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MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1898.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

BORN.
MAY—In this city, on Dec. 19, 1898, at 150 Mill street, the wife of R. V. May, of a son.
MARRIED.
ROWLAND-WINCHESTER—In Chicago, on Nov. 26, 1898, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. Alfred Rowland, father of the bridegroom, Mr. H. Rowland, land (formerly of this city), to Miss N. G. Winchester, of Chicago.
PHILLIPS-BOYCE—At Milwaukee, Wis., on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1898, by the Rev. W. A. Hunsberger, of the Grand Avenue M. E. Church, H. C. Phillips, formerly of London, and now of Milwaukee, to Miss Martha Boyce, of London.
DIED.
BROOKS—In this city on Dec. 22, 1898, Evan Jane, daughter of James and Elizabeth Brooks, aged 16 years.
Funeral from family residence, 270 Maitland street, on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 2:30 p.m., services at 2 o'clock. Burial in Mount Pleasant cemetery. Please accept this intimation.

Amusements and Lectures

Advertisements under this heading two cents per word each insertion. No advertisement less than 10 words.
GRAND OPERA HOUSE—ONE WEEK. Beginning Monday, Dec. 23, Grand Christmas and Saturday matinees, 2:30 o'clock. The premier of the season, "The Merry Widow," by Franz Lehár, supported by the own company of brilliant players, presenting a repertoire of new and standard plays. Monday evening, 8:15, "The Merry Widow." Tuesday evening, 8:15, "The Merry Widow." Wednesday evening, 8:15, "The Merry Widow." Thursday evening, 8:15, "The Merry Widow." Friday evening, 8:15, "The Merry Widow." Saturday evening, 8:15, "The Merry Widow." Change of play nightly. Popular prices—Evening, 10c, 20c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 70c, 80c, 90c, 1.00. Seats on sale Friday.
MERRY CHRISTMAS—GRAND ASSEMBLY. City Hall, Dec. 24, 8:15 sharp. Celebrated orchestra, grand march 8:15 sharp.
LONDON EAST HALL IS TO BE SEATED with chairs for the concert Xmas night, 8:15.
PALACE DANCING ACADEMY—NEW YEAR'S TERM COMMENCES Monday, Jan. 3, Gentlemen Monday, ladies Tuesday, advanced class Wednesday evening, Children Saturday afternoon. Dances, 8:15 to 11:15.
PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING by Mr. R. B. Millard, at his residence, 343 Princess avenue. A thorough system of teaching the modern gliding steps, waltz, foxtrot, and all the latest dances. Lessons given any hour.

Meetings.

First insertion 10 per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.
LONDON SOUTH COUNCIL on Dec. 23, 8:15, at the City Hall. All members requested to attend. Election of officers, also delegates to Grand Council. A. M. Lewis, secretary.
A. O. F. COURT BRIGHTON, 607, WILL meet in their hall, Craig street, on Monday, 30th December, at 8 p.m., instead of Xmas eve, 24th December. H. SUTHERLAND, secretary.
PUREKA LODGE, I. O. O. F.—TUESDAY night, important business, no member should miss any meeting remainder of the year.
Domestics Wanted.
First insertion 10 per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.
WANTED—YOUNG GIRL AS HOUSE MAID. Apply 518 Queen's avenue. 5347
WANTED—A GOOD COOK FOR THE HOME. At the Home, Hamilton road. 810
WANTED—AN ELDERLY LADY AS housekeeper on farm. Apply R. H. BERRYMAN, Bryn Mawr, P. O.
NOW FOR XMAS—RING UP THE OLD reliable, Dwyer's Intelligence Office. On hand: Cakes, confectionery, home-made, dining room girls, and all kinds of goods, 391 Richmond street. Phone 1121.
WANTED AT ONCE—GOOD DINING room girls and chamber maids to go out of town on Monday. Apply to Armstrong's Intelligence office, 50 Dundas street. Phone 385.

Lost and Found.

First insertion 10 per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.
LOST ABOUT A WEEK AGO A SEAL ring. Reward at this office. 5347
LOST THURSDAY, BETWEEN HORN and St. Andrew's streets, a small black money. Finder will receive reward by leaving at 58 Craig street.

Accountants.

W. MAGEE, ACCOUNTANT, 413 Richmond street, or 610 Talbot street, 413.
ALFRED A. BOOKER, ACCOUNTANT, 136 Elmwood avenue, South London. Telephone 1009.

Laundries.

TAKE YOUR WORK TO HOP SING—262 Dundas street. All work done by hand. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Marriage Licenses.

MARRIAGE LICENSES AT SHUFF'S drug store, 540 Dundas street east, corner of Dundas and St. Andrew's streets. No witnesses required.
MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED BY W. H. BARTMAN, 80 Dundas street.
W. H. WESTON, GROCER, ISSUES licenses at his office, 14 Stanley street.
LICENSES ISSUED BY THOS. GILLEAN jeweler, 420 Richmond street.
MARRIAGE LICENSES, ISSUED BY Chas. F. Colwell, at his house, 370 Adelaide street, London. Witnesses not necessary.

Houses, Etc., To Let.

First insertion 10 per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.
COTTAGE TO LET—TEN MINUTES walk from postoffice, north. Apply 840 Dundas street. 530
TO LET—TWO STORY BRICK HOUSE No. 629 Talbot street, \$10 a month. Apply No. 631. 730
OFFICE TO LET—DOUBLE ROOM WITH vault, first floor Albion Building; also front room on first floor; immediate possession. Apply T. H. CARLING, at the brewery. 33 f
TO LET—COTTAGE, CORNER RIDOUT and Craig streets, South London; rent \$15. Apply GEORGE C. GUNN, barrister. 424 f
TO LET—RESIDENCE, 424 COLBORNE street, corner Dufferin avenue, 10 rooms, modern conveniences. Apply FRASER & FRASER. 424 f
INSURE IN THE PHENIX—TIME tried, fire tested insurance company, of Hartford, Conn. Assets, \$6,000,000. Large security, liberal settlements, low rates. Money to loan at 5 per cent.
EDWARD TOWE, AGENT Office over Bank of Commerce, London. Telephone No. 677. 227

Christmas Cheer.

THE COMMITTEE OF ST. GEORGE'S Society request the members and friends of said society to call and inspect the Christmas cheer before distribution, which closes at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Male Help Wanted.

First insertion 10 per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.
WANTED—TRUSTWORTHY PERSON to travel in Canada; salary \$750 and expenses; reference. Address The Dominion Company, 321 Omaha Building, Chicago. 79a
ORGANIZERS WANTED—PROFITABLE permanent employment. Apply by letter, Grand Organizer Oddfellows, 49 King street west, Toronto.

CANVASSERS AND COLLECTORS wanted for loan and savings company. Apply Room 8, Dundas Building, 730
FROM NOW TILL AFTER CHRISTMAS we will make to order pants from \$2.00 to \$8.00; don't miss this offer. H. H. SMITH, merchant tailor, 221 Wellington street.

AGENTS WANTED—\$20 PER WEEK Apply to GEO. MARSHALL & CO., tea importers, 35 Dundas street.

Agents Wanted.

First insertion 10 per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.
WANTED—AGENTS TO SOLICIT BUSI- ness for the Home Life Association of Canada—assessment system. Good remuneration. Apply to W. BURKE, Superintendent, No. 2 Masonic Temple.
WANTED—GENTLEMEN OF GOOD address to place building and loan stock. Men of experience preferred. Salary by commission. Address "Birkbeck," 169 Dundas street, London, Ont. 104 f

Typewriters.

VISIBLE WRITING AND FINE ART printing with the Bickensetter Type-writer. Price only \$45.00. Sixty sold in three months. CARLEMAN BROS., Georgetown, Ont. 227

Articles For Sale.

First insertion 10 per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.
FOR SALE—TWO FRIESLEY BREED pig puppies, small strain; pedigree, finest in America, 7 weeks old, \$10 each. J. W. HINCHCLIFF, Strathroy.

STAMPS—OLD POSTAGE STAMPS bought. H. GRUNDY, Bedford road, Toronto. 77a
FOR SALE—HARNESS, TRUNKS AND valises at Manufacturers' prices. J. DARCH & SONS, 377 and 379 Talbot street.

FOR SALE CHEAP—TWO HUNDRED 1896 Ford regular motor cars, fine and Ontario cedar shingles; pine, hemlock, hardwood, cedar, lumber, posts, piles, etc. D. FERROUS, Man. Agents, London, Ont.

FOR SALE—GROCERY FIXTURES—Shelving, counter, show cases, large window, etc. 215 Colborne street.

FOR SALE—ONE HUNDRED THOROUGH- BREED chickens at sacrifice prices. Address JAS. PARK, 171 Dundas street, or 215 Colborne street.

FOR SALE—FIREPROOF SAFE—GOOD size, Taylor's make; outside dimensions, 35x17 inches; will sell cheap. Apply J. H. CHAPMAN & CO., 128 and 128 Dundas street.

FOR SALE—CLOVER AND TIMOTHY seed, baled hay and straw. ARCHIBALD BROS., Ingersoll. 72a

UMBER—WHOLESALE ONLY—(CAR- go lots; spicer's extra. British Columbia, red cedar shingles, pine and Ontario cedar shingles; pine, hemlock, hardwood, cedar, lumber, posts, piles, etc. D. FERROUS, Man. Agents, London, Ont.

POSS FOR SALE—QUIET AND SOUND—Will be sold cheap. Apply 637 Eglar street. 3547

Palmistry.

PROF. SEGNO, SCIENTIFIC PALMIST— Parlors, 187 Queen's avenue. Consultation hours, 10 till 5. 790a

WHAT CANADIANS PAY.

Some Remarkably High Taxes on Necessaries and Low Taxes on Luxuries.
Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The trade returns in the Official Gazette show the total revenue for November to amount to \$2,577,017, compared with \$2,250,729 last year, an increase of \$326,288. The increase is in imports. In exports there is a decline of \$1,250,000, largely in agricultural products. The imports show that the duty collected on rice was 50 per cent, on sparkling wines 28 per cent, on coal 31 per cent, on coal oil 64 per cent, on many classes of agricultural implements 35 per cent, on earthen and china ware 30 per cent, on cotton clothing over 32 per cent, on woollen clothing 35 per cent, on hardware and tools used by workmen 30 per cent, on paper and envelopes over 30, and on sugar 23 per cent. In the face of this campaign orators tell the people that the tariff taxes the luxuries chiefly. The duty collected on silks does not half that on coal oil and little less than that on rice, the light and food of the poor. The average duty on all dutiable articles was 31-1/5 per cent. The duty collected on manufactures of gold and silver was smaller than the duties on the necessities of life.

FANSHAU.

Dec. 23.—Mr. P. Inlay is about to start for Scotland with a cargo of horses.
Mr. George and the Misses Uptingrove, of Delaware, have been visiting relatives here.
Mr. John Bower, jun., has just returned home from Nebraska after an absence of fifteen years.
The pupils of Silem school agreeably surprised their teacher, Miss M. Dundas, by presenting to her a handsome gold chain and ring as a token of their respect and best wishes. Miss M. Dundas is engaged for 1896 in school section No. 9, London town-ship.
On Monday evening last the choir of Silem Church spent a very enjoyable time at the residence of Mr. D. Napton. After a good feast of oysters the rest of the evening was devoted to music and lively parlor games. The party left in the small hours of the morning, all well pleased with the evening's fun.
Why will you allow a cough to lacerate your throat or lungs and run the risk of filling a consumptive's grave, when by the timely use of Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup the pain can be allayed and the danger avoided. This Syrup is pleasant to the taste, and unsurpassed for relieving, healing and curing all affections of the throat and lungs, coughs, colds, bronchitis, etc., etc.

The Brutal Turk!

Wholesale Massacre of Armenians at Zeitoun Ordered.

The Sultan's Murderous Decree Said to Have Been Carried Out.

Disastrous Collision at Sea Reported—A British Bark Sunk.

Steamer Spree Released From Her Perilous Position—The Feeble State of Queen Victoria's Health Reported Spanish Victory.

POPULATION OF GERMANY.
Berlin, Dec. 23.—The recently completed census of Germany shows the population to be 51,753,384—an increase of 2,329,894 over the census of 1890. All the states of the empire show increases.

REPORTED SPANISH VICTORY.
Madrid, Dec. 23.—A dispatch received here from Colon, Province of Matanzas, Island of Cuba, confirms the report that the Spanish troops have routed 4,000 insurgents on the Calma River. One hundred of the enemy were killed.

THE SPREE.
London, Dec. 23.—The North German Lloyd steamer Spree, which stranded on Thursday last on Warden Ledge, near Totland Bay, Isle of Wight, was got off, and reached Southampton, under her own steam, but assisted by tugs. She is making no water and has apparently sustained no damage. She will go on dry dock for examination. She is already reshipping her boats and gear, which were removed in order to lighten her.

THE QUEEN'S HEALTH.
London, Dec. 23.—The fact that the Queen's health is feeble has obliged her physicians to order a stricter regimen for her. Early in the morning she has a cup of cocoa and a thin toast. At noon she takes an egg beaten in wine. At 2 o'clock she has luncheon, which is the heaviest meal of the day. This consists of soup, fish and fowl. Then she takes a short rest, followed by a drive or a walk. At 9 o'clock dinner is served. Her Majesty then drinks watered claret or a glass of dry champagne. She continues her regular official duties, but will they be unshaken by the state matters, before luncheon.

THE SHIPBUILDERS' TROUBLE.
London, Dec. 23.—The British Admiralty, with a view to possible American contingencies, has made strong representations to the Clyde master shipbuilders for the purpose of bringing the dispute between themselves and their employees to an end. It is understood that the agreement between the masters and the men will be reached early in January. Then the building of warships will be accelerated. Japan is negotiating with the builders for the construction of a number of cruisers and torpedo boats.

STEAMERS COLLIDE.
London, Dec. 23.—The British steamer Cayo Mono (Capt. Pope), from New Orleans for Antwerp, has been in collision with the British steamer Achilles, which was outward bound. The Achilles' starboard quarter was damaged and she returned. The Cayo Mono apparently sustained no damage.

The British cruiser Blake, which arrived at Plymouth yesterday from Chatham, reports that while off Portland, at 5 a.m., she passed a large steamer named Berlin, which signalled that two of her boats had been searching for three hours for the British bark Willowbank, bound for Glasgow, with which vessel the Berlin had been in collision. No trace of her could be found. The Blake afterwards saw an empty boat belonging to the Willowbank. The Berlin had a hole in her bow. The Willowbank had a crew of 39 men. They were all saved by the Berlin, which must have found them drifting about seeking to the Blake. The only life lost was that of the pilot of the Willowbank, who went below to get his clothes. The vessel was rescued by the crew of the Netley Abbey. The latter vessel was damaged.

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MASSACRE ORDERED.
London, Dec. 23.—Telegraphing under date of Dec. 20, a correspondent at Constantinople says the Porte has informed all of the foreign diplomats at the Turkish capital that the Armenians who are in possession of Zeitoun, having shown themselves to be obstinate regarding their surrender, the bombardment of Zeitoun will be begun at once. A correspondent writing from Marash expresses the opinion, however, that the immediate capture of Zeitoun by the Turkish forces is not possible, and that the place throughout the winter. The correspondent also says that there was a tremendous panic in Adana on the 7th inst., similar to that which recently occurred in Constantinople. Eugene the panic in the shops were closed. A telegram received in Constantinople from Tarsus on Dec. 18 says many families have fled from there to Mersina.

The German ambassador to Constantinople, acting under instructions received from his Government, has again urged the Porte to prevent a massacre of the Armenians at Zeitoun. Sir Philip Currie, the British ambassador, supported the German ambassador in his attempt to save the lives of the revolted Armenians, but it is feared that the Constantinople district has already been laid waste.

A communication issued by the Turkish Foreign Office says that the Armenians who are holding Zeitoun have pillaged and flooded dozens of Mussulman villages near Zeitoun and have killed 236 Mussulmans, including 15 women. The Foreign Office is also issuing other stories of a similar character. The correspondent learns that these statements are intended to

prepare the public mind for the annihilation of the Armenians who are in possession of Zeitoun.

The United States Administration has given instructions for the removal of American citizens from the disaffected districts in Marash, in Asia Minor. This determination was reached at the last Cabinet meeting. Rear Admiral Selfridge will combine his fleet at Alexandretta, the nearest point to Marash, and will direct the American missionaries and other American citizens at Marash to come on board his vessels. In case it should be necessary to give them protection during their journey from Marash to Alexandretta, he has been authorized to land a force of sailors and marines.

London, Dec. 23.—The Telegraph this morning publishes a dispatch from Vienna, saying it is reported there that Mustafa Pasha, commanding a Turkish force, has captured the town of Zeitoun, which was some time ago taken by insurgent Armenians, and that he has massacred all the Armenians in the place who did not make their escape to the mountains.

CABLE NOTES.
A Pekin dispatch announces that the Dungan rebellion has been crushed. The rebels are now fighting among themselves.

There was a serious outbreak at Tarragona, Spain, on Sunday. The trouble was connected with the levying of duties on provisions, etc., entering the city from other parts of the country. Several persons were shot by the gendarmes.

The Italian Senate has approved the credit asked for by the Government to carry on the campaign in Abyssinia.

The United States minister at Constantinople, Mr. A. W. Terrell, has gone to Smyrna to confer with Admiral Selfridge, on board the United States flagship San Francisco, regarding steps to be taken to insure the safety of American missionaries in Asiatic Turkey.

Two Liberal leaders, Mr. James Bryce and Mr. Arnold Morley, will soon return to England—one from South Africa, the other from Constantinople, where he was the guest of the British ambassador.

Now a Law.

The Venezuelan Commission Bill Signed by the President.
Washington, Dec. 22.—The President signed the Venezuelan commission resolution yesterday afternoon. It is therefore now a law.

At 1:45 p.m. the Senate adjourned Tuesday without doing anything important.

In view of the great importance of the work to be discharged by this commission, it is said that the President will endeavor to secure the services as members of men of the highest character and ability. None of the names he has in mind have been officially mentioned, nor will they be until the President has been notified by the persons selected of their acceptance of the commission.

The State Department has been informed by some persons of rank, who have made a study of the subject, that there is good ground for the belief that upon careful scrutiny the claim of Venezuela to the territory in dispute on the border with Colombia is without solid foundation, and that the commission will be obliged to find that Great Britain is really entitled to possession of the whole tract claimed by her, and perhaps some territory.

Representations, however, have not shaken the determination of the Administration to proceed in the course it has laid down, for in its view, if the decision is in favor of Great Britain, there will be a practical demonstration of the uprightness of the motives of our Government in demanding a settlement of this great question on the sole basis of absolute and exact justice.

The New York Sun says: "Excellent information is that the three commissioners whom the President will appoint to investigate the Venezuelan dispute will be ex-United States Senator George S. Edmunds, of Vermont; Hon. Andrew D. White, ex-president of Cornell University and ex-minister to Russia, and Hon. Edward St. James."

In the Senate the following cablegram was read: "The Federal Senate of the United States of Brazil sends greetings to the Senate of the United States of America upon the worthy message of President Cleveland, who so strenuously regards the dignity, the sovereignty and the freedom of the American nations."

FATAL FIRE.

Four Persons Suffocated by Smoke in Philadelphia.
Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Four persons were suffocated by a fire yesterday at the home of Andrew Johnson, 21 Parham street, in the southeastern section of the city. The dead are: Andrew Johnson, aged 50, and his three little children; Jessie, aged 9; Lena, aged 5; Dora, aged 3. The wife and mother, Mary Johnson, was taken to the hospital in an unconscious condition, and is not expected to live.

THE TROLLEY STRIKE.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—The agreement by which the trolley strike was declared off early Saturday morning has been practically repudiated by President Welsh and General Manager Beeten, who refused to put all of the men to work as agreed upon by a portion of the traction management at a conference with Mayor Warwick.

JOSEPH COOK BROKEN DOWN.
Niles, Mich., Dec. 20.—S. T. Scarle, of this city, has received a letter from his daughter, who is a missionary stationed at Kobe, Japan, in which he says Joseph Cook, the noted divine, has arrived there recently from Australia, broken in mind and body. He had to give up his lecturing tour, and the probabilities are he will never regain his health or mental vigor.

Steamers Arrived.

Dec. 21. At From
Paris.....New York.....Southampton
Normanna.....New York.....Hamburg
Umbria.....New York.....Liverpool
Sarmatian.....Glasgow.....Boston
Dec. 22. At From
La Bourgogne.....New York.....Havre
La Gascogne.....Havre.....New York

Stoves! stoves! stoves! Bakersburns, cook stoves and parlor stoves at the Bed and Hair Mattress Cleaning Factory. Dealer in general house furnishings. Live geese, fowls, turkeys, ducks, etc. Made to order at JAMES F. HUNT'S, 693 Richmond street north, Telephone 997.

Howling for War!

Anti-English Feeling Increasing in Venezuela.

Intense Excitement at Caracas, the Capital—Hot Hands in the Ascendant.

New York, Dec. 23.—A special from Caracas, Venezuela, says: The anti-English feeling is increasing upon the statue of Washington, and the American and Venezuelan flags are everywhere to be seen, either displayed side by side or entwined in significant embrace, with the portraits of Washington and Monroe between. Another mass meeting was held on the Plaza Bolivar yesterday, at which were heard the cries "Abajo Los Englishes!" (Down with the English), "Viva Cleveland Los Estados Unidos!" (Long live Cleveland and the United States). A demonstration of all the citizens is planned to take place on Christmas Day. The Patriotic Society of the Defense of Venezuelan Territory issue protests against the "pretensions and the past and proposed aggressions of England." It also requests the Minister of Foreign Affairs to revoke the exequaturs of Venezuelan citizens who are acting as British consuls in this country, unless they resign immediately. Guyana battalions are being formed in Venezuela.

A cable dispatch from London says that at a public meeting yesterday the Government was petitioned to declare war upon Venezuela and the United States, and resolutions were passed declaring that England would never recede from the position she has assumed. The honors paid to the American minister continue. Venezuela is sending diplomatic missions to the foreign country. The country applauds the action of the Government, and the nation is united.

In Bad Trim.

Significant Statements by United States Navy Officials.
The United States Could Not Meet Britain on the Sea—Atlantic Coast Cities Would Be Destroyed.

New York, Dec. 23.—"War with England would be a tremendous contract," said Rear Admiral Braine to a reporter at the Brooklyn navy yard "and I am not a man who would be responsible for it. I do not think that we are at all prepared to fight so formidable an adversary, nor would I like to predict the results if we attempted it. But I can say this for the navy, and say it confidently, You may be sure that it will respond at once to the call of duty, as it has always done."

But what an inadequate cause it would be on which to base a conflict so tremendous. The whole business looks to me political. If we are to step into the quarrels of all those countries in which America seems to me that we shall have our hands full. We'll have to fight Spain and France as well as England."

REAR ADMIRAL ROWE'S VIEW.
Rear Admiral Rowe, retired, the hero of the "ninety-day gunboats" of the civil war, those boats which were built and equipped in ninety days, and which rendered such effective service in that much less scientific conflict, made no bones of discussing the matter from a practical standpoint or of declaring that the odds against the United States would be almost overwhelming.

"What would England do on the outbreak of hostilities?" he asked. "Would she not at once descend upon Portland, Boston, New York, Baltimore, Charleston, Savannah, or capture or destroy them? Have we a single battleship to stem the tide of her impetuous march? It is the battleships that would do the business. They are the only things to settle the affairs of nations. Have we anything adequate with which to oppose them? If we have I have not heard of it. I know that New York has admirable coast defenses partially completed, but I doubt if even New York is in a position to oppose bombardment. We might succeed, perhaps, against the deep Italian or French war vessels, but England has battleships of lighter draught. They could come much closer in than vessels of the Italian build."

"But how about these English battleships? Could they successfully cross the ocean?"

"Of course they could. England builds ships which could go around the world if necessary. If there is to be a war it will be a naval war. The land forces will play a minor part, and in discussing it we must realize that the chief work must be done upon the water. There would, of course, be some operations on the Canadian frontier, but even there we are not so strong as some people think. We have neither fortifications nor ships on the Great Lakes, while Canada has both. The Canadian frontier is bristling with fortifications. With her ship canals she could fill the Great Lakes with gunboats in short order, and we have nothing to contend against them. As long ago as 1891 I brought our Government to put two warships in the lakes and form a naval station, with a commodore in command. I commanded in the lakes during a part of the war of the rebellion, and then learned by practical experience the importance of protecting them. But, as usual, nothing was done."

NOT READY TO FIGHT.
"The navy is not anxious to fight. I think that is a mistaken impression. No one, certainly, who has seen the deplorable results of fighting is anxious to enter another war. I think this whole matter will set our statesmen to thinking. I cannot understand the warlike sentiment which has sprung up in this country in the past year. Everybody seems anxious to have a fight of some sort. It is a regular fever, an epidemic. Have people forgotten what war means. It is 30 years since the last war, and the country has not recovered from the blow yet."

No Christmas or New Year's table should be without a bottle of Dr. Siegel's Anger's Bitters, the world renowned appetizer of exquisite flavor. Beware of counterfeits!

Christmas Boxes

In Buying Your Christmas Gifts Select Something That is Beautiful, Useful And Suitable.

Everyone likes new and dainty things. We have them. All our Christmas goods are purchased direct, that is why they are so reasonable in price.

Cairncross & Lawnece, CHEMISTS, ETC.

2 DRUG STORES Main Store, 216 Dundas Street, corner Park Avenue. Branch, corner Richmond and Piccadilly.

THE POT POLITICAL.

LIVELY TIMES IN MANITOBA.
A dispatch from Winnipeg says: Indications at present all point to an early dissolution of the Manitoba Legislature, and an appeal to the country on the schools issue by the Greenway Government. Four Government conventions are called for this week, two Conservative gatherings are also announced and the labor men of Winnipeg have issued a call for a convention on Jan. 3, to select candidates for the Winnipeg divisions. It is understood the reply to Ottawa's rejoinder was dispatched to the Dominion capital today, and on this the Greenway Government will appeal to the people. No one questions the result of the election, it will be a popular Conservative victory, and the Provincial Government's stand. The Conservative leaders will hold a meeting tomorrow, at which a plan of campaign will be adopted, but their forces are disorganized and in no shape for a fight at the polls. It is understood that no attempt will be made by the Opposition to carry the Winnipeg constituencies, excepting the North Winnipeg seat, where Mr. Fred Dewar, a popular Conservative, is mentioned as Opposition candidate. Messrs. Cameron, McMillan and McIntyre will be the Greenway candidates in Winnipeg. The date of the election will probably be fixed next week and the elections held about Feb. 15.

AT IT AGAIN.
The Orangeville correspondent of The Toronto Star says that in Cardwell straws sells at \$15 a ton, and that \$12 is a fair price for a brace of spring chickens. The favor-seekers who be-deviled North Ontario must be getting in their fine work in Cardwell.

MCGILLIVRAY, THE DODGER.
Commenting on the North Ontario election, The Lindsay Warbler, Mr. St. Hughes' paper, says: "The facts are that Major McGillivray declared himself as opposed to any remedial measure he would have been elected by about 1,800 majority. He then declared himself in favor of remedial legislation he would have been defeated by fully 800. He took the course of a freeman, especially as the settlement was then considered certain."

UTAH IS GOING IN.
Washington, Dec. 23.—The new constitution of Utah, which was brought to Washington a week ago by the Utah commissioners, has been examined by the President and Attorney-General Harmon, and found to be in all respects in accordance with the terms prescribed in the enabling act. Therefore the President will issue his proclamation on Jan. 4, declaring Utah a State of the Union.

FIGHTING IN CUBA.
Santiago de Cuba, Dec. 12, via Key West, Dec. 21.—On Dec. 10, an engagement took place in La Virginia, between the rebels, numbering 900 men, and a Spanish column of 700. The loss of the Spaniards is not known. The Spaniards had eleven killed and thirty-two wounded. Four hundred insurgents attacked a Spanish column 700 strong near Baire on Dec. 9. The Spaniards were routed after a severe fight, leaving forty soldiers prisoners, and twenty-five killed and sixty-eight wounded. The rebels had nine killed and thirteen wounded.

WHILE SHOPPING REMEMBER:
That the powers of clerks are but human. That other women have the same right to shop that you have.

That the clerk is not expected to know intuitively one's full name and address. That it is unreasonable to expect a saleswoman to take a warm personal interest in watching your embroidery politeness would wane if you stood on your feet and waited on 500 women for twelve hours at a stretch.

That it is better to know before starting to shop what one is going to buy and where one is going to buy it than to trust to the inspiration of the moment. Read the advertisements.

The packets schooner L. V. Docket, which left Boston for Liverpool, N. S., just before the recent gales, with about twenty passengers, had not reached her destination up to Thursday, being then nine days out, and some anxiety is felt for her safety.

Right Around Us.

Pleasant Gatherings and Appreciated Presentations.

Interesting Happenings in Various Sections of the County.

The Epworth League convention of the Exeter district will be held in the Methodist Church, Parkhill, Friday, Dec. 27. There will be three sessions—morning, commencing at 10 o'clock; afternoon, at 2, and evening at 7:30. An interesting programme at each session will be presented.

It has been decided by the county judge that Sheriff Cameron should be assessed in Strathroy on income. The question arose owing to London and Strathroy both claiming the right of assessing the sheriff's income, as it is earned in the city, though he lives in Strathroy.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent in school section No. 16, Westminster, on Friday. The pupils had prepared a long programme of songs, dialogues and recitations. A stack of good things was given each pupil, and the teacher, Miss Agnes McDougall, was presented with a handsome silver cake plate.

A very pleasant event took place at the residence of Mr. George Marshall, Caradoc, the other evening, being the marriage of his sister, Miss Alice, to John Morrison, of Dunwich. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Harrison, of Melbourne. The bride was supported by her sister, Miss Jennie, while the groom was assisted by his brother, Mr. Colin Morrison, of Dunwich.

Friday brought to a close a successful year's work in school section No. 10, Westminster, and was pleasant alike to teacher and pupils. Miss McColl was completely taken by surprise by the presentation to her of a handsome silver toilet and glove case, accompanied by an address, which was read by Miss Bessie Carrothers, expressive of warm appreciation on the part of her pupils and gratification that the relations existing between them as teacher and pupils was to be continued through the coming year. The pupils enjoyed their annual treat of oranges and sweetmeats.

Winton Lodge, A. O. U. W., No. 185, elected their officers for 1928 as follows: M. W. Wm. Charlton; foreman, E. T. Caverhill; overseer, James McNair; recorder, W. P. Charlton; financial, George Milburn; receiver, A. McRae; guide, Dr. McAndrew; W. P. T. Hughes; O. W. James Prudham; representative, Thos. Oliver; alternate, A. McRae; trustees, D. Campbell, Alex. McLean, Wm. Robson, D. D. Master Leo, McLean, from the city, spent the evening with the lodge and was well received. After giving a good account of his past year's work the lodge closed. The members of the lodge and the D. D. master partook of a good lunch provided for them by the lodge. After which all retired, having spent a very pleasant evening.

STRATHROY.

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Dec. 23—An entertainment will be given in the Albert Hall next Friday evening, Dec. 27, by the children of the Baptist Sunday school. A good programme of tableaux, songs, and cantatas, etc., has been prepared for the occasion.

Mr. Donald Robertson, of Dale & Temple's drug store, Chicago, is home on a short visit.

Mr. Chas. Englehart and Mr. Fred Colter, of Chicago Dental College, arrived home yesterday morning.

Blair Athole Camp, Sons of Scotland, elected officers for 1928 as follows: Chief, John Miller; chieftain, R. Cerric; chaplain, George Thompson; secretary, Jas. Noble; treasurer, W. Thompson Smith; financial secretary, W. Geddes; marshal, Alex. McDonald; standard bearer, John Murdoch; senior guard, J. A. Thompson; junior guard, Geo. Macbeth; physician, A. L. Thompson, M.D.; auditors, J. S. McCraut and J. R. Clark.

Dr. Willmet and J. D. Meekison, of this town, took in "Wang" at the Grand, London, last Friday night.

Notwithstanding the heavy rain of Saturday, the market was very large. The merchants throughout the town did a good business.

The Woman's Christian Association are distributing the contributions for the poor of the town today.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pool, of Ridgetown, are the guests of relatives in Strathroy.

Mr. Mansfield Smith, Mr. Charley Gordon, Mr. Peter Carle and Miss Alice Healey, of Toronto University, are spending the holidays at home.

Miss McIntyre, inspector of kindergarten schools, Toronto, returned home last Saturday.

Service will be held in St. Andrew's Church Christmas morning, Rev. T. G. Jordan conducting the service.

DELAWARE.

Delaware, Dec. 23—On Thursday night last Mr. Howlett, who is superintendent of the Union Sunday school here, and deputy reeve of the township, was taken by surprise by the Sunday school scholars. The house was crowded to the doors. Mr. Henry Garnett, ex-reeve of the township, was put in the chair, and addresses were delivered by Messrs. Hugh Scott, Atkins, Hurl, Kennedy (teacher), and Christian Weyer. Music was ably rendered by the choir. After these able addresses, Mr. D. J. Scott, organist, was called upon for an address, when he presented Mr. and Mrs. Howlett with two easy chairs and footstool, accompanied by a kindly worded address, composed and read by D. J. Scott, and signed by Messrs. Garnett, Weyer and Burt on behalf of the school.

Miss Ida Clannahan is home from Chicago.

Miss K. D. McKelker, Port Huron, is spending a few days here.

The ladies of St. John's Church will give an "At Home" for Rev. Mr. Lowe and family next Friday evening.

John McAlpine, of the Detroit Medical School, is home for the holidays.

Service in St. John's Church Christmas morning at 11 o'clock.

Misses Beattie and Emma Rogers are home for the holidays.

Miss Campbell, high school teacher, left for her home Saturday.

Miss Ada Smart leaves for Port Huron today to spend Christmas with friends there.

The high school concert Friday night was a great success. Proceeds \$57.

Rev. Mr. Lowe will preach his farewell sermon here next Sunday.

MUNCEY.

Dec. 23—Mr. James Fox, jun., has been engaged for the Central school for 1928.

Mr. Frank Fox has purchased a chopper and is getting it in position. Give him a call.

Christmas trees are all the go now. Lower Muncey Methodist Church, Colbourne Church, and Mount Elgin Institute will now have theirs.

The Model Schools.

Results of the Examinations at London and Strathroy

Of the Teachers in Training—Marks Made by Each.

The examination of the teachers in training at the London and Strathroy model schools was completed on Saturday evening. The following are the names of the candidates, the marks reported being for practical teaching during the term and at this final tests before the Board of Examiners:

LONDON.
Ernest Simpson 375, Ida Phillips 354, Aggie Robertson 353, Clark Warren 353, Josephine George 351, Laura Phoenix 348, Wm. Brown 346, Edward McGowan 345, Helen McColl 341, Mabel Smith 341, Sarah Lawrence 338, Laura Thompson 338, Jennie Fraser 336, Mary Legate 332, Alma Fleming 331, Louise Gahan 330, Jessie Lewis 327, Annie Lea 327, Robert Colgrove 325, John Elliott 325, Daniel McGregor 324, Jessie McDonald 322, Susy Heritage 322, Annie Sharpe 322, Wm. Henderson 318, Alex. Harvey 316, Evelyn Eldon 315, W. J. Spence 314, Ernest Anderson 312, Clarence Brooks 311, Alex. McNaughton 309, John Patrick 307, Emma Cooper 306, Jennie G. Mitchell 303, Aggie Simbert 300, Verne Weisbrod 299, John Milne 299, Ethel Martindale 295, Collin Munro 295, Aggie Nicoll 295, Bertha Capstick 295, Wm. Telfer 295, Wynnie Ackland 294, John Carter 293, Jennie Blundell 293, Webster Braithwaite 287, Lizette Macdonnell 284, Leon Bodin 282, Ernest Kerr 280, George Tuckey 276, John Bannatyne 276, Eugenie Reynolds 272.

STRATHROY.
John M. McEachern 375, Annie J. Tweedle 371, John Buchanan 349, Cassie McIntyre 347, Ethel Parnell 345, Rosie Henderson 340, David A. McDonald 340, A. D. McIntyre 339, W. B. Wyatt 338, Ida Robertson 337, Maggie Frank 337, Mary C. McLean 334, Edith Bogue 333, Dugald A. Galbraith 332, Albert Letts 332, Joseph Walker 332, Bert Weir 332, W. N. Sexsmith 332, Mabel O'Neil 328, J. E. Caldwell 326, D. A. McLaughlin 325, Eleanor Howe 323, Laura Morgan 320, F. W. Crealey 320, Maggie Campbell 318, Marion Sutherland 316, Nelson George 308, R. J. Dundas 307, Charles R. Rowe 307, Francis Kearney 307, J. B. Clark 306, Katie Gallagher 305, Etile Patterson 301, W. F. Brown 297, Wm. Hills 297, W. S. Bell 295, Dan McDonald 292, Frances McKellar 291, John T. Cowie 290, Marion Gee 288, Hugh Gilles 287.

PETROLEA PICKINGS.

Home for the Holidays—Pretty Show Windows—Great Success of the Presbyterian-Sunday School Entertainments.

"Advertiser" Agents, Lowery Bros., and E. W. Attwood.

Dec. 23—Miss V. Carson, milliner for H. B. B. Alley, left for her home in London Wednesday. Mrs. Alley deserves great credit for the very manner in which she has dressed their Christmas window.

Mr. Robert McCutcheon is home from Newfoundland, where he has been drilling.

Mr. R. Ewing is home from the Chatham Business College to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. D. P. Sisk, of Oil Springs, was in town Friday.

Mrs. H. King of Saginaw, Mich., is home on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Templeton.

Miss B. Jackson and Miss E. Wilson expect to spend Christmas with friends in London.

Mr. John McKelvie, druggist, has a very pretty window. The bed is of batting, and on it are a number of frogs in different positions, with three incandescent lights in the center of the window.

The Y. M. C. A. writing and arithmetic classes are well attended.

The Presbyterian Sunday school Christmas entertainment was a grand success. Supper was served to the scholars from 7 until 8 o'clock, after which a very pretty programme was rendered, consisting of recitations, songs and dialogues by the scholars.

Little Bessie McLean sang a very pretty piece, which was greatly enjoyed by the hand-clapping. She has a very sweet voice. Another feature worthy of mention was Miss J. Harley's class of twelve girls in dumb-bell exercise and posing. The girls all looked charming in white dresses and went through the very difficult exercises without a hitch. Great credit is due Miss Harley for their excellent training. Another amusing feature was the impersonation of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus by Miss L. Hamilton and Mr. F. Riddle. This was extremely pleasing to the children. Short addresses of commendation were also given by Rev. C. Pearson.

Mr. John Scott has disposed of his livery business to Mr. J. W. Marshall, V. S.

It is understood that Mr. Jos. Huggard has sold a number of lots on the Huggard survey to Mr. John Kerr.

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Get Nothing Out of It.

Misapprehensions Relative to Fair Directors Set Right

By Auditor Jewell—Directors Have No Financial Interest in the Western Fair.

They Are Representatives of the People as Are Aldermen and School Trustees.

Since it has been decided to submit to the people a bylaw to grant \$25,000 to the Fair Association for the erection of new buildings, the fact has come to light that some ratepayers are laboring under a misapprehension regarding the management of the Western Fair. Some have had the impression that the directors are "in it" to advance their own interests, and that they yearly draw sums of money from the treasury. To get a statement of the way in which the Fair business was conducted, and to set many persons right in the matter, an "Advertiser" representative called upon Mr. George F. Jewell, city auditor, and auditor of the Western Fair Board.

"Yes," said Mr. Jewell, "there are many who are strongly of the opinion that the directors line their own pockets by pushing the Western Fair to the front, but as auditor of the board's accounts, and having access to all its records, I can assure you that not a single director has ever drawn money from the association. The board has only three paid officials—the secretary, Mr. Thos. A. Browne, the superintendent, Joseph Hooke, and the treasurer—Mr. Dan. McKenzie—besides two or three assistants who are engaged in the office during the preparation of the Fair prize lists, etc."

"Then, again, some are of the opinion that the buildings and grounds are the property of the Western Fair Association, but such is not the case. Every article in the buildings and every inch of the land belongs to the city of London, and all new buildings which may be erected by the board under the proposed debenture issue will be citizens' property. The Fair Board is constantly improving the grounds. Since the exhibition was located in East London it has enlarged the grounds by the purchase with its own funds of a large strip of the old cemetery property, embracing some ten acres."

"I think the directors deserve great credit for the way in which they have worked for the advancement of the city's interests. It must be said that some of the directors—principally merchants—receive indirect benefits in the shape of increased business during fair weeks, but that is what the fair is for—to bring people to London to spend their money in buying products of London's workshops, and to advertise the city."

"And in view of the present electric railway service to and from the fair grounds, I consider the fair will be a bigger boon to the city than heretofore. With the old system of horse cars, many people coming to the city would take a Grand Trunk train to and from the grounds, and never see the business places, but now the rapid transit will afford a greater opportunity to visitors to come down town and make purchases."

Lieut.-Col. Moore has been gazetted to the command of the Thirteenth Battalion.

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Special Rates for Students and Teachers. Single First-Class Fare and One-Third—Going Dec. 13 to 24; returning until Jan. 12, 1899.

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The Scrap Bag

Coffee, cake and Emerson, for lovers of the New England philosopher were provided by the ladies of "The London Reading Club" the other afternoon, and somewhere about 4 o'clock the rooms of the conveniently-situated Woman's Art Club were all a-buzz with a bevy of fair dames and damsels, who laughed and chattered or nibbled at macaroni till the ring of a manly foot-step was heard upon the stairs outside, when everybody hushed down, for we none of us wished to be suspected of "yearning for the cosmic thrill," besides, Prof. Sykes, of the Western University, is a person who is accustomed to be listened to when he has anything to say.

The lecturer's paper on Emerson as an essayist and poet was opened with remarks to the effect that as blusterers over the border are mildly threatening to engage us in an embroglio, it might be well to consider a man who is the heart and core of the true New England conscience. Then followed a light, bright sketch of Boston's beloved and only "Ralph Waldo," the stock from which he was sprung, and his early training, with later deviations from the accepted beliefs of orthodox Christianity, and then came the consideration of the real man himself and his work as a teacher, philosopher, poet and litterateur. Prof. Sykes made it quite clear to his audience that the delicate flowers of appreciation for an illustrious member of the "saving remnant" will not take root or find nourishment in the rocky soil of Philistinism. Emerson is not going to bring happiness to the slave of creed, and the custom-bound and tradition-fettered votary of form and dogma. The friend of Whitman and Carlyle must fill with puny rage, the weakling still struggling with the teasing process of the soul.

There was a great deal more, all ably and concisely expressed; but I do want to ask those three women who came squeaking in at different intervals through the lecture, what they meant? I don't suppose there was a woman there that afternoon who would not a great deal rather have had you miss a hundred lectures on Emerson, rather than that Prof. Sykes' interesting essay should be disturbed by your squeaking boots. Get through your shopping earlier next time.

Blandina's niece; Blandina's fat;
Joyous, and sane, and sound and sweet,
And handsome, too, and all else that
In persons of her age is meet.

Behold Blandina!
She's alive, and testifies
With all the emphasis that lies
In busy hands and dancing eyes
That life's a prize—
That all the mischief that provokes
Doubt in the matter lies in folks,
And that, provided folks are fit,
Life's not a failure; not a bit.

Blandina loves a picture book,
Blandina dearly loves a boy;
She loves her dinner, loves the cook,
Her nurse, her doll, her brother's toy;
And best of all, she loves a joke,
And laughs at it,
And laughing as it testifies
With all the emphasis that lies
In joyous tones and beaming eyes,
That life's a prize—
That all the mischief that provokes
Doubt in the matter lies in folks,
And that, provided folks are fit,
Life's not a failure; not a bit.

—Edward S. Martin, in the December Scribner's.

Teach the children that it is bad
Taste for them to tell all they learn
Of the neighbors' domestic arrange-
ments through playing with the neigh-
bors' children.

Do not marry until you can support
a wife.

"What means this W. C. T. U.,
Which makes such constant fuss?"
The maiden frowned, "I thought you
knew
That 'Whisky Can't Touch Us'."

To enjoy love and mince pie you
must have confidence.

"Yes," said a Boston woman, "I keep
a girl a while to rest my body, and then
I go without a while to rest my mind."

If in this world you wish to win
And rise above the common clump,
Take off your coat, and pitch right in;
Don't wait, lay hold, hang on and
hump.

Don't wait until the iron's hot,
But make it hot by muscle;
Don't envy what some men have got;
Take off your coat and bustle.

DAILY HINTS TO HOUSE-KEEPERS.

We cannot arrest sunsets, nor
carve mountains, but we may turn
every home, if we choose, into a
picture which shall be no counter-
feit, but the true and perfect image
of a life indeed. —John Ruskin.

BREAKFAST—Oranges, Oatmeal,
Graham Muffins, Hash, Boiled
Eggs, Stewed Apples, Coffee.

DINNER—Tomato Soup, Celery,
Boiled Corned Beef, Turnips, Po-
tatoes, Jelly White Bread, Squash,
Pie, Cheese.

SUPPER—Bread and Butter, Cold
Meat, Canned Berries, Cake, Tea.

POTATO CHOWDER.
Peel and slice one dozen medium
potatoes, Put a heaping tablespoon
of butter and a quart of milk;
in a saucepan; add a scant teaspoon
of salt; add the potatoes, cook slowly
half an hour; then add a pint of
milk; let boil, season if not to
taste; serve hot.

HOUSEHOLD ECONOMY.
The latest fad in household economy of
time and patience, and one that does not
appear in vain to the appreciation of home
economics, is a triangular and concave wedge
of sleet, fitting into the corners of the
staircase. These do not tarnish and re-
quire no rubbing.

Of turquoise blue figured silk. Corsage
of velvet in a darker shade; the front has
a V-shaped piece of blue silk inserted,
trimmed with plaited crepe lisse, with
beading of fine lace. Puff sleeves to el-
bow, finished with plaited crepe lisse and



shirred at shoulder. Bels of satin ribbon,
with silver buckles. Skirt flaring, with
full plaited back.

JEWELRY NOVELTIES.

Both bracelets and earrings are to have
their day again. The reappearance of the
bracelet is marked by a new design in
gold about half an inch wide which closes
with a peculiar clasp and may be worn over
the glove. Semi-precious stones, such as
the anethyst set with pearls are on the
high road to favor. Emeralds are con-
stantly increasing in value owing to the
supply becoming less.

One little fad in umbrellas in both
Paris and Berlin is a very slender handle
set in silver or carved ivory. Some very
graceful shapes are in silver gilt enamel-
ed tops. The forget-me-not is a very fa-
vorite design and the color of the enamel
matches the silk as in the Dresden
handles of last year.

Chateaufort are more popular in Paris
than ever. Sclippers, purses, bon bon boxes,
whistles, etc., in gold constitute a distinct
part of the toilette.

A jeweler who is a very large buyer for
the South, showed a rabbit's foot set in
gold, which constituted the charm in his
wife's watch chain, and said that in the
South he could not get enough to supply
the stores, so general is the superstition
in regard to their bringing good luck. No
Southern boy goes into a game of craps
without his rabbit's foot in his pocket. It
must be the left hind foot and properly
the rabbit should be shot at moonlight
while jumping over a grave. Apropos of
superstitions, he said the opal is their
best selling stone taking the year to-
gether.

This jeweler, who is a large manufac-
turer, has many interesting experiences in
getting his designs. He spends a part of
every year on the continent, and gets his
designs chiefly from the display in the
shop windows, which contain the whole
stock in trade. When something rare
strikes his fancy out comes his little
sketch book and down it goes before the
sometimes irate proprietor can utter a pro-
test.

Every year he goes through the same
amusing pantomime with a certain famed
jeweler in Switzerland. The American
knows not a word of German or French,
and the Swiss not a word of English. The
American always wires ahead the hour of
his arrival. A table is spread with the
samples of jewels, at which they both sit
down. The Swiss writes down the price of
an article, and at the first mentioned price,
the American always throws up both
hands in horror and nearly falls off his
chair. A price somewhat lower is offered
and his hands do not go up so high, and
he doesn't fall quite so near the floor.
This sort of thing is continued until a
price is offered at which the American
feels justified in indulging in a wan smile
and the bargain is closed. This little ex-
change has to be gone through with for the
purchase of every article every year.

A Remedy for a Cold.
At the beginning of a cold it is very
good to put the feet in a capacious foot-
bath, wetting the head and face well with
cold water. At the end of ten minutes
rub the knees down with cold water, and
dry thoroughly. A housekeeper can easily
prepare this mixture of capsaicin herself.
To one quart of vinegar add one quart
of a pound of red pepper; boil slowly for
fifteen minutes, and bottle for use. Add
two teaspoonfuls to one bath.

When there is danger of a cold settling
on the lungs make a lotion of one part
peppermint oil and two parts of kerosene
oil. Paint the parts where the pain is lo-
cated with this lotion. Lay a fold of flannel
over and apply a hot-water bag for ten
or fifteen minutes. This remedy is espe-
cially good for pain in the back of the head
and neck, soreness and tightness of the
chest between the shoulders.

Care of Shoes When Wet.
A woman dislikes to get her new shoes
wet, because it injures them; but, with
care, the wetting will not hurt them much.
As soon as the wet shoes can be
removed, rub them well with a soft cloth,
to get some of the dampness out, and re-
move all the mud, then rub them with a
cloth saturated with kerosene or vasoline.
Get as much of the oil into them as pos-
sible, and stuff the shoes into shape, set-
ting them aside for a few hours. Another
application of oil and rubbing will remove
all stiffness, and the shoes will be in order
when wanted.

Gores for Crepon.
All crepon skirts should be cut with
gores instead of after the circular pattern.
If it is done there is not nearly so much
danger of their becoming a shapeless mass.
An indication of trimming makes a gores
skirt a thing of beauty. The effect is es-
pecially if a narrow jeweled gallowt out-
lines each gore. Jet defining the gores
gives a stylish touch to a crepon skirt and
a narrow spangled trimming also looks
particularly well.

Household Economy.
The latest fad in household economy of
time and patience, and one that does not
appear in vain to the appreciation of home
economics, is a triangular and concave wedge
of sleet, fitting into the corners of the
staircase. These do not tarnish and re-
quire no rubbing.

Significant Words.

Hon. Geo. W. Ross on the Man-
itoba Question.

The Best Means of Doing Justice
to All Parties

Ontario's Example Should Be
Followed.

How Sir Oliver Mowat Avoided
Trouble With the Sister
Province.

Shall It Be Mr. Bowell and Coercion or
Mr. Laurier and Conciliation?

Montreal, Dec. 23.—On all hands, the
speeches of Hon. Wilfrid Laurier and
Hon. Geo. W. Ross, Minister of Educa-
tion for Ontario, delivered here last
Thursday evening, are commended as
pre-eminent expositions of the best
policy by which to govern Canada. The
silver-tongued son of Middlesex dealt
with the great increase in the public
debt and the situation of the Dominion,
and stated that while ratepayers should
be free, or taxed low, the reduction
of taxation on finished products
should not be precipitate, but would
be undertaken in a statesmanlike man-
ner. On the

MANITOBA SCHOOL QUESTION.
Mr. Ross made one of the ablest ad-
dresses yet delivered on the subject.
He claimed for the minority in Mani-
toba the right to denominational
schools, and even though the Mani-
toba School Act of 1890 had been de-
clared constitutional by the British
Columbia Council, he still held that the
Catholics had a right to the buildings
they had erected, and their teachers
should not be disqualified in the eyes
of the law. These were vested rights,
did the minority had a right to be
respected in the circumstances, the
appeal, and to have their appeal
calmly and in a conciliatory way con-
sidered by the Dominion authorities.
Mr. Ross repeated in power so deal with it?

With a haste, not to say precipi-
tancy, which wanted the calmness of
mature deliberation, a remedial order
was passed by the Dominion Govern-
ment, couched in peremptory terms,
asking Manitoba practically to restore
the denominational schools which had
been abolished by the act of 1890.

Now, you will allow me to say, and I
say it with respect to the Govern-
ment at Ottawa, that I believe the
remedial order was a mistake, that it
was premature, that it was impolitic,
and if pressed in the present tone and
irritated condition of the public mind
which will not subside for many years.

If I were a Roman
Catholic as I am not and understand-
ing the question as I do, I would not
ask for remedial legislation. I would
suppose the 20,000 Roman Catholics of
Manitoba get separate schools by the
legislation of the Dominion Parlia-
ment, and will their schools be regard-
ed by the people of Manitoba? If they
were considered objectionable, if they
existed under Provincial legislation,
they will be a thousand times more
objectionable under Dominion legisla-
tion, and they must be dependent upon
it for their human nature, that in Mani-
toba they will be subjected to attacks
which may in certain respects
neutralize the comforts and the in-
dignified advantages of separate
schools. (Applause.)

A REMEDIAL ORDER.
Then in the future, as is most prob-
able, should any change be required
in the law respecting separate schools,
how are these changes to be made?
The Manitoba Legislature cannot alter
the law in respect to a single jot or
tittle. Any alterations deemed neces-
sary must be made by the House of
Commons, and they must be passed
even its own laws in a matter of this
kind is questioned by the best legal
authorities. To my mind remedial leg-
islation by the Dominion Government
is a poor substitute for legislation by
the Province, and if I were a Roman
Catholic and had the choice of taking
remedial legislation from the Dominion
Government now and remedial legisla-
tion from the Manitoba Legislature,
even if I had to wait some time, I
would wait, holding my constitutional
rights in reserve until public opinion
had an opportunity of reconsidering
the situation in the light of judg-
ment of the Privy Council.

I said the remedial order was pre-
mature. I take the ground without any
hesitation whatever that the Dominion
Parliament has power to legislate
with regard to education in the par-
ticular case. I take that ground be-
cause I understand the constitution to
mean that, and the Privy Council de-
clares our system of confederation to
succeed only by observing the consti-
tution to the very letter and accept-
ing all its obligations whether we like
them or not, without evasion or con-
tentiousness. And so on one side the
Government has the right to issue a
remedial order, the time at which such
order should be issued is a matter of
judgment and policy. I think they
acted hastily, and I think a broader
statesmanship would have given Mani-
toba some time to consider the situa-
tion, would have given the people of
Manitoba, irrespective of creed, time
to view the question from every stand-
point, and if they then declined it
would be time enough for the Domi-
nion Government to enforce the con-
stitutional obligations with which it
was entrusted.

CONCILIATION NEEDED.
What has been the effect of this
hasty action on the part of the Govern-
ment? Just what might have been
expected—Manitoba has resented in-
terference. And so on one side the
Government has gone up, all over the Dominion,
pass the remedial order, and on the
other side, let there be no coercion.
To my mind the question has com-
pletely misrepresented the political prin-
ciple involved, and as a result it
stands it is of overwhelming import-
ance, of greater importance than any
question with which we have been
confronted since confederation, and if
I had a voice in the House of Com-
mons I would improve my fellow-men-
bers to hasten slowly.

Let us see what is the issue and who
are the contending parties. On the
one side is the Dominion Government
representing the political force of five
millions of people; and on the other
side a member of the family—a sister
Province, one of the smallest at
that, representing the political force
of 160,000, are about engaging in a
very unseemly family quarrel.

How should family quarrels be settled?
I put it to you as a matter of
experience, is it not by conciliation?

What does history say on this point?
When we had our difficulty with Nova
Scotia, as far back as '67, because of
objection to confederation, were
ordered to Nova Scotia. We had a
less she entered confederation within
48 hours she would be swept into the
sea or out adrift from the Dominion?
Not at all. Her objections were con-
sidered, her complaints were listened
to and her grievances to a certain ex-
tent removed, and the very leader of
the opposing forces—the Hon. Joseph
Howe—received into the Government.
That was practical politics. That was
the statesmanship of Sir John Macdon-
ald 25 years ago. Who would say
that in the light of history the proper
thing was not done? (Applause.)

Again, when British Columbia was
in a state of rebellion, during the
MacKenzie Administration because the
Canada Pacific Railway was not being
constructed as fast as the British
Columbia desired, now did Mr. Mac-
Kenzie in the matter of the railway
remorseless treated with contempt? By
no means. Mr. Edgar was sent in the
first place to see if any rearrange-
ments of the terms could be arrived at
which would be satisfactory. Later,
Lord Dufferin, then Governor-General,
paid a special visit to the Province for
the express purpose of bringing about
a better state of public opinion. Con-
ciliation, deliberation, and the latest
manipulation practiced by the Hon. Alex-
ander Mackenzie, all honor to his
noble memory. (Much applause.)

THE BOUNDARY DISPUTE.
Another instance, and one in which
Manitoba was specially concerned.
You remember the quarrel over the
boundaries between the Government of
Ontario and the Government of Mani-
toba. You remember how by an act
passed at Ottawa in 1881 the Govern-
ment of Manitoba considered itself
authorized to exercise jurisdiction over
certain portions of the territory in
which Ontario had appointed officers of
justice and was administering the laws
of the Province of Ontario. You will
perhaps remember that during a local
election the political strife became so
keen that officers of Manitoba inter-
fered with the officers of Ontario, both
presuming to exercise jurisdiction in
the same constituency. The Mani-
toba Government sent down the Win-
nipeg Field Battery to keep the peace,
and the Ontario Government sent in
special constables to restrain the warlike
purposes of the officers of the Mani-
toba Government. This was in 1883;
I remember it well. During the
greater part of the strife, however, I
was absent in England; I was in-
formed in the autumn. He was in-
formed of what was done in his absence.
To all appearance Manitoba and On-
tario, sister provinces lying side by
side, were entering upon a friendly
and unistery quarrel. Both as to
money and men and the right of prior
possession, Ontario occupied the
strongest position. How did Sir Oliver
treat this question? Did he issue a
remedial order warning Manitoba to
keep out of his Ontario preserves? Yes,
he did issue a remedial order, let me
read it:

To the Hon. Attorney-General Miller,
Winnipeg, Man.:
What is the use of Manitoba and On-
tario quarrelling? I wish you would
meet me here to try our hands at an
arrangement.

That was Sir Oliver Mowat's re-
medial order. How was it received
by the Manitoba authorities?

To the Hon. Oliver Mowat, Premier of
Ontario:
Attorney-General not here. Will see
him. In meantime rely on very best
co-operation in carrying out so reason-
able a suggestion.

(Signed) C. P. BROWN,
Coram of Public Works.

That is how the order was received.
In a few days Attorney-General Mil-
ler came down to Toronto and agreed
with Sir Oliver on a case to be sub-
mitted to the Privy Council, and from
that time till now Ontario and Mani-
toba have never failed to show "how
good and how pleasant a thing it is
for brethren to dwell together in
unity. Thank God, the view of able,
broad-minded statesmen, who have yet
become wholly extinct, although some-
what rare, in Dominion politics just
now. (Applause.)

SIR OLIVER'S METHOD.
"History is philosophy teaching by
experience," says Carlyle. What is
the use of Manitoba and Ontario quar-
relling? I wish you would meet me
here and try our hands at an arrange-
ment," said Sir Oliver Mowat, the
leader of the Liberal party in Ontario.
What does the leader of the Liberal
party in the Dominion say? Has he
not on every platform of Canada re-
iterated the same sentiment? His mes-
sage, conveyed through the press, from
the east coast of Canada to the west
coast, has been, "What is the use of Mani-
toba and the Dominion quarrelling? I wish
you would appoint a commission to try
our hands at an arrangement." That is
his message, and if you, his fellow-
brethren, doubt as to what the result shall
be, if you doubt the well-known proverb
that "history repeats itself," let your
fears be calmed when I state: That
manitoba's reply to the remedial order
invited this course in the Dominion.
It might effect a solution to the diffi-
culty. The words used are:

We believe that when the remedial
order was issued there was not avail-
able then to your Excellency a Com-
mission full and accurate information as
to the working of the former system of
schools.

Mr. Macdonald also believes that there was lack-
ing the means of forming a correct
judgment as to the effect upon the
Province of change in the direction
indicated in the order.

Being impressed with this view we
respectfully submit that it is not yet
too late to make a full and delib-
erate investigation of the whole subject.
Should such a course be adopted, we
shall cheerfully assist in affording the
most complete information available.

An investigation of such a kind would
furnish a substantial basis of fact upon
which conclusions could be formed
with a reasonable degree of certainty."

Mr. Macdonald in a letter to the pub-
lic press, written during the session
of Parliament, said: "Everybody
wishes that a solution of the question
may be found without any coercion
being part of the Dominion Parlia-
ment."

That the rights of the minority will
be treated with the utmost respect by
the Liberal party is shown by their
treatment of the Roman Catholic sepa-
rate schools in Ontario, and the question
therefore which the electors have to settle
very speedily is shall we have a commission,
then an inquiry, then a settlement, peace-
ful, permanent, and satisfactory, or
shall we have remedial legislation, then
a disruption of the friendly relations
which exist and should exist between
Protestants and Catholics, then the
coercion of the people of Manitoba
to accept a school system which
their Legislature rejected, and then
the whole fabric of confederation riven
and shaken to its very foundations.

Majority of Sir Mackenzie Bowell
and coercion, or Mr. Laurier and con-
ciliation. (Applause.)

A COMMISSION SUGGESTED.
Why should there be any objection
to a commission? A commission is
not a new thing in the history of
Canada. It was only the other day
that appointments were made by the
Dominion Government to a commission

to consider the waterways lying be-
tween Canada and the United States.
There is a commission now in session
devising to settle the accounts be-
tween Ontario and Quebec. We had a
commission on the labor question, on
prohibition, on the boundaries between
Canada and the United States, on the
western and northern boundaries of
Ontario, we had a commission to
settle the value of our Canadian fish-
eries. We had a commission to settle
the claims between Great Britain and
the United States, which sat in Geneva,
and considered what was known as
the Alabama claims. And was it not
last year that the late Sir John
Thompson and Sir Hibbert Tupper won
for themselves and their country much
honor, one as a commissioner and the
other as the representative of the Cana-
dian Government, in connection
with the rights of sealers in the Ber-
ing Sea. Now, if the Provinces have
issued commissions in great matters
of state, if it is not beneath the dig-
nity of Great Britain and the United
States and Imperial Russia to settle in-
ternational affairs involving millions of
money and the consideration of im-
portant questions of international law,
surely the Dominion Government can
afford, without any loss of dignity, to
refer the matter in dispute with Mani-
toba to a commission composed of the
best men in the Dominion, not for the
purpose simply of settling the law, for
the Privy Council has declared what
the law is, but of finding some way
whereby the grievances recognized by
the Privy Council may be removed
without impairing the integrity of the
School Act of 1890. This is the only
practicable and statesmanlike solution
of the difficulty, the only solution
which will prevent future complica-
tions and remove the question for
ever as it should be removed from the
arena of Dominion politics. (Great
Applause.)

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NO WAR SCARE.

London, Dec. 22.—No excitement has been manifested here in political circles over the Venezuelan complications, although their effect has been felt on the stock exchange. A striking fact is that without a single exception, if the utterances of the press and those of many representative men who have spoken on the subject can be relied upon, the whole country stands solidly behind the Marquis of Salisbury as the United States is understood to stand plidly behind President Cleveland. But, it should be added, it has been remarked in some quarters that the Marquis of Salisbury might very well have omitted the passage in his reply to the note of Secretary Olney which has been looked upon as questioning Secretary Olney's interpretation of the principle of the Monroe doctrine. Public opinion here, in spite of any statements to the contrary, certainly supports the general idea of the Monroe doctrine. It is not the doctrine itself which is resented in Great Britain, but the claim is made that it does not apply to the Venezuelan dispute as it stands. This seems to be the whole of the British contention, and as, according to reliable reports published here, there is some such belief in the United States, it is confidently expected in the best informed quarters that an amicable arrangement will be arrived at which will avert further financial troubles, to say nothing of a disastrous war between the two great English-speaking nations of the earth.

AT THE CLUBS.

As might be supposed, the members of the Carlton, the great Conservative club, concur in the hope that Lord Salisbury will maintain his policy of compromise, whatever might be the risk of war. The Tory landowners, inheriting the traditions of party, and possibly interested in enhanced values of home-grown grains, are naturally of the same opinion.

At the Constitutional Club, a less exclusive organization than the Carlton, the opinions expressed were much the same. Perhaps the jingoism was more pronounced.

At the Reform Club, President Cleveland's message was resented as a diverting blow. The Liberal hope, dealing with Lord Salisbury's policy in Turkey, while the message is certain to turn the nation into support of the government in a moderate policy of resisting American aggression. The respect of the Earl of Kimberley, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in Lord Rosebery's Cabinet, guides their approval of Lord Salisbury's adherence to the Earl of Kimberley's line of action.

At the National Liberal Club the dominant tone was one of regret that the quarrel would tend to alienate the peoples of the two countries and lessen the influence of the United States here, and so lessen democratic progress in Great Britain. The National Liberal Club has over 6,000 members, and among them radicalism, verging upon republicanism, prevails. The closest affiliation with the American people and with American ideas is their sincerest aspirations. There is no wonder, therefore, that they are disappointed by the message, which has caused an outburst of national antipathy toward the supposed wounds thought to have been long since assuaged. The editorials published by the Chronicle and called to the United States fairly represent the opinion prevailing at the National Liberal Club that a war between the two is impossible. The radicals credit Mr. Cleveland with being conscientious and honest, and believed he is not influenced by party motives. They, however, consider his message as showing aberration of judgment.

THE QUEEN DEEPLY INTERESTED.

The Queen is showing the keenest anxiety in the difficulty. Lord Salisbury was closeted on Friday at the Foreign Office, not seeing even the diplomats. In the evening he sent a long dispatch to her Majesty at Osborne House, on the Isle of Wight, where she is at present sojourning.

PROTECTIONISTS BUSY.

In addition to the financial disorder which has been the first feature of the trouble, there is another phase of the war scare which deserves special attention, not only in England, but in the United States. The alarming reports circulated have been seized upon by the agricultural party as a justification for the demands which they have recently made upon the Government for a change in the policy of Great Britain from free trade to protection. Mr. James Lowther, M.P., leader of the protection party, indicates this in a pointed letter printed in the Times, and showing the grave conception in which Great Britain would be if her food supplies from America were stopped. Mr. Lowther points out that 50 per cent of the British food imports come from the United States, and he therefore asks that British agriculture be protected in order to make this country as independent as possible of American food supplies. Fears are expressed that the war agitation will materially assist the movement for protection against American food imports, although the Statist gives utterance to a grave warning to the public not to be frightened into supporting import duties upon wheat. In spite of such warnings, however, there is little doubt that the agitation here in favor of protection has been and will be further greatly strengthened by the bellicose utterances on both sides of the Atlantic, and with a strong Conservative Government in office it is thought that some measure for the protection and fostering of British husbandry is not unlikely to be introduced shortly and to become law in due course of time.

GERMANY DOESN'T LIKE IT.

President Cleveland's message to Congress on the boundary dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela, dropped like a thunderbolt upon Germany, and

immediately overshadowed all questions of domestic politics and the Armenian embargo. The almost general condemnation of the action of President Cleveland upon the part of the German press is due less to love for England than to the conviction that the interests of Germany are also threatened. In political and even in Government circles the attitude of the Marquis of Salisbury is receiving unusual approval, evidently with the hope of impressing Americans with the fact that Germany is backing England up in this dispute, and to thus induce President Cleveland to abandon the position he has taken up before serious trouble supervenes. Nobody, however, now expects that hostilities between the two countries will break out and the financial aspect of the affair is taken much more seriously in Berlin. If the dispute between Great Britain and the United States was to grow very acute it is thought in Berlin that the former country would endeavor to obtain a pronouncement upon the part of the European Governments against President Cleveland's interpretation of the Monroe doctrine, for the success of Mr. Cleveland, it is thought, would have grave consequences in the future relations of the European powers and the turbulent South American States. The latest news from America, however, is regarded as promising the refusal of the business men to endorse President Cleveland's attitude, and all eyes are directed towards the developments of the financial crisis. The Reichstag having adjourned until Jan. 9, no public expression of official opinion is possible just now.

WANTED BISMARCK'S ADVICE.

Next to President Cleveland, Emperor William's visit to Prince Bismarck at Friedrichsruhe has been the topic of the past week. Instead of being, as at first intimated, purely a visit of courtesy, His Majesty's call upon the ex-Chancellor appears to have been of prime political importance, for the news leaked out early in the week that the Emperor sought the advice of Prince Bismarck on the eastern and colonial questions. The German press at first refused to believe this, but it is now generally admitted to be perfectly correct. The matter reached the ears of the public by the indiscreet conversation of a high court official to whom the Emperor personally confided the information, and later Prince Bismarck's own organ, the Hamburger Nachrichten, confirmed the statement. It is reported that Prince Bismarck advised the Emperor to introduce into the Reichstag, so soon as feasible, a new Anti-Socialist Bill, modeled on the bill of 1878, but containing more stringent provisions. The ex-Chancellor, it is also understood, counseled the acceptance of the resignations of Dr. Von Boetticher, the Imperial Secretary of State for the Interior, and Baron Marschal von Bieberstein, the Imperial Minister for Foreign Affairs, whose resignations have been in the Emperor's pocket since spring. The Hamburger Nachrichten, during the course of several articles on the subject, discussed the imminent necessity of suppressing, by military action, the social revolution, which is believed to be threatening.

THE FINANCIAL FLUTTER.

London, Dec. 22.—The rumor that the Rothschilds had decided to immediately withdraw £5,000,000 (\$25,000,000) from America is attracting great attention. But the Rothschilds informed the Associated Press that this report, as well as the report of the collapse of negotiations for a United States loan were utterly untrue.

The manager of a house whose influence is felt in every big financial transaction, remarked: "If European investors take everything seriously, there is no knowing where the decline of the market will be. But the outlook is somewhat more favorable today. After all, the merchants and bankers must make their influence felt, and we have indications that the really serious business men of America are anxious to undo the harm the jingoes have done."

Business on the Stock Exchange closed steady. There was a recovery from the worst points shown, but the feeling was that it would be a difficult task to restore the confidence of ordinary investors in American securities. Most of the newspapers publish comparative tables showing the great difference between prices of American stocks before President Cleveland's message on the Venezuelan question was sent to Congress and the prices today.

GEN. LAWRIE'S OPINION.

Gen. Lawrie, formerly a member of the Canadian House of Commons, who arrived in London during the early part of last week, said during the course of an interview upon the sensational reports in circulation, that while he firmly believed that President Cleveland's message to Congress on the Venezuelan question was only an "electioneering kite," it must be recognized that there is a very large amount of "damnable material" in the United States to which President Cleveland has applied a match, and which at any moment might get beyond his control. Continuing, Gen. Lawrie remarked: "There is, therefore, a very serious risk of certain hotheads in the frontier attacking what they cordially hate—the British flag. So far as Canada is concerned, the chief danger lies in a small party of these jingoes, creating in a moment of excitement and insulting the flag in a way to at once call for retaliation."

THE SULTAN PLEASED.

With the Venezuelan question on the tapis there is no prospect of any concerted action in Armenia at present. A Constantinople correspondent who has been unusually well informed throughout the crisis writes recording the Sultan's triumph at the difficulty Great Britain is now placed in, and says that neither England nor any of the powers has yet done anything to save the 400,000 Armenians who are now facing the alternative of starvation or conversion to Mohammedanism. The Sultan, the writer continues, is confident and exulting and has never before been in such spirits.

He impresses his visitors as being more clear-headed and logical in conversation than usual, and more determined than ever to carry out his own plans. In fact, it is said that the Sultan is stronger than he was six months ago, and that he no longer fears the Turkish revolutionists, much less the powers. The Speaker, commenting upon the subject, says "President Cleveland has done badly for the Christians of Armenia, and exceedingly well for the murderers of the Yildiz Kiosk."

MORE TROUBLE.

The attempt to compel King Premph of Ashantee to accept a British resident, and grant other demands made by the British, threatens to be a harder task than was at first expected. The War Office no longer says that the British expedition will merely march to Comassie, the capital of Ashantee. King Premph is not desirous of surrendering to the British. The Ashantees are armed with good rifles, and have plenty of ammunition, their arms being supplied to them by French traders.

Trouble is also impending in the Transvaal, where the growing British population threatens to start a rebellion against the French Government unless they are conceded privileges of citizenship equal to those enjoyed by other colonists.

OUT OF SIGHT.

Whatever else may be said, President Cleveland has come to the rescue of the unspeakable Turk. The Eastern question has dropped out of sight. The Sultan has ceased for a week to be a prominent figure in the eyes of Christendom. He has escaped observation and has been left at liberty to order additional massacres of Armenians and continue the process of pacifying rebellious provinces by bloodshed and rapine. The President of the American commonwealth has been transformed before English eyes into an unspeakable jingo.

LIBERAL DEMONSTRATION.

Though the Armenian question has been shoved into the background by the Venezuela dispute, the executive committee of the National Liberal Club is arranging for a conference of the club to organize a great public demonstration in favor of the Armenians on the eve of the reopening of Parliament. The bishops of Rochester, Bath, Hereford and Ripon and other church dignitaries have approved of a special service throughout the country on behalf of the Armenians. The service will be held on Dec. 28.

NO POLITICS.

Apart from the Venezuela question there is neither diplomacy nor politics this week. The Duke of Devonshire has been pouring cold water on various safe subjects. Mr. Chamberlain, who goes to Windsor so often that he is known as the court favorite, has not entirely retired from socialist politics. He has not been speaking on the subject, but a five-line letter has been drawn from him in favor of old-age pensions, to which he devoted considerable attention during the recent political canvass. He still affects great interest in it, and expresses the hope that the Government may be able to adopt the suggestion that a commission be appointed to examine the question in all its bearings, with a view to legislation. About seven reports from commissions of this kind have already been presented, and he now asks for another as a convenient method of dropping the whole subject. There will be no old-age pensions under the present Government.

FLOGGING SCHOOLGIRLS.

A police justice has been found who decides that flogging girls in boarding schools is not legal unless the caning is confined to the hand. A Chelsea girl of 13, who had been unusually mischievous, was laid on the table and flogged on the back, some strokes falling on the bare flesh. Five stalwart teachers co-operated in administering the punishment. The justice asserted that it would have been a proper procedure for a bad boy, but that the law did not permit girls to be punished so roughly. It is evident that religious education is not the only thing that needs revision in English schools.

THE LATEST LIBEL SUIT.

The Countess De Bremond's libel suit against Mr. W. S. Gilbert was one of the pleasantest of a gloomy week. She wrote as a journalist, asking him to allow her an interview with him professionally. He tried to put her off by demanding 20 guineas as an entrance fee. She replied with sarcasm that she hoped she would have the pleasure of writing his obituary for nothing. She had given a Roland for his Oliver, but, bright man as he is, he did not take the joke easily. He wrote a letter to his employer urging that a sharp eye should be kept on her, and commented on her discretion, ability and title. She sued him for libel, mainly for referring to her as a lady who styled herself a Countess De Bremond, but lost her case after having the privilege of an interview with Mr. Gilbert in the witness box instead of a coffin. The Lord Chief Justice referred to the interview as one of the plagues of modern society. It must be an established English institution if the courts take cognizance of it.

THE MARLBOROUGHS AT MONTE CARLO.

The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough are stopping at the Grand Hotel, Monte Carlo. They will soon proceed to Italy. A newspaper correspondent, referring to their first visit to the Casino, says that both the duke and duchess staked five francs there and lost. Apparently satisfied that they were not in good luck, the young couple did not venture any further in gambling.

CABLE NOTES.

Mr. Gladstone, will start for Biarritz on Dec. 27.

The Queen is in rather feeble health than usual, but her condition does not cause anxiety.

Lord Salisbury will entertain a large party at Harewood House, his residence, during the Christmas holidays.

The date for holding the Irish National Conference has now been fixed in May. America, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa will send delegates.

The Eclair today denies that French sympathies are with England, saying that, on the contrary, they are with the republic, adding: "If England's power and prestige are lessened, nothing would be more to the advantage of France."

At a meeting of the English Church Union, at which the Duke of Newcastle presided, it was decided to petition the bishops to order clergymen to refuse to marry persons who have been divorced, such marriages being contrary to the law of the church, and a grievous injury to Christian morality.

Trouble is impending in the Transvaal, where the growing British population threatens to start a rebellion against the Boer Government unless they are conceded privileges of citizenship equal to those enjoyed by the Boers.

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Chicago Gas.	61	62	61	62
Gen. Electric.	24	25	24	25
Ill. and N.	130	131	130	131
Manhattan.	101	102	101	102
Montreal Pacific.	101	102	101	102
Pacific Mail.	23	24	23	24
Rock Island.	62	63	62	63
Reading.	61	62	61	62
St. Paul.	63	64	63	64
Tenn. Coal and Iron.	24	25	24	25
Wabash.	14	15	14	15
Western Union.	83	84	83	84
Distillers.	134	135	134	135
U. S. Leather.	61	62	61	62
Sugar Trust.	91	92	91	92
Tobacco Trust.	71	72	71	72

Montreal Stock Market.

Dec. 23.

Canadian Common	5	4
Duluth preferred	153	154
Commercial Cable, ex.	153	154
Wabash Common	153	154
Wabash preferred	153	154
Montreal Telegraph	167	168
Richelle and Ontario	100	100
Montreal Street Railway	219	218
Montreal Street Railway, new	219	218
Montreal Gas Company	190	198
Bell Telephone	165	167
Royal Electric, ex.	145	146
Toronto Railway, ex.	70	70
Bank of Montreal	220	218
Ontario Bank	153	154
Bank of Commerce	137	135
Bank of Montreal, pref.	30	30
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buy and buy.

—Miss Allison Dickson, of "The
Ravines," South London, has returned
home from the Hamilton Ladies' Col-
lege.

—Mr. J. B. Allenby, of London West,
has received a rabbit from the old
country which weighs eleven pounds
and measures 22 inches from tip to
tip of the ears.

—Miss Jean Davidson, a former Mid-
dlessex school teacher, who has been in
the Toronto hospital for the past two
months, has recovered sufficiently to re-
turn to her home at Union, Ont.

—At the residence of Hon. Clifford
Sifton, Brandon, Miss Gussie Burrows,
sister of Mrs. Sifton, and who is well-
known here, was married to Mr.
Beattie, sheriff of Bracebridge, Ont.

—Daniel Smith, of Belmont, was on
Saturday charged with Spuria Lacey
with using abusive language towards
John H. Millar, a hotel-keeper at that
place. The case was settled on Smith
paying the costs.

—W. H. Henderson, of Prescott, formerly
of London, traveler for the Globe Casket
Company in the lower provinces, with his
family, is spending the Christmas holidays
with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hen-
derson, Queen's avenue.

—Before leaving the Home for In-
curables last week, Miss Robertson
was the recipient of a handsome pre-
sent from the patients, who will ever
remember her gratefully for her many
acts of kindness to them.

—The pupils of school section No. 1
and 1, London and Dorchester, pre-
sented their teacher, Miss Agnes Dav-
idson, with an address, together with
a number of presents, as a token of
affection and of her work during the
past two and a half years. They wish-
ed her all success in her work in To-
ronto.

—Saturday morning the closing exercises
of L'Assomption College, Sandwich, took
place and the students then dispersed for
the holidays. A feature of the exercises
was the ordination service, conducted by
his Lordship, Bishop O'Connor. Among
the numerous priests present were Father
Brennan and Father Downey, of London.
Father Schapman, of the Jesuit College,
Detroit, preached in English, and Bishop
O'Connor spoke in French.

—Mr. W. Reath, St. Thomas, has re-
ceived the contract from the Dominion
Bridge Company, of Montreal, to construct
the frame work of the new iron bridges to
be constructed on the L. and P. S. over
Mill and Kettle Creek. The bridges will
be almost 1,200 feet long. Part of the iron
work of the bridges has arrived, and the
remainder is en route. Work will be com-
menced today on the Mill Creek bridge by
Mr. Reath. It will take about three months
to complete the bridge.

—The concert given in the Foresters'
Hall, South London, under the aus-
pices of Lodge Trafalgar, No. 1, Sons of
England, was a decided success, de-
spite the very unfavorable weather.
The programme consisted of songs, re-
citations, violin, cornet and autoharp
selections. The contributors were: Miss
Dawe, Mr. Bamslow and Miss Laid-
law; recitations, Mr. H. S. Norwood,
Miss Hornsby, Mr. A. Gammon, Mr. A.
Wicks, Mr. R. Madge, Mr. Barrett,
Miss Beaton, Mr. Jones and Mr. Cor-
bin; songs, Messrs. George Duckett
and J. Smythe, cornet selections,
Misses Robertson and Rutherford,
duet; Mr. Parsons, violin solo. Aid.
Parnell made a capital chairman. Mr.
F. S. Orr was the chairman of the
committee.

—The Forest City Literary Association
met at the parsonage of the B. M.
E. Church on Friday evening, the
president, N. W. Martin, in the chair,
and all the members present except
Harry Martin and Jessie Gray. First
came the critic's report from Mrs. A.
E. Holden. It showed that the asso-
ciation was rapidly improving. Miss
Louise Reid presented a reading en-
titled "Leave Them Things Outside".
Miss Martha Lewis read the "Death
of the Reveler"; Mr. F. F. Fountain
sang a solo, "Keep Your Lamps Lit";
Miss Ethel Reid gave a reading en-
titled "What He Got"; Mr. A. E.
Holden another, "Edith Helps Things
Along"; and N. Martin a third entitled,
"Pat's Courtship." Last on the pro-

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Free for One Day
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This is a most exquisite toilet pre-
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the skin and complexion.

Suitable for either ladies or gents;
and no person desiring beautiful skin
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the coarsest and roughest skin and
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Goods cheap at Barkwell's
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Ever Shown in London.

Large assortment of fancy Dressing
Cases, Manicure Sets, Work Bas-
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New Lines of Purses and Shopping Bags

Dolls' Carriages, Dolls' Sleighs,
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Games of All Kinds

Crokinole, Forte, Kings' Court,
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All the Annuals and Xmas Books.

168 Dundas St., 2 Doors from Richmond

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Will be home for the holidays. You'll have
to entertain them some way. Better get
a box of cigars. We have them from 50c
a box up. Also everything a first-class
tobacconist should keep.

Sam K. Stewart,
202½ Dundas Street.

gramme, but not least, was an address
on progress by Mr. John Reid. This
was a welcome contribution, and gave
encouragement to the members of the
association to push on. Rev. R. L.
Holden arrived in time to give a word
of welcome. Mrs. Holden served the
guests with refreshments, and they
left for home. The next meeting is left
to the call of the president.

OSGOODE HALL ECHOES.

In the Single Court, at Toronto, be-
fore Judge Meredith, a decision was
given on Friday in the case of Cottam
vs. Nicholson and Brock. E. R. Cam-
eron, of London, for plaintiff; H. D.
Gamble for defendants. Motion for
interim injunction turned by consent
into motion for judgment, and judg-
ment granted in terms minutes as fol-
lows: Defendants not to use the words
"Bird Bread" in their business. De-
fendants admit the validity of plain-
tiff's patent, and consent to cancella-
tion of defendant Brock's patent; de-
fendants to be at liberty to use 1,500
copies of the label complained of, at
present on their packages, leaving out
the words "Bird Bread"—balance of
defendants' labels to be destroyed. The
plaintiff in this case is Mr. Bart Cot-
tam, of Dundas street, the well-known
dealer in bird seed, and other articles.

THERE IS NOT a more dangerous
class of disorders than those which af-
fect the breathing organs. Nullify this
danger with Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil
—a pulmonary acknowledged efficacy.
It cures soreness and lameness when
applied externally, as well as swelled
neck and crick in the back; and, as an
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stantial claims to public confidence.

Make up your mind that cheapness of
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price.

Oak Hall suits and overcoats are the
cheapest made in Canada, because they are
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Overcoats \$5 to \$15.

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And to make you sure of a bargain we
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Your money back if you are not suited

Xmas Fruits and Fine Goods for spot
cash: Oranges 2c, Lemons 15c to 20c,
Dates 5c, Figs 5c; Table Raisins, the finest,
18c per lb; Mixed Candy 4 lbs for 25c; best
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BOTHAM, 247 Dundas street.

Cerol Waterproof High Polish Shoe
Dressing contains nothing injurious.
Price, 15 cents.

Xmas Presents

Wood Top Skates..... 25
Steel Spring Skates..... 65
Boys' Jack Knives..... 10 to 25
Girls' Pocket Knives..... 20 to 35
Gentlemen's Pocket Knives..... 25 to 75
Finest Razors..... \$1.00 to \$1.50
Air Rifles..... 1.25 to 2.25
Florent Rifles..... 2.50 to 4.00

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No Trouble to Show Our Goods.

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No One

Appreciates a Ohristmas gift simply for its
dollars' and cents' value, but for the senti-
ment that prompts the giver. If your friends
are many and your means limited, you can
find hundreds of sensible and inexpensive
little things here. See that no one is

Forgotten.

No matter how trifling the gift is, it will show
that they have been remembered. Do not let
anyone go about on this the most joyful of
days with a sad face, conscious of the fact
that they have been forgotten.

OPEN EVENINGS.

Dolls.

If the world in which we live
were as perfect as our doll world
is the millennium would be nearer
than it is to-day.

Large, 16-inch Doll..... \$0 10
Large 16-inch Doll, real hair..... 15
Beautiful, 30 inches, real hair.. 40

Bric-a-Brac

It is a happy boy or girl whose
Christmas gifts include some art-
icle in leather or plush. We are
showing hundreds of exquisite
styles at the lowest of low prices.

Leather Music Folio, silk
lined..... \$0 25
Leather-Covered Writing Folio..... 50

Large-Sized Leather - Covered
Writing Folio..... 75
Plush-Covered Collar and Cuff
Box for..... 60

Plush-Covered Writing Folio..... 50
Plush-Covered Writing Cabl-
net..... 35

Plush - Covered Frame for
Photo..... 15
Plush - Covered Frame for
Photo, large size..... 25

Leather Covered Photograph
Album, in Morocco and Rus-
sian, sterling silver clasp..... 50

Plush Covered Photograph
Album, hand-painted floral
designs..... 25

Beautiful Autograph Album..... 5
Leather or Plush Covered Auto-
graph Album..... 10

Handkerchiefs

Christmas is a great enthusiast in
handkerchief selling, and this
store has made the nicest selec-
tion of the daintiest lines which
could be bought. They make in-
expensive presents, and are neat
and pretty. Don't you know
several little ladies you could
make happy with just such a gift.

One lot Colored Borders..... \$0 2½
Several dozen Fine Hemstitch-
ed Lawn..... 5

Fancy Swiss Embroidered, 3
of them for..... 25
Fine White Silk, initialed or
plain..... 10

Extra large White Silk, in-
itiated or plain..... 50
Half dozen White Lawn, pack-
ed in neat box..... 18

Men's Wear

In this department we have
articles which will gratify the
male side of the house, for
instance, a pair of Silk Web Sus-
penders or a Choice Tie.

Genuine Napa Buck Gloves, fine
fleece lined..... \$0 90
Fine Close Knit Wool Gloves..... 25

Well Finished Kid Gloves, silk
stitched, fleece lined..... 50
Men's White Shirts, laundered,
linen fronts..... 50

All Silk, beautiful patterns,
four-in-Hands and Knots..... 12
All-Silk Strap Bows..... 12½

Special line of Silk-lined
Derbys, the newest..... 25
Silk-lined Strap Bows, in all
colors..... 25

A beautiful line of Fancy
Knots, just the thing for a
Christmas present—were
formerly sold for 60c, our
price now..... 35

Hosiery

HOLIDAY PRICES.

Ladies' 50c genuine English
Black Cashmere Hose, plain
and ribbed, high-applied
heels..... \$0 33

Ladies' Extra Heavy English
Black Cashmere..... 23

Perfumes.

The gift of a bottle of perfum
shows the refined taste of the
giver. There is nothing more
dainty or appropriate.

One Bottle Hoyt's German
Cologne, put up in wicker-
covered bottles..... \$0 10

Swiss White Lilac, in beauti-
ful cut-glass bottles..... 15
Lily of the Valley, Wood,
Violet and Lilac, in large 2-
oz. cut-glass bottles, fancy
stoppers..... 25

China

In your search for a gift you
will do well to inspect our China
and Glassware Department. We
have a fascinating variety, and
our prices are positively lower
than elsewhere.

Individual Salts and Popper.. \$0 5
Cut-Glass Cake Stand..... 9

Cut-Glass Celery Glass..... 9
Cut-Glass Butter Dish..... 9

Cut-Glass Syrup Pitchers.... 12
Cut-Glass Water Pitchers.... 15

Cut-Glass Rose Bowl..... 25
Half Dozen Goblets..... 25

Half Dozen Wine Glasses.... 25
Large, Colored Lamps, pink,
blue and white frosting.... 49

Beautiful Chamber Set, 10
pieces..... 1 69
Tea Set (41 pieces), beautifully
decorated..... 2 69

Gloves

If you are a man and are
puzzled what to buy, you should
remember that your daughter or
wife would not thank you for a
toy monkey or a squeaking pig,
but get her a new pair of gloves
and she'll drive away your cares
for a year.

Black Cashmere Gloves, fleeced \$0 23
The Ringwood Glove, in white 22

The Andrea Kid Glove..... 1 08
White Mosquitare Gloves.... 75

The Constance Kid, in black
and tan..... 75
Ladies' Laced, embroidered
back, newest shades of red,
tan, grey and brown, at..... \$1 00

Table Linen

The holiday spirit has touched
this department, as evidenced by
the quantities of these goods we
are selling to make somebody's
Christmas happier.

66-inch Double Damask, the
yard..... \$0 25
Special, 60-inch Double Damask 30

64-inch Cream, three-quarter
bleached, worth 50c..... 37½
60-inch Turkey Red Damask.... 30

60-inch Red and Green Damask 45
Irish Linen Napkins, # size, the
dozen..... 60

Extra Fine Irish Linen, # size.. 85
Special Irish Linen, # size..... 1 00

Ribbons

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