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WILL THEY BE HOLIDAYS?

THE MONDAYS FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S.

Nominations in Queen's, N.B., Jan. 11, and Polling Day Jan. 18—Mr. Chamberlain at The Capital—A Special Mass For Snow.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—Christmas and New Year's Day falling on Sunday this year, the question as to whether the Monday after each day will be a holiday is attracting some attention. So far as proclaiming it a public holiday is concerned, it is understood that the statute does not give power to proclaim any days except for Thanksgiving, and as we have already had one Thanksgiving Day this year it would scarcely do to proclaim two more within a week of each other. The question of observing the days, therefore, will be left to the public, and no doubt the Monday after New Year's at least will be pretty well observed. With regard to the public offices, the Minister of Customs stated to-night that while no instructions to close the Custom houses would be issued collectors would be allowed to use large discretion with regard to the Mondays after Christmas and New Year's, so long as they were careful that the public interest did not suffer. The Postmaster-General stated that so far as his department was concerned the matter was not decided yet. It is most probable, however, that in large cities only one delivery of letters will be made and the postoffice be open only a portion of the day. But mails will go out as usual.

It is understood that Mr. Richard Pope, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, will shortly be appointed Commissioner of Patents and be succeeded by Mr. S. E. St Onge Chapleau, brother of the Secretary of State and ex-Sheriff of the Northwest Territory.

The resignation of Mr. Baird, the sitting member for Queen's, N.B., having been received by the Speaker and accepted, a new writ has been issued. Nomination will be on Jan. 11 and polling on Jan. 18. Mr. Baird will again be the Conservative candidate and will most probably be opposed by Mr. King.

An order-in-council has been passed placing the limit of the lobster fishery season in the Atlantic, Bay of Fundy, from Cape Canso westward, at July 1, and in the waters of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Quebec, including Amherst and Magdalen Islands, at July 15. This shortens the season over a month, and it is thought will contract the business sufficiently to effect the desired remedy.

Inspector Gravelle of the Inland Revenue Department has just reported the seizure of two illicit whisky stills in Portneuf County, Quebec. The information which led to the detection of the offenders was it is alleged furnished by an individual who set them up in the business.

There is no truth in the story, published in The Free Press and other Opposition papers, that settlers in the Fort McLeod District are suffering owing to the delay in receiving patents for their lands, and that parties who purchased town sites three years ago have not yet got their patents. Application at the Department of the Interior elicited the information that all patents for lands in the Fort McLeod District which could be issued have been issued. There are a few cases where there is some doubt about the names of the parties to whom the patents should be issued and these persons have been written to, some of them several times, for the necessary information, and so soon as they give it the patents will be issued.

Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, accompanied by his private secretary and Mr. Hergene, official secretary to the Fisheries Commission, arrived by special train from Montreal this afternoon, they having missed the regular morning train. They were met at the station by Capt. Streetfield, military secretary, and Lieut. Pakenham, A.D.C., and driven to Government House, where Mr. Chamberlain will be a guest during his stay at the Capital. This evening His Excellency gave a dinner, at which Sir John Macdonald, Sir Hector Langevin and other ministers were present; and its understood that dinner parties will be given by His Excellency every night this week.

The Department of Marine to-day received a telegram from its agent at Moncton, N.B., stating that the brigantine G.L.B. of Gaspe, outward bound for Portugal, has been wrecked near Cape Bald, Nfld. The master and crew, consisting of seven men, have reached Moncton in a destitute condition. No other particulars were received. The crew will be furnished pecuniary assistance by the department to reach Gaspe

Sir Charles Tupper returned to the city to-day looking extremely well after his trip. In a brief conversation he said that he could not supplement what he had said in Winnipeg with reference to the Fisheries Commission. He was not at liberty to give any intimation as to what had been or may be done, but he was hopeful of good results.

It is understood that the Postoffice Department is investigating some abuses of the free delivery of newspapers through the mail by which large numbers of advertising sheets which are in no sense newspapers, avoid paying postage. Some regulations will probably be adopted. But it is not likely that any postage on bona-fide newspapers will be imposed. No action has, it is understood, been taken as yet on the tenders for the ocean mail service. Mr. Van Horne, General Manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and Mr. Anderson of the Orient Steamship Line were in the city to-day, and their presence has given rise to a rumor that the Orient Line is the lowest tender.

Postmaster-General McLelan returned last night from his trip to Washington with reference to arranging for a parcels post service between Canada and the United States. He says all arrangements have been satisfactorily concluded and will go into effect on Feb. 1. The limit of weight will be five pounds.

Snow is greatly needed in the vicinity of Ottawa, the country being generally bare and travel consequently bad. A special mass for snow will be offered up in the Roman Catholic Churchjin East Templeton on Christmas Day.

Brass Coffee Machines and Teddy Kettles, Copper and Granite Kettles at Milne's, 169 Yonge-st.

Doherty's Sentence Commuted.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The sentence of Daniel Doherty at London for shooting George Graham has been modified to 20 years' imprisonment. The Standard says it is disposed to think that a much greater reduction of the sentence on Doherty would better have served the interests of justice.

Rumors About Ferdinand Affect Prices.

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—At the opening of the Bourse to-day the market was firm on rumors that Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria had abdicated.

The Thibetan Troops to be Expelled.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Indian Government has decided to send a force to expel the Thibetan troops blocking the roads from Sikkim to Thibet.

The Queen at Osborne.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Queen has gone to Osborne

A special discount will be allowed on all office desks, etc., purchased at the Permanent Exhibition of Manufactures during the next thirty days.

CHAT ACROSS THE CABLE.

It is reported that the Emperor will not accept the resignation of Count Perpoucher.

Owing to riotous outbreaks among the students of the Universities at Kief and Kasan these institutions have been closed.

In the Chamber of Deputies at Madrid yesterday the Minister of Foreign Affairs denied that there had been any negotiations with the object of making neutral the Straits of Gibraltar.

Editor Hooper, who was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for publishing the proceedings of the suppressed branches of the National League, refuses to wear the prison clothes and remains in bed day and night.

The Popolo of Rome says Italy ought permanently to occupy Satti with a small district to the west of that place as a guarantee for the safety of her Red Sea colonies and as a reparation for the massacre of Italian troops at Dogali.

AN EX-U.S.A. OFFICER ARRESTED

For Firing a Revolver at the Alleged Seducer of His Daughter.

DUBLIN, Dec. 21.—Capt. Dunne, lately Governor of Castlehar Jail and an ex-officer in the United States Army, has been committed for trial in this city for firing a revolver at the Rev. Henry Melville, whom Dunne charges with seducing his daughter while she was residing with Mrs. Melville. Melville eloped with the girl to the continent and traveled with her to different places. The pair finally returned to London and were discovered by Dunne. Melville fled to Ireland and was pursued by Dunne, who traced him to Dublin, and seeing him seated in a car fired at him. Melville, however, held a traveling rug before him and stopped the bullet.

REMOVED TO TULLAMORE JAIL.

Mr. Hooper's Bed Taken From Him—Mr. O'Brien Removed.

DUBLIN, Dec. 21.—Mr. Hooper, M.P., was removed to Tullamore Jail to-day. At a meeting in Cork to-day the Mayor stated that he had visited Mr. Hooper in jail before his removal and found him almost nude. The bed and bedclothes had been taken from his cell.

Another M.P. Sentenced.

DUBLIN, Dec. 21.—Mr. Sheehy, M.P., was tried at Clonmel to-day for inciting resistance to eviction and was sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

A Humiliating Honor.

DUBLIN, Dec. 21.—The Corporation of Drogheda has voted to confer the freedom of the city upon Editor William O'Brien, who is now in jail.

A special discount will be allowed on all office desks, etc., purchased at the Permanent Exhibition of Manufactures during the next thirty days.

The Pope's Jubilee.

ROME, Dec. 21.—All the present Cardinals have been summoned to return to Rome before Jan. 1 to take part in the Pope's jubilee celebration. Two hundred foreign bishops and many European Legitimist statesmen have given notice of their intention to visit Rome after Christmas to attend the celebration. The Pope will receive, though in a private form, the good wishes of the House of Savoy (the Italian royal family).

Stanley Reported at Wadelai.

ZANZIBAR, Dec. 19.—A messenger has arrived from Central Africa who brings no direct news from Henry M. Stanley but says it is reported in the country on the eastern side of Lake Nyanza that Mr. Stanley, after many privations, reached Wadelai in the early part of September. The principal difficulty he encountered was between the Mabodi country and Wadelai.

A Favorite, the Derby cigarette.

An Important Colonization.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 21.—In the Chamber of Deputies yesterday the Premier stated that forty-nine foreign Governments had agreed to take part in a conference at Brussels in March with the object of bringing about the establishment of an office for the translation and exchange of the legislative documents of all countries.

Christmas Gifts for the Hussars.

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—Prince William presented the usual Christmas gifts to the Hussars. In a speech he reminded the men that the times had become grave and the future uncertain, and said that they should recollect the fact that the Emperor called valor, honor and obedience the three main pillars of the army.

Oh, Elia, where did you get that beautiful Art Book? Why, down at the "Willard." They have such a var ety and so cheap. You might as well see them. Corner of Yonge and Temperance streets.

The New Freight Rates.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Commissioner Fink to-day issued the following: "In accordance with the vote of the joint committee the rates of fourth, fifth and sixth classes, both east bound and west bound, will be advanced on and after Jan. 2, 1888, to the following basis: Between New York and Chicago, fourth class, 38½ cents; fifth class, 33 cents; sixth class, 27½ cents per hundred pounds."

A Disastrous Work.

HAVANA, Dec. 21.—A huge wave at Baracon on Dec. 4, the result of a three days' blow, struck the beach, broke and swept away many native huts and several good houses. After sweeping in fully 400 feet the water flowed back to the ocean. Nearly 200 huts and houses were destroyed. Fortunately no lives were lost. The beach was swept clear of every habitation that stood upon it.

Stocks in New York Elevated.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The Commercial Advertiser's financial says: "Not having met with much success in their efforts to sell down prices of stocks, the professional contingent made a little excursion this morning on the bull side. The effect upon the market was not very pronounced, but it served to show that just at present prices go up more easily than they go down."

Brass Ball and Library Lamps only $6, worth $10. Milne's, 169 Yonge-st.

A Cave Under Lake Erie.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—A Toledo, O., special says: A report from Locust Point, Ottawa County, a town on the shores of Lake Erie, tells of the discovery of a new mammoth cave there, which extends far under the waters of Lake Erie, and that it is possibly connected with Ferry's cave at Put-in-Bay.

A Railway Collision in Iowa.

MCGREGOR, Ia., Dec. 21.—Two passenger trains on the St. Paul road collided at Jackson Junction early this morning. The engineer, fireman and baggageman of the west-bound train are said to have been fatally injured. No passengers are reported hurt. Owing to the heavy snowstorm all trains are delayed and particulars are not obtainable.

Ben Butterworth Better.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Representatives Butterworth of Ohio and Moffatt of Michigan, who are detained from the House on account of sickness, are both somewhat better to-day. Butterworth is suffering from an attack of typhoid fever, but his condition is not considered dangerous.

Secretary Manning's Recovery Improbable.

ALBANY, N.Y., Dec. 21.—Ex-Secretary Manning has rested quietly to-day, and his general condition is unchanged. His physicians do not look for an immediate crisis, but his recovery is improbable.

Spring Skates (Hall's Patterns) 75 cents, worth $1.50, at Milne's, 169 Yonge-st.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

Arthur Waterman and George Boyder attempted to escape from jail at Waynesville, Mo., yesterday. The jailer killed Waterman and Boyder escaped.

The celebration of the ice carnival at St. Paul will begin Jan. 25 and end Feb. 3.

At a general meeting of the managers of the Central Traffic Association lines at Chicago an agreement was reached to advance all freight rates from Chicago to the Atlantic seaboard 10 per cent., to go into effect Jan. 2.

P. N. Hatch, cashier of the Baltimore and Ohio Express Company in New York, has left for parts unknown. It is stated that he also took with him $7000 belonging to the company.

The cab drivers' and stablemen's strike in New York has been settled, the men having secured their demands.

It is rumored that the Pope intends to make Archbishop Williams of Boston a cardinal, transfer Bishop McMahon of Hartford to Boston as coadjutor to Archbishop Williams and raise Vicar-General Byrne of Boston to the episcopacy with Hartford as his see.

In a barroom fight at Opelousas, La., Tuesday night three men were shot and are probably fatally wounded.

A United States vessel will be sent in search of the great timber raft.

In Chicago yesterday within twelve hours there was a drop of 35° in the temperature.

A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.

TWO LARGE FLOURING MILLS COMPLETELY DESTROYED.

Sewers Filled with Naphtha Cause the Disaster—Three Persons Known to Have Perished—Loss of Property Estimated at Over $200,000.

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Dec. 21.—Shortly before 3.30 this afternoon a terrific explosion occurred in front of the Poole flour mill on Mill-street, at the foot of Factory-street. The explosion was felt for a long distance, and Coroner Sharpe, who was at his sister's residence across the river, says he felt it distinctly. Only a few seconds after the first explosion another followed, and another and another, in rapid succession. Instantly flames burst from the Poole mill and the rear walls fell in. The fire burnt with great fury, and although the workmen hastened to get out it is feared that some must have perished in the flames.

It was only a few minutes before the Washington mill adjoining the burning structure was also on fire. One workman jumped from the third story of the Poole mill and is seriously injured, another escaped by jumping into the race.

The cause of the explosion was that the sewers in the vicinity were filled with naphtha being pumped from the 4000-gallon tank of naphtha from the Vacuum Works through the pipe line in the bed of old canal. It was intended for the Municipal Gas Company, but one or more breaks in the line allowed the naphtha to escape into the adjoining sewers. When the sewers became surcharged with the gas it escaped into the mills and exploded there or elsewhere, and made its way through the mains in the middle of the streets, throwing up manhole covers and tearing up roadways.

The amount of damage cannot be calculated at this hour. Two of the three finest mills in America with their contents are doomed and several streets and sewers are more or less damaged.

In the vicinity of the fire and up State-street as far as Market-street, about three-quarters of a mile distance, the people were running in every direction and frequent explosions only terrified them more. The explosions continued at such frequent intervals for the first half hour that the people were deterred from getting anywhere near the fire. Women and children are running around crying and screaming, thinking their brothers, husband or some relatives were in the mill and had been burned.

It is not known how many persons were at work in the mills when the explosion occurred. One man was seen to jump from the second story of the buildings to the river bank below, a distance of about fifty feet. His right leg was broken and he received severe internal injuries.

The walls of the Jefferson mill fell in about 4 o'clock, and it is feared there are several men buried underneath.

The engineer of the Clinton mill, with two companions, was standing near the front of the mill when the explosion occurred, not twenty feet from where they stood. They regained sufficient presence of mind to shut off the steam and get out of the mill. There were six persons at work in the Clinton mill, of whom four escaped through the water-wheel. It is now reported that three persons are known to be killed.

At the time of writing (11.30 p.m.) the fire is under control. The explosions ceased at 6.30 and no more danger is apprehended from them.

The explosions covered a wide extent of territory, windows were shattered in many buildings and other damage done. The sewers through which the burning naphtha flowed for several hours are the largest sewer in the city, and is the outlet for the sewers on the West Side. How badly damaged this is as yet cannot be estimated.

The killed so far as known are: Engineer Jno. E. A. Webster, Alonzo Bond and John Peck. The latter was an employe at the Vacuum Still and has not been accounted for, and it is supposed that he is dead in the ruins. The injured will number at least twenty. Most of them are bruised and cut by stones.

The total damage by the fire cannot be closely determined. The Washington mill was valued at $70,000, insurance about $35,000. The Jefferson mill with contents was valued at $60,000, on which there is about $25,000 insurance. The Clinton mill alone was valued at $85,000, on which is a probable insurance of $30,000. The Clinton mill was fairly loaded with barrels of flour and grain in stock. The value of this is estimated at $12,000 to $15,000. The Washington mill contained about 15,000 barrels of flour and 4000 bushels of wheat, valued at $10,000, and is mostly a total loss.

Gold and Silver-Plated Skates cheap, at 169 Yonge-st.

A FATAL HURRICANE.

Seventy Vessels Wrecked and Twenty-Three Lives Reported Lost.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The British steamer Samana which arrived here to-day from Cape Haytien reports that a heavy hurricane swept over the West Indies on Dec. 6, 7 and 8, causing much damage. In all some seventy vessels were wrecked. A coasting schooner, name unknown, capsized while making Cape Haytien, and thirteen of her crew of fifteen were drowned. The British steamer Viola was caught in the gale and eight of her crew were washed overboard and drowned. Two others were washed overboard but were swept back on board the vessel by another wave. The vessel was badly damaged.

Something new, the Derby cigarette.

A Steamer Burned In The Pacific.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The freight steamer San Vincente, plying between this city and Santa Cruz, took fire last night off Pigeon Point, about forty miles south of Golden Gate and burned to the water's edge. The crew consisted of 19 officers and men. The burning vessel was sighted by the Pacific Coast Steamship Companies steamer Queen of Pacific, which was bound from San Diego to this port. Several boats were lowered and sent to the rescue of the San Vincente's crew. Capt. Charles Lewis and the second mate were found on the deck of the steamer preparing to jump into the sea, as the flames were rapidly surrounding them. The first mate and four sailors were found drifting in a small boat in which they had escaped, and another sailor was discovered clinging to the bottom of an upturned boat. These men were all rescued and taken on board the Queen of the Pacific. No trace could be found of the other eleven men who composed the crew, and it is supposed they were all lost.

Elopement of a Washington Belle.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A sensation has been caused here by the elopement and marriage of Miss Bessie Hilyer, daughter of a retired merchant, and G. Brickley, a bank clerk. Miss Hilyer was engaged to Wm. Trenholm, son of the Comptroller of the Currency.

Brass Fenders and Fire Irons at Milne's, 169 Yonge-st.

We Hope so.

From The Hamilton Times.

It is expected that Rev. Dr. John S. Foley of Baltimore, a distinguished clergyman, will be appointed Bishop of Detroit shortly after the New Year. Who will succeed Dr. Carbery as Bishop of Hamilton? A Canadian!

Amusement Notes.

"Erminie" still draws crowded and delighted audiences at the Grand. It will run the remainder of the week. Everyone is singing the catching airs with which this opera abounds.

"On the Rio Grande" continues at the Toronto for the remainder of the week.

The sale of seats for Joe Murphy's performances at the Grand next week opens this morning.

Charles A. Gardner in the "New Karl" will fill the bill at the Toronto next week.

The Philharmonic Society's leading soloist, Madame Ginia Valda of New York, soprano, who will sing in the "Messiah" next Tuesday, has won high praise in the east as a powerful and pleasing vocalist.

F. H. Torrington's orchestra will resume practice on Thursday, Jan. 5, in Philharmonic Hall.

$300 FOR TWO FINGERS.

An Interesting Case at Hamilton—Consultation of Railway Magnates.

HAMILTON, Dec. 21.—Joseph Hickson, General Manager, and Charles Stiff, General Superintendent of the Grand Trunk, were at the Grand Trunk Railway station here this morning. They went west on a special train. Before going the gentlemen had a consultation with Samuel Barker, General Manager of the Northern and Northwestern Railway. The general impression among railway men here is that the Grand Trunk has secured control of the Northern. The old rumor about the removal of the Grand Trunk shops from here to Stratford has also been revived.

At the General Sessions this morning the case of Flockton v. Ontario Cotton Mills Company occupied the court. This was a case under the Factory Act, in which a girl named Maria Flockton sued the company for damages for injury received by getting her fingers lacerated in a machine at which she had been told to work without having first received proper instructions regarding the mode of running it. The defendants claimed that the girl was careless.

The judge left two questions to the jury. First, whether the defendants were guilty of negligence, and second, whether the plaintiff was guilty of contributory negligence. To the first the jury answered Yes and to the second No. The plaintiff accordingly got a verdict for $200, the full amount which the County Court can award.

Gold and Silver-Plated Ware, Castors, Spoon Holders, Cake Baskets, etc., at Milne's, 169 Yonge-st.

THE CARROLL CASE.

John Committed for Murder—A Serious Accident in London Township.

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 21.—The preliminary investigation in the case of John and Charles Carroll, charged with the murder of Mrs. Jane, wife of the last named prisoner, was concluded to-day, resulting in John Carroll being committed for trial. Charles was discharged. It is stated that John Carroll killed a man some twenty years ago at Hickory Corners, near Strathroy, at which time he was hostler for his brother Henry. John gave himself up to the authorities, stating that the deed was done in self-defence, and he was therefore acquitted.

At the conclusion of the trial, in leaving the court, a lady from Strathroy fell and broke her arm.

Charles and William Stephens, 12th concession, London township, while running a crushing machine yesterday had their legs badly crushed. They were thrown off nearly to the elbow, and his brother, in trying to rescue him, had one of his hands mangled.

SATISFIED WITH HIS PROGRESS.

The Crown Prince Takes a Walk—Hope of Ultimate Recovery.

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—The Crown Prince's physicians report that they are satisfied with his progress. He took a walk to-day, accompanied by the Prince of Saxe Meiningen.

The Magdeburg Zeitung says: "Medical opinion now permits the assumption that the regular continuance of the present treatment will avert danger and reduce the chance of a fatal issue to the minimum, and that the Crown Prince will yet be enabled to fulfil all the duties of his high station. Professor Virchow takes this favorable view."

The Oriental Investigation.

ST. CATHARINES, Dec. 21.—The investigation into the loss of the Oriental was continued before Mr. S. Ridley, Government Inspector, this morning. The only witness was J. J. Harrigan of Port Dalhousie, first mate of the American schooner Abbie L. Andrews. The Andrews passed the Scotia and tow about thirty miles above Charlotte at 1 o'clock, and was in sight of the Oriental three hours afterwards. Witness saw the captain of her at the wheel. He saw no other vessel or anything else on board who could steer the Oriental. He also had 700 tons of coal on board, she must have been overloaded. She sank deeper than that class of vessels usually are.

The court then adjourned to meet again in Kingston.

It Would Please Mr. Gladstone.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Mr. Gladstone writing to a friend says that nothing would please him better than that the Tories should return to the position in which they appeared to be two years ago, and by autonomy bring about an indissoluble union of Ireland and Great Britain, "but if they leave the decision in the hands of the Liberals," he adds "we will overcome not for the first or twentieth time by constitutional means their resistance."

The Montreal Detectives' Case Postponed.

MONTREAL, Dec. 21.—Owing to the illness of Mr. Kerr, Q.C., counsel for the prosecution, the case of Fahey, Naegele and Burns was postponed until to-morrow. Detective Flynn states that Conroy was a theatrical man at one time and only came to Montreal to assist in convicting Fahey and Naegele.

The New Steamer Owego.

The new steamer Owego, just completed for the Union Steamboat Company at Buffalo, a part of the Erie Railway system, is said to be the largest and most powerful of its class on Lake Erie. She is built of steel to the main, her main and upper decks are sealed of steel, the latter being sheeted with pine. Her carrying capacity is 2800 tons, and when completed will cost $300,000. Following are her dimensions: Length, 352 feet over all; beam, 41 feet; hold, 25½ feet; has a double bottom, the space between being used as a water ballast hold. She has the first triple expansion engine put in a boat at Buffalo. The wheel has a diameter of 15 feet, with a pitch of 22 feet; the main shaft is 15 inches in diameter. On the trial trip the Owego proved very satisfactory, and an order has been given for a sister steamer to be called the Chemung.

The Sale of the Season.

The gigantic auction sale of $70,000 of rich and costly household furniture, comprising silk brocatelle, silk repp, Terry, cashmere and hair cloth drawing-room suites, ranging in value from $35 to $50, sixty elegant marble tops and other bedroom sets, book cases and secretaries (combined), handsome B.W. sideboards, latest designs, marble top hall hat stand, fancy centre, hall, extension and other tables, silk and satin fancy chairs, ottomans, fender stools, couches, chairs and easy chairs, elegant curtains, rattan goods, making in all the largest and most valuable assortment of furniture ever submitted to the public. The sale commences this morning at 11 o'clock at the warerooms of J. H. Samo, 189 Yonge-street. Don't fail to attend this great sale. Mr. Chas. M. Henderson, auctioneer, will conduct the sale.

CANADIAN NOTES.

It is stated that the Manitoba Legislature will meet on Jan. 12.

The students of Queen's College have undertaken to raise $15,000 or $20,000 on account of the endowment fund.

At Marthaville, three miles from Petrolea, jets of natural gas are conveyed to several private houses for heating and cooking. It is used in Courtwright's run a mill, and is said to save about $10 a day for fuel.

It is stated that the Atlantic mail contract, now held by the Allans, and for the renewal of which the Allans, Dominion Line, Canada Atlantic Company and Anderson & Co. tendered, will certainly go to Anderson & Co., the representatives of the Canadian Pacific railway.

A "pretty young lady, wearing a fur lined circular and an English walking hat," was before the Police Magistrate in Kingston Tuesday, charged with passing a gilded Yankee nickel for a $5 gold piece. She said the coin was given to her by her grandfather and was allowed to go.

Both Love 'Em Best.

She is a Socialist,
Billhasame and Jay—
He, an adorer,
Rich and blase.
He at a club dinner
Clinks his this toast—
"She is my nightingale,
I love her most!"

He is a Socialist,
Seersame and Jay—
So his adorer is
Shamed and passe.
One over wiener wurst
Hiccups this toast—
"He is my Sing-Singer,
I love Herr Most!" —C. M. P.

LIZZIE BRAY'S SAD DEATH.

BETRAYED BY A MARRIED MAN WHO ABANDONED HER.

The Testimony of Her Aunt, Her Sister and Two Other Ladies—How an 18-year-old Girl Shielded Her Wrong Doer—A Doctor Alleged to be Involved.

Last night in the front parlor of 99 Walton-street, the home of her aunt, Mrs. M. A. Parsons, lay the body of 18-year-old Lizzie Bray, whose death on Monday is alleged to have been caused by abortion, the work of John Gamble, with whom she had been intimate; and in the dining-room Coroner Powell opened an inquest on the body, with a jury of which J. H. P. Bonnick was foreman. Coroner Powell explained the gravity of the case and said that because of a missing link in the evidence several such cases in Toronto of late had been failures of justice. He said that the evidence of Dr. Teskey, who made the post mortem, would be reserved for a future sitting. Last night's witnesses were four ladies, who lived in the house, and as the Coroner explained at the close of the evidence, proved to be very strong against Gamble, who has not yet been located by the police. Even an attempt at the crime means murder, punishable with death.

Mrs. Mary Ann Parsons, boarding house keeper and aunt of the deceased, said that she had raised the girl since she was 3 years old. Lizzie had been employed at the Crump Cocoa works for two or three years together with her sister, who also lived with her aunt. Among recent boarders in the house was John Gamble, who boarded there for about seven months until two months ago. He with the other male boarders worked in the Williams piano factory. For a while her niece had been looking bad but only within the last three weeks had she been unwell. She went to her work till a week ago. And her aunt did not notice anything wrong till she learned it by means of an anonymous letter which came to her (Mrs. Parsons') brother and by another person asking if she thought there was anything wrong between Lizzie and Gamble.

Mrs. Parsons spoke to her niece two weeks ago but could get no satisfaction till a week ago, when the girl did not deny that she was in trouble. Dr. Ferguson was called in and concluded that there was something wrong. Lizzie wanted to go away but the doctor advised that she be kept and kindly treated. One day, week before last, Gamble came to the house but was ordered out by the witness, who had, eight or nine weeks before, told him she did not want a married man going out walking with her niece, as he had been accustomed to do. About three weeks ago Lizzie stayed away for four days and two nights, during which she was in communication with Gamble, although she said, she was going to visit a young friend. Gamble had a strange power over the girl and she refused to give him up. Once the witness asked Gamble in Lizzie's presence if there was anything wrong between them and he said that his last thought would be to wrong an orphan girl. Upon receiving the anonymous letter he was accused of being the cause of the trouble, but he most solemnly denied it. He asked Lizzie to assert his innocence, which she did. Lizzie was not in the habit of going with saw one else. Witness believed that Gamble put her up to say, as she did in her last sickness, that the cause of her trouble was a young man named Cooper, whom she had met at a picnic.

Mrs. Parsons was sure that Gamble was the man because she was told by leaders that such was the case, and because since the girl's death she learned that the girl had confessed to a lady boarder her intimacy with Gamble, who had refused to acknowledge it to her aunt. Mrs. Parsons thought that on the day that Lizzie had tried, but in vain, to tell the truth. A week before she died she received a fright by Gamble coming in early drunk and calling on the Lord to witness his innocence. Lizzie grew worse from Thursday and although attended by two doctors she sank and died early on Monday just as the doctors arrived. Dr. Ferguson thought death was the result of an abortion caused by the girl taking something. Witness heard that Gamble had given her some medicine, a married sister of Lizzie's saying she had seen her drink something out of a little black bottle not very long ago.

Miss Lillie Bray, sister of the deceased, said Gamble had known her sister since the spring. Gamble used to take both to the Island in the summer. In September Gamble told her that Lizzie was in trouble and that he was the cause. He seemed sorry and said he was going to give her some medicine which he thought would make her all right. He also said he had a doctor who would use instruments, but did not mention the doctor's name, nor did the witness know if the doctor had ever seen Lizzie. It was about September when Lizzie got the medicine, a dose of which she identified as being produced. She never saw her sister taking it but knew she was doing so. Lizzie knew that the witness was aware of the trouble, but they never spoke of it. Gamble also said he was going to get an instrument and use it himself and witness saw him do so. About two weeks ago Lizzie went alone to see Gamble, who was sick at a Gerrard-street west boarding house. Gamble told the witness that he was going to get a boarding house for Lizzie and he thought she would soon be all right. They remained away two nights and stayed as a boarding-house on Church-street, passing as Mr. and Miss Black, brother and sister.

Mrs. Elizabeth Butler, a boarder in the house, thought that the deceased was too intimate with Gamble, a married man, although she had no knowledge of anything improper. She heard Gamble accused of the wrongdoing, but he denied it. At last Lizzie admitted she had got into trouble at a picnic and that Gamble was to blame. The girl was desperate and said she did not care what became of her. The two went to Gamble's boarding-house, and he wanted to know if she had given anything away to her uncles. She commenced to cry, and he advised her to go away and he would look after her.

Miss Maxwell McAllin, also a boarder in the house, was examined, but nothing new was elicited.

The inquest was adjourned till Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1888, at 7.30 o'clock, at Agnes-street Station, when other witnesses will be examined.

The funeral, which was postponed from yesterday, will take place at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

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Chancery Court Judgments.

The full bench of the Chancery Divisional Court gave judgment yesterday in these cases:

Simmons v. Chapman, new trial ordered, costs to plaintiff in any event.

Goulding v. Denning, application dismissed, judgment affirmed with costs.

Reid v. Murphy, appeal allowed.

Jones v. Medrath, judgment for new trial, costs reserved.

Morgan v. Morgan, judgment for former only, and no costs to either side.

McCready v. Gananoque, judgment affirmed with costs.

Cryder v. Sarnia, judgment affirmed.

Pearson v. Clark, judgment affirmed with costs.

Xmas Presents.

—It is very hard to know sometimes what to give our friends for a Xmas present. If you have settled on a pretty photo album, McKenzie, 278 Yonge, has just bought a case at very little over half-price, and great bargains are now offered at the Waterloo House.

A Handsome Store.

If you want to feel that there is some genuine pleasure in life, and that life is really worth living, and if you want to see your friends greet you with a smile, buy them a nice appropriate gift from that large and varied stock of fancy goods, games and toys, etc., etc., on view at the great bonaventure-furnishing store, 13 Yonge-street. Mr. Strathern has made it his aim this year to secure all the latest novelties in every kind of goods suitable for Xmas presents both for young and old, and any one paying a visit to his store will be repaid. 2

THE Y. M. P. C. TAKES TO TASK.

S. H. Blake Does Not Believe in Scoring Candidates on the Sabbath.

Not a little talk has been stirred up in the ranks of the Young Men's Prohibition Club and other temperance bodies by the remarks made by Hon. S. H. Blake at the C. E. T. S. meeting in St. Paul's Church, Bloor-street, on Tuesday night. Mr. Blake opened his address by narrating some pleasant personal experiences enjoyed when in England by attending meetings held by advocates of the temperance cause. These temperance meetings he compared with recent gatherings in Toronto on Sabbath afternoons, which are alleged to be held for the promotion of temperance, but really convened to further the interests of parliamentary or municipal candidates. He stigmatized recent gospel temperance meetings held on Sundays in the Pavilion as spurious ones, and as gatherings which desecrated the Sabbath.

The speaker himself had once attended such a meeting on a Sabbath but resolved it would be the last assembly of the kind he would ever visit on Sunday. Mr. Blake urged the discouragement of such meetings on Sundays, first on the ground of Sabbath desecration, and secondly because if the temperance people were allowed to hold public meetings on Sunday to discuss municipal politics and advocate candidates, opposing candidates and their friends were entitled to the same privilege. Further Mr. Blake said that if such meetings were continued, the blessedness of a quiet Sunday would be lost and God's day of rest would be turned into a political or municipal rallying day. Who should be our Mayor, or who should be our member were not questions meriting the call of a public meeting on the Sabbath.

A special discount will be allowed on all office desks, etc., purchased at the Permanent Exhibition of Manufactures during the next thirty days.

A JOLLY GOOD CHRISTMAS.

The Stores Full of Beautiful Goods—Sleigh Bells Heard on the Streets—Busy Scenes.

A grand sight it is alike for old and young, to see the choice displays in the shops to which Christmastide brings an increase of business. Drapers and grocers, stationers and butchers, fish-dealers and fruiterers, florist and confectioners vie with each other in the art of window-dressing, and unmentioned trades have their tasteful almanacs and Christmas gifts for hosts of customers. Till yesterday atmospheric conditions indicated a mild Christmas, but a seasonable change ensued, and great was the rejoicing amongst all on seeing the snowy mantle which covered the streets. Although not abundant there was enough snow to bring into the streets a host of sleighs whose neat appearance, tinkling bells and buffaloed occupants attracted attention. Skaters and curlers were in high spirits, and the hope was general that an old-fashioned rather than abnormal and "green" Christmas may ensue. At the Postoffice there has been a busy season, and the brisk mail will not cease till Christmas cards and New Year gifts fulfil their yearly mission. Youngsters have for some time been looking forward to the decoration of the immemorial Christmas tree, and yesterday florists and vendors of these indispensable adjuncts of the festive season did a good trade. In the market there was a good display, and the size, quality and prices were such as to suit the most economical or fastidious. Ranging from 5 cents to $5 in price, and from two to twenty feet in height, there was in sooth choice enough. The demand is already greater than last year, but the price is about the same. Holly and mistletoe were not so abundant as the "trees," but still there is a large assortment and a great demand. The same is the case with choice flowers for home and church decoration, and everything promises (including the weather) a busy and jolly good Christmas time.

Ask for the Derby Cigarette.

Flowers and Jelly for Sick Children.

There was a numerous attendance at the weekly meeting of the Y.W.C.T.U. yesterday afternoon, when the subject for discussion was "Devotional Interest." A number of ladies took part in the exercises, which on this occasion were confined to devotional subjects. The association is making an effort to send flowers and jelly to sick children as a New Year's gift, and Miss Bennett, 95 Gerrard-street east, will be glad to receive not only contributions but suitable juvenile literature and the names and addresses of sick children, whose hearts they fain would cheer as the opening of the year.

Bibles from 25 cents up in substantial and elegant bindings. Just what is wanted for presents. See them at the Toronto Willard Tract Depository.

Beanen and McCrea Bailed Out.

License Inspector Dexter of this city tripped down to Whitby yesterday and went on the bonds of McCrea and Dennen for $800 each and they were released from custody. Both of the "detectives" returned to the city last night to make a temporary stay.

Bartender Brown, the wounded man, still lies at Vernon's Hotel, at Myrtle. His condition is as uncertain as ever. Hopes of extracting the bullets are growing fainter every day.

"The William O'Brien Branch."

Some members of the Toronto Branch of the Irish National League are desirous that the name of Wm. O'Brien should be perpetuated in the history of the local struggle for Home Rule. And at last night's meeting of the league notice of motion was given that the name of the branch be changed to that of the

LIVELY MAYORALTY TALK.

MEETINGS FOR DEFOE, CLARKE AND ROGERS LAST NIGHT.

A Great Uproar at the "Monality" Candidate's Hall—"You're a Liar" Freely Used—The Gas Turned Out—Mr. Defoe's Speech at St. Paul's Hall.

Some three hundred voters attended a meeting called by Ald. Rogers' supporters last night in St. George's Hall, Berkeley and Queen streets, the proceedings at which were of a most disorderly nature. Personalities and strong epithets were the order of the night, and at times it seemed as though the wordy fray would develop into fisticuffs. The first half-hour was calm, and thence for two hours the fray raged until the gas was turned out.

Ald. Fleming presided and was glad when the evening was over. Mr. H. O'Brien told the old, old story in Ald. Rogers' praise and received neither approval nor disapproval till he sarcastically commented on Mr. Robert Davies' application to prevent the license by-law being submitted. There were mutterings from a crowd at the bottom of the hall, but nothing reached the platform till Mr. O'Brien predicted the return of Mr. Rogers, which was met with cries of "No, no, Clarke," and "It will be Rogers' funeral."

Mr. Charles Cockshutt followed and sang the praises of the Howland regime. The sheen of dissent burst forth when he declared that those who worked and voted for Howland were doing the same for Rogers. The speaker asked "Who cries 'No?'" and from an elector who had mounted the canopied seat at the rear of the hall came the reply "Here is one." "Well," said Mr. Cockshutt, "there is only one," and the rejoinder was "There's lots of us," followed by cheers. In conclusion, the speaker said "the Howland music has been going on for the past two years, and Mr. Rogers will play the same tune and on the same organ." [Cries of "No," "Never," cheers and counter cheers.]

The Chairman here said: "Mr. Clarke is going to the poll and he will poll a large vote in St. David's ward, but I know of one vote which he yesterday lost. One of his active supporters was sent to jail for four months." [Yes! Yes! the storm broke out afresh and cries resounded "No imitations," "Take that back," "That's not fair." The Chairman, however, blandly smiled, held up his hand in deprecation of the hooting and called on Mr. W. H. Bone, a broken type and friend of Ned Clarke.

Mr. Bone traced his mate and alleged that his only disqualification was the whisky party behind him. Hisses and cries of "sit down" were legion, but the speaker, small in stature and of poor voice, grew wroth and declared they might "boo" till Doomsday but they would not make an intelligent man who had taken note of the contest believe that the whisky gang was not behind Clarke. [A voice: "You are a liar," and interruption.] Continuing, Mr. Bone said in reply to the taunt that Howland had put the city $2,000,000 in debt, "I would rather it were $10,000,000,000 in debt than filled with drink-traps." Here hooting and interruption occurred and there were loud cries for an excited individual near the door to come to the platform.

Mr. J. N. McKendry was the next speaker and he at once took upon himself to correct the manners of the dissentients. "If Mr. Clarke," said he, "knew of this disorderly clique he would take no notice of them if he met them on the street. [Cheers and hootings.] His next contemptuous utterance was: "I was born in the same Irish town as Mr. Clarke, and belong to the same order and lodge. If I see Clarke to-morrow I will ask him if he knows anything of the crowd of rowdies who are kicking up a row here."

Cries of interruption and confusion ensued, with cries of "Take that back." Mr. J. Fawcett advanced to the platform, which he claimed a right to mount, stating that he was the one who had been invited by a previous speaker and he had an explanation to give. The chairman said he must allow Mr. McKendry to conclude.

Mr. McKendry repeated his statement and said the opposition was the sign of a weakening cause. [Cheers and dissent.] "A gentleman told me he should vote for Clarke because he is an Orangeman and Conservative." [I am an Orangeman. [Interruption and voices "You're no Orangeman," and "Take that back." "Would not right to mention that," and cheers and groans.] Mr. McKendry: "You need not try to terrorize me; you'll not do it." [Good for you.] Amid the uproar

A man rose from his seat, and stamping his foot, said: "This meeting is no place for Orangeism and I'll not stand it." Donning his coat he left the hall followed by a number of others, whereupon Mr. McKendry said: "You see, Mr. Chairman, we've trod on somebody's toes." [Cheers and hootings.]

Mr. J. Fawcett explained that he had been signalled out as an interrupter when he was merely present as a citizen, and said "If you talk till Doomsday you will not alter my opinion that Clarke will be returned by 1000 majority." [Cries of "No" and cheers.] "I deny that the men who dissent to your speeches are 'rowdies.'" Referring to the failure of the Central Bank, he said the money lost came from the working men—[cheers]—and a man who kept company with such managers was not fit to be Mayor of Toronto.

This brought forward Mr. O'Brien, who said he had nothing to do with the Central Bank further than being unhappily a shareholder and the solicitor to the bank. [Cheers and laughter.]

Loud noises then arose for "Armstrong," who deprecated anyone speaking at that meeting unless the chairman called upon him to come to the platform. This Ald. Fleming did not do, on which Mr. R. Craig complained of this unfairness, stating that the chairman at Mr. Clarke's Poulton Hall meeting extended this courtesy to Ald. Fleming. The latter, however, proved obdurate to the clamor which followed, and called Rev. Michael Fawcett, who delivered a temperance address condemning severely the "drinking hells of this city."

Dr. McCully was announced as the next speaker, on which there arose from all parts of the hall a cry for "Rogers." The chairman explained that he had forgotten to announce earlier that Ald. Rogers, late this afternoon, was called out of the city by telegram and would not be present. ["Oh, oh."] The Doctor then delivered an excited address, denouncing the Waterworks as the rottenest concern on earth, and alleging that a corrupt gang was still left in the Council, the debris which Mayor Howland had not been able to clear out. [Interruption.] The hubbub having subsided, the speaker alleged that a yacht at midnight was sent by a Toronto brewing firm to the Island to supply the unlicensed houses. This raised anew the storm of disapprobation, the participants in which were described as "cowards" and "sneaks." As Dr. McCully proceeded to treat of the drink question Mr. Craig protested, but was hooted down. Another elector advanced towards the platform excitedly, and a scene of confusion followed. Then the Doctor, pointing to John Fawcett, said: "That man is hand and glove with brewers; he belongs to the whisky-suckers' crowd."

Mr. Fawcett, advancing and tapping the speaker on the shoulder: "You are a liar, sir." [Uproar.]

Mr. Craig: "I too say you are a liar." [Confusion during which a number of Mr. Rogers' supporters left the hall.]

The Chairman in vain appealed for order, for a dozen persons were speaking at once. The alderman said "You are not doing Mr. Clarke any good," which renewed the uproar, and Dr. McCully denounced them as "braying asses."

Ald. Fleming now made matters much worse by excitedly stating: "I attended Mr. Clarke's meeting last night and I listened to more untruths in half an hour than I ever heard in my life and I never spoke one word." [Cries of "Name" and a voice "Oh, but they were more temperate than you are here," and laughter and cheering.]

Dr. McCully in vain endeavored to make himself heard and avowed he would finish his speech if he stood there all night. Each effort was met with cries of "Shut up," "Take a rest," "Sit down." During the uproar Mr. Henry Lloyd advanced to the platform but the chairman would have none of him, which the would-be speaker denounced as "unfair" and "cowardly." The purport of his desire to speak could not be heard. Then a scuttle of chairs were placed for the man in the centre of the room, and some cried "Speak," and others "Throw him out." Shouting, in a pause of the row, Lloyd said: "I want to deny a statement the chairman has made." The Alderman, however, with his arms folded stood his ground, and further speaking being useless, cheers were called for the Queen, but none for Rogers. Lusty ones were given for Clarke.

This concluded the formal meeting, but the dissidents made for the upper end of the hall, where an unseemly wrangle took place on the chairman's ruling and the various statements which had been made. Half-a-dozen were haranguing groups at once and angry words and personalities were being bandied when some one exemplified his idiocy by turning out the gas. There were at the time none of a hundred persons in the room and Ald. Fleming surveying the scene from the platform. At inconvenience and personal risk the narrow staircase was traversed and so ended a very unseemly scene.

MR. DEFOE IN NORTH TORONTO.

A Quiet Attentive Audience Endorses the Gentleman for Mayor.

As a rule North Toronto is not noted for turning out very large public meetings, but what they lack in numbers they generally make up in attentiveness. Mr. Defoe's meeting in St. Paul's Hall last night was a satisfactory one to the candidate and his friends. All that was said was well digested by the audience. Mr. Arthur Harvey, a well-known North Ender, was the chairman, and surrounding him on the platform were ex-Ald. Bernard Saunders, Ald. Hunter, W. A. Murray, Joseph Beasty, H. D. Symons and ex-Ald. George Evans of St. Andrew's Ward. When Mr. Defoe entered the room he was heartily received.

Mr. Saunders was the first speaker, and he had several good things to say about Mr. Defoe's record in the Council. Mr. Saunders spoke from a personal knowledge of the gentleman, for he had sat with him on the Executive Committee during Mr. Defoe's two years of chairmanship. "I have never known," said Mr. Saunders, "a more painstaking, careful and practical alderman than Mr. Defoe. He has been a hard worker in committee and in council, and when a chairman for an important committee attends to his duties properly I can assure you it is no sinecure. [Cheers.] Mr. Defoe never allowed political, church or outside matters to interfere in the discharge of his important office." Mr. Saunders then referred to Mr. Defoe's management of the sale of city debentures in 1886, when they were floated at 97, the highest figure that had ever been received for our securities.

Ald. Hunter said he had attended in that same hall the other night to hear what Ald. Rogers had to say about civic affairs. "I failed," proceeded the alderman, "to get any information from the gentleman that he had ever done anything in your interest. He took all the credit to himself of reorganizing and putting the Waterworks Department in the good position that it is to-day. As for this all I have to say is that when a man makes such statements he goes too far." Mr. Hunter then read from Judge McDougall's official report of the recent investigation into that department. The Judge described it as rotten in nearly all its branches, but he failed to see Mr. Rogers' name mentioned in any connection whatever, good or bad. Ex-Ald. Hunter next spoke of Ald. Defoe's record in the Council. "You always found him standing on the side of the city, even if he stood alone." [Cheers.] As for the proposed trunk sewer, to cost $2,000,000, he had no faith whatever in it or the City Engineer who proposed it. It was a scheme to remain in the Council and inquiry and handling. "I deny," said Ald. Hunter, "that the lack of a trunk sewer is the cause of sickness in the city. It is owing to the bad construction of our private drains." Mr. Hunter then advised all present to vote against the trunk sewer by-law on Jan. 2.

Mr. Defoe was handsomely received, when he stepped to the front of the platform. He made one of those careful speeches for which his canvass has been noted. He reviewed the questions which the citizens are now most deeply interested in. The first clause of his address he read to the meeting and on this sentiment he was emphatic: "I can also make this pledge. I shall devote the business hours of the day to the duties of my office if elected." He was before them as an independent candidate, free of requisitions, class, politics or anything else. If I did not seek the office for any financial consideration, he would be perfectly satisfied with the honor.

Mr. Defoe devoted considerable time to the $2,000,000 trunk sewer. He said it was nothing more nor less than the scheme that was before them two years ago. It was not in the public interest. Dr. Canniff said the prevalence of typhoid fever and diphtheria in the city was because of the defective sewage. Nothing of the sort. It was because of the prevalence of thousands of pits and abominations in our midst. We gave a New York engineer $3000 for spending seven days in the city and sending us a report on our sewage system based on information supplied him by our engineers. He had never had any faith in Mr. MacAlpine or his report. "If we are going to build a trunk sewer let us have a real one, no twopenny affair like the one proposed. A proper sewer should never cost less than 3 feet in diameter with a fall of 1 foot in 100. Carry the sewage along Front-street to the Don and pump it so far out into the lake that it would never be heard of again." [Laughter.] Mr. Defoe then dealt at some length with the building of a new street on the south side of the Esplanade. This would be a safeguard to the thousands of people who went to the steamers every summer. "If I am elected," he said, "this will be one of my most important missions. If defeated, I trust this plan will be successful will give the subject every attention."

He repeated his former statement that the administration of the city's affairs during the past two years was not in the public interest. Mere were sent to the Council with only one attribute of a successful business man, Mr. Lesley, who, to the honor of Ward Three, emphatically that the record of these two years has been one of deception and misrepresentation. If the claims this is not true, all Mr. Rogers has to do is to come on the platform and throw the onus of proof on me. If I can't make his statement good I will retire from the contest forever."

"The people are deceived about their taxes; they are paying this year not 14½ mills but 17 mills. The repudiation of the arrangement between the citizens who put down new roadways on the local improvement plan and the exemption from the general repairs tax was a base piece of deception. The city's relations with the banks were highly unsatisfactory. For many years we have not had such an extravagant administration; by his (Mr. Defoe's) advocacy of allowing the tenants to remain in the Queen-street stores until the Court House was finished, the city would have a net gain of $100,000. [loud cheers] $20,000 had been wasted in the old rickety City Hall during the past few years and it cost $11,000 to move the Mayor's office. The was a dead waste, in face of the fact that we would soon erect a new city building."

"And now, gentlemen," he concluded, "there is only one thing that can beat me. I hear men say that they would vote for Defoe if they thought he had a chance. If these men will only vote for me I will be elected for a moral certainty. If they think I am the best man let them put me in; if not don't vote for me. I have a large stake in the city, and would feel honored at being selected as its chief magistrate. I hope creeds and prejudices will have no place in the contest. I have watched your interests, gentlemen, while you slept, and if I am entitled to this honor at your hands cast your votes for me on Jan. 2." [Applause.]

Ex-Ald. Evans and Mr. W. A. Murray offered a resolution pledging the support of the meeting to Mr. Defoe, and it was carried unanimously.

The chairman, in a few remarks, gave his unqualified approval of Mr. Defoe's candidature. He had always voted for him as alderman in St. Andrew's Ward and he would vote for him as Mayor.

Clarke Meeting in St. Mark's Ward.

Candidate Clarke's meeting in St. Mark's ward last night was presided over by Mr. James Armstrong. Mr. George Bradley, whose name appeared on Rogers' bills, denied that it was placed there with his consent. He wished it understood he was neither a shyster nor a turn-coat. Mr. Bradley was followed by Mr. R. Jameson. The other speakers were Mr. Morton, Mr. L. P. Kribs, Mr. Candidate Clarke, Ald. Denison and Ald. Ritchie. Each speaker condemned the religious and sentimental cloak under which Ald. Rogers and Mr. Spence were hiding their true motives. Mr. Jameson vigorously denounced the temperance party for bringing men and women from the United States to Toronto to speak six times a week and four times on Sunday in the interest of the candidate. The meeting was an all-round one for Clarke.

COHNFELD AND HIS BONDS

A WOMAN AND A TORONTO LAWYER TRY TO SELL THEM AT DETROIT.

Their Scheme Frustrated—New York Creditors Want to Attach the Bonds—Who Are Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman?—Cohnfeld's Career in Canada.

DETROIT, Dec. 21.—Considerable of a sensation has been caused here by the appearance in Windsor on Sunday of J. B. Clark, a well known attorney of Toronto, and a man and woman who were registered as H. Hoffman and Miss Hoffman. Clark and the woman tried to sell $30,000 worth of United States bonds at a Detroit bank Monday, and the lady was arrested on suspicion. To-day it became known that the man Hoffman is Isadore Cohnfeld, a well-known New York dealer in feathers and plumes who made a disastrous failure last October. Cohnfeld fled to Toronto with his two daughters and a large amount of money and securities. He has been living there under the name of Davis.

To-day a number of attachments were sought to be put upon the bonds by New York creditors but the police gave the bonds to the woman and released her late to-night. When she was safe in Canada she joined Cohnfeld at Windsor. She gives the name of Olson, and J. B. Clark says she is a rich widow of Toronto who engaged him to come here with her and negotiate the bonds. She is believed to be either a daughter of Cohnfeld's or his mistress. They will stop in Windsor a few days yet.

One of Cohnfeld's Victims.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The property of George Lichtenheim, who asserted that he had lost considerable money through Isadore Cohnfeld, the feather importer who is now in Canada, has been attached by the National Park Bank which is suing to recover $20,000, the value of a note executed by Cohnfeld and endorsed by Lichtenheim. The bank charges that the defendant turned his property over to his wife, then declared himself a ruined man.

Cohnfeld's Toronto Career.

Isadore Cohnfeld, with his four children, has been living at the Rossin during his sojourn in Canada. The World was the first paper to discover his identity soon after his arrival in Toronto, although he was passing under the name of Davis at that time. The lady to whom was entrusted the sale of the bonds is believed to be a relative of Mr. Cohnfeld. The latter has been out of town since Sunday last.

SOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Cheap Xmas cards for the thousands at 211 Yonge-street.

Mr. Jamie C. Farley will try Florida this winter for his health.

Mr. G. F. Lawrence of Montreal is spending some pleasant days in the city.

Mr. H. G. Holding, brewer, of Prescott, is in town spending the holidays with his family.

Grip's Christmas number, 32 pages, illustrated in colors, and is undoubtedly the best number yet sent out from Grip office.

Mayor Howland acknowledges donations for the free Christmas supper as follows: Eggs for Poor, $3; Nellie B. Leslie, $2; F. M. Davis, Davisville, roast of beef.

Pape the florist is giving his numerous customers Christmas box of the finest English Holly. His store is well stocked with plants and all choice cut flowers for the holiday trade. 78 Yonge, near King.

Mr. R. J. Neary is out as a Separate School Board candidate for St. Thomas' Ward in opposition to the retiring candidate, Mr. John Herbert, who has represented that ward for twenty-three years.

"Yours truly," Santa Claus's Christmas annual, makes a pretty present. Accompanying it are five pictures, one "Nelson's First Farewell," being beautifully colored. To be had at McAinslie & Ellis', opposite Postoffice.

The extradition trial of T. W. Young of Detroit, who is alleged to be a forger, was continued yesterday before Judge McDougall. All the evidence is taken and four more days will be spent in the investigation, he would be perfectly satisfied with the honor.

Mr. Defoe devoted considerable time to the $2,000,000 trunk sewer. He said it was nothing more nor less than the scheme that was before them two years ago. It was not in the public interest. Dr. Canniff said the prevalence of typhoid fever and diphtheria in the city was because of the defective sewage. Nothing of the sort. It was because of the prevalence of thousands of pits and abominations in our midst. We gave a New York engineer $3000 for spending seven days in the city and sending us a report on our sewage system based on information supplied him by our engineers. He had never had any faith in Mr. MacAlpine or his report. "If we are going to build a trunk sewer let us have a real one, no twopenny affair like the one proposed. A proper sewer should never cost less than 3 feet in diameter with a fall of 1 foot in 100. Carry the sewage along Front-street to the Don and pump it so far out into the lake that it would never be heard of again." [Laughter.] Mr. Defoe then dealt at some length with the building of a new street on the south side of the Esplanade. This would be a safeguard to the thousands of people who went to the steamers every summer. "If I am elected," he said, "this will be one of my most important missions. If defeated, I trust this plan will be successful will give the subject every attention."

He repeated his former statement that the administration of the city's affairs during the past two years was not in the public interest. Mere were sent to the Council with only one attribute of a successful business man, Mr. Lesley, to the honor of Ward Three, emphatically that the record of these two years has been one of deception and misrepresentation. If the claims this is not true, all Mr. Rogers has to do is to come on the platform and throw the onus of proof on me. If I can't make his statement good I will retire from the contest forever."

"The people are deceived about their taxes; they are paying this year not 14½ mills but 17 mills. The repudiation of the arrangement between the citizens who put down new roadways on the local improvement plan and the exemption from the general repairs tax was a base piece of deception. The city's relations with the banks were highly unsatisfactory. For many years we have not had such an extravagant administration; by his (Mr. Defoe's) advocacy of allowing the tenants to remain in the Queen-street stores until the Court House was finished, the city would have a net gain of $100,000. [loud cheers] $20,000 had been wasted in the old rickety City Hall during the past few years and it cost $11,000 to move the Mayor's office. The was a dead waste, in face of the fact that we would soon erect a new city building."

"And now, gentlemen," he concluded, "there is only one thing that can beat me. I hear men say that they would vote for Defoe if they thought he had a chance. If these men will only vote for me I will be elected for a moral certainty. If they think I am the best man let them put me in; if not don't vote for me. I have a large stake in the city, and would feel honored at being selected as its chief magistrate. I hope creeds and prejudices will have no place in the contest. I have watched your interests, gentlemen, while you slept, and if I am entitled to this honor at your hands cast your votes for me on Jan. 2." [Applause.]

Ex-Ald. Evans and Mr. W. A. Murray offered a resolution pledging the support of the meeting to Mr. Defoe, and it was carried unanimously.

The chairman, in a few remarks, gave his unqualified approval of Mr. Defoe's candidature. He had always voted for him as alderman in St. Andrew's Ward and he would vote for him as Mayor.

Clarke Meeting in St. Mark's Ward.

Candidate Clarke's meeting in St. Mark's ward last night was presided over by Mr. James Armstrong. Mr. George Bradley, whose name appeared on Rogers' bills, denied that it was placed there with his consent. He wished it understood he was neither a shyster nor a turn-coat. Mr. Bradley was followed by Mr. R. Jameson. The other speakers were Mr. Morton, Mr. L. P. Kribs, Mr. Candidate Clarke, Ald. Denison and Ald. Ritchie. Each speaker condemned the religious and sentimental cloak under which Ald. Rogers and Mr. Spence were hiding their true motives. Mr. Jameson vigorously denounced the temperance party for bringing men and women from the United States to Toronto to speak six times a week and four times on Sunday in the interest of the candidate. The meeting was an all-round one for Clarke.

ALD. PIPER AND THE SOUP CASE.

The Investigation Committee Hears Him and Mr. McIlroy.

For two hours yesterday, from 11 to 1, Ald. Gillespie (chairman), Millichamp and St. Leger, the special committee nominated by the Mayor to investigate the charges made against Ald. Piper in connection with the soup contracts, sat in the City Hall and examined Ald. Piper, Mrs. Piper, Mrs. McIlroy and Mrs. McIlroy. Mr. Piper filed the two letters from Mr. McIlroy to him, one dated at Toronto, May 20, 1880, and addressed to him at Ottawa to look after certain matters in the tariff and pay an account of $46.50 to one Stephenson; and the other dated at New Orleans, Jan. 10, 1881, and addressed to Toronto, asking him when next in Ottawa to use his influence towards getting a protective tariff put on rubber goods.

Mrs. Piper stated that she assisted her husband in searching through his office papers a few nights ago and in finding of those two letters. In reply to Ald. Gillespie's query "It was a good find, wasn't it?" Mrs. Piper remarked "Yes, it was very fortunate." Mrs. McIlroy told of having seen her husband write the second letter in New Orleans.

Mr. McIlroy stated that the entry in the company's books of "May 27, 1880, Harry Piper, commission $120," was wrong in stating that the amount was for commission. Of the total amount, $46.50 was commission which Ald. Piper had paid to John Stephenson of Ottawa as his (McIlroy's) request, and the balance of $73.50 was for legitimate expenses, of which he gave a memo and received payment of the $120 in cash. Mr. Lowe, the book-keeper, could give additional proof to this effect.

Ald. St. Leger was rather doubtful, and had several tilts with Ald. Millichamp as to the mode of proceeding, remarking that he waited undisputed proof that the $120 item was not for commissions earned by Piper. In reply to a query by Ald. St. Leger, Mr. McIlroy said: "Go down to those New York parties who have been working this Council as tools!"

Ald. St. Leger said he was not a tool, and if there were any more such insinuations he'd quit the room. Again he quarreled with Ald. Millichamp, told the chairman he'd stand by him, and thought they were getting on the right track.

Ald. Piper, in reply to a question: Every member of the Fire and Gas Committee for the last six years has drunk wine with McIlroy and other hose men. It's no secret.

Ald. Boustead (who happened to be present): I want to qualify that, Mr. Piper. I never did it that I'm aware of.

Ald. Piper: You never did? Never in your life?

Ald. Boustead: I think not. Don't make broad statements.

Ald. Gillespie: What was this $100 check for?

Ald. Piper: It was a loan.

Mr. McIlroy: It was understood that, as Ald. Piper had no funds in the bank at the time, the check was not to be deposited and we kept it in the cash box and carried it along as an asset, and I handed it over to the company as such.

Ald. Piper: I'm prepared to pay it, when that company makes good the bad hose they sold me for the Zoo. The bills is $18.25, and when they give me a rebate on that I'll pay this check. They discounted my note and gave Mr. McIlroy the check to cover it.

Mr. McIlroy: It was merely an accommodation given to a friend and I charged no interest. Just as John Beaty would wire me from Moncton to deposit $250 in the Bank of Montreal for him, and I would do it.

Ald. Millichamp: Have you offered to pay the difference between the $100 and the $18.25 for bad hose?

Ald. Piper: I have. Ask they take the whole thing. I'll give them my check for the difference as soon as they make the rebate. Their only recourse is to sue, but they don't.

Ald. Millichamp: Mr. McIlroy, do you pledge your word that this $100 was not given to Piper for services done in the City Council?

Mr. McIlroy: I do. Mr. St. Leger, there's nothing in this.

Ald. St. Leger: It doesn't prove it because you say so.

Mr. McIlroy: Why, The Chicago Times said that Joe Beaty was arrested for stealing all the lines from the station. When the news gets to California they'll have him in jail.

Ald. Piper: Yes, and another paper said that Mayor Searle of Brantford had stolen $850 worth of posts.

Ald. Millichamp: Mr. McIlroy, it's said that you are the prime influence on the track. Did you entertain any aldermen, ex-aldermen, or officials for that purpose?

Mr. McIlroy: No. When we opened the big factory in 1883 we had all the aldermen, bank people, Archbishop Lynch, Lieutenant-Governor and Mayor and attempting to make a forcible intervention upon "Indifference in Religious Matters." He will speak to-night on "Intemperance." The devotees will continue until Sunday.

St. George's Lodge S.O.B.B.S. has elected these officers for 1888: Past President, J. R. Bickell; President, H. Smallpeece; Vice-President, J. Lewis; Secretary, J. M. Jones; Treasurer, John Swait; Financial Secretary, G. J. Swait; Chaplain, A. Young; Outer Guard, H. Hoyd; Inner Guard, A. Watts.

McMaster, Darling & Co. are sending out a finely executed chromo-lithograph of their warehouse on Front-street, one of the most commodious and enduring in the city. What is left of the building's original fabric is the Bank of Commerce and this handsome lithograph, the house and lie head ought to be known all over the Dominion.

At the County Court, yesterday before Judge McDougall the case of Alfred Allen v. John Joss, continued from Tuesday, was finished. Verdict was rendered for defendant. Brooks & Toth well, an action against the firm of stamping of a writing machine, was withdrawn and settled out of court. Scanlett v. Andrews, an action to recover $150 for alleged damages to a thoroughbred new and last year's Yorkshire pig, resulted in a verdict for plaintiff for $25.

Fines were yesterday imposed as follows on druggists for failing to observe the law governing the sale of liquor: J. E. Ellis, Sherbourne-lesley-street, $20 and costs for each of two offences; H. K. Bowden, 345 Gerrard-street east, $20 and costs or thirty days; James King, 128 McCaul-street, $20 and costs or thirty; H. W. J. Davidson, 65 Queen-street east, $20 and costs or thirty days in each of two offences.

An accident happened on Tuesday night to a party of Sons of England, who were returning in a Crewe's bus from opening a new lodge of S.O.B.B.S. at Little York. By the breaking of an axle the bus was overturned, and the occupants, comprising Grand President Sampson, Grand Vice-President Boswell and other brethren were mixed up. The broken glass cut a couple of them about the face and head. Some of the party walked into the city and did not reach here till 4 o'clock.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 32, A.O.U.W., which meets in Shaftesbury Hall, has elected these officers: D. C. Forbes, P.M.W.; J. S. Williams, M.W.; Robert Doherty, Foreman; James Yorkson, Overseer; T. H. Hicks, Recorder; John Bland, Financier; J. M. Spence, Receiver; C. W. Mackins, Guide; J. G. McFarland, Inside Watch; R. Davis, Outside Watch; D. C. Forbes, Rep. to Grand Lodge; Wm. Sangster, Wm. Ross, John Berwick, Investigating Committee; R. Doherty, Spencer Love, R. Mills, Auditors; Spencer Love, Treasurer.

At the last meeting of Queen City Lodge 225, A.O.U.W., the following officers were elected: Master Workman, J. B. Smith; Foreman, W. La Scott; Overseer, John Cox; Recorder, M. W. Devine; Receiver, Robert Johnston; Financier, Peter Blackey; Guide, Joseph Rabjohn; Inside Watchman, H. N. Mansell; Outside Watchman, John Champers; Medical Examiner, Dr. John Spence; Representative to Grand Lodge, P. Blackey; Auditors, W. Addison, J. B. Smith, W. D. Scott.

Xmas Cards and Holiday Presents. All wishing to get as good value as possible should call before selecting and see the immense assortment and prices at 211 Yonge-street, where we think you can obtain a pillow for one dollar as cheap as any place where for double the money. This is the same business that was conducted last season at R. Hay & Co.'s old stand, King-street. This season their prices are still lower. Note address and give them a call at 211 Yonge-street.

Have you tried Holloway's Corn Cure? It has no equal for removing these troublesome excrescences, as many have testified who have tried it.

Mr. Defoe's Meeting To-night.

Mr. Defoe will speak to the citizens of the East End in the hall at Parliament and Winchester streets at 8 o'clock this evening.

Stir Yourself, Mr. Defoe.

Irish Canadian: Mr. Defoe has not been as busy in the canvas as he might be—certainly not with the beaver-like industry which his opponents have displayed.

Young Lea Remanded on $10,000 Bail.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—W. R. Lea, who shot his stepfather, S. W. Rawson, was arraigned today and pleaded not guilty to assault with intent to kill. He was remanded in $10,000 bail.

Mr. H. McCaw, Custom House, Toronto, writes: "My wife was troubled with dyspepsia and rheumatism for a long time; she tried many different medicines, but did not get any relief until she used Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure. She has taken twelve bottles of the former and six of the latter, and is free from pain for years."

THEY WILL BE AT HENLEY.

TORONTO'S CRACK AMATEUR FOUR TO CROSS THE ATLANTIC.

Money Being Freely Advanced to Pay Their Expenses—Officers of the Riverdale Toboggan Club—Victoria Skating and Curling Association—Turf Talk and Diamond Dust.

The World recently announced that the projected trip of the Toronto Rowing Club's senior four to England in the spring had been abandoned owing to the inability of J. E. Knox, the bowman, to get away from business. The announcement was received with special regret by rowing men of Canada and of the United States, as the crew is undoubtedly one of the fastest that has been brought together on this continent, and a confidence was felt in its ability to outrow the representative fours which annually meet in June on the Henley course.

Several attempts have been made by crews from this side of the ocean to secure the "world's championship" at Henley, but each effort has proved futile and the Old Country crews are masters of the situation. So when the Toronto crew's determination to visit Henley in 1888 was made known in The World they were commended on all sides for their pluck. Later on Mr. Knox's inability to go was stated and it was generally thought that under the circumstances the club would not be able to carry out its cherished idea of sending its four to Henley next year.

On Tuesday night, however, it was arranged that the crew should go, as Mr. Knox had made arrangements to get away. The four go as the champions of America. At Chautauqua they defeated the Hiliadales, Sylvans (of Malone), Argonauts (of Toronto) and Institutes (of Newark, N.J.), pulling over the mile-and-half course in 9.03. At the regatta at Ottawa, the crew won the Canadian championship outrowing the Winnipegs, champions of the Northwest, and other crews in 9.08, a splendid performance against the stream. The crew are J. E. Knox, bow; Bush Thompson No. 2, F. H. Thompson No. 3, and Joseph Wright stroke. Knox, F. H. Thompson and Wright were in the four that won the junior championship at Albany in 1886. Bush Thompson last summer replaced Harry Pearce as No. 2.

The trip is necessarily an expensive one, as the crew will have to be in England some time before the Henley regatta to enable them to become acclimatized and to get into condition. Several members of the club have subscribed $100 each, and it is expected to secure the balance by subscriptions. The entry has to be made in February, and it is anticipated that by that time the necessary funds will have been raised to defray the expenses. Mr. Charles Varcoe, Financial Secretary of the Toronto Club, will receive subscriptions, and in a few days the general subscription lists will be opened.

Officers of Riverdale Toboggan Club.

The Riverdale Toboggan Club has elected these officers: President, C. H. Riggs; Secretary, Charles Robinson; Treasurer, A. C. Anderson; Directors, Fred A. Clarry, J. W. McCullough, S. C. Peucher. The club has built new and commodious reception rooms and, with the extension of the slide, the club is now one of the best in Canada. Men are packing the slide with snow and good sliding is expected this week if the weather continues favorable.

The Smith-Kilrain Affair.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Kilrain arrived here to-day in the best of condition, and is willing to renew the fight to-morrow. He claims the title of champion of the world and the diamond belt, which he is prepared to defend against all comers. Smith's backers awarded him his share of the stakes, $1250 to-day.

New YORK, Dec. 21.—A cablegram from Referee Atkinson to Kilrain's backer here says that Smith refuses to renew the fight and that the stakes therefore must be awarded to Kilrain, upon which the decision. To this the following reply was sent: "If Smith won't fight I claim the full stakes and the championship of the world from Sullivan. Will present the decision with the entire stakes. Smith's back down must be publicly announced."

Victoria Skating and Curling Association.

The shareholders of the Victoria Skating and Curling Association met at the Queen's Hotel last night, and elected these directors: James Lockhart, Barton Walker, A. M. Cosby, W. D. Nelson, Quintin Dickson, H. Cramp, Thomas McCraw, Beverley Jones, E. B. McMurrich. The directors met subsequently and elected A. M. Cosby president, E. B. McMurrich vice-president, George Gamble Geddes secretary-treasurer. To-night a meeting of the Toronto Curling Club (now affiliated to the Association) will be held at the Club House, Rideau-street, to complete the election of skips for the season.

Gossip of the Turf.

Jockey Charley O'Leary has been engaged to ride for Mr. Hendrie, the Hamilton turfman, next season.

Charley Blair has broken his jumper Vigilant, and has sold the black gelding to a new doing duty between the shafts.

Andrew Thompson, the colored trainer who had charge of Mr. W. A. Scott's stable last season, will train for Mr. J. D. Mousseau. The light-weight jockey Williams, has been secured by Mr. Mousseau as principal jockey.

Richard O'Leary, the well-known trainer and celebrated handicapper, has retired from the turf. He will now devote his attention to training his stable of Dogs, who have won and rode Bonnie Bird, one of, if not the best province bred ever looked through the saddle. He no doubt have many demands for his services.

The Executive Committee of the American Jockey Club met in New York on Monday and, after a number of the racing clubs had written asking if Mr. Keene would be willing to accept the presidency of the club, made vacant by the resignation of August Belmont, it was decided to elect John Hunter to the place. Louis Lorillard and Joseph Wadsworth were elected members of the Executive Committee in place of Mr. Belmont and D. D. Withers, who also resigned. Mr. Morris will take the treasurership made vacant by the resignation of Judge Monson.

At a meeting held on Tuesday night at the City Hotel, Montreal, a trotting association was formed and the following officers elected: Mr. Samuel Coulson, President; Mr. Frank Vail, Secretary; Mr. James O'Connor, Treasurer.

Sport of Sport.

Richard K. Fox will back Jake Kilrain against any man in the world, Sullivan preferred, for $10,000.

One of the most distinguished cricketers of England, Mr. W. G. Grace, has been offered the chair on the death of his father.

Manager Cushman of the Toronto is in town.

Chevalier De Paine, the famous pistol shot, made the wonderful score of 504 points out of a possible 100, at Providence yesterday, with a 32-calibre revolver shooting 100 shots.

John Hays, Credit P.O., says: "His shoulder was so lame for nine months that he could not raise his hand to his head, but by the use of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil he was entirely cured." Sold everywhere. x

BIMETALLISM.

Mr. Atkinson's Report—Importation of Belgian Coal Miners to be Stopped.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Congress received a communication from the President containing the report of Edmund Atkinson, who was specially designated under Acts of Congress to visit the financial centres of Europe in order to ascertain the feasibility of establishing by international standard a parity of ratio between gold and silver and free coinage of both. Mr. Atkinson's report is of great length, and his conclusions are that there is no present disposition on the part of European nations to take action which could affect financial conditions in this country. None of the European governments would now seriously consider a proposition for an international agreement upon the comparative value of gold and silver, or any movement in the direction of international bimetallism. He thinks it would be unwise for the United States to again take the initiative in this matter, as such action is misconstrued and might tend to retard the object aimed at.

Secretary Fairchild took official notice to-day of the report that 2000 Belgian miners are to be imported to take the places of the miners in the Lehigh region now on a strike. He sent telegrams to the collectors of customs at New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore, calling attention to the report and instructing them to be vigilant in preventing any violation of the alien contract labor law.

—Hurrah! for "Howard's Bazaar," 166 Yonge-street. Just opened with large stock of Christmas presents and fancy stationery. All new goods. Latest novelties. Call in and examine the stock.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, Dec. 21.

Business in the stock markets both at home and abroad to-day was of a holiday character and not very extensive. Local stocks were somewhat firmer, and in the New York market stocks were also higher, while London showed little change, remaining firm. The grain and produce markets were fairly active and firm at home, while abroad they were quiet and steady.

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The local stock market this morning was quiet and shares a shade firmer. Montreal advanced a point to 209 bid. Ontario two points higher at 183 bid, with sellers at 190. Ontario firm, with buyers at 140½, and Consumers a point and a half better, with sales at 105 and 111. Imperial 129 bid, and Federal sold at 223. Dominion steady at 269½ bid, and Standard was wanted at 120½, with sellers asking 121. Loan and miscellaneous shares quiet. British American Assurance was reported as having sold at 88½ cum-dividend, and it closed at 88 ex-dividend bid. Western higher, with sales at 129. Northwest Land sold at 5½ and Canada Permanent Loan 99½ ex-dividend bid. Western Canada 162 ex-dividend bid. London and Canadian wanted at 141½, without sellers, and British Canadian offered at 109, without buyers. The others are unchanged.

In the afternoon the market was very dull. Montreal was stronger with a sale at 210¾ reported. Ontario easier at 109½ and Toronto 1 lower at 186½ bid. Merchants, firmer with buyers at 119½ and Commerce firm with sales at 111. Federal lower at 89 bid and Dominion wanted at 207. Western Assurance 1 lower at 129½ bid and Freehold sold at 161. All other stocks unchanged.

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Transactions to-day were: Morning—Commerce 20 at 110¾, 50 at 111; Federal 9 at 222; British American 50 at 88½ cum-div; Western Assurance 350, 50, at 129; Northwest Land 5 at 51. Afternoon—Montreal 10 at 210¾; Commerce 50 at 111 rep. 30 at 110¾; Freehold Loan 2, 14, 3 at 161.

Following are the closing prices on the local stock board to-day:

Stocks	12 M Asked.	12 M Bid.	4 P.M. Asked.	4 P.M. Bid.
Montreal	211	209	210	209
Ontario	140	139½	140	139½
Toronto	186	185½	186½	186
Merchants	119½	119	119	118½
Commerce	111	110½	111	110½
Imperial	132	129	132	129
Federal	93	89½	93	89
Dominion	269	268½	268	267
Standard	121½	120	121½	120½
Hamilton		135½		135
Montreal				
B. American	89	88½	88	88
West. Assurance	129½	129	129½	129
Confed. Life Association			350	.....
Consumers Gas	121	120	121½	121
Dominion Telegraph			78	73
Montreal Telegraph Co.			127½	.....
Northwest Land Co.	52	50	52	50
Can. Pacific RR. Grant Bonds		105		.....
Loan Companies				
Canada Permanent		209		.....
Dominion				.....
Canada Landed Credit, xd				.....
Canada Perm. Loan & Sav.				.....
B. A. Loan Association, xd				.....
Imperial Loan & Investment				.....
Huron & Erie Loan & Sav.				.....
Lon. & Can. L. & A.		144½		.....
National Investment	100			.....
People's Loan, xd	113			.....
Manitoba Loan, xd	100			.....
Real Estate Loan				.....
British Can. Loan & Inv.	105	103		.....

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NEW YORK STOCKS.

Business in the New York market was quiet to-day, the total sales not reaching 100,000 shares. Stocks were irregular, closing fractionally higher in the main, but last night Burlington and Quincy opened at 135½ and advanced to 128. Illinois Central sold at 118½ and 119, the highest for many weeks. Manhattan opened at 94 and advanced to 96½. The other stocks moved on a narrow range and nearly all closed a shade better than opening. Money at 4 p.c.

Cox & Co. received the following despatch by their private wire from New York to-day: The bear party, represented by Cammack and Bateman, are not doing anything in the market, and insists that while it is not inclined to put fresh lines of stock, it can see no reason why they should not sell lower. The news from the Warring Grangerfeuds is not reassuring, and this combined with the close approach of Christmas holidays, causes quite a big feeling among traders, many of whom complain that the volume of business is not sufficiently large to make running expenses. Aside from the opinions of bear traders, the situation appears to be all right. After January 5 keep a sharp lookout in the bond market, that will be the financial barometer, which will indicate what will be done with some of the many millions of dollars to be disbursed next month for interest payments on Government and railroad bonds, dividends and the like. Naturally the bull market will be the first to feel this turn in the state of affairs, and just as soon as you see the volume of business increasing make up your mind that the time for action has arrived, getting ready to speculate. After a little activity in the bond market look for improvement in stocks; remember that bonds have investment and not speculative values; people buy mortgages to get a fixed rate of interest, not that they run the risk of having bonds called in; and so with stocks; these offer many inducements not found in bonds, and the prospects of increasing dividends, like plums which never fall to the lot of bondholders, find many temptations for the average stockholder. If the present temper means anything it certainly indicates a broader and higher market after Jan. 5 next.

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To-day's quotations were as follows:

STOCKS.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Canadian Pacific	80¼	80¼	80¼	80¼
New York Central	103½	103½	103½	103½
Delaware & Hudson	121	121	120½	121
Delaware, Lackawanna	126½	126½	126½	126½
N.Y., Lake Erie & Western	28½	28½	28½	28½
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do. do. Seconds				
Illinois Central	118½	119	118½	118
Central of New Jersey				
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	18	18½	18	18½
Louisville & Nashville	69½	69½	69½	69½
Lake Shore & Mich. South	94½	94½	94½	94½
Michigan Central	85	85½	84	84½
St. Paul	87½	87½	87½	87½
Missouri Pacific	96½	96½	96½	96½
New York & New England	32½	32½	32½	32½
Northern Pacific	28½	28½	28	28
do. Pfd.	46½	46½	46	46
Chicago, St. P., Minn. & Om.	38½	38½	38½	38½
Oregon Railway & Nav. Co.				
Oregon & Transcontinental	30½	31½	30½	31½
Pacific Mail & Sillg. Co.	30½	30½	30	30½
Rich. & West Pt. Terminal	22½	22½	21½	21½
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	73½	74½	73½	74½
Union Pacific	53½	56	53½	55½
Western Union Telegraph	76½	76½	76½	76½

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The London market was quiet in American securities to-day, which were sparingly dealt in.

The Bank of England rate remains unchanged at 4 per cent.

Canadian Pacific was quoted to-day at 68 in London, 60½ in New York and 60½ in Montreal.

In Oil City to-day oil opened ½ lower at 80½ and declined to 80¼, then advanced to 81¼, and closed at 81½ offered, being the highest closing this year.

The following assignments are reported to-day: Durham—C. P. Cliff & Son, woollens. Forest—James Kirkpatrick, general store. London—J. H. Hodgins, tailor; Raymond & Thorne, hats. Mount Forest—F. & M. Thompson, general store. Paris—Tovell & Smith, fancy goods. St. Thomas—John E. Smith, hardware. Tara—William Young, general store. Trout Creek—F. A. Richardson, general store. Vankleek Hill—John Vogan, grocer.

London financial quotations to-day were: Morning—Consols 101 9-16 for money, 101 13-16 for account; U.S. 4s 129; U.S. 4½s 110; Erie comm. 26½; Erie 2nd 99½; C. P. 68½; N. Y. C. 106; Ill. Cent. 121. Afternoon—C.P.R. 68; Erie comm. 26½.

Foreign exchange is quoted by Gzowski & Buchan to-day as follows:

IN NEW YORK.	Posted.	Actual.
Sixty days' sterling	84¾	84¾ to 4.83½
Sight do. demand	86¼	86¼ to 4.86½

TORONTO.	Between Banks. Bid.	Asked.	Counter.
New York Funds	1-16	1/8	1/4 to 1/2
Sixty days' sterling	9 3/16	9 7/16	9¼ to 9½
Sight do. do.	9 3/16	9 7/16	9¼ to 9½
Cables do.	9 7/16	9 11/16	9½ to 9¾

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Grain and Produce.

The local markets were moderately active to-day, while abroad they continued quiet and steady.

On call at the Board of Trade to-day: No. 2 fall wheat offered at 85c; and No. 2 red winter 84c bid for Jan. delivery, 85c for Feb., 86c for March, and 87c for May; No. 1 Manitoba hard offered at 88c, with 86c bid.

The car lots received at Chicago to-day were: Winter wheat 3, spring wheat 103, corn 117, and oats 85.

The report of receipts of hogs from the Chicago stock yards to-day is: Estimated receipts, 23,000; official yesterday, 21,798; shipments, 6239; left over, about 14,000. Cattle—Receipts, 9300. Market steady and firm.

LOCAL STREET MARKET.

The local market was fairly active to-day at steady prices. Wheat is quoted at 82c to 85c for fall, 78c to 83c for spring, and 72c to 75c for goose. Barley unchanged, with sales of 2000 bushels at 60c to 76½c. Oats unchanged, with sales of 200 bushels at 35c to 36c. Peas are quoted at 55c. Hay in limited supply and prices steady; 20 loads sold at $16 for timothy and $12 to $13 for clover, and $13 to $16 for timothy. Straw quiet and prices steady, with sales at $11 to $12. Dressed hogs quoted at $6.70 to $7. Beef $3 to $5 for forequarters, and $5 to $7 for hindquarters. Mutton $6 to $8.50; lamb at $6.50 to $7.50; veal $6.50 to $8.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

The retail market showed a fair activity to-day and prices were firm. Beef, 12c to 14c; sirloin steak at 13c to 14c; round steak 10c to 12c. Mutton, legs and chops, 12c to 13c; inferior cuts 8c to 10c. Lamb 7c to 9c for front, and 10c to 12c for hindquarters. Veal best joints 12c to 15c; inferior cuts 6c to 8c. Pork, chops and roasts 10c. Venison, carcass $1 to $2; haunches $8 to $10. Butter, lb. rolls 18c to 22, large rolls 16c to 18c; inferior 16c to 18c. Lard, tubs 9c to 10c. Cheese 11c to 12c. Bacon 10c to 12c. Eggs 20c to 22c; turkeys 11c to 12c; or lb. Chickens, per pair 50c to 50c. Geese 40c to 70c per box lot; single goose 75c. Ducks 50c to 80c. Partridges 65c to 68c. Potatoes, per bag 90c to $1. Apples, per barrel $2 to $2.25. Beets, per bush. 40c to 75c. Onions, bushel $1.50 to $1.80. Celery 60c to 90c a doz. Turnips, bag 40c to 50c. Carrots, bag 30c to 40c.

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THE CHICAGO MARKET.

In Chicago to-day the market was irregular. Wheat was irregular, by very cold weather setting in, the winter wheat region being below zero in all points. Wheat opened higher at 84¾, and advanced to 84½c, closing at 84½c. Corn opened ½c higher at 54½c, declined to 53½c, then advanced to 54½c, and closed at 54½c to 54½c. Oats opened unchanged at 33½c, touched 34½c and 33½c, and closed at the latter price. Pork opened 5c higher, advanced 15c to $15.37½, then advanced to $15.75, and closed at $15.60. Lard opened 2½c higher at $8.32½, touched $8.40 and $8.27½, and closed at $8.37½. Ribs opened 5c higher, advanced 10c, declined 15c, and closed at $8.10, all for the May option.

Cox & Co. received the following by their private wire from Chicago to-day: Very cold weather reported in winter wheat country. At St. Louis it is zero at midnight, and it was zero. Last night at midnight it was raining here. Frost out of ground and mud everywhere, so far as heard, northwest and west. Everything points to a cold wave. It is not like to advance prices for Cox pull on scares to growing crop, but it certainly affects disposition of traders and makes shorts anxious to cover. There has not been a winter for years so unfavorable to growing crop as this has been so far. I thought market was purchase yesterday morning, and yesterday I think it will go higher to-day, and may be now, or if this condition of affairs continues, certainly later.

There will be a scare that will cause a very sharp upturn and serious times for bears. I want to call your attention to this advance in wheat. I urged you to buy when market was sick. I say buy now.

The following table shows the fluctuations of the Chicago market to-day:

		Opened.	Closed.	Highest.	Lowest.
Wheat	Dec.	84¾	84½	84¾	83¾
"	Jan.	77½	77¾	77¾	77½
"	Feb.	78	78½	78½	78
"	March	78¾	79½	79½	78¾
"	May	80¾	81¼	81¼	80¾
Corn	Dec.	45½	45½	45½	45½
"	Jan.	46¾	48½	48¾	46¾
"	Feb.	48½	49½	49½	48½
"	March	49¾	49½	49¾	49½
"	May	54¼	54¼	54¾	54¼
Oats	Dec.	30	30		
"	Jan.	30¼	30¼		29¾
"	Feb.	30¾	30¾		
"	May	33¾	33½	34	33½
Pork	Dec.	15.10	15.27	15.00	14.95
"	Jan.	15.40	15.55		
"	March	15.60	15.75	15.75	15.57½
Lard	Dec.	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.15
"	Jan.	7.80	7.80	7.82½	7.80
"	Feb.	7.92½	7.92½	7.92½	7.90
"	March	7.97½	8.00		
"	May	8.22½	8.17½	8.25	8.17½
Short ribs	Dec.			7.12½	7.10
"	Jan.	7.20	7.20	7.22½	7.20
"	Feb.	7.30	7.30	7.32½	7.30
"	March	7.40	7.40	7.42½	7.37½
"	May	8.32½	8.10	8.12½	8.07½

LATER—Holders on Change today used the fact that a severe cold wave was hovering over the winter wheat region threatening to hurt the crop to force up prices of grains and at the close all the markets were higher. The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat—Dec. 76½c, Jan. 77½c, Feb. 77½c, May 84½c. Corn—Dec. 45½c, Jan. 48½c, Feb. 49½c, May 54½c. Oats—Dec. 30½c, Feb. 30½c, May 33½c. Pork—Jan. $14.97½, May $15.55. Lard—Jan. $7.80, Feb. $7.90, May $8.17½. Short ribs—Jan. $7.20, Feb. $7.30, May $8.10. Cash quotations were: No. 2 spring wheat 76½c bid, No. 3 do. 72½c, No. 2 corn 48½c, No. 2 oats 30½c, pork $14.75 to $14.95, lard $7.77½ to $7.80, short ribs sides $7.10 to $7.12½, dry salted shoulders $6.99 to $7, short clear sides $8 to $8.05. Receipts—Flour 24,000 bbls, wheat 94,000 bush, corn 221,000 bush, oats 431,000 bush, rye 2000 bush, barley 11,000 bush. Shipments—Flour 40,000 bbls, wheat 33,000 bush, corn 172,000 bush, oats 32,000 bush, rye 2000 bush, barley 37,000 bush.

NEW YORK MARKET.

Cotton dull, unchanged. Flour quiet. Wheat—Receipts 30,800 bush, exports 60,344 bush, sales 2,182,000 bush futures, 94,000 bush spot; options advanced ⅛c to ¼c early, later fell back ¼c to ½c, closing steady; spot 5c higher; No. 2 red, 90½c, Jan. 90½c to 90¾c, Feb. 91⅛c to 91⅜c, May 91 9-16c to 92⅛c. Malt firm; Canada, stiff made, $1.15. Corn—Receipts 35,100 bush, exports 31,800 bush, sales 290,000 bush futures, 34,000 bush spot, ⅛c better, No. 2 Dec. nominal, Jan. 47½c to 47¾c, Feb. 48⅛c to 48¼c, May 52½c to 52¾c. Oats—Receipts 27,000 bush, sales 180,000 bush futures, 105,000 bush spot, ¼c to ½c higher, May 33c to 33⅛c, Dec. 29½c to 29¾c. Hay 40c to 90c. No. 1 72½ to 82½; mixed western 37½ to 82½; white do. 30c to 140. Sugar quiet; standard "A" 6⅛c to 6 5-16c, cut loaf and crushed 7½ to 7¾, granulated 6⅞c. Eggs steady, 24c to 27c.

BEERBOHM'S REPORT.

Beerbohm reports to-day: Floating cargoes—Wheat firmer, corn, nil. Cargoes on passage—Corn steady and quiet. French country markets quiet. Paris—Wheat and flour firm. Liverpool—Wheat rather more enquiry, corn a turn dearer. Cargoes on passage to United Kingdom—Wheat 1,455,000 qrs, corn 297,000 qrs. Do Continent—Wheat 215,000 qrs, corn 85,000 qrs.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

Liverpool reports to-day: Wheat firm, poor demand, holders offer moderately; corn firm, poor demand. Prices: Spring wheat, 5s 6d to 8s, red winter 5s 3d to 8s 3d, No. 1 Cal. 6s 2d to 6s 10d; corn 4s 10½d pois 5s 7d; pork 60s 3d; lard 49s 3d; bacon 33s; cheese 62s.

OSWEGO BARLEY MARKET.

Oswego reports barley unchanged to-day. Sales: 10,000 bushels No. 1 Can. at 90c. Shipments 12,000.

WOODSTOCK CHEESE MARKET.

Woodstock, Dec. 21.—Offering 5890 boxes. Market lively, buyers well represented, necessitations reported active. Sales 775 boxes Sept. and balance of season at 10½c.

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MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

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A General Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at

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ON THURSDAY, DEC. 22ND, at 2 o'clock p.m.,

for the purpose of electing Directors, adopting By-laws and other business.

W. H. SHEPPARD, Sec. pro tem.

Toronto, Dec. 19, 1887.

IMPERIAL FEDERATION.

A meeting of those desirous of forming a Branch in Toronto of the

IMPERIAL FEDERATION LEAGUE

in Canada, will be held in the Parlor, Shaftesbury Hall,

ON THURSDAY EVENING, 22ND DEC.

Mr. Dalton McCarthy, M.P., President of the League, will take the chair at 8 p.m.

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Wednesday, 21st December, at St. Paul's Hall.
Thursday, 22d December, at Winchester Hall, corner Winchester and Parliament streets.
Friday, 23d December, at St. Stephen's Hall, 187 Euclid-avenue.
Tuesday, 27th December, at Pioneer Hall, corner Sherbourne and Bloor-streets.
Wednesday, 28th December, at Poulton's Hall, corner Boulton-avenue and Queen-street.
Thursday, 29th December, at Town Hall, Brockton, Dundas-street.
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MASS MEETINGS

In the interests of the Citizens' Candidate will be held as follows:

THURSDAY, DEC. 22:
IRVING'S HALL, corner Bloor and Bathurst streets.

FRIDAY, DEC. 23:
ROBINSON'S HALL, Dundas-street, Brockton.
POULTON'S HALL, corner Queen-street east and Boulton-avenue.

These meetings will be addressed by Mr. Rogers and other prominent supporters of his platform: Municipal Reform, Progressive Moral Legislation and Honest Enforcement of Law. Chair to be taken each evening at 8 o'clock.

"HOLD THE FORT."

HENRY O'BRIEN, Chairman.

TO THE RESIDENTS OF ST. JOHN'S WARD.

Your vote and influence are respectfully solicited for the election of

A. H. GILBERT,

AS ALDERMAN FOR 1888.

Election will take place on Monday, Jan. 2, 1888.

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Your Vote and Influence are respectfully solicited for

R. W. PRITTIE

As Alderman for the Year 1888.

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MAYORALTY ELECTION!

ST. PAUL'S WARD

A public meeting in the interest of Mr. E. F. Clarke will be held in St. Paul's Hall on this (Thursday evening) at 8 o'clock. Addresses will be delivered by Mr. E. F. Clarke, Mr. E. E. Sheppard, and Mr. A. W. Wright.

JOHN HAGUE, Esq., Chairman.

MAYORALTY.

Any friends of Mr. Rogers willing to aid him on polling day by furnishing CONVEYANCES are requested to kindly communicate at once with

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AN OPEN LETTER TO HON. G. W. ROSS, MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

Sir: In your official capacity you have introduced into our public schools a so-called Temperance Text Book, concerning the use of which you say "it is not optional," and that "school authorities are not at liberty" to use any other text book than this which you have been pleased to select for them.

I only speak in this letter the mind of thousands of Christian parents in Ontario, when I say that you have very far overstepped the limits of your authority by such action, and have shown an amount of arbitrary presumption which cannot be tolerated in this country of religious freedom.

We are Christians and can only believe in and practise that kind of temperance which we have been taught by the precepts and example of our Lord Jesus Christ, which temperance is not total abstinence from what you are pleased to call alcoholic drinks, such as the fermented juice of the grape, but is the subordination of all the bodily appetites and passions to the law of Christ—the keeping of the body under, and bringing it into subjection to his holy will.

The very title of your book we therefore consider contains falsehood, inasmuch as it professes to teach temperance, whereas it teaches total abstinence. As a professed scholar you ought to know the vast difference in meaning between the words total abstinence and Christian temperance.

Your book must be a failure in attempting to lead our young people to the practice of true temperance, because it is lacking in those Christian motives and divine sanctions which alone can influence the consciences of men generally to lead a sober life; and it substitutes for these motives and sanctions mere human science, and that a kind of science which can only have a feeble effect, if any, in withstanding successfully the many temptations to drunkenness.

Your book is a godless book. God is as utterly ignored in it as though He were non-existent. And not only so, but it puts nature in the place of God—a picture with a big N, telling the children on p. 43, that "Nature is wise and good," and on p. 44, that "Nature herself is the best of teachers," and that "food is sent by Nature." But we as Christians have been taught to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is the wise and good; that He is the best teacher of temperance; and that as it was He who fed the hungry multitudes in the wilderness, so is it He, and not a something called nature, who sends us our daily bread.

We regard your book as an unwarrantable and audacious interference with our religious faith, and with the faith in which we desire our children to be trained up. We have strong convictions as to the nature and extent of Christian temperance. The wisdom, the goodness, and the honor of Christ our Saviour are all concerned and involved in these convictions; and we shall not allow you, or any other man, to teach our children in school, either with book or without book, opinions which would cast reproach on our Saviour's name. Children who believe what is contained in your book will have but little, if any, respect for the Lord Jesus as He is revealed to us in Holy Scripture.

Even your so-called science of temperance, so far as it concerns the temperate use of alcoholic drinks, we cannot accept, as this is flatly contradicted by the highest medical authorities, and by the experience of all who practice Christian temperance.

Your book contradicts the Word of God, p. 16; and throughout ascribes even to the most temperate use of pure wine the most disastrous results; thus denouncing as a curse that for which the Saviour gave thanks, and it teaches the rising race to avoid the true, the consecrated cup of the Lord in the holy sacrament as though it were the cup of devils. Instead of bringing before the children's minds the precepts, the warnings and the example of our Saviour to teach them and help them to practice the exalted virtue of temperance, you bring before their minds the inefficient scientific platitudes of a fanatical medical crank, who evidently thinks himself wiser than Christ, and quite capable of improving upon our Saviour's doctrine and practice of temperance as followed by His Church ever since the Church began. Alas for the temperance of the rising race if they have no better teacher than the author of your text book!

It was for the foregoing reasons, and others similar to them, that the Bible Temperance League was formed some time ago. It has made no public demonstration, but has been, quietly yet widely extended; every man and woman who approves of and is willing to act on the three following resolutions being virtually a member of it.

Resolutions of the Bible Temperance League:

I. That the Bible, as a text book in our public schools, is quite sufficient to teach our children what Christian temperance is, and to warn them against the danger, the sin and the great evils of intemperance.

II. That we shall not allow any book of man's composition to take the place of the Bible in teaching our children the nature and duty of temperance. Therefore, since attempts are being made to introduce into our public schools what is called a text book on temperance, written by Dr. Richardson, we shall neither purchase it for our children nor allow them to read it, nor to be present in school when it is read. We object to the book, not only on account of the extra expense of its purchase and because it is not needed, but also, and chiefly, because: 1. It does not teach true Christian temperance. 2. It is opposed to the plain teaching of the Bible concerning wine. 3. Its tendency is to make our children doubt the goodness of Christ our Saviour, and to make infidels of them instead of what we earnestly desire and pray for them to be—true temperance Christians.

III. We shall oppose to the utmost of our power the introduction or use of such a book in our public schools, and we shall not vote for any man to fill the office of school trustee who is known to favor the introduction or use in our schools of the so-called Temperance Text Book, or of the unchristian kind of temperance which the book teaches. I remain, Sir, with due respect,

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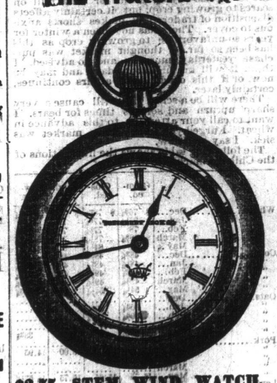

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