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## The Ditch Business

Creates Confusion in French  
Political Circles.

A Wife Dies on Account of a Clair-  
voyant's Prediction.

Seven Villages on the Solomon  
Islands Shelled by British Ships.

Loss of a French Vessel With  
Her Entire Crew.

Engr's President Has a Would-Be  
Assassin Executed Without Trial  
—A Panzer Falls Heir  
to \$1,000,000.

All the Crew Drowned.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—L'Esperance, a French  
vessel, has been wrecked on the island of  
Guernsey. All of her crew were drowned.  
Twenty-seven Naphtha Barges Burned.  
ASTORIA, Russia, Dec. 15.—Twenty-  
seven naphtha barges were burned here  
yesterday.

Shelled by British Ships.  
News has reached Honolulu of the shell-  
ing of seven villages on the Solomon  
Islands by the British warship Rapid for  
the killing of white traders.

Germany's Army Bill.  
LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Post's Berlin cor-  
respondent says that the majority of the  
Army Bill Committee are pledged to op-  
pose an increase of the peace footing.

Mrs. Maybrick Out of Danger.  
LONDON, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Maybrick is re-  
ported to be well out of danger, and the  
government has, consequently, withdrawn  
the permit for her mother, Baroness de  
Roges, to visit her.

From Pauper to Millionaire.  
LONDON, Dec. 15.—A pauper named  
Sheridan, an inmate of the Lambeth work-  
house, has come into a fortune of \$1,500,000  
by the death of an aunt, Mrs. Blake.  
Sheridan has two sons, both of whom emi-  
grated to America a number of years ago.

Held by Pirates.  
MADRID, Dec. 15.—The Moorish pirates  
who recently captured the Spanish  
choicer led and carried her crew into the  
mountains near Cape Juby refuse to  
surrender the prisoners until ransom  
money to the amount of \$15,000 shall have  
been paid. They threaten that if any  
attempt be made to release the prisoners  
they will kill them.

The Prince and the Pug.  
LONDON, Dec. 15.—Prince Ferdinand of  
Bulgaria has had an anxious time. His pet  
dog, an animal much disliked by his  
courtiers, has been seriously ill, owing, it  
is supposed, to poisoning. The dog is now  
progressing toward recovery, and the  
Prince feels that life is worth living again.

The dog, a pug, was presented to the  
Prince by Queen Victoria, and his Royal  
Highness has taught the animal a number  
of tricks. It grows for Russia, cheers for  
the Queen of England, and when told "to  
die for Bulgaria," falls and remains with  
eyes closed and without moving a muscle  
until bidden "to jump with his Prince,"  
which the dog invariably does at the end  
of his performance.

Had the Madman Shot.  
KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 15.—A report  
was circulated here a few days ago by the  
colon for Hayti that an attempt had been  
made to assassinate President Hippolyte,  
and that the two men who made the at-  
tempt were shot. In now appears that  
Hippolyte's life was not endangered at all.  
The would-be assassin never got near the  
President. The man was a madman, who,  
for some days, had been going about Port-  
au-Prince saying that he was possessed of  
supernatural powers and must kill the President in order  
to get rid of them. On the morning in  
question he succeeded in gaining an en-  
trance into the palace, but he was promptly  
arrested. He was shot forthwith by order  
of the President without trial.

The Bag-Sewer's Fate.  
LONDON, Dec. 15.—As briefly mentioned  
yesterday the body of Patrick Macduffy,  
of Brooklyn, N. Y., was found in the hold of  
the Anchor Line steamship Bolivia, at  
Glasgow, from New York, embedded among  
the grain. This shows that the mother and  
friends of Macduffy were correct in their  
belief that he had been smothered when the  
steamship was being loaded, and that his  
body was among the grain. Patrick Mac-  
duffy was only 22 years old, and was given  
the job of bag-sewer on the Bolivia. It was  
his duty while the vessel was discharging  
her cargo, to go down the hatchways and  
sift up all the torn bags before they were  
hoisted out. This was what he was doing  
when missed. His work took  
down the first and second hatches.  
The import cargo from the third hatch had  
already been taken out and a lighter along-  
side was being lowered into it at the rate of  
several tons a minute. The officers of the  
steamer were of the opinion that Macduffy had  
been smothered, and in spite of the suspicion  
of the steamer was permitted to go on with-  
out interruption. Mrs. Macduffy went to  
Glasgow, where she was met by her husband's  
brother, who was accompanied by a friend  
of the family. The body of her son was taken  
to her home, and she was informed that  
the body was among the grain. The body was  
found in the hold of the Bolivia, and was  
given to her by the steamer's officers.

The Canal Scandal.  
PARIS, Dec. 15.—The evidence given  
yesterday before the Panama investigating  
committee by M. Thierce, of the firm of  
Thierce & Co., which exchanged with  
Baron de Reinisch 26 of their own checks  
for one drawn by the Panama Canal Com-  
pany on the Bank of France for the sum of  
\$300,000, has led La Libre Parole to  
state today that the checks of the  
Thierce & Co. had been destroyed.  
It adds that among these initials  
were those of M. Rouvier, Emmanuel Arène  
and Jules Roche. M. Thierce stated that  
the checks were destroyed by the company  
in order to cover up the fraud.

Two Children Cremated.  
ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 15.—Two chil-  
dren of Mrs. John Eames, were cremated  
in a fire last night.

A Bottle of Argostura Bitters to flavor  
your luncheon or any other cold drink will  
keep you free from Dyspepsia, Colic,  
Diarrhea and all diseases originating from  
the digestive organs. Be sure to get the  
genuine Argostura, manufactured by Dr.  
J. C. B. Siebert & Sons.

M. Bourgeois, for the Government, said  
that the Ministry was determined to bring  
matters to a settlement, and he stated  
briefly the reasons of the Government for  
opposing the Boissier Bill, which proposes  
to give the Panama Investigating Com-  
mission judicial powers. The question was  
put to a vote amid confusion, and the  
decision in favor of proceeding with the  
discussion of the bill in accordance with  
the Government's desire was carried by  
424 to 122. Immediately after the vote it  
was reported that in consequence of this  
reversal M. Brisson would retire from the  
presidency of the committee.

A long discussion of the bill followed,  
the vote at the end being 271 to 263 against  
the Boissier proposals. It is regarded as  
tantamount to an expression of confidence  
in the Government. Immediately after the  
vote the Chamber adjourned.

Sensational Suicide.  
Nice, Dec. 15.—A most sensational sui-  
cide has just been made known to the  
police of this city. It appears that Mme.  
Mairgure, wife of a well-known Parisian  
jeweler, married scarcely a year, who has  
been living here for some time, about two  
weeks ago consulted a fortune-teller on the  
subject of the sex of the baby she was about  
to present to her husband. The fortune-  
teller told the woman, who was nervous  
and easily susceptible, that she would die  
in the event.

The young woman thereupon grew  
frantic with grief and anxiety, and at  
once telegraphed to her husband to attend  
her. M. Mairgure came on from Paris,  
and tried in vain to persuade his wife  
that the prophecy of the clairvoyant was  
not worth considering, but the poor woman  
continued in her lament, and said she was  
sure of death, and the only thing that made  
her grieve was that she believed her hus-  
band, when a widower, would remarry, and  
probably unite himself to the woman she  
hated most. The husband, to quiet his wife,  
said:

"If God ordained it so that you should  
lose your life I will die with you."

He then made his will, and the two pre-  
pared everything for taking leave of this  
world. On Saturday night Madame was  
taken with pains, and in spite of best medi-  
cal assistance died early on Sunday morn-  
ing, a few hours before the husband arrived  
from Paris. The servants were afraid to  
tell him the sad news, and when he found  
his wife dead he was so overcome  
with grief and the consciousness of having  
made a vow to die with her so prayed upon  
his mind that he drew his revolver, and  
after depositing the will in an envelope,  
shot himself through the heart.

The police are now endeavoring to find  
out which fortune-teller made the state-  
ments to the woman that led to death and  
suicide, for the doctors agree that it was  
the anxiety and the horror of death that  
resulted in the wife's demise. However,  
as there are hundreds of clairvoyants in  
this city and neighborhood, it will be ex-  
tremely difficult to find out the guilty one.

Called Back.  
PARIS, Dec. 15.—The Figaro says that  
the recall of M. Waddington, French Am-  
bassador to the Court of St. James, has been  
decided upon.

No Wedding.  
VIENNA, Dec. 15.—It is officially denied  
that a marriage has taken place between  
Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria and the  
Princess Helene Louise Henriette, daughter  
of the Count of Paris.

Destitution in Samoa.  
SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 15.—For the  
next three months no official salaries will  
be paid in Samoa except those of the chief  
justice and the president of the council.  
Even the King is not exempt. The pre-  
vailing destitution is the cause of this  
action. Public bankruptcy impends, and  
appeals for assistance will be made soon.

"An H-Wind," etc.  
LONDON, Dec. 16.—A Vienna special  
says it is expected that the scandalous  
developments regarding the Panama Canal  
enterprise will lead to a rapprochement  
between Russia and Germany owing to the  
fact that the fall of M. Rouvier, the French  
Minister of Finance, will prevent the  
Russian Government from obtaining loans  
from France.

A Flat Failure.  
LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Times, referring  
to the monetary conference, says: "The  
American delegates must have been largely  
responsible for the ignominious failure of  
the conference. America called the meet-  
ing as it prepared with a practical scheme,  
and then offered only vague platitudes.  
The exuberant rhetoric of Senator Jones  
would have been more to the purpose if  
the Americans themselves had not grown  
tired of protecting silver."

Father McGlynn in Favor.  
ROME, Dec. 16.—The statement by Arch-  
bishop Corrigan, published in New York  
papers in September in regard to a settle-  
ment of the differences between the Church  
and Rev. Father McGlynn, has received  
full confirmation at the Vatican. The news  
of the reconciliation has produced the  
happiest impression at the Vatican, where  
Father McGlynn had always been a favorite  
prior to his differences with his religious  
superiors.

Plot to Kill a President.  
PANAMA, Dec. 16.—Advices from Salva-  
dor state that a plot to kill President  
Ezeta was discovered a few days ago. The  
plot was formed by Salvador exiles in  
Guatemala. The President was invited  
to a banquet at Salvador, at which an  
Italian, hired to assassinate him, had  
been engaged to serve as waiter. After all  
the guests at the banquet and taken their  
places at the tables a body of police  
entered and arrested the Italian. The  
prisoner confessed that he was a member of  
the Guatemala Association, and that he had  
been hired for \$5,000 to kill the President.  
He gave the names of many persons in  
Salvador and Guatemala, who were in the  
plot. Many arrests have been made in  
Salvador, and the extradition of several  
Salvador exiles has been requested by the  
Guatemalan Government.

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## Late Canadian News

Thirty-Nine Railway Clerks  
Get Notice to Quit.

Amalgamation of a Nova Scotian With  
a Boston Benefit Society—Fatal  
Dynamite Explosion.

The \$4,000,000 of Montreal loan has been  
fully subscribed for in London.

Chief Justice Strong was sworn into  
office by the Governor-in-Council Thursday.

The Mutual Relief Society of Yarmouth,  
N. S., has been amalgamated with the  
Massachusetts Benefit Association, of Bos-  
ton.

Archbishop Begin, coadjutor of Cardinal  
Taschereau, has started for Rome, via New  
York. It is said his mission relates to the  
Manitoba schools.

The annual meeting of the Canadian  
Inland Fishermen's Association was held  
in Montreal on Thursday. There were 40  
members in attendance, chiefly from  
Georgian Bay ports.

The Ottawa Free Press suggests editorially  
that the C. P. R. should be made to  
pay interest on that portion of the Do-  
minion debt which was contracted in build-  
ing and equipping their railway.

The Belleville girl, May Rockey, who  
was supposed to have been kidnapped some  
weeks ago is in Montreal, Ind., with her  
mother, who is married to a reputable  
business man there named Ehrenhardt.

Arthur Wallace, of Carleton, who had his  
horse and buggy stolen from the church-  
yard at Komoka Monday evening, has re-  
covered the entire outfit in a farmyard near  
Stratford. The thief is still at large.

Thirty-nine extra clerks in the Railways  
Department of the Dominion Government  
have received notice that their services are  
not required. It is understood the notice  
in most cases is merely formal in order to  
weed out a few of the employees.

A terrible accident happened Thursday  
morning at Malaga mines, Queen's county,  
N. S., by which Joe Francis was blown to  
atoms and two others were severely in-  
jured. Francis went to draw a dynamite  
cartridge, when it unexpectedly exploded.

OPENED A VEIN OF SILVER.

A monstrous stone that fell from the  
sky in Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 16.—The largest  
and most remarkable aerolite ever seen in  
Mexico has been brought to this city from  
the State of Chihuahua. The stone or metal  
weighs 49,000 pounds, and is owned by  
Miguel Asencio. The aerolite fell about  
four months ago near the town of  
Jeminez. It struck a cliff in its descent,  
and in its course down the mountain side  
plowed a deep furrow in the earth and  
rock, revealing a rich vein of silver at one  
point in its wake. The claim was imme-  
diately taken by a practical mining man,  
and is being worked with great profit.  
The cost of transporting the aerolite to  
this city was \$900. It has awakened great  
interest in scientific circles throughout the  
Republic.

BURNED OUT.

A Big Cracker Factory Burned—200  
Lives at Stake.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 15.—At 8 o'clock this  
evening fire broke out in the basement of  
the large building of the Higgins' cracker  
and Candy Company, and an hour later  
the entire plant was ruined. The loss  
will approximate \$150,000. This is the  
third time within five years that the  
factory has been destroyed by fire. On the  
third floor of building were 125 men. When  
the fire suddenly broke out there was a panic among those  
employed, and a general stampede for  
the stairways and the fire escapes, in  
which several of the girls were badly  
bruised. Nearly all of those were known  
to be in the building have been accounted  
for, and although a few have not been  
found it is not believed that anybody  
perished in the flames.

Die's furniture factory, located in  
Alexandria, Va., was burned Thursday  
evening. Loss, \$110,000; insurance, \$35,000.  
BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 16.—The interior  
of the Thompson and Houston electric  
light station was destroyed by fire this  
morning. Loss heavy.

IN QUEBEC.

Tailien Takes the Premiership—Bain's  
Election to be Contested.

QUEBEC, Dec. 15.—The Hon. L. O. Tai-  
lien, M. P., has accepted the office of Prime  
Minister of Quebec Province, with the por-  
folio of President of the Executive Coun-  
cil. It is considered probable that all the  
members of the De Boucherville Cabinet,  
with the exception of the late Premier,  
will retain their portfolios in the Tailien  
Administration.

The election of Mr. Bain (Con.) for  
Soulanges is to be contested in the courts.

Played With Matches.

URICA, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Ida Vogel, 8  
years old, while playing with matches in  
this city yesterday set her clothing on fire,  
and was so badly burned that she died in a  
short time. The parents were at work  
away from home.

Registration of Immigration.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The World to-day  
prints the result of its efforts to ascertain  
from the Governor of the United States  
the Union their views regarding the ques-  
tion of immigration. From the east, west,  
north and south restriction of immigration  
is urged, but opinions differ as to the  
methods to be employed. All the Govern-  
ment is agitating seriously the ques-  
tion of enacting a law prohibiting the  
wearing of the drawers and compelling the  
Mexicans and Indians to wear trousers.  
Several of the larger cities of Mexico have  
a municipal law prohibiting the wearing of  
drawers, but the lower classes protested so  
vigorously against its enforcement that the  
old custom still prevails. This white cotton  
garb is very cheap and comfortable, and if  
the proposed national measure is passed by  
Congress much trouble will be experienced  
in putting it into effect.

## "ON THE EVE OF AN ELECTION."

D'Alton McCarthy's Confession to an  
Anti-Homestead Audition.

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—D'Alton McCarthy,  
M. P., presided to-night at the meeting in  
the auditorium where Mr. T. W. Russell,  
an English M. P., gave an address on  
"Home Rule." In introducing Mr. Russell  
D'Alton McCarthy remarked that he had  
had the humiliation of voting for home rule  
in the Dominion Commons in order to sus-  
tain his party and that the vote was carried  
in 1882 and in 1886. But he would ask  
them to remember in palliation of the fact  
that on both occasions it was on the eve of  
an election. Mr. Russell spoke over an  
hour in strong opposition to the home rule  
policy of Mr. Gladstone.

## A REMARKABLE REVIVAL.

Even the Saloon-Keepers Shut Up Shop  
to Go to Church.

OMAHA, Dec. 16.—A remarkable religious  
movement is in progress here. Yesterday  
at 9 o'clock a religious mass meeting, in  
which nearly 10,000 persons took part,  
convened at Exposition Hall. It was com-  
posed largely of business men and their  
employees.

Stores were closed, doors of saloons were  
temporarily abandoned in the heat of the  
religious enthusiasm. It is the result of  
a non-denominational movement conducted  
by Evangelist Fay Mills under the auspices  
of all the Protestant churches in Omaha.  
Mr. Mills came here two weeks ago. His  
manner was unostentatious and his words  
of the simplest. Daily his influence has  
spread.

At 9:30 o'clock this morning it seemed  
like Sunday. It is in the midst of the  
holiday trade, but merchants closed their  
doors and turned the keys in the locks,  
marshaled their clerks, and went out with  
them to Exposition Hall to listen to the  
services of the revivalists. Lawyers left their  
offices and bankers their desks to be pre-  
sented to the meeting. One saloon showed  
a card saying "Closed to go to church."

At 8 o'clock in 200 homes in all parts of  
Omaha were held neighborhood prayers.  
The Christians of the neighborhood  
gathered to pray for a blessing upon the  
services of the day. The schools were  
closed.

At 9:30 o'clock the lower floor was filled  
to repletion, but still they continued to  
come. Before the services began there was  
not an inch of space up stairs or down.  
Even the prisoners in the city jail were  
taken to the meeting. Some of them were  
shackled, as they were known to be desper-  
ate men.

The text taken by Mr. Mills for his ser-  
mon was, "He that covers his sins shall  
not prosper." More than 1,000 persons re-  
quested special prayers.

## ON THE VERGE OF THE UNKNOWN.

An Experiment That Makes Us Ask  
"What's Coming?"

(From the London Spectator.)  
MR. W. H. PREECE, chief engineer, and  
electrician to the postoffice, has put up a  
wire a mile long on the coast near Laver-  
nock, and a shorter wire on Flatthorn, a  
little island three miles off in the Bristol  
channel. He fitted the latter wire with a  
"battery" to receive messages, and sent a  
message through the former from a power-  
ful telephonic generator. That message on  
the mainland was distinctly heard on the  
island, though nothing connected the two,  
or, in other words, the possibility of a tele-  
phone between places unconnected by wire  
was conclusively established. There is a  
possibility here of inter-planetary com-  
munication, a good deal more worthy  
attention than any scheme for making  
gigantic electric flashes. We do not know  
if we can communicate by telephone  
through the ether in New York or Mel-  
bourne, but we do know that, if we cannot,  
the fault is in our generators and sounders,  
and not in the prohibitory natural law.

Will our habitual readers bear with us  
for a moment as we wander into another,  
and as many of them will think, a supra-  
terrestrial region? The thought in a man's  
brain which causes him to advance his foot  
must move something in doing it, or how  
could it be transmitted down that five or  
six feet of distance? If it moves a phys-  
ical something, internal to the body, why  
should it not move also something exter-  
nal, a wave, as we all agree to call it,  
which on another mind prepared to receive  
it—fitted with a sounder, in fact—will  
make an impact having all the effect in the  
conveyance of suggestion, or even of facts,  
of the audibility of words? Why, in fact,  
if we can talk to another without con-  
taction, save through ether, should our  
mind talk to mind without any "wire" at  
all? None of us understand accurately, or  
even as yet approximately, what the condi-  
tions are; but many of us know for cer-  
tain that they have occasionally, and by  
what we call accident, been present to par-  
ticular individuals, and that, when present,  
the communication is completed without  
cables, the mind speaks to mind independ-  
ently of any machinery not existing with-  
in itself.

Why, in the name of science, is that  
more of a "miracle," that is, a miracle  
prohibited by immutable law, than the  
transmission of Mr. Preece's message from  
Lavernock to Flatthorn?

## Mr. Blaine's Condition.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—Mr. Jas.  
G. Blaine said to-night that his father was  
resting comfortably, and that there was  
change it was for the better. His father  
was a sick man, and while he kept his bed  
his friends were naturally anxious, but  
there was no cause for alarm.

## CURLING.

THE INTERNATIONAL MATCH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The Grand Na-  
tional Curling Association met to-night,  
and after the transaction of minor matters  
it was decided to play the Gordon inter-  
national match at Albany city rink between  
Feb. 5 and 15. Edwin L. Thomas was  
elected vice-president of the association,  
vice James Kelly resigned.

## THE LAST OF SLAVIN.

Execution of the Cornwall Murderer  
This Morning.

Radcliffe, the Hangman, Makes an Ex-  
hibition of Himself.

CORNWALL, Ont., Dec. 16.—James  
Slavin, alias McMahon, was executed here  
this morning at 7:45 for the murder of  
Capt. J. R. Davey. The execution was  
witnessed only by the press, medical pro-  
fession and a few private citizens, about  
50 persons in all. The doomed man's  
father paid him his last visit Wednesday.  
The unfortunate son bore up wonderfully  
well during the conversation, maintaining  
the same marked indifference that he has  
shown since his incarceration. The con-  
versation between the two was very  
brief and when the broken-hearted  
parent was being taken away the son  
said, "Good-bye, my poor old father."

Slavin sent for several of his old  
friends to bid them a last good-bye. Dur-  
ing his conversation with one he very fre-  
quently referred to the shooting of Davey,  
saying: "I am sorry I shot poor Jack, but  
had I shot Lefavre and Lafave, I would  
have died with a good heart. However, I  
was worked up to such a pitch that had it  
been my best friend that tried to effect my  
arrest the consequence would have been  
the same. Slavin talked very freely during  
the night with the guards, and carried on  
in a loud manner. He arose about 5:30,  
and partook of a light breakfast. At 7:35,  
hangman Radcliffe, who, by the way, made  
a public exhibition of himself on the  
day of his arrival by pronouncing the  
streets, as one of the most respectable  
citizens remarked, "with a chip on his  
shoulder, looking for some one to knock it  
off," entered the cell. At the hotel where  
Radcliffe put up it required the services of  
police to keep the sidewalk clear for per-  
sons while the object of curiosity was in-  
side pulling away on a cheap chair. He  
remarked that should he build a wife and  
place himself in it the revenue derived  
therefrom would amount to more than the  
money he was to receive for sending  
Slavin into eternity. Radcliffe claims he  
has been lately appointed public execu-  
tioner for the Dominion. If his state-  
ment is correct the appointment  
does not reflect much credit upon  
those placing him in the position.

Radcliffe made no resistance, as was at first  
expected. His hands were pinioned at  
7:40, and the march to the scaffold was  
begun at 7:42. Slavin was very weak.  
When the noose was placed over his head  
he said: "Well, good-bye, gentlemen."

The signal was given and the unfortunate  
man's body bounded from the earth at  
exactly 7:45. Death was instantaneous.  
The body was cut down about ten minutes  
after and interred in the court house yard  
in a rough box. Slavin maintained his  
wonderful nerve to the last, and refused  
admission to any spiritual advisers.

## AFTERNOON TELEGRAMS

A compromise in the German Army Bill  
is talked of.

Senator Gibson, of Arkansas, is dead. He  
was a Democrat.

Jas. G. Blaine grows weaker. His disease  
will soon result fatally.

The result of a police census shows that  
Philadelphia has a population of 114,653.

Walter Gurnea, a Chicago postoffice  
clerk, has been arrested for robbing the  
mail. His stealings will aggregate a large  
amount.

Rev. Alexander Menan, formerly of  
Grand Rapids, Mich., has accepted the  
professorship of practical theology in Hart-  
ford (Ct.) Seminary.

Charles Balmer, one of the most prolific  
and best known composers in America, died  
Thursday at his home in St. Louis, Mo.,  
where he had resided since 1838.

Mr. Jennie Eadins and her children, aged  
7 and 5 years, were burned to death  
Wednesday night at St. Paul, Minn. Their  
house caught fire and they were unable to  
escape.

Hebrew circles in Williamsburg, N. Y.,  
are greatly agitated over the action of the  
congregation of Beth Jacob, in expelling  
their rabbi, Rev. Heyman Rosenberg, for  
eating ham.

Next week there will be electrocuted at  
Sing Sing, N. Y., Peter Schultz, a 16-year-  
old boy who killed a lady on Long Island,  
and Frederick Maguire, who killed a Mrs.  
Gregory at New York.

It is believed that among the crimes for  
which Frank Bruce, the thief under arrest  
at Milwaukee, will be compelled to answer  
will be the daring diamond robbery which  
was perpetrated on the Sioux City and  
Pacific Express near California Junction  
some time ago. G. W. Pollack, a New  
York salesman, was shot, wounded almost  
mortally and robbed of \$15,000  
worth of diamonds in the presence of a  
dozen passengers. Bruce answers perfectly  
the description of the robber.

## Excitement in Paris.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—The only topic of con-  
versation in political and social circles is  
the Panama scandal. The arrest to-day of  
several persons charged with being impli-  
cated in the affair has caused the greatest  
excitement.

## Scene at an Execution.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—Eugene Crampon, the  
murderer of two men, to-day paid the  
penalty of his crimes, and the cannibal that  
gathered to see his execution greatly  
enjoyed the spectacle afforded by the  
miserable cowardly wretch as he  
was literally carried to the  
guillotine. When Crampon saw the guil-  
lotine, with a terrible shriek he threw him-  
self backward and fell to the ground. All  
efforts to induce him to rise were fruitless,  
and he groveled on the flagstones begging  
pitiably for his life. While some of the  
assistants supported him, others quickly  
bound and threw him against the bascule.  
Even then he did not cease his struggles.  
His contortions were terrible. The  
bascule was dropped into place and the  
assistants shoved it forward until  
Crampon's neck rested in the lunette.  
The blade fell and Crampon's  
head dropped into the basket. The  
execution was the most horrible one that  
has been witnessed in Paris in many years.  
The crowd, highly pleased with the enter-  
tainment the State had afforded them, dis-  
persed laughing and joking with each  
other.

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licensed to sell intoxicating liquors at 7  
p.m. is the expense. In reply to this per-  
mit me to say that those who have the mat-  
ter in hand propose to pay all the expense  
incurred in taking the vote, and the city  
will not be asked to contribute one cent  
towards it. On a previous occasion when  
the vote for a reduction of licenses was  
taken the temperance people paid every  
dollar of expense including the printing of  
the ballots, preparation of bylaw by the  
city solicitor, etc. Contrast this with the  
action of the liquor-sellers, in twice putting  
the city to heavy expense in defending the  
vote of the council when they (the liquor-  
sellers) had not the shadow of a chance of  
gaining their point, the action of the tem-  
perance people and the City Council on  
both occasions being equally available from a  
moral or legal standpoint.

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London, Dec. 15.

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London, Friday, Dec. 16.

## LONDON, CANADA.

London and suburbs have a population of 35,000 persons.

London is situated in the garden of Canada, midway between the Niagara and the Detroit Rivers.

London is the center of nine different lines of railway, giving easy access to the whole continent, and to the lakes and seaboard.

London has direct connection with the three great Canadian lines of railway—the Grand Trunk, the Canadian Pacific, and the Michigan Central.

London controls a line of railway from the city to Port Stanley, on Lake Erie.

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London's public water supply is obtained from never-failing pure springs four miles from the city. Their yield is practically unlimited. London has the best drinking water on the continent.

London is an excellent health resort, as it has a lower death rate than any city of its size on the continent, and it has magnificent white sulphur baths within its limits.

London has 1 opera house and 4 public halls.

London has 13 public schools (and a number are under contract), not including kindergartens; 3 R. C. separate schools, 2 ladies' colleges, and 1 collegiate institute.

London has 1 university and 1 medical school.

London has a Conservatory of Music.

London has 2 public libraries.

London is an excellent center for manufacturing and commercial enterprises. There are already established wholesale houses for groceries, hardware, drygoods, small wares, boots and shoes, drugs, crockeryware, etc. There are one or more manufacturers of furniture, engines, boilers, stoves, furnaces, iron and brass foundries, carriages, burial caskets, agricultural implements, stamped tinware, railway cars, oil refining, leather, barrels, machine tools, clothing, cigars, office and school furniture, biscuits and confectionery, mirrors and beveled plate-glass, corsets, furs, beer, washing compounds, acids, woodwork of every description, etc.

London has two daily newspapers (morning and evening editions).

London has two public parks.

London has six banks and eight loan and investment associations.

London has six charitable institutions, two hospitals and seven public buildings.

London has a good street railway, which will be much extended in the next year.

London's rate of taxation is 18 mills, which includes all school rates, etc.

London's civic assets are \$2,547,798 34, and the balance of assets over all liabilities is \$422,861 19. The total assessment is \$15,333,097.

London has 44 churches, almost every religious denomination of any importance being represented.

London has markets three times weekly, the best in the west. The great Western Fair is held for ten days in September.

Further particulars about the city may be obtained by applying to the mayor, the city clerk, the secretary of the Board of Trade, or the ADVERTISER.

PARENTS with venturesome boys find the early winter a trying time. Deaths from skating on shaky ice are now daily reported. In this neighborhood the trouble is to get even shaky ice.

REV. THOS. K. BECHER heads a movement in Elmira, N. Y., against Sunday funerals on the two grounds that the associations of the Sabbath suggest resurrection and joyousness, not interment and sorrow, and that undue labor should be avoided as far as possible on the Lord's day.

An important decision with regard to the rights of street railway companies has just been given at Winnipeg. The City Council gave certain rights to a new electric railway company. This concession was objected to by the old horse railway company, who protested that it interfered with their rights under charter from the city, and petitioned the court for an injunction to prevent the electric company from running cars. Mr. Justice Bain decides in favor of the electric company. It has rights, but only on the streets on which it has laid down lines.

THERE is a curious state of things down at Homestead, Pa. An attempt to poison several non-union men employed in the Carnegie works is reported to have been made, and it has been rashly reported that the union men are responsible. There are no good grounds for this assumption. If the matter is proved to the bottom, indeed, it will probably be found that the reported outrage was committed by no friend of the union men, but rather to discredit them in the eyes of the public.

## THE OLD AND THE NEW.

The time fast approaches when the citizens of London will have to choose a new mayor and council. Nomination day occurs a week from Monday next, and polling a week later, so that there is not much time to be lost in getting suitable men into the field.

This year's council has been a good one. It has been headed by a most admirable mayor, the finance minister has looked well after his duties, and the aldermen generally have assiduously served their constituents to the best of their ability. The council began with a full programme of special subjects in addition to the usual municipal matters, and the majority of the aldermen have spent much valuable time in promoting the welfare of the city. That some of the questions brought before the aldermen have not been settled or are yet in process of settlement is no fault of theirs. It would have been an easy matter for the council in the course of a sitting or two to have rushed through legislation, disposing of the various questions affecting the vital interests of the city, but they took the ground, in which all sensible taxpayers will agree, that it is better to proceed slowly and carefully than to indorse crude, ill-digested and unsatisfactory agreements.

Take as an example the carshops agreement. The council honestly tried to make a bargain with the Grand Trunk Railway, but its managers assumed the position that it was no great advantage at the present time for the company to concentrate its shops here, even in return for a grant of \$100,000. The company made certain stipulations that neither the city solicitor nor the aldermen could regard as conserving the interests of the taxpayers, and the agreement has been held in abeyance. For this result the council has been blamed by some carping critics. But these objectors have not told us what they would have done had they been in the places of the aldermen. We submit that, in the circumstances, no other course was open to the council unless it was prepared to act in direct opposition to the views of its legal adviser on the most vital point of the security for the fulfillment of the agreement.

The electric street railway question is yet in process of settlement, and in regard to it, again, the aldermen have exhibited wisdom in making haste slowly. As a rule, they have adopted the course that they sit to look after the public interests, and not that of any private party or company, and we can all hope that the final bargain will be fair to all parties. The same remarks apply to the disposal of the London and Port Stanley Railway. With probably few exceptions, the aldermen would have preferred to re-lease the line to the Grand Trunk Company, but its managers, having resolved to make a direct cut from the St. Clair tunnel to the Air line have set a smaller value on the L. and P. S. railway than the council deemed equitable, and so the negotiations have gone on until now the Cleveland syndicate offer—a very good one, it must be confessed—has been accepted, and there are strong probabilities that the deal will be completed at an early date.

Taken as a whole, the retiring aldermen have made a good record. They have brought the incomplete business to a state approaching satisfactory settlement, and it now devolves upon the taxpayers to see that the council to be elected for 1893 are men who will carry the unfinished enterprises to full fruition, while ready and willing to vigorously promote every new scheme having for its object the advancement of London.

Happily there exists in the community a spirit of mutual goodwill and determination to co-operate for the common welfare. All classes and creeds are united in their love for the city and in their desire for its prosperity, and there is no reason why, with proper civic management—good business men being placed in the mayoralty and aldermanic chairs—the city should not in the coming year enter on a new era of development and progress.

## WHERE PLUCK WON.

The official figures in the Ohio electoral campaign show a wonderful triumph for Congressman Thos. L. Johnson, who so cleverly arranged to have Henry George's book on "Protection and Free Trade" circulated all over North America for the instruction of the multitude. Mr. Johnson, who is himself a large manufacturer, is an uncompromising free trader and a leader in the single tax movement. His enemies tried to gerrymander him out of his division, and when last year Mr. McKinley got a majority of 2,000 as a candidate for Governor every one believed that the intrepid single-taxer would be snowed under. Mr. Johnson, however, ducked down to his work boldly. He held meetings continuously for several weeks. He spoke in public halls, but that was not deemed enough. He took a large tent, capable of holding 2,500 people, and pitched it right in the heart of the population. In it were held meetings morning, noon and night, and the propaganda went on until all Cleveland and neighborhood were talking about the campaign and the courage of the man who went into the very stronghold of his "protectionist" opponents with his tent, his "St. George" and his sledge hammer arguments in favor of full freedom for the people to make the most of their earnings. The official returns show that Mr. Johnson has a majority of 3,200, and that he ran ahead of Cleveland in the district to the extent of 1,900! The result shows how votes can be made, even under the most adverse circumstances, by a candidate who has faith in his cause, and is prepared to use every legitimate means to advance it.

Cleveland is likely soon to be made more a neighboring city to London than it has hitherto been. We may and we ought to have much closer relations. Why should not the fearless Thos. L. Johnson be asked to come over the lake and tell us the story of his victory? It would certainly be interesting.

## THE DUTY OF JUDGES.

Mr. Justice Meredith, in giving judgment on the injunction against the London City Council in favor of that body, pointed out that it was his duty to follow out any ruling on the subject laid down by Mr. Justice Rose, who last year had a somewhat similar case before him.

This statement emphasizes a well-known rule among jurists, both here and in Great Britain.

When a point in law is decided by a court, the judgment of that court is universally respected until such time as it is upset by a higher authority.

When, as in the case under review, a judge with co-ordinate powers lays down the law, it is the invariable practice to accept that judge's ruling until such time as it is called in question by a higher court.

Indeed, it stands to reason that the procedure should take this shape, or law, uncertainty as it now is, would speedily get into such a confused, unsatisfactory condition that even the judges would get tangled up.

There is but one case on record in British and Canadian jurisprudence where a judge took upon himself to ignore the decision of higher authorities on the point at issue, and to contemptuously set up his own opinion against that of six judges of a superior court. We refer to the decision of Judge Elliot, taking Mr. Hyman's seat from that M. P. and presenting it to Mr. Carling. That action was taken, too, in face of the pre-election declaration of Judge Elliot that he was waiting for the decision of the Court of Appeal to respect it. How, in face of these facts, can any honest man hold that the decision was a righteous one?

In Toronto there is an effective system of transfer tickets on the street railway, as reorganized. The new bargain with the electric railway company here should give equal safeguards to the public.

HAMILTON is advised by a Conservative paper in that city to expend money on public works for the purpose of affording employment to workmen, provided full return is obtained for the outlay. What is the matter with the N. P. plan of keeping the workmen employed? Another turn of the tariff screw seems to be needed.—[Toronto Mail.]

Why, certainly, raise the taxes once more, and make the workers all rich!

In the old ballad, the man who became responsible for the payment of an annuity bitterly lamented the longevity of the old lady to whom it had to be paid. It seems that his experience is a common one, as annuitants are proverbially long-lived. In the United States 21 widows of revolutionary soldiers still draw pensions. The oldest one is reported to be 99 years of age and singularly enough bears the name of Young.

## A SUGGESTION FOR MR. MASSEY.

[Stratford Beacon.] There are various ways of posing as a philanthropist. To within a few years past we will be bound that Mr. A. H. Massey, of Toronto, little thought that this distinguished role would be his. But the undeveloped germ was in him, like the embryo butterfly in the unassuming grub of grub, and it required but the magical influence of the National Policy to bring it out. He is one of the favored men of Canada whom the tariff of 1878 has legislated into financial greatness, was in time, like the truth of the Tory doctrine, that men can be made rich by act of Parliament—that is to say, a few of them in number. We have no quarrel with Mr. Massey for taking to himself the wealth which was so lavishly poured by a generous country into his lap, and we honor him for not following the example of Jay Gould, who has recently died, in trying to take the money with him, even should it melt. We give him all the credit that good deeds deserve for having devoted some of it to benevolent purposes in Toronto, and have some sort of sympathy with the desire now being attributed to him of finding an object of a more distinctive kind to perpetuate his name to which he can devote \$100,000. A concert hall, or something of that sort, may serve him in this way as well, perhaps, as anything else, and the citizens of Toronto for all these mercies may not be doubly grateful. But the general body of contributors to the wealth which makes those princely benefactions possible may be apt to look upon them with a more grim kind of satisfaction. For it must be remembered that the money has been unwillingly wrung from the pockets of the people of Canada, and particularly from those of the farming class, who are compelled by law to pay an extortionate toll on many implements of husbandry the Massey firm are privileged to manufacture. Mr. Massey has the right legally to take all for his products that the law requires the farmers to pay, and no one has any particular business to tell him what he shall do with the money. But were he to consult those who, next to himself, are interested, they would probably say that about as useful a way of applying some of their money—not his—would be in support of farmers' institutes throughout the country for the education of the people in the primary principles of free trade, and of just dealing between the men who make agricultural implements and those who use them.

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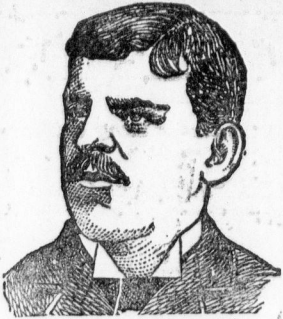
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ATLETICS. Champion James J. Corbett and wife have purchased the property at the south-west corner of Jerome avenue and High Bridge road, New York, for \$35,000.

Jack McAuliffe and Harry Gilmore had a friendly set-to in Chicago a few nights ago. Jack accused Harry of trying to knock him out. Harry said it was a lie. There was a rush, but friends kept them apart. Gilmore invited Jack to have a ten-round go in a private room. They may have it yet.

Says Corbett: "The trials of Grover Cleveland are not a marker to the trials of a successful fighter. Why, I don't dare leave the hotel except in a hack, and then I must be mulled up. Once a street crowd finds out who is in the carriage the game seems to spring out of the ground. One can't get through them, and frequently the only way to return to the hotel. After half an hour, perhaps of waiting, a new alleyway is discovered, and we escape."

SEKAENAMIAN SPRINTERS. On the grounds of the London Athletic Club, Stamford Bridge, a week ago, a handicap race for veterans about 50 years of age. The ages of the competitors ranged from a few days over 20 to 73. The distance was ten miles, and the handicapping was done on the basis of age. Among the contestants were some men who in former days were noted runners. Some of the more prominent were Jack White, the "Gateshead Clipper," holder of the best running record for five, six and seven miles; Bill Lang, the "Crow Catcher," who famous because of a down-hill mile in 4 minutes 2 seconds; Jackson, the "American Deer," was also one of the starters. The chances of James Warburton, familiarly known as "Choppy," were considered best, and he won. He took the lead in the fourth mile and held it to the finish, covering the distance in 1 hour 1 minute and 30 1/2 seconds. Shipley, who finished second, was beaten by Warburton by 6 minutes. Warburton was born at Haslington, Lancashire, Nov. 13, 1842. The prize money aggregated \$910, of which Warburton received \$250, Shipley \$100, and Bill Lang \$50. The first six men also got gold medals. "Choppy" Warburton was a successful amateur runner in 1879. In that year he won the four-mile amateur championship, covering the distance in 20 minutes 41 3/4 seconds. His time of 1 hour 6 minutes and 38 seconds for 20 miles, made May 22, 1880, is still the best ever made in England by a professional.

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ridden 87 races from one to five miles against horses, only three of which he lost.

The sum of \$25,635 that La Fleche won this year has only once been exceeded in England, when Donovan put no less than \$28,660 to his credit in 1889.

With a cash balance on hand of \$22,079 63 and a membership of 518, the National Trotting Association is in a more prosperous condition than ever before.

The Brooklyn Jockey Club announced to the State controller that its admission receipts for the past season were \$97,208. The 5 per cent. tax on this sum, paid into the treasury under the Ives Pool Law, amounts to \$4,860. The Pathologic Driving Park Association paid a tax of \$16 75 on \$335 gross receipts.

At the meeting of the St. Thomas Turf Club after the report of the auditors showed that after reducing the mortgage on the race track \$1,000, and expending \$500 on improvements there is a balance to the good of \$500. A committee was appointed to arrange for stake races in 1903.

THE WHEEL. Peter Berle's light wheel is completed. It is the lightest safety bicycle ever built, weighing but 12 1/2 pounds. Peter weighs 175 pounds, yet this little featherweight carried him over the frozen roads last Sunday.

BASEBALL. Mike Kelly says next season will be his list on the diamond.

TORONTO TIDINGS.

Salvation Army Celebration and Hall-uhlah Wedding - An Editor Leaving for Chicago.

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—The tenth anniversary of the founding of the Salvation Army in Canada was celebrated to-day. There was a hall-uhlah wedding this morning in the Parley Avenue Barracks, which was very largely attended. At half-past five there was a banquet at the Albert Street Barracks, at which 400 or 500 sat down. Afterwards addresses were delivered by the mayor, Mr. H. A. Massey, Inspector Archibald and others.

Rev. Geo. Simpson, editor of the Canada Presbyterian here, will move to Chicago Jan. 1, to become assistant editor of the Chicago Interior.

E. E. Sheppard is still hesitating as to the mayoralty candidature.

THE BOTTLE AND THE ROPE.

Statement of Slavin, the Cornwall Murderer, Who Is to Die To-day.

CORNWALL, Dec. 15.—The Rev. Mr. Hattie, pastor of Knox Church, who had during his sermon on Sunday said Slavin had informed him that he had remained in Cornwall and abandoned the use of liquor he might now instead of wearing the convict's clothes, have occupied a prominent position among the people of his native town. He would not have been so sure that took place between the condemned man and himself further than one point, which professing Christians should take to mind. Slavin said he first lost faith in professing Christians from observation of their outward life, and having thus lost faith in them he lost faith in the Bible, and, as a natural result, lost faith in a personal God.

Rudolph, the hangman, is here and is creating more excitement than did Bar-nam's show, which visited Cornwall some two years ago.

MISTAKES OF A COUNTESS.

Young, Handsome and Rich, but a Gambler's Wife, and She Wants A Divorce.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—A great flutter was caused in society circles here recently by the announcement of the marriage of the Countess de Holmstrom to Charles Reed, a notorious gambler. The countess has a fortune in her own right of from \$250,000 to \$300,000. Her father was the Count de Holmstrom, a French nobleman. The countess made her home at a fashionable boarding-house on Oliver street, and Reed also found his quarters at the same place.

Being of good address and appearance, and apparently a thorough gentleman, he soon worked himself into the good graces of the countess, and they were one day privately married. At the wedding the countess gave her husband \$50,000, and he immediately fitted up a saloon, said to be the finest in the West, as well as the most respectable.

After Reed's marriage it is alleged that he gave a valuable diamond ring, the property of his wife, to a friend who had assisted him in his gambling, substituting in its place a "paste" ring resembling the genuine article.

The countess objected to her husband's eccentricities and remonstrated with him, and, it is charged, received a good beating for her pains. A divorce suit is now about to be filed. The countess is young, very handsome and an orphan.

A Remarkable Story.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 15.—The largest and most remarkable acrobat ever seen in Mexico has been brought to this city from Jiminez, Chihuahua. The stone, or metal, weighs 40,000 pounds. The acrobat fell about four months ago. It struck a cliff in its descent, and in its course down the mountain side plowed a deep furrow in the earth and rock, revealing a rich vein of silver in its wake. The claim was immediately taken by a practical mining man and is being worked with great profit.

The Ontario Fat Stock Show.

GUELPH, Dec. 15.—The fat stock show which closed this evening was a grand success in point of attendance of stock men from far and wide, the quantity and quality of stock and the prizes. Directly after dinner the sale of D. McCrae's Galloways took place, which brought fairly good figures. Afterward the Ontario Experimental Farm's thoroughbred stock was auctioned off. Hon. John Dryden and Richard Gibson chose A. A. Armstrong, three sweepstake winners, Mr. Cockburn's yearling steer, and Mr. Rad's Devon calf, which they would have liked to have kept for the World's Fair.

A Ruffianly Trump.

BERLIN, Ont., Dec. 15.—A tramp of very ruffianly appearance applied at the residence of Dr. Luckner for something to eat. Mrs. Luckner supplied him with a generous quantity of plain food, but that did not suit the gentleman. He wanted something dainty and more to his taste, as a by-product of his ruffianly nature, and he accordingly made his wants known in a gentle tone of voice. The lady refused to accede to his demands, whereupon the cowardly ruffian struck her a heavy blow in the face and quickly made off. A warrant was sworn out for his arrest, and Detective Kilpatrick found him on Queen street. He showed fight when the officer tried to arrest him, and when he was at last handcuffed lay down and refused to budge. With rock and aid of a number of bystanders the officer got him to the jail. He gave his name as McGregor and said he was from Galt.

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## THE PRESBYTERIES.

Meetings of the Maitland and Sarnia Organization.

Changes and Transfers Proposed—Resignation of Rev. Mr. Leith, of Point Edward.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

The Presbytery met at Wingham Dec. 13. Rev. W. H. Goddard, moderator. The Rev. A. McLean, clerk of Huron Presbytery, was invited to sit as corresponding member. It was agreed that Mr. Malcolm's name be placed on the roll for appointing moderators of Presbytery at the date on which Presbytery of Huron was transferred to this Presbytery.

A communication from the Presbytery of Huron was read, intimating its willingness to transfer the congregation of Leeburn to the care of this Presbytery; also that Rev. McLean and Rev. C. Fletcher were appointed to confer with the Presbytery or a committee to consider the matter.

A resolution was adopted expressing a willingness to receive Leeburn into this Presbytery if the transfer can be effected without prejudice to the congregations of our Presbytery subject to it. Messrs. Anderson, A. McKay, McEwen and their Presbytery elders were chosen to co-operate with the committee of the Presbytery of Huron with a view to uniting the congregation at Leeburn with Dungan and Port Albert.

Rev. D. M. Gordon, E.D., Halifax, N. S., was nominated moderator of the next General Assembly.

Rev. John Gray, of Windsor, Ont., was nominated as moderator of the next meeting of the Synod of Hamilton and London.

A petition from the congregation of Knox Church, Teeswater, was read asking sanction to the proposed sale of Westminister Church, Teeswater, the proceeds to be devoted to the erection or purchase of a manse. The petition was transmitted through the session. Gray presided.

Mr. Hartley, convener of the temperance committee, reported that favorable answers were received from inspectors of public schools within the bounds to the memorial re use of temperance manual in schools, presented to them by the committee.

The following were appointed to visit aid-receiving congregations and report at next meeting: Pine River, Messrs. Rose and McQueen, with their Presbytery elders; Dungan and Port Albert, Messrs. Anderson, A. McKay, McEwen, and their Presbytery elders; Kellogg, Messrs. Goddard and Miller, with their Presbytery elders.

A communication was received from Dr. Reid stating that \$50 was apportioned at the meeting of the General Assembly fund. It was agreed that the treasurer be instructed to apportion the amount asked among the congregations, collect the same and remit to Dr. Reid.

Mr. Malcolm, A. McKay and their Presbytery elders were appointed a committee to examine the book of Discipline. The following charges were announced as entitled to send commissioners to the General Assembly: Ministers—Huron, Chalmers (Kincardine township), Bluevale, Acknow, Knox Church (Kincardine), Pine River, Edinboro, Wingham, St. Helen's, Ashfield, Melville Church (Brussels), Teeswater, Cranbrook.

Messrs. Malcolm and Miller were appointed to give missionary addresses in connection with the presentation of the annual report of the W. F. M. Society.

The clerk was instructed to communicate with the railway authorities with a view to reduced rates to members of Presbytery of the W. F. M. S., who may attend members of the annual meeting at Kincardine, March 15.

The next meeting of Presbytery will be held in Knox Church, Kincardine, on Tuesday, March 14, at 2 p.m.

PRESBYTERY OF SARINIA.

The Presbytery of Sarnia met in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, on Dec. 13. Rev. Messrs. McLean and Nichol, ministers without charge, being present, were asked to sit with the court.

There was laid on the table and read a petition from South Sarnia station, asking for organization with the view of being erected into a separate congregation. Dr. Thompson, Mr. St. Andrew's, and Mr. Leith were heard in support of the petition. Mr. Leith, in behalf of the session of St. Andrew's. It was agreed to express gratification at the growing prosperity of the mission, grant the prayer of the petition and appoint Dr. Thompson, Messrs. J. C. Tibb, Geo. Leys and Reuben Burr to discharge that duty and report at a meeting to be held in this place on the 27th inst., at 1 o'clock p.m.

Rev. Mr. Leith, of Point Edward, laid his resignation on the table. Action deferred till the adjourned meeting on Dec. 27. Dr. Thompson will city parties to appear for their interests.

It was agreed to call for elders' commissions at first regular meeting of Presbytery after the General Assembly, instead of March, as formerly.

Mr. Nichol laid on the table his Presbyterial certificate, which was received.

Messrs. Tibb and McKee, ministers, and Mr. J. Brown, elder, were appointed a deputation to explore the field in and around Dungan and Sarnia, with a view of ascertaining what support is needed in that district and report.

A communication was read from the Presbytery of London intimating that East Weyburn congregation desired to be received into the Presbytery of Sarnia, with the view of being united with West Weyburn congregation. The Presbytery agreed to receive the communication, assure the Presbytery of their continued interest in that congregation and their willingness to take any measures possible to secure the proposed amalgamation.

The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, on the second Tuesday in March at 2 p.m.

A communication was read from the W. F. M. Association of the Presbytery, intimating that they would hold their annual meeting on the second Tuesday in March and inviting a deputation from the Presbytery to favor them with addresses. Messrs. Jordan and McKee, ministers, and Geo. Leys, elder, were appointed to represent the Presbytery at that meeting and deliver addresses.

Mr. McKee laid on the table a report of the congregation of Sombra and Duffell Church, also a petition asking to be recognized as a congregation of this Presbytery instead of a mission station, premising \$500 with \$50 house rent. Mr. Leys was also heard in the matter. It was agreed to grant the prayer of the petition and ask the deputation committee to grant \$250 supplement in the event of settlement.

The Presbytery was instructed to grant certificates to Mr. Bell, student, and Mr. Uzzell, catechist.

Mr. Leys brought before the Presbytery the question of Young people's home mission society organization, and after discussion it was agreed that the home mission committee take steps at the earliest possible date to have a young people's society organized in every congregation within the bounds of this Presbytery. It is currently requested to use all diligence in bringing this very important question before the young people and give them the needed assistance.

in forming the young people's home mission society (auxiliary to the home mission committee) and to report at next meeting of Presbytery in March.

SOLOMON PETER HALE

Lectures on "The Whyness of the Wherefore" Under Industrial Brotherhood auspices.

"The Whyness of the Wherefore" was the subject of an address delivered before a fair-sized audience at the City Hall last night by the only original Solomon Peter Hale. Solomon's oratory may be described as of the florid variety; otherwise it is beyond description. His vocabulary is so remarkable that it is no discredit to the intelligence of many of his auditors to say that portions of the lecture were entirely beyond their comprehension.

Mr. Hale's treatment of the Anglo-Saxon language was wonderfully free and easy, and where its words failed to express his ideas he coined others with rare facility and reckless independence.

"Moral persuasion, ladies and gentlemen, will produce more good than all the antagonistic forces of nature put together," declared Mr. Hale. "You can't get a man's brains unless you get him by your reason. People talk about the universal adaptability of good nature, but we must remember that no matter how good-natured, beneficent and appreciative we are, we do not keep God's law we become the weakest of brutes."

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