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TOVES AND SECOND-HAND FURNITURE for sale cheap at Keene's Furniture Store, Masonic Tomple, Market Square.

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### Miscellaneous.

HEREBY FORBID ALL PERSON OR persons whosoever from giving credit to my wife Mary Ardle Gibson, she having left my bed and board without just cause or provocation. Dated at London this 4th day of December, A.D. 1897. GEORGE F. GIBSON.

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### Religious Services.

MARRIED.

STEVENSON-FRASER — On Thursday, Doc. 23, at the residence of the bride's parents, 293 Dundas street, by the Rev. Robt. Johnston, B.D., pasior of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Evangeline I., daughter of Mr. Donald Fraser, to Orlando J. Stevenson, M.A., of St. Thomas, Ont.

Amusements and Lectures

MUNDASCENTERMETHODIST CHURCH—Special Christmas services Sunday, Dec. 26. The pastor, Rev. E. B. Lanceley, will preach. Morning subject, "Bethlehem's Babe." Evening subject, "The Mother of Jesus." Morning—Anthems, Sing, O Sing (Leslie), and Come Near Ye Nations (Watson); solo, How Brightly Dawns the Morning (Shelley). Evening—Anthems. Sing and Rejoice (Barnby), and It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (Sullivan): solos, Glery to God (litotoli), and The Birthday of a King (Neidlinger), Hallelujah Chorus, (Messiah) Handel.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH-LOVE feast service in Wesley Hall, Christmas morning, from 11 to 12.

CT. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL—CHRISTMAS
Day. Matius; Venite, Gregorian; Te
Deum, C. Lee Williams; Jubilate, C. Lee Williams; Anthem, Unto Us a Child Is Born, F.
Adlam; Kyrie Eleison, C. Lee Williams,
Preacher, His Lordship the Bishop of Huron.

Background

Attempt to Stir Up Anti-British
Faeling in Germany.

DIVINE SERVICE WILL BE HELD at St. James' Church, London South, at 11 o'clock Christmas morning. Special Christmas music will be rendered by the excellent choir of the church; and on Sunday following the music will be a feature of both morning and evening services. All welcome.

### Articles For Sale.

ENRESH OYSTERS - EVERY DAYwho esale and retail. Any orders received by mail given prompt attention. CATA-LANO & SANSONE, 306 Dundas street. W MAS CARDS AND CALENDARS. UP-TO-DATE—CHEAP, CHEAP.
R. V. S. SAUNDER,
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Princess avenue Special attention given to teaching the waltz and two step. Lessons any hour.

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Talbot streets, upstairs. FOR SALE - SKATES AND SKATE parts; bicycle enameling and general repairing at lowest prices. D. McKenzie & TRANSVAAL'S GATEWAY TO THE Co. 374 Richmond street.

RON AND LEAD PIPE, STEAM AND water fittings of all kinds. SMITH BROS., 265 Dundas street. Thirty horse power; can be run at 9) revolutions; is in capital order; can be had at a very low figure. Address Engine, care of keeping out of Rhodes' clutches Del"Advertiser" Office. of keeping out of Rhodes' clutches Delagoa Bay, which the president charac-CUSTOMS PAPERS OF ALL KINDS terized as "the Transvaal's only gate-partment. You can have them in large or small quantities."

CABLE NOTES.

small quantities.

## Business Chances.

LISHED shocmaking business, house shop, fruit garden, eccupied by the late Hogh McCallum, Dutton. Apply Mrs. McCallum, Dutton.

Situations Wanted.

XPERIENCED COOKS, DINING-ROOM girls, general servants, housekeepers, adies companions, salesiadies, etc., are wait-London Employment Bureau, 372 Richmond.

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Weir M tchell's Hospital for Nervous Diseases, Philadelphia. Massage and Swedish movements. 497 King street, London, Ont. Phone 502

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ANTED-100 GOOD SECOND-HAND

Livery Stables. THOMAS TREBILCOCK-STAR LIVERY 1 -533 Richmond stree'. Best backs, coupes, etc. Light livery a specialty. Careful attention to orders. Phone 423. Open night

ILLEY'S LIVERY-NO. 619 DUNDAS street, East London, Ont. Telephone No. 666.

### Marriage Licenses.

M. H. WESTON, 64 STANLEY STREET, issues marriage licenses; open evenings; take belt line car. J. G. Shuff, chemist, 549 Dundas street (corner William). Trolley cars pass the door.

ARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED AT Strong's Drug Store, 184 Dundas street. Residence 289 Dufferin avenue. I ICENEES ISSUED BY THOS, GILLEAN seweler 402 Richmond street. ARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUEDBYW H. BARTRAM, 99 Dundas street.

### Real Estate.

London Real Estate Exchange.

DUILDING LOTS-For sale cheap on William, Oxford and St. James streets, or to exchange for work or building material. Easy terms. To rent—Handsome modern brick residence, 378 Central avenue, 9 rooms; also 119 Cartwright street, good furnaces, everything first

splendid lot, near C. P. R., monthly payments; No. 51 Alma street, good rame cottage and large lot; price only \$700; rents for \$7 per Loans—If you want to borrow money see W D. Buckle. Loans on real estate at low interest and easy terms of repayment.
W. D. EUCKLE.

Cottages for sale-No. 182 Oxford, 7 rooms.

## NOTICE,

THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES Consul has been removed from the Temmseh House to Dr. Kingsmill's terrace,

### Agricultural Savings and Loan Co

Dividend No. 51. OTICE is hereby given that a dividend of 3 per cent, upon the paid-up capital stock of this company has been declared for the current half year ending 31st December,

and that the same will be payable at the company's office on and after the 3rd day of losed from the 16 h to the 31s instant, both days inclusive. By order of the board.

C. P. BUTLER, Manager.

London, Dec. 8, 1897. 60 tvx

# The Policy of Britain.

Guesses as to Her Course in solicitor-general for Ireland by Mr. sult.

Dunbar Plunket Barton, Q.C., M. P. Th Regard to China.

Co-operate.

France Ambitious to Become Mistress of the Nile.

English Transportation Companies

Preparing for a "Klondike

## Rush" in the Spring.

HOAXED. London, Dec. 24.-The rapiet, the leading Catholic journal in England, wants to know who has hoaxed the London Daily Chronicle in Catholic af-

on the Manitoba school question. ·FIGHTING IN CRETE. Candia, Dec. 24.—There has been a recrudescence of conflicts between the Mussulmans and Christians. The former attacked a caravan near Armiro and killed twelve Christians. A Toulon dispatch says: In view of the disquieting news from the Island of Crete, two French cruisers are ready to sail for the island at a moment's

notice.

London, Dec. 24.-President Kruger, in the course of a speech at Krugersdorp consummation of such magnificent on Tuesday, dwelt upon the danger of schemes of the British in Africa.

Charles Helmbold, son of the late Dr. Charles Helmbold, son of the late Dr. PATERSON & JOLLY.

Charles Helmbold, of New York city, who was arrested in London on Tuesday last, charged with having threatened to kill United States Consul-General Osborne, has been confined in an asylum, under

the name of F. C. Evans. Lord Salisbury says the report that the Duke of Norfolk, postmaster-general, had approached him with the view of obtaining the admission of Cardinal Vaughan into the House of Lords is

absolutely unfounded. The Bengal Chamber of Commerce urging that the time has arrived to adopt the gold standard. The reception at the Vatican Thurs-

day was largely attended by Catholic Church dignitaries. Replying to the Christmas greetings, the pope deplored the conflict between the state and holy see. The pope, who was in excellent health and splendid voice, blessed all present, including 23 cardinals. A Paris dispatch says the initial step has been taken in the long-pro-

jected demolition of the fortifications of the city. It is estimated that the land will realize 150,000,000 francs, 60,-000,000 francs of which will be devoted to the construction of a short rampart further out.

Mr. William Kenny, solicitor-general for Ireland, and M. P. for the St. Stephen's Green division of Dublin, has been appointed a judge on the Irish bench. He will be succeeded as

### Hotel Cards.

RIGG HOUSE, LONDON, ON T.—
Refurnished and renovated throughout,
Large and light sample rooms for commermen. Rates \$1 50 and \$2 per day. M. MEARA, proprietor. NEIL HOUSE—CORNER TALBOT AND York street; new and convenient; stables.

WM. COLLINS, proprietor. AITY HOTEL, LONDON-BEST \$1 DAY Canada; good stables in connection. J. McMartin, proprietor. THE ST. LAWRENCE HOTEL, MON-TREAL—Centrally located and first-class in every respect. H. Hogan, Proprietor.

WE'HE RICHMOND" - CORNER KING and Richmond streets. JAMES FALLAHR, new proprietor. A call solicited. TIECUMSEH HOUSE-LONDON, ONT. Largest and best hotel in Western On tario. No charge for baggage or sample rooms. Rates \$2 and \$2 50 per day. C. W. Davis

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BECAUSE . . . VANCOUVER is the best outfitting point on the coast, goods being considerably cheaper than in the United States.
 VANCOUVER is the nearest port of depar-

ture to the Yukon district.

3. VANCOUVER is the terminus of the C. P. railway, whose steamers will start from VANCOUVER this spring.

All northbound steamers call at VAN-

5. Direct steamers to Yukon ports have now commenced to run from VANCOUVER.

5. VANCOUVER is the only Canadian port where passengers transfer direct from transfer steamers. train to steamer.

KLONDIKE is in CANADA, OUTFIT IN VANCOUVER, AND SAVE 30 PER CENT CUSTOMS DUTY. W. GODFREY.

# President, Board of Trade, Vancouver, B. C. NAKAKAKAKAKAKA

Pronounced by R. Watkin-Mills (3)

ABSOLUTELY the most elegant instruments he had seen anywhere.

167 Dundas Street, London.

Bell Plano Warerooms,

for Mid-Armagh.

Italy Said to Have Declined to OCCUPATION OF EGYPT.

France Is Getting a Good Foothold in Africa.

Paris, Dec. 24. - The Gil Blas publishes a letter from Major Marchand, the French officer, whose expedition was recently erroneously re-ported from Brussels to have been massacred. The letter, dated from Semio, on June 17, says the work accomplished is enormous. He adds that the French hold Domziber, strongly occupied Meshraerrek, and that by Aug. 14 France would thus be firmly established on the Nile, without firing

Commenting upon this communication the Gil Blas says the rivals of France can no longer prevent her from becoming mistress of the Nile.

The British desire an open Nile from the Mediterranean to the lakes. But the French are said to be furtively fairs, when the latter is induced to moving to "effectively occupy" Fashogravely give the public what purport- da, a town on the Nile some 400 miles ed to be the terms of the papal brief | south of Khartoum. This town is situated at a point between Gondorka and Khartoum, and should it fall into the hands of the French the most valuable waters of the Nile would be The Nile is navigable all the round from Berber to a point lost. within ten degrees of the equator. Fashoda in the hands of a foreign power blocks the way of access to the Albert Nyanza. By pushing their way down the Nile to the great lakes, and by projecting the railway in South Africa even farther north, the British exthey should prove a second Jameson pect, in due time, to join together Cape Town and Cairo. The French seem to be getting in the way to hinder the

# Will Bide Her Time.

Britain in No Hurry to Occupy Chinese Territory.

But Will Be Ready for an Emergency

- Co-operating With Japan. London, Dec. 24.-A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle from Rome says it is rumored there that owing to her obligations to Germany, Italy has declined England's proposal for common action in the far east, including a joint occupation of Chusan. Accordhas sent an address to the government, ing to the same dispatch, England has proposed to Russia a conference on the scale to cheer the sick, the afflicted

Chinese question, with a view to avoiding dangerous rivalries. The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail says: The Chinese government is helpless. It is mobilizing a few troops under the least incapable generals who conducted the campaign against Japan. The British fleet at

The Daily Chronicle says it has good

reason to believe that the government

present is at sea.

has decided upon a watching policy, and will refrain from occupying any Chinese territory for the present, but it will give its moral support to Japan and distinct warnings to China concerning England's action in certain contingencies. It is understood, says the Daily Chronicle, that Japan will protest in the strongest manner against Germany's action; while diplomatic circles ridicule the idea of a Russo-German entente concerning China. Berlin, Dec. 24.—The press is evident- | in the morning ly deeply interested as to the attitude Great Britain and the United States are likely to adopt in the Chinese affair. Every attempt is being made to create ill-feeling against England and to represent her as isolated. The ofhas acquiesced in the German and Russian moves, and will take no agthe anxiety that hinges upon the ulti-

ficial newspapers pretend that Japan gressive action. Everything indicates mate groupings of the powers. Japan's action in withdrawing her protest with reference to the course of the United States at Hawaii is interpreted as showing a desire to be unencumbered abroad and to have her hands free to deal with the Chinese question. The Berliner Tageblatt ridicules the idea of an Anglo-Japanese-American alliance. yet seems to fear it. The Kolnische Zeitung thinks America will side with Russia, leaving England in splendid

isolation. A special from Rome says that the Italian cabinet has declined to dispatch a squadron to Chinese waters. The French cruiser Pascal sailed

## from Toulon for China yesterday. The Sealing Award

Eminently Satisfactory to the British Authorities.

Charge of Bad Faith Will Be Revived if Congress Fails to Sanction the Agreement-Canada Blamed for the

Delay.

A cable dispatch to the New York the foreign office do not conceal their gratification over the result of the sealing award since the amount of the indemnity awarded exceeds that which Congress refused to pay. The English press has constantly been reproaching the United States for not paying their bill for damages after the general decision of the Paris tribunal has gone against them. Inevitably the charge of bad faith will be revived if Congress should again refuse its sanction to the agreement reached by the sealing commissioners. Neglect on the part of Congress to appropriate the money refor the seizure of Canadian sealers will naturally increase the difficulty of adthis is already serious enough. The Foreign Office, which is now exposed to merciless criticism at home and abroad for its position of isolation

but it cannot act without the support of Canada, which is not willing to agree to the suspension of pelagic sealing and the preservation of the fur seal herd unless a series of other contentions and questions are taken up by the United States and disposed of. What is to be apprehended is a dip-lomatic impasse with increased bitterness between the two nations as a re-

The prompt settlement of the bill of damages agreed upon by Judges Putnam and King will promote the chances of a reasonable adjustment of the chief question at issue. Otherwise the present regulations will remain in force indefinitely under the Paris award, after experience has shown them to be inadequate for the protection

### of the seals. CANADIAN INTERESTS.

Arrangements for a Rush to Klondike - Canadian Poultry in Good Demand.

London, Dec. 24.-Arrangements are being rapidly completed here in connection with the spring rush to the Klondike. The two Union Line steamers Athenian and Tartar have been secured for the Vancouver-Fort Wrangel service in connection with the Canadian Pacific. The ships will leave for Vancouver on Feb. 1, after an entire refitting. They are 4,000 tons each. have a speed of 14 knots, and will carry 200 first-class and 1,000 steerage passengers. The government and steamship offices are overwhelmed with inquiries. Between 70 and 80 inquiries are made daily at the Canadian Pacific offices alone. where passengers are being booked through to Telegraph Creek. London journals discredit the reports

of famine in the Klondike. Canadian poultry in London is held at good prices. Ottawa telegrams awaken suspicions here as to the possible ulterior motive of the vote of the United States Congress of \$200,000 for the Klondike relief expedition. People say: "What if

# Christmas Cheer In the Homes.

A Day of Joy in the Charitable

The Form the Celebration Will Take in Each-Good Things in Plenty.

Institutions of London.

Christmas is always a day of joy in and tomorrow public and private bounty will be dispensed on a generous

and the destitute. PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME. The day will be celebrated in the usual grand old fashion at the Protestant Orphans' Home. After attendance at through bravely. The sweeper was out the Church of St. John the Evangelist in the morning, the little ones will the tracks. This morning the cars partake of a great big dinner. Then started on time, and the snow gave in the evening a Christmas tree, well them no trouble. laden with candles and toys, will be provided, and a good time generally is fore dawn, and West London streets expected. Friends of the institution received just as thorough a sweeping

AT MOUNT HOPE. The inmates of the Mount Hope Home will be well looked after. A special don't keep nibbling sweets, and so ruin dinner will be served, after which two your appetite. A dose or two of Aylarge Christmas trees, one bearing pres- er's Cherry Pectoral will do you more ents for the little ones, and the other good than pounds of candy, and assist with presents for the old people. Spe- rather than impair your digestion. Al-

cial services in the chapel will be held The day at St. Joseph's Hospital will be marked by the usual special dinner.

THE AGED PEOPLE. The Aged People's Home has been nicely decorated for Christmas, and the inmates will be given a first-class Christmas dinner by the Women's Christian Association. Numberless little treats have been prepared for New Year's Eve, when a Christmas tree entertainment will be given.

wards have been handsomely decorated. northeast corner King and Yonge THE ASYLUM. THE ASYLUM. The asylum will be the scene of great rejoicing. Every patient will receive

THE GENERAL HOSPITAL.

The general hospital patients will

a present from the big Christmas tree tomorrow night, the theater being hand- and was given up by physicians. A somely decorated for the event. The neighbor advised me to try Dr. bill-of-fare will be very choice at all Thomas' Eclectric Oil, stating that his

THE INCURABLES. The inmates of the Home for Incurables will be entertained by several ladies and gentlemen, who have promised to gladden their hearts with song and music. A Christmas repast has been prepared, and Miss Blake, the popular matron, looks forward to a pleasant time for the sufferers. Through the kindness of friends a

large amount of oranges, candy, nuts, etc., have been distributed. THE REFUGE. At the Women's Refuge and Infants' Home the day will be observed in much the same manner as heretofore. A Christmas dinner will be given, and Mrs. Gregsten's primary class of the First Methodist Church will visit the home in the afternoon and entertain Tribune from London says: Officials at the inmates. There are eleven infants there, whom the little girls of the pri-

mary class delight to see. THE JAIL. At the jail, as stated before, the prisoners will be given a Christmas din-

ner and a day off. THE CONVALESCENTS. At the Convalescent Home charitable ladies will furnish delicacies for the inmates, and otherwise contribute to their entertainment and pleasure.

THE SALVATION CITADEL. A happy time was spent at the Salvation Army Citadel last night, when the annual Christmas entertainment for the Sunday school scholars was justing the Bering Sea question and held. Nearly 300 people were present and the large tree was so weighted down with presents for the little ones that Santa Claus was kept busy for about two hours distributing them. A good programme of songs, recitations, and helplessness in dealing with the dialogues and choruses was also given new and mysterious Chinese question, by the children. Tomorrow a special would be glad to have this chief source

## Dainty Odors...

-- How much one appreciates dainty floral odors in the dead of winter! It isn't for all of us, however, to enjoy them as flung from Nature's censer, but there is always the kind created by perfumers - "sweet meadow" tragrance, cased in glass."

Red Roses, Violette Reine, Aromis, Bouquet of Loves, Moss Rose, Violet Flowers, And almost a score of other

A word about our perfum Stephanotis. The freshness and delight of a summer morning seem concentrated in it-one ounce 5oc. An excellent display of Ebony Toilet Goods, serviceable for gifts.

### Cairneross & Lawrence Chemists and Perfumers.

216 Dundas Street.

evening. A free dinner of turkey, roast beef, plum pudding, etc., will be a big attraction at the army hotel, the donations for which are gratefully acknowledged. Yet there is room for

more, says the captain in charge.

## No Trouble From the Storm.

Railway Tracks Not Blocked -American Connections Make Trains Late - The City Snow Plows Out.

Last night's blizzard was J. Pluvius' Christmas box, and not a bad one, by any means. It caused a little discomfort at the time, but the effects today are splendid temperature, a clear sky, and that best of all Christmas weather

delights, good sleighing. The inconvenience of the storm was only temporary. The Grand Trunk, C. P. R. and M. C. R. experienced no blockade in Ontario. Not a single the charitable institutions of London, snowplow was required to be sent out of the city today to clear the tracks. On the London, Huron and Bruce, where trouble was most feared, the morning train arrived here on time to the minute. On the main line of the G. T. R. today, the trains were from one

> all night long, and went over miles of All the city snowplows were out be-

> hour to two hours late, owing entirely

The street railway company came

to American connections.

have liberally donated toys and pro- as the other. The storm cost the city If you have a troublesome cough,

ways keep this medicine in your house.

The Wabash Railroad. With its superb and magnificent train service is now acknowledged to be the most perfect railway system in America, the great winter tourist route to the south and west, including the famous Hot Springs of Arkansas, Old Mexico (the Egypt of the new world), Texas and California (tne land of sunshine and flowers). Passengers going by the Wabash new line reach their destination in advance of other routes. Wabash trains reach more large cities than any other ra !dine on turkey, plum pudding and like | road in the world. Detailed informslicacies tomorrow. Flowers will also tion will be gladly furnished by any

LIFE SAVED.—Mr. James Bryson Cameron writes: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs, wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice, I procured the medicine, and less than half a bottle cured me; I certainly believed it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any

remedy to do me any good." Barkwell's Winterine cures chapped

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### With Your Permission

we appoint you a committee of one to ascertain where you can buy Winter Footwear with best advantage to yourself. We believe that if you investigate the subject thoroughly you will buy here; we therefore invite you to call, examine our winter stock, go elsewhere and compare them; and we have not the slightest fear but that

## J. P. COOK,

173 Dundas Street.

Your money back if you want it. 

# Progress and

Year a Legard of the Travelers' Association.

Reach. 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), Aif. Robinson (secretary), James Dow (Stratford), James Burns, Wm. Yates, F. J. Rumball, James Granger, Tunis Griffiths, H. Line, W. J. Boyd, E. W. Eardley, Wm. R. Grant, Chas. Edwards, C. F. Colwell, H. S. Wilcox, W. K. Clark, J. L. Heath, H. Macklin, I. M. Mayell, F. H. Crabb, Wesley Webb, Wm. Lind, H. McIntyre, R. C. Struthers, Robert Tait, J. M. Dillon, A. Keenleyside, Wm. Martin, B. Niall, C. E. Sterling, J. A. Sutherland, Geo. Burness, A. Burness, G. A. McGillivray, W. A. Wilson, J. C. Hazard, Gordon Wright, B. F. Sainsbury, A. McWhite, S. F. Brickenden, J. Spry, Alf. Connor, J. A. Underhill, Major Smith, Alex. Fraser, Joseph Roach, 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 20 in the membership during the year. The membership now stands: Traveling members, 1,017; associate members, 46; total, 1,063. The handsome sum of \$6,021 74 has been added to the reserve fund, which now amounts to \$49,193 72. "As the railway and transportation companies are requiring a strict enforcing of the requirements of qualifications for traveling 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 traveling 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 mortuary benefit and accident indemnity bylaws: Beneiary of the late J. C. Hoffman, \$165; beneficiary of the late A. Vogel, \$700; beneficiary of the late F. P. Birley, \$280; total, \$1,145. Forty-one weekly indemnity claims, \$1,104; grand total, \$2,249. The sum of \$3,600 has been placed to credit for claims not vet 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 travelers associations of Canada and the general passenger and bag-gage 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, 1896, \$6,674 20; traveling certificates (including one for 1896), \$10,180; associate members' fees (including five for 1896), \$510: transfers and duplicates, \$30; dividends of debentures, \$1,596 43; interest on deposits, \$530 34; Crooks trust (including interest on deposit). \$382 73; total, \$19,903 70. Disbursements, \$17,068 23; balance on hand, \$2,835 47. Assets, \$53,020 57; liabilities, \$3,826 85; balance of assets over liabilities, \$49,-

Messrs. Charles F. Complin and John Overell reported having audited the books, finding them correct and in accordance with the statements. The adoption of the annual report was unanimously carried. Several un-

important amendments to the bylaws were adopted. A proposed addition to the mortuary benefit of \$100 for eightyear members was rejected. Messrs. C. F. Complin and John



manly 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 mechanisms 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 un-failing specific for all diseases of these organs. It restores them to perfect health.
It promotes regularity of their special 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 211 Haskell Street, Dallas, Texas. "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 only a laborer, and was always in debt to the doctors, and all for no good, as none of them did her any good. She began taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and it seemed to work like a charm. She has taken about thirteen bottles and is to-day as stout and healthy as any woman in the United States."

Overell were reappointed auditors for 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

# 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 staffs of the public schools. Those present were: Chairman Greenlees. Trustees Dr. Campbell, Logan, Bayly, Burdick, Dr. English, Martyn, Wilkins, Stephenson, Macpherson, Strong, Bridle and Evans, Inspector Carson, Principal Merchant, Secretary McElheran and Architect Matthews.

No. 1 committee recommended that Mr. Voden, 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 adopt-

ed 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. Rectory street; that Miss Lee be appointed to the position of transition teacher at Princess avenue school, and that Miss Hardey remain as transition teacher at Park street school.

Trustee Burdick stated that a tile drain to cost about \$91 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 out-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 it was afterwards felt by some of the trustees 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 Choruses by 800 Little Children.

The annual Christmas closing enter-

tainment 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, and reflected great credit upon the ladies who had charge of them. Mr. Thomas J. Murphy presided as chairman, Mr. W. T. Muilins as musical director, and Miss Katie Moore as accompanist. When the curtain rose Master Frank White delivered an address of welcome in splendid manner, which was followed by the opening chorus, "Merry Bells," by 300 children, which was a most harmonious blending of voices. Little Jean Lockhart was well received, and danced a jig in his usual good style. "The Doll's Christmas" was a dialogue, in which Pearl Springsted, Rose Quinn, Annie Con-nolly, Helen Leitch, Madeline Burns, Madeline Mitchell, Frankie McCarty, Maud Lewis and Katie Carroll acquitted themselves very creditably. "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 caste of characters was as follows: Primer, J. LaBel; Reading, A. Donegan; Grammar, O. Thessereault: Mathematics, J. Bogue; Logic, J. White; Botany, E. McGarvey; Chemistry, C. McDonald; Geology, J. Mansell; Elocution, F. Bricklin; Rhetoric, T. Webb; History, A. Girard; Literature, W. Bogue; Spelling, H. Pocock; Penmanship, J. Hevey; Geography, J. Mc. Niff; Christian Doctrine, L. LeBel; Justice, W. Forrestal; Attendant, Bert

A pretty tableau, "The Crowning of Christian Doctrine," was the concluding act of the drama, and was well executed. Another chorus, "Glory to God," was given, and was followed by a song, "Ten Little Sunflowers." The sunflowers and stalks were painted on white linen, and a circle left in the center, through which ten pretty little faces peered, and dropped out at appropriate times. This was unique and picturesque. Those who took part were: Gracie Fenech, Katie Flannigan, Madeline Keiley, Agnes Dwyer, Elma Collins, Mamie Boles, Mabel Duggan, Annie Webb, Mary Graham and Gertrude Foley. Jean Lockhart again loomed up in sailor costume and danced the hornpipe. The lantern drill, by 24 little girls in costume and carrying spectacle, and received hearty ap- about nineteen or twenty years, and it plause, when the colored light was is a pleasant coincidence that they are burned, presenting an exquisite picture together among the friends of their to the large audience. The little ladies younger days. taking part were: Louie Chaffer, May The Congregationalists expect to see Long, Mamie Kelly, Mamie Sweeny, every young man out with his best Alice Moore, Nora Brennan, Sarah girl on the evening of the 29th inst., Paladino, Rosie Pask, Annie Murray, Louise O'Rourke, Rosie Salf, Ettie the Lake Shore Church. Come one and Delaney, Lillie Mullins, Blanche all! No fee. Cowan, Aggie Gleason. Nellie Phelan. | Summer weather in December set |

and Edna 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 scholars. He contrasted 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 pre-sented each child with a pretty box of

### 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

Mr. Warren, of Belmont, has been engaged to fill the vacancy in Lambeth public school, caused by Mr. A. Mc-Kerricher's resignation. The Delaware Memorial Sunday

school (Methodist) will have their Christmas tree and entertainment on Monday evening next, instead of on Christmas eve. The Christena Sunday school will

hold their annual entertainment on Tuesday, Dec. 28, at the school house. The rector, Rev. T. R. Brown, of Delaware, will be the chairman. The funeral of James, the nine-yearold son of J. A. Dawson, Bostwick line, took place Sunday. The remains were interred in Lambeth cemetery. Rev.Mr.

Egglestein conducted the service. The funeral of Miss Eva Bell took place on Tuesday from her father's residence, con. 4, Delaware, and was largely attended by friends and neighamong whom deceased was a great favorite.

Nilestown Council of Royal Templars has chosen a full staff of lady officers, as follows: Select councilor. Miss Julia Barnard; vice-councilor Miss Beila Lawson; chaplain, Nova Lawson; herald, Flossie James; deputy herald, Kate McClary; treasurer, Nellie Scott; secretary, Lou James; financial secretary, Ethel Swift; as-sistant secretary, Jennie Groat; guard, Maud Pearson; sentinel, Bessie Procunier, past councilor, Mr. Spence; organist, Lizzie Edwards. There will be an open meeting of the council every quarter, preceded by a quarterly Sunday afternoon gospel service at the council room. Arrangements have been made to secure the aid of Mr. Sam Grigg, of London, to conduct the first Sunday afternoon service.
The closing of the school term was recognized at school section No. 1, London township on Tuesday evening, where a most successful concert was side of the city a chance to spend New | held. The school room was crowded Year's Day with their friends, it would to its fullest extent, and by 8 o'clock most entertaining and profitable pro-gramme, in which the following talent participated: Miss Robson and Miss Gibson, instrumental; Miss Ethel Robson and Mr. Porte, recital; Mr. Robt Robson and Mr. Walden, vocal, and Messrs. Shipley, violin and guitar. Mr. Snelgrove, who has so successfully taught in that section during the past year, gave a splendid exhibition of the checks were not necessary at that / club-swinging. Capt. Robson occupied the chair and presided in his customary pleasant manner. Great credit is due to Mr. Snelgrove who had pre-

### pared such a choice programme. CREDITON.

Crediton, Dec. 23 .- One of the most complete, as well as one of the pleasantest surprise parties on record, in our little burg was given Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lamport, sen., when a number of their friends from Exeter and vicinity took advantage of the good sleighing on Tuesday, and came without "bids." But Sam was equal to the occasion, and received them in his usual jovial manner, and it was well on in the morning before they commenced their homeward flight.

Mr. John Trevethick, jun., and Mr. Robert Walker, were in London on Mr. Wesley Mitchell opened his new grocery store on Tuesday, opposite the Crediton flouring mills. Mr. Mitchell says all letters should be addressed to Crediton East, and not Ramrod.

Mr. William Dyer, who has been on a tour through the Northwest, returned home last week. Mrs. Jones, of Marlett, Mich., is at present visiting her parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Matthew Winer.

As Mr. Chris. Eilber, of Zurich, has discontinued peddling bread to our village. Mr. Ezra Faist intends building a bakery, and will soon be able to furnish the public with the necessary staff of life.

Mr. Thomas Flaherty, of Mount Forest, is at present engaged to Mr. B. Brown, our popular shoe merchant. Mr. J. P. Morlock has taken up his abode on con. 4.

No doubt the largest audience that ever gathered in our town hall was there on Wednesday evening, at the school children's annual concert. Mr. Henry Eilber occupied the chair for the evening, and the programme was as follows: Chorus, by the school, "The Maple Leaf"; recitation by Ira Brown, "Boys' Rights"; solo, Miss Ella Beaver; dialogue, "Darling of the Year"; recitation, Clara Haist; recitation, "The Difference"; solo, Edmund Wuerth; recitation, Myrtle Clark; "Snow Brigade," by six boys; recitation, Melinda Trick; song, Mary Young, Next came the presentation of leaving certificates, which was made by Mr. Valentine Ratz, M.P. Then a selection by the orchestra; recitation, Arthur Holtzman; dialogue, "Quarrel of the Flowers"; duet, Vivian and Ella Beaver; recitation, by Clara Kienzle; chorus, "Rock-a-Bye," by eight girls; solo, Mrs. (Dr.) Rivers. a child's health. Then came the presentation of entrance certificates by Dr. Rivers, followed by "The Shaking Quakers," recitation by Ezra Schmitt; drill, by sixteen boys; "Stories from Wonderland"; solo, Mr. George Zwicker; recitation, Alfred Wuerth; club-swinging, by six girls; chorus, by scholars, "God Save the Queen." The teachers were congratulated for the pains they had taken to make the concert a success, and also thanked by Mr H Eilber on behalf of the parents of the scholars, for the care and interest they have shown the children in the past. The teachers, Mr. O. Simpson, Miss Ball and Miss Corsey leave on their Christmas holidays to-

LAKE SHORE-BOSANQUET

Lake Shore, Bosanquet, Dec. 23.— Dean Schooley, of Michigan, and Dun-can Johnson, jun., of Manitoba, are is in costume and carrying both visiting friends in this vicinity.

lanterns, was a charming They have both been away from here

to the Christmas tree entertainment in

Maggie Boyle, Stella Buller, Edna some of the farmers to plowing for about a week, but winter came along rard, Blanche Moore, and Clara McCue again on the 17th inst., and seems to intend to remain.

### ARKONA

Arkona, Dec. 23 .- On Wednesday afternoon, while H. M. Casselman was driving home from town, his horse ran away, and Mr. Casselman, thinking he would stop the horse, tried to turn the animal in toward the fence. In doing so he was thrown from the cutter, striking his head against a gate-post, cutting it open in two places, and breaking a bone in his shoulder. Dr. E. M. Copeland was called in and dressed the wounds, and Mr. Casselman is doing as well as can be expected. Mr. Sitlington is now carrying the mail on the Thedford route, and makes a very obliging stage driver.

### Merry Christmas to all.

The Christmas Entertainment of St George's Sunday School-Presenta tion to Miss Angus.

POTTERSBURG FESTIVITIES.

The scholars of the St. George's Church Sabbath school, Pottersburg, together with parents and friends, en- \$1 25 to 75c. joyed the annual Christmas entertainment and treat last evening. The church was filled with happy persons, from the tiny and attractive member of the infant class, to the gray-haired sire of much experience, while the warmth of good feeling and brotherly love, features of the new and flourishing congregation, was a splendid off-set to the cold and blustering character of the elements that raged with-

The programme was exceptionally good, and reflected great credit upon the committee that had the preparation of it in hand. The cantata given by eight girls deserved special mention. Sixteen valuable book prizes were distributed to the members of the school most regular in attendance and most proficient in their studies. The pastor spoke words of approbation regarding the school as a whole. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of a purse of gold to the organist, Miss Angus. The pastor, Rev. George Gilmore, in the name of the choir and congregation, made the presentation. As he asked her to come forward, the applause was deafening and most spontaneous. The hearty expression of appreciation, together with the tangible token given, Mr. Gilmore assured her, were no formalities, but indicated the esteem in which she was held as the organist of the church and as a young lady of worth. A box of confectionery was given to

each one present, and all went away feeling that in the church circle there is, after all, the heartfest sympathy and fellowship.

### Christmas Carol. The earth has grown old with its bur-

den of care, But at Christmas it always is young. be well not to reopen the schools till over 300 had gathered to listen to a The heart of the jewel burns lustrous And its soul full of music breaks forth on the air.

When the song of the angels is sung. It is coming, old earth, it is coming tonight? On the snowflakes that covered thy

The feet of the Christ-child fall gentle and white. And the voice of the Christ-child tells That mankind are the children of

On the sad and the lonely, the wretched and poor. The voice of the Christ-child shall fall; And to every blind wanderer open the

Of a hope that he dared not to dream of before With a sunshine of welcome for all.

The feet of the humblest may walk in the field Where the feet of the Holiest have trod. This, this is the marvel to mortals revealed. When the silvery trumpets of Christ-

mas have pealed. That mankind are the children of -Phillips Brooks.

### Children's Nerves.

Liable to be Deranged by Close Confinement and Over Study.

The continual grind of our schools is hard on child growth, shatters the nervous system and undermines the health. When



the headaches, twitchings, feelings of tiredness, sleeplessness and restlessness begin to manifest themselves give the children Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills. Mothers consider they have no equal for building up

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THE CRYSTAL HALL

One more day and the great throbs of our sale will be hushed. For the benefit of those who have not examined our extraordinary reduction prices, we repeat today a few of them. We have not room in the columns of a newspaper to enumerate all of our sweep. ing reduction prices. We are therefore obliged to confine ourselves to a few. Call and get the rest at the Great Cut-Down-Prices Sale at THE CRYSTAL HALL.

### Our Iron Toys: Only a few left.

Iron Train, Engine and 3 Coaches, Iron Train, Engine and 2 Coaches,

Iron Train, Engine and 3 Coaches, 50c to 30c. Iron Barouche and 1 Horse, \$1 00 to

Iron Barouche and 1 Horse, 75c to Iron Ding-Dong Bell, \$1 00 to 35c. Iron Chariot and Chimes, \$1 00 to 35c

## Our Tin Toys.

Must be cleared out. Large Tin Horses, 12 inches high, 75e to 35c. Large Tin Dogs, 12 inches high,

75c to 35c. Large Tin Fowis, 12 inches high, Large Tin Kitchens, 75c to 35c.

Large Tin Kitchens, 50c to 25c. Large Tin Kitchens, 30c to 15c. Large Tin Train, with 3 Coaches, 75c Large Tin Trains, 50c to 25c.

Large Tin Top, 25c to 15c. Large Tin Top, 15c to 10c. Large Tin Top, 10c to 5c. Large Tin Horn, 15c to 10c. An Array of Tin Toys, 50c to 25c. An Array of Tin Toys, 25c to 10c. An Array of Tin Toys, 10c to 5c.

## Our Games.

Only a limited number to sell Fish Pond, 50c to 25c Upper Ten, 75c to 38c. Lacrosse, 75c to 38c. Football, 75c to 28c. Louisa, 75e to 38c. Spiel Magazine, \$1 50 to 88c. Halma, 80c to 40c. Parchesi, 75c to 40c. All our 25-cent Games for 15c. All our 15-cent Games for 5c.

### Our Toy Furniture. The cheapest in the city.

A Large Oak Bureau, \$3 50 to \$1 95. A Large Oak Bureau, \$2 00 to \$1 25. A Large Oak Bureau, \$1 50 to 90c. A Large Oak Washstand, \$2 00 to 99c. A Large Oak Washstand, \$1 50 to 85c. A Large Oak Washstand, 75c to 49c. A few Chairs and Tables left, at half-

A few Sets of Furniture in boxes left, at half-price.

### Our Miscellaneous.

All snaps,

A Large Drum, \$1 25 to 75c. A Large Drum, 90c to 50c. A Large Drum, 25c to 19c. Box of Blocks, 90c to 35c. Box of Blocks, 25c to 15c. Box of Blocks, 15e to 10c. Drawing Slates, 25c, 15c and 10c, to 15c. 10c and 5c. Box of Paints, 15c to 10c.

Box of Paints, 10c to 5c. And a large array of 5c, 10c and 15c

### Our Dinner Sels. Going like hot cakes.

Our Great Dinner Set, 97 pieces, \$7 00 for \$4 50. Our Great Dinner Set, 97 pieces, \$8 00 for \$5 50. Our Great Dinner Set, 97 pieces, \$10 00

Our Great China Dinner Set, 100 pieces, \$18 00 for \$10 00. Our Great China Dinner Set, 102 pieces \$25 00 for \$17 95. Our Great Dinner Set, 128 pieces, \$35 00 for \$15 00. Our Great Dinner Set, 128 pieces,

## Our Toilet Sets.

Every one plums. Our Great 10-piece Toilet Set, \$2 50 Our Great 10-piece Toilet Set, \$3 75 for \$2 50. Our Great Toilet Set and Slop Jar, \$6 50 to \$4 50. Our Great Toilet Set and Slop Jar, \$12 00 for \$8 00. Our Great Toilet Set and Slop Jar,

# Our Great Lamps.

Less than half price Our Decorated Parlor Lamp, \$1 25 Our Decorated Parlor Lamp, \$2 50 Our Decorated Parlor Lamp, \$4 00 Our Brass Hanging Lamp, \$2 50 for Our Brass Hanging Lamp, \$4 00 for Our Brass Hanging Lamp, \$5 00 for Our Brass Hanging Lamp, \$6 75 for

## Department Tables.

A dollar, worth \$1 35. Our Great 25-cent Table-50c worth Our Great 50-cent Table-\$1 00 and Our Great \$1 00 Table-\$2 00 and \$3 00 Our Great \$2 00 Table-\$4 00 and \$5 00 Our Great Cup and Saucer-25c for Our Great Cup and Saucer-50c for Our Great Cup and Saucer-75c for Our Great Cup and Saucer, \$1 50 to \$2 50, for \$1 00. The Greatest Cup and Saucer in the

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18-Karat Gold Finish Bronzes, at sale

Rich Cut Glass, cheaper than ever. Rich Silver-Plated Ware, cheaper than the cheapest. Solid Silver, at manufacturer's cost. Fine Bisque Statuary, at half former

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Rich Parian Marble Statuary, at half Fine Josef Skeidl Bric-a-Brac, at sale Elegant Etruscan Bric-a-Brac, at sale prices. Beautiful Hungarian Bric-a-Brac, at sale prices Beautiful Venetian Vases, at sale Rich Collection of Real Dresden, at sale prices. A piece of Real Crown Derby, \$10 00 at \$7 00.

A piece of Real Crown Derby, \$15 00 at \$10 00. A piece, of Real Royal Worcester, \$10 00 to \$6 00. A piece, of Real Royal Worcester, A piece of Real Doulton, \$7 00 to \$4 70. A piece of Real Doulton, \$9 00 to \$6 00. A piece of Real Doulton, \$10 00 to \$7 50.

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### HOLIDAY PRICES ON MILLINERY.

25 dozen of LADIES' SAILORS, WALKING HATS, and other styles, also new lines of Misses' Hats, in different styles and colors, worth from 50c to \$1 50, all to go at one popular price, 29c each. See

THERE ISN'T A LADY within reach of this store but will find it a matter of personal interest to keep in touch with the doings here.

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Satin Ribbon, 1c, 2c, 3c yard. Silk Ribbons, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, yard. Wide Fancy Ribbons, from 5c yard to 5oc.

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PAST YEARS have demonstrated that HERE IS HANDKER-CHIEF HEADQUARTERS. In this year's sale there are greater assortments, greater values and greater incentives for early buying than

150 dozen Fancy Handkerchiefs, 25c dozen. Ladies' Hemstitched, drawn thread, 5c each. Ladies' Lawn Handkerchiefs, lace edged, 5c each. Ladies' Jap Silk, embroidered, 7c, 10c.

### Holiday Pocketbooks---Ladies' Chatelaine Bags.

Pocketbooks, 5c, 1oc, 15c each. Ladies' Card Pocketbooks, 25c each. Ladies' Leather Pocketbooks, 35c to 50c.

Ladies' Chatelaine Bags, 25c each.

Bottled Persumery-Put up in ancient-looking pottery bottles; the bottle is worth more than the price; elegant Persumery; something new,

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Raised flannel cakes. Coffee.

DINNER-Raw oysters with sliced

Tomato bisque. Roast turkey and cranberry sauce. Giblet agravy. Stuffed onions. Mashed

potatoes. Celery salad with ma-

Salted wafers. Christmas plum

pudding, with foam sauce. Mince

pie. Kisses filled with whipped cream. Grapes. Nuts. Dates.

LATE LUNCHEON-Slices of cold

Cut out these recipes and paste them

Potato and Ham Sandwiches-Into

a pint and a half of well-seasoned

mashed potatoes stir two eggs without

this potato out smoothly, and lay on it a slice of neatly trimmed boiled

ham. Cover this with potato, pinch

the edges together well, lay in boiling

ger length. Lay them close together

in the pan and bake in a cuick oven.

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# A Year's Record

Annual Reports of Officials to the Board of Works.

Over Seven Miles of Sidewalks Laid During 1897.

on the Principal Avenues and Streets.

Cedar Block Pavements Condemned Those Beyond Repair Should Be Torn Up-Another Road Roller Wanted -The Progress on Sewerage Construction-Interesting Figures.

The board of works and sewerage committee held their final meeting of Mayor Little, Ald. O'Meara, Ald. Nutkin., Ald. Johnston, Ald. Cooper, Ald. Secretary Bell.

The features of the meeting were two interesting reports from the officials ken to replace these pavements, espeof the board. PROGRESS OF THE SEWERS.

City Engineer Graydon and Assistant Sewerage Engineer Ashbridge submitted a detailed statement of the progress of the sewerage construction, which was very complete and accurate. They reported that contracts have been awarded for \$131,155 02 during the year, which includes all sections east of the syphon. About \$80,000 worth of work has been completed to date. Of the total length of 39,325 lineal feet of sewers, 21,000 lineal feet have been completed, or about four miles. Seventy-four manholes have been built and eight flushgates have been put in place. The three main sewers on King, Richmond and Wellington streets have been connected with the system, and (on completion of sections "D" and "E") the sewage flowing from them will be removed farther down the river.

The report takes up each section and explains the nature of the soil, the difficulties met with, the progress made, etc. In South London and the south branch sewers the material ex-cavated was chiefly clay, hard when dry, but in many places mixed with enough sand to act as a kind of quicksand when wet. Section "J" has a good clay bottom throughout, but in street. Mr. E. Meredith will be the the north portion there was about city arbitrator. 20 feet of sand overlying this. Section | The request of Oakley & Holmes, the quently a sufficient amount of clean extension of time, was referred to the sharp sand was obtained in the trenches to mix the mortar for the brickwork.

MR. IRONSIDE'S REPORT. Mr. R. Ironside, acting street commissioner, also presented a very thorough report, covering every branch of

his department. During the year, he reported, 39,709 feet, or 7.52 miles, of plank sidewalk had been laid at a cost of \$8,930 66. The construction of these walks required 455,046 feet (board measure) of lumber and 16,660 pounds of 5-inch nails. Mr. Ironside recommended the appointment of an inspector for this work. In the repairs to sidewalks, 115,000 feet of lumber and 8,000 pounds of nails had been used. From this it would be seen that plank walks were by no means permanent, and in view BREAKFAST—Fruit. Rolled oats. and cream. Potato and ham sandwiches. Finger biscuits. of the growing mileage of such walks, together with the annexation of London West, he would recommend that only permanent walks be laid on the principal streets and avenues, as a measure of economy. Mr. Ironside pointed out where asphalt and tile walks had been laid this year. With one exception they were all of high grade, and added greatly to the appearance of the streets. There had been 24,400 lineal feet of

kerbing during the year, the material used being 48,396 feet of cedar, 1,525 cedar posts and 20 kegs of 7-inch

MACADAM PAVEMENTS The following macadam pavements were laid during the year: Wolfe street, Waterloo to Wellington street-Cost, \$1,871 84; broken stone used,

Wellington street, Dufferin avenue to Central avenue-Cost, \$4,402 86; broken stone used, 3601/3 cords. Dufferin avenue, Waterloo street to Cartwright street-Cost, \$3,937 67; broken stone used, 3941/3 cords.

Princess avenue, Wellington street to Waterloo street-Cost, \$2,608 69; broken stone used, 209% cords. The report urged the advisability of having pienty of crushed stone on hand, and that less gravel and more broken stone be used in the future. CEDAR BLOCKS BEYOND REPAIR.

lard and fry a delicate brown. Scraps of any kind of meat minced and sea-Mr. Ironside reported that the cedar soned may be used instead of the block pavements were, as a rule, in oor condition-some beyond repair. Nothing could be done except replacing Finger Biscuits-Mix and sift three times one quart flour, two heaping teathem by a better class of pavement. spoonfuls of baking powder and a tea- The following streets are in the worst condition: Dundas street, Waterloo to spoonful of salt. Stir in sweet milk enough to make a soft dough. Flour Wellington street; York street, Richthe breadboard and turn out the dough mond street to Talbot street; King street, Ridout street to William street; on it, touching it as little as may be. Talbot street, Carling to Dundas Beat to a cream two tablespoonfuls of butter, one teaspoonful lard and one street; Prospect avenue, Dufferin avetablespoonful sugar. Spread this en nue to Princess avenue; William street, the dough, double the dough over it, Dundas street to King street. All of flour it slightly and press it out with these streets require renewing or the rolling-pin half an inch thick. With should be replaced with brick, asshould be replaced with brick, asphait or macadam. a knife cut the dough into strips fin-

THE ASPHALT PAVEMENT. The asphalt pavement was in good condition, except along the street car tracks. The great objection to these pavements was their slippery condition at times. Washing down thoroughly should be substituted for the present too frequent sprinkling.
WELLINGTON STREET APPROACH The Wellington street improvement had changed the worst approach to the city into one of the best. The cost had been \$2,868 77. The other roadways improved and graveled by contract ient, after adding the eggs. Bake on

had cost \$5,917 87, requiring 3,696 cords of gravel. CROSSINGS AND CULVERTS. Stone crossings had been laid by P. Mulhall to the extent of 3,500 square dress myself without stopping to rest. yards, at a cost, including material, of My kidneys were affected. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. I now have cedar blocking, at a cost of \$97 75, had a better appetite and am able to sleep soundly." MRS. MARGARET BIRD, the tile pipe in replacing old wooden 582 Bethune street, Peterboro, Ontario. one of the greatest sources of annoy-HOOD'S PILLS are the only pills to ance and worry. There are several of take with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Easy, the present wooden culverts that should be replaced with structures of a per-

manent nature without further delay. SEWER FLUSHING. In connection with sewer flushing, the great trouble, as in the past, was with the Dundas street sewer, and although the obstruction was removed at Wil-

this sewer throughout will afford a permanent relief or remedy. The establishing of flush tanks, as provided for of Good Work. under the sewerage system, will enable sewers to be flushed properly, and eventually effect a large saving to the

> The report stated that house connections were laid in a simply outrageous manner. An inspector should be placed over each connection at the cost of those desiring the connections. THE CRUSHER AND ROLLER.

1,350 cords of stone. The cost of the stone, the crushing expenses and the delivery, was \$5 60 per cord. This was \$1 15 per cord cheaper than purchasing Permanent Walks Recommended it already broken from the quarries. The steam roller had been the main factor in making good roads, but an additional roller would be necessary next year if there was a great amount of macadam road to be laid; if not a steam roller, an up-to-date horse roller of, say, seven tons weight.

Means should be taken to stop the careless manner in which gas and water trenches are left by employes of those companies.

STREET CLEANING. Every effort had been made to keep the streets as clean as possible with the limited sum at the committee's disposal. The expenditure to date was 1897 last night. Ald. Parnell was in \$5,471 87, but after deducting the cost the chair, the others present being of snowplowing, asphalt cleaning, etc., only \$2,323 39 was left to clean the streets with. It was impossible to absolutely clean block pavements owing Carrothers, Dr. Cl. T. Campbell, En- to the crevices and uneven surface. On gineers Graydon and Ironside and Warm days, especially, after the watering cart had sprinkled them, the stench was vile. The health of the city required that steps should be tacially in the heart of the city, with asphalt or brick. They are beyond repair, and it is practically impossible to keep them clean.

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change in the mode of street watering, or money would be thrown away in improving roads. The excessive amount of water put upon the streets by con-tractors had softened the best roads and rendered them easy to be cut into ruts. If this work was placed under the control of the engineer's department, and a good foreman and teams employed, the street watering would be done without injury to the roadways, and at the same time satisfy the ratepayers who pay for the work. Both the above reports were received

TO ACQUIRE LANDS. Bylaws were introduced providing for the acquisition by arbitration of the Kent property down the river, needed for sewage farm purposes; the Thomas property, needed for the King street bridge approach; and the Dunnet property, on King street west, required for a roadway through Thames

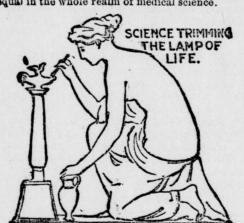
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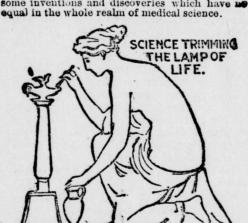
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### Mayor Little's Record.

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 major-

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 cutset he grasped not only the routine but the possibilities of his office, and to his Initiative many measures of permanent

ity of the city council and by the great

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 only reward, apart from the satisfac- atomy. tion of having served faithfully and well, is the gratitude of one's fellowcitizens; though no man has sought more modesty than John W. Little.

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 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 for years, but it remained for Mayor Little to direct its achievement, aided chiefly by Dr. Cl. 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 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 popu-

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 rewhich Ald. Parnell and his colleagues on the board of works deserve special 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

appearance of the business section: the agreement between the Michigan Centeeing the former's connection with the in two weeks. Glencoe has a case quite city; the renewal of L, and P. S. R. as startling. terminals and bridges and the thorough Kidney Disease and Piles. Doctors repair of the roadbed; the reform of couldn't help him. Every remedy he the court of revision and the tax col- tried failed till he began using Dodd's lector's office; the erection of the Western Fair and Free Library build- cure for all diseases caused by impairings; the concentration of the city hall | ed kidneys and impure blood.

offices, for the public convenience; the movement to abolish the tolls on the great northern highway to Londonthese 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

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

### 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 duty collected at the ferry landing of the Legislature betokens an early general election. It is even hinted by they will resist the speedy closing of season. 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 may not recover. the Legislature was permitted to live out its full term because Premier Hardy and his Cabinet were afraid to White. Mr. Cook was admitted to bail meet the electors. Now the very thought | in \$250, and on Wednesday was given of an election at an early date throws up by his bondsmen. Mr. Cook left the Opposition into fits, and sends the Mrs. White over \$100 borrowed money, duties at great pecuniary sacrifice. The | celd shivers up and down their an-

### Two Cities,

The Hamilton Times says that the public applause less or received it with overdraft in the expenditure of that 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, \$29,113 24; 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 London's claims had much to do with discussion, an ill-informed or badlyinfluencing the company's decision—an 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. Bucke, medical superintendent of the asylum, says emphatically that there is no ground for the statement that asylum horses have been used for twenty-one years that he has been at 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 purnot 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 electioneerers have in the past circulated.

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[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,

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 The construction of the asphalt pave- medical marvel of the century, the only ment which has added so much to the infattible cure on earth for Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Lame Back, and all London pattern. other kidney diseases, is spreading. Landon reported two wonderful cures tral and L. E. and D. R. R., guaran- by means of Dodd's Kidney Pillis, with-

W. J. Nugent suffered for years with Kidney Pills. A few boxes cured him. Dodd's Kidney Pilis are an unfailing

## WESTERN ONTARIO Waterloo collected \$19,000 in taxes this year. Its rate was 13 1-10 mills.

A good oil well has been struck on the farm of Mr. A. Beattie, in Plymp-

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

Rev. Wm. Cook, whose home is in the Northwest, intends to remove his The annual report of the London family back to Springfield in the

> 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 amoutated.

> 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 Morpeth, were married by Rev. R. C. Parsons. Deputy Collector of Customs Welsh, at Windsor, says that the amount of

these days is a record-breaker, and

that Windsor citizens are this year

purchasing more goods in Detroit than some of Mr. Whitney's supporters that they have at any former Christmas 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 he 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 Mr. W. Cook, of Springfield, was arrested on a capias a few days ago for a debt of \$184 90 due Mrs. Martha for Dakota thirteen years ago, owing which, with interest, etc., has 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

Every years Great Britain pays near-£4,000,000 in pensions, retired pay and warrant officers and others.

# THE DEAF HEAR.

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

Gave MRS. BINDON her hearing when

Specialists failed. About 3 years ago, Mrs. Bindon, of 11 Maitland 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 a prominent specialist 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

She persisted in the application of the remedy, so confident was she of ultimate cure, and by the time 12 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

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136 DUNDAS STREET, Opposite Ashplant's Shoe Store. Successor to Pethick & McDonald.

Just arrived, a large assortment of X-Cut Saws of all patterns required.

Chopping Axes. New Improved Meat Cutters. Raisin Seeders. Tortoise Stoves. Weather Strips.

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# Soft, White Hands with Shapely Nails, Luxu-

riant Hair with Clean, Wholesome Scalp, produced by CUTICURA SOAP, the most effective skin purifying and beautifying soap in the world, as well as purest and sweetest, for toilet, bit!, and nursery. The only preventive of inflan mation and clogging of the Ports.

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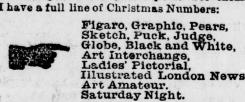
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Display of Calendars and Christmas Books is of exceptional value this year. See them.





### SENSIBLE GIFTS....

How long are you going to put off buying that piano you have promised your family so long? What a welcome Christmas gift it would make! Come in and talk it over with us-the "Bell" Piano is second to none n honest worth, and our prices

will prove interesting. We Have a Few of the famous "Merrill" Aluminum Mandolins - the finest goods on the market -at greatly reduced prices, and a fine assortment of Music Books for the children

-very suitable for presents. BELL PIANO WAREROOMS

167 Dundas St., London.

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208, 210, 2101/2 and 212 Dundas Street.

# The Final Struggle!

Today and tomorrow will end the anxiety as far as Christmas selling is concerned. For the last two weeks we've had more than we could do attending to holiday trade; but with us energy begets energy and the more we have to do the more we want to do. Every hand in the Big Store is enthusiastic over today's and tomorrow's sales, and if

# Attractive Stocks

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

SENSATIONAL SELLING AS

# Jackets and Capes

See Our East Window for Styles and

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

Ladies' Black Cloth Capes, 36-inch,

fur lined, silver fox trimming; regular

price \$38, now \$29. Black Persian Lamb Jackets; regu-

ar price \$125, now \$85.

\$62, selling now at \$45. Ladies' Black Bocharan Coats, 36inch; regular price \$30, now \$25.

Gray Lamb Jackets; regular price

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

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

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

# For Xmas Presents

Gray Wool Blankets, large size; reg-

ular price \$2 75, selling at \$2.

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

Our Black Cashmere Hose, 35c a pair or 3 pairs for \$1, are well worth

Dolls reduced for today and tomorrow. All Fancy Goods reduced

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

Boots, Shoes and Slippers selling at manufacturers' prices.

# Runians & Butler.

----IMPORTERS

# Tood's Who Stole the Goats? In Sporting Circles.

### 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 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

Wholesale trade has been quiet at Toronto the past week. A good many | coat was stolen from the Boswell sorting-up orders were received in House, belonging to Mr. Wm. Reid, of the different departments, but as usual Delaware. When arrested the allegat this season of the year, the movement in wholesale lines shows a falling | Hams, of Détroit. In his possession was The trade are and there is a general feeling of satis- of the city hotels. The bag, an ordinary faction as to the volume of business grain sack, contained the fur coat stolen the past few months. There has been from the Bernard House. A pawn less cutting of prices, and on the whole | ticket was also found on him for a trade has been the most profitable for coat "hung up" at J. P. Gilmartin's, several years. The outlook, too, is in Port Huron, for \$1 75. Other arvery encouraging. Raffways are do- ticles were a China silk tie, a small ing an exceptionally large traffic. rule, a new silver-mounted briar pipe, Exports of produce continue good, and and a memorandum book, containing payments are up to the mark. The what appeared to be a traveling man's Christmas retail trade has been pretty active during the week. In all de- Huron, and the address of Ella Everts, partments merchants report an inyear. Prices of wheat continue strong with fair export demand.

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

### THE FAST LINE.

Rumors From Ottawa That the Projec

Is Now Assured. Quebec, Oec. 24.-The Quebec Daily Mail received a dispatch from its Ottawa correspondent yesterday to the effect that Messrs. Petersen, Tate & Co. have deposited the second £10,000 at steamers, and now the project is look- fine is paid. ed upon as secured.

### THE LEGISLATURE.

Toronto, Dec. 24.-Premier Hardy yesterday introduced a bill amending the Ontario Election Act in several particulars. Another government measure intro-

duced 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 \$3,000,000 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. Gatecliffe's.

One of the finest displays of Christmas meats ever seen in London is to be found at the outcher shop of Joseph H. Gatecliffe, 267 Dundas street. Ton Tosetti Cafe and Restaurant Company, upon ton of beef hangs from the hooks around the store. The most choice quarters are those produced by the celebrated steer, 22 months old, which was purchased by Mr. Gatecliffe from 'A. Armitt & Sons' model farm, Hyde Park. This handsome Durham steer down and trampled upon. The loss is last year won first prizes at London, estimated at \$125,000. Guelph, Brockville, and several other exhibitions, and only a short time ago tered the carcass weighed 1,970 pounds. heifers were also purchased from D. was destroyed. Knaggs, London township, weighing about 1,600 pounds each. Armitt & Sons supplied five first-prize lambs and D. Knaggs eight first-prize lambs. Pork, hams, bacon, suet, sausages, etc., can

### Nature's Medicine.

his many patrons.

Nature's medicine for constipation, liver complaint, sick headache, bilious- of \$20,000, has ben pardoned by Presiness, jaundice and sallow complexion dent McKinley. is Laxa-Liver Pills. They are a perfect laxative, never griping or causing pain. One pill each night for 30 days will cure constipation.

THERE is not a more dangerous tric Oil-a pulmonic of acknowledged Pills. efficacy. It cures soreness and lame- Mr. ness when applied externally, as will as swelled neck and crick in the back: and, as an inward specific, possesses most substantial claim to public con-

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

Who Built the Pyramids?

Hard to tell in some instances. But | tional Bank Examiner Hardt. 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 biits vitality and natural hue, and causes cheapest work. Try 95 and 97 King it to fall out. Before it is too late ap- street. ply Hall's Hair Renewer, a sure rem-

Many Coats Missed From City Hotels | Noted Horseman and His Mare Ruled -L. Lawrason 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. 21. A young man answering the description was arrested volume of holiday trade than last last evening on the market, wearing year is reported, while the generally an overcoat similar to the one describ-

ed by Chief Fewings. On Wednesday William H. Crosby's overcoat was stolen from the Bernard | leave him. economy which characterized recent House. Yesterday Mr. Dewar, a Lobo farmer, lost his fur coat, valued at \$50, from the Bernard House. A second ed thief said his name was Fred Wilstock-taking found a check for a bag left at one account with Philip McQuade, Port 1,119 Kearney street, in the same city. crease in trade as compared with last A small ticket punch with Fort 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. Lawrason was heard in private, as in the opinion of the magistrate and prosecuting attorney, society would London, Eng., in connection with their not be benefited by the case being contract with the Dominion govern- heard in public. Lawrason was fined ment for the building of the fast line of \$75, and will remain in jail until the

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

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 stockraising, 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 \$20,000, 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, was 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 burned. 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 baseon the second floor by the billiard par-lors of Frank Musey. A terrible explosion took place and the building was badly wrecked. Dozens of persons were thrown from their feet and 23 were injured. In the frantic rush for safety many persons were thrown

Everet, Mass., Dec. 24.—The Ferry street car house of the West End captured first prize at the Brantford Street Railway Company was destroy-Fat Stock Show. It is beef the like ed by fire this morning together with of which is seldom seen. When slaugh- 90 of the road's most valuable electric cars. The total loss will be nearly For the Christmas trade Mr. Gatecliffe \$150,000. The fire started from an elecalso purchased five first-prize heifers tric wire. It is a singular coincidence from Armitt & Sons, the average weight that exactly four years ago last night of which was 1,500 pounds. Three prize a similar building on the same site

Baby Eczema and Scald Head.

Infants and young children are peculiarly subject to this terrible disorder, be seen in profusion, together with and if not promptly arrested it will hundreds of turkeys, many of which eventually become chronic. Dr. Chase weigh 30 pounds each, and a large sup- made a special study of Eczema and ply of geese, ducks, rabbits and pigeons | diseases of the skin, and we can conof rare quality. Independent of these fidently recommend Dr. Chase's Ointa fine specimen of bear, 6 months old, ment to cure all forms of Eczema. beautifully dressed, and a young 'pos- The first application soothes the irritasum are offered by Mr. Gatecliffe to tion 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

FAGGED OUT .- None but those who have become fagged out know what a depressed, miserable feeling it is. All Mr. A. J. Small, Toronto, has leased the Royal Opera House, Guelph, and will take possession at once.

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Mr. A. J. Small, Toronto, has leased the Royal Opera House, Guelph, and live for. There, however, is a cure—box of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills one box of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills will do wonders in restoring health elass of disorders than those which and strength. Mandrake and Dandrake the breathing organs. Nullify lion are two of the articles entering this danger with Dr. Thomas' Ecler-

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

footpads. No Christmas and New Year's table should be without a bottle of DR. SIEGERT'S ANGOSTURA 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 Na-

Give Helloway'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 Neglect of the hair often destroys workmen, and guarantees the best and

Alleged Thief Arrested by City Lady Reel to Be Sold for the Sum of \$20,000.

Off the Turf.

BASEBALL, FLYS. The National League drafting sea son ends on Dec. 31.

SPOKES. Jimmy Michael is said to have clear-Oed \$20,000 on the track this season, Michael makes a lot of money, but he whom are under salary, and who never

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

### THE TURF.

The Victoria, Australia, income tax commission has caused an uproar among horse owners by collecting income taxes on race winnings. The taxes are withheld 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 Hanover, the sire of Hamburg.

FAMOUS HORSEMAN RULED OFF. San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 24.-J. D. Lewis, who startled the Australian turf world in 1890 by winning the Melbourne cup with Tarcotta, stands ruled off the American turf. At a meeting of the board of stewards of the Pacific Coast Jockey Club it was Near Winnipeg—Indian and White unanimously agreed to uphold the de-cision of the Ingleside judges in regard to the ruling off of J. D. Lewis, Dan Halliday and the imported mare Trance, as the mare was ruled off at a meeting in Brisbane, Queensland, be-fore Lewis purchased her for shipment

### Care of the Complexion.

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

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## Through the Ice.

Iwo Children Rescued, But the Third Was Drowned.

Teamster Perish With the Cold.

Seeley'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 Gertie, about 14, was drowned. Her body was re-

liver produces a sallow hue and a dull, yellow complexion. You need not exHugh was frozen to death in Lake covered by men passing near. pect a clear, beautiful complexion if Winnipegosis on Saturday. In going the blood is rendered impure by a slug- over the lake one of his horses got ingish action of the liver, which cannot to a crack in the ice, and in trying to properly perform its function of puri- get it out he slipped in himself and fying and filtering all impurities from was unable to get out. He was found the blood. Ladies, Dr. Chase's Kidney- frozen in the ice two days afterwards. One elbow was resting on the solid ice by their action on the liver and blood on the side of the crack. He might they promote true beauty by rendering 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 Ashetaiquinehe, 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 Nervilinenerve-pain cure-relieves neuralgia and rheumatism. Nerviline is a specific for all nerve pains and should be kept on

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Two-toned Curl Coats, lined throughout, with storm collar and tubular braid trimmings, in brown and black and red and black, former price \$10 50, now \$8. Black and Colored Beavers, extra quility, silk lined, with three-piece

collars, former price, \$13, now \$10; \$11, now \$9; \$10, now \$8; and \$8, now \$6.

Black and Colored Capes ranging from \$3 50 up.

Colored Wrapperettes, former prices, 20c, 121/2c and 10c; sale price, 16c, 10 1/2c and 8 1/2c.

Gents' Silk Brocade Handkerchiefs, former price, 50c, 60c, 75c, 90c, \$1 10, \$1 20 and \$1 50; sale price, 40c, 50c, 60c, 75c, 90c,

Gents' Colored Kid Gloves, sale price, 6oc, 65c and \$1.

Mufflers, former price, 50c, 60c and 75c, sale price, 35c, 45c and 50c. Men's Underwear, wool, former prices, 50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1 25; sale price, 40c, 62c, 80c and \$1.

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Toronto Hailway, xd	852	8
Montreal Gas Company	188	18
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Royal Electric, xd		
Bank of Montreal	240	24
Ontario Bank	101	
Molsons Bank		20
Bank of Toronto		22
Merchants Bank	180	17
Merchants Bank of Ha	lifax	18
Quebec Bank		12
Union Bank		
Bank of Commerce		13
Northwest Land, pref.		1
Montreal Cotton Com;	eny, xd140	13
Oanada Colored Cotto		-
Dominion Cotton	95	4
SALES-Canadian P	acific, 100 at 817;	Ric
Mont. St. Ry., 75 at 23	4, 100 at 2314, 25 at	t 23
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Ry., new, 50 at 233; 5 at 233; Toronto Ry. 50 at 852, 125 at 852, 50 at 854; Bank of Montreal, 2 at

Toronto Stock Market. TORONTO, Dec. 24.

ommerce......135‡ 

Hamilton British America 1284 Western Assurance 1694 Imperial Life..... Canada Pacific Railway Stock..... 81; Commercial Cable Company......178 

Huron and Erie L. and S...... London and Canada, L. & A ......

Broker, Masonic Temple. Londor and Ontario Ontario Loan and Debenture.. SALES—1 p.m.—Ontario, 20 at 100‡: Commerce, 205 at 135; West. As., 50 at 109. 11:30 a.m.—Dominion, 20 at 250; Dom. Tel., 3 at 131; Com. Reg. Bonds, 3,590 at 195. Wheat-Dec ...

### COMMERCIAL.

Local Market.

[Reported by A. M. Hamilton & Co.] London, Friday, Dec. 24. Wheat, white fall, per bu....83c to 84c Wheat, read, fall, per bu.....83c to 84c Wheat, spring, per bu .....83c to 84c Wheat, spring, per bu....811/2c to 823/4c Oats, per bu......23% c to 24c Corn, per bu......34c to 36c Rye, per bu......33½c to 36½c

Today's session was a decided improvement on the usual Friday market. Quite a few turkeys, geese and ducks came forward. The grain receipts were also better, and consisted chiefly of oats, wheat and corn. The prices paid were the same as at yesterday

morning's market. Seldom in the history of London has the Christmas market turned out so unsatisfactory to some people as did yesterday's. At noon probably onehalf of all the turkey and fowl receipts were unsold, and by 2 p.m. the prices of the former dropped 1 cent per lb, the close being 7c to 8c, and a great many birds were sold at lower prices by the lump.

Potatoes were among the other lines that suffered; several lots were withdrawn at 70c bid. Today prices steadted again, and closed firm

let, sunflower etc.. We want your cus-tom, call and see us, we can

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Toronto Produce Market. Toronto, Dec. 24.-Wheat dull and easier at 821/2c to 83c for red winter west. Manitoba wheat quiet at \$1 03 for No. 1 hard, grinding in transit, and 98c. Sarnia and Midland. Flour is quiet and easy at \$3 80 for cars of straight roller west. Millfeed, barley, rye and buckwheat nominally unchanged. Corn steady at 27c to 28c, Canada yellow west. Oats firm at 23c to 231/2c for mixed and 24c to 241/2c for white west. Peas steady at 441/2c to 45c west. Baled hay and straw dull and unchanged. Eggs-New-laid in active demand; scarce and firm at 17c to 18c; held fresh and cold storage slow at 14c, and limed dull at 13c to 131/2c. Butter-Large rolls plentiful and easier at 14c to 141/2c for the best. Poultry-The offerings are larger, the demand is slow, and the market is weaker and lower for turkeys at 8c to 8 2c; ducks, 40c to 75c; geese, 6 2c, and chickens, 30c to 45c.

> English Markets. Liverpool, Dec. 24, 12:30 p.m.

Wheat and corn, no quotations, holidays. Beer-katra india mess, 66s 2d. Pork -- Prime mess, fine western, 48s 9d. Baron - long clos heavy, 40 to 45 ib., 28; bort che backs. 16 to 18 ibs. 29, 6d; long

Tallow-Fine. American, city, 18s 6d. l urpentine—Spirits, 24s. Resm. common—4s 14d. Petroleum—Reff. ed. 44d.

Liverpool, Dec. 24-Closing. o stock: Spot No. 1 red northern spring, carry on their discussion with Mr. Tait, and where it may not be possible Corn-Spot American mixed, steady, 3s 24d: to come to an agreement, they will Futures steady; Die., steady, 3s au; Jan., lay the case before Mr. Shaughnessy. steady, 3s 2d: boo., steady, 3s 11. Four-st Lou stancy winter steady, 10s. Beef-Firm, extra India meas, 66; 5d; prime

mess, firm, f6s 3d.
Pork — Prime mess, fine western, firm, 15 9d; do. medium, western firm, 46: 3d. Hams-Short out 14 to 16 lbs, firm, 43: 6d. Bacor.—Comberland cut, 28 o 10 ms., dull,

29s 6d; short ribs, 20 to 24 ibs, dull, 34 6d; long
clear middles, light, 35 to 38 ibs, dull, 29s;
long clear middles, heavy 40 to 45 ibs, dull.

College, has been ordained into the pas-28s; short clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 los, torate of the Hespeler Presbyterian as stores clear belies, 12 to 14 lbs. dul. Church.

40s: short clear backs, 16 to 18 lbs., steady, 30s. Shoulders—Souare 12 to 11 lbs. firm, 29s. Lard—Prime western, steady, 24s. Butter—Frime western, steady, 24s.
Butter—Finest American, 92s; good, 60s.
Rosin—Common, steady, 4s 14d.
Cheese—American finest white, steady, 42s6d;
colored, steady, 42s 6d.
Tallow—Prime city, steady, 18s 6d.
Cettonseed oil—Liverpool refined, steady; 14s

Turpentine spirits-Steady, 24s.

Hops-At London (Pacific coast), firm, 24 American Markets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The rossibility that Leiter and Armour will pool their interests to Leiter and Armour will pool their interests to corner May wheat is stirring traders on the exchange. The Post says: "George French, operating for the Leiter crowd, has piled up a line of at least 4,000,000 bu of May wheat, according to reports from the floor. Armour's radical change of front in bulling May wheat is common knowledge. It is equally well known that Armour has a pyramid of May wheat bought which is supposed to come close wheat bought which is supposed to come close to the Leiter holding. As if to emphasize the bull talk, both Armour's and Leiter's men buil talk, both Armour's and Lines and bought wheat today. Armour's movements are closely veiled but Leiter's engineers make no secret of their dealings in May wheat. Already that option is regarded as being very dangerous for the public to handle." The Already that option is regarded as being very dangerous for the public to handle." The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat—No. 2 Dec., 99½c; Jan., 26½c; May 93c. Corn—No. 2 Dec., 26½c; Jan., 26½c; May, 23c. Mess pork—Dec., 25½c; Jan., 26½c; May, 23c. Mess pork—Dec., \$4 45; Jan., \$4 57½; May, \$8 7½. Lard—Dec., \$4 45; Jan., \$4 57½; May, \$1 7½. Sheri ribs—Dec., \$4 40; Jan., \$4 42½; May, \$4 57½. Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, firm; No. 2 spring wheat. 8½c to 98½c; No. 3 spring wheat. 8½c to 93c; No. 2 corn, 27c; No. 2 yellow corn, 27c; No. 2 oats, 23c; No. 3 white, 23½c to 24½c; No. 2 rye, 46½c to 46½c; No. 2 barley, f. o. b., 27c to 40c; No. 1 flaxsed, \$1 15½ to \$1 19½; prime timothy seed, \$2 6½; ness pork, \$7 70 to \$7 75; lard. \$4 57½ to \$4 60; short rib sides, \$4 45 to \$4 75; dry salted shoulders, 4½c to 4½c; short \$4.75; dry salted shoulders, 4%c to 4%c; short clear sides, \$4.77\* to \$5; sugar, unchanged; Receipts-

Coru 119,000 Dats 278,000 Rye 11,000 Barley 54,000 Shipments-Flour..... 16,000 Wheat..... 

DETROIT, Dec. 24.—Wheat, No. 1 white, cash, 92½c; No. 2 red cash, 92½c; Dec., 92¾c; May, 91½c. TOLEDO, Dec. 24.-Wheat, c.sh. and Dec., 951c; May, 95c. Corn-Cash, 28c; Dec., 28c; May 291c. Oats-Cash, 221c; May, 231c. MILWAUKEE, Dec. 24. - Wheat, cash, 88c; May, 93; c.

PETROLIA, Dec. 24.-Oil opened and closed NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Petroleum -Pennsylvania crude, no market; nominally at 85c.

The Oil Market.

Geo. McBean & Co. Dealers in Farm, Milling and Dairy Products. Consignments and correspondence solicited.

P. O. EOX 807 - MONTREAL Chicago Exchange Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Phone 1.278. Chicago, Dec. 24. May.... July.... Cern-Dec. ....

Pork-Dec .... May.... 8 95 Lard-Dec.... 4 45 8 94 4 45 J n ... 4 52 May ... 4 70

Live Stock Market. CHICAGO, Dec. 24. - Estimated receipts of hogs today, 30,000: left over, yesterday's average; light, \$3 30 to \$3 40; mixed, \$3 30 to \$3 421/2; heavy, \$3 20 to Buckwheat, per bu...........60c to 60c \$3 421/2; rough, \$3 20 to \$3 25. Cattle—Recipts, 2,500; strong to shade higher; beeves, \$3 75 to \$5 30; cows and heifers, \$1 80 to \$4 40; Texas steers, \$3 15 to \$4 20; stockers and feeders, \$3 15 to

quality poor.

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FATALLY STABBED.

Murder in a Penitentiary-One Convict Kills Another. Buffalo, Dec. 24.-Harry King was fatally stabbed by a fellow-convict at their favorite winter pastime. the Erie county penitentiary yesterday morning and died early this morning. Frank Carr, convicted of passing counterfeit money, was the assailant He and King quarreled yesterday morning, when Carr, who has the reputation of being an ugly prisoner, made Reynolds was taken greatly by sura vicious lunge at King with a knife, which penetrated his breast near the

THE TELEGRAPHERS

Have a Satisfactory Interview With Vice President Shaughnessy.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 24.-The C. P. R. telegraph committee were in close conference with Mr. Shaughnessy most hear light, 35 to 35 to 5, 293.

Lard-Frine wester, steady 24s.
Butter-Frines United States 92s; good, 60.
Cheese-American finest white and colored, conference, but it is learned that the of yesterday morning. The committee conference with Mr. Shaughnessy was of a satisfactory nature for the telegraphers, and that the vice-president reversed the decision of Mr. Tait, and granted the committee the particular point which had been obstructing negotiations. The committee will now

> To heal the broken and diseased tissues, to soothe the irritated surfaces. to instantly relieve and to permanently cure piles, is the mission of Trask's Magnetic Ointment. 25 cents. 24

Topics of Today.

It is a white Christmas, anyway. A merry Christmas to the many thousands of Advertiser readers. Who in Canada would be without

London merchants who have judiciously advertised this year have reap-

season fully, but due regard should be

ed substantial benefits. Everyone should enjoy the Christmas

paid to its sacred character. W. R. Dempsey, of Ameliasburg, has been nominated Conservative candidate for the Legislature in Prince Edward county in place of Mr. James Gibson, who declined to run.

The time draws near the birth of

The moon is hid; the night is still; Answer each other in the mist.

-Tennyson. Owing to the objection of Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, the reduc- ceremony. tion in postage on letters from Canada to other parts of the British empire has been postponed. The official prefer that a conference be first held and the rest of the empire, and which it is hoped will cover not only letters but also papers and periodicals. The hearty acquiescence of the British and colonial postal authorities in this larger question is looked for, and the tiations will, in all probability, result present. in the establishment of a British Im- STEVENSON-FRASER. perial preferential postal arrangement covering the whole field of postal communication." The lowered postage cannot be long delayed.

### TOMORRUW'S ALVERTISER.

As usual on public holidays, all editions of The Advertiser will be printed tomorrow (Saturday) early in the morning, and where sent out of the city delivered by the first trains and stages. City agents and newsboys will get their supplies, as formerly, at an early Col. Smith, of Wolseley Barracks, will hour, thus permitting all to celebrate remain in office until June, as the es-Christmas Day in a fitting manner.

LATEST WEATHER FORECAST. will be reduced to 40 non-commissioned the winter in Toronto for the season Toronto, Dec. 24.-11 a.m.-Probabilities for the lower lakes region for the next 24 hours: Fair and decidedly cold today, with local snow flurries. Fair and cold on Saturday, with slowly rising temperature.

-Mrs. E. U. Sayers, city, is the -The market this morning, as compared with yesterday, was deserted. -Mr. G. A. Street, Ridout street, is suffering from a severe attack of

-Mr. Hepburn, a G. T. R. employe, had his arm broken by a hand-car at Hyde Park this morning. -It was Louis A. L. Wood, not Lewis A.N. Woods, who won the Robb, Boyle and McRobert medals at the

midsummer examinations. -The Grand Trunk city ticket office, \$4 25. Sheep—Receipts, 5,000; strong, "Clock" corner, will be open this even-

ing for the sale of Christmas reduced fares and other tickets. -A carload of live poultry, owned by Mr. Wm. McNeil, this city, was shipped this week to Kansas City by the

Dominion Express Company. -The London Gun Club will hold a shoot on their grounds in West London tomorrow, to which all members and their friends are invited. About 250 pigeons have been procured.

-There will be special music at the Jubilee Rink tomorrow. The largest sign in the city has been erected at the rear end of this rink. It is 50 feet long by 6 feet wide. At one end is a large picture of the Queen.

-The finance committee of the Organized Charities Society met yesterday. Miss Groves kindly offered to call on those interested in the work and solicit their aid. The society are deeply thankful to Miss Groves for her assistance.

-Services of a special character will be held in King Street Presbyterian Church on Sunday. In the morning the pastor will take for his Christmas sermon "Christ's Second Coming," and in the evening will continue his course to young people on "New Year Re-

solves." Appropriate music. -The only public attractions tomorrow are the skating rinks, and never before has there been better weather or better ice. At the Princess Rink a splendid band will furnish music afternoon and night. The young people want no better Christmas present than

-Mr. J. W. Reynolds, foreman at Reid Bros.' book bindery, was waited on this morning by the employes of the establishment, and presented with a handsome rocking chair as a token of the esteem in which he is held by them Mr. prise and made a fitting response, thanking them all for their kindness.

-At the last regular meeting of London Lodge, No. 18, A. O. U. W., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz.: Past master workman, Jas. Nicol; master workman, W. M. Dwyer; foreman, Jas. Bendle; overseer, D. Gillespie; recorder, J. B. Stephens; financier, Thomas Burridge; receiver, C. E. H. Fisher; guide, D. J. Rooney; inside watch, Jas. H. Johnston; outside watch, Jos. Johnston; representative to grand lodge, Jas. Nicol; alternate, James Crawford. The 1896 trustees are all re-elected.

-The attraction at the Auditorium Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday is one of the best ever offered there. The artists are: Miss Bessie Gilbert (Boston), solo cornetist; Mrs. D. Louis Henrietta Shipe, planist. Mr. Kidner is a former London boy and has a which gives quick relief. 25 cents. 25 phenomenal voice. In addition Lumiere's marvelous cinematograph will

show a new series of pictures. -A most pleasing event took place House, Mr. John J. Cox, will serve an at Lobo village last night, when the scholars of school section, No. 8, gathered together to bid adieu to their take. up-to-date funch on Christmas Day, and invites all his friends to call and partake. teacher, Mr. George Smith, who, for the past three years has done such good work in the school. A splendid | colde

watch by the pupils, accompanied by a flattering address. The latter was read by Miss Irvin, and Miss McGugan, daughter of Deputy Reeve McGugan, made the presentation. Among those the luxury of sleighing in the winter who participated in the programme boliday times were Mr. J. W. Hinchcliffe, of Strathroy, and Miss Gunn, elocutionist, of Ailsa Craig. Messrs. Gordon, Roscoe, Eddie and Dougall gave recitations. The diplomas were presented to the successful pupils by Dr. Graham, one of the

-At the sitting of the first division court, held before Judge Elliott this morning, a very noisy case, that of Mrs. Meadowcroft vs. Walter Thorburn, was heard. The complainant is the defendant's mother-in-law, and the suit was brought to recover \$100 alleged to have been paid by Mrs. Meadowcroft for the defendant. He put in a counter claim for nearly a like amount. The evidence was such that the judge dismissed the action with costs to each party. Mrs. Meadow-The Christmas bells from hill to hill croft then started in to tell his honor what he should have done, but she was cut off shortly by the judge or-dering her removal by the bailiff from the court, which was done with little

-The Sunday school of the Latter-Day Saints held their Christmas tree which was, considering the weather, statement of the Department at Ot- very successful. After a good protawa says: "The Imperial authorities gramme of recitations, songs and musical selections, and singing by the Sunday school, the Christmas tree's burto secure a reciprocal reduction of den of presents was distributed to the postage both ways between Canada many friends that had assembled. At the conclusion of this part of the programme, Elder R. C. Evans, chairman of the evening, presented Mr. Wm. Fligg, on behalf of the membership of London, with a beautiful secretaire and armchair, accompanied by an address, for his untiring service to them. Mr. Fligg, in a few words, returned outcome of the discussions and nego- thanks to the givers for their handsome

A quiet wedding was celebrated yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mr. Donald Fraser, Dundas street, when his daughter, Evangeline I., was united in marriage to Mr. Orlando J. Stevenson, M.A., English master of the St. Thomas Collegiate Institute. The bride was assisted by her sister, Miss Emma. while Mr. R. A. Gray, B.A., supported the groom. The happy event was followed by an inviting wedding break- in two boats, but they were not atfast, after which the bridal couple left tached to the government expedition. on the east-bound C. P. R. express for Two boats got into a jam on the river, eastern cities.

LOCAL MILITIA NEWS. The latest number of the Canadian Military Gazette announces that Lieut .timates have already been passed. It is also stated that the permanent force at the various military schools officers and men. The present strength in Stickney River. of No. 1 Company here is 67 officers and men. The department's idea is to cet, son of King Yakunhen, of the encourage a larger attendance of militiamen for six months' courses.

The short course men at Wolseley Barracks all returned home yesterday. but by Koshes, a Lake Bennett In-Sergt. Davis, of Wolseley Barracks, dian, "who has a house full of gold, so is visiting in Toronto. THANKS FROM THE QUEEN.

communication

following

speaks for itself: Government House, Toronto, Dec. 7. Sir, in accordance with instructions from the secretary of state for the colonies, his Excellency the Governor-General desires me to inform you that the address of congratulation from the Educational Association of Ontario was duly laid before the Queen, who was pleased to receive it very graciously and to command that her Majesty's thanks should be conveyed to the members for the assurances of loyalty and devotion which it contained. I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant.

(Signed) David Erskine, Governor-General's secretary. J. Dearness, Esq., president Educa-tional Association of Ontario.

Dervishes Marching Against the

On the Advance!

Anglo-Egyptian Forces. Berber the Objective Point - Another French Cruiser Sent to Chinese

Waters. DERVISHES ADVANCING! Cairo, Dec. 24.-The Dervishes have left Shendy and Metemmeh, and are

marching against the Anglo-Egyptian forces, with Berber as their objective point. ANOTHER CRUISER FOR CHINA. London, Dec. 24.-A special dispatch from Paris says the French cruiser Pothuau has been ordered to be pre-pared for service in Chinese waters. The Pothuau is a first-class cruiser of over

ing guns, and 18 small quick firing guns.

5,000 tons displacement, and 10,000 in-

dicated horse hower. She is classed as

two 7-inch guns, ten 5.5-inch quick-fir-

having a speed of 19 knots and carries

St	eamship Arriv	als.
Dec. 23.	At	From
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Manitoba	New York	Londor
Andalusia	New York	Hamburg
	London	
Rhynland	Liverpool	.Philadelt his
	Bremen	
	Amsterdam	
	Rotterdam	
Dec. 24.	At	From
Deletie	At Now York	Hambung

Why will you allow a cough to lacerate your throat or lungs and ran the risk of filling a consumptive's grave, when, by the timely use of Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup the pain can be allayed, and the danger avoided? This syrup is pleasant to the taste, and unsurpassed for reliaving. healing, and curing all affections of the throat and lungs, coughs, colds, bronchitis, etc., etc.

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Gordon, dramatic soprano; Mr. C. LeRoy Kenney, monologue entertainer; a paroxysm of Croup, or if you have Master Thomas Langton, boy soprano; been annoyed by a constant tickling in Master Frank Kidner, baritone; Miss the throat, you can appreciate the value of Ransom's Hive Syrup and Tolu.

> Christmas Lunch. The new proprietor of the Dominion

> Barkwell's Balsam cures coughs and

entertainment was given, one of the feature of which was the presentation to Mr. Smith, of a handsome gold watch by the public accompanied FROM INDIA and CEYLON.



## Wish their patrons A Merry Christmas.

A cup of Tetley's bracing and delicious Teas will contribute to its enjoyment.

JOSEPH TETLEY & CO., LONDON, ENGLAND, and 128 RICHMOND ST., WEST, TORONTO.

On Sam's River.

The Loss of Major Walsh's Supplies Confirmed.

And Also the Drowning of Freeman-The Klondike Gold First Discovered by Indians.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.-A letter has been received by the minister of the interior from Major Walsh, dated Nov. 12. Major Walsh was then camped on Sam's River, on the way to Fort Selkirk. He confirms the report of the drowning of Freeman, and the loss of part of his provisions. Freeman was one of a party going with Major Walsh and were wrecked, and Freeman was drowned. Some of Major Walsh's provisions were in this party's boat. They lost everything, and Major Walsh took along with him three men and is feeding them. Major Walsh has provisions for three months, and has sent Norwood back for more. The Canadian Pacific Railway will

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 24.-Prince Yee-Chilcat Indians, Alaska, has arrived in Seattle. He declares that the Klondike was discovered, not by the whites, much so that he cannot move it, and does not dare to leave it."

BLAZE IN KINGSTON.

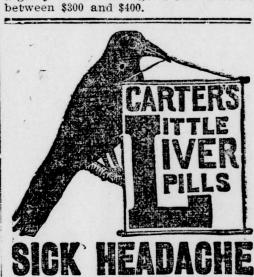
The General Hospital Damaged to the Extent of \$10,000.

N. W. Special to The Advertiser.] Kingston, Ont., Dec. 24.-This morning fire broke out in the Watkins wing at the general hospital and did great damage before subdued. The patients were safely transferred. Loss will be \$10,000.

The great lung healer is found in that excellent medicine sold as Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. It soothes and diminishes the sensibility of the membranes of the throat and air passages, and is a sovereign remedy for all coughs, colds, hoarseness, pain, or soreness of the chest, bronchitis, etc. It has cured many when supposed to be far advanced in consumption. Other blessings may be taken away, but if we have acquired a good friend by goodness, we have a blessing which

improves in value when others fail. It is even heightened by sufferings. Moments are useless if trifled away; and they are dangerously wasted if consumed by delay in cases where Ransom's Hive Syrup and Tolu would bring immediate relief. 25 cents. 26

BLAZING WINDOW. St. Thomas, Dec. 24.-A somewhat serious blaze took place at Mr. H. G. Broderick's store. The east window was tastefully decorated with silks, satins, velvets and laces, and caught fire, from a gas jet. The damage is estimated at



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shall be remembered.

"Phoebe Owen, too. Let me con-

well as the first, it deserves to be re-

membered in my will. You, too, Mr.

with a smile for Lady Lawrence. I

little old woman who had intruded into

your presence here. You are a clever

man, Lawrence Haughton, very clever

-I have not lived near you so long without discovering that-and I know

be frittered away in any rash, Quix-

otic manner. As for you, Hervey

Trent, you must of course be remem-

bered, too, for the part you play so

well is an expensive part. 'Pyramus is a sweet-faced man, a proper man

my directions for Mr. Stafford.

It was a strange and puzzled silence

which held the group for those ten

minutes-a silence freighted with anx-

ious thought, and broken only by the

crackling sound of Lady Lawrence's

pen upon the thick white paper. Hon-

ore stook looking out into the chilly

her great astonishment. Again and

again, as through the night before, she

was going back to those days she had

spent at East Cottage, wondering why

she had never suspected any cause for

Lawrence Haughton took down a

book and buried himself in its pages,

his face as inscrutable as was the face

of Lady Lawrence while she wrote.

His sister watched him with an anx-

iety which, for her, was almost eager.

teristic listlessness, looked over-with

the greatest unconcern for its con-

tents-a large album, which stood on

(To be continued.)

RUSKIN'S ROMANCE

Recalled by the Death of Lady Millais

London, Dec. 23 .- Lady Millais, wid-

ow of Sir John Millais, the late presi-

dent of the Royal Academy, is dead.

Lady Miliais had been suffering for some time past from cancer of the

throat, the same disease which caused

the death of her husband on Aug. 13,

1896. She was the divorced wife of

John Ruskin, the latter having volun-

tarily given her up when it was evi

dent that she loved Millais. Ruskin

stood by in the church while, in 1885,

she was married to the celebrated painter. Her maiden name was Eu-

RODE ON AN AVALANCHE

Thrilling Descent of Pike's Peak-

One Miner Lives to Tell of It.

Bradley, a miner and prospector of

Cripple Creek, was brought into this

city yesterday in a critical condition, the 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 mountains from Cripple Creek to

Colorado Springs. When near the sum-

mit of the peak the way became ob-

scure, and they climbed to the top of an eminence endeavoring to find the trail. From this point, Bradley de-

"The whole mountain side suddenly

seemed to give a lurch, and, at a terri-

fic 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 froz-

en, but, after a prayer that I might

die, I dragged myself to the cabin.

where I was attended by the prospec-

tor. My companion I did not see after

Searching parties have endeavored to

Letters From Santa Claus.

For many years, each Christmas Eve,

And much the children dear would

Who says there is no Santa Claus?

But you behold the tall trees bend

And know the wind is there.

And by your stockings pause,

There is a Santa Claus !

Nor heard a reindeer's hoof,

Their fondest hopes fulfill;

How cruel, then, to me deny-

Such tender trust to chill.

And climbed the steepest roof!

The little folks have faith that I

You see the blast their branches rend,

Thus, Christmas morn, when you

The welcome gifts prove to your eyes

You have not seen me come or go,

Yet still believe I've skimmed the

He surely does not know! Perhaps there is no wind, because

One cannot see it blow!

Before the moving air.

find Bradley's companion, but as yet

the starting of the avalanche, and he

the body has not been recovered.

I've made a loving call,

Did I not come at all.

scribes the affair as follows:

is surely lost."

Colorado Springs, Col., Dec. 23 .- Joe

phemia Chalmers Gray.

an ebony stand near him.

Captain Trent, leaning back in his chair with an attempt at his charac-

Mrs. Payte's always inexplicable in-

terest in old Myddelton's family.

garden, conscious of no feeling beyond

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not now! Sealed Lead Packets Only, 25c, not now? Sealed Lead Packets Only, 25c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 60o. Beware of spurious at ease; and these efforts, though painfully evident, were not without a should be the last as

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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 altitudes in which their great surprise had found them.

"I see,' she said, as she glanced from one to another of her startled guests, "that you did not expect to meet me | may possibly make that a long prohere. You cannot recognize my face cess—lawyers always make everything and form with that portrait of Lady lengthy and elaborate—but we need Lewrence which you all know so well. No wonder, for I bought it-a fancy sketch, costing something under 50 my wishes this morning. In three rupees—because it was as unlike my-days' time the will is to be complete. self as any woman's portrait could and he will read it to me here—to me be. I meditated, even then, this pious and to any of you who wait to hear fraud, and I knew the portrait would it. I have promised him the directions chance speech or occurrence should fuss over, but also because I should afterward awaken suspicion. I think think it unfair to keep you longer in no suspicion ever has been aroused, uncertainty, dancing attendance on and no plan could have worked better my whims. Whims I call them," addthan mine has done. I have heard ed the old lady, with a shrewd twinkle from all of you such frank and undis- in her bright gray eyes; "but not quite guised opinions of old Myddelton's sis- idle whims, mind. It is true that I ter, that no doubt could ever rest in have practiced a fraud upon you, but my mind. I never questioned your it was with a purpose solemn enough right to judge of her without knowing to legitimize it. I have in trust an her, but I chose not to judge you until enormous sum of money, besides prop-I did know you; a mere matter of erty of other kinds, and this trust is taste either way, and surely we all not to be lightly disposed of. So for have a right to our own opinions. I this fraud of mine I offer no apology; have gained my knowledge, and I fear | those among you who know that Lady you are not so glad of having known Lawrence, coming in style to Statton, me before this meeting, as I am for would have found you only as Mrs. having known you. It was not your Pate, in her nameless insignificance, conduct to myself which was to be found you, have nothing for which to the test I sought. I had a wider motive, which you will soon understand. for the poor and another for the rich You are very kind to have met me here. I have delayed making my will you—would not merit apology; so, as as long as I think it safe to delay it. I said before, I offer none. I have I am an old woman, and you know, had good opportunities of studying my all of you, how another old woman kinsfolk's dispositions, and those opwho had been my companion for portunities have been of inestima twenty years had died within the few months you have known me. True, I delton at heart, and I have a great am healthy-brisk and active, as most wish that the family wealth shall be old proverb insinuates that a door on ed. I want a pure and generous hand strong hinges is not to be depended on. to wipe away that curse which rests

Remembering this, I have determined upon old Myddelton's money, and I "Dinner is served, my lady." should like to think that, from the With a certain dignity which seemed moment I give it up, the good which now to belong to the old lady, in spite it shall do will bring a light and of her restlessness, she paired off her

Out of consideration for them, dinner had been thus early and suddenly announced, to excuse dinner-dress, which neither she nor the gentlemen of her household had assumed. Mrs. Trent, feeling exceedingly unphysically, too, left the room gloomily Haughton, more rigid than ever in and looked quizzically into the faces her mortification, walked like a pillar around her, reading their expressions in the escort of the cheery lawyer, at a glance-"my greatest difficulty is Theodora Trent tried to call up her old in recognizing you as the Statton smiles for the benefit of the Indian friends who were so invariably hossecretary, but her mind was too full pitable and courteous to the commonof anger-an anger which was wide, place old woman at East Cottage, and

and vague, and directed against every so kind and attentive to her sick companion. Still in this change I recogafter you have impaired your health and wasted your money on poor second and third rate teas that Trent, you will doubtless be proud to lead both these young ladies."

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 nucker in the leading from December 1.

There was a curious pucker in the that I saw the ladies from Deergrove, corners of her mouth when she said who have hitherto appeared so differ-this, almost as if she knew how un- ently before me? But I understand 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 Myddeton's wish Haunghton yesterday evening, for relatives who, in their pride, made a the first time, I saw you bestow a

partial success. After dinner, Lady Lawrence retired to her own room, and her guests | Haughton, were just then waiting seemed all glad to follow her example. It would be less unpleasant to sit caught a glimpse of it, and it made alone by the fires in their chambers, me forget how few smiles you had, than to have to discuss together the half an hour before, bestowed on the events of the day.

Next morning Lady Lawrence ap-

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* peared at breakfast, and again made the meal a social and cheerful one. When it was over she led the way to the library, and neither the chaplain, that the money I leave you will not nor the lawyer, nor the secretary, fol-

lowed her now. "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 there are the purpose of the purpos not be delayed by that. I have promised Mr. Stafford to give him notes of blame me. Those who have one nature -if there should be any such among value to me. I am not quite a Mydof you have remarked; but a certain | neither squandered nor selfishly amass-

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 bapcomfortable, not only mentally but (in tismal names, and I wish to remember consequence of her unusual attire) every one. Of course, I naturally should. My greatest difficulty at presMRS. BOOTH HEART-BROKEN.

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Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 24.—A special from New York to an afternoon paper says that a prominent member of the Volunteers of America stated today that Mrs. Ballington Booth is dying of welcome this position had ever been the respect they pay me, and that a broken heart, not only figuratively, but literally.

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> 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. I have a daughter. I give her that which memory tells me most pleased her mother as a girl.

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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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-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 homestead. -Miss Annie Cannell, of this city, left yesterday to spend Christmas with Mrs. A. K. Melbourne, of Ham-

-Mr. A. Nugent, from the Philadel-phia Dental College, is spending a few holidays at his home, 785 Waterloo -Mr. Will Lind, of Peoria, Ill., is in the city for the holidays. Mrs. Lind

has been visiting her parents here for -Miss Jennie Magee has returned from the Deaconess' Home, Toronto, to spend the holidays with her par-

ents in this city. -Mr. T. M. Davis, city, is a candidate for the Hamilton board of the Commercial Travelers' Association in To-

ronto 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. -Miss Winnie McDonald, of Kincar-

dine, has returned home to spend the holidays. She is attending college here. -Mr. and Mrs. J. Best and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Best, of Strathroy, will spend Christmas at Lambeth, the guests of Mrs. (Dr.) Routleage.

-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. Lanceley, Morning subject, "Bethlehem's De" evening subject, "The Mother of

-Owing to increase of business, we work last week. This will add another member to the Methodist Church and a new worker to the Epworth League. -Wallaceburg News. 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, own education. As a teacher Mr. Mc-Kerricher has given entire satisfaction, and as a young man he has been highly esteemed by all his acquaint-

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ances. The young people of the neighborhood are sorry to lose such a friend, and so in leaving Lambeth Mr. McKerricher has the best wishes of all." The young man referred to is a son of Mr. Daniel McKerricher, Hewitt street, and those who know him best are satisfied that the kindly mention made of him is well deserved. REMEMBERED THE MEN.

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CHRISTMAS TREE IN CARADOC. The Christmas tree and entertainment of the Methodist Sunday school, Caradoc, was held last night at Troop's schoolhouse. Notwithstanding the severity of the weather, the school was packed with children and their parents. Rev. Mr. Holmes, of Mount Brydges, presided. Messrs. Corbin brothers and Williamson, London's musical trio, in their instrumental specialties, with guitar, harp, flute and harmonica, vocal trios, sentimental, character and comic songs, were repeatedwe wish a very happy ly recalled. Miss M. Rowlands, of Ko-Christmas and a prosperous New moka, elocutionist, showed decided talent in her renditions. The children gave recitations, dialogues, etc., after which the presents from the tree were

distributed among the children. SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAIN-

MENT. school was held last evening, and notwithstanding the unfavorable weather the building was fairly well filled with and a candid opinion is what you an enthusiastic lot of Sunday school scholars and their friends. The superintendent, Mr. J. H. Dickson, occupied the chair, and after devotional exercises a good programme of songs, recitations, dialogues, choruses, etc., were given. Among those taking part were Laura Sanborn, Aggie Gillett, Bessie Vrooman, Millie Lane, Edith Mowby, Geo. Hutchinson, Ruby Sanborn, Lena Writt, Gertie Hoskins, Flossie Sanborn, Eva Kennedy, Maggie Ritchey, Lizzie McKenzie, Willie Moon, Flossie Mowby, Pearl Oliver and others. Miss Harpin presided at 107..... Business Offices the organ in a very acceptable man-134..... Editorial Rooms ner. After the programme was con-178...... Job Department who proceeded to distribute presents to the scholars from a large and welliaden Christmas trees. The proceed-€+©+⊙+⊙+⊙+⊙+⊙+⊙+⊙+⊙+⊙+⊙+⊙ ings were brought to a close about 10 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Sawyer, pronouncing the benediction, when the

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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 At the close of work in the Bennet other night Mr. John Harrison was 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 | see our 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 McKinely, and the pigeon-

toed one was among this lot. Mr. McKinley was called, and swore rest he had sold Mr. McKellar some turkeys, and the pigeon-toed bird was among them.

Mr. McKellar was honorably acquit-

TALBOT STREET BAPTISTS Hold a Successful Christmas Sunday School Entertainment-Excellent

## Programme-The Secretary's

Report. A large and merry crowd of scholars, The annual Christmas entertainment | teachers and their friends attended the of the Hill Street Methodist Sabbath 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 pre-

sided, 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, 186 being scholars and 22 teachers. The total receipts were \$166 77, including a thank offering of \$20 97, and the average collection was \$2 27. Of the receipts \$41 61 went to foreign and \$14 15 to

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, "Rocka-Bye, Baby," by Muriel Draper; a solo by Mrs. N. Mills, with chorus by the school; a duet, "Song of the long time," says Miss J. Johnson, In- Angel," by Mrs. Yeomans and Mrs. Scott, with chorus by the school; an exercise, "The Gifts We Bring," by the following girls of Miss Lawrence's class: Della Birrell, Winnie McCandso completely that I have never had less, Carrie Leach, Flossie Gartshore, and Nora Cameron; "The Star of Bethlehem," by Olive Tune, Florence Nash, Annie Pannell, Jennie McLeod, Vesta Barclay, Melvina Parkinson and

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to the delight of all.

Claus then appeared on the scene and

procure it for you.

The Happiness of Christmas. The face of Christmas glows all the brighter for the cold. The heat warms as the frost increases. Estrangements which have embittered the whole year melt in tonight's hospitable smile. Friend lives in the mind of friend. There is more charity at this time than at any other. . . . The Master's words, "The poor ye have always with this part of the programme. Santa you," wear at this time a deep significance. For at least one night in each distributed candy among the scholars, year over all Christendom there is brotherhood. And good men, sitting among heir families or by a solitary fire Worms cause feverishness, moaning when they remember the light that and restlessness during sleep. Mother shone on the Bethlehem plains eighteen Graves' Worm Exterminator is pleas- hundred years ago, . . . the song, ant, sure and effectual. If your drug- "Peace on earth and goodwill towards gist has none in stock, get him to men," which for the first time hallowed the midnight air-pray for that strain's Running sores, indolent ulcers and fulfillment, that battle and strife may