

All Classes of Citizens Attended Chief's Funeral

Fitting Tribute Paid by Londoners to a Brave Man.

Civic Bodies, Firemen and Police Were in the Cortege.

Floral Offerings and Messages of Condolence From Many Places—Interment at Mt. Pleasant.

To the pathetic strains of the Dead March, and characterized by every honor which it was in the power of an appreciative citizenry to bestow, the remains of the late Chief Roe, of the London fire department, were this afternoon laid at rest in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

In every particular the funeral was a fitting tribute to one who in life had

Barbarous Sentence.

Peshawar, Jan. 8.—The following advices have been received here from Cabul:

About three months ago the house of a person of position in Cabul was broken into and 5,000 rupees (\$1,700) were stolen. The money was afterwards found in the house of a certain member of Ood Khels, who settled in Cabul during the reign of the late Ameer.

All the Ood Khels were imprisoned, and some were found guilty. The Ameer ordered their tongues and eyes to be torn out, and this sentence was immediately carried out.

A SETBACK FOR MR. CHAMBERLAIN

Middle Devonshire Division Carried by Liberals With a Majority of 1,476.

London, Jan. 8.—The bye-election in the Ashton, or middle division, of Devonshire, yesterday, to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons caused by the death of the Hon. C. Seal-Hayne, Liberal, resulted in the return of the Liberal candidate, H. T. Eve, by a majority of 1,476 over the Conservative candidate, General Sir Richard Harrison. This was partially due to Mr. Eve's local popularity. Otherwise it was attributable to opposition to Joseph Chamberlain's tariff proposals. The majority at the last election was 771.

GRAND DUKE TO TOUR

Titied German Will Try to Forget Troubles in American Trip.

Berlin, Jan. 8.—The Kleino Press states that the Grand Duke of Hesse after visiting England, will make a tour of America, in an effort to forget his domestic griefs. The grand duke was divorced from his wife about two years ago. He was given the custody of his daughter, Princess Elizabeth. The little princess died in Holland Tuesday. It is understood the grand duke intends to visit New York, Buffalo, Cleveland, Chicago, Milwaukee, and other cities, going as far west as San Francisco. The duke will travel incognito, and without ceremony.

COLOMBIA MUST FIGHT OR QUIT

United States Will Insist That Troops Be Withdrawn From the Panama Border.

New York, Jan. 8.—A fleet of warships is assembling at Colon, presumably with the purpose of making a hostile demonstration against Colombia, says a Herald dispatch from Panama. The authorities will insist upon the withdrawal of the Colombian army now lined up across the border this side of the Atrato River. Navy officers feel certain that it is the intention to compel Colombia either to withdraw her troops or to fight.

SOME BRITISH TRADE FIGURES

Returns Show a Total of £903,000,000, the Highest in the History of England.

London, Friday, Jan. 8.—British trade returns just issued by the board of trade show a total of £903,000,000, the highest by £25,000,000 in the history of the country.

The Chronicle says this is a crushing answer to Mr. Chamberlain.

The Post, referring to the board of trade returns, says in this antiquated system no attempt is made to differentiate between the value of goods sent to the colonies and foreigners. The News, exulting over the trade returns, says it is an answer to Mr. Chamberlain's cry that the iron trade is going down. The exports of iron and steel were in 1901 25,000,000 tons; in 1902, 30,000,000 tons; in 1903, 31,000,000 tons. Winston Churchill has been formally thrown over by the Oldham Convention. Mr. Churchill replied that he would continue the fight against Mr. Chamberlain, and form a Unionist Free Trade Association.

SAYS SLAUGHTER HIT HIM

Bad Character Given Negro Charged With Murder.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 8.—The provincial police department here is in receipt of a letter from W. Talbot, of Toledo, who claims that Edward Slaughter, the colored man awaiting extradition in Cincinnati for the murder of John Rudden here, attempted last summer, while in Toledo, to kill him with an iron bar pin.

"He struck me over the head," says Talbot, "and left me for dead. I was taken to the hospital, from which I have not lately been released."

If his story is confirmed by the Toledo police, Talbot may be used as a witness against the character of Slaughter.

It is expected that the negro will be extradited soon.

New York, Jan. 8.—Comptroller Grant today advertised for sealed proposals to be received until Wednesday, Jan. 2, for \$10,000,000 of 3½ per cent corporate stock of the City of New York. The principal and interest will be paid in gold. This is the first bond issue of the present administration.

POLICE GUARD HARRISON

A Squad Surrounded the Residence of Chicago's Mayor.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—During all of the day and last night there were three and four policemen about the residence of Mayor Harrison, and the story was circulated that the mayor had received threatening letters on account of the "Troquois" Theater disaster, and had asked for a special detail of policemen. Mayor Harrison denied that he had asked for police protection.

A THRASHING FOR THE MAD MULLAH

Somali Scouts Have a Sharp Brush Crossing Desert.

KILLED 20; CAPTURED CAMELS

Thirty Dervishes Accounted for in Hot Battle Near Damot—English Hold the Wells.

London, Jan. 8.—A letter received here from an officer of the Somali Field Force says: "We had a most successful encounter with the Dervishes the other day when crossing the Haud. The Somali Mounted Infantry were, as usual, scouting ahead when our advanced scouts ran into one of the Mullah's parties, which had been raiding the Ogaden, numbering 200 men, forty of whom had rifles."

"They stuck very tight to their camels, but after 20 minutes' bush fighting we cleared them all out and captured the camels, having accounted for some 20 of the enemy killed, wounded, and prisoners."

"The rest got away through the dense bush, and I hear, made for Galdadi, where, to their surprise, they were met by the British. We had left there. It must be thirsty work for the enemy to be wandering about the Haud with no water and to find all their wells occupied."

"Three days ago our Ilaloos had a fight at Damot, and killed 30 Dervishes, our loss being only one man wounded in the leg. So far, we have much the best of it."

BRITAIN'S TROOPS AND SHIPS MOVE

Part of Hong-Kong Garrison for Seoul—Home Fleet Sails for Spanish Coast.

London, Jan. 8.—The British home fleet left Portland this morning for the Spanish coast, after coaling to the full capacity. The fleet will thus be in readiness to replace the Channel squadron in the event of the latter being required to fill up vacancies in the Mediterranean squadron, should vessels be ordered thence to the far east.

Hong Kong, Jan. 8.—A detachment of 500 men of the Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire) regiment, forming part of the garrison of Hong Kong has suddenly been warned to be in readiness for active service. The destination of the troops has not been divulged. The authorities refuse to make any statement on the subject, but it is presumed the troops are going to Pekin or Seoul. The detachment is ready and the transport has been arranged.

Park Godwin Dead.
New York, Jan. 8.—Parke Godwin, from 1837 to 1853 editor of the New York Evening Post, of which he again became editor a few years later, and well known as editor and author of several books, died yesterday in this city, aged 88 years.

Two wives in Same Block.
Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 8.—Samuel C. Hazzard, arrested on Tuesday on the charge of bigamy, according to the testimony of three women, is the husband of these three at least. Two of these wives live in the same block. Linda Burfield, of this city, whom Hazzard claims is his only and legal wife, says Hazzard was not married to the woman he was living with when she (Linda Burfield) met him.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Tomorrow—Fair and Mild.
Sun rises, 7:50 a.m. Moon rises, 11:51 p.m.
Sun sets, 4:57 a.m. Moon sets, 11:15 a.m.

Milder conditions prevail in nearly all portions of Canada, accompanied by moderate snowfalls in the Lake Superior region, as well as along the Nova Scotian coast.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 44-48; Calgary, 30-48; Qu'Appelle, 24-28; Winnipeg, 22-26; Harry Sound, 4 below-24; Toronto, 17-31; Ottawa, 13-16; Montreal, 16-22; Quebec, 6-16; Halifax, 24-32.

FORECASTS.
Friday, Jan. 8-5 a.m.

Today—Fresh to strong southwest to west winds; mild; light falls of snow or sleet.

Tomorrow—Fair; not much change in temperature.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary 30 30 Fair
Winnipeg 22 26 Cloudy
Perry Sound 4 22 Cloudy
Toronto 17 31 Cloudy
Ottawa 13 16 Snow
Quebec 16 22 Cloudy
Halifax 24 32 Cloudy
Father Point 14 2 Cloudy

The signs—down "below zero."

WEATHER NOTES.

The disturbance mentioned yesterday has now reached the lake region, attended by light snowfalls as far as the Ottawa valley. The weather has turned colder in Manitoba, but no pronounced cold is at present indicated.

Local temperatures: Thursday—Highest, 27; lowest, 21.

DYING SCREAMS THROUGH 'PHONE

Minneapolis Man Calls Up a Friend to Listen, Then Kills Wife and Suicides.

Minneapolis Minn., Jan. 8.—James Garfield last night locked the door of his flat on the third floor of the building opposite the West Hotel, in Fifth street, and told his wife he meant to kill her. Then he telephoned a friend to "hold the line and listen." The friend heard the woman's screams and three revolver shots. He notified the police, who broke open the door and found Garfield dying with a bullet in his brain. The woman was dead. She was a vaudeville artist known as Pearl Guyotte.

RIVER CRAFT SWEEP AWAY

Ice Around New York Demoralizes Transportation.

New York, Jan. 8.—The ice fields in the Hudson River and the New York Bay are more troublesome to navigation than for many years, river craft being swept from their moorings in numerous cases today. Since Sunday the ice has been a menace to tugs and ferry boats that ventured out into the river, but the increasing amount of ice from up river points made navigation today especially dangerous. The ice in the ferry slips caused additional trouble, but the greatest danger came from the piling up of immense fields of ice through which narrow lanes for navigation were cut by the big ferries.

CRACK SHOTS TO GUARD BANDITS

Chicago Police Fear Attempt to Rescue Neidermeyer During the Trial.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—With instructions to "shoot to kill," four crack shots of the police department are on guard in the criminal court building to prevent any attempt to rescue the street car bandits now on trial. The police believe that the bandits, especially Neidermeyer, have numerous friends throughout the country. If these men, while the prisoners are being taken to or from the court room, should begin shooting it would cause a panic among the guards and others, and possibly enable one of the bandits to escape.

NOT LIKELY TO SEND A REGIMENT

The Canadian Government Is Averse to India Training Proposition.

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—It is very doubtful whether the Government will consent to the proposition of Mr. Arnold-Forster, Secretary of State for War, to send a Canadian regiment to India. The views of the Prime Minister and his colleagues on a question of this kind are well known. Sir Wilfrid is especially averse to anything that savors of militarism. He holds the view that Canada's first duty is to the people, and develop this country.

If a Canadian regiment went to India it would be treated precisely as an English regular regiment, and would take part in any military operations that might be conducted on the frontiers of India. A good many people think that to accept Mr. Arnold-Forster's proposition would be to entail upon Canada the obligation to participate in Britain's foreign wars.

It is very unlikely that the Government will take any steps that may be construed as pledging Canada to send its troops abroad.

PUTTING ON THE SCREWS

Russia Forcing Finns to Complete Military Service.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 8.—An imperial rescript to the Governor-General of Finland directs the governor to dismiss all Finns employed in the state of municipal services who have not fulfilled their military service in the Finnish rifle battalion during and not to issue foreign passports to them for five years.

When granting loans or assistance from state funds to communes or individuals, or dealing with petitions for the remission of fines, the governor is ordered to take into consideration the extent of the opposition to levying recruits offered by the applicants.

Students of the high schools who have not performed military service are to be expelled for periods not exceeding a year. The governor is also empowered to release Finns who have joined the colors and to replace them by evaders of military service, and he is directed to issue a proclamation announcing that all Finns not presenting themselves for service in 1904 will be drafted into regiments outside of Finland.

The Atlas Loan.

Toronto, Jan. 8.—The master has fixed Jan. 13 for all the contributors to the Atlas Loan Company to place their petitions before the court. The claims of the Merchants' Bank at St. Thomas against the Atlas for \$17,000 was postponed until Thursday next, owing to the illness of the solicitor, Mr. Davidson. The master stated he had received three offers for the securities and had handed them over to the liquidators.

Text of Russia's Reply in Jap Legation at London

Cat Likes Travel.

Utica, N. Y., Jan. 8.—The ride of an Albany cat on the front truck of a passenger car to this city, Dec. 29, in zero weather, has caused Professor B. C. Wilder, of Cornell University, who is in charge of research into the length of endurance of humanity and animals, to write to the station master of the New York Central station this city asking if the published reports are true. The cat belongs to Banks & Co., publishers, of Albany.

A request to return the cat, carefully boxed, by express was sent to the Utica station master by the firm. For several days the handsome white and gray feline remained around the station. According to the station employees, the cat jumped aboard a passenger car and it is supposed rode back to Albany.

DUNDONALD TO LEAVE

Will be Made Inspector-General of the Auxiliary Forces.

London, Jan. 8.—It is reported that Major-General Dundonald, commanding the Canadian militia, will shortly leave Canada and succeed Major-General Sir Alfred Turner as inspector-general of the auxiliary forces.

UP GOES WHEAT

Prospect of War Sends it Up Shilling a Quarter.

London, Jan. 8.—Wheat advanced a further shilling per quarter today in some of the provincial markets on the prospect of war. About 116,000 tons of coal were shipped from Cardiff, Wales, during the past week, 46,000 to Japan, 40,000 to Port Arthur and 30,000 to Hong Kong.

COAST STEAMER ASHORE

Passenger Boat Priscilla in Trouble Near Newport.

Newport, R. I., Jan. 8.—During a thick fog early today the Fall River Line steamer Priscilla, bound from New York for Fall River, ran ashore near here. The passengers were taken off by a small tug steamer. The Priscilla is resting on its side, and it is thought that the bottom. Assistance has been sent from Newport.

FOSTER ON TREATIES

He Opposes the Giving of Any Powers to Canada.

Toronto, Jan. 8.—Imperial questions were again to the fore at the club banquet of the National Club last night. Col. George T. Denison and Hon. George E. Foster were the speakers. Col. Denison took the ground that with the preferential trade idea having reached the present advanced stage in England, the work of the Canadians who have propagated it for years was to a large extent done. Mr. Foster replied that the features of the English tariff, light and at some length combated the proposal to make treaty-making powers for Canada.

AN ARBITRATION TREATY

Boston Wants One Between England and the United States.

Boston, Jan. 8.—At a special meeting of the Boston Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon resolutions were adopted favoring the negotiation of a treaty of arbitration between the United States and Great Britain. It is desired all questions except those that relate to national honor and territorial jurisdiction shall be referred to the international tribunal at The Hague for final settlement.

Resolutions were adopted, recommending that the acts of Congress of 1903, requiring a duty of \$2 for immigrants, be amended to include the citizens of Newfoundland. The former failed to pay the tax and that Congress be petitioned to enact legislation to that effect. The resolutions also recommended that the United States treasury to continue to make a full rebate of duties on all coal imported into the United States.

A NEW ENOCH ARDEN

First Husband Appears to Wife Remarried Forty Years.

Virginia, Ill., Jan. 8.—A sensational divorce suit has been filed, the defendant in the case being a supposed victim of the civil war, whose wife has for nearly forty years been living with her second husband on a farm a few miles north of this city.

Mrs. Andrew Morgan, as Nancy Pickle, alias Morgan, brings the suit against Burdette Pickle, to whom she was married in this county on Jan. 15, 1861. Soon after this event both Pickle and Morgan entered in the Union ranks, and were ordered south. The former failed to return, and was reported dead. Thereupon she widow married Morgan, and they have seven children. Mrs. Arthur Allison, of Chanderlineville, Ill., and James, a farmer of this county, there was a son by the first marriage, William Pickle, of Jacksonville, Ill., and it is he who avers that his father is exacting the Enoch Arden role. Mrs. Morgan owns some very valuable land, and recently deeded a part of it to her children. The question of validity of title brought out the facts as stated. She sues on the ground of desertion.

Two Firemen Killed.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 8.—A Baltimore and Ohio Railway train crashed into a freight train at Everts Creek this morning, both engines being derailed and wrecked. Fireman Kefauver was killed and Fireman Roberts died shortly after the accident.

Baron Hayashi Says the Position Is Very Grave.

Hope for Peaceful Settlement Is Growing Less and Less.

Thousands of Japanese Hurry From the United States to the Motherland.

London, Jan. 8.—The text of the Russian reply to Japan's last note has been received at the Japanese legation here. It will be presented to the foreign office later in the day by Minister Hayashi. At the legation, the opinion is held that the reply is utterly opposed to the main Japanese contentions, and it is thought that negotiations will be broken off.

Minister Hayashi said to a representative of the Associated Press, after reading the reply, all I can say is that there is hope for a peaceful settlement is growing less and less. Conflicting reports are very grave. Japan has decided not to buy the Chilean warships for which negotiations had been started. At the legation it is said that ships bought recently from Argentina are expected to sail today for the Far East by way of the Suez Canal.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 8.—By the end of this month over one thousand Japanese will have gone back from California to Japan, having been called to go by an edict of the Japanese consul.

London, Jan. 8.—A special dispatch from Tokyo under today's date, after recording the arrival of the Russian reply, adds: "Diplomacy has not said its last word, and there are still hopes that hostilities may be averted. From the Russian legation it is announced that the negotiations continue."

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 8.—A local marine insurance house has received instructions from Lloyd's to make immediately operative a special war rate of 10 per cent on all Russian and Japanese vessels leaving this port.

New York, Jan. 8.—Nearly all persons here take the view that Japan's conduct toward Russia is that of a naughty child, childish and immature in the impossible task of fighting Russia, and so on. In a long article upon the alleged folly of Japan's pretensions the Gazette says:

"What can she do to hurt Russia? She must take one of her strongest fortresses, say, Port Arthur, but she would require ten times more military force than she could ever bring to bear to accomplish such a feat."

"We think, however, England and America will intervene to prevent Japan from taking any such mad step as that of making war upon us."

London, Friday, Jan. 8.—The Daily Mail's Yokohama correspondent says that Russia's reply to Japan practically removes all hope of a peaceful settlement. A Tokyo dispatch says: The attitude of Japan towards the response of Russia is still undefined. Premier Katsura, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of War, the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Naval Affairs, at a council of state, have decided to wait for the elder statesmen before deciding on a course of procedure. It is manifest that Russia's proposals are unsatisfactory. It is believed that Russia will make concessions in one direction and impose new conditions in another. The Japanese nation is deeply stirred. Public sentiment favors the abandonment of negotiations, believing them to be useless and urges a resort to arms.

The Daily Mail's Tokyo correspondent learns that Russia has made new demands which it will be impossible for Japan to entertain. The correspondent says that all the powers are landing troops in Korea, and that the British blue-jackets landed at Chemulpo are expected to go to Seoul immediately. Constant telegrams are passing between M. Powlloff, the Russian minister to Korea, and Foreign Affairs, the Minister of War, the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Naval Affairs, at a council of state, have decided to wait for the elder statesmen before deciding on a course of procedure. It is manifest that Russia's proposals are unsatisfactory. It is believed that Russia will make concessions in one direction and impose new conditions in another. The Japanese nation is deeply stirred. Public sentiment favors the abandonment of negotiations, believing them to be useless and urges a resort to arms.

A Pekin dispatch says: Major Naxos, a Russian officer, is a Russian officer who was second in command of railway transportation in the Transvaal during the Boer war, has arrived here. He traveled over the Transvaal way with the special view of ascertaining the possibilities of the road for the transportation of troops and supplies in the event of war. Major Naxos made careful observations and collected a great amount of data. His opinion, based on his observations, is that the railroad would break down, and that its administration would find itself hopelessly confused within a week under the stress of war emergencies.

The Daily Mail's Tokyo correspondent says: Governor Taft in a secret conference with the Marquis to this afternoon at the United States consulate at Yokohama. I understand that Governor Taft assured the Marquis that the United States will observe a friendly neutrality towards Japan in the event of war, and that if necessary it would grant the use of American ports in the far east to the Japanese fleet.

A Port Arthur dispatch says: Several warships left here at midnight for the purpose of meeting a Japanese squadron of four ironclads approaching Korea to stop six Japanese coal-laden ships from Japan destined for Port Arthur, and to cancel their charter to a Russian firm here. Lake Hailu has frozen. The sea is a normal movement of troops in both directions in the railway. Port Arthur defenses are complete and the authorities are confident.

No Panic at Kishineff.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 8.—Telegrams received from North Oxford, rendered necessary by the death of Mr. Andrew Pattullo, has been issued. Nominations will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 19, and the election on the following Tuesday, Jan. 25.

North Oxford By-Election.

Toronto, Jan. 8.—The writ for the local election in North Oxford, rendered necessary by the death of Mr. Andrew Pattullo, has been issued. Nominations will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 19, and the election on the following Tuesday, Jan. 25.

Photo by McCullum.
THE LATE CHIEF JOHN A. ROE.

been a respected official and citizen of London, with its representatives from fellow-citizens a martyr, who had died at his post of duty, true to his official responsibility, and true to the trust reposed in him.

The cortege itself, with its representatives from almost every civic body in London, with its representatives from the fire brigades of other places, and its wealth of floral tokens in carriages, bore ample testimony to the high place held by the chief of London's fire brigades in the hearts of the citizens of London, as well as in the esteem of outsiders.

Chief Williams, of the London police forces, acted as marshal, the cortege being led by the Seventh Regiment Band, under Drum-Major Cockburn. Two followed a squad of police, after which came the civic bodies.

In the first carriage were Mayor Beck and Police Magistrate Love, after which came carriages containing the members of this year's council, and ex-Ald. Campbell, Saunders and Stevenson, of last year's council.

Then followed carriages containing City Clerk Edwards, City Treasurer Pope, City Engineer Graydon, and others. Chairman Carrothers and Messrs. McBride, Taylor and Willis, of the board of health, and Dr. Hutchinson, the medical health officer, were in the next carriage. Next in the procession were the veteran firemen, in which body Chief Roe long ago had been an active member. The veterans were marshaled by Mr. John Christie, immediately following the veterans of the room brigade, a magnificent wreath from the London fire brigades, consisting of Florence McDonald, Borden, Nicholson, Stinson, Atkin-Crawford, Howard, Chase and Robinson.

The hearse followed the guard of honor, with carriages containing the floral tributes to the late chief, and came the carriages with the mourners, and representatives of fire brigades, from other cities. Citizens in carriages brought up the rear, the while forming one of the most imposing funeral processions ever witnessed in London.

SERVICES AT THE HOUSE.

The services at the house were conducted by Rev. R. D. Hamilton, pastor of the Wellington Street Methodist Church. The services began with the recital of the Lord's Prayer, after which the simple but inspiring hymn, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" was sung.

Rev. Mr. Hamilton, in a few words, eulogized the late chief for his sterling worth, paying a solemn tribute to his memory as an official of the city, as a citizen of London, as a father, and as a member of the congregation of the Wellington Street Methodist Church. The life just ended had been a life well spent, said the minister, and the chief had died as he lived—faithful to his city, to his trust, to himself, and to his God.

He then drew a moral from the sudden death of the late chief, taking as his text the words, "Be ye always ready." The life of a fireman was always full of dangers, but no one more than a fireman knew when the final summons would come.

"Always be ready," concluded Rev. Mr. Hamilton, "for you know not the day nor the hour."

The banks of flowers were then removed from around the casket, and the body was borne to the hearse between lines of police and firemen, young and old.

The pall-bearers were Assistant Chief Atkin, Foreman Findlater, of No. 2

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Japan and Russia.
The reports from the Far East grow more pessimistic, and it seems as though nothing but a miracle will avert war. To understand the situation it is necessary to go back to the events of eight years ago, when Japan in a short campaign picked the bubble of China's "latent" power. Japan demanded the cession of Formosa, the payment of a large war indemnity as compensation for the blood and treasure she had poured out, and, as a pledge of the permanency of the new regime she had established in Korea, the retention of the Liaotung Peninsula, with the fortress of Port Arthur, which she had occupied during the war. She had gone to war nominally to secure the peace and independence of Korea, and to abolish the more or less shadowy suzerainty which China had exercised in that country. China accepted the conditions, but had a secret understanding with Russia that Japan would not be allowed to enforce them to the extent of retaining the Liaotung Peninsula. No sooner had the treaty been signed than Russian diplomacy went to work, supported by France and Germany, to rob Japan of the fruits of the war. It was intimated to Japan that the retention of the stronghold of Port Arthur must be regarded as a permanent threat to the independence of the Chinese Empire, as well as Korea, and a danger to the peace of the Far East. Japan was helpless against the three great powers, and surrendered her foothold on the continent. Since then Russia has gradually entrenched herself in the very position from which Japan was ejected. The chief prize of Japan's victory has been gathered in by Russia almost without an effort, and Port Arthur has been converted into a formidable fortress, with a powerful fleet, the headquarters of a Russian army, and the terminus of a great transcontinental railway. Russian troops are encamped on the battlefields watered by Japanese blood, and Russia takes no pains to conceal the fact that the absorption of Manchuria is preliminary to the absorption of Korea. It is natural that the Japanese, a proud-spirited and intensely patriotic race, should be provoked beyond endurance. Unlike other Asiatics, with whom patriotism is an unknown sentiment, with the Japanese it is a thoroughly national conception. Korea has always possessed the Japanese imagination. There is a legend of the conquest of Korea by the great Empress Jengo, in the third century, and today Japanese art has immortalized it, and the bank notes of the country still show the great Empress on horseback. It was through Korea that Chinese civilization and letters passed into Japan in the sixth century. Since her humiliation eight years ago Japan has set herself to prepare for the further struggle, which she knew to be inevitable. The whole of her Chinese indemnity has been devoted to military and naval expenditure. She has constantly intrigued in Korea, and by her diplomatic persistence, secured from Russia a treaty, signed in 1895, in which both countries acknowledged the sovereignty and entire independence of Korea, and pledged themselves to abstain from all direct interference with the internal affairs of that country. Moreover, the Russian Government pledged itself, "in view of the wide development taken by the commercial and industrial enterprises of Japan in Korea, and the large number of Japanese subjects residing in that country," not to hinder in any way the commercial relations between Japan and Korea.

The Boxer troubles gave Russia a pretext for the military seizure of Manchuria, so that the Russians are entrenched right along the whole land frontier of Korea, on the banks of the Yalu and Tumen Rivers, constituting a permanent and formidable danger to the preservation of Korea from Russian preponderance. Japan regards Korea as an indispensable field of emigration for her people in view of the restrictions placed upon Japanese immigration by other countries. It is a matter of life and death that she should find an outlet for her surplus energies and population. Ethnically, geographically, commercially and historically, her affinities are with Korea, and she would fight the last stages of exhaustion to preserve that country for Japanese expansion.

The treaty between Great Britain and Japan, signed in 1902, provides for armed co-operation in the event of one of the contracting parties being involved in war with more than one foreign power. It is improbable that Russia would call upon her ally, France, in any event; and it is even more improbable that France would respond, knowing that she would have to fight Great Britain as well as Japan. The disparity between the military strength of Russia and Japan is very great on paper, but a better test will be the morale of the troops. The Japanese army is stiffened by tens of thousands of veterans, seasoned in the Chinese war, and will be animated by an almost fanatical patriotism. It will be led by officers who have seen active service, and who know the fighting ground. It will be near the base of supplies, while the Russian army is thousands of miles from its base, and dependent for its commissariat and transport on a single-track railroad of low standard, and still in an experimental stage. In undertaking to crush Japan Russia will have a bigger contract on her hands than the Turkish war; and that was no promise for the soldiers of the Casr.

The Ward System.
There is no good reason why any ward of the city should suffer because it has no resident on the city council. The city did suffer when aldermen were elected by wards, and made it their main business to grab expenditures for their own sections. Complaint is made that because the majority of the present aldermen live in two wards, the other wards will be neglected. An injustice might be done the latter if each alderman tried to favor the particular neighborhood or district in which he resided. The fact that he must depend for votes equally on every ward of the city should check this propensity. The best guarantee against ward grabbing, would be the non-interference of aldermen with the engineer's department. The aldermen may advise and suggest, but the engineer should be the one to determine and should not be hampered and annoyed by aldermanic lobbying or bull-dozing. One of the defects of the present system of municipal government is the meddling of municipal councils in executive matters, which should be intrusted to permanent officials. The duties of the aldermen should be legislative, rather than executive. They should lay down the policy and hold the paid servants of the municipality to strict account in carrying it out. If an alderman seeks to use his position to make votes for himself, or his political party, he overrides the paid officials of the corporation, and the taxpayers' money is not spent to the best advantage. The advertiser promises to keep a sharp lookout for sectionalism or ward-grabbing on the council, and denounce it no matter who is hurt. The election of aldermen by general vote, instead of by wards is a distinct improvement and it is to be hoped the aldermen-elect will do nothing to provoke the feeling that any section of the city is being discriminated against it, or to revive the abuses of the old system.

Germany is squealing over the surtax, and it sounds as pleasant in Canadian ears as an overture from Wagner. The Russian and Japanese fleets are expected to meet today, but the war correspondents may be pretty much at sea themselves.

War between Russia and Japan and a meeting of the Ontario Legislature at the same time ought to satisfy the most bellicose individual.

British trade last year was the highest by £25,000,000 in the history of the country. There is almost a suspicion that Mr. Chamberlain will be sorry to hear it.

The City of Ottawa has voted to raise \$50,000 to do its own street lighting. This is the first experiment of the kind by a large city in this country, and will be watched with interest.

The Mayor hints that the doctors provided by Dr. Campbell's organization. We should be sorry if he inferred this, because The Advertiser remarked that Dr. Campbell had a skeleton organization.

The funeral of Chief Roe today was an impressive demonstration. Peace has its heroes no less than war, and no less worthy of public honor and recognition. There is no finer heroism than that displayed in the fearless discharge of duty in the everyday walks of life, where a man takes his life in his hands without the stimulus of the battlefield to fire the blood.

The United States steel trust will pay no dividend on its common stock for the last quarter, its earnings having decreased by thirty millions last year. The 40,000 holders of common stock now realize that when they bought it Morgan gave them the cold steel.

The Pittsburgh Dispatch sees no reason why the Rush-Bagot treaty should be repealed. It admits that Great Britain has an advantage by being able to send gunboats to the great lakes through the Canadian canals. But this advantage, it points out, has been created by the failure of the United States to keep pace with Canada in building canals. A competition in canal building between the two countries will be more useful and neighborly than a rivalry in building warships on the lakes.

Papers Cost More.
[Vancouver World.]
In consequence of the increased cost of white paper and other materials, and the higher scale of wages paid compositors as the result of the recent arbitration, the proprietors of the four daily newspapers published in Vancouver, give notice that the price of their newspapers will be advanced on or before Aug. 1, 1904.

In After Years.
[N. Y. Sun.]
We sigh for things that mother cooked, And yet, there is no doubt, They must have been the very ones That father kicked about.

Boy Memory.
[Cleveland Leader.]
Editor-in-Chief—(to office boy)—Bennie, where's the theater tickets I sent you after?
Bennie—I forgot 'em.
City Editor—Bennie, where's that paste I sent you for?
Bennie—I forgot.
Sporting Editor—Bennie, what was Jack Glasscock's battin' average in 1883?
Bennie (promptly)—Three hundred and eighty-six.

Russia Still Stands Still.
[New York Tribune.]
Russia is, or will be soon, the possessor of the only unchanged issue of postage stamps in the world. Until now Hong Kong held that position. The first Hong Kong stamps were issued in 1859, and are identical in every respect with those in use today. The

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head of King Edward is, however, lady from Cincinnati: "but I did not know it. You know they always serve it under a non-de-plume!"

United States of South America.
[Toronto Globe.]
Among the possibilities of the future for South America is a union of the Latin republics against the growing influence of the United States. The treatment of Colombia, in defiance of a treaty of amity of long standing, has made it evident that the best dependence of the South American Republics is themselves. An alliance, formal or informal, might be the best means of promoting the evolution of individual states in self-government.

Setting Him Right.
[Houston Post.]
"I understand your neighbor's daughter is taking lessons in the culinary art."
"The ideal! She's nothing of the sort. She's only going to cooking school."

Tammanyism.
[Hamilton Herald, Independent.]
When the Herald said that the Hamilton Conservative leaders are trying to establish Tammanyism in this city, it had reference to the system of civic government which they are trying to introduce and to the methods they propose to employ. That system and those methods are identical with the system and method of Tammany. Tammany is a political organization which seeks to control the government of New York by directing the votes of Democrats, who are in a large majority in that city. The Conservative leaders in Hamilton seek to obtain for the executive committee of the Hamilton Conservative association the control of the civic government of Hamilton, of the board of education, and every other public body, and the means by which they hope to accomplish this is by directing the votes of Conservatives, who are in a majority in Hamilton.

Thermometeritis.
[Toronto World.]
Probably the best advice that can be offered citizens during the cold snap is to wear warm clothing and have very little to do with the thermometer. The thermometer is interesting reading, but it is a poor comforter. It is an agitator, a disturber, a breeder of restlessness and discontent. Many a man starts for his office in the morning buoyant and cheerful, until he meets the shivering thermometer fiend, who announces that it is fifteen or twenty degrees below zero. Then his buoyancy and cheerfulness depart and he, too, shivers. He shivers all the rest of the day, perhaps for several more days, or until the thermometer fiend assures him that the mercury has resumed a normal level. There is a very old adage to the effect that a man is as old as he feels. With equal truth it may be stated that a man is as cold as he feels—and no colder. It is the thermometer that interrupts the operation of this simple law. The man feels that he is as cold as the thermometer says he is. He accepts its decision without challenge. He may have warm feet, but a mere hint of the reading of the thermometer, first or second hand, reliable or unreliable, convinces him that he has cold feet.

Next Day.
[Washington Star.]
No more turkey.
No more pie.
No more presents.
Hanging high on the sparkling Christmas tree.
No more dinner.
Not for me!
No more candy.
No more fruit.
Drums and trumpets.
Sweetly mate.
No more puddings.
That in these frosty, sparkling days.
Just dyspepsia.
That is all.

The Substitute.
[New York Sun.]
Talk not to me of Fortune's wheel, For it would surely seem That in these frosty, sparkling days There is a better scheme.

For there was not a sign of wheel Upon that happy day, Myrtila promised to be mine, And I snuggled in the sleigh.

"Things Are Not What They Seem."
[Yonkers Statesman.]
"Did you eat any horse while you were in Paris?" asked the New York woman. "Oh, I suppose so," replied the

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CHAMBERLAIN A FACILE ORATOR
But His Enemies Think His Proposals Are Useless.

THE ANGLO-CANADIAN TRADE
Germany Holds England Responsible for Canada's Tariff Policy—London Notes.

London, Jan. 7.—The Liverpool Daily Post, commenting on the correspondence between Mr. Chamberlain and Premier Deakin, says: "Mr. Chamberlain has struck out of the published version of his speech the passage in which he foretold that Canada would restrict her manufactures in the interest of Great Britain, but this simple and easy expedient of the facile orator does not go far with a Canadian to meet the difficulties." The Post says Mr. Peel's article in the Independent Review, has shown what an intricate and sinuous mass the Canadian fiscal policy is. Mr. Peel found nothing to give any hope of good to accrue to the empire from Mr. Chamberlain's proposal relating to Canada.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's new offices on the Strand were formally opened today. Lord Strathcona, who presided at the ceremony, sketched the history of the railway from 33 years ago, when, he said, not five people in Canada believed there would ever be a railway in Canada from coast to coast and running north of Lake Superior. He emphasized the fact that the Canadian Pacific Railway expresses and the great importance of being able to get a through ticket from London to the Far East. His lordship favorably commented on the work done by the office of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the heart of London, under the able direction of Chief Agent Baker. He complimented the Canadian Government officials, and, speaking of Canada's magnificent prosperity, predicted a glowing future for the country. Among those present were Admirals Freeman, General Jameson, Canadian Pacific Agent Baker, W. T. R. French, G. O. G. Griffiths, W. J. Shaughnessy, son of President Shaughnessy, A. Long, of the Bank of Montreal, and R. Clougher, formerly of Toronto.

The imports of Canadian produce into Great Britain during the month of December, 1903, were as follows: Cattle, 5,275 head, £15,141; sheep and lambs, 11,460 head, £17,107; horses, 2,300 head, £28,445; wheat, 185,444 cwt., £2,802,242; cheese, 113,045; peas, 47,107 cwt., £12,758; bacon, 46,129 cwt., £10,654; hams, 7,116 cwt., £18,562; butter, 5,727 cwt., £13,435; cheese, 107,557 cwt., £27,653; eggs, 110,645 great hundreds, £45,545; horses, 12 head, £2,600. The total imports of Canadian produce from Great Britain during the entire year of 1903 are as follows: Cattle, 190,815 head, £3,815,778; sheep and lambs, 88,291 head, £129,045; wheat, 10,803,941 cwt., £2,737,351; wheat meal and flour, 2,337,583 cwt., £1,255,241; peas, 212,163 cwt., £31,814; bacon, 665,249 cwt., £1,691,867; hams, 197,497 cwt., £45,542; butter, 185,444 cwt., £2,802,242; cheese, 113,045; peas, 47,107 cwt., £12,758; bacon, 46,129 cwt., £10,654; hams, 7,116 cwt., £18,562; butter, 5,727 cwt., £13,435; cheese, 107,557 cwt., £27,653; eggs, 110,645 great hundreds, £45,545; horses, 12 head, £2,600. The National Zeitung, referring to the negotiations between Germany and Canada, says the British Government, replying to Germany in regard to the commercial policy of Canada, laid stress on the fact that her colony must not be regarded by foreign states as an independent country. The paper infers from this that it depends upon England alone whether the commercial relations between Canada and Germany are satisfactory or not.

The Canadian Society's luncheon at the Holborn restaurant last night was a great success. Roy Somerville presided, and H. A. Greenwood, the principal guest, made a very humorous and entertaining speech. A large number were present. Barlow Cummer, who has resigned from the presidency of the society, owing to his returning to Canada.

All Millinery To Be Sold At 50c on the Dollar

EXPLANATION: The amazing interest in our Great Semi-Annual Clearance Sale, is due to the extraordinary amount and extensive variety of merchandise we have on sale at price-figures so radically lower than those regularly charged, that the savings are instantly noticeable. We are going to make the Millinery Department the center of special attraction, as **Not One Model or Pattern Hat Will Be Carried Over.** It is a most advantageous opportunity for you—a bargain movement of supreme importance.

All Trimmed and Untrimmed Millinery at Half Price.

Positively all our trimmed millinery must be sold, and at once. Former prices—the original cost—everything is ignored in order to clear them out. All the residue of our **French Models, Exquisite Pattern Hats, Beaver Hats, Velvet and Felt Hats,** trimmed in up-to-date-minute ideas with plumes, birds, fancy novelties and fall foliage. All perfect patterns of imported goods. Come quick and make your selection.

Every Hat at Half-Price

They are all this season's remaining French Models and Pattern Hats, at

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ANOTHER FIRE VICTIM

Death of Young Lady Swells Death Roll to 566.
Chicago, Jan. 8.—Miss Harriet Harbaugh, another victim of the Iroquois fire, is dead at the Samaritan Hospital, as a result of her injuries. This brings the total of deaths to 566.

Agnes Hopkins, 46 years old, has been declared insane as a result of incessant reading of accounts of the Iroquois fire horror. Three more suits for a total of \$30,000 damages, resulting from the fire, have been filed. Building Commissioner Williams is made a party defendant.

FOR WOMEN

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About Sanative Antiseptic Cleansing

And about the Care of the Skin, Scalp, Hair and Hands.

Too much stress cannot be placed on the great value of Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Resolvent in the antiseptic cleansing of the mucous surfaces and of the blood and circulating fluids, thus affording pure, sweet and economical food and constitutional treatment for weakening ulcerations, inflammations, itching, irritations, relaxations, displacements, pains and irregularities peculiar to females. Hence the Cuticura remedies have a wonderful influence in restoring health, strength and beauty to weary women, who have been prematurely aged and inviolated by these distressing ailments, as well as such sympathetic afflictions as anæmia, chlorosis, hysteria, nervousness and debility.

Women from the very first have fully appreciated the purity and sweetness of the power to afford immediate relief, the certainty of speedy and permanent cure, the absolute safety and great economy which have made the Cuticura remedies the standard skin cures and honour remedies of the civilized world. Millions of women use Cuticura Soap, assisted by Cuticura Ointment, for preserving, purifying and beautifying the skin, for cleansing the scalp of crusts, scales and dandruff, and the stopping of falling hair, for softening, whitening and soothing red, rough and chapped hands, for annoying irritations, and ulcerative weaknesses, and for many sanative, antiseptic purposes which readily suggest themselves, as well as for all the purposes of the toilet, bath and nursery.

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Queer Kaffir Superstition.

One of the strangest cases ever investigated in South Africa is that now being inquired into by the Johannesburg criminal investigation department. Some time ago two Kaffirs stole a sum of £800 in money. They were brought before the court and sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment with hard labor, but the money was not recovered. After serving some months of their sentence one of the prisoners died in the jail. The other underwent his full term, and on leaving the jail proceeded to the spot where the money was buried, in order to take his half. He dug up the ground, got his share out and went off to his kraal.

Later on he thought, presumably, that, seeing his confederate was dead, he would also get the other half. He traveled again to the place, and was proceeding to unearth the concealed gold when he suddenly fell forward, struck with paralysis, and when discovered was in a critical condition, his whole body being paralyzed.

He was taken to the hospital, where he lay for a long time seriously ill. On recovering sufficiently he told a remarkable tale. While in the jail undergoing his punishment, he said, his friend was taken dangerously ill, and, he being thought that the man might die, he (the narrator) was sent for. His friend then said to him: "I am going to die. When you get out of prison go to the place where we hid the money and take your half, leaving my half for my brothers, whom you must tell of my death. But don't take my half."

This interesting story-teller secured his half, but did not tell the deceased's brothers of the other half, and after a while resolved he would get it or himself, with the result that in a very act of taking it he was seized with a stroke of paralysis. The remainder of the money is still concealed, but the criminal investigation department cannot discover where, owing to the superstition of the surviving Kaffir. Though now quite well, he will not take the detectives to the spot, on the grounds that his illness was due to the vengeance of his dead friend's spirit, and that if he went to the spot again the spirit would kill him. The criminal investigation department has the man well in hand, and hopes to get the concealed money shortly. This remarkable story is, perhaps, unique. It illustrates not only a strange incident in the accursed superstition of Kaffirs.

COUNT TOGO A CHRISTIAN

An Admiral and Four Jap Naval Captains Are Converts.
London, Jan. 8.—In view of the probability of war between Japan and Russia, it will doubtless interest a number of people in this country to know that Vice-Admiral Count Togo, the commander of the Japanese fleet, as well as the captains of three of the principal battleships of the mikado's navy, are in the hands of Christianity. Native Christians are indeed beginning to occupy many high and honorable positions in the state. Quite a long row of members of the lower and of the upper houses of Parliament are Christians, and a number of the latter occupy seats on the judicial bench. Moreover, three of the biggest daily newspapers of Tokyo, the capital of Japan, are in the hands of Christians, and under the circumstances it can not be denied that Christianity, with all that the latter involves in the way of civilization and enlightenment, is making its way quietly but surely in Japan.

Holiday Gifts.

Feather cushions, 50 cents each; down cushions, tea caddies, feather pillows in art tickings. Feathers sold by the pound. Mattresses, springs, iron beds, large stock of stoves at J. F. Hunt & Sons, feather pillow and mattress manufacturers, 833 Richmond street, north. Telephone 597.

Novelists Helped Police.

"Charles Dickens and Robert Louis Stevenson," said a Central station detective, "have done more to help the police than any other two authors that ever touched a pen."

"Why? Simply because they catalogued for us certain classes of criminals with whom we come in contact every day in the year. It is always easier to get evidence against a criminal, easier to arouse sentiment against him, easier to awake some contrition in him when we can put him squarely into a certain class than when we are uncertain about him and are guessing. 'Listen to a lot of detectives talking. If they are talking about criminals it won't be long before you'll hear one of them say: 'That man is a regular Fagin.'"

"Now, there's your Dickens for you. Everybody who has read Dickens, and everybody else who has heard the expression, knows that Fagin was a bad man, who lived in London and who taught boys to become pickpockets. And by the way, they called pickpockets 'dips' back in those days, just as we do now. 'Abou-Simmons? Well, he gave us Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. A wonderful conception. Those two natures in one man. When we find a man who is living a good life and at the same time living a bad one, you can see for yourself how much it helps to be able to say or name a regular Jekyll and Hyde. 'Yes, sir, those are the detectives' authors—Dickens and Stevenson. They've done us more good than Poe or Dr. Conan Doyle, or Anna Katharine Green, or any of those others who have written detective stories. They are fine for after dinner, but that make poor guides for detectives who are actually working on a case.'—Chicago Tribune.

THE CRICK IN THE BACK.—"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin," sings the poet. But what about the touch of rheumatism and lumbago, which is so common now? There is no poetry in that touch, for it renders life miserable. Yet how delightful is the sense of relief when an application of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil drives pain away. There is nothing else like it.

Bright, Entertaining, and Instructive.
New Year's Number of the Four-Track News for January. Only 5 cents at all newsdealers. 56n xwvtywt

Russia has 57 warships at Port Arthur, China.

USE THE SAFE, pleasant and effective worm killer. Mother Gray's Worm Exterminator; nothing equals it. Procure a bottle and take it home.

The borough of Fulham, London, by the use of its garbage in the furnace of the municipal electric lighting plant, makes a profit of \$342 a year.

JUST THE THING THAT'S WANTED.—A pill that acts upon the stomach and that is so compounded that certain ingredients of it preserve their power to act upon the intestinal canal, so as to clear them of excreta, the retention of which cannot but be hurtful, was long looked for by the medical profession. It was found in Parmelee's Vegetable Pills, which are the result of much expert study, and are scientifically prepared as a laxative and an alterative in cases.

JANUARY ..SALE..

Great Bargains for January.

We announced the other day a Flannelette Sale. It's a bumper. The ladies caught on at once. Thousands of yards sold and still there are thousands to go. Think of these prices away below maker's cost today.

Beautiful stripes, good weights, wide, worth 50c, on sale at . . . 35c
34-inch, fancy stripes, Flannelette, best quality, soft and fluffy, worth 100c, on sale at . . . 80c
Best English Striped Saxons, worth 12 1/2c, on sale at . . . 10c
Plain Pinks and Blues, regular 100c, one sale at . . . 80c
Best, yard wide Pink, Blue, Red or White, regular 12 1/2c, on sale at 10c

SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY.

Ladies' Fine Rib Vests, nicely trimmed, extra finish, Drawers to match, worth 25c, for . . . 25c
Llama Cashmere Hose, worth 50c, for . . . 37 1/2c
Pure Linen Toweling, "Marvel" Crash, worth 50c, for . . . 50c
Flannelette Night Gowns, in pink or blue, well made, self-colored, lace trimmed, worth 85c, for . . . 50c
Black Sateen Skirts, 18-inch flounce, 5 rows of ruffling, corded, best quality, well made, worth 2 00, for . . . \$1 25

Wrapperettes and Paris Waist Cloths

Good patterns and splendid colorings, worth 10c, for . . . 7c
Best American styles, beautiful designs, worth 12 1/2c, for . . . 10c

BAYLEY'S

THE MILITIA CLOTHING

A Reserve Stock Contracted For—The Arms Equipment.

Ottawa, Jan. 8. — The militia department has a contract with the Sanford Manufacturing Company, of Hamilton, and Mark Workman & Co., of Montreal, for the supply of a reserved stock of military clothing. This will be kept on hand for use in the event of the militia being called on for active service. These are the firms that have the manufacturing of militia clothing for several years past. The arrangement for the work is on the old basis. There is now on hand at the Ross rifle factory in Quebec 3,000 stand of arms. The Government contract with Sir Charles Ross is for the delivery of 1,000 rifles monthly until 1906, has been placed in the hands of the militia.

CUT HIS THROAT

Despondency Drives John Dumar, of Chatham, to Suicide.

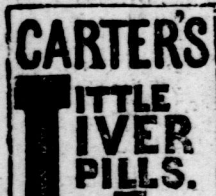
Chatham, Ont., Jan. 8. — John Dumar, of the second concession, Chatham township, was found Wednesday evening with his throat cut from ear to ear in a shanty near where he had lived alone. Dumar had not been feeling well lately, and that, coupled with being out of work a good deal, is attributed as the cause of the supposed suicide. Deceased was a man of about 40 years, and had been a resident of Chatham for a little over a year. It is reported that he has a sister living in Port Stanley. He was born in Woodstock, and according to his own story was at one time worth \$2,000. He was a great lover and had been most all over the world. An inquest is being held.

Old Orangeman Dead.

Stratford, Jan. 7. — The oldest Orangeman in Canada, is dead, in Blanshard township, North Perth, at the age of 90. He was a member of the order for over seventy years. He had been treasurer of the County Conservative Association since its organization.

Jumped Three Floors.

Chicago, Jan. 8. — Several of the 70 employees of the Raush Manufacturing Company had to jump for their lives to escape a fire which followed an explosion in the third and fourth stories of the plant yesterday. One man, who jumped from the third floor, was killed, but the others are believed to have escaped. The flames attacked a printing establishment adjoining, but the 15 employees, many of them girls, escaped without injury.



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Headache, yet Carter's Little Liver Pills are equally valuable in Constipation, cure and prevent this annoying complaint. When there is no correct action of the bowels, the liver and regulate the bowels. Even if they only cure.

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Acne they would be most precious to those who suffer from this distressing complaint. But there is no remedy that will find these little pills valuable in so many ways that they will not be willing to do without them. But after all such head.

ACHE

Is the best of so many lives that there is where we are not great. Our pills cure all while others do not.

Carter's Little Liver Pills are very small and very easy to take. One or two pills make a dose. They are strictly reliable and will not be found in any drug store. They are sold by their genuine name in all the best drug stores. In bottles of 25 cents and 50 cents. See description every where, or send for book.

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JOTTINGS FROM NEAR-BY PLACES

Furnished by the Special and Occasional Correspondents of The Advertiser.

Contributors' names are not published, but all letters should be signed and dated.

THAMESVILLE.

Thamesville, Jan. 7. — Miss Francis, of St. Thomas, has spent the holidays with her cousin, Miss Edith Wilcox, of North Thamesville.

Mr. Dodson, teacher at the Red School, spent the holidays at his home at London.

Mr. Fred Pollard is visiting his sister, Mrs. James Pearson, of this place.

Miss May Everett, of Thamesville, spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. M. Minshall.

Miss Annie Sherman spent a week with her aunt, Mrs. Ford, at Bay City, Mich.

Mr. A. Ouellette, of Tilbury, was a visitor in town today.

The ice harvest has begun, and a nice-looking lot of ice is being brought in.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Russell, of Battle Creek, Mich., spent the holidays with their parents here.

The girls in Thamesville and surrounding country are all smiling now. They say if the preachers don't have a harvest this year it will not be their fault.

ALVINSTON.

Alvinston, Jan. 8. — Miss Annie Cook, of Flint, Mich., and Miss Anna, of Cleveland, Ohio, have returned home, after spending their Christmas holidays with their aunt, Mrs. Kate McLachlan, of the public school staff.

A very quiet wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Dolan, Brooke, when their eldest daughter, Mary A., was united in marriage to Mr. Charles McGarvey, of Alvinston.

Mr. Scott performed the ceremony.

Miss Alma Holbrook, of Watford, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. B. Cook, of this place.

Miss Anna Addeman, of Detroit, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. G. S. Norworthy.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carter, Montreal, spent New Year's Day as the guest of Mrs. W. C. Young.

Mrs. L. Hanna, of Kaslo, B. C., is the guest of Mrs. C. Duncan.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. G. Gordon spent New Year's Day with friends in Elmira.

Mrs. G. H. G. Norworthy spent the Christmas holidays with friends in Detroit, and the New Year with friends in St. Thomas.

Miss Grace Jaynes, of Calgary, is the guest of Miss Blanche Chambers.

The Alvinston public school reopened on Monday, with a full attendance, and the high school reopened on Tuesday.

Principal Taunton, of Roy, comes highly recommended, and Miss Stout, of Kirkton, occupied the room vacated by Mrs. McKell.

Mr. and Mrs. McCutcheon, of Thornedale, are the guests of the latter's parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Smith.

The Presbyterians will hold their anniversary services on Jan. 24, and the meeting on the 25th.

Miss Kathleen Morton, evangelist, of Toronto, will assist Rev. Mr. Muxworth in a series of evangelistic services, commencing Jan. 10. She will occupy the pulpit both morning and evening.

KOMOKA.

Komoka, Jan. 8. — A most entertaining programme was rendered in the Presbyterian Church here on Tuesday evening.

A number of artists of London, the programme was opened by a trio, the Misses Mowat and Mr. E. B. Webster.

"Sweet Pauline Mowat, contralto soloist of the First Presbyterian Church, sang in beautiful voice, "The Spinning Wheel," "The Stoops to Conquer," and "The Piper of Dunfermline."

Mr. E. Webster delighted the audience with "The Bonnie Bunk," "Down in the Deep," and "The Piper of Dunfermline."

Miss Margaret Mowat, soprano soloist of King Street Presbyterian Church, sang "The Banks of Loch Lomond," Mr. Roselle and other members of the choir.

Poole, organist of the same church, were accepted as chairman in Mr. Mylles' absence.

He also rendered very artistically a number of violin selections, the duets rendered by Miss F. Mowat and Mr. Webster.

The programme was the accompanist for the evening. The programme was brought to a close by all singing the national anthem.

Mrs. Mathewson is visiting relatives and friends in Paris.

Mr. D. Smith, an old resident of this place, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Miss Tina Smith spent New Year's Day at her home here.

Mr. T. Lorthouse, Windsor visited at his home here.

Mrs. W. Stewart is visiting in London.

Mr. W. H. McMillan, of Stratford, paid a flying visit to friends here recently.

Misses Louise and Lillian Lorthouse have returned to Windsor, after spending a short time at their home here.

At a recent meeting of the Y. P. S. of the Presbyterian Church, the following address was read by Rev. W. C. Wylie, by Mr. W. H. Vaughn, in behalf of the society: "Dear Pastor, it is with feelings of regret that we have learned of your coming departure, and the severing of your connection as pastor of this congregation. Since the opening of this society, you have ever been ready by word or deed to help forward anything which might benefit it thereby, and to your advice and the interest you have taken in whatever would tend to its growth and usefulness is due in no small measure this present success. We therefore take much pleasure in testifying to the help and encouragement he has so kindly given."

PORT STANLEY.

Port Stanley, Jan. 8. — The transfer steamer Shenango left here for Connetquot on New Year's Day, and reached her port on Tuesday morning. The ice on the lake was very heavy. She has gone in winter quarters at Connetquot.

The L. E. and D. R. R. has about 25,000 tons of coal piled up here in the yards, which will be shipped.

Mr. John Price's team ran away on Tuesday evening. Mr. Price was coming down the Lake road with a load of hay, and the team made a dash. They ran down the Mitchell road and collided with a pump in front of the Franklin House, freeing themselves. Then they started for St. Thomas via the railroad track, but were stopped. Very little damage was done.

The pumping house of the L. E. and D. R. R. was destroyed by fire on Monday night.

The ice harvest here is in full swing, and a large number of men are at work. The ice is magnificent—fully 15 inches thick.

LEBAUDY'S BAIT REFUSED

Americans Not Tempted to Enter the Emperor's Service.

London, Jan. 8. — M. Jacques Lebaudy, the "Emperor of Sahara," has approached United States diplomatic and consular officials with the view of obtaining American capital for the imperial service in his "empire." M. Lebaudy says that he intends to form a navy and is anxious to secure American sailors for the service.

The officers having declined to be seduced into accepting positions by offers of Saharan decorations, pointing out that Americans who would join that navy would be liable to arrest as spies.

Nearly 11,000 tubercular patients are now in sanatoria in Germany.

Comets are made of carbonaceous material, 100,000 times lighter than our air.



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1-5 Off brings you a dollar's worth of goods for 80 cents. This Clearing Sale is a wonderful opportunity for housekeepers. Buying at so big a reduction goods that you need straight along, goods that you are wearing every day, goods that are very seldom reduced much, makes this the chance of the season. Take advantage of the bargains early. Popular lines are disappearing quickly and cannot be replaced to sell at such low prices.

We Take Stock on January 21st.

Then this big sale comes to an end and your opportunity to save 20 cents on every dollar's worth of goods you buy ceases. Wholesale prices on such staple articles could not be lower. These are a few of the many lines to choose from:

Ladies' Skirts and Waists,
Art Muslins and Art Satens,
Wool Blankets and Comforters,
Ladies' Winter Underwear,
All Our Handsome Silk Velvets,
Children's Ulsters and Reefers,
Ladies' Stylish Coats,
Ladies' Wrappers and Shawls,
Lace Curtains and Curtain Muslins.

Everything is marked in plain figures—everything above board and genuine. Goods that were reduced before are now selling at 20c off reduced prices. Positively the most pleasing and satisfying sale that London ever sees. We put it on at the beginning of every year to get our stock as low as possible before stock-taking. Saves us a lot of trouble and pleases everybody.

All Our Ladies' Whitewear,
All Our Ladies' Flannelette Wear,
Ladies' Knitted Hoods and Clouds,
All Our Gents' Furnishings,
All Our Wrapperettes,
All Our Flannels,
All Our Table Linens,
Everything in our Stock of Dress Goods,
All Fancy Silks.

The More You Spend the More You Save.

Stock up while this sale is on—you'll not regret it. When you have satisfied yourself that these are bargains indeed—when you have bought all you require for yourself and household, tell your acquaintances to come and save.

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C. P. R. AND DRUNKENNESS

Railroad Takes Radical Measure to Stamp It Out.

Montreal, Jan. 8. — The Canadian Pacific Railway Company is making it known to its thousands of employees that drunkenness in any department will not be tolerated for a moment, and one of the plans adopted is to purge as severely as the law allows in cases where the safety of the public has been in jeopardy. As a result of this, John Dandridge, an engineer, running into Three Rivers, and Harry M. Hillman, another engineer, running into Indian Head, have been sent to jail without the option of a fine. In the case of Dandridge there is a sentence of six months, which is probably the longest sentence in a Canadian court for a like offense. Hillman's sentence was four months, in jail, without the option of a fine.

THEY LACK A TEACHER

Opening of Ingersoll Manual Training School Postponed.

Toronto, Jan. 8. — The manual training department in connection with the Ingersoll school, which has been shut up until next September, on account of the inability of the department to secure a competent instructor, will be inaugurated at the Mc Donald Institute, Guelph, or the Hamilton Normal College, to provide a supply of teachers. Two men who were offered \$1,000 per year by Ingersoll declined to be bothered that figure, and had been met by the boards employing them.

MANITOBA LEGISLATURE

Opening of Eleventh Session—Mr. Chamberlain's Policy Approved.

Winnipeg, Jan. 8. — The first session of the new Legislature of Manitoba, and the eleventh Legislature since the province was created, was opened at 8 o'clock yesterday afternoon at a usual ceremonial. Mr. James Johnson was elected Speaker. The session promises to be short and uneventful by any great party contests, for the reason that the Government majority is so overwhelming. Thirty-one Conservatives will face nine Liberals, and as the floor of the House will not accommodate so many Conservatives to the right of the chair, accommodation will have to be made on the other side by some of the Conservative members. In the speech from the throne the Lieutenant-Governor, referring to the Chamberlain's policy, said: "My Government views with approval the movement for fiscal changes within the empire now being urged by Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, and it is the belief that this policy, if inaugurated, would be of great benefit to the people of Manitoba and the west, and you will be asked to show your approval by resolution."

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It is the Run-Down, Thin-Blooded Person Who Falls Easy Victim to Disease.

Low vitality invites cold, fevers and contagious disease.

When you hear a person say that he takes cold easily depend on it his general health is not good.

His blood is thin and watery, his nerves are more or less exhausted, and his vigor is at low ebb.

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This great food cure possesses restorative and reconstruction powers which are not to be found in any other preparation.

In this regard it is different to any medicine you ever used. Instead of weakening down the tissues it builds them up and gives to the body the vigor which is required to throw off disease.

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LIBERAL CONVENTIONS

Nominees for W. Lambton, N. Perth, Welland and Prince Edward.

Sarnia, Ont., Jan. 8. — The convention of West Lambton Liberals was called to order yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, by Mr. Jos. Cairns, president of the W. L. Liberal Association. The following were nominated:

Dr. Johnston, M. P., Dr. Merrison, Joseph Cairns, Wm. Nisbett, John Cowan and F. P. Fardeau. All retired in favor of Dr. Johnston, whose nomination was made unanimous.

Listowel, Ont., Jan. 7. — A convention of Liberals of North Perth took place here this afternoon. When President Urquhart called for nominations nine names were put before the convention.

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LATEST MARKETS

STOCK MARKETS.
New York, Jan. 8.—Nothing particularly interesting has developed in the market this morning. The tone of the market has been strong throughout the week. The market has been generally dull and not at all suggestive of any impending excitement. Minor and inactive stocks have attracted attention by their display of strength and rapid advances in some cases. Such stocks as Mexican National, preferred, Kansas City Southern, and the like are strong. Unimpaired Copper, preferred, was closed to weakness, and it is thought that there was selling by certain inside interests. The fractions are without feature, and the railroad list, with the exception of Baltimore and Ohio, has been steady, without any wide fluctuations, and Baltimore and Ohio was very strong, and it is expected that the listing of the stock on the Berlin bourse, sales to noon were 186,000 shares.

MONTREAL.

Canadian Pacific	110 1/2	109 1/2
Montreal Street Railway	110 1/2	109 1/2
Porto Rico	110 1/2	109 1/2
Twinn City	110 1/2	109 1/2
Metropolitan	110 1/2	109 1/2
Montreal Telephone	110 1/2	109 1/2
Union Pacific	110 1/2	109 1/2
Chicago & North Western	110 1/2	109 1/2
Illinois Central	110 1/2	109 1/2
St. Paul	110 1/2	109 1/2
Rock Island	110 1/2	109 1/2
Great Northern	110 1/2	109 1/2
Wells Fargo	110 1/2	109 1/2
Western Union	110 1/2	109 1/2
Telegraph & Telephone	110 1/2	109 1/2
International	110 1/2	109 1/2
Continental	110 1/2	109 1/2
Commercial	110 1/2	109 1/2
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Marine	110 1/2	109 1/2
Banking	110 1/2	109 1/2
Insurance	110 1/2	109 1/2
Real Estate	110 1/2	109 1/2
Public Utilities	110 1/2	109 1/2
Transportation	110 1/2	109 1/2
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DAIRY MARKETS.

CHICAGO.
Chicago, Jan. 7.—Butter—Easy; creameries, 16c to 22c; dairies, 14c to 21c. Cheese—Steady, 16c to 19c. Eggs—Steady, 16c to 19c. LIVERPOOL DAIRY REPORT, WEEK ENDING DEC. 24.
Cheese—The market has been quiet, the demand being quite of a holiday character, and quotations are unchanged. There is perhaps a better tone on choicest goods. We quote today: Finest Canadian, September and October, 10c; 10c to 10c 6d per cwt; do, white, 51c 6d; do, fine, 52c 6d; do, extra, 53c 6d; do, choice, 54c 6d; do, extra, 55c 6d; do, choice, 56c 6d; do, extra, 57c 6d; do, choice, 58c 6d; do, extra, 59c 6d; do, choice, 60c 6d; do, extra, 61c 6d; do, choice, 62c 6d; do, extra, 63c 6d; do, choice, 64c 6d; do, extra, 65c 6d; do, choice, 66c 6d; do, extra, 67c 6d; do, choice, 68c 6d; do, extra, 69c 6d; do, choice, 70c 6d; do, extra, 71c 6d; do, choice, 72c 6d; do, extra, 73c 6d; do, choice, 74c 6d; do, extra, 75c 6d; do, choice, 76c 6d; do, extra, 77c 6d; do, choice, 78c 6d; do, extra, 79c 6d; do, choice, 80c 6d; do, extra, 81c 6d; do, choice, 82c 6d; do, extra, 83c 6d; do, choice, 84c 6d; do, extra, 85c 6d; do, choice, 86c 6d; do, extra, 87c 6d; do, choice, 88c 6d; do, extra, 89c 6d; do, choice, 90c 6d; do, extra, 91c 6d; do, choice, 92c 6d; do, extra, 93c 6d; do, choice, 94c 6d; do, extra, 95c 6d; do, choice, 96c 6d; do, extra, 97c 6d; do, choice, 98c 6d; 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"Ah, now I know," cries she, stopping abruptly, and looking full at her companion, who grows somewhat guilty in appearance. "That noise of running water—that is the river that flows beneath Greycourt. If I had only followed it I need not have given you all this trouble."

"It was no trouble," says he, plainly. "You should have told me," continues she. "Was it that you were going to tell me? Do you know, regarding him somewhat mysteriously, 'that it would take me home?'"

"How was I to know that you could follow it?" asks he lamely.

"My eyes are quite strong," says she, now regarding him with evident suspicion. "I do not see how I could have helped following it. However, seeing his crestfallen air, you have been very kind, very, I am very much obliged to you."

"She thinks for a moment, and then holds out to him her hand. 'Good-bye,' she says gently.

"Oh, not good-bye, I hope," returns he anxiously, taking the slim little hand and holding it as warmly as he dares, perhaps more closely than he quite aware, "I shall see you again?"

"Oh, no, indeed, softly. 'You must not think that I, Uncle Gregory, does not permit us to know our neighbors, therefore, I shall never know you at all.'"

"That is a hard saying," restraining by a strong effort the smile that rises to his lips. "I am afraid your Uncle Gregory, however, for your sake," gravely, "that he does not deny you the pleasure of walking in these beautiful woods."

"At least, he has not forbidden me yet," with a doubtful sigh.

"Least in the future he should do so, take my advice and get from them all the pleasure you can in the present," says her companion, gazing earnestly into her face. "And now, if it must be—good-bye."

He lifts his hat, and Griselda, giving him a rather solemn little wave of her hand, follows him. A second later, however, she finds him again beside her.

"It—there—there," she says, coming in the sky, "he says that I am coming in the sky, 'Don't you think so? I fear we shall have a perfect storm before long. I thought, I tell you, so that you might get as much good out of these woods as possible before the deluge. This week, now, might be the last, and should not answer for the next, and indeed, if you will permit me to advise you, I should recommend you to take a walk tomorrow. Who shall tell you that rain might not fall the day after?'"

Who, indeed.

It seems the soundest reasoning. So Griselda, having shown herself impressed by it, inclines her head to him once more, and, in a turn in the path, he is left alone.

CHAPTER VII.

"Severe decrees may keep our tongues in awe. But to our thoughts what edicts can give law? Even you yourself to your own breast shall tell. You crimes, and your own conscience be your hell."

Home, but not yet safe. There are still many obstacles to be cleared before she can consider herself out of reach of her uncle's control.

On the hall door steps, as if lying in wait for her, stands Mrs. Grunch, the housekeeper. Seeing the girl, she advances toward her, a curiously unpleasant smile flashing her wide lips.

"Dear me, miss, and so you have returned," says she. "Dear, but master will be main glad to hear of it. He was that upset by your absence that he wasn't so much as approach him."

Griselda's blood grows cold. "But now he'll be sure to tell you himself how glad he is to see you back safe and sound. Might I ask, miss—will be wanting to know where you were and what kept you?"

"Certainly," says Griselda, coldly. "I went for a walk in these lovely woods, lost my way, found a considerable difficulty in finding it again, and—here I am. I am afraid you will not be able to make much of a mystery out of that." She smiled contemptuously.

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So haughty a fire burns in them that Mrs. Grunch's gaze grows confused, and finally seeks the ground.

"You forget yourself," says Griselda, in a perfectly calm tone. She moves away a step or two, and then: "Bring me a cup of tea to my room without delay," she says; the command, the whole air, bringing the woman to her proper level at once.

Going swiftly up the broad stone staircase, she almost runs into Vera's arms, who, having heard voices below, had rushed impetuously along the corridor to see if at last news of Griselda had arrived, and instead—happy exchange—here is Griselda herself.

"Oh, darling, such a fright as you have given me," she has thrown her arms around Griselda, and is holding her cup of tea to my room without delay."

"A mere skirmish of wits, unworthy a second thought. She wished to be alone, to me, I knocked her down."

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"In nearly every house of silence, I suppose, there must eventually come a crash. Perhaps they only begin waiting to establish a good case of cruelty against her husband that will enable her to leave him, and get a divorce. Perhaps the husband is waiting to collect the evidence that he hopes will entitle him to an absolute divorce."

"And even in those cases where pride and the dread of a scandal hold the couple together, it is not to be supposed that the husband and wife are really happy. The husband is waiting for the day when he can get a divorce, and the wife is waiting for the day when she can get a divorce."

THISTLE CURLERS WON. The Thistle Club curlers beat six rinks from St. Thomas yesterday. The visitors were afterward tendered an oyster supper. The scores were as follows:

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LATEST ROYAL MATCH

Grand Duke of Mecklenburg and the Princess Alexandra.

London, Jan. 8.—There has been many denials of the rumored engagement of the reigning grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin and the Princess Alexandra of Brunswick, and of Great Britain, that I have refrained from making any mention thereof until it was officially announced. Inasmuch as Princess Alexandra, who is not only the godchild, but also the niece of the Queen of England, and an English princess, it is probable that King Edward will be called upon to give his sanction to the match under the great seal of England, though the fact that she is also the daughter of a de jure sovereign, namely, of the rightful Duke of Brunswick, may obviate the necessity of this.

I describe her as an English princess, as she is still styled such in the various standard works of reference. But strictly speaking, she is from an English point of view no longer royal, and, therefore, exempt from the provisions of the royal marriage act. For after the fourth generation of descent from the crown the legitimate descendants in the male line from the sovereign lose their royal character and prerogatives. Thus the present Duke of Cumberland, being great-grandson of King George III. of England, is no longer de jure an English royal, and his children have still less right to be considered as such. In the same way when Prince Arthur of Connaught, the fourth son of Queen Victoria, and has children, the latter will no longer be royal, but mere nobles. The same rule exists in Russia, and thus prevents an undue multiplication of royal princes and princesses.

The Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin is one of the wealthiest and most promising independent rulers of Germany, and is on the most intimate terms, socially and by marriage, with the Czar, and with the reigning house of Denmark. He is very tall, rather good looking and well behaved, and has inherited apparently nothing of the eccentricity which caused his father to declare himself publicly the foe of the German Emperor, and to eventually commit suicide in the spring of 1887 by throwing himself over the parapet of a bridge in the park of his villa near Cannes, and which has likewise led to the circulation of all kinds of strange stories about the widowed grand duchess, one of the most brilliant and charming women of the Russian imperial house of Romanoff.

"It may be asked why a woman with any pride continues to submit to such treatment. The answer in Mrs. Smith's case is that she is absolutely dependent on her husband for support, and would have no other home to go to, should she leave him, and I imagine that is also true of many other women who are married to men who are absolute strangers. Their necessity compels them to swallow their pride. It may be in some of the cases that the wife is a woman of high social position, and she continues to live in the house of silence for the very reason that her pride will not permit her to leave it."

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NEW LIBRARIAN NAMED

Miss Mary Symonds Appointed by Middlesex Law Association.

The affairs of the Middlesex Law Association were shown to be in good condition at the annual meeting held yesterday afternoon at the court house. Mr. V. Cronyn, K.C., was in the chair. On motion of Messrs. T. H. Purdon, K.C., and R. Bayly, K.C., the following resolution was passed:

"That the trustees desire to place on record their deep regret at the death of Mr. John Symonds, for 21 years the librarian. During all that time he performed the duties of his office with perfect satisfaction to the trustees, and the members of the bar regarded him as a personal friend. The trustees extend to his family their sincere sympathy."

Miss Mary Symonds, daughter of the deceased, was appointed librarian. The number of books in the library is 3,737, with a membership of 40. The following officers were elected: President—Mr. V. Cronyn, K.C. Vice-President—Mr. James Magee, K.C. Treasurer—Mr. Talbot Macbeth, K.C. Secretary—Mr. George C. Gunn, K.C. The board of trustees was re-elected as follows: Messrs. James Magee, K.C., Talbot Macbeth, K.C., M. D. Fraser, K.C., Meredith, K.C., E. Meredith, K.C., R. Bayly, K.C., Cronyn, K.C., T. H. Purdon, K.C., A. O. Jeffery, K.C., G. Gibbons, K.C., J. H. Flock, K.C., and F. P. Betts.

An Italian authority finds that when hens are fed on food containing a large percentage of iron the eggs also reveal the presence of iron. The iron is in the form of the albumen. Such eggs exert a tonic effect on persons who eat them. The case illustrates the fact that all eggs are not alike by any means, and that, according to the food fed, they may vary greatly in dietetic value and effect.

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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—The recent municipal elections cost the city about \$200.

—Mrs. McArthur, of this city, is visiting friends in Glenmeyer.

—Miss Dorothy Singleton, of Montreal, is on a visit to friends in this city.

—This is the week of prayer and a number of churches are holding nightly services.

—Mrs. George Campbell has been spending two weeks at his home in Belmont.

—Mrs. George Roach, who has been visiting Mrs. J. Barnard, has returned to Hamilton.

—Mr. and Mrs. Weaver have been spending a few days with friends in West Lorne.

—Bishop McEvay, of this city, has been a visitor in Hamilton, the guest of Bishop Dowling.

—Miss Lent has returned to London, after spending a pleasant holiday with her mother at Morpeth.

—Mr. James Fraser, of Duluth, is revisiting London Township and city, where he formerly lived.

—Mr. Ben Arnum, formerly of this city, and of the G. T. R., is in St. Thomas, suffering from paralysis.

—Mr. R. A. Miller, of Rutherglen, Man., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Miller, Princess avenue.

—Mr. George Sanson, of Petrolia, is at St. Joseph's Hospital, where he will undergo an operation for cataract of the eyes.

—Misses Charlotte Adair and Alice Brown, who spent the vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Regina street, have returned to Detroit.

—Miss Annie Herrick, of Springfield, who has not enjoyed good health for several months, has come to Victoria Hospital for treatment.

—For the week ending Jan. 7, the clearings at the London Clearing House were \$1,115,235. This is one of the largest weeks in the history of the clearing house ever.

—Miss Georgie English, of English street, for some years past cashier at Messrs. W. J. Reid & Co.'s, has resigned her position to take effect the end of this week.

—The new Dominion Salt Company with a capitalization of \$200,000, has appointed Mr. London and West.

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—At a meeting of the separate school board the other evening Dr. W. J. Tillmann was appointed to succeed Mr. John O. Dromingo as representative on the public school board.

—Mr. Lew Austin and Miss Villa Dorland, of Toronto, and Miss Barrett, of Burlington, were guests at the home of Water Commissioner William Jones, Waterloo street, during the holidays.

—Rev. W. C. White, of China, will preach at Christ Church on Sunday morning and Rev. H. H. Jones, of London, will preach at the same church on Sunday afternoon at 3:30.

—Mr. G. A. Andrus was waited upon last evening by a number of well-known whist players, on behalf of whom Mr. Bert Wilcox presented him with a gold watch chain. Mr. John Macpherson made the address. An enjoyable evening was spent.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murray, 6143 Kiraabank avenue, Chicago, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Louise, to Mr. Wallace Burton Penfold, Tuesday evening, Jan. 5. Rev. Charles H. Young, rector of Christ Church, Woodlawn, performed the ceremony in the presence of the family and intimate friends.

WHERE IS WILSON?

Miss Maude B. Wilson, of Parkhill, has asked the city police to look for her brother, E. A. Wilson, who has not been heard of since Nov. 7.

GOOD TIME MADE.

As a result of constant practice in rapid, orderly dismissal, the Aberdeen school was emptied of over 400 pupils in one minute and a quarter, at a fire drill held yesterday morning.

A CHIMNEY FIRE.

At 8:30 o'clock last night the firemen were called to a chimney fire at the residence of Mrs. Collins, 29 Blackfriars street, West London. No damage resulted from the blaze.

CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS.

A systematic and energetic campaign throughout the diocese will be started in the Episcopal churches of this city to raise funds for missionary purposes. Rev. Dr. Tucker, secretary of the Church of England's Missionary Society, will arrive here Saturday next.

TICKET SELLING CONTEST.

A prize of \$5 each month is offered by the street railway company to the conductor who purchases the most tickets, and \$25 as first and \$15 as second prize to the conductor who aggregates the highest during the year.

CALL TO MR. SNEEL.

Mr. Snell, student at Huron College, will be ordained in May, as rector of St. John's Church, Glencoe. Rev. Dr. Beaumont, of this city, will be asked to read the charge of the parish in the meantime.

LONDON LADY MARRIED.

On Wednesday evening a quiet wedding occurred at the parsonage, Talbotville, when Rev. C. C. Couzens united Mr. Richard Lambourn, formerly of Birr, now of Lambeth, and Miss Annie Thompson, of London.

REAL ESTATE SALES.

During the month of December, the local real estate sales were \$200,000, and amounted to \$71,017. The properties were assessed for \$60,475, or \$10,542 less than they sold for. The largest sale amounted to \$11,000 and was assessed for \$1,000.

TRUSTEE ENTERTAINS.

No. 4 of the Executive board of education met last night and wound up its business for the year. After the meeting the chairman, Mr. Thomas Evans, who is retiring, invited the members to a restaurant, where a couple of pleasant hours were spent.

TO REPLACE OLD BOOKS.

At the public library board meeting last night the library committee reported ordering 29 new books at a cost of \$34, and 439 volumes in chivers binding at a cost of \$451 to replace worn-out copies; also that Country Life in America and The International Studio had been added to the list of periodicals. Rev. Dyson Hague donated a copy of each of his works "Protestantism of the Prayer Book" and "The Church of England Before the Reformation." The librarian reported a total circulation of 5,435 books and magazines and the issuing of 58 new cards during December.

ART CULTURE CLUB MET.

At the meeting last night of the Art Culture Club at the Normal School, music, poetry and art were discussed.

The last section consisted of a consideration of Raphael, under charge of Principal Dearness. The subject was illustrated by lantern slides and was most interesting. Miss Claris contributed the critique of Mozart. Mr. A. Bleuthner rendered Mozart's "Pantasia in C Minor," and Mr. Quants gave a history of Shelley's works, reading "The Cloud" and the "Ode to Liberty." The club will meet again Jan. 21.

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DIED IN LONDON TOWNSHIP.

James Walters died at the residence of his son-in-law, Samuel Belton, lot 1, con. 5, London Township, on Wednesday. He was a native of Wiltshire, England, and came to this country in 1866. For over 20 years he resided at Waterloo, later at Wingham. Since 1901 he had lived with his daughter, Mrs. Belton. Three other children survive him, Thomas, of the Grove, London Township; Samuel, of West Nisour, and John, of Wingham. The funeral will take place on Saturday.

FORMER LONDONERS WEDDED.

Yesterday the home of Mr. F. Saxton, 416 Lafayette avenue, Detroit, Mich., was the scene of a very fashionable wedding, when Mr. Saxton's eldest daughter, Florence Louise, became the bride of Herbert Seymour Belton, eldest son of the late Mr. Belton, of Chicago. Both the bride and groom are former Londoners. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Blackford, of both a very happy and prosperous school. Signed, on behalf of the father, and Miss Laura, sister of the bride, made a dainty little flower girl.

GRAND TRUNK BRAKEMAN

FATALLY INJURED TODAY

J. W. Johnston, of Sarnia, the Victim—Probably Struck by Overhead Bridge.

Another railway fatality occurred in this city this morning, the victim being J. W. Johnston, of Sarnia, Ont.

The accident was witnessed by no one, but it is almost a certainty that it occurred at the overhead bridge on the Wharfside road.

The victim of the accident is a young man, presumably about 21 years of age, and had been a brakeman on the road for some time and was acquainted with the bridge, as he had been through London on previous runs.

Johnston was standing on an ordinary box-car, when he evidently was ordered an inquest to be held and if so fractured. Knocked insensible he had fallen backwards, in such a position, that he did not fall off the car, but lay there unconscious until the train reached the city station, where he was first noticed.

He was at once taken to the baggage room at the station, and there it was found that the man was in a serious condition. The police were summoned to send the ambulance at once, and simultaneously Dr. Drake was called.

The unfortunate young man was taken to Victoria Hospital, reaching there about 10 o'clock. At the operating-room everything possible was done for him, but he lived only about half an hour, death being due to the fracture of the skull.

Johnston's relatives reside at Forest. They have been notified of his death.

Coroner Ferguson, of South London, has for a number of years past been the principal lieutenant of Melville, and by his services on both sides of the Atlantic, by his intuition, initiative and pluck has shown himself thoroughly well qualified to take Melville's place.

HEAD OF SCOTLAND YARD

Chief Detective Inspector Quinn Succeeds Supt. Melville.

London, Jan. 8. — Chief Detective Inspector Quinn, who has just succeeded Superintendent Melville as head of the special service branch of New Scotland Yard in London, is like his predecessor, an Irishman, and it is upon his shoulders that will rest for some years to come the responsibility of watching over the safety of not merely of England's King and Queen both at home and abroad, but also over those foreign sovereigns who may happen to visit the United Kingdom. The new superintendent has already spent nearly a quarter of a century in the police, has for a number of years past been the principal lieutenant of Melville, and by his services on both sides of the Atlantic, by his intuition, initiative and pluck has shown himself thoroughly well qualified to take Melville's place.

Black-Work. Smith—Old Testament History. Booth—After Prison, What? Billington—W. A. Headley—The Structure and Life of Birds.

Wood and Dearborn—Birds in Their Relations to Man. Brown—Complete Modern Farmer. Barton—The Birds of the Book. Schauerman—Theory and Analysis of Ornament.

—The Art of Illustration. Anderson—How to Ride and School a Horse.

Carman—The Kinship of Nature. Edmonds (editor)—Anti-Jacobin Poetry. MacLaren—Our Neighbors. Sperry—On the Bonhomie. Turkey, Past and Present.

Nery—The Land of the Amazons. Sullivan—The Land of the Chilli. Garran (editor)—Australasia, Illustrated. Three volumes.

Ford—Eccentricities of Genius. Morgan—Types of Canadian Women. Past and Present.

The Memoirs and Correspondence of Madame d'Epigny. Three volumes. A. E. Barr—The Black Shilling. E. Barr—Over the Border.

Crawford—The Heart of Rome. Farson—Pride of Race. Fraser—The Blood Lilies.

J. Hocking—A Flame of Fire. McCarthy—The Proud Prince. Stringer—The Silver Poppy.

The Duke of Rutland has a record of which it would be hard to find a parallel in modern politics. He has lived to see the jubilee of his first entrance into cabinet rank, and celebrated a few years ago the twentieth anniversary of his first cabinet council. He was a cabinet minister before Lord Salisbury entered Parliamt.

when Lord Rosebery and Mr. Balfour were learning the alphabet, and when Mr. Chamberlain was beginning his career in his father's screw factory.

Charles Thelnet, a fairly well-to-do Long Island farmer, was a wife, but imposes certain conditions on candidates for a corner in his affections. For instance, the lady must be a good housekeeper, must be 20 years of age. He is willing to buy his wife two gowns every year, to cost not more than \$20 each, with shoes, hats, etc., to correspond. The future Mrs. Thelnet must agree to forego high-heeled slippers, open-work stockings, clear-eyes and powder, and she would-be bridegroom thinking such frivolities are not suited to a farmer's wife.

The predominating colors, which made a very pretty effect, were pale blue and white. After a sumptuous wedding breakfast, Mr. and Mrs. Eberington left for this city, where they are the guests of the groom's sister, Mrs. L. L. Walper, 523 Talbot street, before leaving for their future home in Chicago. A magnificent collection of gifts testified to the popularity and high esteem of the bride and groom.

PROGRAMME ADVERTISING.

The following is clipped from the Shoe and Leather Journal, Toronto, for the month of January: "According to the degree of prominence of a business man in a community demands made upon him for advertising in programmes and other transient publications. These 'hold-ups' are planned by the thoughtful committee of a bazar, church concert, lodge entertainment, or something of the kind, and each member counts on so many friends that would not dare refuse the request of the hostess to take space. The merchants' advertisements appearing in one of these useless publications is only the means of causing demands to be made upon him for other similar schemes. To flatterly refuse the request of the canvasser would be only to offend the latter, whose trade would be lost, and who would also, no doubt, influence other trade away from the store. The easiest, most sensible and most profitable plan in a case of this kind, would be to make a cash contribution of the amount or half the amount asked for space, explaining, if thought advisable, why it would be desirable to omit the advertising. In this way the goodwill of the canvasser, who is usually a person of considerable influence, would be retained. These pestiferous demands are a part of the penalty of being in business, but if diplomatically handled should not be so burdensome as most retailers complain."

TO MR. AND MRS. CARRICK.

A presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Carrick was the feature of the Christmas entertainment of the Proudfoot Memorial Chapel Sunday school, West London, Tuesday evening. It was read by Mr. J. S. Brown, the assistant superintendent and was as follows:

London, Ont., Jan. 5, 1904.—Mr. and Mrs. A. Carrick.—We, the teachers of the Memorial Presbyterian Sabbath school of London, wish to show in some slight manner our high appreciation of your efforts and success in the work for London West.

Protestantism and the cause of Christ generally. We are not unmindful of the fact that you gave up the pleasant work in St. Andrew's school in order that you might undertake the more arduous work in this portion of the city. That you have been wonderfully successful, even the most skeptical must admit. You found the work at a low ebb, and you have raised it up to a high standard. So far as the decorum of the school is concerned it will suffice to say that you have brought order out of chaos, and today we have probably the most orderly school in the Dominion. And now again we begin a new year. The time when we turn over a new leaf. Yes, the leaves of our life turn in spite of us, and since we cannot stay them in their course, may God give you and us the grace to write on those leaves as they turn, that of which we shall not be ashamed, when we have written the last chapter and the book has been finished. In appreciation then of your splendid services, we present to you a clock, and wish you both a very happy and prosperous new year. Signed, on behalf of the school, Mrs. Diprose, Miss Leslie, Miss Ritchie."

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