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BY JOSEPH HOCKING.

Author of "All Men are Liars," "Fields of Fair Renown," etc., etc.

CHAPTER I
INTRODUCE THE WRITER AND OTHERS

My story begins on the morning of December 15th, 18—, while sitting at breakfast. Let it be understood before we go further that I was a bachelor living in lodgings. I had been left an orphan just before I came of age, and was thus cast upon the world at a time when it was extremely dangerous for young men to be alone. Especially was it so in my case, owing to the fact that at twenty-one I inherited a considerable fortune. One thing for sure, my father, a passionate lover of literature, which led me to make it my profession. I had at the time of my story been following the best of my inclinations for two years with a fair amount of success, and was regarded by those who knew me as a lucky fellow. That is all I need say concerning myself prior to the time when my story opens, except to tell my name; but that I will drop very soon. I had not a servant, my landlady prepared for me when I heard the postman's knock, and soon after I had conferred with a letter. One only I had expected at least half-a-dozen, but only one lay on the tray before me.

"Are you sure this is all, Jane?" I asked.

"Quite sure, sir," said Jane, smiling, and then with a curtsey she disappeared. The envelope was addressed in a bold handwriting to—

Justin M. Blake, Esq.,
Gower Street,
London, W.

"Surely I know the writing," I mused, and then began to look at the postmark and the letter was something of very uncommon occurrence. I could make nothing of the illegible scrawl in the corner, however, and so opened it, and read as follows:

"Dear old Justin Martyr:

"I suppose you have about forgotten your old schoolfellow, Tom Temple, and it's natural you should; but he has not forgotten you. You see, you have risen to fame, and I have remained in obscurity. Ah, well, such is the fate of that community called 'country gentlemen.' But this is not what I want to write about, and I am going straight to the real object of this letter.

"We—that is, mother, the girls, and myself—are contemplating a real jolly Christmas. We are inviting a few friends to spend Christmas and New Year with us, and we wish you to make one of the number. Will you come and spend a fortnight or so at Temple Hall? Of course it is rather quiet here, but we are going to do our best to make it more lively than usual. The weather looks frosty, and that promises skating. We have a few good horses, so that we can have some rides across the country. There are some places of shooting, hunting, etc., etc. Altogether, if you will come and help us, we can promise a fairly good ball of fare. What do you say? You must excuse me for writing in this unconventional strain, but I can't write otherwise to my old schoolfellow.

"We shall all be really disappointed if you say 'no,' so write at once and tell us, and we will come, also when we may expect you. All the news when we meet.

"Your sincere friend,
TOM TEMPLE.

"P. S.—I might say that most of the guests will arrive on Christmas Eve."

"Just the very thing," I exclaimed. "I had been wondering what to do and where to go this Christmas time, and this invitation comes in splendidly.

"Tom Temple lived in Yorkshire, at a fine old country house some distance from the metropolis of that county, and was a really good fellow. As for his mother and sisters, I knew but little about them, but I judged from the letters his mother wrote him when at school, that she must be a true, kind-hearted, motherly woman."

I accordingly turned to my desk, wrote to Tom telling him to expect me on the

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Fashion Hint for Times Readers



SCINTILLATING ORNAMENTS FOR THE HAIR.

Sequins sewed to gauze ribbon are one of the features of American opera half-dressings this season. Black is much used just as with the French fur for the soubre color, and the black gauze outline ribbon-splashed with silver sequins makes the all black frock extremely chic. A band of the ribbon passes, fillet fashion, under the knot of puffs at the back of the head.

travel alone. However, you will have a chaperon; so, the delicacy will be more than remedied—and there was a grin of satisfaction in the woman's voice.

"There was no satisfaction in the young lady's face, however, and she turned with what I thought an angry look towards the scrawny duenna, who had claimed guardianship over her, and said:

"No, I have not; but your aunt had, poor silly creature, and so, for duty's sake, I am breaking the rules of etiquette. Those five people you are about to visit did not think it worth their while to visit your aunt's late husband's step-sister—perhaps because she is poor; but she has a soul above her station, and so determined to come and take care of her niece."

The young lady made no reply.

"You will be thankful, Gertrude Forrest, some day that I do care for you," Miss Stagles continued, although I never expected to get any reward for my kindness.

By this time the train was going rapidly and I had to get out at the station. I heard only the growing of Miss Stagles' voice without distinguishing any words. I did not know how to get out, and I was by no means pleased to have to sit and listen to her hoarse voice, so I pulled down the lace of my travelling cap over my ears, and, closing my eyes, began to think who Gertrude Forrest was, and where she was going.

I did not change carriage as I intended, and so there was relief in that quarter. My seat was most comfortable, and I did not want to be disturbed. Hour after hour passed by, until night came on; then the wind blew colder, and I began to wonder how soon the journey would end, when the collector came to take all the tickets from the Leamington passengers. She was very kind, and I was glad to see her. I did not wait there long, as I stood in the platform, which stopped at a station some two miles from Tom Temple's home. By this time there was every evidence that the holiday season had begun, and I was glad to get in at all, unmindful of comfort.

(To Be Continued)

CUT OFF WHISKER TO MAKE HAIR PUFFS

Joseph Caldwell Argyle Was Robbed of His Hirsute Adornment While He Slept—Wants Divorce From Wife Who 'Clipped Him'

Denver, Col., Dec. 15.—If a man's wife cuts off his whiskers when he is asleep and has them whiskers made up into puffs for her hair, can he secure a divorce on the ground of cruelty? Joseph Caldwell Argyle wants to know.

Joseph Caldwell Argyle arrives in indignation and no little humiliation, and inquires plaintively as above.

Humble J. Barry, attorney at law, to whom the question was put, says:

"Yes, but—"

"But what?" demands Joseph Caldwell Argyle.

"It's a matter for the jury to decide," says Barry.

Joseph Caldwell Argyle resides in the eastern part of the county, and is a ranchman. Some months ago Joseph accumulated a spouse, who came from Seattle, and she was most comfortable, and an advertisement in a matrimonial paper.

In addition to having a plethora bank roll Joseph was possessed of a vast crop of whiskers—not the kind that whiskers blanket whiskers, which started growing somewhere around his eyebrows, and enclosed his countenance and most of the face of Joseph's hair.

These whiskers were famous throughout the length and breadth of Arapahoe county and many parts of Denver, because of the high regard in which Joseph held them. His fairly dotted upon them, and they were beacons in color, and the joy of Joseph's heart.

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The Seattle wife, says Joseph, did not take to those whiskers at any stage of the matrimonial journey. She abhorred them, and she was generally interested in combing them, and she yanked viciously at those whiskers and almost split them open. She got so displeased with them in new-angled ways, and a few days ago she came to me and said she wanted puffs for her hair. I told her I would give her hair. Now what in time she wanted puffs for more than I can tell, but she didn't see the use.

"All right, you old crab you," she says to me. "I'll fix you." And that night she was asleep that cruel woman clipped off my beautiful whiskers. She was gone the next morning when I woke up, and it was a good thing too, because there was murder in my heart. I looked like a plucked chicken, I tell you, and I had to come into Denver and get what was left of my beard trimmed up Van Dyke fashion, like you see, and I feel all-tried foolish, too, I tell you.

I'll meet my wife in the street and she was dressed fit to kill. She had her hair all fixed up in great shape with them puffs, and the moment I see her I say 'Myrtle'—that's her name—Myrtle, what did you do with my whiskers?"

"She patted the top of her hat and said 'They're under here, Joseph, in my hair. They made the dandiest puffs you ever saw, and the hairdresser took what was left to make another set without charging me for them."

"Now, do you think that's grounds for divorce, eh?"

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Price 25 cents at all dealers. Beware of imitations of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Ask for it and insist on getting the original. Put up in a yellow wrapper and three pins cross the trade mark.

HEAT AND COLOR

A new color scheme, consisting of orange colored underwear and hat linings, is to be tried by the United States government for the benefit of its soldiers in the Philippines. It is well known that black and red absorb the heat of the sun and in the warmth of persons wearing garments dyed white, blue and green disintegrate the rays. Orange, it is asserted, acts as a barrier to heat, even as orange glass in a photographer's dark room arrests the chemical action of light while the development of the plate is in progress. The experiment in the Philippines will continue for a year, with a view to testing the theory that orange is heat proof. If such is shown to be the fact, a simple and inexpensive means of contributing to the comfort of the soldiers in tropical regions will have been discovered. Incidentally, averting humanity here at home may find relief in orange garments during the midsummer season.—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

NOTED AUTHOR DEAD

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 15.—Donald Grant Mitchell, 84 years old, the well-known author, who wrote under the nom-de-plume "The Marvel," died at his home "Marblewood," in Edgewood, a suburb of this city, tonight. His illness dates to August last, when he suffered an attack of acute indigestion, from the effects of which he rallied so that he was able to walk about his home at times, unattended, until two weeks ago, when he began to fail slowly. Sunday his condition became rapidly worse, until the end came shortly after 9 o'clock tonight, due to the gradual breaking down incident to old age. Mr. Mitchell was born in Norwich, Conn., in April, 1822.

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BOSTON CLIPS LICENSE VOTE

Increase of Prohibition Sentiment Shown by Decreased Majority Recorded for License in Yesterday's Election

Boston, Dec. 15.—The usual Democratic majorities in the board of aldermen and common council were found to be maintained tonight at the conclusion of the count of the election returns, while the Democrats also succeeded in electing their candidates, street commissioner by a comfortable majority, the street commissioner's ship fight being the principal contest of the election in the absence of a contest for mayor.

The strong fight put up by the no-license advocates in the suburbs of the city resulted in reducing the license majority of last year by 4,500, the city going license by 11,088.

Captain John H. Dunn, of South Boston, was elected street commissioner, receiving 37,635 votes, to 28,849 for Milton C. Fales, the Republican candidate. There were 43 candidates for the thirteen aldermanic offices to be filled at large, and the election resulted in the reelection of seven Democrats and six Republicans. The entire ticket of the good government association who endorsed the Republican and pro Democrat was elected.

The complexion of the next common council will be 48 Democrats and 27 Republicans.

The vote on the license question was: Yes, 24,787; no, 22,796, a majority for license of 11,988, as compared with 16,490 last year.

The election was an unusually quiet one and only about 45,000 votes were cast out of a total registration of over 111,000.

The license majority last year was 18,000 and the year before 24,300.

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"Are You Nervous?"

The results of modern civilization are evidenced in an increase of nervous disorders. It could not be otherwise with the way we eat, drink, lose sleep, and keep up a continual round of excitement. The work, the worry, the excitement, all tell upon the nerves till they cry out in revolt, and will not be pleased till a remedy such as—

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some along with their nerve-strengthening and energizing properties, and restore them to their normal condition.

Mrs. Wm. Levi, Markdale, Ont., writes: "I had for several years been troubled with nervousness, and, like many others, spent lots of money on medicines that did me no good. I was so bad that the least noise would make me jump and my heart would thump so you could hear it plainly and I could not lie on my left side at night. I read a few testimonials of others and decided to try Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, and to my great joy and surprise they completely cured me and I can do all my boxes to do it. I have a neighbor, Mrs. Bickett, and I induced her to try them and they cured her, too. I can endorse their use for anyone afflicted as I was."

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A CHRISTMAS NUMBER

In the 1926 Christmas number of "The Farmer's Advocate and Home Magazine" articles of general interest from the pens of leading Canadian authorities treat a pleasing variety of topics in a comprehensive and interesting manner. Dr. B. G. Fernow of the University of Toronto, in a sweeping survey of the timber situation in Canada, impresses the forestry interest in forestry. Turning the pages, one's interest is arrested by Frank Yeigh's picturesque portraiture of Norwegian agriculture. The "Farmer's Advocate" in Canada is considered in the light of wide personal knowledge by J. H. Gridale, of Ottawa. The celebrated achievements of a noted Canadian planter in hybridizing the gladiolus are told in a most interesting, illustrated article. President G. C. Coleman, of the Ontario Agricultural College, records his personal observations of agriculture in France and Italy. "A Quarter of a Century in Poultrykeeping," "The Trend of Maritime Agriculture," "Quebec's Dairy Industry," and a description of the largest fruit farm in British Columbia, are among the many other noteworthy articles; while stockmen will be interested in a very readable account of the International Live Stock Exposition in Chicago. There are also Christmas features. Subscribers of this number in lieu of a regular issue. To non-subscribers, the price is 50 cents per copy. New subscribers will receive it as a premium while the supply lasts. Address the William Weid Co., Limited, London, Ont.

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Frederic R. Conner, of the Symphony, is a capricious story-teller, and one of his latest tales to a republican rally he attended in St. John. The orator at the close of an eloquent peroration intended to convert any Democrats present, exclaimed: "If there is a Democrat present, let him stand up!"

"And why, sir," shouted the orator, "are you a Democrat?"

"My father and grandfather were before me. And had your father and grandfather been thieves, what would you have been?"

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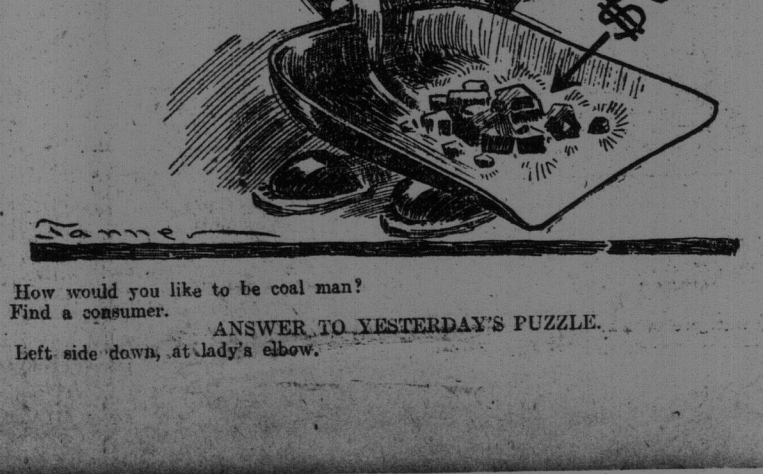
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December 16, 1908.

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WHY FRANCE CAN BEAT GERMANY

(Montreal Herald.) If it is going to be war between France and Germany, then this time France is going to win.

Things are very different now from what they were in 1870. Then the French government was inept and corrupt.

The army of the Emperor was assured, it is ready down to the last button of the last gaiter.

As a matter of fact, it was quite unready. And when it did take the field the French War Office was able to mobilize at the beginning only about 300,000 men, against Germany's 600,000.

True, in four weeks the number of the army of 300,000 was more than doubled, but the same relative disproportion held good, for Germany had by then 1,150,000 men under arms.

The result was seen in such overwhelming disasters as that at Sedan, when on September 1st, less than six weeks after the declaration of war, Macdonald's army of 150,000 men was annihilated and the Emperor taken prisoner.

That was Germany's triumph and France's humiliating defeat. It was also France's lesson. She learned it thoroughly. She will never be caught napping again.

Today she can put 3,000,000 men into the field. It is true that against these Germany claims to be able to put 4,300,000.

This, however, is largely a paper estimate, and an exaggerated one. In effect, unless all the German soldiers, the available armed forces of the two nations are numerically about equal.

Germany, on the other hand, has allowed herself to become more or less demoralized, and in the last few years, money that should have been devoted to building up an altogether unnecessary navy, has been used for the purpose of doing a strong fleet in his pocket lobby.

The result has been to subtract from his own strength the means of his own defence. The inhabitants of the South German island states—Saxony, Bavaria, Baden, Wurtemberg—are quite willing to submit to the heavy taxes for the upkeep of the army. But they are not at all willing to pay for a navy into the bargain, and they are not at all ready to do so.

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Crowds Grow Greater

At the Great Clearance Sale of C. B. Pidgeon, Corner Main and Bridge Streets

St. John's Greatest Bargain Event Now in the Zenith of Its Great and Glorious Success

Never before such a volume of business. No wonder—never before such bargains. That the closing days of this remarkable sale will be greater than the opening days, is now the positive outlook from the daily increase of business which is rapidly reducing our enormous stock to the point desired.

We therefore advise you to come early if you want to get another chance at the Great Bargains this week.

TO KEEP THE BARGAINS FRESH IN YOUR MEMORY WE AGAIN QUOTE A FEW PRICES:

- Men's Fine Winter Overcoats, \$4.98, 5.98, 6.98 to 9.48, were \$10 to 16.50
Men's Fall and Winter Suits, \$3.98 to 12.48, were \$8.00 to 18.50
Boys' Suits, 2 and 3 piece, \$1.68 to 3.48, were from \$2.50 to 7.00
Boys' Overcoats and Reefers, \$2.48 to 3.98, were from \$4.00 to 7.50
Boys' Pants, 38c to 98c, were 75c to \$1.50
Infants' Boots, 23c to 68c, were 50c to \$1.25
Children's Boots, 78c to 98c, were \$1.00 to 1.50
Girls' Boots, 98c to \$1.38, were \$1.25 to 2.00
Boys' Boots, 98c to \$1.98, were \$1.25 to 3.00
Women's Boots, 98c to \$1.98, were \$1.50 to 3.00
Men's Boots, 98c to \$3.38, were \$1.50 to 5.00

Childs' Rubbers, 38c; Girls', 45c; Women's, 48 and 53c; Men's, 68c. Childs' Overshoes, 2-buckle, \$1.28; Girls', \$1.38; Women's, \$1.68; Men's Overshoes, \$1.38 and \$1.48. Men's fleece-lined Underwear, 38c. Stanfield's Unshrinkable Underwear, 88c and 98c. Car Fare paid to City Purchasers of \$3.00 or more.

C. B. PIDGEON

Corner Main and Bridge Streets.

"BOBS," THE APOSTLE OF DEFENSE

THIS IS ATTRACTIVE Jewelry News That Will Interest the Christmas Shoppers.

When Lord Roberts, who made his important speech in the House of Lords the other day on the question of national defence, vacated his post as Commander-in-Chief of the British Army in 1904 he had served on the active list for nearly fifty years. He had won and well earned most of the honors which can be bestowed on a successful soldier, and who believe he priced equal, the devotion of all high and low, who had served under him.

For some years I was on his personal staff, and had, therefore, every opportunity of seeing the great soldier working day by day. During the whole of that time he seemed to work all his waking hours, and he had the faculty of getting the members of his personal staff to do the same. He was a man who was as strenuous and as cheerfully as he did.

His correspondence was enormous, but he insisted on every letter being read, and whether it came from a duke or a little child, and if a request could be granted he never refused. It was this kindly feeling toward all men which was his so much work. But, as he gave time for work alone, the more letters and problems there were to solve the better he seemed to like it.

It was while he was in the middle of this work at the War Office, and retired from the office of Commander-in-Chief was abolished. He was then seventy-two, but he was as keen and as vigorous as he was in his youth. He was in the middle of a fortitude which set a fine example to those about him. It was said then, and I believe with truth, that he showed all the time that he displayed when he conducted that famous march from Kabul to Kandahar years before.

It will be well understood, then, that when he left the War Office he refused to go into the retirement. He had a great need for our youth to learn the shooting, and within a few months he began his great campaign in favor of miniature rifle clubs.

About the same time he determined to try to rouse the people to a sense of the defenceless condition of the country, and delivered at the Mansion House the first of his many speeches calling attention to the fact that if England were invaded he could not hope to repel the invader.

Of the many brave things which Lord Roberts has done during his career, I think this crusade of his is the bravest. He has had to face active as well as passive resistance. By many people he is regarded as a mere alarmist.

PERSISTENT MAN. But in spite of all the obstacles and the heart-breaking disappointments, he works on. At seventy-six he continues his warnings of the peril in which his fellow-countrymen are standing. At his home at Ascot he works at his desk with unshaken energy, and today he will call attention again to the invasion danger. He will also urge the desirability of calling on the government to give a definite statement as to the result of the recent inquiry by the committee of Imperial Defence.

Men, in face of the many difficulties, would have given up hope, but Lord Roberts will return to the charge to do his best to convey the slight reflection upon the commissioners or on their integrity. We ourselves do not regard the despatch as containing any such reflection, and we regret that anybody should put any such construction upon it.

A government return just issued shows that the aliens settled in Britain so far this year number 17,726, against 21,018 last year.

CHICAGO MARKET REPORT

Table with columns for Dec. Wheat, Dec. Corn, etc.

MONTREAL QUOTATIONS

Table with columns for Dom. Iron & Steel, P. R. Ry., etc.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Table with columns for December, January, etc.

NEW YORK FINANCIAL

Our reports from uptown circles last night showed a number of the so-called big uptown operators to be very bearish and apparently planning to attack the stock market today.

Reference was made to Steel, Paul, and Reading in this connection.

It is stated on good authority that Int. Pump is to be put higher.

A campaign is planned in the stock market by the promoters of the company.

A point made in favor of the industrial as against the tariff agitation is that the commodity prices are steadily advancing, bearing good profits for industries that control raw material.

New York.—There is a bear tip in circulation in some offices today on Mop. No news accounts of the talk. It is from professional sources.

There is a growing appreciation of the merits of K. T., which is beginning to be tipped quite strongly for further improvement, it being evident that special interests have become interested in the stock owing to the attention attracted by special analysis issued from time to time by important concerns.

The report is practically certain to absorb another big system in the not distant future, and we consider the intrinsic value present to be in excess of 20. Very good buying has been taking place lately. Heavy foreign selling checked the rise. Progress toward higher prices may be slow, but it is certain.

STERLING EXCHANGE

Demand, 488.70; cables, 487; sixty days, 485.

MARINE NEWS

The captain of the steamer Ernest, en route between Charlottetown and Point St. Charles, reports a large quantity of ice in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

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Advertisement for 'Dolop' corsets, featuring an illustration of a woman in a corset and text describing the product as 'SPECIALY PRICED AT \$1.00'.

Advertisement for 'DOMINION CORSET CO.' featuring text about the quality and style of their corsets.

THE EVENING TIMES, ST. JOHN, N. B. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1906

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These papers advocate:

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Honesty in Public Life

Measures for the Material Progress and Moral Advancement of our Great Dominion.

No Grift

No Deals

"The Shamrock, Thistle, Rose entwined The Maple Leaf forever."

"The People who will not support their own City mustone day want a City of their own to support."

THE UNEMPLOYED

An evidently well-to-do, rose-cheeked gentleman, with a slight cockney accent, and modestly requested a little help. He could get no work, he said. Something in the manner and appearance of the visitor stirred a chord of memory, and the editor mildly enquired where this man had been since last they met.

THE UNEMPLOYED

There are, unfortunately, quite a number of men of this type appealing to St. John people for assistance. Some are strangers, and some are natives. They really deserve no consideration, for when they could work they either did not, or so they spent their money for liquor.

More people than those whom they victimise by their appeals are made to suffer by these gentlemen of the road. The really deserving man, who would gladly work if he could, is too often hastily classed with them and turned gruffly away. There are many deserving cases. This journal knows of good men, natives of St. John, who are earnestly seeking work with little or no success, and there are many deserving strangers whom misfortune has brought here at a season when work is slack and the weather severe.

In the best interests of the city, some work should be provided, not only for those who are willing to work, but for those who are not. The former would then scorn to ask for other help, and the latter would have no excuse for asking it. The secretary of the Associated Charities states that there are more stranded men here this winter than usual. The board of trade has stirred up the city council in one matter—why not in regard to this one?

CHRISTMAS CONTRAST

Under the above heading a New York paper gives this striking word picture:—"The dispatches from London picture a threatening and tragic social situation. The gay throng of Christmas shoppers in Oxford street is saddened and alarmed at the processions of desperate, unemployed men patrolling the gutters under lugubrious refrain: 'Bread, bread! We want work.' The fashionable West End is invaded by homeless shivering wretches marching in long columns under banners that proclaim their unwillingness to starve. A wedding in Belgrave square is interrupted by the hurrahs of indignant agitators. Preachers are halted in their pulpits and commanded to preach

a gospel to the poor. A radical member of parliament is driven from the House of Commons, shaking his fist in the face of his colleagues and calling them "murderers," because they refuse to listen to his appeals in behalf of hungry men.

"Meanwhile, in London, as in New York," this journal continues, "the Christmas spirit—with its evanescent and universal good-will—has its seasonable hold upon the hearts of men. The pulse of that fine feeling is quickening from day to day toward the climax of the Christmas calendar. It is to be hoped that in New York, as well as in London, a way will be found to give a larger social expression to the Christmas sentiment, so that the weakest and poorest shall not feel that he is left out of the family cheer."

The policeman-mayor of Lowell is getting his full share of publicity. Day before yesterday it was announced that he was coming to St. John. Yesterday it was announced that he was due to arrive. Today the papers have interviewed with him in which he states that he is being shadowed by his enemies, the brewing and liquor selling interests of Lowell. This is really too bad. Why could not a modest mayor make a dutiful journey to the home of his step-mother without the fact being heralded by wire and his worship tracked all the way to Jordan Mountain by Fenian enemies, eager for his downfall? Let us hope the mayor's press agent with stills for his imagination. The cruel photographer has also been on the mayor's trail, and there is no telling what will happen next. It is so near Christmas for the Times to send a special representative to Jordan Mountain, but no doubt the public will get the news in some way—whatever happens.

The status of the farmers in the United States is indicated by the following dispatch from Washington:—"The twelfth annual report of Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture contains much of interest to the material welfare of the country. The value of all farm products of 1906 reaches the most extraordinary total in the nation's history—\$7,778,000,000. This is about four times the value of the products of the mines, including mineral oils and precious metals. The farmer contributes 87 per cent. of the raw materials used in those manufacturing industries which depend mostly or considerably upon agricultural materials, and these industries use 42 per cent. of all materials used in all industries. The gain in value of farm products in 1906 over 1905 is \$200,000,000 and would have been much larger had not the prices of cotton and hay been low. During the last ten years the wealth production of the farms of this country has exceeded the sum of \$60,000,000,000."

The following Ottawa despatch should be of interest in St. John:—"The City of Ottawa has just decided officially to provide the Capital with a full system of play-grounds for the young people. At a special meeting of the Council held Saturday afternoon a by-law was passed authorizing a popular referendum, when the next municipal elections take place, in order to ascertain if the electors will permit an expenditure of some \$60,000 for these play-grounds. A special committee had studied the question previously, and it reported that it was urgent that each ward have play-grounds where the children could amuse themselves during the whole year; football and lacrosse could be played in summer, and hockey in winter. This report was very favorably received by the Council, which passed the above resolution."

If the committee named by the mayor set out with a determination to frame a satisfactory plan of re-organization of the civic departments, they will doubtless be able to agree upon one that will be acceptable to the citizens. But it should be thorough, having regard for efficiency, and not constructed around certain officials who must be "taken care of." The officials can be dealt with later. Let us first have an effective scheme.

Before yesterday's vote was taken the Associated Press indifferently observed that Boston always votes strongly for license. After the vote of yesterday it said: "The vote on the license question was: Yes, 34,787; no, 22,799, a majority for license of 11,988, as compared with 16,489 last year." Even at Boston the force of the prohibition wave is felt.

The Y. M. C. A. classes are being formed, and the institution should prove of great benefit to boys and young men. Rev. C. W. Townsend remarked on Sunday evening at the Every Day Club that some young men doubtless spend as much on a single spree as would entitle them to a Y. M. C. A. privilege for a year. This is unfortunately too true.

Longboat does the unexpected thing. Most people expected Dorando to win yesterday's Marathon race in New York, but the Indian ran the Italian off his feet. Many members of the betting fraternity will have a duller Christmas because of the result.

If any hills are to be set apart for coasting purposes, it should be done at once. There will be no liner coasting this season, the children are now enjoying by stealth, and at some risk to themselves and others.

AN OVERCOAT AS A CHRISTMAS GIFT. If you would just stop and think a moment, wouldn't a good warm Overcoat be about the best Gift you could present to some man or boy whom you intend giving something to? You can buy them at this Overcoat Sale at really ridiculously low prices, and good Overcoats at that; for instance, Men's, \$7.50 to \$8.75 Overcoats for \$4.95, and \$12 to \$15 Overcoats for \$9.85.

J. N. HARVEY, Clothing & Tailoring, 199 to 207 Union St. Why Not Buy CHRISTMAS GIFTS. That Will be Appreciated Now and in Use Long After Christmas is Past? YOU CAN BY PURCHASING SOME OF THESE.

For Baby For Girls. FANCY BOOTS, HOCCY BOOTS, OVERSHOES, GAITERS, LEGGINGS, SNOWSHOES, FELT SLIPPERS, RUBBER BOOTS, ANKLE SUPPORTS.

For Mother. COSY COMFORT SLIPPERS, KID HOUSE SLIPPERS, KID HOUSE SHOES, FELT SLIPPERS, EASY FITTING KID BOOTS.

Select Your Christmas Silver Early. Make your selections of Christmas Silver early and secure exclusive designs—the great popularity of the "1847, Rogers Bros" brand soon depletes Holiday Stocks, and delay may force you to be satisfied with a substitute.

Emerson & Fisher, Limited. 25 Germain Street. The Stove Store of Quality.

Wrought Iron Pipe. Both Black and Galvanized. Cast Iron Fittings. IN STOCK. The Canadian Fairbanks Co., Ltd. 55 Water Street.

TIME FLIES---12 DAYS---CHRISTMAS. Thought of all your friends? Now's the time! Among our lines of Toilet Articles, Perfumes and Confectionery you'll find something sure to please your "dearest friend." Some nice things in these lines still here, so you'd better drop in. Not later than Saturday, anyway!

"Reliable" ROBB, The Prescription Druggist, 137 Charlott Street.

NICE GOODS SUITABLE FOR XMAS PRESENTS. Fancy Handkerchiefs in great variety. Pretty Boxes of Handkerchiefs and Frillings. Elegant Stock Collars and Belts. Men's Fancy Braces and Armlets, one pair each in Fancy Boxes.

A. B. WETMORE'S DOLLS AND TOYS 59 Garden Street.

Bargain Sale of Wall Papers. Prices for a few days lower than ever. Just opened complete line of all kinds of LAMPS. Come and look over our stock. Prices will interest you at WATSON & COMPANY. Corner Charlotte and Union Streets.

Christmas Gifts FOR ONE AND ALL! BOTH GREAT AND SMALL! Our Holiday Stock of Watches, Jewelry, Silverware, etc., was never more complete in all our various lines than it is the present season. Come and make your selections early. Anything desired will be reserved for you.

FERGUSON & PAGE, Diamond Importers and Jewelers, 41 KING STREET.

SAY SOMETHING GOOD. When over the fair fame of friend or foe The shadow of disgrace shall be removed Of words of blame or proof, this and so. Let something good be said.

IN LIGHTER VEIN. "Can we do it?" asked the tenor. "Can we do it as they require?" "And the answer was, 'By chorus.'" "NOT WHAT HE WANTED. Bystander: 'I trust we shall make you feel quite at home.'" "Don't you try it," expostulated the man in an awe from it to have a jolly good time."

IMPOSSIBLE. Bronson: 'I understand he palmed coals on the ceiling, perfectly round the main.' "Humph! There may be some more of that sort of thing." "IMPOSSIBLE. 'I hope you were in favor of the man?'" "I feel the time's come now for signs." "Baltimore, American."

IT WAS READY. Hubbs: 'My dear, if I cannot have the of- fering by the messenger, I will send you a note by a messenger.' "Who?" "I have already found the note in your coat pocket." "London Opinion."

PROVINCIAL NEWS. New Brunswick. Mayor Mills of Sussex will not seek reelection at the civic contests on June 15th but practically all of the old aldermen are in the field again.

Nova Scotia. Indications are of good winter's work at the Springhill Mines. Large shipments are made daily and the collieries are working full time.

After battling desperately with the elements, the schooner Nevada, capt. Patten, with a cargo of lumber from Grand Banks Nfld. to Halifax, succeeded in putting into Louisburg harbor on Monday for refuge. In the storm her foremast was broken and her hull holed.

At a meeting of the citizens of Summerside on Saturday night a wire was sent to the marine department strongly urging the detaining of the S. S. Stanley to Summerside to transfer 72 cars of perishable freight now in the open at the wharves to the schooner.

The schooner Happy-Go-Lucky is in bad luck. She was bound up Montague River with a load of coal, got caught by the ice moving down and was driven ashore on the north side of the river. She is not in a dangerous position and, it is thought, can easily be floated.

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Full Set \$4.00. We have a scientific formula which renders the extraction of teeth absolutely without pain. We fit teeth without shades, and, if you desire, we can, by a new method, do this work without resorting to the use of gold crowns or unsightly gold bands about the necks of the teeth.

The King Dental Parlors. Corner Charlotte and South Market sts. DR. EDSON M. WILSON. - Prop.

New Restaurant at 86 Germain Street, opposite Church Street. New Chef, New Waitresses and best of satisfaction. Open day and night. Give us a try. SCAMMELL'S Phone 1111.

BLANKETS AND COATS. A Grand Clearance Sale of Odds and Ends which we offer at cost to clear. NOTE THE BIG REDUCTION OF PRICES BELOW.

GOOD GIFTS FOR YOURSELF. Why not give YOURSELF an acceptable Christmas Gift? Why not spend your money in new attire—the kind that bespeaks good taste and sound judgment?

A. GILMOUR, 68 King Street. Established 1841.

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS. Don't worry about what to give the boys and the fathers. Just step into my store and have a look at what I have provided for Father, Brother or "HIM."

C. C. FLEWELLING, The Modern Outfitter. Two Stores—339 and 695 Main Street.

Footwear For Christmas Presents. A more acceptable gift is difficult to think of. Men's fancy slippers, 85c, 90c., 95c., \$1.00, \$1.25. Men's fine kid slippers, \$1.50 to \$3.00.

Francis & Vaughan 19 King Street. We have just opened our New Restaurant at 86 Germain Street, opposite Church Street.

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AN INCREASE IN WAGES. Boston, Mass., Dec. 15.—Notice will be posted at the Charlestown Navy Yard tomorrow announcing wage increases for the workmen in the various departments of the yard. The rates will go into effect on January 1st, subject to approval by Secretary of the Navy Newberry.

Reading Lamps For Xmas Gifts

Table listing lamp types and prices: ELECTRIC LAMPS, \$6.50 to \$18.00; GAS LAMPS, 3.25 to 6.50; NEW RECEPTION LAMPS, 2.00 to 14.00; STUDENT LAMPS, 4.50 to 11.00.

All Complete with Shades or Globes in Newest Styles. W. H. HAYWARD CO., Ltd.

Notice to Employers of Labor. Do you carry an Employers Liability Policy? If not you are taking big chances under the New Workmen's Compensation Act.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN A BIG MONTREAL HOUSE

Henry Birks & Sons, Biggest Jewelry Firm in Canada, Among the Sufferers—Notman's Photograph Studio Burned—Girls Rescued by Ladders

Montreal, Dec. 15.—About \$100,000 damage was caused by a fire which broke out this afternoon in the jewelry establishment of Henry Birks & Sons, on St. Catherine street, which is the biggest jewelry shop in Canada.

"FIREMAN THIEF" WHO BAFFLED N. Y. POLICE FOR MONTHS, GAUGHT, CONFESSES AND HANGS HIMSELF

Recognized by a Woman Victim Who Gets Half-a-Hundred Other Women to Aid in His Capture—Owns Up to Sixty-Five Thefts—Kept Record of His Crimes.

New York, Dec. 15.—Irvine J. Lenahan, a slender youth of twenty, stood in the East 104th street police station Saturday facing a group of fifty angry women who accused him of having robbed their homes.

Good Blood

Means good health, and Hood's Sarsaparilla has an unapproached record as a blood-purifier. It effects its wonderful cures, not simply because it contains sarsaparilla...

GETTING AFTER TOBACCO TRUST

Nine Companies Named in U. S. Circuit Court as Constituting an Illegal Combination.

New York, Dec. 15.—Nine companies with their subsidiaries are named as constituting an illegal combination in the final decree filed today in the United States circuit court, putting into effect a judgment recently obtained by the government in its suit to dissolve the so-called tobacco trust.

A Woman's Kidneys

What Doctors Notice and What They Don't. Disease in the kidneys is one of the last ailments for which a doctor looks when treating women. This is a great mistake.

GEO. H. BROWN, POLICEMAN-MAYOR OF LOWELL, ARRIVES

He Was a Passenger by the Calvin Austin Yesterday and Left Last Night to Visit Relatives at Jordan Mountain, Kings Co.—Says He Entered Mayoralty Campaign to Down Grafters.

George H. Brown, mayor-elect of Lowell (Mass.), ex-policeman, arrived here on the steamer Calvin Austin yesterday, accompanied by his private secretary, Mr. J. W. O'Neil.

WILL OPEN A NEW HOME MISSION FIELD

At a meeting of the Maritime Baptist Home Mission Board here yesterday, it was decided to prepare a suitable map of the home mission fields in New Brunswick.

XMAS SHOPPING

Is a Real Pleasure When You Can Get Anything You Want For Men, Women or Children Without Having to Run All Over the Earth for it.

TRY WILCOX BROS., 54-60 Dock Street, 1-5 Market Square

THE Canadian Detective Bureau, Ltd. We undertake all legitimate detective work for Banks, Corporations or private individuals.

Piano Opportunities

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RELIGIOUS CENSUS TO BE TAKEN HERE NEXT MONTH

The religious census of St. John, told in The Telegraph some weeks ago will be taken on a day in the second week of January. A meeting of the executive of the St. John Sunday school Association was held yesterday afternoon in connection with the project.

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FOUR MORE TEAMS ARE AFTER THE CUP

Thistle Curlers Now Have Eleven Challenges for the McLellan Trophy—Andrew MacLellan Joins St. Andrew's

Four more challenges for the McLellan Cup were received by the Thistle Curling Club secretary, E. M. Smith, yesterday, making eleven in all which the club has to consider.

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Canadian Indian is Still the World's Greatest Runner at the Marathon Distance—Dorando Collapsed on the Track During the Last Mile.

New York, Dec. 15.—As on that memorable occasion of his first Olympic, Dorando collapsed within sight of the goal tonight and Tom Longboat, the Indian runner, who had been beat by a yard or more nearly all the way, won the Marathon race at Madison Square Garden.

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Canadian Indian is Still the World's Greatest Runner at the Marathon Distance—Dorando Collapsed on the Track During the Last Mile.

New York, Dec. 15.—As on that memorable occasion of his first Olympic, Dorando collapsed within sight of the goal tonight and Tom Longboat, the Indian runner, who had been beat by a yard or more nearly all the way, won the Marathon race at Madison Square Garden.

ST. ANDREW'S WON AGAIN LAST NIGHT

Two interesting games of basket ball were played in the church league series in Exmouth street rooms last evening. Exmouth street defeated St. George's by a score of 28-10 and St. Andrew's won from St. Mary's by a score of 24-8.

ST. JOHN BOWLERS LEAVE FOR CALAIS

The Black's Alley Bowling team, champions of Eastern Canada and Maine, left for Calais this morning where they will bowl the St. Croix Club of Calais. They are the guests of President Eaton of the St. Croix Club.

PAPKE-KELLY GO ENDED IN A DRAW

Los Angeles, Dec. 16.—Hugo Kelly, of Chicago and Billy Papke, formerly midweight champion, fought 25 fast rounds at the Jeffries Vernon Arena last night. At the close of the final round, with both men fighting strong, referee James J. Jeffries called a draw. Kelly left the ring without a mark, while both of Papke's eyes were closed and his cheek-bones pounded to a pulp.

KNOCKED OUT IN 3RD ROUND

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 15.—It required two rounds and a small portion of the third for "Brooklyn" Tommy Sullivan to knock out Jimmy McNeil, featherweight champion of Australia, last night. By the close of the first round it was easily apparent that McNeil was outclassed. In the second Sullivan landed three times on the left side of the jaw finished the fight in the third.

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Dramagraph, pictures and songs at the Nickel.
Cameraphone at the Opera House.
Hockeyists meet in Y. M. C. A. building to discuss formation of city leagues.
Union Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias meet in Castle Hall, Germain street at 8 o'clock.

LATE LOCALS
Steamship Lake Erie arrived at Liverpool at one o'clock this afternoon.
Steamer Calvia Austin arrived last evening and landed 45 passengers from Boston.
British schooner Wanola, Captain Atkinson, arrived in port today from New York with 505 tons hard coal.
Steamer Cape Breton, Captain McDonald, arrived from London, Louisiana, C. B., with 2,110 tons of coal.
Norwegian steamer Tallman, Captain Olsen, of the Cuba line, will leave Boston today for this port to load for Havana.
The concert party from the R. M. S. Corsican, of the Allan line, will give a concert in the Seamen's Institute, tomorrow evening.
C. P. R. steamship Monmouth, Captain Kendall, will sail tonight at high tide for Bristol. She is taking a large shipment of wheat and cattle.
Allan line steamer Sardinian, Captain Henry, will sail tomorrow for London and Halifax with a general cargo.
Steamer Oruro, Captain Bale, left Bermuda yesterday for this port, and will be due here the last of the week.
Steamship Manchester Mariner, Captain Linton, passed Brice Island bound inward from Manchester via Halifax with a general cargo. She is due here at four o'clock.
Donald Robertson, the young son of H. P. Robertson, 135 Queen street, was injured yesterday afternoon by colliding with a team, while coasting on Carnarvon street. Dr. Bishop attended him.

Acting Engineer Sisson at No. 4 fire station was notified by the chief of the fire department last night that his services were no longer required. Chief Kerr when asked about the case today said that Sisson was only temporarily employed.
Up to the present, as far as can be ascertained, the city have not made any move looking to a system for dealing with strangers stranded here. In reference to a statement that the Rev. J. J. McQuinn might make a grant to the Salvation Army's social work, Mrs. Hall, the secretary, said this could not be done.
For the past few weeks the number of arrests by the police on the water front of the city have shown an unusual increase. On December 9 alone seven men were apprehended along the harbor line. From Nov. 14 to date, forty-three arrests were made on the water front, missing wharves and adjoining wharves, other wharves on Smythe street and other parts of the front. Part of Prince William street is also included. Yesterday three arrests were made and on the previous day the large number of 17 were taken into custody. Four arrests were made on November 23 and 24 respectively.

WEDDINGS
Thorne-McDonald
A very quiet yet pretty wedding took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton W. McDonald, 63 Stanley street, this morning when their eldest daughter, Miss Pearl, was united in marriage to James A. Thorne, of Belvidere, N. B. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. J. McQuinn, pastor of the Baptist church, Douglas Avenue. A Victor Ipe will preside at the organ.
Mr. and Mrs. Thorne will leave Thursday night for Toronto the groom's home, where some time will be spent before they leave to take up their abode in Saskatchewan.

Hilson-McCracken
This evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McCracken, 111 Elm street, their daughter, Margaret Catherine, will be united in marriage to Samuel R. Hilson, of Saskatchewan. The nuptial knot will be tied by Rev. J. J. McQuinn, pastor of the Baptist church, Douglas Avenue. A Victor Ipe will preside at the organ.
Mr. and Mrs. Hilson will leave Thursday night for Toronto the groom's home, where some time will be spent before they leave to take up their abode in Saskatchewan.

Sime-Stewart
A quiet, but pretty, wedding was solemnized at 5:45 o'clock this morning at 88 Wall street, when Miss Minnie E. Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Stewart, was united in marriage to Robert S. Sime, formerly of this city, but now salesman for the Gulf Carpet Mills of Guelph, Ont. Rev. A. B. Coles, pastor of Brunswick street Baptist church, performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate relatives. The bride, who was unattended, wore a traveling costume of navy blue cloth, with hat to match. Mr. and Mrs. Sime left on the 7 o'clock train for a trip to Boston and New York, and on their return will reside in Guelph.
Many very beautiful gifts were received, attesting to the popularity of the couple.

DEATHS
HERNAN—In this city on the 13th inst., George J., only son of William and Margaret Hernan, aged 15 months.
Funeral tomorrow (Thursday) at 2:30 o'clock from his parents' residence, 59 Harrison street.

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ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, SWEDEN AND CANADA
They Stood Together at the Bar of Justice in the Police Court This Morning.

Today was a day of leniency in the police court, three of the four offenders regaining their freedom, while the other's fate lies in abeyance. Four nationalities were represented, Sweden, England, Scotland and Canada, and each of the foreign trio spoke with pronounced accents indicative of their nativity.
John Norton, the Englishman, denied that he was inebriated. "Hi was hill, sir," he exclaimed vehemently.
Policeman Totten testified that he arrested Norton at the foot of King street at 9 p. m. Norton had asked him to direct him to a boarding house, and he furnished him with the desired information. The Englishman was, however, evidently fascinated by the brass buttons on the patrolman's uniform, for after walking some distance he retraced his steps to the officer, who thereupon lodged him in the lock-up. Two hours previous Totten stated that Norton was directed to his boarding house by him. The man had at that time emerged from a saloon on Water street, and was very drunk. The policeman was cross-examined at some length by Norton, who claimed that he approached Totten and asked him where the boarding house in question was located. Totten readily acquiesced, but instead of abiding by his affirmative reply he clutched the Englishman and locked him up. "Hi'll admit, sir," concluded Norton, "that I'm a little bit of a brandy, sir, but I'm jolly well sure, sir, I wasn't drunk. Hi saw some friends off to Winnipeg, who came over to me on the Corvican yesterday, and feelin' sick Hi took a little bloom'n' brandy."

He was a railroad employe in England, and arrived here yesterday practically penniless. On being liberated he thanked the court.
John Burdman, the Swede, was arrested by Totten at 11:45 p. m., on Prince William street, for being unable to furnish good reasons for his presence on the street at that late hour. The policeman understood him to say that he has been in St. John two months and he spoke of lodgings somewhere until morning, he was arrested. In court he made a brutal assault on the English language and the translation was interpreted with difficulty.
"Meda some frome de fish da Gasper," and he was struggling for the tail of the fish. "Me da come not in January, Me some last night at dark from de woods. Me work dere from two month's under the name of camp. Yes want me to go Salator Army when me met some man no know who was he den. Me come here after an installible version of his language was interpreted he produced a ticket to Gaspereux Station. His story was very plausible and he was an apparently plausible man. He was led away by the other side of the street."
John Dalis, the Scotchman, was arrested by Totten for Frederickton, between Fairville and the city, and when arrested was searching for the missing coupon. A fine of \$4 is pending.
One drunk was remanded.

GEMS IN BOOKS, CARDS AND CALENDARS
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CHANGES IN THE 'ASSESSMENT ACT'
Treasury Board Informally Considered Them Last Evening.
An informal meeting of the treasury board was held last evening to discuss various methods to ensure better collection and to consider changes in the present assessment act, including a promise to exempt small incomes.
The board took up the new assessment act and made considerable progress. A number of sections were marked and set aside for future discussion. With regard to small incomes it has not yet been decided whether a graduated scale or exemption will be recommended. Another meeting will be held at an early date.
One suggestion put forward at the meeting was to reduce taxation in accordance with the growth of families.

AN ACTION AGAINST GEORGE W. FOWLER TO SECURE ACCOUNTING
An interesting case is set for hearing in the equity court at 11 o'clock on Tuesday next when a suit brought by Albert P. Pugsley, of Sussex, against George W. Fowler and Rufus H. P. will come up for hearing.
The matter has to do with transactions in western lands which have received a lot of notice throughout Canada. The pleadings of the plaintiff declare that Mr. Pugsley subscribed \$200 to a fund for investment in lands and he claims that a gross profit of some \$200,000 was made. He now asks for an accounting. It is claimed that he is entitled to one-thirtieth of the profits as there were thirty shares in the syndicate and he held one.
The defence, it is understood, claim that Mr. Pugsley's \$200 represented but a preliminary sum and that he was really not a member of the syndicate.
Dr. A. W. MacRae, K. C., appears for the plaintiff and W. B. Jonah for the defendant.
Policeman Ward reports his employer—the city—for neglecting to fence a vacant lot on St. James street.

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