

CONFESSES TO TWO MURDERS  
BEFORE GOING TO THE GALLOWS

Steffoff, the Toronto Macedonian, Who Hacked a Fellow Countryman to Pieces Was Executed This Morning After Admitting the Deed.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Toronto, Dec. 23.—"Good-bye, my friends; good-bye, my friends." With these words conveying his last farewell to the world, Paul Steffoff stepped on the gallows at this morning at 8:05, and paid the penalty for a most brutal and revolting crime—that of hacking a fellow-countryman to pieces with a hatchet for his money. From 2 o'clock this morning the doomed man paced the floor of his cell, crushed beneath the consciousness of a burden of crime and grief. The fact that he had killed his victim and deceived his spiritual advisers weighed upon him, and at 7:15 this morning he confessed the crime for which he was to die, and also another murder, with the request that Rev. John Kuleshnikoff, of the Russian Baptist Church, and Mr. Amos improve forgiveness on his behalf.

Two Hangmen.  
Little preparation was necessary for the final scene as the death-dealing paraphernalia is a permanency at the Toronto jail. Radcliffe was at the jail most of the night, but slept little. At 7:30 a stranger, who had been carrying a cheap suitcase, was ushered into the jail corridor. He wore a black peak cap, and seemed familiar with such as those upon which he first set his eyes, the sheriff, the governor of the jail, a number of officers and the usual gathering of newspapermen, where Radcliffe came forward and shook hands with him.

"Sorry to see you here, old man," said Radcliffe.

The stranger made some inaudible reply, and as he turned to go out again, shook hands with the hangman, who said with a smile, "Good-bye, Bill." The stranger passed out, his identity still concealed.

The Confession.  
Concerning the brutal slaying of Veni Steffoff, the prisoner said, "I am a guilty man. I murdered poor Steffoff. He volunteered the information that he was jealous of Steffoff and was anxious to obtain to be well supplied. In a straightforward manner, Steffoff told of the hacking of the man to pieces, and of taking the \$100 bill and four other bills from the pocket of his companion."

He then gave the alarm of Steffoff's death, but protested his innocence of any knowledge of the crime.

While riding his conscience of a recent crime, Steffoff recalled the fact that he had some years ago murdered an Englishman in Terre Haute, Ind. That was the result of a quarrel. He shot a man and was saved from the vengeance of the police by the false statements of a fellow-countryman.

When everything was prepared, Radcliffe attached a rope to the gallows, but it was short in order to make it long enough it was necessary to unwind a couple of turns from the scaffold beam. Radcliffe came home from Westminister on the day, where two executions, which were to have taken place, were postponed for two months.

NEW PRISON SITE  
CLOSE TO GUELPH

The Government Selects a Place on Which to Erect Central.

IDEAL FOR FARM WORK  
Building Will Hold Five Hundred Prisoners—To Be Ready in Two Years.

Guelph, Ont., Dec. 23.—Early in January a number of men from the Central Prison will start to work about two and a half miles from the city of Guelph, on the spot that has been chosen by the Government as the site for the new provincial reformatory. The six hundred and three acres of land which the Government has secured are situated to the east of the city, and nearly adjoining one portion of the grounds of the Ontario Agricultural College. The decision to build the new reformatory near Guelph was reached at a meeting of the cabinet last week, but owing to the fact that options on the land wanted had not been closed, no announcement of the Government's action was made until yesterday. The building options were closed during the afternoon.

It is immediately within the city limits, in close proximity to the Ontario Agricultural college, and comprises five properties, with an aggregate area of 602 acres. The price paid for the parcel by the Government will be some \$42,250, approximately \$72 an acre.

The properties purchased are: The Walsh farm, 130 acres, with an inexhaustible deposit of rock and white and grey limestone, fronting on the C. P. R. The balance of the farm is good agricultural land.

The Farr farm, 83 acres; good pasture and agricultural land, suitable for dairying.

The Matthews farm, 210 acres, with large deposit of rock and dolomite limestone, on the C. P. R.; also a large acreage of farm land and a site for buildings.

The Myers farm, 50 acres, with big gravel and sand deposit, contiguous to the G. T. R. Also fine farm land and a site for buildings.

The Fleming farm, 130 acres, two-thirds fine farm land, with an acreage of blue clay suitable for manufacturing bricks.

Two other adjacent properties are under consideration, the price for one of which is greater than the Government is ready to pay.

"The location of the site in Wellington," said Mr. J. P. Downey, M. P. P., when interviewed, "is solely on its merits. That is the most satisfactory feature of the decision."

At the last session the Legislature passed an initial appropriation of \$50,000 towards the new reformatory.

HADN'T HIS BELLS ON  
Driver Fined in Police Court for Being Without Them.

For driving a horse and sleigh without bells, David Gilmour was fined in the police court this morning. The police intend to lay information against all persons whom they find driving about without bells, as it is regarded as a very dangerous practice, particularly at night.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.  
New York, Dec. 23.—Arrived: Room, from Bremen. Sailed: Mauretania, for Liverpool. Chicago, New York for Havre. Southampton—Sailed: New York, for New York. via Cherbourg and Queens-town.

Brownhead—Passed: Campania, from New York for Queenstown and Liverpool. Signalled: Chicago, New York for Havre. Sailed: Havre, from New York. Sailed: Havre, from New York. Sailed: Havre, from New York.

EXPLORER COOK'S WIFE  
HAS THE ORIGINALS

The Proofs Sent to Copenhagen University Were Carbon Copies.

New York, Dec. 23.—The report of the special committee, which investigated Dr. Frederick A. Cook's claim of having reached the summit of Mount McKinley, will be delivered to the board of directors of the Explorers' club tomorrow. While the investigators will not now divulge the text of the report, they do not deny that it discloses Dr. Cook's claims, and such a verdict has been generally anticipated.

While Walter Lonsdale, Cook's secretary, delivered only the carbon copies of the explorer's report at Copenhagen, it is now reported here that Mrs. Cook went aboard with the originals, and was to have delivered them to Lonsdale in London, but that they were each other and only the duplicate copies reached Copenhagen.

MAY COTTON  
WENT TO SIXTEEN

New York, Dec. 23.—Predictions of the bull element that cotton would reach the 16-cent mark before the holidays, were made good today. The market was near that point in the forenoon, trading in a strong, but cables favored a rise. The bull traders saw their opportunity and on stronger buying the market went up to the predicted figure.

MISSING STEAMER  
HAS TURNED UP

London, Dec. 23.—The railway company's steamer Rostrevor, for which news have been received, arrived at Holyhead, Wales, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The captain reported that he had been delayed by fog, and also by stopping to assist a schooner which had been dismasted in the storm.

WRECKERS WORKING  
ON ASHTABULA

Port Burwell, Dec. 23.—The ferry Ashtabula this morning is in about the same position and condition. The wind has moderated, but weather indications are for more wind. Pumps are aboard the vessel and wreckers are working.

A PRETTY WEDDING  
AT ALL SAINTS

All Saints' Church was the scene of a pretty wedding last evening, when Miss Elizabeth Moffit, of 428 Ottawa avenue, became the wife of Ernest William Pridham, of this city, and formerly of Kent, England.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. B. Clarke, the rector, in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives of the happy couple. The bride was given away by Mr. William Bowden, and was supported by Miss Bertha Parsons, of 1025 Mabel street, while Mr. I. Luckwood attended the groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Pridham will reside on Simcoe street east.

BUMPER CROPS  
BUY AUTOMOBILES

Detroit, Dec. 23.—J. C. Coe, a Sackatchewan farmer, dropped into a Saturday and by the time he had finished his errand yesterday he had purchased thirty automobiles for his neighbors he was going east and they gave him their orders, accompanied by bank drafts.

Coe paid \$4,500 for his own machine, and the cars were all high grade, several being the \$4,000 to \$5,000 class. Bumper wheat crops in the Northwest were the cause of so much prosperity.

EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM  
EARLY BIRD BUYERS GOT STUNG

Turkeys to Right and Turkeys to Left Drove Prices Way, Way Down Even to Seventeen Cents and Those Who Bought Early Are Saddened.

The frugal housewife who yesterday bought her turkey in haste at 23 to 25 cents a pound is today suffering agonies of regret. Everyone expected that the toothsome bird would soar almost out of sight on this morning's market, and the way eager buyers hastened to hand over their 20, 22 or 25 cents a pound on Tuesday, was very touching. But for two days they had the unalloyed delight of thinking that Mrs. Jones, who lives next door, and who overslept on Tuesday, would probably pay 30 cents a pound for her Christmas turkey. But, oh, the sorrow of it when Mrs. Jones came triumphantly home with a turkey which she had acquired for 18 cents! There are many people in London today who are thinking bitterly of the man who got off that proverb about the early bird and the worm.

Turkeys Galore!  
This morning when the market opened it was hardly possible to walk without stepping on turkeys. They were everywhere, lying in stately rows, snugly covered with a blanket, or sitting up in attractive attitudes on the seats of cabs. They were simply waiting to be purchased, but the very suggestion of 21 cents a pound seemed to cure the buying fever, and it was only a reluctant few who would even consent to carry an extra attractive bird at 20 cents. It was a day of sweet revenge for the townspeople, and they walked up and down the aisles of turkeys waiting for the price to descend into the realm of common things, while all the time the visions of sausages and Hamburg steak as Christmas fare grew more and more distant. Finally the price dropped to 18, to 17, and even in some cases to 15 cents, and then the sale began in earnest, and everyone was happy save those unfortunate ones who had already laid in their supply and who pined for the market, solemnly repentant for their undue haste.

ALD. FERGUSON AND ALD. BEATTIE  
WILL CONTEST THE MAYORALTY

Hon. Adam Beck Announces That He Has Decided to Withdraw From the Contest—Has Legal Advice to the Effect That His Connection With Water Scheme Prevents His Candidature.

The mayoralty fight is between Ald. Donald Ferguson and Ald. J. H. A. Beattie.

Hon. Adam Beck this afternoon informed The Advertiser that after giving the matter his most careful consideration, he finds it impossible to be a candidate.

Mr. Beck asserts that two lawyers whom he consulted told him that his connection with the water scheme, which he put through last summer, places him in the position of a city contractor, and as such he would be vulnerable, should an action be instituted against him by any one.

In certain quarters it had been stated that should Mr. Beck decide to run, proceedings would be at once started to unseat if he were elected.

A final meeting of Messrs. Adam McMahon, Pocock and Wyatt is being held this afternoon to consider whether the two former gentlemen will qualify and go into the fight.

SENSATIONAL STORY IS DENIED  
ALDERMAN FERGUSON TO RUN

Rumor That He Was to Drop Out and Allow Ald. Beattie To Be Elected by Acclamation Is Refuted—The Story of the Alleged Frame-Up.

A rather sensational story was going the rounds today to the effect that there was an understanding between Ald. Beattie and Ald. Ferguson that the latter was to drop out at the last minute and allow Ald. Beattie to be elected by acclamation, should Hon. Mr. Beck fail to be a candidate.

It is an absolute falsehood," Ald. Beattie told The Advertiser. "I'm in the field to stay, and so far as I know, so is Ald. Ferguson. I'm out to win. Lay off, Macduff, and curb be he that first cries, hold, enough," he quoted.

Ald. Ferguson could not be located for a final meeting of Messrs. McMahon, Pocock and Wyatt is being held this afternoon to consider whether the two former gentlemen will qualify and go into the fight.

ADJOURNED SESSION  
OF COUNTY COURT

The Judge Reserves Decision in the One Remaining Case.

The adjourned session of the county court yesterday afternoon before Judge Macbeth to conclude the consideration of the cases entered for hearing at this session. Only one case remained to be considered, that of Morris against the Grand Trunk Railway, an action to recover damages for the killing of certain cattle which had strayed on the company's tracks. His honor reserved his decision in the case.

Judgment was given in the case of J. D. Mathewson, a general merchant of Komoka, in an action against D. Wade, of this city, for \$34.12 in addition to the \$17.42 paid into court, as a settlement of the claim, and the costs of the action.

The plaintiff claimed that he delivered to the defendant goods valued at \$318.64, receiving \$150 on account. He entered a claim for the balance, \$168.64.

\$2,000,000 FOR  
STEEL WORKERS

Bonus Will Be Sixty Per Cent Cash, Remainder in Trust Stock.  
New York, Dec. 23.—More than \$2,000,000 will be distributed by the United States Steel Corporation as a bonus to its officers and employees. Sixty per cent will be in cash, according to the official announcement today. The amount is determined, as usual, by the annual earnings. The sum distributed for 1909 amounts to a little over \$2,000,000. This will be paid 60 per cent in cash and 40 per cent in preferred stock at 124, for common stock at 90, in accordance with the wishes of the recipients, so far as practicable and convenient. Also the opportunity will be given to subscribe for 25,000 shares of the preferred stock of the corporation at 124 upon the usual conditions.

ROUNDHOUSE BURNED.  
Albany, Vermont, Dec. 23.—The roundhouse of the Rutland Railroad here was burned early today. Five locomotives were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

LONG LIVE ALBERT  
AND QUEEN ELIZABETH

The State Entry of the Belgian Sovereign Into the Capital This Morning.

Brussels, Dec. 23.—Albert I., king of the Belgians, with his Queen Elizabeth, made a state entry into the capital from Laken this morning. Cannon boomed a royal salute, church bells rang out merrily, and thousands of adoring subjects lined the route of the royal march, crying "Long live Albert" and "Long live Elizabeth."

When the procession arrived at the chamber where the king and queen were to be taken the successor of Leopold II, was given a notable reception by the members of the cabinet.

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In the Congo the nation wishes a policy of humanity and progress enforced," he said. "The mission of civilization cannot be other than a mission of higher civilization."

LEFT \$30,000,000  
TO CHARITIES

New York, Dec. 23.—The estate of John Stewart Kennedy, the multi-millionaire banker, who died here last October, is valued at over \$100,000,000, and has been admitted to probate. He left about \$30,000,000 to charity. His will.

## BOY FOUND A CHECK

Harry Simpson, a C. P. R. messenger boy, while walking on Richmond street this morning, picked up a check for \$100 issued by a well-known local drygoods man. The check was in the name of the boy's father, and was payable to the Mer-chants' Bank. The boy took the check over to the bank and the officials there are looking after it.

NO ONE IS BLAMED  
FOR THE ACCIDENT

Inquiry Into Death of Sarnia Brakeman Killed Here.

## GLEDON FELL OFF CARS

Between Richmond and Talbot Streets, But the Accident Was Not Noticed Until Train Was West of Work-ley Road.

"That G. L. Gledon came to his death in the city of London on the evening of Dec. 17, 1909, by falling off between cars and being dragged and crushed to death while the train was in motion. From the evidence no blame is to be attached to anyone."

The above verdict was brought in by the jury, which, under Coroner MacLaren, last night investigated the death of D. Lorie Gledon, the young Sarnia brakeman, who was killed just west of the Workley road recently on the G. T. R.

W. E. Foster, of Montreal, represented the company, but the family were unrepresented.

The Evidence.  
The first witness called was Conductor H. Buckle, of Sarnia, who was in charge of extra westward freight No. 81 last Friday night. The train pulled out of London at 5:55 with both brakemen in their places. At 6:15 the train was stopped by the engineer as he could not keep up the pressure of air on account of a leakage. Witness got out to examine the train, and found marks in the snow which indicated that something was dragging. Each car was examined until Brakeman Gledon was found under the sixth car from the engine.

Witness notified the engineer and the body was taken out and he then walked back and made a report at the G. T. R. office.

Could Not Account for It.  
On the way back Gledon's cap, lantern and mitts were found between Richmond and Talbot streets. Witness could not account for the accident. To the coroner he stated it (Continued on Page Eight.)

DELUGE OF MISSIVES  
FOR SANTA CLAUS

Little Folk Using Mails to Tell the Old Gentleman What to Fetch.

A great number of missives from little children to Santa Claus are being received at the postoffice, and of the requests being answered, and rather pathetic. Some of the little ones have sent gaily decorated picture postcards to Santa Claus, and on their backs are written requests for all kinds of toys, candies and endless varieties of playthings. Nine out of ten of the little girls want dolls, and nearly all the boys want, among other toys, either a drum or an engine and cars. Some of the little children not only speak for themselves, but give directions what to bring for other little brothers or sisters.

"Postie! a Busy Man.  
"We will have our busiest night tonight," Postmaster Dr. McDonald told The Advertiser today. "All through the week we have been rushed to full capacity, but tomorrow evening the last day before Christmas there will be an enormous rush."

Parcels and packages of all kinds, and thousands of letters are arriving at the postoffice from all over the world.

The staff are taxed to their utmost to handle it. This year arrangements have been made with the firm that collects the mail to be in the distribution of the extra matter. This will be a material aid to the carriers.

## DYSON WAS GUELPH BOY

Family's First Intimation of Death Received From Papers.

Guelph, Dec. 23.—The young man W. J. Dyson, who was killed at Redwater, was the youngest son of Mr. W. Dyson, a banker and real estate agent of this city. He went to Toronto a year ago last September, and took a course in the School of Telegraphy. He was first stationed at Thorndale and later at Hes-ler, but had been connected with the T. and N. O. Railway.

The first intimation that his family had of the tragedy was the announcement in the papers yesterday.

Dr. Ghent Wilson, of Toronto, late of Wardsville, underwent a successful operation for appendicitis last Monday at the Western Hospital, Toronto.

## THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FAIR  
FORECAST.  
Today—Fresh westerly winds; fair, with about the same temperature.TEMPERATURES.  
Stations. 8 a.m. 10 a.m. Yesterday High. Low.

London ..... 28 36 38 42  
Victoria ..... 28 36 38 42  
Calgary ..... 28 36 38 42  
Winnipeg ..... 16 2 2 16  
Saskatoon ..... 16 2 2 16  
Regina ..... 16 2 2 16  
Toronto ..... 24 14 14 28  
Montreal ..... 24 14 14 28  
Quebec ..... 24 14 14 28  
St. John ..... 24 14 14 28  
Dawson City ..... 24 14 14 28  
Athol ..... 24 14 14 28  
Kamloops ..... 24 14 14 28  
Edmonton ..... 24 14 14 28  
Prince Albert ..... 24 14 14 28  
Moosejaw ..... 24 14 14 28  
Fisher Point ..... 24 14 14 28  
St. John's ..... 24 14 14 28  
Halifax ..... 24 14 14 28  
Minus (—) means below zero.

The area of high pressure is now passing eastward across Ontario and the Middle States, and it is quite probable that a storm will develop in the Southwestern States and move towards the Great Lakes during Saturday.

The temperature continues fairly low in the Western Provinces, and moderate in Ontario and Quebec.

BUT FEW CANDIDATES QUALIFY  
VERY SMALL LIST TO DATE

City Clerk Says the Work Is the Slowest in Years.

## FIND \$28,000 IN OLD WOMAN'S HOME

Police Discover Stock Bonds and Jewels Hidden in Book.

London, Dec. 23.—Stocks and shares to the value of \$28,000 have been found in the home at Delston of an old woman of 70 named Mrs. Emma Tomlinson, who has died in the infirmary at Homerton. Search is now being made for the jewels.

Mrs. Tomlinson carried on a small business in Delston Lane, where she lived quite alone in a comparatively large house. Seventeen years ago she separated from her husband, and went to Manchester and was lost sight of. There was no family, so far as is known, and since that period the woman had secluded life, her only associate being a young woman named Florence Risley, whom she employed to keep her accounts.

A few days ago Miss Risley found that she could enter the house as usual, and on forcing an entry the police discovered the woman lying in a passageway very ill. She was removed to the infirmary, where she died.

The police officers found the premises in a dirty condition, and the old woman herself very much neglected. A search, however, revealed hidden away in all sorts of odd corners, stocks and bonds to the value of \$28,000. In addition, a quantity of jewelry has been discovered.

The will has been found, and an effort is being made to find out whether the husband is still alive.

ALL TRAINS ARE  
CROWDED AND LATE

Tremendous Rush of Christmas Holiday Traffic Through and Local.

There is a tremendous rush of traffic on all the railroad lines today, and as a result all the through trains are running late, and are losing time rapidly. Special cars were put on all trains running out of London this morning, and all the express trains went through with from eight to ten cars, all well filled. No. 6, the Grand Trunk express, due from the west at 11:30, was over an hour late, and rather kept the large crowd of passengers waiting so that they would miss their eastern connections, a special train was made up and left at the regular time. The trains running into the city from the branch lines brought in enormous crowds of shoppers, and merchants are doing a record business today.

\$200,000 JEWELS  
ARE STILL MISSING

London Police Convict Two Men However, in on Deal.

London, Dec. 23.—At the London sessions Herbert Grimshaw, once a cheesemonger, was found guilty of being concerned in the theft at the Cafe Montecarlo of jewels worth \$200,000, the property of M. Goldschmidt, a Parisian. He was sentenced to three years' penal servitude and Higgins to fifteen months in the second division. Goldschmidt lunched at the Cafe Montecarlo, and was seated at the table with him the handbag containing the jewels. He was shadowed up by the police, and the thief got clear away.

The jewels have not been recovered and Inspector Fowler testified in the witness box that \$200,000 was the rock-bottom value. The insurance paid in their amounts to more than \$175,000.

The inspector added: "I know as an absolute fact that there were altogether six men concerned, the others, among the most daring I suppose, that you will find in Europe, were actually concerned in following M. Goldschmidt to doubt for the purpose of stealing these gems. These men have gone away since the robbery in various directions. One of them is at present in custody in America."

FELL UNDER WHEELS  
WHILE STEALING RIDE

A Fourteen-Year-Old Boy Instantly Killed at Toronto.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—While stealing a ride on a shunting engine on the G. T. R. tracks between Galt avenue and Marjory street, this morning, Percy Hodgson, aged 14 years of 244 Pape avenue, was thrown under the wheels and instantly killed. An inquest into the fatality has been ordered.

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SHOOT CHILDREN  
THROUGH TUBES

Schools Will Be Outside of Chicago Too, Says Architect.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Forty years from now there will be no schools in Chicago. This was the prophecy of Architect Dwight T. Perkins, of the board of education, uttered yesterday. Perkins does not mean that Chicago will have quit trying to educate its children, but that local conditions, particularly those of transportation, will have changed to such an extent that the schools will be 20 or 40 miles beyond the city limits, far from the smoke, dust, dirt and turmoil, and close to nature.

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## FATAL FIRE IN PAPER MILL.

Dowlingtown, Pa., Dec. 23.—A fireman was killed and several other persons were injured early today in fighting a fire which badly damaged the large paper mill plant of S. A. Bickling & Son. The dead man is Robert En-traken. He and a number of other men were caught under a falling smoke stack. One hundred and twenty-five men were in the place when the fire was discovered. The loss is not known.



WOODS' FAIR J. M. THOMSON'S WOODS' FAIR

## Special Snaps For Friday

100 Boys' Sweaters, black or navy only, regular price 50c. Special price on Friday.....35c

**25 Dozen Handkerchiefs 15c Each**  
Special for Christmas last day selling, we offer 25 doz. Fancy Embroidered Sealed Handkerchiefs extra value ..... 15c  
Just the thing for a nice gift.

**1,000 Pounds of Mixed Candy**  
1,000 pounds of Mixed Candy, on sale Friday at 3 pounds for ..... 25c

**Book Bargains**  
Henty, Alger, Pansys, excellent paper, cloth bindings. Worth regular 25c, special ..... 16c

Heaps of nice China left in our Basement yet. Our big 20 Per Cent Discount Sale is still on there. Pick out the Bargains on Friday.

**Ladies' Fine Net Waists \$1.98**  
Just a few left of those \$5 Ladies' Net Waists we advertised a few days ago; make fine gifts for Christmas. Clearing at...\$1.98  
Just put into stock.

**Christmas Corset Covers, Great Value, 50c**  
Made full front, with 2 rows embroidery and insertion, neck and sleeves trimmed with embroidery edge. Sizes 34 to 40. Great value ..... 50c

"TOYLAND" is crowded all day with eager Christmas shoppers. We have almost everything there from a Jack-in-the-Box to a Miniature Railroad. Lots of them left yet as we were bound to have enough this year for our last day buyers. Shop early in morning if possible.

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Nothing more acceptable for Christmas than a Book. Easily purchased, and our stock offers you the largest assortment in London. You will find on our shelves

The New Fiction (in Holly Boxes) Books of Travel. Every Man's Library. People's Library. "The Temple," Shakespeare. The New Anglican Hymnal. The Presbyterian Book of Prayer. The Boy's Own Annual. Sunday School Lesson Helps, 1910 "Art" Books. Children's Books.

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A Fountain Pen. A Yearly Subscription to a Magazine. A Music Roll. A Lady's Calling Card Case. A Box of Fancy Stationery.

**The MALLAGH BOOKSHOP**  
(Anderson's Old Stand).  
183 DUNDAS STREET, LONDON.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

What Do Double Sessions Mean?

To the Editor of The Advertiser:  
There is an impression in some quarters that the kindergarten teachers are opposing double sessions because that system would increase their own hours of work. Such is not the case, nor would anyone who knew the kindergartners think so. Many an hour of their holiday time have they given to taking special courses at considerable expense, many an hour after four have they given to teaching the children of the higher grades those delightful games which they introduced into London—indeed they have never measured their devotion to the work by hours.

They oppose double sessions because they know it means a lower standard and less efficiency in the work. It means decreased attendance, less satisfaction to both parent and teacher, and altogether it is not in the best interests of the child.

At present the child attends from 9 to 12 daily. Under the proposed system he goes only from 9 to 11, or from 2 to 4, but the same child will not be admitted both morning and afternoon. Here is a loss to the child of one hour a day, 200 hours in the school year. Can any one contend that as much and as good work can be done in the kindergarten as has hitherto been done? Of the three hours now given to the child, two are given to the little awkward fingers to do things; in other words, to manual training, and the third hour is devoted to games, stories, etc. Underlying everything, work, play or story, is some important educational principle; some purpose for good. To drop one of those hours for hand work with the little ones while maintaining an expensive system of manual training for the older pupils, is surely not economy—it is building the superstructure and undermining the foundation at the same time.

One of the proposed changes is to have no assistant in a number of the rooms. That means less attention to the individual child in hand work and

## 10c, 5c and 3c Christmas Post Cards to Clear 1c Each

We have only about 2,000 Christmas Postcards left, and we have decided to clear out every Christmas Postcard in the place in the next two days. Hence the ridiculous price.

**REGULAR CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CALENDARS HALF PRICE**

To clear out our stock. We are determined not to carry over a Christmas Card or Calendar of any description, and you may as well take advantage of this. We have only a very few left, so first come first served.

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(Anderson's Old Stand).  
183 DUNDAS STREET, LONDON.

In the games, I should imagine that it would mean waste of time and confusion. Take the music from the games and you lose the rhythm, the swing, the gracefulness, and much of the benefit of the physical exercise. Yet the teacher cannot be at the piano and lead the games at the same time, and a leader is indispensable—otherwise, as I said, confusion.

Suppose it does cost a little more; are not our children worth it? Are not all the treasures of the household poured at the baby's feet? It is always the youngest for whose sake no expense is spared, whose tender body and mind needs the best care that can be had. Shall we deprive him of his rights? Do the parents of London, or do we wish to retain what we have—a devoted, efficient and enthusiastic staff of kindergartners?

AN INTERESTED PARENT.  
London, Dec. 23.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE WILL GIVE CONCERTS

The Epworth Leagues of this city, under the direction of their local union, are giving a series of concerts at the Home for Aged People and the Victoria Home for Incapacities. A concert is given at each institution at least once a month. The following is a schedule of the concerts to be given:

Home for Incapacities—Concerts held third Tuesday evening of the month as follows:  
January—Centennial League.  
February—Hyatt Avenue League.  
March—Dundas Centre League.  
April—Hill Street League.  
May—Kensington League.  
Home for Aged People—Concerts held third Tuesday evening of the month as follows:  
January—Wellington Street League.  
February—Askin Street League.  
March—Colborne Street League.  
April—Richmond Street League.  
May—High Street League.  
Epworth Avenue and First Methodist Leagues are giving concerts in December.

## CITY ENGINEER GRAYDON IS A GOOD OLD SANTA

Will Take Charge of Letters Sent to the Postoffice By the Children.

City Engineer A. O. Graydon is not the most popular citizen on occasions, but he is always certain of doing something original.

Every year there are numerous children to whom Santa Claus is a stranger, and as a result pathetic little notes are sent to him through the mail.

Every postmaster in the land knows of these notes, and the larger portion of them are sent to the dead letter office.

Mr. Graydon conceived the idea that these letters should be answered in the proper way, and made arrangements for the postoffice authorities to send them to him. Yesterday there were eight of these missives, and a few more were added today.

Every case was looked into, and if something more than toys for the children were needed, it was sent, the recipient not knowing whence it came.

As a result of Mr. Graydon's thoughtfulness, there will be fewer youngsters without toys and Christmas cheer than usual.

And it might be added that the genial engineer does considerable of this work every year.

## CLOSING EXERCISES IN COLBORNE ST. SCHOOL

Excellent Programmes Carried Out—Rooms Prettily Decorated.

The closing exercises in the Colborne street school were held on Wednesday afternoon. The rooms were seasonably decorated, and the children had a most enjoyable time. The senior pupils assembled in the principal's room. Rev. Dr. Manning gave a most interesting address, and the Boyle memorial medal was presented to Miss Gladys Wright by Trustee Gunn. Mr. Gunn commended her very highly on the excellent standing she had taken at the entrance examination, being the second in the city, and impressed on the pupils the need of diligent work to maintain the very high standing the school had taken at the midsummer entrance examination.

Grade IV, of Colborne street school held their Christmas entertainment in the kindergarten on Wednesday afternoon. Piano solos were rendered by Mary McTavish, Rhea Harris and Barclay McGilvray; recitations by Lily Teit, Leola Flood, Jack McWilliam, Donald Kilbourne, Addie Bennett, Wanda Wilson and Florence Kent. After the concert a tea party was indulged in and a very happy time spent.

**Colborne Street Kindergarten.**  
The Colborne street kindergarten held their Christmas closing in the kindergarten, which was nicely decorated. The Christmas tree decorated by the children held presents made by them for their parents. A number of the parents accepted the children's invitation to be present, and observed the regular work of the kindergarten. At the close the story of "Why the 'Chimes Rang'" was told, after which the children presented their gifts to their parents.

## DEATH CARRIES OFF "LITTLE TIM" SULLIVAN

Noted Tammany Leader of New York a Victim of Bright's Disease.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 23. — Alderman Timothy D. Sullivan ("Little Tim"), died at 6:30 o'clock last night. He had been unconscious most of the day.

During the brief periods when he came out of his coma, his mind was clear. For about an hour just preceding his death he was conscious and keenly sensitive to what was going on around him. He knew that he was going to die. Dr. Joseph M. Creamer, his family physician, gave the cause of death as Bright's disease, and the immediate cause as embolism.

Mr. Sullivan was about 50 years of age. He is survived by his widow and one child, a son, 12 years old.

Just when "Little Tim" was born, history does not record, but he died in early middle life, worn out, say his friends, by overwork. At the time of his death he was chairman of the finance committee of the board of aldermen. Always active in politics, he had at one time or another been a member of the State Legislature and acting mayor of the city. "Big Tim," Timothy D. Sullivan, the state senator, is now the only one of the famous Sullivans left.

Little Tim, when he first started to work, a mere boy, ran copy for one newspaper, then the "Tribune" police court to their offices. Later he went into partnership with Big Tim in a saloon.

Both had the genius for politics and both showed business heads. Both made money and yet kept their following of less prosperous days. Intimates say that Little Tim was the brains of the clan Sullivan, and that he financed many of his better known cousin's successful ventures.

## CHRISTMAS TREES FOR THE CHILDREN

Little Ones at Victoria Hospital Are To Be Remembered.

Preparations are already under way for the Christmas trees for the "kiddies" confined in Victoria Hospital. Bundles of toys and presents have arrived, and they will be distributed on Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

As a matter of fact there will be three Christmas trees. One will be for the children in the general ward, and the other two will be for the youngsters in the Isolation Hospital, one for the scarlet fever ward, and the other for the diphtheria ward. Santa Claus will appear at each tree, and will be assisted in the distribution of presents by six fairies.

There are about 30 children at the present time in the Isolation Hospital, and none of them will be forgotten. On Christmas Day, the usual dinner will be given the patients of the institution capable of enjoying it.

**MUD-LAVA Mud Cure** the greatest American remedy for Rheumatism, Gout, Gravel, and all the troubles of the bones and joints. Big Bottle—open all year. Send for book. Address R. E. Krause, Free, Kansas, Ind.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM, LIMITED.

WEATHER PROBS: FAIR AND COLD.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM, LIMITED

## These Are the Shortest and Busiest Days of the Year. BEGIN EARLY

Come down in the morning; we have every convenience and accommodation for all day shopping. London never before had such equipment in store service as we are giving today. You may rest in the rest-room when you are tired shopping, and dine in the restaurant, where refreshments are served continuously during the day (and in the evenings till Christmas). Have your wraps and bundles checked at transfer office on main floor while doing your shopping.

## The Last Call for Christmas Gloves



Every woman loves good Kid Gloves. They are the easiest gifts to buy in the last few hurried hours. You haven't time to sit down and think. You can go down the list with Gloves while you are thinking. You can also rest assured that they will be appreciated if they come from the Smallman & Ingram Glove cabinet.

Perrin's French Kid Gloves, two pearl clasps, overseams in black, tan and grey; pair ..... \$1.75

Perrin's French Kid Gloves, two pearl clasps, overseams, in black, tan, grey, white, brown, navy, oxblood, mode, green and champagne. Price, pair ..... \$1.50

Mocho Gloves, two-clasp, silk-lined, in brown, tan, grey and black. Price, pair ..... \$1.75

Mocho Gloves, two-clasp, unlined, in brown, tan and grey. Price, pair ..... \$1.50

Suede Gloves, two-clasp, in grey, tan, mode, brown, champagne and black. Price, pair ..... \$1.50

French Kid Gloves, two-clasp, in tan, brown, grey, mode, black and white. Price, pair ..... \$1.25

French Kid Gloves, two-clasp, in tan, brown, mode and black. Price, pair ..... \$1.00

P. X. M. Cape English Walking Gloves, one-clasp, in tans only. Special, pair ..... \$1.00

P. X. M. Cape Gloves, one-clasp, prizm seams, in tans, grey and black. Special price, pair ..... \$1.35

**BUY GLOVE COUPONS**—The easy, quick and simple way. Buy coupons and allow the recipients to make their own selections, and thus obtain the correct size and proper shade to match the suit or costume they are intended for. Ask for Coupons at Glove Counter. First aisle east of main.

## The Place to Buy Reliable Furs for Men

Why? Because we stand by every Fur-Lined or Fur Coat we sell, and protect the wearer as long as he wears the garment.

## Men's Fur-Lined Overcoats

Muskrat linings with otter or Persian lamb collars, 50 inches long, sizes 38 to 44. Price ..... \$50.00

Muskrat linings, soft, pliable skins, high storm collar of extra good quality, otter and Persian lamb, fine English beaver cloth, cut and tailored in the finest style, 50 and 52 inches long, in sizes 38 to 46. Prices \$65, \$75, \$90, \$125

The shells for these Coats are made of the real English beaver cloth, specially made for fur linings, not the stiff, heavy cloth you find in some coats, which weighs you down to wear. We ask you to examine these and pass your judgment on the values we offer. Every Coat a new one this season.

Men's Coonskin Coats, sizes 38 to 46, at each, ..... \$45, \$50, \$65 and \$75

Have you seen the S. & I. Special 22-ounce Bellwarp Serge Suits in navy and black? They are creating a sensation in the clothing business. Special ..... \$16.00

Extra well tailored Coats and made up in style of a fur-lined Overcoat, broadcloth shell, double-breasted, with frogs and barrels. Every appearance of a fur-lined Coat, sizes 36 to 46. A big snap, but only ten coats to clear at \$15

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## Special Christmas Neckwear In Individual Boxes for Gifts

Every Tie in our entire stock new this season. No old stock to offer. What's new is here and what's here is new. Ties separately boxed at 39c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and ..... \$1.50

## Special for Today and Friday

30 dozen loose end four-in-hand Ties on sale. Special, each ..... 25c

## Men's Gloves

5 dozen Elk Tan Gloves, regular \$1, for ..... 79c, boxed

Men's Fleece-Lined Mocho Gloves pair ..... \$1.00 and \$1.50

Men's Silk-Lined Mocho Gloves, pair ..... \$1.50 to \$2.50

Men's Fur-Lined Napa Back and Mocho Gloves, pair \$3.00 and \$4

All separately boxed for gifts.

Men's Fancy Socks, boxed; one, two or three pairs in box, pair 50c

## Men's Detachable Fur Collars

German otter, \$5.00. Persian Lamb, \$10 to \$18.

These we put on your coat free of charge.

## Men's Fur Gauntlets

Astrachan Gauntlets, pair, \$6.50 to ..... \$8.00

Otter Gauntlets, pair, ..... \$15.00

Persian Lamb Gauntlets, pair ..... \$15, \$18 and \$24

## Men's Fur Caps

Near Seal Wedge Caps, ..... \$3.75

Black Astrachan Peak Caps, ..... \$6.00

Persian Lamb Wedge Caps, \$7.50 to ..... \$12

Persian Lamb Driver Caps, ..... \$9.00 to \$12.00

## Men's Initialed Handkerchiefs

Pure Irish Linen hemstitched, done up in pretty boxes in half dozens. Plain Linen Hemstitched, per box, ..... \$1.00 and \$1.25

The Initialed Handkerchiefs are sold separately or by the box 25c each, or per half dozen, boxed ..... \$1.50

MEN'S INITIALED SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, 25, 50c

Men's Fancy Suspenders, separately boxed, 50c to \$1.50

Men's Sets, fancy suspenders, arm bands and hose supporters, boxed, per box, ..... 75c, 95c, \$1.25 and \$1.50

## Men's Mufflers—Boxed

Men's Padded Mufflers, black and colors, each ..... 75c to \$2.50

Men's Reefer Style Mufflers, black and colors, each ..... \$1.00 to \$3.00

Men's Shirts, separately boxed ..... \$1.00 to ..... \$2.75

Men's Fancy Vests, special, ..... \$1.50 to \$6

Men's Black Silk Socks, plain or clocked, one, two or three pair in a box. A splendid gift, pair, ..... \$1.00 to \$1.50

NOTE—Every article of Gents' Furnishings in this store is brand new, being a new department this season. If you buy your men's gifts here you are sure they are the newest styles



## Condensed Advertisements.

No Advertisement Accepted Less Than Fifteen Words.

Amusements—Ten cents per line each insertion, or two cents per word if set solid.

Meetings—When no admission charged, one cent per word each insertion. Wanted, Situations Wanted, Board and Lodgings, Lost and Found, Rooms to Let, and similar condensed advertisements—First insertion, one cent a word; each subsequent insertion, one-half cent per word. No advertisement less than fifteen words.

## Births, Marriages, Deaths.

**DEATHS.**

JAYNES—At Port Huron, on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1909, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. John W. Gray, James Jaynes, aged 78 years.

Funeral service will be held at the Melrose Methodist Church on Friday, Dec. 24, at 2 p.m. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

**CRONIN**—At Fitchburg, London, Canada, on the morning of Thursday, Dec. 23, 1909, in her 73rd year, Sophia, wife of Verschoyle Cronin, K.C., surviving daughter of the late Chancellor Blake. Funeral private. Kindly omit flowers.

## AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES

**GRAND CHRISTMAS MATINEE**

**THE PRINCE CHAP**

SPECIAL HOLIDAY PRICES

Seats Selling Night, 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.00.

**TWICE MONDAY**

**UNCLE TOM'S CABIN**

SPECIAL BARGAIN PRICES

Matinee, 15c and 25c. Night, 25c, 50c, 75c.

## To CANADA

Persons who desire to bring their friends from Great Britain are strongly advised to use the facilities afforded by this agency, as they will find it advantageous to book to their destination. Special attention is given to the handling of this business, as it is much better to send tickets from here than to remit the money.

## F. B. CLARKE

40, RICHMOND STREET.

next Bank of Commerce, will be happy to give all information.

**SEE THE**

**MONKEYS, CATS AND CANARIES**

AT THE PET STOCK SHOW.

234 DUNDAS ST. Opposite Bennett's.

DEC. 22, 23, 24.

ADMISSION, 10 CENTS.

**VICTORIA RINK—SKATING TONIGHT**

and every afternoon. Corner Adelaide and Piccadilly streets.

**WESTMINSTER RINK—LATEST**

Christmas afternoon and night. Open afternoons.

**SIMCOE ROLLER RINK—LADIES**

free tonight. Skating Christmas morning. Band afternoon and evening.

**DOG SHOW—CITY HALL, WEDNESDAY, Dec. 29.**

Entries close Monday, 23rd, at 6 p.m. Number limited. Valuable prizes. Dr. Fred L. Wood, secretary.

**EAST END RINK—SKATING EVERY**

afternoon and night. Good ice. Admission, 5c and 10c.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENTS**

—The "Life of Christ," in brilliant plays. Advertising matter and tickets free. Terms, address Box 32, London.

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SOCIABLE**

Palace. Dancing. Auditorium—Monday evening, Dec. 27, invitations only. Advanced class, Wednesday evening, 29th. Season tickets. Phone. Layton & Co., Cornhill.

**TONY CORSE, ORIGINAL LONDON**

Harpers. Music furnished for all occasions. 161 Maple. Phone 1570.

**MUSIC FURNISHED FOR PARTIES.**

Italy, banquet. Phone 1250. Tony Vita's Italian Harpers, 125 Queen's avenue.

**LEARN TO DANCE—R. E. MILLARD,**

215 Princess avenue. Special attention to waltz and two-step. Rapid teaching. Low rates. Lessons any hour.

## MEETINGS.

**NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR**

the office of R. C. Separate school trustee will take place at noon at St. Peter's school, on Wednesday, 29th inst. T. J. Murphy, returning officer.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE**

members of the Travelers Club, Limited, will be held at the club's quarters, 546 Richmond street, Saturday, Dec. 25, at 8 p.m. J. S. Townsend, president.

## VETERINARY SURGEONS.

**C. S. TAILIN, V.S.—OFFICE**

and hospital, 433 Talbot. Phone 555; residence, 708.

**DR. J. L. SCOTT—OFFICE AND HOSPITAL,**

24 Talbot street. Phone 2030; residence, 208 St. Margaret's street. Dr. Scott's Instant Louie Killer and Poultry Compound.

**WILLIAM McDONALD, SUCCESSOR**

to J. H. Tennant, Office, 157 King; residence, 121 Bathurst street. Phones, office and residence.

**HOUSES, ROOMS TO LET**

FURNISHED DINING-ROOM, BED-ROOM and kitchen, use of bath and cellar, all for \$10 per month. Apply 302 King street.

**TO LET—VALUABLE STORE**

on ground floor, next door Union Station Express office, Carling street, suitable for sample room or manufacturing purposes. Steam, water, gas, etc. Apply to H. Carling or P. J. Hammond, Carling block.

**BRICK HOUSE, 33 COLBORNE**

eight rooms, convenience, also unfurnished rooms for housekeeping, central. Apply 420 Oxford.

**TO LET—LARGE FRONT ROOM**

and kitchen, use of bath and cellar, all for \$10 per month. Apply 302 King street.

## FEMALE HELP WANTED

**AN ASSISTANT COOK WANTED, AND**

good kitchen woman. Apply Steward & Sons, Victoria Hospital.

**WANTED—MILLINERY TRIMMERS,**

women with experience and ability. Wright Hats, Limited. Bn-wt-wt-wt.

**WANTED A GOOD PLAIN COOK**

Apply Mrs. Leonard, 692 Queen's avenue.

## MALE HELP WANTED.

**A FIVE SMART BOYS WANTED. AP-**

PLY Great Northwestern Telegraph Company.

**WANTED—GOOD BOY, ONE LIVING**

In South London preferred. John Mills' book store.

**THE LONDON COLLEGE OF COM-**

merce, successor of the London Commercial College, the first business training school in Canada, will celebrate its fifteenth anniversary in June, when we hope to have Professor J. W. Jones, the pioneer business educator, and a large number of old graduates with us. Students who possess a fair English education, but entering now, may by diligent application be prepared to graduate in other departments at the public exercises to be held at the celebration. We shall put forth every effort to make it a grand success (a business asset). W. N. Yerex, C.B., principal.

**HOLYMAKERS WANTED—ONE OR**

two good men, accustomed to going out on regular work. Apply the Goldie, McCulloch Company, Limited, Goldie, McCulloch, Canada.

**LEARN THE BARBER TRADE—NEW**

system, constant practice, careful instruction; few weeks complete course—free graduates earn \$12 to \$18 weekly while waiting for certificate. Barber College, 221 Queen east, Toronto.

**ORGANISTS WANTED—APPLY TO**

Alfred Tyler, 335 Clarence street.

## SITUATIONS WANTED

**WORK WANTED TWO OR THREE**

times a week by handy man. Box 51, Advertiser.

**GROCERY CLERK, 24 YEARS' EX-**

PERIENCE, at present working, but wishes to make a change. Address Box 46, Advertiser.

**WANTED—OFFICE WORK BY YOUNG**

man, capable, energetic. Tel. 501. C. Johnston, Woodham.

## INSURANCE.

**P. M. MILLMAN**

Archibald McPherson Insurance Agency. Phone 141 100.

**E. J. MacRobert Insurance**

Agency. Phone 419 130.

**G. M. GUNN & SON—ESTABLISHED**

1850. General insurance agents. Ten fire companies. 301 Peel Street. Phone 321.

## TEACHERS WANTED.

**TEACHER WANTED FOR JUNIOR**

department, school section No. 3, Westmount. Apply H. Odell, Odell, Odell.

**TEACHER WANTED FOR S.S. No. 3.**

Westmount, for year 1910; salary, \$500 per annum to experienced teacher. Apply A. Bailey, secretary, Thorncliffe.

## LOST AND FOUND.

**LOST THURSDAY MORNING, DOWN**

London, a gold watch, value \$10.00. T. C. Fidler leave at Advertiser or Branson P. O.

**LOST—SMALL SUM OF MONEY IN**

purse, on Dundas street, between Chancery and Adelaide, near George G. Klein, man's store. Reward. Advertiser office.

**LOST, TUESDAY MORNING—POT-**

terrier dog; collar and yellow ribbon tied to collar; answers to "Tony." Reward at 50 Holmden avenue.

**WANTED.**

SITTING HENS WANTED. APPLY 11 Victor street.

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## CABINET MINISTER'S

**REPUDIATE TALK**

Did Not Give Interview as Published in the Manchester Guardian.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Cabinet members tonight repudiate the sentiments expressed in the Ottawa dispatch to the Manchester Guardian, in which Lord Lansdowne is accused of parading exploded tariff reform arguments on the hope of catching votes, and the Unionist party in general charged with looking for trouble under the Balfour ministry.

None of the cabinet have a reputation for such loose talk, as is quoted in the dispatch.

**ELUDES THE POLICE**

**AND HAS DISAPPEARED**

Man Wanted in Connection With Death of Ex-Mayor Cannot Be Found.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Boyer, who is alleged to have assaulted the late Mayor Cox in lower town just prior to his death recently, eluded the police and disappeared from the city last night, and his whereabouts are unknown. Acting on information of eye-witnesses of the affair, the police started to work up the case yesterday, and had Boyer under surveillance. The arrest was to have been made today, but some time during the night, evidently learning that he was wanted, Boyer got away. Physicians gave the cause of ex-Mayor Cox's death as pneumonia, but police theory is this was brought on by the beating he received.

**LIBERAL ELECTED**

**FOR LUNENBERG**

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 22.—J. D. Sperry, the Liberal candidate, was elected for the county of Lunenburg, Dominion House, today, by a majority of 267 over Dr. Marshall, the Conservative candidate.

The by-election was rendered necessary through the resignation of the sitting member, A. K. McLean, who has been appointed attorney-general.

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## KEYMEN'S TROUBLE TO BE ARBITRATED

Conciliation Board for G. T. R. and Its  
Telegraphers.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The dispute between the Grand Trunk management and the telegraphers of that road to the east of Detroit is to be dealt with by a board of conciliation. The men are asking for an increase in the rate of pay, extra pay for Sunday work and holidays annually without loss of pay. The company has named Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., to the board of conciliation, and the men have named W. T. Lee, Toronto. The department has named J. E. Atkinson, Toronto, to act as chairman.

## GARBAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

Some Facts Regarding This Move To  
Improve London.

On Jan. 1 the city will decide whether or not it favors the installation of the proposed garbage disposal system at a total cost for land, buildings and machinery, of \$30,000. This amount will be met by debentures bearing interest at 4 per cent. This will require an annual sum of \$1,781.14 to meet this interest and to provide a sinking fund for the payment of the original debt.

It is not intended that the tax for garbage disposal is to be universal. The whole city will be taxed to meet the debentures for the installation of the system. But otherwise the taxes will be only on those who desire to take advantage of the system. Petitions will be received for garbage removal and the necessary expenditure incidental to this collection will be met by a frontage tax.

## A CONSTABLE ARRESTED

Charged With Stealing Several Hundred Dollars' Worth of Seeds.

Hamilton, Dec. 22.—County Constable William Ryan, of Hagersville, was arrested Saturday afternoon on a warrant charging him with stealing several hundred dollars' worth of seeds from E. A. Almas, a prominent seed dealer of that village. Almas claims that Ryan disposed of the seeds to local merchants.

## POWER FIGHT AT HAMILTON

Ald. Hopkins to Run for Mayor as the  
Hydro Champion.

Hamilton, Dec. 22.—Ald. Dr. Hopkins announced this morning that he would oppose Mayor McLaren next month. The forthcoming mayoralty fight will be a warm one, as the hydro-electric feeling against the present mayor is very strong because he did not favor making a contract with the hydro commission for an exclusive supply of power instead of the own horsepower contract which was made. Dr. Hopkins will be the standard-bearer of the hydro-electric advocates, and the election should prove a spectacular one.

## RECEIVERSHIP FOR SCARBORO BEACH

Toronto, Dec. 22.—The Toronto Park company, operating an amusement park sort known as Scarborough Beach has been placed in the hands of a receiver, the court appointing E. R. C. Clarkson. Application for receivership is voluntary, and is deemed expedient in order to enable the company to realize on some of its real estate.

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

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## MONUMENT TO VICTORIA DISASTER

Memorial to Mark Site of Wreck  
Which Occurred on May 24, 1881.

The monument erected by the London and Middlesex Historical Society in memory of the victims who perished in the Victoria disaster on May 24, 1881, has been finally completed and placed in position. It is situated on the north bank of the river a little past the cove bridge, the scene of the disaster.

The monument is on a cement base four feet high, surmounted by a solid granite block with a bronze plate, on which the following words are inscribed: "Erected by the London and Middlesex Historical Society, to mark the spot where the Victoria disaster occurred May 24, 1881, when nearly 200 persons perished."



## A Good Show.

"The Prince Chap" is the Christmas Day attraction at the Grand, matinee and night. From advance notices the play is a very interesting one. The London and Advertiser of Rochester, N. Y., of Tuesday last speaks in a highly complimentary manner of the production. This paper says the company is a most capable one, and dwells particularly upon the clever acting of the two Pullman children, Cyril Scott and played in two successful seasons.

## "Uncle Tom" Monday.

That ninth-provoking fellow, "Marks," the lawyer, and the equally irresistible "Topsy" will be seen and heard at the Grand next Monday, Dec. 27. There will be a special matinee for ladies and children at 2:15, at bargain prices.

## BASKET OF APPLES FOR THE MAGISTRATE

From Lady Who Appreciates His Services for Dumb Animals.

Magistrate Love was very pleasantly surprised this morning at his office, when a woman from the country brought him in a big basket of the very choicest apples of all varieties, and told him that she wanted to give it to him for Christmas, in appreciation of his services in preventing cruelty to dumb animals.

"It is funny how differently people look at things," said the magistrate to The Advertiser. "Only a day or so ago I got an anonymous letter without any stamp, and had to pay the postage, and when I opened it it was from a party who thought I was not doing enough to prevent cruelty to animals and urged me to do more."

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## COTTON MILLS CLOSE.

Cornwall, Dec. 22.—In consequence of the high price of cotton the Sturmont and Canada mills of the Canadian Colored Cotton Company will close Friday next, and remain closed till Jan. 3. The Dundas mill will continue in operation. It has been working overtime on special orders.

## NO ONE IS BLAMED

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is compulsory for brakemen to be out on the top of trains when they are passing through cities and towns. This is done in order that signals may be exchanged to insure that everything is all right. Witness did not see Glendon after the train left London East.

## Finding of the Body.

The train stopped at the Wharfedale road. There were 50 cars in all. When found Glendon's head lay on the rail on the north side in front of the truck. The body lay between the rails. Glendon, witness stated, was making his first trip on that train, as he was a spare man, only three or four months in the employ of the company. New men are always warned to be very careful and not take any chances. Witness had warned Glendon. Asked regarding Glendon's boots, Conductor Buckle said he had bought a new pair at Niagara Falls. He left his old ones at the store. Witness had warned Glendon to be particularly careful on account of his wearing new boots. Glendon was a young man of temperate habits. To journey, witness stated, that the cars were not unusually slippery.

## The Rear-End Brakeman.

Percival Hill, rear-end brakeman of the train, stated that he had been on the road for five years and was usually on top of his train as is usual when the train was passing through the city, and went into the caboose about 7:20. He did not see Glendon in London East yards. Witness did not see Glendon down town as the smoke from the engine obscured him. The front end brakeman usually rides on the engine. The train was not going more than three or four miles an hour. Witness saw the body. He gave similar evidence to that of Conductor Buckle regarding its position.

## Train Going Slowly.

Andrew Laing, engineer on the engine hauling the train, stated that the train was only going four or five miles an hour. Witness noticed the train pulling heavy when it was going up the grade west of Wortley road. Witness put on more steam for a while and then stopped, as he thought something was wrong. He waited ten or fifteen minutes in his engine to see if anyone was coming up and then the fireman went back and met the conductor who had just found the body. Conductor Buckle recalled that he had repaired the airbrake. Witness stated that the airbrake was tested and was all right before leaving London.

## Missed Glendon.

William Vanatter, fireman, offered similar evidence. He had last seen Glendon about Waterloo street. When the train stopped witness waited for the front end brakeman when he did not come witness went back. He met the conductor and asked him where the brakeman was. Conductor Buckle said he had not seen Glendon and a minute after he saw him under the train.

Stationmaster Thomas Shortt told of being ordered out at 6:40 in the evening with a yard watch and baggage car, and bringing in the remains.

## The Jury.

The jury was made up of the following: J. C. Jury, foreman; Harry Tozer, J. C. Insell, Andrew Callahan, Wm. McLeod, L. Weaver, F. Parnsworth, W. Sadler, R. Northgrave, J. B. Cox, Luther Carpenter, Chas. Berry, Fred Boyd, M. McGrath, E. J. Lortie.

## VICTORIA NURSES WERE "AT HOME"

The annual "At Home" of the nurses of Victoria Hospital was one of the most enjoyable affairs of the season. About 200 young people spent the evening at cards and dancing. The school home was suitably decorated for the occasion. The music was furnished by Tony Cortese's orchestra. Superintendent Heard and Miss Stanley, the lady superintendent, looked after the comfort of the visitors, and all report a most delightful time. Mayor and Mrs. Stevely, Mr. and Mrs. S. Seratone, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jury and many out-of-town visitors were present for the affair.

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## EAST LONDON

## PLEASANT ENTERTAINMENT

Was Held Last Night in the Egerton  
Street Baptist Church.

The most successful entertainment ever held in Egerton Street Baptist Church, was held last evening by the members of the Sunday school, the edifice being crowded to capacity. Rev. A. J. Bowen, the pastor, occupied the chair.

At the opening of the entertainment the teachers and several representatives of all the classes from the primary up placed their gifts to the poor in the platform. Large quantities of nuts, candies, cakes, vegetables, fruit and other things were supplied, and will be distributed as soon as possible.

Rev. Mr. Bowen opened the concert with an address, after which a splendid programme of songs, recitations and dialogues was carried out. The feature was a chorus by twelve little girls, who knelt and sang as little Sammie Bowen, daughter of the pastor, clung to a cross.

The following were among the numbers: Recitation by Miss Edna Mills of the Gorse Mission of the Egerton Street Church; solo, by Grace Flood; recitation, by George Blankhorn; solo, by Grace Grouse; recitation, by Blanche Flood; solo, by Vera and Gordon Howe; recitation, by Edna Jeffrey; recitation, by Hazel Dean; solo, by Madeline Sharratt; recitation, by Edna Withers; dialogue by members of the Gorse Mission; recitation by May Sharratt; instrumental, by Miss Maynard; recitation, by Lillie Brockie; solo, by Annie and Annie Walsh; solo, by Mr. Alf Maynard; recitation, by Edna Dean, and closing chorus by eleven girls.

## PRIZES PRESENTED AT POTTERSBURG SCHOOL

Closing Exercises Yesterday Were Very  
Largely Attended.

The closing exercises yesterday in connection with the Pottersburg school were attended by some two hundred of the scholars and their friends. The school was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The programme of songs, recitations and dialogues were rendered.

Advantage of the gathering was taken for the presentation of the two gold medals for competition in the schools of London Township by Mr. S. F. Glass, Mr. John L. White, chairman of the school board, president of the school. He was pleased to see the parents and friends of the scholars turn out in such large numbers, and thought it might be well if such gatherings were held more frequently, as it is an excellent opportunity to add to their interest in their work. The school board were grateful to Mr. Glass for the interest he had manifested in offering the prizes to the children, it being a great inducement to them to put forth their best efforts, and though Pottersburg school could scarcely hope to be able to win both the gold medals, they congratulated the young lady of their school who was successful in winning one of them this year.

Mr. P. J. Thompson was called on to make the presentation. The medals, said Mr. Thompson, which Mr. Glass has so kindly donated for competition amongst you, bear the crest of the city of London, Ontario, and the motto—Perseverance, Industry, et Integrity, are three Latin words suggestive of qualities which every successful student should possess.

The medal for the highest entrance pass marks for this year has been won by Wilbert G. Sloman, a pupil of Mr. John L. White, of the Pottersburg school. There were some eighty pupils from London Township who wrote on the high school entrance examination, and it was no small honor to be the successful winner amongst so large a number. Miss Annie Dunston, of London Junction, was the winner of the medal for the highest marks obtained in the county of Middlesex, and was not many marks behind Master Sloman. Both might be congratulated on the splendid record they had made. In addition to the medals Mr. Glass had offered prizes for highest pass marks in the two junior forms of the Pottersburg school. The prize consisting of Highroads to History, a six volumes, was won by Master Norman Orr, of London Junction, for highest pass in Form II, and by Miss Maud Johnston for highest marks in Form I.

Mr. John R. McNaughton, principal of the Masonville school on the Proof Line road, was pleased to know that some of his boys had won the highest prize.

Mr. George Angus, secretary-treasurer of the school board, and Mr. M. Garrett, principal of Pottersburg school, gave short addresses. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Glass. Mr. Glass said that if the offering of these prizes had been an insipid thing to the scholars of the township they had accomplished the purposes for which they were given. He congratulated the scholars on their splendid deportment, the school board on the comfortable and commodious appointments in connection with the school, and also the winners of the medals and other prizes.

Mr. Glass announced that he would offer again for 1910 the same prizes as this year was received with applause by the pupils and teachers. He thought it might be well if the school board would give a prize in each form for best writing. Probably, said Mr. Glass, there are other branches of school work that should be encouraged, but good writing was an essential measure to success in commercial life for which boys and

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Lady in Rig, However, Brought Spirited  
Animal to a Halt.

Mrs. William Gray, who resides at the corner of Hamilton road and Peger street, had a rather interesting experience while driving on William street this morning when a horse which her husband had been driving ran away, knocking Mr. Gray down as he was working with the harness on the road. Mrs. Gray succeeded in stopping the frightened animal after going a few blocks.

The animal is a beautiful big black pacer. Mr. Gray was standing at the side of the road fixing the harness, when the horse took fright and before he could get out of the way he was thrown down, but luckily escaped injury.

## MEDAL PRESENTED.

At the closing exercises at Chesley avenue school yesterday the Boyle Memorial medal was presented to Miss Cora Patton, who led the school at the last entrance examination, by Mr. W. W. Worswett, the chairman of the board of education.

The programme supplied by the pupils of Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 was an excellent one.

## EAST END NOTES.

The closing exercises of Chelsea Green school was held Tuesday evening, a large number of the residents attending. The pupils supplied an excellent programme. A very pretty wedding was celebrated at the home of Mr. James H. Marsh, on Higgins lane, in the presence of a large circle of friends, when his eldest daughter, Miss Sarah J. Marsh, was united in marriage to Mr. Frederick Corbett, of Pottersburg. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. McKay, of the Pottersburg Presbyterian Church. Miss Ida Marsh, the sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, while Mr. Corbett, a brother of the groom, supported him. The groom's gift to the bridesmaid was a very handsome locket and chain, and to the groomsmen a pair of cuff links. The happy couple will take up their residence in Pottersburg.

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## EXPRESS DITCHED FORTY INJURED

St. Paul, Dec. 22.—St. Paul passenger train No. 43, running north at 35 miles an hour, spread the rails one-half mile east of Good Tunnel, Minn., near Mankato, and plunged into a ditch at night. Forty passengers were hurt, none fatally it is believed. The mail car rolled down a 30-foot embankment and caught fire. The injured were taken to Mankato.

## N. T. R. READY IN 1912

Three Years Will See Great System  
From Coast to Coast.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Mr. E. J. Chamberlin, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, stated today in Ottawa that the road would be completed to the Pacific coast by the end of 1912, and perhaps before. The new joint terminals of the G. T. P. and C. N. R. at Winnipeg, he said, would be completed by March, and will only be completed in this continent by the Pennsylvania in New York and the depot at Washington.

The National Transcontinental commissioners expect to have the government end of the road, from Moncton to Winnipeg, completed during 1912.

## COOK AT MT. CLEMENS?

Discredited Arctic Explorer Said To  
Be Taking Treatment.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 22.—The rumor that Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the discredited North Pole discoverer, is undergoing treatment at Mount Clemens, the famous mineral water bath town, receives considerable credit in that place. The numerous hotelkeepers deny Cook is their guest, unless under an assumed name, but the fact that the physician attending the man believed to be Dr. Cook re-



The "Leonora" pattern flatware is not only the newest design on the market, but it is also closely resembling the goods that had not an expert to detect the difference, while the price is less than one-half the sterling price, and the goods are guaranteed for 25 years.

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uses positively to deny the rumor, and gives it some substance.

## HOMELESS HARRY SENT TO JAIL

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Secure Work.

Because he didn't have a dollar or a home, Harry Williamson was sent to jail for four months on a charge of vagrancy this morning. Williamson had been making his home in various hotel bars, and a couple of weeks ago was arrested in a hotel stable, where he had been sleeping. The proprietor fearing that he might set the place on fire, Williamson has been on remand ever since except one day when he was allowed out to see if he could find work. On that occasion he returned with the news that there was "nothing doing."

"I will see that you are taken care of for the winter," said the court. "If before the four months are up you get any chance to work we will pay the one dollar fine, and you will be released."

"All right, just whatever you please," said Williamson.

Late Mrs. Shipley.  
The funeral of Mrs. Helen Shipley, formerly of Alisa Craig, was held yesterday at Alisa Craig. Mrs. Shipley

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## FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

TURKEY PRICES  
TAKE BIG SLUMPToday's Market Was Glutted  
With the Supply.

WENT AS LOW AS 18c

This Morning's Demand Not Unusually  
Large, and Prices Made by Drop  
—Other Markets Slow.

Contrary to all expectations, there was a very decided slump in turkey prices on this morning's market. There was very little but poultry offered for sale, but there was no dearth in this regard, and there was a very large market. The supply of turkeys and other fowl was phenomenal, many of the farmers having evidently held back their supply to the last day, expecting that the prices would still be higher. But it is evident that the market will stand a certain price and that price was reached yesterday, and as a result a reaction came today. In the early hour of the morning, contrary to the usual rule, there was very little sale because the sellers were trying to hold up the prices by demanding the same figures that were paid yesterday, but this was soon found to be impossible, and the prices came down to 20 cents, and even at this figure, while the sales went somewhat more briskly, there was no great demand, and it was not till the figure dropped to 19 and 18 cents that the real sale began. But even then there seemed to be more than a sufficient supply. There were no outside dealers on the market buying for outside places, and as a result the demand was not unusually large, and as late as 11 o'clock, when on Tuesday there was hardly a turkey to be had at any price, there were hundreds of them remaining this morning, and more constantly coming in. In the wholesale lots there were many sold at 18c, and some sales were reported at even a lower figure, while they sold at a retail at 20 cents, and even at this price of 18 cents in some instances, though some of the sellers strove desperately to dispose of their supply at as high as 22 cents, but this, it must be added, with very slight success.

The sale of other poultry was, of course, somewhat less pronounced than that of turkeys, but ducks and chickens were a very ready market. There went from 12 to 14 cents, selling mostly at 13 cents, while many sales were made at 12 cents, and even 11 cents. Ducks sold at 14 to 15 cents, and had a very good market. Chickens were only in slight demand.

**Meat Sales Slow.**  
In the other parts of the market there was very little activity, the poultry sale occupying most of the attention of butchers. The sale of butchers' meats was very slow, with little change in price.  
Pork was a little easier, despite the fact that there was only a very moderate supply; \$10.50 was the prevailing figure, though some went at a still lower price.

**Hay Was Scarce.**  
Hay was very scarce and remained at the same price \$14 to \$15.00. There is a good demand, however, and it is likely that there will be a large market tomorrow for both hay and oats. The latter sold on the morning's market at \$11.00 to \$11.50.

Other prices are as follows:

| Grain.                  |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Oats, per bushel        | 1.10 to 1.15   |
| Barley, per bushel      | 1.10 to 1.15   |
| Wheat, per bushel       | 1.10 to 1.15   |
| Peas, per bushel        | 1.10 to 1.15   |
| Beans, per bushel       | 1.10 to 1.15   |
| Hay, per ton            | 14.00 to 15.00 |
| Dairy Produce.          |                |
| Butter, creamery, lb.   | 22.00 to 24.00 |
| Butter, country, lb.    | 20.00 to 22.00 |
| Eggs, fresh, dozen      | 18.00 to 20.00 |
| Honey, strained, lb.    | 10.00 to 12.00 |
| Honey, in comb, lb.     | 10.00 to 12.00 |
| Poultry, Alive.         |                |
| Old hens, per lb.       | 7.00 to 8.00   |
| Young fowls, per lb.    | 9.00 to 10.00  |
| Butchers' Meats.        |                |
| Beef, per cwt.          | 10.00 to 12.00 |
| Mutton, per cwt.        | 10.00 to 12.00 |
| Veal, per cwt.          | 10.00 to 12.00 |
| Pork, per cwt.          | 10.00 to 12.00 |
| Live Stock.             |                |
| Small pigs, per cwt.    | 5.00 to 6.00   |
| Select hogs, per cwt.   | 5.00 to 6.00   |
| Fat sows, per cwt.      | 5.00 to 6.00   |
| Stags, per cwt.         | 5.00 to 6.00   |
| Export cattle, each     | 5.00 to 6.00   |
| Milk cows, each         | 5.00 to 6.00   |
| Hides and Wool.         |                |
| Lambskins, each         | 5.00 to 6.00   |
| Wool, washed, per lb.   | 12.00 to 14.00 |
| Wool, unwashed, per lb. | 10.00 to 12.00 |
| Hides, No. 1, lb.       | 10.00 to 12.00 |
| Hides, No. 2, lb.       | 10.00 to 12.00 |
| Hides, No. 3, lb.       | 10.00 to 12.00 |
| Potatoes, per bag.      |                |
| Turnips, per bushel     | 5.00 to 6.00   |
| Celery, per dozen       | 5.00 to 6.00   |

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The directors of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railway Company declared a semi-annual dividend of 2½ per cent on the common stock. This is an increase of half of one per cent over the previous semi-annual payment. The usual semi-annual dividend of 2½ per cent on the preferred stock was also declared.

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**A Card of Thanks.**  
The trustees of Byron public school extend a hearty vote of thanks to Mayor J. W. Little for his generous gift of Christmas boxes to the school children this year, and also for years past.

**Card of Thanks.**  
The Sisters of St. Joseph, in charge of the Roman Catholic Age People's Home and Orphan Asylum, beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of checks for \$50 and \$15, respectively, from the Irish Benevolent Society, and the sisters herein express their sincere thanks to that estimable society for its very generous assistance towards making Christmas a truly happy one.

**Found Its Way.**  
That The Advertiser is a widely-known newspaper was shown by a letter handed to us this morning by the London postoffice addressed "The Advertiser, Ontario, Canada." It was sent from Washington, D. C., on Dec. 20. There may be other papers by the name of The Advertiser in this province, but it shows that this paper receives first consideration.

**Presentation to Mr. Vanstone.**  
There was an interesting occasion at Askin Street Church last night, after prayer meeting, when Mr. J. H. Vanstone, who for ten years has had charge of the coupon system for raising the funds of Askin Street Church, and who has always proven a most efficient and courteous official, was presented by the quarterly board with a beautiful armchair and an address.

**Festal Carol Service.**  
A festal carol service, composed entirely of carols selected from the Anglican hymnal, was rendered in St. Paul's Cathedral last night by the choir, and delighted a large number of people who were present. Mr. George B. Sippi presided at the organ. The lessons during the evening were read by Dr. Moorhouse, Rev. J. G. Perdue, Rev. Principal Waller, Archdeacon Young, Canon Dunn and Bishop Williams. The carol service will be rendered again at the Sunday evening service.

**A Golden Wedding.**  
The home of Mr. Rufus Mackay, of Byron, was the scene of a quiet but very interesting event on Tuesday afternoon, when Mr. and Mrs. Mackay celebrated their golden wedding. Only immediate friends and relatives were present. Of the children, Mr. Charles Mackay, at home, and Mrs. Wm. Gill, of North Battleford, Sask., were present. The other daughter, Mrs.

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**Andrew Mair, also of Battleford, was unable to attend. Among the presents received from the children in honor of the occasion was a beautiful gold watch for Mr. Mackay, and an easy armchair for Mrs. Mackay. Mr. and Mrs. Mackay have lived continuously on their farm for forty-three years, and are widely known in Westminister and Delawara, and held in the highest esteem by the whole community.**

**A Welcome Visitor.**  
Brantford Expositor: Mr. Justice Magee (a former Londoner), was a welcome visitor at the dinner of Warden Sanderson last night. At the conclusion of the toast list his lordship made a very appropriate speech for the occasion, in which he said he was struck by the high plane of thought revealed by the representatives of the agricultural interest. The remarks of the judge were enthusiastically received.

**Died in Detroit.**  
Mrs. Mary Ryan, relict of the late Matthew Ryan, died yesterday at the home of her nephew, Mr. Frank Taylor, 172 Porter street, Detroit. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning from Smith, Son & Clarke's undertaking rooms, and interment will be made in St. Peter's Cemetery. Mr. Richard Taylor, of 94 Cartwright street, is a nephew.

**Don't Forget the Newsboy!**  
While everyone is thinking of the Christmas gifts, don't forget the newsboy. He is the faithful friend of every household, a regular visitor who never fails. So when making a list of Christmas gifts, let the carrier boy figure at the head of the list. He is a hard-working youngster, and deserves it all, and a little gift will help to make his Christmas a happy one. So don't forget him.

**A Former Melrose Man.**  
Mr. Thomas Jaynes, formerly of Melrose, died in Port Huron on Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John W. Gray, after a brief illness. He was in his 79th year, and was born near the Bay of Quinte. When a young man he came with his parents to London Township, and settled near Melrose, where he lived until a short time ago. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. John W. Gray, of Port Huron; two brothers, Milo Jaynes, of this city; and Alonzo Jaynes, of Melrose, and one sister, Mrs. Hannah Carey, of London. The funeral will be held on Friday at Melrose.

**Hicks on Christmas Weather.**  
Rev. Irl R. Hicks, in his weather forecast for December says that "a regular storm period will be central on the 22nd, covering the 20th to 25th. This period is at the centre of the winter solstice. In all reason it will bring heavy winter storms on land and sea. The mercury period begins at this time, and will increase the intensity and prolong the existence of storm conditions. This means hardship and danger to unprotected livestock and unwearied men. These storms are apt to continue over the limits of the period in consequence of the mercury disturbance and the opposition of the moon on the 25th." For the balance of the month we are promised storms of sleet and snow, blizzards and winds and cold.

The Grand Trunk City Ticket Office will be open on Friday evening for the sale of Christmas excursion and other tickets.  
Closed, heated carriages for all occasions. Hueston's Livery.

## CLOSING OF THE AUTUMN TERM

'10 Arts at the Western University Make Merry.

Last night the senior class at the Western University celebrated the closing of the autumn term by holding a delightful and informal banquet. Everything went off pleasantly and everyone felt very much at home. During the progress of the dinner some enthusiastic members of the other years entertained themselves by rolling balls and dropping weights on the floor above. But the seniors didn't mind even a "trifle," and they report having had a rousing time. Mr. Arthur L. G. Clarke, secretary of the class, presided as toastmaster in his usual inimitable and mirth-provoking style. The toasts were replied to as follows: "The King," by singing the National Anthem; "The Class of '10," by the class president, N. L. Ward; "The Western University," by E. N. Ward; "The Faculty," by President James; "The Literary Society," by E. Hawkins; "Athletics," by W. A. Nixon; "Our Absent Friends," by singing "Auld Lang Syne," and "The Ladies' Glee Club," by V. D. Howell. Among those present were President and Mrs. James, and Misses Reynolds, Lewis, Stockwell, Taylor, Thompson and Woolverton.

## COMMISSION DECIDES FOR FIVE-LETTER CODE

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The railway commission yesterday decided to cable code dispute against the Canadian Manufacturers' association and in favor of the telegraph companies. The manufacturers argued that the new telegraphic rates on code messages, making five letters instead of four, would be an impossible burden. Judge Mabey decided in favor of the telegraph companies, the rule to go into effect on July 1 next. The rule applying to international traffic will go into effect at once.

## MR. ESTABROOKS PRESIDENT

Annual Election of the St. John Board of Trade.

Mr. T. H. Estabrooks, proprietor of Red Rose tea, was this week elected president of the board of trade of St. John, New Brunswick. In no city in Canada is the board of trade more intimately identified with the ambition and prospects of the city, and in no city is the board of trade more actively engaged in the improvement of the city than in St. John. The St. John Sun says: St. John is fortunate in the men who serve and have served her interests in the difficult and responsible position of the board of trade. Mr. W. E. Foster, whose two years' term of office came to a close yesterday, has been particularly active and energetic. Under his administration the board has largely increased its membership and efficiency and has been unremitting in its efforts for civic advancement. And in his successor, Mr. T. H. Estabrooks, the board has secured a man admirably equipped in public spirit and business energy and experience to carry along vigorously and progressively the board's work for the up-building and development of St. John. In the present circumstances Mr. Estabrooks is peculiarly well fitted for the position. By his personal ability and vim he has built up from small beginnings one of the most successful business enterprises in the Dominion. One of the chief factors in this success has been extensive and intelligent advertising, and Mr. Estabrooks, we believe, recognizes this and recognizes also that civic as well as business success is the result of development by similar methods. There is nothing St. John needs more at the present time than an energetic and well-directed campaign of publicity.

## Change in C. P. R. Coast Trains.

During the winter months C. P. R. Transcontinental train No. 1 will be discontinued. Last through train will leave Montreal at 10:10 a.m. on Dec. 28. On Dec. 29, 30 and 31 this train will run through Montreal to Calgary. On and after Jan. 1 train No. 1 will run between Winnipeg and Calgary only. Train 57, which leaves Montreal daily at 10:30 p.m. will run as usual during the winter months.

## The Ladies Were There.

A crowd of between three and four thousand ladies of London and vicinity attended the Christmas exhibit Tuesday, at the Globe Furnishing Company's store, 644 Dundas street, East London. An advertised each lady was presented with a souvenir. Unfortunately a number of ladies who presented their coupons at the last minute were disappointed, as no such crowd was expected and provision not made for over 2,000. No such gathering of ladies was ever seen before in East London. A large number of articles were found next morning in clearing up, such as side combs, hair pins, knitted mitts and tails of ladies' coats, which were kept in perfect condition and delivered to the rightful owners on application.

Street car fares in Bordeaux, France, are less than 2 cents a ride, and people pay only half that between 5 and 6 in the morning and 6 to 7 at night. The negroes of the United States formed in 1890 18.8 per cent of the population; in 1890, 19.12 per cent; in 1890, 19.11 per cent; in 1890, 19.12 per cent; and in 1890, 19.13 per cent.

## JACKSON'S MEAT MARKETS

A Christmas gift that is worth while. Send your friends a roast or quarter of our choice Christmas Beef, and you are sure to be making a Christmas gift that will be appreciated. The finest beef in the city, slaughtered by our own men, at our up-to-date private abattoir on the Wellington road.

## Specials For This Week

Leg Roast Pork ..... 14c  
Sugar-Cured Ham ..... 16c

STALLS 1-2 MARKET HOUSE, PHONE 2859.  
87 WELLINGTON STREET, PHONE 1057.

# GILLEAN'S

## BUY JEWELRY GIFTS AT 1/4-Off 1/4-Off

A genuine sale that gives one-quarter reduction on every article in the store—positively no reserves and goods guaranteed the same as at any other time during the year.

**If It's a DIAMOND See These Prices**

Ladies' Diamond Ring (single), \$8.50, sale price ..... \$6.40  
Ladies' Diamond Rings (3-stone), \$36.00, sale price ..... \$27.00  
Ladies' Diamond Rings (5-stone), \$48.00, sale price ..... \$36.00  
Ladies' Diamond and Opal Cluster Rings, \$28.00, for ..... \$21.00  
Lady's Ring, with 6 Diamonds and Ruby, \$24.00, for ..... \$18.00  
Lady's Ring, with 1 Diamond and 2 Rubies, \$18.00, for ..... \$13.50

## SIGNET RINGS

Ladies' Gold Signet Rings, 10-k, \$2.00, sale price ..... \$1.50  
Gents' Gold Signet Rings, 10-k, \$3.00, sale price ..... \$2.25  
Gents' Gold Signet Rings (good weight), \$4.00, sale price ..... \$3.00  
Gents' Gold Signet Rings (very heavy), \$5.00, sale price ..... \$3.75

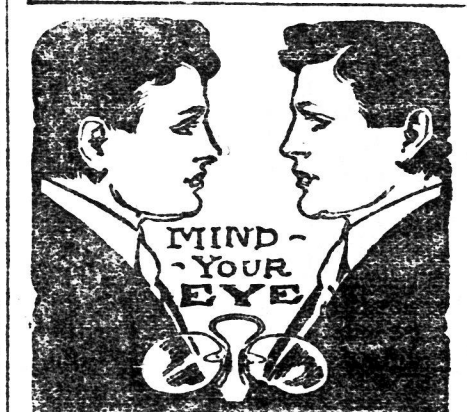
## Sterling Silver Spoons

Sterling Silver Tea Spoons, were \$9 a dozen, now ..... \$6.75  
Sterling Silver Coffee Spoons, were \$6 a dozen, now ..... \$4.50  
Sterling Silver Coffee Spoons, were \$5 a dozen, now ..... \$3.75

## Bracelets

Ladies' Expansion Bracelets, were \$2.50, now ..... \$1.90

STORE OPEN TONIGHT AND CHRISTMAS EVE.  
**THOS. GILLEAN 402 RICHMOND STREET**



## GOLD SPECTACLES OR EYE GLASSES

Make a Very Useful Christmas Gift

We put them up in a nice case for presentation, and examine the eyes at any time after, for the proper correcting lenses.

**TAIT-BROWN OPTICAL CO.**  
PHYSICAL EYE SPECIALISTS,  
And Makers of High Grade Spectacles and Eyeglass. 57-u



**Santa**  
Is ready for his Christmas dinner. Fat coat and boots are discarded. He

**Prefers**  
dress suit, white vest and immaculate linen means faultless laundering.

**Our Laundering**  
Of course. How about your Christmas linen? Why not follow Santa's good example?

**Forest City Laundry**  
"The Home of Cleanliness."  
72-74 KING STREET.  
White Wagon Will Call.  
Phone 1043.

# ROSS' Manufacturing Furriers

As a Christmas gift nothing more seasonable, fashionable, comfortable or useful can be given than some article in Fur.

Our stock was never larger or more attractive than now. Our values will bear comparison with that of any manufacturer in the trade.

Every garment guaranteed as represented. Money refunded if goods are not approved of.

Fur Sets, Muffs, Ruffs, Stoles, Scarfs and Neckpieces, in rich variety, in Mink, Persian Lamb, Sable, Fox, Lynx, Squirrel, etc.

In the face of an advancing Fur market, early buyers will profit.

**ROSS' STORE FOR WOMEN**  
In Our Ladies' Wear Department  
**Attractive and Refined Selection in Waists and Neckwear**

Dainty Waists will make highly desirable as well as practical presents. Selections here offer you an unlimited choice. New and handsome models in Net, Messaline, Taffeta and Chiffon, in a wide range of colors. Priced from \$2.75 to \$15.00.

## Dainty and Distinctive Styles in Neckwear

Boxed Ruchings, six lengths, ..... 25c  
Boxed Fancy Collars, ..... 25c  
to ..... \$1.25  
Boxed Bows, all colors, ..... 25c  
Large assortment of Belts, Jabots, Lace Stocks, Scarfs, etc.

**THE STORE FOR WOMEN**  
196 DUNDAS STREET LONDON, ONT.

**MOTHERSPOON ESTATE.**  
Toronto, Ont., Dec. 22.—The will of Dr. William Motherspoon, Ireland, late of Musselburgh, Scotland, where he died May 17, was filed in Toronto today. Part of the estate consisted of Canadian securities, 20 shares of Con-

sumers' Gas stock valued at \$2,000, and 35 shares London and Canadian Loan Agency, worth \$1,925. Dr. Motherspoon's son, Thomas Ireland, who lived at Neguri, Bilbao, Spain, gets \$1,925 day. Part of the estate consisted of and his late father's sword, weapons and all war medals.