

Progress and Prosperity.

Years Record of the Travelers' Association.

Reached Its Majority—Large Addition to the Reserve Fund—Increased Membership.

Twenty-one years of age! The Western Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association has reached its majority, and yesterday afternoon the 21st annual meeting of the organization was held in Secretary Alf. Robinson's office, Masonic Temple. Since its inception the record of the association has been one of continued progress and prosperity, and the reports for the past year are particularly gratifying to the members.

The meeting was largely attended, among those present being: Messrs. Wm. Gray (president), Alf. Robinson (secretary), James Gray (treasurer), James Burns, Wm. Yates, F. J. Rumm, John James Granger, Tonia Griffiths, H. Line, W. J. Boyd, E. W. Eardley, Wm. R. Grant, Chas. Edwards, C. P. Colwell, H. S. Wilcox, W. K. Clark, J. L. Heath, H. Macdonald, I. M. Mayell, F. H. Crabbe, Wesley Webb, Wm. Lind, R. McIntyre, H. C. Smith, Robert Tait, J. M. Dillon, A. Keneleyside, Wm. Martin, B. Niall, C. E. Sterling, J. A. Sutherland, Geo. Burgess, A. Burgess, G. A. McMillan, W. A. Wilson, J. C. Hazard, Gordon Wright, B. F. Sainsbury, A. McWhite, S. P. Brinkenden, J. E. Spry, Alf. Connor, J. A. Underhill, Major Smith, Alex. Fraser, Joseph Reach, John Bowman, R. Southam and J. A. Smith.

A concise report was submitted by the committee of management. It showed that there has been an increase of 29 in the membership during the year. The membership now stands: Travelling members, 1,077; associate members, 45; total, 1,062. The handsome sum of \$6,021.74 has been added to the reserve fund, which now amounts to \$45,183.72. "As the railway and transportation companies are requiring a strict enforcement of the requirements of qualifications for travelling certificates," the report continues, "a larger number than ever have had to exchange for associate membership, and this number must be still further increased next year. It will be necessary for members to take great care in making application for travelling certificates, to give full information and answers to the respective questions contained in the printed form of application. The following have been the payments under the railway benefit and accident indemnity bylaws: Beneficiary of the late J. C. Hoffman, \$165; beneficiary of the late A. Vogel, \$709; beneficiary of the late F. P. Erley, \$280; total, \$1,154. Forty-one weekly indemnity claims, \$1,194; grand total, \$2,228. The sum of \$2,000 has been placed to credit for claims not yet proved, which will be amply sufficient to provide for all liabilities at date."

Reference was made to the meeting of the representatives of all the commercial travellers associations of Canada and the general passenger and baggage agents of the railway and transportation companies at Montreal, in September last, when various matters of great interest to all our members were exhaustively considered. A number of concessions were forcibly urged, particularly a reduction of the excess baggage rates on short hauls, as universally requested by our heavy baggage members, and that section of the wholesale trade particularly. It was earnestly hoped and believed that favorable action, on several of the concessions requested, would be definitely taken at a very early date.

The financial statement showed receipts as follows: Balance on hand, Dec. 1, 1906, \$6,674.20; traveling certificates (including one for 1906), \$10.10; associate members' fees (including five for 1906), \$610; transfers and duplicates, \$80; dividends on debentures, \$1,506.43; interest on deposits, \$20.24; Crooks' trust (including interest on deposit), \$332.73; total, \$19,903.70. Disbursements, \$17,088.22; balance on hand, \$2,815.47. Assets, \$53,029.57; liabilities, \$8,838.85; balance of assets over liabilities, \$44,190.72.

Messrs. Charles F. Compin and John Overall reported having audited the books, finding them correct and in accordance with the statements.

The adoption of the annual report was unanimously carried. Several unimportant amendments to the bylaws were adopted. A proposed addition to the mortuary benefit of \$100 for eight-year members was rejected.

Messrs. C. F. Compin and John

Moonlight on the sea. There are pictures and castles in the air for the woman who sits and dreams out over it. Pictures of a happy home, dreams of a happy husband, beautiful castles to be built by the loving hands of mutual helpfulness and filled with healthy, happy children.

Almost without exception these dreams might become realities if mothers would only teach their daughters the most common sense facts about their own physical make-up, and advise them how to protect themselves from the perils of the three critical periods of their lives: puberty or maturity, motherhood and the "turn of life." Women at these times suffer from irregularities and weaknesses which, if neglected, will develop into dangerous diseases and make their whole lives wretched.

The delicate organs that make wifehood and motherhood possible cannot be neglected with impunity. If they are neglected the result is unhappy wifehood, and motherhood will be a menace of death. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is an unfailing specific for all diseases of these organs. It restores them to perfect health. It promotes regularity of their functions. It fits for wifehood and motherhood. It tones, invigorates and builds up the nerves that have been shattered by pain and suffering.

"For years my wife suffered from what the doctors called prolapsus of the uterus," writes Mr. Harry Chant, of Haverhill, Mass., U.S.A. "She was nervous, had cold hands and feet, palpitation, headache, backache, constipation, a disagreeable drain, bearing-down pains, and no appetite. She got so weak she could not get around. I am now a strong, healthy man, in debt to the doctors, and all for good, as none of them did her any good. She began taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, and it seems to work like a charm. She has taken about thirteen bottles and is today as stout and healthy as any woman in the United States."

Overall were reappointed auditors for 1908.

It was reported that at a subsequent meeting of the board of management Mr. Alfred Robinson was reappointed secretary and Mayor Little trustee.

Two boxes of cigars were sent to the rooms by Mr. J. Nolan, and very much appreciated.

Teachers Appointed.

Three New Members of the Collegiate Institute Staff.

Changes Among the Public School Teachers—Special Meeting of the Board of Education.

A special meeting of the board of education was held last night to consider appointments to the Collegiate Institute staff and also some changes in the staff of the public schools. Those present were: Chairman Greenlee, Trustees Dr. Campbell, Logan, Bayly, Burdick, Dr. English, Martyn, Wilkins, Stephenson, Macpherson, Strong, Bridges, Evans, Inspector Carson, Principal Merchant, Secretary McElheran and Architect Matthews.

No. 1 committee recommended that Mr. Vaden, of St. Thomas, be appointed to the commercial form in the Collegiate Institute; that Mr. F. Riddle, of Sarnia, be appointed French and Latin teacher, and that Mr. Whitton, of Walkerton, be tendered the position of science and mathematical teacher. That in the event of either of the gentlemen mentioned being unable to accept, that the chairman of the board and Principal Merchant be empowered to communicate with other available applicants and have full power to appoint the second choice of the committee. The recommendations were adopted unanimously.

The clauses relating to the public school changes were slightly amended, and adopted as follows:

That Miss Colquhoun be transferred from Aberdeen to Victoria school; that Miss Phillips be appointed to the place vacated by Miss Colquhoun at Aberdeen school; that Miss Robertson be appointed to the vacant position at St. George's school; that Miss Phoenix be appointed substitute for Miss Sale, Elementary school; that Miss Lee be appointed to the position of transition teacher at Princess Avenue school, and that Miss Harday remain as transition teacher at Park street school.

Trustee Burdick stated that a tile drain to cost about \$1 was necessary at the neighborhood of the Colborne street school, and No. 2 committee was empowered to have it constructed.

Trustee Wilkins said that in order to give pupils and teachers who lived outside of the city a chance to spend New Year's Day with their friends, it would be well not to reopen the schools till Tuesday. Trustee Logan characterized the motion as one of the most ridiculous things he had ever heard of, and it was lost.

A representative of a patent door check company appeared before the board to solicit an order. An order for seventeen checks was passed by the board some time ago, but was in arrears felt by some of the trustees that the checks were not necessary at that time. The matter was referred to the new board. Adjourned.

The Separate Schools.

Successful Closing Entertainment in the Opera House.

A Splendid Programme, and Chorus by 800 Little Children.

The annual Christmas closing entertainment of the Roman Catholic separate schools of this city took place in the Grand Opera House yesterday afternoon. There was a very large attendance, and the splendid programme well merited the patronage. The little ones were in charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and by their perfect performance showed much care in training.

The programme was a dialogue, in which Pearl Springsted, Rose Quinn, Annie Cornolly, Helen Letch, Madeline Burns, Madeline Mitchell, Frankie McCarthy, Maud Lewis and Katie Carroll acted. The "Story of the Flag" (on the programme, by a typographical error it read "The Story of the Rag") was a second chorus, and was well rendered. "The Battle of the Books," a drama, was one of the features of the entertainment. Each boy took up his part with energy, and carried it through. The cast of characters was as follows: Primer, J. LeBel; Reading, A. Donegan; Grammar, O. Thessens; Mathematics, J. Bogue; Logic, J. White; Botany, P. McGarvey; Chemistry, C. McDonald; Geography, J. Mansell; Eloquence, F. Bricklin; Rhetoric, T. Webb; History, A. Girard; Literature, W. Bogue; Spelling, H. Pocock; Penmanship, J. Hevey; Geography, J. LeBel; Christian Doctrine, L. LeBel; Justice, W. Forrestal; Attendant, Bert Quinn.

A pretty tableau, "The Crowning of Christian Doctrine," was the concluding act of the drama, and was well given. Another chorus, "Glory to God," was given, and was followed by a song, "Ten Little Snowflakes," by sunflowers and stalks were painted on stage, through which ten pretty little faces peered, and dropped out at appropriate times. This was unique and picturesque. Those who took part were: Gracie Ponech, Katie Plannigan, Madeline Kelley, Agnes Dwyer, Elma Collins, Mammie Boies, Mabel Duggan, Annie Webb, Mary Graham and Gertrude Foley. Jean Lockhart also loomed up in sailor costume and danced the hornpipe. The lantern drill, by 24 little girls in costume, and carrying Chinese lanterns, was a charming spectacle, and received hearty applause, when the colored light was burned, presenting an exquisite picture to the large audience. The little ladies taking part were: Louise Chaffer, Mary Long, Mammie Kelly, Mammie Sweeney, Alice Moore, Nora Brennan, Sarah Paladino, Rosie Pask, Annie Murray, Louise O'Rourke, Rosie Salf, Ettie Delaney, Lillie Mullins, Blanche Cowan, Aggie Gleason, Nellie Phelan,

Maggie Boyle, Stella Buller, Edna Roddy, Maggie Hevey, Edwidge Girard, Blanche Moore, and Clara McCus and Eva Walsh as leaders of the two sections in the drill.

Mr. T. J. Murphy, on behalf of the trustees of the separate schools, thanked the audience for the enthusiasm they displayed, which, he said, was a great compliment to the ability of the audience. He also thanked the work of the separate with that of the public schools, and in his opinion the former excelled, because they not only covered all subjects taught in the public schools, but educated the children in Christian doctrine.

Mr. J. M. Daly was a perfect impersonator of Santa Claus, and presented each child with a pretty box of candies.

MIDDLESEX.

Mrs. George Kelly has returned home to Lambeth after spending a month with her brother in Belleville.

The Delaware Bicycle Club will hold their annual meeting in the near future, and an oyster supper will be in order.

Mr. Warren, of Belmont, has been engaged to fill the vacant position of public school, caused by Mr. A. McKeirich's resignation.

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POTTERSBURO FESTIVITIES.

The Christmas Entertainment of St. George's Church Sabbath School.

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Mayor Little's Record.

Now that Mayor Little's term is about to expire, he cannot be allowed to step out of the chief magistrate's chair without some reference to his brilliant record. His work needs no formal acknowledgment: the whole community recognizes and appreciates it. All must admit that London in the past three years has enjoyed a progressive administration that has been almost revolutionary in its results. The city's advance has been so conspicuous that even occasional visitors remark it. Mayor Little has largely shaped the policy which effected this happy change, supported always by a majority of the city council and by the great body of the electorate.

Long before Mr. Little was induced to stand for the mayoralty he had taken a gratuitous interest in public affairs, and had more than once rendered the city signal service, especially in railway matters—so that he united some civic experience with his proved business capacity when he entered the city hall. He at once showed a talent amounting to genius for municipal management. From the outset he grasped not only the routine but the possibilities of his office, and to his initiative many measures of permanent value have been due.

Mr. Little has not only set a standard of executive efficiency which his successors may well emulate, but his fairness and courtesy have been as marked as his ability. He has been uniformly just to all parties and interests, and has never been arbitrary or self-assertive. He had no private end to serve as mayor; in fact, a man in his position must spare time for such duties at great pecuniary sacrifice. The only reward, apart from the satisfaction of having served faithfully and well, is the gratitude of one's fellow-citizens; though no man has sought public applause less or received it with more modesty than John W. Little.

It would take more than this column to record every act of wise legislation during his term, but the mind naturally reverts to some of the transactions which vitally affected the city. The street railway problem had been dragging for years, with the prospect of settlement as remote as ever, when Mayor Little grappled with it, and in a few months a bargain was made which was the best the city could obtain, considering the extraordinary privileges granted the company twenty years before. Every citizen felt that the old horse car system was a reproach to a city of London's pretensions, and rejoiced when it disappeared.

The re-establishment of the Grand Trunk carshops here was to some extent a personal triumph for Mayor Little, for his adroit presentation of London's claims had much to do with influencing the company's decision—an admirable one, say we all. Few knew at the time how strenuously, though quietly, the mayor was working for the city in this instance. A less skillful advocate might have failed of success. The construction of a new and modern sewerage system, indispensable for sanitary reasons, and compulsory by legislative decree, had been projected for years, but it remained for Mayor Little to direct its achievement, aided chiefly by Dr. C. T. Campbell and Ald. Parnell, who was selected by the council as chairman of the special construction committee. The mayor surrounded this question with his usual energy and thoroughness. He made a particular study of the latest sewerage methods and fortified himself by the most expert advice, before making a move. This great work has been handled in a masterly manner. It is now nearly finished; it is costing \$30,000 less than the original estimate, and the engineers say the plans have been realized completely. London may now boast of the best sewerage system that sanitary science can devise, and the city is better able to maintain her proud position as the most healthful center of population in the Dominion.

Two adjoining yet separate corporations like London and London West could not long continue such relations, and when the annexation of the village, which had been so often negotiated without effect, was again mooted, the mayor's diplomacy was, as usual, successful. He also proposed annexing the lands on the river banks, so as to safeguard the city's possessions at the waterworks and furnish an independent right of way thereto. The outcome rests with the government.

Not the least striking of recent reforms is that of the city streets, for which Ald. Parnell and his colleagues on the board of works deserve special credit. There has been an entire change of methods in this department, and the vigor and judgment with which the new order has been enforced have yielded grand results. The growing demand for permanent improvements and the ability to meet the demand are very gratifying.

The construction of the asphalt pavement which has added so much to the appearance of the business section; the agreement between the Michigan Central and L. E. and D. R. R., guaranteeing the former's connection with the city; the renewal of L. and P. S. R. terminals and bridges and the thorough repair of the roadbed; the reform of the court of revision and the tax collector's office; the erection of the Western Fair and Free Library buildings; the concentration of the city hall

offices, for the public convenience; the movement to abolish the tolls on the great northern highway to London—these are only a few of the things accomplished in 1895-6-7, which will render these three years memorable for progress, foresight and good government. The city has indeed received an impetus in Mayor Little's time which will be long felt in the future.

A review of the striking events in Mayor Little's mayoralty regime would be incomplete without the recognition that, progressive and tactful administrator though he has been, he could not have succeeded without the able assistance of chairmen of council committees and of the great body of the aldermen.

The annual report of the London Board of Works, of which Ald. Parnell is the chairman, printed in another column of The Advertiser today, shows the good work which has been done for the city this year with a limited appropriation. The very best use has apparently been made of the people's taxes.

Afraid of an Early Election.

The newspapers which support the Ontario Opposition leaders are all in a tremble because they fear that the energetic manner in which the Ontario Government is promoting the business of the Legislature betokens an early general election. It is even hinted by some of Mr. Whitney's supporters that they will resist the speedy closing of the Legislature so as to prevent a prompt appeal to the electorate.

Where has all the bravado of the Opposition gone? On the stump Mr. Whitney and Mr. St. John professed to be eager for an appeal to the people, and when it was announced that an early session was contemplated they made-believe that the Legislature was permitted to live out its full term because Premier Hardy and his Cabinet were afraid to meet the electors. Now the very thought of an election at an early date throws the Opposition into fits, and sends the cold shivers up and down their anatomy.

Two Cities.

The Hamilton Times says that the overdraft in the expenditure of that city for the year now drawing to a close will be about \$20,000. Of this sum, \$10,000 is expenditure beyond the appropriation of the board of works. The salary account is overdrawn by \$2,500. These are certainly big overdrafts in a city only 12,000 greater in population than London. The salaries paid in this city are \$15,500; in Hamilton, \$23,113; in the board of works in London has this year spent about \$32,000; in Hamilton, the board of works have expended nearly \$72,000; and if we mistake not, London occupies a wider area than her sister city.

An Unfounded Charge.

In the Ontario Legislature on Thursday, while the vote for the maintenance of the London Asylum was under discussion, an ill-informed or badly-advised Opposition member made the accusation that horses belonging to the asylum had been used for driving voters to the polls and to the registration booths, presumably in the interests of the Liberal party. Dr. Buckle, medical superintendent of the asylum, says emphatically that there is no ground for the statement that asylum horses have been used for driving voters to the polls. In the twenty-one years that he has been at the head of affairs no such action has been taken by any employee of the asylum, and he would not tolerate it if it were attempted. Nor is it true, as Mr. Matheson alleged in the Legislature, that asylum horses have been used for partisan registration purposes. The Christmas season should not be allowed to pass without a prompt retraction of these unfounded allegations, which are on a par with the usual pre-election stories that Opposition electioneers have in the past circulated.

ADVERTISERS ARE IMMORTAL.

[Savannah News.] Great advertisers live in the history of the city, and the prosperity of their firms long after they themselves have "shuffled off this mortal coil"; their announcements in the newspapers continue to bear fruit after the advertisers are dead. On the other hand, the non-advertising business man is dead to the community long before he leaves this life; and his business is more apt to die with him.

PHYSIOLOGY UNDER DISADVANTAGES.

[London Mail.] Mrs. McDougall said that a friend of hers, a board school teacher, had received a note from an irate mother: "Please don't tell Edith about her inside; she doesn't like it; and, besides, it's rude."

THEIR FAME WORLD WIDE.

Health, Strength, Happiness, Mark Where Dodd's Kidney Pills Have Been Used.

Glencoe, Dec. 20.—From city to city, town to town, village to village, and over the broad fields of the Dominion, the fame of Dodd's Kidney Pills, the medical marvel of the century, the only infallible cure on earth for Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Lame Back, and all other kidney diseases, is spreading. London reported two wonderful cures by means of Dodd's Kidney Pills, within two weeks. Glencoe has a case quite as startling.

W. J. Nugent suffered for years with Kidney Disease and Piles. Doctors couldn't help him. Every remedy he tried failed till he began using Dodd's Kidney Pills. A few boxes cured him. Dodd's Kidney Pills are an unfailing cure for all diseases caused by impaired kidneys and impure blood.

WESTERN ONTARIO

Waterloo collected \$18,000 in taxes this year. Its rate was 12 1-10 mills. A good oil well has been struck on the farm of Mr. A. Beattie, in Fiymp-ton.

The Port Elgin Times says there will be about 25 new buildings go up next spring in that town.

Mrs. O'Connor, one of the oldest residents of the Union road, Fingal, passed away Wednesday.

Wm. Clarke and Miss Aiken, of the lake shore, Leamington, were united in marriage by Rev. Wm. Galloway.

One hundred and fifty-five tons of cheese was manufactured in the Springfield factory during the past season.

Rev. Wm. Cook, whose home is in the Northwest, intends to remove his family back to Springfield in the spring. Mr. Cook is an old Springfield boy.

Joseph Clark, a prominent Tilbury East farmer, while working around a corn-husking machine, had one of his hands so badly mangled that it had to be amputated.

The wedding was solemnized at Burford of Mr. Sears, of Montana, to Miss Charlotte Robinson, a popular daughter of that village. Rev. J. T. Daley performed the ceremony.

A quiet wedding took place at Alma College Wednesday evening, Dec. 22, when Mr. J. E. Hoffman and Miss Alice Hatcher, both of Morrisburg, were married by Rev. R. C. Parsons.

Deputy Collector of Customs Welsh, at Windsor, says that the amount of duty collected at that port during these days is a record-breaker, and that Windsor citizens are this year purchasing more goods in Detroit than they have at any former Christmas season.

John Davidson, of the Credit Forks, while digging a well for Joshua Mc-

Lellan, on lot 21, con. 4, Caledon, had reached a depth of about 40 feet, when a carload of soil from the mouth of the well slid down upon the unfortunate man, breaking his back and left leg, and otherwise injuring him. A bucket of earth was being raised at the time, which doubtless broke and saved the man from instant death. He may not recover.

Mr. W. Cook, of Springfield, was arrested on a capias a few days ago for a debt of \$184.90 due Mrs. Martha White. Mr. Cook was admitted to bail in \$250, and on Wednesday was picked up by his bondsmen. Mr. Cook left for Dakota thirteen years ago, owing Mrs. White over \$100 borrowed money, which, with interest, etc., had now swelled to \$184.90. He says he did not leave the country to avoid payment of the debt, and should be sued to recover the amount and not arrested on a capias.

Every year Great Britain pays nearly \$4,000,000 in pensions, retiring pay and superannuation allowances to officers, warrant officers and others.

THE DEAF HEAR.

DR. CHASE'S CATARRH CURE
Working Wonders in Toronto.

Gave MRS. BINDON her hearing when Specialists failed.

About 3 years ago, Mrs. Bindon, of 11 Mainland St., Toronto, was attacked with la Grippe, which affected her hearing to such an extent that she was completely deaf. It was a serious affliction and she tried many remedies and consulted prominent specialists on ear diseases, but derived no benefit. By a happy circumstance she was led to use Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure, and before she had completed 3 boxes her hearing had partially returned.

She persisted in the application of the remedy, so confident was she of ultimate cure, and by the time 13 boxes had been used her hearing was completely restored. For 3 months now she has been free from deafness, and no emancipated sufferer was ever more delighted than Mrs. Bindon. On Sunday she goes to church and enjoys the service, a thing she was unable to do before Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure gave her back her hearing.

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Attractive Stocks

With equally attractive values, count, all hands will be satisfied.

SENSATIONAL SELLING AT

Jackets and Capes

See Our East Window for Styles and Prices.

Ladies' Silk and Wool Brocade Cloaks, fur lined, sable trimming; regular price \$72, selling now at \$57.

Silk and Wool Broche Capes, fur lined, sable trimming, 32-inch; regular \$50, now \$38.

Fancy Opera Capes, in scarlet, myrtle and blue; regular \$25, now \$18.

Ladies' Black Cloth Capes, 36-inch, fur lined, silver fox trimming; regular price \$38, now \$29.

Black Persian Lamb Jackets; regular price \$125, now \$85.

Gray Lamb Jackets; regular price \$62, selling now at \$45.

Ladies' Black Bocharan Coats, 36-inch; regular price \$30, now \$25.

Ladies' Black Astrachan Coats, 36-inch; regular price \$19, selling now at \$16.

Gray Lamb Capes, 30 and 32-inch; regular price \$35, now \$25 50.

Beaver Collars, silk lined; regular price \$15, now \$11.

Real Mink Collars, \$10, now \$8 50.

Best Sable Shoulder Collarettes; regular price \$30, now \$26.

Today and tomorrow we'll continue the sale of Linen Damasks at prices quoted in yesterday's papers; also Tray Cloths, Lunch Cloths, Duchess Cloths, etc., at wholesale prices.

Blanket Sale.

Today and Tomorrow.

White Wool Blankets, good size; regular price \$3, selling at \$2 25.

White Wool Blankets, large size; regular price \$3 50, selling at \$2 63.

White Wool Blankets, extra large and heavy; regular price \$4, now \$3 25.

Gray Wool Blankets, large size; regular price \$2 75, selling at \$2.

For Xmas Presents

You can get nearly everything you want at the Big Store. You'll get a bigger selection and prices lower than anywhere else.

Gloves and Hosiery.

A nice present is a pair of Kid Gloves; we have every size, color and price. Our Black Cashmere Hose, 35c a pair or 3 pairs for \$1, are well worth \$1 50.

Dolls reduced for today and tomorrow. All Fancy Goods reduced to cost.

See our Candy Counter to the right as you come in.

Boots, Shoes and Slippers selling at manufacturers' prices.

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Hood's Pills

Should be in every family medicine chest. They are available when the stomach is out of order, cure headache, biliousness, and all liver troubles. Mild and efficient. 5 cents.

BETTER TIMES.

Very Encouraging Features Noticed in Dun & Co.'s Review of Trade.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly statement of trade in Canada says: In Montreal retail trade is gratifyingly active. A much larger volume of holiday trade than last year is reported, while the generally restored feeling of confidence in the near future has induced more liberality in the purchase of higher-priced goods, in marked contrast to the spirit of economy which characterized recent years.

Wholesale trade has been quiet at Toronto the past week. A good many setting-up orders were received in the different departments, but as usual at this season of the year, the movement in wholesale lines shows a falling off. The trade is stock-taking and there is a general feeling of satisfaction as to the volume of business the past few months. There has been less cutting of prices, and on the whole trade has been the most profitable for several years. The outlook, too, is very encouraging. Railways are doing an exceptionally large traffic. Exports of produce continue good, and payments are up to the mark. The Christmas retail trade has been pretty active during the week. In all departments merchants report an increase in trade as compared with last year. Prices of wheat continue strong with fair export demand.

Failures for the week were 33, as against 46 for the same week of last year.

THE FAST LINE.

Runners From Ottawa That the Project Is Now Assured.

Quebec, Dec. 24.—The Quebec Daily Mail received a dispatch from its Ottawa correspondent yesterday to the effect that Messrs. Petcher & Co. have deposited the second \$10,000 at London, Eng., in connection with their contract with the Dominion government for the building of the fast line of steamers, and now the project is looked upon as assured.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Premier Hardy yesterday introduced a bill amending the Ontario Election Act in several particulars.

Another government measure introduced by the premier was one to improve the division court.

Mr. Hardy told a railway bonus deputation yesterday that in 1881 the government had decided not to give grants to any railway in the older or more settled portions of the province. The province had refused applications for bonuses to the extent of from \$3,900,000 to \$4,000,000, and would make no change now.

The house was mainly occupied in passing the votes for the promotion of the agricultural interests. On the motion of Premier Hardy, it was decided that when the house adjourned it do stand adjourned until Tuesday, Dec. 28 next; also that on and after Tuesday, Jan. 4, government business shall have precedence over all other business on every day of the session, and that there shall be a sitting of the house for government business only on every Saturday of the session, after Saturday, Jan. 1 next, to begin at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. The session is expected to close before the end of January.

BEAUTIFUL BEEF.

Unexcelled Supply of Christmas Meats at Joseph H. Gatecliff's.

One of the finest displays of Christmas meats ever seen in London is to be found at the butcher shop of Joseph H. Gatecliff, 267 Dundas street. Upon tons of beef hangs from the hooks around the store. The most choice quarters are those produced by the celebrated steer, months old, which was purchased by Mr. Gatecliff from A. Armit & Sons' model farm, Hyde Park. This handsome Durham steer last year won first prizes at London, Guelph, Brockville, and several other exhibitions, and only a short time ago captured first prize at the Brantford Fat Stock Show. It is beef the like of which is seldom seen. When slaughtered the carcass weighed 1,500 pounds. For the Christmas trade Mr. Gatecliff also purchased five first-prize heifers from Armit & Sons, the average weight of which was 1,500 pounds. Three prize heifers were also purchased from D. Knaggs, London township, weighing about 1,600 pounds each. Armit & Sons supplied five first-prize lambs and D. Knaggs eight first-prize lambs. Pork, hams, bacon, suet, sausages, etc., can be seen in profusion together with hundreds of turkeys, many of which weigh 30 pounds each, and a large supply of geese, ducks, rabbits and pigeons of rare quality. Residents of Ontario, a fine specimen of bear, 6 months old, beautifully dressed, and a young possum are offered by Mr. Gatecliff to his many patrons.

Nature's Medicine.

Nature's medicine for constipation, liver complaint, sick headache, biliousness, jaundice and sallow complexion is Laxa-Liver Pills. They are a perfect laxative, never griping or causing pain. One pill each night for 30 days will cure constipation.

Mr. A. J. Small, Toronto, has leased the Royal Opera House, Guelph, and will take possession at once.

THERE is not a more dangerous class of disorders than those which affect the breathing organs. Nullify this danger with Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil—a pulmonary of acknowledged efficacy. It cures soreness and lameness when applied externally, as well as swelled neck and crick in the back; and, as an inward specific, possesses most substantial claim to public confidence.

The officers of a leading London hospital believe that the general increase of cancer is due to excess in meat eating.

Who Built the Pyramids?

Hard to tell in some instances. But we know who are the great nerve builders. They are Scott & Bowne. Their Scott's Emulsion feeds and strengthens brain and nerves.

A Kansas City shoe merchant says that women's feet are becoming wider. He attributes it to the use of the bicycle.

Neglect of the hair often destroys its vitality and natural hue, and causes it to fall out. Before it is too late apply Hall's Hair Renewer, a sure remedy.

Who Stole the Coats?

Alleged Thief Arrested by City Detectives.

Many Coats Missed From City Hotels—L. Lawson Fined \$75.

Detectives Rider and Nickle received a card yesterday from St. Thomas, asking them to look out for a young coat thief, who had stolen an overcoat there on Dec. 11. A young man answering the description was arrested last evening on the market, wearing an overcoat similar to the one described by Chief Fawcett.

On Wednesday William H. Crosby's overcoat was stolen from the Bernard House. Yesterday Mr. Dewar, a Lobo farmer, lost his fur coat, valued at \$50, from the Bernard House. A second coat was stolen from the Boswell House, belonging to Mr. Wm. Reid, of Delaware. When arrested the alleged thief said his name was Fred Williams, of Detroit. In his possession was found a check for a bag left at one of the city hotels. The bag, an ordinary straw sack, contained the fur coat stolen from the Bernard House. A pawn ticket was also found on him for a coat "hung up" at J. P. Gilman's, in Port Huron, for \$1.75. Other articles were a China silk tie, a small rule, a new silver-mounted briar pipe, and a memorandum book, containing what appeared to be a traveling man's account with Philip McQuade, Port Huron, and the address of Ella Everts, 1119 Kearney street, in the same city. A small ticket punch with Port Wayne and Belle Isle tickets was also among the collection, together with about \$1.75 in cash.

Williams was remanded until next Wednesday. Shortly after court adjourned Detective Rider recovered another blue Melton coat with a velvet collar, made by Walker & Sons, of Toronto.

The charge of selling liquor during prohibited hours against John Lewis was again enlarged until Wednesday. The charge of assault against Louis O. Lawson was heard in private, as in the opinion of the magistrate and prosecuting attorney, society would not be benefited by the case being heard in public. Lawson was fined \$75, and will remain in jail until the fine is paid.

P. J. Nash was arrested for being drunk and disorderly. A policeman was called to Nash's boarding house, near the corner of Talbot and Bathurst streets, last night, where Nash had smashed the glass in the door and driven the inmates out of the house. He was allowed to go on promising to keep sober.

William Brennan was fined \$2 for furious driving.

GONE UP IN SMOKE.

Half a Million Dollar Fire in Cleveland—An Ex-Minister's Heavy Loss.

Pembroke, Dec. 24.—Rev. Mr. Hahn, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in this town, retired from the ministry recently to go into stock-raising, and bought a fine farm in Petawawa township. Now his entire stock, farm, buildings and dwelling have been destroyed by fire, incurring a loss of \$200,000, the family barely escaping with their lives.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 24.—Fire broke out in the business center of the city yesterday, and, fanned by the high northeast wind, destroyed property worth more than half a million dollars. The power block on Frankfort street, owned by J. B. Perkins, six stories high, made of brick, and consumed above the second story, and the rear of the brick Wiltshire block, six stories high, owned also by Mr. Perkins, and fronting on Superior street, was burnt. The fire started by the explosion of a large can of benzine.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 24.—Fire broke out yesterday in the basement of the five-story building at 104 Madison square, the first floor and the basement of which were occupied by the Tosetti Cafe and Restaurant Company. On the second floor by the billiard parlors of Frank Musey. A terrible explosion took place and the building was badly wrecked. Dozens of persons were thrown from their feet and 25 were injured. In the frantic rush for safety many persons were thrown down and trampled upon. The loss is estimated at \$125,000.

Everett, Mass., Dec. 24.—The Perry street car house of the West End Street Railway Company was destroyed by fire this morning together with 50 of the road's most valuable cars. The total loss will be nearly \$150,000. The fire started from an electric wire. It is a singular coincidence that exactly four years ago last night a similar building on the same site was destroyed.

Baby Eczema and Scald Head.

Infants and young children are peculiarly subject to this terrible disorder, and if not promptly arrested it will eventually become chronic. Dr. Chase made a special study of Eczema and diseases of the skin, and we can confidently recommend Dr. Chase's Ointment to cure all forms of Eczema. The first application soothes the irritation and gives the little sufferer rest.

Wm. E. Burr, jun., cashier of the St. Louis National Bank, now serving a sentence of five years at Jefferson City state penitentiary for the embezzlement of \$20,000, has been pardoned by President McKinley.

FAGGED OUT.—None but those who have become fagged out know what a depressed, miserable feeling it is. All strength has gone, and despondency has taken hold of the sufferers. They feel as though there was nothing to live for. There, however, is a cure—one box of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills will do wonders in restoring health and strength. Mandrake and Dandelion are two of the articles entering into the composition of Parmelee's Pills.

Mr. Alex. Hall, a Blenheim merchant, has been attacked and robbed of \$200 by footpads.

No Christmas and New Year's table should be without a bottle of DR. SIEGHEITS' ANGIOTONIA BITTERS, the world-renowned appetizer, of exquisite flavor. Beware of imitations.

The doors of the Chestnut Street National Bank, Philadelphia, were closed Thursday morning by direction of National Bank Examiner Hardt.

Give Holloway's Corn Cure a trial. It removed ten corns from one pair of feet without any pain. What it has done once it will do again.

Did you ever try Trafford's when in need of any ordered work or repairing of furniture? He has professional workmen, and guarantees the best and cheapest work. Try 95 and 97 King street.

Yeoman's Weather Strips top that draught

In Sporting Circles.

Lady Reel to Be Sold for the Sum of \$20,000.

Noted Horseman and His Mare Ruled Off the Turf.

BASEBALL. FLYS. The National League drafting season ends on Dec. 31.

WHEEL SPOKES.

Jimmy Michael is said to have cleared \$20,000 on the track this season. Michael makes a lot of money, but he also spends a lot. His pace-making crew are all picked men, most of whom are under salary, and who never leave him.

The track at Madison Square Garden, New York, will not be short when Michael and Chase meet Saturday night. It will be ten laps to the mile instead of 9½ in reality. It now seems likely that the L. A. W. investigation of the shortage of the track in the six-day race will result in the censure of the builder.

THE TURF.

The Victoria, Australia, income tax commission has caused an uproar among horse owners by collecting income taxes on race winnings. The tax on the highest out of the purses, John Phair, brother of Charlie Phair, the well known trainer, died on Wednesday from an attack of pneumonia. Deceased was a familiar figure in the saddle in Toronto and Eastern Ontario about 15 years ago.

HIGH-PRICED HORSEFLESH.

Shelbyville, Ky., Dec. 24.—Sam Brown, who sold to Ed H. Tipton, of Lexington, Lady Reel, the dam of the two-year-old Hamburg, for \$15,000 cash, is said to have placed the mare for \$20,000. Lady Reel is in foal to Hamover, the sire of Hamburg.

FAMOUS HORSEMAN RULED OFF.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 24.—J. D. Lewis, who started the Australian turf world in 1880 by winning the Melbourne cup with Tartaria, stands ruled off the American turf. At a meeting of the board of stewards of the Pacific Coast Jockey Club it was unanimously agreed to uphold the decision of the English judges in regard to the ruling off of J. D. Lewis, and Halliday and the imported mare Trance, as the mare was ruled off at a meeting in Brisbane, Queensland, before Lewis purchased her for shipment to America.

Care of the Complexion.

It is a well known fact that a torpid liver produces a sallow hue and a dull, yellow complexion. You need not expect a clear, beautiful complexion if the blood is rendered impure by a sluggish action of the liver. Ransom's Liver Pills properly perform its function of purifying and filtering all impurities from the blood. Ladies, Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills is an invaluable remedy, for by their action on the liver and blood they promote true beauty by rendering

The True Remedy.

Wm. Duggan, St. Albans street, Toronto, says: "I won't keep house without Ransom's Live Syrup and Tolu. I have suffered from consumption, coughs, colds, croup or bronchial troubles. Experienced with many others, but never got the true remedy until we used Ransom's Live Syrup and Tolu. No other remedy can take its place in our household. It is a certain and sure cure for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough, etc. We would not be without it in the house."

It is idle to experiment with other remedies, even if they are urged on you as "just as good" as "Ransom's Live Syrup and Tolu." They are not as good, because this remedy has a record of cures and, besides, is guaranteed. It never fails to satisfy. 25 cents.

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Bayley's

Through the Ice.

Two Children Rescued, But the Third Was Drowned.

Paralytic Frozen to Death in the Lake Near Winnipeg—Indian and White Teamster Perish With the Cold.

Seely's Bay, Ont., Dec. 24.—On Wednesday afternoon the three children of Edward Smith, returning from school, were crossing the ice on the way home, when all three went through. Two succeeded in getting out, but Gerrie, about 14, was drowned. Her body was recovered by men passing near.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—A man named Hugh was frozen to death in Lake Winnipegosis on Saturday. In going over the lake one of his horses got into a crack in the ice, and in trying to get it out he slipped in himself and was unable to get out. He was found frozen in the ice two days afterwards. One elbow was resting on the solid ice on the side of the crack. He might possibly have got out had he not been a sufferer from paralysis.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—The Indian Department has received word of the death of Chief Ashetaquine, of Band Forty, Shoal Lake, in the Lake of the Woods district, who was frozen to death. He had gone to Mather's logging camp for supplies, but on his return was overtaken by a storm and lost his way. He was between 60 and 70 years of age, and was elected chief in 1888.

Topics of the Day.

Everyone is surprised at the rapidity and efficacy with which Nerviline—nerve-pain cure—relieves neuralgia and rheumatism. Nerviline is a specific for all nerve pains and should be kept on hand by every family.

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HONORE'S FATE.

CHAPTER XXIII.

Lady Lawrence stood beside the couch from which Mrs. Trent had risen. She had not attempted to seat herself, and none of those who had started up at the sound of her name had moved from the attitudes in which their great surprise had found them.

"See, she said, as she glanced from one to another of her startled guests. 'That you did not expect to meet me here. You cannot recognize my face and form with that portrait of Lady Lawrence which you all know so well. No wonder, for I bought it—a fancy sketch, costing something under 50 rupees—because it was as unlike myself as any woman's portrait could be. I meditated, even then, this pious fraud, and I knew the portrait would put you off the scent, even if any chance speech or occurrence should afterward awaken suspicion. I think no suspicion ever has been aroused, and no plan could have worked better than mine has done. I have heard from all of you such frank and undisguised opinions of old Myddelton's sister, that no doubt could ever rest in my mind. I never questioned your right to judge of her without knowing her, but I chose not to judge you until I did know you a more matter of taste either way, and surely we all have a right to our own opinions. I have gained my knowledge, and I fear you are not so glad of having known me before this meeting, as I am for having known you. It was not your conduct to myself which was to be the test I sought. I had a wider motive, which you will soon understand. You are very kind to have met me here. I have delayed making my will as long as I think it safe to delay it. I am an old woman, and you know, all of you, how another old woman who had been my companion for twenty years had died within the few months you have known me. True, I am healthy—brisk and active, as most of you have remarked; but a certain old proverb insinuates that a door on strong hinges is not to be depended on. Remembering this, I have determined 'Dinner is served, my lady.'

With a certain dignity which seemed now to belong to the old lady, in spite of her restlessness, she paired off her guests.

Out of consideration for them, dinner had been taken early and suddenly announced, to excuse dinner-dress, which neither she nor the gentlemen of her household had assumed.

Mrs. Trent, feeling exceedingly uncomfortable, not only mentally but (in consequence of her unusual attire) physically, too, left the room gloomily on the old chaplain's arm. Jane Haughton, more rigid than ever in her mortification, walked like a pillar in the escort of the chery lawyer. Theodora Trent tried to call up her old smiles for the benefit of the Indian secretary, but her mind was too full of anger—an anger which was wide,

and vague, and directed against every one but herself.

"Mr. Houghton," said Lady Lawrence, her keen eyes moving from one to another of the group. "I will trouble you for your escort, and Captain Trent, you will doubtless be proud to lead both these young ladies."

There was a curious pucker in the corners of her mouth when she said this, almost as if she knew how unwelcome this position had ever been to Captain Hervey.

The dinner was an elaborate and ceremonious meal, yet the old lady's constant, easy chatter, and the genial and skilful conversation of the gentlemen of the house overcame the heaviness which might easily have settled on the party.

Besides which, there were one or two of old Myddelton's relatives who, in their pride, made a strenuous effort to appear thoroughly at ease; and these efforts, though painfully evident, were not without a partial success.

After dinner, Lady Lawrence retired to her own room, and her guests seemed all glad to follow her example. It would be less unpleasant to sit alone by the fires in their chambers, than to have to discuss together the events of the day.

"I bring you here," she said, as her guests took their seats about the room, and she herself appropriated a large chair which stood beside a writing-table, to hear my intentions regarding my will. Mr. Stafford is with me for the purpose of drawing it up, and he may possibly make that a long process—lawyers always make everything lengthy and elaborate—but we need not be delayed by that. I have promised Mr. Stafford to give him notes of my wishes this morning. In three days' time, he will be to the point, and he will read it to me here—to me, and to any of you who want to hear it. I have promised him the directions at once, not only because I want the fuss over, but also because I should think it unfair to keep you longer in uncertainty, dancing attendance on my whims. Whims I call them! I added the old lady, with a shrewd twinkle in her bright gray eyes; "but not quite idle whims, mind."

I have practiced a fraud upon you, but it was with a purpose solemn enough to legitimate it. I have in trust an enormous sum of money, besides property of other kinds, and this trust is not to be lightly disposed of. So for this fraud of mine I offer no apology; those among you who know that Lady Lawrence, coming in style to Station, would have found you only as Mrs. Pate, in her nameless insignificance, would have found you, have nothing for which to blame me. Those who have one nature for the poor and another for the rich—if there should be any such among you—would not merit apology; so, as I said before, I offer none. I have had good opportunities of studying my kindfolk's dispositions, and those opportunities have been of inestimable value to me. I am not quite a Myddelton at heart, and I have a great wish that the family wealth should be neither squandered nor selfishly amassed. I want a pure and generous hand to wipe away that curse which rests upon old Myddelton's money, and I should like to think that, from the moment I give it up, the good which will shall do will bring a light and blessing upon it, and redeem this wasted time and power abused. Now for the items," continued the little old lady, dipping her quill into the ink, and scrawling a date upon the blank white paper before her.

"You can help me considerably here, for I am not quite sure of your baptismal names, and I wish to remember every one. Of course, I naturally shooed my great difficulty at present—as she spoke she raised her pen, and looked quizzically into the faces around her, reading their expressions in recognizing who was the Station friends who were so invariably hospitable and courteous to the common place old woman at East Cottage, and

so kind and attentive to her sick companion. Still in this change I recognize the compliment paid to the rich old aunt, and I appreciate it at its full worth. Mrs. and Miss Trent, for instance, resumed the old lady, the cynical lines deepening about her mouth, "how could I at first be sure that I saw the ladies from Deergrove, who have hitherto appeared so differently before me?" But I understand the respect they pay me, and that shall be remembered.

"Theobald Owen, too. Let me congratulate you, child, on looking better in your plain dress than I ever saw you look before. Surely for such a denial as foregoing your finery for a few days, you deserve some recompense, and you shall be recompensed. Miss Haughton yesterday evening, for the first time, I saw you bestow a pleased smile of greeting on me. I was unforgottenly surprised to detect it, and, though it should be the last as well as the first, it deserves to be remembered in my will. You, too, Mr. Houghton, were just then waiting with a smile at Lady Lawrence, caught a glimpse of it, and it made me forget how few smiles you had. Half an hour before, bestowed on the little old woman who had intruded into your presence here. You are a clever woman, Lawrence Haughton, very clever, and I had an idea that you were without discovering that—and I know that the money I leave you will not be frittered away in any rash, Quixotic manner. As for you, Harvey Trent, you must of course be remembered, too, for the part you play so well in my expensive party."

"I have a sweet-faced man, a proper man as one shall see in a summer's day—a most gentlemanlike man," thereupon, as if by magic, the face of the old lady's great-uncle was before her. As for you, Honore Craven," the old lady's eyes swept over the girl with their great, unobtrusive gaze, "I have voluntarily forfeited your place in Lady Lawrence's will, as you are perfectly aware. Now, if you will excuse me, as for the rest, I will write my directions for Mr. Stafford."

It was a strange and puzzled alliance which held the group for those ten minutes—a silence freighted with anxious thought, and broken only by the crackling sound of Lady Lawrence's pen upon the thick white paper. Her great-uncle, looking on from the chaise, conscious of no feeling beyond her great astonishment. Again and again, as the old lady wrote, she was going back to those days she had spent at East Cottage, wondering why she had never suspected any cause for her great-uncle's inexplicable interest in old Myddelton's family.

Lawrence Haughton took down a book and buried himself in its pages, those among you who know that Lady Lawrence, coming in style to Station, would have found you only as Mrs. Pate, in her nameless insignificance, would have found you, have nothing for which to blame me. Those who have one nature for the poor and another for the rich—if there should be any such among you—would not merit apology; so, as I said before, I offer none. I have had good opportunities of studying my kindfolk's dispositions, and those opportunities have been of inestimable value to me. I am not quite a Myddelton at heart, and I have a great wish that the family wealth should be neither squandered nor selfishly amassed. I want a pure and generous hand to wipe away that curse which rests upon old Myddelton's money, and I should like to think that, from the moment I give it up, the good which will shall do will bring a light and blessing upon it, and redeem this wasted time and power abused. Now for the items," continued the little old lady, dipping her quill into the ink, and scrawling a date upon the blank white paper before her.

(To be continued.)

RUSKIN'S ROMANCE

Recalled by the Death of Lady Millsall
London, Dec. 23.—Lady Millsall, widow of Sir John Millsall, the late president of the Royal Academy, is dead. Lady Millsall had been suffering from some time from cancer of the throat, the same disease which caused the death of her husband on Aug. 15, 1896. Rusk, the latter having voluntarily given her up when it was evident that she loved Millsall. Rusk, stood in the chair while, in 1895, was married to the celebrated painter. Her maiden name was Euphemia Chalmers Gray.

RODE ON AN AVALANCHE

A Thrilling Descent of Pike's Peak—One Miner Lives to Tell of It.
Colorado Springs, Col., Dec. 23.—Joe Bradley, a miner and prospector of Cripple Creek, was brought into this city yesterday by a most extraordinary result of his riding on an avalanche on Pike's Peak on last Friday. Bradley says that a man whose name he did not know was with him coming over the mountain from Cripple Creek to Colorado Springs. When near the summit of the peak the way became obscure, and they climbed to the top of an enormous snowdrift. In the white trail. From this point, Bradley describes the affair as follows:

"The whole mountain side suddenly seemed to give a lurid, a light, a speed, move downward. After what seemed to me an age had elapsed I was thrown against a stump and rendered unconscious. When I regained my senses I discovered, a short distance away, a prospector's cabin. I could not walk, being so badly bruised and frozen, but, after a prayer that I might die, I dragged myself to the cabin, where I was attended by the prospector. My companion I did not see after the starting of the avalanche, and he is surely lost."

Searching parties have endeavored to find Bradley's companion, but as yet the body has not been recovered.

Letters From Santa Claus.

For many years, each Christmas Eve, I've made a loving call, And much the children dear would grieve Did I not come at all.

Who says there is no Santa Claus? He surely does not know! Perhaps there is no wind, because One cannot see it blow!

But you behold the tall trees bend Before the moving air, You see the blast their branches rend, And know the wind is there.

Thus, Christmas morn, when you arise, And by your stockings pause, The welcome gifts to your eyes There is a Santa Claus!

You have not seen me come or go, Nor heard a peep of my hoofs, Yet still believe I've skimmed the snow And climbed the steepest roof!

The little folks have faith that I Their fondest hopes fulfill; How cruel, then, to me deny— Such tender trust to chill.

And older ones, for whom truth's glare Illusions dost dispel, Find joy in childhood's fanciful fair That still in memory dances.

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Twenty People Were Hurt in a New Jersey Accident.

New York, Dec. 24.—Twenty persons were injured, three perhaps fatally, at a grade crossing on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, between Passaic and Delaware, N. J.

All the victims are employed in Western and Aldrich's mill at Delaware. They rode to and from their work in a big covered stage. It was not until the horses were on the tracks that the engine was seen by the driver. The locomotive and the stage almost in the middle, hurled it several feet ahead, then struck it again, throwing it from the track.

I GIVE.

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I have a wealthy friend. I give him a diamond and he chafes inwardly, but returns something more expensive.

I have a poor friend. I give him my best wishes, and he is pleased, for he can return the courtesy without degrading himself.

I have a mother. I give her that which she really needs.

I have a father. I give him that which would please myself.

I have a wife. I look for the bare spot in our home, and I cover it.

I have a son. I give him that which pleased me as a boy.

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FAIR AND COLD TODAY AND TOMORROW.

Toronto, Dec. 23—11 p.m.—The low area which was over Alberta and Saskatchewan yesterday still hovers there, whilst the depression then central over the Georgian Bay is now over the northern portion of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Higher pressure and colder weather is nearing the lakes from the Northwest. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Esquimaux, 33-40; Calgary, 23-34; Qu'Appelle, 6-14; Winnipeg, 23 below zero; Port Arthur, 18 below zero; Toronto, 16-22; Ottawa, 10-15; Montreal, 10-14; Quebec, 6-14; Halifax, 14-20.
Probabilities: Toronto, Dec. 24—1 a.m. Lower lakes: Fair and decidedly cold, with westerly and northerly winds and local snow flurries on Friday; continued fair and cold on Saturday, with somewhat higher temperature at night.
Local temperatures: The highest and lowest reading of the thermometer at the observatory here yesterday were: 25 and 8 above.

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News About Town

—Mr. A. D. Nelson, Piccadilly street, is visiting friends in Exeter.
—Mr. George Gruber, Talbot street, leaves today for Listowel to renew acquaintances there.
—Mr. Andrew Lamb, of Hamilton, formerly of London, is visiting his parents in this city.
—Mr. Peter McDonald, of the C. P. R., has gone to Barrie, to spend Christmas at the old home.
—Miss Annie Cannel, of this city, left yesterday to spend Christmas with Mrs. A. K. Mesbourne, of Hamilton.
—Mr. A. Nugent, from the Philadelphia Dental College, is spending a few holidays at his home, 755 Waterloo street.
—Mr. Will Lind, of Peoria, Ill., is in the city for the holidays. Mrs. Lind has been visiting her parents here for some time.
—Miss Jennie Magee has returned from the Deaconess Home, Toronto, to spend the holidays with her parents in this city.
—Mr. T. M. Davis, city, is a candidate for the Hamilton board of the Commercial Travelers' Association in Toronto on Dec. 29.
—Mrs. (Capt.) Carpenter, of this city, is among the ladies who will figure in the historical tableaux at the vice-regal ball in Toronto on Dec. 28.
—Mr. and Mrs. J. Best and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Best, of Stratford, will spend Christmas at Lambeth, the guests of Mrs. (Dr.) Routledge.
—The services at Dundas Center Methodist Church on Sunday will be of a special Christmas character. An appropriate programme of Christmas music has been prepared by the choir, and special sermons will be preached by the pastor, Rev. E. B. Lancelotti, morning subject, "Bethlehem's Joy," evening subject, "The Mother of Jesus."
—Owing to increase of business, we have found it necessary to add to our staff of first-class workmen. Mr. Herbert S. Dickson, of London, has accepted the situation, and commenced work last week. This will add another member to the Methodist Church and a new worker to the Epworth League.
—Walterburg, New York, Mr. Dickson was a popular young Londoner, and his many friends will wish him success in his new field.
—A Lambeth correspondent says: "School closed here on Wednesday. Mr. Arthur McKerricher, who has taught here for the past three years, has resigned, intending to further his own education. As a teacher Mr. McKerricher has given entire satisfaction, and as a young man he has been highly esteemed by all his acquaintances."
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A PIGEON-TOED TURKEY

Causes Trouble at Komoka—An Arrest and an Acquittal.

An ordinary pigeon-toed turkey has been causing a great deal of commotion in the vicinity of Komoka. The other night Mr. John Harrison was robbed of ten turkeys, including the pigeon-toed bird alluded to. Shortly afterwards he learned that a gobbler of the pigeon-toed variety had been seen in the barnyard of Mr. John A. McKellar, a prominent and respected contractor and poultry dealer. A search warrant was at once secured, and sure enough a pigeon-toed bird was found at Mr. McKellar's. The latter was apprehended on a charge of theft, which caused a great sensation in the district. The case came before Squire Edwards on Tuesday last. Mr. R. H. Dignan, London, represented the defendant, and Mr. J. B. McKillop the crown. Mr. Harrison and some of his witnesses testified that the turkey in question was the identical one which had been stolen. Mr. McKellar resolutely denied this. He said that he had just purchased some fowl from Mr. John McKinnley, and the pigeon-toed one was among this lot.
Mr. McKinnley was called, and swore that he had raised a pigeon-toed turkey; that on the Monday of the arrest he had sold Mr. McKellar some turkeys, and the pigeon-toed bird was among them.
Mr. McKellar was honorably acquitted.

TALBOT STREET BAPTISTS

Hold a Successful Christmas Sunday School Entertainment—Excellent Program—The Secretary's Report.

A large and merry crowd of scholars, teachers and their friends attended the Christmas entertainment of the Talbot Street Baptist Sunday school last night, despite the storm, and the programme, given principally by the children, was very meritorious. The school singing was especially good, and elicited from the pastor, Rev. Ira Smith, who presided, the expression of opinion that it was the best given since he had taken charge of the church.
Secretary J. W. Westervelt, jun., read the annual report of the school, showing 220 scholars on the roll, 120 of whom were in the intermediate school, 60 in the infant class, 15 in the Bible class and 25 teachers. The average attendance was 163—pupils, 142, and teachers, 21—and the largest attendance of any Sunday was 208 on Jan. 1, 188 being scholars and 22 teachers. The total receipts were \$166 77, including a thank offering of \$29 97, and the average collection was \$2 27. Of the receipts \$41 61 went to foreign and \$14 15 to home missions.
The programme was opened with a few remarks from Rev. Ira Smith, and an address of welcome from Stuart Hudson. Several choruses were given by the school and the infant class, and the report of the library was read by Miss E. Ellis. Selections on the gramophone; a recitation, "The Boyless Town," by John McLeod; a solo, "Rock-a-Bye Baby," by Muriel Draper; a solo by Mrs. N. Mills, with chorus by the school; a duet, "Song of the Angel," by Mrs. Yeomans and Mrs. Scott; was chorus by the school; an exercise, "The Gifts We Bring," by the following girls of Miss Lawrence's class: Della Birrell, Minnie McCandless, Carrie Leach, Flossie Gartshore, and Nora Cameron; "The Star of Bethlehem," by Olive Tune, Florence Nash, Ann Fawell, Jennie McLeod, Vesta Barclay, Melvina Parkinson and

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