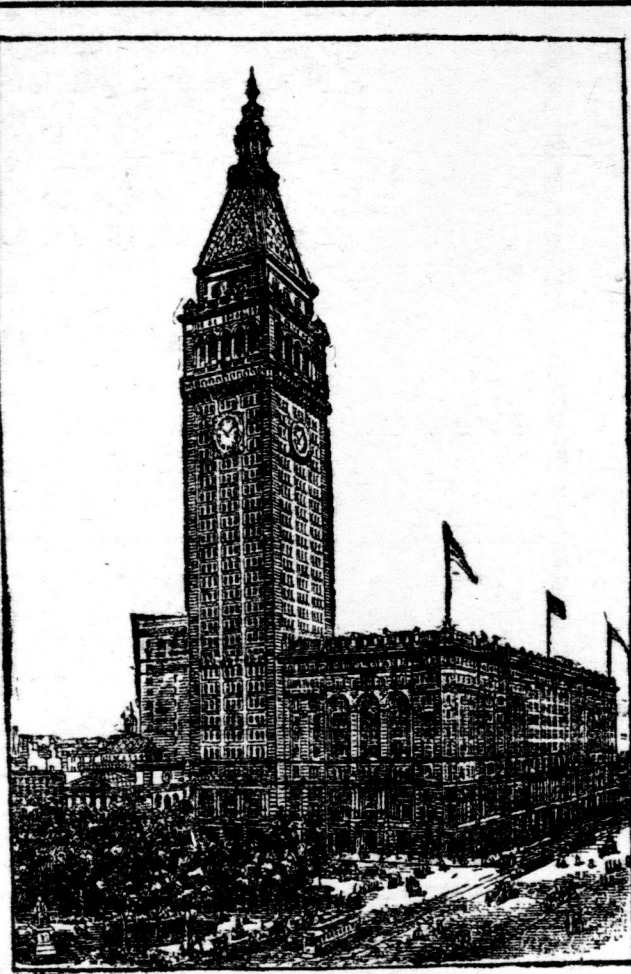
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The number of policies paid in 1908 averaged one for each sixty-five seconds of each business day of 8 hours, and in amount \$128.48 a minute, the year through. The value and timeliness of its policy payments may be gleaned from the fact that the claims paid during the year, 3,479 were under policies less than three months old, 6,890 were on policies under 6 months, and 12,866 were within the first year of insurance.

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COMPARISONS, ETC.

Income in 1908	\$76,732,343.24
Gain over 1907	\$3,618,182.35
Surplus in 1908	\$22,122,907.12
Increase over 1907	\$8,171,007.98
Total Number of Policies in Force	9,960,106
Gain over 1907	340,097
Total Amount Outstanding Insurance, \$1,861,890,803.00	

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT INSURANCE IN FORCE, \$1,334,951,425

Number of Industrial policies in force, 9,301,001—insuring over six and a half millions of individual lives in the families of wage-earners. While the contracts are and always have been non-participating, the Company will this year have spent nearly EIGHTEEN millions of dollars in voluntary bonuses and concessions to the holders of these policies in thirteen years. Cash bonuses on all whole life policies are annually allowed, amounting to over 8 per cent. of the premiums for a year. Additions of from 5 to 30 per cent. are made to policies maturing as claims, according to time policies have persisted. By the Company's present practice whole life policies are made free after age 75 or paid as endowments at age 80. Industrial Insurance is Family Insurance, covering all ages from 1 to 70 on life, endowment and annuity plans.

PLAN CAMPAIGN FOR PROHIBITION

Royal Templars' Grand Council
Think Sentiment Is Ripe
For It

Toronto, Feb. 18.—The Ontario Grand Council of the Royal Templars of Temperance at its closing session today passed the following resolution: "Believing that public sentiment in Ontario is ripe for the enactment of legislation entirely abolishing the bar, we would urge upon each select council a most active campaign to secure such legislation. It was stated that it is the intention of the order to commence a prohibition campaign just as soon as local option had been secured in two-thirds of the Province.

Election of officers followed, with this result: Grand councillor, Rev. P. Fletcher, Drayton; grand past councillor, W. J. Armstrong, West Toronto; grand vice-councillor, Mrs. S. H. Welsh, Picton; grand chaplain, Rev. C. E. Spencer, Pussey; grand secretary, W. N. McMillan, Hamilton; grand medical referee, Dr. Wm. Crawford, Hamilton. The council adopted a resolution expressing appreciation of the action of the Ontario Government in the administration of the license act in New Ontario. The council recommended also that the temperance workers in local option districts should try to provide suitable places to supply the legitimate social enjoyment otherwise found in bars.

Toronto was selected for next year's convention. **CLINTON.** Rev. W. E. Kerr, who is closing a very successful four years' pastorate in the Ontario Street Methodist Church, has accepted a unanimous invitation to the Methodist Church in Tillsonburg. Rev. T. W. Cosens, of Wallaceburg, has been unanimously invited to the pastorate of Ontario Street Church of this town. Mr. Cosens has accepted, subject to the action of the stationing committee.

ENGLAND'S POOR

Commission Says a Degenerate Race is Being Produced.

New York, Feb. 18.—A special to the Times from London says: "The royal commission, which for the last three years has been studying the condition of the English poor under existing laws, issued a report of 1,400 pages.

Lord George Hamilton, chairman of the commission, says: "The serious feature of the report is the deliberate statement that the conditions of life in London and other big towns are such as to produce a degenerate race, morally and physically enfeebled. "Last year the poor of England and Wales received, in public relief, the amount of \$214,000,000. "Yesterday also the registrar-general issued his quarterly report, which shows that the birth rate of England and Wales for the last quarter of 1908 was 24.6 per annum per 1,000. This is 2.4 below the mean birth rate of the preceding four quarters, and the lowest ever recorded for a corresponding quarter."

DONALD MACKAY DEAD

"Grand Old Man" of Drygoods Trade Passes Away at Toronto.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—Donald Mackay, head of the drygoods firm of Gordon, Mackay & Co., died at his residence in Queen's Park this morning at the age of 84 years. He was known as "the grand old man" of the drygoods trade in Canada. Mr. Mackay was born at Kildonan, Sutherlandshire, Scotland, in 1815, and came to Canada in 1836. For a number of years he resided in Montreal, where he began his business career. In 1848 he moved to Hamilton, where, with his nephew, John Gordon, he laid the foundation of the firm of Gordon & Mackay. In 1859 the firm moved to Toronto. In 1867 Hugh MacDonald joined the firm, the name of which was then changed to Gordon, Mackay & Co. Mr. MacDonald retired in 1872. Mr. Gordon died in 1882, and four years later, C. C. Robb and J. W. Woods, who had been connected with the firm for a number of years, became partners. For a number of years Mr. Mackay was vice-president of the Ontario Bank.

He was also a director of the London and Canadian Loan and Agency Company, and was identified with several other enterprises. Mr. Mackay leaves three sons and one daughter, one of the sons being Capt. Drummond Mackay.

GEN. BLANCO WAS FULL OF FIGHT

But the Spanish Government
Ordered the Capitulation
of Santiago.

Madrid, Feb. 18.—The bitter controversy aroused last week by the publication here of some cablegrams exchanged between General Blanco at Havana, and the Government at Madrid, regarding the surrender of the city of Santiago, Cuba, to General Shafter on July 17, 1898, has been further envenomed by the appearance of a fresh batch of messages which demonstrate that the Government, when it found that Blanco was unalterably opposed to surrender, communicated directly with General Toral, the commander at Santiago, giving him a free hand to make terms. General Blanco on July 14, telegraphed Toral that he would try to relieve Santiago, and instructing him to insist that General Shafter allow the Spanish garrison to retire to Holguin or return to Spain on Spanish ships, as otherwise Spain would continue the defense. "Regarding your suggestion," General Blanco said further to General Toral, "that someone must be found to assume the responsibility for this situation, I repeat that I am responsible for everything that has occurred in Cuba since Oct. 1 last."

The same day General Blanco cabled Madrid that the juncture of the third army corps with the Santiago garrison had become impossible, but that Toral must not surrender except on honorable conditions. Madrid, thereupon, authorized Toral to treat independently of Blanco, but Blanco ascertaining this, sent a telegram warning that he could not include Toral in the terms of surrender. Nevertheless, General Toral on July 17, surrendered the whole army corps with its war material. In transmitting the announcement of this surrender to Madrid, Blanco reproached the Government, saying he could have prevented it upon the terms made. He added: "In spite of times intact twofold army supplies and its dismemberment the army continues intact, and the war can be continued."

The Correspondence, which pub-

MR. ROSS IS NOT PLAYING A GAME

President of Coal Company, Once
Beaten, Is Sincere in His
Efforts for Peace.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 18.—Fresh developments in the Dominion Steel and Coal situation are occurring all the time. When the local interests and traders had had time to consider the offer the Dominion Coal directors had made to the Steel Company, they decided that the Steel directors would surely accept one of the late offers made by the Coal Company, because from the outset the Steel directors had been claiming that all they wanted was the old contract. As far as the stocks were concerned, the surprise of the day was the indication of some weakness in Dominion Steel, common, while Steel, preferred, was showing great strength. Traders were at a loss to explain the difference in the movements of the two stocks and claimed at the conclusion that some interests must have been depressing Iron, common, with a view of accumulating a larger amount of it. Steel, preferred, after opening at par, made a good advance to 106, the advance being made with comparatively little stocks coming out. Dominion Coal, common, continued firm opening at 59 and selling later at 67.

GRAND TRUNK AND THIRD-CLASS FARES

Company May Ask to Have Two-Cent Enactment Cancelled.

Montreal, Feb. 18.—The Grand Trunk Railway officials, when seen today regarding the privy council decision that they would have to carry third-class passengers on at least one train a day between Toronto and Montreal, at the rate of two cents a mile, said they could not make any announcement regarding the judgment until they had received a full copy of it. Interviews with the leading officials indicated, however, that the company would, as quickly as possible, try to get the Government to do away with the two-cent rate enactment in the incorporation, and they thought the Government would readily grant it, because the company's chief competitor, the C. P. R., was not held to any such rule.

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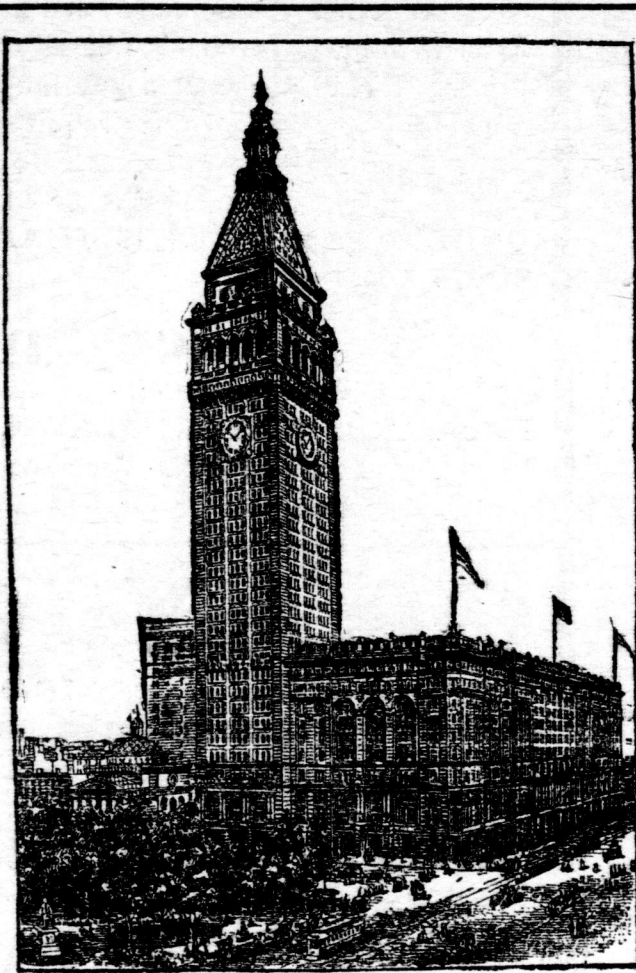
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being over 8 per cent. less than five years ago and more than 15 per cent. less than ten years ago

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The number of policies paid in 1908 averaged one for each sixty-five seconds of each business day of 8 hours, and in amount \$128.48 a minute, the year through. The value and timeliness of its policy payments may be gleaned from the fact that the claims paid during the year, 3,479 were under policies less than three months old, 6,890 were on policies under 6 months, and 12,896 were within the first year of insurance.

H. T. TINNEY, Superintendent, Masonic Temple, Richmond and King Streets, London, Ont.
E. H. SINK, Dr. Asst., Dominion Bank Bldg., St. Thomas, Ont.
ROBT. FLATTERY, Dr. Asst., Kelley Block, 89 Ontario Street, Stratford, Ont.
FREDERICK DUTTON, Dr. Asst., 386 Dundas St., Woodstock, Ont.

OBLIGATIONS

Dividends Apportioned, payable 1909, on Participating Policies, Intermediate Branch	\$1,382,722.00
Same on Participating Policies, Ordinary Dept.	104,203.73
(NOTE: Nearly all this Company's Ordinary Policies are Non-Participating—issued at low rates of premium.)	
Bonuses Apportioned, payable 1909, on Industrial Policies	2,650,000.00
	\$4,136,925.73
Reinsurance Fund and Special Reserve	208,134,891.00
All other Liabilities	2,532,637.34
Capital and Surplus	22,122,907.12
	\$236,927,361.19

The Metropolitan has more premium paying business in force in the United States than any other company.

The Metropolitan has in force one-third of all the legal reserve policies in force in the United States. Its Industrial policies in force nearly equal in number all the Industrial policies of all the other companies in the country combined.

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Life Ins. Co.

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COMPARISONS, ETC.

Income in 1908	\$76,732,343.24
Gain over 1907	\$3,618,182.35
Surplus in 1908	\$22,122,907.12
Increase over 1907	\$8,171,007.98
Total Number of Policies in Force	9,960,106
Gain over 1907	340,097
Total Amount Outstanding Insurance,	\$1,861,890,803.00

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT

INSURANCE IN FORCE, \$1,334,951,425

Number of Industrial policies in force, 9,301,001—insuring over six and a half millions of individual lives in the families of wage-earners. While the contracts are and always have been non-participating, the Company will this year have spent nearly EIGHTEEN millions of dollars in voluntary bonuses and concessions to the holders of these policies in thirteen years.

Cash bonuses on all whole life policies are annually allowed, amounting to over 8 per cent. of the premiums for a year. Additions of from 5 to 30 per cent. are made to policies maturing as claims, according to time policies have persisted. By the Company's present practice whole life policies are made free after age 75 or paid as endowments at age 80.

Industrial Insurance is Family Insurance, covering all ages from 1 to 70 on life, endowment and annuity plans.

PLAN CAMPAIGN FOR PROHIBITION

Royal Templars' Grand Council Think Sentiment Is Ripe For It

Toronto, Feb. 18.—The Ontario Grand Council of the Royal Templars of Temperance at its closing session today passed the following resolution: "Believing that public sentiment in Ontario is ripe for the enactment of legislation entirely abolishing the bar, we would urge upon each select council a most active campaign to secure such legislation. It is the intention of the order to commence a prohibition campaign just as soon as local option had been secured in two-thirds of the Province. Election of officers followed, with this result: Grand councillor, Rev. P. Fletcher, Drayton; grand past councillor, W. J. Armstrong, West Toronto; grand vice-councillor, Mrs. S. H. Welsh, Pictou; grand chaplain, Rev. C. R. Spencer, Pusey; grand secretary, W. N. McMillan, Hamilton; grand medical referee, Dr. Wm. Crawford, Hamilton. The council adopted a resolution expressing appreciation of the action of the Ontario Government in the administration of the license act in New Ontario. The council recommended also that the temperance workers in local option districts should try to provide suitable places to supply the legitimate social enjoyment otherwise found in bars. Toronto was selected for next year's convention.

CLINTON.

Rev. W. E. Kerr, who is closing a very successful four years' pastorate in the Ontario Street Methodist Church, has accepted a unanimous invitation to the Methodist Church in Tillsonburg. Rev. T. W. Cosens, of Wallaceburg, has been unanimously invited to the pastorate of Ontario Street Church of this town. Mr. Cosens has accepted, subject to the action of the stationing committee.

ENGLAND'S POOR

Commission Says a Degenerate Race Is Being Produced.

New York, Feb. 18.—A special to Times from London says: "The royal commission, which for last three years has been studying the condition of the English poor under existing laws, issued a report of 1,400 pages. Lord George Hamilton, chairman of the commission, says: 'The serious feature of the report is the deliberate statement that the conditions of life in London and other big towns are such as to produce a degenerate race, morally and physically enfeebled.' 'Last year the poor of England and Wales received public relief to the amount of £14,000,000. 'Yesterday also the registrar-general issued his quarterly report, which showed that the birth rate of England and Wales for the last quarter of 1908 was 24.6 per annum per 1,000. This is 2.4 below the mean birth rate of the preceding four quarters, and the lowest ever recorded for a corresponding quarter."

DONALD MACKAY DEAD

"Grand Old Man" of Drygoods Trade Passes Away at Toronto. Toronto, Feb. 18.—Donald Mackay, head of the drygoods firm of Gordon, Mackay & Co., died at his residence in Queen's Park this morning at the age of 94 years. He was known as "the grand old man" of the drygoods trade in Canada. Mr. Mackay was born at Kildonan, Sutherlandshire, Scotland, in 1815, and came to Canada in 1836. For a number of years he resided in Montreal, where he began his business career. In 1848 he moved to Hamilton, where, with his nephew, John Gordon, he laid the foundation of the firm of Gordon & Mackay. In 1859 the firm moved to Toronto. In 1877 Hugh Mackay joined the firm, the name of which was then changed to Gordon, Mackay & Co. Mr. Mackay was vice-president of the Ontario Bank. He was also a director of the London and Canadian Loan and Agency Company, and was identified with several other enterprises. Mr. Mackay leaves three sons and one daughter, one of the sons being Capt. Drummond Mackay.

GEN. BLANCO WAS FULL OF FIGHT

But the Spanish Government Ordered the Capitulation of Santiago.

Madrid, Feb. 18.—The bitter controversy aroused last week by the publication here of some cablegrams exchanged between General Blanco at Havana, and the Government at Madrid, regarding the surrender of the city of Santiago, Cuba, to General Shafter on July 17, 1898, has been further envenomed by the appearance of a fresh batch of messages which demonstrate that the Government, when it found that Blanco was unalterably opposed to surrender, communicated directly with General Toral the commander at Santiago, giving him a free hand to make terms. General Blanco on July 14, telegraphed Toral that he would try to relieve Santiago, and instructing him to insist that General Shafter allow the Spanish garrison to retire to Holguin or return to Spain on Spanish ships, as otherwise Spain would continue the defense. "Regarding your suggestion," General Blanco said further to General Toral, "that someone must be found to assume the responsibility for this situation, I repeat that I am responsible for everything that has occurred in Cuba since Oct. 1 last." The same day General Blanco cabled Madrid that the junction of the third army corps with the Santiago garrison, had become impossible, but that Toral must not surrender except on honorable conditions. Madrid, thereupon, authorized Toral to treat independently of Blanco, but Blanco, according to this, sent a telegram warning Toral that he could not include the entire fourth army corps in the surrender as the other garrisons were capable of holding out. Nevertheless, General Toral on July 17, surrendered the whole army corps with its war material. In transmitting the announcement of this surrender to Madrid, Blanco reproached the Government, saying he could have prevented it upon the terms made. He added: "In spite of times intact twmfwp acmtfypaph its dismemberment the army continues intact, and the war can be continued." The Correspondence, which pub-

MR. ROSS IS NOT PLAYING A GAME

President of Coal Company, Once Beaten, Is Sincere in His Efforts for Peace.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 18.—Fresh developments in the Dominion Steel and Coal situation are occurring all the time. When the local interests and traders had had time to consider the offer the Dominion Coal directors had made to the Steel Company, they decided that the Steel directors would surely accept one of the late offers made by the Coal Company, because from the outset the Steel directors had been claiming that all they wanted was the old contract. As far as the stocks were concerned, the surprise of the day was the indication of some weakness in Dominion Steel, common, while Steel, preferred, was showing great strength. Traders were at a loss to explain the difference in the movements of the two stocks and claimed at the conclusion that some interests must have been depressing Iron, common, with a view of accumulating a larger amount of it. Steel, preferred, after opening at par, made a good advance to 105, the advance being made with comparatively little stocks coming out. Dominion Coal, common, continued firm opening at 59 and selling later at 57. Ross Is Sincere. Mr. James Ross, the president of the Dominion Coal Company here, fought the Steel Company so bitterly and ardently that some local financial interests have been asking themselves if there is not something behind the offer he made to the Steel Company to renege the position in which they were before the first trouble started. One leading interest, however, states emphatically that from the moment Mr. Ross became aware of the industry of Dr. Stresemann, a member of the Reichstag, and chairman of the Association of Saxon Manufacturers, to secure the removal of the Canadian duties in return for Germany's extension of her continental tariff to Canadian goods with ulterior hopes of a wider reaching reciprocal tariff after the pattern of the Franco-Canadian convention. German exporters hope thus to overcome the British preference. Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, home secretary, replying to Dr. Stresemann

SEWER GAS, NOT POISON

Caused Death of One and Sickness of Others in Restaurant.

Montreal, Feb. 18.—That the death of Thomas Green and serious illness of four other men yesterday was not caused by strychnine poisoning, as was supposed yesterday, was definitely established this morning. The men were found in an unconscious condition in a little luncheon room in Cathedral street, and it was supposed that the coffee which they had been drinking was poisoned. It developed this morning, however, that one of the men, Edward Saunders, had not had anything to eat or drink in the place before being taken sick. Chief Detective Carpentier made a personal investigation of the premises this morning, and found that the death of Green had been caused by sewer gas. The little place was closed up when the detectives and a small crowd of newspapermen visited it this morning. The key was obtained and the men passed inside. Two minutes later they were glad to make a dive for the open air. The place was filled with gas from a sewer, and its effects were felt in immediately. By opening a door and window the gas was cleared out, but after the little room had been closed up for five minutes it was again found to be full of the deadly gas. The men, who were overcome yesterday, were all reported to be making good progress this morning, and it is not likely that any of the others will succumb.

COMING TO TERMS

German Merchants Seek Better Commercial Understanding With Canada.

London, Feb. 18.—Germany is evidently much in earnest in the desire to draw closer to Canada. A German Canadian Economic Association has been formed in Berlin under the presidency of Dr. Stresemann, a member of the Reichstag, and chairman of the Association of Saxon Manufacturers, to secure the removal of the Canadian duties in return for Germany's extension of her continental tariff to Canadian goods with ulterior hopes of a wider reaching reciprocal tariff after the pattern of the Franco-Canadian convention. German exporters hope thus to overcome the British preference. Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, home secretary, replying to Dr. Stresemann

on behalf of the German Government, states: "Our relations with Canada formed for some time past is the object of our most earnest attention. There is no hindrance on the part of Germany to bringing about an understanding which will permit the entry of the products of each land into the other under favorable conditions. So far the steps taken for this purpose have led to no result. I cherish, however, the hope that once again the Canadian market will be made accessible to Germany and the German market to Canada."

LATTER DAY SAINTS

Maitland Street Congregation to Erect a New Church. At a special business meeting held by the Maitland Street Latter Day Saints, it was decided to appoint a committee to collect funds for the building of a new church. Tenders were read for the renovating of the interior of the old church building, and the contract awarded. Elder Fred Gregory, of St. Marys, a forcible, logical, interesting and spiritual preacher, is expected here to commence a series of meetings, lasting a month or more, on Feb. 28. A special advertising committee was appointed to extensively advertise the series of gospel services, which are expected to do much good.

AUSTRIAN FOR UMPIRE

Dr. Lamasch to Preside Over the Fisheries Tribunal. London, Feb. 18.—Dr. Heinrich Lamasch, an eminent Austrian jurist and professor in the University of Vienna, has been proposed as umpire of the arbitration court to which it is intended to submit the Newfoundland fisheries questions.

FORETOLD HIS DEATH.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—Hugh C. Wilson, the brakeman who was killed on Sunday morning at Chapeau in a rear-end collision, knew the day before that he was doomed to die. On Saturday he wrote a letter to his wife stating that accidents were becoming frequent, and that he felt that he was going to be the next to be killed. He gave no reason for his belief, only stating that he was almost sure that he was going to be killed in a wreck. The letter had not reached his wife when the rear-end collision occurred and he was killed. A peculiar circumstance is that no one else on the train was even injured.

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The Molino (Cape Colony) farmers have hit upon a novel plan for dealing with locusts. A farmer has imported some eagle kites for the purpose of scouring locusts from the crops. Mexico has now in operation a metallic cartridge factory, with a daily capacity of 50,000 cartridges. The factory, which was constructed on the historic plains of the Molina del Rey, contains machinery of the best model in the world.

The United States Government is experimenting in San Francisco Bay with a buoy bearing three huge wings of corrugated iron sheeting, which echo the whistles of steam vessels. It is believed it will prove as effective in a fog as though the buoy itself furnished the noise. Since its introduction into the English protectorate of Uganda in 1901 the sleeping sickness has killed no fewer than 200,000 out of a total population of 300,000.

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City and District

—Wednesday, Feb. 24, will be the first day of the Lenten season. —The Bishop of Huron has appointed Rev. F. K. Hughes, of Theford, to be incumbent of the parish of Courtwright. It is expected he will assume the duties of his new position about the middle of March.

Mr. Wilson's Condition.
The condition of Mr. Nicholas Wilson shows no change. Mr. Wilson had a very restless night, but seems no worse than he was yesterday, when a slight improvement was noticed.

Formerly Stationed Here.
The funeral of Staff Captain Mantion of the Salvation Army, formerly of London, was held in Toronto on Wednesday afternoon, and was very largely attended. The funeral services were conducted by Commissioner Coombs. Interment was made in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto.

New "Sky Pieces."
Brantford Expositor: Three members of the police force have been ordered to report to receive new helmets. The members who will thus sport new headgear are P. C. Boylan, Kerr, and Borthwick. The ordinary life of the helmet, it might be interesting to note, is 20 years.

A Surprise Party.
A very enjoyable time was spent last night at the residence of Miss Ethel Pring, of Walnut street, when a number of young people gave her a surprise party. Games were played, and afterwards lunch was served. The party broke up at an early hour this morning.

Death of Mrs. H. L. Wright.
The many friends of the family will regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Hester L. Wright, widow of William

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Now is the time to make your marmalade, while our **SPECIAL NARVEL ORANGE SALE** is on. Per dozen . . . 23c, 27c, 33c
Finest and largest **BITTER ORANGES**, per dozen . . . 25c
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First quality Furs all reduced in price. Would pay you to buy if you did not use them until next winter.

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PRACTICAL FURRIER.

C. Wright, a former resident of this city, the sad event occurred at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. R. Hamilton, 535 Cass avenue, Detroit, on Feb. 9, in her 87th year. Many of the old citizens will remember the deceased lady and her husband, as they resided here for many years. The other members of the family left to mourn the loss of a kind and loving mother are Mrs. John Hughes, Mrs. John W. Rowell, Mrs. Charles R. Baxter, Mrs. A. A. McDonald, Mrs. John Bell and Mrs. O. S. Benson, all of Detroit; Mrs. J. Jackson, of this city; Wm. A. Wright, Bay City, Mich., and Mrs. Frank T. Lewis, of La Jolla, Colorado.

A Correction.
Through an error, Mr. R. J. Donaghy, the well-known local grocer, who spoke at the association's banquet on Wednesday night, was made to say that he believed in "knocking" and not in "boosting." Donaghy said that he believed in "boosting" and not in "knocking."

London People.
Hamilton Spectator: Chief Smith has received a communication from London, Ont., intimating that the right name of Mrs. E. Smalley, a well-known colored lady, wife of a former porter on the C. P. R., and who died here some twelve years ago. He was about 35 years of age, and was well known to the mother of the deceased. The groom's gift to the bride was a diamond brooch and to the groomsmen a diamond stick pin. The bride was inherited the estate in her travelling gown of royal blue. The happy couple left last night for London and other points west.

Heirs to Property.
Word has been received here from the Klondike of the death of Ernest Smalley, a former resident of this city. Mr. Smalley was the only son of the late Mrs. E. Smalley, a well-known colored lady, wife of a former porter on the C. P. R., and who died here some twelve years ago. He was about 35 years of age, and was well known to the mother of the deceased. The groom's gift to the bride was a diamond brooch and to the groomsmen a diamond stick pin. The bride was inherited the estate in her travelling gown of royal blue. The happy couple left last night for London and other points west.

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Delicious served with cream. Large glasses, 50c.

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The best strawberry jam made—25c glass.

The Nicest Canned Vegetables
California Asparagus, 35c and 45c can.

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Three very fine Axminster Rugs, size 8 ft. 3 in. by 11 ft. 6 in., in exquisite colors, extra close pile. Regular price \$37.50. To sell at . . . **\$25.75**

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2,700 feet more of Room Moulding, plain and fancy patterns. Regular 4c foot. To sell at, foot . . . **1 3/4c**

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1 only, Crescent, regular \$8.50, for . . . **\$3.25**
1 only, Amethyst and Pearls, regular \$29, for **\$14.50**
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Gent's single stone diamond ring, regular \$34, for . . . **\$17.00**
Gent's single stone diamond ring, regular \$36, for . . . **\$18.00**
Gent's single stone diamond ring, regular \$28, for . . . **\$14.00**
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