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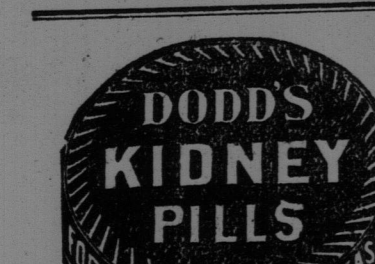
Author of "All Men Are Liar," "Fields of Fair-Renown," etc., etc.

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SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.

Chapters I and II—Justin Blake and Gertrude Forrest meet in a railway car, quite unknown to each other, travel from London to the Christmas festival in Temple, the master of an old family estate in Yorkshire. A large party is gathered on Christmas Eve, and among these two rather strange individuals, Herod Voltaine and an Egyptian named the Wacky Kaffer, is quite evident that Justin has fallen in love with Gertrude. It is determined to thwart him with Kaffer, it is determined to thwart him and win Gertrude for himself in order to become possessed of her ample fortune. Thus the reader at once becomes absorbed in the excitement which takes possession of these very energetic, enthusiastic, and determined young persons.

Chapters III and IV—Further disagreeable incidents disturb the relations of the man "As deegs drawn," and for them, at last, Justin is to be seen. The experiment with Hella, however, was just as fruitless. Then he turned to me, "Son Herod," he said, "prepare to see the greatest deed ever done by man. All the knowledge and power of my life are to be concentrated in one act. With that he looked at Hella, who staggered to a low cushion. "Spirit of Hella, leave the body," he said. "Instantly the eyes of Hella began to close; his limbs grew stiff, and in a few seconds he lay motionless as if dead. "I can call her, he said, the secret—ah, Justin had seen the secret. "By this time there was a deadly silence in the room. Every ear was strained, and that not one sound of Voltaine's voice might be missed. As for him, he sat with his eyes fixed, as if he saw beyond the present time and back, but his face was fixed like a piece of marble. Kaffer, I noticed, like a spook upon his friend, and in his story stare he seemed possessed of an evil spirit.



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SAVINGS BANK INSURANCE AND OLD AGE ANNUITIES

Before the Public Service Commission in New York last week Louis D. Brandeis of Boston spoke on the "Massachusetts Savings Bank Insurance and Old Age Annuities." The United States, like the leading industrial nations of Europe, said Mr. Brandeis, "must provide some adequate system of old age annuities for superannuated wage-earners. In England's most prosperous years, one-fifth of her men and women over 65 years old have been dependent upon the poor rates for bare subsistence; in about another one-fifth would have been dependent upon poor savings bank insurance and annuity rates but for aid given by private charities, societies, relatives or friends. In other European countries, like conditions have led to comprehensive legislation. The Massachusetts savings bank insurance system has the following, among other merits: 1. It enables the American wage-earner to provide himself with absolutely safe life insurance as well as with an absolutely safe retirement income in his old age at the lowest possible cost. 2. It gives the American wage-earner an equal opportunity with the business or professional man of securing financial independence in old age (though, of course, on a different scale), by enabling the wage-earner to make payments monthly from current wages. 3. It is consistent with the American ideas of civil liberty; for, unlike the German system, it is not compulsory or inquisitorial. 4. It makes the American wage-earner independent in his old age, instead of dependent upon state support as under the English old age pension system.

MRS. JOHN DOYLE TOOK GARBOLIC ACID

Westmorland Road Woman's Case Puzzles the Physicians—Did She Take Poison?

Mrs. John Doyle, of No. 111 Westmorland road, is dying in the General Hospital, and circumstances point to carbolic acid poisoning. The case is remarkable. Dr. J. M. Barry was called to the house early Monday afternoon and found the woman dying. Two other doctors saw her and could not hold out much hope. Dr. Barry was investigating found carbolic acid lying on a lounge. "I've taken carbolic," she said, "the morning after the accident." Mrs. Doyle was examined on examination he announced that the woman was dying. Dr. W. F. Roberts, Dr. Barry, Mr. Doyle and Dr. Barry also agreed that Mrs. Doyle was in a dying condition. She rallied, however, Dr. A. A. Leach, of Upper Napier was brought to town to-night by Chief of Police Lawson and Policeman Morris and taken to the Hotel Dieu in a serious condition as a result of injuries sustained in a drunken brawl on Thursday night and subsequent exposure. He is badly battered, with bruises on his body and head and both feet are frozen so badly that they may have to be amputated.

IN THE GRIP OF COCAINE

A Former Medical Student's Excuse for Theft and Fugery—His Tragic Life Story.

Though he started his life with evidences of a brilliant future, and was given every facility to aid him, Frederick Pressall, formerly a student in the Medical department of Toronto University, was forced to admit three charges of theft and fugery in the Police Court this morning, and to plead as his excuse a weakness for cocaine. Pressall's life story, as given to The News, contains many incidents of more than ordinary interest. He is now under twenty-four years of age, tall, good-looking and speaks with a pleasing accent. His father, a well-known and respected Torontoian, died some years ago, after trying vainly to start the son on a worthy road. The lad was placed as a student in the Medical School of the University, and succeeded in getting through his second year, and well on in the work of the third year, when the passion for cocaine using took hold of him. He grew indifferent to his studies, became a burden and a despair to his people, and finally capped his actions by murdering a trusting girl whom he was quite unable to support. Refusing to maintain the new home, the wife was forced to accept of her husband's position, and on the day from her work, has maintained Pressall in comfort. By this time his cocaine habit had gained the upper hold. Unable to get money from his wife to gratify the craving, he invaded criminal quarters, and among them was fugery and theft. On the 16th of May last, he secured \$850 from the De Young Company, along with some stock, and on the 24th of October last, he secured \$450 from Carveth & Co., musical bookbinders, and from the same source on November 2nd, he took \$350. To all of these charges he pleaded guilty in the morning. His money secured by means of these fraudulent ways was always in small amounts, and was intended for the purchase of cocaine. The best place for work, "is in a place where he cannot possibly gratify the craving for a couple of years," he said. "I'll get a chance," begged Pressall, "I'll never do it again." Some inquiries will be made into Pressall's history by the magistrate, and on Monday afternoon next he will receive his sentence.

EXPLORER DIED IN CENTRAL AMERICA

New York, Dec. 20—Word was received here today that death had overtaken one of the party of explorers headed by Dr. MacCallum Holly, who sailed for Central America early last month. Henry E. Vining, 32, an electrical engineer, of the New York City Department of Public Works, was killed, according to a letter, while attempting to cross a swollen tributary of the Chagres River, on November 27. Dr. Holly, son of Dr. Holly, swam the stream with a rope in his teeth and tied the end around a tree on the bank. Dr. Holly had meantime made fast his end on his side of the tributary, which was worse swollen by the floods from the mountains than it had been for 53 years. Vining started across, heed over hand on the rope, up to his neck in the rushing water, closely followed by Dr. Holly. In the middle of the stream Vining's strength gave out and he let go the rope. Dr. Holly grasped him with one hand, but Vining clung to him and fought so desperately the doctor had to break his hold to save his own life. Vining's body was swept six miles down stream. Dr. Holly is the Brooklyn physician who nearly lost his life experimenting with X-rays.

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A NORTH SHORE ROW MAY END IN DEATH

Jack Cable, of Upper Napier, Left for Dead After Drunken Row—Badly Frozen and Battered.

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 21—Jack Cable of Upper Napier was brought to town to-night by Chief of Police Lawson and Policeman Morris and taken to the Hotel Dieu in a serious condition as a result of injuries sustained in a drunken brawl on Thursday night and subsequent exposure. He is badly battered, with bruises on his body and head and both feet are frozen so badly that they may have to be amputated.

OVER MILLION BUSHELS OF GRAIN WAS SHIPPED

Heavy grain shipments are being made from St. John this season, and being as many Canadian cars as are being shipped. The C. P. R. have handled more than 650,000 bushels of grain so far this season, and the I. C. R. more than 300,000, a total of more than 1,000,000 bushels. Approximate figures up to Saturday last:

Table with columns for Receipts at C. P. R. Elevator and Receipts at I. C. R. Elevator, listing various grain types and their quantities in bushels.

FIRE IN WEST SIDE

While passing the grocery store of Mrs. Mary D. McCallum, in Ludlow street, about 1 o'clock this morning, C. Clark saw flames within. He broke a window, opened the door and, seeing he could not extinguish the fire, sent in an alarm. The fire was put out without much damage.

JUST LANGUAGE

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GREEN'S SAVERS CAPTURED NEAR SCENE OF THEIR CRIME

They Were Run to Earth Last Night— Found Frost Bitten Huddled in a Shack

Alex. Panarsky, The Jew, Who Was With Green When He Was Killed Identifies the Two Men as the Guilty Parties—None of the Booty Found on Them.

FLOATED BONDS IN ENGLISH MARKET

William Mackenzie, of the C. N. R., Successfully Floats \$30,000,000 Worth of Bonds.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—"An electric railway along the line of the Electrical Development towers from Niagara to Toronto is a thing of the near future."

This was the announcement made by William Mackenzie this afternoon, just from England. The C. N. R. magnate issued denial of any knowledge of an electric merger but admitted the probability of a new suburban road from the falls to this city.

While admitting that he met Sir Henry Pellatt in England, Mr. Mackenzie denied that there was any chance of the situation as regards acquiring the Toronto Electric Light Company.

Mackenzie declared that his whole mission in England had to do with floating certain bonds for the Monterey (Mexico) railway and water works and for the C. N. R. He floated 21,000,000 of bonds for the former and C. N. R. land grant bonds amounting to 25,000,000 were also floated. The former, bearing interest at 3 per cent, were disposed of at 99 and the C. N. R. 4 per cent at 95.

F. R. Croby, of the finance department, Ottawa, and his brother, N. L. Croby, of Pittsburgh, are at the Royal. They are on their way to Yarmouth (N. S.), where they have been called by the illness of their mother.

Plaster Rock, N. B., Dec. 21.—Covering in a shack, with feet and hands frozen, the two Italians, Leon Sappella and Tony Aroscha, who are wanted on the charge of murdering and robbing Edward Green, known as "Paddy" Green, peddler, last Sunday morning, were arrested this afternoon by Chief of S. T. P. Police A. R. Foster, on the right of way, not more than two miles from the scene of the tragedy. They denied all knowledge of the crime.

Alex. Panarsky, the Jew who was also shot at and narrowly escaped sharing Green's fate, has identified the men, and they are now in custody at Bishop's hotel here. They will be taken to Andover for the preliminary investigation by Commissioner Ferris tomorrow morning.

Only a few dollars were found on the men when arrested, but it is believed they made out with about \$3,400 and forty watches after killing Green and rifling his peddler's box. A search for the missing booty will be made tomorrow.

The snow is about a foot deep in the woods and the thermometer below zero last night and the weather is such that fugitives did not perish as they laid in the snow all night.

The whole district was thoroughly aroused over the cold-blooded character of the crime, and on Sunday as many as six parties were in pursuit of the murderers. Chief of the G. T. F. F. police, with Constable Joseph Pearson left Bristol as soon as word reached them and drove to Beauport settlement, where they struck the right of way, and then turned up to head off the fugitives.

Parties from Johnston's camp, No. 1, and No. 2, kept watch all night at the point where the portage road crossed the right of way, and another party, under D. G. Johnston, the contractor, were on the look out at Wapake.

McDonald's camp sent a contingent to watch the railway, Valley, and the main road. A party under Constable MacLae, consisting of Benjamin Geo. Seymour, Trillick, the game warden, and King, spent the night in going from one camp to another, and on the west side of the Tobique men from Phillips and Beaulieu came, they were alert to prevent the fugitives from joining the Italian camps in the neighborhood, where their identity would have been discovered.

All this morning they well on into the afternoon the snow was continued. In the street, Chief of the district or from design, constantly doubled on their tracks, and the assistance of Benjamin Geo. who acted as guide, the posse under Constable MacLae picked up the trail this morning and, following it up, discovered where the men had lain down in the snow and lighted fires in another spot. The remains of a lunch were found, and further on the party came on a large snow bank which had been thrown away.

Frozen swamps, where the brush was so thick that the tracks could scarcely be seen, were encountered and added to the difficulties. Other parties came upon the tracks, lost them, and found them again, and in some places it appeared as if the fugitives had deliberately attempted to baffle their pursuers by jumping from the top of wind-falls.

The police parties were scouring the country in the neighborhood of the crime, Chief of Police Foster and Constable Pearson were driving up the right of way from Beauport settlement. They traveled some twenty-five miles on Sunday and spent the night at Gilmore's camp, where they were met by Constable Stubbie and James W. Bishop, of Plaster Rock, and James McLean, resident engineer on the G. T. F. F., and together the four started out again early this morning. Frequent excursions were made into the woods, and by noon the party had reached the camp of Stubbie and reached a halt was called for dinner. Resuming their drive up the right of way, it was about 4 o'clock when the party, in crossing the track, came in sight of a shack used by the Italian laborer. A little boy was spilling wood in the doorway.

Chief of Police Foster was the first to enter. The first glance into the interior told him that the men were in and in. With feet and hands frozen and looking utterly done up and dejected, crouched the two Italians. They made no attempt at resistance. When asked what they were doing there, one who could speak English replied that they had just come along the right of way from Plaster Rock.

This was known to be incorrect, as a posse of men were guarding the right of way. Evidence of the men's foot prints where they had come out of the woods close by was clearly seen in the snow. They were promptly handcuffed and placed in the sleigh and a start was made for Plaster Rock.

The spot where they were discovered was about two miles from the scene of the murder, on the right of way. Panarsky, the Jew, who was with Green, was overtaken in company with R. K. Beveridge, the coroner. He at once identified the Italians as the men who had done the shooting.

On arrival at Plaster Rock the men were taken to Bishop's hotel and searched. On Leon Sappella was found \$37 in money, a razor and a large open knife and a few pieces of jewelry. A few dollars were also found on Tony Aroscha. The men in their possession before to have been in their possession before the shooting. It is supposed that the proceeds of the robbery have been hidden. A thorough search, starting from the shack where the men were found, will be made tomorrow.

When questioned, the Italians denied all knowledge of the crime. One of them, who would appear to be not more than twenty years old, was much exhausted. It is believed they would not have survived another night in the open. After having eaten some supper they went to bed in charge of Chief Foster, who will look after them for the night. They will be taken to Andover in the morning, where a preliminary hearing will take place before Commissioner Ferris, who is sales manager.

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SPORTS

OF TRACK, FIELD AND ARENA AT HOME AND ABROAD

LONGBOAT AND SHRUBB MATCHED AT OLYMPIC MARATHON DISTANCE

Little Englishman Signs Agreement With Pat Powers to Run the 26 Miles at Madison Square Garden, on January 8th or 9th.

New York, Dec. 21.—Another indoor race at the Madison distance is to be run. Patrick T. Powers induced Alfred Shrubb, the great English runner, to sign his name yesterday to an agreement to meet Longboat in Madison Square Garden next month.

The race will be run either on the night of January 8th or January 9th. It is a longer distance than Shrubb usually attempts to compete, but, after he had talked with Mr. Powers, he concluded that the novelty of the attempt would be worth his while, and put his name to the document.

STANLEY KETCHELL IS GOING TO MAKE A DEBUT ON STAGE

The Middleweight Champion Will be Head Liner in Burlesque Show With the Usual Convention Stunt at a Big Salary.

There is a fine time for the dramatic editor to get busy. Listen: Stanley Ketchell is going on the "stage."

Everybody expected as much of Michigan's son after he had won the middle weight belt and title, but Stanley's not doing it in the ordinary way that pug do take such steps. Stanley's going in style.

BEST PERFORMANCES OF THE FAST ONES IN 1908

Table listing fastest records of 1908 for various events like Trotting, Filly-Lady Green Goods, etc.

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CARLETON CURLERS TO PLAY CHRISTMAS

President vs. Vice President, Match Will be Played on Friday Morning, Afternoon and Evening—The Rinks Chosen.

The Carleton Curling Club had its first games last night, when scratch games were played on one sheet of ice. Tonight it is expected that both sheets will be in fine condition.

President, J. A. Adams, Vice-President, W. B. Skink, Secretary, E. M. Baxter, Treasurer, F. R. Foxborough, J. F. Belyes, skip.

BURNS AND JOHNSON Difference in Time Will Give America the Result of Their Fight Apparently Before It Takes Place.

There being nearly 24 hours difference in time between Sydney, Australia, and New York, the report of the Burns-Johnson fight, which takes place near Sydney, Dec. 20, should be flashed to every newspaper in America on Christmas.

SOMETHING ABOUT A COMING PUGILIST

Al Kubiak, the Michigan giant, who obtained a considerable amount of notoriety some little time since, is just now the object of an ugly attack made on his standing by some of the Philadelphia sporting fraternity.

BIG JACK MCLEAN

Says the Philadelphia Sporting Life referring to "Jack" McLean, who played sports in this city a few years ago, in the last analysis catcher Larry McLean, he of the unbridled thirst, was the chief cause of Manager (Dane's) downfall at and let out by Cincinnati.

LONGBOAT TO JOIN ANGLICAN CHURCH

Famous Indian Will Do This Before His Marriage With Miss Meracle.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Tom Longboat will be christened and received into the Anglican church at Deseronto to prepare for his wedding with Miss Meracle on December 30. Thomas has been a "pagan Indian."

COLUMBO HURT Well Known Stallion Met With an Accident Which Will Run Him for Further Track Work.

(Bangor Commercial.) Horsesmen in Bangor and in Maine generally will regret to learn of the accident which befell E. H. Greely's famous stallion, Columbo, Friday morning, while being driven on Main street for exercise.

While it is not expected that the stallion will have to be killed, the accident certainly put an end to any further track work by him. Columbo will, in all probability, continue to be used as a sire, but the advertisement for breeding purposes.

FOUGHT TO A DRAW

Jimmy Walsh and Monte Attell Went Fifteen Hard Rounds in San Francisco Last Night.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Jimmy Walsh, of Boston, and Monte Attell, of San Francisco, brother of Abe Attell, fought fifteen rounds to a draw here last night.

At the end of the third round Attell had the upper hand, but in the fourth Walsh closed his eyes with a succession of left jabs. Walsh had the better of the fourth round.

MONEY IN DISTANCE RUNNING

According to unofficial reports, there is quite a nice slice of money on these long-distance running races. John Hayes is supposed to have received \$4500 for being defeated by Donato, while the Italian had to be content with \$2000 and the satisfaction of having won.

BOWLING

The Victoria Club bowling alleys in Victoria, B. C., were opened yesterday. Last night the team of the Canadian Rubber Company and that of the Victoria Rubber Company won the match.

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Popular Comedian Opened an Engagement at the Opera House Last Night With a Good Production.

RUMORS OF CHANGES ON I. C. R. STAFF

Moncton, Dec. 21.—Rumors of changes in the I. C. R. official staff are in circulation here again. It is stated on pretty good authority that J. B. Bruce, treasurer, is to be superannuated the first of the year and the same report says W. H. Estane, clerk in the audit office, will be appointed to his place.

CHRISTMAS CHEER AT NICKEL THEATRE

All the good things this week are not going to be found on the Christmas tree, for the Nickel has already started to dispense some, as last night's programme indicated. The big theatre was crowded from 7 until 10 o'clock.

John Cormier, restaurant keeper, was fined \$50 this afternoon for Scott act violation.

Admiral Joseph B. Coughland is dead at his home at New Rochelle, N. Y. He was in command of the New York navy yard from 1904 to 1907.

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Only \$5.00. A PLATE YOU CAN BEAT WITH: HELD IN POSITION BY OUR NEWLY IMPROVED QUADRUPLE ATTACHMENT. People don't want artificial teeth to carry around in their pockets nor keep at home in their bureau drawer if they will know where to find them when the door bell rings, they want teeth for service.

IF YOU HAVE A PLATE THAT NO DENTIST HAS BEEN ABLE TO MAKE fit, why not try us, we have satisfied thousands and why not you? Our teeth are so natural in size, shape, color and the expression they afford to the features as to defy detection EVEN BY A DENTIST unless closely examined. Our new attachment holds them as solid almost as though they were riveted in the mouth. BOSTON DENTAL PARLORS 87 MAIN STREET, DR. J. D. MAHER, Proprietor, Tel. 62 and 92 Main.

THIS EVENING

Jere McAniff's Stock Co. in "85,000 Heroes" at the Opera House. "Dramagraph" pictures and songs at the Nickel. The Every Day Club. Stores open for Christmas buyers. Curling in St. Andrews, Thistle and Carleton rinks.

LATE LOCALS

Furries line steamship Tabasco, sailed today at noon for London via Halifax.

Steamship Manchester Mariner, Captain Linton, went to sea last night at 11 o'clock bound to Manchester with a general cargo.

Steamer Manchester Mariner, which left port last night, took away 274 head of cattle for Manchester.

Charles Dalton, Dominion boiler inspector, has gone to Halifax on official business. The inspector at that port is on the sick list.

Bernard Brennan called at the Times editorial rooms this morning and stated that the dog fight held on the 14th inst. did not take place in his barn or on his grounds.

The funeral of Ida Rootes was held from his late home, Hammond street, this afternoon at 2.30. Service was conducted by Rev. D. Hutchinson and interment was at Fernhill.

The Allan line steamship Sardinian, now on her way to Lyons and Havre, took away a cargo valued as follows—Canadian goods, \$81,000; foreign goods, \$114,340. Total \$195,340. Among her cargo is \$3,000 bushels of wheat.

His worship the mayor, with the chamberlain and controller, spent about 40 minutes of the noon hour today destroying a large quantity of cancelled city bonds. The amount represented by the bonds was \$400,000.

A West End man named McLeod was prosecuted in the police court this morning for alleged purchase of grain from some one by the name of John Taylor from the C. P. R. at Sand Point. F. R. Taylor acted for the railway in the matter. Adjudgment was made until Thursday, after C. P. R. Policeman Walsh had testified.

While patrolling Brussels street last night, Policeman Perry found a dirk knife, evidently the property of an Italian. It was an ugly appearing weapon, and the blade was over six inches in length. The handle was bound in leather, and attached to it was a time check used on railroads which bore the inscription M. S. R.—1422—Construction.

Joseph McElhinney, the youth accused of breaking and entering, was given his release by Judge Forbes today in a hearing under the Speedy Trials Act. Under the terms of agreement he is to leave before Friday for Quebec, to enter the woods, and when he returns he may will be arrested if he is on the streets of this city after 9 p. m., and will be sentenced to five years in the penitentiary, by his honor.

The members of Portland Street Methodist choir, surprised Miss Sandall, their organist, by calling on her in a body last evening at her residence, Wright street, and after an enjoyable evening of games and music, the leader of the choir, H. W. Brimfield, in a neat speech, referring to her services and the choir's appreciation, presented her with a beautiful crescent brooch set with 25 pearls.

MRS. DOYLE IS DEAD

Woman Who Drank Carbolic Acid Died in the Hospital This Morning. Mrs. John Doyle of 111 Westmain road, who drank a quantity of carbolic acid at her home yesterday afternoon and was taken to the General Public Hospital last night, died at 10.30 this morning.

POLICE COURT

In the police court this morning James Hughes and James Malcolm, two Scotchmen who were arrested between the hours of ten and eleven last night for begging from door to door on St. James street were remanded for witnesses by Magistrate Ritchie. The charges were that they rested on 9th inst. for intoxication and was liberated on 10th inst. John Anderson a Norwegian sailor who was one of three individuals taken into custody by Policeman Olive was fined \$4 or 10 days for wandering on British street at midnight. He could not explain his presence in the southern extremity of the city and his vessel at Indianopolis. George Cosson and James Stewart, the remaining two arrested by Olive were each fined \$4 or ten days jail for drunkenness. Cosson protested vigorously that the allegation was false but without avail. John Donohoe, aged 80, was fined \$4 for incivility with the charge of profanity held in reserve. His roll of \$124 is thus only meagerly depleted.

HELP STAMP IT OUT

Tuberculosis is the new fashioned word for the old fashioned consumption. It destroys more people year after year than any other disease, than war, pestilence, famine, or disaster. Only in recent years has the world awakened to the fact that it is a communicable disease, to be checked by scientific methods of prevention and treatment.

Buy Muskoka Christmas Stamps and help stamp it out. Sold at the drug and book stores in 10c., 25c., 50c., and \$1.00 envelopes.

PROBATE COURT

Estate of the late Charles F. Kinnear. Return of citation to pass accounts and for order for distribution. The accounts of the executor, William A. Ewing and Frank A. Kinnear are duly passed and allowed and order made for distribution of the balance in accordance with the terms of the will. Barnhill, sewing & Sanford, proctors.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

LOST—LADY'S SILVER WATCH, LEATHER strap, with Vermont seal, gold lockset. If found, please return to 231-23. \$50 Reward if returned to this office.

FOR SALE—FAST DRIVING MARE, 4 year Old. Price \$100. Apply GEO. P. ALLAN, 29 Waterloo Street. 2569-12-23.

WANTED—AN EXPERIENCED HOUSE CARVER for the Province for a home specialty that has had large sales. A good thing for the right man. Address C. E. Times Office. 2569-12-23.

LOST—BETWEEN CITY MARKET AND West Side Ferry Point, an envelope containing a sum of money, addressed to A. FENWICK, City Market. Finder please communicate with P. W. SHERIDAN, West End.

QUEBEC TRAVELLERS HAVE FINE DINNER

R. L. Borden, Prof. Leacock, Hon. Chas. Marcell and Henri Bourassa Speakers at Dinner in Montreal Last Night.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—(Special)—Prominent speakers were present last night at the annual dinner of the Commercial Travelers' Association, including R. L. Borden, M. P., Prof. Leacock, of McGill, Henri Bourassa, M. L. A., and Hon. Chas. Marcell. The growth of the trade in the empire and the part therein taken by Canada were emphasized by the speakers. Mr. Borden in pointing out the greatness of Canada said the commercial travelers were the men who stood first in their dealings with the people.

Prof. Leacock repudiated the idea that Canada's interests had been sacrificed by British diplomacy. He declared that Great Britain had always stood for Canada's interests and Canada was bound up with the empire.

Hon. Charles Marcell followed in a patriotic address. Henri Bourassa was given a fine reception and made a stirring address in the course of which as leader of French Canadians he said that while the French Canadians had always stood for British rule he also stood for the principle: If Canada was to be great, the citizens of each province should lend all efforts to make each province great.

CENTRAL RAILWAY ENQUIRY RESUMED THIS MORNING

(Continued from page 1.) To Mr. Colwell witness said neither Mr. Whitehead, Mr. Thompson or Mr. Kibben ever received a cent out of the company.

His Honor asked Mr. Baras how he knew that these men did not get any money. Witness replied that if they had received any money no word would have come of it.

Mr. Powell questioned the witness about a number of notes discounted at the bank of New Brunswick for which Mr. Baras had received amounts considerably less than the face of the notes. The notes were endorsed by Mr. Baras and Mr. Pugsley. Witness could not say what had become of the amounts. Mr. Baras then retired.

C. N. Skinner, K. C. was next called and questioned as to his charges against the N. B. Coal and Railway Co. He said he could not find the charges in his books, but his son, Sherwood, who had charge of the books, would do so; but the accounts. From memory he could say he had received \$1,800 for professional services. Questioned as to his disposal of founders' shares, he said he had been allowed to dispose of the shares according to his instructions.

J. M. Robinson was then called and questioned by Mr. Powell, regarding a cheque of \$2,250. Witness said he had been unable to find the cheque and presumed it had been destroyed along with others of that year. Mr. McDougall asked Mr. Robinson if he had any personal recollection of the cheque, and witness replied that he did not remember it.

To Mr. McDougall witness said he had not looked very carefully for the cheque, as he did not wish to take unnecessary pains. Mr. Powell thought a thorough search should be made and the asked Mr. Robinson to send his brother, Harold, to the court room after a further search had been made.

C. N. Skinner returned to court at this point, and explained about payments made to him by the N. B. Coal and Railway Company. The only item he could positively identify was one entry of \$1,000 on Aug. 25, 1908. He had also been paid expenses of a trip to New York to arrange about the transfer of some stock from Dr. DeBertram. About \$400 or \$500 had been paid for the transfer. He made to himself.

Mr. Skinner said he thought he received \$400 for his services in going to New York. It was probable he took the stock as trustee of the N. B. Coal and Railway Company.

J. M. Robinson, who had arrived again, was called. He said he had made a thorough search for the cheque asked for, but had been unable to locate it, and he felt quite sure it had been destroyed together with a lot of other papers destroyed when changes were made in the office. He had, however, found two cheques drawn by the N. B. Coal and Railway Co. and signed by George McAvity, amounting to \$18,129.98, for which they had drawn on the Bank of N. B. in order to pay the cheques.

This explanation appeared to throw considerable light on the transaction, as it showed Mr. Robinson had simply drawn the money from the Bank of N. B. as there were not sufficient funds on hand. This concluded the morning session and adjournment was made until 2.30 this afternoon.

A PRESENTATION AT THE EVERY DAY CLUB

At a meeting of the Every Day Club last evening B. L. Sheppard, on behalf of the members, presented to the president, A. M. Belding, a very handsome fountain pen. Mr. Sheppard referred to the pleasure he had found during the past year in the work of the club, and expressed confidence that it would grow and flourish. The president thanked the members for the evidence of their good-will and confidence and spoke of the bright prospects for the coming year.

Work on the club's new hall, in the second story of J. C. Prime & Co.'s building at the corner of Brussels and Union streets is making rapid progress and a reception will be held there on New Year's Day. E. W. Barker, Charles A. Jones and Alec. Neill are the committee in charge of the repairs and are daily assisted by members of the club.

The young ladies' Bible class of Charlotte street, West End, United Baptist church called at the home of their teacher, Mrs. A. C. Smith, on Saturday night and presented to her a large picture of a group of members.

WANT A FREE RINK

The mayor received a petition today signed by a number of High School boys asking that the city provide a free skating rink on the Weldon lot, corner of Carleton and St. James streets. The boys have decided that as time would necessarily be lost in bringing the matter before the council he will undertake the project. He has decided that as time would necessarily be lost in bringing the matter before the council he will undertake the project. He has decided that as time would necessarily be lost in bringing the matter before the council he will undertake the project.

Miss Nellie Trites, of St. Stephen, is spending the holidays with her mother here.

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Useful Gifts for Men and Boys Boys' Reefers Coats, \$1.75 to \$3.75 Boys' Overcoats, \$2.75 to \$8.00 Boys' Suits, - - - 95c. to 7.50 Men's Suits, - \$5.00 to \$12.00 Men's Overcoats, - - \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50 to \$18.00 Gloves, Neckwear, Fancy Vests, and Dressing Cases AMERICAN CLOTHING HOUSE, 11--15 Charlotte Street, St. John.

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