

BECK'S STATEMENT AT FRIDAY MEETING.

Not Borne Out by the Documents.

Cataract Would Assist the City

In Doing Its Own Street Lighting.

One of the statements made by Hon. Adam Beck in the course of his attack on the Cataract Power Company, at the mass meeting held here last week to boom the \$225,000 by-law, was nailed to wood when Hon. J. M. Gibson, President of the company, handed out for publication a letter that places the chairman of the Hydro Commission in a rather bad light.

Mr. Beck in telling how the commission had endeavored to get prices from the existing companies, declared that it was met with a flat refusal from the Cataract. "We had no power to sell," was the reply he says they received.

The communication which was given to the press to-day, and which was sent to the commission August, 1906, is certainly very much at variance with the statement made by Mr. Beck. The letter is as follows, and speaks for itself: August 14th, 1906. Hydro-Electric Power Commission of the Province of Ontario, 25 Toronto Street, Toronto.

Gentlemen,—In further reference to your letter of 13th ultimo, and after carefully considering the subject, I beg to say, amongst your specifications of conditions No. 1 will prevent us from sending tender for the supply of current in requisition. You have probably overlooked the fact that our plant is thoroughly committed to a frequency of six-and-two-thirds cycles. Our experience with this current is such as to lead us to believe that it is eminently well adapted to electric power purposes, but our plant being what it is, we are unable to supply twenty-five cycle current.

We would suggest that the commission investigate the question as to whether twenty-five cycle is the better current for its purpose than our higher frequency. I may say also that our engagements for the delivery of power, as they stand to-day, are such that we are in relation to the comparatively small size of our development, that it would be a matter of serious question to us whether we could part with a block of power of this size in case the commission should be willing to consider a supply at our frequency.

Speaking of the company's offer to supply the city with power for its municipal lighting plant, Colonel Gibson said that seriously speaking he thought the city should do its own lighting just to see what it costs. The company is prepared to furnish this to the extent of permitting the use of the plant and equipment on a reasonable basis and supplying power at a rate per year which officials of the company declare is cheaper than the city can hope to get it from the Hydro Commission, Colonel Gibson said he thought the aldermen were serious when they asked to be struck by a storm. It took more than a year's profit to repair the damage.

Mr. Hawkins smiles at the Hydro figure of \$43 on magnetite lamps, and characterizes this as decidedly foolish. The Cataract Company in tendering on this same lamp quoted a price much higher, and stipulated that the old lamps should be used for the first three years of the ten-year term, after which the magnetite lamps would be installed, providing it was shown that they were commercially feasible at that time.

CHRISTMAS TREE.

Deaconesses Give the Little Ones a Treat.

On Saturday evening 200 children gathered at the Deaconess' Home to enjoy a visit from Santa Claus. For the past two weeks parcels, hales and boxes of all shapes and sizes had been pouring into the home from friends in the city and surrounding country, who knew that this treat was being prepared for the little ones.

At 4 o'clock the lights were lit, and the Christmas tree, laden with dolls, toys and all those things which bring so much joy to the hearts of the young, was beheld with exclamations of delight on all sides. A short programme was given by the girls and boys, and after the serving of substantial refreshments one of the deaconesses came forward to act the part of Santa Claus. Each child was made happy with a doll or toy, as well as a more useful gift, and as they left the room one by one, each was given a bag of candies, nuts and an orange.

CENTRE YORK.

Richmond Hill, Ont., Dec. 23.—Polling in the Centre York Dominion by-election is going on briskly, and already over one-third of the votes are polled. The weather is mild, with wet snow falling. The roads are good. Both parties are very hopeful of victory.

A COLLISION.

Freight Ran Into Side of a Passenger Train.

There was a side-on collision in the Stuart street yard of the G. T. R. this morning. Although no one was hurt, considerable damage was done to rolling stock. An incoming freight train attempted to take the outward main line as a passenger train for Toronto was going out. The engine of the freight left the track and the baggage car of the passenger was badly damaged. The steps of the passenger coaches were torn off, and the occupants of the cars badly frightened. The passenger train was not delayed very long, however, by the accident.

LITTLE HOPE

That Cabinet Will Interfere in Jake Sunfield's Case.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 23.—(Special)—A meeting of the Cabinet has been called for this afternoon to deal with the report of the Minister of Justice on the Sunfield case. There does not appear to be any hope for a new trial, and clemency is extremely doubtful, but the Cabinet will have to decide.

WELLAND'S BOOM.

Work in Progress on Page-Hersey Buildings.

Welland, Dec. 23.—(Special)—People who supposed the boom at this place had ceased will admit their mistake when they learn that the Page-Hersey Company, iron pipe manufacturers, have had operations begun upon the foundation of their \$150,000 building, which is to be completed by March. This plant, it is said, will employ about 1,000 men. There is also talk of another mammoth concern coming either to Welland or Tillsonburg. This company asks for \$15,000 bonus. Fourteen new industries have located in town.

WARDEN STOPPED

School Inspector From Moving Into New Quarters.

There is likely to be a little friction between the city and county members of the Joint Court House Committee at the next meeting of that body. Some of the aldermen resent the action of the Warden in interfering with the orders of the committee. It appears that at the last meeting of the committee it was unanimously decided to allow Mr. J. H. Smith, the County School Inspector, to have one of the offices used by the late Major O'Reilly, as the duties of the late local master have been divided between the judges and the Deputy clerk of the Crown, Mr. T. H. A. Beggs. Mr. Smith's office of some years has been in the basement, which is dark and damp. The Warden, it is claimed however, instructed the caretaker that no change was to be made till the next meeting of the committee, as the two Judges represented to him that they require the offices of the late Master-in-Chancery. Mr. Smith is greatly disappointed at not being able to "move in." Ald. Baird intends to make a strong protest against the action of the Warden.

NEW PRIESTS.

Bishop DuMoulin Held Ordination at Cathedral.

Bishop DuMoulin conducted an ordination service at Christ's Church Cathedral yesterday morning, at which the following priests were ordained: Rev. W. P. Lyons, deacon to assist Rev. F. C. Piper at Thorold; Rev. J. L. Garrie, B. A., missionary to Moorefield, Rothsay and Drayton; Rev. F. C. Walling, rector of Cayuga; Rev. W. L. Archer, B. A., missionary to Nassagawaya and Lowville. The candidates were shown the offices of the late Master-in-Chancery. Mr. Smith is greatly disappointed at not being able to "move in." Ald. Baird intends to make a strong protest against the action of the Warden.

NICKEL THEATRES.

Several of Them Open in This City Yesterday.

More like New York every day is this little city getting. The limit was about reached when many of the nickel theatres were opened for business yesterday morning early and did a good business all day. The police were notified and took the names. The argument put up by the owners was that they had as much right to show biblical pictures and sing sacred songs as the temperance people had to hold lectures and show pictures on Sunday in the Bennett Theatre. The Chief will communicate with the Department of Justice asking permission to proceed against the owners for this alleged breach of the Sunday law.

A Smoker's Christmas Gift.

A first grade genuine Peterson patent pipe with amber mouthpiece in a handsome case, or vulcanite stems without cases. All sizes and shapes of Peterson pipes to select from at peace's pipe store, 107 King street east.

BY ACCLAMATION.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 23.—(Special).—C. B. Major was elected to-day by acclamation in Labelle, where Bourassa resigned.

THE GREAT STORE

For Last Minute Xmas Needs—The Right House.

Go direct to the Right House for your last minute Christmas needs. They are ready to serve you with magnificent Christmas stocks and wonderful values. Extra salespeople for quick service. Extra cash and parcel boys. Extra cashiers. A superb stock of lovely and dependable gift goods of a sensible and practical nature. You will find extraordinary values in just the things you want, in all likelihood. There are scores and scores of reductions on Christmas gift things all over the store. Reductions that mean the saving of much money for you. Read their big gift suggestion in ad. in this paper, and get out to the Right House bright and early to-morrow morning, and you will save time, worry and money.

For the convenience of Christmas shoppers the Right House will remain open until 9.30 to-night.

MR. JOHN MILNE

Tells the Citizens How Much He Has Done for Hamilton.

To the Editor of the Times: Sir,—An editorial appeared in the Hamilton Times of Friday, 20th inst., in which my name is several times mentioned. The editorial states that I am a Conservative and President of the Conservative Association, which is true, and I am proud of it. My name is associated with four others, and I am satisfied that if the X-rays of the Times office were turned on these gentlemen either in their public or their private life, they would be found to compare favorably with any other citizens of Hamilton.

In the editorial there is a paragraph referring to the recent fire at the works of the company of which I am President. We had the misfortune to have a fire some three or four weeks ago, which happened in our very busiest season, and was a great loss to us, although we had covered by insurance, as it has completely stopped our business in certain lines for a time. It is kind that I may be looking for another city grant, or bonus, to help defray the fire loss. Now I consider this a most unbecoming and mean insinuation, unworthy even of the Times, about a citizen who is a large manufacturer and is interested in many industries in this city.

I have been a citizen of Hamilton since the year 1855, and I have done my very best to advance the interests of the city in many ways, a fact which I think most people will freely acknowledge. I am sure I have done as much for the city's interests as the Times newspaper has ever done. I remain, yours truly, JOHN MILNE.

[In the above appeal for public sympathy, it will be noticed that Mr. Milne makes no reference to the statements in the Hamilton Spectator, which called forth the remarks in the Times. Silence in this regard may be taken for granted that the party organ correctly stated the position of the Conservative executive on things and men municipal. That position is: "In Tory control the Conservative executive decides who shall and who shall not be Conservative candidates, and these elected, the executive insists that those appointed to office shall be Conservative." We understand that Mr. Milne is at the head of the executive. If that be so, we have the startling fact that he and others, combined insist, so far as they can, that one-half the citizens of Hamilton shall be denied all opportunity of filling any position of emolument in the gift of the city of Hamilton. That is to say, all ratepayers or residents in this city who do not belong to the Conservative party will be ostracized and legislated against, even though they should compare "either in their public or their private life" more favorably than do Mr. Milne and his four X-ray friends. The injustice—not to say hogwashness, for the loaves and fishes—of this position on the part of any body of gentlemen is too apparent to need any comment. When any man publicly assumes such a position he should not prate about what he has done for the city or feel surprise if the public should question his disinterestedness in the affairs of the city.—Ed.]

THE PRINCE FOUND GUILTY.

Convicted of False Pretence and Accused of Witchcraft.

Theft and Receiving Cases in Court This Morning.

Also a Number of Snow Cases Disposed of.

There were seventeen cases besides the adjourned liquor cases to be dealt with at Police Court this morning and Magistrate Jelfs with the able assistance of Sgt. Finch got through them in good time. Snow cases were on the list again and James Shea, Queen street, William Lord, Glenfern avenue, and Edith O'Neil, 212 Bay street south, were asked to hand out \$2 each. Dave McNoah, 4 Tiffany street, and M. O'Connor, 24 Wood west, were arrested yesterday afternoon with a big jag on, they pleaded guilty and were soaked \$5 each, the regular Sunday tariff.

Jennie Silver, 21 Railway street, was charged by her sister-in-law with assault but the Magistrate dismissed the charge as he does not believe in butting into family rows. J. Johns, 20 Burlington west, was fined \$10 for hitting one Hodal on the head last night. He used a club, it was said, but did not have enough strength to do it to any damage.

Hugh James, 100 Dundas street, was charged with assault on a woman, and was fined \$10. Charles Daulton, 10 Dundas street, and Henry Daulton, 10 Dundas street, were charged with assault on a woman, and were fined \$10 each. They were charged with stealing tools from employees at the Gasometer Company, where they worked. The two complainants were J. W. Harty and Peter Harty. The prisoners pleaded not guilty and were taken to the jail.

Early this morning the tools about six weeks ago and Henry Zeats, 10 Windsor street, with William Benson, 100 Dundas street, were charged with stealing tools from the same place. Zeats was charged with stealing tools from the same place. Zeats was charged with stealing tools from the same place.

James street south residents state flatly that they will come down flat-footed on those flat-wheel cars.

SHERMAN CHURCH.

Murmurings Heard and People Asked to Meet Managers.

Rev. J. Roy Van Wyck, pastor of Sherman Avenue Presbyterian Church, announced from his pulpit yesterday morning that he had heard murmurings from a certain portion of his flock, which bothered him not a little, as he would never remain over a church in which there was dissension evident. He invited all the members to attend and give their views at the next managers' meeting on Jan. 8.

It is said that the recent progress of the church has not been such as to satisfy the hard-working pastor. Mr. Van Wyck entered heartily into the recent union revival services in the east end, but, it is stated, did not have the cordial and enthusiastic support of the congregation, and that, as a result, other churches in the east end have enjoyed quite a large ingathering, which Sherman Avenue has not shared in. At any rate the dissatisfaction has reached a stage when notice must be taken of it.

GIFT SEEKERS

Should Get Out Between 8 and 10 To-morrow Morning.

Just a few last words: Every reader of this paper who has Christmas buying yet to do, should get right out early to-morrow morning, between 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock. Arrange home matters so that you can get out early. It will be for your own comfort and convenience, as well as serving the salespeople a better chance to serve you properly. If obliged to shop in the afternoon between 2.30 and 3.00 is the best time, or between 7 and 8 in the evening. Undoubtedly many people have been disappointed to-day on account of the bad weather, and that means that stores will be taxed to the utmost to-morrow. Show your Christmas goodwill by being out early in the morning. It will give help to relieve the great afternoon rush.

Every Paper Sold.

Not one copy of the Times Christmas number is left. The demand on Saturday was so great that every paper was gone by noon and hundreds more could have been sold. The issue was an exceptionally large one, and the distribution has been very general, almost every home in Hamilton and thousands of others all over the country getting copies. All had words of praise for the number.

NOW FOR TUESDAY.

Finch Bros. are advertising some of the biggest money savings of the year for Tuesday shoppers. It will be the last shopping day and evening before Christmas, and they want to clear off everything in gift goods. Read their advertisement, and if you are economically inclined Finch Bros.' big new store is the place for Tuesday and Tuesday evening shoppers. Open until 10 p. m. at night.

There is Comfort

In a water bottle that won't wear out. It can show you a hot water bottle that will wear forever; you need never be afraid of leaks, after the stopper has been properly placed in the bottle. They are well adapted for use as foot-warmers. Sold at 60c and 75c by Parke & Parke, druggists.

The Man In Overalls

Only one more day to get them.

Is your sidewalk dangerous?

Altermatic candidates will please step to the front.

If you are all through I think I will do my own buying now.

It will soon be time to turn over that new leaf.

Will Board of Control mean Tory control?

Jim Livingston must be the best man of Grimsey.

We have now passed the shortest day and the longest night. The short and the long of it.

What's become of the band sleigh with the straw in the bottom for the moonlight nights?

There are still lots of fine Christmas gifts in the stores. Get after them.

Don't forget your poor friends or the poor strangers when you Santa Claus.

Talking of monuments, that imposing pile of buildings known as the new Drill Hall forms a splendid monument to the energy and enterprise of our mutual friend, Mr. Adam Zimmerman.

The Hamilton manufacturers are not very anxious to help London and these other places to get cheap power.

Thank goodness, the Tory Executive cannot insist upon us voting the Tory ticket.

The massacre in turkey this week is simply just awful.

The confessed ignorance of the Hydro promoters is had enough, but the unconfessed kind must be ten times worse.

The "new blood" on the School Board will make the money fly next year with all those fads and fancies.

There are some flat wheeled street cars that chase one another up and down James street south that make noise enough to wake the dead. When they pass, chairs rock and chandeliers shake and people get ready to run out in case the ceiling should come tumbling down on top of them. Please call them in.

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LEAGUE BEATEN IN ITS CASES TO-DAY.

GOT THREE YEARS.

Deserter Punished for Attempting Criminal Assault.

Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 23.—(Special)—Phillip Manahan, alias Tom Reid, a deserter from Wolsley Barracks at London, was sentenced by Magistrate Ball this morning to three years in Kingston Penitentiary. He pleaded guilty to having attempted a criminal assault on Mrs. Clyde, a respectable resident of this city a few days ago. Manahan's record is not the best. He is 20 years of age and was born in Montreal.

MODEL SCHOOL.

Results of the County Examinations Recently Held.

The County Board of Examiners have completed the reading of the answers of the candidates, with the following results, the names being in alphabetical order. Honors—Evelyn Davies, Mary N. Fox, Ella G. Horning, Stella D. Moore, Hilare R. MacDonald, Mary G. McKnight, Fannie C. Thompson, Isabel Thomson, Jessie E. Walker, Agnes Young. Pass—Mabel M. V. Barker, Maggie B. Corman, Meta I. Ellsworth, Elva M. Foreman, Kate M. Gage, Selena Gibbons, Nellie Hargreaves, Margaret A. Kitchen, Florence E. Lee, Ariel G. Markle, Ruby E. Slater, Myrtle M. Stewart, Percy E. Costin, Paul T. Dowling, Albert A. McIntyre, R. C. Milligan. District Standing—Beatrice A. Caraher, Mabel F. Scanlon.

THE CANADIAN CATCH OF FISH.

VALUE OF OVER TWENTY-SIX AND A QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS.

With One Exception the Catch Was the Largest on Record—Decrease This Year in British Columbia Salmon—Bounties Paid Fishermen. Ottawa, Dec. 23.—(Special)—The annual report of the Fisheries issued to-day shows that the whole catch of fish in our waters by Canadians, including fish produce, seals, etc., during the season of 1906, is valued at over twenty-six million and a quarter dollars. With the exception of last year, when the phenomenal catch of salmon in British Columbia swelled the total value of fisheries beyond twenty-nine million dollars, this year is the largest aggregate on record, exceeding the famous catch of 1901 by half a million dollars. This decrease is mostly attributed to the British Columbia salmon industry.

The deep sea fishermen of the Maritime Province receive the sum of \$139,015 as bounties on their respective catches of fish for the season of 1906. Of this amount the owners of 957 fishing vessels and their crews received \$68,208. The balance, \$20,807, was distributed amongst 20,571 boat fishermen for the past season. The Province of Nova Scotia received nearly double the amount of bounty paid to the other provinces, viz., \$99,518, Quebec \$34,410, New Brunswick \$16,247, and Prince Edward Island \$8,839. Since its inception (1892) the sum of \$3,949,701 has been distributed amongst the fishermen of the provinces.

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# MISS LORDS' ROMANCE

Agatha was fair and sweet, but her English face and golden hair paled before the lustrous of the radiant Andalusian.

There was a long debate about the costume; but it was settled at once when Lady Eversleigh saw the magnificent purple of diamonds. She pronounced in favor of white satin. "Nothing else," she declared, "would go with those superb stones."

Lady Lynne was pardoned if she did utter an exclamation of surprise when she saw herself for the first time in court costume. It suited her regal style of beauty to perfection. The gleaming satin, the sweeping train, the courtly plumes, and the rare diamonds, made up a picture such as one seldom sees, and Lady Eversleigh gazed at her in wonder and delight.

Agatha, though less magnificently attired, looked very fair and graceful, for Lord Lynne and Inez had presented her with a beautiful set of pearls, which suited her delicate beauty as well as did the diamonds the regal and brilliant bride.

Even Lord Lynne held up his hands with a comic gesture of surprise when he saw his bride. Lady Eversleigh smiled gaily at him.

"You will see," said she, "what comes of this. Do not be surprised if my cousin becomes a star."

Lady Eversleigh did not protest wrongly. The beautiful Lady Lynne created a perfect furor. She became the reigning belle of the season. Fashionable papers described her movements, told of the balls she attended, the parties she heard, and people raved about her. She was so unlike English beauties; that glorious southern face won tribute from poet and artist, and people would even die to see her in order to secure her attendance. Her dream was indeed realized—she lay at her feet.

It was not only her magnificent face, but those who visited Lady Lynne were charmed by her rich, passionate voice—Venetian barcolones, French chansons, Italian love ditties, old English ballads—all were familiar to her; and those who heard her sing never forgot it. Another discovery was made. Lady Lynne was not only the possessor of a perfect face and one of the most beautiful voices ever heard, but she had a great gift of conversation. Her bon mots were repeated everywhere, and the gentleman esteemed himself fortunate who managed to converse with Lady Lynne. Whenever she appeared a crowd of fashionable admirers surrounded her. No one enjoyed her success or gloried in her triumph more than Lord Lynne. He saw that she cared for no admiration but his. She never wished to be with any other society but his. He was the most brilliant fete unless he was with her. No one had any charm for her save his. At any time she was only too happy to give up all or partly to spend a quiet evening tete-a-tete with him. The world saw with wonder this devoted and most unfaithful attachment of the young wife to her husband.

"I never was made for fashionable life," said Agatha one morning, with a dreary sigh.

It had struck twelve, and the two sisters still lingered with Lord Lynne over the breakfast table.

"Serious reflections generally come in the morning," said Lord Lynne, with a smile. "What is the matter, Agatha?"

"We have three more balls this week," she replied, "and I am quite tired of glitter, and music, and heat."

"You need not stay long at any one of them," said her cousin.

"I should never be brave enough to ask Inez to leave early," she replied. "What would all her admirers do? I am longing for Lynne's side again. I feel thankful that it was not my fate to be a lady of fashion."

Yet Agatha had been warmly admired, though not so much as her beautiful sister; but she had received sufficient homage and admiration to have made any young lady pleased with the London season. She liked to see Inez so popular. No shade or thought of envy ever crossed her mind. When she saw Lady Lynne conversing with the most eminent and clever men of the day, she said to herself, over and over again, how much better it was that Philip had chosen her sister instead of herself. She never could have added lustre to his home and title as Inez did.

Every day brought fresh triumphs to Lady Lynne. Philip wondered at times that her head was not fairly turned by the homage and adulation offered to her.

No English peeress was ever so exclusive as the Duchess of Rutwell. Young, beautiful and accomplished, charitable and generous even to a fault, she was one of the leading members of the English aristocracy. To belong to her set was the highest of all honors. Wealth could not obtain admission to it nor rank, unsupported by intellect. To be on her visiting list was an honor upon which people prided themselves. She was not proud; no one ever called her haughty; but she was exclusive. When it was known that her Grace of Rutwell was about to give the greatest ball of the season, the whole fashionable world was aroused. Those who were sure of receiving invitations watched with amusement the intrigues of others who were not so happy.

Lady Eversleigh was the first who mentioned the coming fete to Lady Lynne. She knew that for herself an invitation was certain; she had known the duchess many years. She waited anxiously to see if her two cousins would receive the same. She had heard the duchess speak in very high terms of Lady Lynne; but this ball was, after all, the touchstone.

"Let me know directly if you receive a card," said Lady Eversleigh to Inez. "I am very anxious over it. Let me know at once."

Lady Lynne smiled at her cousin's eager words, and promised to despatch a messenger at once when the much coveted billets should arrive. It was not, therefore, without some little anxiety that she saw two whole days pass by, and yet no invitations came.

"It cannot be," she said to herself; "that in the midst of my triumph I should be slighted," and she smiled as she saw her face in the large French mirror that adorned her dressing room. Still, that day came to an end, and brought no invitation for the Duchess of Rutwell's grand ball.

CHAPTER XIV.

"What large envelopes!" said Agatha, as she entered Lady Lynne's boudoir, where breakfast awaited the sisters.

"Do not make fun of me, Agatha," said Philip; "those very envelopes you are now criticizing contain talismans

the face of Lady Lynne, a wild look came into those dark eyes, riveted as though by some terrible spell on the half-averted face of a gentleman who stood alone intently watching her. For one moment her lips opened, as though to utter a piercing cry; but even the very breath seemed to die upon them, they were so fixed and still. The bouquet of flowers she held in her hands fell into the fountain, but she never heeded the fall.

"Lady Lynne, what is the matter?—are you ill?" cried one of two ladies who saw that she white, startled face, and one of them went up to her, and tried to take her hand.

"Are you ill, Lady Lynne?" she inquired, gently; and never, to her dying day, did the lady forget the ghastly face and wild eyes.

No reply, no word, came from the rigid lips.

"Shall I find your husband?" asked the lady; then the white stillness of the face was broken, the lips quivered, and she withdrew her eyes from the spot where their wild gaze had been so terribly fixed.

"My husband!" she murmured; then, seeming to arouse herself by a great effort, she looked into the lady's face, and said: "Thank you, I am not ill; the heat made me faint for half a minute."

Still the dreadful pallor remained, and the white, jewelled hands were tightly clinched.

"Shall I go in search of Lord Lynne?" again inquired Lady Ripton, alarmed at the expression of the face upon which she gazed.

"If you will be so kind," replied Lady Lynne. "I am very tired; and if he will order a carriage, we will go home."

Lady Ripton went on her kindly errand, and then the stranger drew near to Inez. For one moment he stood before her in silence.

"It is really you," she said. "The grave has not given back its dead?"

"It is really myself, fair lady," he replied. "The grave and I are yet strangers."

A long, low murmur came from her white lips.

"Merciful heaven!" she cried, "is this my triumph?"

"I was half afraid of starting you," he said—"but you have good nerves—you are a grand creature, Inez."

"Hush!" she cried, passionately. "Do not dare to use my name! If hatred and contempt would kill you, you would die now at my feet."

"I am fortunately invulnerable," he replied, with a light laugh. "Oh, here is my Lord Lynne approaching. Introduce me, Inez."

"What is the matter, darling?" said Philip. "How ill you look! What is it?"

"I am tired," she said, in a low voice, unlike her own—"tired and wearied. Take me home."

(To be continued.)



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Application for homestead entry must be made in person by the applicant at a Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-agency. Entry by proxy may, however, be made at an Agency on certain conditions by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of an intending homesteader.

An application for entry or cancellation made personally at any Sub-agent's office may be made by the Agent by the Sub-agent, at the expense of the applicant, and if the land applied for is vacant on receipt of the telegram received by him to have priority and the land will be held until the necessary papers to complete the transaction are received by him.

In case of "persecution" or fraud the applicant will forfeit all priority of claim if entry has been granted it will be summarily cancelled.

An application for cancellation must be made in person. The applicant must be either the homesteader, or only one application for cancellation will be received from an individual until that application has been disposed of.

Where an entry is cancelled subsequent to the date of cancellation proceedings, the applicant for cancellation will be entitled to prior right of entry.

Applicant for cancellation must state in what particular the homesteader is in default.

Homesteader whose entry is not the subject of cancellation and who may be subject to the approval of Department, relinquish it in favour of father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister if eligible, but to no one else, on filing declaration of abandonment.

DUTIES—A settler is required to perform the duties under one of the following plans:

(1) At least six months residence upon the homestead in each year during the term of three years.

(2) A homesteader may, if he so desires, perform the required duties solely by him, or on farming land residence duties by him, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of the homestead. Joint ownership of land will not meet this requirement.

(3) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of a homesteader has permanent residence on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of the homestead, or upon a homestead entered for by him, the vicarious homesteader may perform his own residence duties by living with the father (or mother).

(4) The term "vicinity" in the two preceding paragraphs is defined as meaning not more than nine miles in any direction, exclusive of road allowances crossed in the measurement.

(5) A homesteader intending to perform his residence duties in accordance with the above while living with parents or on farming land owned by himself, must notify the Agent for the district of such intention.

Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, of his intention to do so.

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FOR SALE

TO CUSTOMERS FROM ALL POINTS OF the city, we have for sale at our store, 1000-1001, Hamilton, 3000, 3001, 3002, 3003, 3004, 3005, 3006, 3007, 3008, 3009, 3010, 3011, 3012, 3013, 3014, 3015, 3016, 3017, 3018, 3019, 3020, 3021, 3022, 3023, 3024, 3025, 3026, 3027, 3028, 3029, 3030, 3031, 3032, 3033, 3034, 3035, 3036, 3037, 3038, 3039, 3040, 3041, 3042, 3043, 3044, 3045, 3046, 3047, 3048, 3049, 3050, 3051, 3052, 3053, 3054, 3055, 3056, 3057, 3058, 3059, 3060, 3061, 3062, 3063, 3064, 3065, 3066, 3067, 3068, 3069, 3070, 3071, 3072, 3073, 3074, 3075, 3076, 3077, 3078, 3079, 3080, 3081, 3082, 3083, 3084, 3085, 3086, 3087, 3088, 3089, 3090, 3091, 3092, 3093, 3094, 3095, 3096, 3097, 3098, 3099, 3100, 3101, 3102, 3103, 3104, 3105, 3106, 3107, 3108, 3109, 3110, 3111, 3112, 3113, 3114, 3115, 3116, 3117, 3118, 3119, 3120, 3121, 3122, 3123, 3124, 3125, 3126, 3127, 3128, 3129, 3130, 3131, 3132, 3133, 3134, 3135, 3136, 3137, 3138, 3139, 3140, 3141, 3142, 3143, 3144, 3145, 3146, 3147, 3148, 3149, 3150, 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**THE HAMILTON TIMES**

MONDAY, DEC. 23, 1907.

**THE POWER FIGURES.**

How many of those who have read the estimate given by the Hydro Electric Power Commission as presented by Mayor Stewart at last Friday night's meeting have an intelligent understanding of it? Does the Mayor understand it? Admitting that both he and the public understand it, what reliance can be placed upon it? The estimate is the estimate of Mr. Sothman, the Commissioner's expert, but while he gives out these figures his employers, the Commissioners, tell us that they cannot guarantee anything more than the price they have to pay at the Falls for the power. It is useless to attempt to give estimates of cost of power to Hamilton until the Commission knows what the outlay will be. There are a hundred things to be taken into consideration until any reliable estimate can be given of the ultimate cost. The cost and maintenance of transmission line, transformers, buildings, wires, operation, etc., must be definitely fixed before estimates can be given—with any certainty as to their correctness. Mr. Sothman may be an expert, but he cannot know these things. We have no guarantee of the correctness of his figures, and from the position he holds he cannot be regarded as an unbiased person. Then he is here to-day and perhaps in Denmark to-morrow. If Mayor Stewart wants expert opinion as to the comparative merits of the Hydro and Cataract offers, why does he not hire an independent expert—a man who is not connected with either concern? If he did so, the public might have more confidence in the figures submitted. Mr. Hawkins declares that they can and will undersell the Hydro Company. Well, let definite, binding offers be made by both concerns, not estimates, and let us have an independent expert, if necessary, to judge as to the relative value of the offers. Mr. Hawkins' figures are just as worthy of credence as are Mr. Sothman's and more so, because they are bona fide offers, and not mere haphazard estimates. All the speakers of Friday night's meeting cheerfully admitted that they were not electrical experts—that they got their information and views at second hand. Mr. Barrow, the City Engineer, admits that he is not that kind of an expert. In fact, electrical experts seem to be scarce. The Herald seems to be the only one that would have us believe that it is an expert, but as it has so much to say on the subject, we infer that it is not so much an electrical expert as a producer gas expert. Get your independent expert, Mr. Mayor, or perhaps it might be as well to wait until Mr. Beck's company is able to lay before the public a guaranteed offer. In the meantime, the by-laws may get the six months' hoist or its equivalent.

**THE MERCHANTS' BANK OF CANADA.**

The report presented at the forty-fourth annual meeting of the Merchants' Bank of Canada, held in Montreal on the 18th inst., was of the sort to please both directors and shareholders. The change in the date of closing the books of the bank, they being closed now upon the 30th of November instead of the 31st of May, as heretofore, made the statement of affairs show the condition of the bank at the close of the half year's business, on the 30th of November last. The net profits for the half year reached the very handsome figure of \$473,144.20, out of which two quarterly dividends at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum, amounting to \$240,000, had been paid. There was carried forward to next year a balance of \$267,400.73. The reserve fund now amounts to \$4,000,000. The assets of the bank now amount to over \$32,000,000, and the security they afford is such that those whose money is invested in the bank can have no misgivings. It is pleasant to notice that frozen finance has no place in the management of the Merchants. Mr. Hebdien, the General Manager, in addressing the meeting, declared for a policy of moderation in both public and private affairs. He said this was a slowing down time, and time to take stock of positions, to retrench and to be mutually helpful. At the same time he spoke hopefully of Canada's financial position in comparison with that of the States. The Directors expressed themselves highly pleased with the report and the prospects for the year.

**THE SONGS OF CHRISTMASTIDE**

The song of "Peace on Earth, Goodwill Towards Men" went welling around this old world yesterday, as the millions of followers of the Man of Nazareth sang his praises throughout all Christendom. What a softening, love inspiring and joy producing effect the songs of the Christ-mas-tide have! The beautiful melody of "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "Glory to God in the Highest," and "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," the magnificent harmony of "The Hallelujah Chorus," and "Adorate Fideles," the rich "Break Forth, O Beauteous Light," and the simple and sweet "While the Shepherds Watched Their Flocks," how they appeal to all that is noble and generous in one's nature! How they open the heart and make one look around to see who there is in need or whose life could be made brighter by a Christmas remembrance. Surely the songs of the Babe of Bethlehem breathe the very spirit of happiness over the world. The greatest composers and the greatest song writers have found their inspiration in Him who "in a manger lay so lowly!" What would the long winter be without the brightest of all bright spots of the year

TUESDAY, DEC. 24th, 1907

**SHEA'S**

STORE OPEN TILL 10 O'CLOCK EVERY EVENING

**The Day Before Xmas**

**Stylish Christmas Mantles at 50c on the Dollar**

What more practical or pleasing gift than an elegant Mantle or Cloak—what will appeal more to your business instinct than getting it at half price? Here is the proposition.

Women's stylish Mantles, made of swell tweeds, rich kerseys and beavers, and fine broadcloths, in both tight fitting and newest loose back styles, some lined, some partly lined, and a few unlined, all the newest style, touches of braid and velvet-trimming, very newest sleeves, some light shades that would make elegant evening wraps. Every garment perfect in cut and material, the same can be said of the workmanship. All on sale at about half regular prices:

\$10.00 Coats for	\$5.00
\$12.50 and \$13.50 Coats for	\$7.50
\$20.00 Coats for	\$10.00
\$22.50 Coats for	\$12.50
\$35.00 Coats for	\$20.00

**A Sale of Skirts**  
Another Gift Saving

**WOMEN'S SKIRTS AT \$3.95**—These are made of fine Venetians and Tweeds in the very newest designs. All colors, black, greens, navys, browns and swell mixtures, worth every cent of \$6.00, on sale Saturday for each \$3.95

**WOMEN'S SKIRTS AT \$5.00**—We intended to sell these at \$5.95, for they are worth \$7.50; but \$5.00 is such a popular price for a gift that we marked them \$5.00. Voiles, Broadcloths, Panamas, kilts and pleated, trimmed with self folds and silk folds, good \$7.50 value, on sale for each \$5.00

**Women's Fur Coats Misses' and Children's Coats**

Made by the best and most reliable manufacturing firm in Canada, of hand-some Astrakhan fur, perfect in pelt, fit and workmanship, durably lined, special each \$37.50

Newest styles of Coats, made of very rich near seal by the same firm, very strongly lined, perfectly made, heavily furred skins, special value each \$48.00

**CHILDREN'S ULSTERS AT \$3.50**—Made of warm German Tweeds and good heavy plain Cloths, pleated backs, velvet collars and cuffs, worth \$5.00, on sale for each \$3.50

**MISSES' COATS AT \$4.95**—Made of very stylish Plaids, mixed and plain Cloths, self strapped, with belts, velvet collars and cuffs, worth \$7.00 and \$7.50, on sale for each \$4.95

**Hand Bags for Christmas Gifts**

Large assortment and all priced at less than usual by a full third. All most dainty in style and made of most durable materials.

Small Belt Purses, each 15c.

Teddy Bear Bags 25c.

Bead Trimmed Squaw Bags, in colors, each 50 and 75c

Hand Bags, in blacks and browns, all leather, at 50, 75c, \$1.00 to \$2.50.

Strap Handle Bags at \$1, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

Hand Purses, in greens, browns and blacks, each 50, 75c and \$1.

**Gift Umbrellas**

For variety of handles our assortment of Gift Umbrellas exceeds any we have ever shown before. Elegance and quality in every one and a full third cheaper than you can buy the same qualities for elsewhere.

**Gift Umbrellas \$5.00**

Previous seasons we have sold more at \$5 than any other figure; so we set out to have the best showing in the city at this price. You will say we have succeeded.

Women's have handles of ivory, etched silver tops, tan length pearl, mounted in gold and silver, long gold chased handles, in hooks and straight gun metal and silver, metal and silver.

The Men's are Cape Horn and buckhorn, gun metal, etched silver and gilt hooks and caps, richly handsome styles of high-class workmanship. Etched work is seen on many of them, and that's "all the go" this season. Real value \$6 and \$6.50, for \$5.00.

Chaper Umbrellas, for both men and women at \$1.50 to \$3.95.

Better grades for both men and women, at \$6, \$6.50 to \$7.50.

**Gloves for Gifts**

Kid Gloves, in the celebrated Pewee's make, every pair guaranteed, black, white and every wanted color, each pair put up in a neat gift box, and can be exchanged for right sizes after the holiday. \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

English Walking Gloves, pique sewn, tan and grey, single dome, regular \$1.25 value, for per pair \$1.00.

Ringwood Gloves, in every wanted color and very best qualities, on sale for 19, 25, 35 and 50c.

**Hosiery for Gifts**

Beautiful All-wool, Fine, Open Work Black Cashmere Hose, for women, each pair put up in neat gift boxes, very special value at, per pair, 50 and 75c.

Plain and Ribbed Black Cashmere Hose, pure wool, per pair, 50c.

Embroidered Front Cashmere Hose, put up in gift boxes, per pair 35c.

Women's Pure Wool Black Cashmere, either plain or ribbed, best values in Canada, for 3 pairs for \$1.00.

**Gifts for Men**

House Coats, in a great variety of colors and styles, good, useful and handsome garments, well made, of first materials at less than the maker's cost.

\$3.00 value for \$3.00; \$6.00 value for \$4.00.

**Women's Neck Furs**

**Rich Gifts**

Furs of good quality are like diamonds; you can always get your money out of them, and, like diamonds, make the richest and most acceptable gifts. You get the right kind here—grey and brown squirrel sets, large pillow muff and throw scarf of generous length and prime quality, per set \$25

Black and Isabella Possum Stoles, wide collar, long front, trimmed with heads and tails, beautifully blended, each \$11.50

Isabella and Grey Possum Stoles, fur lined, collar front, trimmed tails, special value, each \$9.50

Isabella Possum Muff, large Empire shape, lined with durable satin lining, each very special \$5.95

Beautiful Natural Mink Stoles, extra No. 1 quality, fully guaranteed, worth \$60 anywhere, our price, each \$45

**Waists for Gifts—Some Bargains Big Purchase of Silk Underskirts**

Beautiful fine Cashmere and Delaine Waists, richly embroidered with silk, black, cream, navy and brown, tucked back and front, ¾ sleeves, regular value \$2.50 and \$3.00, on sale for \$1.50

Beautifully Embroidered Waists, made of the best quality of Jap Silks, tucked back and front, trimmed with fine Valenciennes lace, very special at each \$3.50.

Waists at \$5.00—A big collection of Taffeta Silk, Jap Silk, Allover Lace, Plain Net and Point d'Esprit Net, black, cream and white, made in the newest ideas of sleeves and most attractively trimmed; this is another of those occasions when this busy store saves you a third the price you usually pay; \$6.50 to \$8.00 values, for each \$5.

Purchased from a leading maker yesterday for spot cash, at half price. They are made of fine taffeta silks and silk moirettes, most beautifully finished, some of them richly embroidered and appliqued. Pleated frills and fancy ruffles; black and all usual dark and light colors. Skirts that sell in the regular way at \$6.00 to \$20.00, on sale Tuesday for from \$3.95 to \$8.95.

**White Wool Blankets—Another Practical Gift**

White Blankets, made of the finest Canadian fleece wool, thoroughly scoured and lofty finish, fast color border, full double bed size, worth \$6.00, for \$5.00, and \$7.00 value for \$5.75.

Splendid White Blankets at \$2.95 and \$3.50.

**Bed Comforters Make Gifts**

Splendidly made Comforters, filled with pure cotton batting, covered with silkline and chintz, 72x72 size, at \$1.75, \$1.95, \$2.25 and \$2.50.

**Hamilton's Bigger.**  
(London Advertiser.)  
There are few cities of the size that could duplicate London's Christmas market.

**Play the Holes.**  
(Bradford Courier.)  
Those married men who have holes in their socks had better start darning them right away.

**Don't Forget the Mistletoe!**  
(Ottawa Free Press.)  
Plan your programme for Wednesday so that as many of your family as possible may be able to go to church. Christmas festivities are good; but Christmas gratitude to the Giver of all Good is better.

**Drunkenness a Disease.**  
(Toronto News.)  
Especially should Ontario realize that drunkenness is a disease, and adorn the harsh and forbidding face of her prison system with some smile of hope for unfortunate who are powerless to rescue themselves from the grip of the liquor habit.

**Has Nothing.**  
(Toronto News.)  
The Commission has not brought a volt of cheap power within reach of the people. It has no transmission line. All it has is an arrangement to get power from the Ontario Power Company at a certain rate, and "plugs" for a transmission line. Mr. McNaught, like Mr. Beck, deals with generalities and leaves details severely alone.

Mrs. McTavish, wife of Rev. D. McTavish, of Toronto, died in Baltimore Hospital.

A final dividend of 43-4 cents on the dollar was declared on Saturday by the liquidators of the Atlas Loan Company, of St. Thom

**PARIS DRESS DESIGNER DEAD.**  
His Famous Dictum Regarding Female Dress.  
London, Dec. 22.—The death of Paquin, the Paris dress designer, recalls his dictum: "The chief components of true beauty in the female form are unity and variety. Beauty demands the coexistence of these attributes, the former for the satisfaction of sensibility and the latter for the satisfaction of intelligence. There is one thing we dressmakers seek more than all else in a perfect figure for women, and that is line."  
Paquin's real name is Isidore Jacob. His nationality was the cause of a stormy debate in the Chamber when the Cross of the Legion of Honor was conferred upon him at the time the anti-semitic fever was at its height.

**Saturday the Third Largest Day in Our History**

No sign of hard times or tight money here, the public are wise to the fact that this store is the place to purchase when you want goods at a reasonable profit. Now for the last day of the Christmas season.

**The following specials between 8.30 and 9.30 Tuesday Morning**

**Our \$1 French Kid Gloves 75c**  
Between the hours of 8.30 and 9.30 Tuesday morning we give you your choice of our real French Kid Gloves, full ranges of sizes and colors, and every pair guaranteed, regularly \$1.00, for . . . . . 75c

**Our \$1 Lined Kid Gloves 75c**  
We give you your choice of our Ladies' Lined Kid Gloves at \$1.00, for 75c, between the hours of 8.30 and 9.30.

**Fancy Pin Cushions at Half**  
Between the hours of 8.30 and 8.30 we offer you your choice of Fancy Pin Cushions at half and less than half price.

**Dresden Ribbons at Half**  
Great slaughter sale of handsome Dresden Ribbons at half price. Between the hours of 8.30 and 9.50 Tuesday morning we offer you your choice of every Dresden Ribbon we have in stock at one-half the regular marked price.

\$1.50 Dresden Ribbons for . . . . . 50c  
50c Dresden Ribbons for . . . . . 25c  
5c Dresden Ribbons for . . . . . 12c  
You must be there between 8.30 and 9.30 for these Dresden Ribbons. After 9.30 you must pay the full price.

**\$1 Chiffon Scarfs 25c**  
Handsome Chiffon Scarfs, in a variety of different styles, every one good value for \$1.00, Tuesday morning, between 8.30 and 9.30, the price . . . . . 25c

**\$1 Guipure Lace Collars 39c**  
Handsome, Deep Guipure Lace Collars, sold ordinarily for \$1.00, Tuesday, between the hours of 8.30 and 9.30, we clear at . . . . . 39c

**25c and 35c Calendars 9c**  
300 Calendars, most of them nicely boxed, the kind we have been retailing at 25 and 35c; Tuesday morning we offer between 8.30 and 9.30 the choice of this lot for 9c

**25c Cloth Bound Novels 10c**  
For one hour between 8.30 and 9.30 we offer you your choice of cloth-bound Books by the best known authors of the day; our leader at 25c, Tuesday morning's price . . . . . 10c

**15c to 30c Lawns for 5c**  
Sharp 8.30 and from then to 9.30 we offer 1,000 yards of mill remnants of White Lawn, that would ordinarily sell at from 15 to 30c, sale price . . . . . 5c

**50c Glove and Handkerchief Boxes 25c**  
Only a limited number of Leatherette Covered Handkerchief and Glove Boxes, regular 50c, between the hours of 8.30 and 9.30 the price . . . . . 25c

**Hair Brush Sets \$2 for 99c**  
Just a limited quantity of Hair Brush Sets; some boxes contain an ebony brush and comb, others two military brushes; these are a great bargain at \$2.00, Tuesday morning's price . . . . . 99c

**Men's Mufflers at Half**  
Just 5 dozen in all samples of Men's Mufflers will be sold between 8.30 and 9.30 Tuesday morning at just ½ the regular price.

**\$10 Ladies' Coats \$2.99**  
50 Ladies' Coats, plain black cloth and tweeds, ordinary \$10.00 value, for . . . . . \$2.99

**\$15 Ladies' Coats \$5**  
25 only Ladies' this season's Nobby Coats, sold in the ordinary way for \$15.00, on sale between 8.30 and 9.30 for . . . . . \$5.00

**Great Sale of Ladies' Furs at Half Price**

**\$3.00 to \$4.00 Ladies' Shoes \$1.98**

**\$1.50 Slippers 89c**

**\$5.00 Men's Shoes \$2.50**

**\$2.50 and \$3.00 Ladies' Fancy Slippers 49c**

Between the hours of 8.30 and 9.30 we put on sale stock of \$5,000 worth of Furs, all this season's Jack-coats, Ruffs, Stoles, Capelines, etc., at just ½ the regular retail price.

Ladies Patent Calf Shoes, dull kid top with military heel, Goodyear welt, worth regular \$3 to \$4, between the hours of 8.30 and 9.30, the price . . . . . \$1.98

Ladies' Patent Leather one Strap Slippers, French heel, trimmed sole, regular \$1.50, from 8.30 to 9.30, the price . . . . . 89c

Men's Patent Calf Goodyear Welt, dull kid, fancy regular \$5, Tuesday between 8.30 and 9.30, the price . . . . . \$2.50

Ladies' fancy Slippers, white, green, pink and pale blue, sizes 3½ and 4, trimmed soles, high heels, regular \$2.50 and \$3, 8.30 to 9.30, your choice . . . . . 49c

**Now for the Final Day Before Christmas In Our Great Basement**

SPECIAL prices have again been adjusted to dozens of lines of goods in our great basement for to-morrow, Tuesday. In some instances the prices are less than half; this you will notice by reading further. Come at 8.30 a.m. everything will be in readiness for you.

**China Worth to \$1.25 for 49c**  
A number of Salad Dishes, Figures, Jardinières, Jugs, Bon Bon Dishes, Bread and Milk Sets, worth regularly up to \$1.25, will be sold Tuesday at . . . . . 49c each

**Dinner Sets 10 Per Cent. Off**  
From 8.30 to 10.30 a.m. Tuesday we will place on sale our entire range of Dinner Sets at 10 per cent. off the regular marked prices. This will be your last chance. Take advantage of this offer.

**Five o'Clock Tea Sets Half Price**  
A number of China Five o'Clock Tea Sets, consisting of Teapot, Sugar Bowl, Cream Pitcher and Two Cups and Saucers, will be sold on Tuesday at exactly half the marked prices.

**Every Fancy Piece of China at 10 Per Cent. Discount**  
Every fancy piece of China in the basement will be offered Tuesday morning and afternoon at 10 per cent. discount off the regular prices.

**Blue Willow Plates 10c**  
12 dozen Blue Willow China Bread and Butter Plates will be placed on sale Tuesday at only . . . . . 10c each

**Cups and Saucers Half Price**  
A wide range of shapes and decorations in German China Cups and Saucers, marked regular for 25 to 75c, will be sold on Tuesday morning only at half the regular marked prices.

**In the Toy Dept.**

Commencing at 8.30 sharp Tuesday

**Wagon Blocks 25c for 12½c**  
2 dozen sets of Wagon Blocks, marked regular 25c, at 8.30 sharp Tuesday . . . . . 12½c

**Ring Toss 35c for 15c**  
3 dozen games Ring Toss, each in a separate box, marked regular 35c, for . . . . . 15c

**Nine Pins 15c for 7c**  
3 dozen sets of Nine Pins, complete with two balls, regular 15c, on sale for . . . . . 7c

**\$3.25 Kid Body Dolls \$2.19**  
1 dozen Kid Body Jointed Dolls, hair side parts, some with eyelashes, good size, marked regular \$3.00 and \$3.25, on sale Tuesday at 8.30 for . . . . . \$2.19

**Good Toys Greatly Reduced**

1 Mechanical Train, regular \$12.00, for . . . . . \$6.00  
1 Skin Covered Rocking Horse, \$12.00, for . . . . . \$5.00  
1 Covered Rocking Horse, \$7.00, for . . . . . \$3.00  
1 Covered Rocking Horse, \$10.00, for . . . . . \$7.00  
1 Beautiful Dressed Doll, \$12.00, for . . . . . \$8.00  
1 Beautiful Dressed Doll, \$10.00, for . . . . . \$7.00  
1 Beautiful Dressed Doll, \$8.00, for . . . . . \$6.00

**Grocery Dept.**

**ORANGES 5c DOZEN**  
100 dozen Valencia Oranges will be sold Tuesday morning at 8.30 sharp for 5c dozen.

6 lbs. Dark Sugar	25c	Best Red Salmon	17c
Best Cranberries, qt.	20c	Choice Cheese, lb.	17c
Choice Coffees	25 and 40c	Plum Puddings, 50c, for	39c
Chow Pickles, bottle	15c	Mixed Nuts, lb.	15c
Shelled Almonds, lb.	45c	Pickled Nuts, lb.	20c
Choice Cocoa, lb.	20c	Brazill Walnuts, bottle	15c
Figs, per package	10c	Worcester Sauce, bot	10c
Table Raisins	20c	Poultry Dressing, tin	8c
California Oranges, 25c and 40c		Fancy Biscuits, lb.	15c
Messina Lemons, doz.	20c	Dates, per package	5c
Mexican Oranges, doz	15c	Jelly Crystal, package	5c

**To-night at 7.45**

These goods will be reduced

Boys' Sleighs, marked 35c, for	25c
Sliced Pictures, regular 25c, for	10c
Bulb Toys, animals, etc., 35c for	15c
Dolls' Furniture \$1, to-night	69c
Covered Horass 75c, on sale for	49c
Motor Cars (mechanical) 50c, for	35c
Balky Mules, regular 35c, for	25c
Tiddley Wink Games 25c, for	19c
Iron Trains 25c, for	19c

**China Dept. To-night at 7.30**

China Cups and Saucers, regular \$1.50, for	\$1
Fancy Jardinières at 10 per cent. discount	
Hand-painted China at 10 per cent. discount	
Fancy Vases, regular 25c, for	15c
Souvenir China 25c, for	19c
Tea Plates, regular \$1.50 dozen, for	89c
China Articles, worth to \$1.50, for	\$1
China Articles, worth \$1, for	50c

**THE T. H. PRATT CO. LIMITED**

There are 38 entirely unprotected steam railway crossings out of a total of 80 within the city limits of Toronto. As a result of submitting their cause to arbitration, the Toronto Street Railwaymen's Union has obtained the reinstatement of Messrs. Scott, Crawford, Bonatton and Easley, the four motor-men who were discharged by the company for refusing to take out open cars some time ago.

Cases have come before the Toronto Associated Charities of late where immigrants were offered positions and refused to take them unless more money was forthcoming.

A boiler explosion at the Glace Bay collieries fatally injured two and seriously hurt three miners.

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SPECIAL PIANOS SALE

TO-NIGHT TO-MORROW TO-MORROW NIGHT

We are offering a SPECIAL PRICE on every instrument in our warerooms. This lasts until to-morrow night only. Now is the time to buy. Every instrument marked in plain figures. We will make terms to suit your convenience. Call early and take your choice.

THE OLD FIRM HEINTZMAN & CO. 71 King St. East Opposite Post Office

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—the day when every one wishes every one else well, and when all the world is happy; the day we celebrate as His birthday? Did you hear the songs of the new-born Saviour yesterday? You will enjoy your Christmas dinner better if you did; if not, Christmas morning will not be too late.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The last call—Shop early. Moving picture shows on Sunday. What next? This weather is hard on his nibe, Santa Claus. There appears to be a smallpox epidemic throughout the Province. Vaccinate! Certainly Hamilton should own its own pumps. But it should acquire them on the best possible terms. Local option in some of the townships of Wentworth is going along without stirring up as much fuss as in Saltfleet. Hon. Mr. Graham says there will be no Intercolonial deficit this year. He does not want to be a Minister of Deficits. Those who put off their Christmas shopping till to-day may be sorry that they did not take our advice and shop early.

Confusion and delay at the polls, and "fixing up" returns at midnight following election day are the outcome of the at-large system—and all are bad.

Such a thing as a Hamilton City Council not spending the \$247,500 for which it has to pay \$275,000 is quite out of the question. The safe way is not to give it the chance until it is made clear just what the city is to get and what it is to pay.

Was the lid on yesterday? Maybe that man on the doorstep was there to see that it did not slip off, or that the tall and the short spotters of the League were not allowed to force it off.

Toronto has five Mayoralty candidates this year. We do not know much about the personality of four of them. But we know enough of Dr. Beattie Nesbitt's personality to believe that the citizens of Toronto would do well to leave him severely alone.

The many charitable organizations of the city are looking for special help this holiday season to provide for and entertain those depending upon them. Without specifying any particular society or charity, the Times hopes that those who have of this world's goods will not forget to remember at least one or more of these.

Yesterday being the Sunday before Christmas, the music in the churches was of an attractive character, and formed perhaps the most important part of the services. The congregations who were delighted and, we hope, edified by the part borne by the choirs may not have given much thought to the matter. But yesterday's musical services meant much hard and conscientious work by them, work which is not always appreciated as it should be. The city choirs, as a rule, do not get sufficient credit for the sacrifices they make in contributing to the praise service.

MILITARY CHANGES.

Leut. Col. Denison to Command First Cavalry Brigade.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Lieut. Col. Clarence A. K. Denison has been appointed from the reserve of officers to command the first cavalry brigade, western Ontario.

Brevet Lieut. Colonel R. Cartwright has vacated the appointment of assistant adjutant-general for musketry, and is placed on the retired list with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, having been found medically unfit for service.

Major W. C. V. Chadwick is promoted to be lieutenant-colonel and to command the 9th Mississauga Horse, Toronto, vice the late Colonel Peters.

Lieut. J. F. H. Ussher and Lieut. H. D. L. Gordon are promoted to be captains.

Capt. W. W. Burleigh, 10th St. Catharines Regiment, is promoted to be major.

Lieut. M. J. Wilson, Seventy-Seventh Regiment, has resigned.

AMUSEMENTS

The Christmas bill at the Savoy this week smacks of the holiday aroma of the Yuletide season, and should draw record business for the Merrick street play house. Bob Fitzsimmons and his wife, Julia May Gifford, whose clever sketch will be the chief headliner, have an offering that is said to be full of action, and compels attention every minute they hold the boards. The ex-champion during the sketch tells the story of how he came to enter the ring, and this is said to be founded on fact. Miss Gifford, before entering the vaudeville field, was prominent on the legitimate stage. She has a splendid soprano voice, which will be the Georgettys, described by Bob gives a wonderful bag punching exhibition. The special added attraction will be the Georgettys, described by William Morris, the New York booking agent, as the greatest acrobatic act he ever saw. A feature of the work is the appearance of a seventy-five-pound midget, who does some of the most sensational hand-to-hand work ever attempted.

The Doric Quartette is a fine singing organization, which many Hamilton people will welcome the opportunity of hearing. This organization was formed in Toronto to supply the ritual music for many of the Masonic lodges there, and soon became widely known throughout the country. In vaudeville its success has been as great. John Birch, The Man With the Hat, is one of the best numbers on the bill, and his satire on the melodrama is a genuine laughing hit. Finley and Burke are a well-known pair of fun makers, who will be seen in a series of travesties on familiar vaudeville frivolities and follies. This is said to be a potpourri of merriment and fun. The Musical Buckleys and Virginia Grant, a well-known singing comedienne, will be the other numbers to complete the bill.

Criticized Too Soon.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Victorien Sardou, the dramatist, and one of the theatres of this city, have brought suit for \$10,000 and \$20,000 respectively, against the Matin for publishing a criticism of a play before its first production. A dress rehearsal was given the night before the first production for criticism, journalists, dramatic critics, etc., but with the understanding that no criticism of the piece should be published until after the first night.

Billy Rice Dead.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—William Henry Rice, one of the best known minstrels in the United States, died of pneumonia in a hospital here yesterday, after an illness of two days. He was 65 years old, and was born in Philadelphia, and, when a lad, secured an engagement as a singer with Charles Cushman's company. He was connected with Sam Sanford. His last appearance was at Dumont's Opera House, in this city, a theatre devoted to minstrelsy, last season, when he appeared for 14 weeks in impersonations of Sarah Bernhardt and other actresses.

There are, no doubt, many who have never seen "Mrs. Temple's Telegram." This farce, which is said to be very much season at the Madison Square Theatre, New York, three months at Powers' Theatre, Chicago, and two months at the Waldorf Theatre, London, England. "Mrs. Temple's Telegram" will be presented at the Grand on Christmas afternoon and evening, and for those who enjoy the style of entertainment, the refreshingly laughable kind, the event should prove of interest. Seats on sale now.

Everything in vaudeville which has proved popular in Hamilton will have a representative at Bennett's this week. Manager Driscoll is preparing for big business, the advance booking showing symptoms of a great public interest in the bill prepared. The star is to be Patricia, who comes here with a bunch of laurels collected during her tour through the States to Hamilton. Her act, "The New Year's Dream," is a happy combination of melodies that will be remembered by all who hear them and good comedy. Another act that is among the top-notchers of vaudeville is Daly's Country Choir. It is composed of genuine comedians, who can make their audience laugh or be serious with their songs, which range from the best songs in opera to such old melodies as "Annie Laurie." Joe Flynn brings an excellent line of monologue dope, which he peddles with a naturally humorous manner. Dixon brothers' musical is said to be one of the best that has ever been imported from Europe. It is perfectly new, as far as this country is concerned, and never fails to get the best of receptions. The Madcap Girls are, as their title indicates, a dashing bunch. Their act is a whirling mix-up of songs and

dances that are of gilt-edged quality. Burns and Burns will introduce a grotesque comedy and pantomime act, and they usually tally a laugh every moment they are working. Wilbur Mack and Minthorne Wortley's item is a beauty and the two will be warm favorites with the public after the matinee this afternoon.

The Bennetograph will show two films appropriate to the season.

Sunday Shows in N. Y. New York, Dec. 23.—With policemen as monitors prepared to stop any performance that passed the bounds of the "sacred or educational," the Sunday amusement promoters generally resumed business yesterday.

With few exceptions the entertainments were such as were given before Justice O'Gorman's strict interpretation after two "blue" Sundays resulted in the adoption by the aldermen of a more liberal ordinance. The exceptions were the moving-picture shows on the East Side, which were not allowed to open, though the proprietors of some promised to present only Biblical scenes. The penny shows of the penny arcades, however, were held to be permissible, a line of easy distinction being drawn between views that moved and those that stood still.

Between the Acts.

The offering at the Grand for Thursday and Friday will be "The Fatal Flower," a play in four acts, by Howard Hall. The story of the play is a very interesting and unconventional one, and it possesses that peculiar charm termed "Sincerity." The play will be presented with elaborate appropriate stage settings and rich costuming. Seats will be on sale on Tuesday.

A New York despatch says that Oscar Hammerstein may quit the opera field here next season. Mr. Hammerstein says that he can do better in Chicago, Philadelphia or Boston than he can here. That is to say, he can conduct opera with a surety that he will not lose money. As things are running now, he is losing money, and does not purpose to go on.

Al. Martin's big "Uncle Tom's Cabin" show will be the attraction at the Grand on Saturday afternoon and evening.

Henry Ludlow, the distinguished tragedian, will be at the Grand next Monday night in "Richard III."

NOT SATISFIED WITH PRICES.

MANY GROWERS WILL GIVE UP TOMATO CULTIVATION.

Low Prices and Two Bad Seasons Have Discouraged them—Series of Meetings to be Held.

At a meeting of the Executive of the Hamilton District Fruit Growers' Association, held in Green's Hall on Saturday night, it was stated that unless a better price was paid for tomatoes next year than had been received from the canners this year, many of the growers would go out of that branch of the business. It was said that a number of the large growers throughout the Niagara district have already decided on that course.

"And more are likely to follow," said an officer of the association, this morning. "The growers are very firm on this point, and intend to stand together. We received 25 cents for tomatoes last year. The canners should certainly be more reasonable, and especially in view of the seasons we have had for the last two or three years. Why, nearly the whole crop in the Niagara district this year was a failure."

The St. Catharines growers are said to be forming a strong organization, and the local branch of the association thinks this will help them considerably in getting a fair price for the canners next season. The matter of price was the chief topic of discussion at Saturday night's meeting, but nothing definite will be done until next month. A series of meetings to be held here during the winter months was arranged when the subjects of general interest to members of the association will be discussed, such as onion, potato and early vegetable growing, small fruit, spraying, the question of duty, cold storage, packing and disposing of produce.

An offer from a manufacturer to supply baskets at \$4 less than last season will be considered at the next meeting.

MASONS AT CHURCH.

Large Tarnout Heard Impressive Sermon by Rev. I. Couch.

In celebration of the festival of St. John the Evangelist the Masons of Hamilton attended divine service in Centenary Church yesterday afternoon. A very fair number assembled at the hall and marched to the church. Among the prominent men of the craft present were M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Grand Secretary; R. W. Bro. H. S. Griffin, District Deputy Grand Master, and a number of P. D. D. G. M.'s. The Knights Templars, Geoffrey C. Bouillon Preceptory, also attended in a body. Bro. Rev. Isaac Couch, M. A., pastor of Gore Street Methodist Church, preached the sermon. He took as his text

THE IDEAL XMAS GIFT GET ONE FOR YOUR HUSBAND. WALKER'S King and Catharine Sts.

Christmas Goodies Oranges Nuts Table Raisins and Figs Cocoa Coffee Teas

CARROLL'S Five Stores Cor. Emerald and Wilson, Cor. James and Macaulay, Cor. Queen and Hunter, Cor. York and Caroline, 115 John Street South.

STANLEY MILLS & CO., Limited MONDAY, DECEMBER 23rd, 1907

Do Your Shopping Early

The beauty of this store's grand organization will be manifested to-morrow, when last minute shoppers will find here gifts in great abundance, and that in spite of the heaviest Christmas selling the store has ever experienced. A record day is expected to-morrow, even eclipsing the great day we had last Saturday, and every minute will be of value to you and to ourselves. Therefore be here as soon after 8.15 as you can.

- AT 8.15 SHARP Dressed Dolls 19c 25 handsomely Dressed Dolls, fair and dark hair, regular price 25c, for ... 19c
AT 8.15 SHARP Dolls' Carriages 89c 8 only Strong Dolls' Carriages with parasols, regular price \$2, for ... 89c
AT 8.15 SHARP Building Blocks 7c 18 sets of Building Blocks, regular price 15c set, for ... 7c
AT 8.15 SHARP Bound Books 19c 50 well bound Books, all good stories, regular price 25c, for 19c
AT 8.15 SHARP Hook and Ladder 59c 12 only Painted Iron Hook and Ladders, regular 75c, for ... 59c
AT 8.15 SHARP Toy Wind Mills 7c each 100 Toy Wind Mills, regular price 15c, for ... 7c
AT 8.15 SHARP Toy Washboards 5c 60 strong Toy Washboards, regular 10c, for ... 5c
AT 8.15 SHARP Farm Yards 12 1/2c each 12 only Farm Yards, with animals, regular 25c ... 12 1/2c
AT 8.15 SHARP Hose Supporters 59c 3 dozen Women's Fancy Hose Supporters, in pretty gift styles, with large satin pad and best, ribbon shirred over elastic and finished with bows of ribbon. Choice of red, pink, blue, black or yellow. Each in a pretty gift box, worth regularly 75c, for ... 59c
AT 8.15 SHARP Gum Drops 5c lb. 100 packages of fresh Gum Drops, regularly 10c lb., for ... 5c Only one pound to a customer.
AT 8.15 SHARP Navel Oranges 17c doz. 100 dozen only Navel Oranges, very choice seedless fruit, worth regularly 25c dozen ... 17c Only one dozen to a customer.
AT 8.15 SHARP English Walnuts 14c lb. 100 lbs. of English Walnuts regularly 18c lb. ... 14c

STANLEY MILLS & CO., Limited

Big Savings to Make Brisk Selling Tuesday

- Be Here Early, 8.30 a. m. \$1.50 Women's English Umbrellas, in new handle styles, best covering, \$1.50, Tuesday at ... \$1.19
40c Santa Claus Hosiery, pure all wool English Cashmere makes, Tuesday ... 25c
50c Women's Knitted Woolen Gloves, heavy and warm make, Tuesday ... 35c
50c Women's and Children's Elbow Knitted Gloves and Mitts, in all colors, Tuesday ... 39c
65c Men's all wool Cashmere Mufflers, in all white and in polka dots, Tuesday ... 49c
60c Men's Pure Silk, White Jap Silk Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, sale at ... 39c
10c Men's Lawn Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, fine quality and good sizes ... 5c
5c Women's Fine and Soft Irish Lawn Hemstitched Handkerchiefs 5c, Tuesday 3 for ... 10c
10c Women's Irish Lawn Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, with drawn borders, sale at each ... 5c
65c Women's White Dotted Ice Wool Scarfs, Tuesday ... 49c
25c Women's Linen Kitchen Aprons, Tuesday ... 19c
15c Women's Lawn Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, in drawn borders, Tuesday ... 8c
12 1/2c Women's Pure Irish Linen H. S. Handkerchiefs at 3 for 25c
20c Women's Irish Linen Black Border H. S. Handkerchiefs, Tuesday at each ... 12 1/2c
25c Men's English Braees, this season's, Tuesday ... 15c
\$1.25 Women's English Stripe Flannel Gowns, our own make, Tuesday at ... \$1.25
\$2 Men's Wool and Silk Lined Mocha Gloves, in tan and grey, one dome, all sizes, Tuesday at ... \$1.49
50c Men's Heavy Knit Plain Ringwood Gloves, in grey and fawn, Tuesday at ... 39c
Shop here Tuesday, big savings on everything for Christmas gift buying. Open until 10 p. m.

FINCH BROS. 29 and 31 King Street West

Hugh Murray, and asked all Masons to follow him as he had followed Christ. The full choir of the church, with Mr. W. H. Hewlett, Mus. Bac., at the organ, led the singing, and sang an anthem, "Holy Night," with splendid effect. The shortage of Harry Maughan, of Toronto, may total \$25,000. His father will net a certain percentage of this, for which he feels himself responsible. John Hodge, M. P., says he will infuse the British Parliament that workmen are brought to Canada under false pretences. The death occurred in London on the 28th ult., of Mr. Edgar Brinsmead, son of the founder of the old piano firm. He was 59 years of age, and although he had been blind for many years, he took an active part in his father's business, which he helped to build up before it was turned into a company. Deceased wrote a history of the pianoforte, and was an interesting figure at the celebration of the 70th anniversary of his father's wedding. Mr. W. E. Marshall, who has been elected vice-president of the N. Y. Florists' Club, was born in Edinburgh in 1872.



SAW THE KING.

Swazi Chiefs Received by King Edward. Native Prince Describes the Audience They Had.

What His Majesty Said to the Chiefs.

London, Daily Mail: The five chiefs from Swaziland, who represent \$4,000 of their countrymen, realized the cherished ambition of their lives on Monday. They saw the "Great White King" at Buckingham Palace, and he spoke graciously to them.

They wore immaculate European attire for this great occasion, and drove to Buckingham Palace from the house they occupy in Kensington in two open landaus, accompanied by the Hon. C. Murray, of the Colonial Office, and Mr. A. G. Marwick, the Assistant Commissioner of Swaziland.

His Majesty, who wore a field marshal's uniform, and who had with him Lord Elgin, Sir Francis Hopwood and members of the royal household, listened to an address presented in the Swazi language by Prince Malunge, the chief of the party. Mr. Marwick acted as interpreter, and afterwards the King, in reply, directed the chiefs to lay before the Colonial Office the petition they have brought with them to this country.

This sets forth several grievances. One concerns the non-cancellation of certain concessions granted long ago by the late King of the Swazis to the Boer Government, and the other is relative to the financial control of Swaziland.

A picturesque account of the royal visit, signed by himself, was obtained by the Over-Seas Daily Mail from Prince Malunge. He is a broad-shouldered young man, with a light copper-colored skin, laughing eyes and white teeth. He wears European costume with every indication of ease.

"Bayete" (the Swazi royal salute) was the word we uttered when the folding doors leading from a great white and gold waiting room were thrown open. Bowing low, we advanced slowly towards the end of a large high roofed chamber.

"Before us on a low dais sat the Great King. He wore a splendid uniform. Jeweled decorations sparkled upon his breast. Around him stood many statesmen. All were in fine garments of scarlet and gold. Behind him, from the ceiling hung long cloths of beautiful colors.

"We were not nervous. We were but deeply awed. A courtly nobleman (Lord Elgin) spoke to the King. We stood silently and reverently before him. Then he looked towards us encouragingly. I handed to Mr. Marwick my address. The words were these:

"Mina namanawisa sinokubabula okuku ngokutela uba tuba lokubonana noMhlekazi nokuba sibeke isibengele se Ndhlovukazi ne ntokeko ye Sizwe Swazini futi Nokuba sibeke pamisa iKuka Mhlekazi 'Isivolo' (petition) setu kubuha Umkhosi busizwe."

"The King nodded his head when our interpreter translated this into the language of the English: 'I, on behalf of the deputation, have the pleasure of having this opportunity of seeing your majesty, and conveying the loyalty of the Swazi nation, and also to lay our petition at your majesty's feet for redress.'

"Then the Great King spoke in the deep clear voice of command. Casting his eyes from one to the other of us, he replied in these words. They stirred our hearts by their graciousness and dignity: 'I am glad to receive your homage and devotion on behalf of the Queen Regent, the paramount chief and the whole tribe. I shall continue to afford you my protection, and I have instructed my high commissioner in South Africa to listen to any representations you may have to make to him, but I expect that you will in turn obtain my officials in South Africa and act in harmony with their instructions and desires. With regard to your petition or address, that you will send to my Secretary of State for the Colonies in the usual way, and I shall be very pleased to receive it through him.'

"Then, as though glad that the official business was done with the King spoke to me, just as man to man. 'Are you enjoying your visit?' he asked. I replied in a few words that I was—that we had seen sights we should remember always. He asked where we had been in the great city. Receiving my reply with another gracious nod of his head, he wished us well upon our long journey back to our country. Bowing low, we stepped backwards to the tall doors. They closed behind us slowly.

"Of this great King we had heard much before coming into his presence. In the flesh he is as noble a man as we have been told. He was kind to us, but kindly and commanding. We shall tell our countrymen of his royal grace and courtesy.

TELLS YOU HOW.

TO MAKE THE BEST REMEDY RIGHT AT HOME YOURSELF.

To make up enough of the "Dandelion treatment," which is claimed to be relieving nearly every sufferer who uses it for backache, kidney complaint, sore weak bladder and rheumatism, get from any good prescription pharmacy one-half ounce Fluid Extract Dandelion, one ounce Compound Kargon and three ounces Compound Syrup of Sarsaparilla. Shake well in a bottle and take in spoonful doses after each meal and again at bedtime.

Those who have tried it claim that it acts gently but thoroughly on the kidneys, relieving backache and bladder trouble and urinary difficulties almost instantly. Many cases of rheumatism are known to have been relieved within a few days, the pain and swelling diminishing with each dose.

A well-known local druggist, who is in a position to know, asserts that this prescription, wherever it becomes known, always ruins the sale of the numerous patent medicine rheumatism cures, kidney cures, etc. It is a recipe which the majority of patent medicine manufacturers, and even certain physicians dislike to see published. Few cases, indeed, which will fail to fully yield to its peculiar soothing and healing influence. Being composed of common every-day ingredients, which can be had from any druggist, it makes up a good, honest and harmless remedy and at nominal cost.

ARRESTED HIM.

ROBERT CALDWELL TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AT NEW YORK.

The Charge is Conspiracy and Wilful and Corrupt Perjury—Prisoner Desperately Ill—Druce Grave Will be Opened on Friday.

New York, Dec. 21.—Robert C. Caldwell, the American who has been one of the Central figures in the now famous Druce case in London, was arrested upon the arrival of the steamer Kaiserin Augusta Victoria here today on a charge of perjury. Bail was furnished and the old man was taken to his home on Staten Island.

London, Dec. 21.—The opening of the vault containing the body of Thomas C. Druce has been provisionally fixed for Dec. 27th. One of the results of examining the coffin will be to prove immediately the truth or the falsity of one of the main points in Caldwell's evidence and probably settle the question of his extradition. Should the statement about there being lead in the coffin prove to be true, it is not believed that the British Government would care particularly to pursue the question whether or not Caldwell or his alleged brother are one and the same persons.

ONLY TO SMALL CENTRES.

Unemployed Body Will Not Send Emigrants to Large Cities.

London, Dec. 21.—The Salvation Army denies that W. R. Trotter's allegations refer to them. Commissioner Nicol, who has pointed out that some agencies are out solely for the commission and bounties and do not care for the emigrant, has resulted in Canada, reports that the tales of distress in Canada have been exaggerated. The Central Unemployed Body has decided to send immigrants only to small centres in the future.

SEVEN STRIKERS KILLED.

Trouble in Chile's Nitrate Fields Results in Riot.

Valparaiso, Chile, Dec. 21.—The strike of the nitrate workers has resulted already in bloodshed and death, and is daily growing more serious. In Lagunas yesterday there was an encounter between troops and strikers, in the course of which seven men were killed and sixteen wounded.

At Iquique one man was killed and several wounded in an encounter with the authorities. A censorship has been established at Iquique. The strikers now number not less than 30,000 men, and no work is being done anywhere in the Antofagasta, Mejillones or Caletabuenas districts.

WILL ROUND THE GLOBE.

United States Fleet Will Probably Return Via Suez.

On board United States Steamer Connecticut, Dec. 22, via Government wireless telegraph station at Key West, Fla., to the Associated Press, New York.—Rear Admiral Evans has authorized the statement for publication that he personally believes that the Navy Department's present intentions are that the fleet shall return via the Suez route late next summer or fall.

ENGLISH HOMES PLEASED KAISER.

He Prefers Them to the Flat System of Fatherland.

London, Dec. 22.—The English people have been pleased at the telegraphic reports of the enclaves passed upon them by the Kaiser on his return to Berlin. Speaking of the English dwelling-house system as opposed to the flat system of Germany, the Kaiser said: "A house, even of the poorest workman, had a comfortable, home-like atmosphere."

ROBBED OF \$70,000.

Merchant Found Murdered on Train in Italy Identified.

Rome, Dec. 22.—It has been learned that the man who was brutally murdered on a train from Rome to Ancona, whose body was found at Foligno yesterday morning, was Signor Arverli, a prominent merchant of Verona. The motive for the crime was robbery. Seventy thousand dollars carried by the victim is missing.

Killed in a Runaway.

Osage, Sask., Dec. 21.—Norman Swartz was instantly killed in a runaway accident, being thrown from a load of hay. He became entangled in the lines and was dragged under the wheels. He leaves a wife and two children.

HIGH COURT, 1908.

Sittings for First Half-Year Have Been Arranged.

THE HONORABLE THE CHANCELLOR. Toronto Winter Assizes (2nd week), Monday, Jan. 13; Toronto (Non-Jury) (3rd week), Monday, Jan. 27; Toronto (Non-Jury) (2nd Court, 2nd week), Monday, Feb. 10; Toronto, Civil (Jury) (1st week), Monday, March 2; Napanea (Jury), Monday, March 9; Barrie (Jury), Tuesday, March 24; Toronto (Non-Jury) (2nd week), Wednesday, April 22; St. Catharines (Non-Jury), Wednesday, May 27; Ottawa (Non-Jury), Monday, June 17; North Bay (2nd-Jury), Monday, June 22.

THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE COMMON PLEAS. London Winter Assizes, Monday, Jan. 6; Toronto (Non-Jury) (2nd week), Monday, Jan. 13; Toronto (Non-Jury), Monday, March 16; Brampton (Jury and Non-Jury), Tuesday, March 31; Toronto (Non-Jury), (2nd week), Monday, April 6; Toronto (Non-Jury) (14th week), Monday, April 13; Whitby (Non-Jury), Monday, May 11; Guelph (Non-Jury), Tuesday, May 18; Brockville (Non-Jury), Monday, June 1; Walkerton (Non-Jury), Monday, June 2.

THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE KING'S BENCH. Toronto (Non-Jury) (2nd court, 3rd week), Monday, Feb. 17; Toronto, Civil (Jury) (2nd week), Monday, March 9; Bramford (Jury), Monday, March 16; Toronto (Non-Jury) (15th week), Monday, March 23; Chatham (Jury), Monday, April 6; Lindsay (Jury), Tuesday, April 21; Cobourg (Non-Jury), Monday, June 1; Port Arthur (Jury and Non-Jury), Monday, June 22; Kenora (Jury and Non-Jury), Monday, June 23.

THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE EXCHEQUER DIVISION. Toronto (Non-Jury) (4th week), Monday, Feb. 3; Toronto (Non-Jury) (2nd court, 4th week), Monday, March 17; Toronto (Non-Jury) (15th week), Monday, March 16; Peterborough (Jury), Monday, March 23; Kingston (Jury), Tuesday, March 24; Toronto (Non-Jury) (16th week), Monday, April 13; Toronto (Non-Jury) (17th week), Monday, April 27; Hamilton (Jury), Monday, May 13; Sandwich (Non-Jury), Monday, June 8.

THE HONORABLE MR. JUSTICE MACMAHON. Hamilton Winter Assizes, Monday, Jan. 6; Toronto (Non-Jury) (15th week), Monday, Jan. 13; Toronto (Non-Jury) (2nd court, 6th week), Monday, March 9; Cobourg (Jury), Monday, March 16; Toronto, Civil (Jury) (6th week), Monday, March 23; Toronto (Non-Jury) (17th week), Monday, April 6; Perth (Jury and Non-Jury), Monday, May 11; Woodstock (Non-Jury), Monday, May 26; Woodstock (Non-Jury), Monday, June 1; Sudbury (Non-Jury), Tuesday, June 4.

THE HONORABLE MR. JUSTICE BRITTON. Toronto Winter Assizes (2nd week), Monday, Jan. 20; Toronto (Non-Jury) (8th week), Monday, Feb. 17; Welland (Jury), Monday, March 8; Toronto (Non-Jury) (2nd court, 7th week), Monday, March 16; Cayuga (Jury and Non-Jury), Tuesday, April 14; Orangeville (Jury and Non-Jury), Tuesday, April 21; Toronto (Non-Jury) (18th week), Monday, May 11; Parry Sound (Jury and Non-Jury), Monday, May 18; Gore Bay (Jury and Non-Jury), Tuesday, June 2; Toronto (Non-Jury), Tuesday, June 18.

THE HONORABLE MR. JUSTICE TETZEL. Toronto Winter Assizes (1st week), Monday, Jan. 6; Toronto (Non-Jury) (2nd court, 1st week), Monday, Feb. 3; Goderich (Jury), Tuesday, March 3; Guelph (Jury), Tuesday, April 8; Toronto (Non-Jury) (19th week), Tuesday, May 5; Toronto (Non-Jury) (20th week), Tuesday, May 26; Barrie (Non-Jury), Tuesday, June 2; Peterborough (Non-Jury), Monday, June 22; Lindsay (Non-Jury), Thursday, June 25.

THE HONORABLE MR. JUSTICE ANGLIN. Cornwall Winter Assizes, Tuesday, Jan. 7; Toronto (Non-Jury) (8th week), Monday, March 2; Owen Sound (Jury), Monday, March 16; Toronto (Non-Jury) (2nd court, 8th week), Monday, March 23; Milton (Jury and Non-Jury), Tuesday, April 14th; Pembroke (Jury and Non-Jury), Tuesday, April 21; Sandwich (Jury), Tuesday, April 21; London (Non-Jury), Monday, May 11; Toronto (Non-Jury) (19th week), Monday, May 18; Chatham (Non-Jury), Monday, June 17.

THE HON. MR. JUSTICE MAGEE. Toronto (Non-Jury) (9th week), Monday, March 9; Toronto (Civil) (Jury) (4th week), Monday, March 23; Belleville (Jury), Tuesday, March 31; Sarnia (Jury), Monday, April 6; St. Thomas (Jury), Monday, April 13; Brockville (Jury), Tuesday, April 21; Toronto (Criminal) (1st week), Monday, May 4; Toronto (Criminal), (2nd week), Monday, May 11; Toronto (Criminal) (3rd week), Monday, May 18; Kingston (Non-Jury), Tuesday, May 26; Toronto (Non-Jury) (21st week), Monday, June 1; Stratford (Non-Jury), Tuesday, June 18.

THE HON. MR. JUSTICE CLUTE. Toronto (Winter Assizes) (4th week), Monday, Jan. 27; Berlin (Jury), Monday, Feb. 11; Toronto (Non-Jury) (10th week), Feb. 24; Sudbury (Jury), Monday, March 2; Toronto (Non-Jury) (10th week), Monday, March 9; North Bay (Jury), Monday, April 13; Napanee (Non-Jury), Monday, May 11; Sault Ste. Marie (Jury and Non-Jury), Tuesday, May 25.

THE HON. MR. JUSTICE MABEE. Toronto (Non-Jury) (1st week), Monday, Jan. 13; Toronto (Winter Assizes) (1st week), Monday, Feb. 3; Toronto (Non-Jury) (2nd court, 5th week), Monday, March 2; Stratford (Jury), Tuesday, March 10; Toronto (Non-Jury) (12th week), Monday, March 23; St. Catharines (Jury), Monday, April 6; Belleville (Non-Jury), Tuesday, May 18; Toronto (Non-Jury) (22nd week), Monday, June 2; Simcoe (Non-Jury), Monday, June 29.

THE HON. MR. JUSTICE RIDDELL. Ottawa (Winter Assizes), Monday, Jan. 6; Walkerton (Jury), Monday, March 9; London (Jury), Monday, March 23; Toronto (Non-Jury) (2nd court, 8th week), Monday, March 30; Toronto (Civil) (Jury) (8th week), Monday, April 6; Toronto (Non-Jury), (16th week), Monday, May 11; Owen Sound (Non-Jury), Tuesday, May 12; Goderich (Non-Jury), Monday, May 12; Welland (Non-Jury), Monday, May 19; Toronto (Non-Jury) (22nd week), Monday, June 3; St. Thomas (Non-Jury), Monday, June 17; Sarnia (Non-Jury), Monday, June 29.

Crushed to Death Under His Horse.

Lethbridge, Alta., Dec. 22.—George Salmon, aged 14, was killed at Raymond today. The horse which he was driving became tangled in the harness and fell on the driver.

Goldwin Smith Condemns Local Option

Writing to the Toronto Globe, Professor Goldwin Smith thus expresses his views on Local Option

"I do not think it possible to enforce total abstinence. The taste for fermented liquors is common to all races of mankind, and it antedates the beginning of history. This taste the extreme prohibitionist hopes to eradicate by a single stroke of prohibitive legislation. Unless he can eradicate the taste, experience shows he cannot put down the habit. In the attempt radically and suddenly to change the habits of mankind by law, I have no faith whatever, and I appeal to multiplied and decisive experience as a warrant for my unbelief."

Christmas Greeting Wedding Cakes Christmas Cakes Birthday Cakes and Plum Puddings. ALL our own make and intended for people who must have the best. We spare nothing to attain perfection. Our CHOCOLATES and CREAM BON BONS combine the greatest of purity and freshness, rarely equalled and never excelled. Handsome boxes and baskets filled with the daintiest and richest of confections. JAMES CRAWFORD, Confectioner 34 King Street West

GO FOR YOUR LETTERS

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Letters lying in the Hamilton Post Office received previous to the 16th December, 1907:

- Alkin, E. L. Alter, Mr., (for'd from Aurelia) Anderson, W. J., Dundas Road Anderson, T. W. Barton, H. Beer, S. or G. Bean, Annie Beaton, D. M. Burgess, W. J. Bull, C. Burrows, Mrs. R. Cairns, C. Carr, Bruce J. Clark, D. M. Clark, Wm. Clarkson, J. R. Coates, A. Conorton, Harriell Cook, Mrs. John Cough, Roy Daly, Daniel Dillon, Mrs. E. Dingle, Emma F. Dorey, Felix Down, A. M. Doran, James Edmondson, James Elliot, Sarah Jane, Mrs. (reg'd) Enley, Mr., Carbon Paper Mfg. Fisher, G. E. Faumer, Rosie, Miss Gardner, Mr., 206 John st. W. Gibson, J. F. Gillay, W. J. Gray, Henry, Stragum st. Holley, James Hamill, T. Hagel, Arthur Harley, F. Heffer, Mrs. Holcomb, D. N. (2) Holladay, E. Hookwood, Mrs. H. Y. Hopkins, Miss Jirine Huntley, W. Hughes, Mrs. John Herman, Charles Irwin, Miss Emma, 2. Jackson, Miss Ethel Janitor, Miss Ethel Johnston, Mrs. Annie M. Johnstone, J. J. Jordan, W. Keegan, Mrs. Michael. Laing, W. V. Leggett, Mrs. J. Little, Alex. Lucas, S. Lyn, F. P. Mastine, Herbert. Malcolm, D. Manson, Nelson. MacKay, O. A. Manning, Robt. C. Marter, D. Millard, T. J. Moore, A. W. Moran, E. Morrison, Miss Alice. Monteith, Otto L. Montgomery, Mr. Mundy, Miss Evelyn B. Munro, Miss Isabel. McCoy, Settler E. McCrell, Mrs. Mary. McDonald, Mr. McGregor, Mrs. A. McLaughlin, Jae McMichael, Annie Newman, Mrs. Henry Oakes, W. H. Parry, Wm. W. Parker, Laurie Parker, Robert Lucas, 2 Peters, John M. Phillips, Miss L. M. Post, E. Price, Mrs. Chris. Rogers, Sarah Robinson, Herbert E. Rymal, T. F. Shanklin, Miss Mary Sides, Miss Maggie Smiley, Miss Etta Smith, Charles Smith, Fred. Smith, Mrs. Maude Smith, W. H.

MINERS ALMOST DROWNED.

Hundred and Fifty of Them Caught by Rush of Water.

Hazelton, N. W. Dec. 21.—More than 150 miners narrowly escaped drowning in the No. 4 slope at the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Company, at tapping of a large body of water in the abandoned No. 1 slope adjoining. The water reached to the waists of some of the men, who got to the surface through two separate openings. The only man who perished was Anthony Sadowski, who set off the blast that released the water. The rush of air was so great when the water broke through that the lights in the lamps of most of the men in the slope were extinguished. The flood subsided. Ninety men lost their lives in this mine last July through white damp.

HIDE DEALER ARRESTED.

St. Thomas Business Man is Charged With Forgery.

St. Thomas, Dec. 22.—James A. Moore, a prominent citizen, who conducts a hide business, and has been identified with several industrial enterprises, was placed under arrest on complaint of the manager of the Dominion Banks, who charges Moore with forging the name of his brother, H. C. Moore, of Toronto, to a guarantee bond in October last. Moore is said to have borrowed heavily from the bank, and the bond was given as a guarantee of these amounts. Other charges, it is said, will also be laid.

GYROSCOPE AT SEA.

Hamburg-American Line Will Use It on Boats.

Hamburg, Dec. 22.—The Hamburg-American Line has bought the German rights of the Schlick gyroscope, and it is the intention of the company to equip their small North Sea and Channel boats with the apparatus. This, it is expected, will keep them steady in the roughest weather. The first vessel to be fitted with the gyroscope will be the Silvania, and an order for the building of one of the new machines has already been given to the Vulcan Iron Works at Stettin.

The Silvania is one of the small passenger carriers of the line, and runs between North Sea resorts. The gyroscope will be put in the stern, and it is expected that the movement will entirely counteract the rolling or side movement of the vessel.

A gyroscope is a machine which by revolving at a high rate of speed is expected to maintain the balance of the vessel on the principle of the spinning-top.

Prefers Charity to Work.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Many applicants for relief here refuse work when offered it, on the streets or in the civic work yard, where good wages are being paid. Such cases will likely be treated as vagrants in future.

CASORIA. Bears the name of the inventor, Dr. H. H. Hatcher.

FOR BOYS

Suits for Boys \$1.95. 25 Boys' Russian Blouse Suits, made of good dark tweed and navy blue serge, nicely trimmed to fit ages 3 to 8 years. Priced at \$3.50 to \$4.50, to be cleared at \$1.95.

Sailor Suits. Some very pretty little Sailor Suits to fit ages 5 to 10 years. Priced at \$4.50 and \$5, for \$2.85. Store open every night till Christmas.

Oak Hall

10-12 JAMES NORTH

WATCHED COMRADE FREEZE.

Two Hundred Persons Saw Alfred Jackson Perish at Pawtuxet.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 21.—In full view of two hundred people, who were powerless to extend aid, Alfred Jackson, aged twenty-two, a Providence clerk, was frozen to death while standing on a rock under the falls of the Pawtuxet River, in Pawtuxet, late this afternoon. Jackson was with two companions, L. P. Mathewson, aged nineteen, of East Providence, and Jackson's brother, Arthur, aged twenty, had been carried over the falls in a canoe.

The canoe drifted too near the falls and was carried over. All the occupants were thrown into the water. Alfred Jackson was able to reach a rock, but submerged at the foot of the falls, and managed to grasp his brother. Finally persons on shore threw life lines and rescued Arthur Jackson and Mathewson, who had floated down stream. Alfred Jackson, in the meanwhile, remained standing up to his waist in water close under the falls, and when the would-be rescuers threw a line to him, expecting to pull him to a place of safety, they found they were unable to move him.

In the roar of the cataract his shouts could not be heard, but it was evident that one of his legs had become caught under a rock or some other object under water. A large crowd on a bridge nearby was forced to stand idle and see Jackson freeze to death.

TOO MUCH PLUM PUDDING.

Milton Woman Caught Shoplifting in a Toronto Store.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Mary Tasker, a farmer's wife, from Milton, Ont., was using particularly ingenious tactics her shoplifting operations when caught by Detective Newton on Saturday in Eaton's store. She carried a piece of black cloth and her husband followed with an abstract something she would drop the cloth carelessly on a bridge nearby, bargaining for some trifle from the saleswoman, would pick up the cloth and whatever was under it.

This method she pursued for some time with success, and when she was arrested she had a pair of boots, two ladies' belts, two gold-filled watches, bottles of perfume, five packages of candy, three pair of stockings, two plum puddings, two handkerchiefs and several other smaller articles.

It was when she was taking the second plum pudding that she was caught.

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The Automatic Eye Glass Holder consists of a spring-controlled chair winding into a case which is fastened to your coat or waist. The chain is easily drawn out to full length and by a slight "twitch" is returned to its place. Eye-glasses are attached to a spring hook at the end of the chain, and when not in use are out of the way, and safe.

Specials in Diamond Rings

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Funerary Creators and Embalmers. Cor. King and Catharine Sts. Prompt attention given to all requirements in our business day or night. Office Telephone, 20. Residence tel., 27. Open day and night. H. A. GREEN, proprietor.

ATTEMPTED MURDER.

Max Philion Has a Lively Time With His Brother-in-law. Brockville, Dec. 22.—John Laroque, a Montreal Frenchman, came here yesterday and, appearing at the door of his brother-in-law, Max Philion, informed the latter that he had come to take his life, at the same time thrusting in his face a 32-caliber revolver, fully loaded. Philion knocked the revolver from Laroque's hand, and struck him down, and the weapon was picked up by a passing carter. Laroque was arrested and remanded for one week. The trouble between Philion and his wife was the cause of her brother's action.

LOOKED LIKE INTENDED SUICIDE.

The citizen who was brandishing a fierce-looking razor says it wasn't suicide, but coxsis he was thinking about needing to say, his wife bought him Putnam's Corn Extractor and hid the razor. Very wise, because Putnam's cures in 24 hours. Try it.



DEDICATION AT ST. THOMAS

New Chancel Opened Yesterday—Old Pastors Preached.

Rev. R. Whiting Gives Good Sermon on Sports.

Missionaries From India in Two City Churches.

The dedicatory services in connection with the opening of the new chancel in St. Thomas' Church were held yesterday morning and evening.

Mr. James at the beginning of his remarks said it gave him a great deal of pleasure to worship with the congregation again, especially on such an occasion.

In his sermon, which was a very thoughtful and sincere one, Mr. James took as his text Luke xviii: 8: "New heavens, when the Son of Man cometh, shall He find faith in the world?"

Mr. James spoke in an optimistic strain, of the faith that is necessary for the uplifting of the world. The quality of faith that is necessary is that which will make one man believe in another.

Mr. James was of the opinion that imagination should have a great deal to do with the principles of a man's life. A man without imagination is like a ship without a rudder, left to toss around at the will of the waves and storms.

Through imagination one is sure to get a dim idea of what God has given the world through Jesus Christ, and he is prepared to accept His teachings.

Mr. James would add to faith, good works on the part of man, to make them complete in Jesus Christ. Let faith live to become a power in the world, that it may see the good work that is being accomplished in the world.

The changes in the chancel are a great improvement to the church, and give it a bigger and more roomy appearance. The east end wall has been moved to the sidewalk, thus giving the choir more room.

Under the chancel a basement has been put in for the convenience of the choir for practises. The reading desk has been moved, and the pulpit will be moved later.

All the improvements have not been completed as yet. When finished, they will make the church very attractive.

Bishop DuMoulin addressed a very large congregation in the evening.

A Sermon on Sport.

In the Centenary Church last evening, Rev. Mr. Whiting, the pastor, preached a thoughtful sermon on "Sport and its Influence."

He said he had been requested to deal with the subject by members of his congregation, who wondered if sport should have a place side by side with recreation in worship, many sports are asked if it was sinful to play golf or take long walks over the hills on Sunday.

It would be a difficult matter to lay down a hard and fast rule in regard to attending worship and taking physical exercise. What might be beneficial to one person, would be injurious to another.

So far as he knew the members of his congregation he was of the opinion it would be no hardship for most of them to attend the service on Sunday morning and forego long walks in the country.

COLLECTIVE OWNERSHIP

The Goal of the Socialist Says Mayor Chase

In Address in the Labor Hall Last Evening.

The Method To Be by Peaceful Revolution.

Charles Chase, of Haverhill, Mass., the first Mayor on the continent of America to be elected under the Socialistic banner, speaking last evening under the auspices of the Hamilton branch of the Canadian party, painted an optimistic picture of the future of Socialism.

The Labor Hall where he delivered his address, was well filled. After dwelling on the misconception generally existing regarding Socialism and emphasizing that it was a world wide movement, the speaker defined Socialism as the collective ownership and operation of all industries by the people.

The movement was not aimed, he declared, at the few men who had the wealth of the country in their grasp, but at the system that permitted such things to exist. One per cent. of the people had acquired ninety-five per cent. of the wealth of the country, the most of it in the last twenty-five years.

A dozen men held such power that in twenty-four hours they could create a financial panic. Politically men would not stand for such a thing and if a King held such powers a revolution would follow.

The working class held the delusion that by saving their money, although the average wage paid in the states was \$1.50 a day, they would become millionaires. "It is not by saving money that men make a million dollars," said Mr. Chase, "Oh, no! it is by stealing it. Stealing it by law of course—but they make the laws."

A Government, he declared, was just what the people permitted to be and he did not blame a few men for getting all they could if eighty millions of people permitted it.

"For fifty years," he said, "we have been crying and braying for work just as if we were a lot of jackasses and mules. It is not work we want at all. We were not placed on this earth to see how much work we could do. What we do want is the product of our labor. If we had a proper arrangement of the industries we would not be bellowing for work."

"What we want to do," he said "is to organize the workmen into a political movement, which has for its purpose, the getting possession of the law making machinery, and by use of this machinery, to peacefully, quietly and scientifically legislate private ownership of industries into common or collective ownership."

Socialism, he declared would not mean the overthrow of the present system at once, resulting in chaos. He dealt with the world wide progress of the movement and declared that the whole trend of civilization was towards collective efforts for the benefit of the people as illustrated in government postal systems, free schools and municipal fire departments.

The people were bound, no matter what it cost, and to have absolute unqualified freedom. Against the argument that under Socialism men would have no incentive to work he declared that the best incentive man could have was to receive the product of his labor. Socialism would guarantee the worker the full equipment for his labor.

"Under a proper system," he said, "John D. Rockefeller would be one of the most useful men in the world for his great powers as an organizer would be used for the benefit of all the people."

Mr. Chase concluded with an optimistic prediction of Socialism's future and prophesied that the day was not far off when the hopes of its advocates would be realized.

PLEASURE IN TASTE DYING OUT.

An Observation Made by the Late Lord Kelvin.

London, Dec. 22.—A well known man about town and a writer, referring to the late Lord Kelvin, said: "I met him once at Aix Les Bains, doing the cure. He seemed to me, in ordinary life, to be a very quiet, unobtrusive old gentleman, who found a great deal of pleasure in very innocent things. In fact, simplicity was his characteristic. I remember only one observation he made, namely, that he believed the pleasure in taste would gradually die out. This seems probable. The children of the upper classes to-day, for the most part, refuse to eat sweets. Most of the people one meets at dinner do not touch the joint. Last night I was at a dinner party of sixteen, where there were two entrees and a bird and there was no joint at all. Wines, except port and champagne, are now never seen at dinner and hardly an unmarried woman in society drinks any intoxicant. But cigarette smoking is almost universal. Certainly this is not calculated to improve the palate."

OBITUARY.

Grim Reaper Busy This Festive Christmas Season.

Miss Mary Grieg, for the past fifty years a much-esteemed resident of this residence, 37 East avenue north, at late residence, 37 East avenue north, after a short illness. Deceased was in her 75th year. She leaves one sister. The funeral took place this afternoon, and the service was conducted by the Plymouth Brethren.

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- Rich Oriental Rugs, any size... \$9 to \$200 Beautiful Hearth Rugs... \$1 to \$7.50 Carpet Sweeper, to save work... \$2.50 to \$4 Wool Blankets for cold nights... \$3.50 to \$11 Cotton Down Comforters... \$1.75 to \$4.50

Gifts for the baby

- Baby Cribbage Robes at... \$4.50 to \$6.50 Pretty White Boas at... 35c up to 50c Warm Bear Coats at... \$1.75 up to \$5.50 Wool Knitted Jackets at... \$1 and \$1.25

Gifts for elderly ladies

- Warm Winter Shawls at... \$2.50 to \$8.00 Fascinators of Warm Wool... 50c to \$2 Warm Knitted Underskirts... \$1.50 to \$3.50 Comfortable Fur-lined Coats... \$4 to \$8.50

Gifts for men and boys

- London-made Dressing Gowns \$6.50 to \$15 America Tailored House Coats... \$6.50 to \$12 English, American Bath Robes... 3.50 to \$7.50 Dent's and Perrin's Walking Gowns... \$1 to \$2.75

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WAS KILLED AT WINNIPEG.

Sad Accident to Grandson of J. B. Grafton.

Killed by the Discharge of His Own Revolver

While Getting Ready to Visit Mother in Dundas.

Dundas, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Word was received here yesterday of the lamentable death of Grafton Herald, son of the late Dr. Herald, of Kingston, formerly of Dundas, and grandson of Mr. J. B. Grafton, of this place.

Mr. Herald was held in high esteem by all who knew him. His father was for some years a resident of Dundas, and was principal of the High School here. He went to Kingston and became a member of the faculty of Queen's University.

Closing exercises in connection with the town schools on Friday afternoon were of more than ordinary interest, and the attendance was very encouraging.

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GORE LODGE, Had Good Time.

A. O. U. W. Elected Officers and

Gore Lodge, No. 88, A. O. U. W., held its regular meeting on Friday evening, at which the following officers were elected:

Wm. J. Rowe, P. M. W. James A. Harvey, M. W. Wm. Frazer, Foreman. John A. Savage, Overseer. Geo. F. Maxted, Recorder. John B. Gay, Financier. Thomas Partridge, Treasurer. Wm. A. Mullings, Guide. Thos. B. McAndrew, I. W. Joseph Rowe, G. W.

A large and enthusiastic attendance was present, and unusual interest was taken in the result of the elections. Short, witty speeches followed the business meeting, which put the members present in the best of humor, and all spent a lively and enjoyable meeting.

MAN MISSING.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 23.—A. Hayward, who has been in charge of the Michigan Central boarding cars in the city, is still missing. Hayward went to St. Thomas last week to meet the pay car, and draw the month's wages for all the men in the boarding car.

The old idea that snakes will only feed in living animals has at last been proven false. Officials in charge of the Zoological Society Gardens in Regent's Park, London, have for some time been testing the question, and at a scientific meeting the result of their experiments conclusively showed that all the serpents could be fed on freshly-killed animals.

STARVING CHILDREN IN BERLIN SCHOOLS.

Twelve Thousand Little Ones Need Food.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—The municipality is face to face with a very serious problem in connection with the supply of food to thousands of virtually starving children attending the primary schools in Berlin, whose numbers have been greatly augmented this year in consequence of the industrial activity. Hitherto the Children's Canteen Society has been able to cope with the task in a fairly satisfactory way by means of subscriptions from private sources, but the call on its funds has this year so great that it will be unable to supply many of the children.

In the first week of December, according to official statistics, from 245 out of the 285 primary schools, no fewer than 11,947 children attended school in most cases without breakfast, and in all cases without the prospect of obtaining a mid-day meal at home. Of these, 4,498 receive a simple daily meal from the fourteen canteens belonging to the above mentioned society; the other 7,449 are totally unprovided for.

The question of the city's responsibility for the children has now been raised by the Socialists in the Municipal Council, who propose that the Council should in future undertake the task.

The society will be able this winter to dispose of the sum of \$8,421.50. Altogether for the feeding of the 12,000 starving little ones during the winter \$37,500 will be necessary and the Council is to be asked to vote \$30,000 to make up the amount required and place it at the disposition of the society for administration. This course is suggested in order to obviate the loss of civic rights entailed by the children's parents should their offspring be directly fed by the authorities. Parents who do not send their children to school are fined unless they can give medical authority for not doing so. Therefore poor parents send children to school even though foodless and miserably clad.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The Y. M. C. A. in the lecture room at 415 yesterday was well attended. Secretary Best spoke for a short time, taking for his theme "Christmas Thoughts," after which the meeting was thrown open to the young men for testimonies, and large numbers spoke of the great benefit which they had received from the special services which have recently been held in the Y. M. C. A. lecture room each night.

The meeting in Association Hall at 8.30, while not as largely attended as the others have been, was one of great power and helpfulness. The singing was bright and the address by Rev. W. J. H. Brown, of Barton street Baptist church, was a strong appeal for men to yield themselves to the service of Christ. A strong force of workers from both departments was on the platform to assist with the singing, and also do personal work during the evening.

EMERALD Y. M. U.

Emerald Y. M. U. at its regular weekly meeting had a programme of speeches by each of the members on some words beginning with the first letter of their surname and a reading by Mr. Townsend, which was very much enjoyed.

All members of the Union are requested to be on hand this evening at 8 o'clock sharp, to take charge of the Epworth League of the church. There will be no meeting next Thursday, it being postponed until a week later, Jan. 2, 1908, when a discussion will be held on "Should Canada have a Navy?"

PENSIONS OBTAINED.

Chelsea Gardner has received word from Chelsea Hospital that John Marriott, late Rifle Brigade and George R. Robinson, also late Rifle Brigade, have been awarded campaign pensions of \$5 a piece a day each for life; also that the application for a pension for William Fricker, late Rifle Brigade, is under consideration.

"Do you believe that love is blind?" "No, know it." "How do you know it?" "From looking at the kind of men some women marry"



MR. PATERSON TO MR. FOSTER.

CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT SHOWN BY BY-ELECTIONS.

In Three Years Liberals Have Carried Thirty By-Elections and Conservatives Nine—How Canada Has Progressed in Eleven Years—Mr. Paterson Scores Off Interrupter.

Mimico, Dec. 21.—The battle for Centre York closed at Mimico amid a scene of enthusiasm which, considering the strength of Conservatism in this part of the riding, was strikingly significant.

Mr. Paterson, who had a most cordial reception, at once proceeded to reply to Mr. Foster, who had fallen foul of Mr. Campbell because he had accepted a seat in the Senate. Mr. Paterson pointed out that if there were any grievance in regard to that matter it should not exist in Centre York, because the appointment to the Senate was an honor that constituencies generally coveted. He also demonstrated the puerility of Mr. Foster's complaint on the score of expense by reminding the audience that what expense the election involved was borne, not by Centre York, but by the whole of Canada, and that but for the Conservatives there need have been no contest at all.

Since the general election of 1904 there had been thirty-nine by-elections, and of these the Conservatives had carried nine and the Liberals thirty. (Applause.) That had been the pronouncement of the country. These elections had taken place in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta. In only four cases had there been a change in the representation. The Conservatives won Colchester, but as an offset to that the Liberals won the City and County of St. John, New Brunswick. Then the Conservatives carried London, and the Liberals won North Bruce, so that they were absolutely even. (Applause.) Perhaps the Conservatives might claim that the Liberals had suffered defeat in the return of Mr. Verville, who ran as a Labor candidate for one of the divisions of Montreal. If for the sake of argument that claim were allowed, then the situation was simply a difference of one seat in three years, which meant at that rate that the Liberals would be out of power in ninety years. (Laughter and applause.) As a matter of fact, however, the Conservatives were not entitled to claim that the return of Mr. Verville meant the loss of a Liberal seat for in every confidence vote brought in by the Opposition in the House Mr. Verville had voted with the Government. If, therefore, the Liberals claimed one gain in three years, at the same rate of progression the Conservatives would by-and-by be out of the House altogether. (Laughter and applause.) It was no small test of the confidence of the country in the Government that at the end of eleven years of administration, with by-elections going on in all parts, they were still in power in probably a stronger position than they did when they took office.

Proceeding to refute Mr. Foster's argument that the prosperity of Canada was due to the old National Policy, which the Liberals had adopted, Mr. Paterson observed that if that were so, then the Liberals had better be allowed to work the old instrument better than the Conservatives did, and get much better results. (Laughter and applause.) An elector—It is due to the Government or to the Almighty Being? Results of Liberal Administrations. Mr. Paterson acknowledged that no country had been more bountifully blessed by Providence than Canada, but he asked: "Does heaven's sun only shine and the rain only fall upon the earth when the Liberals are in power? Do they cease when the Tories are in power? (Laughter and applause.) If not, how could they explain the prevalence of so much better times during the Liberal reign except on the ground that the Liberal Government had known better how to take advantage of the conditions and blessings and had used them to better purpose. To emphasize the contrast between the two administrations Mr. Paterson pointed out that while the increase in foreign trade amounted to only fifty millions in the last eleven years of the Conservative regime, it had bounded up to the extent of three hundred and fifty millions during the past eleven years. (Applause.) And along with that vast increase the present Government had lowered the tariff, lessened the rate of taxation and compensated the manufacturer by giving him lower duties on raw material.

Why Times Are Better. What had happened? In the five years from 1901 to 1905 the products of their manufactures amounted to two hundred and thirty-three million dollars more than those of the preceding five years—a gain of fifty per cent. in home manufactures, together with the gain of three millions in their foreign trade. In addition they had given a preference to the old motherland. While the Conservatives went round shouting their loyalty to the Liberal Government demonstrated their loyalty by their acts. (Applause.) The Conservatives complained that they had increased the expenditure enormously, but the extra money had been wisely spent in the development of the country, in improving the means of transportation, and in improvements that had brought back threefold what had been put into them. They had as a matter of fact added only five millions to the public debt, while the Conservatives, spending one hundred millions less in developing the country, had had to borrow sixty millions.

Increased Revenues. Mr. Paterson went on to show how the improvement of transportation facilities benefited the people, during the interval the cost of postage had been reduced. Customs revenue which in 1896 was twenty millions was

CITY'S WITNESSES

Street Lighting Arbitration Made No Allowance for Storms.

Judge Snider, the sole arbitrator in the street lighting contract between the city and Cataract Power Co., sat from 12 till 5 on Saturday hearing evidence. Mr. F. A. Gavey, assistant engineer of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, was called for further cross-examination by the solicitor of the Cataract Company. He produced the figuring by which he based his opinion that the company, according to the contract, should reduce the price of street lighting by 36 per cent. According to these figures he estimated that the cost of supplying power to the lamps, the open arcs in 1899 was \$41.41, and in 1904 the supplying power to the lamps, the open arcs in use was \$20.08. He contended that this reduction was due to "advances or new discoveries in electrical science." The reduction in maintenance of the lamp per year, owing to the change, would be \$7.25. According to the witness' figures, the improvements in the quality of iron, due to inventions, had reduced the cost of production of power, and Mr. Gibson asked if he considered this was an advancement in or of electrical science. Witness replied "in" after some deliberation. Asked if he had included the cost of coal for the auxiliary steam plant in use before the auxiliary transmission wire was installed in his figuring, witness said he did not.

Mr. W. G. Chase, Toronto, who was associated with Cecil B. Smith in estimating the cost of the proposed municipal plant in Winnipeg, and also in the Hydro-Electric Commission, was the second witness called by the city. He said he had gone over Mr. Gavey's figures, and considered they were fair. His estimate of the saving was about 85 cents less per lamp per year than Mr. Gavey's. His testimony was first witness for the city. At the close of the last witness' testimony it was decided to adjourn the arbitration to January 13th.



THE LIMIT. Weary—Times is certainly hard. Bleary—You bet! If sisambats were sold at ten cents apiece, you couldn't buy the echo of the whistle.

LONGER BAYONET AGAIN. Little Weapon Has Been Discarded by Army Council.

London, Dec. 22.—The Army Council has adopted a modified form of the Japanese bayonet for the British army. It is seventeen inches long, compared with the present bayonet of twelve inches, and affords a thrusting length of approximately 6 1/2 inches instead of 5 1/2 inches. Instead of being two-edged, with a double groove, it is single-edged, with a back and single groove, slightly tapered to a point. The crossguard, with one side having a deeply curved or hooked terminal, facilitates the stacking of arms.

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THREE SKATERS DROWN. Two Young Men and a Girl the Victims.

Pittsfield, Mass., Dec. 22.—Three persons were drowned by breaking through the ice while skating on Onota Lake to-day. The victims were: Henry Norris, 16 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Norris; Henry Ano, aged 20, a drug clerk; Miss Alice Mosnier, aged 16, employed in a silk mill.

Blind Boy Lost in Crowd. Port Huron, Mich., Dec. 22.—Willie Merriol, a 12-year-old blind boy from Blackwell, Ont., a few miles from Sarnia, who, with his mother, was in the stores here shopping on Friday, disappeared in the crowd. The mother searched for him all the afternoon, and notified the police.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Powder Storehouse Wrecked.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 22.—The storehouse of the Hamilton Powder Works at Northfield, four miles from Nanaimo, was destroyed by an explosion at 5 o'clock this morning. No one was injured, but the company's buildings were wrecked. The explosion was distinctly felt in Vancouver, 40 miles distant.

Joseph Bois shot himself, on his claim, 45 miles from Letellier, Man. It is not known whether it was accident or suicide.

THE Merchants' Bank of Canada

Report Presented at the 44th Annual Meeting of the Shareholders, Held on Wednesday, 18th December, 1907.

The annual meeting of the directors and shareholders of the Merchants' Bank of Canada was held at noon yesterday at the Head Office, 305 St. James street. Amongst the shareholders present at the meeting were: Messrs. J. Nathan Hodgson, Thos. A. Long, S. R. Hosmer, C. F. Smith, Hugh A. Allan, Alex. Barnett, George Hague, H. E. Mervett, D. C. Macrae, F. S. Lyman, A. D. Fraser, C. R. Black, A. Piddington, M. S. Foley, R. Campbell Nelles, John Paterson, E. Fiske (Coastcook), and others. In the absence of the President, Sir Hugh Montagu Allan, the Vice-President, Mr. Jonathan Hodgson, took the chair. Mr. Killbourn was appointed secretary of the meeting.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were taken as read. The chairman then submitted the following report of the directors:

THE REPORT. The Directors beg to present the Statement of Affairs of the Bank as at close of the half year's business on 30th November last. In accordance with permission granted by the Shareholders at the last annual meeting the books are closed upon the 30th November, instead of on the 31st of May, as heretofore. The net profits for the half year amounted to \$473,144.50. Out of this two quarterly dividends at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum—amounting to \$240,000—have been paid, the balance being carried forward to next year. The full proportion of inspection work has been done during the past six months. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JONATHAN HODGSON, Vice-President. Statement of the result of the business of the Bank for the half year ending 30th November, 1907: The Net Profits of the half-year, after payment of charges, rebate on discounts, interest on deposits, and making full provision for bad and doubtful debts, have amounted to \$473,144.50. Balance brought forward from last year, ending 31st May, 1907, 342,236.25. Making a total of \$815,380.75.

This has been disposed of as follows: Quarterly Dividend No. 80 at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum \$120,000.00. Quarterly Dividend No. 81, at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum \$120,000.00. Leaving a balance to be carried forward to the next year of \$575,380.75.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Statement of Liabilities and Assets at 30th November, 1907. Assets include Gold and Silver Coin on hand (\$1,533,736.44), Dominion Notes on hand (\$2,384,321.50), and various deposits.

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E. F. HEBDEN, General Manager.

THE DISCUSSION. The Chairman—I have much pleasure in moving the adoption of this report. Mr. Thomas Long—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, the reports that have been placed before you are, in my opinion, of an excellent nature, and I have much pleasure in seconding the motion...

The General Manager (Mr. E. F. Hebden)—The statement before you gives the result of our best efforts in the management of your property for the past six months. The figures may, perhaps, appear for themselves. I hope you will think the statement a not unfavorable one. In this connection I should like to bear testimony to the loyalty and excellent work and spirit of the staff at large, all the members of which are actuated by an ardent desire to promote the Bank's best interests.

The general banking and commercial situation has been recently epitomized by the chief officer of the premier Bank of Canada, supplemented by the weighty deliverance of its president, and between these two authorities all of our practical interest has been said. If it were for me to make any remarks to you on the present occasion, I should like to say that there has, perhaps, never been in recent years in Canada a time when a policy of moderation in public and private affairs was so plainly called for as at present, and in saying this I believe I am only expressing a thought uppermost in the minds of most thinking responsible men in Canada. The change in the commercial and economic situation in the neighboring republic for the worse, within the past few months, has been kaleidoscopic. It is now happily showing signs of improvement. In Canada we are altogether better situated, and it is our good fortune to be working under a better banking and currency system. But this is a slowing down time with us, a time to take stock of our positions, and to retrench and be mutually helpful withal, by being moderate in our commitments and undertakings, and thereby introducing a factor into affairs making for the retaining of all our advantage, which can only be interfered with by untimely optimism.

The Chairman—"The next order of business is the election of Directors, and I would suggest that Messrs. Black and Patterson act as scrutineers." Moved by Mr. M. S. Foley, seconded by Mr. A. Piddington, that Messrs. John Patterson and C. R. Black be requested to act as scrutineers, and that only one ballot be taken for the election of Directors.

Mr. George Hague—"I am inclined to think that this course is hardly formal enough for such an election of Directors. I think the motion should read, 'That the scrutineers cast one ballot for the following persons as Directors,'—and unless this course is followed someone may call this election in question. We are all agreed upon the names, and I suggest that this course be followed."

Moved by Mr. J. Patterson, seconded by Mr. George Hague, that the scrutineers cast one ballot for the following persons as Directors of the Merchants' Bank of Canada for the ensuing year: SIR H. MONTAGU ALLAN, MR. JONATHAN HODGSON, MR. THOS. LONG, MR. C. R. HOSMER, MR. C. F. SMITH, MR. HUGH A. ALLAN, MR. C. M. HAYS, MR. ALEX. BARNIE, MR. F. ORR LEWIS.

The scrutineers cast one ballot in accordance with this motion, and the Chairman declared the gentlemen mentioned therein elected as Directors of the Bank. There being no further business the meeting then adjourned. At a subsequent meeting of the Directors the following officers were re-elected: President, Sir Hugh Montagu Allan; Vice-President, Mr. Jonathan Hodgson.

BURNED TO DEATH

MRS. McCLELLAND FELL DOWN STAIRS WITH LIGHTED LAMP.

Injuries Were Fatal in Spite of the Efforts of Her Daughters and Others—Wife of Councillor Jas. McClelland, of Grand Valley.

Grand Valley, Dec. 22.—Mrs. McClelland, wife of Councillor James McClelland, died this morning at 2 o'clock from burns received from falling down the cellar steps with a lamp in her hands the previous evening. She apparently tripped on the top step, striking her head on the bottom step, which rendered her unconscious. The lamp crashed to pieces on the cement floor, the blazing oil enveloping her body and burning the flannel night dress which she wore. Her eldest daughter endeavored to quench the blaze with water, while the young daughter ran down the street in her night dress to give the alarm. Mr. Tibbutt, who lives across the street, saw the scene, and smothered the flame with a mat.

Mrs. McClelland was in her 50th year, and was much esteemed for her Christian character. Besides her husband, she leaves four children—Dr. William at home; Herbert, a student at the Ontario Veterinary College, and Misses Floss and Eva, at home.

A SMART THIEF. He Donned Lieutenant's Uniform and Robbed Vienna Arsenal.

Vienna, Dec. 22.—A robbery worthy of the hero of Kopenick was carried out yesterday. A former non-commissioned officer, of the name of Goldschmidt, dressed himself in the uniform of a lieutenant, drove up to the Vienna arsenal and demanded the key of the safe belonging to the Second Regiment of Artillery. The key was handed over to him and he entered the strong room, where he forced the strong boxes with a chisel and abstracted 30,000 kronen and bank-books with 3,000 kronen. He then entered his cab and drove to the savings bank, drew out the money and disappeared.

When it was discovered that a robbery had been committed there was great activity in military and police circles. A wardrobe dealer recognized a portrait of Goldschmidt, that of a man who had bought a lieutenant's uniform from him. The cab driver was also identified.

APPEAL TO MGR. SBARRETT. Deputation from Montreal Parish of St. Patrick Presents Grievances.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—A delegation of St. Patrick's parishioners, Montreal, waited upon the Papal delegate yesterday in reference to the removal of Rev. Father Martin Callaghan as pastor of St. Patrick's Church. Other grievances were laid before the delegate as regards the English-speaking priests, who have no voice in Church matters. Archbishop Bruchesi had refused to receive the deputation, hence their visit to Ottawa. Mgr. Sbarretti upheld the Archbishop and declined to interfere.

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MOTION TO JAIL MAGISTRATE. Wrote Letter to Newspaper re Walter Lowry's Action.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Papers were filed at Osgoode Hall on Saturday in connection with a motion, which will be argued by Mr. J. B. MacKenzie on Thursday, to commit Magistrate Alpheus F. Wood for contempt of court through the publishing of a letter in the North Hastings Review, of the village of Madoc. In this letter there was considerable comment upon the action brought by Mr. Walter Lowry against him for \$10,000 damages for false arrest and imprisonment.

BLOTTER AND DIARY. Andrew Usher & Co., of Edinburgh, Scotland, the celebrated makers of Scotch whiskeys, has sent out a handsome and useful blotter and diary to their customers. Scotch scenes in the corner make it very attractive.

A TRIPLE TRAGEDY. Insane Man Kills Wife, Daughter and Brother.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 22.—A triple tragedy occurred near Cameron, Mo., yesterday. Albert Filley, a farmer, supposedly insane, having killed his wife and daughter and his brother. Marshal Smith, of Cameron, found and arrested the alleged murderer, who was seated in the room where the three bodies lay. Filley had killed his wife with a hammer as she lay in bed, ill of wounds inflicted ten days ago by Filley in an attempt to kill her. He shot his daughter and his brother, Clay Filley, and attacked Clay's wife with a hammer. Mrs. Clay Filley escaped and gave the alarm. Albert Filley is 35 years of age.

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## BIG FOUR UNION ANNUAL MEETING.

### C. A. A. U. Reinstated Argo Football Players.

**Suspension of Other Offenders Also Raised at Meeting of the Governors—Selling Race War at the Coast.**

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The Interprovincial Football Union, at its general meeting Saturday afternoon, decided upon a policy of expansion, and next year will probably see the formation of intermediate and junior series at the eastern and western extremities of the territory covered by the union.

The arrangement of the schedules in the new series will be left to the clubs who enter. The annual fee for intermediate clubs will be \$10, and for the juniors \$5.

Messrs. Clancy, of Ottawa, and Molson, of Montreal, were appointed delegates to the Canadian Rugby Football Union, and instructed to recommend the reduction of points for goals from the field on drop kicks from four to three, and also to support an amendment to the rule which prohibits holding in the line so as to make the blocking of a runner coming through the line legal. The action of the Peterboro seniors in connection with the Canadian championship was strongly approved.

It was decided that the government and direction of the affairs of the union should be committed to:

(1) A Board of Governors composed of five members, one representative from each of the four original clubs of the union, and a fifth chosen by the four representatives, who shall hold office until their successors are elected. In case of a vacancy occurring during the term of office of any member of the Board of Governors, such vacancy shall immediately be filled by the board, preferably from the same district.

(2) An Executive committee, consisting of a President and one representative from each of the clubs in the union.

The members of the Board of Governors shall not, and the members of the

executive may, be participants in the games.

Three members shall be necessary to form a quorum of either the executive or the Board of Governors.

The Board of Governors shall have power:

(1) To pass on the amateur status of any player taking part in the games of this union.

(2) To prescribe and amend by-laws and rules for the government of the union, not inconsistent with, or beyond the scope of, the provisions of this constitution.

(3) To impose and enforce penalties for any violation of the constitution, by-laws or rules of the union.

(4) To disqualify any player (if deemed objectionable) at any time.

The following gentlemen were appointed on the Board of Governors: Ottawa, P. D. Ross; Montreal, J. A. Taylor; Toronto, Robert McKay; Hamilton, R. T. Steele. It is understood that the fifth member of the board will be T. P. Galt, of Toronto.

Secretary Dr. Henry reported a balance on hand of \$238.45.

The sum of \$100 was voted to purchase individual championship emblems for the Montreal seniors and Hamilton intermediates. Sweaters and shields will likely be purchased for the champion players.

It was decided to add a Vice-President to the list of officers. The Secretary-Treasurer was given the power to vote, which heretofore was denied.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President Percy Molson, Montreal; Vice-President, W. H. Seymour, Hamilton. The Secretary will be appointed by the new President. The clubs will be represented as follows on the executive: Ottawa, P. J. Baskerville; Argonauts, F. H. Thompson; Hamilton, Geo. Ballard; Montreal, W. C. Hagar.

Those present were: Montreal, James P. Craig, Dr. A. D. Irvine; Ottawa, Thos. F. Clancy, P. J. Baskerville; Hamilton, Dr. W. G. Thompson, J. A. McKay; Argonauts, Joe Wright, Fred Thompson; Peterboro, C. R. Cameron.

**THE ONE-LEGGED GOALKeeper**

London Mail: Gyngeell, the much-de-

bated wooden-legged goalkeeper of the Maidenhead Northfolians, reappeared in a cup tie at Windsor, but the ground being in a heavy condition after a night's rain, the one-legged custodian found that he could not skip about his goal as he did last season. On one occasion Gyngeell was able to snatch his stump out of the slush, and let drive with it at the elusive ball, but the leather sprung around like a billiard ball off a cue and landed in the net, much to the surprise of the clever custodian. Windsor and Eton won by 6 goals to 3.

**FREE KICKS.**

The Olympic Committee has refused to give special representation to the Amateur Football Association on the board. Intercollegiate football, which has been barred from the Northwestern University, Chicago, for two years, will be resumed at the opening of the season of 1908. The football contests, however, are to be limited to three intercollegiate games.

Yet another big transfer fee has to be recorded in England. The Watford F. C. have transferred their smart centre forward, Jack Foster, to Sunderland, the fee being £800. Foster, who has been with the Hertfordshire club for four seasons, has shown brilliant form, scoring this season twelve goals in thirteen Southern League matches.

**OLD COUNTRY SOCCER GAMES.**

London, Dec. 22.—(C. A. P.)—The results of Saturday's soccer games were as follows:

Southern League.  
Brentford 1, Portsmouth 1.  
Bristol Rovers 2, Brighton and Hove 1.  
Leyton 5, Luton 0.  
Reading 2, Crystal Palace 1.  
Watford 0, Swindon 0.  
Norwich City 2, Tottenham Hotspurs 1.

Northampton 1, Queen's Park Rangers 0.  
Southampton 0, West Ham United 0.  
Plymouth Argyle 1, New Brompton 0.  
Millwall 0, Bradford Park 1.

**PRESIDENT'S TEAM**

**Won the Annual Shoot on Saturday Afternoon.**

The members of the Hamilton Gun Club were out in force Saturday afternoon when they had their annual President vs. Vice-President shoot. In the shoot the President's team clearly demonstrated their superiority, winning by a score of 212 to 193.

The supper at Dines proved a very enjoyable affair. The Field Captain, Mr. William Work, was presented with an easy chair, as a token of esteem for his faithfulness to the Club.

The scores:—

Targets	10	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	Total
Work	7	6	22	—	—	—	—	—	35
Stuart	10	8	19	—	—	—	—	—	37
Raspberry	4	6	19	—	—	—	—	—	29
Esmond	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Kipley	8	6	16	—	—	—	—	—	30
King	8	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	14
Harris	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Upton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
W. P. Thompson	8	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	15
Court Thompson	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Marshall	6	6	17	—	—	—	—	—	29
Kerr	5	6	19	—	—	—	—	—	30
W. Kenning	9	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	26
Bestie	8	8	16	—	—	—	—	—	32
Bales	5	5	15	—	—	—	—	—	25
Clie	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dr. Wilson	9	8	20	—	—	—	—	—	37
Briger	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hunter	6	7	21	—	—	—	—	—	34
Oliver	6	7	21	—	—	—	—	—	34
Barnard	6	8	17	—	—	—	—	—	31
Loy	7	7	20	—	—	—	—	—	34
Fletcher	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Smuk	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Barnes	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
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## A LETTER FROM TOMMY BURNS.

The Times' sporting editor received an interesting letter on Saturday from Tommy Burns. It was written at the Bedford Hotel, in London, on Dec. 8. Following is an extract from the letter, which is largely of a personal nature:

"I have theatrical work for eight weeks here. I am being treated very well in London. I can't leave the hotel without taking a hack, as crowds follow me wherever I go on foot. The theatres where I am playing can't hold the people that are anxious to attend.

"Gunner Meir was a game fellow, all right, but I never was in danger all through the fight. I had him at my mercy almost at all times, but he was game just the same.

"The moving pictures are very good. Will close with best wishes to you and all friends in Hamilton. Will write you later. Your friend,

"Tommy Burns."

## Some Snap Shots at Sport and Sportsmen

Bob Fitzsimmons, ex-champion wrestler of the world, arrived in the city yesterday and registered at the Royal. He and his wife are booked to appear at the Savoy this week. "Fitz" hasn't changed much in appearance since he was here some years ago. All that was lacking were the freckle marks, with which the cartoonists take delight in decorating him every time they see him for a subject. "You will see that I haven't a freckle on my body," he remarked. "I will give a reward to anyone who can find one. At first when they used to picture me full of freckles, I got mad clear through and threatened to do things, but I don't mind it now."

Fitzsimmons said that the fighting game being on the wane in the East, he didn't have any matches in sight, but he reiterated that he was willing and ready to don the mitts any time that an opponent announced himself. There is one of the present-day big men that he is hot on the trail of, and that is Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, and that self-confessed fakir, who has made public statements acknowledging his own crookedness in entering into fixed fights and incriminating Champion Jim Jeffries as well as Fitzsimmons. The latter says he is determined to make O'Brien back up on this charge, and is prepared to meet him at any time and any place.

Fitzsimmons had a good word for nearly every other fighter in the squared circle. Jim Corbett, from whom he wrestled the world's championship, is a good friend of his now, although Corbett for a long time was naturally very bitter against him. Jim Jeffries, who defeated him, is another friend of the lanky fellow. Of all the fighters, the one for whom he had the most regard was Jack Dempsey, whom Fitz refers to as his old pal.

Fitz is now 41 years of age.

The Santa Anita track is said to have a decline of over three feet from the head of the stretch to the finishing point, which may partly account for its speed.

Jockey Harry Spencer, who rode in France this year for Nash Turner, who is the trainer of a public stable, has signed a contract to ride in Germany next year.

Some of the members of the Contrary Club would like to know who knocked the spots (freckles) off Bob Fitzsimmons.

Read President Stark's views on athletics in Canada and you will understand why Saturday night's meeting decided to assist Colonel Hanbury-Williams in selecting Canada's best team for the Olympic games. In reply to The Montreal Star, Mr. Stark sent a holiday greeting, from which the following was taken: "As Christmas is a season of peace, and good-will to men, I feel a little diffident about venturing on a Christmas message regarding athletic affairs, for everyone is aware that matters in amateur sporting circles have been far from peaceful of late. No one, however, regrets this more than I do, for I hate a fight or contention of any kind and would do anything in reason to avoid such a condition, and I still hope that things will be so adjusted that there will be no more disorders. There comes a time, however, when the man or the organization must either fight hard to uphold a principle, or else surrender it all, and that is the position the C. A. A. Union has found itself in recently.

"I hope with all my heart that some common ground may be reached by the Canadian Amateur Athletic Federation of Canada, so that the interests of the athletics of the Dominion may not be prejudiced at the approaching Olympic games, or at future sporting events.

"It would be regrettable indeed, if the men who are ready and able to bring fame to Canada by meeting, and besetting the world's finest athletes should find themselves either hampered or altogether prevented from doing so as a result of the disagreement between the two athletic organizations

## BEAMSVILLE IN.

**Grouped With St. Catharines and Grimsby in Hockey.**

Beamsville, Dec. 23.—Beamsville, will have a hockey team in the intermediate O. H. A., after all. The league will likely consist of St. Catharines, Grimsby and Beamsville, with Guelph and Toronto A. C. in the other section.

The Beamsville rink falls a little short of the required length but after vigorous representations from St. Kitts, Grimsby, that they were perfectly willing to have the team here in, and Dr. C. J. Freeman's talk with the authorities in Toronto on Saturday, everything is lovely.

## ABOUT BASKETBALL.

The citizens of Hamilton are being favored with great basket ball this year. Manager Long is bringing the best teams that are playing the game on the other side just to show the people of Hamilton what kind of a team Hamilton has and why the people should not support them is a mystery. Some places it costs \$1 to see the game. When the management brings such teams as Detroit, Buffalo Central, Rochester, Jamestown and Muscatine teams, Hamiltonians should wake up and go to see the team

## GARRISON INDOOR LEAGUE FORMED.

**Opening Games to be Played on Jan. at the Drill Hall.**

The Garrison Indoor Baseball League has been organized for 1908, and will begin its regular schedule of games two weeks from to-day—Monday, January 6th. The league will be composed of teams from the Thirteenth and Ninety-first regiments, the Fourth Field Battery and the Twelfth Field Ambulance.

The officers are: President, Capt. M. Dalley. Secretary, Lieut. F. F. Dalley. Treasurer, Lieut. G. Colquhoun. Executive, Lieut. J. R. Parry, Lieut. H. Evel, Lieut. L. Eager, Lieut. L. Greenaway, Lieut. H. Bertram, Lieut. Geo. Taylor.

The teams are divided into two sections. Section A is made up of the teams of the Thirteenth, and Section B includes the Ninety-first, Field Battery and Field Ambulance. Each section has its own schedule, and the winning teams in the two sections will play off a final series of three games for the Nelson challenge trophy. The winning team of each section will also receive a trophy. Four games will be played three nights a week, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fri-

days, two games, in the west and east ends of the drill hall starting at 7.45, and two at 9 o'clock. In the schedules given below the first mentioned game in every case will be played in the west end:

Jan. 8 7.45—A vs. B. B. C vs. H.  
" 8 9—B vs. Bugle. D vs. G.  
" 13 7.45—E vs. F. D vs. Bugle.  
" 13 9—B vs. H. C vs. Bugle.  
" 17 7.45—E vs. H. G vs. B.  
" 17 9—E vs. B. H vs. A.  
" 22 7.45—F vs. Bugle. G vs. H.  
" 22 9—E vs. B. B. D vs. C.  
" 27 7.45—E vs. D. G vs. B.  
" 27 9—F vs. C. H vs. A.  
Feb. 5 7.45—A vs. Bugle. G vs. B. B.  
" 5 9—E vs. B. H vs. A.  
" 10 7.45—Bugle vs. B. B. F. vs. A.  
" 10 9—B vs. B. B. D vs. C.  
" 15 7.45—12th vs. D. Sig. vs. A.  
" 15 9—4th vs. C. Band vs. B.  
" 20 7.45—H vs. B. F vs. D.  
" 20 9—G vs. A. E vs. C.  
" 24 7.45—E vs. Sig. G vs. 4th F. B.  
" 24 9—F vs. 24 H vs. A.  
" 29 7.45—B vs. H. B vs. F.  
" 29 9—D vs. H. G. 12th vs. E.  
Feb. 3 7.45—B vs. D. C vs. A.  
" 3 9—E vs. G. G. F vs. H.  
" 7 7.45—12th vs. Sig.  
" 7 9—A vs. 4th.

## Japs are Taking to Boxing.

A. M. Loughney, an athlete who has been studying jiu-jitsu in Japan, says that the Japs are beginning to take a great interest in modern boxing, and that a great prize fighter undoubtedly will be turned out by that country some day.

"The Jap," says Loughney, "is by nature a fighter. If he turns to prize fighting he would be more of a fighter than a boxer. His head and jaw are shaped like a fighting animal's, and he has what prize fighters call the 'heart.' He can fight a losing battle like an Irishman. In studying jiu-jitsu I have found that the Japanese are not nearly as susceptible to pain as we are. Jiu-jitsu is terrifically painful and dangerous. If they can stand that they could stand prize fighting and not mind the punishment."

"I taught a number how to box while in Japan. They were very little about it, but learned with remarkable quickness on account of their much more rapid sword play. Their main disadvantage is the shortness of their reach."

In the world play the game. There is no doubt that these teams mentioned above are the best in American. On Christmas night Rochester will play here. On Saturday night, Dec. 28th, Jamestown team will play here and on New Year's night our boys play return game at Rochester.

There is no faster team playing basketball than the Hamilton U. M. C. A. in America. Plan for Xmas night is now open at the Y. M. C. A. office. Get your seats here and on New Year's night have a larger "on" that night. Plan will open Christmas night at Y. M. C. A. for the Jamestown game, on Dec. 28th.

## A BIG FIELD

**For the Ten-Mile Race on Christmas Afternoon.**

The Secretary of the Irish-Canadian Athletic Club has received 51 entries for the ten-mile road race to be held on Christmas afternoon. They are as follows: W. Whitmore, unattached, city. Dennis Bennett, I. C. A. C., city. C. Kirkpatrick, I. C. A. C., city. W. J. Wilson, I. C. A. C., city. Sidney Jennings, unattached, city. Grant Furry, unattached, Grimsby. Thomas Elliot, I. C. A. C., city. Roy H. Potter, B. B. C., city. Paul Preiff, unattached, city. W. H. Wood, unattached, Bradford. Tom Coley, I. C. A. C., Toronto. Percy Seliens, I. C. A. C., Toronto. W. Cummins, I. C. A. C., Toronto. Claude Pierce, I. C. A. C., Toronto. Hilton Green, I. C. A. C., Toronto. James Corker, I. C. A. C., Toronto. Ernest Woods, unattached, Toronto. A. C. Martin, unattached, Hartford. W. Sremble, unattached, city. Isaac Henhawk, unattached, Osweka. John Sims, unattached, city. Isaac T. Furry, unattached, city. George Adams, Y. M. C. A., city. Irvine Elliott, unattached, city. Harry Hill, unattached, city.

The race will start at 2 o'clock from the corner of King and James streets, the course being to the Herald five mile post and return.

## C. A. A. U. GOVERNORS.

**Reinstate Argo Footballers Who Played in Big League.**

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The board of governors of the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union convened at the King Edward Hotel on Saturday night. Those in attendance were: President William Stark, Secretary Crow, J. G. Merrick (Ontario Rugby Football Union), Rev. D. Bruce Macdonald (Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Association), Thomas Gyngeell (Ontario Association Football League), Controller J. J. Ward (Irish-Canadian A. C.), P. J. Mulquea (Toronto Rowing Club), Burton Darlington (All Saints' A. A.), A. J. Hardy (Toronto Central Y. M. C. A.), W. Woodward (Toronto Football Association), F. R. Sinks (Methodist Y. M. C. A.). The application of the Sterling Athletic Club of Toronto Junction and the Broadview Boys' Institute of Toronto, for membership were favorably passed on.

Mr. Hardy presented the report of the committee on fencing rules, recommending the adoption of the London Fencing Association rules as the official code for the union, and the report was accepted. Dr. Macdonald announced that Toronto University fencing team was this winter from the fencing team of Cornell University.

The registration committee brought before the meeting a long list of names for consideration in the matter of restoration to good standing, and accompanied each with a report on the circumstances of the case. When the cases were all disposed of, this was the state of affairs:

Harry Cody, suspended by Y. M. C. A. League till February for making a false statement of age in order to compete in the boys' skating race, will remain out for the term of his suspension.

Thomas P. Gorman, of Ottawa, who played a game of lacrosse in prohibited company, was reinstated. Like action was taken in the case of James Bulger of Cobourg, who played in a baseball game where the standing of the other players would not meet the amateur qualification.

Ralph Beattie of Brandon, wanted permission to play on a professional hockey team as an amateur, without impairing his standing. He will be informed that this could not be done.

H. C. Henry and Ted Groulx, of Ottawa, were reinstated. Fred Loucks, who was a member of Hamilton's professional lacrosse team last summer, was refused.

The cards of J. H. Carroll, Dick Foster, Charles Christie and J. Traylor, boxers, which had been withdrawn on account of their failure to give certain declarations required of them, had been since restored, and they had fulfilled the requirement. This action was approved.

The case of Bert Brown, of Toronto and Lieut. Constantine, of Kingston, who played hockey with professionals, were referred to the Ontario Hockey Association.

Application had been made on behalf of Walter R. Knox, of Orillia, for reinstatement. As it is but a few months since the union was considering the advisability of taking criminal proceedings against Knox for fraud, such inquiry was considered out of the question. Knox is an impossibility as an amateur.

Excusable consideration was given to the applications of the local football players who competed in the Interprovincial Union against ineligible persons. They have left the Ar-

gonauts, and most, if not all, of them will find their activities in amateur sport through the new Toronto Athletic club. The players were Julian Sale, Leslie Crooks, Clifton Johnson, Arthur Hewitt, G. W. Baycroft, Newton Kent, Guy Clarkson, Alex. Sinclair, W. L. Ross, L. E. Maguire, Colin Sheriff, Geo. Mara, W. G. Wood, A. C. Hannaford, Geo. H. Barber, Walter Flett, Keith Balfour and Roy Clark.

The matter of holding a skating championship meet was not decided, but the union will probably look to the Montreal meet of Feb. 1 to decide the Olympic men, and will confine itself to the provincial championships this winter.

The suggested agreement drawn up in Ottawa was the last matter of business for the evening. It was accepted as brought from the Ottawa conference, with the exception of the method of obtaining the Canadian committee. It was the feeling of the board that the best results would be accomplished by leaving Col. Hanbury-Williams and his colleagues, Mr. P. G. Ross and Rev. D. Bruce Macdonald, a free hand in the selection of the remaining members of the committee, without regard to whether they belonged to the C. A. A. U., the Federation or any other institution. Consequently, the agreement, as returned to Ottawa, with the approval of the board, was slightly changed.

**ANGELUS' DERBY.**

**Jack Atkin May be Taken to England for a "Coup."**

New Orleans, Dec. 21.—The preliminary Derby, at six furlongs, and the richest 2-year-old fixture of the local racing season, was the feature of the racing at the Fair Grounds this afternoon. The Preliminary Derby proved to be one of the best races of the day, and was won by Harry Payne Whitney's cast-off, Angelus, which is at present owned by Burlew & O'Neill. In the betting on the race, E. T. Shipp and Angelus were equal choices at post time, both being held at 16 to 5 in the betting. Angelus made the going just to his liking, and breaking in third place, managed to race to the front in the first quarter, and although hard pressed at the finish, managed to win by a head on the post. Miss Delaney, from the stable of Dick Watkins, which was practically left at the back, was second, a length in front of Burridge.

Negotiations are still on for the transfer of Barney Schreiber's sprinter Jack Atkin to Ryan & Gorman. The Schreiber price is around \$15,000 and the difference some \$3,000. It is stated that Gorman, who Ryan, who the turf partners, believe that they can take Jack Atkin to England, start him in a selling race, "bet a million," and clean up. But if they should attempt such a coup, at the same time announcing their plans from the houseposts, the chances are the English bookmakers would not be something to say about the price and the amount of money to be accepted.

Ryan is a veteran turf operator, but Gorman is a newcomer. He was once a telegraph operator, who finally got into the bucket shop game and made a fortune. He never knew what a race track looked like until last summer, when Ryan introduced him. Then under Ryan's coaching Gorman won a lot of big bets at Latonia, and bought Miss Sain, on which the pair lost \$25,000 in a short and disastrous eastern campaign.

**BIDDING UP AT COAST.**

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 22.—W. D. Millard finally turned from claiming horses and took a hand at the running-up game. He tilted Clamor, the winner of the sixth race, from \$800 to \$1,400, but owner Keene retained him with the customary \$5 advance. The incident was the first attempt to bid up a horse since the meeting opened, and from present indications it seems probable there will be some merry clashes in this line next week.

Secretary E. C. Smith was at his best to-day, presenting a splendid card, and the reward was a large attendance. The feature was a free handicap for three-year-olds and over, which was won easily by Frank Flittner, the most consistent horse here. Arimo was thought well of in this race on the strength of his performances on the metropolitan tracks, and was well supported by a few easterners, but ran a dull race, failing to finish inside the money.

**SHORT ENDS.**

**Little Paragraphs of Sport from Far and Near.**

Montreal, Dec. 23.—At the meeting of the Eastern Hockey League Saturday the cases of Glass and Johnson, who had broken their contract with the Montreal team and joined the Wanderers, were disposed of by fining Glass \$50 and suspending him till January 10, and by fining Johnson \$25.

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 23.—War Eagle, the Carlisle Indian, last night defeated Dan McDonald for the Canadian wrestling championship in two straight falls. After the match, Rooney, of Chicago, challenged War Eagle.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 22.—Myron Grimsby, the Canajoharie crank, and Al Shaw, of Urichville, O., are out of the Boston baseball map so far as John I. Taylor is concerned, which confirms the talk that they were booked to go to Toronto when the deal for Thoney was arranged. The deal is the biggest financial transaction ever consummated for a minor leaguer, for on its account \$8,000 were paid in cash and Grimsby and Shaw were to be turned over the first of January for \$2,500 in default of the transfer of the former and \$1,000 of the latter. That made a total of \$12,000 on a cash basis.

"Uncle" Gross, the Berlin cover-point, has had a row already with his home team, and is reported to have jumped to Guelph. Uncle held them up at home last year before the opening professional game, and now it is somebody else's turn.

Woodstock Express: "Hippo" Galloway, the mulatto athlete, who has played baseball and hockey in Woodstock for the past couple of years, leaves at the beginning of the year for Wingham, where he will chase the puck this winter. Galloway is a good hockey player, and should prove an addition to the Wingham team.

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LEAGUE BEATEN IN ITS CASES TO-DAY.

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son, as he immediately dismissed the case. Mr. Staunton put in a plea of not guilty on behalf of R. R. Simpson and H. J. Mentzre, of the Royal. McCrae said he and Roberts went to a room at the hotel on Dec. 6, and ordered liquor, which was brought at 12.10 a. m. He stayed the night, and Roberts went away. It was a bellboy here, also, that gave them the liquor.

Roberts said he had taken notes of the affair on the same night, and Mr. Staunton demanded them, and found several changes, which he refused to allow the witness to attempt to explain. Mr. Staunton asked McCrae for his book, but that worthy refused to hand it over, as he thought he "could not trust Mr. Staunton," he said. The accused's counsel retorted by stating that if McCrae was "as crooked as he was impertinent, he would deserve to be jailed."

Roberts said a white man supplied them with drink, and Mr. Staunton at once asked for the acquittal of the accused, on that, as the other detective was positive a colored bell-boy had served them, as he had "tipped" him. The Magistrate thought that some evidence should be put in, and R. E. Simpson said that he knew nothing whatsoever of the case. The bar was always locked on time, and there was no white bellboy in his employ at that time. The Magistrate adjourned the case till this afternoon, and court then arose, to meet at 2.45.

The decision in the charge against Geo. Case, of the Armory Hotel, was in favor of the hotel. The Magistrate had reserved judgment, as he wanted to consider the evidence, to see who he thought was right in regard to the fine, and there were several happy smiles when he announced that the case was dismissed. The rest of the cases will come up this afternoon, and that the "blind tiger" cases will be taken up.

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

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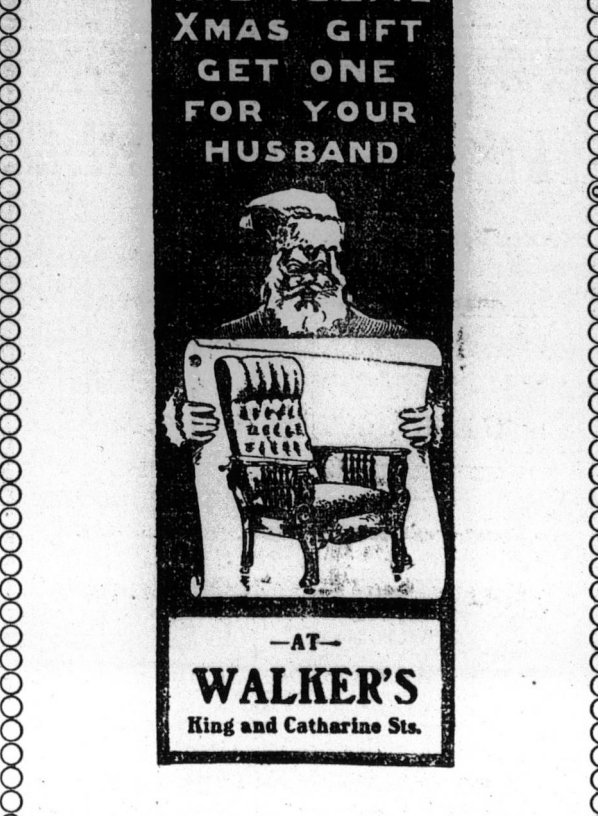
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A GOOD MEETING.

Street Railway Employees Hold Their Annual. Hamilton division, No. 107, of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, held its annual meeting on Saturday night. There was a large attendance, about 100 members being present. The new schedule of dues goes into effect on the first of January. While the rates are a little higher, a material benefit will follow, as besides the journal, the defence fund, providing for the ordinary maintenance of the Association and for a \$500 funeral benefit, the new rates will enable the local branch to have a fund available for its own purposes. The officers were elected as follows: John Theaker, president. George Armstrong, vice-president. J. T. Burrows, recording secretary. Alex. Lamond, secretary-treasurer. C. T. Harrison, conductor. William Nugent, sentinel. Leonard Messeroll, scouter. William Grey, Byron Hoover, Alex. Lamond, George Moore and George Armstrong, executive committee.

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DEATHS

WRIGHT—On Saturday, December 21, 1907, Mrs. Emma Wright, wife of John Wright and mother of Frank, Albert, Charlie, Alf. and Mrs. Erikson. Funeral took place this afternoon from 47 King William street. IN MEMORIAM McKay—In loving remembrance of Nellie McKay, who died December 22nd, 1906. One year has gone but not forgotten. Never shall her memory fade. Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger. Round the grave where mother's laid.

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