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Thaw one day and freeze the next, isn't conducive to good health. Protected by an Overcoat of Our Make, the dangers you will run will be largely obviated. We can fill orders on the least possible notice.

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DR. A. W. THORNTON
DENTIST.
has removed to his New Office, Corner King and Fifth Streets, over A. I. McCall's Drug Store. Telephone Office 154. Examination 25c.

TO-NIGHT.

Retail Clerks will meet in their hall at 8.
Catholic Order Foresters, in their hall at 8.
"Merchant of Venice," Grand Opera House, at 8.15.
Chatham Encampment, No. 10, I. O. O. F., Temple, at 8.
Court McGregor, No. 6, I. O. O. F., will meet in their rooms at 8.
Meeting of Water Commissioners, Harrison Hall, at 7.30.
"Robin Hood" rehearsal, Auditorium over Standard Bank, at 8.

Local Briefs

Brisco's, Santa Clara's headquarters, Ed. Northwood spent Tuesday in Blenheim.
Some good horses at various prices, Geo. Stephens & Co. of Genuine American Cracker Jacks and Pop Corn. Exits at Northwood's.
Visit Thibodeau & Jacques small ware department for your Christmas presents.
Peter Alexander has rented the farm of Charles Dunlop, adjoining the Joy Club, Mitchell's Bay.
Those ladies' and gentlemen's umbrellas in Thibodeau & Jacques window are just right for Christmas presents.

A. H. Patterson is offering skates at a price that will please everybody. Call and see them.
Carpenters Wanted—Three, for inside work. Apply at the factory Friday morning, Chatham Manufacturing Co. 21d.
Mr. J. Milton Pike will lecture in aid of the Ladies Guild in Christ Church S. S. Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 8, subject "Arizona and California." Silver collection.

Until further notice, connection will be made at Blenheim Junction on Tuesdays and Fridays with train leaving Chatham at 10.30 a. m. for Road Eau.

Regard Erysipelas as a dangerous disease. Anoint the swollen, itching skin with Weaver's Cerate, reduced with lard or sweet oil if it smartens severely. Take Weaver's Syrup.

Nearly 100 fur coats for sale yet at A. H. Patterson's, three doors east of the market, Chatham. All sizes and prices. Call and see them before you buy.

Fréd. Farley says that the Commission factory which Capt. Sam Smith visited manufactures rat poison and exterminator, and he suggests that the Board of Works secure about a barrel of the Commission in the form of exterminator for personal use.

The joint committee of the Board of Trade and City Council in City Solicitor Wilson's office yesterday afternoon to consider the proposal to grant aid to the electric railroad. The committee are in favor of a loan and it is only a question of amount.

QUIET WEDDING

A very quiet wedding was solemnized at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Stone, Raleigh street, at high noon yesterday, when their eldest daughter, Miss Mabel, was united in the bonds of matrimony to Frank Phelps.

Both bride and groom are well and popularly known in this city. Miss Stone is a very popular young lady and enjoys the distinction of being one of Chatham's earliest daughters. Mr. Phelps is organist in the Baptist church and is employed at the gas house.

The wedding ceremony was conducted by Rev. Mr. Cobbledeek in the presence of the immediate relatives only.

The happy young couple left on the 2.27 Grand Trunk for London, Sarnia and St. Thomas. Returning to this city they will reside on Raleigh street.

Art Garland Base Burners use least fuel and give most heat and are the most handsome stove made. Don't cost any more than inferior stoves. Geo. Stephens & Co. if

Mipard's Liment Cures Burns, etc.

"ROBIN HOOD"

A full rehearsal of all interested in the production of the opera "Robin Hood" will be held this evening, commencing at eight o'clock, in the auditorium over the Standard Bank. A full attendance is specially requested.

MISSION SOCIETY

The first quarterly tea for the year of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary of the Park street Methodist church was held yesterday afternoon in the S. S. Hall.
The meeting was largely attended and a thoroughly enjoyable program was presented. Rev. F. E. Malott, B. A. gave a most inspiring and helpful address. Among others taking part were Misses Carson, Adelle Martin and White. After the program a pleasant social hour was spent.
The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Cobbledeek in the absence of the president, Mrs. Snell.

Officers for 1904

The following brethren were elected last evening in Court Hope, A. O. F., for the coming year:
C. R.—James Dyer.
Treasurer—Barville Oldershaw.
Secretary—W. H. Bensen.
S. W.—R. McFauld.
J. W.—John Wood.
S. B.—Wm. Palmer.
J. B.—Wm. Wood.
Trustees—J. Humphrey, Geo. Conis, Sr., A. Knott.
Auditors—Ed. Wanless, John Conis, J. A. Wilson.
Medical Officer—Dr. McKeough.
Organist—John Robertson.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Grosvenor tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

The German budget shows a large deficit.
Mr. Rufus Pope, M.P., was nominated by the Conservatives of Compton, Que.
Mr. Samuel Barker, M.P., will contest West Hamilton in the Conservative interest.
The street railway employees of Pittsburgh will vote to-night on the question of a strike.

French Nationalists are bitterly opposing the proposal for the reopening of the Dreyfus case.

A new corporation has been formed to operate in Raglan township, Renfrew county.

The commission on transportation will probably hold their first meeting at Ottawa next week.

Dr. J. F. Jettley of Fort Dufferin was sentenced to one month in jail at Hamilton for child desertion.

Thirty convicts incarcerated in Stony Mountain Penitentiary are to be transferred to Kingston.

The funeral of Mr. George Casoy was held at Ottawa, the remains being shipped to Regina for interment.

The appeal from the order extending the time in the North Grey election case will be heard on Wednesday.

The General Committee of the G. T. telegraphers are drawing up proposals to be submitted to the company.

Col. Montclair was given a complimentary banquet at Kingston upon his retirement from the militia after 25 years' service.

Horses owned by Graham brothers in Claremont, Ont., and Mr. Robert Davies of Toronto won valuable prizes at the Chicago live stock show.

Mr. W. R. Travers, Manager of the Merchants' Bank at Hamilton, has resigned owing to ill-health. He will be succeeded by Mr. A. B. Patterson, Manager of the St. Thomas branch.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society will be held in the I. O. O. F. Auditorium on Thursday evening next, Dec. 10th. Rev. J. H. Ledard, of Owen Sound, and others, will give addresses, and a musical program will be rendered. Reports of the work done during 1903 will be submitted, and officers for 1904 elected. The Society hope for a large attendance. All are welcome.

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Girls' Patent Leather Slippers, \$ to 1.00, \$1.00.
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A call will greatly please you.

Prices, 5c. to \$3.00

W. J. KENNY,
Phone 225. King St. East.

LOCATION OF ARMORY

In response to a query from The Planet as to what he thought about the location of the armory on the point of the Park, ex-Mayor Hugh Malcolmson said that to his mind the placing of the armory on the point of the Park would be a grave mistake and he trusts that the Government will not insist on so doing. Mr. Malcolmson believes that the Government will change the site from the one selected if it is represented to them that such a course would be against the will of the citizens. The placing of the armory on the point would mar the beauty of the Park so much, stop the circulation of air and spoil the view of the river. In any way, it could not add to the utility of the drill shed, which could be placed on any other part of the Park and be just as convenient.

GARD OF HONOR

I wish to thank the Knights of Maccabees through your paper for the prompt payment of \$1,000 policy held by me on my late husband's life, Charles E. Hammond. Wishing your Society every success, I am, Respectfully,
MARY HAMMOND.

DISTRICT DOINGS.

DRESDEN

Dec. 3.—E. A. McKim was a Chatham visitor yesterday.

Nancy Charney, of North Dresden, who has been ill for some time, died on Tuesday night. She was one of the oldest residents of Dresden, being over 83 years of age. The funeral will take place to-morrow at one p. m. Service will be held at the home, after which the corpse will proceed to the Blackburn cemetery, where the interment will take place.

The second number of the Lyceum Course was given at the Grand last night by the Pierces Society Entertainers. They were greeted by a full house and gave a very good entertainment.

The "Weary Willie Walker" posters, which Manager Brisco distributed over our town to advertise last night's concert, were, to say the least, poor advertising, as they were a direct contradiction of the claims of the "Pierces" to be refined and highly moral "society entertainers." Mr. Brisco would do well to exclude such a type of poster from the Lyceum Course advertisements, as these entertainments are the direct opposite of the kind in question.

Knowledge is Power

so is cash if you want to test it, read, mark, learn and immediately invest

At The Gordon Store.

Our Coat items and Dress Goods doings make good profitable reading.

- \$5.00 Coats of black, fawn, kersey, velvet collar, silk lining, \$5.00
- \$ 50 8 only black and grey Zibeline Jackets, satin trimmed, nicely tailored, lined throughout, value \$10.00, and fawn and kersey jackets, silk lined, \$7 50
- 10.00 Black Kersey Jackets, large capes, satin lined, stole front, metallic buttons, value \$12.50, and \$14.00 10.00
- 12 50 Black and Tan Jersey Jackets, silk lined, large capes, finest tailored, worth \$14.50, \$15.00, and \$16.00 12 50
- 25c Dress Goods, 54 inch Cheviots, navy, grey and black, very special, worth 40c and 50c per yard 25c
- 35c Flaked Suitings, all wool, navy, brown, green, grey, worth 75c per yard 35c
- 50c Cheviot Suitings, 58 in. wide, all wool, new blue, navy and dark grey, and Black Venetian Zibeline finish 50c
- 75c Flaked Suitings, 10 pieces grey, brown, navy, all new combinations, 50 ins wide, worth \$1.25 per yard 75c
- \$1.00 A fine line of Flaked Zibeline Suitings, navy, brown and grey, worth \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00 per yard at \$1.00

Winter Millinery.—Attractive hats, fur hats of the latest, and lace frocks, some decided novelties, trim little toques, girl's hats, neat and novel, and children's hats, chic and cheap. Order early. Prompt attention!

The Standard Designer, the greatest help to Christmas Customers, 10c. Standard Fashion Sheets for all, free.

WILLIAM GORDON.

MISREPRESENTED

Alluding to the comment concerning the recent production of the Pierces in the Lyceum Course, Manager Brisco, in an interview with The Planet this morning, expressed his regret that the disappointment and dissatisfaction had been experienced.

Mr. Brisco himself, like the public, was caught napping on this attraction, which came highly recommended and was accepted on the merits of these testimonials.

Attention should be called to the circulars distributed containing a most flattering and eulogistic critique signed by the Bureau. In the light of the production of the twain, the public can realize how totally unworthy of reliance are the comments and statements of this Central Lyceum Bureau, of Flint, Mich.
In justice to the local manager it should be pointed out that the production was misrepresented to him.

but future numbers will be much vigorously looked into before billing.

TENDERS WANTED

All reading notices of local announcements must be received at this office not later than noon of the day on which it is desired that they appear in The Planet.

Sealed tenders will be received by the ladies of the Home of the Friendless for draying wood.
M. I. McLEAN,
Corresponding Secretary.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Thursday Evening.

THE Merchant of Venice.

SHAKESPEARE'S GREATEST COMEDY.

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MR. ELMER BUFFMAN,
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Supported by Miss Anna Lovering, as "Portia," and a select company of players. Popular prices.

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Perrin's Celebrated Kid Gloves.

Every pair guaranteed—\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.35 and \$1.50. Black colored and white, including the washable gloves.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Umbrellas.

Very suitable for gifts—\$1.00 to \$7.00.

Handkerchiefs,

Of all kinds, 3c. to \$2.25.

Dress Goods and Waistings

In a great variety of styles and prices.

Silks.

In all colorings for Dresses and Waists. A large lot of silk remnants, just the thing for fancy work. Ladies' Collars, Stocks, Belts, Stoles, &c., Ribbons, Center Pieces, Shams, Dresser Covers, etc.

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Now You Come to Think of It. Did you ever hear a disparaging remark on its quality?

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Ceylon Tea is pure, delicious and wholesome. BLACK, MIXED OR GREEN. Sold only in lead packets. By all Grocers

Table with columns for GOING EAST, GOING WEST, and THE WABASH RAILROAD CO. GOING WEST. Lists train numbers, times, and destinations.

Table for Lake Erie & Detroit River R.M. with columns for Leave Chatham, For Exp., Exp. Mix., Exp. Exp.

The Hot Wash Tub. For a lady to stand and droop over a wash tub...

CHATHAM STEAM LAUNDRY. Give your wife a chance and she'll bake bread like that mother used to make.

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Traced to an Old Belief-The Charities of Rulers to Extend Hand Dates From Faith in "Royal Touch" In Fifty Years the Late Queen Victoria Only Once Shook Hands With Gladstone.

During a period extending over half a century the late Queen Victoria was in frequent intercourse with William E. Gladstone, who was called upon to visit her several times a year as Cabinet Minister, as Premier, and as leader of the Opposition.

GRAND TRUNK WEST. 8:15 a.m. for Windsor, Detroit and intermediate stations.

SERVICE TO THE EAST. Leave Chatham. Arrive Buffalo, New York 10:32 a.m.

CHATHAM TO CHICAGO and Return. Account International Live Stock Exposition. Good going Nov. 29, 30th and Dec. 1st.

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The greatest of all human benefits that at least, without which no other benefit can be truly enjoyed, is independence.

THE T. MILBURN CO., Limited, TORONTO, ONT. The sovereign most democratic of all in this respect was the late King Humbert of Italy, who, while he would readily grasp the grimy hand of any laboring man or peasant.

A HINT THAT WAS TAKEN. Why Lord had he wanted the signboard removed.

RHEUMATISM CURED. Jas. McKee, Linwood, Ont. Lechin McNeil, Markham, Ont. C. B. Billing, Markham, Ont.

Christianity is bound to be a stumbling block to those who creep and crawl instead of walking upright.

SCROFULA THE CAUSE. Eczema, catarrh, hip disease, white swelling, and even consumption have their origin in scrofulous conditions.

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SELECTIONS

MAKING COLD LIGHT. The Monopolistic Firefly Holds the Secret For the Scientists.

The most fascinating because the most recent field is that variously known as fluorescence and phosphorescence. This includes the means of producing light on which the fireflies and their tribe have thus far held an absolute monopoly.

The recent remarkable discoveries in the general field of radiation of which the X rays first started the world are so far reaching in their possibilities that it would be presumptuous to make any forecast of their future development.

It would not be more surprising than many other recent discoveries if a method of generating light entirely different from any now in use should be developed to a commercial extent.

A War Ship's Mascot. The mascot of the battle ship Massachusetts is a three legged dog named Rodger. The dog was brought aboard the ship at Culebra island, West Indies.

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TEACHERS WANTED. WANTED - Teacher for S. S. No. 81 Raleigh, applicants to please state salary. Apply to George Bennett, Charing Cross, Ont. Box 13.

TEACHER WANTED - For S. S. No. 11, Chatham Township, male or female. Duties to commence Jan. 15, 1904. Apply, stating salary, to Hugh Cumming, Oungah.

TEACHER WANTED - For S. S. No. 18, Tp. of Chatham; male or female. Apply, stating salary, until Dec. 19. Duties to commence January 2nd. Apply J. G. Brown, Dresden.

TEACHER WANTED - For Union S. S. No. 2, Chatham and Camden, one mile from the town of Dresden. Apply, stating salary, etc., to Walter Thompson, Dresden.

TEACHER WANTED - For S. S. No. 8, Chatham Township, for 1904. Apply, stating salary and qualifications. Applications received up to Dec. 12, 1903. John Clyde, Secy. Treas. S. S. No. 8, Turnerville, Ont.

TEACHER WANTED - For Union S. S. No. 12 and 15, Howard and Havelock. Duties to commence Jan. 15, 1904. Experience, qualifications and salary expected. Applications received till Nov. 27. Apply to E. J. Mooney, Morphett, Ont.

TEACHER WANTED - For S. S. No. 9, Township of Chatham, holding a Normal second class certificate. Applications will be received to Dec. 15th. Duties to commence in January. Address John T. Holmes, Box 9, Tupperville, Ont.

TEACHER WANTED - Male or female, for S. S. No. 7, Chatham Township, to commence Jan. 15, 1904. Applications are to be sent to Henry Lanigan, Secretary, Darrel.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT. HOUSE FOR SALE - On Grant street. For particulars, apply to Thomas Scullard, or at this office.

LOTS FOR SALE - One and one-half acres at the head of Victoria avenue. Apply to Mrs. Tissiman, room 5, Victoria Block.

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FOR SALE - Excellent farm for sale in the Township of Harwich, County of Kent, west half of west half of lot 16, concession 6, from Thames River. Good buildings. For particulars enquire of James L. Whitaker, proprietor, Box 511, Chatham E. O. Ont.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS. Sealed bulk and separate tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned up till 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12th, for all the various trades required to construct a pressed brick and cut chingle residence to be heated with hot water, for Frank Mount, Esq., in the City of Chatham. The tenders to be addressed to the proprietor and marked "tender," the lowest or any of which not necessarily accepted.

Wm. Foreman & Co Importers.

Linens for Christmas

We've planned to have a peerless linen stock for Christmas. Their quality has been closely watched and no piece under the Foreman "standard of quality" has been allowed to enter here.

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The best values in Towels and Towelings. Complete stocks of piece linens in damask towels, tray cloths, centres, lunch cloths, etc.

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Men's Patent Colt Kid from \$3.50 to \$5.00

Trunks and Valises at usually low prices and the best assortment.

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For Drunkenness and THE Keeley Drug using Cure

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Want the best quality and the lowest possible price in Fancy China bought for the Christmas trade.

Come, see the goods. A large quantity to choose from. Get our prices. This is the test to prove the best.

- 3 lbs. Select Raisins, 25c. 3 lbs. Best Cleaned Currants, 25c. Lemon Peel, 15c. per lb. Mixed Orange, Lemon and Citron, 25c. per lb. Tomatoes, 10c. per can. Fresh Ground Coffee, 15c. per lb. Corn Starch 7c. per package. Tapioca, 5c. per lb., six lbs. for 25c. Honey Syrup, 15c. per qt. Pickles, 10c. a bottle. 7 lbs. Rolled Wheat, 25c. 3 lbs. Sodas, in tins, 25c. 1 lb. cans Sunlight Baking Powder, 10c.

John McConnell, Phone 190, Park St.

No man can do more than his best. But a good many men can do more than they think is their best.

BRITAIN'S STRUGGLE.

THE FISCAL FIGHT WAGES WITH INCREASED ARDOR.

Relations Between Canada and the United States—Onslaughts Upon Protection Proposals Are Many.

London, Dec. 3.—The Scottish Chamber of Agriculture at Edinburgh yesterday agreed to ask Mr. Chamberlain to address a meeting upon the proposed fiscal changes, with special reference to agriculture.

Mr. W. Davis of Birmingham, Secretary of the National Society of Amalgamated Brass Workers, has been selected as the Labor candidate to oppose Mr. Chamberlain in West Birmingham.

Mr. W. A. Long, M.P., speaking to the Metropolitan division of the National Union of Conservative Associations yesterday, said a statesman holding Mr. Chamberlain's views was bound to put them before the country when he found the colonies were ready to meet us half-way to make the empire a sustaining whole, which ought to have been done many generations ago.

The Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress has issued a manifesto, headed "Chamberlain's Modern Fallacies With Regard to Workingmen and Protection."

Mr. Haldane, M.P., speaking at Hull yesterday, said that free trade was the great factor in Great Britain's lead over the United States and Germany. Mr. Chamberlain has been forced, in his latest revised edition of his speeches, to strike out the proposal he made to the colonies that they should give up the manufacturing competition with us.

The Times prints a survey of the position of Canada in relation to the United States by Sec. Gossnell of the British Columbian bureau of information, in which he details the manifold part taken by Canada in hewing out a national structure of her own, and says he believes the stimulus of competition between the two countries will make Canada greater in the future than if they were united.

Lord Coleridge, speaking at Wellingborough, yesterday said the introduction of protection would be the establishment of Tammany Hall in Britain.

The Chairman of an Agricultural Society in western Canada has written to the Cobden Club that Canadian support of Mr. Chamberlain comes from the eastern manufacturers.

WAR FEELING GROWING.

Japanese Favor an Ultimatum to Russia.

Tokio, Japan, Dec. 3.—A meeting of the Shempoo members of the Diet today passed a resolution denouncing the Cabinet's dilatory foreign policy and recording the opinion that peace in the far east demands the evacuation of Manchuria and the opening of the principal ports there. Popular feeling is increasingly in favor of the speedy despatch of an ultimatum to Russia, but the Japanese Government is calm and confident.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 3.—Inquiry has been made at the Foreign Office here respecting the announcement from Paris that a basis for an agreement between Russia and Japan has been reached. It was impossible to secure any confirmation beyond the statement that a mutual desire for peace exists. Russia's reply to the latest Japanese proposals when framed will not be in the nature of an ultimatum, but it may lead to counter proposals. It is possible that the end may be a new Russo-Japanese treaty covering Korea.

The Russian armored cruiser Bayan and the battleship Tsarevitch are at Port Arthur today. These are the two vessels which it was reported a short time ago that a part of the Japanese fleet had been despatched to intercept.

MR. MILLER TAKES HOLD.

New Railroad Expert of Manufacturers' Association.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—Mr. W. H. D. Miller, who was appointed to take charge of the railway bureau of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, has taken up the duties of his new office. After sixteen years' experience with the Canadian Pacific Railway, fourteen years of which were in the freight department, Mr. Miller is expected to do a great deal of good in the difficult task which so frequently arises between individual manufacturers and the railway companies with respect to freight rates. While Mr. Miller will go into the question of freight tariffs generally, he will also be in a position to investigate particular complaints that may be made.

COLOMBIA HAS LOST.

The Panama Canal Treaty Signed at Panama City.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The State Department has received a message from Panama City saying that the proper officials, in the presence of Admiral Walker and other United States representatives, signed the Hay-Herran treaty, giving the United States sovereign rights over the Panama Canal strip, the termini and the islands therein.

New Life Saver.

Copenhagen, Dec. 3.—A successful trial of the Doering life-saving globe has been made at Skaw on the dangerous north Jutland coast during a storm. After a trial had been made with a ballasted buoy, the inventor, Captain Doering, with four other persons, entered a buoy which was launched from the cruiser Heimdal. It successfully cleared the breakers and aboals and drifted safely ashore.

COUNTY COUNCIL

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The Council resumed Thursday morning with the Warden in the chair.

H. J. French presented the report of the special bridge committee re Long's Creek bridge. The proposals were the same as the one presented on Tuesday except that the amount, \$30.25, paid to W. G. McGeorge, the surveyor, and the \$3.50 paid Wells & Company were added to the cost of the bridge. These amounts were added to give an opportunity of collecting half these amounts from the County of Lambton.

On motion of Mr. French, seconded by Mr. Sturgis, the report was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. French, seconded by Mr. Sturgis, that all societies receiving a grant from the County Council should furnish a yearly financial statement to this Council showing their standing.

The motion carried. Mr. Chinick gave notice that he would move a resolution calling the attention of the C. P. R. Company to an agreement made in 1902.

It was moved by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Vestey, that the Council grant the sum of \$200 to Romney to assist in repairing the County townline between the Township of Romney and Mersea on condition that Essex County or Mersea Township meet the grant with an equal amount and that Warden Robinson be commissioned to expend the same. —Referred to Roads and Bridges.

It was moved by Mr. Roycraft, seconded by Mr. Handy, that in the opinion of this Council the securing of the taking of evidence before the Courts as at present the whole of the evidence has to be written down by the presiding judge, thereby prolonging the sittings of the several Court sessions at great expense to this County, be it therefore resolved that the Warden be instructed to take steps as soon as possible for the securing of a suitable person for the position.

This motion was laid over till the afternoon. Mr. French moved, seconded by Mr. McCoy, that Mr. Syton be empowered to send Thomas King, of Zone, provisionally to the Honor of the Canada, and that Zone be notified that he was there at that Township's expense.

TO TAX THE RAILWAYS.

Warm Discussion With Farmers' Representatives.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—The principal rival interests affected by the Pettypiece bill, the railways and the farmers, occupied the entire day in a battle royal before the special Assessment Committee of the Legislature yesterday. A score or more representative members of the Farmers' Association of Ontario were heard in support of the bill, and three solicitors for railways against it. The forces were well matched in preparation of the case, and the rural delegates, backed by the committee, gave the railway representatives a hard day of it. The discussion indicated a general feeling though the all principles of the bill may not be accepted.

The bill provides for the creation of a Provincial board of three assessors, which shall assess all the real and personal property and franchises of steam railways, electric railways, telegraph and telephone companies. This board of assessors shall, by statistics obtained from municipal clerks, ascertain the average rate of taxation levied on all other kinds of property throughout the Province, and shall levy the average rate upon railways and telegraph and telephone companies. The taxes thus collected, after paying the costs of collection, are to be divided into two parts, one part to go to the Provincial treasury and the other part to be distributed among the municipalities according to population. The proportion to go respectively to the Province and to the municipality is left blank in Mr. Pettypiece's bill.

When the Committee opened yesterday morning Mr. J. Locke, Warden of Alexandria, President of the Farmers' Association, was introduced by Mr. W. L. Smith as the head of the delegation from that body. Mr. Wilson said there were representatives present from the Farmers' Association, the Fruit-growers' Association, and twenty or thirty municipalities. Had they had longer notice they could have had representatives present from 500 municipalities.

Mr. I. F. Hellmuth K.C. and Mr. Angus Macmurchy here rose and said they appeared for the railway interests.

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Mr. Buffham is not an unknown or untried quantity in the dramatic world. His excellent work some two or three years ago is well remembered in a round of Shakespearean character, and the year following, he delighted the theatre-going public with his artistic work in "The Prisoner of Zenda." Mr. Buffham is peculiarly adapted for the character of Shylock. His excellent voice lending itself to the beauty of the Shakespearean verse, while his intensity and splendid character delineation will be given full scope.

Messrs. Fletcher and Stronach have provided their star with a superb scenic production on this master work, and surrounded him with a competent company of players, each one being especially engaged for his or her particular part. The costumes are all entirely new and historically accurate, no means being spared to make this a notable event of the present season.

One of the most important features of this production is the incidental and choral music. It has all been composed especially for Mr. Buffham by Mr. George Fletcher, one of the foremost composers of the day.

At the Grand to-night!

No Tax on Municipal Bonds.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—Judge Winchester has handed out judgment in the appeal of the Metropolitan Life Assurance Company against the finding of the Court of Revision. The question at issue was whether or not the interest on municipal debentures was subject to taxation as income. His Honor held that it was not and in view of the many millions of municipal debentures representing the municipal debt of Ontario, the decision is important. The finding applies also to the interest on Government bonds.

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