

**E. I. SIFTON SURRENDERS AT TORONTO;
PLEADS GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY CHARGE**

Appears in Police Court and
Makes a Statement Re
London Election.

The Case to Come Up With
Others on Jan. 9—Magis-
trate Accepts Bail.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Dec. 19.—E. I. Sifton, who was wanted in connection with the alleged bribing of voters in the London election at the recent investigation held here, surrendered himself to the crown in the police court this morning. He appeared with his lawyer, J. W. G. Winnett.

"In the case against O'Gorman and others, charged with bribery in elections, a warrant was issued for Sifton. Mr. Winnett, a lawyer, of London, called on me this morning and said that Sifton was willing to surrender," said Mr. DuVernet to the magistrate.

"Yes, he is here and surrenders himself," said Mr. Winnett.

The magistrate then dealt out the charge that was sworn out before him on Sept. 28 last, charging O'Gorman and others, including Sifton, with conspiracy, to provide money to bribe voters during the years 1904 and 1905.

"I plead guilty," said Sifton.

"Well, then, we will let the case go over with the others," said his worship.

"Yes, but the question of bail is a most important one," said Mr. Winnett. "I handed my learned friend a statement this morning."

"I got the statement, but it has not been made under oath," declared Mr. DuVernet.

"I appear for some of the other defendants," objected Mr. W. J. Curry, "and any statement made should not be accepted while they are absent."

"He can make a statement for himself," declared his worship. "I can see no objection in that."

Mr. Curry then said that there might have been some inducement to have got it, but Sifton's lawyer declared there had been no inducement.

"The course that is being taken is one that has not been taken before," again objected Mr. Curry.

"Well, the statement must be made under oath," insisted Mr. DuVernet.

Sifton then went into the box and swore that the statement had been written and signed by himself. He had been in Buffalo and New York and only just returned.

"Did anyone suggest this statement to you?" asked his worship.

"No, I saw no one but my lawyer," replied Sifton.

"Well, I will take you own bail of \$200 to appear at the assizes on Jan. 7."

"I ask that your worship order that the statement be made public until the case comes up in the other court," asked Mr. Curry. And so the magistrate ordered that Police Court Clerk Webb should not show the statement to any one. Sifton was then allowed out on bail.

BIG BOSTON BLAZE

Studio Building Gutted at an Estimated
Loss of \$150,000.

Boston, Dec. 19.—A fire of threatening proportions today caused heavy damage in the block bound by Tremont, Bromfield, Washington and Winter streets.

The fire broke out on the Eldridge & Peabody furniture store, 110 to 118 Tremont street, the Studio building, and swept up through six floors of the structure. The roof fell in and the fire jumped across a narrow alley to the roof of the Orpheum Theater, and to the top of the building occupied by Talbot & Co., clothing, Washington street. The flames did damage to both buildings slightly, but the Talbot building was flooded by the bursting of a hose.

The firemen had to work in a narrow alley, on ice-coated ladders, and fire escapes, and with their own bodies encased in ice. The loss is estimated at about \$150,000. Several artists, architects, dentists and other occupants of the Studio building were burned out.

MRS. SAGE LOANS

New York, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Russell Sage loaned \$1,500,000 yesterday to the Land Purchase Company on a piece of property on the south side of Wall street just west of William street. The mortgage on the property is at 4 1/2 per cent, due Feb. 1, 1910. This makes nearly \$7,000,000 that Mrs. Sage has loaned on Manhattan real estate recently.

**London Pastor Is Chosen
for an Important Position**

Rev. J. W. Graham Appointed
Associate Secretary of Metho-
dist Educational Society.

Rev. J. W. Graham, pastor of the First Methodist Church, was yesterday appointed associate secretary of the Educational Society of the Methodist Church in Canada.

The appointment was made at a meeting of the educational committee, held in Toronto, and attended by members from every province in the Dominion.

It was understood some time ago that Mr. Graham would be the choice for the position, which was created to relieve Rev. Dr. Potts, of some of the labor and traveling connected with the Educational Society.

The selection will prove very popular, as Mr. Graham has always taken an keen interest in the educational work and is very enthusiastic—the very type of man required for the place.

Mr. Graham was in Toronto yesterday, and as he had not yet returned home, it was impossible to ascertain this afternoon if he will accept the position.

It is known, however, that he desired to remain in the ministry. Some time ago, when notified that he had practically been chosen for the post of associate secretary, he wrote the church authorities at Toronto, stating that while he recognized the honor conferred, he preferred to continue his pastoral work. He also said that his relations with the First Church trustees board and congregation were most cordial, and he did not appreciate the thought of having them severed before his term expired.

The First Church board not only passed a resolution, protesting against Mr. Graham's removal, but it sent a deputation composed of half a dozen of the leading members to urge the committee to make another choice. The protest, however, appears to have been of no avail.

"The loss of Mr. Graham will be a severe blow to the First Church," said a trustee, when told of the educational committee's decision. "Mr. Graham has been with us a year and a half, and during that time the church has made better progress than at any similar period in its history. His pulpit work has resulted in an addition of fully one hundred and twenty-five to the membership. It is not generally known, either, that not long since he conducted a canvass, which secured sufficient subscriptions to remove the entire debt of over \$22,000 in the next three years."

Mr. Graham is popular with both young and old, and all will regret to see him go.

**15 MILLIONS ARE
FACING FAMINE**

North Kaingsu, China—Crops
Ruined by Floods, Country
Being Under Water.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Official advice received here regarding the famine in North Kaingsu, China, confirm the stories of suffering and want in that section. The crops are reported as being almost a total failure in Tao Yuen. In Antong and Fung Townships the crops practically are a total failure. The country everywhere is under water, and the people are compelled to wade waist-deep, and in some places, up to their necks.

Immediately west of Tsingho, what formerly was a fertile plain is a vast lake extending 20 miles at the narrowest point, and stretching for over 40 miles toward the southwest.

"Here and there," the prefect says, "are the groups of cottages which arise above the sheet of water, and can only be reached by boats. The people are in a state of absolute destitution, not only their crops, but also the reeds which constitute the fuel, being destroyed by the floods."

An urgent appeal is made for aid for the stricken people, who number 15,000,000.

THE LEGISLATURE

Mr. Whitney Intimates Local House Will
Meet on January 23.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 19.—Premier Whitney has intimated to his friends that the Ontario Legislature will be called to meet between Jan. 21 and 24, but the date has not been settled. It will in all probability be the 23rd.

**1906 WAS A VERY BUSY YEAR
FOR BUILDING TRADES HERE**

Architects Say There Was Plenty
Doing—New Business Houses
and Residences.

Local architects report 1906 to have been a very busy one in the building line in London and district. It is not generally known, but it is a fact nevertheless that London architects do the majority of the building supervising in Western Ontario. The reputation of London architects is very high in this part of the Province.

During the year there were many additions to business premises, and at present several very large buildings are in course of erection in the city. One of these is the new warehouse for the McClary Manufacturing Company on the corner of Adelaide and Trafalgar streets. It will cost about \$55,000, and contains no less than 1,200,000 feet of lumber.

Greene, Swift & Co. are also building a very large factory on the corner of Carling and Talbot streets. Mr. Wm. Murray is the architect on this job. C. A. Somerville, the chewing gum and paper box manufacturer, also put an addition to his factory this year, which in itself is a mammoth building.

The National Drug Company built a large warehouse on York street, which is a credit to the city.

It is understood that two brass firms and a wholesale grocery are seeking new premises, and will, if possible, build at an early date.

Prof. Shortt's of Kingston. To Be the
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The Canadian Club's midday luncheon, to be given in the Masonic Temple banquetting room tomorrow, at which Adam Shortt, M. A., professor of economic and political science in Queen's University, Kingston, will make and address, will doubtless attract a large number of citizens. It will take place at 12:15 sharp. The pleasing feature of the luncheon is in bringing business men and others together in a social way, is the promptness with which they are carried on. Lunch is served on the tick of the clock, and the address and all proceedings are brought to a close within an hour, making it possible for the busiest men to enjoy the events.

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THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SNOWFALLS.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—8 p.m. The weather has moderated over the Prairie Provinces today, while from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces it has been cold. Rain has fallen in British Columbia; otherwise fine conditions have prevailed throughout Canada.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 10 below—2 below; Atlin, 44—50; Port Simpson, 40—42; Victoria, 44—50; Vancouver, 44—48; Calgary, 18—40; Edmonton, 14—40; Qu'Appelle, 10 below—30; Winnipeg, 18 below—16; Parry Sound, zero—10; Toronto, 19—16; Ottawa, 4—10; Montreal, 1—20; Quebec, zero—8; Halifax, 16—32.

FORECASTS.
Wednesday, Dec. 19—8 a.m. Today—Easterly to southerly winds; be-
Thursday—Southeasterly winds, with light snowfalls.

Detroit, Dec. 18—Lower and Upper Michigan and Ohio: Wednesday and Thursday—Fair, slowly rising temperature; fresh south winds.

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The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Tuesday were: Highest, 23°; lowest, 10° above.

**GOSSIP ABOUT
THE CITY HALL**

Council Likely To Be Some-
thing to Good This Year.

SURPLUS IN SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Little Excitement Over Coming Mu-
nicipal Elections—A Dearth of Can-
didates—The Komoka Scheme.

It is understood that the board of education will this year have an overdraft of somewhere between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

The Collegiate Institute account will be responsible for the overdraft, as extensive and much needed improvements were carried out there. It was at first thought that a few dollars would cover the cost of the work, but a more careful investigation showed that a vast amount of decorating and touching up was required, and this the board had done in a creditable manner.

It is understood that the public schools accounts will show a small surplus this year.

The City Council
The city council will on the whole come out probably \$3,000 to the good. No. 3 committee will have a small surplus; No. 2 will break about even, and No. 1 will have an overdraft of probably a couple of thousand dollars.

But against this the council will be able to place about \$6,000 which will be received from the water commission, the revenue of the waterworks this year having taken a great jump upwards.

Very Quiet Now.
Things are very quiet around the city hall just now. Mayor Judd was absent in Toronto today, conducting the Vanzant investigation, and his place was taken by Ald. Booth.

There were no callers, and the acting mayor had a comparatively easy time of it.

There is very little talk of the municipal election.

Apparently, great pressure is being brought to bear upon ex-Commissioner William Jones to run for water commissioner, but beyond this, there appears to be no unusual stir.

The bylaws are not causing any particular talk.

The Komoka scheme, according to many prophets, will not carry in January, but there is no alternate scheme M. J. O'Donnell, and these friends are still urging him to run for the council, and these friends include the biggest business men and representative workmen. He has given no answer as yet.

Ex-Ald. Abram will again be in the field for alderman. So will Mr. Charles Moorehead of East London, who made such a creditable run last January.

Other names mentioned as those of Mr. M. J. O'Donnell of the north end, and who was formerly a well-known hotel proprietor.

Mr. Joseph Lawrence, of South London, has also announced his candidature.

It is said that a move is on foot to have School Trustee McCormick run for alderman this year.

Ald. Matthews still maintains his position in regard to the majority, and it is taken for granted that the contest for mayor will be between the present incumbent of the chair and Ald. Greenlee.

FISET SUCCEEDS PINAULT

Popular Appointment Made for Deputy
Minister of Militia.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Lieut.-Col. Fiset has been elected and accepted the position of deputy minister of militia, which was rendered vacant by the death of Col. Pinault. Lieut.-Col. Fiset is at present director-general of the Army Medical Service, and his appointment will be most popular throughout the militia force of Canada.

**WILL BRYCE GO
TO WASHINGTON?**

Again It Is Reported That the
Irish Secretary Is Slated
for the U. S. Post.

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tional Society of Canada.

**LONDONER IN A
BIG LAND DEAL**

Dr. Henry Reason Cleans Up
\$55,000 on Fort William
Property.

Fort William, Dec. 18.—On Oct. 5 last 36 acres of the McKellar property, situated at the rear of the public school, was sold for \$100,000. At the time this was considered to be a colossal figure, and many wondered what Dr. Henry T. Reason, of London, Ont., intended doing with his purchase. Yesterday the announcement was made that J. J. Carrick, of Port Arthur, had secured possession of the valuable site, the price paid being \$155,000, over \$4,000 an acre.

TO FIGHT THE TRUST

Small Implement Men Will Ask Govt.
to Break Up Combine.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Several farming machinery companies yesterday declared their intention to fight prices and methods of the alleged iron and steel combine of the United States, according to the Tribune.

A petition appealing to President Roosevelt and Congress to aid them in their efforts was drafted. The petition calls on the Government to curb the power of the "trust," and to make some new tariff provisions which will break up the "injurious combine."

It has been signed by prominent implement manufacturers throughout the country.

The action followed a meeting of the heads of farming machinery firms, which was held here a few days ago, at which it was decided that something must be done in order to save the smaller implement makers, as well as farmers generally, from ruin.

RANKIN STILL MISSING

Mysterious Disappearance of the Dover
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Books The Best Christmas Gifts

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School Board Must Act—Annual Address of Chairman at Last Meeting of Board.

Chairman Strong yesterday afternoon presented his annual report to the board of education. The report proved very interesting, touching on all the important matters of the school year, and on motion of Trustee MacRobert, seconded by Trustee McCormick, it was decided to have it printed in the minutes.

Trustee Weekes, seconded by Trustee Gammage, moved a hearty vote of thanks to Chairman Strong for the manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the board during the year.

Trustee Weekes described Mr. Strong as a zealous, untiring chairman, and Trustee Gammage warmly seconded the remarks. The vote of thanks was carried unanimously.

The chairman responded briefly, thanking all for their many kindnesses during the year.

The Address.
The report was as follows:
To the Members of the Board of Education:

Gentlemen,—As this will likely be the last meeting of the board of 1906, I take the liberty of making a few remarks concerning our year's work.

The spirit of obstruction and controversy which unhappily marked the beginning of the year, has, I am glad to say, almost disappeared and for some months the members have uniformly conducted themselves and the business of the board with regard solely to the public interest.

I have to compliment the members of the board, from the oldest members to the newest, on the zeal and interest they have shown in their duties to the school. Here I may remark that I also have tried to be not remiss in these duties.

There were held twenty-three meetings of the board, and thirty-six meetings of the working committees, and of these fifty-nine meetings I have attended forty-seven.

No Great Change.

The year has not been marked by any radical changes. Slight, but well-considered increases, have been made in teachers' salaries. This was necessary, first, as a matter of simple justice to the staff of hard-working and capable public servants, and second, in order to continue to attract suitable teachers to fill the vacancies from time to time occurring.

Lady teachers in the public schools now begin on a salary of \$350, and in six years reach a maximum of \$600. Male assistant teachers start at \$600, and in four years reach \$800. Principals of four-roomed schools start at \$900, and in four years reach \$1,000, and principals of schools of six or more rooms start at \$1,000, and in four years reach \$1,200. These salaries, I have reason to believe, meet with the general approval of the ratepayers of the city, even as the work of our teachers is duly appreciated by the parent whose little ones are intrusted to their care.

A Small Overdraft.

Notwithstanding these increases, and certain additions to the salaries of the Collegiate Institute staff, and of other officials, I am glad to be able to state that we close the year with a very small overdraft. The expenditure on public schools has fallen well within our estimates, but that on the Collegiate Institute, owing to the cost of extensive and much needed redecoration and repairing, shows a slight deficit.

Compared with the financial records of recent years the board of 1906 shows not unfavorably. The result also shows the wisdom of the board in adhering to its estimates, carefully and honestly made, instead of cutting off \$1,000 as suggested by the city council. Nevertheless, the school rate this year is actually lower than for 1905.

Better Fuel System.

Here I should like to draw attention to the fact that the item of fuel is a most important one, amounting to nearly \$9,000 annually. I would suggest again, as I have on two previous occasions, that some better system of inspection be introduced. In the absence of janitors, principals are frequently called upon to sign the receipts. In my judgment it would be economy to have one person held responsible for delivery of all fuel used in the schools.

The changes in our teaching staff have been comparatively few. Most notable of these is the retirement of Mr. Nicholas Wilson, after sixty years of teaching in the public and high schools of London, a period probably unequalled on this continent. Mr. Wilson carries with him the high regard and best wishes of all America. It is worth while to note that loyalty to their old teacher, was the origin of the London Old Boys' reunion, and that the London Old Boys' reunion was the parent of innumerable old boys' reunions all over Canada and the United States. The comfortable pension with which (Continued on Page Five.)

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

DEATHS.
SOLAN.—In Victoria Hospital, on Dec. 17, 1906, Henrietta Teresa, beloved wife of Joseph Solan.
 Funeral from the family residence, 72 Wellington street, on Friday, at 8:30 a.m., to St. Peter's Cathedral.
WEBB.—On Dec. 18, 1906, Thomas Henry, youngest child of George and Mary Webb, aged 3 years and 2 months.
 Funeral from family residence, 3 York street, Thursday morning, 10 o'clock. Interment at St. Peter's Cemetery.

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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19.

MR. HYMAN AND HIS CRITICS.

The London Free Press professes to
 know that an "indecent scramble" is
 going on at Ottawa for the post which
 Mr. Hyman offered to relinquish. It
 says:

"That the unseemly scramble con-
 tinues to be seen in the papers, be-
 coming more and more a subject of
 public discussion. It is observed
 that he left too much to sub-
 ordinates, and that a strong man is
 needed to restore discipline, and see
 that the work is done as it ought to
 be."

The Advertiser's observation, which
 covers a fairly wide range of Canadian
 newspapers, has discovered these at-
 tacks in only one quarter—the London
 Free Press. With all due respect, we
 submit that this is not conclusive evi-
 dence. Our contemporary is apt to be
 myopic, likewise strabismic, in view-
 ing Mr. Hyman and all his works, public
 works included.

Mr. Hyman's illness has elicited a
 flood, not only of sympathy, but of
 genuine admiration for his ability as an
 administrator from friends and op-
 ponents—generous opponents—alike. If
 Mr. Hyman had any falling as a de-
 partmental head it leaned to virtue's
 side. It is curious that he should be
 accused of leaving too much to sub-
 ordinates, whereas he broke down his
 constitution by attempting to do too
 much himself. Had Mr. Hyman dele-
 gated more of his work he would not
 now be in search of health. The crime
 of being too zealous in the performance
 of his duties is one which the public
 will readily forgive. It has at least not
 prejudiced him in the eyes of his chief,
 who refuses to accept his resignation
 of his portfolio. There can be no
 scramble for a post which is not
 vacant; and if "ambitious partisans"
 are making covert attacks upon him
 they are not Liberals.

THE CRISIS IN GERMANY.

The English mail brings the report
 of the debate in the Reichstag which
 explains the opposition of that body
 to the Government's demand for a
 larger appropriation with which to deal
 more effectively with the rebellion in
 German West Africa. The Socialists
 and the Centrists, or Catholic party,
 usually far apart, united to defeat the
 Administration. The speech of Herr
 Bebel, the Socialist leader, was a ter-
 rible arraignment of the colonial office,
 and of German military methods in
 Africa. He charged that acts of the
 grossest barbarity had been committed
 by officers of the colonial forces.

One of these, after capturing a vil-
 lage, slaughtered all the inhabitants
 except the children. These children, to
 the number 52, were placed in wicker
 baskets made by the soldiers and were
 thrown into the Nachtigall Rapids,
 where they perished miserably. Herr
 von Puttkamer, the governor, is un-
 derstood to have been informed of
 what took place, but to have taken no
 steps in the matter. Native soldiers
 were ordered to cut off the ears of the
 dead slain in battle in order to attest
 the number of the fallen, but it was
 discovered that they were cutting off
 the ears of women, who were alive, in
 order to add to the number of these
 ghastly trophies, and deceive the au-
 thorities as to the extent of their vic-
 tories. Herr Bebel also charged that a
 vast system of concubinage, of which
 "native women were the victims, had
 been established by the German offi-
 cers.

Herr Roren, a Prussian Judge, and
 one of the leaders of the Centrists, de-
 scribed the way in which natives were
 flogged without trial, and produced one
 of the rods with which the chastise-
 ment was inflicted. He detailed other
 brutalities which the press could not
 report. The worst case of all was that
 of a district official in Togoland named
 G. A. Schmidt, who had come into
 conflict with the Catholic mission on
 account of the way in which he de-
 bauched and maltreated native women
 and girls of tender age. This Schmidt
 began his official career by officially
 commanding all the native girls of the
 village to come and dance during the
 night at the station under a penalty
 of a fine of 20 marks (shillings), to be
 paid by their mothers in case of re-
 fusal. The missionaries forbade the
 girls who were Christians to obey this
 summons, whereupon Schmidt forbade
 all the natives to prefer any further
 complaints at the mission. Further,
 Schmidt had actually conferred upon
 his black concubine and procuress offi-
 cial powers of jurisdiction, and pro-
 claimed that she was queen. As an

emblem of her office he conferred upon
 her a sword. Although the colonial
 administration had long ago been in-
 formed of Schmidt's conduct it had
 continued him in office. Schmidt had
 also kept a harem of young girls of
 tender years, and scoured them of the
 missionaries, the latter were
 thrown into prison for 21 days. Schmidt
 had been continued in office by the
 colonial administration.

The charges of Herr Bebel and Herr
 Roren were virtually admitted by the
 spokesmen of the Government in the
 Reichstag, excepting the alleged
 drowning of 52 children, as to which
 figures had been instituted. The
 Chancellor, Prince Buelow, declared
 that the Government was firmly re-
 solved to remove abuses, and punish all
 offenders, and had twice changed the
 head of the colonial office. General in-
 structions had been issued by Prince
 Buelow that German troops should ob-
 serve the precepts and practice of
 civilized warfare in operations against
 the natives. The officers, moreover,
 had been instructed strictly to super-
 vise the native troops under their
 command and to prohibit the mutila-
 tion of the dead, whether such mutila-
 tion was practiced in order to estab-
 lish the number of the slain or for
 any other purpose.

The Government was defeated by a
 vote of 173 to 168, and the Kaiser has
 administered punishment by dissolving
 the House. The election will be held
 on Jan. 25, and the new Reichstag will
 meet two weeks later. The adminis-
 tration is leaning upon the Conserva-
 tives and the National Liberals, and
 will appeal to the patriotism of the
 country. In the dissolved House the
 Centrists numbered 102, the Socialists
 79, the Conservatives 72, the National
 Liberals 52, and the Radicals of all
 types 26. There is a sprinkling of
 Poles, anti-German Alsatians, anti-
 Semites, agrarians and independents.
 In the general election of 1903 the So-
 cialists, or Social-Democrats, as they
 prefer to call themselves, polled over
 3,000,000 votes. They are by far the
 largest political group in the country,
 but are not represented in the Reich-
 stag in proportion to their numerical
 strength outside its walls, by reason of
 inequalities in the distribution of
 seats. Berlin, which is entitled to
 twenty seats on the basis of popula-
 tion, has only six. The city of Ham-
 burg, which should have eight seats,
 has only three. Other great industrial
 centers, in which the Social Democrats
 predominate, are under the same dis-
 crimination. Poor men are also dis-
 couraged from entering the Reichstag
 by the non-payment of members, and
 it is illegal for any party to raise sal-
 aries for its representatives by vol-
 untary subscriptions. The Government's
 only hope is to make a breach in the
 ranks of the Socialists, or the Cen-
 trists, or both, wide enough to give it
 a clear majority, or humble either of
 them into submission. Its colonial pol-
 icy has been costly and disastrous, and
 even ignominious, and it is question-
 able whether the German people will
 agree to shoulder a heavier burden. A
 defeat in the country would be a blow
 at the Kaiser, and might drive him to
 arbitrary measures.

PARTISAN COMMISSIONERS.

(Toronto News.)

We do not like these investigations by
 partisan commissioners into the conduct
 of public officials. Is it necessary that
 such inquiries in Ontario should always
 be conducted by Conservative commissions
 with Conservative counsel? It is best not
 to involve the judiciary in these proce-
 dures, and yet it is difficult, if not impos-
 sible, for a Liberal official to get justice
 from a board appointed at the demand
 of Conservative partisans and constituted
 of Conservative partisans. Moreover, its
 action is bound to be challenged even when
 substantial justice is done. Surely it can-
 not be disputed that what we need is an
 independent, non-partisan civil service
 board, before which any official can get
 a fair hearing, and whose judgment will be
 accepted by the general community.

A HINT FOR LONDON.

(Hamilton Times.)

The G. T. R. is to spend a quarter of a
 million on its property in Stratford. Ham-
 ilton was once an important point on the
 line, but our municipal representatives did
 not think G. T. R. good-will worth culti-
 vating.

DINKELSPIELERS.

(George V. Hobart, in N. Y. American.)
 To dem dot hand lemons shall lemons
 be given.

It is hard work for a stammering man to
 make a bluff.
 Success never shakes hands with a man
 who has a larynx.

Be sure you are right, then go ahead and
 ask your wife about it.

If you don't look any chances you
 don't get many advances.
 Some people start out to do right, but
 fate hands them a transfer.

Figures never lie, because if they did
 we could make a bluff at being rich.

Books are a great helpfulness to man-
 especially a bank book.

It amounts to a big grocer's bill ven a
 man tries to feed his vanity.
 Van half der world is afraid it will never
 get der chance to do der udder half.

ARTLESS FINANCE IN GERMANY.

(Pittsburgh Dispatch.)

The Krupp Company has decided to in-
 crease its capital stock \$5,000,000, and will
 keep it within the family. This shows how
 backward Germany is. Over here they
 would increase it \$500,000,000 and do their
 utmost to unload it on the public.

THE PRESIDENT FORGOT HIMSELF.

(New York Sun.)

When Mr. Roosevelt betrays such heat
 and impetuosity as to spell correctly,
 which he does in his letter to Secretary
 Root, it should be a sign to him that he
 is running past his signals.

CURE FOR PROFANITY.

(Concern N. E. Patriot.)

The cure for profanity—reformers and
 educators please make a note—is merely
 wit enough to handle your words so that
 swearing will seem like baby talk in com-
 parison.

GREAT LAKE TRAGEDIES.

(Toronto Star.)

Every year we hear of these tragedies on
 the great lakes. Can nothing be done to
 mitigate the evil? Are our laws and those
 of the United States sufficiently strict as
 to the seaworthiness of vessels and the
 loads they shall carry? Can we do nothing
 more to provide life-saving stations and
 apparatus and supplies of food and other
 comforts on the shores and islands of our
 lakes? Danger there must be, if naviga-
 tion is to be continued through November
 and December, but we ought to leave no-
 thing undone to minimize the danger.

A CLOSE FORTH.

(Pittsburgh Post.)

"My wife thinks a good bit of me."
 "That's nice."
 "Yes; next to the baby and the poodle
 and the rubber plant, I'm all to the mas-
 ter with her."

WORSE YET.

(Chicago Daily News.)

Schoolma'am—Now, tell me the truth.
 Jones. You know what will happen if you
 tell a lie, don't you?
 Schoolma'am—Yes, ma'am. I'll go to the
 bad place.
 Schoolma'am—Yes, and that isn't the
 worst of it. You'll also be expelled from
 school.

TOO SHORT.

(Pittsburgh Post.)

"I thought the young woman you're
 smitten with was tall and willowy. I saw
 her today. She's quite short, isn't she?"
 asked Jigley.
 "Exceedingly short," replied Lovett. "She
 simply said, 'No.'"

**STRAIGHT TALK
TO CALIFORNIANS**

Mr. Roosevelt Warns Them of
 Trouble if Violence Is Shown
 Towards the Japanese.

Washington, Dec. 18.—In a special
 message to Congress today the
 President transmitted the report of
 Secretary Metcalf on the Japanese
 situation in San Francisco. The report
 deals with three matters of controversy:

1. The exclusion of the Japanese chil-
 dren from the San Francisco schools.
 2. The boycotting of Japanese res-
 taurants.
 3. Acts of violence committed against
 the Japanese.

As to the first matter President
 Roosevelt calls special attention to the
 very small number of Japanese chil-
 dren who attend school, to the testi-
 mony as to the brightness, cleanliness
 and good behavior of those Japan-
 ese children in the schools, and to the
 fact that, owing to their being scat-
 tered throughout the city, the require-
 ment for them to go to one separate
 school is impossible of fulfillment, and
 means that they cannot have school
 facilities.

"Let me point out further," says the
 President, "that there would be no ob-
 jection whatever to excluding from the
 schools any Japanese on the score of
 ability."

"The question as to the violence
 against the Japanese is most admirably
 put by Secretary Metcalf, and I have
 nothing to add to his statement. I am
 entirely confident, that as Secretary
 Metcalf says, the overwhelming sen-
 timent of the State of California is for
 law and order, and for the protection
 of the Japanese in their persons and
 property. Both the chief of police and
 the acting mayor of San Francisco as-
 sured Secretary Metcalf that every-
 thing possible would be done to protect
 the Japanese in the city."

"I authorized and directed Secretary
 Metcalf to state that if there was
 failure to protect person and property,
 then the entire power of the Federal
 Government within the limits of the
 constitution would be used promptly
 and vigorously to enforce the observ-
 ance of our treaty, the supreme of the
 land, which treaty guaranteed to Japan-
 ese residents everywhere in the United
 States full and perfect protection for
 their persons and property, and to this end
 everything in my power would be done
 and all the forces of the United States,
 both civil and military, which could
 be lawfully employed, would be done."

HANGED TO TREES

How Russian Political Prisoners Are
 Now Being Executed.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—The ice in
 the Neva prevents the conveyance of
 political prisoners to the fortress of
 St. Peter and St. Paul, and a similar
 state of affairs prevents them from
 being taken to Cronstadt by water. So
 the scene of putting them to death
 has been transferred to Sestretsk, a
 dozen miles outside of St. Petersburg,
 on the Gulf of Finland.

To that place the two youths who
 made an attempt upon the life of Vice-
 Admiral Doubasoff last Saturday af-
 ternoon were conveyed at 6 o'clock this
 morning, escorted by Cossacks. They
 were hanged to trees and then their
 bodies were placed in sacks and buried
 in quicklime.

The same method was carried out in
 the case of the Terrorist leader Soko-
 lov, alias Nedviedy, who died crying,
 "Vive la Revolution!"

BIG GEM ROBBERY.

New York, Dec. 18.—Jewels valued
 at more than \$4,000 were stolen from
 the residence of Joseph Veiga in Cen-
 tral Park West, on Dec. 5, and a re-
 ward of \$500 has been offered for their
 return, and the arrest of Gabriel Hilt
 and Louis Louis, who were employed
 as servants in the Veiga home. Hilt
 and Louis had been in Mr. Veiga's
 employ only a few days. They disap-
 peared about the time the jewelry was
 stolen.

R. S. Woodward has computed that,
 assuming the average density of the
 earth's crust to be 2.75, the density at
 the center is 10.74 and at 100 miles depth
 it is 2.08.

**UNION DISCUSSED
BY PRESBYTERY**

Nearly Every Member of London
 Body in Favor of the
 Movement.

That all important question of church
 union was discussed for three hours by
 the London Presbytery yesterday af-
 ternoon.

Rev. W. J. Clark, as a member of
 the joint committee, was asked to open
 the question. He pointed out that the
 only report yet passed by the general
 committee was the one of doctrine.
 None of the other reports are yet final-
 ly passed. The meeting last week sat
 longer as a whole than any of the for-
 mer meetings. The unity of the whole
 movement was remarkable. He regarded
 the Lord's Prayer was for spiritual
 unity. But, for his part, there were no
 differences of doctrine or government
 sufficiently great to keep these three
 great churches, the Presbyterian, the
 Methodist and the Congregational-
 ist apart. These divisions in the past, he
 felt sure, were justified. The object,
 however, for which these divisions were
 necessary, had passed away. There
 were what losses at present from
 overlapping. The waste was wrong and
 there was nothing yet in sight to hin-
 der the consummation of this great
 union.

Mr. Robert Woods, elder of London
 Junction, related his experiences in re-
 gard to the union of 1875 of the dif-
 ferent Presbyterian churches. There
 were great fears of that union, he
 said, but it had turned out the greatest
 blessing conceivable. He thought in
 some way the union proposed would
 come, and would be an untold blessing.

Rev. S. Lawrence thought union look-
 ed beautiful in theory, but it would not
 work out so well as some imagined.
 Large churches were sometimes the
 most selfish. As to union doing away
 with rivalry, he believed there would
 be as much as before. As to presenting
 a united front, it only needed Presby-
 terians and Methodists and Congrega-
 tionalists living right lives. Then there
 would be a few families here and there
 who would form little sects. So he was
 opposed to union, but his mind was still
 open.

Rev. Dr. McDonald, of Moss, regard-
 ed this as the greatest question since
 the Reformation. Some might be sur-
 prised to find him so strongly in favor
 of union. He founded his strong view
 on his interpretation of the Lord's
 Prayer for union. He had been brought
 up in the strictest Presbyterian faith,
 but that training did not shut his eyes
 to facts. The great west was in need
 of more money than Presbyterians
 could raise. Presbyterians could not get
 men enough. The union of the churches
 would in some measure remedy this.

Rev. Dr. McCrae held that this move-
 ment was of God. The statement of
 doctrine was practically the same
 statement of doctrine adopted three
 years ago by the Presbyterian Church
 of the United States North. The Meth-
 odist Church was in reality Presbyter-
 ian in church government. The new
 government would be in essence Pres-
 byterian. The different types of char-
 acter would supplement and strengthen
 each other. Each church would bring
 into the union some elements needed
 by the others. Presbyterians would
 not give up their past history; they
 would take it with them into the great
 church of the future.

Rev. James Argo, of Ivan, a new
 member, strongly supported the union.
 Rev. D. Kelso, of Wallaceburg, criti-
 cised strongly the articles of doctrine.
 He considered the doctrines not Calvin-
 istic enough. He was not, however,
 opposed to union.

Rev. Dr. Munro counseled the
 churches to make haste slowly. In Scot-
 land there had been too much haste.
 "We are becoming more homogeneous."
 Time would help to bring the differ-
 ences of type nearer together. We are
 traveling in the right direction. Let
 us go forward, but with great care,"
 said Dr. Munro.

Rev. A. Stuart, the oldest minister in
 the bounds of the presbytery, was in
 favor of union. He considered that
 there were greater differences among
 different persons in the same church
 than among the churches themselves.
 In Northern Ontario and in Prince Ed-
 ward Island, where he had labored since
 his retirement, he had seen the great
 advantage that union would be. He
 strongly favored this great move-
 ment, and the sooner it was brought
 about the better.

Rev. T. A. Watson, Thamesford, be-
 lieved that Christ's prayer was for an
 outward, visible union.

Rev. J. Currie, of Belmont, held
 that organic union might exist without
 unity. He was in favor of the prin-
 ciple, but he could not yet see that the
 way was open. Those who could not
 see their way at present were not to be
 supposed as opposed to the fulfillment
 of the Lord's prayer for unity. Uni-
 formity was not necessarily unity.

Mr. Elliott Grieve, of East London,
 saw great difficulties in the way, but
 he felt all difficulties were melting
 away. He believed all three churches
 were leading men to Christ and doing
 God's work, and united, a marvelous
 impetus would be given.

Mr. Sutherland, of Thamesford, a
 gentleman trained under the late Don-
 ald McKenzie, of Zorra, told of a union
 Sunday school in Zorra, and how the
 different churches worked together and
 the good that was done. He had been
 in the great west, and he said, union
 would be an untold blessing. There

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A Knot of Blue

BY WILLIAM R. A. WILSON.
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Along with his trickery and roguish dealings there developed a cynical philosophy that scoffed at everything. Openly defying the church and its ministers, it is no wonder that he was accused of all sorts of dealings with the Evil One, the celebration of the Black Mass, and the housing of a jinn-child, the Devil's own, as a familiar spirit, and it was said by many who had passed him on the road on his wild midnight rides that a witch bestrode his horse's tail.

Long solitary drinking bouts aged him rapidly after his employer's death and he had little with which to occupy his time. Finally, one stormy night, after driving the servants out into the rain, he ordered his horse saddled and when asked whither he was going, responded "To hell," and dashed cursing and screaming down the driveway. His horse returned with empty saddle and next day his body was found beneath the fallen limb of a giant tree near Beaufort. He was brought home and buried, according to written directions left behind, ten feet below the floor of the great hall in front of the fireplace, his resting place being covered with a huge stone slab on which was cut:

I WAS NOT, AND I BECAME:
I WAS, AND AM NO MORE.
THIS MUCH IS TRUE; WHO
SAYS OTHER, LIES; FOR I
SHALL NOT BE, AND THOU
WHO LIVEST, DRINK, PLAY,
COME!

Such was the history in brief of the older Roguin. Such was the dark inheritance of the son, growing up to manhood under the care of Marie Grol, his father's housekeeper and his own nurse since his birth. Amid these dismal surroundings it would have been small wonder had he become a gloomy, morose man.

This was not the case. His only heritage from his mother was a love for all the bright things of life, its levity and gaiety; with this was coupled all

the bad traits of the father. Hence he became a man crafty, unscrupulous, sensual; fearless of divine anger, and dreading man's only when there was a likelihood of consequences fatal to himself, for he loved life passionately, although in other respects not a coward. He longed to taste to the full its various experiences. Loving wealth he found it easy to add to it, as well as to gratify his passion for gambling, by dishonest methods at cards.

Although of average height his frame seemed slight, which, coupled with his light hair, a smoothly shaven face and fair complexion, gave an effeminate touch to his general appearance. He lived alone in his gloomy dwelling save for the frequent companionship of a few kindred spirits whom he had gathered around him. He mixed in the social life of the city only when by so doing he could further some plan of his own. Although about the same age, Raoul de Chagnac and himself had known but little of each other as children. He had always secretly envied the other's qualities, so different from his own, the esteem in which he had been held, the success he had achieved at Paris. It was this feeling of envy that had induced him, a poor sailor that he was, to cross the stormy seas and spend a year in France. It was with no desire for a soldier's life or military honors, but rather that he might see the gay world and discover fresh channels of pleasure and also pick up any new ideas that might be of service to him in Quebec.

When confronted before the eyes of his associates with proof of his duplicity, his one thought was of flight. Landing safely in a flower bed in the rear yard, he quickly got his horse and set out for home. He rode recklessly along, cursing de Chagnac and his own mistake in not waiting to indulge his slanderous tongue until a sufficient length of time had elapsed to preclude all chance of de Chagnac's return.

Upon reaching the house he entered the great hall and threw himself sprawling into a chair before the fire. Again he cursed his luck, for like as he valued the regard of the world at large, it was vital to the success of his many schemes that he should stand well among the men of the community. He rang for wine and gulped down several goblets. This only seemed to increase his ill temper, for he stamped his foot and struck savagely at the lettering on the stone slab before him:

I WAS, AND AM NO MORE.
The inscription seemed to mock him in his present state of mind. The carved faces about the stone fireplace seemed to grin with delight at his despair. Maddened, he poured out more wine, drank it, and then, throwing the emptied glass upon the floor, striding savagely upon the pieces, grinded them into dust with the heel of his riding boot.

Just then his glance fell upon a rusty set of mailed armor standing against the wall like some old sentinel. In his madness he fancied he could detect a gleam as from a human eye peering at him from beneath the closed visor.

He dashed to it and struck the helmet vigorously with the butt of his whip. A wailing cry issued from the interior and the arms were raised as though to remove the heavy headpiece. Gaspard was startled for an instant, then fell to pulling the helmet off, revealing a human head which bore the wild, frightened face of a man about Roguin's own age, with a weakened look of untimely maturity. His eyes burned with a strange, uncanny fire, while the hair hung in long unkempt locks about the head, giving the general appearance of some rude creature of the wood, scarce human in its grotesque aspect.

[To be Continued.]

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MUST INCREASE ACCOMMODATION

Continued from Page Two.

The board has been able to mark its regard for Mr. Wilson's faithful public service will, I am sure, be approved by everyone.

Keep Up Standard.
Several of our teachers have left us to take positions of responsibility elsewhere, a fact which again reminds us that the profession of teaching must be as well paid here as in other places if we are to keep our staff up to its present high standard.

I regret very much the recurrent illness of Principal Kirk, of Aberdeen School, forcing him to again take a long period of rest. We can ill spare a man of his capacity, and we all hope, for his sake and ours, that he may soon regain his health and strength. We hope also that Mr. Latta may soon be able to resume work.

Our new teachers, have been carefully chosen, and are doing good work. I may add that we are adhering to the plan of gradually increasing the number of male assistant teachers in the public school, and with good results.

The teaching of art in our schools, under the supervision of Miss Powell, has placed our schools in that regard on a plane, perhaps, unequalled in America.

Mr. Quantz, our new music instructor, who succeeded the late Mr. Barron, is also doing most satisfactory work. Yet, Miss Bowen, a visiting teacher from Cardiff, Wales, tells us that in music our schools fall below those of Wales, while in most other subjects we surpass them.

The Collegiate.
The Collegiate Institute has maintained its high position, both in attendance and examination results. The school shows a satisfactory increase over that of other years in proportion with the growth of the city, and the increase in public and separate school attendance.

The cadet corps, under the very able instruction of Drill Master Gregory, has been placed in an excellent position by the generous aid of the board of education, and I am sure we all feel grateful to the ladies of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire for their magnificent gift of instruments to the bugle band of the corps, and of a fine rifle to the best marksman in the corps, won this year by Captain Thornton McBride. This effort to encourage a patriotic feeling in our young men deserves the fullest recognition.

The Sports.
The annual field day of the Collegiate Institute was this year very successful. The games were well contested, the attendance was very large, the prizes donated by the band and the prizes donated by the friends of the school were handsome. It was felt by all that the physical development and the social side of life were not neglected at the institute.

Several changes have taken place on the staff of the institute. Mr. McCool was appointed to an inspectorate in Bruce; Mr. Keith to a position in Moosejaw; Miss Macdonald has been married, and Mr. Wilson has retired as I have stated.

The vacancies on the staff have been filled by Messrs. McLean, Grainger, Bailey and Miss Anderson, who are giving satisfaction.

Manual Training.
The gymnasium at the Collegiate Institute has been newly equipped and is now up-to-date in every particular. The board, I am sure, feels very grateful to Dr. Merchant, principal of the Normal School, for his untiring efforts and co-operation in the advancement of manual training in connection with our school system. I think we are all agreed that no education quite reaches its mark which does not combine with the training of the eye and ear, the hands and feet, the muscle, nerve and sinew. I may also add the fire escape drill in which our schools are all keeping up their efficiency is not only a necessary precaution for saving life, but good physical discipline for the pupil. The board is of one mind on the grounds, and while we have not this year seen our way to ask for the issue of debentures for this purpose, I hope that this may be done in the near future.

Beautifying Grounds.
The interest taken by teachers and pupils in the beautifying of our school grounds is most commendable and deserves liberal encouragement from the board.

In June the city was honored by a visit from His Excellency the Governor General of Canada, and his daughter, Lady Sybil Grey, and at the request of Lady Sybil Grey I marked the event by proclaiming a school holiday.

On June 29 the schools, public and collegiate, held their annual picnic at Springbank Park. The attendance exceeded that of any former year, and a generous prize list added to the interest of both students and parents. I trust that next year arrangements may be made whereby the separate schools may hold their picnic jointly with ours, increasing the acquaintance and goodwill which happily now prevails.

The cup offered by the board for competition in the public school baseball league was won by Princess Avenue School.

Praise for Solicitor.
The high respect in which the board's solicitor, Mr. T. G. Meredith, is held by all parties, both for his legal ability and for his straightforward impartiality in public matters, helped not a little to straighten out some tangles, and I am sure you will all agree that he has earned, not only his reasonable fees, but the thanks of the board.

During the year the board were called upon to join in paying the last respects to two gentlemen who were at one time enthusiastic members of the board, and at all times enthusiastic supporters of everything tending to elevate education. I refer to the late John S. Dewar, who for two years occupied the chairmanship of this board, and Mr. R. J. Blackwell, who at the time of his death, filled the position of secretary of the public library.

The chairmen of the three committees, together with myself, had the

pleasure in April of entertaining at the Thistle Club, the teachers and officers and members of the board, and we have reason to hope, not only that our guests enjoyed themselves, but that something was added to that spirit of sympathy and good fellowship which should prevail amongst us all.

The appointment of Mr. John Clements as general repairer was a wise move. He does his work in a most energetic and businesslike manner.

Kindergartens.
I have again to congratulate the board and the public on the efficient and progressive work of Miss Laidlaw, supervisor of kindergartens; Inspector Edwards, who has shown zeal and capacity in the promotion of new educational ideas; Principal Radcliffe, of the Collegiate Institute, and Mr. Dickinson, head of the commercial department. The good work of those serving under them finds not a little of its inspiration in the sympathetic and instructive oversight of these officers.

Just here let me compliment the Froebel Society on its intelligent enterprise in bringing Professor Moulton again to London. I congratulate them on the great success they met. A visit from such a man, with his university extension lectures, marks a distinct intellectual gain to the city.

The work of Miss McIntosh and Miss Butcher has been such to increase the favor which the teaching of domestic science now finds with a progressive public. We hope soon to be able to extend the benefit of this course not only to the Collegiate pupils but to the seventh and eighth grades of public school girls.

More Accommodation.
The rapid growth of the city has kept many of our schools almost too crowded. While trying to meet this as far as prudent by rearrangement of classes, we have found it necessary to begin the erection of a four-room addition to the Cusheley Avenue School. The cost of this is met by debentures issued at our request by the city council. As London is adding from 1,500 to 2,000 annually to its population, involving an increase of 200 to 250 yearly in school attendance, it will be necessary to make still further additions to our school accommodation, and to the staff of teachers. At the present time we have on our teaching staff 193 teachers and the scholars on the rolls number over 8,000.

While we are taking some care for proper ventilation of the new schools, we have still to deplore the insanitary condition of some of the older ones. This is a matter requiring the earnest and immediate attention of the board, as there can be little doubt that the health of teachers and children is suffering from the bad ventilation.

Many non-resident children have been and are attending our schools, and this fact accounts partly for the overcrowding.

Must Pay Share.
We cannot deprive these children of an education, but this year's board has with fair success insisted that they should pay their share of the cost of their education.

The sincere thanks of this board and of the public are again due to those gentlemen who have given prizes, medals and other mementoes to encourage diligence in our pupils. Their kindness and generosity I assure them, are highly appreciated by us all.

Though the board of 1906 has not been able to do all which I suggested in my inaugural address or which many of the members had at their hearts to do, yet we may congratulate ourselves on a good year's work, and we may justly claim that we have made good use of the \$154,000 expended by us this year for educational purposes.

In conclusion, I wish to thank those trustees who have sustained and assisted me throughout the past year, also the secretary, whose knowledge of educational affairs renders his assistance of much value to a chairman. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Committee Reports.
The report of No. 1 committee was adopted. It provided for the addition of a couple of new teachers to the staff and also for the transfer of several teachers. The new teachers are Messrs. Claude Brown, of Petrolia, and W. F. Campbell, of Byron.

Of the eighteen meetings of the committee held during the year, Trustee Westervelt attended 17, Trustee MacRobert 15, Trustee McCormick 14, Trustee Fitzgerald 16, Trustee Strong 14.

The report of No. 2 committee was also adopted. It recommended that the application of Janitor O'Brien, of Simcoe street school, for an increase of salary be filed. Also for various minor improvements to Quebec street and Princess avenue schools.

Of the eighteen meetings of the committee, Trustee Gammage attended 17, Trustee Weekes 6, Trustee Strong 12, Trustee Teasdale 9, Trustee Tillmann 5, Trustee English 16.

The board decided to make the annual increases of principals of the public schools \$100 in future, instead of \$50 as formerly.

Trustee MacRobert, who made the motion explained that it will affect only four or five teachers. Dr. English seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The increases will continue until the maximum salary provided by the board is reached, and they will go into effect Jan. 1, 1907. The resolution puts the public school teachers on a par with the Collegiate Institute teachers in the matter of increases.

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SNAP-SHOTS

AT VARIOUS SPORTS

It is roughly estimated that there will be about 523 hockey enthusiasts present on Monday night, when the City League holds its meeting.

Hod Stuart must have been taken in hand by his friends. He hasn't been quoted in the papers for a whole day.

Danny Maher, the jockey, says that the English thoroughbreds are superior to the American nags. Danny knows, which side his bread is buttered on. Those fat English salaries look good to the little Irishman.

The local Y. M. C. A. Senior City League basketball schedule was wound up last night, when the T. N. C. C. five nosed out a victory over the Meds by a score of 21 to 29. The Shamrocks must have kissed the biarney-stone, for they added another game to their unbroken string of victories by walling the Midgets in a curtain raiser to the other contest. Score 71 to 53.

Joe Gans is following Pat's suit. The lightweight ink-spot says that he will hit himself from out of the limelight after the Herman bout, and go into business. To one familiar with the dusky man's habits the statement comes as a joke. Joe can't keep away from the race-track, the card-table or a crap game long enough to put away even a lone, hard dollar.

The poor, gullible public! P. T. Barnum was right. It certainly likes to be humbugged. Too much, however, is plenty. Beel and Gotch faked a wrestling match a couple of weeks ago. Then the six-day fake grind was swung on the public; and now Beel and Gotch pull off another fake match. In the first bout, Beel won two out of three falls. That was pulled off in New Orleans, the same place, by the way, where Sullivan was relieved of the title by Jim Corbett. The Gulf burg will stand for most anything, so the match went without much adverse comment. Monday night Gotch and Beel met in Kansas City and Gotch had no trouble in securing three straight falls. Shades of Carrie Nation! Some hatchets wouldn't work badly on the wrestling game out K. C. way.

The promoters of the recent fake grind in New York are talking of running a 24-hour race, in order to prove to the public that the recent contest was not a fake. That's rich, rare and juicy. Talk about heaping insult upon injury! The New York public has had enough bike racing to last them for a year at least. A 24-hour contest between the promoters and the officials would prove popular, providing the course led them away from the metropol.

The Toronto scribe who said that this town was a dead one in the sporting line should visit some of the near-by places. We have run across bugs, not far removed from London, that were petrified. Take that, put it in your pipe, and draw a deep breath. If you live—we're right; if you don't—well, then, you'll keep quiet. Somebody prescribed absolute quiet for this vicinity, and we're taking it. There is nothing doing.

SOUTHPAW.

THE TURF.

HAMILTON'S SPRING MEETING.

Hamilton, Dec. 18.—A meeting of the Hamilton Jockey Club was held yesterday afternoon to fill the vacancies on the board caused by three resignations. The directors are: Senator Gibson, A. W. Mackenzie, Toronto, and W. D. Long. The officers are Senator Gibson, president; F. C. Bruce, first vice-president; Judge Mackenzie, second vice-president; Samuel Barker, M. P., J. J. Scott, W. D. Long, P. D. Cramer, J. E. Seagram, M. P., Alex Mackenzie. The dates for the spring meeting are from June 3 to June 15.

OPEN-AIR SHOW.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—At a meeting of the Toronto Hunt horse show committee, it was decided, in view of the fact that the annual Canadian horse show cannot be held at the armories this year, to ask the Canadian Horse Breeders' Association to provide for prizes for the stallion classes at their coming spring show, and in the meantime until a suitable building is erected, prizes for the harness, saddle and hunters' classes will be given at an open-air horse show to be held at Toronto Hunt some time in April.

BASKETBALL.

G HAS IT ON B.

Company G had it on the team from Company B last night in the basketball contest at the armories, and won out handsily by a score of 24 to 4. The line-ups were as follows:

G — Forwards, Livingstone and Clarke; center, Marshall; guards, Gaudier and Spry.

B — Forwards, Butler and Armstrong; center, Whitton; guards, Binie and Sanger.

Referee—Treblickock.

INDOOR BASEBALL.

GAMES AT ARMORIES.

Company C defeated Company F by a score of 8 to 7 in the indoor baseball games at the armories last night, and Company E went down to defeat before the A. M. C. team, the score being 9 to 6. Penwarden and Cortledge were the battery for Company C, and Bryan and Roberts did the battery work for the second team. For the A. M. C. Livingston and McColl did yeoman service, while McLeod and Hunt composed the battery of Company E. Jeffries and Dunlevy acted as umpires.

ANOTHER WIN FOR WINDSOR.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 18.—Windsor Fusiliers' indoor baseball team again defeated the Crescents of Chicago last night by a score of 11 to 6. The game was a gingery one, the best played in this city for a long time. The Crescents play in Toronto tonight.

BASEBALL.

YANKIES WANT HILDEBRAND.

New York, Dec. 18.—The New York American League Club will make a determined effort to secure Doc Hildebrand, famous as the star batsman at Princeton University several years ago.

A Humane Jockey.

New York, Dec. 18.—Jockey Shaw, who goes to Europe in February to ride next year, will be greatly missed here by owners who believe in humane treatment of horses in actual races.

"Shaw never believed in punishing a horse when he knew that he was beaten," said a prominent turfman, "but with considerable thoughtfulness he used to ease his mount rather than pursue the tactics of other boys by whipping and using his spurs when there was a absolutely no need of such hard riding. Many horses have been ruined just because of a terrific drive through the last sixteenth of a mile when they were clearly exhausted. That sort of grueling took the heart out of them and in some instances caused a breakdown beyond hope of recovery. Shaw could tell the moment he let a horse down at the eighth pole whether he had anything left or not and acted accordingly. There were many owners this year who would have employed Shaw continuously if he had been able to make the weight just because of this particular trait."

Shaw, by the way, in addition to receiving \$20,000 cash for riding in Germany next season, will be allowed \$25 a day for expenses and will have his transportation over and back paid in advance.

O. H. A. SCHEDULES NOW COMPLETE

Group Ten, Intermediate, the Last to Fix Dates—More Players' Certificates.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—With the exception of group No. 10, intermediate O. H. A. series, which is being arranged today, all the schedules of championship games have been arranged. A belated schedule arrived at headquarters today from Parry Sound, for group No. 11, intermediate series. The meeting was held at Parry Sound, and the clubs represented were: Coldwater, A. E. Fairbairn; Parry Sound, H. McLaughlin. The schedule:

Clubs—Coldwater, Parry Sound, Midland II.

Convenor—H. S. Knifton, Parry Sound. Met at Parry Sound.

Jan. 2—Parry Sound at Midland. Jan. 9—Coldwater at Midland. Jan. 15—Midland at Coldwater.

Jan. 21—Parry Sound at Coldwater. Jan. 25—Midland at Parry Sound. Jan. 29—Coldwater at Parry Sound.

Certificates have been applied for to the O. H. A. for the following players: Markham (intermediate)—R. Farley, P. Reed, W. A. R. Mason, T. G. Hawkshaw, A. McMillan, A. Armeson, R. Wilson, J. Shank, W. A. Carmichael, J. D. Glover, E. Meyer, W. Maxwell, A. Robinson, M. Selbeck.

New Hamburg (intermediate)—Milton Bettager, Albert Bruder, Alexander Hahn, Leslie Wismer, Victor Mermer, Edward Scherer, Roland Plum, A. B. Puddicombe, J. A. Backer, Oliver J. Becker, W. A. Schur, Theo. Schuler, Harry Beck, Oscar Schultz.

North Bay (intermediate)—C. G. Mann, Thos. B. Dunbar, P. McDonagh, J. A. Robinson, A. P. McDiarmid, W. H. Cairns, L. M. Bunyan, T. R. Shaw, Harry Cameron, E. H. Bunyan, Fred Ballie, J. D. Kennelly, E. W. Dunnett.

GOTCH REGAINS THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Iowan Gets Two Straight Falls in Match With Fred Beell at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 18.—Frank Gotch regained his title of champion catch-as-catch-can wrestler of America by winning two straight falls from Fred Beell in Convention Hall last night. Beell won the championship title from Gotch in New Orleans three weeks ago.

The match was cleverly fought from the first gong, and although Beell was never dangerous, his wonderful ability to get himself out of precarious positions and his aggressiveness made the match a hard-fought one.

The first fall came in 19 minutes and 48 seconds. Gotch secured the fall after a most sensational combination of holds. He beel him man up with a croch hold, threw him up over his head, and Beell fell on his back in a body hold, with his head held between Gotch's legs. Beell bridged, but Gotch's superior weight told.

The second and winning fall came after 35 minutes and 16 seconds. During this time Gotch had his opponent in many positions from which it seemed impossible for Beell to extricate himself, but the little Wisconsin wrestler, by his wonderful strength and cleverness, wriggled out of one after another. The finishing hold was a croch and half-nelson that had been preceded by a toe hold that had caused Beell great pain. Beell put him in a position so that Gotch could apply the last hold.

The match was never rough, although after the first few minutes both men took the offensive and pushed the going. A crowd of 8,000 saw the match.

THE TURF.

WINNERS YESTERDAY.

At New Orleans—Red Ruby 10 to 1. Expect to See 8 to 1, Mortiboy 9 to 2, Sir Fiddling 7 to 5, Riskey 3 to 1, Lucky Charm 40 to 1.

Baseball Gambling Habit

One of the subjects which the club owners of both major leagues carefully avoided touching upon at their annual meetings last week, according to all reports, was the growing evil of gambling on baseball games and at baseball parks, says the Chicago Tribune. It is possible some discussion of the matter was indulged in and some action taken or agreed upon, which would not make public. It is also possible that either league would conceal a good deed under a bushel in that way. There is no denying the gambling element demands the attention of the baseball magnates and that immediately. It will not do to permit the evil to go on increasing until some scandal makes drastic action imperative to preserve baseball from the hands of the worst enemies any sport can have. That will be too late to prevent a great injury to the national pastime. There was more betting on baseball games and at baseball parks last season than ever before. The fact is attested to by many close observers among the patrons and among the critics of the game. The gambling craze never was more general among people than right now. It is in the air, a by-product of the nation's great prosperity. There is a large class of men who have formed the habit of betting on everything on which a bet can be decided, and who claim to find small enjoyment in a sporting contest on which they have no financial stake. Naturally the great increase in the popularity of baseball has attracted these habitual gamblers, who never would think of admitting they were such, and the professional gamblers are seeking in greater numbers to profit by this situation. To these two classes, and many others, it may sound puritanical or puerile to cry out against their sport or their profit. They will argue it is no one's business but their own if they want to bet on a ball game and that the patronage will fall off greatly of spectators are compelled to depend alone on the game to furnish their interest. The fact is, however, that these are the arguments which doubtless have caused some club owners to hesitate in their desire to check the gambling evil. But they are specious. Baseball is too great a sport and too intensely interesting to a great mass of people to need the added excitement of a wager to hold the patron. But it is not great enough nor strong enough to withstand the insidious evils which follow the gambler's trail. The magnates know this from experience, many of them. It is up to them to protect the game and their own property from these evils. They have the rules already in existence, and all that is necessary is their strict, untiring enforcement.

BITTER FIGHT FOR LIFE CONTROL

Both Company and Policyholders Claim Victory in N. Y. and Mutual Control.

New York, Dec. 18.—Probably never before in the history of the country has there been any similar incident to compare with the election in this city today of the trustees for the New York Life and the Mutual Life Insurance Companies.

In the number of ballots cast and in the expenditure of time and money the election approached in magnitude that of one of the states of the Union.

The total vote cast in both companies probably will reach 800,000, of which about 500,000 were in the New York Life, where the contest has been more vigorously and bitterly waged. It is believed that at least one week before the votes are all counted and the results of the campaign definitely known. In the meantime it is expected that the courts will be frequently called upon to determine the validity of ballots and proxies which one side or the other may question.

The Equitable Life Assurance Society, the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company and the Security Mutual of Binghamton, N. Y., also held elections today, but as there were no opposition tickets in the field in these companies the elections of their administration tickets were purely perfunctory proceedings.

Officials of both the New York Life and the Mutual Companies declared tonight that the administration tickets had without doubt been elected by large majorities, while the international policyholders' general counsel, Samuel Untermyer, its general counsel, expressed the conviction that the reform tickets would win in both companies, but by comparatively close margins.

William N. Cromwell, counsel for the New York Life, after the election, issued a statement:

"I have every reason to believe that the total vote of the international committee does not exceed 150,000. I believe that the administration ticket has been carried by 100,000 after making allowances for errors and duplications."

Samuel Untermyer estimated that

the united committees' ticket of the Mutual Life would win out by a majority of about 19,000.

NEW JOB FOR TAYLOR.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Governor Higgins today announced he would appoint Harry L. Taylor, of Buffalo, as county judge of Erie County to fill the vacancy created by the election of County Judge Edward K. Emery to the supreme court bench. Mr. Taylor for a long time has been identified with professional baseball and was president of the Eastern League for one year. He is a trustee of Cornell University.

Use the right starch right, and the woes of ironing-day end for you; with wrong starch you have to rub the surface off the clothes to get the looks into them. Celluloid Starch saves starched things because less iron rub-rub gives better finish; costs no more than clothes-wrecking starch. Test it.

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Silver Tea Services

Silver-Plated, 4-Piece Set, gray finish, \$10 00.

Silver-Plated, 4-Piece Set, plain, polished, bead edge, \$13 00.

Silver-Plated, 5-Piece Set, satin finished and engraved, \$20 00.

Silver-Plated, 5-Piece Set, burnished and chased, \$38 00.

Silver Plated, plated very heavy, new sterling pattern on feet, \$50 00.

John S. Barnard,

170 Dundas St., London.

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The Largest Manufacturers of High-Grade Union Made Clothing in the Dominion.

A GREAT PRE-CHRISTMAS SALE

Greatest Programme of Clothing Economy Ever Offered By This or Any Other House at This Opportune Season.

Once more Christmas is here, and once again this store asserts its ACKNOWLEDGED LEADERSHIP in the clothing world, and offers to the people of this city and vicinity a MOST ASTOUNDING ARRAY OF VALUES AT PRICES THAT CHALLENGE THE ENTIRE CLOTHING TRADE, determined to outdo all past undertakings and fully resolved to show beyond all question that this is indeed Canada's Greatest Clothing House. We're ready to prove to you the purchasing power of ready money—yours and ours. We're ready to show the difference between sweat-shop clothing and GRAFTON'S PEERLESS HIGH-GRADE. We're ready to prove that in this day of substitution and adulteration constant insistence for quality brings results. In a word, we're prepared to offer you clothing opportunities that will compel your most serious consideration and win your best approbation. We throw down the gauntlet to all other clothing houses and simply defy them to match our prices.

OVERCOATS

An immense assortment. Every garment new, crisp and clean. Many of them made up specially for Christmas trade. The art of the designer, the skill of the workman, the turn of the collar, the lay of the lapel, all bear mute evidence of the superiority of Grafton's garments.

Overcoats worth \$7.50, Christmas sale \$4.98
Overcoats worth 8.50, Christmas sale 5.98
Overcoats worth 10, Christmas sale... 6.98
Overcoats worth 11, Christmas sale... 7.98
Overcoats worth 12, Christmas sale... 8.48
Overcoats worth 13, Christmas sale... 9.98
Overcoats worth 14, Christmas sale... 9.98
Overcoats worth 15, Christmas sale...11.98
Overcoats worth 16, Christmas sale...11.98
Overcoats worth 17, Christmas sale...12.98
Overcoats worth 18, Christmas sale...12.98
Overcoats worth 20, Christmas sale...14.98

MEN'S FUR AND FUR-LINED COATS

The Largest Variety and Positively The Best Value.

Our claim that we can supply you with reliable first-class Fur Garments at the very lowest possible prices is well borne out this season. Every article we sell is thoroughly reliable in every respect, and we are here to see that every customer gets full value. We handle no furs that are not in every way strictly up to the mark, and you have only to get our quotations on any garment to find our prices much the lowest. Our showing is extremely large. We only ask your inspection of our great showing, knowing beyond question that there are none who can give you the same excellence for the same price.

FUR COATS.....\$12.50 to \$15.00
FUR-LINED COATS.....\$40.00 to \$75.00

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS FROM THE FURNISHING DEPARTMENT

Any One of the Following Items Will Make An Acceptable Christmas Present.

Men's New Neckwear, all shapes.....25c, 35c and 50c
Men's Ties, in individual boxes, Christmas sale.....50c, 75c and \$1.00
Men's Braces, in individual boxes.....50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50
Men's Braces, Christmas sale price.....15c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 50c and 75c
Men's Kid Gloves, lined.....50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50
Men's Kid Gloves, unlined.....\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00
Men's Mocha Gloves.....75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00
Men's Way Mufflers.....25c, 35c, 45c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00
Men's Satin Mufflers.....50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50
Men's Square Silk Mufflers.....50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75
Excelsa Handkerchiefs.....10c, 12½c and 15c
Plain Silk Hemstitched Handkerchiefs.....25c, 35c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00
Initial Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs.....15c, 20c and 25c
Hemstitched Plain Linen Handkerchiefs.....15c, 20c and 25c
Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs, in boxes of ¼ dozen each.....40c, 60c, 75c and \$1.00
Men's Fancy Cambric Shirts.....50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25
Men's Fancy Oxford Shirts.....50c, 75c and \$1.00
Men's White Dress Shirts.....50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25
Men's Umbrellas, extra special.....50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50

ALL KINDS OF UNDERWEAR AT MILL PRICES.

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Dundas and Carling Streets.

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Come Thursday Morning Nine o'Clock, Not Later, For These Bargain Gloves

Quantities are limited and they are unusual bargains.

72 Pairs French Suede Gloves, in Tans and Mode Shades, worth \$1.50; Sale Price Thursday Morning, per pair - - - - - \$1.19

There is not an imperfect Glove in the lot. Splendid fitters, Paris point embroidery backs. A Glove with that soft, velvety finish that makes Suedes so popular. Sizes 6, 6¼, 6½, 6¾, 7, 7¼.

Phone orders filled as received. **Sale**
Gloves not exchanged unless damaged.

50 Pairs Left of \$1 "Bonnie" Kid Gloves
 Sizes—5½, 6, 6½.

**French Velour Henriettas,
Pure Wool, 50c Yard**

Our Christmas stock of Henriettas arrived two weeks late, but they are so superior to the 50c cloth now being sold

that they will not last longer than the few days between now and Christmas. Six shades of cardinal, old rose, sky, pink, pearl, pretty—boxed for presentation purposes. A yard, 50¢ to \$2 00.

"DUCHESS OF FIFE" AND "FORBES" TARTANS
AT 50c.

Again in stock: scarce materials; would advise those

nile, reseda, myrtle, navy, brown, cream.
white, black.

Priestley's 54-inch Cream and Black Serges, Sale Price 490
Thoroughly shrunk and all wool. Worth 750 in any store in Canada.

Notice the width (one and a half yards). Christmas business will clear all we

san & Texas, com....	40 1/8	40 1/8	38 5/8	39 1/4
san & Texas, ufd	20 1/8	21 1/8	20 1/8	20 1/4

aville & Nash.....	144	140	148	144½
hattan.....	140½	141	140	141
ican Central.....	20½	27	20½	20½
ous Pacific.....	89½	89½	90½	90½
York Central.....	129	129½	128½	128½
ols & Western.....	91	91	90½	90½
Lead.....	72	72	70½	71½
ols & Western.....	71½	71½	71½	71½

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Latin Pacific	93%	88	114	142
Asia	104	154	147	145
in City	106	106	106	106
Latin Pacific	131	131	175	180
Leather	85%	25	35	35
Rubber	50%	40%	40%	50%

Steel, 47 1/2	47 3/4	48 1/2	47 1/2
Steel, pld.	104	102 1/2	103 1/2
Cash, pld.	104	102 1/2	103 1/2
Consolid Central	24 1/2	..	..

TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 19, 12:45.

Ask.	Bid.
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25 at 45%; Textile, preferred, 25 at 101%.

8 at 104%; Power, bonds, 4% per cent, 1,000 at 102%; Toronto Railway, 25 at 113%; Textile, bonds, 1,000 at 93%; Bell Tel:

Bank of Toronto	225	phone, 2 at 148; Laurentide, 25 at 93%;	You to make your Christmas Cakes and Plum Pudding this year, raw materials are so very high. We wish to call your attention
Bank of Commerce	175	Laurentide, 25 at 93%; Power, 90 at 94;	
Standard Bank	226	Coal, preferred, 8 at 115; Detroit Railway,	
Bank of Hamilton	214	32%, 35 at 82; Texicon, 25 at 55%;	
Bank of Montreal	221	Mackay, preferred, 5 at 68%; Bank	
Bank of Ottawa	221	100%; Ogilvie, preferred, 7 at 125; Iron,	
Bank of St. John	185	100%; Scotia, bonds, 1,000 at	
Bank of St. Lawrence	185	100%; Ogilvie, preferred, 7 at 125; Iron,	
Bank of St. Paul	185	100%; Ogilvie, preferred, 7 at 125; Iron,	
Bank of St. Peter	185	100%; Ogilvie, preferred, 7 at 125; Iron,	

Sumner Trust	186%	common, 100 at 22%, 30 at 22%, 200 at 22%;	tion to the fact that our price
Summers Ltd.	204%	25 at 22%, 25 at 22%, 25 at 22%, 25 at 22%;	are the same as last year.
S. S. & A. Land	104	200 at 22% at 22%; Twin City, 25 at 105%;	
R. B.	46	Laurentide 25 at 22%; Twin Electric,	We guarantee every Cake and
Onto Electric Light	169	beds, 500 at 60%; Scotia, 75 at 25 at	Pudding we sell.
Ontario General Electric, pref.	135	70, 25 at 70%; 100 at 70; Rio, beds, 15,000	
	104	at 80%; Iron, beds, 1,000 at 60%; Hoche-	

Union Telegraph	120	laga Bank, 1 at 159%.	
U. S. Navigation	84		
Western Navigation	85		
W. & C. Navigation	110	COTTON.	
Ontario Railway	118 1/2	New York, Dec. 19.—Cotton—Futures opened	
City	107 1/2	stead; December, 59 09; January, 59 15;	
St. Paul & Northern Pacific	105 1/4	February offered at 59 25 March, 59 42;	
Union Steel, 9000	181 1/2	April, 59 55; May, 61; July, 59 72; Aug.	
			519 Richmond. 210 Du

Union Coal, com.	62
ust, \$9 59 to \$9 60; October, \$9 47 to \$9 50.	
LIVE STOCK MARKETS.	
EAST BUFFALO.	
East Buffalo, Dec. 19.—Cattle—Receipts,	
300 head; dull; prime steers, \$5 65 to \$6 15;	
shorthorn, \$4 75 to \$5 50.	

Pican Electric.....	57
Sada Landed.....	126
Sada Permanent.....	124
Union Electric.....	78
Clinton Savings.....	416
Catharine N. & T.....	75
Alulton Savings.....	714

\$5.35. Veals—Receipts, 150 head; active and steady, \$4.50 to \$9.

Hogs—Receipts, 300 head; fairly active; pigs 10c lower, other steady; heavy, \$6.60; mixed and light, \$6.60 to \$6.65; pigs, \$6.55 to \$6.60; rough, \$5.75 to \$6.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts 40,000 head.

Watch

Open face, nickel joint case, special 17 jewel, medium

Foreign Bank	133	slow and steady; lamb, \$5 to \$7.75; year-
Bonds	80	lings, \$6.25 to \$6.50; wethers, \$5.50 to \$5.65;
Millton President	12	ewes, \$5.25 to \$5.40; sheep, mixed, \$5.00
son & Erie	129	\$5.50; Canada lambs, \$5.70 to \$7.65.
ed B. & L.	122	
don & Canada L. & A.	105½	
tion Mortgage	111	

CHICAGO.
Chicago, Dec. 19.—Cattle—Receipts, 18,000

ario Lean and	140 1/2
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carring Sales: Sao Paulo, sd. 9 and 20
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 35, 15 and 10 at 4 7/8; 750 at 12 1/2; 1, 1
 35, 15 and 10 at 12 1/2; C. P. R.
 35, 15 and 10 at 12 1/2; C. P. R.

at 191; Nipissing, 10 and 15 at 260, 101, 50, 50, 150, 20, 100, 100 and 50 at 255; Mackay, common, x'd, 15 and 50 at 70%; Mackay, preferred, 1 at 68; Toronto, Electric at 167; Twin City, 25 at 100; Boyington Bank, 25 at 133; Standard Bank, 20, 20 and 20 at 274; Rio, 50 at 451; do, 50 at 451.

nds, 1,000, 1,000, 3,000 and 11,000 at 60;
S. Steel, common, 25 and 15 at 70.
divided today. Central Canada
n, 100 per cent; National Trust, 32 per
Tomorrow: Dominion Bank, 3 per
t; Toronto Electric Light, 2 per cent.

Montreal, Dec. 19,	12.30,	sufficient to prevent any change in quotations, which are 25c for washed, 15c for unwashed, 19c for rejects and 9c for pickings.	HAY MARKET. TORONTO. Toronto, Dec. 18.—Baled Hay—As sleighing continues, deliveries are a little and the market is a little firmer at to \$12 for No. 1 timothy and \$9 for
Canadian Pacific.....	101		
Ontario Street Railway, yr.....	224		
Ontario Street Railway.....	115		
City Electric Railway.....	100 1/4		

Edo Electric Railway.....	101	Toronto, Dec. 18—Hides are down 1/2	in car lots here.
Edo Railway.....	102	in Chicago, and there are some indications	Baler Straw—Firm, at \$5.50 to \$7
Edo Railway.....	263 1/2	of another 1/2 recession. The result of this	lots here.
E. O. Navigation.....	84 1/2	is an earlier market all around. In addition,	
Central Power.....	84 1/2	the quality of hides being sent in is,	
Canadian Steel.....	83 1/2	as in always the case at this season,	
Canadian Steel, pfd.....	66	a lower output being	
Canadian Steel.....	64 1/2		
Canadian Steel.....	63		

W. A. Stahl & Co., Inc.	70					2 red winter wint'g, 6c. Futures	
Tele. Phone	168					December nominal; March, 6c 5/8d;	
City	197					Corn—Spot qu't; American mixed	
Irie Milling, pfd.	124					dual; do new, 5c 3/4. Futures dull;	
Kray, com.	734					ary, 4c 1/2d; March, 4c 5/8d.	
City	67 1/2					Hops (at London)—Pacific coast	
of the Woods, pfd.	115						
City	94						

Frederick Paper Mfg.	104	Horsehair—30c.	404
German	104	Tallow—Rendered, 5½c to 5½c.	404
Imperial	30		
Mailing, Cdn.	57		
Raw Cotton	57		
Shirley	104		
Union Textile, pld.	102		

43 10s to 24 15s.
 Peas—Canadian firm, 6s 10d.
 Flour—St. Louis fancy winter steady.
 Beef—Extra India, 7½c strong, 73.
 Pork—Prime mess western steady.
 Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, 57s 6d.
 57s 6d.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Leather—The market is dull.
 Horsehair—30c.
 Tallow—Rendered, 5½c to 5½c.

Bank of Montreal	250	250 1/2	up. Prices have not changed. Local dealers quote: Sole leather, medium, per lb.	Bacon—Chamberland, cut, 26 to 28 lbs.
Bank of Nova Scotia	250	250 1/2	30c to 31c; No. 2, 28c to 29c; No. 3, 27c to 28c;	4 1/2 lb., 47¢; Cumberland, rib, 15 to 24 lbs.
Bank of Quebec	250	250 1/2	Spanish sole, No. 1, 28c to 30c; No. 2, 26c to 28c;	20 to 22 lbs., 47¢; light, 23 to 25 lbs., 47¢.
Bank of Commerce	177	180 1/2	3c to 26c; calfskin, French, \$1 15 to \$1 50;	dull, 51¢; dull, or heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., 51¢;
Bank of Montreal	250	250 1/2	French kip, 50c to \$1 10; Canadian kip, 65c	No. 3, 37c; clear, heavy, 16 to 20 lbs., 51¢;
Bank of Nova Scotia	250	250 1/2		6¢; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 47¢;
Bank of Quebec	250	250 1/2		58¢; 6d.; shoulders, square, 11 to 12
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Bank of Commerce	177	180 1/2		
Bank of Montreal	250	250 1/2		
Bank of Nova Scotia	250	250 1/2		
Bank of Quebec	250			

Little Bonds B.	91	steady, 43¢ 3/4.
Little Bonds C.	91	Leads - western, in tierce,
Little Bonds G.	100	51¢ 3/4; American refined, in pairs,
Little Bonds L.	100	46¢ 6d.
Little Bonds M.	101	
Little Bonds N.	107 1/4	
Little Bonds O.	81 1/4	
Little Bonds P.	112 1/2	
Little Bonds Q.	95	
Little Bonds R.	95	
Little Bonds S.	95	
Little Bonds T.	95	
Little Bonds U.	95	
Little Bonds V.	95	
Little Bonds W.	95	
Little Bonds X.	95	
Little Bonds Y.	95	
Little Bonds Z.	95	

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—Sugar.—Prices are unchanged, as follows: Extra granulated, \$4 42; yellow, \$4 08, in barrels; in bags, 60 less; Ontario, \$4 32.
 Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine 7
 Druggist refund money if it fails to
 GROVES' signature is on
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LOCAL MARKET.

Wednesday, Dec. 19.
There were 35 loads of hay offered today. Sales are quiet brisk at \$12 to \$13 50 per ton, nearly all at \$13 per ton.
Straw sold at \$6 per ton or \$3 50 by the load.
Oats were firm at \$1 06 to \$1 08 per cwt.
There will be a large market tomorrow if the weather is favorable.

WEEKLY REVIEW.

The markets here the past week were well attended. The amount of business transacted exceeds that of last year at this time by a considerable margin, and as there are two more good days—Thursday and Saturday of this week—to do business, which will no doubt make this Christmas trade the largest in several years.

Poultry held sway on the market the past week, as nearly every vehicle had its quota of fowl of some description. There has been a good demand, although prices are considerably less than last year, due, no doubt, to the fact that there is a much larger number of fowl in the country than a year ago. There was not much difference in prices from those paid here last week.

Grain—Oats are firmer, and prices are slightly higher at \$1 05 to \$1 08 per cwt. Wheat is steady at 70c per bushel. Pens sell at \$1 15 per cwt, and barley at \$1 05 to \$1 07 per cwt.
Hay and Straw—There were 175 loads

of hay offered last week, and there has been a large supply this week; sales are made at \$12 to \$13 50 per ton, most of the loads selling at \$13 per ton.
Straw is in fair demand at \$6 per ton.
Butter and Eggs—Butter is a little slow at present, and is likely to continue so until after the holiday season, when trade in this will, it is expected, be a little more lively; sales are made at 22c to 23c for choice crocks and 23c to 24c for pound rolls. Fresh-laid eggs sell at 28c to 30c per dozen.

Potatoes—The market is dull and there is not much prospect at present of prices being higher; sales are made at 65c to 80c per bag.
Apples—Trade has been good, especially for choice stock; prices rule at \$1 50 to \$2 50 per barrel or 50c to 90c per bag, according to quality.

Poultry—Turkeys are the chief supply; sales are fairly good, considering the large number offered; prices are 15c to 16c per lb dressed, mostly at 12c to 13c; alive, 10c to 11c per lb; ducks sell at 9c to 10c per lb; geese, 9c to 10c per lb; chickens, 9c to 10c per lb dressed, and 7c to 7 1/2c alive; old fowl are dull, at 5c per lb alive and 7c to 7 1/2c dressed.

There is not much demand for live poultry, as the dealers are too busy with dressed stuff.
Dressed Hogs—Prices are easier, at \$25 to \$28 75 per cwt.
Live Hogs—The price here on Monday was \$6 per cwt; it is not known whether there will be a shipment from here on Monday; trade is likely to be slow until after the holidays; the prospects are for lower prices.

Butchers' Meats—Beef sells at \$4 50 to \$5 50 per cwt; veal is scarce, at \$8 to \$8 50 per cwt; lamb is lower, at 9c to 10c per lb; mutton, 8c to \$8 per cwt.

SUGAR MARKETS.

NEW YORK.
New York, Dec. 18.—Sugar—Raw barely steady; fair refining, 3 1/2c to 3 1/2c; centrifugal, 9c test, 3 1/2c to 3 1/2c; molasses sugar, 3 1/2c to 3 1/2c; refined quiet. Molasses—Steady.

LONDON.
London, Dec. 18.—Sugar—Muscovado, 9c; centrifugal, 10c 6d; beet sugar, December, 8s 9d.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TORONTO.
Toronto, Dec. 19.—The breadstuffs market continues quiet.
Wheat—Local prices for Manitoba grades do not change much, the quotations at Lake ports being 82c for No. 1 hard, 80c to 81c for No. 2 northern, and 78c for No. 3 northern; Ontario, No. 2 red, 76c asked outside; No. 3, 74c asked east.

Oats—No. 2 white, 56c asked on a 6c rate to Toronto, 56c asked on main line, 55c bid and 56c asked on 5c rate to Toronto; No. 3 mixed, 55c bid on 5c rate to Toronto; Rye—70c to 71c.

Millfeed—Bar nominal; scant supply, at \$17 to \$17 50; shorts, 41c to 42c.
Flour—Prices unchanged, although there is a fair export demand for Manitoba first patents; second are dull; local business is a little brisker, owing to the stocks purchased by dealers when prices changed being run down; above now the activity, however, is only normal; Ontario, 10

asked for 90 per cent patents for export, in buyers' bags outside, with \$2 50 bid; Manitoba, first patents, \$4 50; second, \$4; bakers, \$3 50.
The poultry market is easier, and there is a good demand in the butter and egg markets.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.
TORONTO.
Toronto, Dec. 18.—Live Stock—Trade slow and prices weak; 110 loads in today, including 1,800 cattle, 2,000 sheep and lambs, 600 hogs and 85 calves. Quotations:
Export cattle, choice, cwt., \$4 75 @ \$5 00
Butchers' cattle, choice, 4 25 @ 4 50
Butchers' cattle, medium, 4 00 @ 4 25
Butchers' cattle, common, 3 75 @ 4 00
Butchers' hogs, 3 00 @ 3 25
Export hogs, 3 00 @ 3 25
Export cows, 3 00 @ 3 25
Butchers' cattle, choice, 4 50 @ 4 75
Butchers' cattle, medium, 4 00 @ 4 25
Butchers' cattle, common, 3 75 @ 4 00
Butchers' hogs, 3 00 @ 3 25
Export hogs, 3 00 @ 3 25
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Feeders, heavy, 3 00 @ 3 25
Feeders, short-keep, 3 75 @ 4 00
Milk cows, choice, each, 40 00 @ 50 00
Milk cows, common, each, 25 00 @ 35 00
Springers, each, 25 00 @ 40 00
Export ewes, cwt., 4 50 @ 4 85
Export bucks, 3 00 @ 3 25
Lambs, cwt., 5 00 @ 5 25
Calves, cwt., 3 00 @ 3 50

DAIRY MARKETS.
LIVERPOOL DAIRY REPORT, WEEK ENDING DEC. 7.
[Hodgins Bros. Letter.]
Cheese—There has been a little more demand, confined chiefly to qualities a shade under best, but on strictly choicest goods, held for higher prices, the demand is slight. Lower grades meet but moderate inquiry. We quote today: Finest Canadian, full makes, white, and colored, 6 1/2c to 6 3/4c per cwt; finest States, do., 6c to 6 1/2c; earlier makes, States and Canadians, ready August or October, 5 1/2c to 6 1/2c; lower grades, nominally 5c to 5 1/2c.
Butter—There has been a better demand for strictly choicest qualities, and holders have been willing sellers, but towards the close of the week there is a firmer tendency on colonial and choicest continental produce. Canadian butters are neglected. The Copenhagen quotation is called kroner higher for next week. We report today's values as follows: Choicest Canadian creamery, in 56-lb boxes, 105c to 110c per cwt; choicest continental butter, in 56-lb boxes, 105c to 110c; choicest Russian and Siberian, do., 85c to 102c; secondary grades, do., 84c to 90c; choicest Australian and New Zealand, 106c to 112c; choicest Argentine, 109c to 112c; choicest creamery, scarce, nominally 112c to 115c; choicest States creamery, 90c to 95c; choicest States process, the demand, 85c to 90c; States ladies' imitation creameries and Canadian dairies, from 84c to 93c.

CHICAGO.
Chicago, Dec. 18.—Butter—Steady; creameries, 25c to 30c; dairies, 25c to 27c.
Cheese—Steady, 15c to 14c.
NEW YORK.
New York, Dec. 18.—Butter—Steady; re-solids, 18-20c; packages, official prices, state dairy, common to fancy, 15c to 30c.

COTTON.
NEW YORK.
New York, Dec. 18.—Cotton—Spot closed steady, 18 points lower; middling uplands, 18 1/2c; middling Gulf, 18 7/8c; sales, 53 bales. Futures closed steady, December, 19 1/8c.

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Or are you yourself one of many men in this city who are lured into foolish money spending by the peripatetic nuisances who regularly invade your store or office with fake publicity schemes?

During the past year how often have you been met by the man from out of town, the man whom nobody knows, but who has a proposition respecting a programme or booklet of some description which he says you should be in?

How many times have you said to yourself "I don't know there's anything in this for me?" Yet in spite of this, how often have you yielded and gone in with the others, whom you joined later in lamenting that your money had been thrown away.

The experience of years has been that the same amount of money as is thus sunk annually in will-o'-the-wisp schemes, brings, when spent judiciously in legitimate advertising, a definite, profitable volume of business.

You are not dealing then with a Man Unknown, who has floated in from Nobody-Knows-Where, and departs as quickly as he collects your cash. You do business with men in your own city and you deal with a real man.

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15 varieties from .15c up to 50c
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That hacking cough, that irritation in the throat, that pain under the shoulder or in the chest, that difficulty in breathing, that tired, languid feeling, that worried look upon the face, are the unfailing symptoms of a very serious condition that calls for immediate attention. Every time you cough, every time that pain catches you when you breathe, aggravates the trouble and can only result fatally unless arrested at once. The one thing that will do this quickly, effectively and positively is Psychine, that wonderful remedy for all diseases of the throat, chest and lungs. It not only acts directly upon the respiratory organs, but it builds up the entire system by strengthening the stomach, improving the appetite, aiding digestion and toning up the nerves. John Wren says:

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TWO RUNS FOR FIREMEN

\$100 Damage at a Dundas Street Store—Slight Blaze at Labatt's.

The firemen were called at 8:30 this morning to the works of the Labatt Manufacturing Company, corner of Richmond and Bathurst streets, where a disconnected stovepipe had caused a small fire in a store room. The damage was very slight.

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THE SARNIA MAYORALTY

Candidates Getting Ready for Contest—A Sad Disappointment.

Sarnia, Dec. 18.—Ald. E. H. Eide, who has been a member of the town council for ten years, definitely announces that he is a candidate for the mayoralty. There are other aspirants for the office who have not definitely stated their intentions.

Following are the newly-elected officers of Wawonah Chapter, No. 15, Royal Arch Masons: Z. A. E. McDonald; H. W. J. Barrie; J. C. S. Clark; S. E. Alex. H. Wanless; S. N. I. Newton; P. S. John Boyd; treasurer, W. R. Paul; auditors, F. Watson and W. J. Ward; tyler, Wm. Osham.

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Bedroom Box Divans
For shirtwaists, skirts, etc., covered in cretonne, chintz and taffeta, in colors to suit any room, at \$7.50, \$8.50 and \$10.

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In beaten brass, copper and wrought iron. Japanese lanterns in fantastic shapes and colors, at all prices to suit the taste and the purse.

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