

LIBERALS TAKE NINE SEATS OF THIRTEEN POLLED SATURDAY

The Government's Majority Now Fifty-Six and Have a Net Gain
On Last Week's Voting of One Seat—Chancellor
Lloyd-George Returned.

GAINS TO DATE.	
Coalition	22
Unionists	21
RECAPITULATION.	
Seats in House	670
Seats Held From	510
Seats To Be Polls	160
STANDING OF PARTIES.	
Liberals	187
Nationalists	56
Independent-Nationalists	56
Labor	33
Total	283
Unionists	227
Government Majority	56

[Associated Press.]

London, Dec. 12.—Out of 13 seats contested on Saturday, the Liberals won nine, the Nationalists one, the Laborites one and the Unionists two.

Saturday's Returns.
London, Dec. 12.—Six belated returns announced today complete the election results of Saturday, and bring the coalition aggregate up to 283, as against 227 Unionist seats in the new Parliament. The Liberals scored again in the Cricklade division of Wiltshire, giving Premier Asquith and his associates a net gain of one seat on the week's pollings.

This afternoon the Government's ranks were made up as follows: Liberals 187, Nationalists 56, Independent-Nationalists 7, Labor members 33.

Lloyd George Returned.
David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, who was the subject of a bitter attack by the Conservatives, returned by his Welsh constituency, the Carnarvon district, with an increased majority.

Life Sentence For Infant Slayers

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The cabinet council yesterday commuted the death sentence of Thomas McNulty and Mary Dolan, guilty of infanticide, to life imprisonment. They have been held in jail at Barrie awaiting execution.

Perdmark, who murdered his wife at Perth, will be executed by hanging on Friday. The cabinet refused to interfere in his case.

MINE VICTIMS NEARLY TWO SCORE

Death List in ~~Bellevue~~ Colliery Disaster Grows.

RESCUE PARTY TRAPPED Band of Entombed Wall Off Poisonous Gases and Many Come Out Alive.

Fernie, B. C., Dec. 11.—As a result of the explosion which occurred Saturday evening in the Bellevue mine it is feared the death list will run into two scores. At least sixty were entombed and it is estimated that between thirty and thirty-five are dead.

Eighteen were taken out alive. It is thought some of the men are safe, having walled themselves off from the poisonous fumes in the upper corridors.

Word of the catastrophe was sent from Fernie at once. Superintendent Uren, of the C. P. R. here, assisted by Chief Dispatcher Cline, immediately made up a train, and with doctors and nurses hurried to the scene of the disaster, where oxygen helmets and other apparatus was put to good use right away.

The rescue party found 21 bodies all stretched out together in one place. They also found ten men living, but some of them in very bad shape. These told of others still living, and the searchers penetrated further into the workings, where eight more men were found living in the early hours of this morning. At 6 o'clock 18 had been taken out alive, all having a good chance for recovery, though some are badly burned.

In the deadly gas fumes many of the rescue party were also overcome. Robert Stratton, government mining inspector, who was leading the party, was one of these. A man named Alderson, of Hosmer, B. C., in the search party, wandered away from the rest and was overcome by gas. He made a desperate attempt to reach the surface, but in vain. Several of the rescue party lost their lives while engaged in looking for the unfortunate miners.

REQUEST MAY BE MADE FOR IMMIGRATION OFFICE

Farmers of This District Are Said to Favor One For London.

A move is on foot to have an immigration office placed in London in order to assist farmers in this district in solving the hired help problem. The matter will be brought up in the House shortly, and it is stated, he supported by members from surrounding constituencies, who have been urged to support it by farmers all through South-Western Ontario.

"As matters stand at present," said one gentleman in close touch with the situation, "all the desirable help goes through Toronto and is sent on Farmers here are in a position to take a great number of really good farm laborers if they could get them. If an immigration office is established here it would undoubtedly have a most beneficial effect in aiding the farmers to get men."

DR. REICH DEAD.
London, Dec. 12.—Dr. Emil Reich, author and lecturer on history, died yesterday. He was born at Eperjes, Hungary, in 1854.

"WHAT SHALL I GIVE FOR XMAS?"

This Is the Question Which Is Now Agitating the People of London.

BUYING IS HEAVY NOW

Local Firms Report That Business Is Better Than Ever—Some Suggestions.



The question which is now agitating the minds of thousands of Londoners, young and old, is "What shall I give my friends for Christmas?"

Practically everyone in the city who can afford it expects to hand over to a few of his or her relatives and intimates some tangible mark of esteem and goodwill. But what is it being that is the problem troubling thousands of men, women, and children.

"If I only had the money," wails the youth of humble means and generous intentions, "I would have no difficulty in selecting just the right thing for everyone on my list."

Hard to Choose.
But those who have the money also find the task of choosing the appropriate article a difficult one. Now, despite the alluring hints of the city's enterprising tradespeople.

"Seems to me I'm up against one of the knottiest puzzles in the city," said a young man to The Advertiser this morning.

"There is a girl to whom I have been devoting a good deal of attention for a couple of years, and to whom I want to give a present. Now, if we were engaged, there would be no trouble about it at all. I could go down to any of the big jewelry stores and pick out a bracelet, a fob, a ring, or a brooch, for instance, for a few pounds. But we are not engaged, and are not likely to be for some years yet, and there is where the trouble comes in. To give her jewelry, as things now stand, would be too compromising. Flowers and candy are not books would appeal to her particularly. So what's it to be?"

The young man expressed his problem to the suggestions, and departed in the direction of a department store.

APPEAL IS MADE FOR ALBERT HUGHES

The Man Is Crippled and an Operation On Arm Is Necessary.

The Advertiser has received the following letter in regard to Albert Hughes, an Englishman, who has been in Canada for about fifteen years, but who, owing to an injury, is unable to do manual labor. Rev. Dean Davis, of South London, knows Mr. Hughes well and gives him a good character.

To the People of London:
Will you please help a worthy young man, who is now in jail homeless, and suffering from a crippling arm, by helping him to have amputated by a good doctor. Let us all help him, give what money we can. Send or hand in to Police Magistrate Love, "Blessed" work of the day on Saturday, he said, "You got all your liquor at a hotel."

"You are on the Indian list, too," said the magistrate. "Ten dollars or 21 days."

Isaac Grote, a colored man, who has appeared on many occasions, was up again for being drunk. He said he had been working hard and going to church regularly. He was fined \$2.

James Larnett said he was sick, not drunk. The evidence showed that he had fallen in the street twice, and was in such a condition of intoxication that he had to be taken to the station. He was fined \$2.

THE WEATHER
Tomorrow—Fine and Cold.
FORECASTS.
Toronto, Dec. 12—8 a.m. Today—Moderate to fresh northerly winds; mostly fair and decidedly cold; local snow flurries.
Tuesday—Northerly winds; fine and decidedly cold.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS THIS BOX! WHO FILLED IT WITH GOODIES?

Large Packing Case Full of Bags of Raisins and Other Edibles Finds Its Way By Mistake to a Local Firm.

A large packing box, which arrived in the city a couple of days ago, is furnishing a good deal of mystery. The box had no address on it, but the name of a large local firm was painted on it, and the express company, assuming that the box was for that concern, notified them of its arrival.

On opening the case up the head of the express company found it filled with bags of raisins, boxes of currant, whole cases of cereals, cases of catsup and all sorts of other eatables.

On the top were a number of loaves of bread, and a lot of pieces of toast which had apparently been taken off the table some place and just put into the box.

The theory of the firm is that somebody on some construction gang in Ontario is sending home large quantities of food which he is stealing from his employer.

It is thought that he came by the packing case by chance and filled it with the goods and shipped it, and then by some mishap the ticket fell off and the case went to the firm which had originally owned it.

An investigation is being made and developments are expected shortly.

WATER COMS. MAY GET NEW OFFICES

Commissioners Are Not Well Pleased With Way Council Is Acting.

MAY VACATE CITY HALL

Committee Appointed to Look Up New Quarters, but Row May Blow Over Shortly.

At the meeting of the water commissioners on Sunday afternoon, a committee, consisting of Mayor Beattie and Commissioner Chapman, was selected to secure a suitable place for the water commissioners to conduct their business. Several premises were mentioned and they will be investigated.

However, it is possible that the council may, at its next meeting, decide to go ahead with the changes in the city hall in order not to lose the commissioners.

"I think a serious mistake was made when the council refused to go ahead with the repairs," declared Chairman Pocock. "We offered to pay for all the repairs. The cost would not exceed \$500 and the result would have been that there would be plenty of room, not only for us, but for the city offices. We would then have been properly situated until such a time as the new city hall was ready. If we had to go elsewhere it would cause confusion, and the cost would be much more. We cannot get proper quarters for a small sum, and once we get in them we are liable to stay some time."

Commissioner Darch thought it would be a mistake to move out at such a time. However, there was such a time. However, there was such a time. However, there was such a time.

There is no doubt that a large house will greet her tonight. The only seats left are in the gallery.

Manager Minibnick has issued a special ticket for this part of the house, and there are some left. The gallery will not be seated within 100 of its normal capacity, so there will be no crowding.

There are some boxes left, although it is expected that these will be taken before evening.

Miss Adams has some original ideas—rather peculiar for actresses, too—and one of them is a detestation of interviews. She has made it one of her rules never to be interviewed, and she adheres to that religiously. The Advertiser found it impossible to have a chat with her. He was left at the gate—or the post—alone.

MERGE THREE BIG LONDON CONCERNS

London Electric, Traction Co. and London Street Railway May Get Together.

BIG RUMOR GOING ROUND

New Plant May Be Installed by London Electric to Meet New Demands for Power in This City.

The merging of the London street railway, the London and Lake Erie Traction Company, and the London Electric Company is the latest rumor, and from information received by The Advertiser, this deal is likely to be consummated within a very short time.

Such a matter has been under consideration for some time. Conferences have been held, it is said, and President Everett, of the London street railway, when he was in the city this fall, went over the whole ground, and is preparing his report to those most deeply interested in the proposition.

The exact source of the move for the merger is not definitely stated. Mackenzie & Mann are interested in a score of propositions. They have in view a network of radials throughout Western Ontario, which will act as feeders to their western railway to the Canadian Northern, and if rumor is to be relied on, the London street railway and the traction company's lines will form part of that system.

The London Electric Company will furnish power to the two systems if the deal goes through.

Position of Street Railway.
The London street railway needs more power badly. Their present plant is far too small to furnish enough power to run the cars properly, and it will be necessary within a few weeks to obtain more energy. The London Electric will furnish this, it is claimed, and with such a market for their output, there is no reason why they cannot compete with the city's power rates, so the directors are confident the traction company could use more power, too, and the London Electric will be in a position to furnish it at a rate as good or better than Niagara power can supply.

The three companies will form the merger, as stated, and they will sell lighting and power in the city.

"The merger will come very soon," said a gentleman in close touch with the negotiations. "As a matter of fact, negotiations have been under way for some time. The companies are interested to an agreement, and it will not be long until a definite announcement is made regarding the proposition."

More Modern Machinery.
The London street railway needs more power. The London Electric can furnish that power now. With the installation of more modern machinery, say a 2,000-horsepower boiler, such as the Edison Company has in Detroit, the company can supply power at a cheap rate, just as cheap as hydro-electric on their present schedule, can furnish. That will give both the London street railway and the traction company all the power they need for years to come.

In addition the merger will be in the market to sell light and power to Londoners. With such a capacity, it will be no trouble, they claim, to sell their surplus at a small profit, and compete with the city's plant.

"As for the future, nothing definite is said, but you can certainly see that within a short time Niagara power and Cataract power will be in this neighborhood along the lines of Mackenzie & Mann's roads. They are coming, and with plenty of money in sight for good investments, there is nothing more certain than that these roads will be built in a short time."

It will be worth a great deal for the traction company to get to the heart of London, as they will be able to do if the merger is completed. They are anxious to look for power, in directions other than Niagara, and they will make the best bargain possible.

The others are extremely reticent, and refuse to discuss the matter.

ENGINE GOES OVER 45-FOOT ENBANKMENT

One C. P. R. Man Killed and Four Injured in a Wreck Near Edmonton.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.]
Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—An Edmonton dispatch says one man was killed and four others were injured, three badly they are now in the hospital, as the result of the engine of a construction train going over an embankment 45 feet high in the C. P. R.'s Wetaskiwin line Saturday evening. The dead man is Thomas Wallace, brakeman, and the injured are Thomas Long, engineer; C. C. Brakeman; John Black, brakeman, and Frank Cook, brakeman. An open switch caused the accident.

To be judge of the new court of commerce, Martin A. Knapp, now chairman of the Interstate commerce commission, for a term of five years.

Robert W. Archibald, now United States district judge for the middle district of Pennsylvania, for a term of four years.

ENGINEERS' DUTIES HARD TO DEFINE

Van Cleve and Dark Furnish Problem For Commission.

SEEK TO AVOID CLASH

Manager Dark Thinks He Should Be in Control of the Waterworks, End.

The water commissioners have had some little trouble of late endeavoring to define the duties of Head Engineer Van Cleve and Manager Dark. An effort was made some weeks ago to settle the question, but without success. In the meantime Manager Dark has been in charge of the construction work, all the details of this somewhat difficult matter being left to him. Mr. Van Cleve has not taken charge as yet, although he has signified that he is willing to do so now.

It is consequently a problem to find out just how to divide the work. Where does management cease and engineering begin? is the question that is puzzling both the commissioners and the city employees.

It is the desire that the duties of each be closely defined, so that there will be no clashing and no friction.

Not Satisfactory.
The present arrangement is not satisfactory, nor is it working out the best results, and consequently there is a great desire among the commissioners to settle the point.

On Saturday afternoon an informal discussion of some length was held on the subject but nothing resulted. There was great frankness in the arguments used, and the opinion prevailed that the water commissioners would be better off if they handled their departments without the interference or assistance of the city officials whatever. It is thought that with Engineer Mackenzie the department would be well equipped, as that would leave Mr. Van Cleve free to attend to the ordinary city business, and he would then be given a free hand to manage the roads and streets departments.

Both want to handle the waterworks end of the business. Mr. Van Cleve has had some experience in hydraulics, and is said to be strong in this branch. Mr. Dark, on the other hand, considers this part of his business.

So the situation stands. There is a division as to who is to do the day's work, and the problem is proving very vexing.

Another effort will be made to settle the question in the near future.

NO SALE OF LIGHTING UNTIL AFTER DEC. 20TH

Engineers Are Very Busy Now With the Niagara Power Celebration.

No effort will be made to handle commercial lighting by the city until after the hydro-electric demonstration on Dec. 20.

The engineering staff is so busy that it will be impossible to make any connections whatever for some weeks.

The same is true of domestic lighting, and it was announced today that no houses or places of business would be connected up until after the demonstration.

"It is simply impossible to make connections," said Manager Dark today. "We have every available man at work on the demonstration, and it will be impossible to do anything until we get this thing over with. When we are through with it, we will go ahead at once and connect up houses, stores, etc."

Acting chairman Chapman of the water commissioners announced today that contracts would be made at once for domestic lighting. The forms have been prepared, and they can be signed at once.

Applications are coming in very rapidly for lighting. Manager Dark stated to The Advertiser, when matters got straightened away, he said, it would be no trouble to get customers.

In the meantime, the Electric are going ahead signing contracts.

MEDALS PRESENTED TO TWO HEROES

P.C. Kelly and Mr. S. Parkinson
Saved Life of Miss Ethel
Simmons.

BRAVERY OF CIVILIANS

Mayor Says It Is Just as Glorious as
Is the Deed on the Field of
Battle.

An interesting feature of the men's meeting in the Auditorium yesterday was the awarding of the Royal Canadian Humane Association medals to P.C. Clarence Kelly and Mr. Simpson Parkinson for rescuing from drowning Miss Ethel Simmons at Port Stanley last summer. Rev. J. Gibson Inkster, president of the association, presented the medals to the two heroes. "It is noble to risk one's life to save others from death and accident," said Mr. Kelly, "but one may offer his life for others in different ways. There is a spirit of social service in our land today, and in the service of this movement men and women are sacrificing much to help their less fortunate fellows."

Drifting of Childhood.
Mr. Kelly touched briefly upon the work which the Humane Society is doing for unfortunate children. He pointed out the physical defects, such as eyesight and hearing, and attending to the defective teeth of the little ones. "Children in poor homes," said the speaker, "are liable to drift into the criminal class. Many boys are sent to the reformatories who have been led astray by other boys, but that they have been led astray. They have lacked the opportunities common to other boys. Once sent to a reformatory, it is very nearly impossible for a boy to reform. One of the objects of the Humane Society is to help those boys. We are showing great progress in our methods of dealing with them. On the prison farm at Guelph instead of prison walls there are green fields, and there are no weapons or firearms of any kind within the limits of the farm, yet no attempts have so far been made by the prisoners to escape."

The Presentation.
Mayor Beattie, in presenting the medals, referred to "the bravery which is found outside the battlefield quite as much as within the army." "The deliberate bravery of the civilian," said Mayor Beattie, "entitles to just as much honor and just as much glory as the bravery of the soldier amid the noise of battle." The programme for the meeting was interspersed with a number of excellent musical selections by the Chicago Glee Club. In complimenting the members of the quartette, Rev. Mr. Inkster expressed his opinion that the time would come when the intelligence of the people would assert itself and the imaginary line between Canada and the United States would be wiped out entirely.

Inspector Sanders, Sheriff Cameron, G. M. Weekes and Secretary Wilson, of the Y. M. C. A., were also on the platform.

AUTO SHOW IS LIKELY FOR LONDON IN FEBRUARY

Negotiations Are Now Under
Way to Bring Many Cars
Here.

There is every possibility of an automobile show being held in London in February next. For some time the matter has been under consideration, and it is rumored that practically all the details have been arranged.

If the present plan is adopted, the show will be held in the armories immediately after the Toronto auto exhibition. "There is no doubt that we will have an auto show," said one well-known dealer to The Advertiser. "Negotiations are now under way, and an announcement will be made in the very near future as to dates, etc. We should have as big a show as any city in Canada. We have a fine stretch of territory to draw from, and there is no reason whatever why it will not be one of the best of the series. A mistake was made last year in not getting arrangements made in time, but that mistake will not be made this year. Look out for a good one."

A TALK ON TEMPERANCE

New Thought Society Discussed
Question Sunday Night.

"Temperance" was the subject discussed by the New Thought Society, in St. George's Hall last evening. The meeting opened with a brief address by Mr. J. J. Turner, after which the subject of temperance was discussed in an interesting and thorough manner. The subject for next Sunday will be "Intemperance and How to Get Freedom from Its Ties." The New Thought Society in this city has received overtures from the People's Church movement in Montreal, and has been invited to unite together to form a new religious organization along New Thought lines. The People's Church movement has representatives to this city in the near future to urge the formation of an alliance.

WONDERED WHY Found the Answer Was "Coffee."

Many pale, sickly persons wonder for years why they have to suffer so, and eventually discover that the drug—coffee—in coffee is the main cause of the trouble. "I was always very fond of coffee and drank it every day. I never had much sleep and often wondered why I was always so pale, thin and weak. About five years ago my health completely broke down and I was confined to my bed. My stomach was in such condition that I could hardly take sufficient nourishment to sustain life. During this time I was drinking coffee, didn't think I could do without it. After awhile I came to the conclusion that coffee was hurting me, and decided to give it up and try Postum. I didn't like the taste of it at first, but when it was made right—boiled until dark and rich—I soon became very fond of it. In one week I began to feel better. I could eat more and sleep better. My sick headaches were less frequent, and within five months I looked and felt like a new being, headache spells entirely gone. My health continued to improve and today I am well and strong, weigh 145 pounds. I attribute my present health to the life-giving qualities of Postum. Read 'The Road to Wellville' in P.M.s. Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest."

CITY COUNCIL MUST PAY HIGH LIGHTING PRICE

Water Commissioners Decide to
Charge Same As a Year
Ago.

The city will pay the same for lighting the streets in 1911 as was paid this year.

At the meeting of the water commissioners on Saturday afternoon the question was brought up by Chairman Pocock, and it was decided as above-mentioned.

Manager Dark stated that at the present time approximately 300-horsepower were used in the present system. This is about the same, probably some larger, than the London Electric used.

However, there were extensions to the system in contemplation, and the consumption would be considerably increased. More lights were now necessary for outlying districts, and there was a possibility that the number of lights on all the streets would be greatly increased, if not doubled. It was also very probable that larger lights, 80 or 120 candle-power lights, would be installed in many of the more densely-settled portions of the city.

CORRESPONDENCE

South London Streets.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:
In reading this evening Aid. Tancock's letter, I was amazed at his ignorance of the streets of South London. I refer to the following paragraph: "There is one good feature about this piece of work that is commendable, viz. there is at least one street in South London on which the public can travel in safety." Now, sir, a stranger reading that paragraph could form only one opinion, that the streets of South London, except Cathcart street, must be in a very bad state. For the principal streets of South London, they are certainly perfectly safe for all public travel. I do not know Aid. Tancock or in what part of the city he lives, but I cannot understand why he should cast a slur on our streets.

CHAS. J. FOX,
34 Elmwood Avenue,
London, Dec. 9.

A Letter on "Children's Parties"

To the Editor of The Advertiser:
So many important topics are discussed in your paper, that I sincerely hope you will find space for this, now that the season for children's parties has once more rolled round.

It seems to me, that the most fitting days in the week for these happy little people to hold their reunions are Friday and Saturday, so that their minds would be unhampered on school days with the excitement that naturally accompanies the very thought of entertaining their companions in their own homes. Then I also think that sensible hours for these parties would be from 5 or 6 o'clock until 8, or 8:30, at the latest. Would it surprise many of our parents to know that in many cases these tots begin their evening's amusement at 8, and even 9 o'clock, reaching home often at midnight? The writer knows of a case where a boy of 12 was out at parties three nights in one week, and on one of these occasions when he had not got home at midnight, his mother telephoned to his hostess to see what was delaying her little son, to be informed that he had left a short time before, but had to see two girls home, who lived in different directions. Fancy children of that age being on the streets at midnight, when they should be asleep, storing up health and strength for the battle of life! A teacher in one of our schools tells me that some of her pupils seem to be drowsy and listless half the time owing to the late hours they keep, in "filling their social engagements." One little boy (not in Grade V.) told her he often had to climb the verandah post, and get in the upstairs window at 2 in the morning!

In one part of the city the "surprise party" is the fad, fifteen or twenty children inviting themselves to a home, where otherwise they would not be welcome, and sometimes behaving very badly. One such guest distinguished himself last week by throwing banana skins around by handsomely furnished drawing-room, fashioning chairs and carpet. Small wonder, then, that such boys are unruly in school, when their home training is so deficient.

I should greatly like to hear from some of our mothers' clubs in regard to this matter, which seems to be quite in their province. Do the mothers think that, at least while the children are still in the public school, a tea-party, followed by good, old-fashioned games, so that the children may be home, at any rate by 8 o'clock, would be much more healthful than the present way, of small children assembling at 8, and playing cards for prizes?

STELLA MACKLIN,
London, Dec. 12.

CONGREGATIONS WERE ROYALLY ENTERTAINED

Very Pleasant Affair in Church of St. John the Evangelist.

The Guild of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, principally by the rector, Rev. W. T. Hill, and Mrs. Hill, entertained all the congregation, including the choir and the students of Huron College. The guests were received by the rector and Mrs. Hill, Rev. Prof. Jenkins (assistant minister), and Mrs. Jenkins, Miss Ingham and Mrs. W. T. Williams, president and vice-president of the guild, and the spacious Sunday school room was well filled with happy throngs. Refreshments were served, and an excellent musical programme was given, in which the following took part: Mesdames Jerdon, Beck, Dochstetter, Misses Ethel Wilson and Joyce Hill, Messrs. Jarvis and Williams, and Master Harrison. Mesdames Drake and Mohr were the accompanists.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM, LIMITED

Do All That Is Possible This Week



Five Dollars to Seven Fifty Less for Nine Ladies' Taffeta Silk Dresses

A chance for nine early buyers Tuesday morning in Ready-to-Wear Afternoon Dresses. A pre-Christmas clearing of a few odd lines, all this season's, and the very newest one-piece styles, in black, colors and shepherd-check taffeta, soft chiffon make, insuring satisfactory wear. The savings on these dresses are nice little Christmas gifts in themselves to the lady who has a need for a new dress before Christmas or to the buyer who has one on the list for a gift. Five to seven fifty will help some with your Christmas shopping.

Five only Ladies' One-Piece Dresses of taffeta silk, made in tan, navy, gray, cerise and shepherd plaid, yoke and cuffs of valenciennes lace, finished with fancy gold braid; shepherd plaid, navy and cerise trimmed with black satin; \$25.00 dress for **\$17.50**

One only One-Piece Dress of shepherd plaid taffeta silk, yoke collar, sleeves and girdle finished with pipings of black silk; \$18.00 dress for **\$12.50**

Three only Dresses of taffeta silk, gray, cardinal and black, yoke of fine pin tucks, Gibson pleat over shoulder, trimmings of silk braid and buttons; \$16.50 dress for **\$11.50**

Three-Seventy-Five to Ten Dollars Less for Ten Evening Coats (Now on Sale).

What a handsome gift one of these pretty coats would be. Some are lined with silk, some mercerized lining and interlined, prettily embroidered and in beautiful colored broadcloth. Be sure and have a look at these—\$13.50 to \$29.00, Evening Coats at **\$9.75, \$15.00 and \$19.00.**

Ten only Evening Coats of broadcloth, made in fawn, cardinal, navy, cadet, reseda, lined with mercurized and interlined, \$13.50 to \$16.00, for **\$9.75**

Three only Evening Coats of broadcloth, made in rose, fawn and reseda, collar, cuffs and fronts of coats embroidered in silk, lined with white silk, \$29.00, for **\$19.00**

Five only Evening Coats of broadcloth, made in rose, gray, blue and brown, lined and interlined, embroidered and braid trimmed, \$22.50, for **\$15.00**

Second Floor.

Christmas Gloves in Christmas Boxes

An individual box for every pair of Kid Gloves, with season's greeting card to inclose. If you wish the recipient to make her own selection you may do so—purchase a "Glove Coupon" for any price glove you wish to give, place it in an envelope with your card and the season's greetings. An easy way, and a capital idea; no guessing about the size or choosing of color. The recipient will find in our stock just the color and size wanted.

Elbow-Length Kid Gloves, so fashionable with the short sleeve, in 12, 16 and 20 button lengths; colors white, black, tan, champagne, pale blue, pink, heliotrope. From, per pair **\$2 to \$3.75**

Two-Clasp French Kid Gloves, in all the best maker—Perrin's, tan, brown, mode, white, black, navy, myrtle, champagne, gray, etc. Per pair, **\$1.50**

Two Pearl-Clasp French Kid Gloves, extra fine quality, two-tone, embroidered backs, in tans, mode, new green and black; a very superior glove. Per pair, **\$1.75**

A Two-Clasp Fine French Kid Glove (Perrin's), colors black, white, tan, gray, champagne, mode, brown, self and two-tone. Per pair, **\$1.25**

English Walking Glove, 00000 stitching, one and two clasp. Prices, per pair **\$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.25 and \$1.00**

English Tans, a very fine glove. Per pair, **\$1.35**

Misses' and Children's French Kid Gloves, done up in pretty fancy boxes; card inclosed. colors tans, grays and black.

A very durable wearing quality, Pique Sewn Kid Gloves, two-clasp, in oak tans, all sizes. Per pair, **\$1.00**

A fine French Kid Glove, two-clasp, in tans, browns, over seam. Per pair, **\$1.00**

A fine Kid Glove, two-clasp, over seam, tans and browns. Per pair, **75c**

A Px in Cape Glove, one-clasp, English tans, pique sewn. Per pair, **75c**

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ENGLAND BUILDS JAPAN'S WARSHIPS

Expert Says Mikado Builds the War Craft in England For Expediency.

London, Dec. 12.—When Japan recently gave orders for a new Dreadnought to be built in England, the proponents of the Anglo-Japanese alliance were loud in referring to this act as having been inspired solely by a desire of Great Britain's far eastern ally to prove her friendship. It was not tainted with the flavor of business bargaining, so they argued, but simply intended gracefully to draw more tightly the "ties of alliance." All this sentiment has been rudely shattered by

Fred T. Jane, naval expert, and student of international fighting ships.

Says **Excuse Is Weak.**

"The report that Japan, while leaving five of her own ships empty, has ordered a Dreadnought to be built in England to show her admiration of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, is somewhat weak in the matter of the assigned cause," Mr. Jane asserts in a special article in the Evening Standard. "The actual facts appear to be that, although Japanese yards are now perfectly capable of turning out moderate sized vessels and very good destroyers, the building of monstrous battleships is rather beyond the capacity of their existing plants. This probably explains the tremendous delays in recent Japanese construction. It is far cheaper and more expeditious to have a ship built outright in England than to import large quantities of material to be put together in Japan. It seems likely enough, therefore, that for some little while to come we shall be building Japanese vessels as in the olden days before the war."

Thinks Japan Unfortunate.

"Japan has been somewhat unfortunate in the past in her experience of foreign-built ships. When the war with China broke out the Fuji and Yashima were building in England and unavailable, while the delivery of the Tatsuta was stopped at Aden, the late war the Nisshin and the Kasuga were only cleared from Italy in the nick of time, while the Kashima and the Katori were laid up in this country. As events turned out, both wars were over before the battleships were completed, but had either war gone on longer or events turned out differently the matter might have had a far more serious aspect for our allies."

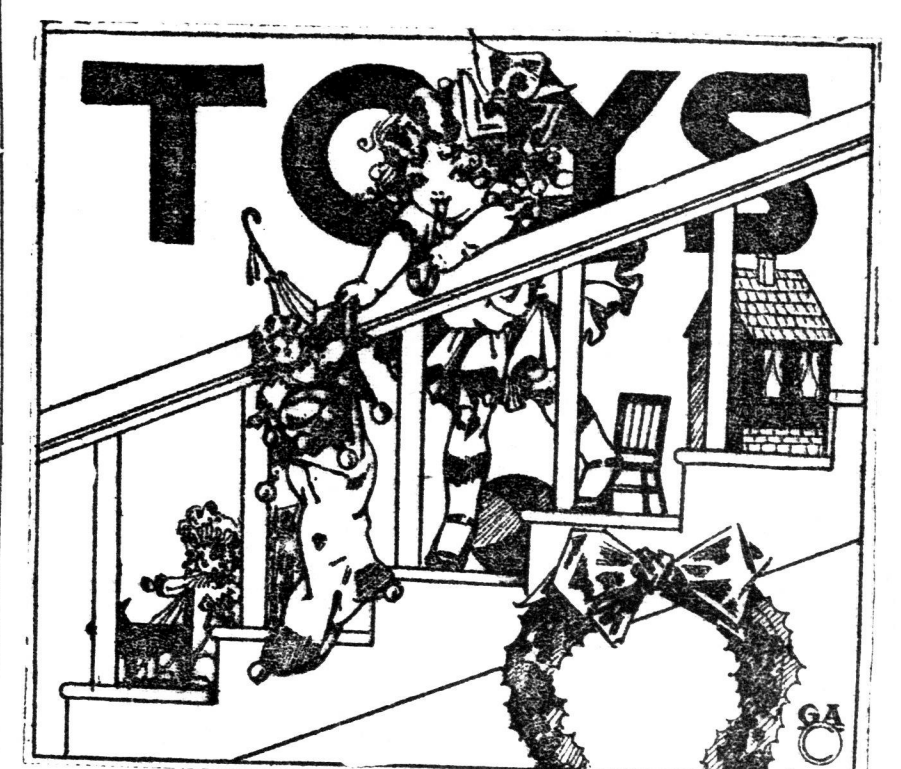
"The consideration of these facts would appear to be the main reason for the decision of Japan at the time of the war with Russia to build all her own ships in future. This seems now to have been modified by the consideration that there is much more risk in

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First---The Gifts for Friends Far Away

These must be looked after now to insure safe and sure delivery before Christmas, as you must allow a few extra days for delivery at this season, then commence with the friends nearer home. How delightful if you could finish all this week. How much better your gifts would be and how much further your money will go if the time and care is taken in your selection.

"An hour in the morning is worth two in the afternoon," said a happy woman the other day. "My, it's a wonder everybody hasn't thought of it before," to shop in the early morning, when the value of your dollar is multiplied by using more judgment in the spending of it. Morning and afternoon lunches served in the restaurant. Course dinners from 11:30 to 2. Fourth Floor.



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Dolls Houses, \$2.75 to \$6.00

The building, designing and decorating of these homes are in the latest ideas and display the effect of new and modern architecture. Every doll family should have a home and a house of their own to live in. At these prices it's cheaper than paying rent.

For sale—well-built house, frame, new, 2 rooms, for young married couple or small family, open in front, modern. Price **\$2.75**

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TONIGHT
Chas. Frohman presents
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In J. M. Barrie's Best Play
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SEATS LEFT—Boxes \$2.50; Gallery, limited number at 50c. All selling now.

TOMORROW NIGHT
A. E. Caldwell presents
Franklin Woodruff, in
Call of the Wild
Dramatized from Frederick Remington's novel.
"John Ermine, of The Yellowstone."
Prices—25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00.
SEATS SELLING.

THURSDAY, DEC. 15
Sensation of the Season.
First Time at Popular Prices
The Thief
Direct from Two Years at the Lyceum Theatre, New York.
ORIGINALLY PRODUCED BY
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FRIDAY NIGHT, DEC. 16
Gertrude Elliott
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And Her Entire English Company,
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In Mrs. Frank Hamilton's new play
The Dawn of a Tomorrow
One year in New York, another in London.
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SEATS TOMORROW.

SATURDAY, DEC. 17 MAT & GT.
VICTOR MOORE
In His Merriest Musical Success Hit of the Year. All-Star Cast.
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Soprano (the Peerless),
Assisted by Frank La Forge, Concert Pianist.
Grand Opera House
Wednesday Evening, Dec. 14.

Plan at WILLIAMS PIANO WARE-ROOMS until Dec. 12. At the Grand Opera House, TUESDAY, DEC. 13. TICKETS, \$3, \$2.50, \$2, \$1.50, \$1. Rush gallery seats, 50c. Out-of-town orders for seats must be accompanied by postal note or money-order with stamped envelope for return. Address to Williams Piano Company, Limited, London.

PRINCESS ICE PALACE—OPENING
Tuesday evening, Dec. 13. By permission of Lieut.-Col. Campbell and officers, Seventh Regiment Band. Admission, 5c; children, 2c. Seating 2000 (not good for hockey matches or Wednesday nights). 5c. Doors open 7:30. Boxes to rent.

CANTATA, "ST. CECILIA'S DAY," BY Adelaide Street Baptist choir, announced to 45 voices, tomorrow night. You are invited to be present.

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Births, Marriages and Deaths.

BIRTHS.
DOHERTY—At Victoria Hospital, on Dec. 8, 1910, to Mr. and Mrs. John T. Doherty, 346 Mainland, a daughter, 107 Queen's street.
TRAFFORD—On Sunday, Dec. 4, 1910, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Trafford, a daughter.

DEATHS.
COONEY—In this city on Dec. 10, 1910: Hanna A., relict of the late Patrick Cooney.
Funeral from her daughter's residence, Mrs. J. McCann, 137 Queen's Avenue, on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 3:30 a.m., to St. Peter's Cathedral. Requiem high mass at 9 a.m. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation. 59a

HASKINS—In this city, on Dec. 10, 1910, the 30th day, the late Mrs. Annie Haskins, and eldest son of James and Elsie Haskins, aged 35 years.
Funeral from his father's residence, 24 Grey street, on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 2:30 p.m.; service at 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation. Interment at Woodland Cemetery.

JORDON—On Sunday, Dec. 11, 1910, at the family residence, 45 Central Avenue, Louise, beloved wife of Richard Jordan, aged 61 years.
Funeral from the above address on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 10:45 a.m., to the C. P. R. depot, for 11:35 a.m. train for Chatham; service at 10 o'clock. Funeral on arrival of train from London. Chatham papers please copy. 60a

KENNY—At the family residence, Charlton, Ont., on Nov. 19, 1910, Frederick H. Kenny, beloved husband of Margaret Kenny, in his 84th year.

MEETINGS.
LONDON SKATING CLUB WILL MEET on Wednesday evening, Dec. 14, at the Princess Rink. Membership badges must be presented at door. J. S. Hunterford, secretary. 60a

REGULAR MEETING OF FIDELITY
Lodge No. 4, A. O. U. W., will be held in the Albion block, Tuesday evening, Dec. 13, at 8 o'clock. Election of officers. Friends of the lodge are invited. E. A. Gibson, recorder. 60a

REGULAR COMMUNICATION OF
Union Lodge No. 389, A. F. and A. M., this (Monday) evening, at 7:30 o'clock, at the Masonic Temple, 125 Queen's street. J. H. Moran, W. M.; J. Ward, secretary. 60a

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Shelter—Housemaid; one willing to look after children. Apply Mrs. Regan, 254 Centre street. 60c

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Apply with references to Box 36, 1000-1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1024, 1025, 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030, 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036, 1037, 1038, 1039, 1040, 1041, 1042, 1043, 1044, 1045, 1046, 1047, 1048, 1049, 1050, 1051, 1052, 1053, 1054, 1055, 1056, 1057, 1058, 1059, 1060, 1061, 1062, 1063, 1064, 1065, 1066, 1067, 1068, 1069, 1070, 1071, 1072, 1073, 1074, 1075, 1076, 1077, 1078, 1079, 1080, 1081, 1082, 1083, 1084, 1085, 1086, 1087, 1088, 1089, 1090, 1091, 1092, 1093, 1094, 1095, 1096, 1097, 1098, 1099, 1100, 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104, 1105, 1106, 1107, 1108, 1109, 1110, 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1117, 1118, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1123, 1124, 1125, 1126, 1127, 1128, 1129, 1130, 1131, 1132, 1133, 1134, 1135, 1136, 1137, 1138, 1139, 1140, 1141, 1142, 1143, 1144, 1145, 1146, 1147, 1148, 1149, 1150, 1151, 1152, 1153, 1154, 1155, 1156, 1157, 1158, 1159, 1160, 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ROMANCE IN A BLUE BOOK.

Many people think of government blue-books as the bottomless pit of barren boredom, as the Sahara of printed literature. But there are oases in the worst of them, and so many in a book like the annual report of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police that the reader roams through a sequence of romantic and adventurous excitements, amidst an abundance of information.

This year's report, just published, is not an exception to the rule. There is up-to-date, unbiased information about mining, trapping and fur-trading, about crops, frosts and fires. The various officers and men, tell, however, principally of their experience in patrolling and ordering the vast western land, from the Montana border to Herschel Island. Here follows an extract from the report of Superintendent Deane, Calgary:

"The case of attempted murder is that against 'Sun-Calf,' a Blackfoot Indian, who, in a drunken fit, attacked his brother, 'Old Bull,' on the reserve in July, 1909, and nearly killed him.

"Sun-Calf had a month or so prior to this, stolen a horse from another Indian named 'Running Antelope,' and sold it. This incident came to light during 'Sun-Calf's' incarceration here on the assault charge. He was sent to Strathmore for his preliminary hearing, and on Sept. 13, 1909, was duly committed for trial on the charge of horse stealing.

"That night was exceptionally dark, and the constable would have done well if he had kept his prisoner there another day or two.

"He started with him, however, from his detachment building for the railway station soon after 1 o'clock, the prisoner being handcuffed and wearing his prison clothes. While on the road 'Sun-Calf' gave a sudden lurch, shook off the constable's hold, and, in his moccasined feet, disappeared in the darkness.

"In spite of the prolonged efforts to trace and recapture him, he made his way in course of time to the South Pass reserve in Montana. He became involved in some controversy which caused his presence and identity to be revealed, and from thence, through the good offices of Superintendent Wilson at Lethbridge, he was enabled to re-visit his native country and answer the three charges which are now pending against him."

Note the naive sarcasm in the phrase, "he was enabled to revisit his native country." Crime is far from prevalent under the watchful care of the Northwest Mounted Police, who are perhaps the finest body of the kind in the world. They look after the details as well as matters crude and crass. Constable Simons, whose beat is in Yukon Territory, writes as follows:

"On the 18th I left for Hiatt Creek, reaching Mr. Middleton's workings at noon. I spoke to him about shooting moose out of season, and a summary of his statement to me is as follows:

"He has two men hunting for him, paying them wages for doing so, assuring them of protection in case of trouble. As he employs some 20 or 25 men, all of whom are prospectors in this district, he thus gives them a grub-stake. He has tried buying Indian meat, but it is dirty and will not keep, and his men refuse to eat it. He has given his men strict instructions to shoot bulls only, and from what he says his instructions are being carried out. He further states that if he is not allowed to hunt these men hunt to supply fresh meat he will have to close down his workings. He appears to be making good, although his expenses are very high. He pays \$5 per day and board to the miners, and the board costs him in the neighborhood of \$2 per day owing to high freight charges."

Inspector Jennings is another interesting diarist, covering the district between Fort MacPherson and Herschel Island. He is friendly to the Eskimo, and praises them as "a very healthy race." He writes:

"March 26, 1910.—Left camp at 7:45 a.m. Colder, about 45 degrees below. Natives were out during the night, and at 3 a.m. made fire in camp stove. Going heavy owing to light crust on deep snow. At 9:15 we made glare ice and began descending a long approach to the canyon, the entrance to which is called by the natives the 'Blow Hole.' We all rode, and in places could just keep the sleds off the dogs, the grade being 5 to 7 per cent. The mountain peaks are from 2,000 to 3,000 feet high. At 2 p.m. we entered the canyon, the river narrowing to 100 feet, and the sides ragged rock. No growth of any kind on them. This place would be extremely bad in which to be caught by a wind or snow storm. At 4:30 p.m. we came to a small bluff on which was a little dry wood and green wood, and here camped. Dogs tired, as the ice was very hard on them. Have now only one-half feed for dogs left. Mileage, 28.

"March 27, 1910.—Left at 7:45 a.m. wind S.W., which was in our backs. Still very cold. From here on the canyon in some places only 50 feet, but very deep. It was fortunate we camped where we did last night, for we did not see any more

wood of any kind for 25 miles, or until we arrived within 5 miles of the coast. We could not stop for lunch. Going hard, in some places glare ice and in others very deep snow. The canyon was very winding with a general direction N.E. At 3 p.m. we came to end of canyon, about 6 miles from coast, where river widens to 125 yards, and is shallow. Here we found an Eskimo family living, hunting sheep and deer, for the ship at Herschel. They had got 23 sheep and 5 deer so far. They gave us a warm welcome as to their custom, cooked some meat and tea for us and gave me some meat for the dogs. Put up our tent here on the river and camped. Mileage 25."

Such are the true pictures of the wild north. In these annual reports there is an endless store of raw materials for novels and epics. Out of such human stuff, these records of real heroism and duty, should be fashioned not only a great social organ, but a literature worthy to reflect the new Canadian life.

WHY A NEW CITY HALL?

The ratepayers are asked to vote \$75,000 toward the cost of a new city hall. The balance of the money needed would be raised by the sale of the present city hall and the police station. It is said the former will bring \$100,000 and the latter \$18,000. This would leave \$193,000 available for a new building and site.

This is a time for economy. The city is not in a position to spend money on luxuries. The financial consequences of the Niagara power undertaking have not yet asserted themselves. The problem has been complicated by the keen competition of the London Electric Company, and no one at present can see the end of it. A large sum will have to be voted for storm sewers in the near future, and a system of garbage removal is a crying need. For a period at least the ratepayers should limit their expenditures to absolute necessities.

If the county authorities were ready to co-operate in the erection of joint municipal buildings, which would be a credit to London and Middlesex, the city would be wise to seize the opportunity. A building worthy of this city cannot be erected for the sum proposed. Better wait until the county is willing to join, or until the ratepayers' burden is lighter.

The present city hall is by no means a blemish architecturally. There is real dignity in its massive stone front. There is a lack of room, but this may be easily remedied by converting the auditorium into offices, retaining the council chamber. Why should the city provide a public meeting hall which is used for public purposes only two or three times a year? The municipal meeting hall is a relic of village days when it was the only hall in the place. Toronto has no auditorium in its stately new municipal buildings. The auditorium is not a feature of the up-to-date city hall. It is a waste of space and money in communities which, like London, have half a dozen large halls which can be rented for public purposes. The city hall auditorium can be converted into commodious offices, and the present building will serve until the city, either single-handed or in company with the county authorities, is in a better position than at present to erect a building in keeping with the metropolis of Western Ontario. In the meantime the value of the present property will increase, not decrease.

The man or woman who has to wait for the pay envelope on Saturday, Dec. 24 to buy Christmas presents, is the only person who can be excused for eleven-hour Christmas shopping.

Only one of the 34 men killed in the mining disaster in Alberta Sunday bore an English name, Canadians, Brits and Americans are leaving the hardest and roughest work to foreigners.

On Saturday the Liberals won 9 seats, the Nationalists 1, the Laborites 1, and the Unionists 2. Every day will see the coalition majority mount, as Scotland and Wales are now being polled, and the Liberals have nothing to lose in rural England.

The British Liberals on Saturday recovered another county constituency—the Cricklade division of Wiltshire—which they lost in January. The Conservative wave has receded slightly in the south of England, and the Liberal wave has receded slightly in the north of England. This is the explanation of the elections in a nutshell.

The Massey-Harris Company have purchased a harvestor works in the United States. They will give United States competitors a taste of the competition which the latter have given by invading their home territory. Is it possible that the Massey-Harris people have made this move to forestall the reduction or abolition of the duties on implements? In either event they will have two strings to their bow.

Sir Joseph Ward, the prime minister of New Zealand, has laid before parliament the motions he proposes to bring before the imperial conference. These include the setting up of an imperial council, the reconstitution of the colonial office, extension of the powers of high commissioners, universal penny postage, development of telegraphic communication within the empire, an "All Red" mail route between England and Australia by way of Canada, an imperial court of appeal, and wider legislative powers for the overseas dominions with regard to shipping. There will be plenty of work for the imperial conference without touching the thorny topic of tariffs.

IF I WERE SANTA CLAUS.

[S. E. Kiser.]
 I wish that I were Santa Claus,
 And might leave blessings everywhere;
 At yonder little hut I'd pause,
 And laughter soon should echo there:
 The crimped boy should cease to sigh,
 And be as strong as you and I,
 And find out that the world is fair.

To him who sits and counts his gains
 And never thinks of those in need,
 I'd teach that brotherhood remains
 A greater thing than gold or greed;
 I'd make him wish to help along
 And put within his heart a song,
 So that he should be glad indeed.

I'd make the load a lighter load
 That poor old patient Dobbin draws;
 The actor stranded on the road
 Should still be gladdened by applause:
 The sad old maid should have a beau,
 On every bald head hair should grow—
 I wish that I were Santa Claus.

A COERCION.

[Victoria (B. C.) Times.]
 It looks now as if it might be necessary for Great Britain to pass a coercion act for the purpose of compelling the Ulstermen to obey the laws of the country.

THE McBRIDE GOVERNMENT.
 [New Westminster British Columbian.]
 Yale has decided that the McBride Government is all right. Yale's view is shared by all of British Columbia who appreciate good government and know a good thing when they have it.

RESOURCES OF THE LANGUAGE.

[Owen Sound Herald.]
 When we saw a report from Digby, N. S., in the Toronto News of 21st inst., stating that a man had his skull crushed "in a lonely spot," we decided that the man was not only seriously injured, but also half-headed, but when next day's Toronto Globe stated that a figurative news that a Polack was shot "in the foreign quarter," and also in his Port William dispatches that a Dago was stabbed "in the coal dock," our ideas of anatomy became hazy, and we began to wonder if it could possibly be the grammar that was out. Will someone "put us wise?"

PARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE.

[Glasgow Herald.]
 Mr. Harcourt's pleasantness about the Opposition pastime of "bulging my leader" recalls the most zoological exchange of amenities in Parliamentary history. It was in 1884, after the Aston riots, and the fighting men of the Opposition were in full cry after Mr. Chamberlain, that the Speaker ruled that as a figurative expression "Jackal" was permissible, and rebuked Sir Henry Drummond Wolff as Lord Randolph Churchill's "Jackal." There was trouble about it, but the Speaker ruled that as a figurative expression "Jackal" was permissible, and rebuked Sir Henry for saying that Mr. Chamberlain might as well call them all "hynas"; and finally Lord Randolph, taking advantage of the Speaker's ruling, announced his intention to move an amendment which would "draw the bag."

GIVING HERSELF AWAY.

[Cleveland Leader.]
 "What makes you think she is uneducated?"
 "She thinks Ibsen's plays are stupid."
 "Well, that is a little thick."
 "Yes; but she says so."

A CHANCE FOR POETS.

[Hamilton Herald.]
 End 'em, mend 'em, mend 'em, mend 'em, end 'em, mend 'em, mend 'em, end 'em, mend 'em, defend 'em—all rhyme more or less with referendum, and so the British campaign poets ought to be in clover.

THE ONLY WAY.

[Toronto Star.]
 The fact is that the unity of the empire can be maintained and strengthened only upon democratic lines. The colonies are British because they are self-governing. Great Britain is becoming more democratic every day. The men and women who are leaving Great Britain to settle in and develop Canada belong to the non-privileged classes. As Mr. Hawkes says: "The man who is building up the St. Lawrence with a yoke of cattle and a load of wheat, getting off his wagon and walking to keep himself warm; wondering if the frozen ground may break his wagon axle; and those of the St. Lawrence who are figuring how much toll we can take of that load of wheat before it gets to Liverpool." The basis of any rational plan of imperial union must be a union of the people.

HAVE YOU BOUGHT 'EM YET?

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
 The days are passing swiftly—just as swiftly as they ever did.
 Have you bought 'em yet?
 The early birds are taking all the choicest worms away.
 Have you bought 'em yet?
 There's no time like the present if you've duties to be done.
 The one who keeps delaying never is the happy one.
 The task becomes more awful with each rising of the sun.
 Have you bought 'em yet?
 The strife becomes more frantic as the birds grow scarce and go.
 Have you bought 'em yet?
 The race, you should remember, is but seldom to the slow.
 Have you bought 'em yet?
 The one who waits until the others shall have kindly cleared the way.
 Might as well sit back expecting green or black to turn to grey.
 The people who accomplish are the ones who startle the crowd.
 Have you bought 'em yet?

ANOTHER GREAT CYCLONE DEVASTATES SOUTH SPAIN

Many People Killed and Great Damage Done to Property.

Madrid, Dec. 11.—Spain has been visited by a second cyclone, even more severe than that which swept over the western portion of the country a few days ago.

Many people have been killed or injured, and the low-lying districts are flooded everywhere. The lower part of Seville is submerged and it is feared that the entire city will be under water shortly. A railroad bridge at Alcala has been destroyed and numerous villages in that direction are in a critical condition.

Railroads have been washed away at Grenada, Aragon, Castile, Castile, Villosa, and Malaga. Trains were derailed today at Palencia and several bodies have been observed floating down the river at Valladolid. Telegraphic communication with the provinces is entirely suspended.

Reports have reached here of shipwrecks along the coast.

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ALASKAN SHIP POUNDING TO BITS

Crew and Passengers Unable to Leave Wreck of the Olympia.

A HUNDRED IN PERIL

Seas Too Heavy to Permit of Rescuing Craft Reaching Liner.

[Associated Press.]
 Seattle, Wash., Dec. 12.—News is anxiously awaited concerning the fate of the 106 persons on the steamship Olympia, which went on the rocks at the southern end of Bligh Island, Prince William Sound, Alaska, during a furious storm yesterday morning. Steamers and launches are hurrying to the aid of the vessel from Seaward, Valdez, and Katala, and if the gale permits the passengers should reach Valdez today.

Latest dispatches from Cordova and Valdez say that no word has been received from the wireless operator on the Olympia that would indicate that any of the rescuing craft had arrived. The only means of communication between Seattle and Cordova and Valdez is by military cable, operated by the United States army signal corps.

In Bad Fix.
 When the cable office closed for the night the last word received by the operator at the naval wireless station at Cordova was that the passengers and crew were still aboard the Olympia, which was being pounded and tossed about on the sharp rocks by the heavy sea. On account of the fury of the storm, the passengers will not attempt to take to the small boats unless they see that the steamer can hold together no longer.

For several of the fifty-two passengers of the Olympia this is the second ship wreck experienced within ten days. They first sailed from Seattle Dec. 1, on the steamship Pacific Steamship Company, and were few hours out of port when she went on the rocks in False Bay, San Juan Island. Her passengers were brought back to Seattle and sailed again on the Olympia.

ORCHARD PLAGUE SWEEPING ONTARIO

The San Jose Scale Spreading Rapidly Throughout Province.

BAD IN ESSEX AND KENT

In the Niagara District Scarcely an Orchard That Has Not Been Attacked.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—Western Ontario orchards are menaced by an enemy whose inroads have caused R. H. Lewis, of Hamilton, provincial inspector of San Jose scale, to sound a note of alarm. He declares in his report to the Minister of Agriculture that there is not an orchard in the Niagara district that is free from it. The scale is doing the most damage just now in the counties of Essex and Kent.

"The San Jose scale has spread very rapidly during the past season," states Mr. Lewis in his report, "owing to the favorable conditions and dry weather. In Southern Ontario, where the scale is doing its greatest damage, spraying is being carried on more extensively, especially in the vicinity of Leamington, and it would seem that more and continued instruction in the preparation and application of lime and sulphur would not only be beneficial, but very much appreciated by the growers."

Protect Nurseries.
 Mr. Lewis suggests that nurseries should be protected as much as possible from any source of dangerous infection. Two of these he considers to be neglected fence lines and infested orchards.

San Jose scale made its first appearance near Chatham in 1897, and shortly after it was found in orchards near Niagara-on-the-Lake and St. Catharines. In 1900 it was reported

The Olympia, built in Glasgow, in 1883, was operated between the United Kingdom and China for several years. Later she was transferred to the North Pacific Steamship Company, and plied between Seattle and the Orient. In 1904 she was sold to the Northwestern Steamship Company, which later was absorbed by the Alaska Steamship Company, a Morgan Juggenheim corporation, her present owner. When the Olympia was under British registry, she was known as the Dunbar Castle.

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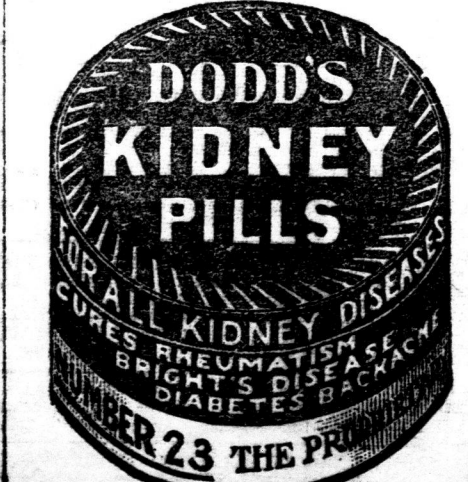
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SCIENCE TEACHER EXPLAINS CULT

Eloquent Bostonian States the
Case For Christian Science.

MRS. EDDY'S INFLUENCE

Speaker Says Sect Has Brought Much
Happiness Into the World.

The Majestic Theatre was well filled last night when Mr. William D. McCracken, M. A., C. S. B., of Boston, delivered a lecture on "Christian Science." He is an eloquent speaker, and for over an hour he held the rapt attention of his hearers. His explanation was clear and logical, and on the whole quite convincing. His address was as follows:

Religion of Progress.
This is an age of practical achievement, and Christian Science is in the vanguard of the demands made for progress. It lives and grows in favor with the needy of the earth by reason of its fruits. Christian Science makes no claim which it cannot substantiate and so, in this day of advance in every department of human activity, it is demonstrating its right to be known as the religion of progress.

Not that God, who constitutes the basis, foundation, and principle of all true religion, ever changes or progresses; not that the teachings of Jesus the Christ, the founder of Christianity, need to be revised or the Bible rewritten. We read in the Scriptures that with God there is neither variableness nor shadow of turning; we also believe that the precepts and warnings of Jesus can never become antiquated, and that the Bible of our fathers, the great treasure-house of Christendom, when spiritually interpreted by Christian Science suffices for our daily needs. The thread of gold which gleams throughout the fabric of the Bible will shine forth forever to be apprehended by the receptive thought everywhere.

Christian Science calls upon mankind for a frank and fearless revision of its own beliefs about the unchanging God, His man and His universe. This age, which is not afraid to fly in the face of the sun on filmy wings, is asked to display the necessary courage to pass in review the things which pertain to its own salvation from false gods. Why should not right and true views concerning God and His universe be capable of more precise statement? Why should it be thought a thing unreasonable with any one that God can become better understood by the average man than has been the case in the past? Why should not the understanding of how to grow in grace, how to deepen and broaden one's spiritual concepts, progress according to law, and why should not this knowledge concerning the fountainhead of all knowledge, the giver of all good gifts, the absolute eternal principle of all life, in whom we live, and move, and have our being—why should not this knowledge constitute demonstrable science?

Christian Scientists believe that it does; that Jesus pointed out the only true, final and real knowledge when he said, "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

The Real Man.
If God is spirit, then the real man of his creation, who is made in his image and likeness, and, therefore, partakes of his nature, must be spiritual, i. e., must express and manifest spirit. The real man's life must be spiritual. Furthermore, as the images and likeness of God, the real man must be complete, happy, wholesome and healthy. He cannot deny his parent-

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Mrs. James Barton, of Toronto, Canada, writes: "For eighteen months I suffered from what I supposed was bladder and kidney trouble, and took medicine from three different doctors, without any sign of cure. I felt so ill at last I was hardly able to do my work."

"I thought I would try a box of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and see if they would make me feel better, never really thinking I had dyspepsia, but after only three or four tablets had been taken all the acid trouble disappeared, and then I discovered I had had acid dyspepsia, while the doctors had been treating me for kidney and bladder trouble, and one of them treated me for rheumatism and another for indigestion."

"My digestion is fine, my complexion clear and I am able to do my work, and low spirits are gone."

"I am thankful for finding a cure so good and so pleasant to take as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, because they contain only the simple natural digestives, and taken after meals prevent acidity and cause prompt digestion and assimilation of food."

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age nor bring discredit upon his ancestry. He must be eternal and indestructible now, the ideal man, the son of God.

But this conclusion, derived from the word of God, is found to be at variance with the testimony of material science. It does not agree with the experience of mortal man from the cradle to the grave, for the experience of mortal man is one of sin, sickness, and death, and of unending joy and eternal life. Here is a discrepancy, and Christian Science provides the necessary explanation by showing that mortal, material man, the sport of circumstance, the prey of discord and the victim of death, is not the real man of God's creation, declared in the Bible to be the image and likeness of God.

Christian Science teaches that mortal man is a false version of the true man, a counterfeit attempting to resemble the true, but, nevertheless, easily detected because of his likeness to God, who is spirit. God is not the author of mortal, material man, nor of mortal man's failures, limitations, and losses, of his final breakdown and his death sentence. God is not responsible for evil in any of its forms. He did not create it, since it could never lodge in his thought for an instant, else he were not wholly good and the principle governing the universe were not wholly reliable.

Evil has no origin in spirit, no entity nor reality of God's making, and no eternity, but is always a false concept, assailing the mind of mortal man until such time as the law of God is laid bare and its futile, transitory pretenses cease to frighten. Evil has no standing before God. Those who dwell "in the secret place of the most high" need not fear for its power, empty, asserting their divine rights, may rise in the words of the apostle Paul, "in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

Thus it is that the two statements of the Bible, namely, that God is Love, and God is Spirit, and their reconciliation in Science, the divine principle which have ever assailed suffering humanity concerning the goodness of God are dissipated. Though physical sense, left to its own devices, rises in opposition to the most high and tries to give the impression that God is cruel and willingly afflicts his defenseless children, Christian Science, elucidating the Scriptures, proves that evil is not of God's creation or permission. Good and good only proceeds from the giver of every good gift, and all assertions to the contrary are due to ignorance or blindness of heart. John's statement that God is Love lives on forever side by side with Jesus' profound explanation that God is Spirit.

Mrs. Eddy, in her work "Rudimental Divine Science," defines "Christian Science" as the law of God, the law of good, interpreting and demonstrating the divine principle and rule of universal harmony" (p. 1). As the student learns more about the nature of God through spiritual sense, the beneficent law of God grows in clearness and he is able to reject the discordant testimony of material sense. Then comes the demonstration or proof of harmony as normal and natural. He who follows the leadings of Christian Science not only learns the letter of its teachings, but also proves their correctness by saving the sinner, comforting the sorrowing, and healing the sick. Christian Science thus becomes a daily help for daily needs, the comforter which leadeth into all truth, ever available at all times and under all circumstances.

The Discoverer.

It will hardly be necessary here to insist upon the fact that religion should save the sinner. Whatever may be the doctrines which divide the various branches of Christendom, all are agreed at least upon this point, that it is the natural work of religion, the business of Christianity, to save the sinner. But there is no such agreement regarding the sick. Jesus healed the sick, his disciples and apostles healed the sick, the early Christians for some three hundred years after the crucifixion healed the sick, by spiritual means; but during the intervening centuries the world has more and more relegated the healing of the sick to a special profession, using material means.

Since Mrs. Eddy's discovery of Christian Science, the healing of Jesus' time has been reinstated, in accordance with the Scriptures, and is now widely distributed among the civilized nations of the earth. This book is proving itself to be a potent factor in the elevation of the human race, and is literally making history by removing the lives and careers of multitudes. Mrs. Eddy has been the active leader of the Christian Science movement from its inception, and her work continues to this day, growing and developing along the lines of the greatest usefulness to mankind. The reward of the good and faithful servant is here, and this is source of gratification to every fair-minded person.

NEW COMPANIES

Long List of Charters Granted to Ontario Firms.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—The Ontario Gazette announces the incorporation of the following companies:

Joseph Simpson Sons, Limited, Toronto, \$1,000,000.

Beaver Oils and Polishes, Ltd., Toronto, capital \$40,000.

Dominion Gasoline Engine Company, Limited, Toronto, capital \$175,000.

Davis & Dunn Company, Limited, Kelso Mines, capital \$40,000.

Ontario Townships and Mining Rights, Limited, Toronto, capital \$40,000.

Metropolitan Importing and Manufacturing Company, Limited, Toronto, capital \$40,000.

Watson Firearm Rights, Limited, Niagara Falls, capital \$40,000.

Jack Fish Mines, Limited, Toronto, capital \$500,000.

W. E. Blake & Sons, Limited, Toronto, capital \$75,000.

The Lucky Volunteer Gold Mining Company, Limited, Toronto, capital \$100,000.

The Forest City Bent Goods Company, Limited, London, capital \$50,000.

Mines Chemical Supply, Limited, Cobalt, capital \$50,000.

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Canada Cord and Weaving Company, Limited, Toronto, capital \$40,000.

FOUR MEET DEATH IN RAILWAY CRASH

Engine Running Light Ploughs Into Passenger Train at St. Hyacinthe.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—At 5:30 this evening a light engine, with engineer, fireman and conductor on board, running from Sherbrooke, collided head-on with a passenger train at St. Hyacinthe. The collision was so violent that the light engine was instantly, also the engineer on the passenger engine and the fireman on the latter was taken from the wreck, believed to be fatally injured.

The conductor of the light engine was evidently trying to jump out of the cab window, when he was caught and crushed to death. His limp body hung from the window, a ghastly sight. The bodies of the other three victims were concealed in the wreckage of the two engines.

Engines Stayed on Track.
Strange to say the two engines remained on the track, the two smokestacks being in close contact. So great was the impact, the tender of the light engine slid forward six feet against the passenger engine, the jam causing the death of the three men on their engine.

The cause of the accident is not clear. The light engine came up the track on its way to St. Hyacinthe at terrific speed, passing Windsor Mills Station at probably 40 miles an hour. At St. Rosalie, two miles beyond St. Hyacinthe, the switch must have been turned off the main line, as at this point the engine took to the left track and for nearly two miles ripped along at apparently unreluctant speed, meeting an outbound passenger train which left Montreal at 4:15 o'clock.

The terrific crash reduced the fronts of the engines to debris, the baggage car partly telescoping the passenger tender, the express car in turn partly telescoping the baggage car.

Hurt From The Seats.
The passengers were hurled from their seats in all directions and though many were bruised, it is not thought that any were seriously injured. So well did the wrecked engines keep to the track, that the main line next to it was not blocked, the Portland train for Montreal, passing at that time, being delayed but a short time.

Railway men cannot understand

PILES
Dr. Chase's Ointment is a certain and guaranteed cure for hemorrhoids, piles, itching, bleeding and protruding piles. See testimonials in the press and ask your neighbors about it. You can use it and get your money back if not satisfied. 50c. a tin. Dealers: EDWARDS, BATES & CO., Toronto.

CLAIMS SUCCESSION TO MRS. BAKER EDDY

New England Man Says That He Was Commissioned By Dead Leader.

Portsmouth, N. H., Dec. 11.—Robert Charles Hannon, of East Windsor, has announced that he is the successor to the head of the Christian Science Church, and has engaged Robert M. Grant, an attorney of Hartford, Conn., to bring suit against the directors of the mother church to support his claim. Last Friday Mr. Hannon sent several thousand circulars broadcast over the world announcing that Mrs. Eddy had commissioned him on Aug. 13, 1890, as her successor.

Mr. Hannon says he has papers, signed by both Mrs. Augustine Stead, of New York, and the late Mrs. Eddy, which will support his claims. The suits will be brought as soon as Mrs. Eddy's will is made public.

KAISER'S CHANCELLOR ON DISARMAMENT

Makes Significant Statement Regarding Relations With Britain.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—Speaking in the Reichstag yesterday, the international politics, Chancellor Von Beth-Hollweg made this declaration: "As regards our relations with England and the alleged negotiations with that country on the subject of the first of all to point out that it is, I dare say, public knowledge that the British Government has repeatedly advanced the idea that an arrangement regulating the strength of the navies of the several powers would contribute essentially towards consolidating international relations."

"England, as you know, has already expressed this idea at The Hague conference. Since then England has referred repeatedly to the idea, without, however, making propositions which could have been either positively accepted or rejected."

"We likewise concur with the desire expressed by England of avoiding rivalry in armaments, but at the informal parleys conducted in a friendly spirit, we have always laid away as a fundamental idea that an open exchange of views gives evidence of the friendly intentions prevailing on either side, and it may gradually remove the distrust which is felt, not between the two governments, but unhappily often in public opinion."

CAUGHT CHEATING

Dishonest Importers Hand Over Half Million in Novel Compromise.

New York, Dec. 12.—Custom house officials have received \$500,000 recently from a few importers who have confessed to having systematically defrauded the Government of large sums of money through fraudulent invoices and undervaluations. The greatest secrecy is being maintained as to their identity, but it is understood that this payment of duties and penalties, in addition to certain valuable information on the distinct promise that not only will the Government forego the institution of criminal proceedings, but that it will also shield the names of the offending importers from the public.

While there has been a great deal of criticism directed against the policy of accepting offers of money in settlement of Government claims tendered by counsel for importers who admit their dishonest transactions, the treasury department, it is learned, will only accept these monetary compromises where conviction or recovery is well-nigh impossible. The custom house authorities deny that they would sanction any act which might be considered in the nature of compounding a felony, but at the present time the expense and waste of time involved in useless prosecutions will be avoided as far as possible.

TIPS \$300 A MONTH.

New York, Dec. 12.—From the affidavit of Mrs. Rebecca E. Wilkinson in her motion for alimony from her husband, George D. Wilkinson, it appears that about the best paying business for a negro who can't be a pugilist is a Pullman car porter's job. Wilkinson has such a job with the New York Central, and his wife says that besides his wages of \$40 a month he makes \$300 more a month in tips.

Wilkinson works on the buffet car of one of the trains running between this city and Montreal. He makes fifteen trips each month, and Mrs. Wilkinson figures out that on each trip he receives \$20 in tips. Wilkinson, in denying the story about the large tips, said he did not make more than \$25 a month that way. Justice Seabury allowed the wife \$3 a week alimony.

FIREMEN WERE OVERCOME.

New York, Dec. 9.—Six firemen were overcome in an explosion of gas during a fire which broke out today in a five-story building on West Twenty-third street, occupied by Dempsey & Carroll, stationers, and other firms. The fire destroyed the greater part of the big plant of the Edison Electric Company on Rockwell Place, Brooklyn, today, and the lower section of Brooklyn was without light or power.

MUST PAY IN GOLD.

Lisbon, Dec. 9.—The ministry of finance will issue a decree on Dec. 15 calling for the payment of one-third of all custom duties in gold.

The Duke of Oporto publishes the names of his debts in Portugal. It is believed that King Victor Emmanuel of Italy is advancing the necessary funds to the duke in order to avoid a scandal.

SPRUNG A LEAK.

Rockport, Mass., Dec. 10.—The two-masted schooner Hazel Dale, commanded by Capt. Kelley, sprung a leak about fourteen miles from Rockport, during the night, and was abandoned by her crew early today. The heavy seas encountered by the schooner loosened her capping and led her with water so rapidly that the pumps became useless. The water put out the fire in the cabin and Capt. Kelley decided to anchor and come ashore in one of her boats.

The crew of three men reached the life station exhausted from cold and exposure, and were cared for by the receivers. An attempt to save the schooner was made by a tug from Rockport.

The Hazel Dale was bound for Boston.

Suffered for Years From Constipation and Sick Headache.

Headache seems habitual with many people; indeed, some are seldom, if ever, free from it, suffering continually, and wondering why they can get no relief. The most frequent of all are bilious or sick headaches, and are caused by some derangement of the stomach or bowels, or both.

Burdock Blood Bitters regulates the digestive and biliary organs, removes acidity of the stomach, improves digestion, regulates the constipated bowels, and promotes a perfect circulation of pure blood to all portions of the body.

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TRAVELERS' GUIDE

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

SARNIA, TUNNEL TO SUSPENSION BRIDGE AND TORONTO.
Arrive from the east—7:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:12 a.m., 11:28 a.m., 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10:10 p.m.
Arrive from the west—12:03 a.m., 12:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:10 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 6:35 p.m.
Depart for the east—12:14 a.m., 12:43 a.m., 1:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 2:06 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 6:55 p.m.
Depart for the west—12:03 a.m., 12:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:10 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 6:35 p.m.

LONDON AND WINDSOR.

Arrive—10:35 a.m., 4:00 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 11:30 p.m.
Depart—6:35 a.m., 11:35 a.m., 2:05 p.m., 8:10 p.m.

STRAFORD BRANCH.

Arrive—9:25 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 7:35 p.m., 10:10 p.m., 11:30 p.m.
Depart—6:00 a.m., 10:25 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 4:55 p.m.

LONDON, HURON AND BRUCE.

Arrive—10:30 a.m., 6:10 p.m.
Depart—8:30 a.m., 4:40 p.m.
Trains marked * run daily. Those not marked daily, except Sunday.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Arrive from the east—11:25 a.m., 1:35 p.m., 7:35 p.m.
Arrive from the west—4:40 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:25 p.m., 8:20 p.m.
Depart for the east—4:35 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 5:35 p.m.
Depart for the west—12:30 a.m., 11:35 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 8:00 p.m.

PERE MARQUETTE RAILWAY.

Depart—8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
Arrive—8:45 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 1:50 p.m., 4:35 p.m., 10:10 p.m.

*Mixed, to St. Thomas only. To Detroit, from Detroit, to St. Thomas only. Those not marked daily, except Sunday.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILWAY.

Arrive—1:00 a.m., 11:10 a.m., 6:10 p.m., 8:35 p.m.
Depart—7:20 a.m., 2:20 p.m., 6:35 p.m., 10:11 p.m.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

First Annual Fat Stock Show

\$3.40

Toronto and Return

Tickets good going afternoon trains on Dec. 10, and all trains Dec. 11, 12 and 13. All tickets good to return up to and including Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1910.

FAST TRAIN

LEAVE LONDON ON DEC. 12, 4:45 P.M. ARRIVE TORONTO ON DEC. 13, 9:30 P.M. Other trains leave London 4:45 a.m., 7:45 a.m. and 9:25 a.m.

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between London and St. Thomas, from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. on weekdays, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays. The hourly service between St. Thomas and Port Stanley. Cars for Port Stanley leave London on the 10:10 a.m. train from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Last car waits for transfers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP TICKETS

AMERICAN LINE.

N. Y.—Plymouth—Cebu—Shanghai—Philadelphia—Queenstown—Liverpool. New York—London Direct.

RED STAR LINE.

New York—Cebu—Dover—Antwerp.

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All the Latest News and Gossip of the World of Sport

SCRAP FOR EASTERN "NO. 8 CLUB" ENTERS HOCKEY LEAGUE PRESIDENCY IS ON

Pat Powers May Be Ousted at Annual Gathering Which Commences Today.

FIVE CLUBS OPPOSE HIM DUNDAS CENTRE ELECTS

Barrow, of Toronto and Montreal, Being Boosted as Possibility.

[By Associated Press.] New York, Dec. 12.—Whether or not P. T. Powers, the veteran president of the Eastern League, will be re-elected to the presidency of that organization, was the main question for decision by the Eastern League magnates at their annual meeting here today.

Threatened opposition to President Powers last year came to nothing when the actual voting began, but this year the opposition is said to be more determined, and to have the support of five clubs: Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, Baltimore and Newark.

The candidate believed to have the backing of the organizations named is Edward C. Barrow, of Toronto, who managed the Montreal team last year.

LIBERALS OFFER FINE PRIZE TO 5-PIN BOWLERS

Winner of Highest Average of Week Will Annex It—Alleys Attract Many.

The Liberal Club will this week give a fine special prize for the highest average at five pins on the club alleys. The members are very enthusiastic, and big crowds roll on the alleys each day. The contest will draw many entries, it is expected.

OLD COUNTRY SOCCER

London, Dec. 10.—The results in the various leagues on Saturday were as follows:

The League—First Division.
Nottingham Forest 2, Bristol City 3.
Everton 1, Oldham Athletic 0.
Bury 2, Liverpool 0.
Woolwich Arsenal 3, Newcastle United 1.
Aston Villa 3, Notts County 1.
Sheffield 2, Manchester United 1.
Manchester City 1, Sheffield United 2.
Sunderland 1, Preston North End 1.
Bradford City 2, Tottenham Hotspurs 0.

Second Division.
Barnsley 4, Leeds City 0.
Blackpool 1, Hull City 0.
Chester 3, Bradford 0.
Clapton Orient 1, Fulham 0.
Derby County 4, Exeter City 1.
Glossop 0, West Bromwich Athletic 2.
Huddersfield 1, Bolton Wanderers 1.
Leicester 1, Gainsborough 0.
Lincoln 0, Birmingham 1.
Wolverhampton 1, Burnley 0.

Scottish League.
Dundee 4, Hearts 1.
Hibernians 2, Aberdeen 1.
Third Lanark 3, Hamilton Athletic 1.
Clyde 0, Celtic 0.
Motherwell 2, Queen's Park 2.
Glasgow Rangers 1, Falkirk 1.
St. Mirren 1, Morton 2.
Airdrieonians 2, Partick Thistle 0.

Southern League.
Plymouth Argyle 3, New Brighton 0.
Watford 3, Millwall 2.
Leyton 2, Queen's Park Rangers 1.
Brentford 3, West Ham United 0.
Crystal Palace 3, Luton 1.
Bristol 3, Portsmouth 2.
Swindon 2, Northampton 1.
Exeter 2, Brighton and Hove 1.
Southampton 2, Coventry 1.
Southend 1, Norwich City 0.

BANTAMS TO FIGHT.
New Orleans, Dec. 11.—Johnny Coulon, champion of the bantamweight division of the world, today signed articles of agreement for a fight with Frankie Conley before the West Side Athletic Club here on Jan. 8. Conley is expected to sign the articles in Chicago tomorrow.

The articles call for a 20-round bout both men to weigh in three and a half hours before the fight.

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Boy Marvel Again on Top



Willie Hoppe, the professional pool player, is shown in a dynamic pose, leaning over a pool table and taking a shot. He is wearing a suit and tie. The text "WILLIE HOPPE CHAMPION" is written on a banner at the bottom of the illustration.

The ease with which Willie Hoppe defeated the veteran George Slosson in the 181 ball-line championship match at Philadelphia, seems to prove conclusively that the pupil of the late Jacob Schaefer has no rival with the cue. Not only did Hoppe score a decisive victory, but he established a new average of 33.3 for the first night's string of 500 points. In a practice match for the game he established the high run record at 155 points.

ALLEY BOWLERS FORM FOUR-TEAM CITY LEAGUE

Medicals, Ramblers, Imperials, and Cigarmakers Are in New Organization—First Match Tomorrow.

A four-team city bowling league commences play on the National alleys tomorrow evening, when the Medicals meet the Ramblers. The teams entered are the Medicals, Ramblers, Imperials and a Blue Label team, organized by the local cigar makers.

"Hans" Wagner, Washburn Keeler and others are interested in the Medicals, and Joe West is fathering the Imperials outfit. His team will clash with the cigar-makers on Wednesday night. A fine bowling trophy, one of the best ever put up in this city, has been offered.

BREAKS WORLD MARKS GALORE

Coast Motorcycle Rider Covers Twenty Miles in Record Time of 14:38 2-5.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 10.—M. J. Graves, a local motorcyclist, went out on the motorbike track this afternoon to break all records for a twenty-mile race. He did it. Graves rambled over the distance like a bolt of lightning, and kept smashing world's records with monotonous regularity.

The Federation of American Motorcyclists sanctioned the race with time, and the new records are official. Graves' time for the twenty miles was 14:38 2-5, an average of one mile in 43 seconds, or 84 miles an hour.

CUBANS WIN FROM THE WORLD'S CHAMPIONS, 2 TO 1

Havana, Dec. 11.—The Almerandes nine defeated the Philadelphia Americans by a score of 2 to 1 today.

The election of officers for 1911 resulted as follows: Hon. president, E. F. Ellerington, Queen's; president, H. C. Griffiths, Toronto; first vice-president, J. J. Kennedy, second vice-president, Dave Gilmore, McGill.

Officers and delegates present were: President, J. F. Macdonald, Queen's; vice-president, A. C. Fleming, Ottawa; secretary-treasurer, Allan Johnson, McGill; delegates, Messrs. Wilson and Little, McGill; Messrs. Macdonald, Queen's; Fleming, Ottawa; George Kingston, Hugh Gall and H. C. Griffiths, Varsity; McMaster and A. A. C. were also represented.

The following schedule was adopted: Oct. 1—Toronto at Queen's; Ottawa at McGill.
Oct. 14—Queen's at Ottawa; McGill at Toronto.
Oct. 21—Queen's at McGill; Toronto at Ottawa.
Oct. 28—Ottawa at Queen's; Toronto at McGill.
Nov. 4—Queen's at Toronto; McGill at Ottawa.
Nov. 11—McGill at Queen's; Ottawa at Toronto.

This is a revolving schedule, so that teams playing twice in one year become last in 1912, and the second week games of 1912, and thus on the same way in future years.

INSURGENTS SURRENDER

Rio Janeiro, Brazil, Dec. 12.—There-volting mariners on Cobra's Island, formally surrendered today, and fresh Government troops occupied the barracks.

MORAN TO HAVE FIRST TITLE MILL

Lightweight Champion Wolgast Names Briton As Initial Opponent.

KEEN FOR HOME LIFE

Prefers Society of Cows and Horses to Monotony of the Show Business.

[By AD WOLGAST, World's Lightweight Champion.] Cadillac, Mich., Dec. 10.—I am a fighter, not a press agent, but I have been attacked so much and roasted so generously that I believe it is up to me to tell the public a few facts. All this talk about my alleged loafing does not bother me a bit, but when I get in shape I'll step out and make all critics take off their hats to me.

And right here let me say that Moran will get the first chance. I held him to a draw in New York when I had never fought anybody but dubs, and had only been in the business a year, so does it stand to reason that I fear him now, when I have improved 1,000 per cent, and he is the same scrapper he was three years ago? If Moran wants to fight me right away, why did he sign up for a "pure montie" last time? He was just the same, when it comes time to fight me, see if I am not a scrapper before he is.

BUSINESS IS FIGHTING

DECLARES THE CHAMPION.

My business is fighting. I can make more money at that than anything else. If I had wished I could have signed up for stage work all year at any salary from \$800 to \$1,200 a week. But I would rather stay at home and look after my cows, horses and my farm here in Cadillac. I have been attacked for looking for easy money. Does this look like it? I have had two fights since I won the title from Nelson last February, and there has been an awful yell because I have not fought often. If my "fanning" friends would take time to remember, they would probably recollect that Nelson did not fight for six months after his first fight with Gans. And no one roasted him.

In the first bout, that with Redmond, in Milwaukee, I broke a small bone in my wrist. I know the accident has been sneered at, but if any sporting writer in the country doubts the seriousness of the injury, I will show him the signed affidavits of two of the most prominent doctors of Milwaukee. Stung by these criticisms of Nelson boosters, I took on a young fellow at a small town in Wisconsin, two months later. I was a past master, could stand the strain, and I was a foolish venture, for I broke the bone in the strain. I would have signed to hold Nelson in November, as I had announced immediately after I won the title. I believed then that I was entitled to a rest. As I had fought two or more fights every month for a year, beating the best of them, and finally winning the championship.

MORAN STRONG FOE, BUT HE'S NOT A CHAMP.

Moran is a good, tough young fellow, but I expected his victory over Nelson to draw a more decisive result. When I heard the match had been made I remarked to my manager, Tom Jones, that Moran could not win a past master. I beat up Nelson so at Port Richmond that I knew he never would be able to stand the gain again, and I really believe that if I fought him now I could put him away in four or five rounds. Now, let me tell you, that I really believe I can do it. I have a right to believe it. This young "L. Grave," who held the Danes to a fifteen-round draw, is a draw. In fact, he is lacking in class that he could not hold his own in a sparring partner in my training camp when he was preparing for the Nelson fight. That looks as though the Danes was all through when he went into the ring with Moran, doesn't it? I boxed him in New York I weighed under 118 pounds, while he was close to 120. I was a past master of the game. And if you care to go back and look through the files of any newspaper, you will find that I was a past master of the game. And if you care to go back and look through the files of any newspaper, you will find that I was a past master of the game. And if you care to go back and look through the files of any newspaper, you will find that I was a past master of the game.

A SCHEDULE PREPARED

Teams That Play Opening Games Next Year Are Last on Following Season.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—A meeting of the Intercollegiate Rugby Union was held at the King Edward Hotel Saturday, and a full discussion took place in regard to making uniform rules for Canadian football. Mr. J. F. Macdonald, of Queen's, president of the union, was in the chair.

The Canadian adopted the kick-off rule of the ball must go ten yards into an opponent's territory unless blocked by an opponent. The rule of the Intercollegiate before was that the ball shall be kicked five yards in either direction. Another change was the adoption of five yards, instead of three yards, as the distance for the line of scrimmage. This means that the college boys will only have to give three yards to an opponent in making a catch, instead of five yards. This rule prevails in the Canadian union.

Another change was made in the rule which reads in case a foul occurs inside the ten-yard line, half the distance penalty will be given. This has been changed to 20-yard line.

Two other rules differ from the Canadian union, one in the matter of kick-off. The Canadian rule reads that the ball must go to opponents' 30-yard line, while the Intercollegiate says a yard either way. This was freely discussed, and it was decided that the Canadian rule gave the team not in possession to a great advantage. In regard to the other rules read similarly, but have been interpreted differently. The Intercollegiate does not consider the ball in play until it is kicked, while the Canadian rule says the ball is in play as soon as it touches the ground.

Taking everything into consideration, very material strides were taken toward making the rules uniform, and in all probability the differences may be fully adjusted at a meeting of the Canadian Rugby Union.

DEFEATS ATHLETICS

Cuban Ball Team Downs Philadelphia by Score of 5 to 3.

[By Associated Press.] Havana, Dec. 10.—The Havana baseball team defeated the Philadelphia club of the American League today by a score of 5 to 3.

TO RECOVER \$8,000,000. [Associated Press.] Brussels, Dec. 9.—Attorneys for Princess Louise of Belgium today entered a formal suit for the recovery of \$8,000,000, which had belonged to her father, the late King Leopold, and is now held by the Nieder Fulbach foundation. The Belgian Government also claims the money on the ground that it came from the Belgian Congo and belongs to the state.

The princess has also summoned Leopold's valet and other members of his entourage to give an accounting of the contents of three trunks, which were mysteriously turned over at Laeken Palace to Baroness Vaughan, the morganatic wife of Leopold, who has since married Emmanuel Durieux, a Frenchman. Louise alleges that the trunks were filled with securities and other valuables.

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KEEN FOR HOME LIFE

Prefers Society of Cows and Horses to Monotony of the Show Business.

[By AD WOLGAST, World's Lightweight Champion.] Cadillac, Mich., Dec. 10.—I am a fighter, not a press agent, but I have been attacked so much and roasted so generously that I believe it is up to me to tell the public a few facts. All this talk about my alleged loafing does not bother me a bit, but when I get in shape I'll step out and make all critics take off their hats to me.

And right here let me say that Moran will get the first chance. I held him to a draw in New York when I had never fought anybody but dubs, and had only been in the business a year, so does it stand to reason that I fear him now, when I have improved 1,000 per cent, and he is the same scrapper he was three years ago? If Moran wants to fight me right away, why did he sign up for a "pure montie" last time? He was just the same, when it comes time to fight me, see if I am not a scrapper before he is.

BUSINESS IS FIGHTING

DECLARES THE CHAMPION.

My business is fighting. I can make more money at that than anything else. If I had wished I could have signed up for stage work all year at any salary from \$800 to \$1,200 a week. But I would rather stay at home and look after my cows, horses and my farm here in Cadillac. I have been attacked for looking for easy money. Does this look like it? I have had two fights since I won the title from Nelson last February, and there has been an awful yell because I have not fought often. If my "fanning" friends would take time to remember, they would probably recollect that Nelson did not fight for six months after his first fight with Gans. And no one roasted him.

INSURGENTS SURRENDER

Rio Janeiro, Brazil, Dec. 12.—There-volting mariners on Cobra's Island, formally surrendered today, and fresh Government troops occupied the barracks.

PIRATES MAY DROP WAGNER IN SHAKE-UP

But Clarke Declares He Won't Go Unless He Desires to Quit Himself.

CHANGES ARE COMING

Pittsburg Manager Admits It, and Says He Won't Cause Trade, Sale or Release of Dutchman.

[By Associated Press.] Pittsburg, Dec. 12.—Hans Wagner, who was for seven seasons the premier batsman of the National League, and whose tenth year with the Pittsburg nine has been followed with rumors of probable sale or release, will either play with the Pirates next year, or else retire for good on the laurels he has won.

Manager Fred Clarke silenced all rumors by this statement last night before leaving for New York with other Pittsburg club officials, to attend the annual meeting of the National League. He said: "I will never sell, trade or release Wagner; if he ever plays ball again it will not be with Pittsburg. Of course he may not want to play, but he does in with me throwing dust around the inner field this summer."

It is, however, known that there will be a shake-up in the Pirate squad, and Clarke admitted it, but would not intimate in what quarter it would be made.

ROOT'S FINAL DASH WINS SIX-DAY RACE FOR TEAM

Veteran Bicycle Rider With Partner, Moran, Gets First Place by Spurt.

New York, Dec. 10.—Eddie Root, of the Root-Moran team, finished first tonight in the final dash that decided the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden. His time for the mile was 3:56 1-5, and his distance for the six days, 2,545 miles 3 laps.

Jackie Clarke, of the Rutt-Clarke team, finished second by half a wheel; Joe Fogler, of the Hill-Fogler team, third; and Patrick Hehir, of the Gullet-Hehir team, fourth. By this victory Root and Moran divide \$1,600, the prize for first place. The record is 1:57.73 miles 1 lap, made by MacFarland and Moran in 1908.

Slow as the pace this year shows in the average and totals, it was marked by bursts of furious sprinting. Two veteran teams—Clarke-MacFarland and Rutt-Stol—disbanded, and formed the reconstructed team of Rutt-Clarke, which accepted the penalty of two laps always imposed on new partners. MacFarland became their coaching leader, and the new alignment provoked the bitterest jealousy among the remaining leaders.

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MORE PLAYGROUNDS

Superintendent Kelso Tells of the Needs of Children in Big Cities.

Mr. J. J. Kelso, provincial superintendent of the department for neglected and dependent children, gave a most interesting account of the work that is being done in Ontario last night at the First Congregational Church. In the course of his address, Mr. Kelso told of the work that is being done to abolish slums in Toronto. It was, he said, going to be pressed to a finish. All slums must go.

"In our larger cities," he said, "we would do better if instead of covering every vacant lot with houses for sale, we reserved them for playgrounds for the children."

Mr. Kelso spoke at length upon the necessity for physical exercise for boys and girls.

In concluding he urged everyone to take an interest in the lives of the children about them.

DEATH OF ROSSITER

New York, Dec. 11.—E. V. V. Rossiter, financial vice-president of the New York Central lines, and one of the executors of the will of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, died here today.

NEARLY SUFFOCATED

Hamilton, Dec. 11.—Lugo Violino and his 14-year-old son, Primo, had a narrow escape from being asphyxiated by gas last evening in their home at 23 Barton street east. It is said that the father did not properly turn off the gas in his room, for this morning both were found in bed in an unconscious condition. The father was revived, but the son was still unconscious at a late hour tonight.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Kingston, Dec. 10.—Bert Fuller, aged 27, of Collin's Bay, who conducted a hotel, was killed while starting out on a hunting trip. As he was about to get his gun out of a boat on Collin's Bay, the trigger caught in the seat, with the result that both barrels were exploded, the unfortunate man receiving the full charge in his body.

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LONDON AND DISTRICT**Conservatory Recital.**

The recital at Conservatory Hall last Saturday afternoon was given by the following pupils: Misses Mildred Granger, Frances Currier, Margaret Wilson, Verna Dobbyn, Heidi Baker, Evelyn Hayman, Margaret Johnstone, Betty Hodgins, Annie Ward, Ella McKay, Blanche Tancock, Enid Fisher, and Master George Taylor, piano; Miss Marie Coughlin, and Master Winston Harrison, violin.

REV. GEORGE JACKSON**IN LONDON CHURCH****A Well-Known Toronto Divine Preached in Colborne St. Edifice**

Rev. George Jackson, of Victoria College, Toronto, whose teaching regarding the first eleven chapters of Genesis created such a controversy in the Methodist Church some time ago, preached two excellent sermons yesterday in the Colborne Street Methodist Church on behalf of the education fund.

In neither sermon did he touch on controversial ground, both expositions being simple gospel sermons of more than ordinary interest. Mr. Jackson is a small man, and his disposition would be aggressive, but it is also quite certain that he could be "peppery if the occasion demanded."

In the morning he preached on "The Supremacy of Goodness," the greatest thing in the world was not knowledge, but character, he declared. There was nothing that could stand before the goodness of God. The greatness of doing good, of duty, and of conscience of wishing to be good—nothing could compare with these. The speaker criticized the claim of certain philosophers that work counted, and it is so long as his work was glorious. This was false, the speaker declared, and such a philosophy made artists promoters of hell. Great men had no character of exemption from the moral law.

Religion sometime threatened goodness, he declared. In history the religious were not always moral. In ancient Rome and Greece the good were not religious and the religious were not good. In Israel God asked for righteousness and they brought ritual. There was no difficulty about goodness. If there were difficulties about the Scriptures they would all be made right. Be good, and all would be well.

In the evening Rev. Mr. Jackson preached on "The Love of God," again avoiding controversial subjects.

A GOOD HAUL

Kingston, Dec. 10.—Napoleon's good haul was made when Chief of Police Graham arrested David Haynes and Charles Woods, and found in their houses goods to the value of \$200 or more.

The chief obtained information some two weeks ago which led him to believe that the two were in the back of the house, who about two years ago entered and pillaged several stores here. Following the lead given, he made arrests and found beyond a doubt that he was on the right track.

The men admitted that they had goods from Madill Bros., M. S. Madole, the Robinson Company, and Boyle & Son, and it is thought that a considerable amount may still be recovered.

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**At the Grand.**

"This Woman and This Man" bored two small audiences to death on Saturday at the Grand Opera House. It is a good thing that the number of people who saw the alleged play was small, or the casualty list would have been frightful.

What it was all about, or who started the mix-up is hard to determine.

In any event, Miss Minnie Victorson, and her near-New York players, endeavored to unburden their souls to the audiences for some hours, but the effort was not worth while. The play was bad, but the acting was worse, and that is enough to sicken any theatre-goer.

The least said about the show the better. Let it go at that.

Maude Adams Tonight.

Maude Adams, being an actress, is really a wonderful woman. According to the old standards, one must marvel at her success. Miss Adams has never had her diamonds stolen, or been in a runaway, never been an occupant of the race-track, and never been to the police station.

She is a stranger to the showy eating-palaces of the country. When you think of her, she seems to be nothing more than a hard-working, sensible young woman. She positively dreads being interviewed, and less is actually known of her than of any other stage celebrity of the times. She is very different and retiring away from the theatre, and believes that the public interest in her is confined solely to her work.

"Call of the Wild"

The play is a dramatization of Frederick Remington's interesting novel, "John Ermine." John Ermine is made the hero of the play, a man in whom many noble attributes are combined, but who is untutored and uncultured, having spent his life among the Indians and other people of the plains and mountains. As a scout for Government troops, he proves his worth, but when he asks the hand of Major Searle's daughter in marriage, he learns that social barriers make the union impossible. The girl admires him, and does not care for the young lieutenant who loves her. Ermine and the lieutenant struggle for possession of a picture stolen by the lieutenant, but who is found by Ermine. The girl tells Ermine that she is in love with him, and he kills the lieutenant in self-defense in his own cabin. The girl is there, the only witness to the killing. Ermine, because of his great love, is willing to die being compromised, but she refuses to permit any sacrifice, and tells the story of the shooting, which saves Ermine's life, and the play ends with the girl in Ermine's arms.

FOUND DEAD BODY.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—Fifty Y. M. C. A. boys on a "treasure hunt" yesterday afternoon, along the Don River, in the northeast part of the city, found the body of a man, who was later identified as Bob Crockett, employed during the summer as a policeman at Scarborough. The body was found hidden by snow, with the throat cut.

Crockett disappeared on Wednesday. The reason for his suicide is not known, but he had been a heavy drinker.

SHE MEANT SENSATIONS.

In a primary school examination, over which I once had the pleasure to preside, one of the questions was with regard to the five senses. One of the bright pupils handled the subject thus:

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"The Thief."

This will be the first time that "The Thief" is presented at popular prices, and the opportunity to see this play should not be missed. The critics of two continents have exhausted themselves trying adequately to describe this intense, gripping, overwhelming drama, so full of that indescribable something that pierces the heart with its appeal. For want of a better term this something is called human interest. "The Thief" is full to overflowing with human interest. It throbs in every line and holds the spectator from start to finish. "The Thief" comes to the Grand Thursday evening next, Dec. 15, Seats selling.

Gertrude Elliott in "The Dawn of a Tomorrow."

Gertrude Elliott (Mrs. Forbes-Robertson) holds the centre of the local stage the coming week. Not only does she offer the most important novelty, but hers will be one of the few serious plays of the season, stimulating a new thought and interest in the modern drama. "The Dawn of a Tomorrow," which, with her entire London company, comes to the Grand on Friday evening next, Dec. 16, is a play that has been long awaited in this city. As is said to present a peculiar and significant appeal to a large section of this community. During its long run of a year at the Lyceum Theatre, New York, and its months last season in London, when Gertrude Elliott scored the most emphatic hit of her career, the play caused a discussion which carried its fame worldwide. In writing it, Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, its author, took a daring leap away from the conventions, seizing upon the trend of modern thought, which is the overcoming of wrong and error, and the triumph of right and truth—she embodied these in the beautiful character of the girl, who is the heroine of the play. "The Dawn of a Tomorrow" is said to play so appealingly and convincingly.

Victor Moore, London's Favorite Comedian

The coming of Victor Moore is always an interesting event in the theatrical calendar. This popular comedian will give an entirely new musical play this season, and his last performance will be given at the Grand on Saturday next, Dec. 17, matinee and evening. It is called "The Happiest Night of His Life," written expressly for Mr. Moore by Junie McCree and Sydney Rosenfeld, who have supplied him with a congenial rose—a breezy, slangy, big-hearted sort of chap—who have furnished a rollicking comedy and many clever lyrics. The music is by Albert Von Tilzer, who has always pleased the public taste, and the entire production is under the personal direction of George W. Lederer. The company supporting Mr. Moore includes such Broadway favorites as Anabelle Whitford, John D. Kelly, Phil Kyle, Emma Littlefield, Jack Henderson, Joseph Marpa, Mae Phelps, Julia Ralph, and Gertie Vanderbilt, and there is also a chorus of real beauties. Victor Moore is the comedian who made such an excellent impression on Londoners when here last season with "The Talk of New York."

Madame Sembrich.

Among the famous singers of the past century, no name, not even Patti's, shines more brilliantly, while no coloratura singer of the present day can be mentioned in the same breath with the peerless Sembrich. In days to come, never to have heard Mme. Sembrich will be considered as a great loss of opportunity, as it is today. She is the greatest singer of the century, never to have heard Jenny Lind or Adeline Patti. That the Sembrich concert will hold a permanent place in London's musical history may safely be predicted. For assisting artist Mme. Sembrich brings Frank La Forge, famous as the world's finest accompanist, and a concert pianist of the highest rank. Mme. Sembrich appears at the Grand Opera House on Wednesday evening next.

Chicago Glee Club.

An even excellence marked the programme presented by the Chicago Glee Club in the Auditorium on Saturday night. The trombone quartette number, Nevins' "Rosary," was particularly well-rendered, as was also the "Lazyland" trio. Penney's "Crossing the Bar," by the quartette, and the trombone solo of Mr. Henry, were worthy of especial note. Mr. Dickson's Hoosier character sketches were a feature of the programme. His impersonation of James Whitcomb Riley's characters were all that could be desired, and elicited the repeated applause of the audience, which packed the Auditorium to the doors.

FOUND DEAD BODY.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—Fifty Y. M. C. A. boys on a "treasure hunt" yesterday afternoon, along the Don River, in the northeast part of the city, found the body of a man, who was later identified as Bob Crockett, employed during the summer as a policeman at Scarborough. The body was found hidden by snow, with the throat cut.

Crockett disappeared on Wednesday. The reason for his suicide is not known, but he had been a heavy drinker.

SHE MEANT SENSATIONS.

In a primary school examination, over which I once had the pleasure to preside, one of the questions was with regard to the five senses. One of the bright pupils handled the subject thus:

"The five senses are: Sneezing, sobbing, crying, yawning, coughing. By the sixth sense is meant an extra one which some folks have. This is snoring."

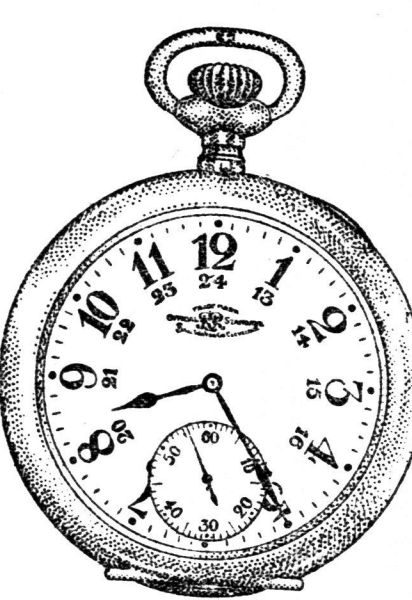
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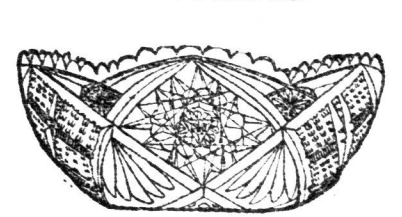
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