

WORST IS OVER AT PT. BURWELL CREW SENT MESSAGE IN BOTTLE SAYING THEY WERE SAFE NOW

Signals From the Ashtabula Were Misunderstood
—Big Car Ferry Is Holding Her Own and It Is Expected That the Crew Will Be Taken Off and That the Steamer Will Be Righted Shortly.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Port Burwell, Dec. 15.—The crew of the Ashtabula is now in a better position. The wind is dying down, and there is much less sea running.

A tug will venture out this afternoon with provisions for the men. It is now considered safe to make the trip, and there is every possibility that the men will be got in touch with before 4 o'clock.

Some of the crew may be brought ashore, leaving only one man to take charge in case of emergency.

No attempt will be made by the tug to pull the vessel off, as the appliances at hand are not sufficient for the task.

The Reid Wrecking Company's tug is now on the way here, and when it arrives, the Ashtabula will be lightered and towed off the bar.

There is now no fear of accident, and it is expected that the Ashtabula will be taken off within the next few days.

FATHER FALLON CALLED TO OTTAWA

Will Hear the Official Announcement of His Elevation From the Papal Delegate.

WHAT THE PRESS SAYS

Some Warm Eulogies of the Bishop Elect of London From Those Who Know Him Best.

Buffalo, Dec. 15.—Very Rev. M. F. Fallon, called to Ottawa, to receive the notice of his elevation to the Bishopric of London, Ont.

Mary warm eulogies of Bishop-elect Fallon, now of Buffalo, and formerly of Ottawa, are being published. Here are a few of them:

Hamilton Herald: If we mistake not, the new Roman Catholic bishop of London, Rev. M. F. Fallon, of Buffalo, is a native Canadian, who was removed from Ottawa to Buffalo some years ago. In going to London it will be to him like coming back home. Father Fallon was exceedingly popular among all classes in Ottawa, and his departure was deeply regretted by Protestants as well as by his own people.

Hamilton Times: Inquiries among the Catholic clergy here elicited the information that the official announcement of the appointment to the bishopric of London would come through Archbishop McEay, of Toronto.

Although his appointment as bishop will doubtless occasion some surprise in the Catholic circles of London and Hamilton, as it was generally expected that Rev. Father Hand, of Toronto; Rev. Father Aylward, of London; or Vicar-General Mahoney, of St. Mary's Cathedral, would be appointed, Father Fallon will prove a worthy successor to his Grace Archbishop McEay.

Hamilton Herald: The news from Rome of Rev. Father Fallon's appointment as successor to Archbishop McEay, at London, will be received by the many friends of Fallon with regret. The local prelate has been mentioned prominently as the possible choice of the Holy See for the high office, but there were a number of clergy throughout the Province who were regarded by their congregations as also being very likely choices for the office. The fact that such a time elapsed between the vacating of the office and the appointment of a successor (Continued on Page Eight.)

Surprise Party.
A very pleasant surprise party was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Appleton, when a number of friends and relatives to the number of about fifty, walked in to celebrate his 49th birthday. The evening was spent in music and games. Just before luncheon, which was served at 12 o'clock, Mrs. Appleton was presented with a handsome gold-handled umbrella. The gathering broke up at an early hour, everyone reporting having a jolly good time.

Election Dates

London, Dec. 15.—The British election dates are:
Issue of writs, Saturday, Jan. 8.

First borough pollings, Thursday, Jan. 13.
Other borough pollings, Friday, Jan. 14.
Other borough pollings, Saturday, Jan. 15.
First county pollings, Wednesday, Jan. 19.
Other county pollings, Thursday, Jan. 20.
Other county pollings, Friday, Jan. 21.
Other county pollings, Saturday, Jan. 22.
Other county pollings, Monday, Jan. 24.

The results of the election in the remote constituencies of Orkney, and Shetlands will not be known until the end of the month.

COMMONS RECEIVE COUNTRY'S BILL

Mr. Fielding's Budget Shows a Surplus of Sixteen and a Half Millions.

REVENUE MAKING RECORD

Expected to Reach the Hundred Million Mark by End of the Year.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—A revenue of a hundred millions of dollars for the fiscal year, and a surplus of sixteen and a half millions, were the features of Hon. Mr. Fielding's budget, presented to Parliament today.

The Finance Minister was able to record a fine season of prosperity for the Dominion. Other features were the proposed adoption of a gold coinage, and an action against illegal combines.

A Nice Surplus.
During the past year, 1908-9, the total revenue was \$55,500,000, a decline of nearly \$1,000,000, compared with \$56,500,000, and the addition to the public debt \$45,000,000.

For the eight months of the current year the revenue was \$45,500,000, an increase of \$2,412,250, and it is expected that the four months still to run will bring it up to at least \$57,500,000.

Last year the expenditures on the consolidated fund were \$44,000,000. For the current year the expenditures chargeable to income will not exceed \$2,000,000, a reduction of \$2,000,000. There will thus be a surplus for the current year of \$16,500,000, capital expenditure will be reduced to the extent of \$1,450,000, and the total added to the public debt \$17,500,000, or \$2,500,000 less than the appropriation for the Transcontinental Railway.

The outlook for the coming year is even brighter, the Finance Minister being confident that the receipts will pass the \$100,000,000 mark.

The duties on imports and steel expire on Dec. 31, 1910, and those that remain will be charged against income, instead of as in the past to capital and special account.

The Liberal Government had spent \$21,500,000 during the past thirteen years on capital and special account, and had added and provided \$147,000,000 out of revenue, or 69 per cent.

The Conservative government during the last thirteen years were in office spent \$167,166,252 on capital and special account, and provided only \$150,000,000 out of revenue, or 29 per cent.

The per capita debt on an estimated population of 7,450,000 is \$15.55. In 1896 it was \$50.82.

For the current year the total trade of Canada is expected to amount to \$1,000,000,000.

Mr. Fielding, in introducing the budget, said that last session the budget was not in all respects a very cheerful one, however, matters of finance everywhere had had strenuous days, and that in Canada the situation was not in any way different.

Today it was their pleasant duty to come back to the old familiar story of general employment and prosperous trade, increasing revenues, liberal surplus, and generous appropriations for the public service.

The last fiscal year, 1908-9, which ended on March 31 last, was certainly a very good year for Canada. The worldwide depression in 1907 had its effect on this country, though to a much less extent than in the case of the United States. It began to show its effect upon the Canadian revenues in the closing period of the fiscal year, but the earlier part of the year was one of such great prosperity that on the whole the revenue proved to be a very excellent one. It was found, however, that the revenues of the fiscal year, beginning on the first of April, 1908, were very seriously affected, and while in 1907-08 the gross revenue was (Continued on Page Six.)

BELGIAN MONARCH SUFFERS A RELAPSE

The Aged King Leopold Takes a Turn for the Worse.

Brussels, Dec. 15.—The condition of King Leopold, who was operated upon yesterday for the removal of an obstruction in the intestine, took a turn for the worse this afternoon. The morning bulletin gave a rather encouraging description of the patient's state as "satisfactory." During the night he had held his own apparently. In the middle of the afternoon word came from the sick chamber that his majesty had suffered a relapse.

HIS EYESIGHT BAD.
Hamilton, Dec. 15.—For passing a 50-cent counterfeit coin on a local newsdealer, Thomas Henneberry, this morning committed for trial. His excuse was that his eyesight was bad, and that he did not know the coin was a counterfeit.



REV. FATHER M. J. FALLON,
Eloquent Priest of the Oblate Order, Who Has Been Appointed Bishop of London.

NIAGARA POWER RATES

The matter of domestic lighting rates was settled at the last meeting of the Niagara power engineers' council. It was placed at 5 cents per 100 square feet for floor space, and 10 cents a kilowatt hour. This latter price will be reduced by discounts, and it is not thought probable that light will cost more than 3 cents per kilowatt hour after the percentage has been taken. The London Electric's only price is 3 cents per kilowatt hour.

Power rates were figured on the basis of \$50 per horse power per 24 hours. If a user takes power during peak load hours, or off peak load hours, there will be a reduction in the cost of his power. These figures will be gone into and a regular schedule issued very shortly.

MAY DEFER REORGANIZATION OF THE LOCAL KINDERGARTENS

Teachers Are Not in Demand Now and It Is Felt That in All Fairness the Matter Should Be Shelved Until the Summer Holidays of 1910.

There is a possibility that the reorganization of the kindergartens in London, which has caused so much discussion of late will be deferred until next summer.

The board of education will hold a special meeting tonight at 8 o'clock, and it is the consensus of opinion that the matter will be laid over until the summer holidays of 1910.

Many Dismissals.
The reasons given for that action refer to the dismissal of seven or nine kindergarten teachers. Some of the trustees who have been changing positions, and it would be unwise to take positions away from the young ladies at the Christmas season, when few opportunities for obtaining similar situations present themselves.

DISINFECTING THE PUBLIC TELEPHONES

Businessmen and Physicians of London Are in Favor of the Suggestion.

MANAGER BAIRD SPEAKS

Says His Employees Now Disinfect the 'Phones With a Special Preparation—Some Interest in the Matter.

The recommendation of Medical Health Officer Hutchings, made at a meeting of the board of health yesterday, that all mouthpieces of public telephones be disinfected frequently, met with the unanimous approval of the London medical men. A large number of physicians were interviewed by The Advertiser, and all speak strongly in favor of the measure.

Physicians' Opinions.
"There is no question about it that telephones, particularly those in public places, are a frequent source of infection," said one physician. "I consider that the danger from the receiver, coming in contact with the hair, head or face is almost equally as great as the danger of contamination from a mouthpiece. There is the greatest danger of both the parts of a telephone becoming polluted, particularly in telephones that are in constant use by masses of people in public places."

Easily Transmitted.
"Infectious diseases of the skin would be very easily transmitted by means of a telephone receiver or mouthpiece," another physician told The Advertiser. "These portions ought to be cleaned very frequently, and more especially so if they are used by all classes of people, as many of the public telephones are. I would consider them a source of tuberculosis, and a breeding-ground for all kinds of germs. The present system of cleaning them occasionally is, in my opinion, entirely inadequate, and not infrequently one goes to use a phone and finds the mouthpiece in anything but a cleanly condition."

Manager Baird.
Manager Baird, of the Bell Telephone Company, continued on Page Nine.

TRACTION COMPANY PASSES INTO HANDS OF NEW OWNERS

Formal Transfer Took Place Today—\$150,000 Will Be Spent on the Line—Manager Mower Has Been Retained—Committee of Management Named.

The formal transfer of the South-western Traction Company to the purchasers was made today by Master-in-Chancery R. K. Cowan.

Yesterday the balance of the purchase money was paid into court, and today the road was formally given into the hands of the new owners.

The line will be managed by a committee of directors composed of Messrs. Murray N. Verner, of Pittsburgh, and Brantford, W. S. Dimick, W. K. George, Geo. B. Wood, S. C. Smoke, Toronto, T. H. Purdon, K. C., and John Milne, London.

No Changes as Yet.
There will be no change in the active management, Mr. S. B. Mower, who had charge of the road for some time, being retained in the same position by the new management.

The rest of the staff will continue, no changes being contemplated at the present time.

Will Spend \$150,000.
The sum of \$150,000 will be spent on the traction line within the next six months. The most of this money will be used in correction of grades, and the improvements of curves. The road contains many very bad curves at the present time, and the new owners will make the road as nearly straight as it is possible to get it. It is also understood that a number of new cars will be purchased and placed in service.

The Charter.
No announcement was made as to the extent of improvements projected in the new charter.

The charter of the new company will be considered in January by the Senate, and when that matter is settled an announcement will be made with reference to the plans for future extension.

Mr. T. H. Purdon, K. C., represented the purchasers at the transfer.

COUPLE IN AN AUTO PLUNGED 100 FEET

Son of a Michigan Millionaire Injured and His Fiance Killed.

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 15.—Miss Agnes Claypool, 19 years old, daughter of a wealthy resident of Pasadena, was killed and Harvey Bissell, 24 years old, son of a Grand Rapids, Mich., millionaire manufacturer, was fatally injured last night in an automobile accident.

Miss Claypool's body was found in the machine. A broken rib had punctured her lungs. Bissell was lying near by, still conscious. His collarbone and right leg were broken and his spine was injured.

It is said that Bissell and Miss Claypool were to be married this winter.

TWO MORE MONSTERS FOR JOHN BULL'S NAVY

Will Be 27,500 Gross Tonnage and Combination of Battleship and Cruiser.

New York, Dec. 15.—The following cable dispatches from Birmingham, England, was received here today. The Post says the admiralty is making arrangements for laying down before the end of the financial year two vessels which will establish a record in warship building. They will be of at least 27,500 gross tonnage. Their guns will number less than those on the latest dreadnought, but the muzzle velocity and firing range will be very much greater.

The ships will be of an entirely new composite class, combining features of battleships and cruisers.

DANIEL MINTYRE WINS HIS CASE

Action of Sovereign Bank Fails in Court of Appeal.

The court of appeal at Toronto has allowed the appeal and dismissed with costs throughout the action of the Sovereign Bank vs. McIntyre. The appeal was by Daniel McIntyre from a divisional court judgment on Feb. 12 last, affirming with some variation Mr. Justice Macgill's judgment on Nov. 11, 1908, whereby the defendant was held to be liable for a certain promissory note and to be liable to pay therefor \$12,800, with interest and costs. The action was tried at London non-jury sittings, Nov. 10, 1908. Defendant denied causation. Judgment was given at the trial for the \$12,800 and interest, and this was affirmed by the divisional court. Mr. Justice Macgill would dismiss the appeal, but the majority of the judges in appeal held that the defence of want of consideration was fully made out by J. M. McIntyre, for Mr. McIntyre.

ELECTIONS AT WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—With the joke opposition to Mayor Evans and with no contentious matters to arouse the voters, the civic elections yesterday were the quietest in many years. Practically no interest was manifested in the greatest officially was expected in getting the vote out at all. There are over 38,000 names on the list of electors, and of these only 22,000 polled their votes. The results were as follows:

Mayor—W. Sanford Evans.
Controllers—R. D. Waugh, J. H. J. McArthur, and J. D. Cockburn.
Aldermen—Wallace, Midwinter, Willoughby and Shore.
The aldermen in wards one, two and four were elected by a plurality of one vote. Mrs. Coughlin was 72 years of age and came to Canada from the county Wexford, Ireland. She lived in St. Thomas for many years and then came to London. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Roney, with whom she lived. The funeral will take place from the residence of her sister-in-law, Mrs. I. Pierce, 71 Kearns street, St. Thomas.

Death of Mrs. Coughlin.
Mrs. Eliza Coughlin, of this city, died yesterday morning at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Roney, 654 William street. Mrs. Coughlin was 72 years of age and came to Canada from the county Wexford, Ireland. She lived in St. Thomas for many years and then came to London. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Roney, with whom she lived. The funeral will take place from the residence of her sister-in-law, Mrs. I. Pierce, 71 Kearns street, St. Thomas.

SIR ALFRED JONES DEAD.
Montreal, Dec. 12.—A cable was received tonight from London announcing the death of Sir Alfred Jones, head of the big shipping firm of Elder, Dempster & Co.

WOODS' FAIR J. M. THOMSON'S WOODS' FAIR

STORE OPEN EVERY NIGHT UNTIL CHRISTMAS.

Just a Few Days More and Our Big Basement Sale Will Be Over

BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS IN THE BASEMENT—EVERYTHING IS DOWN IN PRICE.

20 Per Cent Off All China, Dinnerware, Tea Sets, Fancy Lamps, Etc.

Men's and Boys' Night-shirts 50c

Men's and Boys' Flannel Night Shirts, in fancy blue or grey stripes. Sizes 12 to 17. Special, 50c

Children's Dresses 45c

Children's Cotton Flannel Dresses, in navy, cardinal and light blue; made in the Hubbard style; yoke and sleeves trimmed with fancy braid to match. Sizes 1 to 4. Special, 45c

Lace Shams and Scarfs to match, in two different designs. A very useful present.

Candy for Christmas

40 different varieties, all fresh, for Christmas trade. Try our Broadway Mixed at 3 lbs. for 25c

Toys! Toys!

Largest and grandest display of Toys, both low-priced and the better quality, ever brought into London.

Come and see Santa Claus in his workshop on second floor.

Children's and Ladies' Mitts, 35c Pair

Children's and Ladies' Gauntlet Wool Mitts, in black, navy, cardinal and white. Special, pair, 35c

Men's Suspenders, in fancy boxes for Christmas gifts. Pair, 50c

Children's Bearskin Coats, lined with flannel; white only. Sizes 22 and 24. Clearing at \$2.25

WOODS' FAIR J. M. THOMSON'S WOODS' FAIR

A NEW SITE FOR HIGH ST. CHURCH

Methodist Council of London
Last Night Discussed the Matter at Length.

LEFT TO CHURCH BOARD

To Take the Initiative in the Matter
—Methodists Will Hold a Week of Prayer in January.

The regular meeting of the London Methodist Council was held in Wesley Hall last night, with the president, Mr. J. H. Chapman, in the chair. Several matters considered by the executive were presented for ratification. It was decided to hold a week of prayer in connection with the world's week of prayer, on Jan. 3, 4, 5 and 6. After some discussion it was decided to hold the meetings in the Dundas Centre Church, as it was thought that by so doing the meetings would draw more largely from the eastern end of the city.

It was also decided to request the pastors of all the Methodist churches of the city to continue the services in their own churches, for the week immediately following the week of prayer.

A Banquet.
The matter of a banquet was also discussed and favorably received, but as it was announced that the laymen's movement were also considering the holding of a banquet, it was decided to defer the banquet until the laymen's movement for the purpose of seeing whether it would be possible to hold a joint banquet, and to make the necessary arrangements.

Moving High Street Church.
The question of moving the present High Street Church to a more populous and growing locality was again discussed, but it was finally recommended that before any action be taken the High Street board be requested to take such steps as are necessary to secure definite information as to what might be obtained for the present property, and as to the possibility of raising additional funds, and then report to the material committee of the council.

The site considered by several members of the High Street board was at the corner of Methuen and Ridout streets.

Dr. Manning's Views.
Dr. Manning thought that the initiation of such matters should come from the council itself, and was supported in his contention by Rev. Mr. Dewey. Mr. Birks, however, pointed out that there was a regularly appointed trustee board the council was not justified in overriding their rights and liberties.

Council Sunday.
Several churches had reported in favor of holding a "Council Sunday," but the matter was left till the next meeting for further consideration.

Barbara Heck.
At the close of the business meeting Rev. Mr. Malott gave an interesting paper on Barbara Heck.

"The united churches of Canada and the United States," said the speaker, "have been contributing to the erection of a monument to Barbara Heck, and as this is the case, it is an opportune time to consider the beginnings of Methodism."

Mr. Malott spoke of the forebears of Methodism in Bavaria, of their migration to Ireland, and their second migration owing to the despotism of the landlords, when they went to New York. While in Ireland they came under the influence of Wesley's itinerant preachers.

The speaker went on to tell of the early meetings which were held in the early part of the century, and thought of forming a separate church, but soon they outgrew this accommodation, and at last a church was built in October, 1768. Among the subscribers are the names of many of the ancestors of people we have among us today.

Mrs. (Dr.) Hannon, of this city, is one of the descendants of the first subscribers to the first Methodist church on the continent. The revolution ultimately drove out many of these people, and they settled at Prescott, Ont., in 1785, and Barbara Heck died near that place in 1804.

Growth of Methodism.
The speaker went on to tell of the growth of Methodism in the different parts of Canada. In the Niagara district Major George Neil was being instrumental in fostering the work of Methodism. Rev. George Neil Hazen, of the Centennial Church, is a descendant of the early pioneer of Methodism.

Nathan Bangs was another name that figured largely in Methodist history. He worked among the settlers on the Thames River, and as far as Detroit. It was in the work of such men as these that Methodism had its beginnings in Canada, less than 100 years ago, at which time there were only three preachers in Upper Canada, to the great denomination as it exists today.

A very hearty vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Irwin and Dr. Manning and carried unanimously.

LLOYD-GEORGE DINED AS PEERS KILLED BILL
How the Chancellor Spent That Epoch-Making Evening—Clever Pen Picture.

An admirer of Mr. Lloyd-George gives the following pen-picture of the now famous chancellor of the exchequer. While the fate of his budget was being decided, perhaps his own future career, certainly the future of England, Mr. Lloyd-George sat quietly in a grand restaurant in the Strand, and waited for the result of the dinner. There is nothing of the stolid John Bull about Lloyd-George. He has the intellectuality of a Frenchman without his excessive features. Here was the new leader of democratic England. The lords may tear up the Magna Charta of the people, may stamp on the great principle which is the life-blood of freedom—that there shall be no taxation without representation—the violation of which lost us the

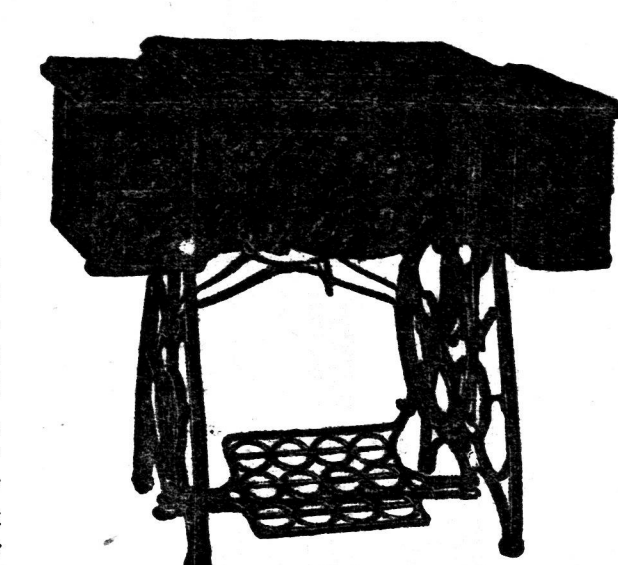
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SECOND FLOOR.

Gift Suggestions from Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Section

Silk Underskirts, in Black and Colored.
Each \$3.95, \$4.87, \$7.75 to \$10
Moreen Underskirts, in Black and Colored.
Each \$1.65, \$2.38, \$2.95, \$3.50 to \$7.50
Sweaters and Golf Coats, in White, Grey, Cardinal and Black.
Each \$1.50 to \$5.50
Silk Flannel and Net Waists \$3.50, \$3.75, \$4.50 to \$10.50
Lingerie and Tailored Linen Waists, each 85c to \$6.50
Flannelette and French Flannel Dressing Sacques, each, 75c to \$3.75
Japanese Dressing Gowns, in Padded Silk, plain and embroidered \$7.50 to \$12.50
Velour and Wrapperette Dressing Gowns \$4.00 to \$6.50
French Hand-Embroidered Corset Covers, Gowns, Underskirts and Drawers \$1.50 to \$11.00
Tea Aprons, etc., for housemaids, waitresses, nurses, 20c to \$1.50
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Our \$3.75 Blanket is an All-Wool Blanket, 7-pound weight; generous size, 64x84; also same Blanket, 6-pound weight, size 60x80, at per pair \$3.25
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American colonies. And here sat this man, quite unmoved, enjoying himself thoroughly, to judge by his demeanor.

A Thorough Celt.
His face, which represents every changing emotion, was a delightful study, at one time clear in hand, emphasizing every point with his uplifted forefinger or by gentle taps on the table. Sometimes the whole hand was raised, at other times, in a gesture of thoughtfulness, it caressed his moustache. Then, all at once, the eyes sparkled, and the merry laugh rippled forth, showing two deeply-marked furrows at each corner of the mouth. But it was his winning smile that chiefly attracted me. It drew me towards him as by a magnet.

Lloyd-George is a thorough Celt. Never for a moment is he at rest. All the moods of human nature—and he is very human—from grave to gay alternately, chase themselves across his features. The hand plays a pathetic little tune. He is silent at once. Conversation with him on occasion ceases. He is wrapped in ecstasy. He is dreaming. Yes, Lloyd-George is a sentimentalist, a very soft-hearted "demagogue."

Loves Humanity.
I see his far-away look roam over the room. But he is not looking. He does not see. You know that look; it touches you. It inspires you. It gives you a glance deep down into that soul where ferments a passionate love of humanity inspired and nurtured amongst his native Welsh hills.

There is none of the Sphinx about Lloyd-George as there was about Parnell. He is too emotional for that. What play he makes with his hands, as his thoughts move him. Sometimes it is a whole sweep of the left arm; sometimes the raised forefinger; another time the outstretched open palm. He has no characteristic gesture. His fingers are adorned with no rings or other fopperies of elegance. He is the very antithesis of his companion ideal of modern Oxford or Cambridge. Lloyd-George is of the people in sentiment and appearance. No evening wear, but quietly, plainly dressed, his long hair falling over his coat collar, he looks what he is—a true son of the people. Never for a moment was he still after coffee was brought.

The conversation never flagged, but there was no dullness, no brooding, no appearance of melancholy—nothing to suggest that he cared one jot what the lords were going to do. On the contrary, all was gaiety and brightness, nothing whatsoever to indicate the tremendous issues for him and for England that were about to be decided.

It is the true Celtic spirit—serious while work is to be done, delightful abandon when it is over. I had never met Lloyd-George so close before, but that alluring smile of his will remain with me amongst the most lasting of my impressions. But occasionally I saw the determined advocate, the zealous defender, the undaunted enthusiast, to be followed immediately by that sad, melancholy expression so characteristic of his race.

And thus lived the man on the night of the lords' great act of treason to British liberty.

NEW "GERMAN PERIL."
London, Dec. 11. — Mr. Blatchford, the well-known socialist, has started a

The Rougher the Weather

The better the day, for Christmas shopping at this store. It's only a matter of braving the storm, and every street car line in the city passes our doors. As a customer remarked on Monday (who lives near a car line), "I saw my chance today to get my Christmas shopping done quickly; and how easy it has been!" You'll find it just as easy if you can only get down in the mornings. It has been discovered long ago that the day is divided into two parts; and have you not discovered also that the morning is by far the longest? Take advantage of the golden hours of the morning, and the rough or rainy days.

REFRESHMENTS.

Luncheon served continuously in the enlarged Restaurant on the fourth floor. When you are tired shopping, you will find this a cosy corner for refreshments.

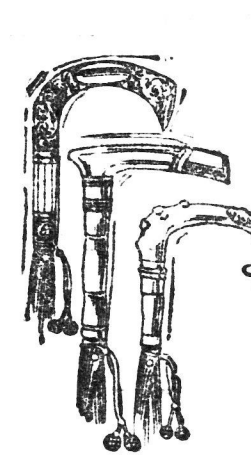
Dainty afternoon teas from 2:30 to 5:30. We call them teas, but coffee, cocoa, sandwiches, soups, pastry, preserves, cakes and such things will be on the menu; also oysters in every style.

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BOTH SIDES SURE OF LABOR PEACE

Railway Employees and Managers and Commissioner Neill Hold Conferences.

Chicago, Dec. 15. — Railroad employees, a Federal Government arbitrator and committees from the General Managers' Association of Chicago Railroads, yesterday resumed conferences in the effort to avert threatened industrial disturbances.

The local switchmen, who have demanded wage advances, and officials of the roads in the Railway Exchange Building, and telegraphers employed by the Illinois Central held sessions with Charles P. Neill, United States commissioner of labor, who is attempting to smooth over a threat or the men to desert their keys. Both sides to the controversy predict peace as the outcome.

O. L. Dickerson, spokesman of the employees, declared that the switchmen's strike in the northwest was progressing satisfactorily from the standpoint of the roads. "The strike is a thing of the past," he said.

Reports from the northwest give an equally rosy tint to the situation from the strikers' side.

A committee from railroad employees' organizations affiliated with the striking switchmen will leave Chicago in a few days to study the situation in the strike zone and debate means to assist the labor organization.

CHILD REFUSED TO BELIEVE FATHER DEAD
Oiler Wirtz, of the Bessemer, Was Coming Home for Christmas.

Detroit, Dec. 15.—Edna Wirtz, 13-year-old daughter of John Wirtz, officer on the Marquette and Bessemer No. 2, still believes that by some miraculous chance her father is not among those who were lost with the car ferry. She insists that he will come back, bringing with him the beautiful Christmas presents he wrote about in his last letter to the little girl.

Edna is living with her mother, who was divorced from Wirtz some time ago. Letters written by Wirtz to his daughter and to his sister, Mrs. Geo. Reiber, 1274 Canton avenue, state that this was to be his last season on the lakes.

The body of Ernest J. Cleary, second mate of the steamer W. C. Richardson, and one of the four members of the crew who attempted to land in a yawl boat before the steamer foundered, was recovered near Buffalo yesterday. Cleary's parents, residing at 76 Joseph Camrau avenue, were notified by telegram yesterday afternoon and made arrangements to have the body shipped to Detroit last night.

The funeral arrangements have not been completed. Cleary leaves a father, mother and sister.

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Births, Marriages and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

NOLAN—On Dec. 9, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Nolan, 322 Queen's avenue, a daughter.

DEATHS.

BRAY—In this city, on Dec. 11, 1909, Mary, relict of the late Patrick Bray, aged 70 years.

Funeral from the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Michael Muckler, 62 York street, on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 8:45 a.m., to St. Mary's Church; requiem high mass at 9 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation. Interment at St. Peter's Cemetery.

FOLLEY—At Copper Cliff, Ont., on Dec. 12, 1909, John Folley, beloved husband of Mary Folley, and eldest son of Patrick and Margaret Folley, aged 34 years.

Funeral from the residence of his brother, Mr. P. Folley, 523 Princess avenue, on Friday, Dec. 17, at 8:30 a.m., to St. Mary's Church; requiem high mass at 9 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation. St. Thomas papers please copy.

AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES

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AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF QUEL-WINNING LODGE, No. 64, will be held in the Masonic Temple this (Wednesday) evening, at 7:30, to confer degrees. J. E. Johnson, W. M.; R. W. Glover, secretary.

WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 64, meets tonight. Forsters' Hall, South London. General business and degree of Archdeacon. Members please attend. Archie Bryce, master.

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Domination Lodge, No. 48, this evening. A full attendance requested. Thos. D. Hastings, secretary.

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PERSIAN LAMB LUFF LOST ABOUT three weeks ago, in down town district. Reward if returned to Advertiser. 50c

LOST, LAST THURSDAY—GOLD EXTENSION bracelet (silver lined), between Lorne avenue school and Quebec street, on Queen's avenue. Suitable reward. 45c Quebec street. 50-10

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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15.

MR. FIELDING'S BUDGET.

Mr. Fielding's budget speech had a cheerful tone. The keynote was the return of prosperity. There had been an ebb of the tide, but it is flowing again, and is rising to new heights. The revenue for the fiscal year, 1910, ending March 31 next, will go a degree beyond the high water mark of 1908. If Mr. Fielding's estimate is correct, and in the year ending March 31, 1911, he is confident it will touch the hundred million point. The growth of the revenue and expenditure since 1900 is clearly set forth in this table:

	Revenue.	Expenditure.
1900	\$11,429,991	\$12,975,279
1901	22,514,701	46,886,367
1902	58,050,799	50,759,391
1903	66,037,068	51,691,902
1904	70,658,816	55,612,832
1905	71,152,772	67,019,682
1906	80,139,350	67,240,640
1907	67,969,328	51,542,161
1908	96,054,505	76,641,451
1909	85,092,404	81,061,222
1910	97,500,000	81,000,000

* Nine months only.

The jump of nearly twelve and a half millions in the revenue during the current year beginning on April 1 last is an index of the revival of business generally. There is the handsome surplus of \$16,500,000 for the current year, compared with a surplus of a little over a million in 1909. The figures of expenditures in the table above refer, of course, to the consolidated fund. In 1908 there was a capital expenditure of \$20,429,906; in 1909, \$42,593,166; and in the current year the amount will be about \$18,000,000. Most of this money has gone into the construction of the transcontinental railway, but in seven years the interest upon the outlay will be assumed by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company. This is a point ignored by those who profess to find ground for alarm in the growth of the national debt. They conveniently overlook the fact, also, that the real burden of the national debt is the amount of the interest, and that it is lighter today than for many years, because there are more people in the country. The net debt per capita was \$49.09 in 1901, and only \$45.82 in 1909, despite the liberal expenditures on capital account in the meantime for the development of the country.

THE WORKING DAY.

Some of our contemporaries are attempting to mislead workmen when they assert that the Minister of Labor and the Government supporters opposed the bill introduced by Mr. Verville, the Labor member for Maisonneuve, making eight hours a day's work on public works. The main opposition to the bill came from the other side of the House, Messrs A. C. Macdonnell (South Toronto), and Dr. Sproule were particularly harsh in their criticisms. On the other hand, Mr. King, speaking for the Government, endorsed the principle of the measure, declaring that anything that could be done towards shortening the hours of toil would be of advantage not only to the working classes themselves, but to the whole community. He merely suggested that before enacting legislation of this kind Parliament should obtain all possible information on the subject.

The bill, though entitled "an act respecting the hours of labor on public works," goes further and deals with every conceivable kind of contract in which the Federal Government can be concerned, and therefore may conflict with provincial jurisdiction. That is one point to settle. Again, there are existing agreements between employers, some of which have five years to run, and the effect of the bill on such agreements is another feature which should receive attention. Parliament should also know the extent to which the eight, nine, or ten hour day is already in existence in different parts of the country, as there is considerable difference as to hours of labor in the different provinces. In some districts men work a shorter day, because they can work all the year round. In others, they work a longer day because they have not the same opportunity throughout the whole year to carry on their calling. It is but right that before passing a bill determining arbitrarily the hours of work, all those affected should be given an opportunity of expressing their views, and it will be the duty of the select committee to which the bill has been referred to take evidence on those points. The committee will also endeavor to secure copies of the reports of committees of the United States Congress appointed at various times to consider the question of the hours of labor, and will

possibly before it concludes its work, have the advantage of the finding of the Nova Scotia commission, which is investigating this subject.

Meanwhile the Government continues to enforce the Mulock resolution of 1900 in favor of the payment of fair rates of wages to men engaged on public works, and the enforcing of the hours of labor current in the district where the work is carried on. In every Government contract the fair-wage clause is inserted, and fair-wage officers see that it is carried out.

The bishopric of London goes to the dark horse.

Mr. Fielding finds budget-making a more comfortable task than his British congeners.

The House of Lords is the Rip Van Winkle among legislative chambers. It only wakes up when the Liberal party is in office.

It would have been better for King Leopold's reputation if he had died twenty years ago. He is a curious example of degeneration in old age.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has properly refused to be dragged into the party controversies in the old land. Whether the British people want a tariff or not is exclusively their own business.

Canada is to have a gold coinage. At present the American gold piece is the standard, but a Dominion gold currency will be more satisfying to Canadian pride and another attribute of nationhood.

The Kaiser's brother, Prince Henry, rebukes Robert Blatchford for his attempts to create a war scare in Great Britain. It is extraordinary that a man of Blatchford's school of thought should be a rampant jingo. He is the head of the Social Democratic Federation in Great Britain, a body so revolutionary that it refuses to co-operate with the trades unions or the independent labor party, which is composed of moderate socialists. It has been generally supposed that the socialists were deadly enemies of militarism in any form, but for years Blatchford, through his paper, the Clarion, has been fomenting hatred of Germany and predicting an early war.

AND HOW TO GET IT.

[Bon Vivant.]
Patroness—You never sing "Home, Sweet Home," now.
Musician—No, my doctor said I must have a change of air.

THE PROOF.

[Judge.]
"Why do you consider your painting, 'The Bee Hive,' the most true-to-life drawing you ever made?"
"Because the man who paid me \$25 for it said he got stung."

BEST TEST.

[Catholic Times.]
"Tell me," said the lovelorn youth, "what's the best way to find out what a woman thinks of you?"
"Marry her," replied Peckham promptly.

KING EDWARD'S TURF SUCCESS.

[London Chronicle.]
This has been a successful year for King Edward in his role of country gentleman. His cattle and farm produce have taken many prizes at exhibitions, and what pleases him most is that he has scored heavily on the turf. His horse Minoru won the Two Thousand, the Derby, the St. James' Palace stakes at Ascot, the Sussex stakes at Goodwood and the Free Handicap at Newmarket. Another of his horses, Princess de Galles, ran second in the One Thousand and the Oaks, and won the Coronation stakes at Ascot. A third horse, Perrier, won the October handicap at Newmarket. Altogether the King had thirteen wins during the racing season, and though this total does not compare with the years when Persimmon and Diamond Jubilee brought him fame and money in the racing world, still he is satisfied with the year's record.

AS A LAST RESORT.

[Tit-Bits.]
Mrs. Johnston—Oh, professor, I wonder what I could do to improve my daughter's voice?
Distinguished Professor of Music—Well, I am sure I do not know, unless you try feeding her on canary seed.

THE UP-TO-DATE GIRL.

[Judge.]
Miss Bronx—How do you remember what you gave people last year?
Miss Harlem—I always keep a card index of Christmas gifts.

NONE BETTER.

[Kansas City Journal.]
"What would you recommend as a good mental exercise, professor?"
Bootmaker—Ah, sir, you will be fixing your mind on your own business, my boy."

LIMITED SUPPLY.

[Boston Transcript.]
Visitor—What became of that other windmill that was here last year?
Native—There was only enough wind for one, so we took it down.

PROPER SIZE.

[Bon Vivant.]
Customer—Why do you give me seven when I ask for sizes?
Bootmaker—Ah, sir, you will be so pleased with these shoes that your feet will swell with pride.

INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL USE?

[Boston Transcript.]
Young Woman Customer—'I'd like some rice, please. You have different qualities, haven't you?"
Grocer—Yes, miss—feeding or pudding?"

AN ANNUAL LUXURY.

[Success Magazine.]
An English boy went to visit his two Scotch cousins during his summer vacation. His breakfast every morning consisted of plain oatmeal and he got very tired of it. "Say, Jack," he said, "don't you ever have milk with your porridge?"
Jack turned to his brother. "Eh, Tom," he said, "the lad thinks it's Christmas."

REVELATION TO THE COOK.

[Ladies' Home Journal.]
A happily married woman, who had enjoyed thirty-three years of wedlock, and who was the grandmother of four beautiful little children, had an amusing old colored woman for a cook. One day when a box of especially beautiful flowers was left for the mistress the cook happened to be present, and she

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said: "Yo' husband send you all the pretty flowers you gits, Missy?"
"Certainly, my husband, mammy," proudly answered the lady.
"Glor!" exclaimed the cook, "he sutenly am holdin' out well!"

HIS TIMELY QUESTION.

[Harper's Bazar.]
"Bridget, darlin'," said Pat, who was well versed in the ways of women, "whin it comes Christmas, what would ye like to take down to the shops to exchange?"

PRACTICAL AFFAIR.

[Louisville Courier-Journal.]
"Anything romantic about their wedding?"
"Not a thing. She can cook, and he has a job."

PROVING HER STATEMENT.

[Everybody's Magazine.]
"Women are no valier than men," said Miss Frances Keller of the Women's Municipal League of New York, to a group of reporters. "There are a thousand proofs that this is so. Why, the necktie of the handsomest of you gentlemen is even now up the back of his collar."
There were six men present, and each of them involuntarily felt at the back of his neck.

A CONUNDRUM.

[Tit-Bits.]
Bones—Who was the greatest financier ever known?
Exchange—Noah; because he floated his stock when the whole world was in liquidation.

DIPLOMATIC.

[Puck.]
Mrs. Crawford—However did she get her husband to trim the Christmas tree?
Mrs. Crabshaw—She told him his taste was so bad that she wouldn't let him do it.

A MAN OF RESOURCE.

[Cleveland Leader.]
Chef—The roast is burnt to a crisp. What'll we do about it?
Manager—Put it on the bill as "Roastbeef a la Cinder" and charge 25 cents a portion more.

RARE BIRDS INDEED.

[Boston Transcript.]
"Woman," observed the epigrammatic boarder, "is a puzzle without an answer."
"Huh!" snorted old Grumpley. "I never saw a woman without one yet."

ONE THING AT A TIME.

[Brooklyn Life.]
Politician (sarcastically)—I suppose you know how the country ought to be run?
Citizen (humbly)—No; I'd be satisfied if I knew only how it's being run now.

EXCHANGE OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

[Judge.]
She was a fine Chicago girl.
And he—'twas rather shocking—Sent her a motor runabout.
To "put into her stocking."

But she was good at repartee.
And, 'stead of getting teary,
Sent him two big horse-blankets tagged.
"Ear tabs for Little Dearie."

MR. DAVIES APPOINTED

Toronto, Dec. 15.—The Provincial Government has appointed Mr. W. J. Davies, a well-known and popular Toronto newspaperman, to a position in the department of the provincial secretary. The appointment takes effect at once.
Mr. Davies has been engaged in newspaper work for some fifteen years, is a member of the Toronto Press Club, and held in high esteem by the members of his profession. Following a period of service as a free lance on the British papers, he was associated for some time with his brother, Mr.

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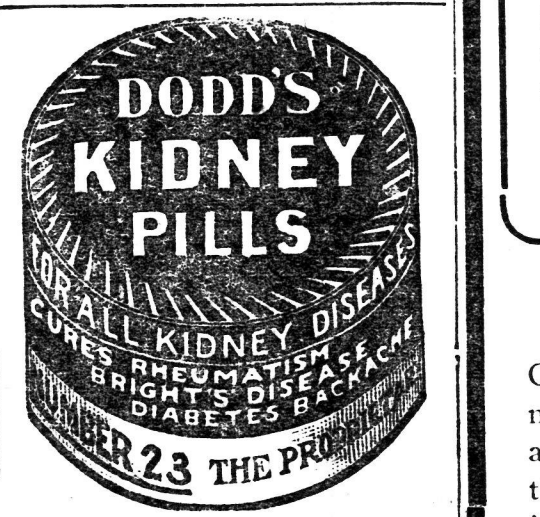
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BAD TORONTO BLAZE.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Twenty-five thousand dollars' worth of fruit, produce and fish in the warehouse of White & Co., Church and Front streets, was destroyed by fire last night.
The damage to the building was not so extensive, being limited to about \$10,000. Lieut. Wm. Corbett fell about 15 feet, but escaped serious injury. He was taken to St. Michael's Hospital. Defective wiring is said to be the cause.
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Ladies' Hand Satchels, in black and brown, Regular \$1.60, for \$1.

Ladies' Large Hand Bags, Regular \$1, for 50¢.

Ladies' Finger Purses, special, 50¢, 75¢, 90¢, \$1.25

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Our store is full of new ideas, but we mention just a few for your direction.

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Who does not know the convenience of a special Card Table? Not necessarily for cards alone, but for all home games.

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Already this season these little gifts have had an immense sale with us, but still we can supply you with miniatures at different prices, as reproductions of several old paintings, framed with oval brass frames for..... 50¢

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BIG PEORIA FIRE.
Peoria, Ill., Dec. 14.—The Grand Opera House building, housing the offices and plant of the Peoria Journal and the Peoria Democrat, was burned early today. The total damage is more than \$200,000; partly covered by insurance.
Prof. Lankester says there have never been any large flying animals, and so there cannot be any large flying machine.

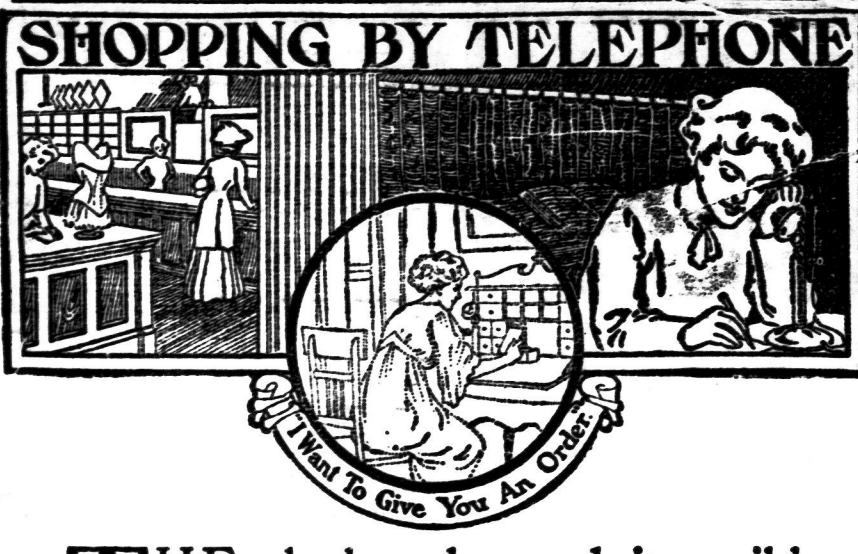
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MADAME'S WARD

BY PAULINE BEVERLY.

"Awfully sensible, you mean. It was just the very thing to do, Nat; but I nearly thought you would do it. Roger would never have spoken to you."

"Why not?" she asked, opening astonished eyes at me.

"You have ten thousand pounds," I said, significantly.

"And that is the reason?"

"Just that."

"Oh, how stupid of him!" she said, softly.

"Very," I agreed.

"I wish I had known."

"Oh! You would have proposed to him long ago, eh?"

"I would indeed."

"By Jove, I believe you would!" I said, looking down at her admiringly, thinking how pretty she was, and what a dear little loyal-spirited woman, too. "It's a pity Roger didn't know it when he got the dumps."

"Did he get the dumps?"

"Rather! I thought I should have to pop the question to you myself once or twice while ago. What are you staring at, child? Do you fancy I didn't find out months ago that he was 'spoony' on you?"

But she gave only a little shy laugh of happiness by way of reply, and turned her shining eyes upon the fire again, always holding that precious epistle close to her heart with both hands. But she looked round presently.

"Ned, it was just like him, wasn't it?"

"What was?" I questioned, practically.

"Why, not speaking to me because of the money."

"Oh, uncommonly! He was always a little cracked over some things. Halloo, here comes the mother!"

It was lucky my ears were keen, for Nat had hardly time to have nothing in her hands, and to spring away from me when the door opened, and Madame, with mademoiselle behind her, swept serenely in, so supremely unconscious of anything that my struggle to suppress an involuntary laugh almost choked me; and it so happened that her first words were a severe trial to the risible muscles of both of us.

"Natalie, my dear, why did not you or Ned let me know that Doctor Dizarte was here? It was quite by chance I saw him as he was crossing the hall. And how tiresome it is that Doctor Yorke is called away just now! He was telling me about it."

Nat blushed and glanced at me beseechingly. I coughed down another laugh.

"Oh, yes, very! Dizarte was growing about it to us. He can't get on without Roger."

"So it appears," said Madame, setting herself complacently in a great chair by the fire. "Natalie, my dear, how terribly flushed you are! You must be feverish, positively. Yes, it is really very vexatious now there is so much illness about. But I suppose Doctor Yorke will not be absent long."

"Oh, no!" returned Nat, quickly, with an eager confidence which in the circumstances was certainly highly indiscreet, as she shyly slipped her hand into her pocket to give that blessed letter another furtive caressing squeeze. "He will be back in a day or two, Madame."

Roger Yorke, however, did not come back in a day or two. Christmas week, with all its feasting and jollity, passed, the New Year came in, but trouble had seen no more of its popular young doctor—nor heard of him, for that matter. With wistful

anxiety poor little Nat watched for post-time, and flushed and paled when the letters arrived, but there came none to her addressed in the large bold hand of the one which she almost carried about with her, and read so incessantly that she must have known every dot and scratch of it by heart. But she kept up, like the plucky little thing she was, and was the very queen of all the Christmas gayeties at Chavasse and elsewhere. And even to me, the only person in whom there was a possibility of her confiding, she never uttered a solitary word which could be translated into doubt of her strangely absent lover. And Madame, with all her sharp eyes, had no idea of the secret which the little lady and I had between us.

The third day of the first week in the New Year was milder than the few preceding ones had been, and the sharp east wind had left us. Nat brought a pale face and heavy eyes to the luncheon-table, exciting Madame's anxious comments, and finally, after a good deal of trouble, I succeeded in coaxing her to walk into the village with me, intending to call at the rectory to see Alice Deeping. Thither we went accordingly, and found Miss Alice and her mother enjoying a quiet "spoon" in the fire-lighted drawing-room. Mrs. Deeping was upstairs, a martyr to the last stages of a cold, and the rector was preparing the coming Sunday's sermon in his study. Tea and cakes, talk and laughter, filled up more time than we knew, and it was late when we got back to the Mount—dark, in fact.

Entering the hall, lighted as yet only by its big fire, which had burned down, we went as a matter of course toward the library, knowing that Madame would most likely be there. There she was, but not alone, as we had before we had fairly crossed the threshold. The great room was mostly in shadow, being illumined only by two or three shaded lamps, but there was light enough to show us Madame, with mademoiselle behind her, seated in a great chair by the fire, the ruddy light of which played upon her handsome face as she looked to the man standing easily before her on the rug. Only the riestest glimpse I caught of him, for Nat gave a kind of startled gasp and pulled me back. I stared. I had never seen a face of such scared astonishment as the one she raised to mine.

"What's the matter?" I queried, taken aback by her look.

"The matter?" she echoed, staring at me with dilating eyes. "Don't you see?"

"I see there's some fellow or other there. What of it? It isn't Roger."

"What of it?" she repeated, and gave the gasp again as she clutched my arm with both hands, inflicting a pinch as severe as it was no doubt unconscious. "Everything of it! Oh, Ned, that man is Raby St. George!"

CHAPTER XXI.

"Raby St. George!" I had nothing to be afraid about, and yet I repeated the name with a face and tone which I knew were pretty nearly as blank as Nat's own; and for an instant we stared at each other, as completely unconcerned as if Raby St. George had been a polite name for Beelzebub.

Then there was a slight stir in the room, and Nat, with a half-stifled exclamation of consternation, released my arm and rushed across the hall, disappearing up the stairs, and dropping

ping muff and gauntlet-gloves in her hurry, just as Madame showed herself at the library door.

"Oh, it is you, then, Ned!" she said. "I fancied so. 'Why?'—in a tone of surprise—'where is Natalie?'—and she has gone upstairs to dress—thought we were late!"

Returned, slightly confused, but putting as good a face upon the matter as Madame's eyes permitted. "Nearly time for dinner, isn't it?"

"Not yet; it is not more than half-past six. Come in, Ned. I have an old friend of Natalie's to whom I wish to introduce you."

Madame went into the room again, and I had no choice but to follow her into the bright soft light which the fire threw round the hearth-rug. Raby St. George, standing there, an upright, graceful, well-built figure, turned to respond to the few easy words with which my mother introduced me. His air, his bearing, his voice, his manner, were all those of a gentleman, and I felt bound mentally to confess so much. Yet somehow he irritated me—perhaps because he treated me too much like a boy to exactly suit my fancy. At any rate, the ordinary commonplace words between us, he resumed his conversation with my mother precisely as though I had not been there, and with an ease and being, which I found highly exasperating.

"Natalie has run away to dress," Madame observed, gracefully, as she assumed her seat. "If she had known that you were waiting to see her, she would hardly have been in such a hurry."

Mr. St. George, leaning one elbow carelessly upon the chimney-piece, which was as much as he could comfortably do, for he was not tall, smiled and bowed. But I caught a singular expression upon his face as he did so, and wondered whether the keen-eyed lady who was looking at him noticed it, too. Apparently she did not, for with her usual dignified air, she took up the thread of conversation which my entrance had broken. And before they had talked five minutes I clearly saw two things—first, that Madame did not seem to be still being George's lover, and second, that he had contrived to make a decidedly favorable impression upon her.

Left out of the conversation, as I said, and leaning with my arm on the carved back of Madame's chair, I had an opportunity of looking at and examining the man whom Nat had declared she hated, and who loved her "dreadfully," as she had phrased it, in a fashion which struck me as being slightly sensual. No, he had done so in any case, for I am fond of studying new faces; but Nat's connection with this particular individual added to the ordinary curiosity which I should have felt.

(To Be Continued.)

CHIEF WILLIAMS DIFFERS WITH WARDEN GILMOUR

In Regard to the Law and the Treatment of Delinquents.

Chief Williams does not agree with the statement of Mr. Gilmour, warden of the Central Prison, that the law in regard to dealing with delinquents needs to be changed in order that better results may be obtained.

"Dr. Gilmour sees criminals at their best," said the chief to The Advertiser today. "Ninety-nine men out of a hundred are good when they are in prison, but out of the door they are the criminal class who go back to his old habits as soon as he is freed. We have had men time after time sent to prison. You couldn't get a better idea of many instances, where men who have been committed to penitentiary have behaved excellently and been model men while they were in prison, but as soon as they are released they go right back to crime, and it is not long before they are in penitentiary again. Again they will behave excellently, and as soon as released become criminals. It is only those who are dealing with them that know."

AFTER MORGAN STORE

American Concerns Want to Purchase a Big Montreal Store.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 14.—Negotiations are admitted to have been going on for some time looking to the acquisition of the Henry Morgan & Co. Limited, departmental store, here, by Siegel-Cooper, and other American interests, but it is stated that the price offered some time ago, said to be several millions, was declined by Morgans, as being too low. Another and better offer has been made now, and is understood to be under consideration by the firm.

SOMETHING EXTRA!

A very fine and artistically designed Upright Piano, 7-1-2 octaves, 3 pedals, full music desk, all improvements. This piano was out a few months, but is just as good as new. Regular price was \$375, now only \$250; payable \$5 per month. Fully guaranteed for five years, the same as new. Heintzman & Co., 242 Dundas street.

THE U. S. OFFICIALS SAVE MUCH TROUBLE

Emigration Agents Come to London and Examine Baggage on Train.

Some comment has been caused by the American emigration officers coming as far as London and inspecting the baggage of passengers on evening trains for American cities. It was stated that this was done in order to save the time and trouble of examining the baggage between here and Sarnia, many of the passengers would be inconvenienced at Sarnia or over ports. This would mean a serious delay, and by the present arrangement much time is saved.

In regard to turning people back at the border, officials say that nobody who has sufficient money to insure their not becoming a charge on the public is turned back, provided they are desirable characters, Canadian officers, they say, enforce the same laws on Americans coming into Canada, and the aim is to prevent people who cannot maintain themselves, or who are unfit to enter because of disease, becoming citizens.

During the fall and winter season of 1908-09, which ended March 21, 221 persons perished by shipwreck and 89 vessels met with disaster off the coast of New England and British North American coasts.

Fines or imprisonment are the punishments in Prussia for keeping children away from school.

STARKEY VS. MARTYN HEARD AT SESSIONS

Plaintiff Sues His Former Employer as Result of Injuries Received in a Fall.

In opening the session of the county court yesterday afternoon, Judge Macbeth addressed the grand jury on the cases that were presented to them for consideration.

In charging them as to the visiting of public buildings, his honor remarked that all he would ask of them was that they should visit the jail; as the other public institutions had been visited times recently, and would be so again within the course of three weeks, he saw no reason for instructing them to visit the other buildings, and would leave that matter to their own discretion.

Starkey Vs. Martyn.

The first and only case called during the afternoon was that of Richard James Starkey, against L. H. Martyn, the contractor, and George Hammett, bricklayers.

The plaintiff testified that he was working in the employ of Mr. Martyn at the St. Peter's Parish Hall on June 1st, and was engaged in putting up a scaffold for building the roof, and while standing on a ladder waiting to nail the scaffold, a brick fell, striking him on the inside of the knee. The blow made him feel faint, and he stepped to the ground, but no serious results followed till July 6, when, without warning, his knee joint locked.

Physician's Evidence.

Dr. Kingsmill, on being called, testified that such condition as the plaintiff described could arise, and that the only way of remedying the condition would be a surgical operation. Such a blow as the plaintiff described might occasion a locking of the joint after some interval of time.

On being closely questioned, however, he stated that his examination had shown him nothing wrong with the joint, though it would be possible for there to be such injury, without his being able to locate it.

Mr. George Hammett on being called for the defence, testified that he had not heard of the accident for a month or six weeks after it had happened.

Thomas Bailey, the foreman laborer of the brick gang, testified that he had warned Starkey that if he worked under the scaffold he was liable to be hurt.

No Especial Danger.

Mr. Gilmour, the foreman, testified that the crew of bricklayers, and that he did not think the plaintiff was in special danger. He had been in the position himself and had thought nothing of it.

Dr. Hadley Williams testified that if the man had had a misplaced cartilage he would not have been able to go to work.

There are no physical signs to show any physical disability.

The jury were then dismissed till 9:30 this morning.

LOCAL OPTIONISTS MADE EVEN BREAK

Carried Three of Six Elections in Saskatchewan Municipal Voting.

Regina, Dec. 14.—The chief interest in the provincial municipal elections in Saskatchewan was centred on six points where local option bylaws were at stake. The result, according to reports today, was an even break.

At Milestone local option carried by the not extravagant margin of nine. At Moosemin, where three bars and a wholesale liquor license were affected, the bylaw also carried, with the modest surplus of five votes. The rural district of J. H. Hout also voted dry, but with the substantial majority of 74, the figures being: For local option 122, against 53.

In Saskatoon, a public opinion was nicely balanced, the bylaw being defeated by seven votes.

In Sintuluta local option was defeated by a majority of three.

Woolsey voters turned it down by the comparatively large majority of nine.

MAJOR BEATTIE AND THE RACING PETITIONS

Will Make It His Business to Look Into the Matter.

Major Beattie, on hearing of the statements made at the recent meeting of the Presbytery of London, that some hundreds of petitions against gambling had been inclosed in an envelope and sent to him at Ottawa, remarked:

"I beg to state most positively that not one of these petitions have reached to this day. If the Rev. Mr. Inkster and the London Presbytery will have a little patience, I will make it my business to discover where those petitions went."

Major Beattie also stated that he thought he was in a position to furnish information that would enable him to trace the petitions, but he expressed himself as sorry that the members of the presbytery had sent their petitions direct to him, when it would have given him great pleasure to present them to the House.

Rev. Mr. Inkster Speaks.

Rev. Mr. Inkster spoke to about the matter said that he had no objection in accepting Major Beattie's statement. He had been definitely informed by Dr. Shearer, however, that the petitions had been duly sent in separate envelopes to the representatives of the constituencies from which they had come. Since Dr. Shearer had returned to Toronto he had written Mr. Inkster stating that he had made inquiries, and there had been no mistake in the sending of the petition.

The petitions would have been sent direct to Major Beattie, he said, were it not for the fact that the forms had been received from the department of moral reform with instructions to be returned there.

Tight Money Pinching Many.

Thousands more are being squeezed by aching corns which can be cured quickly by Putnam's Corn Extractor. Being free from caustics, Putnam's is painless. Used successfully for fifty years. Use no other.

BACK TO WORK.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 14.—Twenty-five switchmen and trainmen who have been out on strike returned to work today. Some of them were members of

SALE OF FANCY LINENS

Hundreds of Pieces Specially Bought

Offered Thursday at 29c and 49c

Only by a personal visit will you comprehend the extent and beauty of this great sale of Fancy Piece Linens we submit for Thursday's early buyers. This sale is the result of an unusually fortunate purchase, and comes just in time for the Christmas trade. We have all the approved new things in Lunch Cloths, Dresser and Sideboard Scarfs, Centrepieces, Shams, etc. To enumerate every article in this lot in detail would easily fill this page, so we content ourselves by saying that though former sales have been marked by great bargain-giving, that this Linen Sale for Thursday eclipses any similar event on record. Prices like these, associated with such qualities, should prove attractive to anyone with Christmas gifts to buy.

Lawn Waists Worth to \$1.50 for 89c

Here's one solution to the important and perplexing gift problem. These Waists we place on sale Thursday are all the newest styles for spring, 1910, and by accepting early delivery of 100 dozen of our Spring Waist purchases from the celebrated Laurentian Whitewear Company, we secured a special discount. The Waists have handsome embroidered fronts, sleeves and back trimmed with tucks. A great variety of patterns to choose from. Worth to \$1.50, for 89c

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the strikers' observance committee. Ten of those who came to work resumed their places on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, and the others were divided among the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis and Omaha roads.

NOT PREPARING TO WAR ON BRITAIN

Prince Henry of Prussia Says Germany Not Seeking Trouble.

London, Dec. 15.—A telegram appears in the London papers from Prince Henry of Prussia, dealing with a series of articles written by the Socialist, Blackford, which are being printed in London. In these articles, Blackford declares that Germany is making preparations for war on a large scale, and is building a great navy, which can only be destined for use against England, and includes the statement that the officers of the German warships are in the habit of daily drinking the simple toast, "Am tag," meaning thereby an attack on England.

Prince Henry's telegram characterizes the last statement as "a beastly lie from beginning to end," and adds: "We honor and respect our British naval officers, with whom we are proud of being on friendly terms."

War Secretary Haldane, addressing a political meeting at Trarant, Scotland, last night, said that he did not think Germany had the least intention of invading Great Britain. The German people, he believed, desired to live well with the British, but he added, "We shall keep our powder dry."

THE MISSING PEERESS

London, Dec. 15.—The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Lady Churchill, wife of Viscount Churchill, who was last seen with her three children on the St. Pancras railway station two weeks ago, Sunday, has been deepened up to yesterday, it had been generally understood that her husband was the author of the reward posted for information as to her whereabouts, but last night this was denied by the authority of Lord Churchill.

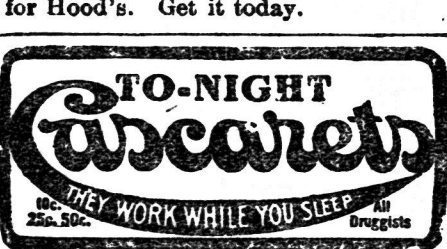
Today the Earl of Londsdale, brother of Lady Churchill, circulated a telegram in which he said that he was exceedingly surprised to read in the newspapers that neither Lord Churchill nor his solicitors had offered the reward of \$125 for information as to Lady Churchill's whereabouts. "For," says Lord Londsdale, "it was put up in the St. Pancras railway station by the solicitors and with Lord Churchill's consent."

Replying to this, the solicitors for Viscount Churchill have issued a statement in which they say "the notice to which the Earl of Londsdale refers was not put up by direction of Lord Churchill's solicitors or with the sanction of Lord Churchill."

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Ingredients give to Hood's Sarsaparilla its great curative power—power to cure many and varied complaints, including diseases of the blood, ailments of the stomach, troubles of the kidneys and liver.

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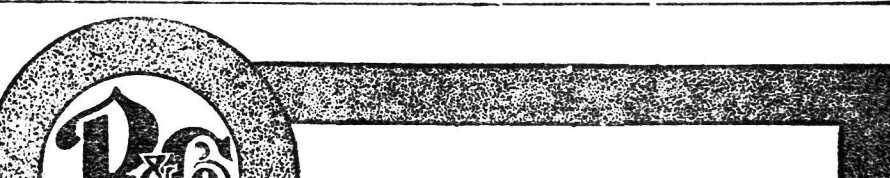
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Fine Furs Make Fine Gifts

Now, when everybody's thoughts have turned to Christmas and Christmas-giving, we have reduced the prices on all our enormous stock of reliable furs. Every piece is warranted in every way, and the prices are unusually low for such qualities. This display consists of Men's Rat-Lined Overcoats, Near Seal Jackets, and Ladies' Fur-Lined Coats, besides Muffs, Stoles and Fancy Neck-Pieces, in every desirable fur.

Make your purchase now, when there is time to make a careful selection. Our CREDIT system enables you to buy now. Pay a small deposit and the balance after Christmas.

We mention a few items, but our stock is most complete.

- \$22.50 Persian Paw Set, now \$16.50
 - \$20.00 Siberian Grey Squirrel Set, now \$14.75
 - \$22.50 Isabella Fox Muff, now \$13.75
 - \$18.00 Grey Lamb Set, now \$12.75
 - \$18.00 White Thibet Set, now \$11.75
 - \$15.00 Russian Pony Set, now \$8.75
 - American Sable Set, only \$7.50
- All other Furs at reduced prices.

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If you take several doses of Pape's Diuretic, all backache and distress from out-of-order kidneys or bladder trouble will vanish, and you will feel fine.

Lame back, painful stitches, rheumatism, nervous headache, dizziness, irritability, sleeplessness, inflamed or swollen eyelids, worn-out, sick feeling and other symptoms of sluggish, inactive kidneys disappear.

Uncontrollable, smarting, frequent urination (especially at night) and all bladder misery ends.

Feeling miserable and worried is needless, because this unusual preparation goes at once to the disordered

kidneys, bladder and urinary system and distributes its healing, cleansing and vitalizing influence directly upon the organs and glands affected, and completes the cure before you realize it.

The moment you suspect any kidney or urinary disorder or feel rheumatic pains, begin taking this harmless medicine, with the knowledge that there is no other remedy at any price, made anywhere else in the world, which will effect so thorough and prompt a cure as a 50-cent treatment of Pape's Diuretic, which any druggist can supply.

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THE COMMONS RECEIVE

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\$6,064,505, it dropped in 1908-09 to \$5,052,404.

There was thus a decline in the year's revenue of nearly eleven million dollars, or 11½ per cent. The expenditure chargeable to income was \$4,064,232, and the actual surplus was \$1,992,171.

In customs there was a decrease of over \$10,000,000, in excise a decrease of \$444,323, a postoffice surplus of \$234,737, and an increase in Dominion lands of \$647,405.

Mr. Fielding said that the expenditure for 1908-09 was \$10,000,000 less than the revenue, and a half million over the expenditure of the previous year.

Turning to the question of capital and special charges, for 1908-09, they had to acknowledge an increased debt of \$15,569,419. Of this sum, nearly \$25,000,000 had been expended on the National Transcontinental Railway, \$18 and a half millions on the Quebec bridge, and four and a half on other railways.

A Cheerful Story.

Coming to the current fiscal year, 1909-10, he had a more cheerful story to tell. There had been a gratifying recovery of activity, abundant harvests, activity in labor, and less loss had been recovered. The revenue up to Dec. 1, 1909, was \$6,456,599, which represented an increase over the revenue for the corresponding period of the previous year of over nine and a half million dollars.

Assuming that the revenue for the remaining four months of the present fiscal year would be the same as during the corresponding period of last year, this would make the revenue for the entire current year \$64,634,687. But it might reasonably be assumed that there would be some further increase. In 1908-09, the increase of \$2,500,000, this would make the revenue for 1909-10 approximately \$71½ million dollars, or nearly one and a half million dollars better than the record year of 1907-08. It was quite possible, said Mr. Fielding, that they would come near the hundred-million-dollar mark during the present year.

Expenditure Reduced.

Coming to the question of expenditure, the Finance Minister estimated that in 1909-10 the expenditure chargeable to income would not exceed \$31,000,000, that is, a reduction of \$5,000,000 as compared with the preceding year.

"And so as respects the finances of this year," he said, "the dominant note of the budget must be a large increase in the first place, and in the second place a very substantial reduction in expenditure."

There was voted by the Parliament of Canada, expenses during this year, \$30,484,738, and a similar appropriation for 1908-09 was \$32,372,488. This showed a large reduction in appropriations. Of the capital appropriations for 1909-10, \$20,000,000 were assigned to the National Transcontinental, and it is expected that \$10,000,000 of the balance will be spent.

Special Charges.

Then there is to be added railway subsidies, bounties and other special charges, which Mr. Fielding estimated at five and a half million dollars. Thus the total capital and special charges for the year will be \$35,500,000, the estimated reduction on capital and special expenditure is \$13,422,161, so that the total expenditure shows a reduction of \$16,456,233.

Deducting the surplus of 16½ million dollars, and sinking fund of 1½ million dollars, making \$17,500,000 from the capital and special expenditure of the year, \$35,500,000, this will represent an increase of debt of \$17,500,000, or \$2,250,000 less than the expenditure on the Transcontinental Railway.

Mr. Fielding here remarked that in his opinion their aim ought to be to provide out of the revenue of the country for all ordinary expenditure and all capital and special expenditure outside of other than the National Transcontinental Railway.

Turning to the year 1910-1911, Mr. Fielding said that he was hopeful they would be able to repeat the policy of the present year of keeping down the public debt. He hoped that they would

be able to provide for ordinary expenditure out of revenue and for that portion of the capital and special expenditure outside of the N. T. R. For that expenditure it would not be unreasonable that they should go on the money market.

Mr. R. L. Borden asked what the total expenditure on the N. T. R. including the Quebec bridge would be on March 31, 1910.

Mr. Fielding replied that it would be about \$73,000,000.

In reply to a question by Mr. Foster, the minister of finance, said that everything was to be gained by pushing the N. T. R. to a conclusion.

With regard to the revenue for the next fiscal year he thought they should have no hesitation in estimating that it would reach the hundred-million mark, and therefore, they would be able to provide for ordinary expenditure, and for that portion of the capital expenditure which would not refer to the N. T. R.

Some Departures.

Mr. Borden asked how much would be required to complete the N. T. R. Mr. Fielding said that the Minister of Railways would make a statement later upon that.

The Minister of Finance announced that there would be a new departure in accounting. He intends to charge arms and ammunition for the militia and Dominion lands to income instead of to capital. It is also expected that the appropriation for naval expenditure is charged to income. The later expenditure being a large one, will be distributed over several years, and Mr. Fielding hopes that it will not add anything to the public debt.

Mr. Foster asked if the minister intended to adjust the bounties and steamship subsidies as well.

Mr. Fielding replied that bounties were on all four with the payment of railway subsidies. When you paid money for the property for your property of the company. But he had never been able to regard steamship subsidies as merely temporary. They had lasted longer than was expected, but they stood in the same relation to the country as a railway subsidy, and the return came to the country in the form of development of trade.

Bounties Expiring.

Mr. Fielding pointed out that the chief bounties on iron and steel would expire on Dec. 31, 1910. There is a bounty on iron rods not limited to time, one on lead, which is limited, and one on oil, which is not limited. The bounties for electricity, which had been extended for two years longer, will probably also expire. After that the bounties will be very small.

He showed that these bounties have accomplished much in developing trade in those localities in which industries had been established, particularly the St. Lawrence, North Sydney, and the St. John's, New Glasgow. During the period between 1890 and 1899 the total revenue from these districts was \$7,750,000, which increased to \$16,710,000, so that of \$13,377,000 paid in bounties nine millions had come back.

The Population.

Mr. Fielding said that the population of Canada on March 31 next was estimated at 7,500,000. In 1891 the net debt per capita was \$49.09, and in 1909, \$45.85. He gave a number of comparative figures regarding trade and immigration and emigration, and dealt with matters affected by the West India trade commission, the French treaty, the disposition of Germany to enter into trade negotiations with Canada, the possibility of trade relations with Italy and Belgium.

After reading the message of President Taft to Congress a few days ago, Mr. Fielding said that they might consider that the United States Government had a very correct appreciation of what was due to other countries, and that Canada particularly, and he considered that there was abundant assurance that President Taft and his cabinet were desirous of continuing the close and friendly relations which prevailed between Canada and the republic.

To Prosecute Combines.

Mr. Fielding said that a gold coinage would, in course of time, be struck at the mint, which, after two years of operating, showed a handsome profit. He touched upon the exportation of United States coinage from Canada, the object of which was to bring greater profits to the Canadian mint, and said he hoped that the Canadian mint would be renewed. The net profits of the mint to date was \$271,838.

In concluding his speech the finance minister referred to legislation regarding combines which had been alluded to in the speech from the throne. He intimated that the Government where there was a reasonable prima facie case would provide all the expenses for prosecuting an inquiry into any alleged combines.

BRO. J. A. CALHOUN IS WORSHIPFUL MASTER

St. John's Lodge, No. 20, A. F. and A. M., Held Annual Meeting.

At the annual meeting of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, A. F. and A. M., held last evening, the officers for the year were elected as follows:

I. P. M., Wor. Bro. R. Booth; Wor. Master, Bro. J. A. Calhoun; S. W., Bro. F. J. Darch; J. W., Bro. F. B. Gidley; J. D., Bro. C. W. Winterbottom; D. of C., Wor. Bro. W. R. Bishop; secretary, Bro. M. D. Dawson; treasurer, Bro. Geo. Tumbler; chaplain, Bro. Rev. W. Lowe; organist, Bro. J. E. Thorn; S. S., Bro. J. Footitt; J. S., Bro. Ed. Gerry; Tyler, Wor. Bro. Robertson; representative to board of benevolence, Rt. Wor. Bro. A. B. Greer; auditors, Bro. A. McKinney and Bro. G. Garner.

Many Were Present.

There was a very large representation of the membership of the lodge present, and keen interest was taken in the elections. The business was settled quickly and shortly after 10 o'clock the members and visitors, of whom there were many, adjourned to the banquet hall. Wor. Master-elect Calhoun, in the course of the toast list and after the health of the King and the Craft had been drunk, he introduced the toast to the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The toast was responded to by Bro. F. Lott, Belmont; Bro. B. E. Brighton, Union Lodge, No. 880; Wor. Bro. Stratford, Union Lodge, No. 880; Wor. Bro. W. G. Tulett, Corinthian; Wor. Bro. Zeigler, Tuscan; Bro. W. A. Wilcox, Corinthian; Bro. Rev. T. H. Mitchell and Bro. W. H. Black, of Stewart Town, Ireland. The speech of Rev. Mr. Mitchell was worthy of special mention, and was greatly enjoyed.

The Junior warden's toast was taken by Bro. W. H. Black, of Stewart Town, Ireland. The Junior warden's toast was taken by Bro. W. H. Black, of Stewart Town, Ireland.

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Women's Tan Calf Hockeys, four stays, padded tongue \$2.00

Boys' Grain Hockeys, padded tongue, \$1.50

Boys' Chrome Calf Hockeys, tan tongue and stays \$1.75

Men's Chrome Calf Hockeys, 4 stays, \$2.00

Men's Box Calf Hockeys, tan tongue and stays \$2.50

Imitation Alligator Slippers, tan or black 75¢

Fancy Figured Velvet Slippers, 75¢, \$1.00

Cozy German Felt Slippers, 50¢, 75¢, \$1

All Tan or Black Alligator Slippers, \$1.00

Chocolate or Black Dongola Slippers, \$1.25

Chocolate or Black Vici Kid Slippers, \$1.50

Romeo Cut Slippers, elastic sides, per pair \$1.50, \$2.00

Boys' Soft Grain Slippers 75¢

Boys' Chocolate Kid Slippers \$1.00

Women's Red, Brown, Black Felt Juliets \$1.00

Women's English Made Velvet Juliets, \$1.00

Women's French Felt Juliets, very fine \$1.25

Women's Kid Juliets, jersey lined, \$1.50

Women's German Felt Slippers, 50¢, 65¢

Women's Kid and Patent Four-Strap Slippers \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75

Women's Patent Colt Pumps, \$2, \$2.50, \$3

All colors in Bourdier Slippers \$1.35

Men's Pigskin Coin Purses 25¢

Women's Card Cases, 25¢, 35¢, 50¢, 75¢ and \$1.00

Men's Bill Folds, 35¢, 50¢, 75¢, \$1, \$1.50

Women's Combination Purses, 50¢, 75¢, \$1

Men's Wallets 50¢, 75¢, \$1, \$1.50

Men's Collar Boxes (all leather), 75¢, \$1

Women's Hand Bags, a special at 50¢

Women's Leather-Lined Bags, all leather, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$4

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Women's Card Cases, 25¢, 35¢, 50¢, 75¢ and \$1.00

Men's Bill Folds, 35¢, 50¢, 75¢, \$1, \$1.50

Women's Combination Purses, 50¢, 75¢, \$1

Men's Wallets 50¢, 75¢, \$1, \$1.50

Men's Collar Boxes (all leather), 75¢, \$1

Women's Hand Bags, a special at 50¢

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Music Rolls and Cases 75¢, \$1, \$2

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THAT IS NEWS

A DAY IN THE SPORTING WORLD

SIDE LIGHTS ON
MANY SPORTSYANKIES TOLD "YOU DIDN'T DO
IT, BUT DON'T DO IT ANY MORE"

New York Club Exonerated When Signal-Tipping Charges Were Taken Up at Yesterday's Session of Baseball Bosses at Gotham—National Politicians Sparring.

New York, Dec. 12.—Both major leagues were here today with their favorite killing tactics. The office for which was given by the national commission on Monday, when it wasted one day, putting over its scheduled session until this morning.

The Signal-Tipping Case. "Whereas, charges having been printed in the public press to the effect that during the past season a signal-tipping bureau was organized in connection with the New York American League ball club, and,

Neither Harry Tullitt nor George Stallings were summoned before the directors. The resolution was presented by the St. Louis club, seconded by Detroit, and went through without a hitch.

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TURF RESULTS

Tampa. Tamar 2 to 1, Anna Smith 7 to 2, Merise 9 to 5. Eva Tanguary 4 to 5, Lottie Darr 2 to 1, Autumn Girl 5 to 1. Hyperion II, 1 to 2, Otto 2 1/2 to 1, Cloisteress 8 to 2, Ozana 7 to 20, Forex 5 to 1. Mrs. Sewell 7 to 1, Descomets 3 to 5, Maximum 10 to 1. Grenard 8 to 5, La Salle 3 to 1, John Garner 8 to 5.

Jacksonville. Sou 5 to 2, Phorolis 9 to 5, Diction 6 to 1. Catherine Cardwell 13 to 5, Throckmorton 9 to 5, Duoid 12 to 1. Royal Cabrio 6 to 1, Cowen 2 to 1, Guy Fisher 7 to 1. Lord Nelson 13 to 10, Ragman 3 to 1, Croymond 20 to 1. Ballot Box 10 to 1, Billy Pullman 13 to 1. Oberon 3 to 1, St. Joseph 6 to 1, Gollonda 5 to 1.

Juarez. Jolter 4 to 1, Bright Skies 13 to 5, Joe Ehrlich 10 to 1. Keep Moving 6 to 2, Pedro 3 to 1, Wander 8 to 5. Mike Molett 13 to 5, Good Intent 6 to 1, Rustem 5 to 1. Gloria II 2 to 1, Early Tide 7 to 1, Lady Esther 20 to 1. Gold Finn 11 to 5, Ocean Queen 3 to 1, Marse Abe 16 to 5. Arcout 5 to 2, The Thorn 5 to 2, Miss Ladle 7 to 1.

CHARLIE MURPHY ADMITS OWNERSHIP OF PHILLIES

Sole Object in Securing Club Was To Overthrow President Heydler, It Is Said.

New York, Dec. 12.—According to a story circulated at the Waldorf-Astoria late last night, Charles Murphy, owner of the Chicago Cubs, last evening admitted that he was the mysterious purchaser of the Philadelphia National League club which have been spread since the new owners passed into the hands of their new owners. This alleged admission makes chances for a stormy season tomorrow all the brighter, Murphy, it is said, declared that he intended to turn the club over to Philadelphia people on New Year's Day, making it plain that his object in securing the club was to overthrow President Heydler, if the National doesn't, and will pay him a big salary.

GOTCH MAY QUIT WRESTLING GAME

Two More Big Bout's Will Probably Be Enough, Champion Says.

Cleveland, Dec. 12.—Frank Gotch is beginning to think of quitting the wrestling game. When in Cleveland last week he said, "About two more big matches and I guess I'll quit for good. I have threatened to do so for a year or so now, but confidentially I am not going to go about the country and meeting all-comers. But as long as I pose as the champion and anyone comes along who looks like he has the time of his scheduled battle with 'Young' Ziegler, Phil McGovern was prevented by the police from taking part in the contest. Immediately McGovern threatened to collect his guarantee, but his bluff was called by police, with the threat of arrest. Chief of Police McGuire insists that boxers who come to Pittsburgh must stay in the city. They must either pay more attention to their condition or stay from this city."

HOT SPRINGS FOR PIRATES

Club May Go To Pacific Coast, But It Rests With Manager Clarke.

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 12.—President Ebhardt, of the Brooklyn Baseball Association, announced that they have cleared with him for \$1,000, but Cobalt also claims him.

Toronto got ahead of both Montreal and Ottawa by having the first hockey team last night, and so out of the sounds very strange in view of the fact that the two other places are supposed to have better hockey weather all season.

Stuart, Walsh, Kerr and Lake, of last year's team, were out to the first practice of the Ottawas. Ken Mallen, of Renfrew, and Hamby Shore were also out. Fred Taylor would have been out if he had not misunderstood the night.

Law will be tried out in goal by the Victorias of Montreal. Campbell and Kennedy will fill the defence positions, while Gilbert, Hale and Grier will assist in the forwards. Stan McPherson, of the M. A. A. A., will also turn out with the Vics.

Toronto Varsity had a fine turnout at the Mutual Street rink Saturday night, some 30 members being on the ice. There is a lot of new material for this year's team, including Tilt, the champion long-distance runner, and a number of other players.

Improvements at Lansing. Mile Track Will Be Faster With Its New Turns.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 12.—Many improvements will be made in the mile track before the next race meeting of the Lansing Driving Club, which will take place in August. The turns have been built up with red clay, and the track will be put in shape for the early trainers. The stand will be enlarged and all the buildings painted. Just what purses will be given has not yet been decided, but the amount will be sufficient to attract good horses.

Stratford Hockey Practice. Stratford, Dec. 14.—A large crowd turned out tonight to witness the hockey practice. The ice was in fair shape and many of those being tried out showed themselves worthy of places on the Stratford teams for the coming season, and before long the teams will be picked and everything got in readiness for the opening of the season. Murray, with last year's Stratford intermediates, made a good impression.

Shrubs and Meadows. Toronto, Dec. 14.—Arrangements are being made to pull off a 12-mile race between Fred Meadows, of Guelph, and Alfred Shrubb, on Wednesday, Dec. 22. The terms are winner take all.

Bonsfleur at Collingwood. Collingwood, Dec. 14.—The Collingwood Curling Club will hold a bonspiel the second week in January, beginning Tuesday, Jan. 11. Valuable prizes will be given and special arrangements are being made to make it a success in every way.

Decision to Jimmy Moran. Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 15.—Jimmy Moran, the Brooklyn featherweight, defeated Babe Cullen, the Australian, last night, getting an easy decision at the end of eight rounds.

TOM LONGBOAT WON RACE FROM SHERRING

Winner of Athens Marathon Was in the Sulks and Made No Effort to Win Out

TOM'S TIME WAS 29:12 1-3 For Five Miles, and Track Appeared To Be Very Short—Contest Disappointing.

The alleged race between Longboat and Sherring held in the Simcoe street race track resulted in one of the most barefaced frosts that has ever been witnessed in this city. The Indian won by a lap, doing the five miles in 29:12 1-3.

Sherring, who it is said, had an argument in the dressing room before the "contest," jogged along the full distance without a sprint, and never carried his goal. At the finish Longboat dropped back and came up with a spectacular sprint, but the "hero of Athens" merely crowded up onto the ledge at the L.R. end and let him go by.

Indian Good Natured. Tom appeared to be in very good humor and sprinted several times, but Sherring, his opponent, did not seem in order to keep the contestants well together.

The track was figured out as fourteenth laps to the mile, but the majority of spectators believed that eighteen or twenty would have been nearer the mark.

At the start Sherring led for the first seven laps in a two-man race. Longboat then passed him and led by a quarter of a lap to three-quarters, until the thirteenth lap of the fifth mile, when he sprinted and lapped Sherring easily at the finish.

Billy was apparently in the sulks and made remarks to the spectators about the size of the crowd and the financial end of it as he covered the ground.

The times by miles was: First, 5:37; second, 11:50; third, 17:42; fourth, 23:20 and fifth, 29:12 1-3.

The officials: Starter, Christie; judges, Thos. Shaw and Dr. A. J. Wyckoff; scorers, J. W. Smith and T. H. Huskett; timer, Dr. Wyckoff.

SIX-DAY RIDERS INVADING BERLIN

Seven Americans Will Participate in German Races Dec. 27.

New York, Dec. 12.—Sailing from New York today on the Kron Prinzessin Cecilie are Clark and MacLeod, Root and Fogler, and Walthour and Stoll, the six-day bicycle riders. All of them will compete in a six-day race in Berlin on Dec. 27.

CALL MCGOVERN'S BLUFF

Police of Pittsburgh Are on the Right Lay in Handling Prizefights.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 12.—Because he failed to put in an appearance for physical examination 24 hours before the time of his scheduled battle with "Young" Ziegler, Phil McGovern was prevented by the police from taking part in the contest. Immediately McGovern threatened to collect his guarantee, but his bluff was called by police, with the threat of arrest. Chief of Police McGuire insists that boxers who come to Pittsburgh must stay in the city. They must either pay more attention to their condition or stay from this city."

JEFFRIES WANTS SHORT GO

Big California Pugilist Says He Will End Bout With Johnson as Quick as Possible.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 12.—James J. Jeffries, his "courage" of Chicago, passed through Cincinnati today en route for Chattanooga and New Orleans. Interviewed on the topic of his coming battle Jeffries said, "I wouldn't let that con man say round—nor a half of one—if I can possibly help it. The quicker I get through with him the better will my standing be. I want to see him like a hawk, and then give him a blow that will make the color green."

Jeffries says it's all rot to believe that he will allow the colored man to stay any longer on his feet than necessary, for every minute means more degradation for him.

FOGEL NOT INVITED

Barney Dreyfus Doesn't Want Horace at Magnates' Joyfest.

Horace Fogel isn't to be one of the guests at the banquet to be given at the Waldorf-Astoria tonight by Barney Dreyfus in behalf of the world's champions. Dreyfus says he won't recognize Fogel as a champion, and he is no longer a newspaper man, Horace can't get into the Waldorf on that score.

To prevent any dissent at the gathering, Dreyfus has withheld an invitation from a newspaper writer known to be John M. Ward's "press agent."

TEX RICKARD TO VISIT GARY?

Laporte Hears There Is Chance for Big Fight in Indiana.

Laporte, Ind., Dec. 15.—A dispatch received tonight from Gary says that Tex Rickard, the promoter of the Jeffries-Johnson fight, will visit the steel city within the next ten days to confer with the interests which have offered \$20,000 for the staging of the fight in Gary.

Eddie Graney, the well-known referee, has wired Gary that Gary is the logical place if the fight can be pulled off without interference by the governor.

POLO CUP CHALLENGE.

London, Dec. 15.—The Hurlingham Club polo committee, reconsidering its determination not to challenge the 1910 for the international polo cup, won last summer by the Meadowbrook team of Long Island, now has decided to pull out and send a provisional challenge to the Polo Association of the United States.

GOING TO SCOTLAND. New York, Dec. 14.—A team of prominent eastern professional golfers will visit Scotland for a double purpose this winter. In addition to measuring their strength with the British professionals abroad, the American representatives will make a study of the conditions in Scotland with regard to the latest ideas in the construction of the links of several of the largest American clubs are expected to benefit by their observations.

TOLD OF MAGNATES, PLAYERS AND POLITICIANS IN GOTHAM

Dope of All Sorts From the Big Ball Meeting—Gossip of the Presidential Election—Montreal Signs Smith—Murray Wants Contract Respected.

New York, Dec. 14.—At a conference of the Baseball Writers' Association today it was decided to keep out of the political fights of the major leagues. Officers will be elected by the scribes tomorrow.

Harry Dreyfus will entertain most of those present tomorrow evening at a dinner at the Waldorf. It celebrates the club's successes. As the magnates are likely to be held over until Thursday the spread should be well attended.

According to President Navin, in conversation today, there will be no rebuilding of Bennett Park next season. Some changes may be made to increase seating capacity, but the field in the main, will remain as at present.

Harry Wolverton came through today with an announcement that Detroit took in the Coughlin deal, belongs to him, and will not become a Tiger. President Navin says that at St. Louis has been awarded to him by the national commission, he cannot afford to worry.

There will be no first or second teams this spring when the Tigers start north from San Antonio. The veteran outfield and four young infielders will be on one team, with the regular infield and the second string outfielders on the other. The club has two catchers for each team and fifteen pitchers. It has six outfielders and something like ten infielders.

According to the report of the treasurer of the American League, read to the directors today, the organization played to more money in 1939 than at any time in its history.

Montreal's Detroit twirler, made his appearance today. He and Monte Cross, another arrival, are looking for managerial jobs. Enson was very successful in the New England League, and is a fine prospect for a Class C or D club.

All arguments about last year's championship race were ended today when the American League directors formally awarded the pennant to Detroit.

National League directors held a lengthy session this afternoon, going over the final statement and attending to other detail work.

One trade that was started today involves the exchange of Corridon and the Phils, or Zimmerman, of the Cubs.

The National League directors did not get through with their work, and will have a joint another session tomorrow morning. The pennant was officially awarded to the Pittsburgh club today.

Buffalo sold first baseman Clancy to Baltimore today, and is planning to get rid of Outfielder Flanagan.

The Montreal club signed George Smith, who was Buffalo's manager last year, as its second baseman.

Horace Fogel, the Phils' new president, arrived at noon and disappeared as soon as he learned that the National League meeting had been put over to Wednesday. He admitted that he was keeping out of sight. The National League will insist that he show the real owners of the club, the position of the Heydler forces being that the sale was a temporary move to give control of a vote to beat the present executive.

President Barnard and three Cleveland newspaper men had the proverbial luck of baseball tourists, being on the section of the Twentieth Century train that immediately preceded the two trains mixed up in the wreck at Northeast, Pa. Monday night.

In all probability Kid Elberfeld will be sold to Washington before the present gathering is over. It will be a cash deal if not through.

Pittsburgh today landed a first baseman to take the place of Abstein, who blew up so badly in the world's series. The new man is Jack Flynn, of the St. Paul club, one of the most promising youngsters in the country.

Tom O'Hara, left fielder on Bill Coughlin's Williamsport team, came through tonight with a strong blow to Pete Lister. The latter is the first sacker who will try for Tom Jones' job. O'Hara says Lister is a wonder on and throws, and should hit well for Detroit. He merited away above .550 in the Tri-State.

In the national commission meeting today it was decided to refuse to reopen the Torrey case, making that player a Cincinnati possession, and Player Amussen was awarded to Eau Claire.

According to a report tonight, the unripe bribery matter of last fall a year ago will be brought up tomorrow. The National League's profess anxiety to have President Johnson come to the front with some evidence on which action can be taken.

Joe O'Brien, most prominent of the dark horse candidates for Heydler's position, showed up today. Cap Anson and St. Ham, with their receptive committee, were also in view in the Waldorf lobby.

Cy Seymour is about wearing a wide smile. The national commission has decided that Brush must pay the outfielder the \$1,500 bonus that he was to get if he took good care of himself during 1939. Seymour proved his right to the money. George Stallings is willing to take Loe Criger in a trade, and probably will give McAlister a pitcher for the veteran backstop.

Joe Cantillon says that he will be on the job.

REPORT RECEIVED FROM COMMITTEES

A Meeting of London Amateur Athletic Executive Held Last Night

Site in Southern Part of City Is Favored—The Clubhouse.

The executive of the London Amateur Athletic Association held a meeting at the Travelers' Club last evening, and received reports from the sub-committees regarding grounds and buildings.

Several suitable places have been located for an athletic field, and a level piece of land which can be secured at a reasonable price in the southern end of the city is meeting with favor. Tecumseh Park is also spoken of.

The grounds out south are on a car line, and within twelve minutes' walk of the city hall.

The clubhouse will be located in the central part of the city, in order that every person interested in sports may be brought out.

No difficulty in financing the deal is looked for, as the committee will be in a position to guarantee a splendid dividend each year.

A general meeting will be held in the near future at the call of the chairman and secretary.

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ORE SHIPMENTS.

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We guarantee a 50% increase in values in four months. We can't tell how much more within a year. But the opportunities for profitable investment, to say nothing of the business opportunities now open in the building of this new town of Chin, come only once in a life time. Do you want to share the profits?

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SERVANTS LACKING

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 15.—Sir James Whitney turned down today the application of a deputation of two hundred women, who, headed by Lady Edgar and Mrs. Samson, asked that the Government send a woman agent to England, to secure domestics for the people of this country. Sir James said if an association was formed for this purpose, however, the Government would give it a bonus.

A DOUBLE FUNERAL FOR FERRY VICTIMS

Remains of Thomas and Hines To Be Interred Tomorrow at Port Stanley.

St. Thomas, Dec. 15.—The bodies of Harry Thomas and Roy Hines, two of the victims of the ill-fated Bessemer, are in an undertaking establishment here today. Thomas' body will be taken to Port Stanley some time this afternoon, and the funeral service will take place tomorrow. There will be a memorial service at Port Stanley Sunday. It has not yet been decided when Hines' funeral will take place, but it will probably be at the same time as that of Thomas, and will also be held at Port Stanley. The double funeral will then go to Union Cemetery for interment.

CALLED TO OTTAWA

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shows that the matter received the most careful consideration from the church authorities in Rome. Strange to relate, the appointee's name was never mentioned publicly in connection with the vacancy, most likely owing to the general impression that a resident Canadian cleric would be appointed. However, in the appointment of Rev. M. F. Fallon, the Catholics of London will have one of the most brilliant and learned administrators in Canada. Rev. Father Fallon, although at present located in Buffalo, is a Canadian, and was located in Ottawa until about three years ago. While there he established a reputation for himself as a noted orator and a zealous priest. When he was transferred to Buffalo there was a general cry of protest from all classes. He was regarded as the most popular of the clergy at Ottawa.

Toronto News: Rev. Father Fallon was formerly superior of the University of Ottawa, and it was largely through his indefatigable labors that the buildings of the university, burned a few years ago, were erected on a most imposing scale. Dr. Fallon is considered one of the most brilliant members of the Oblate community, in his new appointment. Father Fallon succeeds Archbishop McEvay, of Toronto.

Toronto Mail: Father Fallon's three predecessors in the Bishopric of London, were Bishop Walsh, Bishop O'Connor and Bishop McEvay, who in turn were called to the Archbishopric of Toronto, the former succeeding the late Archbishop Lynch. Father Fallon is known as a gentle, broad-minded and scholarly cleric, and was much beloved in Ottawa and Buffalo.

Kingston Whig: The bishop-elect is a son of Dominic Fallon, who until this year, was a resident of Kingston. Father Fallon was born in Kingston, and received his primary education in St. Mary's School under the Christian Fathers. Then he went to Ottawa College, where he received his academic education, graduating with honors. For some years he was rector of St. Joseph's church, Ottawa, and also became rector of Ottawa College. At the latter institution, he gained fame through his ability as a rugby coach. It was under his direction that the old and other Ottawa rugbys received their knowledge of the game. Several years ago Father Fallon was transferred to Buffalo, N. Y., where he became rector of Holy Angels' College, and where he is at present.

Bishop-Elect Fallon is one of the leading Roman Catholic clergymen in America today. He is of Irish parentage, he possesses an eloquence and fluency of speech that has given him rank as an orator of ability. He has written many articles on church matters that attracted wide notice. Throughout his whole career he has been a leader, being ever aggressive. As Bishop of London he should do more vigorous work than ever. His Kingston friends are proud of his latest elevation.

Toronto Globe: Archbishop McEvay received notice yesterday of the appointment of Rev. Father Fallon to the See of London. Father Fallon is one of the best-known priests in Canada. He was born in Kingston about 55 years ago, and in 1891 he joined the Oblate Order at Ottawa.

After taking his vows in the order he taught in Ottawa College for a number of years, ultimately becoming superior of the institution. He was head of the university when its buildings were destroyed by fire some years ago, and it was largely due to his zeal and energy that the college recovered so fully from the blow. About five years ago Father Fallon was removed to Buffalo, where he has since been in charge of the Holy Angels' parish. He is quite well known there as a man of learning, and is considered a fluent speaker.

Toronto Star: Father Fallon, who has been raised to the dignity of Bishop of London, is one of the best known priests in Canada.

Father Fallon's name was mentioned as one likely to be chosen, but as he knew nothing about his name being forwarded to Rome he felt compelled to make a public denial that he was expecting the honor.

The vacancy in the see of London was brought about by the elevation of Bishop McEvay to the Archbishopric of Toronto. Several names were mentioned as his likely successor, but prominent among which was that of Rev. L. Hand, pastor of St. Paul's. Official word of the appointment will come to the archiepiscopal residence here, but it has not yet arrived. Rev. Dr. Kidd, secretary to his grace, had not heard the news when the Star called upon him, and seemed somewhat surprised.

"I know of him, but I do not know him personally," Dr. Kidd stated. The see of London has been vacant since June, 1907, a total of 18 months, and is somewhat of a record for Canada.

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WIDER POWERS FOR QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

Kingston, Dec. 15.—Queen's College trustees have appointed Sir Sanford Fleming, Chief Justice MacLennan, Principal Gordon, Rev. Dr. Herdridge and Prof. Adam Shortt a committee to confer with the committee of the General Assembly in regard to university separation to draft a scheme giving wider powers to Queen's.

The late James Gillies, of Braeside, left a legacy of \$2,000 to the college.

VICTOR GRAMAPHONE RECITAL

Unique Entertainment Last Evening in Nordheimers.

A very unique entertainment was given last night in the Nordheimer Hall, when all who are interested in good music were invited to attend a Victor gramophone recital. The evening's programme was a decided revelation to most of those who were in attendance. Even the owners of gramophones who were fully aware of the wonderful musical possibilities of the instrument, were surprised at the magnificent reproductions of the voices of some of the foremost singers of the age, while those who had only a distant knowledge of the instrument were more than delighted and surprised. The selections given were all of recognized worth, and demonstrated that the gramophone had graduated from the toy stage, with its representations of the familiar ballads of the street, to be a real factor in the musical world of finance, prevent many people from being able to hear some of the foremost singers of their time, who sing only in large centres and at large prices, but the great majority of people could enjoy such a programme as was given last night and hardly realize that they were not listening to the great singers themselves. Geraldine Farrar, Antonio Scotti, Jean Gerville-Reache and Madame Schumann-Heink were among those who were heard last night, and all those present agreed that the rendition of their wonderful voices was in itself magnificent. The band and orchestra selections, too, by some of the foremost musical organizations on this continent and the old land, were also a delight to those who took advantage of the opportunity offered to them last night.

**A Romantic Play.**

Those who have not read the book "Graustark," by George Barr McCutcheon, which was one of the successes of the past season, will be gratified at the prospect of witnessing the dramatization of same, which comes to the Grand Friday next.

The play is of a romantic character, dealing with a subject ever new yet old, that of love. There is plenty of action throughout the five acts of the play, intermingling in which there is an abundant amount of high class and infectious comedy scenes.

Saturday at the Grand.

The "Smart Set" company will be the attraction Saturday, matinee and night in "His Honor, the Barber," at the Grand. When it is considered that there is not an interpolated song in the entire production, and that the whole performance is by negroes who have been called from the ranks of the best musical comedy and vaudeville fields in the country, an idea of the performance may be had. The leading comedian, Mr. Dudley, is well known.

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LEAPED INTO LION'S CAGE AT THE ZOO

Toronto, Dec. 15.—A leap into the lion's cage at Riverdale Park Zoo was made by the foxterrier owned by Superintendent Good, and it is considered a miracle that his life has been spared to enjoy the luxury of rat meat, a delicacy he risked his life for. A rat of no mean proportions was travelling along a steam pipe that extends through the lion's cage. The terrier saw his prey, and with lightning haste sprang underneath the wire railing of the cage.
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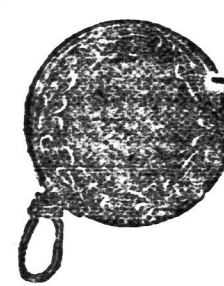
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LONDON AND DISTRICT

G. T. R. Earnings.

Grand Trunk Railway System traffic earnings from Dec. 1 to 7, 1909: 1908, \$798,537; 1909, \$691,243; increase, \$107,294.

Meeting Postponed.

The meeting of St. Andrew's Society, which was to have been held last night, has been postponed for ten days.

I. B. S. Meeting.

The Irish Benevolent Society will meet on Thursday evening, Dec. 16, in the hall of trade routes to consider Christmas cheer. A full attendance is requested.

Charitable Grants.

At the regular meeting of London Council, No. 75, of the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends on Monday evening, grants of \$5 each were made to the Children's Aid Society and to the Home for Incurables.

Slipped on Walk.

John Kidd, a porter at the Tecumseh House, slipped on the sidewalk near the corner of York and Richmond streets last night and broke his left arm. The fracture was reduced, and he is doing as well as can be expected.

"Dan" Derbyshire Coming.

An event of much interest to Odd-fellows will be the visit this evening of Bro. Dan Derbyshire, grand master of the lodges of Ontario. Bro. Derbyshire is making his official visit, and special work will be presented before him. It is expected that there will be a large turnout of brethren from all through the district.

A Florence Wedding.
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PRACTICAL FURRIER.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miles, Florence, Ont., a quiet wedding took place, when Miss Belle Miles, of London, became the bride of Mr. Isaac Crowder, of Florence. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. M. Farney, Church of England. The bride was tastefully gowned in brown tulle, and carried a few white roses, and the result was that she landed behind the bars at Carling street.

The funeral of Ex-Ald. John H. Pritchard was held yesterday afternoon from the undertaking parlors of Smith, Son & Clarke, to Woodland Cemetery, and was very largely attended. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. G. Pennington, the pallbearers were Messrs. John Stevenson, Frank Lawson, W. Scott, Joseph Weld, John Longhead and Alex. Fraser, all members of the London Bowling Club. Among the beautiful wreaths were one from the city council, one from St. George's Society, and one from an old friend.

Court House Officers.
Court House, No. 1, independent order of Foresters, elected officers recently, which resulted as follows: C. D. H. R. Bro. William Tackaberry; C. R. Bro. Fred Mason; P. C. R. Bro. J. H. Hambley; V. C. R. Bro. N. D. E. S. J. H. Hambley; R. S. Bro. Fred Anstie; treasurer, Bro. T. G. Davidson; auditor, Bro. J. H. Hambley; W. Bro. H. Swindall; J. W. Bro. R. A. Bassitt; S. B. Bro. Albert Noble; J. B. Bro. Alex. Patterson; auditors, Bro. J. V. Cutler and Bro. Hambley; Bro. F. Mason and Bro. Philip Mathews; delegate to the central committee, Fred Mason; J. R. Hambley, Geo. Noble, John Bassitt, captain of the carpetball team, Bro. John Bassitt.

Debate on "Trades Unions."
On Thursday night the Western University Literary Society will hold their final inter-year debate between the students and seniors. The subject will be, "Resolved, that trades unions, as now organized, are detrimental to the nation's welfare."

The initiative will be taken by Miss Johnston and Mr. A. S. H. Cree, of the class of '12, while Miss Myrtle Reynolds and Mr. E. N. Ballantyne, of the class of '10, will support the negative. This debate will decide the inter-year championship, as both years are winners of previous debates. A musical and literary programme will also be rendered, and everyone is cordially invited to attend the last meeting of the "Lit." during the fall term.

Conditions Are Better.

The Salvation Army are already well into their Christmas operations. The members of the League of Mercy have been making their rounds, and have found that conditions are much better than they were last year.

The Christmas work of the army a year ago made very considerable demands on their resources, and even on the funds needed for the winter's necessities, which is one of the most necessary branches of their activities, with the result that the army were very seriously handicapped. This year work has been plentiful, and will likely remain so till after the new year, at least, so it is not expected that there will be a great demand on the Christmas department, as in 1908, and it is hoped that there may be a surplus in this fund to augment the funds for the winter work. However, funds are none too plentiful, and money cannot be put to a better use than giving it to the army to look after the poor and the needy.

MARRIAGE OF THE GASES

Subject of Dr. Grant's Lecture in the Auditorium Last Evening.

"The Marriage of the Gases" was the subject of Dr. Rowland D. Grant's lecture at the Auditorium last night.

Dr. Grant spoke particularly on the first chapters of Genesis, and in an interesting manner outlined the formation of the universe. Great periods of time, he said, are covered in the five chapters of Genesis. Higher critics, he said, were "a pack of almost wise fools."

The marriage of the gases, he stated, creates new individualities, and every work of God is to form an individual. He described the Yellowstone National Park as "God's laboratory," and gave an interesting account of how the crust of the world is still being formed there at the present time. Nature, he said, is incessantly at work either making new forms or destroying old ones to remake them.

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EARL BALL OF SIMCOE ONE OF LOST CREW

Went Down With the Bessemer on That Ill-Fated Last Voyage.

Simcoe, Dec. 15.—Earl Ball, the son of Mrs. John Garland, a Simcoe woman, is believed to have been a member of the ill-fated crew of the Bessemer on its last voyage.

He was a youth of about 19 years of age, and was a seaman on the vessel. His home was in Gaysboro, Houghton Township. He was one of a family of seven or eight, two or three being grown up, and some quite children. His mother is the wife of John Garland, and a few other stunts, and the result was that he landed behind the bars at Carling street.

This morning he told the court that he got his whiskey from a white man whom he didn't know, but who said he came from Denfield. The court asked him if he paid for it, and Kelshgo said no. Kelshgo had \$8 when arrested.

"I think that you paid, and paid well for your drink," said the court, "but under the circumstances, and as you are a first-timer, I will let you go."

William Dyer, who has been in jail a week for being drunk, was allowed to go.

A Big Improvement.

Harry Williamson, charged last week with being a vag, as he was found sleeping in a barn, looked considerably improved after his stay at the jail.

"You look a hundred per cent better," the court told him. "Have you any home or place you can go to?"

Williamson said he had not, and the court allowed him to go back and sleep with animals," said the magistrate. "You would be far better in jail for the winter."

"I will let you go on condition that if you cannot find any place, you will come back and sleep at the jail," said the magistrate, and Williamson agreed to this.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Annual Meeting Was Held Yesterday in London Township.

The annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of St. John's Church, London Township, was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Cary, London Township, and reports indicate that the year has been a most prosperous one. Mrs. Crump, secretary, reported that all the pledges have been met, including the grant towards the education of missionaries' children and grants to women missionaries in Japan and China and the Northwest.

The society has also made generous contributions to two co-operative bales, one sent to the Canadian mission fields, and the other to the leper mission in China, in charge of Bishop White. It was unanimously decided to increase the contributions during the coming year.

The funds of the society were recently increased by a legacy from Miss Lewis. The officers for the coming year were chosen as follows: President, Mrs. Richardson; first vice-president, Mrs. Cary; secretary, Mrs. Crump; treasurer, Mrs. Thomas McCoombe. Delegates to the diocesan annual meeting will be elected at the next meeting.

THE BIG FOUR STEAL.
Cincinnati, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Jeanette Stewart Ford today pleaded not guilty to the indictment charging her with attempting to blackmail Charles L. Warriner, former local treasurer of the Big Four Railroad, who it is alleged stole \$643,000 from the railroad. Her trial was set for Dec. 27.

Bond was fixed at \$2,500 on this indictment, and Mrs. Ford was released on her own recognizance on another indictment—that of receiving stolen money, under which she had been held in \$2,500 bail bond.

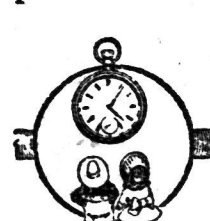
U. S. REFORESTATION.
Chicago, Dec. 14.—The purchase of timber lands and their reforestation by the railroads of the United States was today given Clifford Pinchot, chief forester of the United States department of agriculture, at a conference here today of president and officers of the

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Gents' 18 size, gold-filled, open face, Fortune case, Waltham movement, for \$7.50

Gents' 18 size, gold-filled, open face, Fortune case, 15 jewels, Waltham movement, for \$9.00

Gents' 18 size, gold-filled, open face, Fortune case, 17 jewels, Waltham movement, for \$10.00

We carry a beautiful line of Pearl Pins, Pendants and Necklets.

We have a Sunburst of Pearls with safety catch and ring for chain, 14-k gold, for \$9

Pearl-Set Crescent, with forget-me-not centre, in 14-k solid gold, for \$4.50

Pearl-Set Crescent with three stars, all set with pearls and in 14-k solid gold, for \$5.00

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STILL MUCH ANXIETY OVER JESSIE SPALDING

Boat From Sarnia Is Long Overdue at the Sault Ste. Marie.

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 14.—There is still much anxiety regarding the steamer Jessie Spalding, which is long overdue. The Northern Navigation steamer, Huronic, which arrived at 12 noon today from Port Arthur, reports having passed steamers Rosedale and Strathcona at Passage Island, Lake Superior, yesterday at 3 p.m., but saw nothing of the Spalding. The captain of the Huronic reports terrific weather in Lake Superior.

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