

40TH YEAR, NO. 877.

LONDON, ONTARIO, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1902.

WHOLE NO. 18785.

Births, Marriages, Deaths.

DIED.
DENNIS—At the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Mann, 8th concession, London Township, Thomas Dennis, aged 81 years.
Funeral on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1902, at 11 o'clock; services at the house. Friends and acquaintances will kindly accept this intimation. Interment at Delaware.

MULVEY—At the residence of his daughter, on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1902, Frank Mulvey, C. P. R. conductor, aged 44 years.
Funeral at Toronto on Thursday, Dec. 18, at 10 a.m., to St. Michael's Cemetery.

AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES, ETC.

GRAND-TONIGHT
THE GREAT VAUDEVILLE
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PRICES—50c, 75c, 1.00 and 1.50.
Tomorrow Evening.

JAS. H. WALLICK'S FAMOUS DRAMA
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FREE WILD WEST LITERATURE
Front of Theater, noon tomorrow.
Seats now on sale—15c, 25c, 50c and 1.00.

[Saturday, Matinee and Evening.]

THE GORGEOUS SPECTACULAR
MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA
The Wizard of Oz.
SEATS ON SALE THURSDAY.
Matinee, 2c, 50c, 75c, 1.00. Evening, 2c, 50c, 75c, 1.00.

TWILIGHT ORGAN RECITAL—FIRST
Methodist Church, Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 4 o'clock. Vocal numbers by members of Women's Morning Music Club. Mr. Jordan at the organ. Admission, 10 cents.

TO ENGLAND VIA THE BEAUTIFUL
Island of Jamaica—Temperature 88 degrees in winter. Special excursion, allowing stopover at Jamaica, United Fruit Company, New York or Boston to Jamaica, thence to Bristol, via Elder-Dempster Line. F. B. Clarke, next advertiser.

LEHIGH VALLEY RAILWAY TRAINS
land passengers directly at the docks of the Allan, Anchor, American, Cunard and Red Star Lines. Very low rates to the old country. F. B. Clarke, next advertiser.

DANCING, PALACE ACADEMY—WEEK
Dec. 15: Classes will meet, gentlemen, Monday; ladies, Tuesday; advanced, ladies and gentlemen, Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock. Thursday and Friday evenings, private. Dayton & McCormick.

MCCLARY'S EMPLOYEES' BENEFIT
concert—London Opera House, Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1902. Prices, 15c, 25c and 50c.

"THE MESSIAH"—THE MOST POPULAR
of oratorios will be produced on Dec. 18 in New York at the docks of 200 voices; orchestra of 50. Soloists, Mrs. Alice Calder Stock, Mrs. Clara Barnes-Holmes, of Buffalo, Niagara, Crystal Brown and H. R. McDonald, of Toronto. Conductor, Mr. Roselle Pococke. Prices of admission, 2c, 50c, 75c and 1.00.

"A WOMAN'S TONGUE"—LECTURE
by Rev. A. I. Snyder, in Wellington Street Methodist Church, tonight. Readings and solos. 60c.

GRAND RALLY—FIRST METHODIST
Church, Wednesday, Dec. 17, 8 p.m. Addresses by Rev. Francis E. Clark, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Eberman, officers of United Society of Christian Endeavor Collection. Everybody welcome. 60c.

ALLAN AND BEAVER LINES—
Tunisian sails, Halifax to Liverpool, Monday, Dec. 15; Lake Michigan, St. John to Bristol direct, Thursday, Dec. 18; will arrive home for Christmas. F. B. Clarke, Richmond street, next advertiser.

ORIGINAL LONDON HARPERS—
Music furnished for all occasions. Tony White, 280 Richmond street. Phone 3.

LONDON DANCING ACADEMY, CORNER
Dundas and Clarence streets. Gentlemen's classes, Tuesday night; ladies, Wednesday. Come and learn the latest dances, the "Flower" and "Buffalo Glide."

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GOOD GENERAL SERVANT WANTED. Apply Mrs. J. W. McIntosh, 222 King street. 60c.

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housework. 4c. Lake Michigan, St. John to Bristol direct, Thursday, Dec. 18; will arrive home for Christmas. F. B. Clarke, Richmond street, next advertiser.

CHAMBERMAID WANTED. APPLY
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WANTED AT ONCE—COOK OR GENERAL
servant for family of two. 50c. Apply Nicholson, 520 Dundas street. 60c.

KITCHEN GIRL WANTED. APPLY AT
once, Fraser House. 40c.

GOOD GENERAL SERVANT WANTED
at once. Apply Mrs. Thompson, 257 Wolfe street. 40c.

WANTED—A GOOD GENERAL SERVANT;
no laundry work or sweeping. 40c. Apply in the evening to Miss Elliott, 401 Lufferin avenue. 60c.

WANTED—COMPETENT GENERAL
servant. Apply Mrs. T. P. McCormick, 24 Wolfe street. 40c.

GIRLS WANTED FOR FACTORY
Apply D. S. Perrin & Co., Limited. 40c.

WANTED—KITCHEN GIRL. APPLY
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Surgeons—Telephones 278 and 283. Treatment of dogs a specialty. We breed and have for sale pure bred collies.

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Extra good value in Fine Umbrellas, at \$1, \$1.50, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3 and \$4.50.

MEETINGS.

EMERGENCY MEETING OF ST. George's R. A. Chapter, No. 5, this (Tuesday) evening, 8 o'clock. Visitors welcome. W. A. Wilson, Z. C. C. Road, Scribe E.

"MESSIAH" CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA—Full practice, Tuesday evening, 8 o'clock. Every member will please attend and make return as far as possible. 60c.

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BOY WANTED—ABOUT 13 YEARS OLD, to drive broad wagon; must understand horses. Apply 320 Mainland street. 60c.

DO YOU WRITE ADS?—SEND ADVERTISEMENTS today on your business stationery for invaluable information. Free. Harper Syndicate, Columbus, Ohio. 20c-40c.

A FEW GOOD MEN WANTED AT ONCE; steady job. Apply D. Wade, corner Adelaide and Grosvenor streets. 60c.

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ARTICLES FOR SALE.

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FOR SALE—ENGINE, BOILER, TURNING lathe, bandsaw, planer, rig saw and 100 feet of belting, with sundries. 211 Dundas avenue, London South. 60c.

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SKATES HOLLOW-GROUND AT 10c A PAIR. D. McKenzie & Co., 235 Richmond street. 60c.

CHOICE PEDIGREE COLLIE DOGS and puppies. Pedigrees furnished. Our dogs are workers, from strong, healthy sires. Write for information, and say what you want. Our prices are reasonable. The London Collie Club, 187 South street, London, Ont. Phone 61. 60c.

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GREEN'S LOTION—GUARANTEED cure for money refunded for all sores and ulcerated wounds on limbs and body, running sores of long standing, etc. 10c per bottle. William Green, horse trainer, Rogers Hotel, London, Ont. 60c.

FOR SALE—LARGE IRON SAFE, CON- TAINING private drawers and lots of room for large books. Apply Advertiser office. 20c.

TORONTO CHRISTMAS GLOBE FOR sale at Star News Company, Market Lane. 60c.

WE HAVE REDUCED OUR PRICES in pork. Come and get them when they're cheap, at 1 to 5 Market House. James A. Anderson. 40c.

FOR SALE—ONE 16-FOOT LATHE, one 6-foot lathe, one 6-foot planer. Apply Thomas B. McGregor, Windsor, Ont. 60c.

GREEN & CO. HAVE RECEIVED A supply of West Virginia smokeless coal; will burn well in furnaces or ranges. Massillon, lump, a first-class domestic coal. Good wood in blocks or split. Green & Co., Mainland street and Grand Trunk Railway. Telephone 1,321. 60c.

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ALL KINDS OF WOOD AND SOFT COAL. Wm. Buchanan, 623 Colborne street. 60c.

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STOVES, BASEBURNERS AND RANGES of all kinds for wood and coal; excellent quality. Cheap at F. E. Keene's, 24 King street. 60c.

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LOST—A PAIR OF GOLD-RIM SPEC- TACLES. Finder will be rewarded on leaving at this office. 60c.

LOST—ROUND GOLD LOCKET, PEARL setting. Reward on returning to Ad- vertiser. 60c.

WILL THE PARTY WHO FOUND pocketbook on Rectory street, between King and Lussias, return to 23 Lorne avenue? Reward. 60c.

LOST ON WEDNESDAY EVENING—Small bear muff. Finder rewarded at this office. 60c.

LOST—NOTE FOR \$125.00, DRAWN BY E. S. Bannockburn, David Curtis, in favor of Manson Bros. All parties are warned against negotiating the same. Reward on return to Manson Bros., London. 60c.

LOST—FRIDAY MORNING, BETWEEN Market Lane and Clarence street, black purse, containing small sum money. Reward on returning to this office. 60c.

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NOTICE—LOTS ON THE OLIVER SURVEY will be advanced in price on the 15th of January, 1903. Get your choice now, as there are only a few left. Easy terms. J. P. Sangster, 112 Masonic Temple. 60c.

FOR SALE—GOOD PROPERTY ON the west side of Talbot street, in the City of London, with a frontage of about 70 feet, and about 150 feet in depth. On this lot is erected a two-story and basement stone building, with a flat roof, with a slate roof, all in good repair. The building could be easily converted into a storage or manufacturing establishment. For full particulars apply to Box 61, London. 60c-40c.

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DR. WESTLAND, DENTIST, CHICAGO, post-graduate in Crown Bridge and Porcelain work. Philadelphia post-graduate. Forcelain. Masonic Temple, first floor. 60c.

DR. G. H. KENNEY, DENTIST, Successor to the late Dr. Davis. Special- ized in preservation of natural teeth. 173 Dundas street. Phone 22. 60c.

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TO LET—UNION FURNITURE VAN- tainers, carefully handled. John Biggs, Cathcart and Bruce, South Lon- don, late of London Furniture Com- pany. Phone 316. 40c.

COMFORTABLE SIX-ROOM COTTAGE to let, No. 1 Nelson street. Apply 60c King. 20c.

WANTED.
WANTED—DAILY SUPPLY OF 140 quarts of milk. Apply 44 Cheapside street. 60c.

WANTED—CITY LOAN COMPANIES' stocks. John Wright, stock broker, London. 60c.

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FOR SALE—GENERAL BUSINESS: grocery, china, crockery, stationery, stationery and fancy goods. A snap. Come quick. Apply Box 66. 60c.

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A Goldie & McCulloch Safe, combination lock, with small fireproof vault in the center for valuables.

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The London Advertiser

WESTMINSTER TAX NOTICE—I WILL be at the Fraser Hotel, London, A every Saturday and Tuesday in December, and Saturday, Jan. 3, 1903, to receive the unpaid taxes. All taxes must be paid by the above date or collected with costs. E. S. Hunt, collector. 60c.

ALWAYS A GOOD FRIEND.—In health and happiness we need no friend, but when pain and prostration come we look for friendly aid from sympathetic hands. Those hands can serve us no better than in rubbing in Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, for which the Oil is in the pain is out. It has brought relief to thousands who without it would be indeed friendless.

"HARRY NORMAN'S" INJURY ENDS A LONG MASQUERADE

Woman Fell on Street and Broke Her Ankle—Her Sex Was Revealed.

Buffalo, Dec. 15.—After 10 years mas- querading as a man, the unmasking came suddenly for "Harry" Norman and disclosed her to be a woman. The disclosure was caused by an icy side- walk.

At 11 o'clock last night an Emer- gency Hospital ambulance was called to Swan and Michigan streets. Ambulance Surgeon Cutting found a per- son lying on the sidewalk, disabled by a fractured ankle. The injured in- dividual was short and thickly set, be- ing above 5 feet 3 inches in height, and was clad in checked trousers of cheap material, brown coat, blue shirt, and blue cap, with leather peak. The patient was lifted into the ambulance and taken to the Emergency Hospital.

When laid upon the operating table and under the light, the surgeon not- iced that although about 34 years old, the sufferer's face was remarkably beardless, and next discovered that the hands and feet were small for a man. With their suspicion aroused by these facts, the surgeon learned before the operation of setting the broken ankle was over that the patient was a wo- man.

The woman came to this country from England ten years ago, and found no welcome from employers who had work to give out. The work was not suitable for a woman, they said. De- termined to make her way, she donned men's clothes and since that time has drifted from one position to another, finding difficulty in obtaining work. Up to the time of the unfortunate ac- cident that revealed her secret she was employed as cook in Jack's Quick Lunch House in Seneca street.

On Sept. 23, 1902, Harry was married by Ald. Joseph Butler to Agnes Go- den. At the time of the marriage the bridegroom gave the age as 32 years, occupation cook, and birthplace, York- shire, England. This was his second marriage.

Castro's Advantage.



Mr. Kruger (a ruined debtor): Oh, why, oh, why, wasn't dot South African farm of mine situated in South America mit a Monroe mortgage to hold it down like dot farm of Castro's?

UNITED STATES WON'T AGREE TO EXTENSION OF BLOCKADE

Situation Regarded With Ap- prehension at Washington.

A PRECEDENT IS FOLLOWED
Affair Has "Assumed" Proportions Beyond What United States Expected.

Paris, Dec. 16.—A dispatch to the Matin from Caracas says: "The English are building fortifications in the environs of San Felipe. In case of an armed conflict Venezuela has on hand 32,240 Mauser and 9,000 Remington rifles and some cannon."

Washington, Dec. 16.—Minister Bow- en has confirmed the press reports to the effect that the guns of the allied fleet which bombarded Puerto Cabello Saturday were directed entirely at the fortifications and not at the town.

Regrettable as it was, this statement relieves the affair of the first sus- picion that it constituted a violation of international law in the fact that 24 hours' notice was not served of the bombardment. The requirement as to notice applies to unfortified or fortified towns where the fire must be di- rected upon the inhabitants, and this was not the case at Puerto Cabello, so that while the officials here regret that the firing took place, they have as yet no cause to protest. But it is now probable that the United States will

break its attitude of inactivity in the event that an attempt is made to en- force the "peaceful blockade" towards an American ship.

When the allies were considering the ways and means of bringing Venezue- la to terms and a blockade of this character had been decided upon, the German Government informed the United States that when the blockade was established it would turn back all shipping, though no effort would be made to seize the ships. The United States Government made no re- sponse to this statement at the time (last year), not feeling called upon to do so before presentation of an actual case. But now that the blockade is certain to be established, Secretary Hay has informed the German Govern- ment that American ships should not be interfered with in their trading, except the inhibition applies to all shipping, and, further, the note in- timated a disapproval of stoppage at all.

FOLLOWING PRECEDENT.
In so doing the state department is following a precedent, for during the effort of the powers to establish a "peaceful blockade" of Crete in 1895, Secretary Sherman formally recorded a refusal to be bound by it. It hap- pened that no American ship had oc- casion to enter a Cretan port during the brief period of time the blockade was in force, so the issue was not made then; but in the present case with regular lines of American steam- ers entering Venezuelan ports at short intervals, a test case may soon fol- low.

It is within the legal right of the allies to close these ports, but prob- ably this can be accomplished with- out protest on our part only after a formal declaration of war. The hope is growing here that such a decla- ration can, after all, be averted, owing to the energy with which Mr. Lowen has acted.

The wheezy old locomotives of the elevated railroads in New York City are being sold throughout the country as fast as they are displaced by elec- tric motor cars. They are bought as a rule by branch roads at prices rang- ing from \$1,200 to \$2,000.

"SOO" COMPANY GOT THE MONEY

\$700,000 Secured to Meet Im- mediate Obligations, May Tide Over Trouble.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—The regular monthly meeting of the board of di- rectors of the Consolidated Lake Su- perior Company, was held today, and was protracted until late tonight. It was announced that the election of a successor to President F. H. Lewis, who resigned last week, was not re- garded as an urgent necessity, and that the office would remain vacant for the present. Theodore C. Search, vice- president of the company, is now act- ing head of the concern.

The most important feature which developed today was the statement that a satisfactory loan has been ne- gotiated to tide the corporation over its present financial difficulties. The total amount of the loan was not an- nounced, but it is said to be about \$700,000. Of this amount, it is said, more than \$500,000 has been secured to meet immediate obligations.

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KRUGER NEVER SMILES; BROODS OVER HIS FATE

Longs To Be Permitted to Re- turn to Transvaal—Chamberlain Is Opposed.

Mentone, France, Dec. 15. — Mr. Kruger's health has slightly improved since he came here, but it is plain to anyone that the old man's worst ail- ment is not physical. He looks the pic- ture of misery. When one meets him driving with his daughter and grand- children he appears to be oblivious to everything around him. He never smiles, but looks lost in bitter recol- lection of the evils which have befallen him and his country.

He again expressed a few days ago a strong desire to be permitted to re- turn to his native Transvaal and end his days near Pretoria. Some sympathizers undertook to plead his cause with British Colonial Secretary Chamber- lain. Two wealthy friends even offered to go bail for \$50,000 each as a guar- antee for Kruger's good behavior in South Africa.

But the colonial official is afraid to assent, owing to the state of feeling in the Transvaal, where all classes and races are discontented under the new regime.

PURCHASE OF L.E. AND D.R.R. APPROVED BY DIRECTORS

Pere Marquette Officials Confirm Transfer.

Car Boats To Be Built and Many Im- provements Made.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 15.—Directors of the Pere Marquette road held a meet- ing here today and approved the pur- chase of the Lake Erie and Detroit River Road. They also called a meet- ing of the stockholders for Jan. 20 to ratify the purchase. The company in- tends to increase its through business across the great lakes by adding to its ferry equipment about seven boats. Practically the whole northwest is be- hind Pere Marquette, and the volume

of traffic which it can secure from the Northwest, St. Paul and Wisconsin Central Roads need only be gauged by its capacity to handle the business.

No action was taken at today's meeting to permit the minority stock- holders turning over their stock to the voting trust, although such action may be expected later. There will be a radical change in the management af- ter the stockholders' regular meeting in May.

MISCHANCE OF PLANS.
Owing to some mischance of plans in the deal between the Pere Mar- quette and the Lake Shore and Detroit River Railway, President Walker, of the latter, said yesterday that the transfer of the stock of the Pere Marquette officials refusing to say anything further on the subject. Details of the delay will probably be given out by Jan. 1.

THE MINERS MAY GO OUT YUKON INDIANS RISING

Four Thousand Want Grievances Adjusted.

Chairman Gray Comments on Dis- closure.

New York, Dec. 15.—More than 4,000 miners at Drifton, near Hazelton, will go out on strike Wednesday unless their employers adjust grievances they complain of before that time, says a dispatch from Scranton to The Press. The shipment of coal to New York will be decreased 10,000 tons a day if this strike is declared. The dissatis- fied miners are employed by Coxie Bros. & Co., the large independent operators. They say that the company has repeatedly refused to re-employ all its union miners.

Open Every Night Until Christmas.
Wednesday Evening Special---Chateaux.

Six dozen handsome Chateaux, leather ones and steel ones, different styles, regular 60c, 75c, 85c, and \$1.00; amazing values; Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., each 48c

THIS ADVERTISEMENT CHANGES EVERY DAY
 176 and 178 Dundas St., London.
 Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1902.



THE LATEST!
King Edward
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The King Edward Tie

is worn by ladies and gentlemen. It is 40 inches long, 1 1/2 inches wide, and is really "TWO TIES IN ONE," being reversible; made of finest black satin, one side all black, the other side with a stripe 3/4 of an inch wide in center. The stripes are in reds, blues, grays, greens and in white, leaving a black strip on each side of the color, and forming an effect that is entirely and delightfully new and "different."

A very pretty line for evening wear is of white satin, the black stripe on one side, and the other side pure white. These handsome Ties are sold by dealers at 50c each. Tomorrow, at this store, the price is, each..... **25c**

Buy Christmas Books Now.

The best advice we can give you is: "Buy books tomorrow." Our stock of books is now complete. This time next week it's questionable whether you will be able to get just that particular title or not.

Our Special 25c Lines.

Bound in attractive, serviceable covers, and clearly printed on fine paper; books suitable for gifts or for your library; numbers of the most popular writers in these 25c lines. A few of the titles: Last Days of Pompeii, Vanity Fair, Jane Eyre, Edmund Dantes, Shadow of a Crime, The Man in Black, Vicomte de Bragelonne, Home-coming, Rollo in London, Rollo in Naples, Rollo in Rome, Rollo in Paris, Rollo in Geneva, Walks from Eden, Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow, Thelma, Aunt Diana, By Order of the King, Choice, each 25c
 Also the Pansy and Wedgewood Series, each 25c

Regular 50c Perfumes for 25c. A Special Line for Wednesday.

A pretty quaint little basket, containing two fancy bottles (kid-capped and ribbon-trimmed), of perfume: all odors; heliotrope, jockey club, lilac, lily of the valley, etc.; Wednesday, basket and two bottles, complete, for 25c

Nickelware.

25 Nickel Tea Kettles, No. 9, regular \$1.25; Wednesday, each 85c
 15 only Nickel Tea Pots, regular 75c; Wednesday, each 39c
 2 dozen Nickel Cuspidors, Wednesday, each 15c

Tinware, Etc.

Story Cake Tins, round and square in sets, set 25c
 5 dozen Daisy Tea Kettles, Wednesday each 15c
 Sheet Iron Roast Pans, 3 sizes, each, 10c, 15c and 25c
 12 only Savory Roasters, oval, regular \$1.50, Wednesday, each \$1.25

Cold Weather Needs.

Strong Snow Shovels, each 25c
 Children's Snow Shovels, each, 10c and 15c
 Ash Sifters, good ones, each 15c
 Splendid Coal Hods, each 25c
 50 new Japanese Bird Cages, prices up from 75c

See our Christmas showing of Fancy China, Fancy Lamps and Cutlery. The best we ever had.

VISIT OUR BIG TOY DEPARTMENT. **WOODS' FAIR**

POOL OF \$50,000,000.

New York Banks and J. P. Morgan Unite to Aid Money Market.

New York, Dec. 15.—A number of banks of this city, and J. P. Morgan & Co. have formed a pool of \$50,000,000 to lend in the money market, in the event of actual emergency. The pool was organized by George F. Baker, president of the First National Bank. That bank, J. P. Morgan & Co., the National City Bank, the Chase National, the National Bank of Commerce, the Hanover National, the Fourth National, and the Western National, have pledged themselves for \$5,000,000 each. The Corn Exchange Bank agrees to subscribe \$2,500,000 and the Chemical National and the Bank of New York \$1,000,000 each. This measure is really a protective one and it is not apprehended that any of the money will be actually needed. It will be put out, however, should the occasion arise.

Honest Dealings Tell

most effectively in making friends in all vocations. An honest man can always command respect. An honest man can only gain his reputation for integrity by honorable dealings. With articles of commerce the public must testify from the genuineness of the component parts that the article may accomplish effectively its purpose intended. A medicine, then, must be medicine have the stamp of conscientious merit, that it may take and keep the friends of its vocation. Celery King is a remedy of purely vegetable ingredients, which for its resources for Constipation, Stomach and Blood Disorders, Kidney and Liver troubles, has received the sovereign endorsement of the people. We receive scores of testimonials daily. The claim is not made that Celery King is invariably sure; what is advanced is that all its ingredients are of such purity and possess the virtue necessary to make it powerfully efficacious in the most violent and dangerous diseases of the Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Blood. The testimonials received increase and corroborate our statement.

Murder for Money.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Robert Garrison, a middle-aged woman, wife of a farmer near Bedford, Barry County, was murdered today by a farm hand. He shot and killed the woman for the supposed purpose of robbery.

Petroleum has been discovered about 40 miles from Tunis.

THE PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

Two Plain Topics to Come Up at Quebec—Premier Ross May Not Go.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 15.—Premier Ross will not be able to attend the conference of provincial premiers opening at Quebec on Thursday. Unless some other provincial minister is sent, Ontario's views will be presented to the conference by a memorandum. There are two main topics to be discussed. The Ontario Government, it is understood, stands by the B. N. A. Act regarding the provincial representation in the Dominion House on the subsidy question, the view here appears to be that the subsidies from the Dominion to the provinces should be based on present populations and not on the population of 1881, as they are at present. The subsidies were fixed at confederation at 80 cents per head of population in 1881, and no change has been made since.

Convalescence

Convalescence is sometimes merely apparent, not real, and especially is this true after such diseases as pneumonia, typhoid fever and the grip. To make it real and rapid, there is no other tonic so highly to be recommended as Hood's Sarsaparilla.

This great medicine cleanses and renews the blood, strengthens all the organs of the body, and restores health. Take Hood's.

Killed by His Son.

Cohoes, N. Y., Dec. 15.—The second death from accidental shooting in this vicinity within four days is that of William Page, aged 36, of Cohoes, shot and almost instantly killed yesterday by his son Frank, aged 21. Another son, Ellisworth Page, had been shooting rabbits, and left the gun standing in the kitchen. Frank put it loaded in the kitchen. Frank put it through the manual of arms. His father came to the doorway and turned just as the gun was discharged, receiving the charge of shot in the back.

Caustic Shooting Matches.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 15.—It is notified for the benefit of all concerned that a communication has been received from the High Commissioner for Canada stating that at the annual meeting of the officers of public school cadet corps, held at Eisleigh, England, in July last, it was decided to arrange shooting matches with the cadet corps of public schools in the colonies. Officers commanding corps who wish to compete should notify the adjutant-general, militia headquarters, Ottawa, through the usual channel.

Agricultural machines and implements

are admitted into Turkey free of duty.

A LIVELY FIGHT IN NEW YORK

Between District Attorney Jerome and the "Sports."

MILLIONAIRES' SONS INVOLVED

Members of Banking and Brokers Firms Interested in the Gambling Raids.

New York, Dec. 15.—A lively fight is on between District Attorney Jerome and the men whose houses he and the police raided on Dec. 1 on the ground that gambling was being carried on there. Young men, prominent in social circles, sons of millionaires and themselves members of banking and stock exchange firms are being drawn into the fight, having been summoned to appear before the grand jury tomorrow, when an investigation is to be held into the conduct of Richard Canfield's house. Jesse Lewisohn and A. A. Housman are said to have been served with subpoenas.

Reginald Vanderbilt is not among the number, but it is said that guests at "a birthday party" which wound up in the gambling house one evening last winter have been caught by the subpoena servers.

Jesse Lewisohn is junior member of the firm of Lewisohn Bros., bankers. A. A. Housman is the senior member of the stock exchange brokerage firm of A. A. Housman & Co., with branches in London and Berlin. Attorneys of some of those summoned have advised them not to answer on the ground that the Supreme Court has held that the "immunity" clause in the Inter-State Commerce Act, which is the same as that in the New York code, does not sufficiently cover a man's constitutional rights.

On the other hand, action will be commenced against Police Inspector Brooks, who led the raid on Canfield's, on the ground that he broke in before demanding admission, and Canfield threatens a civil suit against District Attorney Jerome and others for damage alleged to have been done to his house.

Second Deputy Commissioner of Police Piper and Inspector Ladd have been served with subpoenas and in a suit for \$5,054 which Richard Canfield has brought against them and other officials. They are returnable in twenty days. A summons also has been issued for District Attorney Jerome, who is at present out of the city. He is named as a joint defendant with Piper and Brooks.

16 FAMILIES IN THE HOUSE

Mother and Two Children Perish in Their Home.

New York, Dec. 15.—Three lives were lost in a tenement house fire in East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street today. The dead are: Mrs. Mary Bond, 32 years old; Raymond Bond, 7 years; Rose Bond, 3 years old. Edward Bond, the husband and father, 23 years old, was severely burned about the hands and face while trying to save his family, and Helen Bond, 2 years old, was also severely burned about the hands and face.

EDUCATION BILL FINALLY PASSED

Received Third Reading in the House of Lords.

MARTINIQUE RIVER DISAPPEARS

Since the Crumbling of Mont Pelée's Cone—Bishop Quigley May Be Promoted.

London, Dec. 15.—The education bill passed its third reading today in the House of Lords. Mr. G. R. Roberts, of the Canadian Baptist, says of the prohibition vote, that a great victory has been gained, and what has been lost has been through the fault of indifferent temperance workers throughout the rural districts. I was one of the organizers in East Middlesex. I found many and greater obstacles than even indifference—the busy season, the impossibility of securing farm help, the cold rains and muddy roads, and nights of Egyptian darkness, meeting after meeting postponed, or sparsely attended, though rain, mud and darkness also a general feeling that the vote was an impossible one, and greatly hindered self-sacrifice. Our own division at Edmonton, where there are two hotels, polled the largest vote in East Middlesex—125 for prohibition, 11 against, 1 spoiled ballot and 63 votes unpollled. The vote under adverse conditions gives a clear ring against the tariff legislation. More restriction must follow. The treating custom is one of the mainstays of the bar. No one yet has ventured to suggest an advance movement. I propose to separate the bar from the hotel, and relocate it to the saloon, where drinking can only be sold in business hours, or, in the words given by the liquor vendors, namely, low dives. The bar has given respectability to the hotel. The more certainly detracts from it. Let men who want drink go where only drink is sold, and the lower the dives the less likely will men be tempted to make the dives. The respectability of the bar has gone. Let no legislator for Ontario try to restore it.

JOTTINGS FROM NEARBY PLACES

MELBOURNE.

Melbourne, Dec. 12.—The event of the season in the social life of Melbourne was the presentation of the four-act drama, "A Noble Curstest," by a company of local amateurs on Friday evening last. The performance was held in the Woodman Hall, which was well filled with various characters in the play were well impersonated, the dramatic interest was maintained, and the sympathy of the human heart powerful, and the comedy was as refined as it was successful in moving the audience to laughter. Each act closed with rounds of applause. The cast was as follows: Gerald Weston (known as Jerry) as the tramp, Mr. Ambrose; Col. Matthew Lee (a Southern banker), Mr. W. G. Robinson; James Blackburn (his nephew), Mr. Campbell; Jack Worthington (Blackburn's rival), Mr. R. A. McLeod; Officer, Mr. Bell; Mrs. Lee (wife of the colonel), Miss Evangeline Cooper; France (a disputed possession), Miss Wynne McLeod; Belle (France's maid, faithful but free), Miss Alma Norsworthy. Music was furnished during the act by the Forest Orchestra, of Canada. The heavy work of the piece fell to Mr. Ambrose, who revealed much dramatic talent. Miss Wynne McLeod was a decided success in her part. Miss Evangeline Cooper acted her part to perfection, and Miss Alma Norsworthy made a splendid maid. Mr.



The Tillsons are com-in', O-ho, O-ho! The Fads are runnin', They're cold, O-ho!

Ready to cook. Served hot.

Tillson's Oats

Pan-Dried. A Food, not a Fad

AFFECTS LONDON CADETS

They May Enter Shooting Matches by New Bisleigh Plans.

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In some country districts of Ireland it is not unusual to see the owner's name simply chalked on carts and other vehicles in order to comply with legal regulations.

Those Pale Girls

How many pale girls there are! Girls who have the will, but not the power to bring out their vitality. Doctors call it anaemia, which means poor blood. They are thin, delicate and nervous. Their digestion is usually poor, the appetite not all that it should be and they do not even get all the nourishment that is in the food that they do eat. They linger between strength and weakness with no certainty as to what change a day will bring forth. Scott's Emulsion is for all such girls. The hypophosphites combined with the cod liver oil will tone up the system, give the blood new life, improve the appetite and help digestion. Above all it gives nourishment.

Girls are more liable to anaemia than boys; this is because the blood of women contains fewer red corpuscles, more water and less albumen and salts than the blood of men. Scott's Emulsion seems to be the very thing to discount these differences. It helps all pale, thin girls when nothing else will.

We'll send you a sample free upon request.

SCOTT & BOWNE,

55 Front St., W., Toronto.

The Big Christmas Sale

WAXES FAST AND FURIOUS

AT THE

Crystal Hall

A wealth of seasonable suggestions solves the problem of what to buy for Christmas giving.

Carefully chosen Art Treasures and Dainty Novelties, both artistic and practical, at lowest prices.

Inspect our extensive and elegant assortment tables and you'll be surprised to see the Big Values and Little Prices.

Thousands and thousands of glistening articles twinkle and scintillate in the shelves and show cases, making the scene one of fairy-like enchantment.

It is a study of red, green and blue and glowing brilliancy.

We give a few prices:

A large Cut Glass Bowl for \$ 7 50
 A handsome Cut Glass Water Bottle 6 50
 An artistic Cut Glass Vase 6 00
 A neat Cut Glass Handled Bon Bon 4 00
 A beautiful pair of Cut Glass Salt and Peppers 2 00

A Few Special Reductions in Silverware.

A set composed of 1 Coffee Pot, 1 Tea Pot, 1 Sugar Bowl, 1 Cream Jug, was \$30.00, reduced to \$23 00
 Another set composed of 1 Tea Pot, 1 Sugar Bowl, 1 Cream Jug, was \$25.00, now 20 00
 A handsome Soup Tureen, was \$18.00, now 14 00
 An artistic Nut Bowl, gold lined, was \$20.00, now 15 00

These are Only a Few of the Christmas Bargains to be had at Our Great Sale.

W. J. REID & CO.,
 Dundas Street, London.

Gray Hair Ayer's Hair Vigor does not suddenly turn your gray hair black, but gradually the old color comes back,—all the rich, dark color it used to have. The hair stops falling, too. Better try it. 25c. All Druggists.

WHISKARD'S Three Busy Stores

223, 230, 232 Dundas Street

Our Great Cut-Price Clearance Sale Continues.

WE have done a phenomenally large business since the beginning of our GREAT CLEARANCE SALE. If you have not yet been one who benefited by this great bargain event, then do not delay, but come at once and secure some of the bargains we are giving in all departments.

A Good Time Now to Buy Your Christmas Presents—Buy Early.

Millinery Department.

Happy Accident.

Pa sat down on ma's old hat,
Pa's big around and wide and fat,
And when he saw what he had done,
He rose and seemed to want to run.
But ma she grabbed it with a smile
And said: "Land Sakes! it's just the style."

All Trimmed Hats at Cost for this Sale.

Stylish Hats.

A few of those Camelshair Hats, worth \$1.25, for 50c each.
Camelshair Ready-to-Wear Hats for ladies and girls; regular 75c; sale price, 50c each.
Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Fine Felt Corded Walking Hats, in gray, fawn and navy; worth 90c; sale price, 50c each.
Ladies' Felt Walking Hats, in brown and navy, trimmed, only 25c each.

Millinery Trimmings—

Cut Price.

Fancy Breads, large size; worth \$1.50; cut price, 75c each.
Black Breads for trimming hats; regular 30c, for 25c, and regular 50c, for 25c each.
White Feather Pompons for hats, worth 50c, for 25c each.
White Feather Pompons for hats, worth 75c, for 40c each.

Just in—another lot of those splendid,

Large Size Black Ostrich Feathers

—\$2.35, \$3.85, \$4.50, \$5.25, \$6.75 and \$8 each. Special value.

CANTON FLANNEL.

A very heavy line; worth 10c, cut price 8c yard.

FANCY BASKETS OF ALL KINDS.

Cut prices 10c, 12c, 15c, 19c, 20c each.

10 dozen large Whisks; regular 10c, cut price 5c each.

STAPLE DEPARTMENT.

Special line of White Flannel; worth 25c, cut price 15c yard.

BLANKETS.

A few pairs of medium size heavy Wool Blankets at \$1.59 pair.

THINGS LOOKING UP

West Indians Have Got Past Hard Times.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Edgar Tripp, Canadian agent in Trinidad, reports that by the abolition of the sugar bounties the West India sugar cane planters, for the first time in half a century, command a fair price for their goods. He predicts an era of prosperity for the West Indies. A parcel post would be further assistance to them. He says that four dealers in Canada are ready to fill orders. The Canadian cheese trade is holding its own, but the butter, for irregularity in quality, is not.

YOUNG MEN COME EAST

Rich Manitobans Come to Ontario for Wives.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Deputy Minister McCulloch has issued from Manitoba a number of crop reports, which are to be used as immigration literature. He writes in reference to the showing of dairy products, that it does not do credit to the province. He explains that there are in Manitoba many bachelors who keep bachelors' halls. These men—many of whom are growing rich—buy from their neighbors a large amount of the dairy and meat products of Manitoba for their own consumption, so that while the dairying industry in Manitoba has increased very largely during the past two or three years, the regular bulletin reports do not show the increases which have been made. A noticeable feature of the situation at the present time is the

I Will Cure You of Rheumatism

Else No Money Is Wanted.

Any honest person who suffers from Rheumatism is welcome to this offer. I am a specialist in Rheumatism, and have treated more cases than any other physician. I think for 15 years I made 2,000 experiments with different drugs, testing all known remedies while searching the world for something better. Nine years ago I found a costly chemical in Germany, which, with my previous discoveries, gives me a certain cure. I don't mean that it can turn bony joints into flesh again; but it can cure the disease at any stage, completely and forever. I have done it fully 100,000 times. I know this so well that I will furnish my remedy on trial. Simply write me postal for my book on Rheumatism, and will mail you an order on your druggist for six bottles of Dr. Shoop's Rheumatism Cure. Take it for a month on your druggist's bill. If it fails, I will pay the cost of the medicine, and your mere word shall decide it. I mean that exactly. If you say the results are not what I claim, I don't expect a penny from you. I have no samples. Any more sample I send you will be sent by registered mail, and it is folly to take the risk. My remedy does that even in the most difficult, obstinate cases. It has cured the oldest cases that I ever met. And in 99 cases out of 100, it is the only remedy ever found and used that would cure one chronic case in ten. Write me and I will send you the order. Try my remedy for a month, as it can't harm you anyway. If it fails it is free. Address Dr. Shoop, Box 41, Racine, Wis. Mild cases, not chronic, are often cured by one or two bottles. At all druggists.

fact that many of these Manitoba bachelors are now very anxious to secure wives. Several instances have come to his notice just lately of men who have come down to Ontario for the very purpose, as they had told him, of looking out for a wife to take back with them early in the spring.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

A third arrest for alleged ballot stuffing has been made at St. Thomas. John Van Horn, former vice-president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, died at Louisville, Ky., on Monday.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy says the C. P. R. was unable to get all the local business it required owing to the very prosperous condition of manufacturing.

In Kingston nothing is known about the missing schooner from Charlottetown and Oswego. The weather is quite moderate and vessels from Oswego to Kingston may come over.

Hon. E. J. Davis, commissioner of the crown lands department, will be further examined for discovery on Wednesday in the North York election protest.

Writs have been issued against each other by both T. A. Rowan and James Ross, formerly of the firm of Rowan & Ross, Toronto, barristers, regarding the firm's business.

Alex. Lumsden writes to Thos. Southworth that the C. P. R.'s refusal to take freight for Temiskaming has lost his steamship company the carriage of at least 500 tons.

Carnahan's block, Harris' Hotel and a tin-smithing establishment at East Toronto were damaged by fire to the extent of \$20,000 yesterday.

William MacFarlane, alias "Shang" Clarke, died in the Kingston penitentiary. A pardon for him arrived a few hours after his death.

A heavy snowstorm, accompanied by a gale from the north, began about sunrise on Monday, and before noon reached almost the proportion of a blizzard. All shipping along the coast was blocked.

John W. Elia, president of the civil service reform league, of Chicago, who was stricken by apoplexy while attending the National civil service reform convention in Philadelphia, died Monday afternoon.

ST. THOMAS MAN ARRESTED

Wm. Walsh Accused of Tampering With Ballot Box.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 15.—William H. Walsh, a cigar traveler, residing in this city, was arrested today on complaint laid by the temperance people, charging him with attempting to stuff a ballot box on the day of the referendum vote. He was admitted to bail.

East Toronto a Town.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—The Provincial Secretary has issued the official notice of the erection of the Village of East Toronto into a town, and it will in future be known as the Town of East Toronto. The town will be divided into three wards.

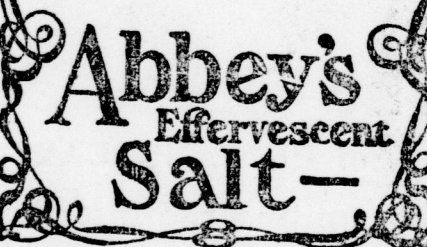
A handsome monument, commemorating the valor and service of the Pottery artillery during the Civil War, was unveiled recently at Buchanan, Va.

INSIST ON Abbey's

Thicken up Your Blood for winter.

Our winters will shock the hardest of constitutions unless fortified with such a tonic laxative as "Abbey's." Do you feel that every wind that blows chills you to the very marrow? You need "Abbey's" to thicken up the blood—it is a fruit salt that eradicates impurities—promotes regular action of the bowels—stimulates circulation—tones the nerves—paints everlasting health roses on the cheek—try it.

Ask your Druggist for



NINE VESSELS ARE ASHORE

Terrific Gale Rages Off Coast of Nova Scotia.

Sailing of the Canada-South Africa Line—Canadian News.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—At the department of marine and fisheries today a telegram was received from Sydney, N. S., stating that a fearful gale had been raging on the coast and that many vessels had been wrecked. Nine vessels were reported ashore. The dispatch asked that one of the Government steamers be sent to their rescue. The cruiser Aberdeen will probably be dispatched to the scene.

The secretary of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association received notice yesterday that the dates fixed for the sailing of the third and fourth vessels which have been put on the service between Canada and South Africa are: The Orleans, from Halifax for Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and Durban, on Dec. 18; the Montford, for Cape Town, New London and Durban, on June 18. The bodies of the three victims of the Victoria Hotel fire, at Quebec, on Sunday—Eugene, Capt. Lizzie Bourdane and Clara Jackson—have not been recovered.

Ottawa's coal supply is becoming scarce, and there is quite a rush on the Welsh article being sold by the city. There is probably not more than 500 tons of hard coal in the city, and that is booked.

An investigation which has been made into the conduct of the poorer classes at Montreal reveals, it is by no means, increase of actual hardship over that of previous winters. This is due entirely to the dearth of coal.

The Montreal Corn Exchange Association has placed its record on a lengthy resolution against the decision of the department of trade and commerce to abolish the flour standards.

Sir Richard Cartwright says that there is no prospect of an early meeting of the joint high commission, as reported from Detroit.

NOT DUE TO CLIMATE

Catarrah Is Found Everywhere.

Catarrah is at home anywhere and everywhere. While more common in cold, changeable climates, it is by no means confined to them, but is prevalent in every state and territory in the world.

The common definition of catarrah is a chronic cold in the head, which, if long neglected, often destroys the sense of smell and hearing, and there are many other forms of the disease, even more obstinate and dangerous.

Catarrah of the throat and bronchial tubes as well as catarrah of the stomach and liver are almost as common as nasal catarrah and generally more difficult to cure.

Catarrah, undoubtedly a blood disease and can only be successfully eradicated by an internal treatment. Sprays, washes and powders are useless as far as reaching the real seat of the disease is concerned.

Dr. McInerney advises catarrah sufferers to use a new preparation, sold by druggists, called Stuart's Catarrah Tablets, because actual analysis has shown these tablets to contain certain antiseptic qualities of the highest value, and being an internal remedy, pleasant to the taste, convenient and harmless, can be used as freely as required, as well for children as for adults.

An attorney and public speaker, who had been a catarrah sufferer for years, says:

"Every fall I would catch a cold which would settle in my head and throat and hang on all winter long, and every winter it seemed to get a little worse. I was continually clearing my throat and my voice became affected to such an extent as to interfere with my public speaking.

"I tried troches and cheap cough cures, and sometimes I kept a box only for a short time, until this winter when I learned of the new catarrah cure, Stuart's Catarrah Tablets, through a newspaper advertisement. Two adjacent boxes which I bought at my druggist's cleared my head and throat in a few days, and I kept a box of the tablets on hand, and whenever a cold or a little cold I take a tablet or two and ward off any serious developments.

Stuart's Catarrah Tablets deserves to head the list as a household remedy, to check and break up coughs and colds, because, unlike other catarrah and cough cures, these tablets contain no opiate, cocaine or any injurious drug.

McCoy

C. P. R. FREIGHT CONDUCTOR KILLED AT INGERSOLL

Frank Mulvey Thrown From Train and Under Wheels

With Left Arm Cut Off, He Lingered In Pain for Fifteen Hours.

Frank P. Mulvey, one of the most popular freight conductors on the C. P. R., died at Ingersoll at 1:10 this morning as the result of an accident which occurred at that town on Monday. Mr. Mulvey was on the top of his train as it was passing the Ingersoll gravel pit about 10 a.m. Monday, when the car left the track. The jar threw Mr. Mulvey off, and he fell upon the rail, the wheels passing over his left arm. He was taken to the Ingersoll Hospital, and the injured member was amputated at the shoulder.

Mr. Mulvey never rallied from the shock, and sank gradually till the end came this morning. Immediately on hearing of the accident, his brother Owen, of the city, and Messrs. King, Sella and Murdoch, of the local Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, hurried to his bedside, and remained with him till he died.

Mr. Mulvey resided at 597 Adelaide street, where today a widow and five children are plunged in sorrow over the loss of their protector. Five brothers also survive, three being Owen, C. R., London; Robert, Wabash Railway, James, New York; Arthur, Toronto; Thomas, C. P. R., Winnipeg. Mr. Mulvey, who was in his 44th year, was a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and of the Catholic Order of Foresters.

The remains will be taken from Ingersoll to Toronto, where the funeral will take place on Thursday at 10 a.m. It will be held from the residence of Mr. Mulvey's sister, Mrs. Kelly, King street west, to St. Michael's Cemetery, where two of his children are buried.

A HUMAN FLOWER GARDEN ON STAGE OF THE GRAND

Carnival of Romances an Unequivocal Success.

Provide a Veritable Feast of Color and Music.

Production With Huge Cast of Six Hundred Participants, Passes Off Without a Hitch.

The carnival of musical romances and terpsichorean revels, as presented at the Grand Opera House last night by the Metropolitan Carnival Company of New York, for the benefit of the Queen's and soldiers' monument fund, proved to be, as was confidently expected, an unequivocal success. The opera house was not filled to its capacity, but the audience was sufficiently large to guarantee the success of the production. The purpose of the company is to raise for the noble purpose of erecting a memorial which will serve to recall at once the heroic deeds of Canada's sons on the blood-drenched battlefields of South Africa, and the virtues of the Queen Victoria, who lives enshrined in the hearts of her people as the devoted wife, the wise ruler, the peaceable sovereign, the true Christian, the devoted mother, the true Christian, the devoted mother, who have entered heart and soul into this noble work, honor themselves in honoring the empire's Queen and Canada's sovereign.

When the curtain rose upon the splendid picture of the opening tableau, the audience fairly gasped at the gorgeousness of the scene. The people were massed upon the stage, six hundred of London's fairest daughters, in the full view of the grandest and most diversified but harmonized colors, such a glowing mass of color, has never before been seen on a stage in this city, and may be many years before another picture will be presented by any production. The stage was one huge bed of human flowers, from the tiny tots, whose wee forms and faces suggested the half-formed rosebuds, to the matrons and maids, whose beauty was that of the full-blown blooms. When the shimmering, shimmering white silk, and the rhythmic motion to the music of the orchestra, it was like nothing but the summer gladness of a garden, crammed to the full with the sweetest of the zephyrs kiss their petals and caress each leaf and stem and branch.

To the stately music of a minuet, to the music of the ladies and cavaliers danced three centuries ago, and entered into this dream of beauty half a dozen of London's fair daughters stately curtsied to the music of the throne, which occupied the place of honor in the center, and there awaited the entry of their queen.

The queen, who soon entered in royal state, her sweeping train borne by pages. All did her obeisance, and then the queen with gracious mien welcomed her royal guests, Marie Antoinette, Mrs. Douglas Young impersonated the latter, while Miss Labatt made a very queenly queen of the carnival. Mrs. Adam Beck, gowned in shimmering white silk, sang "Spring is Coming" in charming voice. Then, all too soon, the curtain descended, and snout out the sight of the fairyland came to the audience.

The second act was but little less pleasing than the first. In it over 100 children took part, and their performance was a remarkably uniform one, considering the tender age of many of the participants. In this act, which represented the crowning of Titania (adapted from "A Midsummer Night's Dream") the role of Titania was taken by Mrs. Topsy Wilson, while that of Oberon was filled by Master Brian O'Grady. This act was under the direction of Mrs. Barty and Mrs. Ingram.

The third act was perhaps the best of the evening. Its title was "The Last of the Vestal Virgins, or the Dawn of Christianity." The opening scene presented the dance of the flower girls, in which a number of difficult march movements were executed with extraordinary skill. Some of the movements were so pretty as to provoke a storm of applause from the members of the audience.

The second scene showed the Vestal Virgins in their worst of woe, as they adored being expressed in graceful poses. Miss Nenone Carling as the sun dancer showed herself possessed of a grace and ease as well as histrionic ability. This scene is followed by one in which the nuns, the heralds of Christianity, appear, chanting hymns of praise. Miss Charlotte Scott, of St. Thomas, a talented pupil of Miss Eva Roblyn, in the role of singer of the temple, renders the hymns in an effective manner. After them comes the priest, who persuades the virgins to accept the cross which appears in fire on the sky. The tableau as the curtain descends is a striking one. The various characters in this tableau are taken as follows:

Temple singer, Miss Scott. Vestal, Goddess of Fire, Mrs. J. A. Carling. High priestess, Mrs. A. Blackburn. Sun dancer, Miss Carling. Priest, Mr. Lynwood.

The tableau is under the direction of Miss O'Grady, Mrs. Kilgour, Mrs. Middleton, Miss Elliott, Miss Shaw-Wood, Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Cox.

The only jarring note in this tableau, and, in fact, in the whole performance, is the crudity of the way in which the fiery cross effect is carried out. It remains suspended in full view all the time, held by thick, unsightly ropes. These should be replaced by thin wires. The next performance, it would also increase the effectiveness of the scene if the cross were to be suspended out of sight from the audience, and only let down into view at the moment when it is to be lighted.

Act IV., which introduced the Gainsborough sextet, was a most popular number. The sextet, which was composed as follows: Mrs. C. Blinn, Misses McLaren, Merle Brock, Mr. McLaren, Rosada Taylor and Minnie Fox, and Messrs. P. L. Lynwood, W. Pope, R. Bucke, Costello, J. Lang and Dr. Holmes. They sang an amusing song burlesque (composed by Cole & Johnson), on the famous Florodora song, and so imperative was the recall that the whole number had to be repeated.

The cream of Balfie's always popular opera, "The Bohemian Girl," was contained in the adaptation which had been made for the carnival. The following was the cast:

Thaddeus, a proscribed Pole P. L. Lynwood
Duchess, Chief of the Gypsies W. J. B. Dillabough
Arlene, daughter of the count Mrs. C. Blinn
Count Arheim Mrs. C. Blinn

The musical selections rendered were the following gems from the opera: "In the Gypsies' Life" Solo—Without a Country Gypsy Tribe March—Entrance of the Soldiers Duet—Comrades Hand and Hand Gypsy Dance Gypsy Tribe Solo—The Heart Bow'd Down Solo—I Dreamt I Dwell in Marble Halls Arlene Solo—You'll Remember Me Arlene Solo and Quartet—Listen While I Reveal Arlene, Queen, Devilshoof Solo—Ellen Forever Past Queen Solo—Ellen Forever Past Arlene, Queen, Devilshoof and chorus

The individual performers all took their parts well. Mr. Garthwaite was especially well-suited with the role of Thaddeus, his fine bass voice showing to great advantage in the numbers allotted to him. A word of praise must be accorded the members of the chorus, who so skillfully executed the intricate figures of the gypsy dances. This act was under the direction of Mrs. Douglas Young and Mrs. E. B. Smith.

The concluding act took the form of a grand military cotillon, in honor of the army and navy. It was under the able direction of Mrs. F. E. Harper. Those taking part were Mrs. Charles Blinn, who made a very statuesque Britannia, and the following: Canadian Beauties, Mrs. Harper, Misses Nellie Marshall, Bessie Moore, Beatrice Richardson, Edith Scattergood, Mary Meredith, Mrs. Moore, His Majesty's Royal Guards—Messrs. Harry Walker, Basil Sterling, George Macbeth, Dr. Beecher, Victor Kent, Fred Macfie and Fred Smith.

A file of soldiers from Wolsley Barracks gave the requisite military tone to the cotillon.

The cotillon will be repeated at the Grand on Friday afternoon and evening. New features will be introduced in each performance, so that those who have already seen the entertainment will find a second visit quite as enjoyable. Those who did not form part of last night's audience should not miss the opportunity presented.

The members of the London branch of the Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire are deserving of the heartiest congratulations on the success of their entertainment. Much of this success is due to the indefatigable efforts of the efficient officers, which the order has been fortunate in securing. The roll of officers of the municipal chapter is as follows: Mrs. D. Douglas Young, regent; Mrs. E. B. Denison, second vice-president; Miss Baldwin, standard bearer; Mrs. J. Harley Brown, treasurer; Miss Dann, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Shaw-Wood, recording secretary.

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What the Little Lad Wanted.

A little grandson of mine, living in Cape Town, when about 8 years old, was taken to church, and the bishop—now the archbishop—was preaching. Growing tired, he said out loud, "Mother, I wish bishop would go back to heaven; I want to go home." Meeting his lordship some time afterward I told him this story, adding that I thought the child had paid him a very delicate compliment. The same boy had a little garden of his own, which was much ravaged by neighboring cats, large and fierce, of which Phil stood in great fear. So one night he added this petition to his usual prayers: "Please, God, send an angel to take care of my garden, and it had better be one that's not afraid of tomatos."

Robbers Fall Out.

Perhaps the most remarkable suit ever brought in on the records of the court of the exchequer in England, was filed on Oct. 8, 1725, and it set forth very clearly that John Everit and Joseph Williams were highway robbers.

In the succinct legal phrases the complaint says that the men formed a partnership for the purpose of carrying on business as highwaymen. It was mighty profitable, as was shown by the fact that Everit sued Williams for the equivalent of \$60,000, "being for moneys wrongfully appropriated to defendant's private purse."

This was the amount in dispute after the partnership had lasted only a year. Then Everit claimed that he discovered that his partner had not made a fair division of the spoils.

The action was adjudged to be a gross

contempt of court, and the plaintiff was ordered to pay all the costs, while the solicitors who served the writ were fined 250 each. One of the solicitors, a man named Weathercock, refused to pay the fine and was sent to prison for six months. Both plaintiff and defendant to this action were subsequently hanged—one at Tyburn and the other at Maidstone.

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The strike situation at Marseilles, France, is rapidly becoming worse. The syndicate of ship owners has declined the arbitration proposed by the Government, which was also rejected by the strikers. A number of trade organizations are taking steps to bring about a general strike.

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London, Tuesday, Dec. 18.

Premier Ross' Manifesto.

Hon. G. W. Ross has issued an address to the electors of the constituency in which by-elections will shortly be held. He takes this means of reaching them, as he says it may be impossible for his colleagues or himself to attend public meetings owing to the usual condition of the weather at this period of the year. The manifesto is an argumentative but aggressive presentation of the case for the Government, and covers nearly the whole field of Provincial politics.

Mr. Ross reminds the electors that Mr. Whitney, during the general election, made no attempt to discuss the policy of the Government or present an alternative policy. In many cases some local issue or the personal relationship of the Opposition candidate to the constituency, municipal or otherwise, took the place of political issues. This with the cry of corruption, and of exaggerated and untruthful statements as to irregularities that were alleged to have occurred in a few places, made up the impoverished story of the Opposition's campaign. "Previous to the last election," says Mr. Ross, "Mr. Whitney advised his followers to appoint committees of able-bodied men to guard the polls and to watch the deputy returning officers and others lest poll books should be tampered with and the election law placed at defiance by persons and heeled, etc. Well, the elections have passed over, and what has he to show by way of proof that there was any foundation for such outcry? Not a single case of corrupt practices, not a single suspicion of any irregularity, except in one case, and that was only a suspicion, declared by a judge of the court of appeal to be unwarranted."

The Premier points out that the ballot boxes passed through the hands of 4,191 deputy returning officers, or a total of over 12,000 persons, including poll clerks and constables. No suspicion was cast upon the act of any one of them except in one polling subdivision in North Grey. Not one personator was heard of except in North Perth, where he voted for the Conservative candidate. Not one of the 27,463 voters had made the least complaint. On July 19 Mr. Whitney said at a Conservative gathering in North York he was in possession of information to show that in the 98 ridings in this Province an organized attempt had been made to steal one at least and sometimes two of the ballots in each subdivision in the respective constituencies. This was the reason that the returning officers had experienced such difficulty in summing up the results. "At no previous elections," says Mr. Ross, "either for the Legislature or the House of Commons, were the ballots in so many constituencies examined before a county judge. If the Liberals had intended to take undue advantage of their control of the ballot boxes, or if they were tainted with corruption, as Mr. Whitney alleged they were, surely in the scrutiny of 62,805 ballots some proof of their evil purposes would have been found. No party ever passed through an election with a cleaner record."

Mr. Ross contrasts this record with that of the Conservatives in the Dominion elections held under their auspices. What about the Dominion election in Haldimand in 1891, where the deputy returning officer at Hagersville spoiled eight ballots in the interests of the Conservative candidate; of the election in West Hastings, where Mr. E. Gus Porter, now member for the House of Commons, was convicted of personation and sentenced to the county jail; the South Grey case of 1891, where seven ballot boxes were opened after the election and 26 ballots marked for the Liberal candidate abstracted, and 26 ballots marked for Mr. Elythe, the Conservative candidate, substituted; Muskoka and Parry Sound, where the contents of two ballot boxes, containing Liberal majorities, were burned; the South West North case, 1891, where more ballots were found in the box than the deputy returning officers had recorded in their books; the London case of 1892, where 21 illegal votes were polled in the interest of Mr. Carling, the Tory candidate; the North Ontario election case of 1890, where 21 ballots marked for Mr. Graham were extracted and 21 marked for the Tory candidate substituted, etc. The Premier contrasts this orgy of corruption with the recent general election in Ontario, and says the election court has not disclosed any corrupt practices on the part of any Liberal candidate. He points out that four Conservative candidates testified to the existence of a central campaign fund. Who contributed it? Was it the corporations that Mr. Whitney said he would relieve from taxation if he were returned to power, or was it the promoter of some enterprise to which assistance might be granted if the Opposition carried the elections? The sum of \$500 for each constituency would mean about \$50,000 for the whole Province, assuming that this amount of money was equally distributed. Mr. Boyd, however, said he received \$700. What was the limit? Did larger sums go into closer constituencies?

The Premier refers to the progress

under Liberal administration since the general elections. He instances the victory of this Province over Quebec in the Privy Council, by which Ontario has saved \$455,000 claimed by the sister province on account of the sale of common school lands. The development of New Ontario was growing apace. By subsidizing the Canadian Northern Railway at least one million acres of fertile land in the Rainy River Valley were opened up for settlement and would soon be filled. The Algoma Central Railway was now nearly completed for its entire length. The Temiskaming Railway, which would afford access to 15,000,000 acres of arable land, was under construction and would be completed within a year or eighteen months. During the present year, 400,000 tons of iron ore would be mined in Michipicoten. These mines employed 500 men and sixteen steamers. The International Copper Company, employing 2,200 men, was meeting with great success in the development of the nickel industry at Sudbury. The product of Ontario mines for the first six months of this year was \$2,709,000, compared with \$1,200,000 for the whole of 1901. The Spanish River Pulp Works and the Sturgeon Falls Pulp Works will be producing early next year.

Since May four best sugar factories have been completed and are now running. They looked for the production of at least 25,000,000 pounds of the best refined sugar in Ontario this year. The investment in these four refineries probably exceeded \$2,000,000.

Continuing the story of progress, the Premier says that five counties have taken advantage of the Government's appropriation of \$1,000,000 for good roads. As a result of the drainage laws passed in 1893, the Government has voted \$36,000, affecting the drainage of 257,253 acres of land. The improvement of live stock, the establishment of cheese factories, creameries and dairy schools have drawn from the markets of the world millions of money for the use of the farmers of Ontario. The Agricultural College at Guelph is filled to overflowing with young farmers anxious to study improved methods of agriculture. The attendance at the three dairy schools of the Province is increasing steadily. There is no abatement in the interests of education. The attendance at all the training schools for teachers is on the increase. Public and separate schools are doing better work than ever before. Several cities have already established technical schools for the training of the artisan classes. The Premier makes reference to the defalcation of the solicitor of the treasury department, and says the loss will be insignificant, while precautions have been taken which will make irregularities next to impossible in future. He concludes with the following reference to the referendum:

"While the vote polled was not sufficient to put the liquor act into operation it is an expression of opinion on the question of prohibition which must be exceedingly gratifying to all concerned in the temperance movement, and it will be the duty of the Legislature to consider the significance of this vote in future legislation. What that legislation should be can only be settled by a careful interchange of opinion between the members of the Legislature and those who have given time and study to the operation of the liquor laws of Canada and other countries."

Sir Edmund Monson's Tribute.

It is not often a diplomatist is so confidential in a public address as was Sir Edmund Monson, the British ambassador in Paris, speaking to the British Chamber of Commerce in that city the other day. Sir Edmund, whose diplomatic experience covers nearly half a century, admitted that when a neophyte he was penetrated with the conviction that personal intrigue, personal influence and possibly personal unscrupulousness were still potent factors in the management of international concerns, and that there still existed in the field of diplomacy a wide scope for those who trusted to the employment of their own personal qualities for success. Although the old doctrine of diplomacy, that it was based on lies for oneself, venal to lie for one's friend, but a duty under some circumstances to lie for one's sovereign and country, had long been exploded, as far as any rate, as British diplomacy was concerned, Sir Edmund still believed in his early days in the prevalence of secret diplomacy and in the possibility that the real direction of the foreign policy of a country was inevitably centered in the hands of a few individuals, whose mysterious actions and influence remained unsuspected by the public. Sir Edmund proceeded to pay this tribute to the press:

"I will not say that all these notions were at once dispelled. The times were still such as to favor, to a certain extent, the lingering existence of the traditions of the past, but the transition from those traditions to the systems of the new school was already far advanced. The importance of the ambassador, arising in old days from the absence or scantiness of common means of information about foreign countries, and the fact that the ambassador was at a distance, had already been seriously impaired by the invention of the railroad, the telegraph, and the all-pervading newspaper correspondence. The functions of the diplomatist representative in collecting information has been superseded. Under the altered conditions of modern life few political secrets were to be picked up in society, and the collection of all intelligence accessible to the public has become the business of professional journalists, whose accuracy and dispatch have, especially in recent years, become so trustworthy that the diplomatist and the diplomatists cannot attempt to cope with them on ground which they have made their own. Yes, it is to the gentlemen of that press that a serious change in the character of diplomacy is by no means in a slight degree due. We cannot compete with them in the daily transmission of

local and special intelligence, and many of these able men have still further invaded the field of our functions and transmit by telegraph to the great journals which they represent their own enlightened comments upon current political events or official utterances and actions."

Sir Edmund practically gives the press credit for improving the morals of his own profession. In the old days diplomacy was regarded as a sort of Machiavellian art. The ambassador was a glorified spy, whose duty was to transmit to his own monarch or Government all the state secrets, gossip and intelligence he and his agents could pick up by licit or illicit means. There is no doubt that espionage is still a diplomatic function on the continent of Europe, as shown by the Dreyfus trial, but it is mainly employed to ferret out military secrets. The press throws such a searching light on the conduct of governments and on public business and public policy that as Sir Edmund Monson confesses, there is little left for the diplomat to glean in that field. The ambassador is no longer an intriguer, but a messenger of goodwill, and if the secrets of the foreign offices were known, it would be found that the peace of the world has owed much to high-minded and skillful diplomacy in late years. In fact, the modern diplomat may be called a professional promoter of good-fellowship.

Disappearance of the Home.

The New York Sun points out that all the private residences lately completed and now being erected on Manhattan Island are for the rich or very well-to-do only. The time is fast approaching when private residences will be so few relatively that to occupy one of them will be an even greater distinction than it is now, when already the vast mass of the people in Manhattan are crowded together in apartment, flat and tenement houses. The population increased from 1,441,215 in 1890 to 1,550,000 in 1900, and is growing even more rapidly in the past two years. In fact, the period when separate residences will be practically excluded from its limits by the encroachments of trade and by the necessity of utilizing the limited residence area for great apartment houses into which the multiplied population can be crowded will not be far off if the present rate of growth of the town continues.

What must be the moral and social results of these changed conditions? Tenements and flats do not provide the best surroundings for the rearing of children, and the development of the highest type of family life. The rooted attachment to a particular spot called home is an ethical influence which molds the individual and the nation, but home in the true sense can hardly be realized in an apartment house. This home instinct is particularly strong in the Anglo-Saxon people. We have an evidence of it in the spread of the old boys' movement, and the periodical return of thousands of Canadians in the United States to the places of their birth from a sentiment which has become second nature. The growth of cities in the United States, and the consequent disappearance of the old home life, must in time profoundly modify the national character, and it cannot be for the better. Apartment houses are going up in Canada, but it will be a long time before any Canadian city is large enough to make the housing problem serious.

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Lord Roberts objects to paying \$5,000 for receiving the Garter. Lord Roberts didn't ask for it, and he knows he could get a much better article for much less money.

The Brooklyn Eagle blandly advises the Boer generals in the United States to abandon the lecture field for the dramatic stage. It says there is more money in a good stirring anti-British war drama than in many lectures.

It is gratifying to hear from Mr. Clergue that his steel rail mill shut down for want of pig iron, not because it could not compete with foreign makers. The slump in stock might have been prevented if the facts had been known in the first place.

A noted English music teacher says that music teaching is overdone and

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Not Her Fault.

[Puck.]
"Mary, there's three months' dust in the drawing-room!" "That isn't my fault, mum. You know I've only bin here a fortnight."

His One Marit.

[Judge.]
Dorothy—"So Mabel is engaged to Cholly? Now what on earth does she see in him?"
Margaret—"Her last chance, probably."

The Juvenile Witness.

[Chicago Tribune.]
"My son," said a judge the other day, smiling benignly upon a little boy who had been summoned as a witness in a lawsuit, "do you understand the nature of an oath?"
"Yes, your honor," declared the boy. "It is a solemn declaration or affirmation, usually to the effect that the statement or statements about to be uttered by the person making such declaration or affirmation are true."

The Penruddock Case.

[Marquise de Fontenay.]
It is not merely among the masses, but also among the higher classes, that indignation is expressed with regard to the leniency displayed by Judge Bigham in sentencing Mrs. Penruddock to the paltry fine of \$250 for the shocking cruelty to her little girl, which included the other inhuman acts of the putting of a wasp down her throat and striking her in the face with nettles. The subject has been taken up in Parliament by several members of Parliament, including Lord Peel's son, Capt. Greville, and others of equal birth and rank in society, showing that the letter for once in the way does not make common cause with the cruel mother, in spite of the fact that she belongs to their caste.

Mr. Penruddock, who acknowledged on the witness stand that he had witnessed and known of his wife's treatment of the child and that he approved of it, is about to be deprived of his position as county magistrate, as justice of the peace, and as deputy lieutenant. He is a member of the cabinet, namely, of the Rt. Hon. Walter Long, president of the local government board, while his wife is a first cousin of Capt. Speke, the famous African explorer.

Prefer to Remain.

[Philadelphia Bulletin.]
Though oft we complain that his life is unkind,
That for each of its hardships we get,
After all, there are very few anxious to find
The easiest way out of it yet.

Uncle Sam's Problem.

[Chicago Tribune.]
The latest figures of immigration to the end of October show that the arrivals in the United States for ten months of the current year were 905,221. This is almost two per cent more than during the same period last year. The disturbing feature of this rising tide of foreign immigration is contained in three little figures.

Source.	Number.
Austria-Hungary	156,072
Italy	174,403
Russia	105,358

Total 435,833
All the rest of Europe only sent 169,358, to which Germany, which once led all others, contributed only 25,322.

No Wonder He Was Wise.

[Toronto Star.]
After all, it is not surprising that Solomon was such a wise man. Didn't he have a thousand wives to point out to him how to hang the pictures and put up the stovepipes?

For Yesterday.

[New York Tribune.]
If it must be we may not meet,
If I am not for you,
What profit that our love was sweet,
Why make we such ado?
Yet for the sake of yesterday,
And all we used to know,
How can I take the lonely way,
How can I let you go?

The years pass on with them and feverish and grow old alone.
The chapters of this life of ours
Are finished one by one.
Yet for the sake of who we were,
And what we yet may be,
God will remember all our prayer,
And give you back to me!

Pernicious Reform.

[London Tit-Bits.]
"Look here," said the reforming husband, "we must have things arranged in this house so that we shall know just where everything is kept."
"With all my heart," sweetly answered his wife, "and let us begin with your late hours, my love. I should very like to know where they are kept."
He let things run on as usual.

Photograph Popularity.

[New York Tribune.]
English papers have been commenting on the fact that since the death of Gladstone no English politician has been popular from the photographic point of view until the last few weeks, when there had been a sudden and great desire for the photographs of Joseph Chamberlain. With the exception of a short time when Lord Randolph Churchill's pictures were in great demand, Gladstone was the only English publicist who could compete as to sales of photographs with the popular professional beauties, and such actors as Sir Henry Irving and George Alexander. Especially since the announcement of his journey to South Africa has the demand for Mr. Chamberlain's pictures grown—a fact which argues that the public as a whole approves of the venture.

Emerson Overlooked.

[London Express.]
We have lately had the 100th anniversaries of the births of Balzac, Hugo and Dumas. The following are not far distant: Bulwer-Lytton, 1803; Beaconsfield, 1804; Hawthorne, 1804; Whitier, 1807; Longfellow, 1807; Tennyson, 1809; Thackeray, 1811; Dickens, 1812. It is remarkable that in its list of contemporary overlooks Ralph Waldo Emerson, born in 1803.

Uncle Eben.

[Washington Star.]
"Some bad folks," said Uncle Eben, "tries to make a cloak of religion. But you kin generally see dat it's a misfit."

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Literary Notes.

"GLEGARRY SCHOOL DAYS."

At the present time Canadian writers occupy an unique place among the literary workers of the English-speaking world. Two of them, Sir Gilbert Parker and Ralph Connor, are enjoying a popularity that is not surpassed by living novelists. Their new books are eagerly awaited by those who have read the old ones, and these old ones, unlike many recent books, are not almost forgotten, but gain new admirers and introduce new friends to the authors as time passes. Just a year ago the best selling book in this city, and a leader among the best selling books in America, was Connor's "The Man From Glenarry." It seemed that everyone who read it wanted to send it to a friend to read. This year it is very probable that another of Connor's books, another Glenarry book, will have the place which that other product of the author's fertile mind occupied last year. Many have read his former books with anxious to read this one. They will not be disappointed in it. His exploiting of the Glenarry field has opened up a splendid character-land, from which he has drawn with that sensitive discrimination, sympathy, humor and knowledge which make all his stories so attractive. "The Glenarry School Days" is a book which anyone can read, enjoy and learn from. It tells of natural, flesh-and-blood people, who live, strive, fall, grieve, love and rejoice. There is good in the book—it awakens the best in one; it is a typical Ralph Connor book, full of real life incidents and living characters, and written with warm and far-reaching sympathy, delicacy and unflinching humor. "Glenarry School Days," price \$1.25; the Westminster Company, Toronto.

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in the slightest degree insane, and yet at the same time there are passages to be found beneath the covers that will furnish food for thought to the careful reader. There can be no question what the reputation due made for herself in her first book, "Concerning Isabel Carabany," William Briggs of Toronto is the publisher. The book sells for \$1.25.

"THE FRENCH-CANADIAN."

"THE FRENCH-CANADIAN: A Sketch of His More Prominent Characteristics," by Byron Nicholson, 250 pp., 60 illustrations. Cloth, \$2; half leather, \$3. The Bryan Press, Toronto.

Mr. Byron Nicholson, a newspaper man whose journalistic and literary efforts have made him favorably known in both Ontario and Quebec, has produced, in "A French-Canadian," a valuable addition to the literature which treats of Canada and its people. Mr. Nicholson has evidently first studied his subject carefully and conscientiously, and then made excellent use of his material. He treats of the French-Canadian under the following heads: "His Paternal Name," "Love of Canada and Loyalty to Britain," "The Exercise of the Elective Franchise," "The Use of the French Language in Quebec," "Education and Religion," and "Other Characteristics." Mr. Nicholson imparts in an interesting form a great deal of information about the history and geography of Quebec and the manners, customs, modes of thought and underlying motives of its people. Anything that tends to create a better understanding between the two great races which form the Canadian people cannot fail to be of benefit to the Dominion, and a perusal of Mr. Nicholson's book by the citizen who resides outside of Quebec would do much to clear away many misconceptions which exist as to the people of that province, and would impart a kinder feeling toward the members of that race which has shown itself over and over to be devoted to the crown of Great Britain and the best interests of Canada. The volume is copiously illustrated with portraits of leading French-Canadians and scenes of interest in the province.

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"Skeets" Martin Seriously Ill in New York—General Sporting News.

HOCKEY.

PITTSBURG UNDER THE BAN.
Toronto, Dec. 15.—The Ontario Hockey Association intends taking a firm stand on the question of allowing teams within its fold to play clubs in Pittsburgh. Absolutely no such position will be granted because there is ample and undeniable proof that the Pittsburgh clubs are purely professional, paying straight salaries to their players. Any team desiring to play in this matter not only involves the seven men actually taking part in the matches, but also every team in the organization, and was brought to the judgment against the O. H. A. team of Kingston last winter. This should Queen's senior team play in Pittsburgh, that action would involve Queen's III, which is in the junior O. H. A. series, although the first team is not a member of the O. H. A. at all. With this question finally decided upon, clubs need not waste time in asking permission of the O. H. A. to play matches in Pittsburgh. The Frontenacs, of Kingston, applied for such permission today, and was brought to the attention of J. Ross Robertson for the reason that Pittsburgh clubs are "professional bodies." Now that the Canadian Hockey League has been applied for by Cornwall, there is nothing left for the club but to take its place once more in the senior series of the O. H. A. This series will likely consist of Cornwall, Smith's Falls, Morrisburg, the Frontenacs in the east and the Wellingtons, St. George's and Sauli St. Marie in the west.

LONDON MEETING POSTPONED.
The Londoners were to have held a practice last night out at the Jubilee Rink, but most of the players were more or less "dressed" in the matter of equipment. The first real practice will be held at that rink on Wednesday evening. Among those who turned out last night were Messrs. Lawlor, Chas. Smith, Taylor, Leddy, Gauthier and others. The meeting of the executive to have been held after the practice has also been postponed until Wednesday evening. The turnout was not large enough to form a quorum. The members of the London executive expressed themselves as highly pleased that the St. John's Athletic Club has been admitted into the O. H. A. There is nothing, they say, that would be more beneficial to sport in the city. Two opposing teams having one object in view will do more to interest the public than anything else that could be devised. With two good teams in the city, Londoners ought to have plenty of opportunities of witnessing exciting games during the approaching season.

C. I. JUNIORS ORGANIZE.
At the recent organization meeting of the Junior Hockey League of the Collegiate Institute, the third year was admitted to the league and the following officers were elected: President, Mr. C. B. Edwards; vice-president, R. Pails; secretary, B. Fraser; treasurer, H. Esberry. It is intended to start the outside rink as soon as the new year term begins. The girls of the Collegiate Institute are also making up a team to play on the Princess Rink from 3 to 10 on Saturday mornings. They are looking for a good year's record.

CANADA IN ARMS.
Canada is up in arms, says the Detroit Free Press, because of the exodus of her hockey players to the States. The Canadian A. U. has recently been called upon by several prominent sporting authorities in the Dominion to take some action regarding this emigration of the star stick-wielders of the north to the more congenial climate of the east, where lucrative positions await the Canadian puck experts, providing they can find time to indulge in their favorite game. In a recent issue of a Canadian newspaper the following pointed comments were directed at some of the States hockey teams, particularly those of Pittsburgh: "It is about time that the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union took action

with regard to the emigration of Canadian hockey players to Pittsburgh and other American cities. The exodus is becoming larger from year to year, and the union is apathetic to a degree that disgusts lovers of amateur sport. It is certain that hockey players do not go over to Pittsburgh for the love of the game. They go over for the American dollar and get real positions in some instances, and fake situations in others. In any event they are paid from \$10 to \$20 a week for playing the game for the edification of the residents of the Smoky City. Expert stick handlers are being secured from many Canadian cities and towns, for they are being lured by the prospect of the tempting offers from the other side of the line.

"The union should take a definite stand in this matter. It should punish the larceny-loving hockey players by professionalizing them with promptness, and it should professionalize athletes that play in lacrosse, baseball, football matches, etc., and get real positions in the better. They are killing amateur hockey, for they are making the younger players ambitious to go to the States to play for the coin and not for the fun of it.

"Hockey is becoming more popular in the States as the years go by, and in consequence the demand for skillful players will increase. Prompt and sweeping condemnation on the part of the C. A. U. will do much to remedy the evil."

THE TURF.

"SKEETS" MARTIN VERY ILL.
New York, Dec. 15.—Jockey J. H. "Skeets" Martin, nephew of John H. Cox, of the Dominion House, London, Ont., is seriously ill at the Hotel Cadillac. He contracted a severe cold a few days ago, which, according to his physicians, has developed into "grip." Martin had some teeth extracted early last week, and a cold settled. This gradually developed into throat trouble and bronchitis, and the jockey has been confined to his room for the past four days.

Martin's condition late last night was regarded as quite serious. He could not see him in the day, that he would probably have to stay indoors for at least a week. "He is in very bad shape," said this authority, "and it will take the best of care to get him around again."

Martin is being cared for by his wife and sister at the Cadillac, and naturally is receiving the best attention. He has been missed along Broadway for several days, which occasioned some surprise to many of his friends who have recently returned from the other side, including jockeys Charlie Thorpe, Ben Rigby, Eddie Jones and others.

THE DAY AT INGLESDALE.
San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 15.—Weather cloudy, track slow.

First race, maidens, selling, 11-16 miles. Quota, 2 to 1; 1, Sir Preston, 4 to 1; 2, Riptide, 2 to 1; 3, Mr. Lenny, 10 to 1.

Second race, 6 furlongs, selling—Margie Felix, 3 to 1; 1, Hand Press, 5 to 5; 2, Silver Pizz, 12 to 1; 3, Time, 12 to 1.

Third race, the Futurity course, purse—Jridus, 5 to 1; 1, The Owl, 12 to 1; 2, Deutschland, 6 to 1; 3, Time, 12 to 1.

Fourth race, 1 mile and 100 yards, selling—Constable, 6 to 1; 1, Philbuster, 4 to 1; 2, Hesper, 7 to 1; 3, Time, 12 to 1.

Fifth race, 6 furlongs, selling—Sad Sam, 7 to 10; 1, Rotary, 7 to 1; 2, Ned Dennis, 10 to 1; 3, Time, 12 to 1.

Sixth race, 1 mile, selling—Eva G., 4 to 1; 1, Dunblane, 5 to 1; 2, Axminster, 3 to 1; 3, Time, 12 to 1.

THE DAY AT NEW ORLEANS.
New Orleans, La., Dec. 15.—John Peters was the only winning favorite today. The weather was rainy and track slow.

Summary:
First race, 8 furlongs—Moran, 109 (Doner), 3 to 1; 1, Mr. Lenny, 109 (W. Murphy), 30 to 1; 2, Aronte, 106 (Hoar) 10 to 5; 3, Time, 12 to 1.

Second race, 1 mile—Shandonfield, 104 (Hoar), 8 to 1; 1, Optimo, 102 (W. Hicks), 4 to 1; 2, Athalo, 101 (H. Michaels), 22 to 1; 3, Time, 12 to 1.

Third race, selling, 6 1/2 furlongs—The

Caxton, 102 (Gannon), 8 to 1; 1, Tom Kingsley, 102 (W. Hicks), 90 to 10; 2, Lord Merville, 106 (C. Alley), 5 to 1; 3, Time, 12 to 1.

Fourth race, 7 furlongs—John Peters, 111 (Gannon), even; 1, W. J. Deboe, 110 (O'Leary), 4 to 1; 2, Time, 12 to 1.

Fifth race, selling, 6 1/2 furlongs—Harry Wilson, 101 (Gannon), 2 to 1; 1, B. B. Smith, 103 (Treanor), 10 to 1; 2, Alpaca, 100 (McCarthy), 3 to 1; 3, Time, 12 to 1.

Sixth race, 1 mile—John Peters, 111 (Gannon), 7 to 2; 1, Shut Up, 102 (Helsing), 7 to 2; 2, Joe Doughty, 105 (Le Blanc), 20 to 1; 3, Time, 12 to 1.

RYAN AT NEW ORLEANS.
New Orleans, La., Dec. 13.—John J. Ryan, one of the promoters of the winter meeting at the Newport track, arrived here last night from Cincinnati. Ryan comes here to interest the horsemen in his meeting. He will meet a number of them and outline his plans.

When asked as to the prospects of the telegraph company refusing to supply him with the racetrack service for the foreign book, Ryan said:

"If the Western Union is prevented from supplying me with the other New Orleans or California races I will fight to the bitter end. If Newport does not get the service, then no poolroom in the country will get it. I will see that every wire is cut out of serving the poolrooms in the United States. The only way they can prevent us from getting the service is to cut out the Western Union office at the tracks at New Orleans and Oakland."

"If all other means fail, it is just possible that the Postal Telegraph can find some way of supplying us with the service."

Ryan is very enthusiastic over the prospects at Newport. He already has assurances that 150 horses will be shipped from here on Sunday. A telegram from Frank Fowler was awaiting Ryan's arrival here. It told of five carloads of horses arriving from Benning and St. Louis. If Ryan can give the horsemen here the proper assurances, he can get fifteen carloads of horses from New Orleans. Jockeys Ellis and McCann, who rode at the recent meeting at Latonia, have signed their intention of going to Newport. They will leave on Sunday.

THE PROFIT ON DAN PATCH.
M. E. Sturgis, the New York man who sold Dan Patch, cleared a lot of money on the investment made when he bought the horse less than a year ago. Mr. McHenry, knowing he wanted to get a good pacer, advised him to buy Dan Patch, and he did, paying \$10,000 for the horse. He now has him. During the season just ended the stallion earned \$12,750, so that in selling him for \$20,000, a clear profit of at least \$2,000 would have been realized on the investment.

Dan Patch is now in Dick Benson's stable at Kansas City, but will soon be taken to Minneapolis, where he will make a short season in the stud and will then be turned over to McHenry to get ready to make further assaults on Father Time.

CURLING.

EDINBURGH CURLERS VISIT.
Toronto, Dec. 15.—The curlers who received from the Royal Curling Club of Edinburgh, about the curling's forthcoming visit to Canada. The party, comprising 21 curlers, will leave on the steamship Bay of Biscay, and are expected to reach Halifax about the end of the month. They will stay there four days and go to St. John on Jan. 3, remain there for three days, then go to Montreal about the 7th and remain till the 14th, then to Quebec for three days, and to Toronto about the 21st. They will remain here and in vicinity for eleven days, leaving on Feb. 2 for Winnipeg, arriving there on the 4th; remain there for three days, leaving on the 10th for Minneapolis, and then go to remain in those cities for two days. After that to Chicago and then to New York, whence they will sail for home on Feb. 13.

FOOTBALL.
DEFEATED AT DUBLIN.
Dublin, Dec. 15.—The All-Canadian football team engaged in a match with Dublin University today, the Trinity men winning out by 23 to 3. The weather was a severe cold, and the game was very slippery. The ground was very slippery. Trinity scored thirteen points before Canada made three. The game was very fast.

THE RING.

A SPECIAL TO THE FIGHT.
George Black, of the Tecumseh House, announced that he has made arrangements to run a special car from London to Detroit the night of the Young Corbett-McGovern fight. It is quite possible that it arrangements could be made to cover everything. A report from the City of the Straits says that London has reserved 100 seats for the occasion.

YANGER DEFEATS BOYLE.
Chicago, Dec. 15.—"Benny" Yanger, of Chicago, defeated "Copper" Boyle, of Philadelphia, in a six-round bout here last night. Boyle was on his feet at the end of the fight, it was only by constantly clinching that he could escape a knockout. Boyle landed one effective blow during the fight. In the same ring a special car was made to cover everything. A report from the City of the Straits says that London has reserved 100 seats for the occasion.

WRESTLING.
JENKINS THREW MCINERNEY.
Cleveland, O., Dec. 15.—Tom Jenkins won the first and third fall from Tom McInerney tonight. The first fall was won by Jenkins in 35 minutes by a double Nelson, the second by McInerney in two minutes by a half Nelson and the third by Jenkins in nine minutes with a half Nelson. The contest was advertised to be for \$1,500. McInerney was the aggressor during most of the contest and roughed it with Jenkins. Two thousand spectators saw the contest.

VARIOUS SPORTS.

Tom Cooper, the racing cyclist, at present in Detroit, again has his eyes on the world's record. He is everything as he desires, he will next spring take to the racing game again, for he believes he possesses all his former speed and can read off a mile in less than a minute—in fact that he can cast a shade over the record of 58 seconds, made by Charles Murphy. Tom says:

"If we had finished our automobiles in time I intended to train this year. I think I can rig up a wind shield on the machine and let Barney drive it. Then take on and follow the pace faster than Murphy did behind the locomotive. It would not necessitate a board track between rails or anything like that. The boulevard would do if it were rolled and made free from stones."

"I watched Barney do his two miles Saturday, and when he came by me at the end of 100 feet a second I thought I could beat him. I am certainly going to try it next year, if I find that I can get into shape all right, and

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Donovan met President Johnson in St. Louis, the other day, but not by appointment. They greeted each other cordially, and spent a pleasant hour in company with others in a downtown cafe. This conversation was of a general nature, but Pat's future was not discussed. He was complimented on his success with the Cardinals, and assured that if he wished to continue in baseball that the American League berth would be provided for him. Neither club nor salary was mentioned, nor did Pat commit himself beyond making suitable acknowledgment for the complimentary reference to his managerial career of last season.

The discovery of a few stubs from the check book of Manager Jack Chapman, of the Detroit Baseball Club in 1894, make an interesting comparison with the salaries of bank presidents, college professors and prominent divines. Players in 1904 were paid \$1,000. Bennett, Hanlon and Pitcher Bonnet were the only members who received \$1,000 for the season, and Hanlon, \$1,100, was the only other member whose contract called for more than \$1,000. Bennett, Hanlon and Pitcher Getzlein and Weidman were the only 1891 men who were members of the "Big Four and Ten More" team that won the championship three years, and each was a star of the first magnitude. The book shows that a check for \$180.45 was drawn in favor of John M. Ward, manager of the New Yorks. Played there, Henry Wright, manager being the club's percentage of the receipts from the last four games. It of the Philadelphia, received a check for \$100.65 for three games and borrowed \$100 to meet his expenses.

Dave Sullivan will be the next opponent of Jimmy Britt, the crack Pacific coast National League pitcher. Sullivan wired his acceptance of an offer to meet Britt at the San Francisco Athletic Club in the near future, and as soon as transportation is sent him will leave for the coast. The weight gained upon is 130 pounds at 2 o'clock on the day of the battle.

A lesson that will not soon be forgotten will be taught by the experiences of the two years' of baseball strife. For the first time in its history the National has been compelled to cry enough. That this is so is principally by grace of its own blunders, the American having gained almost every point through the manner in which its leaders have taken to the road. At the very outset the National League made a grievous error in declining to deal with the American on any terms. This refusal changed the American into a desperate enemy, and that no effort has since been made to re-enter, and that will possibly never again be taken by the old organization. This refusal changed the American policy from one of simple expansion to one of invasion. Washington and Baltimore had been asked, Philadelphia and Boston were taken, and later still St. Louis was added to the list. Now New York is secured, and if the peace deal shall fail, Pittsburgh be made, and that the leagues will henceforth stand on the circuits that they now possess. There may come a time when the National will forsake Brooklyn for some other town, or that the American may desert a weakling for another city that shall look better. That, however, is a jump into the future. For the next few years the present circuits will remain the same if the peace pact binds the leagues to discontinue paralleling of circuits.

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slips out of his scrape somehow—nine cases out of ten, strange to say, before his little matter ever reaches a trial.

The confidence men, fake wire tappers and all-around persuasive grafters in particular have wonderful success in patching up what might almost be called compositions with the authorities after pulling off coups, the details of which fill columns of the newspapers. For example, there is a very famous swindler over here whose boast is that the smallest amount he has extracted from any of his carefully worked "good things" since he began "business" is \$10,000, and from what one knows of his marvelous record as a deluder of weak humankind, it is certain that his boast is well based. Only a couple of months ago he contrived to deplete the exchequer of a wealthy old New York woman by \$25,000.

HOW HE WORKED THE GAME.
His method was as usual with him, highly scientific. He made exhaustive advance investigations as to the old lady's family, including all of the younger branches thereof, and in the course of this task he discovered the fact that she had a nephew who had mysteriously disappeared in his boyhood and had never been heard of afterward. He wanted big money, and he wanted it quick. So he framed up his little scheme and put it through without the least trouble. He informed his doting mother that he had mastered the profession of electricity, and he told her in a persuasive whisper that he had devised a system of wireless telegraphy that would force Marquis to sell all of his property and junk. In proof whereof he exhibited to her certain simple electrical apparatus, which he worked extremely well, and therefore wonderful to the old lady, and he even took her over to one of the suburbs to show her where he wanted to erect one of his "stations" of his wireless telegraphy scheme. There was one little detail in connection with this station, however, he wanted to erect one of his "stations" was required by the owners of the property to purchase it outright—the purchase price being the more baggage of \$25,000. He wanted \$25,000, and his nephew "nephew" the \$25,000. That was all. She had him arrested. He stuck to the "nephew" part of the story, executed an injured influence act that caused the court attach a writ that had known him well for years to smile in their mustaches, reduced the old lady to tears by his protestations that his electrical scheme, while it had promised well in his view, had proven a failure—and the old lady withdrew her complaint. The swindler, whose portrait is stuck in every rogue's gallery rack from here to Vienna and farther, could hardly restrain his grins as he walked out of the court room.

A SALOON KEEPER SWINDLED.
A very few days after this case was so neatly disposed of the most famous of the New York gang of fake wire tappers captured the confidence of a saloonkeeper, incredible as it may seem, to the tune of \$12,000—the run-sellers' savings of a life time. The saloon man, in a state of collapse in the magistrate's court over the loss of his money, told his simple, tearful story. The magistrate's reply was a sneer. It, however, was a justifiable sneer, for it was to the effect that the saloonkeeper had proven himself a crook. If it was true, the crook was in that he had devoted his \$12,000 toward the furtherance of a swindling scheme. The swindler was discharged, and the saloon man, tired for farewells, so strenuously that the court cops virtually threw him out of the room for creating a disturbance.

And it is thus that the great majority of these professional crook cases come out in New York. The thieves do not have to stand for one conviction. It is true that the majority of the schemes they operate, leaving out of consideration the work of the out-and-out bank burglars, forgers and crooks, so arrange their plans as to involve their victims in equal criminality with them in most cases, but in most places even the crooks

who are crafty enough to do this get their punishment. And so it comes to pass that in that short Broadway stretch that lies between Thirty-third street and Long Acre Square, one may see any afternoon some hundreds of well-fed, well-groomed crooks of international reputation, standing in front of the garish groceries and the hotels that particularly cater to them. The crooks on this parade seem to return sardonically at a time when a plain clothes pass by, and, to an expressive phrase, they assuredly have a smile a-coming. For the matter of that, they may have to make a dash of imagination to fancy that the plain clothes detectives smile back in a knowing sort of way at the crooks.

Captain Kidd Not a Pirate.
In Harper's for Christmas John D. Champlin makes a strong plea for Capt. Kidd, who, he maintains, was neither worse nor better than other sailors of his time.

"William Kidd would never have been known to fame," said Mr. Champlin, "if his acts had not thus become the subject of a state inquiry. Made a political sacrifice at a time when a victim was needed, the eyes of the world were turned upon him, and he since lived in history and in romance as the pirate of a modern age. Modern times, although there were scores of other captains in the same age who were far more deserving of the name. He may have committed unjustifiable acts, but is must be remembered that he lived in a time when laws regulating the commerce of the seas were comparatively unknown, and might constituted the only right. Lawlessness was the rule rather than the exception on the ocean, and deeds were perpetrated for all time which would have cost their authors their lives. Men known to have committed piracies, and even worse crimes, were sometimes honored with official recognition. Charles II. knighted Morgan, a notorious pirate, and made him Governor of Jamaica, although he had been proclaimed to be a hanger-on."

"Kidd, under ordinary circumstances, would have been regarded as a bold adventurer, with a reputation no worse than that of a modern robber; but fate was against him, and he suffered not only the extreme penalty of being branded for all time as a criminal. Thus will he pass in history, and the story of his piracies will be told and his ballad will be sung and credulous men will continue to dig for his treasures for generations to come."

London Tower.
Interesting discoveries have recently been made at the Tower of London of some inscriptions made on the walls by persons confined there in past times. In the work of repairing a defective window opening in the St. Martin's Tower, a piece of deal framing had to be removed. Behind this was found the name of Ambrose Rockwood, a wealthy young Suffolk squire, who was concerned in the gunpowder plot. It was finely carved, and the surname was divided, "Rock-wood." The unfortunate culprit was drawn and hanged in Palace Yard, Westminster, with other of the conspirators, on the last day of January, 1606. Mr. Hepworth Dixon, in "Her Majesty's Tower," gives an account of Rockwood's exciting ride out of London to his home at Colldham Hall, Suffolk, after the gunpowder plot was discovered. He covered thirty miles on a single horse, and by means of relays of animals made the entire distance of eighty-one miles in less than seven hours, a remarkable performance considering the state of the roads at that period.

A more elaborate inscription than that of Rockwood's, and one of the finest of the whole series in the St. Martin's Tower, is one that has been found through the removal of some coats of whitewash. Beneath an emblem of the Trinity appear the sacred letters, "H. S. S." and then the name "George Beasley, Priest." On the left is a shield, containing the fleur-de-lis, the word Maria and the date "1680." A Latin inscription which follows is supposed to be a verse from the Psalms: "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." But this cannot be stated with absolute certainty, as several words are missing.

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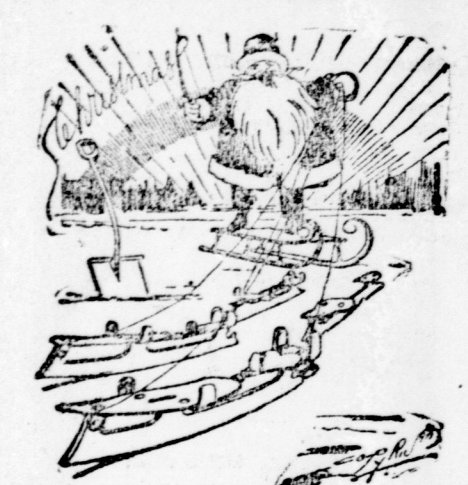
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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Mr. Eric Chapman is back from Trinity Medical College, Toronto, for the Christmas holidays.
—Mr. K. Duncan, of Glendale, entertained a sleighload of London young folks at his residence last Wednesday evening.

—Mrs. H. Smith, of 124 Elmwood avenue, entertained about 40 guests on Friday evening, most of them being Normal School students. The time passed merrily in the enjoyment of games and music.

—The Quebec Telegraph says: "By the lamented death of the late Hon. John O'Donohue, a vacancy occurs in the Senate, which is likely to be filled by some worthy Roman Catholic in the Province of Ontario. Wide awake politicians, who have carefully considered the situation, have put forward the name of Mr. Thomas Coffey, of London, Ont., as a well qualified successor to the late Senator O'Donohue. Mr. Coffey is not only favorably known in the community in which he has spent most of his lifetime, but also throughout Canada, as the successful proprietor of the Catholic Record." The following ladies have consented to act as patronesses of the ball: Mesdames Adam Beck, T. H. Carling, J. M. Dillon, C. S. Hyman, John Labatt, F. E. Leonard, E. C. Smith, R. C. Macfie, S. Munro, W. J. Reid, T. H. Smallman, E. B. Smith, S. N. Sterling and P. J. Pocock.

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GRAND TRUNK HAD TO HOLD UP CARS OF SOFT COAL HERE

In Toronto the Company Was Forced to Use It, But in London It Was Freed.

A dispatch from Toronto says: The most interesting, not sensational, development in the fuel situation is confiscation of soft coal by the Grand

Trunk Railway, a course which is permitted by law when a railway company is driven to the last resort in the season. A number of the Toronto dealers state that their supply was confiscated.

Mr. White, chief clerk in Supt. Jones' office, said that the Grand Trunk was driven into a tight corner last week for fuel, and was obliged to confiscate ten or twelve carloads, but certainly not more. The Grand Trunk had an abundance of coal of its own, but could not get it through to Toronto. For instance, the company at the present time had 250 carloads of soft coal between Youngstown and Buffalo, which Supt. Jones was now trying to force through the latter city.

There were about 300 carloads on sidings in Michigan and Illinois, consigned to the Toronto division of the Grand Trunk. Mr. White added that the company had already received additional supplies, and that further confiscation was unnecessary. The ten or twelve carloads would be either returned or paid for.

Dealers in London came very near to feeling the effect of the stringency on A. G. R. Supt. Costello was spoken to this morning about the situation in Toronto, and as it was known that a similar shortage exists here, he was asked if it had been necessary for the G. T. R. to take such action as became imperative in Toronto.

"Not quite," he said, "but it was a close shave. Our supply ran so short that we had to take precautionary measures. We held up a few carloads here for a short time, but found that we could get along without using them, so they were released. The situation is far from reassuring, though."

Health Rules From an Old Bible.
In the family Bible of a Roxborough man there are a number of medical rules, written 70 years ago, by the great-grandmother of the Bible's present owner. Among the rules are the following:

"A stick of brimstone worn in the pocket is good for them as has cramps."
"A loadstone put in the place where the pain is is beautiful for the Rheumatism."
"A basin of water gruel, with half a quart of old rum in it, with lots of brown sugar, is good for Cold in Head."
"If you have cramps, pinch one of your wife's wile you count sixty, or get somebody to skare you and make you jump."
"The earache—Put onion in ear after it is well roasted."
"The consumption—Put as many peas as possible before going to bed."
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XMAS FURS Beltz's Fur Sale

ing for a trip to England. Mr. Moore hopes to benefit his health, which has been impaired since he was struck by a careless bicyclist at the corner of Richmond and Dundas streets. Mr. Moore's friends will wish him a pleasant trip and a safe return.

MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE.
At yesterday's meeting of the Ministerial Association, Rev. Mr. Woodroffe, assistant rector of the Memorial Church, read a paper on "Adverse Influences to Christian Work and How to Overcome Them." In it he deprecated general indifference to religion, and urged upon his brethren the importance of creating a revival of the Christian home.

AGED RESIDENT DEAD.
Mrs. Jane Hodgins, widow of the late Adam Hodgins, died on Friday last at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Alex Henry, near Denfield. She had been in poor health for several months, and three weeks ago gangrene set in, hastening her end. Mrs. Hodgins, who was 78 years of age and resided at Biddulph for more than 50 years. She leaves seven daughters and four sons, one of the latter being Mr. James B. Hodgins, of this city. The funeral took place on Sunday to Clandeboye. The services were conducted by Rev. G. McQuillin, of Clandeboye, assisted by Rev. H. A. Thomas, of Lucan.

THE TRAVELERS' BALL.
The Travelers' Club ball, which is set for Friday, Dec. 18, at the Tecumseh, is expected to eclipse even the former efforts of this popular and flourishing organization. The lists are almost filled, but in order to accommodate members and friends who are returning to the city for the holidays a limited number of subscribers will be received up to Dec. 20. The committee have decided to forego their intention of making the affair a "bal poudre." The following ladies have consented to act as patronesses of the ball: Mesdames Adam Beck, T. H. Carling, J. M. Dillon, C. S. Hyman, John Labatt, F. E. Leonard, E. C. Smith, R. C. Macfie, S. Munro, W. J. Reid, T. H. Smallman, E. B. Smith, S. N. Sterling and P. J. Pocock.

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COUNCIL HOLDS ITS LAST REGULAR MEETING FOR 1902

Aldermen Were Frolicsome; Fought Shy of Business.

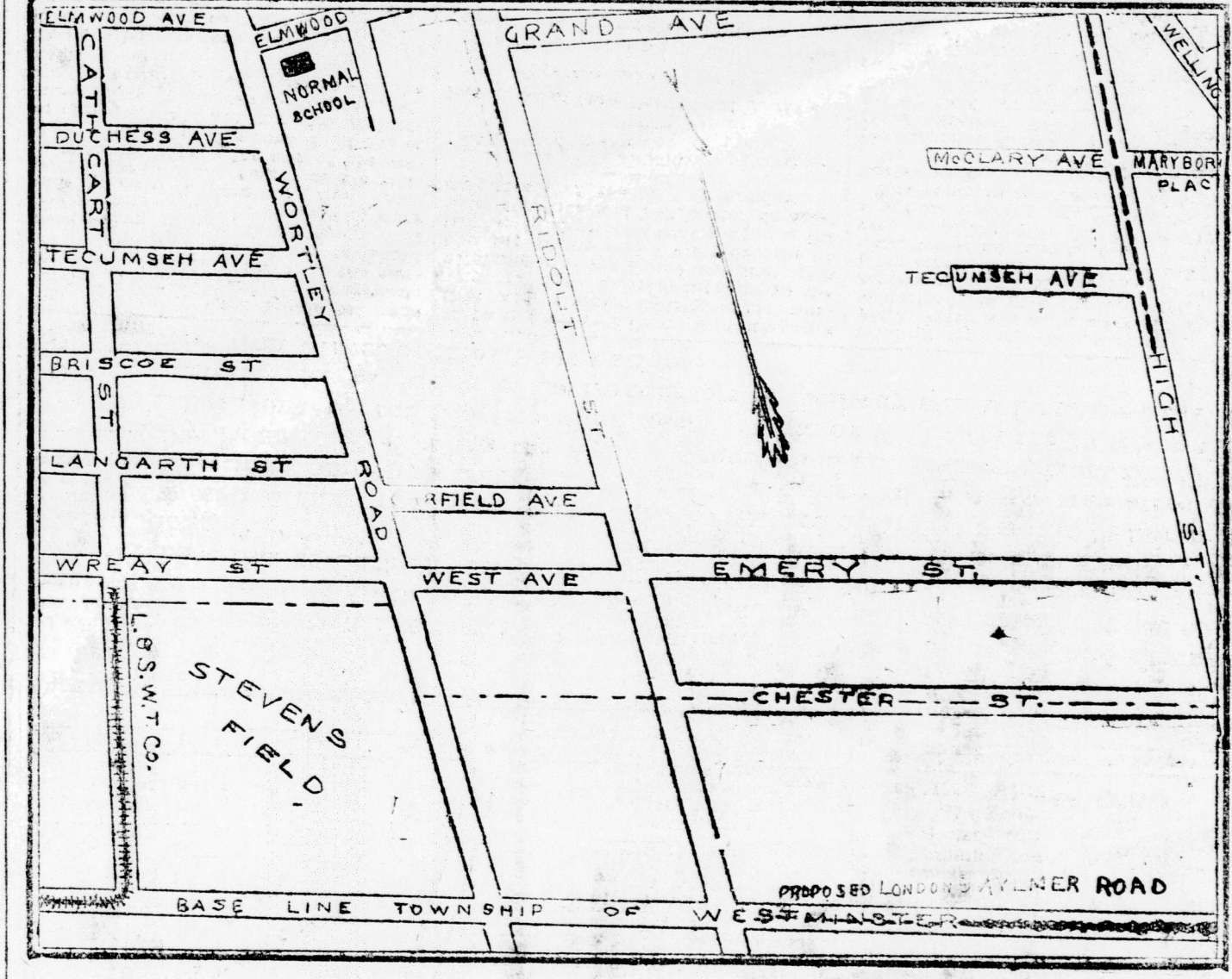
Mayor Wouldn't Be Cozened Into an Announcement.

Poor Public Remains in the Blanket Ignorance About His Intentions—Cooper Makes an Appeal.

The council chamber last night resembled nothing so much as a fourth form schoolroom on the last day before the holidays. During most of the session there were in an advanced state of disorder, and several times it was only the incisive voice of City Clerk Kingston as he read an almost forgotten motion, that brought the aldermen back to a logical line of discussion. This was the last regular meeting of the year, which accounts for the chaos. The Scotch say that a man is "fey," exuberant and loquacious when just on the brink of impending doom. More than one of the aldermen had all the symptoms of a thorough-going, gone-to-smash, it-all-up-with-me disaster last night. If that old Scotch belief can hold water, last night's performance means something awful. The most accurate historical data to hand declares that when the ebullition of giddiness occurs at the last minute, and approaches a climax about two jiffs before the end, the party concerned is just as anxious as the council members were last night. He tried his best to get one from the mayor—worked off a bunch of oratorical fireworks to stir him up to it, but there wasn't another statement, no announcement from him for a while. Though Ald. Cooper besought him, after exuding all manner of blandishments, to tell him he's going to run again, he was obstinate, and Ald. Cooper will have to wait a while yet before he hires the livery rigs and begins to kiss the babies. Ald. Cooper did not call upon Ald. Winnett to declare himself. Why does he slight his newly-cherished friend when he knows that Ald. Winnett is just as anxious

gessed up to last night's meeting. All they had to do was get the King and Ridout street property for a terminal end, and then they'd be in a position to demand the fulfillment of the terms of the bylaw. Well, the city engineer brought in a recommendation that looked as if it was going to knock all this into a cocked hat. Mr. Graydon had the aldermen and the council acknowledged that it was a good one, to bring any radial line that may enter the city from the south, in by the one route, so that the amount of traffic due the city from the London company will not be wasted, and freight cars won't be running along all the principal streets. But the scheme by which he proposed to accomplish this meant that the Traction Company would have to tear up a lot of their tracks and rebuild along a new route. The idea of forcing the company to do this was wrong, for a number of reasons. It would have put them to great expense and delay in order to be prepared for a new route. The London and Alymer, of which the city has received no official notification, while on the other hand, the Traction Company's line is built. The city engineer has known all along just where the Traction Company intended to put their tracks, and should have brought out his suggestion for changes before the tracks were laid. Anyway, the aldermen recognized that it was unjust, and when all was explained to them did not force the hand of the company. Besides, a look at the map showed that there was another way of securing the end which Mr. Graydon desired without causing this loss to the Traction people. The council finally agreed to give the company enough land for their station, and left the details of the settlement regarding the route and running powers to the city engineer and city solicitor. It was first proposed not to give the land for the station until the company agreed to tear up their tracks and put them down as Mr. Graydon suggested.

Among other things which the council did was to reappoint Fireman Burgess to his position on the staff, notwithstanding Ald. McMechan's protest that it should not be done; that no action should be taken towards forcing the London Street Railway company to carry out their bylaws as it affects Rectory street, until the case now



The Southwestern Traction Co. has already built along the base line and through Stevens' field to meet Cathcart street. Mr. Graydon's proposal meant that the part from the base line to Cathcart street would have to be torn up, and the company build instead along the base line to Ridout street south, to which point also he would bring the London and Alymer road as shown. It was pointed out that it would be fairer to leave the Traction Company's tracks as they are, and bring them along Wreay street to the Wortley Road. Then when the Alymer people build they can construct their line along the base line to the Wortley Road, thence north on it to meet the Traction Co. at Wreay street. An extension of the London Street Railway tracks from the Normal School corner would meet both at Wreay street.

to be mayor as he is? It must mean that Ald. Cooper considers his worth the only serious obstacle to the attainment of his hopes, and that with him out of the way the council will be further hindered to him assuming the title, dignities and perquisites of chief magistrate of the city of London.

TRACTION COMPANY'S REQUEST

Council Gives Them Land for a Station but Frightens Them Somewhat.
The important work done by the council was not settled before the parties principally interested, the London and Southwestern Traction Company, was given a few thrills. It looked for awhile as though the council was going back on them unless they'd pull up a portion of their newly-laid track. It was all right in the end, or promises to be, but the company's representatives, who were present, didn't enjoy the way things were looking for awhile. Advertiser readers know how far the Traction Company's matters had progressed.

REV. DR. MCVICAR IS DEAD

Sudden Demise of Well-Known Presbyterian Theologian.

Found in Dying Condition in His Office in Montreal.
A telegram was received at St. Andrew's manse last night announcing the death of Rev. Dr. H. McVicar, principal of the Presbyterian College, Montreal. He was found in a dying condition in his private office at the college shortly before 6 o'clock in the evening, and died a few minutes afterwards. Earlier in the afternoon Dr. McVicar attended a meeting of the French evangelization board at the Knox Church, and seemed to be in robust health. He was to have lectured at the college at 5 o'clock, but did not put in an appearance, and later was found unconscious in his study. The news of his death

pending between the city and company, which will come up on Thursday, is decided; to give the contract for a bituminous, macadam pavement on King street, between Maitland and the William, for \$5,000; and to boost the third reading of the wide tire bylaw over to a special meeting, which will be held. The communications referred to committee were:

No. 1 Committee—Elizabeth Shriely, per Buchner & Gunn, re remission of taxes; Straker Booth, for refund of money paid for use of east end hall; Union of Canadian Municipalities, for payment of dues.

No. 2 Committee—From Mr. Harry Lewis, who notified the council that he would apply for an injunction to prevent the continuance of the extension of the city limits, between Maitland and the William, for \$5,000; and to boost the third reading of the wide tire bylaw over to a special meeting, which will be held.

No. 3 Committee—An application from a number of butchers to reduce the market rents to \$5 a year.

The Lotos Club was granted the use of the city hall for an "At Home" on Jan. 23.

1879. He was also president of the Protestant Teachers' Association, and held many other offices of honor. In 1880, on the completion of twenty-five years' service in the college, he was presented by citizens and students with an illuminated address and a purse of \$4,000.

The West Shore Railroad announce a \$10 excursion from Suspension Bridge and Buffalo to Boston and New England on Tuesday, Dec. 23. The ticket is good for return passage for ten days.

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Strong Testimony of Emigrant Commissioner the Hon. George Starr, as to the Power of Radway's Ready Relief in a Case of Sciatic Rheumatism.

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Dr. Radway—With me your Ready Relief has worked wonders. For the last three years I have had frequent and severe attacks, sometimes extending from lumbar regions to my ankles, and at times to both lower limbs.
During the time I have been afflicted I have tried almost all the remedies recommended by wise men and tools, hoping to find relief, but all proved to be failures. I have tried various kinds of baths, manipulation, outward application of liniments too numerous to mention, and prescriptions of the most eminent physicians, all of which failed to give me relief.

Last September, at the urgent request of a friend (who had been afflicted as myself), I was induced to try your remedy. I was then suffering fearfully with one of my old attacks. I rubbed the first application gave me ease, after bathing and rubbing the parts affected, leaving the limbs in a warm glow, created by the Ready Relief. In a short time the pain passed entirely away. Although I have slight periodical attacks, approaching a change of weather, I know now how to cure myself and feel quite master of the situation. Radway's Ready Relief is my friend. I never travel without a bottle in my valise. Yours truly, GEORGE STARR.

RHEUMATISM

Dr. Radway & Co.—

I have been a sufferer from rheumatism for more than six months. I could not raise my hands to my head or put my hands behind me or even take off my own shirt. Before I had finished three-fourths of a bottle of Radway's Ready Relief I could use my arms as well as ever. You can see why I have such great faith in your Ready Relief. Yours truly, W. C. BAKER, Boot and Shoe Factory, 639 Julia St., New Orleans.

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PRESENCE OF MIND HEROES

Great presence of mind in cases of emergency where lives hang upon the thought and action of seconds, is so rare as to excite universal admiration. One's blood runs faster at the story of the young Austrian artist, who, seeing a gun trained by accident on the spot where his general stood during the army maneuvers at Rembertova last year, flung himself in front of the general just in time to receive the fatal shot.

A number of other recent cases of this kind are recorded. A party of Rimmington's scouts were galloping back to their column hotly pursued by a much superior force of Boers during the recent South African war.

Suddenly they came upon a stiff fence of barbed wire. They had no wire cutters among them, so turned at right angles, and galloped along it, looking for an opening. Instead they found another fence running at right angles to the first. They were hopelessly trapped.

A trooper named Fraser suddenly extricated himself from the throng. He pulled his feet from his stirrups, rammed home his spurs and went at the fence as hard as he could pelt. The horse was killed on the spot, the man hurled many yards into the air. The wires were snapped, and the others riding through the gap picked up the insensible body of their comrade and escaped.

An unknown number of people owe their lives to John Philip Sousa. On one occasion he was playing to an audience of 12,000 people at St. Louis when the electric lights in the hall suddenly went out. Someone shouted "Fire," and an ominous rumble made itself heard through the gloom. "Rap, rap, rap," went Sousa's baton, and without an instant's hesitation the band burst forth into "Oh, Dear, What Can the Matter Be?"

The uneasy rustle turned into a ripple of laughter, and when this air was rapidly followed by "Wait! Till the Clouds Roll By," the band leader showed that the situation was saved. By just such quick thought a keeper in a Hamburg menagerie saved a comrade's life which was apparently beyond all human aid. A full-grown tiger had suddenly turned upon the cleaner who had entered its cage. It was between him and the door, creeping slowly upon him with stealthy steps and yellow, glowing eyes.

The man, paralyzed with terror, stood motionless against the bars. There was only one spectator of the scene and he was unarmed. But quick provided him with a better weapon than hot iron or rifle. A sharp hiss pierced the stillness, just the sound that the great python of the Indian jungle makes when coiled ready to strike.

The tiger heard it and its body quivered and seemed to grow smaller. Another hiss, and the savage brute sank down, cowering on the floor of its cage, and thought no more of the test.

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rified man, who lost no time in escaping. It may be remembered that the transport Rapiant was forced by fire to return to Birkenhead after starting with troops and horses for South Africa. That the whole vessel, her cargo and the lives of all her crew and passengers were not lost is due to the presence of mind and magnificent courage of one man.

The fire first broke out among some stores near the engine room, and before anything could be done a couple of great drums of paraffine had burst, enveloping the whole engine-room in a roaring sheet of flame. Hose could not be brought to bear, and the ship's doom appeared to be sealed.

Suddenly the heat of the pistons ceased, and a welcome sound of escaping steam was heard. Rushing about in furnace-room beneath, the chief engineer had first stopped the engines and then turned on all the steam cocks and drains. So quick was he that he escaped without being severely burned. The hatchway door was closed down, and the fire put out almost as rapidly as it had begun.

A story of how a man saved his own life by a timely blow upon the head. Thought comes from the gold region of Alaska. A postman was traveling outward last summer with valuable letters. He met a traveler lost and starving, fed him and took him on with him.

That night he was awakened from sleep by a terrible blow upon the head. Luckily, his heavy fur cap saved his life. He sprang up and saw the other standing over him with an axe. It was a desperate fight, but the man won. He was sitting alone in his office, when a slight sound behind him made him turn. A dangerous convict was creeping upon him, armed with an iron bar. "Don't you move!" hissed the criminal. "I'm going to get out if I have to kill you."

"Oh," said the convict, "I thought it was tomorrow you were going." The man looked at him in stupid amazement. "You," said the warden, "didn't you know? A pardon came for you today in consideration of your good conduct. You can go now. I suppose, if you want to, you'd like to see the papers. They're in here, I believe."

He opened a drawer as he spoke, and in half a second the coward convict was looking down the barrel of a heavy revolver.

A discussion is going on in London as to whether the mayors of large municipalities should be paid for their services or not. It is participated in largely by the mayors themselves, who are being interviewed by the newspapers. As the matter stands some English mayors receive pay and some do not.

"France's Bluster."

General Dewet is quite right to return to South Africa, and is probably disgusted with Europe in general and France in particular. He is too intelligent to be deceived as to the uselessness of a pilgrimage throughout Europe. In Brussels, in Paris, and in Berlin the crowds which he met, the horses from the Boer generals' carriage, but they did not come to be covered with flowers. They came for a palpable proof of sympathy, their cause, and wherever they went their appeal was attended with derisive results. Even in France they have not up to the present realized \$8,000. Fancy, with all our bluster, not to be able to raise a sum of 200,000 francs.—Paris La Presse.

Doctors' Incomes in England.

The British Medical Journal ventured an estimate of the average income that might be expected by the general practitioner in England and put it at £400 to £500. The estimate was copied into several daily papers and has produced a large crop of correspondence teeming with ridicule and indignation. The general practitioners who ought to know, of their number earn so much even after years of arduous work. The competition brought about by the overcrowded state of the profession is, they declare, so great that it is a cruelty to induce men by inflated estimates to enter it.

Long Distance Fruits.

Dr. A. A. Brown of the Agricultural department of Victoria, has been experimenting with soft fruits with a view to their preservation during a long journey, such as that from Australia to Southampton. In January last he selected some fine peaches, halved the sample, and packed each in a separate case. One case was subjected to fumigation with formaldehyde gas and the other to methanone. In both instances the fruit remained perfectly sound and showed no traces of decay, even after many weeks.

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THE MAN WHO ALSO RAN

Once there was a man who belonged to all the Secret Orders and looked like an Irishman and had a German name and employed a lot of Swede Help, so he received the Nomination for County Treasurer.

He was Nominated the Night before the Convention by a large, red Minder, who knew what the People wanted before they found it out for themselves. He couldn't have been elected Constable on his own Hook as he had a Record that included Grave-Robbing, Brags, Faro and Second-Story Work. So the only thing left for him to do in Politics was to name the Candidates and then, if the combination went through, get First Whack at the Contracts and put all of his High-Binders on the Pay Roll.

He was a very shrewd fellow, but just the same, when a Representative Citizen wanted to run for anything, he found it advisable to go around and place himself right with the frog-faced Boss.

He was a Modest Man, was the Campaigner with the 19-inch neck. He did not care for the picture on any of his Transparencies. When a cut-and-dried Programme was being pulled off, he never made any Speeches from the Platform. If he had anything to say he said it in a husky whisper and up an Alley. All of his Spouting was done by Proxy, for he had on his Staff several legal lawyers, each of whom hoped to be State's Attorney some day when the Voters were not looking.

This eminent Disciple of the String Candidate for County Treasurer, who was another Aspirant who had a petition signed by 14,000 Property-Owners, then it came to a showdown at the Primary. He had 12 votes, and eight of those were thrown out by the Judges because one of the would-be Delegates had his Name mis-spelled which the Sovereign Voters did to the Independent when he tries to buck the Machine.

The Candidate for County Treasurer yielded to the entreaties of his friends and permitted the use of His Name as soon as he had it figured out to him that by freezing on to the Interest on Public Bonds he could rake off about 20,000 Louies per annum. As soon as the free and untrammelled Convention had named him by Acclamation, he fought his Way through the Cigar Smoke and made a Speech of Acceptance. He said that he had only one Object in Life, and that was to give the Tax-Payer a Square Deal, and Trusts were a growing Danger likewise it was our Duty to spread the Blessings of Freedom in the far-off Islands of the Pacific, inasmuch as a reasonable Tariff Revision seemed imperative, because the Workman had a right to organize in the interests of Astronaut, all of which could be accomplished if the Sovereign Voters would rally around him and on the 4th day of next November, with their ballots, as fall the Snow-Flakes, strike the Hearts of all Dis-spoilers of Liberty. In other words, he wanted to be County Treasurer.

Now, the Off Year in Politics is no Hungarlin Joke to the Man who has kissed good-bye to his Shikels and taken a Gambler's Chance. He wants to hold down a Leather Chair in a Mayor's Office, the County Jail, and have a Push Bell in front of him and a box of Perfector on the Roll-Top and draw about eight Seneca a Minute while the cheap Fleeg does all the Heavy Work.

Of every ten Patriots who are now throwing Vitriol Brick at the Money Power, at least nine are hoping that

some day the grateful Voters will rise up and compel them to use Leather Chairs.

As for the would-be Treasurer, after he had spent \$500 to see his Picture on Telegraph Poles and had bought Tickets to some \$5 Social Hops, to say nothing of what he had slipped the Boss, he felt that if he did not land in the County Building the whole Fabric of the Government would begin to unravel.

Under ordinary Conditions he was a Chilly Proposition who failed to recognize any one who did not wear a Tall Hat and belong to four or five Clubs. But after the Lightning struck him and he became the Poor Boy who would tear across the street to shake Hands with all varieties of Trash and beg for a cent, how everything seemed to be going.

As a Rule, they did not know what he was driving at, for in an Off Year the Candidate who has made a powerful Antagonist is the only Mortal who is dead Sure that there is going to be an Election. The general run of the Public, watching the price of Coal and the cost of living, is not inclined to try to guess the Footing of a man who is trying to get the Man elected to be County Treasurer, he would find that when the Laboring Man's Friend began his Canvass he was appalled at the Canvasser's Apathy. The very Foundations of our blood-bought Institutions were being undermined by the loathsome Opposition and no one seemed to care a Continental.

When the County Treasurer appeared at a Hall to make an Address showing why the Panama Canal was a necessity and how Ireland's Wrongs would be righted if he could land as County Treasurer, he would find about a dozen Fellow Citizens without overcoats who had come in to get warm. He would raise and explain why Cuba was entitled to Justice, and that all Wealth belonged to the Common People, but he never explained to the Boys how they could get out that same Evening and get their Pig off.

After every meeting he would take the Gang down to a Thirst Parlor and buy them a Round. In order to convince them that he was the Man entitled to handle their Money, inasmuch as they paid no Taxes, they all seemed to be taking a Chance.

Although the great Body of Voters was indifferent and failed to Register, one Fact was most encouraging to the Candidate. From the first to the last of his Campaigning every Voter he met was with him and with him Strong. He could not find anyone who was in favor of the corrupt and mercenary Antagonist. So he figured that although the Vote would be light, he would get about 58 per cent out.

The Election was about as exciting as a Quaker Meeting. Now and then some one sauntered up to a Polling Place and went back into the Pantry to make his Ballot and then dug out without tipping anything off. It was useless to hand out \$2 bills in the interest of Good Government because they were the only thing that kept the Voters from keeping Tab.

Two Men, seven Boys and one Candidate waited at Headquarters for the Returns. About 10 p.m. the Benighted Man who had drawn Pictures of himself sitting in the Leather Chair, learned that he had been snowed out and proper. He went away crushed by the Public Calamity and wondering why he was the only Person on earth who had been willing to labor for the General Good.

Next Morning the Sun came up as usual. On the bright, crisp Day of Indian summer the only one who remembered anything about an Election was a Bear-eyed Man looking over the Stubs in his Check Book. Morn'g! If the Off-Year Candidate keeps quiet, no one will know he has been licked.—George Ade.

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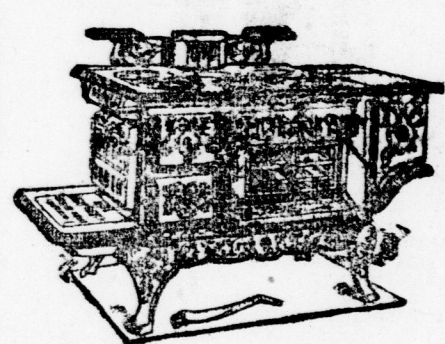
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Col. Ochiltree's Humor.

When, in the calamitous Hotel Windsor fire in New York, a few years ago, the late Colonel Tom Ochiltree lost all his personal possessions, including every stitch of his clothing, he took the matter with his usual benign philosophy. He was surrounded by a group of newspaper reporters as he contemplated the tragic conflagration. The newspaper men were expressing their sympathy for him in the loss of everything he owned, but he only shook his head and smiled in a rueful sort of way.

"I don't so much mind the burning of all of the rest of the stuff, boys," Colonel Ochiltree remarked, "but I do hate to lose those twenty large books of newspaper clippings written around me during the past 30 years or so. I was going to make a book out of the matter."

"What were you going to call the book, Colonel?" the amiable Texan was asked by one of the reporters. "I was going to call it 'The quick response, 'My personally conducted memoirs, as fallaciously set forth by a generation of young gentlemen of the space-writing fraternity who need the money.'—Washington Star.

Old Man's Golf.

The snar that golf is a game only for those not agile and venturesome enough for games of greater danger has long ago faded from golf criticism, and now it has actually come to pass that golf is arranged as a game for some weak and feeble, particularly those muscles in the region of the heart, and may very easily prove too severe a strain for his system. But in the pages of a golf journal this view is partially criticised by one who did not begin the game till he was very near the neighborhood of 60. He de-

clares that it is a matter of beginning gently, and he tells us that in his own case he does not find two rounds a day particularly exhausting. At the same time he confesses that he has always been an enthusiast for outdoor exercise—rather a rare experience—it may be a little exhausting to begin with. It is all a matter of not overdoing it at first, but, unfortunately, so attractive is the game that the oldest beginners are tempted to go in for it rather more vigorously than is wise. The result of all this latest potter seems to be that like everything else in life it is wisdom at the outset to "go slow," and this is a verdict that "aged beginners" should lay to heart.—London Globe.

They Had to Come.

King Harold had just fallen at the battle of Hastings when his aide strove to comfort him. "Cheer up," they cried, "we may win yet; the enemy is not so numerous, after all."

"Nonsense!" returned the King. "There must be a million Normans. Think of all the people whose ancestry will come over with William the Conqueror!"

Whereupon, seeing the hopelessness of the affair, he gave up the ghost.—New York Tribune.

A sardine famine prevails in London, and the price of the commodity has risen nearly 20 per cent. The west coast of France, where the world's supply of the fish comes from, has been practically deserted by the fish. The trouble is ascribed to the cool summer, the belief being that it has driven the fish farther south.

The management of the Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News Company's street railways has issued a notice that in the future no unmarried men will be employed on the lines, and that all men seeking employment must be married and at least 30 years of age.