

Sarsaparilla Sense.

Any sarsaparilla is sarsaparilla. True. So any tea is tea. So any flour is flour. But grades differ. You want the best. It's so with sarsaparilla. There are grades. You want the best. If you understood sarsaparilla as well as you do tea and flour it would be easy to determine. But you don't. How should you? When you are going to buy a commodity whose value you don't know, you pick out an old established house to trade with, and trust their experience and reputation. Do so when buying sarsaparilla.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla has been on the market 50 years. Your grandfather used Ayer's. It is a reputable medicine. There are many Sarsaparillas—but only one Ayer's. It cures.

Winter Sports.

Watford Hockey Players Looking for a Match.

The Barrie Team Beaten by the Berlin Club.

Meeting of the Pastime Baseball Club—Drawing for the Finals in the Ontario Tankard Contest.

OURLING.

FOR THE FINALS.

Toronto, Feb. 10.—The drawing for the finals of the Ontario tankard competition took place last evening. Fourteen of the winners in the 16 groups came to town, the only absent being Kettle and Lockwood. The draw resulted in the arrangement of contests as follows for today: Collingwood and Ottawa, Barrie and London, Caledonian and Lindsay, Buffalo and Pergus, Seaford and Hamilton, Scarborough and Queen City. Brantford and Chatham won byes, and will play together in the second round. The first two rounds will be played today.

SHOTS.

Galt curlers have formed a flying squadron of twenty members, and at the end of the present month they will visit a number of cities and towns.

THE TURF.

The purses hung up by the St. Petersburg association for the meeting now in progress in Russia will aggregate over \$150,000.

The plan of calling a race finished at the end of the fifth heat, which was tried by New England breeders last year, proved so satisfactory that it will be continued this season.

IMPROVEMENTS AT FORT ERIE.

Buffalo, Feb. 10.—The Port Erie Jockey Club will next week advertise for bids for the construction of a new track and grandstand. The cost of construction will aggregate \$100,000. Bids will be asked for in Canada as well as in the United States.

HOOCKEY.

BERLIN VS. BARRIE.

Berlin, Ont., Feb. 10.—The Barrie hockey team played Berlin last night and were defeated by 6 to 3. The visitors were accompanied by 200 or more of their friends.

WATFORD WANTS A MATCH.

To the Sporting Editor:—The Watford Hockey Club invite the London hockey team to a friendly game on their rink and good rink here, and the team is composed of players who are sports of the first grade, and will guarantee a good game. Write to C. A. Class, secretary Watford club, who will tell of the inducements offered.

ATHLETICS.

BLOWS.

Federal Palmer has accepted the challenge of George Dixon, pugilist. At Quebec, on Monday night, Slavin and Hall had a friendly encounter, Slavin being knocked out in the fifth round.

BASEBALL.

FOREIGN BALL TOSSERS.

San Francisco, Feb. 10.—America is this year to be invaded by an Australian ball team. Manager Musgrove is expected by any amount. He was manager of the last Australian cricket team that visited this country, and has been given carte blanche to arrange all preliminaries. It is intended to send over fifteen men. The following nine has been definitely chosen: Laver, Ington, McAlister, Mackay, Wallace, Kemp, Ellis, Smith and Ewers.

THE PASTIMES.

A meeting of the members of the Pastime Baseball Club was held on Monday evening for the purpose of re-organizing for 1897, a large number being present. The report of the secretary-treasurer showed a handsome balance from last season. Several new players have been signed, and the team will be stronger than ever.

WHEEL.

A SIX DAY CONTEST.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 10.—The 2 p.m. race yesterday in the six days bicycle race was: Waller, 202 miles; Gimn, 261; Schock, 247; Hall, 242; Forster, 230; Buckel, 214; Dench, 206; Turville, 197. The 14-hour record made at Madison Square Garden by Reading, was broken by Waller by three-fifths of a mile.

The starters are: Louis Gimn, Cleveland; Fred Forster, Germany; Frank Walker, Germany; George Van Emden, Arlington; Mrs. J. Albert Schuck, New York; Charles Buckel, Allegheny; George Dench, Pittsburg; Andrew Johnson, Long Island; Louis Hall, Philadelphia; Clement Turville, Philadel-

New Boodling Charges.

Dominion Government Enters on Another Investigation.

Intercolonial Officials Suspected of Serious Offences.

Riviere du Loup, Que., Feb. 10.—The Dominion Government is prosecuting, very quietly, an investigation which, it is promised by those who have been instrumental in starting it, will develop some interesting revelations.

The investigation has to do with the acts of certain officials of the Intercolonial Railway in Quebec, and others who have had business connections with that corporation, and may ultimately extend to an examination of the whole workings of the road for the past twenty years.

The charges which form the basis of the present inquiry were first brought to the government's attention by Mr. P. A. Choquette, M.P. for Montmagny, who some time ago wrote to the Hon. A. G. Blair, Minister of Railways and Canals, stating that grave irregularities had come to his knowledge as having been committed in connection with the Intercolonial, and asking a commission be appointed to inquire into the affair. Mr. Choquette also wrote Mr. Blair to the same effect at the same time, mentioning a few of the frauds which he alleged had been committed.

The Independent Order of Foresters of London township will give a grand concert at the town hall, John's, on Thursday evening, Feb. 18. An entertainment of vocal and instrumental music more than ordinary merit will be given, as the committee in charge have secured a fine list of performers. Mr. McNee, chief ranger, and C. E. Smith, financial secretary, have charge of the entertainment, and will undoubtedly do all in their power to make it a success.

The people of West Nisourit last night gathered together to the number of 400 or 500 to show their appreciation of the efforts of Mr. Webster, lot 3, con. 7, in connection with municipal matters. They drove in sleighs to Mr. Webster's palatial residence as a surprise party, and there spent a most enjoyable time. Mr. Webster, a comparatively young man, and has won the hearts of the people of his constituency by his earnest efforts in their behalf. He has done duty in West Nisourit council for eight or nine years, and has represented the township in the county council for two or three terms. Councillor D. Quinn did the honors as chairman. The speakers of the evening were Mr. E. Sullivan, Zorra, J. A. Young, and E. B. McCarthy, Thamesford, W. W. Day, Elmer Day, J. G. McLeod, and J. R. Murray, Columbus, West Zorra; John McCombe, Alex. Fram, of Embury, and W. A. Stewart, of Embury. Solos were ably rendered by Mr. Wm. Livingston, Thamesford, and Douglas Macdonald, Wm. McDonald, F. Ladel, J. 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Other Vacant Seats.

SIX seats in the Dominion House of Commons are now vacant. One only of these was held by a Liberal-Bonaventure, Que.—and it has been rendered vacant by the lamentable death, in the prime of life, of Mr. Plamuel. The other five constituencies were held by Conservatives, who have been unseated because of corrupt practices. The seats are: Macdonald, and Winnipeg, in Manitoba; Champlain, in Quebec; Colchester, in Nova Scotia; and West Prince, in Prince Edward Island. The general impression is that the Liberals will carry at least four out of six of those constituencies, and may win them all.

Hamilton City Council has abolished the office of assessment commissioner on the ground that it is an unnecessary expense. Several aldermen were looking for the job, and the decision has caused somewhat of a surprise in the Dundas valley.

Ten Millions of Dollars for Prizes.

Many of our readers ought to be interested in the important bequest made by Alfred Nobel, inventor of dynamite, who has left \$10,000,000 to establish five annual prizes, three of them for purely scientific discovery. This is probably the most notable bequest of the century, and its operation is confined to no people or country. Competition for the prizes will be open to the world. They are to be awarded respectively to the persons who shall have made during the year the most important discoveries in physics, in chemistry, and in physiology, to the one who shall have produced the greatest work in the ideal sense of the domain of letters, and to him who shall have done most toward the establishment of universal peace. The testator goes on to say:

"Of all the statements made public before the tariff commission," remarks the Monetary Times, "those made on behalf of the producers of petroleum were among the most complete; among the few that attempted to cover the whole case, they were perhaps the most successful. One argument was that of the 6 cents duty, only 3 ought to be counted as telling in favor of the industry. Two cents were devoted to the National Policy, which increases the cost of working the oil deposits. There was an apparent frankness about the defense which could not fail to gain credit. After it has been subjected to criticism, its value will be better understood. In the meantime it is only fair to say that it was marked by ability of a high order."

Latest Industrial Developments.
Since the Advertiser's last report of the starting of new industries or the enlargement of factories now existing, numerous changes have been chronicled. Here are a few from the latest issue of the Canadian Manufacturer:

Loughead's Hub and Spoke Works will reopen in Sarnia very soon, the machinery destroyed by fire being replaced by modern devices.
The Smith manufacturing Company, of Galt, Ont., are putting in machinery for the manufacture of knit elastic goods, such as belts, knit caps, bandages, etc.
The Otto Higel Company, Toronto, manufacturers of piano action and keys, have greatly enlarged the capacity of their factory to meet increased demand.

Mr. D. Ferguson is starting a factory at Komoka, Ont., for the manufacture of brooms.
The E. B. Eddy Company, pulp and paper manufacturers, Hull, Que., are adding eight new 4x14 tubular boilers to their big battery, which already consists of 24 boilers.

The Cooper Machine Company of Toronto, is being incorporated with a capital stock of \$20,000, to manufacture gasoline and oil engines, horseless vehicles, and suitable gasoline or oil motors for same, etc.

The Bertram Engine works Company, Toronto, have received the contract to build a passenger and freight steamer for service on the Lake of the Woods, Man.

A new company, the Ontario Radiator Manufacturing Company, Toronto, will erect large premises in the northern part of the city, and employ 80 hands all the year round.

The recent destruction by fire of a mammoth shipbuilding yard on the Clyde emphasizes the importance of that Scottish industry. In a late issue of the North British Mail, of Glasgow, 70 firms are named, who are constructing from one to ten large vessels, from twin screw steamers of 1,600 tons up to first-class cruisers and battleships of 16,500 horse power. The year 1896 was a record breaker on the Clyde, but the prospects for 1897 are equally satisfactory. The work in hand represents about 310,000 gross register tons. Compared with last year this shows an increase of 50,000 tons. The marine engineering trade is also well represented in 326,000 horse power, or 46,000 over that of the previous year. The Government orders include one

line-of-battle ship, two first-class cruisers and three second-class cruisers. The largest order given to the Clyde for a long time was that for the Nippon Tugger Katsusha, of Japan. This consisted of ten steamers of 5,824 tons gross register, and 7,500 dead-weight tons each. Four of these are already launched, and six are being built—three in the yards of D. & W. Henderson, and three in that of Messrs. Napier, Shanks & Bell, Yoker. The money value of the contract represents well on to \$5,000,000.

ALL BULLS NOT IRISH.
Canadian Presbyterian.
The following paragraph is making the round of the press: "My brethren," said Dr. Boyd Carpenter, Bishop of Ripon, England, in a recent address, "I beg you to take hold of your heart and look it straight in the face. Bishop Carpenter is an Irishman. The other day the Globe had a report of a political meeting in North Ontario in which the orator of the occasion, whose name is decidedly Highland Scotch, is made to say: 'We must stamp out with a thundering voice the electoral frauds brought to light since last June.' The perpetration of bulls is not necessarily confined to Irishmen."

Portraits of George Washington form the leading feature in McClure's Magazine for February. The article which discusses the father of his country shows 33 historic portraits, including among those which have long been familiar, many which are rare. They are produced from paintings by eminent artists, and the first President is shown at various ages between 40 and 70 years. The making of the Bible is an article showing how the Oxford Bible is turned out at the Oxford University Press. Rudyard Kipling's serial, "Captains Courageous," and his stirring ballad, "The Bell Buoy," with a double page illustration of Hamilton Garlands' "Grant" in the Mexican War, and a number of excellent stories by well-known writers, make very profitable reading.

Mr. Richard Harding Davis, Mr. Richard Hodgson, and Mr. Charles Dana Gibson are well to the front in the February Scribner's. Mr. R. H. Davis' story, "Soldiers of Fortune," is illustrated by the last-named gentleman, who also writes and illustrates the first of a series of papers on "London," as he sees it. Mr. Richard Hodgson writes of the conduct of a great hotel; Magistrate Cornell tells about the city magistrates' court; Senator Lodge tells about the new building under the title of "The Last of the Plantagenets"; and there are articles by Bunner, R. W. Chambers, and others to make the number of interest and value.

The February number of the Canadian Magazine is an excellent one. It opens with an article on "The Premiers of Quebec Since 1867," by George Stewart, illustrated by ten portraits of the statesmen who have presided over the destinies of that province during the past thirty years. There are three articles on mining, illustrated with pen-and-ink drawings and photographs, several stories, with poems, miscellany, etc. One of the mining articles is by Lieutenant Governor Mackintosh, of the Northwest Territories, formerly of this city, who has just visited Rossland. It is intensely interesting.

The leading articles in the February Arena are "The New Education," by Hon. W. T. Harris; "Art for Truth's Sake in the Drama," James A. Herne; "Our Arid Lands," Judge J. S. Emery; "United States of America," by "Globe," "Carducci," an account of Italy's "magan of the nineteenth century," "Should Hawaii be Annexed?" a question John F. Mackin answers affirmatively, and "The Effects of Nicotine," by Prof. Sears. Mary Lowe Dickinson, president of the National Council of Women, writes of the aims and accomplishments of that organization, and half a dozen physicians contribute to the symposium on the proposed court of medicine and surgery. (Boston: The Arena Publishing Company.)

Western Ontario.

Death of a Well-Known Brantford Optician.

Serious Accident Near Rodney—Ruthven's Redundant Gas Supply.

The Chatham Manufacturing Company has resumed operations, employing about 50 men.

Mr. Thomas Law, of Peston, died very suddenly on Sunday morning, of neuralgia of the heart.

Daniel Brenneman, of Ellice, had an arm crushed to a pulp, several ribs broken, and his scalp cut, by a falling tree.

Hiram Walker & Sons have subscribed \$500 to the Indian famine fund, being raised by the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

The young men of Amherstburg are arranging for a basket party and social hop, to be given at the town hall, on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 16, the proceeds to be given to charity.

Mr. W. H. Breithaupt has been elected president of the Berlin and Waterloo Street Railway Company, to succeed the late E. Carl Breithaupt, who was killed by an explosion in Berlin.

Mr. Hugh Munro, a well-to-do farmer of Kilmartin, died suddenly on Monday, aged 51 years and 2 months. He was an elder in the Kilmartin Presbyterian Church. He leaves a widow, one son and five daughters.

The natural gas supply of Ruthven, which supplies Windsor and Detroit, shows no signs of diminution, after being drawn upon steadily for two years the pressure, which was originally 75, has only decreased to 470 pounds.

Mariners passing Amherstburg next summer will miss two old landmarks on this side of the river, in the removal of the old Callum mill below Warden Coste's, and the old warehouse on the Fraser dock, above Mr. Coste's.

John F. Hare, of Windsor, has been appointed local master of the Supreme Court for the county of Essex, and Wm. Laing, of Essex, has been appointed clerk pro tempore, of the Eighth Division Court of the county of Essex.

Peter Ross, the East Nisourri farmer, who was charged with unlawfully making a fraudulent assignment, has been discharged from custody by Judge Finkle, who held that the crown had failed to show any intent to defraud the creditors.

Robert Yax, of Staples, was tried in

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The Essex County Court before Judge Horne, on a charge of committing an assault upon a girl under the age of 14. The complainant, Della Laron-deau, was contradicted by other witnesses, and the case was dismissed.

The deaths of the following old and well-known residents of Chatham district are announced: Mrs. T. Newcombe, of Blenheim, aged 74; Mrs. Wm. Clements, Chatham township, aged 86; Mr. M. Tomlinson, late cartage agent Erie and Huron Railway.

A sleighload of young people left Berlin for a trip to Tavistock a few evenings ago. When near Petersburg the horses became unmanageable and ran away. The sleigh was upset and destroyed, and a number of the young people badly bruised. Miss Wismer, of Berlin, broke an arm.

Hattie E. A., the eldest daughter of George and Jane Rogers, of Brussels, died in the 24th year of her age, the other day. She was born in Delaware in March, 1873, but spent most of her life in Brussels. She will be much missed, both in Brussels and in Zurich, as she had always been a great favorite.

About 11 o'clock Tuesday, Peter Mitchell, while driving a team of horses with a wagon load of lumber across the M. C. R. track, just west of Rodney, was struck by No. 22. His right arm was fractured, and there were other injuries from the effect of the shock. The wagon was completely wrecked, but neither of the horses were injured. Mitchell may recover.

Isaiah F. Maguire, the well-known optician, Brantford, died here on Sunday, of pneumonia, in his 51st year. He was universally esteemed. The remains were taken to Lucan for interment. The other members of the family are Hugh Maguire, Leslie; Mrs. (Dr.) Abbott, Phinching, Mich.; Mrs. Wm. Pratt, North Dakota; J. Maguire, London; and Mrs. McEhen, Lucan.

On Wednesday evening a large number of members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Amherstburg and Anderson, gathered at the residence of their pastor, Rev. J. A. Holt, and took him by surprise, presenting him with a large quantity of provisions and good things, for which Mr. Holt wishes to return his sincere thanks. An address was read by Jas. Naul, to which the pastor ably responded.

The County Association of the Patrons of Industry of West Elgin held their annual meeting at Dutton on a question John F. Mackin answers affirmatively, and "The Effects of Nicotine," by Prof. Sears. Mary Lowe Dickinson, president of the National Council of Women, writes of the aims and accomplishments of that organization, and half a dozen physicians contribute to the symposium on the proposed court of medicine and surgery. (Boston: The Arena Publishing Company.)

Mr. George R. Fox has been circulating a petition in Essex county, asking that the Government subsidize the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway, from Ridgeway to St. Thomas, for the better convenience of the traveling public. He has already succeeded in securing the signatures of about 500 residents of the locality to be affected by the building of the road. This would then put the road in direct connection with the branch line into London.

NO NEW TRIAL FOR BRAM.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 10.—The motion of counsel for Thomas Bram, recently convicted on a charge of murder of the captain of the barkentine Herbert Fuller, for a new trial, was denied yesterday by Judges Webb and Cobb, of the United States District Court.

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MOSTLY FAIR AND MUCH COLDER

Toronto, Feb. 9—12 p.m.—A very pronounced high area is spreading southward over the lake region. The weather has been fair today throughout the Dominion. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Esquimaux, 40-44; Edmonton, 2 below-14; Medicine Hat, 6 below-12; Qu'Appelle, 10 below-2 below; Winnipeg, 20 below-6 below; Parry Sound, 12-32; Toronto, 28-34; Ottawa, 18-30; Montreal, 24-28; Quebec, 22-36; Chatham, 28-34; Halifax, 34-40.

PROBABILITIES.
Toronto, Feb. 10—1 a.m.—Probabilities for 24 hours for lower lakes region: Northerly winds; light local snow falls, but mostly fair, and much colder.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory yesterday were 30 above and 23 above.

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Is the place to buy your Cigars and Tobaccos. Best imported and domestic brands.

JOE NOLAN, Masonic Temple.

NO ONE-CENT RATE.

Postmaster-General Will Make No Reduction in Postage for the Waterworks.

The water commissioners met yesterday afternoon, with all the members present. A letter from the Postal Department, Ottawa, stated that a one-cent rate could not be allowed on notices sent out from the waterworks office.

Mr. W. C. Furness applied for a reduction of the rates paid by the G. N. V. Telegraph Company. The same amount, \$3 per quarter, was charged now, as was originally charged when the company occupied three rooms and used much more water. Inspector Pastow will report to the chairman.

An account from the street railway company of \$3.50 for inspecting the raising of tracks on Dundas street, near Wellington, was also presented.

The annual convention of American Waterworks Boards will be held in Denver, Col., on June 8, 9 and 10. The board are invited.

The Royal Canadian Humane Society recommended the purchase of water ice-ball rollers, with rope attachments for the purpose of saving persons who fall through the ice on the river.

The communication was referred to the street railway company.

The Blake-Yates pumps were used at Springbank two days last week.

DEATH OF MR. CRUICKSHANK.

Returned From Chicago to Die—Falling a Long Time.

Mr. John F. Cruickshank, who died yesterday in this city, was a native of London, and a popular resident of the city for many years. About six years ago he went to Chicago, but he was even then in failing health, and about eight weeks ago his condition became so critical that he was advised to return to London, where his family had remained. While calling on his brother, Mr. Charles Cruickshank, Piccadilly street, some days ago, he became so ill that he could not be removed, and passed away there yesterday. The deceased leaves a wife and three children.

Mr. Cruickshank will be buried tomorrow morning, the services being held at St. Peter's Cathedral.

Look within. The fountain of good is there, and it will flow for ever if thou wilt for ever dig.—Marcus Aurelius.

TRY SPRINGBANK SKATING RINK FOR A GOOD FREE SKATE

London Advertiser.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS.
307.....Business Office.
134.....Editorial Rooms.
175.....Job Department.

A Local Budget

—The Forest City curlers are playing a friendly match at St. Marys today.

—Concert and other programmes printed on shortest notice at The Advertiser Job Department.

—Mr. James T. Dalton has been appointed leader and instructor of the Toronto Presbytery yesterday.

—Rev. M. P. Talling, moderator of the London Presbytery, was asked to sit as a corresponding member of the Toronto Presbytery yesterday.

—The races that were to be held at the Princess Rink this evening are postponed until Monday next. Three out-of-town entries could not be present.

—In mentioning the Western University Literary Society's programme last Friday evening, the name of Prof. Burgess was inadvertently substituted for Miss Noble, who gave an instrumental selection.

At the regular quarterly meeting of the Hamilton Road Methodist Church the following resolution was proposed: "That we extend to our pastor, Rev. J. A. Ferguson, a cordial invitation to remain with us for the next conference year." The resolution was carried by a standing vote—unanimously. Mr. Ferguson thanked the board for their kindly feeling and confidence and expressed his willingness to remain, subject to the stationing committee of the conference.

—With the sentence of three and a half years in Kingston for Fred Pulfer, the biggest of the whole matter did not end. In an interview with Inspector Archibald today it was found that considerable trouble had been caused in a settlement of the effects. The inspector, however, says that nearly everything has been arranged, and that the three-months old child of Pulfer and of Edith Chuter, whom he married as wife No. 2, has been given in charge of the Children's Aid Society. On Thursday the woman will be given a pass to London, her old home, and but for some trouble over the few effects of Pulfer left in Edith Chuter's possession, this would end the affair. The woman wanted the authorities to give her the right to sell them, but, of course, this could not be done, she not being his wife. The possession of these belongings is the cause of the trouble—Toronto Telegram.

A grand concert, under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the First Congregational Church, was given last night in that edifice. There was a large audience, and the programme fully met the liberal patronage the concert received. Owing to other engagements, Miss Toblyn and Mr. Forsythe, the musical director, were unable to be present as announced. Mr. Forsythe's place was ably filled by Mr. R. H. MacDonald. The programme consisted of instrumental and vocal solos, duets, quartets, and recitations, the following ladies and gentlemen participated: Mrs. J. H. Gibson, Mrs. A. E. Gauld, Miss Taylor, Miss Walsh, Miss Barnard and Miss Harrison. Rev. J. W. Pedley presided.

THE HUNT BALL.

It has been decided to hold a grand ball under the auspices of the London Hunt Club. At a meeting held at the Tecumseh House for the purpose of making arrangements, Friday, Feb. 26, was the day set. Mr. Adam Beck presided. Mr. Ormsby Graydon, past elected honorary secretary, and the following will complete arrangements: Mr. Harper, W. S. Smith, H. W. Marshall, G. A. Macdonald, Mr. J. H. Gibson, G. F. Laing, G. H. Gillespie, Dr. G. H. Wilson, H. R. Lyon, A. T. Little, J. B. Smallman, H. K. McCormick, J. A. Little, Thomas Martin, G. C. Gunn, R. J. Fisher.

AT THE GRAND.

The "Bells of Shandon" will be presented at the Grand tomorrow night, everywhere that James W. Regan appeared last season as an Irish singing star he received the unqualified praise of the press and public. The critic of the Boston Herald was so charmed with the sweet tenor voice of the handsome young singer that he devoted the greater part of his review of the performance under the title of "Regan's Song Recital." In the new Irish song-drama "The Bells of Shandon," Mr. Regan has not only greater opportunities as an Irish comedian, but he will sing six new songs as well as Father Prout's famous song, "Shandon Bells."

SMASHED THE COUPE.

Mr. Albert Hunter, son of Mr. Wm. Hunter, liveryman, of South London, met with a mishap while on his way to a funeral at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was driving a coupe down the Wortley road, and when near the overhead bridge a racing car and a load of hay frightened the horses. The team dashed on to York street, and on to the bridge, where they smashed the whiffletrees. This left the rig almost beyond control, and it was thrown against a telephone pole and badly damaged. Mr. Hunter was thrown out on the road, but sustained no injury. The horses made a mad chase for a mile or so in various directions before being caught.

THE MEDICINE FOR LIVER AND KIDNEY COMPLAINT.—Mr. Victor Auger, Ottawa, writes: "I take great pleasure in recommending to the general public, the medicine I have taken for Liver and Kidney complaint. I have doctored for the last three years with leading physicians, and have taken many medicines that were recommended to me without relief, but after taking eight of Parmelee's Pills I was quite relieved, and now I feel as free from the disease as before I was troubled."

By taking revenge a man is but even with his enemy; but in passing over he is superior.—Bacon.

A Rich Discovery.
Uncle Sam's Tobacco Cure

has been a lucky find to scores of men who were slaves to the tobacco habit. The price of the cure is saved, many times a month, by the use of this marvelous Tobacco Remedy.

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SAM. K. STEWART, 202 1/2 Dundas St.

London West Finances.

The Auditors Find the Books in Bad Shape.

No Action to be Taken in the Indian Relief Fund Petition.

The London West Council held a business-like session last night, with no heated arguments, or anything to hinder progress. The auditors' report showed receipts, \$14,834 47, of which \$2,122 56 was a cash balance on hand at the first of the year, and \$6,695, as the amount of taxes collected. The expenditures were \$14,256 47. Of this amount \$327 76 was expended by the Board of Works; \$813 25 on the breakwater; \$574 97 for street lighting; salaries, \$324 13; school board, \$3,068 81; printing, \$164 82; miscellaneous, \$201 23. The law expenses of the village are:

Witness fees in Flood vs. London West	\$125 00
Meredith, Cameron & Co., re Bartram	300 53
Meredith, Cameron & Co., ex-aminators of the whole matter	1 00
Meredith, Cameron & Co., Knox claim	75 00
Balance on account	400 00
Total	\$901 53

The following is a statement of the assets and liabilities of the village, so far as the books, accounts and vouchers show:

ASSETS.	
School buildings and land	\$11,000 00
W. Cotton, note balance on	50 00
Uncollected taxes, 1896	2,343 31
Arrears of taxes, county treasurer's books	1,612 12
Mrs. Smith, county grant	50 00
Cash in bank	599 34
Sinking fund deposit receipt	601 92
Cash in collector's hands	56 72
Total	\$16,312 11
LIABILITIES.	
Outstanding debentures	\$39,175 99
Coupon, due Dec. 31, 1896	508 80
Interest on same	3 62
County rate, 1896, \$491 40, less paid on account, \$36 73	454 67
Interest on same	25 73
County rate, 1896	432 60
Separate school	127 86
Auditors	40 00
Total	\$40,768 67

There are other outstanding accounts which are known to be due, but of which the value is not known. The auditors call attention to the following items:

A dispute exists about taxes on the Harty lot, Wharmouth road. They recommended that such steps be taken to place the matter beyond dispute.

No account has been kept of outstanding debentures, and coupons, as well as other liabilities. The auditors recommend that some competent person be appointed to prepare a statement, and see that a proper entry is made of same in a book suitable for the purpose.

The books show no arrears of taxes returned to the county treasurer, making it necessary to get a statement from him which the auditors cannot verify by the village books, and they recommended that these items be charged to the county treasurer.

The school board's published statement does not agree with the books. A number of half-cent items appear on the collector's roll. This causes his roll and cash books to disagree by over \$3. The auditors recommend that in future the roll have the remaining half-cent added to each fractional entry.

The treasurer's books show no balances. The auditors recommend that the books be closed at the end of the year, that balances be struck and carried to a balance account, and new accounts opened at the beginning of the new year, carrying all the old balances over.

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About our LOW PRICES of Trunks and Valises, but compare them with those advertised by our competitors. They say their stock is the best and cheapest in the city, but we beg to differ. We sell more Trunks and Valises than ALL of our so-called competitors put together. We buy our goods on a larger and cheaper scale than any other trunk store, and consequently can sell cheaper.

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Who else in town quotes a Solid 14-inch Valise, lock and key, at..... **45c**

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Johnston's Fluid Beef. 16 oz. Bottle \$1.00.

A Bottle will make 50 Cups of Beef Tea.

the proper care of the new accounts. (Signed) E. F. LITTLEJOHNS, G. C. JOLLY.

THE INDIA Famine FUND.

I have the honor to invite your attention to the following telegram, received by His Excellency the Governor-General from Sir Francis Maclean, chief justice of the Province of Bengal, and chairman of the relief committee at Calcutta, India:

"The Central Relief India Famine Fund Committee earnestly solicit your cordial co-operation. Highest possible scope for private benevolence, outside state relief system. The area and number afflicted are enormous, and the distress is rapidly increasing. We feel sure the unavoidable privations of the millions of the prosperous poor will arouse the profound sympathy of all classes. The committee make an urgent appeal to you to organize a relief fund. We will be deeply grateful for contributions, which will be publicly acknowledged."

S. GZOWSKI, administrator of the Governor of Ontario.

The council regretted its impotent position, which rendered them unable to deal with the matter.

OTHER BUSINESS.

A communication was received from Wells & MacMurchy, for the C. P. R., drawing the attention of the council to the fact that the amount of the property in the village owned by the company was \$15 acres, valued at \$1,600, and asking that they be assessed for this and nothing more. This is in accordance with the agreement made some time ago, and was passed. A motion passed instructing the clerk to prepare a statement of the cost of the breakwater, from the date of erection to the present, together with the cost of repairs, for the use of the finance committee.

The chairman of the standing committee was elected as follows: Finance (No. 1), Wm. Duff; board of works (No. 2), W. T. Hamilton; printing, relief, street and lighting (No. 3), Andrew Ferguson. The whole of the council act on these committees.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Following is the village treasurer's statement for the month of February:

RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand	\$59 34
Taxes	89 50
Bank of B. N. A.	1,000 00
Total	\$1,148 84

EXPENDITURE.	
Schools	200 00
Sinking fund	225 00
Debentures and coupons	683 00
Other accounts	163 33
Total	\$1,212 33

The tax collector's report showed a balance on hand on January the 1st

of \$56 72, and the taxes collected during the month to be \$39 02. Of this amount \$89 50 had been paid to the treasurer, leaving a cash balance of \$8 24.

Mr. Glass' communication was filed. It stated his property, off Caroline street, had been sold to persons who had previously been paid. Reeve Saunby said that upon investigation he found the taxes to have been paid for 1893 and 1891, but not 1890.

An order was passed to pay the solicitor \$200 on account.

INJURY AND NEGLECT.

He Failed in Health and Strength—His Kidneys Ached and He Took Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Deseronto, Feb. 6.—Among business people here, and especially by his fellow workmen, great interest has been taken in the case of Mr. Jas. Stokes, who, for the past fifteen years, has been a helper for the Rathbun Company.

Lately he has run down in health and strength, to the point of being compelled to quit work, and his recovery now, as the result of using Dodd's Kidney Pills, is the talk of the town. On seeing Mr. Stokes, he said: "From over-lifting and strain I suffered greatly from kidney trouble, being advised, after all else had failed, to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. From the first dose I got relief, and hundreds of people here can vouch for my cure."

Washington and the Inauguration.

To enable all to participate in the pleasures of the capital during the inauguration week, greatly reduced rates will be made by the Lehigh Valley Railroad from all points along its lines. Tickets will be good going on March 1, 2 and 3, and good for return March 4 to 6.

A special train of coaches and sleeping cars will leave Suspension Bridge at 4 p.m. March 3, arriving in Washington 8 a.m., March 4.

The route traversed by this line is too well known and popular to require particular description. The beauties of scenery are many; the service and equipment of its trains are the best. Direct connections and through service from all points to and from Washington. Call upon or address the nearest railroad agent for reduced rates and all other information desired, or A. A. Heard, W. F. A., L. V. R. R., Buffalo, N. Y.

Messrs. T. J. and J. M. Percies, brothers, of Milwaukee, provide text books for poor school children of that city at an annual expense of about \$2,000 a year.

Give Holloway's Corn Cure a trial. It removed ten corns from one pair of feet without any pain. What it has done once it will do again.