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Ontario Leads Them All.

A report which has been prepared by the Ontario Bureau of Statistics will possess much interest for Canadians generally. It deals with agriculture and the agricultural products of the Province. From it we learn that Ontario lands are becoming more and more cleared. There is now in this Province 23,172,408 acres of assessed land, 54.7 per cent of which is cleared. Of this there are 876,955 acres in crops, which is an increase of 133,000 acres and more. The yield of fall wheat last year was 17.2 bushels to the acre. This was below that of the previous year, which was 19. In point of yield, Ontario is still away ahead of the leading wheat-growing states of the neighboring republic, as will be seen from the following averages: Ontario, 17.2; New York, 6; Pennsylvania, 14; Ohio, 9; Michigan, 12.8; Indiana, 9; Illinois, 14.7; Missouri, 11.7; Kansas, 10.6; California, 14.6. The spring wheat crop fell off, too, amounting to 13.8 per acre. The average yield of barley was 27.4, which equals that in Wisconsin, the greatest barley state in the union. The oat crop averages 34.2 per acre, which is a falling off. This, however, surpasses anything in the United States, except that of Wisconsin.

It will surprise many farmers to know that the most productive wheat-growing district is the island of Manitoulin, with 26.8 bushels to the acre, and that the district of Algoma comes next with 25.1. These facts should influence immigrants and our enterprising young farmers to seek for homes in the fertile districts of Northwestern Ontario, where grain growing and cattle feeding is carried on to great advantage. There are yet many thousands of acres of good land awaiting settlers in the district named, and with the boom in mining there should be an excellent home market.

The Montreal Herald is of the opinion that Premier Marchand of Quebec must envy Premier Hardy of Ontario. While the Quebec Premier is driven to borrow money to make up for the extravagance of his predecessors, Mr. Hardy is putting away half a million against a rainy day.

A Buffalo woman, who was married to a millionaire, is suing for a divorce on the ground of cruelty. It seems that her husband only allowed her a new bonnet once in three years. If the jury is not entirely heartless it will give the woman a verdict and substantial damages to boot.

Cure of Consumption.

The statistics of mortality in this Province, in so far as they relate to consumption, do not alarm the public, because they have got used to the ravages of that terrible disease. They nevertheless should be laid to heart, and every effort ought to be made to devise preventive agencies. A beginning has been made by the establishment of the consumptive sanitarium at Gravenhurst, but there are many ways in which the public can aid in preventing the spread of the contagion. Medical men say that consumption is a disease that can be combated, and that a very large number of cases are caused by infection communicated from persons suffering in an advanced stage of the disease to healthy, susceptible neighbors. Isolation and early treatment are the great needs. In New York City expert medical men have shown that one person in seven dies from tubercular consumption, and one-fourth of the deaths among working people are from that cause. If cholera, or yellow fever, or any other disease, were causing similar ravages, there would be a panic among the people. But only the health authorities are thoroughly aroused. They have received from the civic rulers an appropriation of \$60,000 for the isolation and treatment of tubercular patients during next year. A hospital has been built especially for consumptive patients, and in it and in other appropriate institutions citizens unable to pay will be treated at the public expense. This is the first municipal recognition of the possibility of checking the disease by concerted action that has been taken on this continent. The results will be awaited with great interest.

The official declaration of the poll in Toronto shows this result: Bertram, 2,512; Howland, 1,962—majority for Bertram, Liberal, 550.

If the people of Britain do not have an enjoyable Christmas this year, it will not be because Canada does not provide them with the wherewithal. The steamship Gallia alone, which sails from St. John, N. B., this week, takes 800 tons of Canadian poultry for the English markets. And there is more to follow.

A very narrow escape of a Conservative scrutineer is reported from Toronto. In the late Dominion bye-election he lodged a charge of attempting to impersonate against Mr. Samuel Trewin, a respected citizen of Oshawa, who has been a voter in Toronto County for years. Much ado was made for some time over Mr. Trewin's alleged contemplated crime, but fortunately for the fresh scrutineer the warrant was not executed, as it has been shown beyond

a doubt that Mr. Trewin was a legitimate voter, and that all that was wrong was the printing of his initials on the hoary voters' list.

CAUSE OF A NEIGHBORHOOD ROW.

[Chicago News.] Fond Mother—Isn't the baby the very image of his father? Neighbor—Yes; but you shouldn't mind that as long as he's healthy.

NOT SO EASY.

[Fliegende Blaetter.] Good Friend—I have reason to suspect that your husband is flirting with other women. You ought to follow him wherever he goes. "Good heavens! My husband is a postman."

"PICKLED."

[Memphis Scimitar.]

A Memphis young lady, who recently studied in Germany, tells a good story of a German lady who was studying English, and who used to write letters in English to her parents. One day the German lady handed a letter to the Memphis lady, saying: "Here is a letter which I have written to my mother. I want you to read it over and see if it is properly written." The letter was all right, excepting the closing phrase, which read as follows: "God pickles and keep you." An investigation proved that the young German woman, in looking for a synonym of "preserve," had come across "pickle."

OH, WHAT A DIFFERENCE.

[Waterbury American.]

His business never leaves a chance to take a holiday. When his wife reads the announcement of a coming matinee. Life is much too short for trifles. And his time she must not claim. But when a friend invites him out to see a baseball game. That's different.

He vows a man should ne'er complain About the tax he pays. But gladly help the government. Its revenue to raise. Each one should swell the public purse That threatens to grow slim; Yet when the bland assessor comes Interrogating him— That's different.

He ever counsels gentleness, And says no person ought To let himself forget the calm Of philosophic thought; Nothing in life is great enough To justify our ire. But when eleven miles from home A tack sticks in his tire— That's different.

WESTERN ONTARIO

A woman's morning music club has been established in Listowel.

Mrs. George Sprout died at Edmondville last week. She had been sixty years a resident of the district.

Lucia, Brinkall, of Hensall, fell on a barbed wire fence, cutting her head. Her condition was critical.

Rev. Dr. John Philip, M.A., of St. Catharines, has been called to the pastorate of the First Methodist Church, of St. Thomas.

The Tilbury gas well is now down about 1,100 feet. The work still continues hard, as usual, which is considered by the drillers as a sure sign of a strike of gas.

The death is announced of Mr. John Macdonald, one of the first settlers of Tilbury, in his 64th year. Deceased was well-to-do, prominent, and universally popular throughout this section.

The Ontario Beekeepers' Association will hold its annual convention in Hamilton this week, commencing on Tuesday. It will likely last three days. The beekeepers will meet at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

As a mark of their appreciation some few of the prominent members of Trinity Church, Mitchell, presented their pastor, Rev. Mr. Kerrin, on Wednesday with a very handsome cutter and a string of bells.

Mr. John McCorkindale, the well-known clerk of the Guelph township council, and secretary of the Guelph Fat Stock Club, was taken suddenly ill the other night. He is threatened with appendicitis.

Adam Feuner, a Comber farmer, is suing a neighbor, Thos. Shoults, for \$5,000 damages for slander. He says that Shoults accused him of having thrown a note into the fire while they were negotiating a deal, and pointed him out as a rogue.

Nearly the whole of the south riding of Essex is supplied with coal oil by three Detroit men, who take over a supply every morning and peddle it, and it is alleged they do not always pay the duty. One of the trio had his entire outfit seized on Friday.

A 7-year-old son of Mr. Hewett, Gravel road, last week severed his thumb while practicing with a draw-knife, which had been left in his reach. The surgeon's skill put it back again, and in time the boy will be little the worse of the accident.—Elenhelm News.

Mr. Porter, a farmer of Guelph township, has a bull that is kept quiet by a ring and chain. The other day he snapped the ring and turned on his owner. But for the hired man, Mr. Porter might have been seriously hurt. As it was, he received slight injuries.

Mr. J. M. Cole, of Aylmer, has been appointed science master of the Woodstock Collegiate Institute from among twenty-eight applicants, many of whom were very highly recommended.

Mr. Cole is a native of East Nisour, and is well known throughout the county, having taught in Norwich high school for some time.

Mr. Harry Sweetman has been a member of the famous Thirteenth Battalion Band of Hamilton for the past twenty years. On Thanksgiving Day he took part in a sham battle and contracted pneumonia. On Wednesday Mrs. E. Mahoney received word that he was dying. Mrs. Mahoney is a sister of Mr. Sweetman.—Guelph Advocate.

St. Andrew's Sunday school, Thamesville, will support a boy at Pointe Tremblay school next year as they did last. Eugene Duroc is the young man selected for them by the faculty, who speak very highly of him. He is 29 years of age and was born in a district in Quebec, almost totally Roman Catholic, but through the influence of a young friend his attention was drawn to the Protestant mission, and eventually a desire for education induced him to enter the school.

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Trolley Cars Crash Together.

Terrible Accident Takes Place Near Pontiac Mich.

Three Men Killed and Fifteen Passengers Injured.

Birmingham, Mich., Dec. 6.—Two cars on the Oakland Railway collided at the foot of the steep Trowbridge hill, about half way between Pontiac and Birmingham, Saturday afternoon. Three persons were killed and fifteen injured. One of the latter will die. Both motors were running at a high rate of speed, being behind time owing to the icy rails, and they plunged into each other before either motor-man could get his car under control. The most inexplicable part of the catastrophe is that the motormen did not see the danger in time to avert it, and under the circumstances it is miraculous that more of the passengers were not killed, which is only explained by the fact that the cars were stoutly built and were able to withstand the terrific jolting.

The two cars started from the top of the hill at the same time, and crashed into each other with such force that one car was driven almost entirely through the other. There is nothing left of either car save a mass of twisted wood and iron.

The dead—John Savage, Birmingham; Charles Wheeler, Birmingham; John Kelly, Detroit.

The injured—Mrs. John Doty, Pontiac; William McCue, Birmingham; Louis Harnock, Birmingham; O. C. Hempel, Detroit; A. E. Robertson, Walnut, Oakland county; Mrs. E. H. Smith, Detroit; John Reigel, Pontiac; Timothy Madcock, Pontiac; Mr. Champlin, St. Clair county; George Whitmore, Birmingham; Lee Rose, Pontiac; John F. Madden, Leonard; Mr. Rosenbaum, residence unknown; Warner Goodale, Lapeer; Mrs. Warner Goodale, Lapeer.

STRANGE PRESENTIMENT.

Superintendent Savage had a presentiment of his fate during Friday night. Shortly after midnight he arose from his bed and looked nervously at his watch. He did this more than a dozen times in the next two hours. Once he exclaimed: "O, my God! I wonder what is wrong now?" and told his wife he felt as if there was to be a terrible accident on the road. Mrs. Savage quietly asked him what he meant. He stated that he intended resigning his position, but after conversing a few moments he said that he would wait until the first of the year before handing in his resignation. He had both his legs crushed and died almost instantly. When the body was sent to Birmingham one of the legs was missing, but it was afterwards found.

LINKED TO CANADA.

Piper Milne's Brother in British Columbia Receives Word from the Gordon Highlander.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 6.—J. G. Milne, a brother of the piper hero of Barga Ridge, Patrick Milne, lives near Vancouver.

In speaking today of the brave lance-corporal of the Gordon Highlanders, whose name is in every mouth, he said: "I have just received a letter from my brother Patrick like a message from the dead. It is dated from the front."

"The reason for my being shifted here is the disaster which befell the British troops in the Tocht Valley. The regiment that was stationed here are off to the seat of war, and we are set down here to do duty in their place. I suppose you see in the papers about these frontier men, which are constantly occurring. Ours is a lucky corps, and there are few of the fellows here who have not reason to believe that we will go up again in this affair should prove anything great."

"The commander-in-chief is an old Gordon, and so I think this accounts for our being a little favored."

The rest of the letter deals with family matters.

Mr. Milne says: "The idea that my brother Patrick is Irish on account of his name is erroneous. He is one of six children, and was born at Ardoyne in 1872. Our father is a small farmer at Waterside, Newburgh, Aberdeen-shire."

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Dr. Radway & Co.—I have been a sufferer from rheumatism for more than six months; I could not raise my head to sleep, nor put my hands behind me, nor even take off my own shirt. Before I had finished three-fourths of a bottle of Radway's Ready Relief I could use my arms as well as ever. You can see why I have such great faith in your Ready Relief. Yours truly,

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One table brand new garments arrived too late; worth \$4, \$5 and \$6, will be sold for \$2, \$3 and \$4. All jackets and Capes in stock reduced accordingly, to clear by Christmas.

Fur Capes, Fur-lined Capes and Fur Jackets, all this season's goods, reduced to clearing prices.

Housefurnishings.

Carpets, Chenille, Lace and Tapestry Curtains, Oilcloths, Window Shades, etc., reduced. Best Brussels Carpet, new designs, regular \$1 and \$1.25, selling at 85c.

Boot and Shoe Dept.

100 pairs Ladies' Blue and Red Felt Slippers, selling at 20c. 75c pairs Men's Boston Calf Balm, all solid leather, size 6 to 10, selling at \$1. 30 pairs Misses' Oil Grain Button School Shoes, sizes 11 to 2, selling at 75c. 40 pairs Youths' Solid Leather School Shoes, sizes 11 to 13, selling at 75c.

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All Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats at special clearing prices; also Jets, Wings, Quills, Feathers, Birds, Chenille Trimmings, etc.

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Wide Heavy Twill English Flannel-ettes, regular price 8c (and good value), selling for 5c. Extra Wide Heavy Flannel-ettes, large assortment of colors and patterns, cheap at 10c, selling for 8c. Large Heavy White Wool Blankets, full bleached, selling at \$2.25. Extra Large Wool Blankets, bright borders, clean stock, selling at \$3. This line's a big bargain; only 28 pairs left. Cotton Blankets from 60c a pair up. Flannel Sheetings, 2 yards wide, at mill price.

Christmas Linens.

(HEADQUARTERS.)

Bleached Table Damask, satin finish, new designs, regular price \$1.75, selling at \$1.25; regular price \$1, selling at 70c; regular price 90c, selling at 65c; regular price 70c and 75c, selling at 50c and 55c. Table Napkins, Tray Cloths and Five O'Clocks at reduced prices during this sale.

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6-piece Printed Toilet Sets, selling for \$1.49. 10-piece Printed Toilet Sets, selling for \$1.99. See our 15c, 19c and 25c tables loaded with the newest designs of Cups and Saucers, Vases and other fancy articles. Our Lamp Table contains the choicest and largest selection of Ornamental Lamps to be found in the city.

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HONORE'S FATE.

All through his absence, Honore lingered at the window, where she had taken her stand when Mr. Slump had invited her to the fire, and someone opposite, whom, in her absent mood, she did not notice, saw her, and presently she was aware that the bustling figure of Mr. Haughton's chief clerk—well known to her—joined her at the window, evidently to tell her something, which brought a startled fear into her face.

Prompt in all he did, Royden Keith walked downstairs and out into the hotel yard, from which he had watched Mr. Slump emerge. A few steps brought him to where one of his own grooms stood chatting with an hostler, and a few words explained his question.

"Mr. Slump, sir," replied the hostler, touching his hat at every other word, "came over just now to say he supposed we had no fly at home just now."

"And had you?"

"Yes, sir."

"Do you happen to know if Mr. Haughton is at his office?"

"He is not, sir. He drove away early today. I took the carriage round myself, and he said he should not be back."

Royden walked straight to Mr. Haughton's office, and upstairs with the junior clerk to Lawrence Haughton's private room.

"Miss Craven," he said, not noticing Mr. Slump's discomfiture at his appearance, "not seeming to notice how she troubled and shrunk back, as if afraid of himself, now that he had appeared. 'I came to ask you if you will take a seat in my dog-cart. I am sending it'—with the refinement inherent in him, Royden ignored the proposal of going himself—'into Stutton, and my man can take the medicine to East Cottage, and drive you on to the Larches. I am afraid they will be anxious at both places when you arrive, and so is it not a pity to linger here?'"

"I was waiting for a fly," said Honore, her quiet voice faltering a little; "they are out at present, so I am watching for one to return."

"There is a fly in the hotel yard now, at your service, if you prefer it," said Royden, without a glance toward where Mr. Slump stood, covering a little in his miserable attempt at ease. "Do you prefer it?"

"Mr. Slump told me—understood," said Honore, watching curiously the face of her guardian's clerk, "that they were engaged, and that I could not have one."

"Mr. Slump told you so," returned Royden, with calm irony, "but did not understand so. You shall go as you choose, Miss Craven. Do you prefer a fly?"

"Yes, if you please," said Honore, a mist of tears gathering at last in her eyes, so like a child she felt just then, because she longed to let him decide for her and act for her, yet fearful of this longing with rebellious petulance.

"Mr. Slump," said Royden, "will go across again, and this time will bring you the cab."

Not very comfortable were the feelings of Mr. Bickerton Slump as he left the office, his only relief being the discovery that Mr. Keith was following him.

By the time the fly was ready to take the hotel yard, Honore was at the outer door of her guardian's offices, but her heart felt to see that it was Bickerton Slump who stood beside the hired vehicle, waiting for her. Just as she had taken her seat, however, Mr. Keith came up.

"Is it so," he asked, closing the door quietly in the clerk's very face, as he was about the point of entering, "is it so, Miss Craven, that you need no escort now?"

"None," she said, eagerly, as she saw what was the clerk's intention; "none, please."

"I think," he reflected, in his leisurely tones, "that this office seems worth while to send my carriage out, now that this is going; and so may I beg you to allow my man the seat on the box there? He shall be no hindrance to you—a little help, perhaps, in guiding and arranging with the driver."

"Thank you," said Honore, quick to read all kind and generous motives, "He is here now, and will be most obliged for the seat," observed Royden, as he stepped back from the closed door and raised his hat. Then, with great relief, Honore watched Royden's valet mount the box before her.

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"No, sir."

The fly drove on, and Royden turned away, with just one glance of coolest scorn, not unmixed with amusement, at the baffled little clerk. It was a look which recalled to Bickerton Slump that (to him) unpleasant evening at the Myddelton Arms, when, after his severe castigation, he had been so coolly followed by the quizzical amusement of those long gray eyes.

"I haven't forgotten," muttered Bickerton, clenching his fists, as he mounted the office stairs again; "and this will make me doubly remember. I shall be more than even with him yet—more than even."

The threat was heavy and portentous, so it was small wonder that the wily little form shook under it.

CHAPTER XIV.

"Honore Craven—Come with me to-day to call upon a friend at a distance. Mrs. Dimbrow provokes me beyond endurance by being too ill to make herself useful in any way. I shall be at the station at one o'clock. Mind you are punctual; I hate unpunctuality, which is only another name for laziness. Never mind about your best bonnet, but be sure you have on a clean collar—Edna Payne."

Honore, laughing a little over this letter, went to seek Miss Haughton, and beg the holiday.

"If you like to lower yourself by being at the beck and call of every old woman in the village," remarked Jane, with a not very strict adherence to fact, "I have nothing to say against it. Please yourself."

"Thank you," said Honore, her tone betraying how, for her, the chiefest and purest pleasure was won by pleasing others.

"Going with old Mrs. Payne?" exclaimed Phoebe, when she found her cousin dressed ready to start, and surreptitiously enjoying bread and butter beside the kitchen fire. "Well, do wish you joy, Honore. And going without your luncheon, too?"

"Yes, and without the faintest idea of where to get it," said Honore, gravely discussing her mild repast.

"How lovely you look!" blurted out Phoebe, unable to restrain her admiration.

"Good-bye, little Frau."

Mrs. Payne was impatiently pacing the station platform when Honore arrived, and she turned sharply on the girl with a reprimand. But somehow the anger left her eyes when they rested on the beautiful face and figure.

"I don't know who it is," she mused, half-closing her shrewd eyes. "Theodore, I think, dresses more handsomely, and expensively, and Phoebe, I think, more showily, yet they never look as Honore does; she is like an exquisite."

"Of course, you're late. It's old-fashioned to be punctual. Well, never mind; next century it will be old-fashioned to be late. Now, here's the train. Find me a corner seat, with my back to the engine. What's the matter?" asked the little old lady from her corner seat, as she looked on. "Is my bonnet all on one side?"

"No, indeed," said Honore, ashamed of being caught in her long gaze. "I was only thinking how very nice you look."

"Ah, I thought something surprised you," observed Mrs. Payne, with a complacent glance into the window beside her as if it were a mirror. "You miss my brown hat. I left it at home for today. It's against my principles to wear a brown hat in winter. You know what happened to the traveler who did?"

"No," said Honore, smiling. "I don't indeed."

"Well, then, you ought to know it, though I can't say that I do. At any rate, I tried to do so, though Friesland in a brown hat, and he couldn't, but whether he escaped with his life or not, I really forget."

"What do they wear in Friesland, then?"

"Wear! It would take me all our journey to tell you. Knitted caps; then high silk skull-caps, then men's hats, and then large flaunting bonnets. What's the use of laughing? It's the custom of the country."

"Do you know I should have fancied," and then Honore stopped, blushing.

"Fancied what?"

"That you," resumed Honore, daintily, though the shy blush deepened, "would have been the very one to choose a brown hat for Friesland, to show the Frieslanders how little you cared for their opinion."

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Caused Comment

On European Topics—The British Cabinet Discuss the Foreign Situation—Germany's Occupation of Chinese Territory Creates a Stir.

Unusually Large Demands of the Army Bill—Germany's Naval Programme—Emperor William's Speech Keenly Criticised—The Labor Situation Presents a Gloomy Aspect—Widespread Interest in the Dreyfus Case—Roman Villages Unearthed—Water in the Sudan.

London, Dec. 6.—The cabinet council at the foreign office on Saturday was originally arranged solely to consider the business of the coming session of Parliament, but the main topic of discussion had perforce to be the menacing foreign situation, as, indeed, was the case also at the last council.

There have been plenty of more or less fantastic rumors respecting affairs in the far east, but apart from these there is no doubt that there is good cause for anxiety, if not alarm. The small territorial concessions which the British are not for a moment considered as a set-off against the German occupation of Kiau Chau, or the French-Russian acquisitions elsewhere.

BRITAIN WILL BESTIR HERSELF.

Britain means to bestir herself, and as an earnest of this will this week probably dispatch two more cruisers to Chinese waters as a hint to the German government, which is at present laboriously fitting out reinforcements for the same part of the world. Meanwhile, the British Admiralty has placed orders in the South Wales collieries for an immediate supply of thousands of the best Welsh steam coal for the warships. The coal owners have been privately informed that bigger orders will follow very shortly—a sign that the British navy will have work to do this winter, if it is merely by way of a peaceful demonstration of the vast latent strength.

The Chinese legation in London is almost ludicrously anxious. The anxiety of its officers is due partly to the newly opened, and an abundant supply of water. Thus the experience gained in the district near the Nile is confirmed in the eastern wilderness. The water is sweet. Wherever the engineers dug along the advancing railroad they found water.

INTERESTING EXCAVATIONS.

Excavations have been made recently in the remains of the old Roman colony, Vindonissa, at Windisch, Switzerland. The most important results are the disinterment of large Roman weapons, and the amphitheatre, besides a quantity of coins, pottery, bronze, ironware and some large silver vessels, which have their equals only in the famous treasure trove of Hildesheim, Germany, brought to light in 1868.

GIVES UP HIS ANCESTRAL HALLS.

Hugh de Grey Seymour, the sixth Marquis of Hertford (who was born in 1841 and who was married to a daughter in the Grenadier Guards, and one-time controller of her majesty's household), has joined the ranks of the aristocracy who have been obliged to quit their ancestral halls. He has just informed the estate agent that he has decided to sell his seat, Ragley Hall, in Warwickshire, near which his seat, Ragley Hall, is situated, and that, owing to his decreasing income and increasing expenses, it is impossible for him to keep up the hall, and therefore he will be obliged to rent it.

COMPRESSED FLOUR.

Both the British admiralty and war department are testing under various climatic conditions the new method of preserving flour. One of the chief advantages of national granaries has been the difficulty of storing wheat for any length of time. The grain germinates, and is ruined, and to keep vast quantities in a sound condition has been pronounced by the royal commission impracticable. Experiments are being made with a system of compression into bricks by hydraulic pressure. The trials show that flour so preserved is not affected by damp, and under unfavorable conditions, is free from insect life.

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CHIT-CHAT.

London has had many topics to discuss during the past week. Lady Jeanne, one of the brightest ornaments of English society, has an article in the Contemporary Review, on the question whether members of the royal family are not overworked and underpaid.

Prof. Herkomer's refusal to carry off the presidency of the Royal Society of Painters in Water Colors, when he might have had it by casting his vote as chairman on a tie ballot, is commended as more honorable than success. Prof. Herkomer wished to resign, and the conservative painters rallied around Mr. Ernest Waterlow and elected him.

There have been many other points of interest. The terrible stress of the week was the Masonic celebration at the bicentenary of the opening of St. Paul's Cathedral, a grand and impressive service.

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Local Temperatures: The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory here on Saturday were 49 and 22 above; on Sunday, 35 and 25.5 above.

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News About Town

—The Mission to Lepers will meet at Somerset Hall this evening at 8 o'clock.

—Mrs. A. Kennard, of this city, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sumner, at Ingersoll.

—Miss Anna Christie, of this city, has been the guest of Miss Jessie McMillan, Fairview Farm, Lucknow.

—Mr. Windsor, of London, formerly of Ingersoll, is spending a few days with old acquaintances at the latter town.

—Miss Clemente, of Clinton, is visiting in London, as the guest of Miss Horton, at the residence of Mr. R. Kent.

—Miss Annie Wilkins, of Elmwood avenue, left yesterday for Chicago to visit her brother William and his wife.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Powell, of Port Huron, who have been on a visit to Mr. J. E. Volden, of the C. P. R., returned home last night.

—Mr. R. Scott, freight agent of the G. T. R. here, has declined the position of assistant general freight agent of the Intercolonial Railway, recently offered to him, and will remain with the G. T. R. in this city.

—Fourteen turkeys, nine geese and one duck were stolen from the farm of Mrs. Ramshaw, on lot 6, corner West Zorra, a few nights ago. Mr. Ship, who lives on the farm next to Mrs. Ramshaw, lost five turkeys the same night. The county police have been notified of this and other poultry robberies, which have taken place near Alisa Craig.

—On Saturday afternoon, at the residence of the bride's parents, St. Thomas, Miss Lottie Wilson, daughter of Mr. Edward R. Wilson, 47 Locust street, was united in marriage to Mr. Ransom Roberts, traveler, of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. Hartley. The bride was assisted by Miss Van Velsor, and Mr. W. Corvey acted as groomsmen. Both the bride and groom are well and favorably known, the bride being organist at the Center Street Baptist Church, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts left on a trip to eastern points.

—The C. P. R. and G. T. R. are shipping large quantities of dead poultry to the old country from different parts of Ontario in preparation for the Christmas trade. Thursday morning the C.P.R. had 20 carloads from Toronto, Ingersoll, Lindsay and Gortrie for shipment to West St. John for export by steamer sailing on Dec. 8. On Saturday thirteen car loads of turkeys, butter and cheese are shipped from Ingersoll. Much of the poultry from this district is shipped in refrigerated cars.

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The following gentlemen were unanimously nominated for the respective offices and declared duly elected by acclamation: President—Wm. Gray, re-elected.

First Vice-President—C. E. Perry.

Second Vice-President—H. G. Collamore.

Third Vice-President—John Lennox.

Treasurer—Samuel Munro, London, re-elected.

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The financial statement was read by the secretary, showing receipts and disbursements of \$19,993, and balance of assets over liabilities, \$49,193.72.

Messrs. J. M. Dillon and R. C. Struthers (ex-presidents) each delivered brief speeches, in which they congratulated the association upon its prosperity. It was the strength of the association had been increased by the admission of 180 new members.

President Gray warmly thanked the members for their confidence in re-electing him for another term.

The annual meeting was held on Thursday, Dec. 23, at 2 o'clock.

THE LAST SAD RITES.

Remains of the Late Conductor Morden Taken to Hamilton for Interment.

—A Large Masonic Funeral.

The remains of the late Conductor Wm. Morden were conveyed to Hamilton yesterday for interment in the family plot. At 12:30 o'clock service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Daniel at the family residence, 280 Talbot street, and attended by a large number of sorrowing friends. Many and very beautiful floral tributes to the memory of deceased had been sent by friends. When the remains were being conveyed to the G. T. R. station to meet the Wabash express, the members of Richard Coeur de Lion Precinctory of Knights Templar formed the escort, and marched in full uniform. There were in the escort: R. E. Frater, Carson, Dambra and Dewar; V. E. Frater, A. Campbell, and Fraters F. E. Davis, C. W. Davis, A. C. Cooper, W. H. Escott, W. H. Chittick, W. T. Stenberg, Thomas H. Weldon, Thomas F. Kingsmill, Jun., W. A. Wilson, John T. Stephenson, Frank Andrews, Thomas Edwards, S. Chiera, and Samuel J. Southcott. A number of other knights in civilian dress were also present, and included Mr. M. McKenzie, of St. Elizabeth's Precinctory, Stratford; Mr. Burton, of Godfrey de Bouillon Precinctory, Hamilton; and Mr. Brydges, of Apollo Commandery, Chicago. The uniformed Templars formed a passion cross and marched at the head of the cortege. On the arrival of the train the Order

of Railway Conductors, to which deceased had belonged, took charge of the remains. The pall-bearers from this order were Conductors M. McKenzie, John Gillson, W. Subwab, Hugh O'Donnell, Adam Douglass and Thomas Hill. Conductors T. C. Jones and J. McLaughlin accompanied the body to Hamilton, where the cortege was met at the station by the members of Barton Lodge and Godfrey de Bouillon Precinctory of that city, who then conducted the funeral. The members of the bereaved family remain in Hamilton for a few days.

In City Church Circles.

Accession of Members in Various Churches.

Ladies Conduct the Entire Service at the Colborne Street Methodist Church—Other Notes.

In Charge of the Ladies.

The second services of the series in connection with the anniversary of the Colborne Street Methodist Church were given yesterday. The Ladies' Aid had charge of the day's proceedings. Its members officiated as chorists, while Mrs. H. Rukhven McDonald preached the sermons, both of which were listened to by large congregations. There is at present \$5,000 debt upon the edifice, and this the Ladies' Aid is seeking to reduce \$1,000 per year. The proceeds of the day were devoted to that purpose.

A Memorial Service. At the Christian Church last night Rev. George Fowler preached the first of a series of sermons, the subject being "Where is heaven?" The Christian Endeavor meeting was afterwards held. In the morning a memorial service for the late Mrs. Gower, an esteemed member, was held. The congregation, under Mr. Fowler's able pastorate, has almost outgrown its present quarters.

New Members Received. Presbyterianism in the city had an accession of membership yesterday in various churches. Twenty-five new members were received in St. Andrew's, fourteen at the First, and eleven at Knox. The sacrament was administered by the respective pastors to large congregations.

Supporting a Missionary. The Christian Workers' Mission on Carling street yesterday was largely attended. Collections and subscriptions amounting to \$250 were made towards equipping Miss Maggie Johnson, of Toronto, as a missionary to China. The Mission Workers intend supporting their own missionary in that distant land. The local branch, under Rev. Mr. Mackenzie, is prospering exceedingly.

London West Reception Service. A reception service was held in the London West Methodist Church last night, at which twenty new members came in, some by letter and some by profession of faith. The pastor's subject was "Come to Jesus."

Church Notes. Rev. Principal Warner, of Alma College, St. Thomas, preached at the Dundas Center Methodist Church yesterday. He is a favorite with the congregation, and giving out his text in the morning he said he had preached from the very same words exactly eight years ago from the pulpit of the Dundas Center Church, but on the occasion he would treat the subject from a different point of view. This he did in very plain manner.

Rev. Richard Hobbs of the Askin Street Methodist Church, in his sermon last night, condemned the tobacco habit.

Rev. Mr. Kennedy preached at the First Methodist Church last night in the pastor's absence. The new organ will be used next Sunday.

Rev. J. W. Pedley, of this city, will preach the anniversary services of the Dundas Center Methodist Church on Sunday next, and on the following Monday evening will lecture on "Explored Nations."

The Bishop of Huron preached at both services in the Church of St. Thomas at Hamilton yesterday.

Special Advent musical services were rendered at Christ Church yesterday.

Rev. Robert Johnston, B.D., of St. Andrew's Church, will deliver a lecture in St. Paul's Church, Ingersoll, this evening on "Scottish Heroes in Church and State."

Anniversary services were held at the Centennial Methodist Church yesterday, the pastor, Rev. W. J. Ford, occupying the pulpit in the morning and Rev. Dr. Daniel, of the First Methodist Church, in the evening. The collections were in aid of the trust fund.

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Steamer Rosedale Stranded Off Kingston—Great Gale on Lake Erie.

Port Stanley, Ont., Dec. 6.—The steamer Lulu Beatrice (Capt. Peter Hagblom), of Port Burwell, missed the harbor at an early hour yesterday morning, and went ashore east of the piers. The crew are safe, and were taken off by the lifeboat. The vessel lies on an even keel in about three feet of water, and is taking no harm, and it is hoped she will get off as soon as the sea runs down. She has some 300 barrels of salt on board, but as she is not leaking, it is likely to be landed without damage.

STRANDED OFF KINGSTON. Kingston, Ont., Dec. 6.—Early yesterday morning the Donnelly Wrecking Company was summoned to the rescue of the steamer Rosedale, which had grounded on Charity Shoals, about 15 miles from here. There was a big sea on. The tug Walker came back at 2 p.m., finding it impossible to get near her. The crew are still on board.

A GREAT GALE. Port Colborne, Ont., Dec. 6.—The heaviest gale of the season started blowing early yesterday morning from the southwest to south, raising the water to a level with the harbor stone wall, three or four feet above its usual height.

YANTIC WIND-BOUND. Thorold, Ont., Dec. 6.—The United States steamer Yantic laid in the canal here all Sunday. She has two tugs helping her through. It is expected she will reach Detroit about Tuesday or Wednesday.

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